

### **Snippet: 'New' System: METALL-BAUKASTEN**

The label below has been seen on 3 sets on Ebay, and the



only name on it is METALL-BAUKASTEN. All though have the AKC logo which appears on AUKI sets, & the 3 models featured match three on the AUKI label. In the two sets which have a manual, one cover is identical to the AUKI one



on the previous page, and the other is shown left. The boxes, inside & out, look like the one in BK, and the parts visible match those in the BK set except that a wire Screwdriver can be seen instead of the wooden-

handled type. Also no Spanners are visible in the BK set but two, single-ended, can be seen on the table in the M-B label.

So it seems clear that for whatever reason a M-B set similar, or identical to the smallest AUKI outfit was marketed. It remains to be seen whether any larger METALL-BAUKASTEN sets were produced. One at least of the two 2 boys on the M-B label is wearing a tie but otherwise they look rather similar to the AUKI lads. A tie might point to an earlier date, but the AUKI manuals with the M-B sets would seem to suggest that AUKI came first.

#### **Leading Particulars**

**Name** METALL-BAUKASTEN

**Country** Germany

**Maker** August Kirchhoff, Carthausen-Oekinghausen, Westfalia (near Lüdenscheld).

**Period** A similar AUKI set was made in the period 1949 to the 1960s.

**Hole dia.**

**Hole pitch** Probably 12.5 or 12.7mm.

**Sets** Only one set is known.

**Colour** Unpainted. Plates & Strips look silvery; Wheels nickel.

**Boss** Possibly none.

**N&B**

**Axle** Perhaps Screwed Rods are used.

**DP** No Gears known.

**Remarks** The only set known is similar to the smallest AUKI set, and is by the same maker.

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**SNIPPET: 'New' System: MEBAU** The name on the lid is MEBAU Brückenbaukasten (Bridge Building Set), and under it 'Gruppe: A1 (Group A1). None of the other lettering can be read, and no details were given with the Ebay photo shown left.



The system is presumed to be German, and the Gruppe 1A might mean that other sets to make Bridges exist or were planned, and likewise, other sets to make different types of models.

Little detail can be seen of the parts, and there is no indication of their size. The Plates would have formed the roadway and might be aluminium. Otherwise there are Strips, most of which don't look fully perforated, though one can't be sure; Brackets of different types but none can be seen clearly; and some N&B.

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