



Date:

1900

Identifier:

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Description:

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Physical dimensions:

depth 1.5 in ; height 7.25 in ; width 2.75 in

Format:

Spoon

Coverage:

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