

'New' Swiss System: SEEGER

Thank you to Urs Flammer for sending details of a set and a parts price list. They came from various sources including the Museum Sigrist (and a Seeger Metallbaukasten is listed in the Eisenhahn & Spielzeug Museum link of www.tele-rene.ch). The maker was R.Seeger, Abtl. Metallwaren, Luzern, and the Price List is dated 1958.

The PARTS There were 87 in all and most (taken from the Price List) are shown in Fig.2, with some actual parts in Fig.3. Details follow with dimensions taken from the List. Parts which are essentially flat are not named. See also the notes at NB.

#1. 30 Rods: length: 3cm, 4-10cm in ½cm steps, 11-20 in 1cm steps, 22cm, 25-40 in 5cm steps, 50cm. #2. 2½*2½cm. #3. 3*2½cm. #4. 4cm Ø. #5. 4½cm Ø. #5a†. #6. 4.8cm Ø. #6a†. #7. 9*9cm. #8. 6.7cm Ø. #9. 9*4cm. #10. 8.2cm Ø. #10a†. #11. 7*4cm. #11a†. #12. 9*3cm. #13. Rear Wheel Bracket. #14. 4*4cm. #15. 4*3cm. #16. 4*3½cm. #16a†. #17,18. Outer,Inner A/B. #19. #20. #21. Lentstück für Vorderachse. [Front Axle Bracket]. #22. 22*9cm. #23. Corner Bracket. #24. 22*3cm. #25. #26. Flanged Wheel. #27. 9*9cm. #27a. Triangular Plate 9*11cm. #30. 4cm Ø, 5cm long. #31. 6cm Ø, 3cm high. #32. #33. Has 2 bosses. #34. An+hängerstange [Trailer Towbar] 13.5cm. #35. Collar. #36. Pin, Threaded. #37. 3cm. #38. 6*3.5cm. #39. 3*3cm. #39a. 2*

