



Alternative models: 7645

When being kids our parents gave us our first LEGO® set, we all faced the same challenge: our own constructions starting off with a limited number of bricks

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Without any doubt, the essence of LEGO® is the possibility to build your own creations. I guess we all remember our beginnings, when we were much younger and our families were in charge of all the presents we would get. That time when we could build everything with just four pieces... a gun to shoot our dear sister, a monster, a motel for our minifigs to spend the night in while we slept... With this issue we are starting a new section where we will show alternate models built using only and exclusively parts of a single set. We will try to show creations completely different to the original ones LEGO offers us, incorporating those parts with limited uses and giving them new ones if possible. But enough talking, here is our first set:

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 Comments on the official model: Numbered bags for the building process. Many Technic parts, and a small palette of colours (mainly black and white). It comes with an alien ship, a small truck, and a treaded vehicle, the top part of which is a detachable

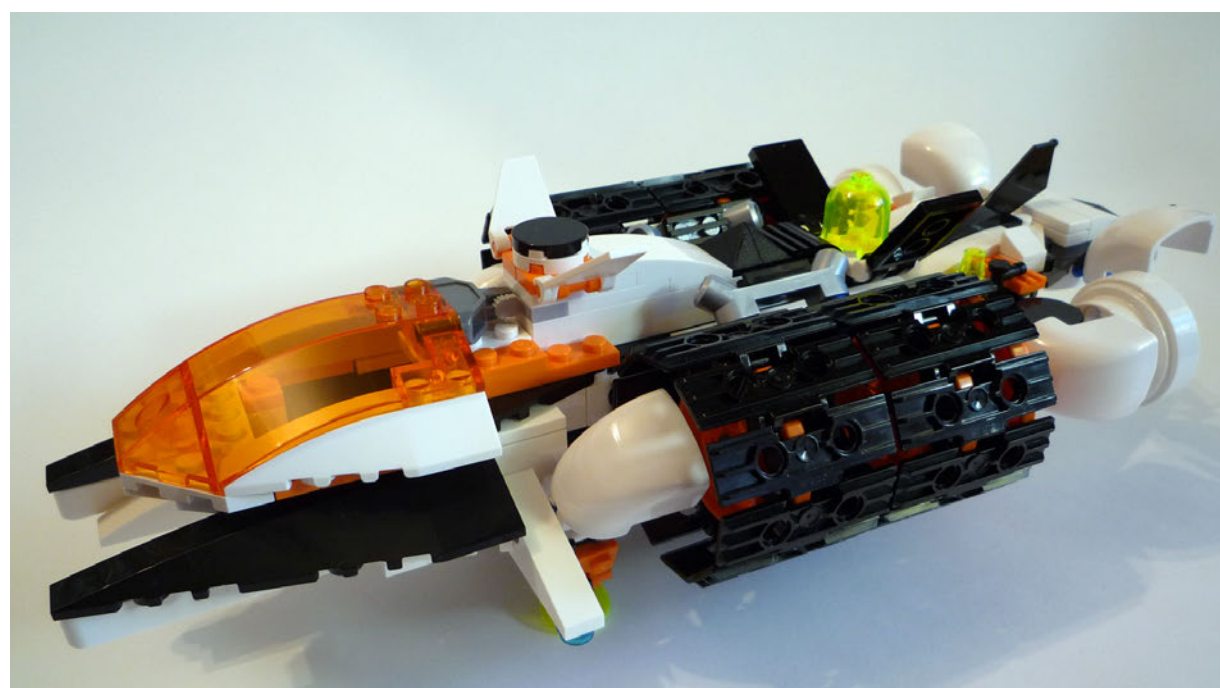
spaceship and the bottom part a small laboratory. The set is easy to build and fairly playable. It gets positive points for the inclusion of the instructions to motorize the set using Power Functions, and negative ones for the fact that the alien in the vehicle's laboratory doesn't really fit that well.

