

OBJECT ID	2003.16.3
OBJECT NAME	Fork
ALTERNATIVE NAME	Chocolate Chipper
MATERIAL	Metal; Wood
RELATED ITEMS	Spatula, 2003.16.1 Spatula, 2003.16.2
ACCESS POINTS	baking choclatier chocolate chipper confectionary Confectionery dessert metal blade prong tool Utensil Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This chocolate chipper has a round wooden handle and metal fork like head. The handle is plain and cylindrical with decoration and has clearly been used. The metal shows considerable rust. The metal is in a couple of pieces; the first is a cylindrical shaft that connects the head to the handle. Next a a flat piece of metal wraps around the cylinder and then flattens out to create a hoe-shaped base in which the five pointed prongs are secured. Each 1.75 inch long prong is spiked at the end and fits into a little cup on the face. Each prong is spaced uniformly half an inch apart. There are no identifying marks on the tool.

ORIGIN

This utensil is a chocolate chipper. Knives are not very useful in cutting chocolate slabs because they just crack the chocolate into shards and are difficult to use. The prongs on a chocolate chipper force the chocolate to break into useable chunks and spreads out the force so that it creates multiple chunks at a time instead of just shattering the chocolate.

There is no history provided for this specific object.

CITATION

Fork, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.