



Tin Train Accessories

FROM THE COLLECTION OF FRED VAN DER LUBBE

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2 Introduction

My train collection consists mostly of rolling stock (locomotives, coaches and wagons). I found occasionally in a tin train set I bought some accessories such as a tunnel or a semaphore. I also found long ago some Kibri and Märklin stations which were a real bargain. On closer inspection, I seem to have a reasonable number of train accessories, most tin, but also some in other materials. This "catalogue" presents that part of my collection in an eclectic classification. Much information about these accessories, I could find on the informative but messy website: http://www.historytoy.com/toys-Railway_2.

Most accessories, not only from my collection, come from Germany. The accessories that I describe are the things that you find around the track. The rails and turnouts, rail itself, are not included here, but things like semaphores, turntables and buffers are. The index in the back can be used to find accessories via the maker or brand.

Dimensions in this catalogue are length x width x height in centimetres. The mentioned track widths or gauges are TT (12 mm), 00 / H0 (16.5 mm), S (22.5 mm), 0 (32 mm) and 1 (45 mm). For this type of accessories scale in relation to gauge is however not that important.

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3 Stations and stops

Tin stations for toy trains are made since the end of the nineteenth century. The stations from the early days were hand painted and looked like palaces. The stations from my collection are not that old, generally from the period 1920 to 1960, and are also not so costly. These stations have sometimes fine details in lithography.

3.1 German stations

3.1.1 Bing stations

The German firm GBN, Gebrüder Bing Nurnberg or simply Bing has made many stations in the period up to around 1933. This station with dimensions 27 * 13 * 15 is from about 1915 and probably made for the English market.



The platform side is slightly less boring than the street side; This station is however more faithfully than nice.



Clearly visible the GBN marking.

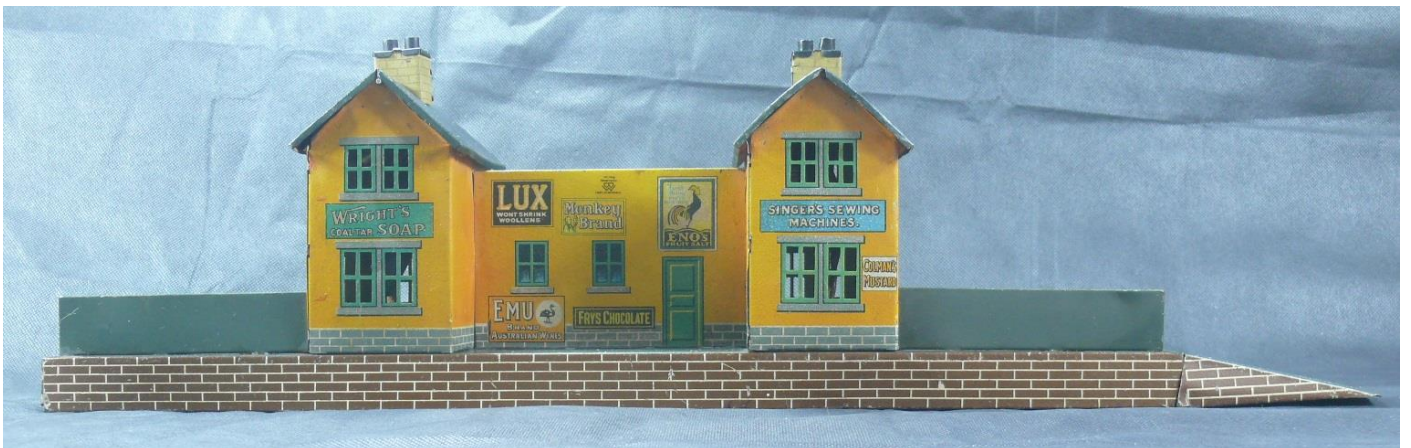


The station has no name and no advertising or other indications.

Bing made the same station in a more colourful version. This version also has a platform with a fence with advertisements. The station is lighted.



Platform side



Street side; GBN trade mark visible in the middle (top)



The left side of the platform has a slope



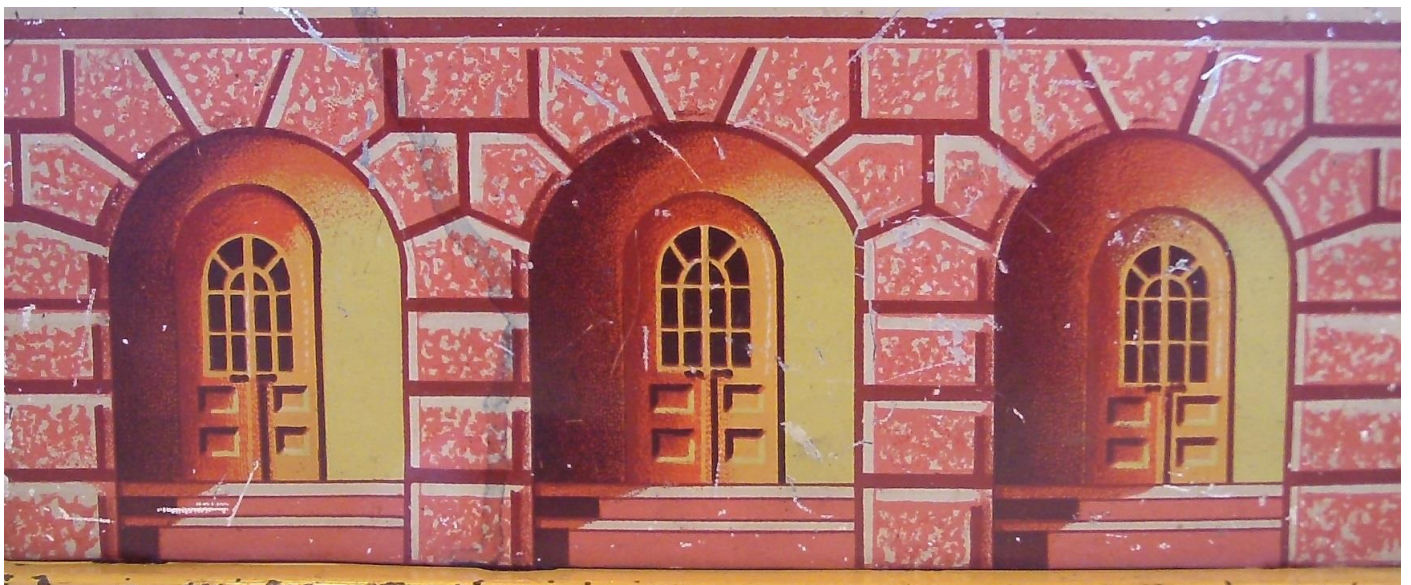
The next Bing station is one of the oldest train accessories from my collection. The station is from around 1905.



This is the platform side; the sign says Bahnhof so it must be a station.

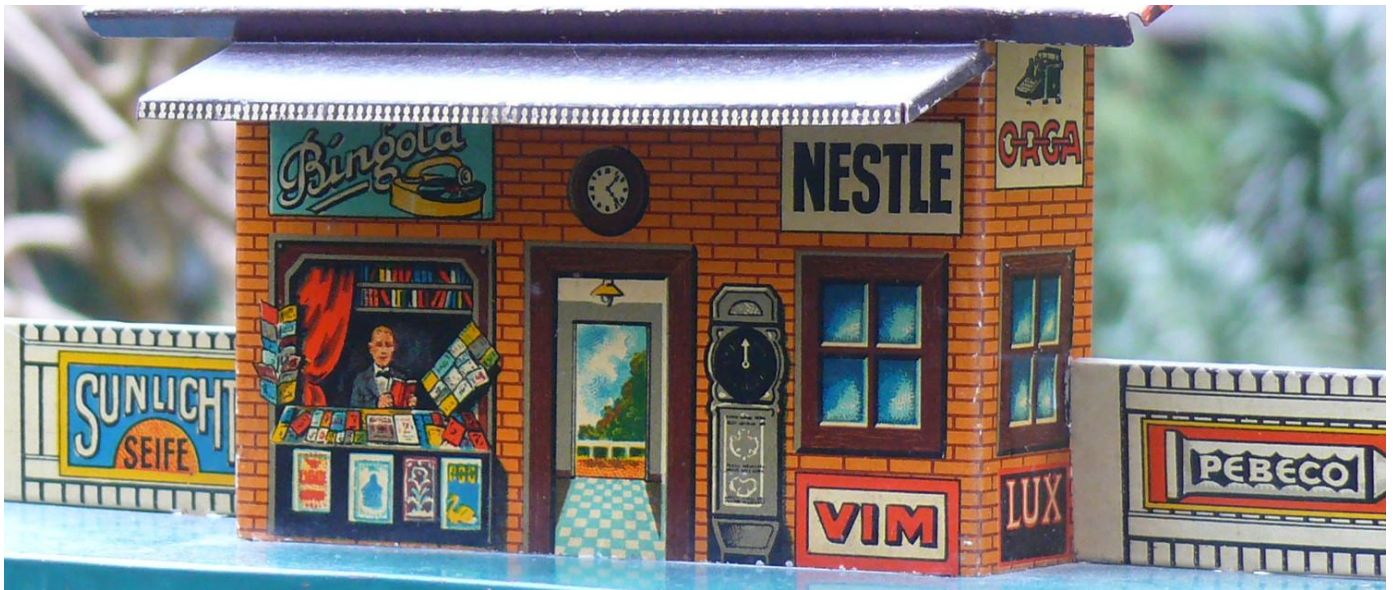


Lithography has nice depth, here we see the street side.



