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If the prism is filled with water, the water will take the shape of a right rectangular prism slightly smaller than the container. The dimensions of the smaller prism are a length of $11 \frac{1}{2}$ in, a width of $5 \frac{1}{2}$ in, and a height of $7 \frac{3}{4}$ in.

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\begin{aligned}
& V=B h \\
& V=(l w) h \\
& V=\left(11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in} \cdot 5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}\right) \cdot 7 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{in} \\
& V=\left(\frac{23}{2} \mathrm{in} \cdot \frac{11}{2} \mathrm{in}\right) \cdot \frac{31}{4} \mathrm{in} \\
& V=\left(\frac{253}{4} \mathrm{in}^{2}\right) \cdot \frac{31}{4} \mathrm{in} \\
& V=\frac{7843}{16} \mathrm{in}^{3} \\
& V=490 \frac{3}{16} \mathrm{in}^{3}
\end{aligned}
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The capacity of the right rectangular prism is $490 \frac{3}{16} \mathrm{in}^{3}$.

