

Snippet. A MÉCAVION Jet Set No.55A A model made from the parts in the Set below was shown in 40/1202. The box size was given as 50*35cm.

Of the 5 aircraft on the Set's lid only the two with swept wings, top right & bottom left, look as if they can be made with the parts in the Set. And as far as can be seen the only difference between them is the position of the Tailplane on the Fin. No doubt the other models need the 55B outfit mentioned on the model leaflet in OSN 40, and it isn't known if it was a larger or an add-on outfit.

In discussing the parts the photos in OSN 40 help to explain how they are assembled. The main wing & tail parts are obvious in the box, and, on either side of the Tailplanes, the curved Straps that pass under the fuselage to attach the Wings to the fuselage. The basic fuselage is made from 8 parts, 3 yellow & 5 red, with the 4 Nose & 4 Tail Sections butt jointed, and with the Side parts lapped by the Upper & Lower Sections.

The smaller parts include the formed Nose Intake & Tail Jet Fairings at the top of the box, inboard of the yellow Nose

Sections, each of which is fastened to the fuselage by 4 N&B. Next to these are the Undercarriage Legs which bolt onto the underside of the Wings and look to be hinged to allow 'retraction'. Next again, the Wheels with red Tyres. There ought to be a matching nose wheel but there is no sign of any parts for it – perhaps they are in the small parts box. The slot in the yellow Lower Fuselage Nose Section might allow it to retract. The transparent Canopy is next to the tip of the starboard Wing with lugs at each end to bolt it to the fuselage, and there is a Pilot in a seated posture to the left of the Fin. A wooden handled Screwdriver can be seen bottom left, and a Spanner with a ring & an open end bottom right.

That leaves 4 'mystery' parts: the 2 narrow, tapered yellow part above the Wings; a dark grey tapered part just above the parts box with the narrow end slightly hooked and a small hole at the other (a tool of some sort?); and a red, narrow part with multiple bends to the right of the yellow Lower Fuselage Nose Section (perhaps it is used inside the fuselage to provide a seat & instrument panel for the pilot).



FIG.1



FIG.2

MÉCAVION: S5

OSN 43/1318

Snippet. 'New' System: TECHNICO The set shown here was offered on the Australian Ebay. The box lid is identical to the manual cover in Fig.3 except for the name of the set across the top (Fig.1), and 'Instruction Book' at the bottom is replaced by text in the top & bottom yellow lines which is too small to read.

The main parts that can be seen in the open box (Fig.2) are a 5*10h Flanged Plate, the Wheels, and 2,3,4,5,6 & 10h Strips. 3*5h, 4*5h, & 5*5h Plates, no doubt flexible, are used in the models in Fig.3, and they are probably under the Flanged Plate in the box. The empty recesses in the box look to have housed a Screwdriver, a Spanner, and (to the left of the 2h Strip) 2*2h Flat Trunnions.

I can't read the name of the model top right

FIG.2

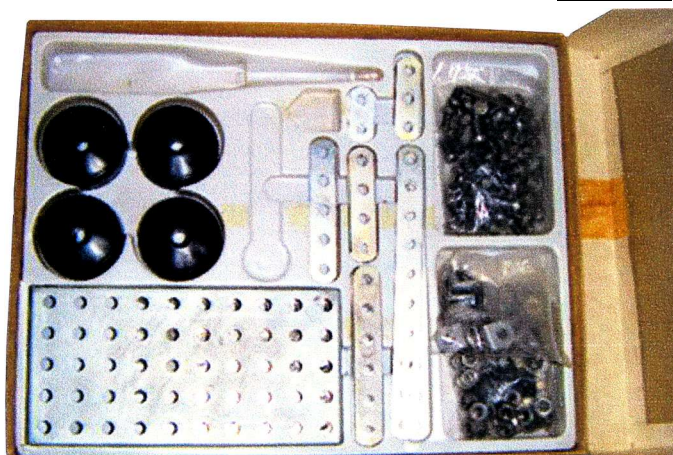
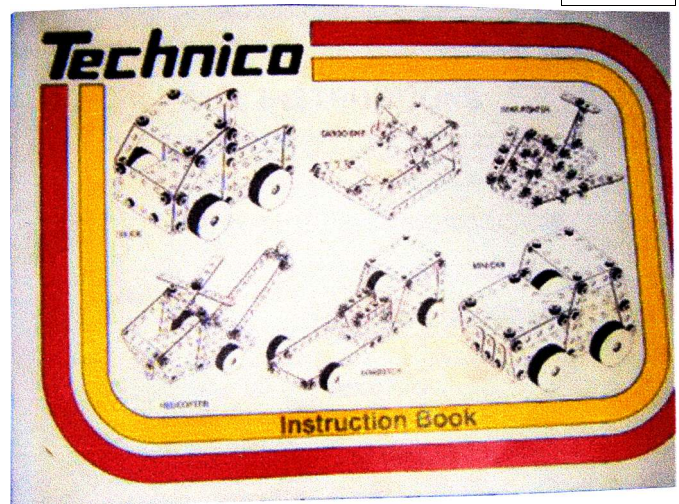


FIG.1

(something Fighter maybe), but the others, going clockwise, are a Mini-car, Dragster, Helicopter, Truck, & Cargo Ship.

The 10h size of the Flanged Plate is unusual, likewise the surmised Flat Trunnion, and also the inclusion of 4h size parts in a small set. In combination they don't bring to mind any other system and so perhaps, Australian or not, this brand was not widely sold internationally.

FIG.3



TECHNICO: S1

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