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A good travel mug is a must when you need to take your coffee or tea with you on the road. There are many different types of mugs available, so here are a few tips to consider before you purchase one.

Travel mugs are offered in both stainless steel and plastic with plastic being the least expensive.

Even though stainless steel initially costs more, it will give you much better value for your money.

Plastic mugs can break when dropped and they don't keep your coffee or tea hot nearly as long as the stainless mugs.

You can expect superior performance from a stainless steel travel mug keeping your coffee or tea hot for about an hour. If you are looking for the very best way to keep your favorite beverage hot or cold longer, look for a mug with stainless steel double wall insulation.

Stainless steel also cleans up easier than plastic and the plastic liner over time will absorb coffee or tea. This build up will affect the taste of your beverage and the only way to remedy it is to buy another travel mug.

If you still prefer a plastic travel mug, make sure it has a stainless steel liner. The advantages of these are you won't feel the heat on the outside of the mug and you have a variety of colors to choose from.

You should also decide if you want your travel mug to fit a cup holder in your car or if you want it to have a wide bottom for stability.

The advantage of a travel mug that fits a cup holder is you don't have to hold onto it. Just make sure the dimensions of the mug will fit your holder.

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If you don't have a cupholder or don't like to use one, you need a travel mug with a wide bottom.

Look for a non-slip wide bottom because not all of them come that way. You don't want it to slide if you let go of the travel mug.

Next, what kind of a lid do you prefer? The lids that snap on can sometimes come off if the travel mug tips over or is dropped. Screw on lids are better because they stay on no matter what happens and that's the idea of a travel mug to begin with.

Also, consider how the beverage hole will be covered and uncovered when you want to drink. Do you like a flap over the drink hole that snaps shut or do you prefer a slide that stays open or closed? Then there is the Press'N'Sip lever design that opens when you push on the spring loaded lever and closes when you let go.

Travel mugs come in a variety of volume sizes too. If you only drink a small amount, consider a smaller 8 oz. travel mug. On the other hand, if you want a large amount of coffee or tea to drink, consider a larger 16 or 20 oz. travel mug.

Once you get the travel mug that is just right for your tastes, hand wash it instead of putting it in the dishwasher. Sometimes soap residue gets left behind either in the lid or in the travel mug and no one likes that kind of surprise. So be sure to rinse it extra good so all that you taste is the rich flavor of your coffee or tea.

If you leave your travel mug in the car while at work, store it away from direct sunlight. That way the hot sun magnified by the windows won't damage the rubber seals in the lid.

Keep these tips in mind the next time you shop for a travel mug so when you fly out of the door with your favorite hot beverage, it will stay in the mug and remain hot until the last drop.

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Put Your Logo On The Map With Promotional Coffee Mugs

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Crazy for Promotional Coffee Mugs

If you're looking for a way to get your logo seen and your business in the public eye, consider investing in promotional coffee mugs. Presented as gifts to clients, or as part of a marketing blitz, promotional coffee mugs can help you in spreading the word about your enterprise. More noticeable than pens, and more universal than golf balls, coffee mugs can be used by anyone, anywhere. While coffee drinkers will appreciate the addition of a new mug to their collection, non-coffee drinkers can use it for tea, hot chocolate or soup. Promotional coffee mugs offer an inexpensive, yet highly effective means of advertising your business.

Personalizing Promotional Coffee Mugs and Glassware

>From logos to mission statements, personalized coffee mugs are designed by you and custom made to your specifications. Even if you don't have a business to promote, promotional coffee mugs make great souvenirs of class or family reunions, anniversaries and large scale birthday celebrations. Many suppliers offer photo transfer services that allow your logo and/or images to be permanently affixed to a variety of coffee mug designs. As they are generally purchased in bulk quantities, promotional coffee mugs are extremely cost effective and are adaptable to most budgetary constraints. Don't let the competition edge you out, get a head start by distributing promotional coffee mugs today.

Styles, Shapes and Sizes - The Variety of Promotional Coffee Mugs

Personalized coffee mugs to advance your business or cause can be found in an abundance of styles and several materials. Whether you're looking for an acrylic travel mug with a spill-proof cap, a standard ceramic mug with a high gloss or matte finish, or an elegant glass mug with your logo etched into its surface, promotional coffee mugs are available to suit your taste. Specially sized jumbo coffee mugs in flared brim and signature coffeehouse styles lead the current trend in coffee cup promotions. Glass mugs in the traditional pint or Irish coffee styles are also very popular. If you're on a budget, standard ceramic or acrylic promotional coffee mugs can be a wise choice. Basically the number of options you have for color, size and style is virtually unlimited and subject to your own personal preferences.

Where to Find Promotional Coffee Mugs

The best place to look for high quality, low cost promotional coffee mugs is on the internet. Many printing and business gift companies provide all the information you need to know about ordering, shipping and designing promotional mugs right on their website. Mug designs are implemented with your customizations and shipped directly to your home or business. Using the internet to shop for promotional gifts allows you the freedom to browse a wide selection of options in a short time period from the comfort of your home. If you want to get the most publicity for least amount of money, promotional coffee mugs are the choice for you.

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