



Alternative models: 8960

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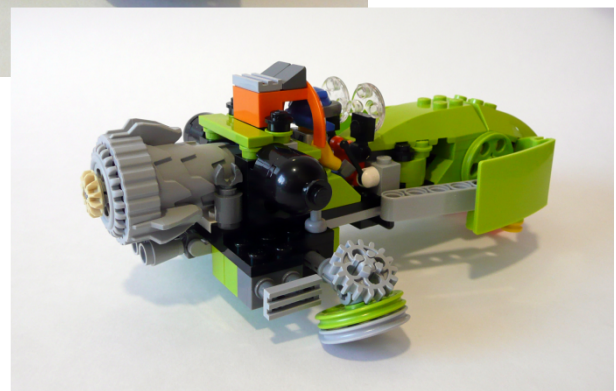
I have to admit that this model was the one I liked most from the new "Power Miners" theme. Besides, the detail that the drilling system is divided into two parts that rotate in opposite directions and is connected to the wheels, makes it a playable and fun model.

But when I began to think of alternative models I found that the set has a very limited assortment of parts with little variety of colours and some quite large parts. Big wheels don't allow you to create vehicles at minifig scale and the small number of classical pieces makes "building in the old style"

harder as there are only 235 pieces for a model of considerable size.

Anyway, continuing with our policy of providing alternative uses for parts, I designed these three models.

The first is a kind of "speeder" in which I managed to use the end of the drill as a propellant. The nearly complete absence of transparent parts has forced me to design a slightly unusual windshield, and I used the Technic panels to give the ship a bit of "body".



The second model is a small robot, in which I used the Technic panels to simulate something like a face.



I've put it on wheels due to the lack of parts that allow joints to all the limbs.



The latest model is an attempt to find another use to the big wheels, using them as a column on which an



"Observation base" is placed. I hope you enjoy the alternative models. ■