This is reminiscent of the Place des Vosges (Paris).

Bing made this small lithographed tinsplate station for the lower range of gauge 0 clockwork trainsets. It was not available separately, but was included for instance in sets with catalogue number 11/3106 and 11/3107 for 1930. Its dimensions were 34*7*9. The advertisements are in German.



The back was not to be seen



This small station is part of the Bing Tisch Bahn. Tisch Bahn (Table trainset) was released by Bing in the twenties and was based on the gauge that later became known as H0.



The platform is very high!



The street-side is not very accessible



Although the accompanying train has a US appearance (see the Pullman and Observation cars chapter in my book Non CIWL Luxury Trains) this station has English billboards



3.1.2 Bub station

This Bub station is from the fifties and was made available as an accessory for Bub S gauge (1: 64, gauge 22,5 mm).



On the platform side a (slightly crooked) canopy and stations attributes like departure state, bench, scales



On the street side a mailbox and beer advertising; without a clock, it could be a house with a shop.



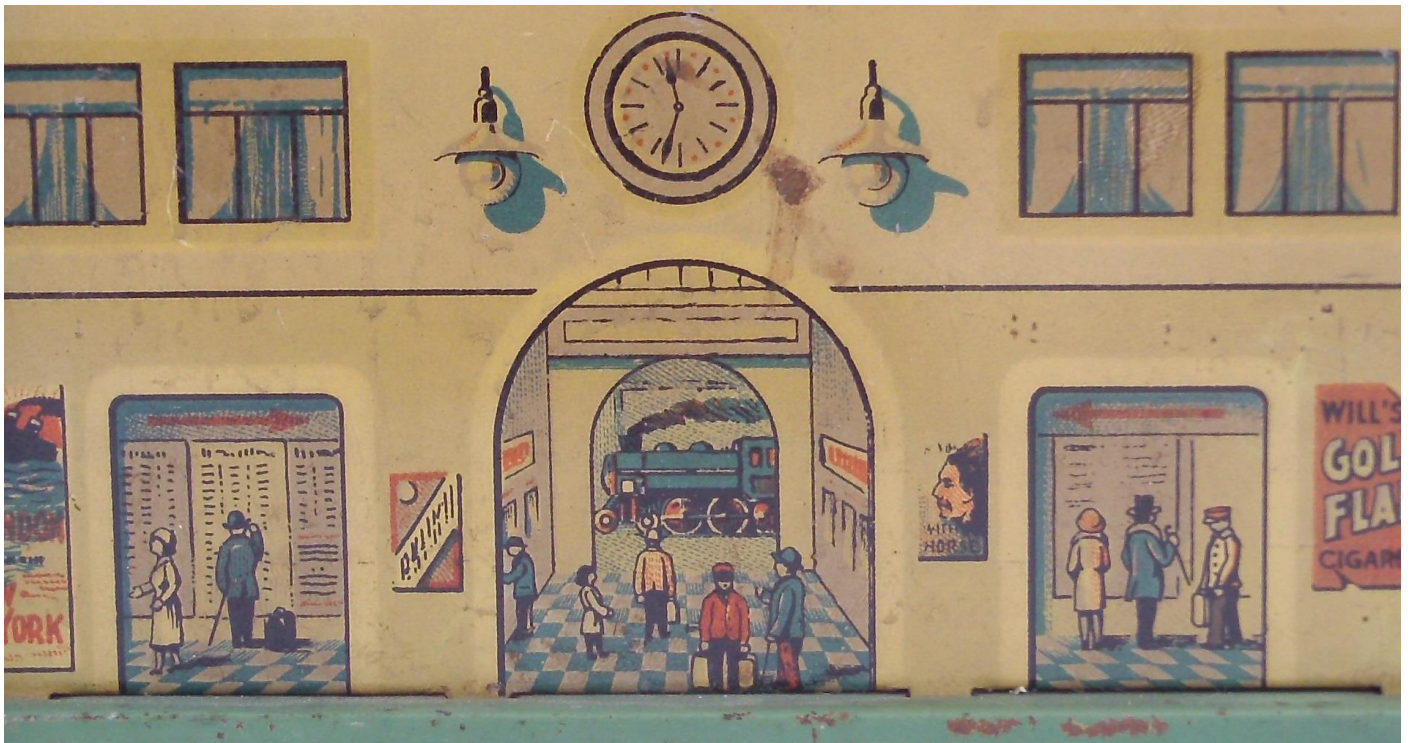
The marking is evident through a billboard of Bub.

3.1.3 Distler station

This station is from Distler from about 1938. Why this station is not called Bahnhof I do not know; Advertising and signs are further German. The telephone pole on the roof gives it a distinctive look. The dimensions are 36 * 12 * 18, Distler made both trains in 0 and 00 gauge; This station would suit both.



On the platform side two non-original doors are pasted; the original opening doors are gone.



The lithographed entrance shows true perspective; I do not recognize the type of locomotive. Note that the lithography of the entrance is similar to that of the Schuhmann station in 3.1.9.



In the base are two holes where lampposts or semaphores have been.

3.1.4 Fischer station

This station has an advertisement printed on the side with a fish (trademark Fischer) and underneath the text "Toys are the best". Modesty Fischer did not have; Firma Heinrich Fischer & Co., Nürnberg existed from 1908 until sometime in the thirties and made all kinds of tin toys including not much train stuff. This small station with semaphore (24 * 6 * 10 (without semaphore)) might have been made for the English market.



3.1.5 HWN stations

A Heinrich Wimmer Nurnberg (HWN) station labelled "Made in Western Germany" with catalogue number: 0/52/61 (33 110). Station with terrace and "Trink-Halle" (bar). The dimensions are 45 * 12 * 10.5.



Platform side



Street side



Terrace



Trink-Halle

Another HWN station, almost the same size (3 cm shorter) in a slightly different style, perhaps intended for HO gauge.



Platform side, left a terrace, right a newsstand.



Street side



The posters on the side of the kiosk advertise for traveling abroad.

The third HWN station is a station for a large city, though it is not that large (35 * 14 * 19). It is marked Made in US Zone Germany and is from the fifties.



Platform side



Street side



The color of the base plate is very remarkable, but still original.



The HWN marking is evident. The same station model also comes in a simpler lithography in shades of green and beige.

3.1.6 Kibri stations

The German company Kibri made many stations; Most post-war Kibri has a typical style with red roofs and beige stucco walls.

Station Baden-Baden has markings Kibri and Made in US Zone Germany and is therefore made shortly after the war. It's not that big (39 * 13 * 9) but is apparently still intended for gauge 0. This station was also made by Kibri in the fifties for the Swiss train brand WESA; WESA used TT gauge.



The platform side is given attention including Ladies and Gents toilets.



The street side is fairly boring



This Kibri station with dimensions (26 * 11 * 16) is marked as Made in West Germany and is from the fifties; it is designed for H0; The matching platform can be found in section 4.2



The platform side has a clock that can be adjusted; Also at this station the street side is a bit boring;



The next station is almost the same size (28 * 14 * 11.5), but without the tower, and made for 0 gauge.



The door shows that this is intended for gauge 0. Kibri stations often have dull back- or side street.



The hanging flower box is a nice touch

The next small station (25 * 10.5 * 10) with platform is could be used for gauge 0, but is, according to the Kibri catalogue for gauge H0.



No flower pots but ivy on the wall.

This is one of the larger Kibri stations (58 * 18 * 22); the largest Kibri station looks the same, but that one has additionally a bell tower at the right side. This station is for gauge 0. The roof of the tower was missing and I made a replacement of cardboard.



The floral decoration is exuberant; flower pots in the windows of the first floor, hanging flower pots under the awning and flower stands at the entrance platform.



The street side is (again) boring.



The circular buffet is a remarkable detail



The newspapers are not sold out.

Kibri also made a number of stations with a working mechanical clock which had to be wind up. This station with such a clock is for H0.



