

shown except that the Wheel Hub & Steering Wheel are yellow, and the Axle Stops, 2402, are blue & red.

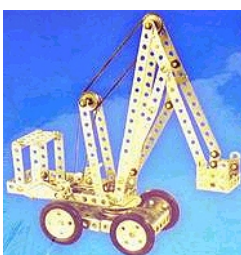
**The MODEL LEAFLET** It is a single sheet folded to give 4 sides 130\*186mm deep. The front is purple at the top, shading to dark blue at the bottom, and has a photo of the model, similar to the view left. Above it is 'RIG OUT ONESELF ! WIT MODEL REPAIR TRUCK ! 58387', and below, 'MADE IN CHINA'. The name METALLICA isn't anywhere on the Sheet. The back has the parts as shown earlier. On the inside pages are 4 subassembly steps used in constructing the model (left). With some difficulty it can be made more or less as shown but it wasn't clear if the Bucket arm was meant to be articulated. Not enough Nuts were provided to allow lock-nutting and joints made by screwing Bolts into 'spare' Axle Stops weren't really stiff enough to support the arm. Long Bolts passing through 2 Axles Stops between the sides would have solved the problem.

## METALLICA: S2

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**Snippet: New System - KONSTRUKTOR** This is about 2 sets which were offered on American Ebay in November 2003. They were said to be European, and nearly all the items in the seller's extensive range of different objects were from Russia.

Below a picture of the manual cover from the 'Mechanical' set, and below it the model on the box lid. Said lid is in landscape format but otherwise is similar to the cover, apart from the Excavator replacing the Lorry. The word before KONSTRUKTOR means child's or perhaps junior, and in the white star is 'more than 53 models'. There is nothing to indicate whether the parts for the two 'plastic' models on the lid & cover are in the Set, but I expect not.

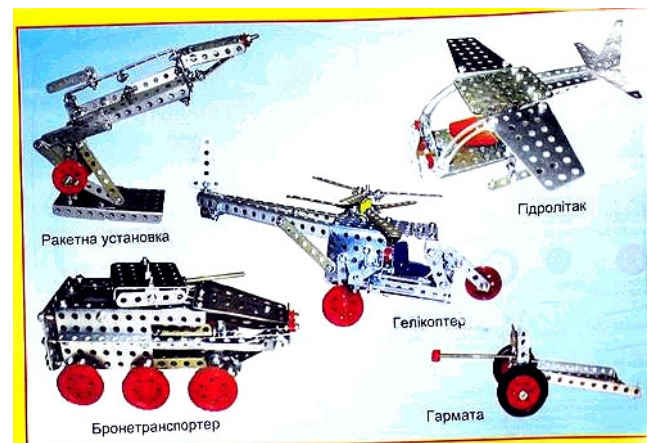


To the right are pictures of the 'Military' set: the lid label, the open box, & some models, perhaps a manual page. The same 'junior' word is under KONSTRUKTOR.

And that is the only obvious evidence that the two sets are from the same manufacturer, except perhaps that both boxes look to be made of blue plastic. But there is one other similarity. The letter 'I' appears in both the word for Military and for Mechanical, and it is not a usual letter in the Russian alphabet. My language notes say it was used in old Russian and in Ukrainian, so, discounting the first possibility, perhaps the sets come from the Ukraine.

The parts in the sets have the air of having a hole pitch of 10mm, and some, like the Curved Slotted Strip, and the orange Axle Stop in the top right corner of the left compartment, look like CONSTRUCTION. Others though do not, the 5\*5h Flanged Plate for instance, and the red plastic push-on Road Wheels.

Also the pale green (!) Tyres. They are used on the Field Gun, perhaps fitted over two of the Road Wheels, back-to-back.



**Note** - The set on the left is KONSTRUKTOR[3] and the one on the right is TECHNOK

KONSTRUKTOR [3]: S1

TECHNOK: S1

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