

Oldest Glass Cylinders for Sheet Glass in Japan

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| 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 | <p>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.</p> | | |
| Registration Standard | 2-A (Played a notable role in improving people's way of life and creating new ways of living.) | | |
| Open/Closed to Public | Closed to Public | | |
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| Other useful information | | | |