

# THE "TONGUE" WALL POCKET

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The Tongue wall pocket was introduced in 1980. This name is obviously a collector name as the bottom design of the wall pocket looks a bit like a tongue. From a catalog viewpoint, the number is "0146" followed by four additional numbers related to a particular design decoration. The wall pocket is 9-1/4" long and 5-1/4" wide. All of the base glaze colors on the following pages were made in production.

Left is the Tongue Wall Pocket from the Floral Country Line

Right is catalog page from 1982 showing the Floral Country example of the Wall Pocket.



Below; the (2) styles of backs for the Tongue wall pocket. No mark. One style has a small additional unglazed short rib in the center.



The Tongue wall pocket is usually free of damage as it is a pretty robust piece. It does not really have a typical area that is damage prone.

The dollar values of the production vary somewhat due to some being commonly found and others quite rare. The one from the Floral Country Line pictured on page to the left is one of the more common styles. Right is an example from the Blue Country Line. Below are examples left to right; a base tan color glaze with brown specks, a white with brown specks and an all-white.

These 5 decoration styles of the Tongue wall pocket are the most common and would value from \$10-15.



The following group of examples include left to right; gross green glaze and three with contrasting over drips; Base colors tan with specks, brown and off-white or beige with specks.

These 4 styles are a little less common and would value from \$20-30.





Below left to right are three more styles that are yet a little tougher to find than the previous group. The first is an off-white matte finish with specks with lovely flower decal. The second is from the Pottery shop Line but one of the rarest shapes from that line. These two examples would value in the \$30-40 range. The last one has a black gloss glaze with a delicate floral decal. This coloring and detail was applied to a series of pieces many of which are also in the Pottery Shop Line. But these black pieces are really a hard find. Value Range - \$50-60 as not many really known to exist.



The next Tongue Wall Pocket example below is the only one known to date with this decal decoration. If you look at the other photo, it shows a Jar with the similar style of decal, the flowers are exactly the same. Only a few pieces have been found with these designed decals but the wall pocket shape is the rare one indeed. Value range: \$75-90



Not pictured is a Tongue wall pocket with the strawberries decal from the "Strawberry Country" line. Only a couple of those are known but do exist. A difficult one to find. Value: \$60-70