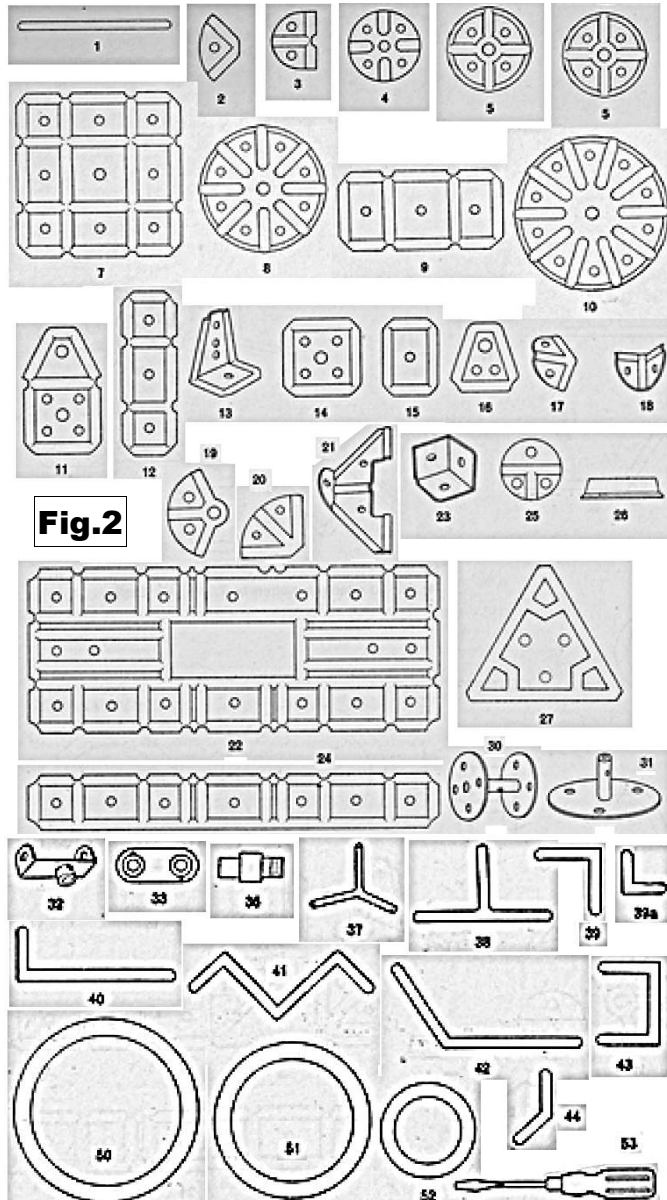


Fig.2



Fig.1

2cm. #40. 7*3cm. #41. #42. 7*4cm. #43. 4*2.5*2.5cm. #44. 2*2cm. #50, 51,52. Rubber Ring 9.5, 7.5,5.5cm for #10,8,5. #53,53a. With wood/resin handle. #54. Niete für Lenkwagen 2cm [Towbar Pin]. #55. 30 N&B. #56. 10 Set Screws.

NB † #Xa is #X with a boss. #4,6,6a are Discs; #5,5a,8,8a,10,10a Pulley

Discs. #37-44 are pre-sumably Rod parts.

The parts are made of 1mm thick steel. Holes are 5mm at various pitches, but often 30mm (the outer holes in #24 for instance). Rods are 5mm Ø. The N&B are M4 but bosses are (double-) tapped M3.

The SET As can be seen on the lid in Fig.1 it is Modell 58/1A. From Google the words after Neu on it mean 'Built following the new method' and the small print along the bottom indicates that with the help of more parts from the enclosed price list many other models are possible: Houses, Bridges, all kinds of Vehicles, etc. It isn't known if there were more sets available as well as the individual parts.

A sheet glued inside the lid has a B&W photo of the underside of the Truck and text which gives the maker and says that Sets are Swiss made and are available in toy shops.

The parts, in 2 layers, are shown below. The holes in the backing cards are at 15mm pitch. The red Sides of the Truck overlay the long edges of the Base Plate.

REMARKS No doubt whoever designed the system dreamt of larger models with structures made from Rods clamped together by the fairly wide range of fittings. The system was certainly a brave try but from the rarity of parts & sets it seems it wasn't a success. Were there larger sets? If not could any system succeed from just the sale of parts, even if there were plans of larger models? Most unlikely. But let's hope enough parts eventually turn up to make a serious model.

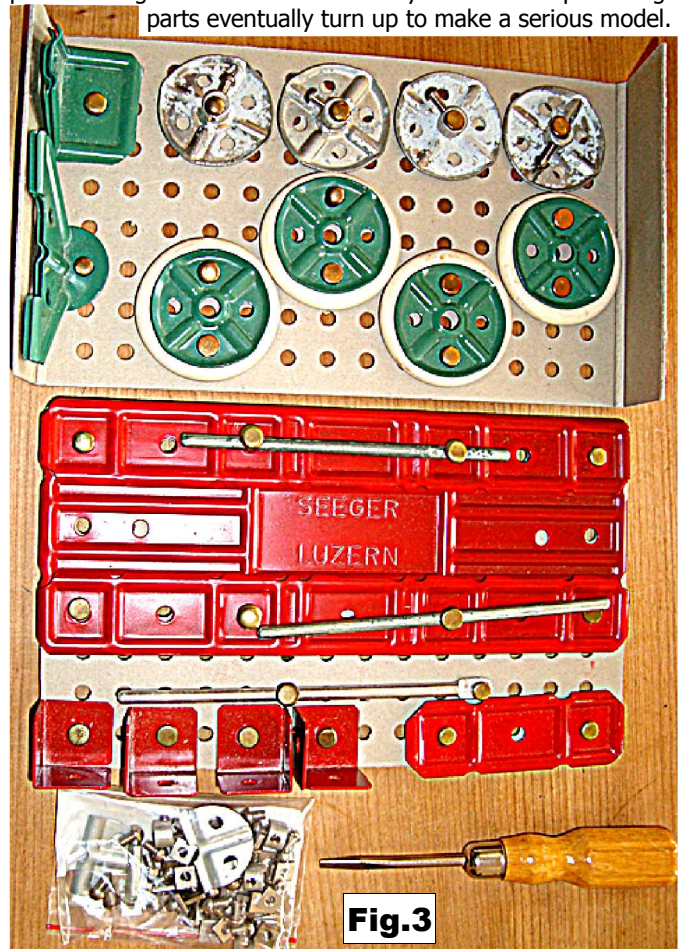


Fig.3