

THE KING OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

HOW MUCH IS MY TABLE WORTH? As a manufacturer of new tables we have no involvement in the market for used or collector tables. Assuming you DID find someone willing to provide an estimate on your table's value, sight unseen, there is a good chance no two people's guesses would be exactly the same. So:

IT IS COMPANY POLICY NOT TO COMMENT OR SPECULATE ON THE VALUE OF OLDER TABLES AND OFFER NO SUGGESTIONS ON PRICING OR VALUE.

If we provided estimates, it's certain we will get an angry call from someone saying "Your guy said this table was worth \$XXX and nobody wants to pay me more than \$XX."

The best way to determine your table's value would be the **supply, demand and condition of used pool tables in your area**. In some areas used coin operated pool tables are very difficult to find, in others they are widely available. You might also consider a personal inspection by a local Distributor or Operator. Photos are of little help, anyone who has purchased something from Ebay or Craigslist that "looked nice in the photos, but in person..." can relate.

We get requests for a "Blue Book value" for old pool tables. There is no "Blue Book."

Assuming someone can provide a guess on a value range for your table, the next step should be to tune in to an episode of "Pawn Stars." Someone will bring in some old artifact. Their Historical Expert comes in and appraises it for "somewhere between \$400 and \$2000." They ask the owner how much he wants, and he always says "\$2000." What something is worth is COMPLETELY IRRELEVANT, you want to know what someone will want to pay for it.

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It is worth mentioning that due to parts availability issues on older tables: any table in full working order without visible damage WILL almost always be more desirable. Wear items like cloth, cushion rubber, pocket liners and balls can be replaced.

And last, keep in mind you are often competing with someone willing to do ANYTHING to get that pool table OUT of his basement- even if he has to pay someone else to take it. If you are this person, consider contacting Youth Centers, the VFW or American Legion, College Fraternities with their own house or lodge, the list is long and varied.

COULD MY TABLE BE RARE AND VALUABLE ENOUGH TO RESTORE TO NEW CONDITION? DO YOU STOCK OEM PARTS FOR ME TO DO A FULL RESTORATION? We have sold many thousands of tables over the years. From a collectibles standpoint, a vintage Valley or Dynamo pool table—restored or not-- is not a "winning lottery ticket." As seen above you may need to beg someone to take it off your hands. If you have a table you want to restore, don't worry about getting it to accurate factory-new condition (and keep in mind, parts availability may be a problem, a BIG problem on tables more than 40 years old). Have fun with your project and get it where you can enjoy looking at it, playing on it, and bragging to your friends how hard you worked on it.