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## Reflecting on Christmas Ornaments

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**I've been working on my Christmas tree** for several evenings now. It takes a while, but the process is a pleasure. I like to have it finished by St. Nicholas eve, this coming Saturday---my favorite night of the year. I am planning a meal of borscht and pumpernickel to celebrate. Maybe we'll try some of my homemade "cherry bounce" after dinner, while we watch the tree in the rotating stand. I think there are about a thousand ornaments, all vintage.



**round with single indent**

I've been trying to add more "indent" ornaments to my tree and I have found some to offer you, as I know many of you also appreciate that type of ornament. Indent ornaments are characterized by one or more indentations in the glass. The



**nipple with one or more indents**

purpose was to increase the reflective qualities of the ornament, not unlike the many facets on a diamond. The ornaments I'm showing range in size from about 2" wide to about 3.5". I have them separated into two groups; single indents, and multiple indents. Although the post WW2 American manufacturers made indents, the ones I am featuring now are all European. However, only a few have caps that are stamped with the country of origin, and they say Poland and Germany. Probably some were made in Czechoslovakia, too.

Some of these ornaments also have a "nipple" at the base, and these appendages also vary in size. I would love to know the origin of this feature. The nipples add some decorative quality, but they don't add nearly as much reflection as the indentations. Do any of you have any thoughts?



These ornaments are mostly in pretty good vintage condition. There is some wear, of course, and some fading. For my own collection, these minor imperfections don't matter. When a fragile glass ornament somehow stays intact for over sixty years, I am amazed, especially with kids and pets running around the Christmas tree. It's a wonder so many survive. We have them priced



**round with more than one indent**



**teardrop with single indent**

according to the usual standards. That is, what we have to pay for them, condition, size, uniqueness of color and form, and so on. They start at \$8.99, but most are in the \$10-14 range. The single indents are the most reasonable.

Please [email me](#) if you have any questions or comments. If

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