Stanley Plane Dating Flowchart

-----> Type 5 1885-88

How many patent dates are cast into bed? 0 Yes Yes ---> Is raised ring cast into -> Is bed painted blue? -----> Type 20 1962-67 bed as receiver for knob? No No No Do toe and heel have a raised, ----> Type 15 1931-32 broad, flat rib casting? Is plane number (i.e., No. 4) cast into bed? Yes Yes Yes No Is "STANLEY" printed vertically --> Type 19 1948-61 on lateral adjustment lever? No Yes Does depth adjustment nut have ---> Type 18 1946-47 a diagonal knurling on it? Is lever No cap back recessed? Does plane have wartime Yes --> Type 17 1942-45 features (handle and knob No ---> Type 16 1933-41 stained red or painted How many Yes black, depth adj. nut No patent dates made of steel or hard rubber, heavier bottom castings) appear on lateral adjustment Is depth adj. nut stamped No ----> Type 1 1867-69 "BAILEY'S PATENT"...? Yes ---> Type 2 1869-72 lever? Is frog receiver a broad No ----> Type 3 1872-73 Yes ---> Type 4 1874-84 rectangular area with arched rear (toward tote)? 0 -----> Does "STANLEY" appear on No ---> Type 4-5 lateral adj. lever? Yes ---> Type 8-9 1 -----> Type 8 1899-02

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3>	Is depth adj. nut stamped "BAILEY'S PATENT"		
1>	Is raised ring cast into bed as receiver for knob?	No> Yes>	
	Is frog rib enlarged and arched type?	No> Yes>	
>	Is depth adj. nut large (1.25" diameter)?	No> Yes>	

Type & Period:

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

Comments:

"Sweetheart" types are #12 thru 15, Made from 1919-1932. Generally, the most desirable user types are considered to be #10 thru 15.

Note: Original version by Jay Sutherland, after Roger K. Smith and Patrick Leach

Amended version May 2001 by Jim DeLaney, using additional information from John Walter's book "Antique & Collectible Stanley Tools - Guide to Identity & Value."