

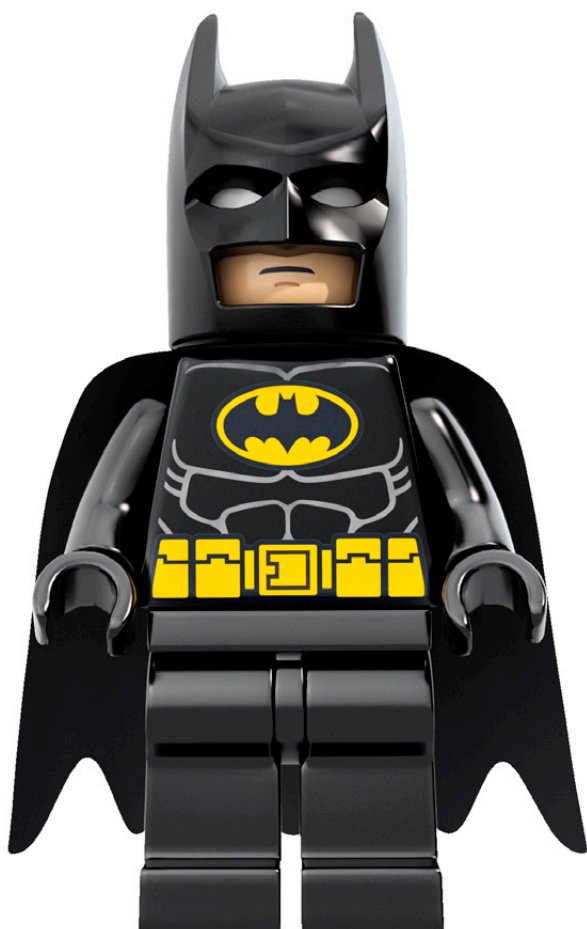
Presentation: SUPERHEROES 2012

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Set: The Batmobile and the Two-Face Chase
Set number: 6864
Number of parts: 531
Minifigs: 5
Recommended retail price in Spain: 59,95€

Towards the end of last year we received a very pleasant surprise. LEGO® announced the launch of a SuperHero theme. In addition to returning to Batman and his enemies, new superheroes from the DC Universe™ and Marvel™ were added to the LEGO world. In this first semester the outstanding novelties are Superman, Wonder Woman and Lex Luthor.



The theme is closer to the comics than to the films. This can be seen in the minifigs, the details and the colours.

It could be said that the set we are presenting is a re-edition of the 7781-1: The Batmobile: Two-Face's Escape, although that is not completely true. Both sets reproduce the Batmobile and a vehicle Two-Face uses to fight Batman. But that is where the resemblance ends.

The Batman minifig is practically the same as in the earlier set. Only the torso design changes. Two-face and his henchmen, however, are totally different. The colours are purple and orange in stead of black and white. The only element that stays the same is black and white hair. Two-face's torso is different from that of the villains as he wears a tie and a vest. The villains inly wear t-shirts. The set includes a 5th minifig. It is a policeman who tries to defend the bank Two-Face wants to rob. There isn't much to say about the policeman, except for the fact that he has no weapon to defend the bank.

The design of the Batmobile is different as it is not conditioned by the central weapon of the previous model. It is a little shorter and the shapes are not same as instead of curved slopes this version uses cheese slopes to create the basic shapes. Nevertheless, it is a proper Batmobile that will not disappoint anyone.



Two-Face's vehicle is a rather robust all terrain convertible in orange and purple. It has a metallic grille to protect the engine and ram other vehicles. The inside has a driver seat with a missile launcher to the right and a machine gun to the left and in the front a turning crane to hold the safe these villains want to steal.

The third important element in the set is a small building that represents a bank with a safe that contains money. The inventory of the bank is quite austere, but at least it includes a counter for the clerk and a computer. Aside from these elements, behind the counter there is a safe. A small mechanism makes the front window of the bank fly out, giving the robbers access to the safe. Although the building is quite simple, the design is attractive and there are some details that alter the otherwise square shape.

The set doesn't use too many stickers, although they are necessary for to decorate the Batmobile, Two-face's vehicle, the bank and the safe. It's a pity that in a collector set like this one, with an elevated price, stickers are used instead of printed bricks. Hopefully there will be improvements in this regard in future sets.

All the Superheroes sets have a small comic inside the box. In it you will find some publicity for other sets of the same theme and the basic story of the set.

It is curious that this set contains one of the new brick separators that LEGO® has recently incorporated in its catalogue of parts. It looks like it will be included in all medium/ large size sets, so many fans will soon have collection of these.

The SuperHeroes theme is bound to be a sales success in 2012, both with kids, AFOLS and comic fans. Although some of the sets are similar to earlier ones, the designs are different and justify buying the set even if you already have an earlier version. The comic heroes have a pulling power that is hard to resist despite the elevated prices.

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