Pipe with tap Lead and brass or bronze





The heavy weight of this piece, together with the white deposits in the interior suggests that the pipe is made of lead. The central tap is brass or bronze, as is evidenced by the presence of green copper corrosion products.



Jug Electroplated Britannia Metal (EPBM)

The base of the jug most clearly shows the original silver plating. The body has been over-polished, as the silver is entirely worn away in places. The dull grey colour reminiscent of pewter is typical of Britannia metal with an oxide coating.





Simpkins café teapot **Electroplated Nickel Silver (EPNS)**

EPNS oxidises with a slightly yellow patina, which can be seen here. The rust on the handle is confusing, but is probably the result of the teapot standing next to something rusty; it is likely that the rust would therefore surface clean off. Nearly all the silver has been cleaned off this piece, although some can still be seen inside the lid and by the handle - showing that it was probably held by the handle for exterior polishing.

Candlestick **Brass**





This piece was probably cast. The tiny spots of copper corrosion indicate impurities and holes in the casting process.

Ashtray **Chromed tin**





The lightweight flexibility of this ashtray coupled with the magnet test suggests that the base metal is tin. The cold, hard shine of the surface is typical of chrome, which is often found on belt buckles and other small low-cost decorative items.





Bait box **Pressed tin**

This may have been zinc plated in the past. It is not aluminium due to its weight (too heavy) and also due to the evidence of lead solder around the bottom (lead solder is not used for aluminium). The magnet test therefore suggests tin.





Engine cover **Aluminium**

The rough cast nature of this piece is typical of aluminium, as are the white-ish corrosion deposits. Its use is unknown, but it is a left-hand cover for something (indicated by the initials 'LH') – probably from an engine.





Tankard **Pewter**

This tankard is typical of pewter of the 1950s and 60s. The dimpled surface is mimicking the effect created by piening (denting with a ball pien hammer). Older pewter is much duller, and can have a soft rich patina.



Despite the heavy rust, this is a modern piece as the thread is metric!



Dural (also known as Duralumin) is trade name for an aluminium alloy which is heat treated. It is typically used in situations requiring high strength and hardness, particularly at high temperatures. The angles on this piece are to prevent it from compressing.

Longer section of pipe **Brass**





This can be identified by its colour. There is also evidence of a lead solder on its edges.



The stamp near the handle identifies this piece. The poor fit of the handle suggests that it is not the original.



Teapot Burnished stainless steel

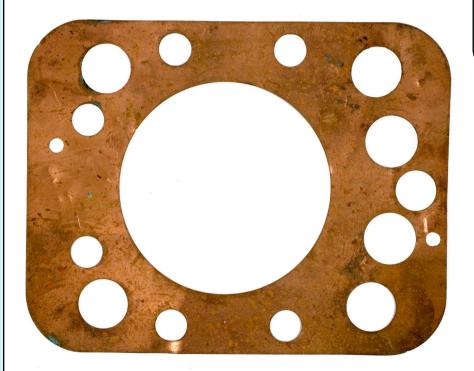
This is quickly identified by the mark on the base. The colour is typical of burnished stainless steel.



Cast iron

The rough surface of this piece suggests it was cast in sand. It can also be identified by a combination of the magnet test, its weight, and the evidence of orange corrosion products.





Gasket **Copper**

The colour of this piece is the quickest way to identify it. There are also tell-tale patches of green corrosion products, which also show that this is made of copper.



This is quickly identified by the mark near the handle.

Machinery part **Steel**





This can be identified by the magnet test, and the evidence of orange-brown corrosion products.



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Short section of tubing **Bronze**





This can be identified by its colour: it is more 'mellow' or muted than brass.



This piece can be identified by the magnet test, along with evidence of orange-brown corrosion products. It is too lightweight to be steel.