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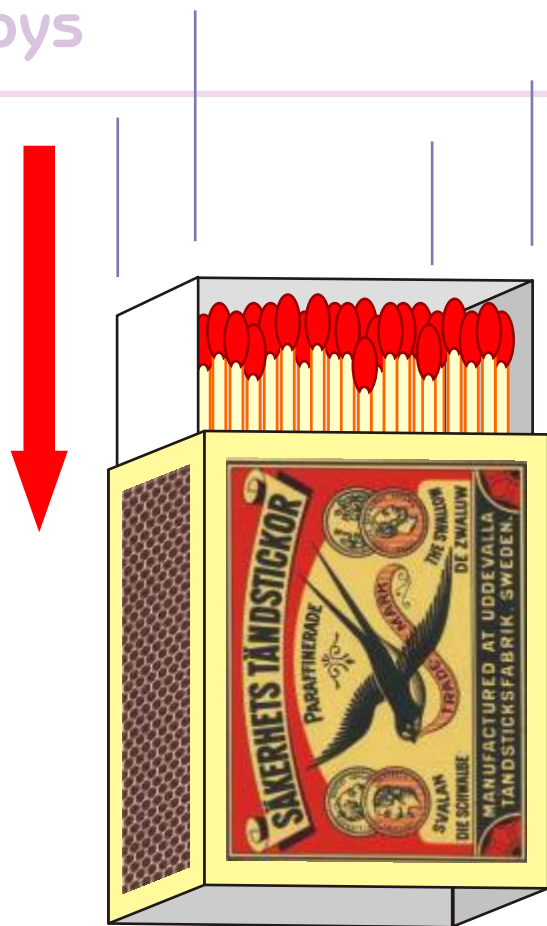


Falling Box *after Martin Gardner*

Ask someone to hold a box of matches about 8 inches (approximately 20 cm) over the table, then drop it so that it falls on one end and stands. When he/she tries it, the box will fall on its side. How to make it fly just right as you want?

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Falling Box (explanation)

Use the stabilizing power of friction. Just open the box of matches about 1 inch (about 2,5 cm) as shown, and then drop it. The box will stand on its end, it will not fall on its side.