



# Review 8066: Off-Roader

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**Set: Off-Roader**  
**Set number: 8066**  
**Parts number: 141**  
**Recommended price: 14,95€**

After my previous article about the world of Technic, my fellow editors have punished me with another review of a Technic set, trying to broaden my knowledge on this line. Not that I agree very much, but I didn't have any other options ...

This time it is one of the smaller models of this year, the 8066 Off-Roader.

I must say that the first feeling was of disappointment. When I opened the box and turned it over I was startled to see two small bags of pieces land on my desk. Honestly, I thought that LEGO® had forgotten to put in a bag before closing the box.

The set comes with instructions to build two models, a jeep as the main model and a buggy as an alternate.

As for technical characteristics, the main model has steering and suspension. The steering is quite simple but it solves the problem very well in very little space. The suspension is a single central shock absorber between the two parts of the chassis with the axis. The suspension is appropriate, it isn't necessary to sit on it to work and it doesn't collapse under its own weight.

Visually a couple of seats made of liftarms and a few panels give the set, I would say a more than acceptably finished look for a model of this size. Well, in the end, all the parts were in the box.



Assembly is simple and fun except the typical steps where a liftarm has to fit in half a dozen pins and different axles at once, and it is a bit complicated at first. The gameplay is not excessive given its few mechanisms, but I consider it a great model to start in this world at a tender age. The mechanisms are easily understandable and will certainly stimulate the young builder (I am too old for these things).

Regarding the secondary model, there isn't much to say. It's simpler than the main model and a little disappointing because it does not have steering, but a kind of "crazy axis" that turns when you balance the car in the desired direction. Curious but not very technic. LEGO has not been very original or bold in its design but it is clear that the pieces do not allow for much more.

In short, a good "starter set" for young people trying to get started with technic, since it is simple, educational and playable. For experts it will not present a challenge.

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Finally a fantastic alternative model with the parts of this set built by arcanemettles.

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