



Sets 17 18 19 and 20 Train Sets

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This article covers the "carpet" train sets 17 to 20 introduced by Dinky Toys in 1934 to replace Set 21.

Introduction


MECCANO DINKY TOYS
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150 VARIETIES


Meccano Dinky Toys and Hornby Railway Accessories are the most realistic and the most attractive models in miniature ever produced. Many of these toys are ideal for giving the finishing touch to your model railway. You must have railwaymen to deal with your trains, and passengers to travel in them; car attendants to look after the passengers, and engineers for the maintenance of the railway and its equipment.

Then there are the miniature Train Sets, Tramcar, Motor Bus and various other types of motor vehicle. You can have hours of fun running these on the table or on the floor. These toys may all be purchased separately at the prices shown, or they may be obtained in complete sets. Ask your dealer to show you the complete range.

150 VARIETIES




RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 1
Miniature Luggage and Truck.
Price 1/-




RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 2
Milk Cans and Truck. Price 1/3


RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 4
Railway Accessories No. 4 is a composite set consisting of all the pieces contained in Railway Accessories Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Price 3/9




RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 3
Platform Machines, etc. Price 1/6




Meccano Dinky Toys No. 19
MIXED GOODS TRAIN SET
21a Tank Locomotive each 9d. | 21d Petrol Tank Wagon each 6d.
21b Wagon 4d. | 21e Lumber Wagon .. 5d.
Price of complete set 1/11




Meccano Dinky Toys No. 18
GOODS TRAIN SET
21a Tank Locomotive each 9d.
21b Wagon 4d.
Price of complete set 1/9




Meccano Dinky Toys No. 20
PASSENGER TRAIN SET
21a Tank Locomotive each 9d. | 20b Guard's Van .. each 7d.
20a Coaches each 7d.
Price of complete set 2/6



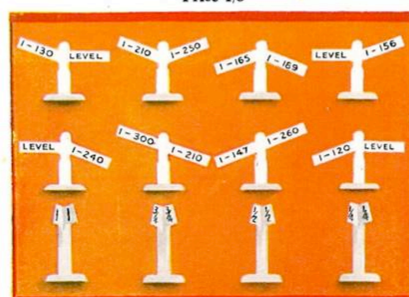
RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 7
Watchman's Hut, Brazier, Shovel and Poker
Price 1/3




Meccano Dinky Toys No. 17
PASSENGER TRAIN SET
17a Locomotive .. each 9d. | 20a Coach each 7d.
17b Tender 5d. | 20b Guard's Van 7d.
Price of complete set 2/3



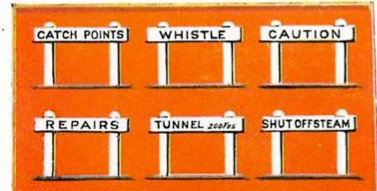
Meccano Dinky Toys No. 26
G.W.R. RAIL CAR
Assorted colours.
Price 6d. each




RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 5
Gradient Posts and Mile Posts. Price 2/-



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 31
HOLLAND COACHCRAFT VAN
Assorted colours.
Price 6d. each
Ready shortly.



RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 8
Notice Boards. Price 2/3



RAILWAY ACCESSORIES No. 9
Station Name Boards. Price 2/6

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Above from Hornby Book of Trains 1934-5 edition, clicking on image of this or other magazine pages will open full size in new window.

When Meccano Limited/Hornby Trains launched the Hornby Series Modelled Miniatures in 1931/2 as well as a series of Hollow cast lead figures to enrich Hornby O Gauge Trains, a carpet train set aimed at younger clients, the Set 21 Hornby Train was launched. See the separate article on this set.

In April 1934 when the Modelled Miniatures were rebranded as Meccano Dinky Toys, Set 21 was deleted and replaced initially with three new sets, followed by a fourth 2 months later.

MECCANO



Dinky Toys



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 1
STATION STAFF

No. 1a	Station Master	...	each	3d.
No. 1b	Guard	...	"	3d.
No. 1c	Ticket Collector	...	"	3d.
No. 1d	Driver	...	"	3d.
No. 1e	Porter with bags	...	"	3d.
No. 1f	Porter	...	"	3d.

