

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

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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

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