

Anchor Hocking Glass – Est. 1905

We know Anchor Hocking today as a huge organization producing and distributing an amazing number of assorted house wares. It is a survival story unmatched by any other glass maker.

Anchor Hocking was created in 1905, when Isaac J. Collins and 6 associates financed the purchase of the bankrupt Lancaster Carbon Company for \$8,000. At the time it was called 'Hocking'.

The company evolved into one of the most prolific glass companies in the U.S. in business now for over 100 years. It survived a huge fire by arranging immediate financing to rebuild a bigger and better factory and it was one of the few glass making companies to survive the Great Depression.



Anchor Hocking made their turquoise blue color from 1956 to 1958. Gold trimmed products were made with real 22 karat gold.

The company kept up with the times. A revolutionary machine that pressed glass automatically and increased production 300% was developed. Today we call it mass production but at the time it was revolutionary. Anchor Hocking could now offer great deals to the cash starved consumers of the depression years, such as two tumblers for 5 cents.

The financial and marketing wizards of the Anchor Hocking Company produced a huge amount of very collectible glass items during its long history. Between the 1930's and 1960's Anchor Hocking items were in almost every kitchen in the United States.

Collectors crave 'Royal Ruby' and 'Forest Green', both patented AH colors. The Fire-King line is another favorite especially in jadeite and turquoise colors. A pattern from the 1970's called 'Soreno' is gaining popularity again today and can be found in many forms and colors. 'Fired-on' colors of the 1940s and 1950s are hard find in good condition today due to color fading. Anchor hocking produced huge amounts of glass in hundreds of patterns.

Collecting Anchor Hocking glass is tons of fun because so many pieces from the past can be found today in dusty attics, garage sales, etc. Complete sets of vintage Anchor Hocking glassware can still be assembled.

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