Price of complete set 1/6



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 4
ENGINEERING STAFF

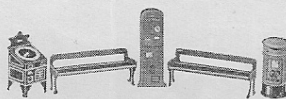
No. 4a	Electrician	...	each	3d.
No. 4b	Fitters	...	"	3d.
No. 4c	Storekeeper	...	"	3d.
No. 4d	Greaser	...	"	3d.
No. 4e	Engine Room Attendant	...	"	3d.

Price of complete set 1/6



Railway Accessories No. 1
MINIATURE LUGGAGE AND TRUCK

Price of complete set 1/6



Railway Accessories No. 3
PLATFORM MACHINES, Etc.

Price of complete set 1/6

Railway Accessories No. 4
This set contains all the items that are included in Railway Accessories Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
Price of complete set 3/9



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 3
PASSENGERS

No. 3a	Woman and Child	...	each	3d.
No. 3b	Business Man	...	"	3d.
No. 3c	Male Hiker	...	"	3d.
No. 3d	Female Hiker	...	"	3d.
No. 3e	Newsboy	...	"	3d.
No. 3f	Woman	...	"	3d.

Price of complete set 1/6



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 5
TRAIN AND HOTEL STAFF

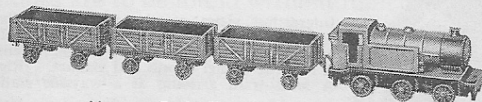
No. 5a	Pullman Car Conductor	...	each	3d.
No. 5b	Pullman Car Waiters	...	"	3d.
No. 5c	Hotel Porters	...	"	3d.

Price of complete set 1/3



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 13
HALL'S DISTEMPER ADVERTISEMENT

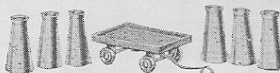
This miniature of a well-known line-side advertisement is intended to be placed in the fields adjoining the railway track.
Price 9d.



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 18
GOODS TRAIN SET

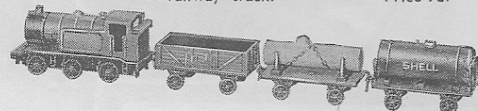
No. 21a	Tank Locomotive	...	each	9d.
No. 21b	Wagons	...	"	4d.

Price of complete set 1/9



Railway Accessories No. 2
MILK CANS AND TRUCK

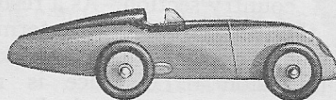
Price of complete set 1/6



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 19
MIXED GOODS TRAIN SET

No. 21a	Tank Locomotive	...	each	9d.
No. 21b	Wagon	...	"	4d.
No. 21d	Petrol Tank Wagon	...	"	6d.
No. 21e	Lumber Wagon	...	"	5d.

Price of complete set 1/11



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 23
RACING CAR

Assorted Colours. Fitted with rubber tyres.
Price 6d. each



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 2
FARMYARD ANIMALS

No. 2a	Horse, each	3d.	No. 2c	Pig, each	2d.
No. 2b	Cow	3d.	No. 2d	Sheep	2d.

Price of complete set 1/6

Meccano Dinky Toys No. 24
MOTOR CARS

Fitted with rubber tyres and silver plated radiators.

No. 24a	Ambulance	...	each	9d.
No. 24b	Limousine	...	"	9d.
No. 24c	Town Sedan	...	"	1/-
No. 24d	Vogue Saloon	...	"	9d.
No. 24e	Super Streamline Saloon	...	"	9d.
No. 24f	Sportsman's Coupé	...	"	9d.
No. 24g	Sports Tourer (4 seater)	...	"	1/-
No. 24h	Sports Tourer (2 seater)	...	"	1/-

Price of complete set 6/6



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 20
PASSENGER TRAIN SET

No. 21a	Tank Locomotive	...	each	9d.
No. 20a	Coaches	...	"	7d.
No. 20b	Guard's Van	...	"	7d.

Price of complete set 2/6



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 22
MOTOR VEHICLES

No. 22a	Sports Car	each	6d.	No. 22d	Delivery Van	each	8d.
No. 22b	Sports Coupé	...	6d.	No. 22e	Tractor	...	9d.
No. 22c	Motor Truck	...	8d.	No. 22f	Tank	...	1/-

Price of complete set 4/-

Meccano Dinky Toys No. 28/1
DELIVERY VANS

Manchester Guardian Van	each	9d.
Palethorpes Sausage Van	"	9d.
Hornby Trains Van	"	9d.
Pickfords Removals Van	"	9d.
Oxo Van	...	9d.
Ensign Cameras Van	...	9d.

