



SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS OF HEISEY'S MAJOR PATTERNS

By Christos Maskaleris

From the beginning of glass making, Heisey made Salt and pepper shakers. Salt and pepper shakers were made in many shapes, sizes and colors, trimmed with many decorations, etchings and cuttings.

There were 52 major Heisey patterns which included salt and pepper shakers. Not included in this number are patterns with fractional numbers: 300 1/2, 1205 1/2, 1469 1/2 and 1503 1/2. Many of the patterns had shakers made in more than one size or shape. The earlier patterns were usually the ones with more than one kind of shaker. Peerless #300 and Plain Band #1225 each had four different kinds of shakers. In addition, Peerless #300 1/2 had an additional three different kinds of shakers of its own, making a total of seven different shaker types produced in the Peerless pattern. Medium Flat Panel #353 had a shaker called a "Combination Salt and Pepper Shaker". The name would imply that both salt and pepper could pour out together from one top. Since I have never seen one or found any other information outside of the catalog picture. I cannot provide any details on how it worked.

All shakers were produced in Crystal, and most of the early patterns were also produced in Custard, Opal and Emerald, and Locket on Chain #160 was also made in Vaseline. On order, shakers were provided with applied gold, red, green, floral and other colored trim and decorations. Cuttings and etchings were also available on shakers. Again starting in the twenties and continuing until Heisey closed many shakers were made in color. Empress #1401 shakers were produced in the most colors: Flamingo, Moongleam, Marigold, Sahara, Alexandrite, Gobalt and Tangerine.

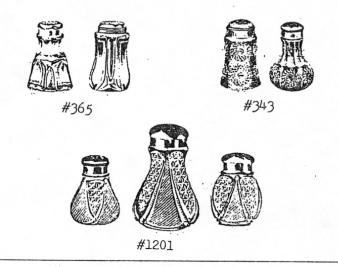
Crystolite #1503 1/2 and Ridgeleigh #1469 1/2 can be found in a yellow color similar to Sahara and were made by the Bryce Glass Company and marked with a "B" in a Diamond. The Heisey Company loaned the molds to Bryce to produce the shakers in the Bryce yellow color.

Replace Bryce with Boyd, Sahara with Amber

Orders were taken for: (1) shaker bodies only, (2) shakers with tops, and (3) tops only. Shakers were available with many types of tops. Heisey offered the following tops during its lifetime: Four types of Sanitary tops, Glass tops, Plastic tops, Chrome plated tops, Silver plated tops, Nickel silver plated tops, Sterling plated tops, Spun nickel tops, White metal heavy silver plated tops, and Salt Proof tops non-corrosive metal.

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Heisey produced shakers in fifty-two major Heisey patterns. They came in ninety-eight different shapes and sizes, and in at least fifteen different colors and with numerous decorations, cuttings and etchings. Heisey also supplied shaker blanks to many outside glass and decorating companies who cut, etched and decorated them with their designs for further utilization and sale.



Heisey Salt and Peppers by John Martinez

While researching Heisey Salt and Peppers for our club's program, I came across a lot more than I bargained for. Besides Mr. Chris's article above, back issues of the Heisey News are loaded with little snippets about salt and peppers. In the 1980's, Louise Ream had a running article called "Heisey's Little Things" where she introduced collectors to all things small and Heisey. Neila Bredehoft narrowed in on the subject with her articles on "Salts and Peppers." Both authors were prolific and informative in their writings.

In preparing my handout for the program, I went through all of my reference materials and made a list of the available salt and peppers in each pattern. In the book "Heisey Glass 1896-1957," by Neila and Tom Bredehoft, they have a price for the 417 Double Rib and Panel salt and pepper, but no picture. The 417 salt and pepper were first mentioned in Joe Lokay's article titled "More on #417 Double Rib and Panel" in the December 1979 Heisey News. Looking back through all back issues of the Heisey News and all of my other reference materials, I can find no picture of this salt bottle.

I also contacted Walter Ludwig with questions concerning a couple of salts, and he put me in contact with Eric Tankesley-Clarke. Eric was kind enough to look over what I had created and sent me back some notes on research he had on the subject. The following is Eric's feedback to me:

There was a #7 salt. It is listed in at least one of the old price lists (PL 60) and mentioned in Neila's article in June, 1983, p. 11. No name given, no illustration. I suspect no one knows what it looked like.

The Bredehoft color-era book (p. 365) mentions a salt "very similar" to #42 Elegance, taller and marked on the side. I have found nothing further on this. I assigned it HCA #8105.

