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## Yonezawa Smoking Robot, blue Japan



8 500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted metal

Height : 29 cm

### Description

smoking robot rare blue version in superb condition. perfect battery compartment a little minimal oxidation above the torso  
this blue version is very rare; you will notice that the hole for the smoke is off from the center (detail that it shares with the green version° on the greys the hole is in the center  
Smoking spaceman is "THE ROBOT" Japanese icon; the silver metal colored designed by Rikizo Miyazawa no less than the founder of Marumiya. Smoking spaceman was the robot who arrived at the right time: his actions: he walks swings his arms realistically, stops his eyes light up, he smokes (a glowing wire touches a sponge soaked in oil) All these actions are done in sequences.  
Yonezawa's Smoking space man is undoubtedly the robot most copied by the Chinese and

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available in many colors which did not exist originally It was first published by Linemar between the time when Yonezawa took over production the robots were not marked rear It was the must of the 1960s. It existed in Blue and green which are rare versions all the department stores Sears, Wards, Western Auto marketed it under the brands Linemar or Yonezawa The history of manufacturing of spaceman tuxedo The first publication of a Smoking Spaceman dates from 1960 in the Lipman Christmas catalog)

VERSION A) 1960. The Original "Smoking Space Man", made by Marumya (later Metal House), sold by Linemar. Box (a) with normal lettering, signed Linemar (one of the many Linemar toys on the side.) Box (b) with special riveted lettering, signed Linemar. in relief. Colors: gray (silver) and anthracite (brown), raised rivets on the side, and back behind, black mouth, silver metal switch, front and rear three-piece dome. Smoke hole in the center of the mouth, large hole, small wheels on the feet.

VERSION B) Early 60's (?) original "Smoking Robot", made by Marumya (later Metal House) sold by Yonezawa. The box (a) with normal lettering, Yonezawa sign. Colors: gray (silver) and anthracite (brown)

VERSION C) 1950s or early 60s (?) very rare original "Smoking Robot", manufactured and sold by Yonezawa. Box art (a) with normal (?) lettering, Yonezawa sign. Colors: metallic green and blue. White plastic switch. Large wheels on the feet The back behind the mouth is silver metal, small smoking hole off the center, lithographed scales with Yonezawa sign printed on the back, metal gears between the legs.

VERSION D) First series of reproductions from the 80s (?) Colors? Plastic gears between the legs

VERSION E) "smoking robot" Reproductions probably made in the 90s ordered by Kitahara, manufactured by Metal house. Colors: anthracite (brown), metallic green, metallic blue, gold, brown (dark red), bare metal, probably gray (silver) Plastic gears between the legs, metal switch, No marking, no rivets on the side Small

pin next to the metal switch. The color behind the mouth is the same as the body. Large smoke hole in the center of the mouth. Two small wheels on the feet of the box like (a) the Yonezawa "Smoking Robot" sign but the colors are very flat. Very good quality, smooth operation versions F: Tin Tom toys "smoking spaceman (reproduction China version G: Ahahtoy (reproduction China)