Price of complete set 4/6



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 26
RAIL AUTOCAR

Assorted Colours ... Price 6d. each



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 6
SHEPHERD SET

No. 6a	Shepherd	...	each	3d.
No. 6b	Dog	...	"	3d.
No. 2d	Sheep	...	"	2d.

Price of complete set 1/2

Meccano Dinky Toys No. 25
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

Fitted with rubber tyres and silver plated radiators.

No. 25a	Wagon	...	each	9d.
No. 25b	Covered Van	...	"	9d.
No. 25c	Flat Truck	...	"	9d.
No. 25d	Petrol Tank Wagon	...	"	9d.
No. 25e	Tipping Wagon	...	"	9d.
No. 25f	Market Gardener's Van	...	"	9d.

Price of complete set 4/6

MANUFACTURED BY MECCANO LTD., LIVERPOOL 13

The sets are:

- 17 Passenger (June 1934)
- 18 Tank Goods
- 19 Mixed Goods Train
- 20 Tank Passenger

These sets continued in the lists until 1940 or 1941 (See individual listing).

The Sets

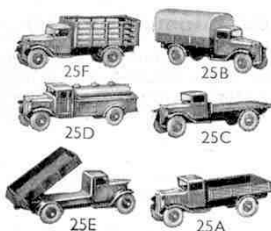
Set 17 Passenger Train Set



The Set 17 was the last of these sets to be listed in the Meccano magazine, first appearing in the June 1934 edition (Page 492), without an illustration:

MECCANO

DINKY TOYS



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 25

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

Fitted with rubber tyres and silver plated radiators.

No. 25a	Wagon	...	each	9d.
No. 25b	Covered Van	...	...	9d.
No. 25c	Flat Truck	...	...	9d.
No. 25d	Petrol Tank Wagon	...	...	9d.
No. 25e	Tipping Wagon	9d.
No. 25f	Market Gardener's Van	9d.

Price of complete set 4/6

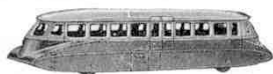


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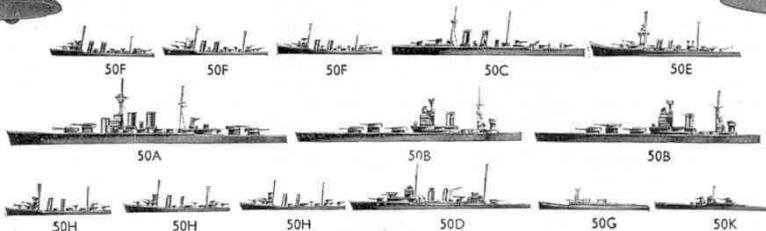
GOODS TRAIN SET

No. 21a	Tank Locomotive	...	each	9d.
No. 21b	Wagons	4d.

Price of complete set 1/9



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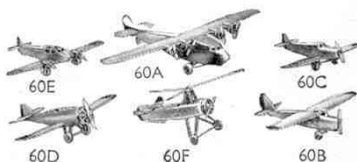
RAIL AUTOCARAssorted Colours
Price 6d. each

Meccano Dinky Toys No. 50

SHIPS OF THE BRITISH NAVY

No. 50a	Battleship "Hood"	...	each	9d.
No. 50b	Battleship "Nelson"	...	...	6d.
No. 50c	Cruiser "Effingham"	...	...	4d.
No. 50d	Cruiser "York"	...	...	4d.
No. 50e	Cruiser "Delhi"	...	...	4d.
No. 50f	Torpedo Destroyer, Broke class	...	...	1d.
No. 50g	Submarine, X class	...	...	1d.
No. 50h	Torpedo Destroyer, Amazon class	...	...	1d.
No. 50k	Submarine, K class	...	...	1d.

Price of complete set 3/6



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 60

AEROPLANES

No. 60a	Imperial Airways Liner	each	9d.
No. 60b	Leopard Moth	...	6d.
No. 60c	Percival "Gull"	...	6d.
No. 60d	Low Wing Monoplane	...	6d.
No. 60e	Monospar Monoplane	...	7d.
No. 60f	Cierva Autogiro	...	6d.

