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Antique Post Office Door Bank with Oak Box User Manual

Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the Antique Post Office Door Bank, featuring an authentic antique post office door integrated into a handcrafted oak box. This item functions as a decorative bank with a working combination lock, preserving a piece of history.



Image: Front view of the Antique Post Office Door Bank. The image displays the metal post office door, which includes a combination dial, a small viewing window, and a coin slot at the top. The door is set into a polished oak wooden box.

Setup: Initial Combination Setting

Your Antique Post Office Door Bank comes with a pre-set combination. This combination is typically provided on a small tag or sticker attached to the bank upon delivery. Please locate and record this combination in a safe place.

Opening the Lock with the Combination:

1. **Clear the Dial:** Turn the dial several full rotations to the right (clockwise) to clear any previous attempts.
2. **First Number:** Turn the dial right (clockwise) past the first number of your combination at least three times, then stop precisely on the first number.
3. **Second Number:** Turn the dial left (counter-clockwise) past the second number of your combination at least two times, then stop precisely on the second number.
4. **Third Number:** Turn the dial right (clockwise) past the third number of your combination at least once, then stop precisely on the third number.
5. **Open:** Gently turn the dial further to the right until the door unlatches or opens. If it does not open, repeat the steps carefully.

Note: The exact number of rotations may vary slightly depending on the specific antique lock mechanism. Practice opening the lock before placing valuables inside.

Operating the Bank

Depositing Funds:

To deposit coins or folded currency, simply insert them into the slot located at the top of the wooden box. The slot is designed to accommodate various coin sizes and folded bills.

Retrieving Funds:

To retrieve deposited funds, you must open the antique post office door using the combination lock as described in the "Setup" section. Once the door is unlatched, you can access the contents of the bank.

Maintenance

Wood Care:

- Wipe the oak box with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust.
- Avoid using harsh chemical cleaners, which can damage the wood finish.
- Keep the bank away from direct sunlight and extreme temperature changes to prevent warping or fading of the wood.

Metal Door Care:

- The antique metal door may have natural patina. Clean gently with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or polishes on the antique metal, as this can remove its historical finish.
- Avoid getting liquids into the lock mechanism.

Troubleshooting

Lock Does Not Open:

- **Incorrect Combination:** Double-check that you are using the correct combination provided with your bank.
- **Precision:** Ensure you are stopping precisely on each number of the combination. Even a slight deviation can prevent the lock from opening.
- **Rotation Count:** Verify that you are performing the correct number of rotations (e.g., three times past the first number, two times past the second, one time past the third).
- **Clear Dial:** Always start by clearing the dial with several clockwise rotations before entering the combination.
- **Stuck Mechanism:** If the lock feels stiff, gently jiggle the door while attempting to open it after entering the combination. Do not force the mechanism.

If you continue to experience issues, please refer to the support information provided.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Product Type	Decorative Bank with Antique Post Office Door
Materials	Oak Wood, Antique Metal (door)
Lock Type	Working Combination Lock
Door Origin	Circa 1903 - 1920 (Art Deco sunburst design)

Warranty and Support

Due to the antique nature of the post office door component and the handcrafted wooden box, specific warranty details may vary. Please refer to the seller's information provided at the time of purchase for any warranty claims or support inquiries.

For general questions regarding the care or operation of your bank, please contact the seller directly through the platform where the purchase was made.

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