

= Lucky Strike ( song ) =

" Lucky Strike " is a song by American band Maroon 5 recorded for their fourth studio album Overexposed ( 2012 ) . It was written by Adam Levine together with Ryan Tedder and Noel Zancanella who also served as producers of the song . " Lucky Strike " is a funk song that features dubstep and soul rock influences . Lyrically , it discovers the theme of sexual intercourse .

The song received generally positive reviews from music critics who found it catchy and labeled it as one of the best tracks on Overexposed . Following the release of the album , due to strong digital downloads , the song peaked at number two on the singles chart in South Korea and at number nine on the US Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles . " Lucky Strike " was included on the set list for Maroon 5 's fourth worldwide tour , the Overexposed Tour ( 2012 ? 13 ) .

= = Background = =

" Lucky Strike " was written by Maroon 5 's lead singer Adam Levine together with Ryan Tedder and Noel Zancanella , who also served as producers of the song . Tedder and Zancanella also co @-@ wrote and co @-@ produced another song for Overexposed titled " Love Somebody " . " Lucky Strike " was engineered by Smith Carlson at the Patriot Studios in Denver and Noah " Mailbox " Passovoy at the Conway Studios in Los Angeles ; Eric Eylands served as the engineering assistant . Serban Ghenea mixed the song at the Mixstar Studios in Virginia Beach . John Hanes served as engineer for mix , while Phil Seaford as mixing assistant . All the programming and keys were provided by Tedder and Zancanella .

= = Composition = =

" Lucky Strike " is a funk song that features dubstep and soul influences and lasts for three minutes and five seconds . The song 's instrumentation consists of piano , " driven guitar " accompanied with Levine 's vocals . " Lucky Strike " is written in the key of B ? minor , in common time , with a tempo of 144 beats per minute . Levine 's vocal range spans from the low note of A4 to the high note of B5 . According to Robert Copsey of Digital Spy , the song contains the same " bells @-@ and @-@ whistles template " that is present in the band 's previous single " Moves Like Jagger " . Chuck Arnold of People shared the same opinion as Copsey and described the song as " lightning @-@ paced " . Lyrically , the song discovers the theme of sexual intercourse that can be seen through the lines , " Your body rockin ' , keep me up all night / One in a million , my lucky strike " .

= = Critical reception = =

Adam Markovitz of Entertainment Weekly labeled " Lucky Strike " together with " Payphone " best tracks on Overexposed and described the former as " a funk @-@ spiked strut " . Similarly as Markovitz , Suzanne Byrne of RTÉ.ie wrote that " Lucky Strike " alongside " Daylight " , " The Man Who Never Lied " and " Love Somebody " are potential single releases . Digital Spy 's Robert Copsey named the track together with " One More Night " and " Ladykiller " as a worthy for digital download . Chris Payne of Billboard wrote that on the song " Maroon 5 's guitars finally come out to play in the opening bars here . Though not a rock song per se , it still packs the energy of the band 's earlier , more band @-@ based material . " Cameron Adams of Herald Sun described " Lucky Strike " as " uncharacteristically clubby " .

Contact Music 's Alex Lai wrote that Levine has exchanged his " angelic vocals for singing in favor of more universal hooks " such as the " backing to disco dancer ' Lucky Strike ' " . Evan Sawdey of PopMatters called the song a " danceable carbon copy " of " Second Chance " ( Gimme Some , 2011 ) by Peter Bjorn and John . According to him , " Lucky Strike " imitates the latter " down to the guitar tone " and replaces the original by also adding additional dance beats .

= = Chart performance and live renditions = =

Upon the release of *Overexposed* , due to strong digital downloads " Lucky Strike " debuted on the South Korea Gaon International Chart at number two on June 24 , 2012 , with sales of 53 @ , @ 090 copies . The next week it fell to number four and sold additional 39 @ , @ 392 copies . As of 9 February 2013 , the song remains at number 78 , having spent 34 consecutive weeks on the Gaon chart . Following the release of the album , the song did not enter the US Billboard Hot 100 , but peaked at number nine on the Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles chart .

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= = Credits and personnel = =

Engineering and mixing

Engineered at Patriot Studios , Denver , Colorado ; Conway Studios , Los Angeles , California

Mixed at Mixstar Studios , Virginia Beach .

Personnel

Credits adapted from the liner notes of *Overexposed* , A & M / Octone Records .

= = Charts = =

= = = Certifications = = =