MECCANO (AMERICA) GILBERT ERA (a) 1

U.S.A.

NAME MECCANO

TYPE Mechanical Engineering

HOLE DIAMETER 4.2mm HOLE SPACING 12.7mm (1/2")

SETS IN SYSTEM Total of 7: 1, 3, 5, 110, 115, 125, 150. (See Meccano America Introduction for names of the sets)

In 1932, the 110 & 115 sets were renumbered 10 & 15 respectively. Also Meccano Building Blocks/Meccano Brik and Meccano Tool Chests.

DIFFERENT PARTS 203

COLOUR Red, green, black and tinplate with some nickel plate

FIXING METHOD 8-32 Nut and Bolt. 6-32 on bosses (Same as Erector)

MOTORS 3 Electric. E2A, E2B, E3

PERIOD 1930 to 1933

MANUFACTURER The Meccano Company of America Inc., New Haven, Connecticut, USA.

COMMENTS This is the MECCANO-ERECTOR system. There were a large number of ERECTOR parts re-numbered as

MECCANO parts and included in the system. They were manufactured at AC Gilberts Erector factory, the

Meccano Elizabeth factory was closed in 1930.

The Hubs on Pulleys, Gears and such were changed to ERECTOR Hubs, with a 6/32 thread and set screw. Also included were a variety of new parts, such as the BOAT parts, also a unique 1" (25mm) pulley, which

was formed from one metal disc.

Sets 1, 3, 5, 110, 115, 125, 150 sets were similar to the 1929 0,10, 20,40, 50, 60, 70 sets respectively.

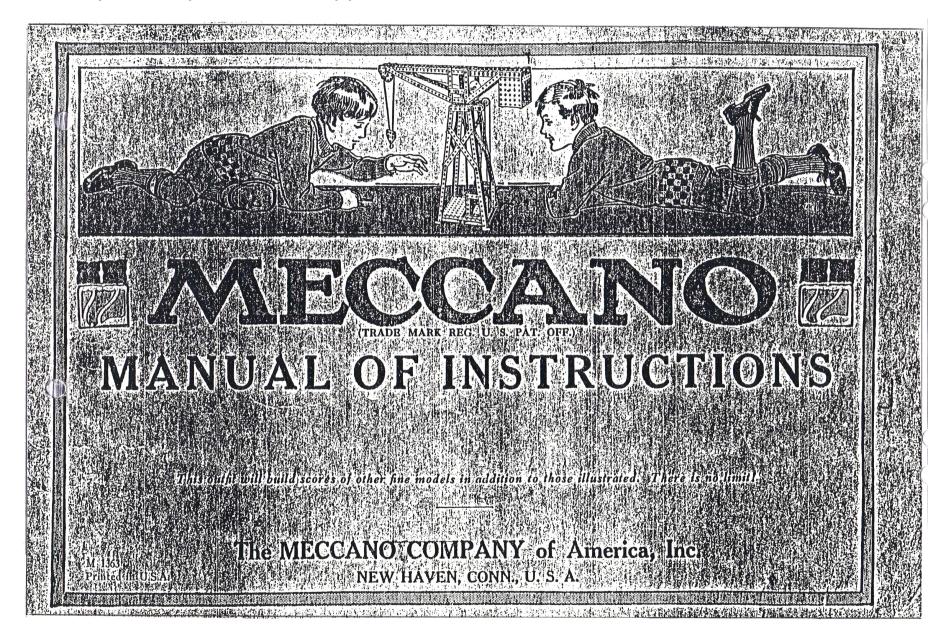
The 125 and 150 sets were discontinued in 1932.

The four larger sets were packed in green wood boxes.

