

More Argentinian COMBI Sets Since the account of the Compa's COMBIPLANO set in 32/963 John Timms has been good enough to draw my attention to 2 Ebay Items. One, a set called COMBICAR to make Trucks & Military Vehicles; the other, another COMBIPLANO outfit, but with different coloured parts. And with the latter, leaflets for COMBICAR, and for COMBINAVE, a ship-building set (nave is Spanish for ship).

Snippet: COMBIPLANO The main items shown in this lot are 2 lids & the open box below. One lid is just like the OSN 32 pattern except that the background colour is red instead of greyish. The second, which probably belongs to the open box, is also red but with the label left, about 23cm wide, featuring the PULQUI II model from the manual. The lids are about the same size and scale at 42cm long. The inside of



the box is simpler than before with just the two lengthways partitions, but it looks deep enough to have originally had a card of flat parts above the partitions. As can be seen most of the parts are light green metallic in colour but a Fin #8, the Nose #19, the Propeller Blades #12,13, & the Spandriver #34, are red. This box is most likely the No.1 mentioned in OSN 32 because a Set Contents leaflet in the lot is headed 'equipo N.1 - 15 modelos'. And there are certainly not as many parts in the box as would be in a No.2, though some may be missing of course. Only the bottom third of the manual cover can be seen (at the top of the photo) - it is generally like the OSN 32 one but there is more text in a box to the right of the name & the model's nose (all that can be seen) differs. 4 inside pages are shown and look identical to those in the OSN 32 manual.

COMBIPLANO: S3

[OSN 33/985]

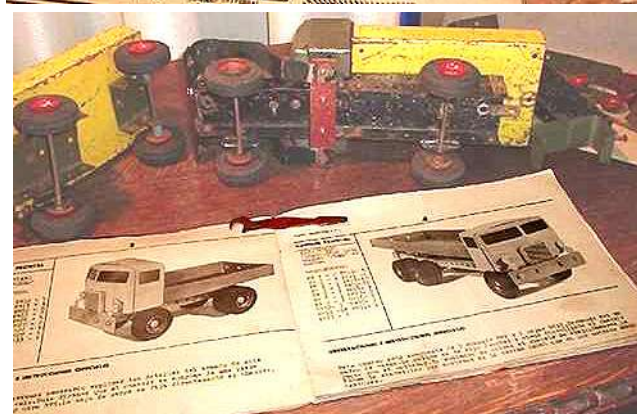
Snippet: COMBINAVE All that is known of this ship building outfit, (another first for Compa, apart from Gilbert's ship parts for U.S. MECCANO in the 1930s) is the leaflet right which was part of the COMBIPLANO lot. It's quite blurry and all that can really be seen on it is a Hull with 3 Deck parts above it. Did the models float? Let's hope that some more details come to light.



COMBINAVE: S1

[OSN 33/985]

Snippet: COMBICAR This lot consisted of a made-up Lorry & Trailer, a few parts in an open box, & a manual. 2 photos of the model are shown below together, with pages



from the manual underneath the model in each case - the Illustrated Parts and two Lorries. Right is the manual cover, and under it the open box. Two more manual pages, not reproduced here, show the Lorry & Trailer model, and a Tank on its Transporter, as on the manual's cover. The 15 lines of text at the bottom on the left side of the manual cover are probably a list of the models which can be made from the Set. It's difficult to identify the parts for the



Tank but the Gun Barrel may be the part at bottom centre of the Illustrated Parts, and the actual part may be the one lying to the right along the bottom edge of the open box. And the Tracks might run on the numerous red Wheels that can be seen in the box. That the Tank could be made from the set is also indicated by a leaflet with the COMBIPLANO lot which shows 5 models including the Lorry & Trailer, the 6-Wheel Truck on the manual page above, the Tank, and a Tracked Lorry. No positive indication of size is available but scaling from the Spandriver on the top of the open manual gives the width of the manual as 22cm and the length of the Lorry (without its Trailer) as 30-35cm. The Road Wheels are said to be metal & rubber. As can be seen the Truck models are fairly crude with no mechanical refinements. The set though, the only one of its type that comes to mind, allows a reasonable range of models to be made, and they look quite robust.

COMBICAR: S1

[OSN 33/985]

Snippet. Another Bulgarian ELEKTROMEKHANICHEN KONSTRUKTOR Set

Three single-model sets in this series, all made by the Vasil Petleshkov firm in Bratsigovo, were noted in 36/1099, and one for a Helicopter was described. The present Robot set, from 1986, probably about the same year as the others, is shown right. Its box measures 11*9½" and it has 2 layers of parts, mostly housed in formed, clear plastic trays.

