

Snippets. More on GLUCK's Aero/Zep Sets. Four items of interest from Ebay add to the notes in 45/1374. The first two reinforce the BUILD-A-PLANE, TEN IN ONE connection, the third is a 3-engined model, and the fourth a photo of a model built from the BUILD-A ZEP outfit.

A **BUILD-A-PLANE No.150** outfit has a red box like the No.300 in 45/1374, but at 15*12", slightly smaller. The label is the same design and covers the whole lid. The model leaflet is in the same style as the TEN IN ONE, and the '30-in-1' on its title page, right, indicates the number of models in the the Leaflet. The Illustrated Parts page is identical to Fig.4 in OSN 45 except that it has 30-in-1 in the centre panel and one additional part is shown (in the frame to the left of the Wing in 45/Fig.4). It is a DAS and is listed as #27 'Small Forms – four pieces used for connection wings'. Right, the 4 in the Set – they scale at 1.6" long. The set has 2 Wings and so these parts would provide the interplane struts. The Wings are the same size as the TEN IN ONE parts but the lower one has a rectangular



FIG.1

centre cutout to accommodate the Rubber Band drive to the undercarriage Axle. Apart from the extra Wing and the DAS, the Set has the same contents as the TEN IN ONE. One of the Ebay photos shows some of the small parts including Bolts with round heads and 3 sizes of hex Nuts. 2 of the latter, the largest & smallest, can be seen in 45/Fig.9. Some flat Rubber Strip is also shown but nothing can be seen of how it is attached to the Prop Shaft and at the tail.



FIG.2

Next another **TEN IN ONE** set which is the same as the one described in OSN 45 but has 2 points of interest.

First, the Wing is held in the box by a card wrapper with 'BUILD-A-PLANE' on it in large letters. Secondly, it is said that the yellow circle bottom right on the lid (see 45/Fig.3) has 'GEM | GMC Products | As Bright as the Name' in it.

The 3-Engined Model. Below, the underside view of it shows the shafts of the outboard motors running in the lugs of

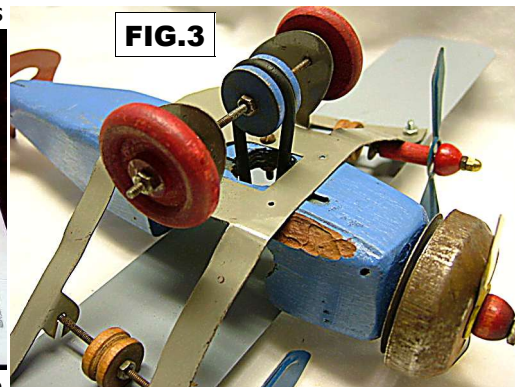


FIG.3

the #18 Wing Strut/Undercarriage. The red cylinder behind the Prop is likely to be the part #8 and not the #13 Motor. The wing span was given as 20", much more than the 11½" in the known sets, and too

long for the No.300 box mentioned in OSN 45. So perhaps there another set, or perhaps the Wing is a foreigner.

The Zeppelin Model. Below, the photo from the Ebay item – nothing was said of the make but the 'Spirit of Youth' on the side tallies with the same name under the model on the Set's lid in OSN 45. The model was said to be 16½" long. The red 'wheels' on either side of the lower Fin look to be standard Gluck Pulleys and perhaps originally the lugs under the Gondola carried more 'wheels'. The Nose is suspect because in another photo it is clearly red and distinctly too large to be a good fit on the main body.



FIG.4

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Snippet. 'New' German System: TECHNIK/TECHNIC One other German TECHNIK (without the TECHNIC) is known, a small set shown in Baukästen. Its lid is quite different to the present one shown below, and, as will appear, its parts are unlikely to be the same. As can be seen the set was made by Ludwig Schreiner and the words around the logo are Rehburger Spielwaren. There was a city called Rehburg between Hanover & Bremen until 1974 (when it was renamed Rehburg-Loccum) so perhaps TECHNIK was made there. Nothing positive is known of its date but the lid's text in German & English suggests soon after WW2.

One edge of the box and the parts in it are shown right.

Which of them, if any, are original is unclear but none match the long-slotted ones of the lid. There looks to be a very small spring motor to the right of the DAS, top centre. The box was said to measure 16*19*3cm and the pitch of the holes in the Strips above it scales at 11mm, and 13¾mm for the lighter grey Strips on the left. The parts in the Baukästen TECHNIK set are also grey, but their pitch scales at 15mm.



FIG.1



FIG.2

TECHNIK/TECHNIC: S1

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