

Porcelain Cup and Saucer Pair, by Yuzhnouralsk Factory, 1963-74.

The cup is 2.5" tall, 4.5" wide at the lip, 2" wide at the foot. The saucer is 6.5" across. Simple but warm and cheerful orange-on-white design is accented by a black and two golden bands around the lip of the cup and the rim of the saucer. Both items are maker marked on the bottom. This version of the logo of the Yuzhnouralsk Porcelain Factory was in use from 1963 to 1974 (fig. # 772 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al).

In very good condition. The cup shows one tiny chip on its side, and minimal wear to the golden bands. The saucer has a minuscule crack to the inside of the lip, not reaching to the outer surface, and a few tiny scuffs and scratches to the orange field. Some of them are visible only when tilting the saucer to reflect a bright light.

Please note that the teaspoon in our photo is for size reference.

Founded by a Decree of the USSR Council of Ministers in 1954, the Yuzhnouralsk Factory was planned with capacity for twelve million pieces annually. Construction began in 1961, the first product came off the line in 1963. After a major reconstruction in 1975, the factory increased production output to 27 million items per year, and continued production through the early post-Soviet years under the new brand name "The Urals Porcelain". Its production participated in zonal and international exhibitions, and even took the gold medal at the 2002 Fourth Moscow International Exhibition "Porcelain. Ceramics. Glass."

And yet, in 2008 the factory was closed.

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