

# Stanley Plane Dating

How many patent  
dates are cast  
into bed?

0		Yes		Yes	
	----> Is raised ring cast into bed as receiver for knob?		-> Is bed painted blue?	----->	Type 20 1962-67
	No		No		
				No	
	Is plane number (i.e., No. 4) cast into bed?		Do toe and heel have a raised rib in the casting?	----->	Type 15 1931-32
	Yes		Yes		
	No			Yes	
				--->	Type 19 1948-61
	Is lever cap back recessed?		Is "STANLEY" printed vertically on lateral adjustment lever?		
	Yes		No		
	No			Yes	
				---->	Type 18 1946-47
	How many patent dates appear on lateral adjustment lever?		Does depth adjustment nut have a diagonal knurling on it?		
	Yes		No		
	No			Yes	
				--->	Type 17 1942-45
	Does "STANLEY" appear on lateral adj. lever?		Does plane have wartime features (handle and knob stained red or painted black, depth adj. nut made of steel or hard rubber, heavier bottom castings)		
				No	
	Yes			---->	Type 16 1933-41
	No				
				----->	Type 1 1867-69
	Is depth adj. nut stamped "BAILEY'S PATENT"...		Is depth adj. nut stamped "BAILEY'S PATENT"...	No ---->	Type 2 1869-72
				Yes ---->	Type 3 1872-73
	Is frog receiver a broad rectangular area with arched rear (toward tote)?		Is frog receiver a broad rectangular area with arched rear (toward tote)?	No ---->	Type 4 1874-84
				Yes ---->	Type 5 1885-88
	0		Does "STANLEY" appear on lateral adj. lever?	No ---->	Type 4-5
				Yes ---->	Type 8-9
	1		----->		Type 8 1899-02
	2		----->		Type 5 1885-88
	3		----->		
				Yes	
				---->	Type 6 1888-92
	Is depth adj. nut stamped "BAILEY'S PATENT"...		Is depth adj. nut stamped "BAILEY'S PATENT"...	No ---->	Type 7 1893-99
				----->	Type 13 1925-28
	1		Is raised ring cast into bed as receiver for knob?	No ---->	Type 14 1929-30
				Yes ---->	
	2		Is frog rib enlarged and arched type?	No ---->	Type 9 1902-07
				Yes ---->	Type 10 1907-09
	3		----->		
				No	
				---->	Type 11 1910-18
	Is depth adj. nut large (1.25" diameter)?		Is depth adj. nut large (1.25" diameter)?	Yes ---->	Type 12 1919-24

## Type & Period

Type 1	1867-1869	Made in Boston MA
Type 2	1869-1872	
Type 3	1872-1873	
Type 4	1874-1884	
Type 5	1885-1888	Lateral adjustment lever appears
Type 6	1888-1892	
Type 7	1893-1899	
Type 8	1899-1902	
Type 9	1902-1907	"Bailey" and patent dates appear on bed
Type 10	1907-1909	Frog adjustment screw appears
Type 11	1910-1918	
Type 12	1919-1924	First of "Sweetheart" types
Type 13	1925-1928	"Stanley" appears on lever cap
Type 14	1929-1930	"Made in USA" appears cast into bed
Type 15	1931-1932	Last of "Sweetheart" types
Type 16	1933-1941	Kidney shaped lever cap hole appears
Type 17	1942-1945	War production; often without frog adjuster
Type 18	1946-1947	
Type 19	1948-1961	
Type 20	1962-1967	Blue paint appears

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