OTHER SYSTEMS 12/316, 13/361, 14/386, 19/546, 20/586, 21/619, 22/642, 22/652, 23/683, 24/685, 24/706, 27/788, 30/876A,

NEWSLETTER 30/890, 49/1487

MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY Clyde T. Suttle and updated by articles in OSN



AMERICAN MECCANO SEPARATE PARTS (circa 1930) $5\frac{1}{2}$ " $2\frac{1}{2}$ " perforated flanged plate $5\frac{1}{2}$ " $3\frac{1}{2}$ " " I9S Crank No. Description I9A 3" wheel with set screw I63" x 53" Per. flanged plate 20 I I/8" Flanged wheel T I21" Beam $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " " 9111 11 20B 3/4" 11 IA $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " " I9B 3" Pullev wheel with set screw 71 " IB Perforated flanged sector plate 54 51 11 11 I9C 6" 5½" slotted strip 41 11 21 I I/4" " 2A 21 " 55A 31 " 22 57 Small hook 22A III without set screw 11 57C Large hook 23 2111 11 Collars with set screw 24 - 11 211 Bush wheel 59A Collars formed " for I/4" axle I¹/₂" " 24A - 11 59B Twin collar 25C I8 tooth gear 62 Eccentric crank 26C 12 24½" Angle girders Coupling 63 72 7A T81" 27 Slotted coupling I21" 36 27C 5/8" R.H. wood screws 8A 28C Crown gear 5½" x 2½" Flat plate Bevel gear 7/8" dia. 36 teeth 30 8B 76 21 Triangular plate 30A " 1/2" " 16 " " " <u>15</u>" " 48 " 9A 30C 89 5½" Curved beam IO" radius 11 Can only be used together 311 " I 3/4" radius 89A Mitre gear 30D 9C 311 2111 " 2 3/8" radius 90 2111 32C Worm gear 9D 90A 2½" " I 3/8" radius 9E 211 11 Wrench I3" 36 Screwdriver - wire handle 11 36A - wooden handle 37A Nuts Total of IO2 parts. Flat bracket I/4" screws 37B II Double bracket 38 Washers 12 ½"x ½" Angle bracket The similarity between the numbering 38A Gasket washer I2A I"x I" and that of the Meccano system should Hank of string I2B I"x I¹/₂" " be noted. Apart from a few differences 4I Propeller blade it is almost the same. 43 Spring T2 I2" Axle rod 8" " " Cranked bent strip TRA Double " " See reference to several unusal parts I3B I9 3/4" Axle rod 2½ x ½" Double angle strip on opposite page. I3C IO" Axle rod $2\frac{1}{2}$ "x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " " 7" " 47 T4 47A $3" \times I_{\frac{1}{2}}" "$ The curved beams were the lattice type I4A 611 11 48 I 1 1 X 1 1 1 511 11 as in the Erector system. I5 4½"x ½" 48C 16 411 11 11 311 11 I6A 50A Eye piece with hub I7 2" " T8B T11 11

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	ICAN MECCANO SEPARATE PARTS (circa	1930) -	continued from overleaf.
No.	Description	I35	I80 degree dial
		I35A	360 " "
94	Sprocket chain 22" length	I36	Handrail support
94A	" " IO feet length	I37	Wheel flange
98	2½" braced girder	I38A	
99	I2½" " "	I39	
IOO	5½" " "	I39A	", left
IOOB		I42B	3" rubber tire
I02	U bent strip	I43	5½" dia. circular girder
I03	5½" Flat girder	145	7" " beam
		I45	
I03A I03B			Page
		I47A	Pawl
I03C		I48	Ratchet wheel
I03D		I50	Crane grab
I03E		I5I	Pulley block
IO3F	2½" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	I54A	Corner angle bracket 1 right
IO3G		I54B	" " $\frac{1}{2}$ " left
I03H		I56	Pointer
I03K		I58A	
I08	Corner brace	I60	I_2^1 " x I" x $\frac{1}{2}$ " Channel bearing
I09	2½" Face plate	I62	Boiler complete with ends
IIO	Rack	I62B	
III	7/8" screw	I63	Chimney
IIIA		I64	" adaptor
IIIC		I65	
IIID	19 MEN 19 MAN 프랑테이 20 MAN HELD IN 19 MAN HELD IN HELD	I67	
II3	Girder frames	I67A	
II4	Hinge loop	I67B	
II6	Fork piece large	I67C	Pinion for roller bearing I6 teeth
II6A	" small	I68	Ball bearing 4" dia.
II8	5½" dia, Hub disc	I68A	
II9	Channel segment 8 to circle II ¹ / ₂ "	I68B	" , toothed disc
I23	Cone pulley	I68C	" casings with balls
I24	I" reversed angle bracket	169	Digger bucket
I25	$\frac{1}{2}$ II II II	I69A	Tip bucket
I26	Trunnion		
I26A	Flat trunnion	NOTES	ON ABOVE
I27	Simple bell crank		
I28	Bell crank with hub	Parts	94 and 94A are differing lengths of
I29	Quarter gear		as Liverpool pattern.
I30	Triple throw eccentric		
I3I	Chain bucket	No spi	rocket wheels however, are incl bed
I33	Corner bracket	as in	similar UK manuals of 1920.
I35	I80 degree dial		

