

4208 - 4x4 Fire Truck

4433 - Dirt Bike Transporter

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Since we have dedicated this issue to review the history of the Town / City theme, and the first part of the sub-theme trains, we are pleased to give you an exclusive presentation of two new 2012 CITY sets, which have not been offered for sale in the U.S. like other sets of 2012.

In 2012 CITY will be focused in two directions: The forest theme, with new sets of police and firemen in that environment, and "civilian" sets, with ambulances, garbage trucks or cars with caravans.

From the forest theme, we present the 4208 - 4x4 Fire Truck. It is a fire truck specifically designed to fight fires in inaccessible environments. From this set we highlight several points:

- The firefighter has a new color scheme, more striking than the typical black firefighters that we have in CITY. The yellow color stands out over the rest of the set and if we add the dark red colored helmet, and the fully decorated minifig, it is a completely new addition.
- The burning tree is an interesting complement. We usually have fire sets "without fire", which limits the playability of a set. In this case we have a tree made with 2x2 round bricks and a new piece, the Plate, Round 2 x 2 with Pin Hole and 4 Arms Up. This part (which also appears in the other set presented in



a completely different function) gives a lot of new possibilities to the builders of trees. We will ask our collaborator Legotron to prepare a new tree for the next issue.

- The configuration of the truck is original. It has the driving cab, a command center in the middle, and a compartment for tools in the rear. It gives a new and original approach to the typical designs appeared in LEGO City from the start.





The most “civilian” part of the line is represented by the set 4433 - Dirt Bike Transporter, an SUV with a trailer for transporting two motocross bikes.

The set has two instruction booklets, one for the SUV and the other for the trailer. It’s a little weird because the fire truck is a set of the same size and only has one instruction booklet.

This set also has new parts, like the previously mentioned Plate, Round 2 x 2 with Pin Hole and 4 Arms Up, along with the new Vehicle, Mudguard 4 x 2 1 / 2 x 1 with Arch Round and the much desired Tile, Round 1 x 1. These parts are highly desirable especially for builders of MOCs as they allow more variations and possibilities of building and final decoration.

The SUV is totally different from other recently launched versions. The design is more radical and the SUV uses Off-



road tyres instead of the typical CITY tyres. The inside of the SUV is quite austere but the outside has some interesting elements like the battery of lights on the roof. In this complement, as well as in the fog lamps, there are some round yellow tiles. On the roof there is the Plate, Round 2 x 2 with Pin Up Arms Hole and 4 in black, which serves to carry the spare wheel of the motocross bikes. It’s very interesting to see the different uses of the same part in these two sets.

The design of the trailer is simple. Although we can not expect too much in the design of a motorcycle transport trailer, at least the designers have added a drawer to store tools and a simple method of securing motorcycles.

The set has two minifigures and both wear a cap. They also have helmets with goggles for motocross.

These two sets are a small preview of what we will see in LEGO CITY next January. Sets with interesting accessories we have not seen before, new parts, new approaches to classic lines and hours of fun.

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