

Review: 10254 Winter Holiday Train

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Set number: 10254

Parts: 734

Minifigs: 5 minifigs

Current value: 94,99 € / \$99.99

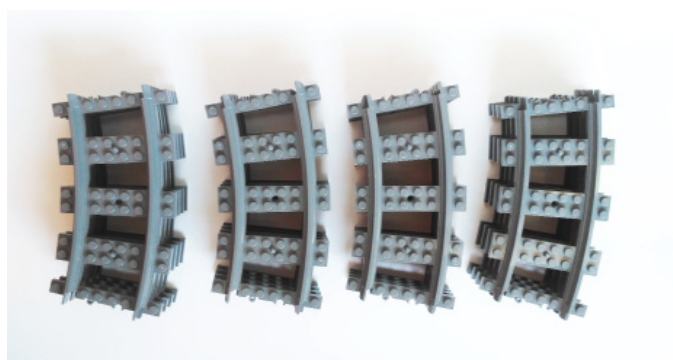


The new Christmas set for this year has arrived, the Winter Train 10254.

This series started in 2009 and each year around this time LEGO brings out a new set, except for last year which saw a re-edition of the 2009 Toy Shop (set #10199).

The set includes 16 curved tracks, a locomotive, a coal car, a platform wagon with a Christmas tree, gifts and toys, a rear wagon and a small station with a bench and a lamp post.

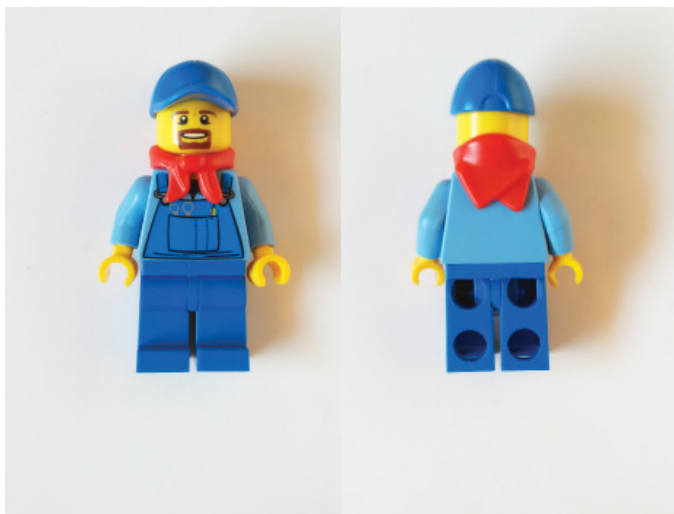
The box contains 7 bags, 6 of which are numbered from 1 to 3 and 2 instruction booklets. Fortunately the set doesn't include any stickers.



Minifigures

The set includes 5 minifigures: a driver, a ticket inspector, a grandmother, a boy and a girl.

The driver is wearing blue overalls, a blue cap and a red handkerchief. The torso comes with some printed tools in the front pocket.



The boy has a red sweater and a red jacket, with a printed radio sticking out of his pocket and the logo of Deep Sea on the back. He also has a remote control for the toys that come in the set.



Finally, the girl has a green jacket and grey gloves.

The ticket inspector has a bag, a red cap and printed on the torso there is a pocket watch sticking out of his pocket.



The grandmother has a black coat and white gloves. The head has a double print.



These last three minifigures all have freckles printed on their faces.

The Build

We start building the small station with the bench and the lamp post.

