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Review: 21307 Caterham Seven 620R

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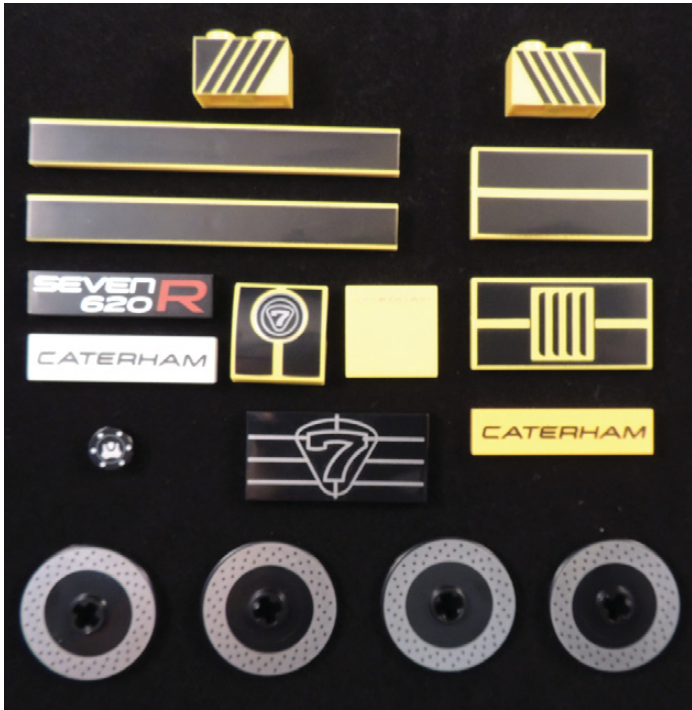
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LEGO® Ideas gives fans the opportunity to enjoy some sets that would never go live in the regular LEGO themes. The next set to go live is the Caterham Seven, a British sports car created by Carl Geatrix, and submitted to the LEGO Ideas platform.

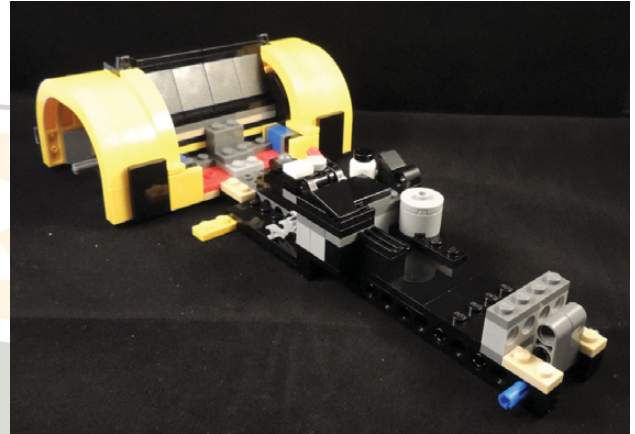
For the passionate motorsport fan, any new model is welcome, even if the car is not one of the supercars we all know very well. The Caterham 7 (or Caterham Seven) is a super-lightweight sports car produced by Caterham Cars in the United Kingdom. It is based on the Lotus Seven, a lightweight sports car sold in kit and factory-built form by Lotus Cars from 1957 to 1972.

The LEGO model is designed in a yellow and black livery. It is packed in a black box with technical drawings in the background. This combination highlights the model and it is very elegant. The inside of the box is also black and there are 6 bags with the parts and the instruction booklet. The first surprising thing is that there is no sticker sheet, although there are plenty of decorated parts!

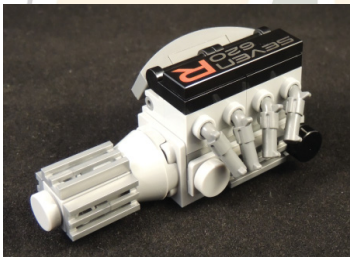


The build

The build starts with the chassis. Like most cars, this is the less interesting part because you are building the base to put all the interesting stuff over. Anyway, there are some interesting bits like part of the cockpit and the rear axle with the mudguards. I discovered a new part here: the tile 2x3, in black. There is also the first printed part, a Technic disk 3x3 with the pattern of the disk brake.

