Missing T



a.k.a. T Puzzle, Magic T, Cut-Up T, Pa's T Puzzle, Great American T Puzzle, White Rose Ceylon Perfect T Puzzle, Lash Bitters T Puzzle. Old design, copyright 1898 by Lash Inc., this one copyright ThinkFun Binary Arts 2003. (plastic, 4 pieces, 3.1" high by 3" wide when solved)

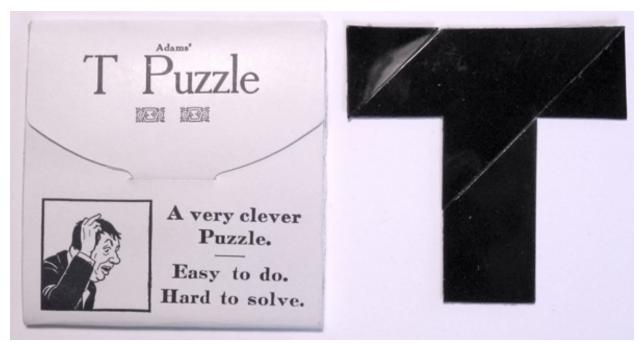
The four pieces can be positioned to form a T as shown above. The *HIQU* puzzle has a booklet of problems based on these pieces. This is an old puzzle that has been produced many times; here is a nice antique wood one:

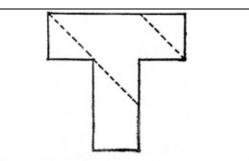


Pa's T Puzzle, circa 1940s. (cardboard box 4.6 by 1.75 by 11/16 inches and 4 walnut pieces, 5" high by 4.75" wide when solved; box edge says "PA'S T PUZZLE No. P 20 WM. F. DRUEKE & SONS Grand Rapide, Mich.")

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Adams Version Of The T Puzzle With Solution





The diagram shows the solution of this clever puzzle. -- For anyone not knowing how it is done this is a most difficult puzzle to solve.

You can have a lot of fun by just showing the puzzle assembled; then mixing it up and watching your friends trying to put it together.

Do not reveal the secret. -- This always spoils a good puzzle.

S. S. Adams Co., circa 1950's.

(3.5" cardboard sleeve with cardboard directions and dark green plastic pieces)

Example Of Inexpensive T Puzzles Sold Circa 1960's



Magic T Puzzle, unknown manufacture. (plastic box 2.5 by 1.75 by 1/2 inches and 4 plastic pieces)



Marx Toys, circa 1960's. (5.5 by 7 inch cardboard card with plastic pieces; solution sheet in plastic bag and big question mark with company logo behind the bag)

Further Reading

T Puzzle Wikipedia Page, from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T_puzzle

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