

normal size Seats, #2570. 1 Steering Wheel. 4 Plastic Plates, #2146. 1x Roller, 62mm long & 39mm Ø; the yellow end discs push into the rebated ends of the black cylinder.

SERIES/RIG OUT ONESELF 3 Ebay sets have been seen with SERIES as the main name on the lids, followed by either METAGALAXY or IRON-VEHICLE. RIG OUT ONESELF also appears but sometimes in small letters. • The **METAGALAXY** outfit below came from the Australian Ebay and features the METAL MECHANIC 'No.2' model - its name, OUTER SPACE AUTOMATON, can be seen along the left side in dull white letters. The set was said to be 'Kit 1' and to have 208 parts plus 2 tools. • The first **IRON-VEHICLE** set was being sold from Spain, and has '58987' on the lid below. The details given were that the box is 44*34*12cm, and that the set contains 283 parts and a Motor. I think that's the first set from this

remotely controlled by the Unit in the hands bottom left. I don't recognise any of the 5 models shown from other sets and the small, yellow model at top right looks to have special mouldings as wings. • The **other IRON-VEHICLE set**, from Italy this time, has a lid in the same style but the RIG OUT ONESELF is in tiny letters. The photo is poor and the set number is too blurred to be read, but the number of parts is given as 349 and as the remote Controller is shown, the Set would also contain a Motor. As on the 58987 the lid has a main model, the slightly ethereal looking Helicopter right, and 4 small ones. The latter comprise another Aeroplane & 3 Vehicles, one with the yellow Wings already noted.



stable to have one and it seems to be



MECHANIH/RIG PUT ONESELF 4 of the sets with the military models on the lid have been seen. • The set with the 9-model lid shown in OSN 32 has 186 parts, so probably only enough to make the large centre model. • The Lorry at bottom centre on the OSN 32 lid is No.58583 with 147 parts - it is labelled Camion, so a French set. • The Rocket Launcher set is Item No.58589. • The Tank bottom right in OSN 32 is No.58585 with 181 parts and is called Two Tank Artillery, probably because its turret carries 2 barrels side by side.

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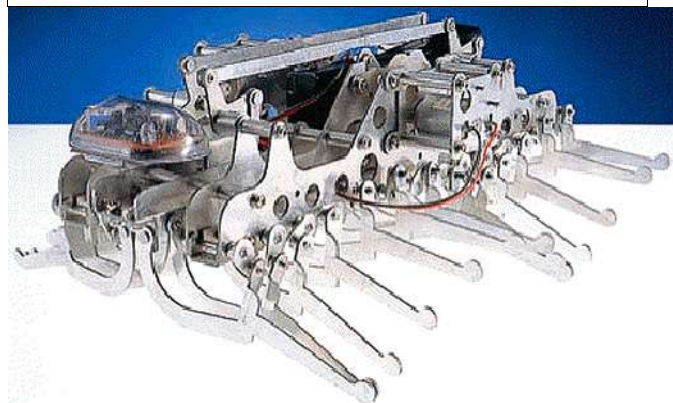
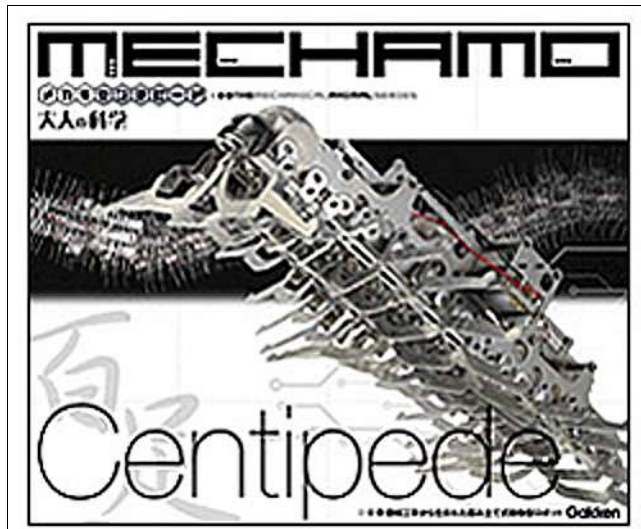
Snippet – New System: MECHAMO A little on 6 Japanese MECHANIMALS models was given in 4/66 and three sets have since been seen on Ebay, one labelled Centipede; one SpaceMechanimals Martian Frog; the one



below for an Inchworm, a Spider, & a Snake; and one that probably has the same contents but with a different lid labelled MECHANIMAL 3. For anyone new to these models, they don't look particularly like the animals in question, but their movements are uncannily realistic. The various models have few if any common parts.

Last year three sets from the same maker, Gakken, were introduced under the name MECHAMO. They are to make an Inchworm, a Centipede, and a Crab, all creatures of the MECHANIMALS genre. The first two appear to be considerably revised versions of the earlier models and all three now have infrared remote control, with 6x AA batteries needed. Apart from the featured model, the lids are all similar in style to the Centipede one top right. The photos on them show a somewhat dramatic view of the models, as can be seen from the actual Centipede right.

An Ebay search for Mechamo showed a number new sets being sold from North American at prices of between \$75 & \$110. There was also an outfit at \$240 which claimed to have



enough parts to make all the models, presumably at the same time.

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