

Book of Mormon - Plates Description

Rings: D-Shaped & Silver Colored

"A sketch [by David Whitmer] shows a ring in the shape of a capital D with six lines drawn through the straight side of the letter to represent the leaves of the record." *New Era 2007*

"Put together on the back by three silver rings, so that they would open like a book." *Martin Harris*

Color: Gold

"It is more appropriate to refer to the ancient metal record as "the Golden Plates," referring to their color, not the material they were made of." 2007 New Era

"Appearance of gold." *Joseph Smith* "Golden plates." *David Whitmer*

Engravings: Stained Black

"...engravings... stained with a black hard stain... to make the letters easier to be read." *Orson Pratt*

Weight: About 50 lbs.

"Weighing altogether, from forty to sixty lbs." *Martin Harris*

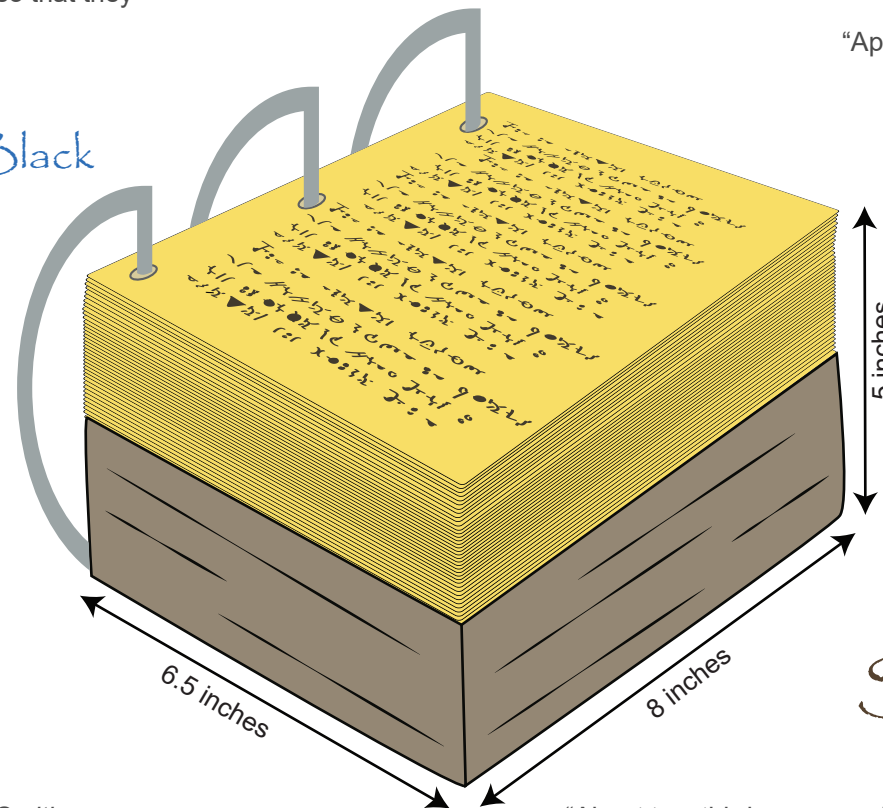
Dimensions: About 8 x 6.5 inches

"Six inches wide by eight inches long." *Joseph Smith*

"Seven inches wide by eight inches in length." *Martin Harris*

"About eight inches long, seven inches wide." *David Whitmer*

"Each plate was not far from seven by eight inches in width and length." *Orson Pratt*



Thickness: About 5 inches

"Something near six inches in thickness, a part of which was sealed." *Orson Pratt*

"When piled one above the other, they were altogether about four inches thick." *Martin Harris*

Sealed Portion: About two-thirds

"About two-thirds were sealed up, and Joseph was commanded not to break the seal; that part of the record was hid up. The plates which were sealed contained an account of those things shewn unto the brother of Jared." *Orson Pratt*