

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

GLASS

[PART 3 – APPLICATIONS]

The following are some examples of glass (in alphabetical order) where one may or may not *kasher*:

- Corelle – is assumed to have the status of glass, although there are some who suggest it should be given the stricter status of *cheress* based on the assumption/possibility that some *cheress* is included in the formulation; see DK 54.
- Drinking glasses – used by a kosher caterer for cold all year round but washed in a dishwasher with hot water, and now they would like to use them for *Pesach*; see DK 55.
- Fiberglass – is produced by compressing strands of glass together, and Rav Belsky suggested that food/*ta'am* might get trapped between the fibers, and accordingly it should not be afforded the leniencies of glass.
- Glass stovetop (a.k.a. ceramic stovetop) – see DK 35.
- Microwave – the glass plate in a microwave cannot be *kashered*; see DK 65.
- Oven door – see “porcelain enamel” below.
- Porcelain enamel – is glass fused onto steel, and generally it cannot be *kashered*. Therefore, the surface between the burners on a stovetop (commonly made from porcelain

enamel) cannot be *kashered*. However, an oven can be *kashered* with *libun kal* despite its interior being made of porcelain enamel (as is typical) and it having a glass door, since *libun kal* is an effective method of *kashering* glass; see DK 79.

- Pot cover – made of glass cannot be *kashered*.
- Sight glass – is a small glass “window” built into a piece of equipment, such as a spray dryer, to allow the operators to see inside the equipment during processing. If the rest of the equipment is metal and can be *kashered*, the presence of the glass sight glass is assumed to not pose a concern. This is because any *b'liah* which does not come out of the glass is so minimal that it qualifies as *כלי העשוי להשתמש בשפע*; see DK 13-14.

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151. What is the halachic status of the following items as compared to glass:
- Fiberglass
Stricter than glass, and *kashering* is not effective even *b'dieved*
 - Pyrex?
More lenient than glass, and it can (and must) be *kashered* even *l'chatchilah*



152. May one *kasher* [and use] the following:

a. Glass-lined reactor?

Yes

b. Microwave oven door?

Yes

c. Sight glass (which is part of a larger metal piece of equipment)?

Yes

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