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Mid-Century Modern 5-Minute Check

Piece / where seen _____ *Maker on label (if any)* _____

Asking price _____ *Serial / style number* _____

Minute 1 · The look

- ○ Clean lines, tapered or splayed legs, low profile
- ○ Walnut, teak or rosewood veneer, or molded plywood / fiberglass
- ○ Original pulls that match the era

Minute 2 · Find a mark (flashlight held low)

- ○ Inside the top drawer: sides and bottom
- ○ Back panel
- ○ Underneath; on tables, under the top
- ○ Herman Miller: “Furniture Company” (before 1960) or “Inc.” (later)

Minute 3 · How it's built

- ○ Dovetailed drawers
- ○ Solid wood or veneer over solid core (not particleboard)
- ○ No staples holding drawers together

Minute 4 · Condition

- ○ Veneer lifting, chips or water rings
- ○ Refinished or painted
- ○ Wobbly legs or missing parts

Minute 5 · Decide

○ Buy ○ Offer ○ Pass

Sold-price comps checked (source and price) _____

Lane serials read backward as month-day-year (e.g. 953001 = 10-03-59). A label names the maker, not necessarily the designer. estatesalefinder.net/blog/how-to-identify-mid-century-modern-furniture