Except where noted later strip parts & Brackets are bright, probably nickelled, and Plates are light blue, the Flexible ones of translucent plastic. There follows a list of the parts in the Set taken from the Ebay photo of the Instructions: they are generally as in other Petleshkov sets with a hole pitch of 10mm. A '(?)' indicates that the Bulgarian has, or may have, defeated me.

- 2 **Fishplates**. • 2,15,4 **Strips**: 3,5, 10h. • 4 **Curved Strips**. • 4 **parts** which probably join the feet together, perhaps strips with upstood end lugs (?). • 8,8,4 **A/Gs**: 5,10,15h (bright with large holes, blue, black). • 4,4 **Trunnions** (7h with the 2nd row edge holes angled & slotted), **Flat** ditto. • 6,2,2 **Flexible Plates** (slotted end

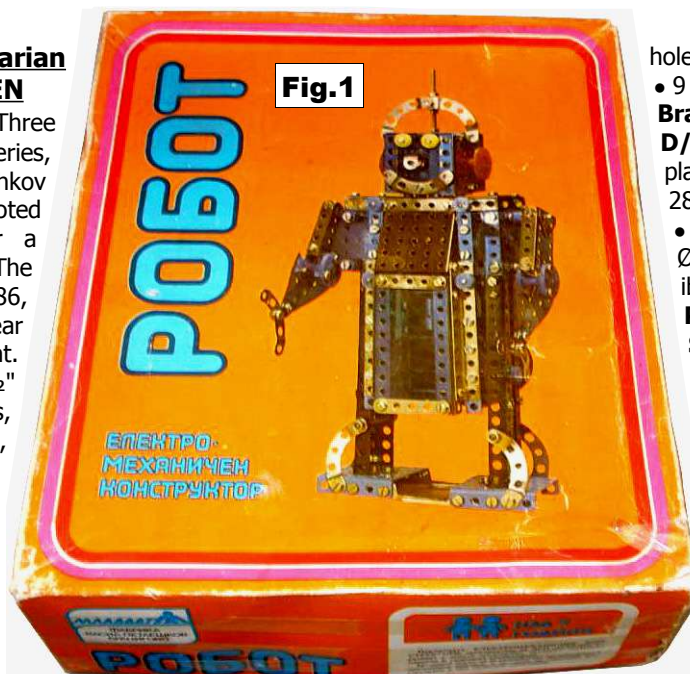


Fig.1

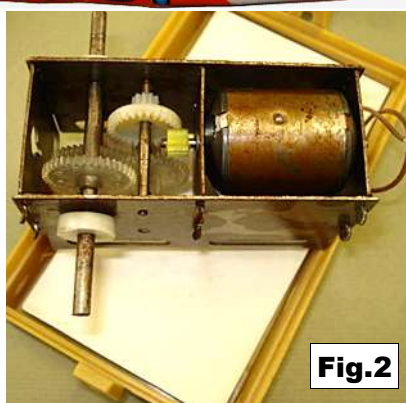


Fig.2

holes): 50*50,120mm, 30*150mm. • 9 **Flanged Plates** 5*5h. • 4 **Small Brackets** (?). • 2 **Brackets**, 3h. • 4 **D/B** 2h high. • 6 **DAS** 1*5*1h. • 10 plastic 8h **Wheel Discs** with boss, 28mm Ø (some blue, some white). • 2 bright 8h **Bush Wheels**, 28mm Ø. • 4,4 **Axles**: 15, 65mm (described as 'Ø36'). • 8 **Triangular Plates** 3h base, 5h high. • 2,3 M4 **Screwed Rods**: 50,65mm. • 16 white plastic **Axle Stops**. • 180 M4 hexagonal **Nuts**. • 150,10 M4 cheeseheaded **Bolts**: 6,8mm. • 2,1 M3 **Bolts**: 10, 15mm. • 1 M3 **Nut**. • 2 **Spanners**. • 1 **Electrical Block Connector**; • 1 **Nut Holder**; • 1 **Screw-driver**; • 1 **Battery Box** with switch; • 1 **Geared Motor Unit** (Fig.2, sitting on the inside face of the Battery Box's base). Unlike similar Units from this firm, the casing is metal. The pinion attached to the contrate meshes with the first of 4 reduction stages lower in the box). The Instructions, on numerous separate sheets, are step-by-step with a parts list and B&W photo for each step. The model's body is built from the A/Gs & Flanged Plates, infilled with the Flexible Plates. As far as can be seen the Motor Unit drives only the arms, through I suppose, some sort of crank mechanism. If so a rather disappointing Robot.