Parts 98 and IOO are braced girders in a different pattern to Meccano. Both continued their existance later as Erector parts BI and BJ.

Parts IO2 and IO3 and IO3K disappeared the latter being replaced by Erector girders.

Part IO8 also disappeared as new and unusual angle pieces were introduced into the Erector system.

Part IO9 Liverpool pattern was replaced by Erector part PI8 called round plate

Bolts were called screws.

Parts II3 and II9 dsiappeared in the Erector range. But Part I23 Cone pulley was redesignated FM as Erector.

Parts I24 and I26A all disappeared in the Erector range, although they were functionally replaced by Erector parts P59 Car truck piece and Part BS Flat Ar truck.

Parts I27,I28 and I30 disappeared in the Erector range, but Part I29 continued as Part FX- Quarter gear to replace the rack segment.

An analysis of these parts is shown later in simple reference form.

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lists and information

AMERICAN MECCANO SEPARATE PARTS (circa 1930) This is a continuation of the previous lists commencing at No.I.

No.	Description	Motors and hoisting units.						
I72	Hull	No.	Description					
I72A	Bow deck							
I72B	Mid deck	173R	Gear box side plate, right	Comparision list				
I72C	Stern deck	I73L	" " " , left	other extra info				
I72D	Cabin top	I75	5 foot elastic band	by F.A.Beadle.				
172E	Rudder	176	Foot block	by r.A.Deadle.				
I72F	Keel	I77	Reverse switch attachment					
I72G	Ballast keel	E2B	Motor with gear box side plates					
I72H	Rudder and propeller quill	E2A	" separate					
1721	Quill Nut	E3	IIOv Motor					
I72J	Propeller	P66	Disc Clutch power hoist					
172K	Forward deck	P60D	Transformer					
172L	Pilot house top	P57M	Motor					
I74	Loop rod	1 5/11	110 001					
		The al	pove is the total of hoisting and					
Parts	above from I72 to I74 are ship		units from the American Meccano					

Company manual of 1930.

Parts above from I72 to I74 are ship building parts all included in outfit No.II5 Ship Building Outfit.

None of the above were Liverpool Meccano parts or patterns.

20 Ship models could be built, the hulls were watertight and the models would float and travel under their own power, driven by the E-2-B Electric motor.

