

# Basic Detail Report

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## Greek Glass Alabastron

**Date**

5th-4th century B.C.

**Primary Maker**

Unknown

**Medium**

glass

**Description**

Probably once used to contain a precious perfumed unguent, the narrow vessel is of cylindrical form with rounded base, short flaring neck, flat everted mouth and twin applied handles with 'duck head' terminals. The translucent brown matrix is decorated in opaque yellow and turquoise zigzag bands and encircling threads. During the 5th century BC the colours of the glass of the Eastern Mediterranean Group 1 widened from opaque blue or white to include dark green, golden brown and brick red. This type of small vessel, made of costly material originally contained perfume or scented oil.

**Dimensions**

height: 13.9 cm (5 1/2 in.)