Price of complete set 3/-



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 22

MOTOR VEHICLES

No. 22a	Sports Car	each	6d.
No. 22b	Sports Coupé	...	6d.
No. 22c	Motor Truck	...	6d.
No. 22d	Delivery Van	each	6d.
No. 22e	Tractor	...	9d.
No. 22f	Tank	...	1/-

Price of complete set 3/9



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Hornby Train Van	6d.
Pickford's Removals Van	6d.
Oxo Van	6d.
Ensign Cameras' Van	6d.

Price of complete set 3/-

Meccano Dinky Toys No. 28/2

DELIVERY VANS

Kodak Cameras' Van	...	each	6d.
Sharp's Toffee Van	...	...	6d.
Crawford's Biscuit Van	...	...	6d.
Wakefield's Oil Van	...	...	6d.
Marsh and Baxter's Sausage Van	...	...	6d.
Meccano Van	6d.

Price of complete set 3/-



Meccano Dinky Toys No. 20

PASSENGER TRAIN SET

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No. 21b	Coaches	7d.
No. 21c	Guard's Van	7d.

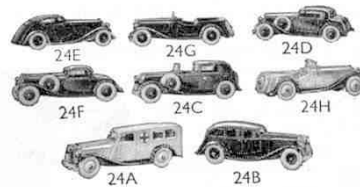
Price of complete set 2/6



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Price of complete set 6/6

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This introduced two new items, the 17a Locomotive and 17b Tender, alongside a 20a Coach and 20b Guard's Van:



This set was deleted by the October 1940 Price List. It seems the carriages and the locomotive and tender were out of production by then. See below.

Set 18 Goods Train Set



This set was a configuration of Set 21 items, a 21a Locomotive green/black and three 21b green red (not green/black as stated in Ramsay).





This set was still listed as available in the October 1940 Meccano Price List.

Set 19 Mixed Goods Train Set



This set is a reconfiguration of the Set 21. The 21c Crane Wagon was deleted but the other items from Set 21 were carried forward in Set 19;

21a Tank Locomotive (Maroon Black)

21b Wagon

21d Petrol tank Wagon

21e Lumber Wagon

This set was still listed as available in the October 1940 Meccano Price List.

Set 20 Tank Passenger Set



This set introduced the new passenger carriages, 20a and 20b in the April 1934 Meccano Magazine. It consists of:

- 21a Tank Locomotive (Maroon Black or Green Black)
- 2 times 20a brown/green or dark green/green coaches
- 20b brown/green or dark green/green guard's van

In the October 1940 Meccano Price list this is listed but is marked as currently unavailable, indicating probably that the coaches were no longer in production.

Models



Construction

The original 21 Series items were all cast in lead and two pieces with a separate chassis which also has the connecting hooks and eyes cast in as wire pieces..

This practice seems to have continued with the later releases at least as far as the chassis are concerned. Some of the bodies are probably later cast in Mazac.

The exception is the 17b Tender which is a one piece casting all in Mazac. This does suffer from fatigue as can be seen in the blister on the side of the tender in the pictures.

17a Locomotive



The locomotive appears in green/black or maroon/green.

17b Tender



As stated above the tender is the unique item in these series as a one piece casting in Mazac. The tender appears lingreen/black or maroon/green.

20a Coach



The coach was available in either green/black or maroon black. Later issues had Mazac bodies.

20b Guard's Van



The Guard's Van was available in either green/black or maroon black. Later issues had Mazac bodies.

21 Series

See article on 21 Set.

Box types

Ladder Boxes



The more common box encountered is the ladder box with the sections in the base for the items. The items were wrapped in tissue paper as well some of which survives in the items illustrated.

Long Boxes

Around 1937 with the introduction of a style of box, plain green with an illustrated insert, it seems the Train Sets were repacked. These boxes are similar in style to those introduced for the railway figures (Sets 1, 3, 4 and 5) and also in keeping with the boxes for the other accessory sets (e.g. Sets 12, 42, 43, 44 and 49).

Very few of these come up for sale, there are possibly two reasons for this:

1. They are far less robust than the ladder boxes. The ladder boxes are reinforced by the partitions and the items are heavy, therefore the long boxes probably didn't survive well.
2. By 1937 there may have been much unsold stock with retailers and therefore not many of these sets were issued after 1937.

The following pictures are from Vectis auctions. Ramsay's guide also lists as set 19 log/landscape box as £800-£1000. It is likely all the sets had these boxes commissioned.



