

one, the floor of the Pigeon Loft, is shown left. It looks as if it was meant to be attached by

wrapping the end edges around the appropriate Rods, but it isn't clear what material was to be used, or who supplied it. Neither of the Cranes seems to have a winding handle.

History At the bottom of the Manual cover, under the Kosmos name & address, is '1926', presumably the publication date, and if so, 2 years earlier than the start date given in Eisenzeit & Baukästen. It is said that TECHNOfIX lasted until at least 1935 and if the joints were adequately rigid then their relatively neat & simple nature would make it one of the more successful 'rod' systems.

The manual models are a far cry from the Crane and Bridge on the lid but the latter were no doubt, in 1930s fashion, meant to be something to aspire to, like Meccano's Giant Block-setting Crane. It would take a good many of the present set to provide enough parts for either of them and as far as is known there was only the one size of set. But perhaps extra parts were also available.

The 4 page **Brochure** shows the 2 types of Connector as in the Set, and a small Letter Balance, but otherwise the only point of interest is that the price of the Set was RM.9,50.

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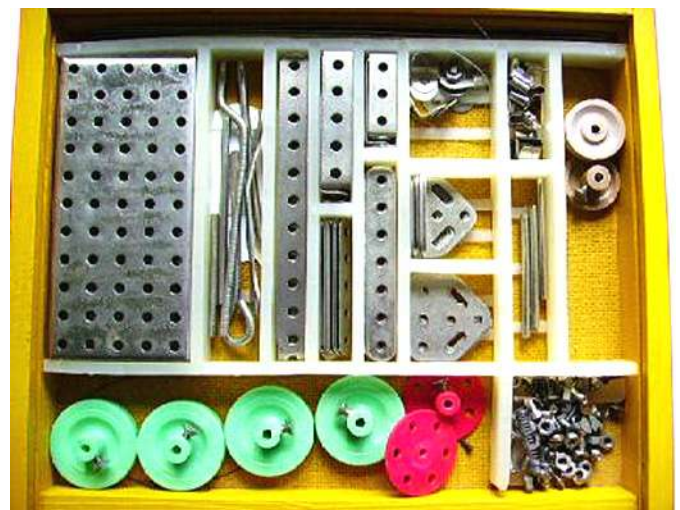
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Snippet. 'New' Polish System: MAJSTER KOWICZ

The photos show a wooden box with a sliding lid (right), a larger view of the label, and the parts in the base. MAJSTER KOWICZ means Handyman and the wording under the name on the label includes PHECYZIA, which may be the name of a company, and an address in Kielce, a town between Warsaw and Krakow. The box was said to measure 23*27 1/2 cm and the partitioning in it looks to be a quite complex plastic moulding. By scaling the pitch of the holes is around 1/2". The parts look fairly conventional with smooth Axles and tapped bosses (on, most likely, plastic Wheels). The wire Screwdriver is in the



compartment with the Axles and its very small round handle can be seen in the centre at the bottom. The long slots in the Trunnions look useful. The models on the label don't bring any other system immediately to mind.



MAJSTER KOWICZ: S1

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