

Atomizers

Atomizer bottles spray the perfume, either by squeezing a rubber bulb and hose attached to the bottle, or by depressing a pump-type top. The atomizer is only the spray mechanism at the top of the bottle. It may have been made by a particular manufacturer, and then attached to a bottle made by others. Bottles were produced by many different makers in the United States, and also in Europe.

The atomizer mechanisms were first developed for use by doctors for spraying medications. Dr. Allen DeVilbiss of Toledo, Ohio and the T. J. Holmes Company each developed atomizer mechanisms for that purpose in the late 1800's. Years later, they were adapted for use on perfume bottles. Another well-known producer of atomizers for perfume bottles was Marcel Franck. Many others came later.

The bulbs were made of rubber and covered with hand-crocheted silk. Some had a tassel at the end.



This hand-painted atomizer bottle is from Japan and is missing its hose and bulb. Often, on older bottles these parts are missing or badly worn, but they can be replaced.



In the 1960's, DeVilbiss atomizers were used on ceramic bottles from Japan that were made in figures of little girls with umbrellas.



Atomizer bottle made of Limoges porcelain.



*DeVilbiss Atomizers,
1920's*



*DeVilbiss atomizer on
Czech crystal bottle*, 1937*

*DeVilbiss Atomizer, 1922**

*This is the atomizer depicted
in the IPBA logo.*

