

Review: 70006 Cragger's Command Ship

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Set: Cragger's Command Ship

Set number: 70006

Parts: 609

Contains: 6 minifigs.

We might consider this set as the star set of the evil Chima for 2013 which is about to end. Although this line was created to replace Ninjago, the success of the latter in some markets, has kept it alive, and, despite its evolving into stories that would have been hard to imagine seeing the first sets from few years ago, we will have Ninjago in 2014. Since the continuity of Chima is also confirmed, it is clear that the kids will have a hard time choosing which fantastic line to follow and we, the older people, will have a better chance of more rare pieces in even rarer colors.

This set is famous for its assortment of Olive Green parts so appreciated for military constructions. It's true, in the picture you can see a lot of that color, but if we remove the ship's hull and the boats, the density of that color drops dramatically.

Even so, as the olive green is the fashion color in the 2013 season, it may be an interesting purchase for this reason.

Besides recycling it as a source of parts, the set itself has some very interesting things. On the one hand, many and varied minifigs. About the spectacularity of Chima minifigs we have spoken before, so nothing new to add. On the other hand the set includes up to 6 vehicles. The two jet skis from the lions (I thought they did not like water) and the boat of the crocodiles, which itself includes two speed boats and a helicopter that can be released from the main boat. This gives very high playability, although the lions have everything to lose at such a deployment of resources.

Nothing to say about the construction, it is clearly dominated by that huge hull boat on which are placed booths, vehicles and weapons. The mouth and the movable jaws simulating a crocodile are merely anecdotic, since as the mouth is at the top of the hull it is unlikely to catch anything in. The two speedboats are also single hull, which does not give





many possibilities for recycling, although they will be highly appreciated for military dioramas. The helicopter acts as the crocodile tail and, personally, just like I do not see the lions in the water I do not see the crocodiles in the air, everything for the show.

It is a set that brings up different opinions. On the one side it is a large set with many minifigs, varied vehicles and a lot of gameplay. On the other hand the boat hull..., to me that kind of parts is only understandable when looking for a leak that

allows playing with it in the water and I think this is not the case. Personally, and, as the olive green is not my color, I do not think it is a set that I would buy. I do not like it aesthetically and I hate that boat hull (I think I've made that more or less clear), but I recognize that for a kid fan of this line, this set means hours and hours of fun.

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