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A glossary of German terms and abbreviations found on antiques, porcelain, pottery, pewter, glassware, and similar items. The list is in alphabetical order, cross referenced to facilitate finding a given mark, abbreviation, or word.

German		English
A.G.	= Aktiengesellschaft	Corporation
Ausg.	= Ausgabe	Edition
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D.P.a.	= Deutsche Patentanmeldung	German patent application
D.R.G.M.	= Deutsches Reichs Gebrauchsmuster	German (State) Patent or protected prototype
D.R.P.	= Deutsches Reichpatent	German (State) Patent
G.	= Gesellschaft	Company
Gebr.	= Gebrueder	Brothers
Gegen Nachbildung Geschuetzt		Protected (by law) against reproduction, imitation, counterfeiting
Gegr.	= Gegrundet	Established, founded, formed (As a company)
Ges.	= Gesellschaft	Company
Ges. Gesch.	= Gesetzlich geschuetzt	Protected by law, patented, copyrighted
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Geschuetzt		Protected (by law)
Gesetzlich Geschuetzt		Protected by law, patented, copyrighted
G.m.b.H.	= Gesellschaft mit beschaenkter Haftung	Company with limited liability, limited (liability) Company. i.e. ACorp@ in U.S.A., ALtd.@ in England.
Made in Germany		Appears on articles made expressly for export after 1892
Musterschutz		Registered patent, copyright, registered pattern
Nr.	= Nummer	Number
R.P.	= Reichs Patent	State (Imperial) patent
Salzlasiert		Salt glazed
VEB	= Volkseigener Betrieb	People-owned factory (East

Zinn

Germany)
Tin, pewter