

**'New' System: TECHNO** Charles Perez found the set to be described in Canada, and passed it on to Don Redmond who kindly sent details. As can be seen from the photos the parts generally resemble TRIX and are quite unlike the 'Chinese' TECHNO noted in 24/712. One other TECHNO has been reported, an Israeli system, but it's possible that it is the VASEK-type TEKNO described in 29/866 – there is always the chance of alternative renderings of Hebrew names.

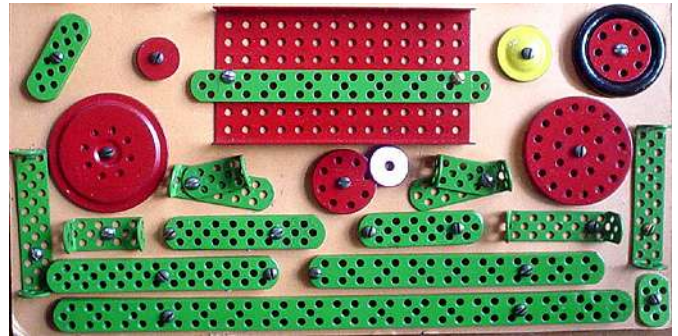


The words in the circle bottom right on the box lid above are 'Made in Canada by Toy-Co' and so the system will be assumed Canadian but the words could of course only apply to the box itself, with the parts made elsewhere. However there is no real reason to doubt that they are of North American origin with the 6-32 thread used and a hole pitch, measured at 7.85mm, very near to  $\frac{5}{16}$ " (7.94mm).

Nothing is known of Toy-Co, and there is no indication of whether TECHNO dates from before or after WW2.

**The SET** is in a red paper covered cardboard box 310\*215\*45mm. There is no indication of a Set No. but there is a round space top left on the lid which might have been for one. (Note the reference to 'Sets' at the bottom of the lid label.) It seems that the parts were in 2 layers, sewn to the 2 orange cards found in the box. Also there, 2 pieces of green Roof Card, each probably about 21\*22cm originally. From the quantities of some of the parts found (given in the next paragraph) it is possible that they came from more than one set.

**The PARTS** The different parts are listed below with some comments, and the number found in curly brackets. Most of the main ones are shown in the photo below, bolted to a card. **Paint** has been heavily but rather carelessly applied. **Holes**



are probably about 3.4mm Ø under the paint and the Bolts are a snug fit.

- '33', '25', '17', 13, 9, 7, 5, 3h **Strips** {4, 2, 6, 6, 6, 11, 5, 9}. Inverted commas denote where every other hole in the centre row has been omitted - to give extra stiffness perhaps. **DAS**: 65, 50, 35, 20mm long {3, 2, 4, 1}. **SAS**: 45, 30mm long {3, 2}. **A/B** {9}.
- **54mm Pulley Disc** with just one ring of 8 holes and a raised flat rim {4}. **50mm 8/16h Disc** {4}. **43mm black Road Wheel Disc**, shown top right with an 8h Disc over it. It has 8 matching holes & the edge is formed into half a 'Tyre', so that two butted back-to-back make a wide tread wheel. {10}. **30mm, 8h Disc**, shown below the Flanged Plate, & on top of the Road Wheel, top right {14}. **25mm Formed Disc**, painted yellow, the only yellow part and a 'foreigner' perhaps {4}. The silver Pulley under the Flanged Plate is most likely 'foreign too'. **19mm Disc** {{7}.
- The **Flanged Plate**, 14\*7h just slips into the TRIX part, has square corners, is of much heavier stock, has no end grooves, and the flange holes are noticeably above the midline. {3}.
- **Screwed Rods**, 25, 50, 85mm long. Various **N&B** were found, all in a box with a hinged lid: black Bolts with 5.4mm Ø fillister heads & 8mm u/h {75}; bright Bolts with 6.3mm Ø round heads, 6, 18, 25, 32mm u/h {100}; hex, chamfered face Nuts with various finishes, 7.9mm A/F. Also in the box, red painted **Washers** {20}.
- A **Hook** and a TRIX-type **Motor** can be seen in the Crane on the box lid.

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note in 26/774 mentioned this system as a possible Seymour promotional item but from the poster left (about 16\*21") it seems more likely that Seymour marketed promotional sets for Metalcraft. Right an enlarged view of the Set, 'cut out' from the poster; it could be a METALCRAFT No.951, but in the red panel it says 'parts for the construction of various airplanes', against the 25 models claimed for the

951. Also there looks to be a #32 Pilots Cabin (see 24/688) bottom right in the box, a part not in the 951. Possibly the Seymour set was simplified by having only 1 Wing and consequently fewer Struts, and this limited the number of possible models. Such a mix of parts also meant that it



couldn't be compared directly with any of the regular METALCRAFT sets. I don't know how much the 951 cost but this Seymour could be obtained for 8 of Voigt's Crescent flour coupons plus \$1.69.

The Ebay seller of this item suggested the the poster would probably have hung in a grocery or general store and mentioned that the small print included a reference to the (Metalcraft) patent 1674637, and also Seymour's address: Central National Bank Building, St Louis, Mo.

**SEYMOUR AIRPLANE FACTORY: S1**

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