

Horsman Pert -n- Pretty Prototype

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As I've mentioned, there were two of these Pert -n- Pretty prototypes. Thankfully, one has joined my collection. The reader has seen the one in my possession. The other one had darker lips, fuchsia in color. She was sold undressed.

On the next two pages of this document you will see two scans from the auction from when the second Pert -n- Pretty doll was sold. The doll did NOT sell for this price. The buyer reneged on the deal perhaps failing to take into consideration that more than one bidder may execute a high-dollar snipe at the end of the auction in order to outbid everyone. Of course, when this happens, **someone** will get stuck with an outlandishly high final dollar amount. (Remember ONLY bid what you are willing to pay.) After this, the seller reposted her. She sold for a more reasonable price, under \$200. To protect the high bidder's identity, I have erased his or her name. I have also erased the seller's name for privacy reasons.

Evidence that the seller was selling a Horsman prototype is found in her own words:

"This **sample** was made for me as a **prototype** for a **DIFFERNT** (sic) hair growing doll (that) I was working on. The factory in China sent this sample to me to "help" in making a NEW hair growing doll....The factory used the ORIGINAL molds when they made her for me in the late 80's."
(Bold text mine.)

Off line, and through eBay's email system, I asked the seller a couple more questions:

"What company were you working for and what kind of work did you do for them?"

She answered that she designed the outfits for Horsman's dolls.

"Would you consider this a prototype of a new and different doll to be released by Horsman in 1988, the *Pert -n- Pretty* doll?"

She answered yes, and they only changed the head.

"Do you know where they got Crissy molds?"

She answered that Horsman was occupying the former Ideal factory in Asia and that they used molds that were left behind.

That was the extent of our communication, but it was enough to answer any questions other collectors may have. I'm pretty sure the seller didn't know who she was talking to. Did I bid on the second auction? Yes, I did. My high bid was well under \$200 so she didn't join the archives, but I'm pretty happy that one is here with the rest of the "family."



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Ended: Dec-09-04
16:14:45 PST

Start time: Dec-02-04
16:14:45 PST

History: [30 bids](#) (US \$9.99 starting bid)

Winning bidder:

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Description (revised)

ALL NEW! Undressed. RARE! Crissy Doll with blue eyes. Was a factory sample. Used as a prototype. HAIR WINDER DOES NOT WORK but I think you can repair it! Hair is all NEW.

On Dec-03-04 at 08:25:18 PST, seller added the following information:

This Crissy doll was made approx. 1987. She is all authentic.

On Dec-03-04 at 14:20:40 PST, seller added the following information:

I have taken additional pictures upon request. Cannot add them once bid had been placed. Sorry. EMail me for them. Thanks!

On Dec-04-04 at 09:12:07 PST, seller added the following information:

This sample was made for me as a prototype for a DIFFERNT hair growing doll I was working on. The factory in China sent this sample to me to "help" in making a NEW hair growing doll. Her skin tone is NOT the original orangey colored vinyl that Crissy had nor does she have the dark eyes. The factory used the ORIGINAL molds when they made her for me in the late 80's.



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