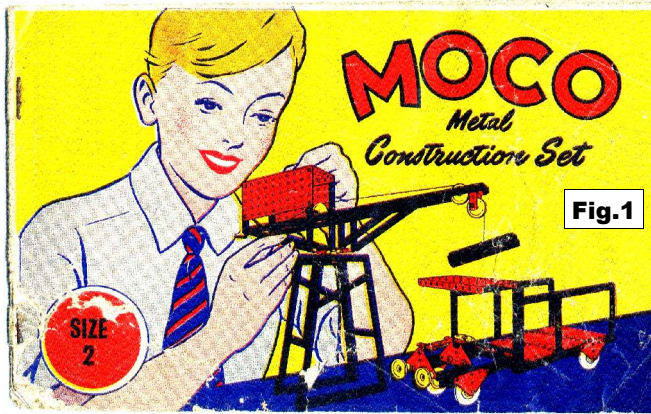


'New' System: MOCO All that is known of this small system is a No.2 Set manual, and possibly some Road Wheels. Both were offered by the same UK Ebay seller. Some of the parts look similar to VOGUE. One other set, a No.3, is mentioned in the manual. No maker is mentioned; the printer was ALPHA C.T. but nothing is known of it.

The MANUAL is mostly bilingual, in English & Dutch, except that the outer covers are only in English. It has 24 unnumbered pages, 222*139mm, plus covers. Above C1, C2 has an Introduction, & p1 a list of parts, plus some constructional hints. pp2-24 has the models, 41 in all, from SCALE/



SKAAL to the BREAKDOWN VAN in Fig.2. For each a good-sized halftone & some constructional notes, but no Parts List. C3 shows an untitled shoulder wing, cabin Monoplane which could be built with Set 3, & Fig.4, from C4, illustrations of most of the parts.

The PARTS The parts listed below are those on p2 plus, in red, 4 others from C4.

- #1-5, Flat Strips, 5,7,9,11, 25h.
- #6-9, A/Gs, 5,7,11,17h;
- #10, 1h A/B;
- #10a, 2h Flat Strip;
- #11, 2h Double A/B;
- #11a, 5h Double A/B [=1*5*1h DAS];
- #11b, 1*1*1h D/B;
- #12, 3h Tee Plate;
- #13,14, 5h Angle, Flat Trunnion;
- #15, 10*5h Flanged Base Plate;
- #16-16c, 10*5,3, 5*5,3 Flexible Plates;
- #17, 1" Pulley with boss;
- #18, 1 3/8" Bush Wheel;
- #18a, 4h Wheel Disc;
- #19, 1 3/4" Ø Wheel;
- #20, Hook;
- #21, Collar;
- #22, 1/4"/32" Bolt;
- #23, 5/32" Nut;
- #24, Springclip;
- #25, Spanner/Screwdriver;
- #26-29, Axle Rods 5 1/2,4,3,2";
- #29a, Axle Rod 1 1/2";
- #30, Crank Handle;
- #31, 1" Ø Rubber Belt.
- #32, Hank of Cord.
- #34, Rev. A/B.

BREAKDOWN VAN

The 5-hole flat strips carrying the back axle rod are bolted to the flanged baseplate at A. The 11-hole flat strip bolted to the flange of the flanged baseplate supports the door at B as well as the hood. Two 5 x 5-hole flexible plates C are bolted one after the other to the baseplate. The driver's seat consists of an angle trunnion D. Another angle trunnion is bolted to the bush-wheel E.

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Die plat strook met 5 gate wat die agterste asstang dra word teen die voetstuk met die rand vasgebout soos deur A aangedui. Die plat strook met 11 gate wat teen die rand van die voetstuk vasgebout word is die stut vir die deur soos deur B aangedui sowel as die kap. Die buigbare plate met 5 x 5 gate soos deur C aangedui word een vir een teen die voetstuk vasgebout. Die bestuurder se sitplek bestaan uit 'n hoekspil deur D aangedui. 'n Tweede hoekspil word teen die buswiel vasgebout soos deur E aangedui.

