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ization, though which functions are powered isn't stated.

The Deleted Sets. These are listed below with a reference in brackets to when they were described in OSN.

- **No.06**, 582 part multi-model outfit with Geared Motor (30/885).
- **No.07**, 378 parts for 3 'old-fashioned' Lorries (30/885).
- **No.10**, 319 parts for 3 Racing Cars (30/885).
- **No.14**, 500 parts for a variety of small models (34/1023).
- **No.16**, 230 parts for various small Goods Vehicles (35/1062).
- **No.22**, the first R/C set (35/1062).
- **No.60**, 253 parts for 3 small 'framework' models (30/885).
- **No.75** was mentioned in 22/622 but later it had over 250 parts for a

variety of Solar models.

Accessory Packs Nos.112 (a Battery Box with Switch), 113 (centimetre to inch Brackets), & 134 (a Geared Motor and Controller, see 37/1107) have been dropped, and Nos.135 & 136 added. **No.135** has a blue Motor with blue plastic Gears and various other parts; **No.136** is the 3-channel Controller from No.134.

Postscript 2 sets have been added since the above was written, **No.55**, a 'simplicity' Loco, & **No.80**, a small Tractor & Trailer.

The Eitech Name. Browsing the eitech web site I came across the full company name: Eichsfelder Technik eitech GmbH. So that's where Eitech comes from. The address is Industriestraße 1, D-37308, Pfaffschwende. Pfaffschwende is in the district of Eichsfeld, and seems, on the map, to be a quite small town.

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CONSTRUCTION [1]: S8

A KIS TECHNIKUS Manual The Hungarian KIS TECHNIKUS, and its possible connection with TECHNOKID, was mentioned in 20/583. Now a manual has become available, and as will be seen, there is indeed a strong TECHNOKID connection.

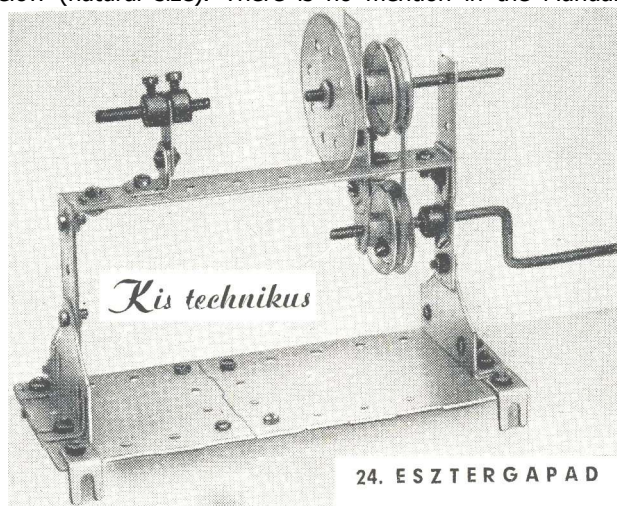
The manual is in Hungarian (the translations in what follows are not guaranteed) with 12 unnumbered pages plus covers, 228*158mm. The front cover, below, is the one described in



OSN 20 with the TECHNOKID model & manual on it. (In passing the parts in known TECHNOKID sets are all aluminium, none are red.) Kis Technikus means Young Technician and Fémépítőszekrény, metal construction set. C2 has an Introduction which in its last paragraph says that KIS TECHNIKUS consists of certain TECHNOKID parts. C4 has the name of the maker, MEJA (in a gear wheel logo), and 'Made by the

BUDAPESTI VT. MECHANIKAI JÁTEKGYÁRA' (=Budapest mechanical toy factory) with what is probably an address, Budapest XX, Ságvári Endre - U. 24 (Ságvári Endre was a resistance fighter killed in 1944). Exactly the same maker & address are on the back cover of the first TECHNOKID manual described in OSN 20, and the PR along the bottom is identical too except that it has '27263/LD05' in it against '27007/LD05' in the present one.

The other pages have 42 models from 1. ASZTAL (=Table) on p1, to 42. LÖKHAJTÁSOS REPÜLŐGÉP (=Jet Aircraft). There is the usual range of simple models except that the only ones with wheels are two 2-wheel Barrows. Each model has just a good low contrast halftone about the size of the Lathe below (natural size). There is no mention in the Manual of



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there being more than one set.

No list of parts or set contents are given - the parts that can be seen in the models are: 8x 3h, 4x 4h, 2x 6h, 2x 4x 8h, 2x 9h Strips; 12 Angle & 2 Flat Brackets; 2 each of 4*4 & 4*6h Plates; 2 Flat Trunnions; 2 Pulleys; 2 Bush Wheels; 5 Collars; 3 lengths of Rod (with probably 1 of each); a Crank Handle; 22 N&B. All the parts are in the TECHNOKID range. Many of them

can be seen in the Lathe including the Plates with shallowly crenellated edges. Noticed that a Flat Bracket with an open end is used to provide a (notional?) bearing for the end of the Crank Handle. In fact though all the Brackets shown in the models have open ends, all those in the TECHNOKID parts seen have closed ends with a round hole in one arm a slot in the other.