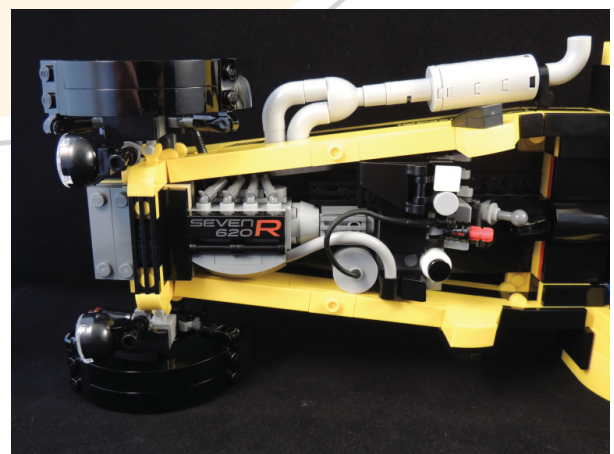
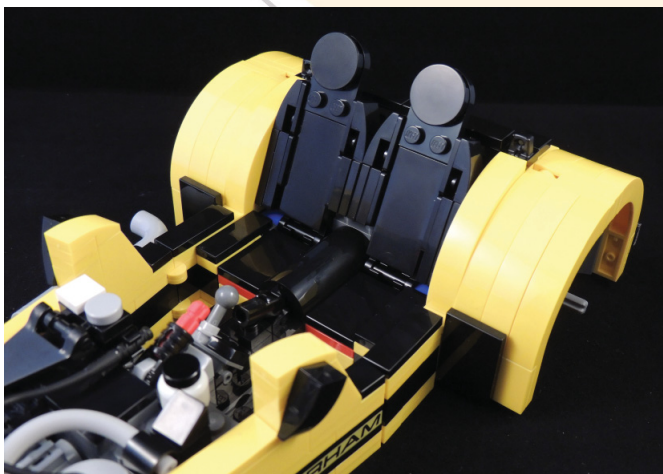


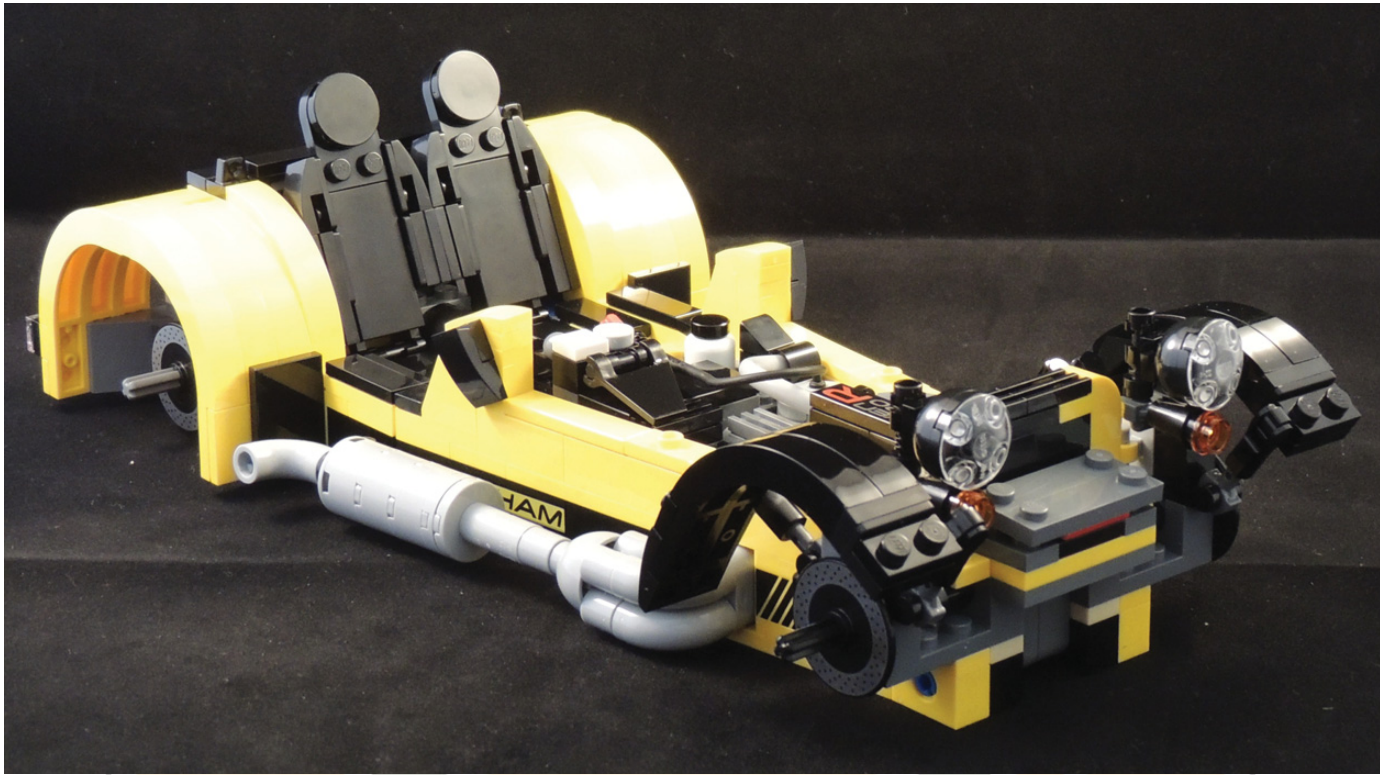
Probably the most interesting building step is step 2. The first element to be built is the engine. It is a 4 cylinder motor with the gearbox. Although it is a small engine, it has some details, like the exhaust collector, made with 4 Minifig weapon gun, Pistol revolver – large barrel. It is an interesting use of this part, although it has been used previously in other similar models. The valve cover is a printed 1x4 tile. There is also the cooling circuit that goes from the pump to the radiator.



