

Oldest Glass Cylinders for Sheet Glass in Japan

Registration No.	Number 00004		
Registration Date	October 9, 2008	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	Hand-Blown Glass Cylinders
Location	Amagasaki-shi, Hyogo
	AGC Inc. Kansai Plant
Owner (Custodian)	AGC Inc.
Manufacturer (Company)	ASAHI GLASS CO., LTD.
Year Manufactured	1909-1920
Reason For Selection	These are glass cylinders made by the Belgian hand-blown method, used in the earliest technique for manufacturing sheet glass. Belgian hand-blown glass is made by blowing molten glass with an elongated balloon shape with a blowpipe, then while the glass is still hot, the ends are cut off and the resulting cylinder is split with shears, re-heated and flattened. This was the first method for producing plate glass in Japan on an industrial scale, and thus greatly improved the quality of peoples' lives by providing them with glass for windows.
Registration Standard	2-A (Played a notable role in improving people's way of life and creating new ways of living.)

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