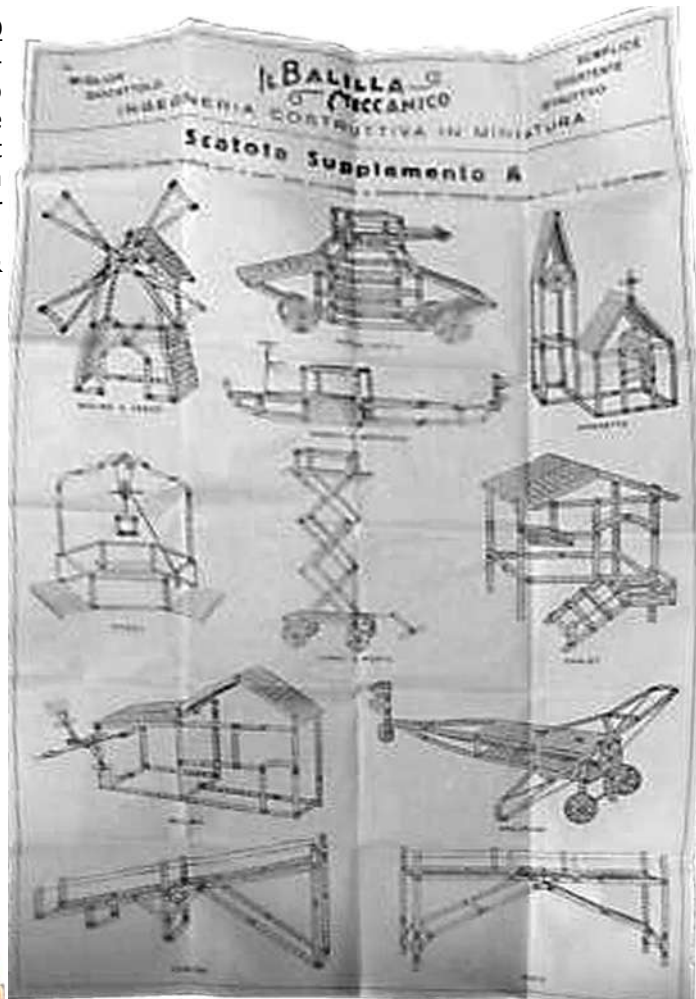
KIS TECHNIKUS: S2

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Snippet. 'New' System: IL BALILLA MECCANICO

The outfit below was offered on Italian Ebay and is an add-on Set A. The box looks to have a sliding lid and was said to date from the 1930s. According to Wikipedia Balilla was the nickname of a 19th century Italian patriot and a current meaning is 'little boy'. It also seems to occur in the names of a variety of items from Fiat cars to table football games. Prewar 'Opera Nazionale Balilla' was the fascist youth organization.

The parts that can be seen in the original photo are: 7 &



11h Strips (and probably other lengths less than 11h); 1*5*11h DAS; 5*11h Flanged Plate; Wheel Disc (with a 3*3h array of holes); Span'driver; Screwed Rod; Hex Nut; CH Bolt.

The box's dimensions were given as 17*11*2cm and scaling

gives the hole pitch as about 6 to 6¼mm, so possibly ¼". Then the hole diameter would be around 3mm.

The model sheet for the Set is shown above and from its heading, and what can be seen of the models themselves, it is conceivable that they could be made from the Set A alone.

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New System: M'TEK In 33/995 some details (from www. toy-kraft.com) were given of 20 small ENTECH sets made by the Indian company Aries. From the same web site last November the Toy-Kraft brand is now owned by Pegasus International of 321 Udyog Mandir No.1, B.K.Marg Mahin(w), Mumbai – 400016, India. The change probably occurred about 3 years ago. Only 4 construction sets are now available & are listed under the M'TEK name. All the lids are similar in design to the Starter Set right.

The other 3 sets, all smaller, are: Mini Flying Machines with 4 aircraft models on its blue lid; Mini Cars with 4 models on a yellow lid; and Off-Roaders with an orange lid featuring 3 Motorcycles & a Trike. All the models are small and are identical or very similar to those for the ENTECH Mini sets. Unlike the Starter Set these outfits have the set name in fairly large letter top right on the lid & the M'TEK name at bottom right. All 4 sets have the Toy-Kraft logo top left, but it now sports Pegasus instead of a rocking horse.

It is said on the Site that the 3 Mini sets were introduced last June and the Starter Set last October. No details of them were given, nor any prices, but 124 parts can be seen on the Starter lid.



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