

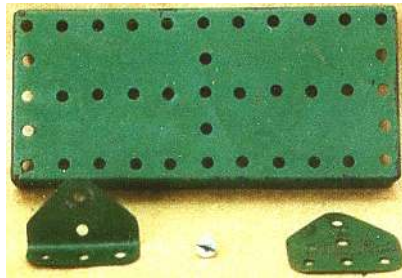
MODEL-IT Some notes on this system were given in 31/911 and now Jack has discovered more of its history. It was made in Sydney between 1945 & 1958, and the first sets were produced by G.E.Rose. He applied for a trade mark registration in November, 1945 but the application was never finalised.

The Rose sets were distributed by the Laurence Distributing Co. of 326 Edgecliff Rd., Woolahra, the home address of Laurence C. Jones, and he took over their production. He had formed the Model-It Manufacturing Co. with a factory at 4 Rothschild Avenue, Rosebery.

The next player was the Carvel Manufacturing Co. (Engineers), Little Buckingham St., Surrey Hills, but nothing is known of it. Then, finally, another Jones company, the Lawdex Manufacturing Co. Their trade mark was applied for in January 1955 by Laurence Congrave Jones & Nyna Anne Jones, trading at the time as the Model-It Manufacturing Co. at the address above. It will be recalled that the manual described in OSN 31 has 'Lawdex Manufacturing Company INCORPORATING MODEL-IT MANUFACTURING CO. SYDNEY AUSTRALIA' on the back cover, but 'MANUFACTURED BY MODEL-IT MANUFACTURING CO., SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA - A CARVEL PRODUCT' at the bottom of some of the pages.

The ROSE PERIOD

The parts differed from those in MCS in that, as can be seen in the photo left, the top of the Flanged Plate had fewer holes in it, and the Trunnions had 5 holes instead of the

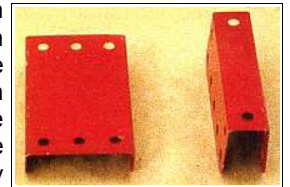


later 7. These parts can be seen in the Scales shown in OSN 31. Also in the photo, the Bolt between the Trunnions had a large diameter flat head. No Rubber Tyres were included in the sets.

The early versions of the parts can be seen in the 34 models in the book of instructions of the time. It had no Parts List but spares were available and the company had plans to improve the sets with new parts. This manual is most likely the Ebay one mentioned on p912 of OSN 31.

LATER After the Model-It Mfg. Co. took over production from G.E.Rose five sets were progressively made available with new parts & manuals, and named as in OSN 31. They were unusual in that some commonly used parts were omitted (only 2½ & 5½" Strips were included in any of the sets) while the quantities of others were increased. The first new manual was for the Junior, Senior, & Master sets. It had an Illustrated Parts List and 66 models, some from the Rose manual. The second new manual had 68 models including 6 that could only be made using parts in the de Luxe outfit. The Illustrated Parts List was not revised to include these new parts. At some point after this all the sets are labelled as 'A Carvel Product'

The Model-It Mfg. Co. parts are those in the OSN 31 photos, but now a few more points about them. The Screwdriver wire is 1/8" Ø. The Wheel Disc has a short brass bush. The 18½" A/G was the longest in any Australian set, EZY-BILT made a 24½" but as an extra part. The Gear has 54 teeth and the Pinion 19. Right the Formed Plates made from the 5*5h Flexible Plate. These Plates, the Braced Girders, the Cranks, & the Gears were never included in any Parts Lists.



MODEL-IT: S3

OSN 34/1032

Snippet – New System: MAKSIMKO As can be seen from the Ebay photos below and right, this system combines metal parts with Lego style pieces. 76 M4 N&B are included, no doubt to join the metal parts, and the 70mm M3 Screwed Rods would be used as axles. The method of joining the metal & 'Lego' parts isn't entirely clear but #1203 and perhaps #723 look to have threaded spigots sticking out of them.

The set is said to have 484 parts and may have originated in Russia. The abbreviations for quantities in the PL have

Cyrillic letters and the manual was said to be in Russian. It includes a Racing Car, an Airplane, 2 Jeeps, & Helicopters.



1020	4	M4x7	76	M3	49
1021	WT	M3x70	4	401	8
1022	WT	103	1	402	32
a207	7	703	1	1203	4
2207	4	1303-56	3	1203	4
2307	9	1303	1	1204	8
2107	12	801	4	102+	1
2205	7	721	1	1301	8
2215	9	шафта	2	1001	7
2127	9	721	1	601	4
722	1	603	2	602	4
723	1	702	1	2201	8
604	1	1002	2	2103	6
104	1	105k	1	2102	6
M3x22	9			2202	6
M4	78			2211	6
				2111	16
				701	4
				1304	12
				1305	12
				1209	1

MAKSIMKO: S1

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