

## Art Deco Chase Reichenbach Snack Server Food Warmer Reference:

MPD-007795 Description

1930S ART DECO CHASE REICHENBACH SNACK SERVER FOOD WARMER CHROME PYREX BAKELITE In excellent, used, vintage condition, this chromium (chrome) and Bakelite electric buffet snack server and food warmer was designed and patented by Howard Reichenbach for the Chase Brass and Copper Company, which is still in business in the United States. This superb entertaining and serving piece features three removable Pyrex Ovenglass containers set into a large, bright chrome base with beautiful ivory Bakelite feet, knobs and handles. The unit has an interior heating rod to warm water in the large reservoir, which will then cook foods or keep them hot for serving. Original cord is included, and works with an ingenious heating mechanism: attach the cord in one diagonal position to "high" to cook foods, or to "low" to keep them warm for serving. Whether for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, or other holidays; for the Super Bowl, July 4th, or family reunions and cookouts; ice cream parties (warm sundae toppings!), taco nights, or chili parties, you will find countless uses for this great piece, which will become a beloved part of family tradition with its good looks and interesting American history.

Measurements and Marks : The unit measures about 12 7/16 inches in diameter exclusive of handles, 14 inches with the handles. The Pyrex inserts, each 1 quart in capacity, measure 5 7/8 x 6  $1/8 \times 5 1/2$  inches.

The server is marked on its side with its US Design Patent number, 94568, the Chase centaur logo, the voltage (110-120 AC-DC), and "CHASE BRASS & COPPER CO. MODEL 90093" with the wattage.Condition: Excellent, well cared for, carefully used vintage condition.

Weight and Shipping: This is a heavyweight! It weighs 10 pounds, 5 ounces before careful packing. The creator of this piece, Howard F. Reichenbach, was one of the most prolific designers of the Specialty Division of Chase Brass and Copper, Waterbury, CT, during the 1930s. He and other industrial designers developed and patented some of the most innovative and stylish household goods produced in America in the period.

The Specialty Division's mission was to create objects that combined good design with low price, while making use of Chase's industrial materials: brass, chrome, copper, and later Bakelite, the celebrated early plastic of the Deco era. Throughout the 1930s, Chase commissioned and employed some of the era's best-known names in art and design: Walter von Nessen, Charles Arcularius, Russell Wright, Lurelle Guild, Rockwell Kent, Gerth & Gerth, and in-house designers like Reichenbach and Harry Laylon, all worked for Chase at various times.



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