Missing one of the doors of the goods shed; also the markings are gone



Left the back of the clock movement with the wind up and set button



3.1.7 Kraus Fandor station

This station has no markings and was probably made by Kraus Fandor or perhaps in America by the related firm Dorfan (Dorfan # 425 "Montclair" station). There is also a lithographed earlier version of this station. My version has the doors and windows open and behind the window openings are translucent celluloid windows.



At the centre of the façade has probably been a clock. I suppose this is the platform side.



And this would be the street side. On the roof is the holder of a flagpole; this would be a typical detail for the American market.



Note the electrical connection is for indoor lighting.

3.1.8 Märklin station

This Märklin station, Bahnhof Friedrichshafen Hafen (35 * 12 * 13), is from 1938 and is for gauge H0. Because it is Märklin, it is probably the most expensive item in this catalogue. Friedrichshafen station nowadays houses the Zeppelin museum.





3.1.9 Schuhmann station

This station is made in the thirties by Adolph Schuhmann from Nuremberg. It no longer looks so beautiful and has lost the roof of the middle part.



Front and back are not very different, but on the street side is an extra railing.



From the street side you can see the steam locomotive on the platform while from the platform through the doorway you see the village or city with mountains in the background. The trademark of Schuhmann is an A and S intertwined and can be seen here.

3.1.10 Unknown station

This station is made in Germany; it has no markings to conclude who manufactured it. It seems to me that it is from the fifties.

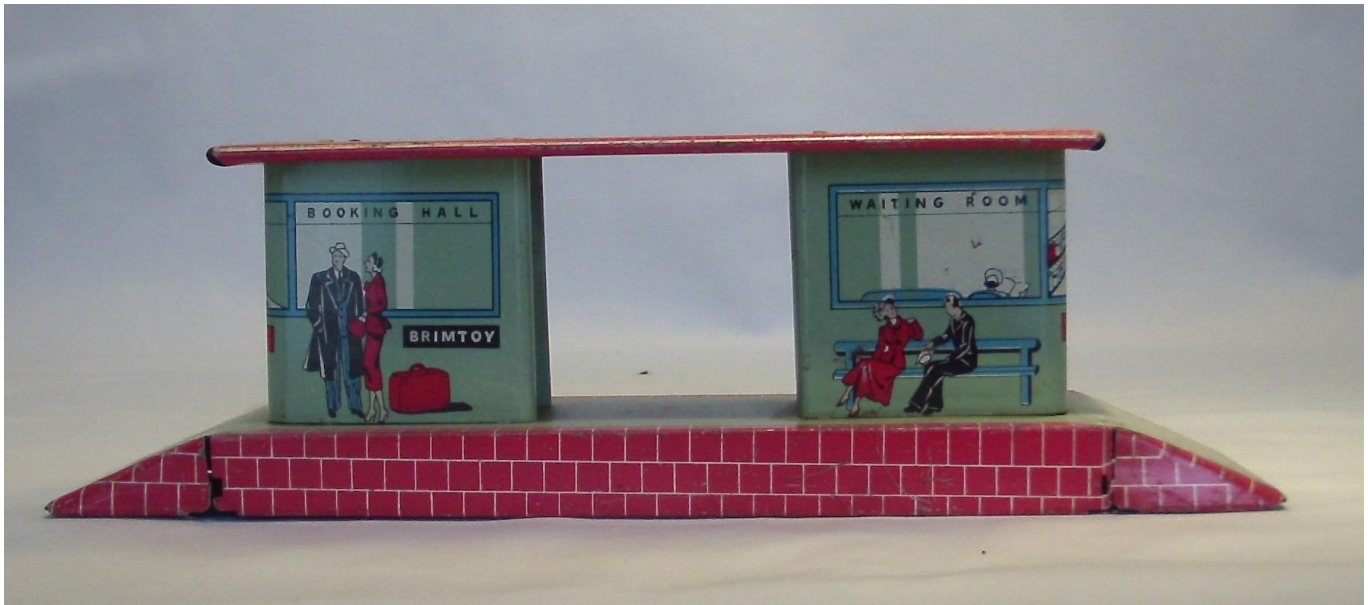




3.2 English stations

3.2.1 Brimtoy stations

This is a Brimtoy station from the fifties. It has a Brimtoy trademark and marking MADE IN GT BRITAIN. The lithography of passengers is strikingly stylish. For such a small station it has many features.



Ticket sales left and right waiting room

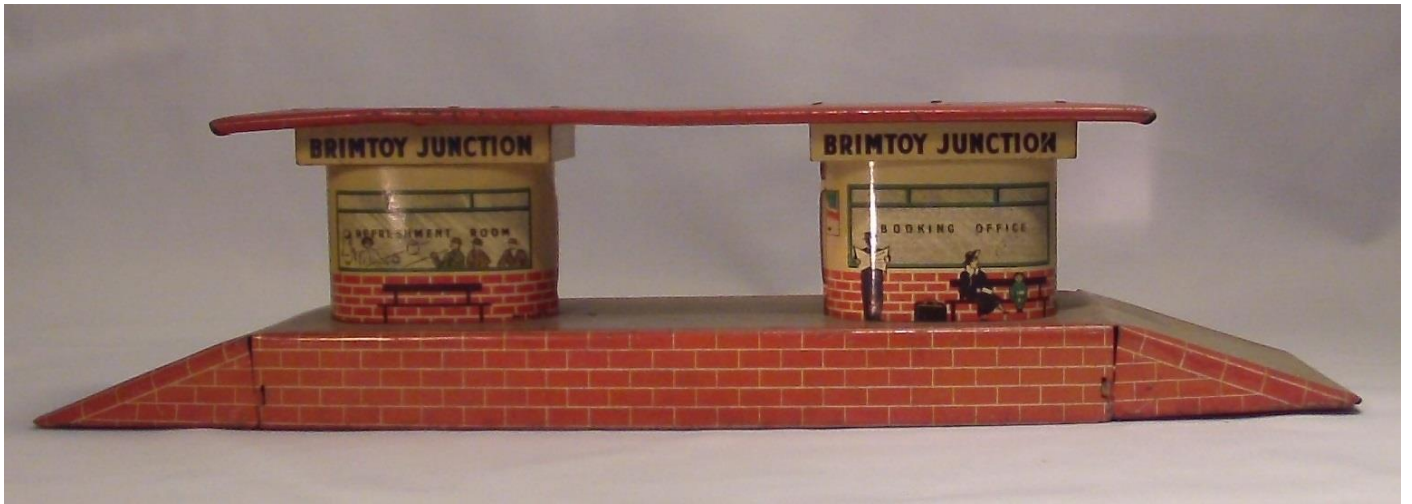


Left luggage delivery and refreshments right.

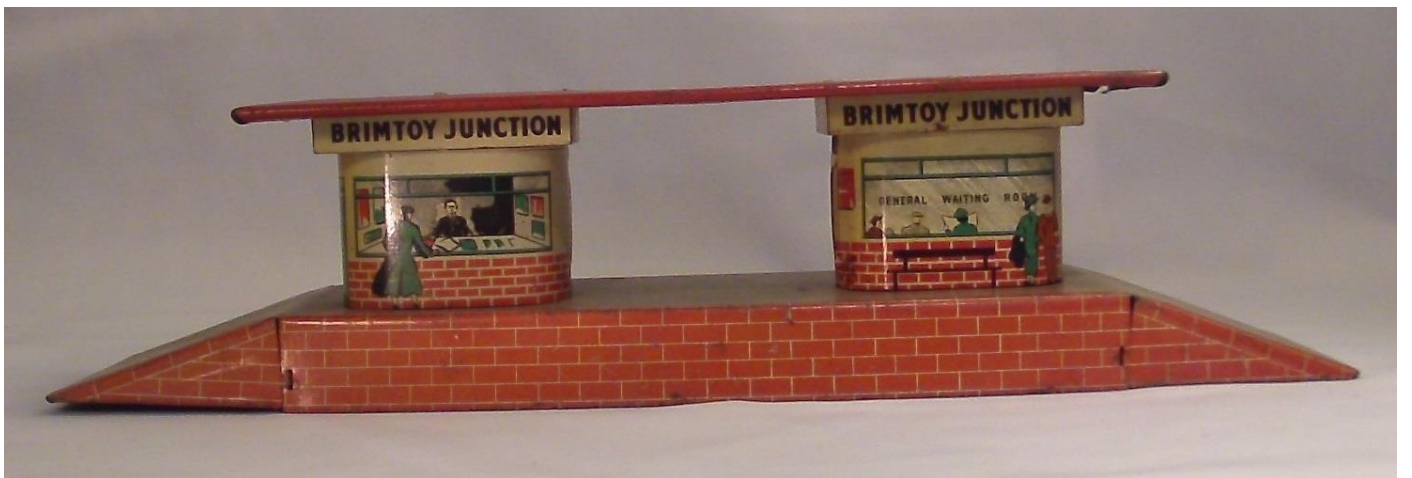


Newsstand left and right information.

