

Anchor Hocking – Est. 1905

Anchor Hocking, as we know it today, is a huge organization producing and distributing an amazing number of assorted house wares. This infamous glass company was created in 1905, when Isaac J. Collins and 6 associates financed the purchase of the bankrupt Lancaster Carbon Company for \$8,000.



The company evolved into one of the most longstanding, prolific glass companies in the U.S. It survived a huge fire by arranging immediate financing to rebuild a bigger and better factory. AH was one of the few glass making companies to survive the great depression. More creative financing was used to build a revolutionary machine that pressed glass automatically and increased production 300%. This enabled the company to 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, their items were in almost every kitchen in the U.S.

Collectors crave "Royal Ruby" and "Forest Green", both patented colors. The Fire King line is also very popular, especially in jadeite and turquoise. A pattern from the 1970's called "Soreno" is gaining popularity again today. "Fired-on" colors are hard find in good condition because the color tended to wear off. 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. Using vintage Anchor Hocking glass is fun too, they are still very sturdy items, although some may have been made before the dishwasher was invented and you must wash them by hand.

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