

Art Deco gentleman's pocket hip flask

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Height: 7 cm (2.8")

Width: 4.5 cm (1.8")

Depth: 1.5 cm (0.6")

Description

A 1920s James Dixon & Son Art Deco engine-turned gentleman's pocket silver-plate hip flask. Just big enough for a nip of something.

Hip flasks originated in the 18th century as small, portable containers for carrying spirits discreetly. Early versions were crafted from pewter, silver, or glass and were often associated with British aristocracy and travellers who wanted convenient access to alcohol during hunts or long journeys.

The term "hip flask" comes from their design, which curved to fit comfortably against the hip or thigh under clothing. During the 19th and early 20th centuries, hip flasks became symbols of sophistication and practicality, especially during Prohibition in the United States, when they were used to conceal liquor.