

Snippet: TECNIKIT Some notes on TECNIKIT/MECANIKIT were given in 10/250 & 19/554. Since then nothing new has appeared until 2 sets were offered on Ebay recently. One, a No.3, was in the OSN 10 type of box with the same blue & red label; its contents will be listed later. The other was the No.2 right with identical looking parts and a similar manual cover, but with an entirely new box lid.

Said lid, now in red & green to match the parts, looks to be printed in colour, and 'MADE IN ENGLAND' replaces the 'AN L.J.T PRODUCT LUTON'. The only part that looks in any way different is the green 1" Pulley (amid the 3h Strips) - previously it was plain aluminium like the small Loose Pulley (below the Flat Trunnions). Parts probably missing are a

Screwdriver and an envelope of N&B. The front of the manual looks like the one in MCS except that 'BOOK' after 'INSTRUCTION' has been changed to 'BOOKLET No.2'. (Inset bottom right in the photo are the words in the heading of the cover, taken from another photo.) A similarly marked MECANIKIT manual called 'BOOKLET No.0' was with the No.0 set in OSN 10.

The main parts in No.3 follow, with those in the No.2 in curly brackets: • 4,2,4,4,2 {4,2,4,4,0}x 3,5,9,13,25h Strips.



- 4 {0} Curved Strip. • 2 {0}x 1*3*1h DAS. • 4 {4} A/B. • 2 {0} Dble Brkt. • 1 {1} 5*11h Flgd Plate. • 1 {1} Flgd Sector Plate. • 2 {2} 3*5h Flgd Plate. • 2 {0}x 3*3h Perf. Plate. • 2 {0}x 5*5h Flex Plate. • 4 {4} Flat Trunnion. • 4 {4}x 1½" Road Wheel. • 2 {1}x 1" Pulley. • 1 {1}x ¾" Loose Pulley. • 1,2 {1,2} x 1",4" Axles. • 1 {1} Crank Handle. • 4 {4} Spring Clips.

The No.4 Contents are in MCS - compared to the No.3 it has 4 each of the Strips, 2 Reversed A/B, and 2 each of 8,12h A/Gs.

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Snippets: MARKS & SPENCER

M&S have been selling specially packaged MECCANO sets during the last year or two and now three examples of non-MECCANO M&S sets have been seen on Ebay. All have 'CONSTRUCTION' on the lid and from the look of the parts they come from Eitech or Polylong. The set right has 167 parts to make the 3 models one at a time, and far right a 30 piece set for the little Digger. The third outfit, in blue packaging similar to the 3 model set, has 86 parts to make an F1 Racing Car with the same small Wheels. The usual style Eitech/Polylong model leaflets are shown in the Ebay photos for both the blue-boxed sets.



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Snippets: More Miniatures

A short account of a 'MECCANO' doll's house set was given in 21/619 and since then a similar ¼-scale 'TEMSEI' set has been seen on Ebay. Another Ebay offering, the ERECTO set on the right, was described as: '1½*1½". ¼-scale. By Bufton.' Presumably it is meant to look like ERECTOR but with some 'new' parts as well, the angled Frames for example, and the silver Rod with a flattened end (the jib in the model I suppose). Not sure what the brass looking rod down the left side of the box is though.



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