

Review 9391: Tracked Crane

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Set: Tracked Crane
Set number: 9391
Number of parts: 218
Recommended retail price in Spain: 15,99€

In this article we will have a closer look at one of the new Technic sets for 2012. It is one five sets that make up the novelties for this year. Of those five sets the mini tow truck (which reminds me powerfully of the enormous Unimog) and the set I will be reviewing stand out: 9391 Mini Crane. Just 218 parts for a small set with lots of playability. The box is one of the reduced sizes and opens on one side. Inside there are two bags, one with the parts for the tracks (66) and the other with the rest of the pieces (152). There are two instruction booklets for building two different models; the main model (a mini crane) and the B model (a mini bulldozer).

Building the set takes little time. Well, that is of course relative; I built my first Technic set in 1979. I mention this because because it was the 856 bulldozer that used the same tracks as this mini crane. Those were the days!



The set is made up of a base on top of which the central body of the crane is mounted together with the arm and cabin. The connection is made with a new part, a small turn table of about 3 studs in diameter, which fits the size of the set and allows the top structure to turn 360 degrees.

Being used to cranes, excavators and other larger sets, the size of this set draws my attention. The large Technic turn tables have a diameter of nearly 9 studs.

Turning in this case is quite effective and is done with a 12 Tooth Double Bevel gear, just like the other functions in the set. The movement of the crane arm is done with a worm gear. Due to the small size of this set it does not have a lot of travel, but it is an easy and effective method. This way the arm is raised and lowered easily.

After building the base and the central body what remains is to attach the arm with the wire and drum.

The arm extends manually, adding to the playability of the set.

To sum up, taking into account the price, size and difficulty of this set it is ideal for those who want to get started with Technic. I would like to warn you though: Technic sets are very addictive! That's all folks.

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