

Snippet. 'New' German System: HB Photos of the lid, open box, & model sheets were included in an Ebay lot, but with no indication of date, dimensions, etc. The system's name, followed by what is probably a set number, comes from the centre panel of the lid (right). The presumed maker's name, HB-SPIELZEUG-BREMEN, is in each of the 6 lid panels. The models in the panels are each numbered HB 001 followed by the model number, V001 (for the centre panel) to V006.

The types of part that can be seen in the box (Fig.2) are 2 Flanged Plates, 5h wide with a full set of 5 & 9 holes in their flanges (they can't really be seen in Fig.2 as printed); 3,5,7,9h Strips; A/Bs with 2 round holes; a Screwdriver; roundheaded Bolts & hexagonal Nuts. 10 parts in all. The small box is labelled as containing 50 Bolts & 50 Nuts.

There is a model sheet for each of the 6 models on the lid, identical, except all are printed in blue, and in landscape of portrait format as appropriate. One is shown below.

No types of part are used in the models beyond those in the box except that what looks like a 2h Strip in the sloping handrails of the model below. But this may have been shown in error because the two 9h Strips in each rail overlap by 2 holes and a 2h Strip wouldn't be needed. Also it is not entirely clear if the treads are made of DAS, or Strips & A/Bs, but some are shown as the latter and the model could be made within the 50 N&B if they all were.

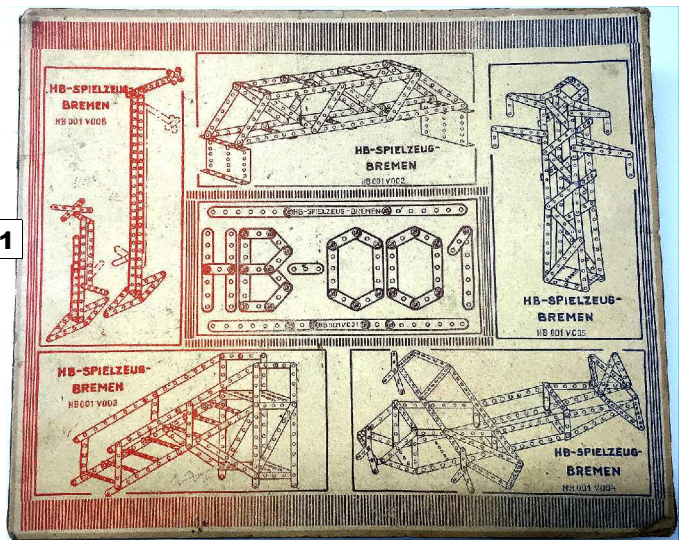


Fig.1

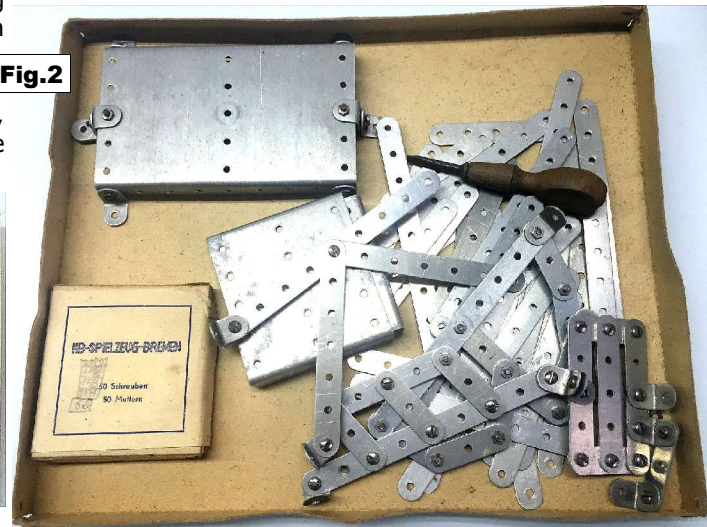


Fig.2

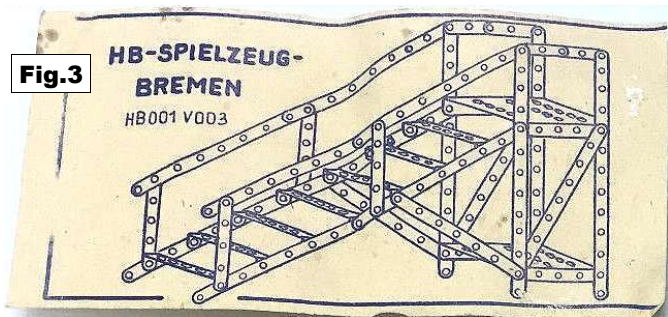


Fig.3

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Snippet. 'New' System: TECHNIKUM

The set to be described was seen on German Ebay. Nothing was said of its date or maker. Technikum means technical college in German, but the alternative names on the lid label, Der Junge Wagenbauer and The Young Carriage-BUILDER are perhaps more appropriate. Down the right side is 'Made in Germany' and 'Nachahmung Verboten' [Imitation Forbidden]. The black strip is probably from a labelling machine with the owners name on it, the old way with the surname first, HENGST most likely.

The 'lid' (Fig.1) is a Flanged Plate (one flange can be seen in Fig.2) with a label stuck on it, and it would fit over the top on the 'box' in Fig.2. The set was said to measure 17*8*5cm and scaling gives holes of 4¾mm at 12mm pitch. The base of the 'box' is a similar Flanged Plate, and it, & the 'box' side Plates, can be seen in the models on the label below. Other parts in the box which are used in these models are a 'U' Girder, one of 2 used in the towing arm, & at least 1 disc Wheel. Probable parts are 2 Axles with screwed ends, & at least one of the DAS in which the would Axles run. Of the doubtful parts there are a TRIX-like DAS & 8h Wheel Disc, and the Strips & 3*7h Plate which look to have a smaller hole pitch than the parts used in



Fig.1

the models. All that can be said of the N&B is that in a photo not shown here 2 of the side Plates are fastened to the base Flanged Plate by 2 Bolts from the inside, one held by a hexagonal nut & one by a



Fig.2

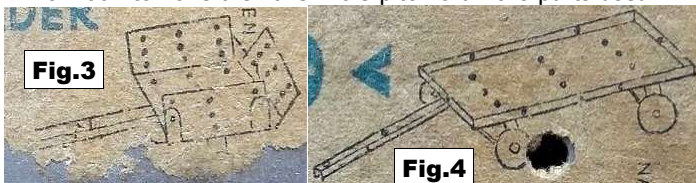


Fig.3

Fig.4

wing nut.

Was the set sold packed more or less as in the photos? If so a novel form of packaging but eye catching and practical enough with the 'lid' lifting off just as an ordinary cardboard lid would do.

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