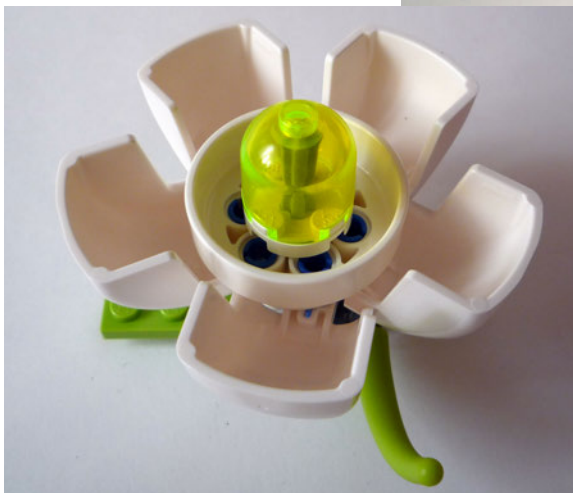
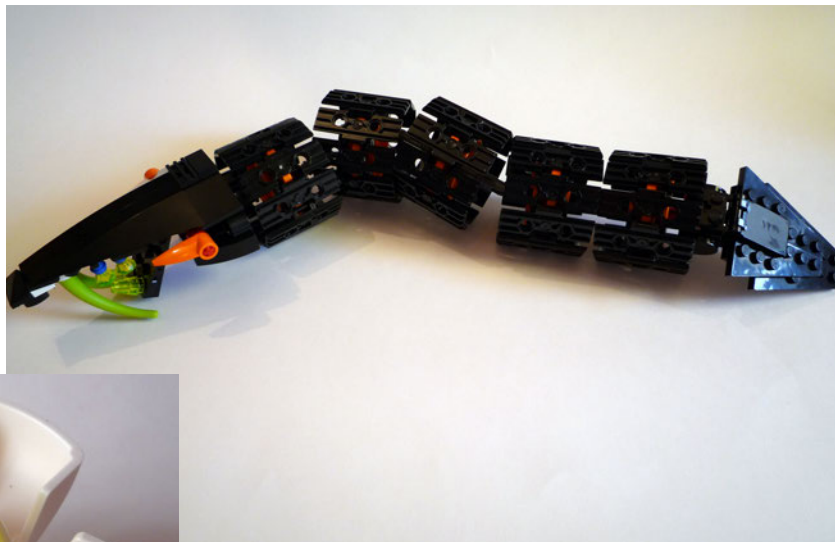
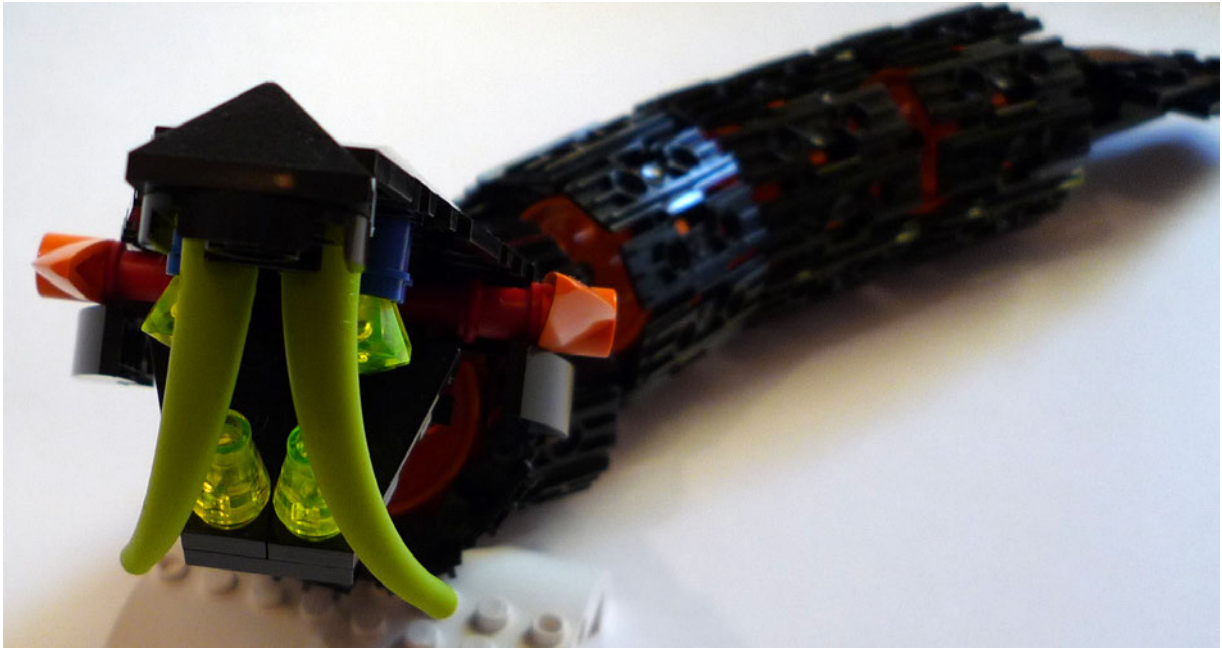
Alternate models:

Flower: to break with the theme and taking advantage of the front piece's shape (the white bionicle masks next to saw blades).

Base: Small provisional base. The only thing it adds worth mentioning is the use of the treads at the gate's bottom, and for shaping some compartments. This last use of the treads can be seen on the rest of the models. Since the treads allow shaping, we can replace with them the use of bricks and plates, which are rather limited in this set.

Spaceship: Provisional ship meant to go along with the previously mentioned base. Underneath it has some sort of hose for refuelling other ships. It was fun building this one.





Snake: A similar model to the flower, trying to build something completely different to the set's theme. It is articulated and can move, but the head is too heavy for holding it up.

See you again in the next issue.

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