

Set 325/1 Le Garage Démontable

Since the beginning, several rather basic garages for small scale cars were sold by Les Jouets Citroën. From 1929, Set 325/1 was available, a Garage for 1:10 cars, to be built with Nuts & Bolts. Two different pictures exist for the lid, Fig.13 shows the most frequent. Many of the parts can be seen in Fig.14, and Fig.15 shows the completed model with a non-constructional car partially inside it. This garage looks like the workshops at the Citroën plant. The box is rare, usually one finds the model already built. It is very popular among collectors, who want to display



Fig.13



Fig.15

their cars in this Garage.

A priori, from its manual (Fig.16), only written in French, building this Garage looks simple. However, it seems that this is not so easy, the author of La Saga writes: 'One cannot imagine the time and the patience... one has to expend for reaching the final result! All those who realized it will understand me.'

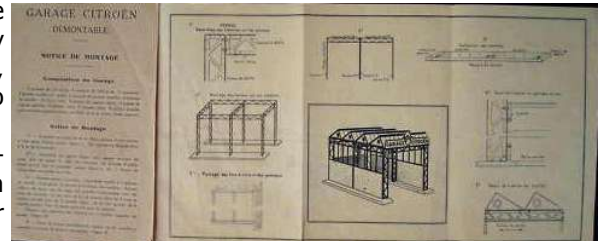
factured by CIJ, were high quality toys: they were excellent models, and children loved to play with them.

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End Word

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this curious decision restricted the development and the use of this model.

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Fig.1



New System: PLAYABLEMETAL This patented system (US: 7967656) with aluminium parts held together by right & lefthand threaded Grub Screws, was designed & is made by Taken Fun & Art Co. Ltd., Taiwan. The American agent is Beyond123 LLC, New York. www.beyond123.com/playablemetal.html gives details.

10 sets, called Models, are listed: A Force; C Bot; F Car; G Animal; H Dino; J Zodiac; L Pal; P Pose; R Flux; S Infinity.

Fig.1 shows a Model L with silver parts, and Fig.3 all the system's main parts. There are right (+) & left (-) threaded versions of each. Fig.2 shows the Tool in use for a '+' thread. The Grubs include one with right & left threaded ends. The use of +/- threads is a novel & potentially useful idea but has perplexed some (grown-up) purchasers.

The basic cube side & hole pitch is probably 2cm and so the thread is perhaps 6mm Ø.

The Animal left is from the Patent; the Set models are much simpler with the Fencer far left as large & complicated as any. Up to 10 or so models are shown for each set and most are just about recognizable. Some indeed are quite good, though none to my eyes have the charm of many of the 'simplicity' models made from 'conventional' systems.

The L set on Amazon costs \$20, the other sets up to \$60.



Fig.4



Fig.2



Fig.3

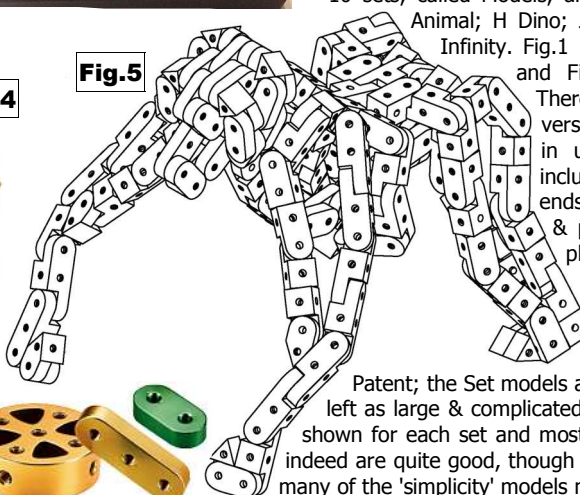


Fig.5

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