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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

Vintage Child's Tandem Tricycle — Great Condition

SANFA DELUXE TANDEM TRICYCLE

Vintage Child's Tricycle with Rear Passenger Seat — Taiwan, 1980s



MARKET VALUE

\$275–450

Realistic quick-sale price, private/shop market

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$500–700

Ceiling for tandem-trike specialty collectors



*Vintage "Sanfa Deluxe" Tandem Tricycle
Red & Chrome Frame — Wide Balloon Tires
Rear Passenger Seat with Handrail
Original Colorful Graphic Decals — Great Condition*

Vintage "Sanfa Deluxe" Tandem Tricycle

Red Steel Frame with Chrome Handlebars, Fenders & Wheel Trim

*Rear Passenger Seat with Support Handrail —
Original Graphic Decals*

HISTORY

This vintage child's tricycle, identified by the family as a "Sanfa Deluxe," is a tandem-style trike built with a red-painted steel frame, chrome handlebars, fenders, and wheel trim, and wide whitewall-style balloon tires — a construction style typical of the boom in Taiwan-manufactured children's ride-on toys during the 1970s-80s, when Taiwanese factories became major global suppliers of pressed-steel tricycles, pedal cars, and wagons exported to the American toy market. The main seat is padded vinyl, decorated with a colorful hand-painted-style balloon and clown graphic typical of the era's playful, circus-inspired children's product design.

Its most distinctive feature is the **rear passenger seat** mounted behind the main rider's seat, complete with a chrome support handrail and a matching decorated vinyl

cushion, allowing a second child to ride along as a passenger while an older sibling or friend pedaled. This tandem seating arrangement is a considerably less common configuration than the standard single-rider trikes that dominated the market — most tricycle manufacturers of the period focused exclusively on single-seat designs, since the added passenger seat required a longer, reinforced frame and more material and assembly cost. Tandem-style trikes therefore represent a niche but memorable corner of vintage ride-on toy production, appealing today both to nostalgic collectors and to those specifically hunting for less-common trike configurations.

The piece presents in great condition overall, with bright original paint, intact decals on both seats, and no notable rust or missing hardware apparent — a level of preservation that is fairly unusual for a child's outdoor ride-on toy of this age, since these were built to be used hard and played with outdoors, and most surviving examples show significant paint loss, rust, or missing/cracked seat cushions.

◆ *"Tandem-seat tricycles, allowing a second child to ride along as a passenger, were a novel variation on the classic children's trike and are considerably less commonly found today than standard single-rider models."* ◆

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Style: Tandem tricycle with rear passenger seat
- ◆ Frame: Red steel frame, chrome handlebars & fenders
- ◆ Tires: Wide balloon-style tires
- ◆ Graphics: Original colorful balloon/circus-style decals on both seats
- ◆ Condition: Great — bright original paint, intact decals, no notable rust
- ◆ Brand: Sanfa Deluxe — made in Taiwan
- ◆ Estimated era: 1980s, based on comparable examples

Honest Disclosure: The "Sanfa Deluxe" brand name has been confirmed through comparable listings found in the collector resale market (Mercari, Worthpoint, and social marketplace listings), which describe this as a Taiwan-made tandem tricycle from the 1980s. An exact factory production date and original retail information could not be located. Market Value reflects realistic private-sale/shop pricing, adjusted upward for this example's notably better original condition; Estimated Worth reflects the ceiling a dedicated

vintage ride-on toy collector might pay for a rarer tandem configuration in this condition.

"Two seats, one adventure — the kind of trike that turned a backyard ride into a shared memory for two little riders."

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