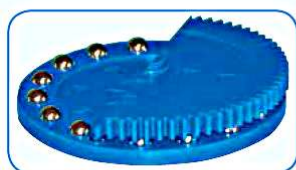
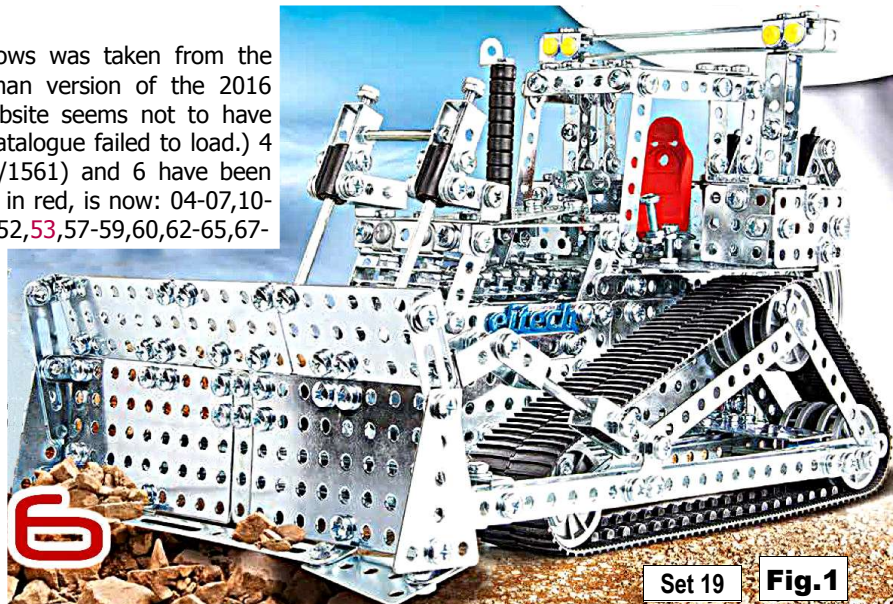


CONSTRUCTION in 2016 What follows was taken from the Eitech website in late May, and the German version of the 2016 catalogue. (The English version of the website seems not to have been updated since 2015 and the English catalogue failed to load.) 4 sets have been added since 2015 (see 51/1561) and 6 have been deleted. The 2016 range, with the new sets in red, is now: 04-07,10-12,14-17,**19**,20,22,26,27,33,35,43-45,47,51,52,**53**,57-59,60,62-65,67-69,71,74,78,83,84,**85**,89,91-97,**98**,420,450,460,470,600,610,1955. Set 11 is only in the Catalogue. Note: Sets 22 & 59 should have been included in the 2015 range.

The New Sets: No.19 This is the only major addition and has 1470+ parts for one or other of the models in Figs.1 & 2. Neither model is powered but the Dozer's blade can be raised & rotated, and the Digger's top arm joint, & its bucket, rotated. It also slews on a Ball Race as shown. It is suggested that the flashing diode Set 143 would add to the models. **No.53** is a very simple, 11cm span Biplane with single Strips as flying surfaces. **No.85** has 170+



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Set 19

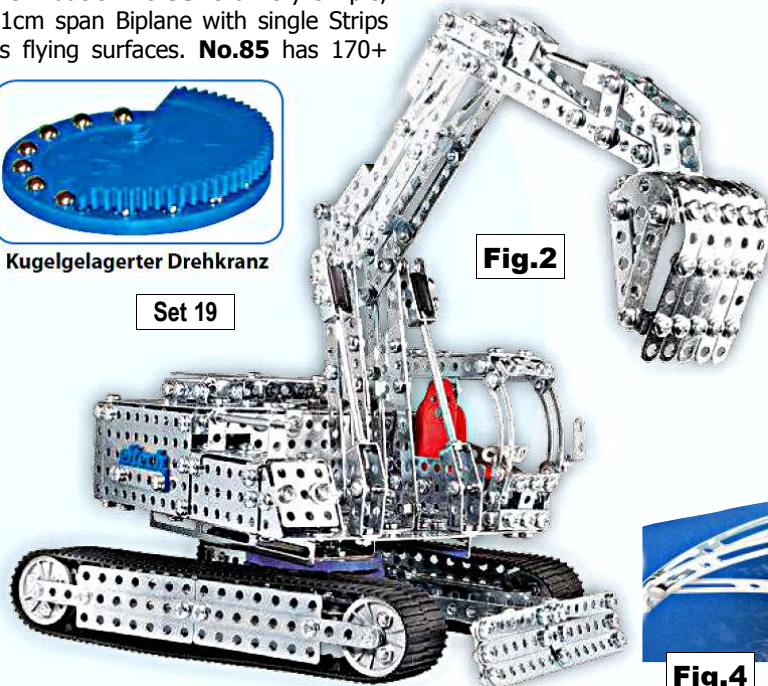


Fig.2

Fig.3



Set 85



Fig.4

Set 98

parts and Fig.3 shows the featured model. Alternatives are lesser models which look like a Racing M/C & a Scooter. **No.98**, 150+ parts, is a Pterodactyl (Fig.4), not perhaps quite as menacing as the earlier 3 'Dinosaur' models.

The Deleted Sets. No.09 (see 44/1330) had 440 parts for utility vehicles. **No.11** (probably) (45/1360) made a small tracked Excavator.

No.12 (49/1485) was for the large 1200 part Space Shuttle model. **No.16** (48/1467) had 1000 parts for a Combine or Tractor & Trailer. **No.17** (37/1107) was the 1200 part Big Wheel. **No.81** (48/1467) made a small Tractor & Trailer.

Add-on Sets & Accessory Packs: these remain as in 2015.

CONSTRUCTION [1]: S17

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'New' System: MATEX Another of those small German systems. Albrecht Heinisch kindly sent, via Urs Flammer, details of his set. My thanks to both. Nothing is known of the manufacturer, or of a manual.

The box measures 173*82*24mm. Its lid is shown below, and the parts in the base in Fig.2. The logo on the lid looks to be a boy riding on a large bird. The illustration on the N&B packet is identical to the lid label.

The threaded parts are steel, the rest aluminium, both untreated. Holes are 3.4mm at 10mm pitch

and the thread is M3. Notes on the parts follow with the quantities found in the Set in curly brackets. **Strips**, 5,4,3,2h, 10*1mm in section {12,10,3,3}. **A/B**, 1*1h {12}. **Wheel Disc**, 30mm Ø {2}. **Washers**, 20,8mm Ø {4,6}. **Screwed Rod**, 60mm {3}. **Bolt**, Fig.3, dome headed {25}. **Nut**, Fig.3, square, 6mm A/F {29}.

The parts and N&B packet show no signs of wear and so the set the Set may be quite complete.

Fig.2



Fig.3

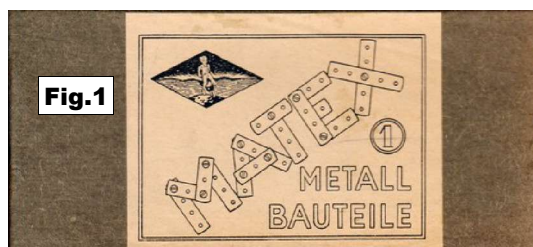


Fig.1

MATEX: S1

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