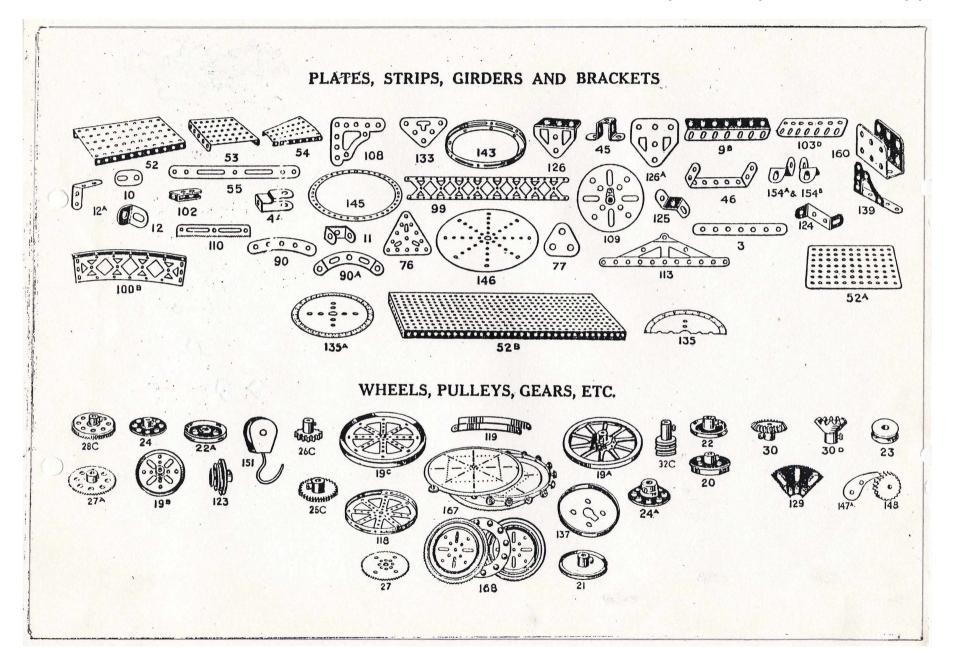
The SHIP BUILDING OUTFIT No.II5 was supplied in a stout box $25\frac{1}{2}$ " x IO 3/4" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " deep (65 x 27 x I4 cm).

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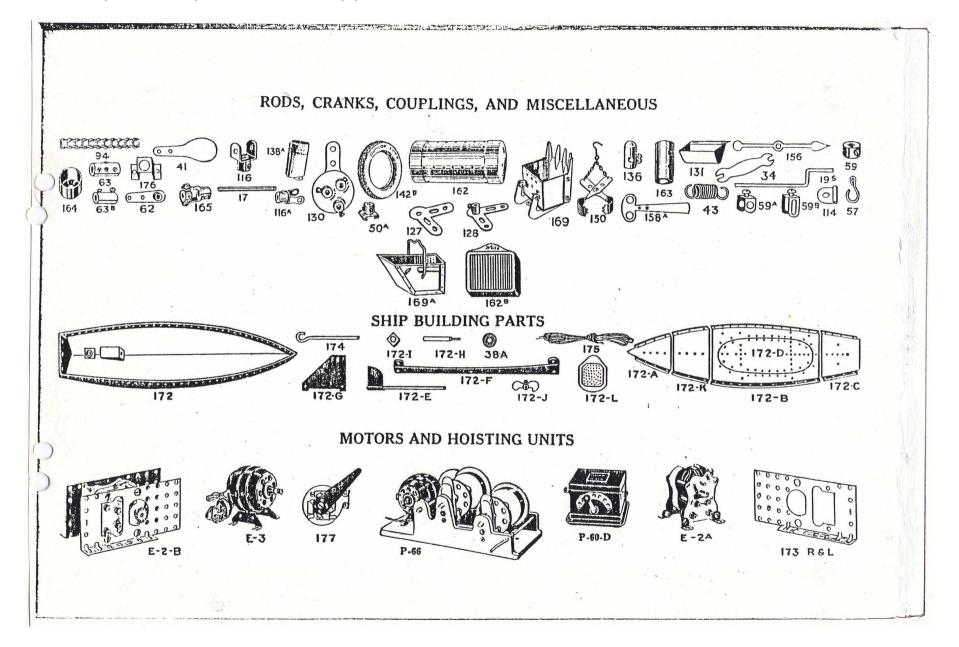
MECCANO SEPARATE PARTS PRICES

