Perfume Sprayers

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These perfume sprayers resembled cigarette lighters but were totally different. *Ronson* and *Evans Company* both produced these misters. Also notice the two different sizes of the *Ronson* Perfu-Mist in the following advertisement.



L & C Mayers Company, 1930

The *Evans Company* produced wonderful compacts but also produced perfume sprayers. They called their smaller sprayers "Pocket Atarmist" and the larger was called the "Dresser Model Atarmist." The gift sets included the sprayer and a matching compact or perfume.



The Blue Book Jewelry Store, 1931

It Looks Like a Lighter, but Sprays Perfume

CPRAYING a tiny jet of perfume when its plunger is pushed down, a novel atomizer resembling a cigarette lighter in appearance may be carried in a woman's hand bag, it is said, without danger of spilling its contents. Its nozzle is covered with a cap which is released by a plunger. When the apparatus is closed, a groove in the plunger fits over the cap to hold it in place, while the plunger in turn must be pressed down before the cap can move. Thus, its inventors claim, the device is made air-tight and proof against leakage. To operate the atomizer, one need only press the plunger twice—once to release the cap and the second time to eject the spray of perfume. The atomizer is manufactured in two sizes-for carrying in the hand bag and for the dresser.



Resembling a cigarette lighter, this little atomizer sprays a fine jet of perfume when a plunger is pressed.

A friend, who searched for years, recently bought a new old stock Ronson sprayer in the original box with paperwork and the wire to clean the sprayer. This was a great eBay find and purchase!

Antique stores and dealers may not know or recognize these perfume sprayers. Also check eBay and look for both sizes, remember the smaller sprayer would fit in your purse and the other size would be for the dresser or vanity.

Perfume was definitely popular during our Model A years which explains the development, design and marketing of these sprayers.

Perfume timeline:

Emeraude by Coty -1921 Chanel No. 5 by Chanel -1922 Shalimur by Guerlain -1925 My Sin by Lanvin -1925 Paris by Coty - 1926 Arpége by Lanvin -1927 Soir de Paris by Bourjois - 1928 Joy by Jean Patou -1929

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