

In all nearly 400 'Other Systems' have come to light from over 40 countries of the world, and even now there are still systems to be found and these will be included in a possible PART 5 at a later date, although it is evident that we have just about unearthed them all - or have we? The Section on Meccano and associated products is included in PART 4 of the original, but not until PART 5 of the revised due to the sheer bulk of pages required.

Each system is covered as far as possible by; Front Cover of Manual, Information page with hole size, spacing, colours etc etc. Parts List, a Typical larger Model and Contents of Sets plus other details.

The volumes form a massive mine of information and are currently available from either Co-Author as follows:-

Revised: Frank Beadle, 33 Yoredale Avenue, Darlington, Co. Durham  
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Original: Don Blakeborough, 9I Cornfoot Street, Castlecliff, Wanganui,  
New Zealand. Prices and further details on application.

Frank Beadle is always on the lookout for any further other systems not included in the books. Please write or phone first in case we have them. Anyone requiring to purchase any VOGUE or ERECTOR parts should contact Frank for list of lots of same. Will purchase parts of systems of rarer type or unknown systems parts.

(A copy of any information sent to me which could be used in MCS will be passed on to Frank Beadle, even if for any reason it cannot be used in full in DSN - Ed)

MCS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. When trying to identify unknown parts it is often very useful to know such things as type or size of screw thread, whether the thread used in bosses is the same as that of nuts and bolts, the axle diameter, etc. There are many other facts that might be useful and I have listed a selection below, please write in if you think any changes should be made to it. I have also added data for Masterbuilder and Merkur as examples; data for other systems will be published as it is sent in.

Name of System (as in MCS)	Masterbuilder	Merkur	NOTES. (i) .390" for some parts.
Axle dia	.154" (Bk)	.147"	(ii) Worm and pinion
Dia of holes in bosses	.155"	.151"	.310".
Dia of holes in strips	.157"	.154"	(iii) Some may be Zn/".
Dia of bosses	.373" (i)	.314" (ii)	All gears have St/Ni.
Boss matl/finish. s/t : d/t	Br/" or Ni. d/t	Al/"(iii) s/t	(iv) M 3 Set Screw in most bosses; M 4 Grub in Worm and Pinion.
DP or Module of gears	30 (.85)	.6 (42)	
N&B: thread name or dia	1/8" W	M 3.5	
Nut: matl/finish	St/Br	St/"	
: sq or hex: size A/F	sq .25"	hex .232"	ABBREVIATIONS.
Bolt: head shape and dia	CH .187"	CH .235"	Dia-diameter
Other threads used	none	M 3, M 4 (iv)	Matl-material
Set screw: matl/finish	none	St/Ni	s/t-single tapped
: head shape and dia		CH .196"	d/t-double tapped
Grub screw: matl	St	St	DP-diametral pitch
Pulleys: matl/finish	Br/Ni	St/dgn	N&B-nut and bolt
Other unusual feature not in MCS	Later parts inc St plates were painted orange or blue.		sq-square
			hex-hexagonal
			A/-across flats
			CH-cheesehead

Further notes on screw threads, materials, finishes, taking measurements, and finding the DP and Module of gears will be included in the next Issue.