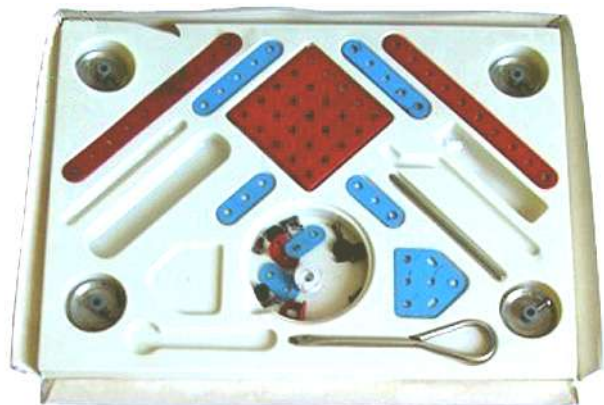


5. **Snippet. 'New' System: TIBI** This Hungarian system, was said to be from the 1970s, and it looks as if it may have been inspired by MERKUR. FÉMÉPÍTŐ on the cover of the manual probably means Metal Builder and mintafüzet, model book.



The main similarities to MERKUR are: • The 10h Strips, 5*5h Flanged Plate, and the Flat Trunnion look identical. • All the parts in a 1960s MERKUR No.1 set would fit into the tray. The empty recesses would take a DAS & Crank Handle on the right, and an Axle, Flat Trunnion, & Spanner on the left. There is nothing obvious to go in the deep, long oval recess on the lefthand side though. Perhaps only the N&B were in the circular recess and the other small parts & the Cord were in the oval.

The differences are: • The colours - at the time MERKUR Flanged Plates were blue, 10h Strips orange or brown, 3 & 5h Strips nickel, Trunnions & Pulleys green. • Although the red A/B in the circular recess has a slotted hole and could be MERKUR pattern, the blue parts look to be 2h Strips and not the Flat Brackets that might be expected. • The Screwdriver in the MERKUR No.1 was the flat type - sets above No.3 had wire ones. • The white circular part in the circular recess - it might be a Loose Pulley but the MERKUR part was metal and was only included in Set 3 and upwards.

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6. **Snippet. A Small MEKNEX Set** MEKNEX sets (see 36/1078) have been less common on the Argentinian Ebay recently but the set right was seen late last year. With 71 parts to make the Avioneta on the lid it is smaller than the other known outfits. The box was said to be 16*9cm and on the back is 'Articulo: K10', so perhaps there was a series of these smaller kits. If the model on the lid is to be believed the parts in the Set are all the same colour, and at least one of them, the 5h A/G used for the undercarriage skid, was not in the OSN 36 set.



MEKNEX: S2

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7. **Snippet. Another LIL'N-GINEER Maker** A model sheet giving the Chris Mfg. Co. as maker, and the Novelty Mfg. Co as representative, was shown in 27/782, and since then a box lid with these names in the bottom right corner has been seen. Otherwise it is identical to the Eagle lid in OSN 27. Another set, said to be from the 1950s has the same lid with Novelty again as the representative, but the maker's name is Seveness Co. A line under the name, the address no doubt, is illegible.

LIL'N-GINEER S3

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8. **Snippet. A JR ENGINEER Midget Set** Notes on the commonest (No.4½) JR set, and a Special set, smaller but with a C/W Motor and a different range of parts, were given in 33/975 & 976. Since then a jumble of parts plus manual, said to be from a Midget set, was offered on Ebay. The parts included several of those peculiar to the Special outfit and none of those peculiar to the '4½'. The main parts of the Special set that couldn't be seen are the Motor, the Disc, the DAS, & one or two of the 3 larger types of Brackets. However it's not certain that all the parts that could be seen were from the Midget because among them were 6 of the black Road Wheels, and one would not expect so many in what was presumably a small outfit. Probably the lot contained parts from more than one outfit.

The manual is printed on the same fawn paper as the Special, but only one corner of it could be seen and the simple model there was too blurry to be recognisable, except that it isn't one of the Special models. The models in the manual were given as: Table; Wheelbarrow; Picnic Bench; See Saw; Tank; Airplane; Railroad Engine; Ship; Lumber Wagon; Anti-Aircraft Gun; Railroad Crossing Gate; Cart, Crane, Truck. 7 of those names are used for models in the Special manual and if they were to be the same, all the different main parts in the Special would be needed except the Motor, the 16h Strip, the Disc, & the Road Wheel.

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