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Metal Masters "Trail Blazer" ride-on toy locomotive with coal truck, railroad crossing lithograph panel



Side view showing lithographed engineer panel, smokestack, and spoked wheels

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$150 – \$350

*Metal Masters "Trail Blazer"
ride-on toy locomotive*

Metal Masters "Trail Blazer" Ride-On Toy

Metal Masters Co., Inc., Philadelphia, PA — Mid-20th Century

HISTORY

The Metal Masters Co., Inc. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania produced ride-on toy vehicles for children during the mid-20th century, combining painted wood construction with colorful lithographed tin or paper panels depicting scenes of the era. This "Trail Blazer" example is styled as a railroad locomotive with an attached coal truck/tender, featuring a "Rail Road Crossing" sign graphic on the roof panel, an engineer figure lithographed on the side panel, a faux smokestack, and sturdy spoked wheels designed for a child to ride or scoot along.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Marked/attributed to Metal Masters Co., Inc., Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ "Trail Blazer" model name — locomotive with attached coal truck body
- ◆ Lithographed "Rail Road Crossing" sign and engineer figure graphics
- ◆ Wood construction with faux smokestack and spoked wheels

COLLECTOR NOTES

Metal Masters ride-on toys are a scarcer name among mid-century American ride-on toy makers compared to bigger names like Murray or Garton, which tends to draw dedicated collector interest when examples surface. Value depends heavily on completeness and condition of the lithographed graphics and wood body — this example retains strong, legible graphics and its coal truck attachment, both pluses for collectibility.

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