

The Stickman No. 8 Puzzle Box

(3 - Lock Box)

The Stickman No. 8 Puzzle Box owes its fun nickname to the unique aspect of its internal toggle mechanism as well as the popularity of an old Jimmy Hendrix song. This box requires each move to be repeated 3 times before the next step can proceed. Most cultures today use a decimal system to calculate numbers, but this box uses a mechanism gleaned from an ancient calculating machine that used ternary math.

With this puzzle, a particular move does not always produce an identical result, and moves made by mistake cannot simply be undone. Results of this box appear random



until the ternary system it operates by is understood. There is also a crafty and often-overlooked last step, required to finally access its secret drawer.



The internal mechanisms for these puzzles were actually crafted earlier, but remained in one of Robert's shop drawers for over a year. Robert continued to revisit them and work on possible applications in the back of his mind until an adequate application was discovered. From this was born a box that is perhaps one of Robert's favorite designs, but oddly, very few were ever made.

Limited Edition Status: Limited to 25 completed copies.

Production Dates: Mechanism: (Sept. 2004 –Nov. 2004)

First 17 Boxes: (Oct. 2005 –Nov. 2005)

Additional 6 boxes: (Feb. 2007 – Mar. 2007)

Last 2 boxes: (Pending)

Original Sale Price: \$450

Wood types: Wenge, Purpleheart & Maple

Variations: Wenge with Purpleheart inlay.

Purpleheart with Wenge inlay.

Purpleheart with Wenge & Holly inlay

Holly with Ebony inlay (rare).

Size: 7" x 3 1/2" x 3"

Number of Compartments: 1

Number of Steps: Minimum of 18 - 40 (varies).

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Instruction Book: 5-pages, color, illustrated.

Special features: Internal mechanical calculating mechanism.

Goal: Open the drawer.

