

# The Stickman No. 3 Puzzle Box

(106 - Move Box)

Stickman No. 3 Puzzleboxes contain Robert's first crafted wooden gears, which proved to be a huge challenge on a radial arm saw. No two gears were exactly identical and most had to be meticulously sanded by hand to properly mesh. Robert used wax, which turned shiny where gear teeth would pinch to determine points that required sanding. These gears were so time consuming, that Robert enlisted the help of a friend who after experiencing the same frustration subsequently dubbed this design as "the devil's baby".



Getting the tension perfect on these boxes was a challenge, and to ensure gear assemblies locked in place before rotating, cardstock spacers were put under some gears to produce the proper amount of friction. On all early designs, Robert used a logo stamp carved from the cap end of a metal pipe and hammered his hallmark into each box. On some puzzles, this mark turned out faint, and this stamp was retired after the Stickman No. 3. All future puzzles had their limited edition numbers and hallmarks applied with ink pen, which is the industry standard.



**Limited Edition Status:** Limited to 50 puzzles.

**Production Dates:** (Mar. 2003 – Jun. 2003)

(Aug. 2005 – Oct. 2005)

**Original Sale Price:** \$120

**Wood types:** Maple, Oak or Cypress

**Variations:** N/A

**Size:** 10" x 6" x 4"

**Number of Compartments:** 2

**Number of Steps:** Minimum of 106.

**Difficulty Level:** Very Difficult

**Instruction Book:** 20-pages, color, illustrated.

**Special features:** Wooden gears.

**Goal:** Access both compartments.



Early Stickman logo stamp