The next Brimtoy station is about the same size and layout, but is less interesting:



Refreshments left; tickets and reservations right.



3.2.2 Brimtoy trainstop

This train stop is marked "Made in England" but has no makers marking; it is assumed that it is a Brimtoy product (see <http://www.binsroad.co.uk/>). Hornby made similar stops, but they were always provided with the Hornby marking.



Track side



The back is not intended to be seen!



The right side has a body scale



Left a plate of illegible text.

3.2.3 Hornby stations

This is one of the larger Hornby stations (42 * 15 * 15 cm) that is made in several versions. This is the No. 3 station of circa 1937 with "ramps" (L = 84 cm) on both sides. Marking "Made in England by Hornby Meccano Ltd."



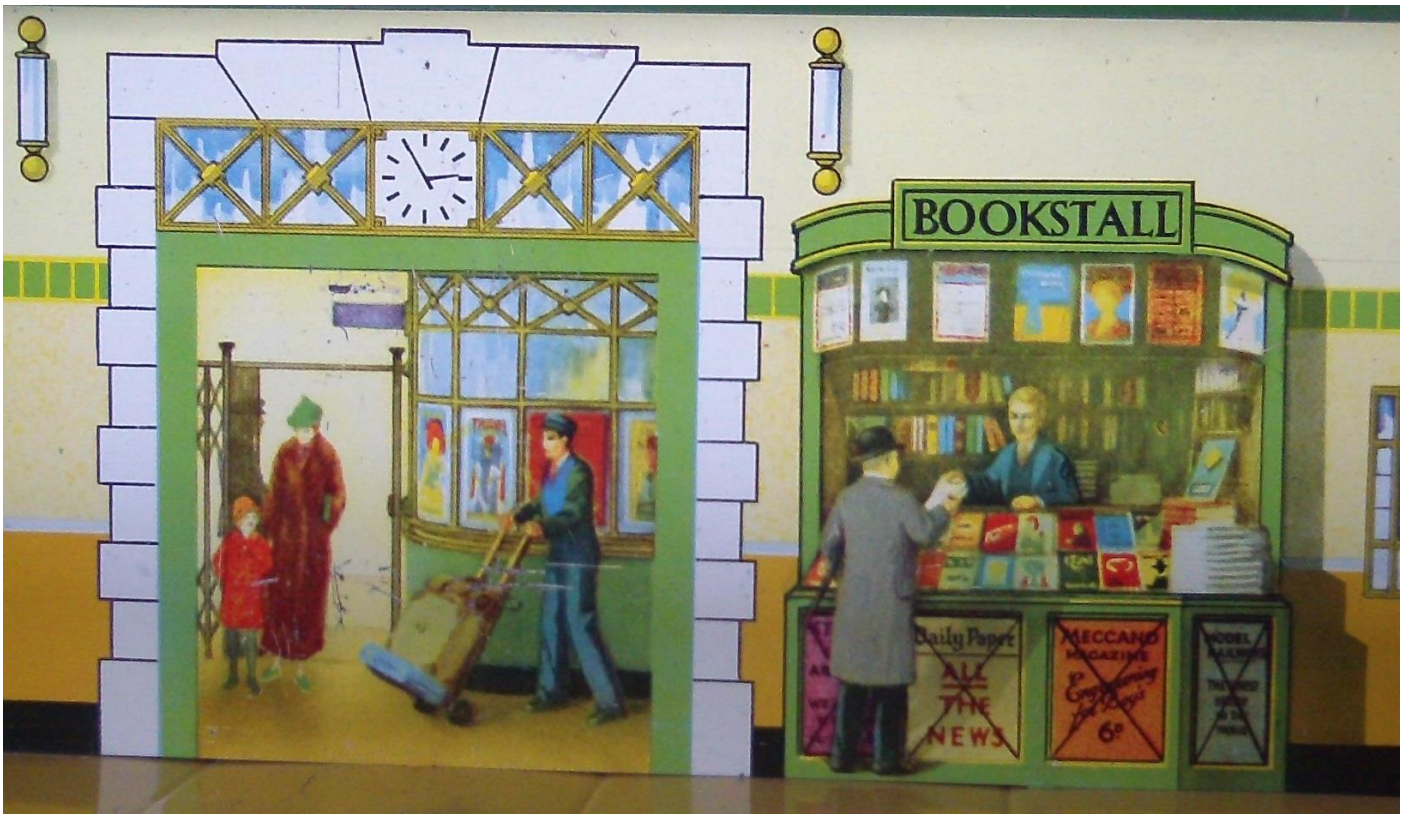
The platform side with bookstore and waiting room.



The street side; Dogs are not allowed inside.



On the side fire extinguishing material and a Meccano ad.



Lithography is beautifully detailed!

Hornby also made stations for gauge 00 (scale 1:76). These Hornby Dublo stations were made of cast aluminum. See the signal boxes chapter (6.3) for a matching signal box.

The main station is named Crawford.



The platform side with the name Crawford and left and right "ramps"; The station has no further imprint.



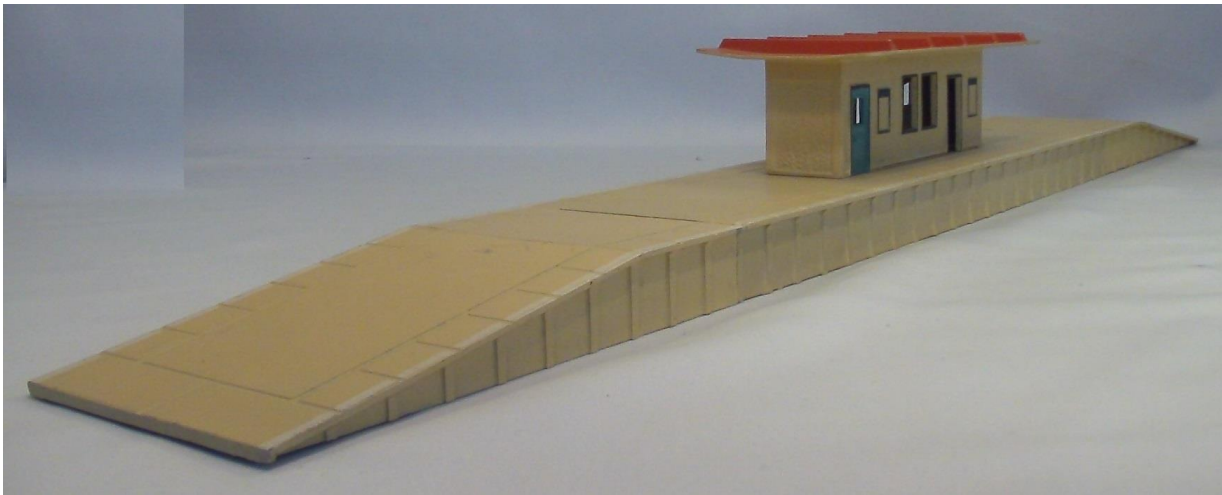
Street side



Thirties cinema style.

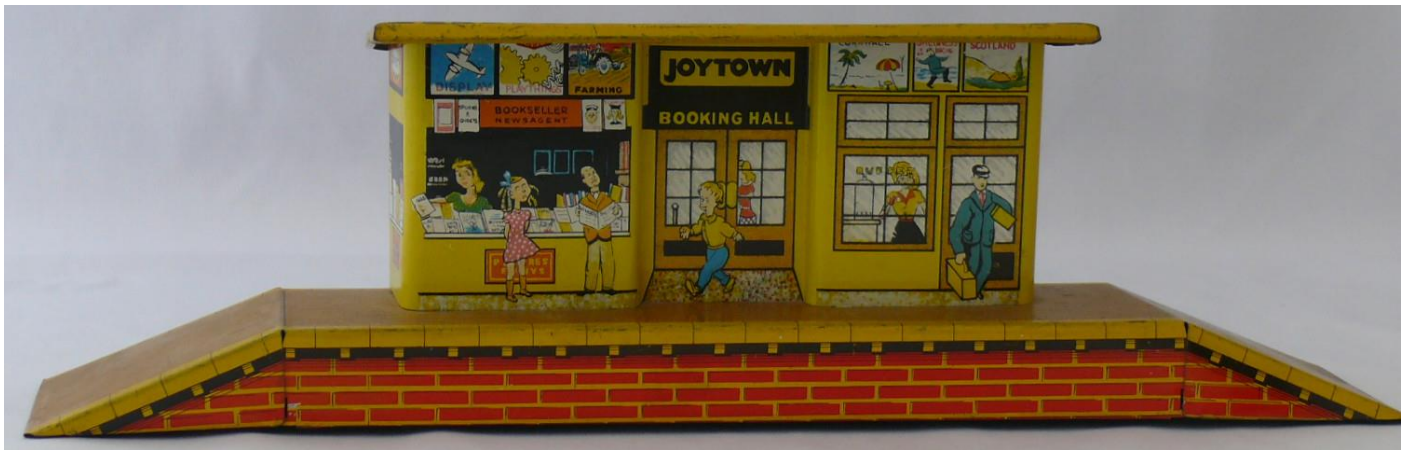


Below the Hornby Dublo island station; also with two "ramps" and no inscription. Front and back are the same.

