

Review: 79103 Turtle Lair Attack

Turtle Power!!!

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Set 79103 Turtle Lair Attack
Number of parts: 488
Minifigs: 5

Until relatively recently, LEGO® had few licenses in its assortment of themes for sets, with Star Wars™ as the star of them all, but the situation has changed to the delight of children and adults, adding themes like The Lord Of The Rings™, Super Heroes or SpongeBob™. Well, this year, 2013, is witnessing the birth of another license, which makes to the guy who writes this article a big thrill. Hold on to your hats because The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles™ are here, the heroes of the half shell.

These mythical heroes from the 90s marked an era in every teenager who nowadays is around 35-40 years old, and now they have been rescued by the animation channel Nickelodeon, in a renewed version, with some changes from the original series, but these do not affect the essence of these four amphibians and their rat master, which is why I recommend you to view and enjoy it.

This article is going to unravel one of the landmarks of the heroes, their lair. Where Raphael, Leonardo, Michelangelo and Donatello and their teacher, train and eat pizza.

Like all the sets that are coming out in 2013, the set number is five digit, it is a 488 parts set, and by the number of parts it is the second largest set of this license that goes on sale. The box is medium size, in the new format, that is, sized to content. Inside it has four numbered bags, a sticker sheet, and two instruction booklets, yes, you read it correctly, two instruction

booklets, not very logical given the size of the set, but one is for the assembly instructions for the atrezzo of the lair (television, skate ramp, the training totem, etc ...) and the other is used for build the lair itself.

Bag number 1 includes the parts to build the atrezzo, which comprises the television, the skate ramp, and the training totem, along with a small crane, a catapult, a shelf with cans, a hanger for skates and a work desk. It also includes a Foot Clan Soldier minifig and the Dark Ninja as well as a part separator. This part of the assembly is not very interesting, it is very easy because of the building of small elements that will give color to the set, highlighting the training totem, which includes the Shatterer helmet in dark brown(!)

Bag number 2 is for building the training and meditation room (see the animated series), and includes the minifig of Master Splinter. Regarding the assembly, nothing to emphasize, it is simple and entertaining, and it is prepared to hold the training totem commented in the previous paragraph. A mobile rack has been added, which adds to the rotational movement of the training totem, for more playability.

In bag number 3 are the minifigs of Raphael and Leonardo. The parts included are for the laboratory module, to say so, where the assembly continues its simplicity. Perhaps I should highlight the spiral staircase, which only has three steps, instead of the usual 7 or 8, but gives a very good result. It has a wall that can be removed by pushing a part behind it, and it is completed with the work desk and the shelf.

Finally, bag number 4, which continues with the assembly, adding another floor to the laboratory module, which



represents the recreational area with a pizza oven included. It is topped by a representation of a street section with sewer and a wall with graffiti on it. From the atrezzo the mini crane and the skates' hanger can be added. For playability there is a trap near the sewer, and a device that removes the pizza from the oven.

In all, it's a great set, with much playability as a result of the various moving parts and devices that have been mentioned throughout the article. In addition to that, as the atrezzo can be easily engaged and disengaged, the potential is increased.

It is true that, like everything, there's a 'but', and unfortunately it is a well-known one: the stickers. For the set size there are too many, although the truth is that they provide a spectacular result, and all of them are necessary, but the feeling is that less of them would be better. As an example there are the steps of the ladder, which are done with a sticker, not printed.

But this negative point is more than compensated by the end result, the playability of the set, and the whole assembly, which although not complicated, and there are no great building

techniques, is very entertaining. Regarding the parts, nothing special, but the appearance of the first parts in olive green is interesting.

But there is something that should be mentioned separately, the best of the set, the minifigs of Raphael, Leonardo and Splinter. They are made in ABS, all their parts, the heads and shells included. This makes the set worthwhile, if only to have a reproduction of these green heroes.

In summary, a great set, recommended, especially the minifigs, with a simple but entertaining assembly, which has a lot of playability and evokes fond memories. 7.5 out of 10.

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