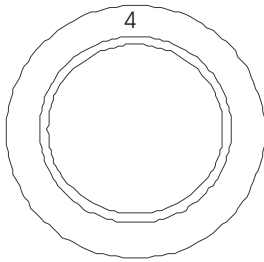
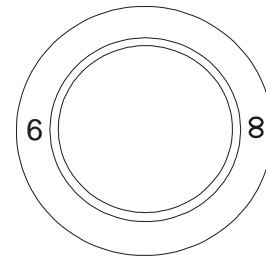


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Early single digit
year code, for 1924



Is it 6 & 8? Or 8 & 9?
(flipped over)

Data Summary:

Glass Company	Location	Yrs of Operation	Qty	Code Range
Southern Glass Co.	Los Angeles	1917-1931	18	? 1923 – Sept. 1930
Illinois-Pacific Glass	S.F. and L.A.	1926-1930	125	Jan. 1925 – July 1933
Pacific Coast Glass	S.F. and L.A.	1919-1930	46	June 1925 – July 1933
Owens-Illinois Co.	San Francisco	1932-1937*	1	July 1932
Latchford Glass Co.	Los Angeles	1925-1938	5	Sept. 1932 – Oct. 1932
Blake-Hart*	Sacramento	(1925-1929)	15	Dec. 1925 – Feb. 1929
No maker mark			18	Feb. 1925 – Sept. 1930
Total sample			228	1923 – July 1933

* only Los Angeles factory #21

** Blake-Hart bottles were made by Illinois-Pacific Glass and Pacific Coast Glass - only those lacking these company marks are listed under Blake-Hart.

Primary heel (or base) marks:



Also base mark of: **TRAXTUF** - used by Southern Glass

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Recommended milk bottle info websites:

Doug Gisi's webpage: http://dairyantiques.com/Home_Page.html

SHA's Historic Glass Bottle Identification & Information Website: <http://www.sha.org/bottle/food.htm#MilkBottles>

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<http://www.sha.org/bottle/pdf/rimcodesarticle.pdf>

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