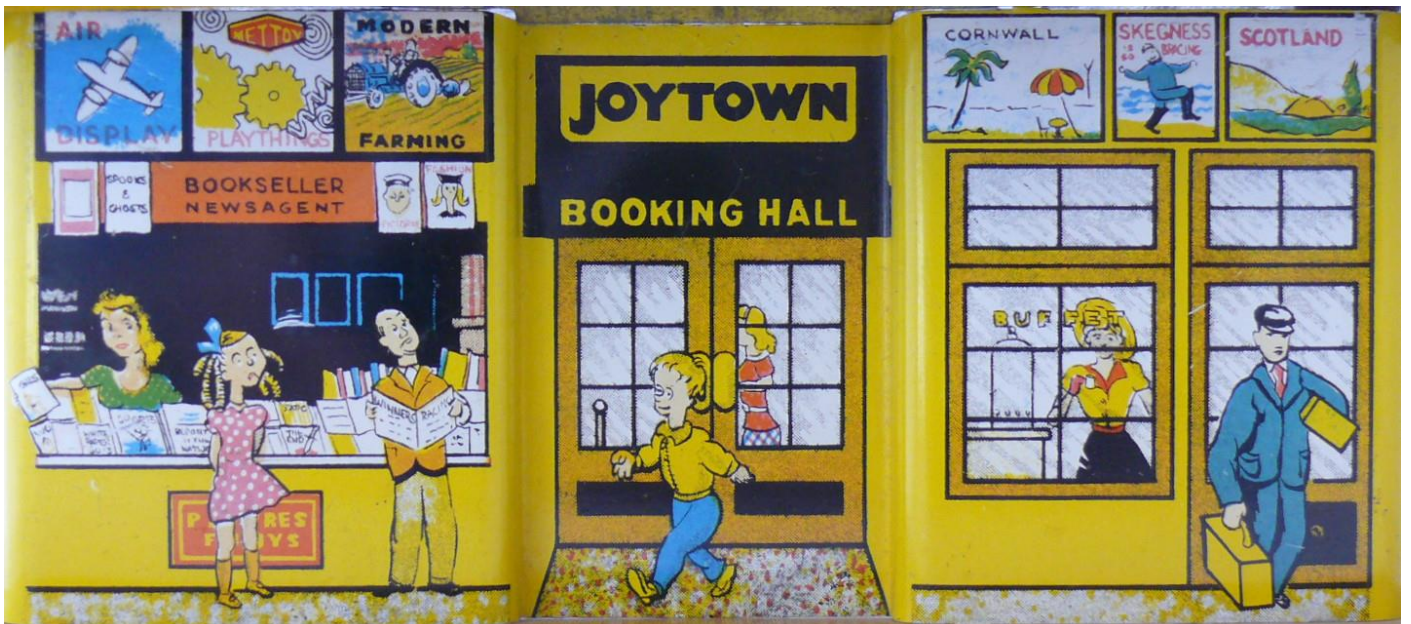


3.2.4 Mettoy station

Joytown was a city introduced by Mettoy, so this Joytown station (model no. 5617) is made by Mettoy in England circa 1950/60. The size of this small station is 32*6*10.



The station has only one decorated side



The lithography looks a bit like a picture from comic strip

3.2.5 Trix station

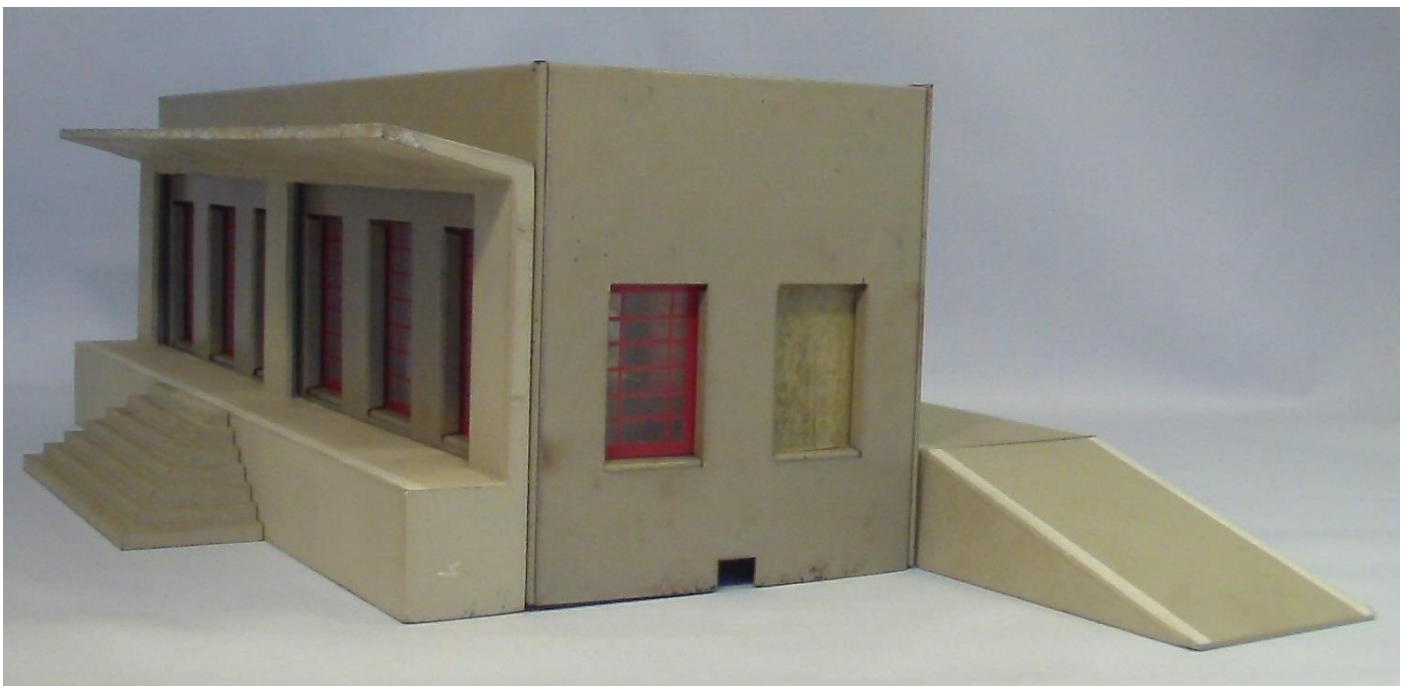
English Trix, also known as TTR for Trix Twin Railways, introduced at the end of the thirties the concept of Many Ways Station. This consisted of all kinds of cast metal and tinplate parts with which you could build stations in different configurations.



The street; the canopy and the stairs are loose parts.



The platform side; the platform portion and the ramps are again separate parts; The station has a flat roof made of wood.





The posters on the platforms were added as decal provided by Trix. The barely visible benches on the platform were created by the English toy manufacturer Britains for Trix.

3.3 French stations

3.3.1 CR stations

CR or Charles Rossignol made a range of railway accessories including medium and in particular small stations. This first station (31 * 8 * 26/14 cm) with CR number 30 looks like a JdeP station (see 3.3.3), I do not know who was copying who.



I assume this side with the canopy is the track side





This CR station has a stations toilet (Hommes et Dames); JEP or JdeP stations have to do without ;-)

This tiny station with a length of only 16 cm and a height of 9 cm was also made by CR or Charles Rossignol around 1930.

