

## 1954 Steinway Baby Grand for sale, \$15,995



I am a retired university professor of music who moved to Portland in October...only to find out that the piano movers were unable to move my Steinway baby grand into my 3<sup>rd</sup>-floor condo in downtown Portland because of the configuration of the staircase. My options now are either to the piano in storage or sell it.

I purchased in 1990 for \$15,000 and am the second owner. My late wife had a masters in piano, was a piano teacher, and had it tuned and serviced regularly. Except for a minor repair to the pedals, it has worked beautifully for the past 30 years. Here is a link to a recent YouTube video of my son playing the piano: <https://youtu.be/tU-DJIOOB4o>.

The piano is currently in storage at Starbird Music in Portland. I requested an assessment of the piano for potential sale, and these are the findings:

Steinway, Model L, 5'11", Serial Number 344705, built 1954

- Finish style/condition: A- (small dings in a few places, minimal sun fading)
- Keys: A- (yellowing and discolored but in excellent physical condition - original elephant ivory)
- Soundboard: A
- Bridges: A
- Pinblock: A
- Bass Strings: B+ (excellent condition for age)
- Tenor & Treble Strings: B+ (excellent condition for age)
- Dampers: A-
- Action: B (a bit noisy, worn hammers, imperfect regulation)
- Accessories: Upholstered-top Bench

Steinway was one of the giants of the Piano Boom of ~100 years ago. These pianos can often retain their potential for high value and frequently are rebuilding candidates. Sometimes they can be sold as-is, or be partially rebuilt, and this piano is no exception.

The assessor suggested the sale price of \$15,995 if the following repair work was done:

- \$225: Hammer Reconditioning (labor only)
- \$110: 1 hr misc. finish repair
- \$675: ~7.5 hrs Regulation (parts & labor)
- \$910: Total cost for work

I would be willing to sell it "as-is" for what I paid in 1990: \$15,000.

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