

FIESTA DINNERWARE FACT SHEET

Is Fiesta® Dinnerware lead free?

Yes. Fiesta® Dinnerware is lead free.

Since 1992 when a major manufacturing process change took place at The Homer Laughlin China Company, all of the dinnerware produced for the retail and food service markets has been "lead-free." Fiesta® Dinnerware has been "lead-free" since 1986. The phrase "lead-free" has been and is used in connection with ceramics, including dinnerware products, in which a lead compound was not deliberately purchased and added as part of the composition even though a trace amount of lead may be present in the other naturally occurring raw materials. Because of the trace amounts of lead found in almost all ceramic raw materials, Homer Laughlin China chooses not to use the phrase "100% lead free."

In a recent court case in California, a Consent Judgment stated that "no detectable lead," which the ceramic industry understands to mean "lead-free," means that lead is not detected "at a level above two one hundredths of one percent (0.02) by weight or 200 parts per million of lead." The products manufactured by The Homer Laughlin China Company contain 50 times less than this amount.

The Homer Laughlin China Co. sends its products to an independent laboratory to check for leachable lead release. All products indicate a lead release less than 0.002 parts per million. FDA highest allowable lead release is 0.5 parts per million. The Homer Laughlin leachable lead release is 250 times less than the highest allowed by the FDA. California Proposition 65 highest allowable lead release is 0.1 parts per million. The Homer Laughlin leachable lead release is 50 times less than allowed by the State of California.

What are the feature and benefits of Fiesta® Dinnerware?

There are many benefits to using Fiesta® Dinnerware. First we have to mention the broad range of colors that mix and match so well to provide you with a beautiful table for years to come. Most proudly we must mention as always our Fiesta® Dinnerware products are made right here in the USA by local potters as they have for almost 75 years.

Features and benefits of Fiesta® Dinnerware and accessories:

- Fully vitrified ceramics – industrial strength - Will not absorb odors or moisture
- Lead Free
- Made in USA (Newell, WV)
- Microwave Safe
- Dishwasher Safe
- Oven proof
- Chip resistance - with a 5 year chip replacement warranty
- Available in more than 75 dinnerware and accessory pieces including bakeware.

Most importantly Fiesta is the strongest most resistant dinnerware in the market today, for everyday and special occasion use.

Use and Care

- Dishwasher Safe
- Use a padded mitt when removing from microwave or oven.
- At times bottom surface can be rough. Sanding or rubbing against another bottom will produce a smoother surface.

Features and benefits of Fiesta® Bakeware:

- Directly from freezer to oven
- Freezer -500 degrees
- Fully vitrified ceramics – industrial strength - Will not absorb odors or moisture
- Lead Free
- Microwave Safe
- Dishwasher Safe
- Made in USA
- Chip resistance - with a 5 year chip replacement warranty

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Use and Care

- Dishwasher Safe
- Use a padded mitt when removing from microwave or oven.
- Clean with warm water and detergent. Abrasives should never be used to clean bakeware surface.
- Dark glazes may show surface abrasions more readily. Plastic or wooden tools and care in stacking are recommended.
- At times bottom surface can be rough. Sanding or rubbing against another bottom will produce a smoother surface.

What items are in a 4pc/5pc place setting?

The 4pc place setting consists of the following:

- 1 dinner plate
- 1 salad plate
- 1 bowl
- 1 mug

The 5pc place setting consists of the following:

- 1 dinner plate
- 1 salad plate
- 1 bowl
- 1 cup
- 1 saucer

What material is Fiesta® Dinnerware made from?

Composition materials of the Fiesta® body includes Clay, Feldspar, Silica, and Alumina adding strength and long lasting durability.

Is there a warranty with my Fiesta® Dinnerware?

Yes. Your Fiesta® does have a warranty.

We warrant all china made by The Homer Laughlin China Company against chipping under normal usage conditions for a period of five years from the date of delivery. We will replace any pieces returned and found to be defective with identical or equivalent pieces on a one-for-one basis.

All breakage and chipping caused by abnormal or abusive use is expressly excluded from this warranty. We reserve the right to determine whether or not the chipping is from normal usage.

To receive replacements under this warranty, claims should be submitted to:

The Homer Laughlin China Company
Attn: Quality Assurance Department
672 Fiesta Drive
Newell, WV 26050-1077

How do I know I have genuine Fiesta® Dinnerware?

Most of our pieces are marked. However, it is not unusual to find a Fiesta® plate with a missing stamp. This is particularly true with vintage Fiesta® Dinnerware which was made before 1973. As an identification aid, we recommend "The Collector's Encyclopedia of Fiesta" by Bob & Sharon Huxford. This excellent reference work is currently in it's tenth edition.

Why are there different back stamps on my Fiesta® Dinnerware?

The method of placing our identification mark on a piece is determined by the way that the piece is made. Most of our hollow pieces (mugs, bowls, pitchers, vases, etc.) are formed in a mold and our mark is carved into the mold, leaving an impressed mark on the piece. Flat items such as plates are formed by a different method and an impressed mark cannot be placed on the bottom of the piece. In this case, we use an ink stamp which is applied to the unfired piece, beneath the glaze. Please note that on some of the darker glazes it is very hard to see the back stamp.

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Will you ever bring back a retired color?

No. We're sorry but we are unable to bring back a color if it is truly retired. Doing this would severely damage the collectability of retired and or limited run colors. We do hold the option of creating colors in the same hues as our retired colors.

How do I purchase a retired color?

Retired colors can be purchased through Fiesta® collectors, antique dealers and on ebay. Please make sure you make your purchases through a reputable resource.