The two seats are the next parts to be added in the model. They are quite detailed and fit perfectly. They are black, and they look somehow hidden in the model. Once the seats were fitted in the model, I started to cover everything with the laterals of the chassis. It is yellow and black, and it has some printed parts with the Caterham brand. On the right side, the exhaust is added.

It is very detailed. It starts with 4 tubes coming from the 4 cylinders, then they are united in one tube, and it finishes in a muffler. The whole exhaust is built in light bluish gray. Perhaps pearl silver would have been a better choice. The last sections that I built in this step are the front mudguards. The building technique is very interesting, and although it seems fragile, it is strong enough to manipulate the model.

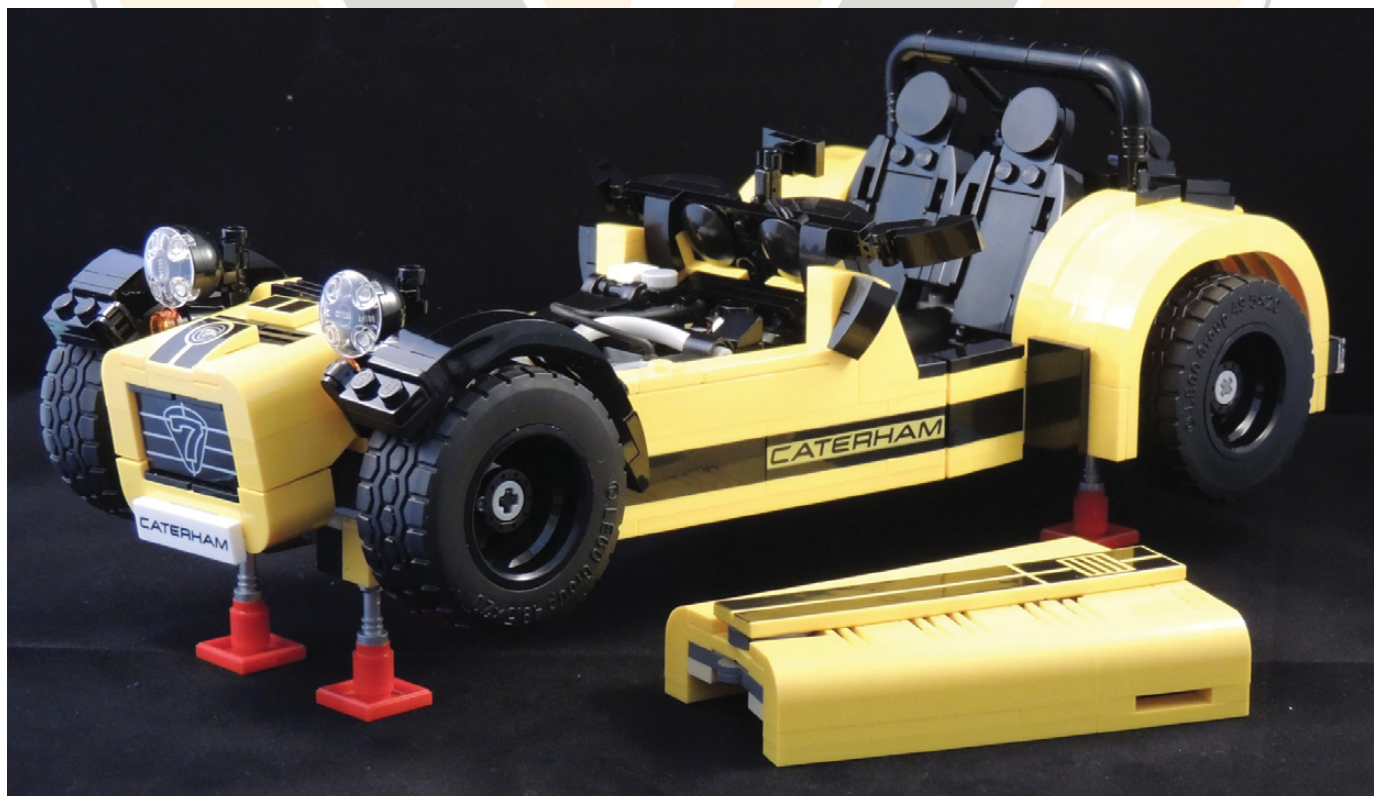




Step 3 starts with the front radiator. It is a separate part and there is a structure that allows you to build in different directions, as the model needs a SNOT rounded pattern. It has several printed parts, like the radiator and the number plate. Once this part is finished it is attached to the car. This is the most fragile section in the car. It's a quite heavy part and it is attached to the model by only 4 studs. You have to be very careful to place it well and straight.



The motor cover is the next section. You have to be careful when building it because it's easy to disassemble. But once you connect all the parts and the reinforcements, then it is strong and easy to manipulate. The instrument cluster with the steering wheel and the mirrors is attached after the motor cover. We know that the design of this part in the real car is austere, and because of this reason, it has been easy to reproduce with bricks. It is fixed in the car through a technic axle. I don't like this connection, as it is a little bit poor and not strong enough.



The roll bar is simple but looks so strong. The boot is the last part to be added in the model. It also has several printed parts, like a 2x2 yellow tile with "CATERHAM" in silver, or the fuel cap, a 1x1 black round tile. It fits perfectly in the car, without any gap between the mudguards and this part. Finally, a black cover with 2 reinforcements for the roll bar is added, and the model is complete. Although the look of this cover is good, it doesn't fit very well in the car, as the position is not horizontal. You have to find the right way to sit it, and adjust the reinforcements to the right position.



The model

Once you have the model completed it looks very nice. It is a SNOT model, and there are plenty of interesting building techniques that we are not used to seeing in regular sets. You can immediately recognize the model, as it is almost identical to the real one. This means that there has been a lot of effort to reproduce all aspects of the car.

I understand that this car could perfectly be a CREATOR Expert set. It is more like a die cast model to be displayed, than a model to be played with. The level of detail is very high and I perfectly understand why it is a 12+ model, as kids probably can't build some of the sections due to their difficulty.

I would like to thank LEGO® for providing this set for review. This opinions in this review are of course entirely my own.

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