



# Review 8486: Mack's Team Truck

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**Set: Mack's Team Truck**  
**Set number: 8486**  
**Number of parts: 374**  
**Minifigs: -**  
**Recommended Retail Price: 44,95€**

With the launch of the new Cars 2 film, LEGO® and Disney have given this theme a new boost. Up until now, there were only a number of sets available in the Duplo range, and this year a new series of sets have been presented for a target age of 7. In this line there are two kinds of sets. There is the typical set that reproduces scenes from the film, which have been designed as play sets, and the Ultimate Build models which allow you to build some of the main characters in greater detail, although without much complexity since the age range is the same.

With regard to the set at hand, first of all I should highlight the absolutely huge box, excessive by any reckoning, and the enormous sticker sheet which we'll have a look at later. The construction is divided in two booklets. In the first one Lightning McQueen and the tractor unit of the truck are built and in the second one the trailer.

Building Lightning McQueen I am constantly reminded of the LEGO cars from the dark days of LEGO, when the use of large elements reduced any car to half a dozen parts. In this case, two parts suffice to build the bonnet and the eyes/roof of the car. Maybe it was too difficult to reproduce this car at this scale in a way that would make it clearly identifiable without resorting to such big moulds, but I can't overlook how unchallenging this is even for a seven-year-old. On the up-side, it great to see all the pieces of the car are printed and the stickers are used only for the truck. Without a doubt, the car will be the most played

with part of the set and stickers wouldn't have lasted very long.

The tractor unit is a more classical build, with more standard parts, but with lots of stickers. The only thing I'd change in this accurate design are the wheels which appear slightly small for the overall look of the model. Unfortunately the stickers start to invade everything.

The same booklet also has instructions for the flag and the tool-tray, both of which are merely token elements.

The last element is the trailer, which consists of two parts. I must say I like the design and I believe kids will love it as the fact that it can be opened almost completely offers many play opportunities. On the other hand, I don't like the ramp, which is too simple and doesn't allow the car to enter the trailer smoothly as it bumps into the hinges.

Though I do not like them, I must admit that the use of stickers in this kind of model is justified. If you want to be faithful to the original cartoon characters, including all the publicity these race cars carry, this is your only option as printing all those parts would be very costly and elevate the already relatively high price of a licensed set.

Considering the finished set, I believe the result is satisfactory, the building experience is practically zero for someone with a little LEGO experience, but I think it will be sufficient for its intended customers. And on the other hand, the play experience is its strong point.

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