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MGM FLIPPER

1963





This is a beautiful vintage promotional photo showing the MGM FLIPPER vended at the MIAMI SEAQUARIUM (where the original Flipper was trained) for a mere 25c! So sweet! The MGM FLIPPER (standing dolphin) was vended at the MIAMI SEAQUARIUM in 1963 - and you're getting a figure from that very moldset! On the other hand, the TV FLIPPER mold (a similar standing dolphin design, but not the same as this one) was vended at MARINELAND ON THE PACIFIC. Over the years, other dolphin moldset designs have been engraved "Flipper" (we will discuss one of them in the coming months), but the standing dolphin designs (MGM FLIPPER and TV FLIPPER) were the moldsets originally made for the Flipper movie and TV series, respectively.





The MGM FLIPPER standing dolphin was made in 1963 to promote the original MGM Movie "Flipper," released that year. The MGM FLIPPER standing dolphin moldset is not to be confused with the TV FLIPPER standing dolphin moldset that was made the following year (1964) to promote the five different dolphins trained and living at MIAMI SEAQUARIUM that starred in the TV series (which was a spin-off from the 1963 movie.) A comparison between the moldsets of the two standing Flippers is shown above. The differences in the designs are slight, but significant. Most notably, the base of the MGM FLIPPER (left) is large and rectangular; whereas the base of the TV FLIPPER (right) is smaller and oval in shape. Also, the splashes around the dolphin's tail are different between the designs as well.



Front engraving reads:

FLIPPER

MGM STAR

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