The mould list includes a #20 shaker, appearance unknown to me.

The mould list includes a #56 shaker, appearance unknown.

There may be a #338 No. 2 salt. Apparently it was in a 1912 turn book or ledger (May, 1980, p. 16). No illustration. There was some deal made of it, so I don't think there's a typo in the Heisey News, but I wonder if something was misread or mis-recorded in the old ledger.

The mould list shows a #399 shaker, but I think this is an entry error, since 399 was the code used for shakers in general.

Mould list shows a #548 shaker. I have no idea what this would be.

An intriguing entry in the mould list. There is a #1183 shaker, with a comment that it is same as #96 salt shaker. This appears to refer to the shaker offered by Imperial in the Revere line, so the mould might not have even originated with Heisey. Or could Heisey have added a salt to the Revere line in the 1950's? (Imperial seems to have used 96 to designate salts in whatever line they appeared. That's what they did with the #341 shakers, too.) There is a separate entry in the mould list for another #1183 shaker, which apparently refers to the sugar shaker.

Mould list shows a #1305 shaker; note says appears to be a blown mould. A separate note from a different source says there was a group (#1300-1306) of items made for Union Pacific. If I recall correctly that's from a hand-written addition to a price list, maybe PL 211 but I haven't gone back to verify that.

Cat. 30 lists a #1605 salt. No illustration. It took a #57 chrome top.

Mould list also includes a #1805 shaker. With this strange number, I wonder if that could be a mis-reading of #1305, itself strange excepting that we know of the U.P. items. Or even a mis-reading of #1605.

The list of moulds shows a #6001 salt. (There was a cruet to go with it.)

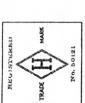
Vogel shows a shaker in his Summer 1980 issue, p. 13, which he says is unmarked but one he considered Heisey, #7113. Frankly, I'd be dubious of this one. (Unless maybe it's #1605 or #6001!) I agree with Eric on this one. The shaker Mr. Vogel shows is colonial in style so I doubt seriously it would be #1605, and #6001 would have been one of Eva Zeisel's designs.

Wow, that sure is a lot of shakers nobody has seen! Thanks Eric. There may be even more, things still turn up to this day so keep your eyes open for the Heisey mark!

In the February, 1981 Heisey News, P.15, Neila Bredeholf (I told you she was a prolific writer) tells about finding a salt and pepper that were the same shape and size as the 1483 Stanhope, without the ribs. Her original guess was that she had found the 1951 Cabochon salt. Her guess was confirmed when she found another set with the #1015 Dolly Madison Rose cutting.

Now, about tops. I have included many of the Heisey tops in the following pages, but not all. Heisey sold many of their salt and peppers without tops so other decorating companies could add their own. Heisey tops are nice to have, but if you find tops you like and they fit, I say go for it. Sterling Silver tops are always nice to find!







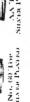












No. 1205-3



No. 1220-3





GROOVE AND SLASH No. 1250

No. 1235-3





No. 1295-2 BEADED SYNG

No. 1280-3



EHIMIHMINE E

No. 315

PANELED CANE

No. 310 RING BAND

PUNTY AND DIAMONDPOINT

No. 305-2

No. 300 1/2 No. 3

No. 300 1/2 No. 2

No. 300-4 Peerless

No. 300-3

No. 300-2

ST ST OZ



BANDED FLUTE

No. 339-3

No. 339-2 No. 8 Continental

No 433 Greek Key

OLD SANDWICH

No. 1404 No. 20 Top



























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No. 57 Tour





No. 1503 No. 1503 1/2 CRYSTOLITE





No. 1489 PURITAN

No. 1485 Saturn

No. 1483 STANHOPE

No. 1469 1/2

No. 1469

No. 1425 VICTORIAN

RIDGELEIGH

No. 14-17 No. 20 Tor Roccoco





No. 1951 Cabochon Also Used No. 10

No. 1590 Zobiac

No. 1567 Plantation

No. 1540 Lariat

No. 1519

No. 1519

No. 1509 Queen Ann

No. 1506 Provincial

No. 1504 REGENCY

WAVERLY



No. 6009A ROUNDELAY







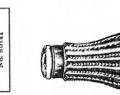


LARGE FIGHT FLUTE No. II

























No. 8 GROOVE AND FILE

ARMENTROUT

NO. 5 Barstow

No. 4 SQUARE

No. 3 Webster

No. 2 Meriden

No. 1 Concave