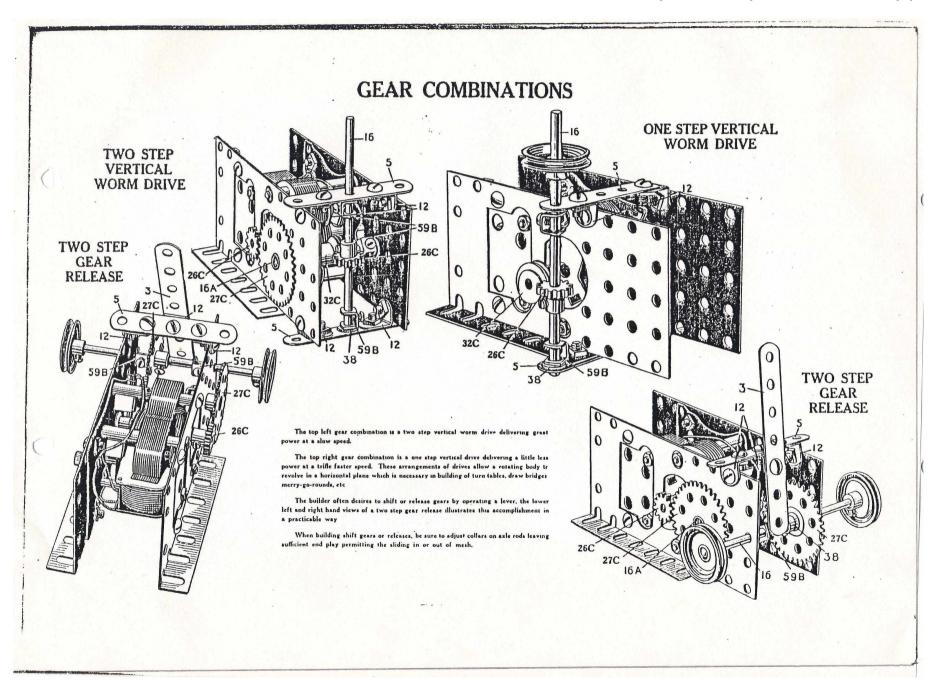
ımb	er Name of Part	Price	Num	ber Name of Part	Price	Numb	er Name of Part	Price	Numbe	r Name of Part	Price
	12-14 inch Beams	.30 - 1/2 doz.	21	Bush Wheel\$.15 each	DOA	2.1/4" Curved Beams 1.1/4"		147A	Pawl\$.00 each
A	0-14 " "	.25 - 1/4 doz.	24A	Bush Wheel for 1/4 inch axle	.25 each		Radius\$.23 . 1/2 doz.	148	Ratchet Wheel	.30 each
3	7.15 " "	.20 - 1/4 doz.	25C	18 tooth Gear	.15 each	04	Sprocket Chain, 22" length.	.15 ft.	150	Crane Grab	.25 cach
	5 1/4 " "	.15 - 1/4 doz.	26C	12 tooth Gear	.10 each	04A	Sprocket Chain, 10' length.	.15 ft.	151	Pulley Block	.15 each
	4.1/4 " "		27	72 tooth Gear	.30 each	98	2.1/4" Braced Girder	.15 - 1/2 doz.	154A	Cor. Angle Bracket-1/2" R.	.25 - 1/2 de
	3-1/2 " "	.10 - 1/2 doz.	27C	36 tooth Gear	.20 each	00	12-14"BracedGirder.Straight	.75 - 1/4 doz.	154B	or Angle Bracket-1/4" L.	.25 - 1/4 de
	3 " "	.06 - 1/4 doz.	28C	Crown Gear	.30 each	100	5.1/4" Braced Girder	.50 - 1/4 doz.	156	Pointer	.10 cach
	2-1/4 " "	.00 - 1/4 doz.	30	Bevel gear %" dia. 20 teeth.	.30 each	100B	6" Curved Beam Girder	.75 - 1/2 doz.	158A	Signal Arm	.10 cach
		.06 - 1/4 doz.	30A	Bevel gear 1/2" dia, 16 teeth*	.25 each	102	U Bent Strip		160		.15 each
	4			Bevel gear 12 dia. 10 teeth				.05 each		1-1/4"x1"x1/4" Channel Brng.	
	1-1/4 " . "	.25 cach	30C	Bevel gear 11/2"dia. 48 teeth*	.65 each	103	5-1/4" Flat Girder	.25 - 1/2 doz.	162	Boiler, com. with ends	.50 each
	24.1/2 " Angle Girders			*Can only be used together		103A	0.1/4" " "	.35 - 1/4 doz.	162A	Boiler Ends	.15 each
	18.1/4 " " " "	.20 each	30D	Mitre Gear	.20 each	103B	12-1/2" " "	.40 - 1/2 doz.	102B	Radiator	.30 cach
	12-1/2	.50 - 1/2 doz. .45 - 1/2 doz.	82C	Worm Gear	.20 each	103C	4-1/2" " "	.25 - 1/2 doz.	163	Chimney	.12 each
	11.14	.40 - 1/2 doz.	34	Wrench	.03 each	103D	8-1/2" " "	.25 - 1/2 doz.	164	Chimney Adaptor	.12 cach
	7.16 " " "	.40 - 1/2 doz.	36	Screw Driver-wire handle	.10 cach	103E	3" " "	.20 - 1/2 doz.	165	Swivel Bearing	.25 cach
	5.14 " " "	.35 - 1/4 doz.	30A	Screw Driver-wooden handle	.25 each	103F	2.1/4" " "	.20 - 1/2 doz.	167	Geared Roller Bearing, com. 1	
	4.1% " " "	.80 - 1/2 doz.	37A	Nuts	.05 per doz.	103G	2"'4 " "	.15 - 1/2 doz.	107A	Grd Roller Races, 102 teeth	