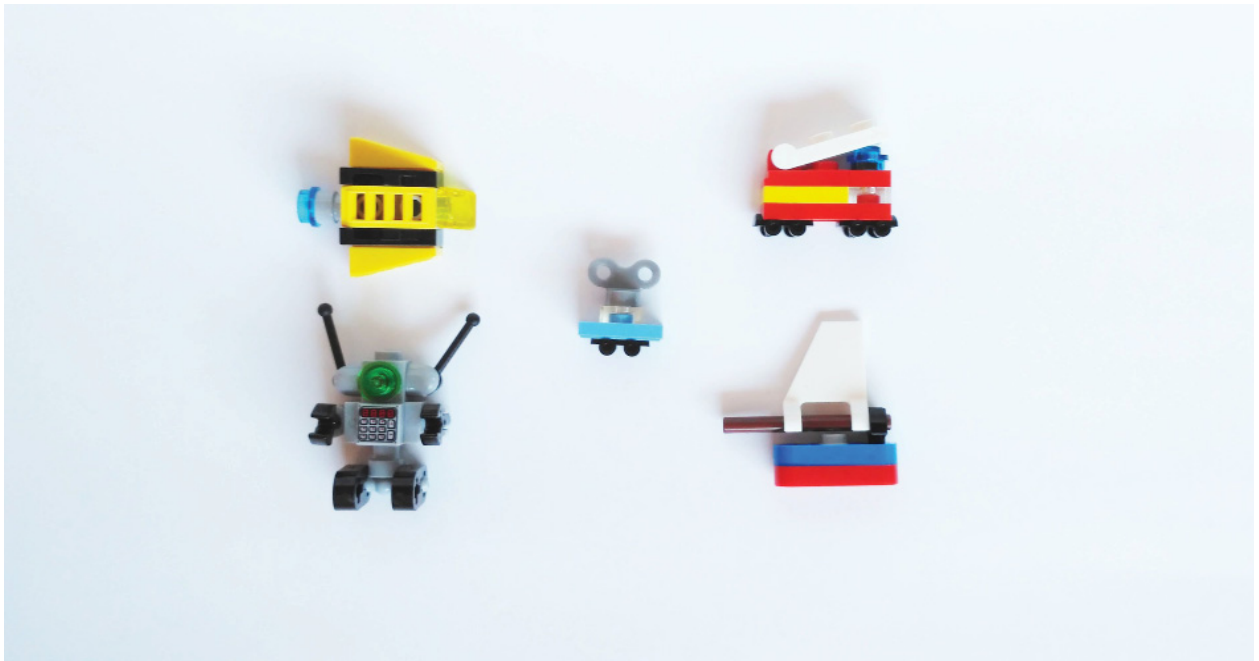
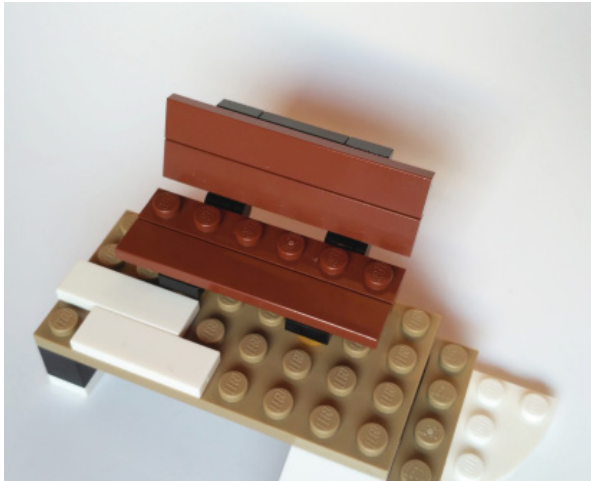
The bench is a simple construction, 6 studs long and built with 3 tiles and a 1x6 plate.

The lamp post has a transparent bulb and a trans yellow cone. On the front it has a crown, built with a green life preserver and red flower.

Next up are the different toys and parcels containing gifts. Among the toys there is a remote controlled robot, a car, a micro train, a sailboat, a fire engine and a space ship.

The robot contains an element that is new this year, a Tile 1x1 with a printed keyboard.





Then it is time to build the locomotive, which consists of two parts — a chassis and a cabin.

Inside the cabin there is a small panel with indicators, a light switch and a speed lever for the train. The space in the cabin is small and the minifig barely fits inside.



In this part of the train what stands out are the large red wheels and the cow catcher on the front — a part that is much sought after by train fans — and the chimney with some built smoke.



In the next stage we build the tender. It will have Christmas details on the sides and if you decide to add Power Functions it serves to carry the battery.



Construction continues with the platform wagon. This is probably one of the most interesting parts aside from the locomotive.

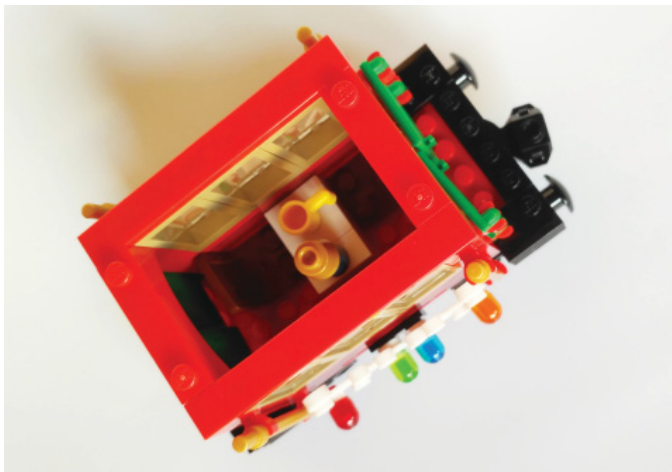
This platform carries a Christmas tree on its own little platform that is connected to a mechanism consisting of a worm gear on the front wheels and two 8-tooth gears, which mean the tree and the mini train (that are both on the same platform) turn as the train moves over the tracks.

On the rear there is a small area for the gifts and toys.



Finally we build the red rear wagon with a dark blue roof. Inside the wagon there is a small table, 2 brown chairs, a lamp and a glass. Unfortunately again there is not a lot of space. You access the wagon through the green doors. In addition, you can take off the roof to access the interior.

At the end of the instruction manual there is a section describing how to motorise the train using Power Functions.



techniques, so it can be a bit disappointing if you expect more. Outstanding points are the front of the locomotive and its red wheels as well as the chimney with the smoke coming out. The platform with the mini train and tree that turn while the train moves, and some of the toys like the fire engine, the remote controlled robot and the sailboat are also interesting.

It is clear that, although the set as a whole isn't especially attractive, it is indispensable for all lovers of the Winter theme, if only to complete their collection.

We wish to thank LEGO for providing this set for review. However, LEGO does not approve or endorse the opinions we publish about their sets.

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Conclusions

After finishing the build you end up with a train that is over 4" (12cm) tall, 20" (52cm) long and 2" (7cm) wide and a track that is 27" (70cm) in diameter.

The build is quite simple, without any attractive building