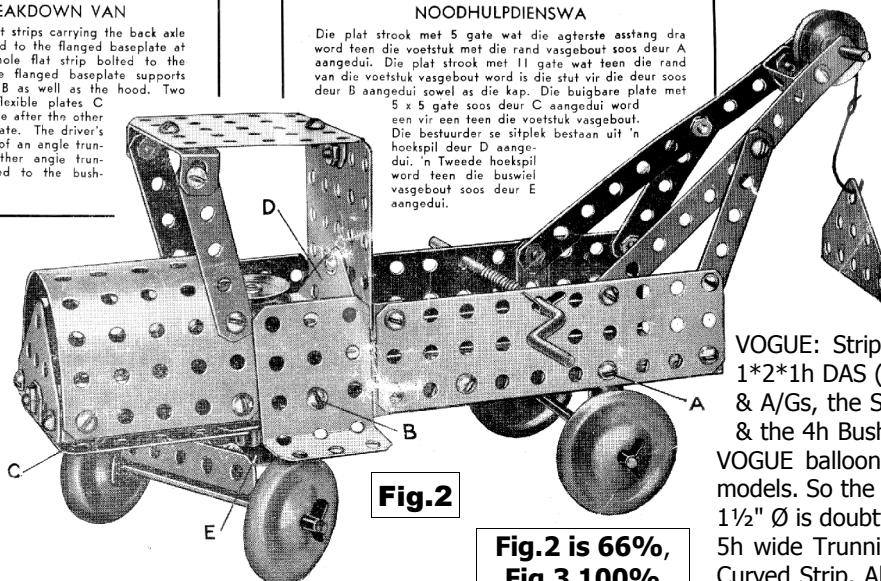


Fig.2

**Fig.2 is 66%,
Fig.3 100%
of original size**

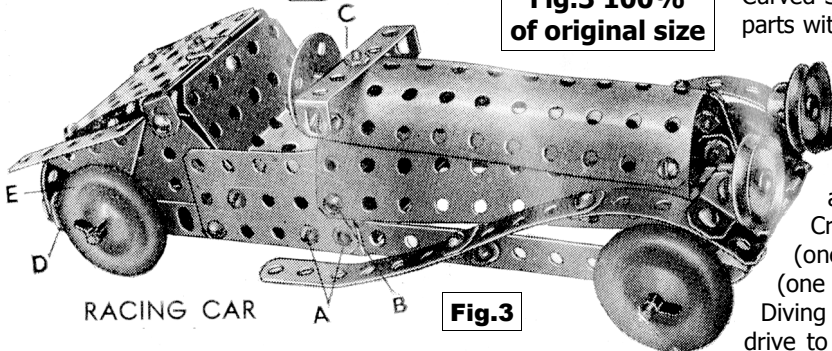


Fig.3

No doubt the thread is 5/32" BSW and it would be surprising if the hole pitch isn't 1/2". The Strip parts look black on C1 but are shown cross-hatched on C4. As already mentioned some of the parts look similar to

VOGUE: Strips etc with angled corners, 10h long Plates, a 1*2*1h DAS (if that is what #11 is), the lengths of the Strips & A/Gs, the Spanner, the 90° bends in the Crank Handle, & the 4h Bush Wheel. The Wheel, 1 3/4" Ø, also looks like the VOGUE balloon-type part and it is shown on all the manual models. So the one offered on Ebay (Fig.5), with a boss & only 1 1/2" Ø is doubtful. The most obvious non-VOGUE parts are the 5h wide Trunnions, the fully perforated Flexible Plates, & the Curved Strip. Also the Flat Bracket & Reverse A/B, both useful parts with a slotted hole. It would be an advance on VOGUE if the A/Gs have slotted holes. In Fig.4 the flange holes in the Flanged Plate & the lugs of the DAS look round but in the models they are clearly slotted.

The MODELS They include 9 simple ones and the rest offer a good variety, including 4 (very average) Cranes, 4 railway items (one is a Level Crossing Gate with interlinked Signal), 3 machine tools (one a nice Lathe), & 8 commercial & industrial vehicles (one a Fork Lift Truck). Others include a Cableway, Yacht, Diving Board, Motor-cycle & Sidecar, Helicopter (with a Cord drive to the tail rotor - full marks for that), a (poor) Steam Engine, & the Car in Fig.3. Some look like the part, others are only average. The Curved & 25h Strip are not used in any of the models. Mechanical features are confined to Cord drives and centre-pivot steering.

THOUGHTS • Given that the outside covers are only in English, COMO can be assumed British. And the Helicopter model points to post-WW2. • Although there are inconsistencies, perhaps the parts on C4 were meant to be those in the Sets and those on p2 the full range. None of the non-C4 parts are used in the No.3 Monoplane.

LIST OF PARTS WITH KEY NUMBERS

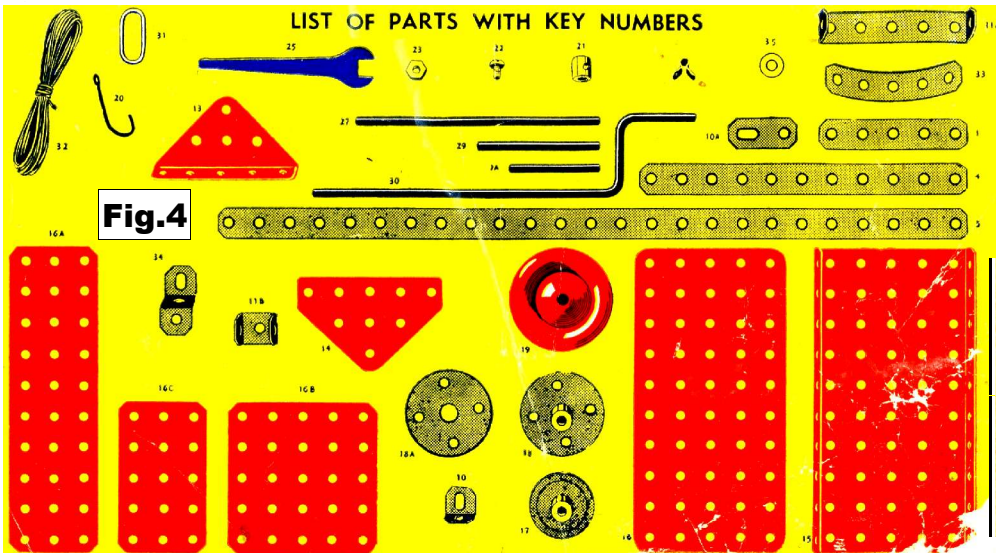


Fig.4



Fig.5