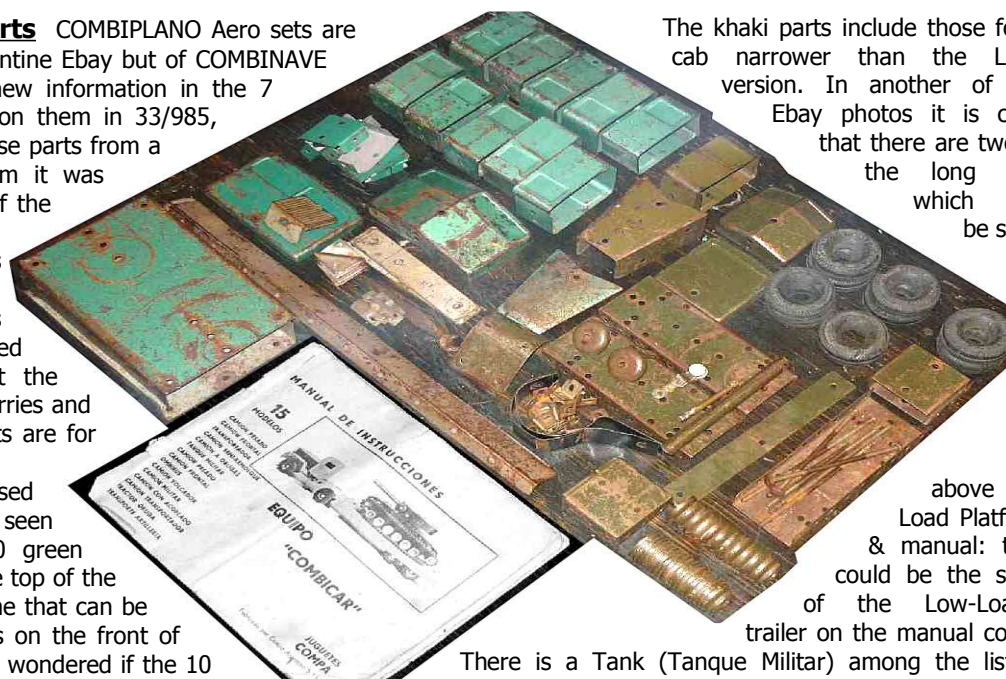
ELEKTROMEKHANICHEN KONSTRUKTOR: S2

OSN 48/1458

Snippet. COMBICAR Parts COMBIPLANO Aero sets are quite often seen on the Argentine Ebay but of COMBINAVE and COMBOCAR, the only new information in the 7 years since the brief notes on them in 33/985, has been 3 photos of the loose parts from a COMBICAR set, 160 of them it was said. The most informative of the photos is shown right.

The colours of the parts differ from those in the OSN 33 models with two shades of green and no contrasting red & yellow pieces. No doubt the lighter green parts are for Lorries and the like, while the khaki parts are for military vehicles.

Most of the larger parts used in the OSN 33 Lorry can be seen but the purpose of the 10 green parts grouped together at the top of the photo isn't obvious. One name that can be read in the list of 15 models on the front of the manual is Omnibus and I wondered if the 10 parts formed its body. But one would expect them to be nearer a square in section; also there seems to be an impressed window at one end of the top face and another at the other end of the bottom, and if so it's hard to see how the parts would be used. For the wheels, the hub for the Tyres may be a pair of the Formed Discs, a row of which are shown in the bottom right corner.



The khaki parts include those for a cab narrower than the Lorry version. In another of the Ebay photos it is clear that there are two of the long A/G which can be seen

above the Load Platform & manual: they could be the sides of the Low-Loader trailer on the manual cover.

There is a Tank (Tanque Militar) among the list of manual models but apart from the Gun Barrel I can't identify which parts would be used for its body & turret. But perhaps the Curved Plate to the left of the black Mudguards would be the front of one or the other. There is no sign of the Track but the Track Wheels are probably the parts in the other row of small circular parts (both types can be seen in the Illustrated Parts shown in OSN 36).

COMBICAR: S2

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