	3.1/2 " " " "	.30 - 1/2 doz.	37B	¼ inch screws	.10 per doz.	103H	1-1/2" " "	.15 - 1/4 doz.	107B		2.00 each
	3 4 4 4	.30 - 1/4 doz.	38	Washers	.05 per doz.	103K		.30 - 1/2 doz.	167C	Pinon for Rollr Brng,16 teeth	.75 each
		.25 - 1/4 doz.	38A								
	2 1/2 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	.25 - 1/4 doz.		Gasket Washer	.05 for 2	108	Corner Brace	.07 each	168A		3.00 cach
		.25 - 1/4 doz.	10	Hank of String	.05 each	109	2.1/2" Face Plate	.15 each		Ball Races, Flanged disc	.50 each
	1. 72		41	Propeller Blade	.05 cach	110	Rack	.25 each	168B	Ball Races, Toothed disc	.75 each
	Flat Bracket	.05 - 1/4 doz.	43	Spring	.05 each	111	% inch screw	.02 each	168C		1.75 each
	Double Bracket	.03 each	11	Cranked Bent Strips	.03 each	111A	1/2 inch screw	.03 for 2	169	Digger Bucket	.75 each
	1/2"x1/4" Angle Bracket	.10 doz.	15	Double Bent Strip	.03 each	111C	1-% inch screw	.20 doz.	160A	Tip Bucket	2.50 cach,
	1"x1" Angle Bracket	.15 - 1/2 doz	46	2-1/2"x1" Double Angle Strip	.20 - 1/2 doz.	111D	1-% inch screw	.25 doz.	172	Hull	1.75 cach
	1"x1-1/2" Angle Bracket	.10 - 1/2 doz.	17	2-1/2"x1-1/2"DoubleAngle Strip	.30 - 1/4 doz.	113	Girder Frames	.10 each	172A	Bow Deck	.15 each
	12 inch Axle Rod	.12 each	17A	3"x1-4" Double Angle Strip	.35 - 14 doz.	114	Hinge Loop	.05 for 2	172B	Mid Deck	.30 cach
	8 inch Axle Rod	.08 each	18	11/4"x1/4" Double Angle Strip	.15 - 1/2 doz.	116	Fork Piece, Large	,10 each	172C	Stern Deck	.15 cach
	19-% inch Axle Rod	.20 each	48C	4-14"x1/4" Double Angle Strip	.30 - 1/2 doz.	110A	Fork Piece, Small	.10 each	172D	Cabin Top	20 cach
	10 inch Axle Rod	.10 each	50A	Eve Piece with hub	.15 each	118	5-1/2" dia. Hub disc	.50 each	172E	Rudder	.20 each
	7 " " " "	.07 cach		514"x21/4" Per. Flanged Plate	.20 each	110	Channel Segment 8 to a	.oo cacii	172F	Keel	.15 cach
	6 " " "	.00 each	52			110	Channel Segment & to a	18			
			52A	5.1/4"x31/4" Flat Plate	.20 each		circle 11-1/2" dia	.15 each	172G	Ballast Keel	.10 cach
	0	.05 each	52B		1.00 each	123	Cone Pulley	.50 each	172H	Rudder & Prop. Quill	.10 each
	1	.04 cach	53	3-1/4"x2-1/4" Per. Flugd Plate	.15 each	124	1 inch Rev. Angle Bracket.	.15 - 1/2 doz.	1721	Quill Nut	.05 each