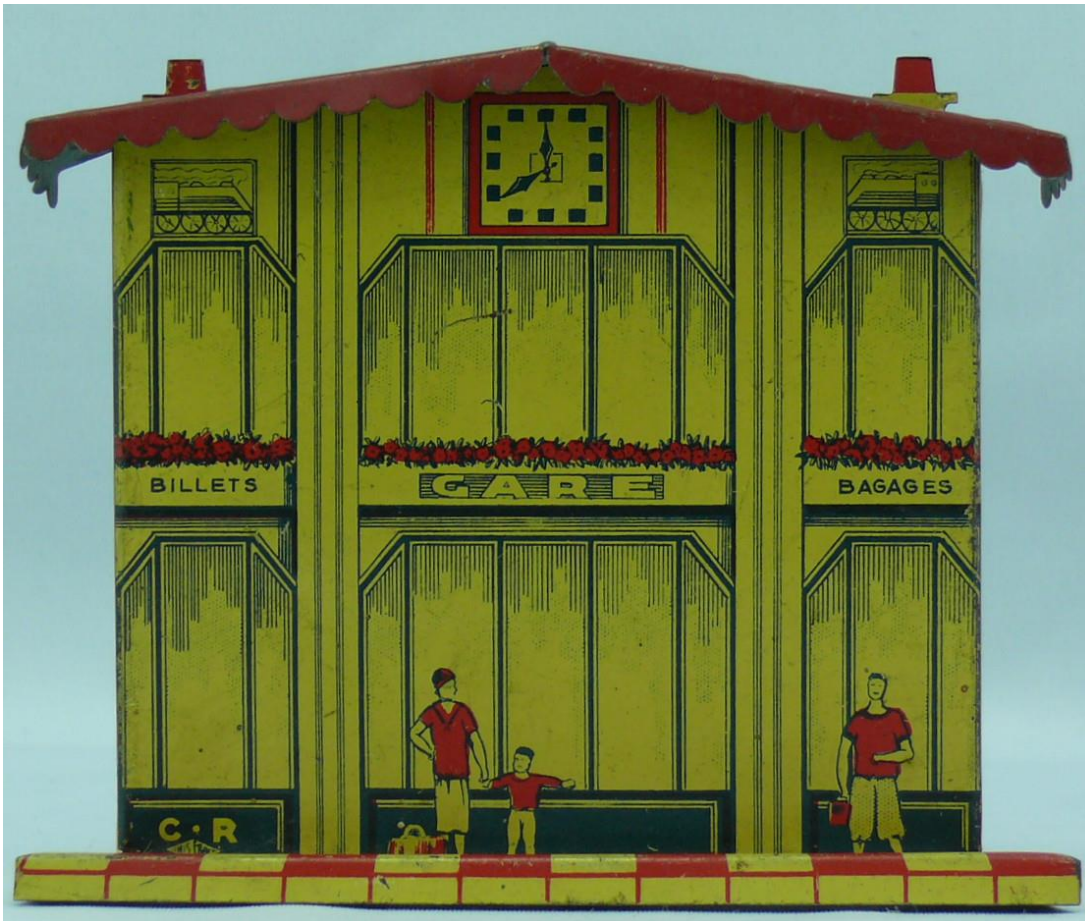


Nice detail is the mailbox on the side; below this the mark CR 8; Rossignol gave many of his products a CR number, a system does not seem to exist in this numbering.

CR made later a more modern version of the CR8 station, using different lithography but the same layout.



This next small, almost two-dimensional (13* 11 cm), station (also made by CR with CR number 7) is in Art Deco style.



3.3.2 Hornby station and stop

This little French Hornby station and stop of the Series M were made from 1936 to 1962; in England Hornby made similar stations.



Posters for the French tourist towns Bourges and Pau and the inscription Meccano Paris show that this is the French version.



The posters at the stop are unreadable.



3.3.3 JdeP station

This station with semaphore is labelled "STATION J. P. de France" and is made by Jouet de Paris (JdeP later JEP) in France around 1925/30. Today, the French use the word "Gare" for station, but in the thirties also the word "Station" was used.



The platform side has a 1st / 2nd class waiting room and a 3rd class waiting room.



On the street side, the ticket office and the office of the stationmaster.



On the left the luggage department; the right side seems to be a house (with curtains).

3.3.4 JEP stations

This JEP station for gauge 0 is probably post-war; it was made by JEP from 1936 to 1964. It is equipped with lights. The style is reminiscent of Alsace.



The platform side has three departments, in the middle the stationmaster, left luggage handling and right “left luggage”.



On the street side: entrance on the right, exit on the left and in the centre the ticket office.



On the right, a fountain



On the left the restaurant.

This next JEP station, which is named “Gare de Vaires” and has catalogue number 5343.1, is quite large, i.e. the height of the building and of the doors and windows seems to be to the correct scale (1:43.5) for 0 gauge; it measures 30 * 20 * 25 cm. JEP made versions of this station with and without side-wings.





Front and back have the same lithography showing exit, stationmaster and entry and left luggage at the side.



Also the clock is lighted when the interior lights are on.



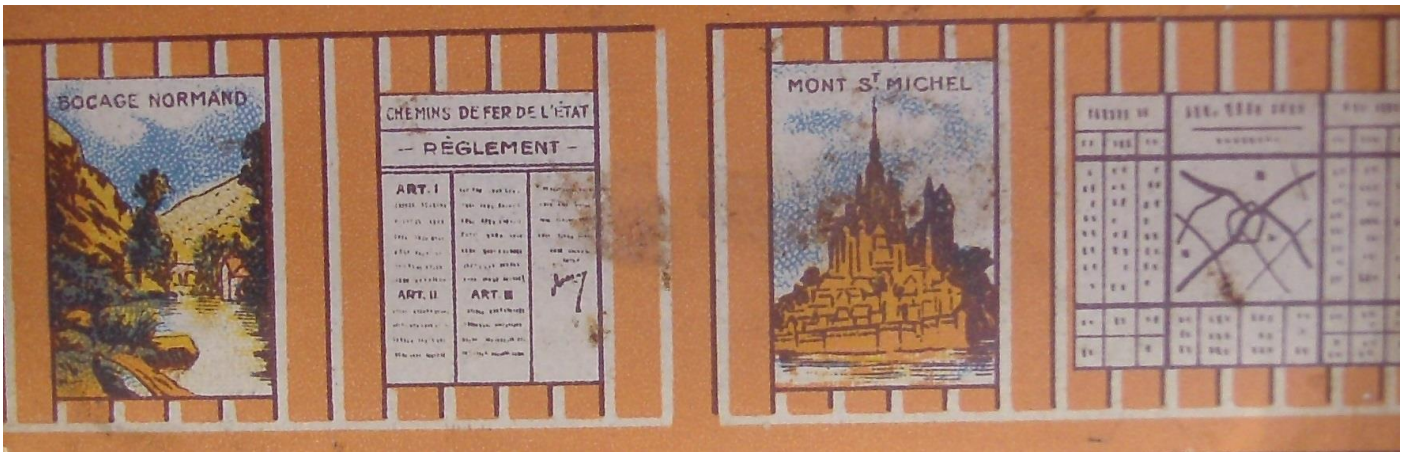
The JEP signal tower (see 6.5) seems even to a larger scale.

3.3.5 JEP trainstop

This train stop was made by JEP in 1930. It has no further markings.



The bench at the front provides a cut-out at the back



Holiday poster for Bocage Normand and Mont St Michel

3.3.6 Plastic stations

Both Jouef and G G  made in the sixties plastic stations which, unusually, were not sold in kit form but ready-made. The G G  station has a decorative box, the inside contains a sunny scene reminiscent of holidays.





In exception to most stations is the street side, as seen here, more colourful and with more detail than the platform side



The platform side has a clock which is rotated by 90 degrees!



A flowery whole.

The Jouef station consists of a main building with two identical side buildings.



The platform has two side stairs that go to a railway underpass.



The street side has flower boxes and stairs to the station level similar to the GéGé station.

3.4 Wooden stations

I have two wooden stations / platforms that are both not made by an amateur DIY, but bear an unreadable trademark. When and by which company these stations are made I do not know.

The first station, which is more a platform than a station, has no front and back. The size of the bench suggests that it is intended for gauge 1 or larger.



The second station / platform also has no front and back; on one of the two sides are two plastic figures (station master and porter). The decoration seems from the sixties.



