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# American Machine-Made Marbles (Schiffer Book For Collectors)



## Synopsis

The sprawling scope of machine-made marble production in the twentieth century is illustrated in over 590 eye-catching color images that comprise the most extensive collection of marble packaging ever assembled. Historical photos from a variety of factories are also provided. Products and packages for Akro Agate, Christiansen Agate, Davis Marble, Heaton Agate, Kokomo Opalescent, Libbey-Owens-Ford, Marble King, Peltier, Ravenswood, and Vitro are included, among others. The fascinating text, providing a history of the marble companies and their wares, was nearly 40 years in the making, involving interviews with over 100 individuals and insuring the accuracy of the listings. A bibliography and index are included, along with values in the captions. Marble collectors and glass lovers alike will be thrilled with this detailed reference work.

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## Customer Reviews

If you enjoy marbles and history you will like this book. The photos are great. Every conceivable set of machine made marbles is in here. It will make you want to start your own collection. As a historic archeologist, this book has been essential to interpreting what is found in the field and what people were, well, buying at the store in the past. Very good book. I highly recommend it.

If you want to know more than just how pretty your marbles are, you need this book. Become knowledgeable about the companies and men who made your marbles. Helpful in identifying

marbles, but no book can give you what years of experience collecting will give you. Reviewed by the author of the book "L. E. Alley 'Father of West Virginia Swirls' & Maker of Fine Tableware" about Alley Agate Co. marbles and toy dishes as well as L. E. Alley's 50 years in the glass industry.

This book was recommended to me by a friend in the forum for Land of Marbles. It is more than expected in the detailed writing and tons of photos to help with identification. Highly recommend this book if you want to know about marbles!

Nice book with lots of great information about those colorful, round, glass balls that are beautiful, individual works of art. Highly recommended to help you identify patterns and manufacturers.

More a history of marble companies than information about marbles. Well written, beautifully photographed, but not useful. Pictures did not help identify individual marbles. A sample listing: Peltier "Black Panda: black with white ribbons, \$30-\$40." (No accompanying pictures.) I'm having to make my own identification and price guide by following ebay. I've said it before and I'll say it again: Publishers - provide "Look Inside."

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