

Sewing Machine Values

The sewing machine is one of the greatest inventions in man's history; without it we would still be wearing our animal skin loin cloths, so the sewing machine is very valuable in itself.

As to the value of each individual sewing machine; that's a more complicated issue to answer. Millions and millions of sewing machines have been made by many companies since around 1850. The machines that bring the highest prices are those:

1. That are very old and in pristine condition
2. Are very Rare, and I use that word with caution.
3. Are highly collectible.
4. Are highly prized for utilitarian use.
5. Are very few because they didn't work well

Condition: is based on a scale of: 1 to 10 with 1 being the worst possible condition to 10 being perfect. This also applies to values.

Rarity: It is rare because there was only very few ever made or there are known to only be a very few that have survived.

Highly Collectible: Just like certain cars, certain sewing machines are collectible.

Prized Utilitarian Use: Holds its value because of its function.

Very few that didn't work: Sometimes the highest priced, collectible machines, were ones that didn't work thus few were made.

A value outside of those factors becomes difficult to put a solid number on as they fall into the realm of the everyday sewing machine. So again, condition, age, and rarity come into play as well as individual collector appeal.

So to summarize, I know of no blue book on sewing machine values as there is on cars. Sewing machine values vary with geographic areas, due to collector

wants, condition, rarity, and appeal. In today's market I hate to say but EBay is a great indicator as to market value on any machine.

All one needs to do is follow the same type machine and see what it is selling for. That works for the majority of the machines, but does not include all the specialty machines, very unusual machines, or very rare machines that rarely come up on the internet.

Those are set your price and see who wants to pay it!

Good luck and happy shopping and collecting.

By the way keep watching my web site for museum pieces to come up for sale, and remember they may not all work, but they are museum pieces purchased from a closed sewing museum, and are now in my museum and are not readily available to the general public.