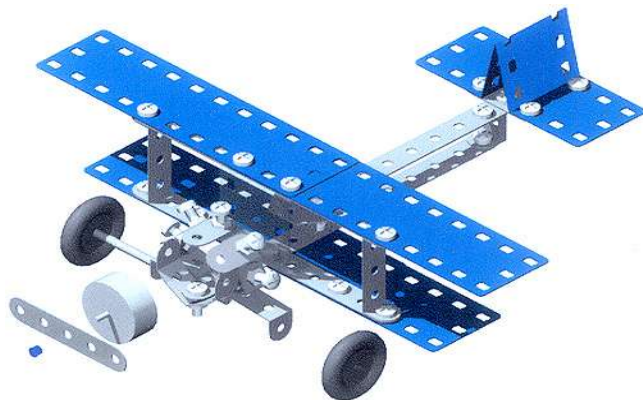


BRAL Bounces Back As promised on the old Bral web site (see 26/778) BRAL has returned, and a series of 7 small sets packed in canisters can be seen on a new web site, www.bral.biz. Jim Osborne saw some on sale when he was in France last June, and alerted me to them. The sets can be bought from the web site at prices ranging from €16-32. Also step-by-step instructions can be downloaded for all the models, and for a few more which aren't on sale.

The Sets are:

- #10011 'double 1.1 scooter – gru'. 110 parts to make either (I suppose, or should it be 'and') a Scooter or a Crane.
- #10012 'double 1.2 camion – rescue'. 130 parts for a Breakdown Truck or Elevated Platform Vehicle. The canister is shown left.
- #10021 'motor 2.1 elicottero'. 120 parts & Electric Motor for a Helicopter.
- #10022 'motor 2.2 mulino'. 120 parts & Electric Motor for a Windmill.
- #10031 'solar 3.1 aereo'. 110 parts, Solar Cell, & Motor for the Biplane below. The Motor seems to just push into the



front of the model. The Solar Cell is connected to the Motor by wires, & is not built into the model. As shown it is a little bigger than the tailplane. Not as neat as the CONSTRUCTION model mentioned in 16/442, with the Cell as part of the wing.

- #10032 'solar 3.2 giostra'. 120 parts, Solar Cell, & Motor for a Chair-O-Planes roundabout. The Motor output shaft drives the centre spindle directly.

• #10041 '4.1 light spazzaneve'. 170 parts for the Snow Plough right. It looks a more interesting model but the instructions for it wouldn't download. I wonder what 'light' in the title signifies.



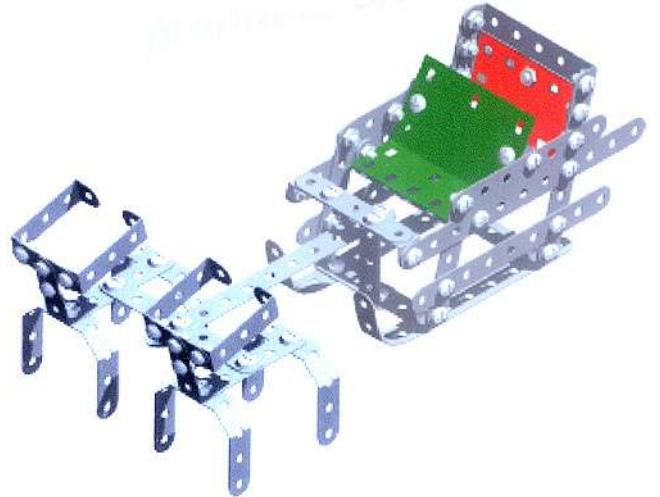
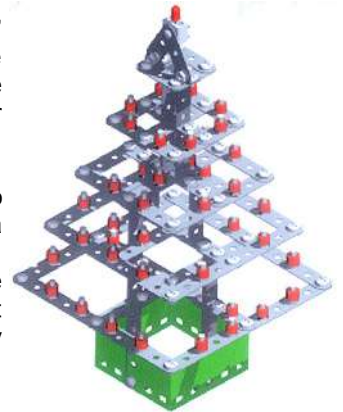
Packaging The canisters vary in height from set to set, and their colour for the different types of set varies too.

The side panels & lids are green for the 'double' & 'light' sets, blue for the 'motor' sets, & yellow for the 'solar' outfits.

The models for which only the instructions are offered are:

- 'Albero di Natale & Slitta' from 'double 1.3'. That is the Xmas Tree right, and the Sleigh pulled by two reindeer below. Rather nice models; for the Xmas trade perhaps.
- 'Go Kart & elicottero', two simple models, each from a 'Bral Box'.

All the models are shown made from bright Strips, and Plates variously blue, green, yellow, & red.



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Snippet: New System – LE PETIT CONSTRUCTEUR

All that is known of this system is the photo right of what seems to be the box lid. The words top left are 'KIT DE MONTAGE COMPLET'. Comparing the model with the BRAL Biplane above shows the parts' parentage very clearly – notice for instance the slotted holes in the Flexible Plates, and the way the fin is made by folding a 7h long Plate sharply across its centre holes, with bends at each end to provide mounting flanges.

So perhaps LE PETIT CONSTRUCTEUR was (or is) made by Bral for the French market, or perhaps a French company used BRAL parts. The Set appeared on Ebay in December 2002, so before OSN 26 in April 2002 when according to their web site, Bral was not marketing sets. Does anyone know of any other outfits with the LE PETIT CONSTRUCTEUR name?



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