

# Review: 75054 AT-AT

*Fighting against the enemies of the Empire over the planet Hoth frozen lands*

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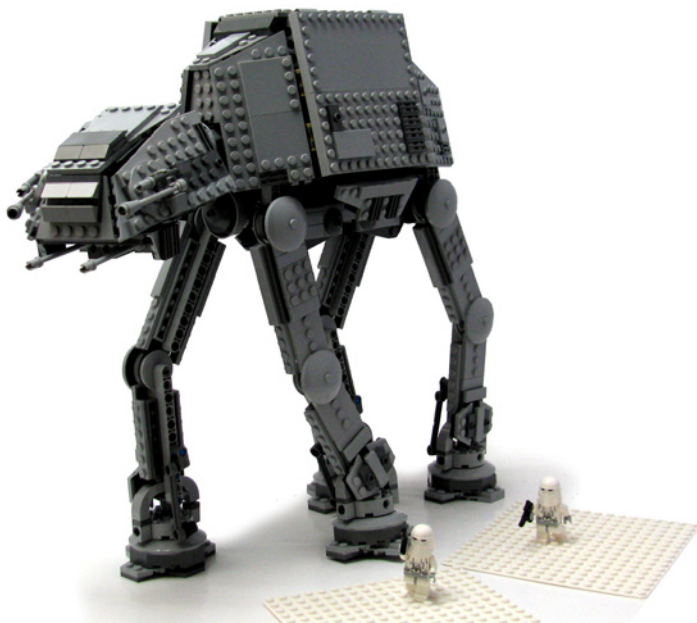
**Set:** AT-AT  
**Set number:** 75054  
**Parts:** 1137  
**Contains:** 5 minifigs.

This summer 2014, there will be a new series of Star Wars sets, many of them of the original trilogy. One of these sets is the 75054 AT-AT, that includes the mighty Imperial war machine used by the Empire to crush the rebel forces on the planet Hoth. It is a classic within star Wars™ LEGO® sets. It is a big set with more than 1100 pieces, and as a big Star Wars fan I really wanted to have this set.

I don't own the previous versions of the AT-AT, so I don't have any references to compare which model is better. So, I can

focus all my attention to the 75054 AT-AT. The appearance of the box is very interesting with awesome box art. The box includes a poster with all the Star Wars minifigs of this summer on one side and a scene of the battle of Hoth on the other side. The building process was very interesting. The set comes with many technic parts that are used to build the framework of the AT-AT body, and the connections with the rest of the parts of the AT-AT: legs, head and armour plates. I don't like to play with technic bricks and tons of pins, but this case was different. Everything was placed for some reason, and there were no problems to attach and fix all the elements. It was very interesting to see how all the parts of the framework worked and the way they were placed in the framework. It was like a modular design. This is a great advantage, as you can build every part of the body separately, so it is a much easier task





to rectify any error or make future modifications. There is a trapdoor in the lower part of the body to download the troops, and that is the only feature in the framework. The rest is full of attachment points to add the legs and the armour plates. Most of the technic pieces are used to build this part. The next step was to build the 4 legs, a very simple task. The model is very high, but it is very important that those legs make the model very stable. The legs are articulated in several points, so you can place de AT-AT in many poses. The system works very well and I didn't have any problem to build the rest of the model with the legs connected to the body. I liked this, because at first I was not sure if the unfinished model could withstand the entire building process without falling apart. The next step was to build and place the armour plates covering the framework. The two sides of the body can be opened, so you can access to the interior and play with the minifigures in the interior. The body has some nice details, but there are some chromatic issues, as blue and tan parts can be seen from the outside. The final step was to build the head. The head is built with a lot of small parts with many elements to attach the sides, but very little room inside. It was a big head with small interior area, so there is no room for controls or other elements, just a simple panel and tiles to sit the minifigs on. The building process is fun and the final result is worth the effort. In this set there are no stickers, as all the decorated bricks are printed.

Once the model is finished, you can see there is a strange detail on the model. The body seems too small for the size of the head and legs. I realized that a bigger size would need more parts, and that would increase the cost, but a few more parts to make the body larger would make this model close to perfect. The size problem is more visible in the front and rear of the body, that seems to be very narrow. Anyway, the model is really nice, with many features and very friendly to add modifications. Perhaps the worst part of the model is the head, it has a good size but I think the design for the head is too complicate for the outcome, with many attachment points to get that unnecessary angles for the sides of the head. A more simple construction would allow more room inside the head, in order to sit 2 minifigs in a row, instead of one behind the other. But the structural design is very good, with two connecting points in the neck. This fact allows you to turn the neck and

the head with a very sturdy connection. The spring shooter bricks under the head work very well, so you have to be carefully not to lose the arrow bars.

Let's talk about the minifigs. This set comes with five new minifigs. One of them is a General Veers minifig, with new printings. The most remarkable feature is the new print of his rank insignia. There is a new AT-AT driver minifig, with different colors and printings. The new snowtrooper commander comes with rank insignia, and a new mold for the helmet, which is not fixed to the backpack. The backpack is built with LEGO® parts, and there is a white cloth element for the snowtrooper skirt. The box comes also with two snowtroopers minifigs, both of them with new features like the snowtrooper commander: new helmet and backpack. Both backpacks come with a new printed tile. All the minifigs of this set are great, and a perfect addition to man the AT-AT.

In short, the 75054 AT-AT is a great LEGO set. The design of the model is really nice, perfect to equip your imperial forces in order to defeat the rebel forces across the Galaxy. The AT-AT is very stable and sturdy, the building process is very funny and instructive. There is a little flaw in the design with the proportions of the different parts of the body, I think the body seems too little when compared with the legs and the head, but the final model as a whole is beautiful. Moreover, there is a very interesting feature that adds extra value to this set: you can modify it very easily. The modular attachment of the different parts of the AT-AT allows the builder to take each part and to build more details or new features without compromising the whole structure, and that can be many additional hours of fun. You can also add many details to the interior, which is ready to get new seats or facilities for the crew.

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