4 Platforms and Accessories

4.1 HWN platform

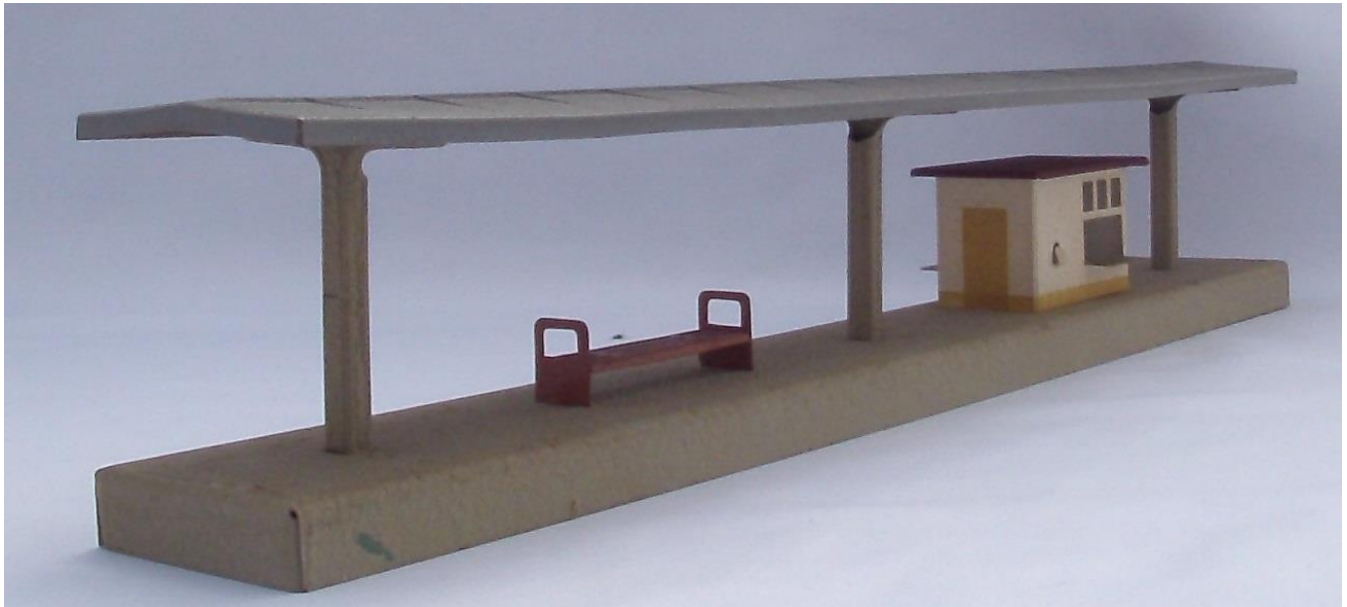
This small HWN platform has a stationmaster which can be moved around by the rod sticking to the roof, it measures 24*7*10 (not including the rod). The size of the stationmaster would suggest this is for 0 gauge.



The lithography of this platform building is very similar to the lithography of the smaller watchman's house of the HWN railway crossing, see 7.6.

4.2 Kibri Platform

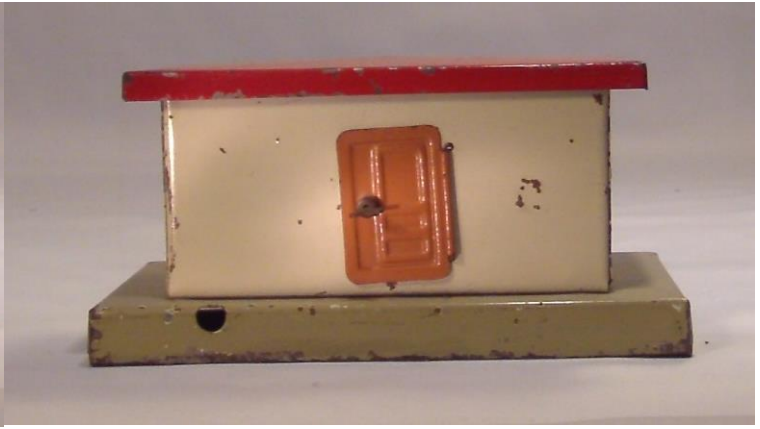
This Kibri platform is part of the station in section 3.1.6. I find it a bit dull. It is for H0 gauge and measures 39 * 5 * 8.



4.3 Kibri newsstand

This newsstand from the German brand Kibri has already sold its newspapers. The catalog number is 0/63 of 1950/52. It is also for H0 gauge and measures 12 * 6 * 6.





4.4 Bing direction indicators

This tinplate direction indicator has no marking of land or manufacturer; although the city names are Dutch (The Hague, Groningen and Arnhem) I assume this is a Bing product. It is 16 cm high.



This next direction indicator is marked Bing and a German version is present in the 1930 Bing catalogue with number 10/6183. It is 16 cm high and has a nice mechanism to show the directions and train types. This is a Dutch version with the cities Vlissingen (Flushing), Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Den Haag (The Hague). The train types have spelling mistakes: Personentrein (Passenger train) is called Personen-Train and Sneltrain (Fast train) is called Snell-Train.



4.5 German direction indicator

This tinplate clock with direction indicator has no marking of land or manufacturer; based on the spelling of the city names, I assume that it is a German product. It is 12 cm high.



The six city names are left Zurich, Paris and Rome and right Amsterdam, London and Berlin.

4.6 JoHillCo ticket machine

This ticket machine is a metal casting and attributed to JoHillCo. It is about 8 cm high. John Hill and Company, popularly known as JoHillCo, were a British firm producing a range of metal figures and accessories, in competition with the better known firm of Britains. The JoHillCo range was huge but included railway accessories too. The railway accessories were considered to be in scale with Gauge 1 railways.



4.7 Kibri direction indicator

This direction indicator, which has no marking, is known to be made by Kibri for the Dutch market. The height is 14 cm.



VERTREK RICHTING:
AMSTERDAM MAASTRICHT UTRECHT ROTTERDAM GRONINGEN

| TIJD | TIJD | TIJD | TIJD | TIJD |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 35 | D14 70 | 2 46 | 1229 | D1 05 |
| 13 25 | 2 34 | 14 26 | 1 36 | E13 19 |
| 3 18 | 16 37 | E5 12 | 15 35 | E3 27 |
| 15 16 | E5 41 | D17 09 | 5 58 | 15 28 |
| D5 10 | 20 09 | 6 09 | D17 11 | 6 38 |
| D17 01 | 8 36 | 20 47 | E7 26 | 18 47 |
| 9 47 | E22 31 | D9 21 | 21 08 | 10 27 |
| 20 14 | D10 21 | E21 05 | 11 02 | D20 11 |
| E11 05 | 23 50 | 10 57 | E23 01 | 11 48 |
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The departure and arrival times can be read well; The map gives a distinct European division, this seems to reflect the period of 1939 to 1942. Trains in the direction of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Maastricht, Utrecht, Groningen and Oldenzaal leave here, could this be The Hague?

4.8 Märklin direction indicator

Märklin made this direction indicator with the cities Wien, Berlin, Nürnberg and Zürich. Height is 17 cm and I assume it is made for gauge 0, since other Märklin direction indicators I have seen are higher.



4.9 Unknown mechanical bell

I do not know who made this mechanical bell; I assume it is German. It is metal/tinplate, 9 cm high and would fit gauge 1.



4.10 Unmarked direction indicator

This simple tinplate direction indicator has Dutch inscriptions; the maker is unknown but I assume it is a German product for the Dutch market. There are only four inscriptions: the 2 cities Amsterdam and Rotterdam and 2 train types Sneltrain (Fast train) and Personentrein (Passenger train).



5 Goods station and warehouses

5.1 Bing goods station

This Bing freight station with the dimensions 27 * 8 * 9 also exists in a different version (different lithography). It is from around 1930.



The front has a sliding door with a handle which can be opened and a two-dimensional crane with shadow.



On the back the Bing marking is visible.



5.2 CR goods cranes

CR or Charles Rossignol made (at least) 2 small goods cranes. The first one is two dimensional without moving parts and has CR number 50.



This next small goods crane made by CR with CR number 24 is moveable on its base and the hook can be operated.



5.3 HWN warehouse

This small goods shed with crane is marked HWN (Heinrich Wimmer Nurnberg) and therefore from Germany; it is intended for gauge H0.



The sliding doors can be opened. The bag state the trade mark HWN.



On the chest it says "Careful Glass" (in German).

5.4 Kibri warehouses

The goods shed with crane has a marking Kibri Germany and is from before WW2. The dimensions are 22 * 9 * 12.



Front and back look the same.



This Kibri goods shed is for H0 gauge. It has the post-war Kibri style.



6 Signal towers, semaphores and transformer houses

6.1 Brimtoy signal tower

This small English signal box with semaphore was created by Brimtoy in the fifties.



6.2 Fischer signal tower

This signal box from Fischer with the barely legible inscription Victoriabox was made in Germany for the English market. This copy is in a rather bad state.



6.3 Hornby signal towers

This large and high English railway signal box for 0 gauge (18 * 9 * 19) is made by Hornby. This is the No 2 Signal Cabin in post-war version of 1949-1954.



Although further in good condition faded colours appear on the back



In their low budget M series Hornby made this small (9 * 3 * 11 cm) signal box. It has just front and sides, no back. Note that the Hornby France transformer house (see 6.11) is made of 2 of these signal boxes, but of course the French version.



Here is a Hornby Dublo cast aluminum signal box for 00 gauge from the fifties. See also (3.2.3) for the Hornby Dublo stations in the same modern style.



6.4 Hornby France signal tower

Hornby France had a large number of wooden stations that were delivered as simple kit of hardboard. Also this signal box “Poste No 2” has this construction.



The back is boring, but if you look from the front to the inside you will see a track plan on the back wall!

