

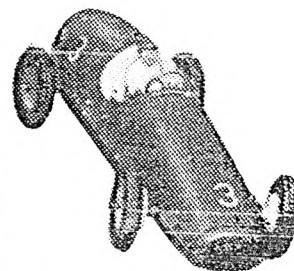
- The Plates are .021" thick with very slightly rounded corners; they are accurately made and the paint finish is very good. There are one or two sharp edges on the corners though.
- 3 lengths of Bolts were used, 3/16" (shorter than the standard ERECTOR 1/4"), 1/2" and 7/8"; round heads are shown and square Nuts.
- The 2" dia Wheel is in two parts, the outer Tyre which pushes onto a Hub. The latter is a push-fit on a standard ERECTOR Axle and its outer edge is shaped to fit within the centre of the Track. Said Track comes in sections about 5 1/4" long which clip into one another to make different lengths for the different models. The treads are 15/16" wide and are connected one to the next by two thin plastic 'strips', each about 5/32" wide, to give flexibility; there are 11 treads in each section.
- The MV metal parts are painted olive green, the plastic Hub is a similar colour and the Tyre and Track are black. An ad says that RBE parts are yellow and black. The photo of Ed's truck model shows black, red and yellow Plates, yellow Hubs, red Fenders, and a blue (I think) front grille panel.

With more information new MCS Sheets could show Set Contents and Illustrated Parts, so if anyone has any such data please get in touch - copies of the Instructions for the C&T and RBE would be a great help. Meantime the reduced drawings from the MV Leaflet on the previous page show some of the parts.

AMENDMENTS TO MCS (as necessary, depending on version) HOLE DIAMETER: 4.7mm. HOLE SPACING: 5/8" (15.9mm) between holes in rows 5/16" (7.9mm) apart. SETS: Military Vehicles; Car and Trucks; Road Building Equipment (this is called Road Construction in the Sears ad shown later); probably a motorised Road Building Set. PARTS: About 80, over half of which are plastic. COLOUR: Olive green for Military Vehicles; red, yellow, black for the other Sets. MOTORS: Probably electric in the motorised Road Building Set. PERIOD: Known 1964 to at least 1967. COMMENTS: Very few standard ERECTOR parts were used in these sets.

AMENDMENTS TO INDEX IN OSN 6: THREAD: 8-32. SPCE: 15.9x. dST: 4.7* DAXL: 4.

A BRAL FERRARI. Geoff Wright showed me a BRAL products Leaflet which included a constructional set for a Ferrari racing car. There is a small picture of the finished car (right), and one of the Set itself which will be included in an Extra MCS Sheet. The box lid has Auto Gran Prix on it, but no mention of BRAL. The blurb says that the Set contains steel and cast aluminium parts to make a scale Ferrari Racing Car powered by a 3 volt motor. The Set can be seen to contain a chassis, wheels with separate tyres, upper and lower body units, a 3 spoke steering wheel, the driver, and a small, cylindrical motor. No other mechanical detail is clear but there's a part which might be a gearwheel, and others which might be steering gear components. What appear to be 2 Screwdrivers, one large and one small, can be seen. There is no positive indication of date on the Leaflet but also included are the old style Aero Sets which were still advertised in an early 1970s products Leaflet which didn't include the Car, while said car looks like late 50s to this non expert.



AMENDMENTS TO INDEX IN OSN 6: NAME: BRAL RACING CAR. TYPE: CR. CY: IT. SPCE: VAR.

PRIMUS PRICES. My thanks to all those who sent information. The idea was to try to see if anything could be gleaned on dates of introduction and demise of the various sets. The lowest prices were 6/- to 45/- for Sets 1-5, slightly lower than those in the Jan 1917 ad (5/88) for 5 unspecified Sets (7/6 to 50/-), and so probably slightly earlier, given that prices generally rose throughout WW1. So it is fairly certain that the 1917 ad referred to Sets 1-5, and either Set 6 had not been introduced at that time or it wasn't available due to the war. The fact that in the earlier list there was no mention of it makes it more likely that it wasn't on the market until sometime after the start of 1917.

The next fixed point is a Manual stamped with 'revised 2/20 prices': 7/6 for a No.0 set, 10/6 to 105/- for 1-5, and 210/- for a No.6. Also 17/6 for a Big Wheel Set (BW). The original prices in this Manual were 10/6 to 168/- for Sets 1-6, no mention of #0 or BW. Probably the date of this Manual was 1918-19 because in another, Sets 1 to 6 are given as 8/6 to 105/- (actually £5.5.0 but I'll put everything into shillings for convenience), and so this fits between the 1917 ad and the '1918-19' in terms of prices and range of Sets. So call this one 1917-18 and some confirmation of this is that it's the only one seen that shows the model Tank: tanks had been introduced in 1916 and were no doubt a popular subject for toys soon afterwards.

So that puts the #6 around 1917-18, and the #0 and BW around 1919 to early 1920. After that nothing but a page from a Bassett-Lowke catalogue thought to be 1926 or shortly after, that shows the BW, Motor Chassis and Locomotive Outfits, and the postage for Sets 1-6, but no mention of #0. The postage is also given for a PRIMUS Outfit referred to as 'Wood Parts'.