



Review 7959: Geonosian Starfighter®



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Set: Geonosian Starfighter
Set number: 7959
Number of parts: 155
Minifigs: 3
Recommended Retail Price: 49,95€

As usual every year, in June the LEGO® Star Wars™ and LEGO Clone Wars™ corresponding to the second half of the year have been presented. There are a number of interesting sets, like the new version of the Millennium Falcon™ or the Podracers™ of Anakin™ and Sebulba™.

To get a closer look at these new sets we will present one of the new The Clone Wars™ sets. The Geonosian Starfighter™

In 2003 the Geonosian Fighter™ that corresponds to Episode II was launched with set number 4478. This set is very similar to the one that is launched now, but it did not have a cockpit for a minifig. In this 2011 version, which fits in with the cartoon series The Clone Wars™, the ship has been revised and includes new minifigs which are the real attraction of the set.

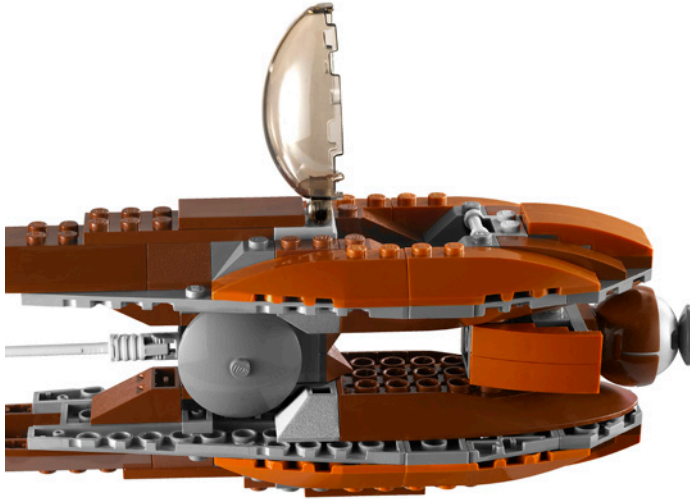
Aesthetically, the set is very similar to the one from 2003. It is slightly bigger in size, among other reasons because of the addition of a cockpit for the Geonosian who flies it. It is designed in a modular way with a central body and two wings that are attached using Technic pins. There is little else to say about the set; the pictures show it all. Nothing less, nothing more.

Out of three minifigs, two are new (Ki-Adi-Mundi and the Geonosian) and the third is one of the important characters of the cartoon series: Commander Cody. No surprises there as it is the same one that appeared in the 7676 Republic Attack Gunship.

Ki-Adi-Mundi is a new character and stands out because of the peculiar shape of the head, which is a kind of "hair" that is added to the head of the minifig. Although it is one of the TCW minifigs and is a reproduction of the cartoon character, it is rather well done and makes a nice addition to the Jedi collection.

The Geonosian is different from the ones that appeared in





the The Clone Wars™ series which does not attract the same kind of public as the films and the minifigs, though attractive, are not so iconic as to think about buying the set just to get them.

It's an interesting set, and although it isn't spectacular, the mix of a peculiar ship and the new minifigs do make it attractive. However, the price is not in accordance with the set. I hope we won't see similar piece/price ratios in future licensed sets and that we will be able to enjoy many new ships and minifigs to complete our collections.

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set #4478. The head is from a new mould and the legs are decorated. Since the Geonosians have so far only appeared in 2003, this ship is a nice opportunity to get one of them.

So far it is a nice set, until you have a look at the price. €49.95 for 155 pieces is pretty steep, especially since it "only" features 2 new minifigs. It's a known fact that the minifigs go a long way to selling sets, but I get the impression that someone overdid it when deciding on the price. It is not a 'cult' ship, but is part of

