

Review: The LEGO Build-It Book: More Amazing Vehicles

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In the previous issue of HispaBrick Magazine® we interviewed the authors of the book The LEGO® Build-It Book: Amazing Vehicles. Now they are back with a new book with 10 new models built from parts available in the Creator line set 5867 Super Speedster. Yes, they surprise us with another 10 wonderful models. That is why we could not miss the opportunity to take a look at this new book.

First, we must highlight the quality of the book. The cover is very striking, with a color scheme that is very consistent with the presented constructions. You can see the high quality of the layout when you take a look inside. The book is very nicely structured. The graphics are really remarkable, with the part colors clearly differentiated. You can follow each building step without problem and the graphics of the little tricks that have been used are carefully depicted in the book. We shouldn't

forget that it is not a simple instruction book. We have, as well as the referred models, some small sections spread throughout the book, where explanations, tips, and techniques for building are given. They are intended to be used in any construction and there are ideas to develop your own models. This detail is very important, since these techniques can become a source of inspiration for your future builds. In short, it is a very well done book, simple and very intuitive.

Of course, if we are discussing a book about LEGO constructions we can't do this review without any reference of the LEGO models depicted in the book. They are the most interesting part of the book. It is really incredible to see those amazing models, because they were created using the part list of the set 5867 Super Speedster only. We are not talking about many variations of the same car, we are talking about many kinds of vehicles such as vintage cars, trucks, bikes, buggies and excavators. The variety is incredible, with perfect colour combinations and very well scaled. All models have a different degree of difficulty and features and there is only one common feature, they all use the same set of wheels.

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Design notes: 4-cylinder engine, high handlebars, big headlight, gas tank, easy rider seat

Technical specifications:
Dimensions (l × w × h): 18 × 9 × 9 studs
Wheelbase: 14 studs
Axle width front/rear: 4/3 studs

Features: working steering

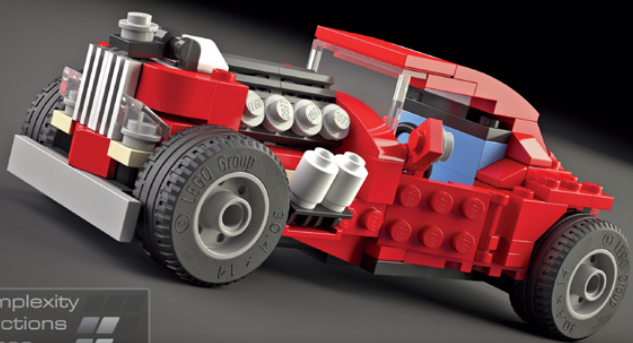
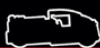


BIG RIG

Design notes: spacious cabin, big mirrors, massive grille, airfoil, fifth wheel, mudguards

Technical specifications:
Dimensions (l × w × h): 20 × 14 × 14 studs
Wheelbase: 12 studs
Axle width front/rear: 10/10 studs

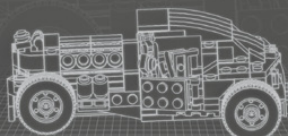
Features: opening doors, tipping cabin



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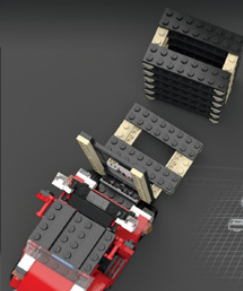


HOT ROD

Design notes: chop top, exposed V8 engine, big exhaust pipes, wide rear axle

Technical specifications:
Dimensions (l x w x h): 18 x 10 x 8 studs
Wheelbase: 13 studs
Axle width front/rear: 8/10 studs

Features: opening doors



FORKLIFT

Design notes: short wheelbase, open cabin, big mirrors, spotlights

Technical specifications:
Dimensions (l x w x h): 22 x 10 x 16 studs
Wheelbase: 9 studs
Axle width front/rear: 8/8 studs

Features: tilting mast, folding fork, pallet

The high quality of the creations that are shown can be seen in the shape and forms of each one of them. The different creations are made with simple techniques, which do not require special skills to use them. Therefore, those techniques are not intended to be used only with these MOCs, so you can use them with your own creations. There are 10 models in the book, my favorite one is the roadster, because it is really cool, and the sport design of the car is perfect. The other one I want to talk about is the Big Rig, because it has countless details and many functional features. It is difficult to believe that these creations could be made with so few pieces.

In short, it is a very interesting book. You can see the different possibilities to build models with a very small part list, very creative. This book is highly recommended for those who begin alternative models and want to improve their skills building their own, or have a very limited part list.

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