

Basic Detail Report

**Title**

Fragment of Glass from Amarna

Date

about 1,350 BCE

Dimensions

element: 5/8 x 7/8 in. (1.6 x 2.2 cm)

Medium

Glass

Classifications

Glass

Credit Line

Gift of the Egypt Exploration Society

Object number

1925.1066

Collections

Glass

Label Text

These six fragments of core-formed glass vessels (TMA 1925.1060-1066) were excavated at Tell el-Amarna, also known as Akhetaten, the short-lived capital established by Pharaoh Akhenaten (1353–1334 BCE) as the center of his religious and administrative reforms. Among the many specialized crafts practiced at the site, glass production was particularly significant. Excavations uncovered glass workshops equipped with furnaces, manufacturing debris, and raw material processing areas. This evidence confirms that New Kingdom Egyptian artisans were not merely reshaping imported ingots but were capable of producing glass from raw materials, highlighting Amarna's role as a major center of innovation in ancient glassmaking.

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