

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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Tin litho wind-up horse toy, Germany

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$40 – \$90

*Based on comparable sales of working
D.R.G.M.-marked tin litho wind-up toys*

Wind-Up Tin Litho Horse

D.R.G.M. Marked – Germany

HISTORY

The "D.R.G.M." mark (Deutsches Reichsgebrauchsmuster, or German Reich registered design) was used by German toy manufacturers from the early 20th century through the 1940s to indicate a registered utility design — a mark found on countless tin litho wind-up toys exported globally during the golden age of German tinplate toy making. Horse-form wind-up toys were especially popular, using a simple clockwork mechanism to produce a bucking or trotting motion. Pieces bearing this mark are collected today both for their charming tin lithography and as artifacts of Germany's dominant early-20th-century toy industry.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ♦ Marking: "D.R.G.M." (German registered design mark)
- ♦ Origin: Germany
- ♦ Type: Tin litho wind-up clockwork horse toy
- ♦ Mechanism produces bucking/trotting motion when wound
- ♦ Condition: good, consistent with age

COLLECTOR NOTES

D.R.G.M.-marked tin wind-up toys are a well-collected category among antique toy enthusiasts, with horse and animal forms being especially popular subjects. Value depends heavily on whether the wind-up mechanism still functions and the condition of the tin lithography — bright, unfaded litho with a working mechanism brings the top of the range.

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