The K-Ball Information

Some time ago (march 7 2003) I bought in a Toy shop (Bart Smit at Emmen, the Netherlands) a "new" Puzzle.

This rotating puzzle has a $2\times2\times2$ base.

The puzzle was sold for € 14,95. I bought both colors, white based and yellow based

On the box the following information was available:

K8 - Original K-Ball An amazing brain-teasing logical puzzle

K-ball

Los de K-ball Puzzle zo snel mogelijk op.
Er zijn verschillende manieren om de K-bal op te lossen! Er is maar één
manier de snelste! Kijk ook op www.k-ball.nl
Lees de insert voor belangrijke tips hoe de K-ball op te lossen.

The above text is in Dutch.

The same text is also in English, French en German.

K-Ball

Solve the K-Ball.Puzzle as quickly as possible.

There are different ways to do it! Only one way is the fastest!

See our website too: www.k-ball.nl

Read the insert for important tips on hpw to solve the K-ball puzzle.

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The package has a CE-mark and a warning for small parts (kids under age of 3) in Dutch, English, French and German.

Imported by Toys & Games Express, De Haag 16, Houten, the Netherlands.

I have checked the address in Houten, the Netherlands and is complete:

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The puzzle is packed in a squared box with shperical transparant blister. Here are some pictures made by myself.



Bart Smit (they have many toyshops all over the country!!) is selling the puzzle in the Netherlands and Belgium in 2 colors. (white background and yellow background)

On the attached scan you will find a good solution of the puzzle.

They mention 2 websites:

www.k-ball.nl en www.Sphere-mania.com

The first site is of IML. A lovely site (in Dutch) with the possibility to play with the K-ball on line. Six different exposures can be played.

To give you an impression.



The other site is in English, with a n exciting intro.

Information collected by Ad van der Schagt Puzzlecollector in the Netherlands hobbytik@home.nl

K-Ball Solution Hints

Dear K-Ball player,

First remove the plastic transparant sticker(s) from the colored circles.

This is the K-8 Ball, with 8 segments.

Shuffle the ball and try to solve it!

Below we offer you two hints.

Pay attention for the next: 90° means "turn one time", 180° means "turn two times".

You can only use this hints after turning 4 random segments to their correct places. (Hint: try to make the logo of K8) Turn the ball upside down in order to bring the 4 correct segments at the bottom. Keep the ball in that position while turning and finding the solution!!

Now you can change the position of the remaining 4 segments

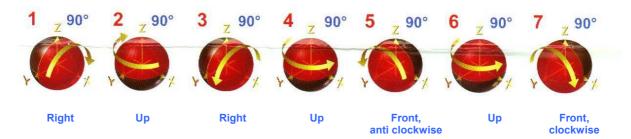
by place: use Set A

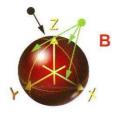
• by color position: use Set B



The position of the two segments indicated by the black arrows does not change.

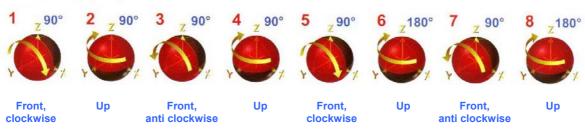
The two segments indicated by the green arrows change position.





The position of the two segments indicated by the black arrows does not change.

The two segments indicated by the green arrows change position.



Finally you will find a big part of the solution. Not the complete solution and surely not the shortest one. Try to solve the other part of the puzzle and find a quicker way.

Look at the Fox Kid site or www.k-ball.nl too for more hints, more challenges or the speedcompetition. (choose on the left side "taal" to change the language into English)

Questions can be send to gmak@expr.nl.