

Commercial Perfume Bottles

- Commercial perfume bottles are those that are sold with a particular perfume already in them. Commercial perfumes came about before 1900, but in bottles of rather plain, simple shapes. As they became more popular in the early 1900's, top designers were employed to create beautiful, unique bottles. They also designed beautiful labels and boxes for them. The years from around 1920 to 1950 are considered the "golden age" of commercial bottles.

Although we still find beautiful commercial perfume bottles today, in earlier years there was great creativity in perfume bottle design. Some of the most recognizable perfume bottles in the world are from that time. They are greatly sought by collectors.



Jicky
by Guerlain, 1889



Coeur Joie
by Nina Ricci, 1946



*L'Air du Temps**
by Nina Ricci, 1948



Shalimar
by Guerlain, 1925



Chanel No. 5
by Chanel, 1921



Cyclamen
by Elizabeth Arden, 1938



Jabot by Lucien Lelong, 1940*



Lanvin bottle used for My Sin, 1925, and Arpege, 1927



Crown-shaped bottle
by Prince Matchabelli,
for various fragrances.
1920's - 1950's



Coque d'Or by Guerlain, 1937
This bottle is depicted in the IPBA logo.



*Bouquet de Muguet**
by Roger et Gallet, 1910