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408? Yikes!

GM had a quality control problem on the ring gears on the 408's. They had a tendency to shed teeth. If you have one with teeth intact, and near perfect finish, you're sitting on a gold mine.

About 12 or 13 years ago, I had a contact that used to sell old reels at a flea market. He saved all the old Mitchells for me. One day he had a pretty grimy looking 408 for me that I bought for \$5.

I cleaned it up, and it looked like new - no missing teeth. The 408's with a good ring gear were going for over \$100 on fleabay, so I listed it for \$150 "buy it now", since it looked so good.

When I went back to check the listing, it had already sold for the buy it now price. I can't even imagine what a perfect 408 with box and papers would go for now. 🤔