



Abb. 2013-4/15-01 (Maßstab ca. 80 %)

Automobil als Flasche oder Gefäß, farbloses Pressglas, form-geblasen, mattiert, bunt und golden bemalt, H 14 cm, B 10 cm, L 21 cm  
Sammlung Knauer

**SG: Hersteller unbekannt, USA?, um 1925?**, vgl. Wagner, Les bouteilles à sujet, Paris 2007, S. 155, Abb. 394, Taxi de la Marne en bocal, 1900-1914, 16 cm; Abb. 395, Conduite intérieure, Vallérysthal & Portieux 1910-1925, 12 cm; Abb. 396, Limousine en bocal et en bonbonnière, marquée „PORTIEUX“, 1910-1935, 26 und 18 cm

**das Auto Sammlung Knauer ist denen von Vallérysthal & Portieux ähnlich, aber nicht identisch!**

Judy Knauer, SG

November 2013

## Form-geblasenes Automobil als Gefäß, Hersteller unbekannt, USA?, um 1925?

Greetings, Siegmars,

I have a glass auto that I would like to learn more about. I'm hoping that if I send the photos and description to you, you might be able to provide some information, or perhaps you would be willing to include it in the PK to see if someone might know what it is. I can provide additional photos if you want me to. This glass bottle in the shape of an **automobile** was originally used as **some type of bottle** as evidenced by the **screw on "lid"** at the front of the car. The bottle is **frosted** all over with the exception of the windows. They are clear glass. It is trimmed with **gold**. The auto is about 21 cm long, 10 cm wide, and 14 cm tall. The **opening** is 6 cm wide. The lid screws on and appears to have been a vacuum seal. The top appears to be leather. There must have been a metal screw rim around the opening originally and that is missing now.

It reminds me of several autos that were made by **Portieux**. In fact, I have seen one that is **very similar**, but is a **covered dish rather than a bottle**. The top of that auto is a lid.

Do you have any information on this unique item?

I hope you are doing well.  
Thanks, Judy Knauer

SG: Hello Judy,

sorry, I have no idea from where this vehicle may have come - at a first look at your pictures I also thought of Portieux - but this automobile is no covered dish, but a rather big bottle. Maybe it was used for candies but it could have been a **free promotional gift** together with a purchase of flour or something similar.

You certainly know that in the US such promotional gifts were very popular in the **Depression Years** in the 1920ies and 1930ies. I read that even **whole services of pressed glass** were offered as free of cost adjuncts.

I do not know enough about old automobiles to identify this model - could it be a **Ford** about 1925? But it is definitely not a Ford Model T (Tin Lizzie) ...)



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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depression\\_glass](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depression_glass)

**Depression glass** is clear or colored translucent **glassware** that was **distributed free**, or at **low cost**, in the **United States** and **Canada** around the time of the **Great Depression**. The **Quaker Oats Company**, and **other food manufacturers and distributors**, put a piece of **glassware in boxes of food**, as an incentive to purchase. **Movie theaters** and businesses would hand out a piece simply for coming in the door.



Most of this **glassware** was made in the **central and mid-west United States**, where access to raw materials and power made manufacturing inexpensive in the **first half of the twentieth century**. More than **twenty manufacturers** made more than **100 patterns**, and **entire dinner sets** were made in some patterns. Common colors are **clear** (crystal), **pink**, **pale blue**, **green**, and **amber**. Less common colors include yellow (canary), ultra marine, jadeite (opaque pale green), delphite (opaque pale blue), cobalt blue, red (ruby & royal ruby), black, amethyst, monax, and white (milk glass).

Although of **marginal quality**, Depression glass has been **highly collectible since the 1960s**. Due to its popularity as a collectible, Depression glass is becoming more scarce on the open market. **Rare pieces may sell for several hundred dollars**. Some manufacturers continued to make popular patterns after World War II, or introduced similar patterns, which are also collectible. Popular and expensive patterns and pieces have been reproduced, and reproductions are still being made.

Some manufacturers: **Anchor Hocking Glass Co., Federal Glass Co., Fenton Art Glass Co., Hazel-Atlas Glass Co., Heisey Glass Co., Hocking Glass Co., Imperial Glass Co., Indiana Glass Co., Jeannette Glass Co., McKee Glass Co., U.S. Glass Co., Westmoreland Glass Co.**

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Hersteller unbekannt, USA?, um 1925?



Abb. 2013-4/15-05

Automobile, form-geblasenes Glas, aus Wagner, Les bouteilles à sujet, 2007, S. 155

Abb. 394, Taxi de la Marne en bocal, 1900-1914, 16 cm

Abb. 395, Conduite intérieure, Vallérysthal & Portieux 1910-1925, 12 cm

Abb. 396 mitte, Limousine en bocal et en bonbonnière, marquée „PORTIEUX“

Abb. 396 rechts, Vallérysthal und Portieux, 1910-1935, 26 und 18 cm

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