

## Help me find some toys from my childhood

Posted by packrat79 - 13 Mar 2011 15:08

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I'm trying to find some toys I had (or played) as a kid in the 80's - trying to recapture my youth I guess - but there are a few that I'm having trouble with. The main problem is that I can't remember their actual names, but I can provide some good descriptions:

1. The first was a handheld racing game. It was similar to, or perhaps a knock-off of, Mattel Auto Race. This one, however, was mechanical not electronic, based around a thin plastic belt with images of cars which rotated under a plastic screen. The controls were laid out much like auto race, with a steering wheel and gear shift at the bottom. It also had a reset button which allowed you to move away from a crash (crashes were indicated by a red light and buzzer). A mechanical counter was used to tally your score. The unit was black with gray or silver lettering, and operated from two "C" batteries. I had two of these at one point, so I assume they were fairly common, however I have been unable to find any reference to it on the internet.

2. The second was a handheld movie viewing device. This was much smaller than the Fisher-price viewer, blue in color, and operated from one "AA" battery. It had the words "Sneak Preview" printed on it. The movies cartridges were round and contained about 30 seconds of 8mm film - I still have one of the cartridges and here's what it looks like:

[img][url=http://s282.photobucket.com/albums/kk275/packrat79/?action=view&current=img513.jpg]

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## Re: Help me find some toys from my childhood

Posted by Nobleco - 13 Mar 2011 15:51

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**That last one rings a bell. There was a board game, can't remember the name at the moment, that used a pair of dice under a plastic dome to make your roll. Pop the plastic dome and the dice would jump up and when they landed you moved your playing piece that number of spaces. Aggravation comes to mind,**

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## Re: Help me find some toys from my childhood

Posted by oldtruck56 - 13 Mar 2011 20:19

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I think the fourth one you are looking for was Perfection or Concentration. I remember the description you give, but the name is lost. The third one almost sounds like battle tops I think, but again not sure.

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## Re: Help me find some toys from my childhood

Posted by packrat79 - 14 Mar 2011 11:48

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You're right, #5 (you said #4) was indeed Perfection. They are readily available and I can easily purchase one.

I remembered another detail about #3 (with the cars the ride down the rails). The cars glowed in the dark - it was really neat to watch with the lights off.

The link to the photo for #2 doesn't work - here's what it should look like:



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## Re: Help me find some toys from my childhood

Posted by oldtruck56 - 14 Mar 2011 12:57

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Your right, my mistake. Trying to do three things at once. I really need to find some more hours in the day...

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## Re: Help me find some toys from my childhood

Posted by oldtruck56 - 14 Mar 2011 13:03

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Number 6 six sounds like a variation of Trouble, but I'm not sure there either. I have a Trouble game in the hall closet from decades ago, but it's a board game with the dice in a plastic dome. You push down on the top of the dome, the dice jump around, and you move your pieces around the board. The one you are describing could be called Double Trouble, again, I'm not sure. By that time I was interested in other pursuits. I should have stuck with toys....

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