

would have come from the stock of STRUCTO parts that Meccano bought in 1918 (when Structo ceased selling their general purpose sets after Hornby's legal action against them.)

U.S. MECCANO: S3 [35/1037]

7. 'New' UK System: **METAL CONSTRUCTION and BUILDING OUTFIT** Malcom Hanson showed me the set below some time ago but I lost track of the photo for a while. The parts are aluminium and the holes are about MECCANO size at 1/2" pitch. The 5*11h Flanged Plate has square corners



and the 5*5h Plate is fully perforated. The black part is a Spandriver similar to VOGUE. The set bears no number but the models on the lid include parts not in the Set: the Curved Strip, and the Trunnion in the Truck, can be seen clearly. The red parts on the lid may I suppose indicate an earlier intention, or hope for the future, or just be artistic licence. There was no manual with the Set but the lid models are numbered, with the highest, the Garden Seat, Model 23.

METAL CONSTRUCTION and BUILDING OUTFIT: S1 [35/1037]

8. **Snippet: METALTECHNIK** 27/809 had photos of a No.4 METALTECHNIK (no 'H'), thought to be Hungarian, and since then a matching No.1 has been seen on Ebay. The No.2 set at the head of the next column (with the 'H') is clearly from the same stable and like both others has 'metalcars' on it, though this time it is on the lid's apron. Also the red Battery Operated flash is common to both the No.2 & 4 (the No.1 doesn't have the Motor). Why the extra 'H'? A set for a different market?



But the red flash is in English in both cases. Referring back to OSN 27, the Flanged Plate does have slotted holes, but the hole pattern in the Triangular Plate (it probably has a flanged base) still isn't clear. Also I think there was a colour cast on the OSN 16 photos and the plastic tray was most likely white, or nearly so.

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9. **Snippet: MEKO** This system is mentioned in Baukästen but all that is said is that it is believed to be German, to date from 1947, to have a box made of wood & cardboard, and to



have a manual in 3 languages. Now above, an Ebay photo of most of a lid. The Crane on it is made mainly of Strips but the base is a Flanged Plate with centre cutout and there looks to be a Disc and perhaps another Plate at the top of the tower.

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