



Fig.6

and has a robot working on items on a conveyor belt. The other, Automated Warehouse, Fig.7, costs nearly £1800 and a video shows a sequence of the gantry crane picking up one of the red 'boxes' (on the base at the back), putting it on the down conveyor, the robot picking it up at the bottom and putting it on the up conveyor, and the gantry crane putting it back in its original position. Presumably it could then go on to circulate other boxes in the same way. The gantry crane moves along what looks to be an extruded metal cross member. • Finally 22 Modules, mostly at about £100 each to control Motors, measure distance, sound, temperature, pressure, colour, moisture, etc, and one labelled WiFi. In those that are illustrated the components are mounted on the light blue Flanged Plates.

Zakázkové stavebnice The website in Czech but not the English or German versions, has this additional category of

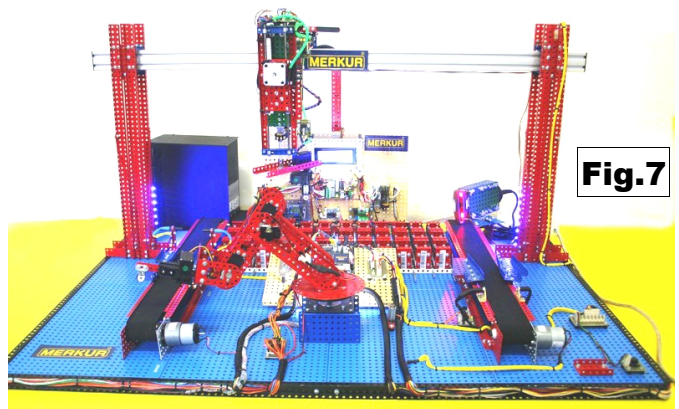


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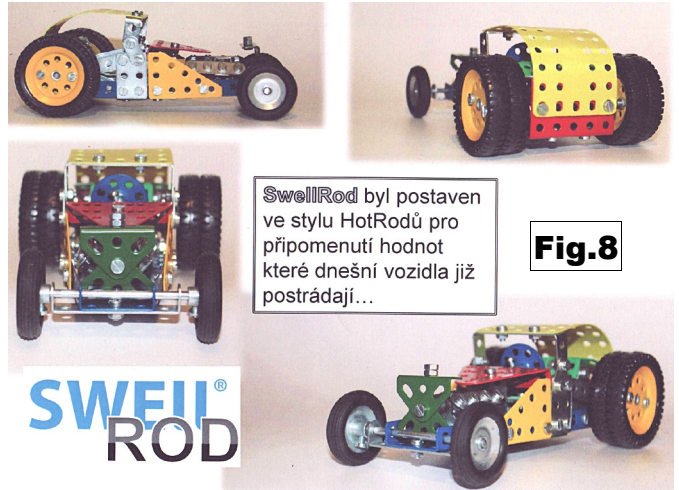


Fig.8

sets. The name translates as Custom Kits and 5 models are shown, each probably from a different £10 set. They are small cars, 3 Saloons; a hot rod called a 'Rat Rod'; and the one above.

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Snippet. 'New' System:

WIDES Right, the Ebay photos of an Auto Set and part of the instructions. From the 'Wides-Metall+spiele Auto-Baukasten' on the latter the maker is probably a firm called Wides, and it was said that the Set was complete and dated from the 1940s or 1950s. There was no indication of the size of the parts.

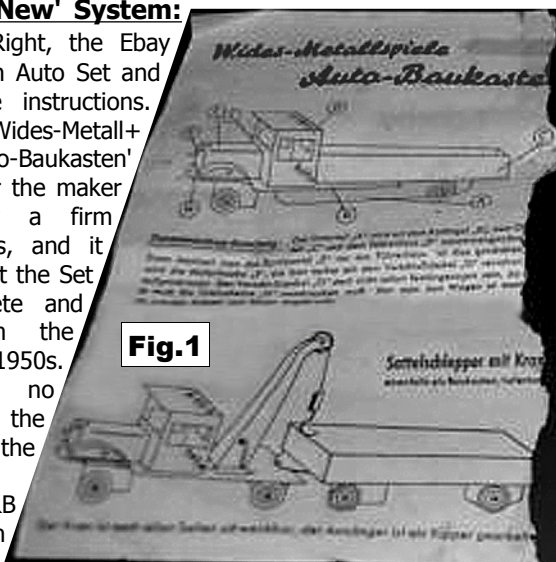


Fig.1

No N&B can be seen but most probably the parts are bolted together. One Wheel can be seen in box's bottom left corner; it is rather nice looking but it's a pity that it isn't larger to be in scale with the rest of the model. Nothing of the crane is visible – at a glance I wondered if the green circular part on top of the blue Chassis, and partly



Fig.2

hidden by the red Cab Back, was its base, but the side leg on view, and no doubt with a fellow on the opposite side, makes it probable that it is the mounting for the front Wheels of the Lorry or the Trailer. And if it has a centre hole that could allow centre pivot steering.

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