



Janiform double-headed flask - Roman - 100-300

Moulded glass - Made in the Eastern Mediterranean - Roman Empire

Head flasks were popular in the Roman Empire, and examples were made from the first to fourth centuries A.D. Vessels decorated with two faces placed back to back are sometimes known as “janiform” head flasks (from Janus, the spirit of doorways, who was represented as a double-faced head).

Mold-blown double head flask of olive-green glass, the body blown into a three-part mold of two vertical sections joined to a disk-shaped base section. The janiform body rests on a flattened base. The neck and rim were free blown. The flaring neck ends with an outsplayed mouth and lip folded inwards.