



Review 8970: Robo attack

There cannot be a 007 issue without secret agents

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There always has been a struggle between good and evil, and this is what the recent Agents line focuses on. A group of agents of some type of organization try to stop the evil plans of dangerous gangsters, using all sorts of new technologies incorporated in impressive vehicles. There have been many lines with this topic as a basis. Today we can find the same idea lines like Space Police III or Atlantis.

The new Agents 2.0 sets are quite amazing. Among the new sets we can find the 8970, a giant robot which confronts the Special Forces while citizens and tourists are looking on, stunned and terrified.

The box says a lot by itself. The sleek lines show the set and its strengths very well, but without revealing all the secrets. On the cover there is a picture of the mechanical monster in action making mischief in a city. A carefully designed image that shows exactly what we will find inside.

On the back we can find all the gadgets of the set and some images of other sets of the same line. Here all the secrets of the set are revealed and in the lower part we find a picture of the minifigs, one of the most important points because there are six in this set, five of which feature two different expressions on their heads. This adds even more to the playability of the set.



On the sides we again can see the images of the minifigs which are the biggest attraction of the set, classified into heroes, citizens and the villain.



As a curiosity, the box opens with a lip and can be reused to save the set or other items, which is useful since it is a heavy-weight cardboard box.

If we check the contents of the box we see that it is only filled for about 40%, which is not very helpful to keep instructions and stickers in good conditions and these are likely to bend. LEGO® could have saved on cardboard, although visual impact would be lost to the audience of the set.

The set consists of 4 bags of mixed parts, divided by instruction booklets, the instructions booklets themselves, stickers and the transparent dome which is not bagged.

Construction is pleasant and not at all repetitive. The first thing we build are the minifigs, as usual, then the jet and the quad of the agents and a small slider of the evil enemy.

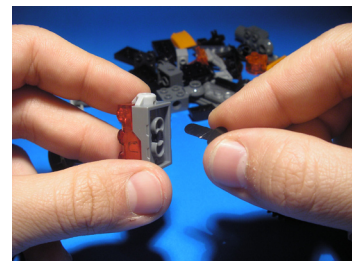


Here a picture of the minifigs with the different expressions on their faces.



Next we will build the robot, which is modular; it is made up of parts or segments which are subsequently joined to create the robot. First the main body with the transparent dome, then the legs and finally the arms of the monster. During the construction we find some interesting techniques and details like SNOT and studless in the body and legs of the robot.

The arms are different one from the other. One has a metal claw that can rotate and the other has a flame thrower that lights through a brick with integrated batteries. In fact, to avoid the battery running out before opening the box, the light brick has a small tab that interrupts the circuit and has to be removed to make it work.



The finished set has a very innovative design, with lots of gadgets and curious details. It has parts in silver and dark blue, new parts like the dome, the minifigs... all are strengths for AFOLs who wish to acquire this new set that leaves no one indifferent. We could say, as has become customary in the current sets, that the stickers are an inconvenience, but the set has plenty of printed tiles that balance the scales. In fact, without the stickers, the set does not lose visual interest, as may occur with some racers.

Personally I think the set is quite balanced in price and quality, taking into account the design of vehicles, gadgets of the set, colours and the minifigs it includes, all very striking.



And to finish the review, a small MOC built only with parts of this set. Greetings to all readers and thanks for reading this review.

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