

All About Airtights

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Airtight holders have been used by the coin industry for years, and they lend themselves well to our hobby as well. There is little doubt among collectors that airtight holders are the best way to store your most precious chips, strikes, and tokens.

The problem is that many collectors get confused when it comes to figuring out what size to order. My goal here is to explain how to determine what size holder goes with the item you wish to protect.

Let's begin with a list of actual sizes of casino money. The Nevada Gaming Commission regulates these sizes. I will be dealing with millimeters here but if you wish to convert to inches simply divide by 25.4.

Casino Chips

- Standard Chips - 39 mm (Exception: Palms and Cannery Chips are 40 mm)
- Baccarat Chips - 42 mm (Exception: The Palms Baccarat Chips are 44 mm)
- Giant Chips - 50 mm (Exception: Hard Rock Pindex 2000 chip is 49 mm)

Silver Strikes

- \$7 & \$28 Strikes - 37 mm
- \$10 Strikes - 43 mm
- \$20 & \$40 Strikes - 47 mm
- \$200 Strike - 89 mm

Tokens

- \$1.00 Tokens - 37 mm
- \$5.00 Tokens - 44 mm

Direct fit holders are available for the following:

Casino Item	Part Number	Holder Inside Diameter
Casino Chip	30039	39 mm
Palms / Cannery Chips	30040	40 mm
\$10 Strike	30143	43.6 mm
\$20 / \$40 Strike	30020	47.63 mm
Giant Chip	30050	50.6 mm
\$200 Strike	30060	89.2 mm



Casino Chip Holder (p/n 30039)



\$10 Silver Strike (p/n 30143)

If you wish to store any other casino related monetary item, you will have to use a holder along with an additional foam ring to reduce the inside diameter of the standard holder to the size of your item. These foam rings are available in black or white, and are made of an inert material that will not harm the coin or chip.

Refer to the chart below to store your remaining items.

Casino Item	Part Number	Holder Inside Diameter	Ring Inside Diameter
\$1 / \$7 / \$28 Token	30001	46.17 mm	37 mm
\$5 Token	30005	47.63 mm	44 mm
Baccarat Chips	31042	47.63	42 mm or 44 mm

There are also holders with rings available for Chips and \$10 Strikes. Whether you use these holders with rings or the direct fit holders above is merely your own personal preference.

Casino Item	Part Number	Holder Inside Diameter	Ring Size
Casino Chip	31039	46.17 mm	39 mm or 40 mm
\$10 Strike	30010	47.63 mm	43 mm



Casino Chips (p/n 31039)



\$10 Silver Strike (p/n 30010)

Once your items are installed into the holders, they can be placed into storage boxes, binders, or display frames.

All of these holders can be purchased at www.tinytreasures.com or at your favorite supply dealer. If you have any specific questions regarding airtight holders, please email me at info@tinytreasures.com.

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