	3 " " "	.03 each	53A	4-1/4"x2-1/4" Flate Plate	.12 each	125	1/2 inch Rev. Angle Bracket	.10 · 1/2 doz.	172J	Propeller	.20 each
	2 " " "	.02 cach	54	Perf. Flanged Sector Plate	.15 each	126	Trunnion	.08 each	172K	Forward Deck	.15 each
	1 " " "	.01 cach	55	5-14" Slotted Strip	.05 each	126A	Flat Trunnion	.05 each	172I.	Pilot House Top	.05 each
	1	.10 each	55A	2.1/4" Slotted Strip	.03 each	127	Simple Bell Crank	.05 each	173R	Gear Box Side Plate, R	.15 each
			57	Small Hook	.15 doz.	128	Bell Crank with Hub	.10 each	173L	Gear Box Side Plate L	.15 eac!
	3 inch Wheel with set screw	.45 each	57C	Large Hook	.25 doz.	120	Quarter Gear	.15 each	174	Loop Rod	.05 each
	1. %" Flanged Wheel	.20 each	50	Collars with set screw	.05 each	130	Triple Throw Eccentric	.40 each	175	5 ft. Elastic Band	.30 each
	% inch Flanged Wheel	.15 cach	50A	Collars, formed	.25 doz.	131	Chain Bucket	.15 each	170	Foot Block	.15 cach
	3 inch Pulley Wheel with									Reverse Switch Attachment	.50 each
	set screw	.25 each	50B	Twin Collar	.35 doz.	133	Corner Bracket	.05 each	177		
	6 inch Pulley Wheel with		62	Eccentric Crank	.10 each	135	180 degree dial	.15 cach	E2B		2.00 cach:
		1.00 each	63	Coupling	.15 each	135A	360 degree dial	.25 each	E2A	Motor separate	
	set screw	1.00 cacii	63B	Slotted Coupling	.15 each	136	Handrail support	.15 each	E3	110 volt motor	
	1.14 inch Pulley Wheel with		68	%" R. H. Wood Screws	.10 doz.	137	Wheel Flange	.15 each	P66	Disc Clutch Power Hoist	
	set screw	.10 each	70	5-16"x2-1/2" Flat Plate	.15 each	138A	Ship Funnel	.25 each	POOD	Transformer	3.50 cach
	1 inch Pulley Wheel with		76	2-1/2" Triangular Plate	.05 each	130	Flanged Bracket, right	.10 each	102		
	sct screw	.10 each	77	1" Triangular Plate	.04 each	139A	Flanged Bracket, left	.10 each			
	1 inch Pulley Wheel without		80	5-14"Curved Beam 10"Radius	.05 each	142B	3 in. Rubber Tire	.75 for 4			
		05h									
	set screw	.05 each	89A	3" Crvd Beams 1-4" Radius	.05 each	143	5-1/2 inch dia Cir. Girder	.55 each			
	1/2 inch Pulley Wheel with-		90	214" Curved Beams 2.%"	0- 1/	145	7 inch dia. circular beam	.50 each	1000		
	out set screw	.05 each	A Part of	Radius	.25 - 1/2 doz.	146	6" dia, Circular Plate	.60 each			

