Smoking Spaceman, Yonezawa, Japan



900 EUR

Signature : rikizo miyazawa

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted metal

Description

SmokingSpaceman is "THE" iconic Japanese robot; it issilver metallic in color and was designed by Rikizo Miyazawa--none other than the founder of Marumiya.SmokingSpaceman was the robot that arrived at just the right time: its movements--it walks,swings its arms realistically, stops, its eyes light up, and it smokes (aglowing wire touches a sponge soaked in oil) All these actions are performed in sequences. here we have corrosion in the left leg compartment and the door of it is repainted . the plastic dome has been reglued inside .its so difficukt now to have an orginal smoking spaceman that i am happy i found this one The "SmokingSpace Man" by Linemar and Yonezawa is undoubtedly the robot most frequently copied by the Chinese and produced in numerous colors that did not exist in

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the original version It was first released by Linemar;during the period when Yonezawa took over production, the robots were not marked on the back like here it is written made in japan under the foot though .It was the must-have item of the 1960s. It was available in blue and green, which arerare versions All the major department stores--Sears, Wards, Western Auto--sold it underthe Linemar or Yonezawa brands It is more rare to find it under the Linemar label; A must-have for any robot collectionThemanufacturing history of the SmokingSpacemanThe firstmention of a Smoking Spaceman dates back to 1960 in the LipmanChristmas catalog) VERSION A) 1960. The Original"Smoking Space Man," manufactured by Marumya (later Metal House),sold by Linemar. Box (a) with standard lettering, signed Linemar (oneof many Linemar toys shown on the side).Box (b) with special riveted lettering, signedLinemar in raised lettering. Colors: gray(silver) and anthracite (brown), raised rivets on the side and back,black mouth, silver-colored metal switch, three-piece dome on the front andback. Smoke hole in the center of the mouth, large hole, small wheels onthe feet. VERSION B) Early1960s (?) Original "Smoking Robot," manufactured by Marumya (laterMetal House) and sold by Yonezawa. The box (a) features standard lettering, signedYonezawa. Colors: gray (silver) and charcoal (brown) VERSION C) 1950sor early 1960s (?) very rare original "Smoking Robot,"manufactured and sold by Yonezawa. Art on thebox (a) with standard lettering (?), signed YonezawaColors: metallicgreen and blue. White plastic switch. Large wheels on the feetThe backbehind the mouth is silver-colored metal, with a small, off-center hole for smoking,lithographed scales with the Yonezawa logo printed on the back, metalgears between the legs. VERSION D) Firstseries of reproductions from the 1980s (?)Colors?Plastic gears between the legs VERSION E) "TuxedoRobot" Replicas

likely produced in the 1990s, commissionedby Kitahara and manufactured by Metal House. Colors: charcoal(brown), metallic green, metallic blue, gold, brown (dark red), bare metal,probably gray (silver)Plasticgears between the feet, metal switch, no markings, norivets on the sideSmallpin next to the metal switch.The color behind the mouth is the same asthat of the bodyLargesmoke hole in the center of the mouth. Two small wheels on the feet; the boxresembles (a) the Yonezawa "Smoking Robot" panel, but the colors arevery flat. Very good quality, smooth operation F versions:Tin Tom Toys "Smoking Spaceman" (Chinese reproduction VersionG: Ahahtoys (Chinese reproduction) yonezawa box lid for 100 EUR more TheYonezawa box In the1980s, Yonezawa wanted to produce the Smoking Spaceman using leftover parts. They manufactured too many boxes relative to the number of robotsproduced. When the factory closed, it was possible to buy the boxesflat with the original folds. This box is therefore original (the lid).