

Review: 76042 The S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier

Avengers Assembled!!!

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Set: 76042 The SHIELD Helicarrier

Parts: 2996

Minifigs: 5

All LEGO fans know of the existence of the Ultimate Collector Series, the UCS for friends, which includes great sets like The Death Star (10188) or The Millennium Falcon (10179), and even sets that do not belong to Star Wars such as the Batman Tumbler (76023). Well, here comes the Marvel UCS, nothing more and nothing less than the SHIELD Helicarrier, one of the most recognizable vehicles in Marvel comics, and Nick Fury's workplace.

The box

The set comes in a quite large, typical UCS box, similar to that of the Batman's Tumbler. The cover features the Helicarrier along with images of the minifigs included in it and the measurements of the set once assembled (80x45 cm.)

The back of the box comes with another image of the Helicarrier from another angle, along with several pictures

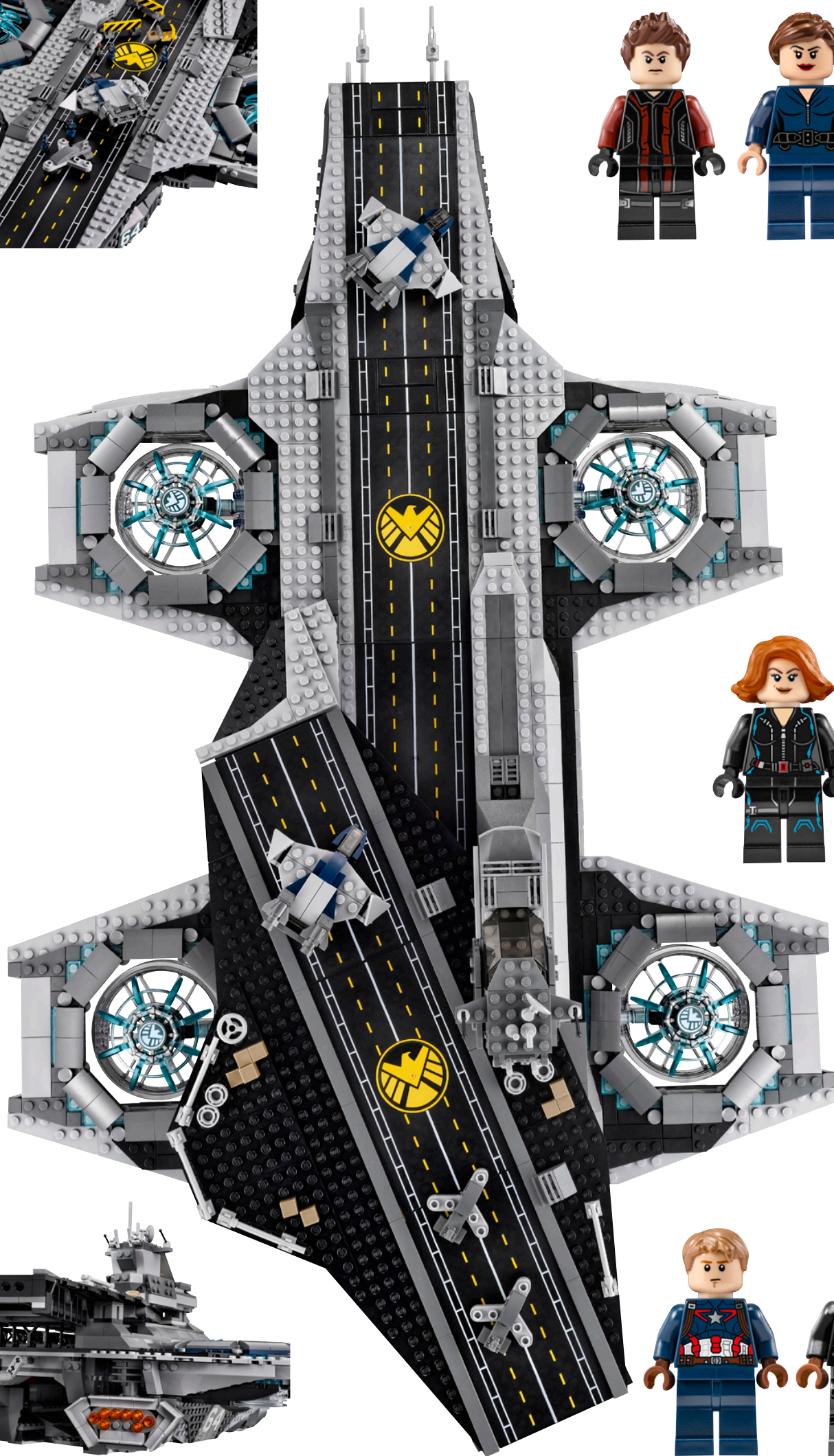
showing details of the set and showing that the set can be motorized with Power Functions.

The contents of the box comes in white cardboard boxes, like the Death Star set, where the parts bags are distributed, numbered from 1 to 12. Also there's another unnumbered bag with specific pieces such as those used to build the Helicarrier's runway. A 443 pages instruction book, glued!! i.e. it is not spiral bound like other sets of this category, and of course, the much desired sticker sheet.

The build

As said above, the nearly 3,000 pieces are spread over several bags, which invites us to return to the essence of building, put them all together in a drawer and start looking and dig out the desired part with the nostalgic rasssss here, and rass there, till you find it, and take the piece and lose it on the way while separate it from her colleagues ... yes, yes, this has happened to all of us at least once, don't hide it now...







Initially the stand where the minifigs go, and representing the SHIELD logo, is mounted, and also the base for the Helicarrier as well as the bridge. This is, honestly, the only place where a sticker should go, the sticker with Helicarrier information. There should not be other stickers, as a UCS in itself, is already a collection set, so the one who acquires it probably would have it on display, not as an assortment of pieces, so it's okay to print the parts instead of using stickers.

Construction continues with the inside of the Helicarrier where space is left to fit a Power Functions motor to motorize the set. It's a quite simple construction without much mystery. After that, construction continues with the reinforcement of the structure, for positioning the rotors, and the assembly of the entire gear system to allow their movement.

Before the construction of the rotors is finished, the bottom of the set is built, and now... yes, rotors and the rear engines are mounted. This part is the most entertaining one and a bit complex, where satisfaction is huge when viewing the four rotors running by moving the handle.

Finally the two air operations tracks are completed, the control turret, which locks the upper track, because it is removable to give it its oblique position, and all the micro

details to complete the set, like the micro Quinjets, micro fighters, etc ...

The set

This is a great set that will delight any collector of Marvel, but to be honest it has a couple of issues. As I mentioned earlier regarding the stickers, it would have been a great cherry on the cake if it had included an exclusive minifig. The set contains 8 microfigs of SHIELD agents, Nick Fury's microfig, Captain America, the Hawkeye and Iron Man. It also includes minifigs for Nick Fury, Captain America, Hawkeye, Black Widow and Maria Hill, but not for Cobie Smulders (buaaa...), what a great list for movies!! You will recognize that it would have been so much better... if they had included an Agent Coulson minifig, which is missing and much more so after the success of the Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. series...

Conclusion

Do not be fooled by the two or three bad things commented about the set, it's a great set that you must have in your living room if you are a genuine marvelite, or just love great sets with countless pieces, and if you add a Power Functions motors you top off it for unending enjoyment.

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