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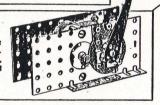
POWER FACTORS AND FEATURES

Leaving off gear box side plates and putting on four angle brackets No. 12 for leg supports makes it possible to use this motor as an independent motor for driving models and mechanisms by string or sprocket chain.

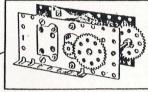


Independent motor with reverse switch attachment. Easily mounted without wiring. Start, stop and reverse your models with this clever attachment.

Gear box combinations are more interesting and useful with the reverse switch attachment. Marvelous feature for models requiring hauling, hoisting or lowering movements. Easily mounted without wiring or electrical knowledge.

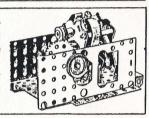


The reverse switch attachment requires no complicated wiring. Mounts directly on terminal screws making the switch a part of the motor. The switch lever can be operated in four positions. A slight movement of lever starts, stops or reverses. This attachment not furnished with any set but can be purchased separately complete with instructions for mounting.

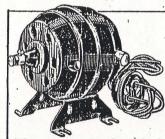


Motor comes to you mounted between gear box side plates by which you are able to obtain numerous gearing combinations of either high or low speeds. Plates and gears can easily be changed to meet your requirements.

Mounting motor on perforated flanged plates No. 52 and fastening gear box side plates on as illustrated, effords a means of obtaining a powerful unit of various speeds.

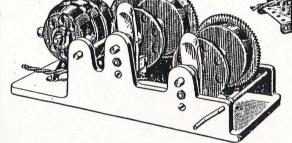


The powerful 110 volt motor mounted on perforated flanged plate No. 52 with gear box side plates fastened on as shown permits various worm drive combinations. A heavy duty feature.



This motor is furnished with sets No. 125 and No. 150 only but can be purchased separately.

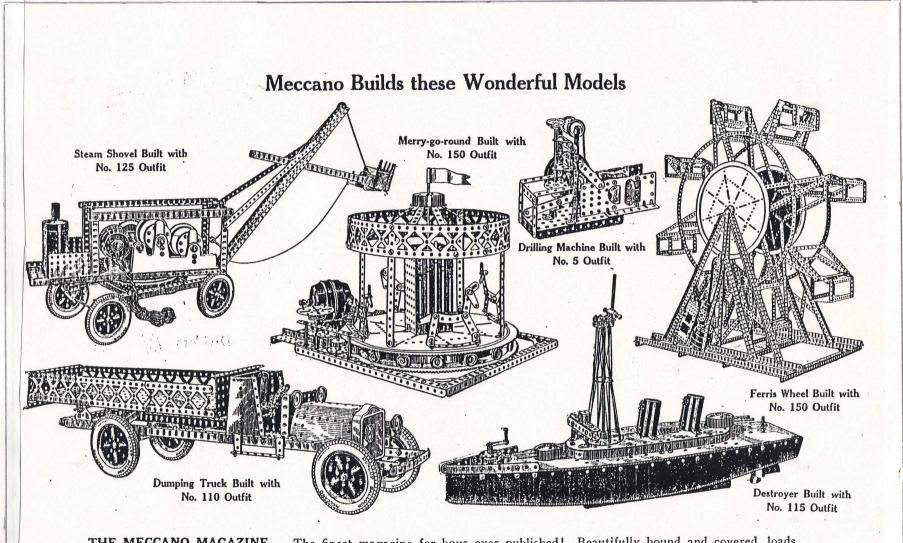
The powerful 110 volt motor can be used independently or with gear box combination. Has proper leg spacing to conform with spacings of holes in all beams, girders and plates. This motor is run directly from 110 volt AC or DC house current without the use of transformers or current reducers.



Motors are assembled with jumper wire across A and B, leaving C and D for feed wires. Should you want to reverse the direction of your motor, change jumper wire to B and C, leaving A and D to which connect feed wires.



The disc clutch power hoist. A very strong and well constructed hoisting unit complete in itself. Attractively finished in red, black and nickel trim. This unit is an indispensable accessory by itself or on models where hoisting or hauling units are required, such as ateam shovels, derricks, elevators and many others. The two drums make this machine capable of operating a clare shell bucket with perfection. There is no end of the many uses to which the disc clutch power hoist can be put. The disc clutch power houst is furnished in sets No. 123 and No. 150 only but can be putchased separately.



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