6.5 JEP signal tower

This large and high signal box (18 * 9 * 19) is made by JEP.



I always thought that Paris was the other way, not so.



The entrance states: Defense d'entrée, Danger de Mort. For a transformer house normal but strange for a signal box.

6.6 Kibri signal tower

This Kibri signal tower with signal bridge is made for H0 gauge; the signals on the bridge are missing.



The signal man maintains his flower boxes well

6.7 Lone Star signal tower

This small signal box or tower belongs to the Lone Star "floor Train" (with a scale of 2 mm on the foot which is approximately 1:150). For size comparison, a Trix gauge 00 signal box (6.9), next to the Lone Star signal box.



The Lone Star signal box consists of one molded part.

6.8 Mettoy signal tower

A small signal box from the English firm Mettoy.



The front and rear and the two sides are equal. The staircase is only lithography.

6.9 Trix signal tower

The English Trix signal box has an enclosed whistle; on the bottom of the signal box is a tiny electrical device (it does not sound like a whistle). The signal box is of tinfoil but has a type of plastic roof that is somewhat distorted by age.

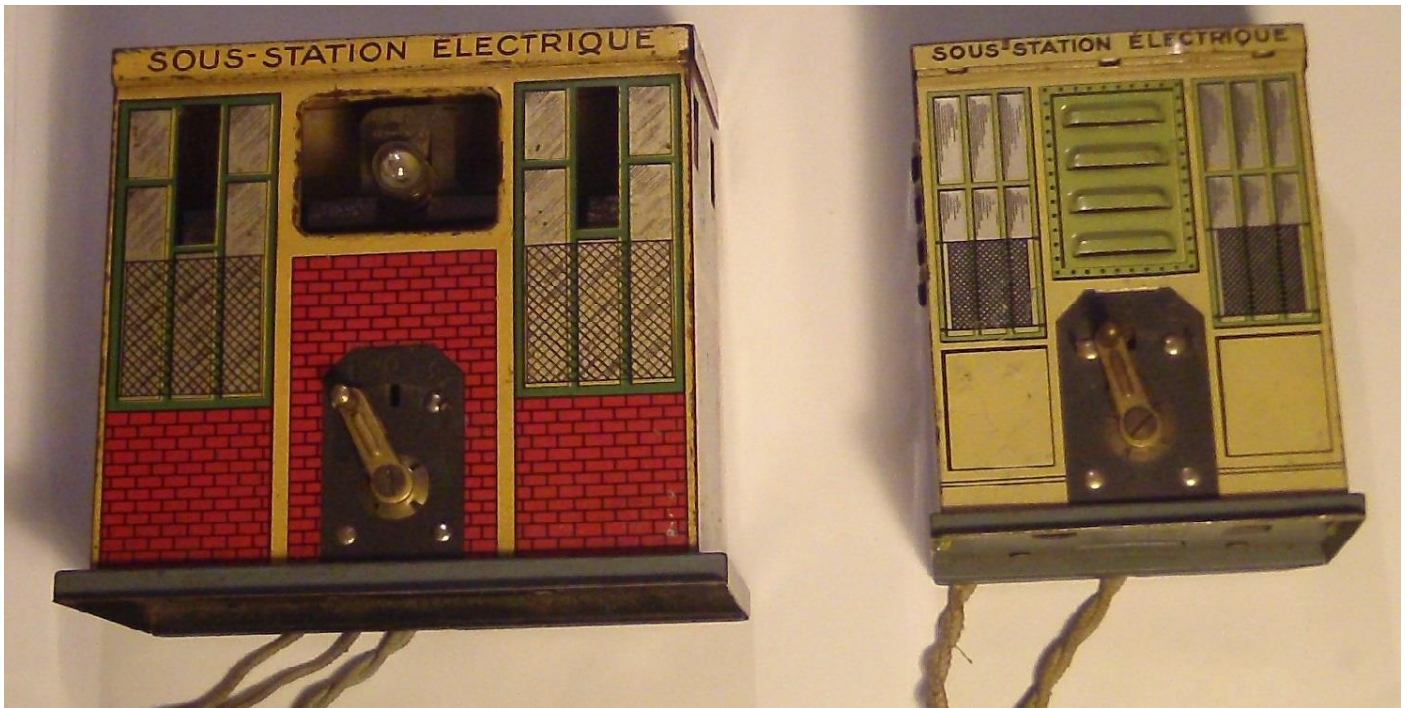




Under the stairs is the connection for the whistle

6.10 JEP transformer houses

The French company JEP has made two versions of transformers in transformer houses; the largest (ref 551) has 40 watts of power, the smaller (ref 548) 25 Watt.



The front with control knob; The large version has an indicator light.



At the back the fixed wiring: to the mains on the left and to the track on the right.



On the door: Defense d'entrée, Danger de Mort (no entry, danger of death). And yet this were children's toys.

6.11 Hornby transformer house

This is a small housing for Hornby France transformer 110 volts with the dimensions 9 * 6 * 11 cm. It is composed of two small Hornby M signal boxes.



6.12 All sorts of semaphores

First of all, a JEP pole which indicates the maximum speed (in this case 30 kilometres per hour). The ladder suggests that it is a pole with oil lamp.



The pole is attached to the rail, and when there is current on the rail, the light is on.

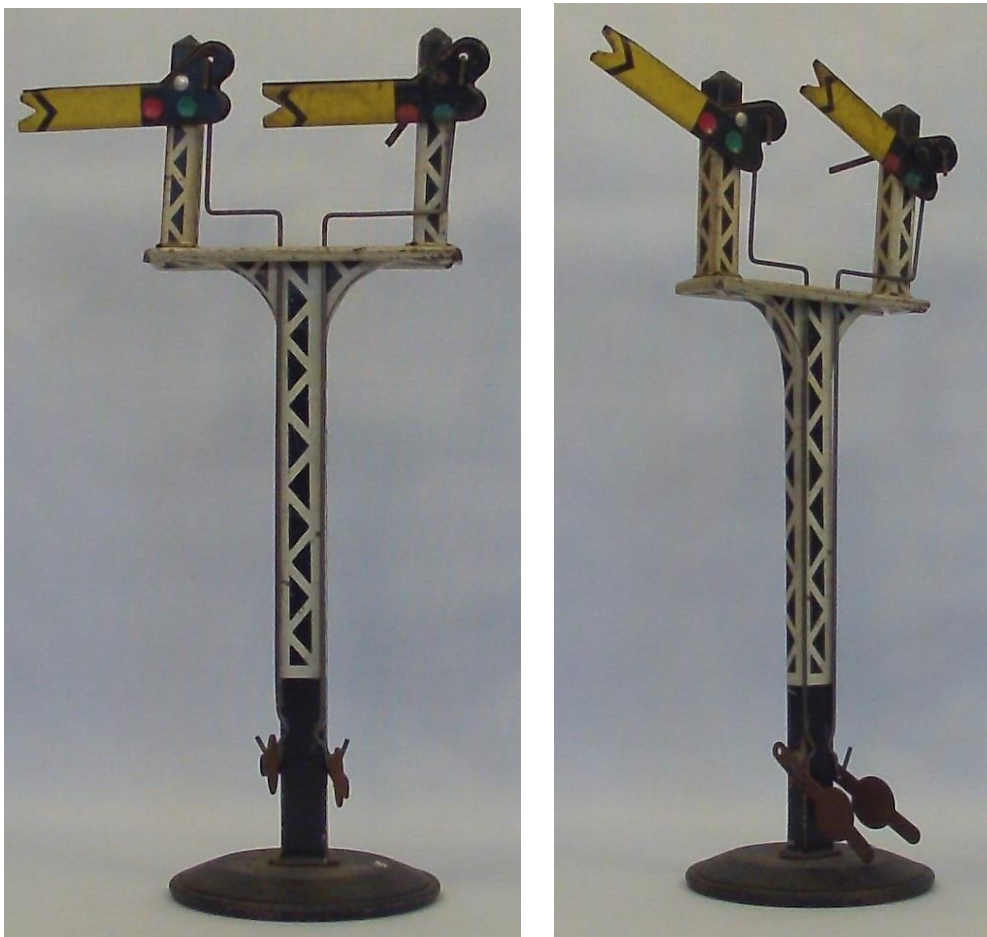
Lionel semaphore with lights; This semaphore is electro-mechanically and can be controlled remotely.



This Marx semaphore like the Lionel semaphore has a light and the movement can be controlled remotely.



Below a double semaphore of the English brand Chad Valley; The pole is only 18 cm high, but is nevertheless intended for gauge 0. The Chad Valley 0 trains are fairly small. This pole is catalogue number 10 129 and is made from 1952 to 1954 (before then Chad Valley made the same pole with wood).

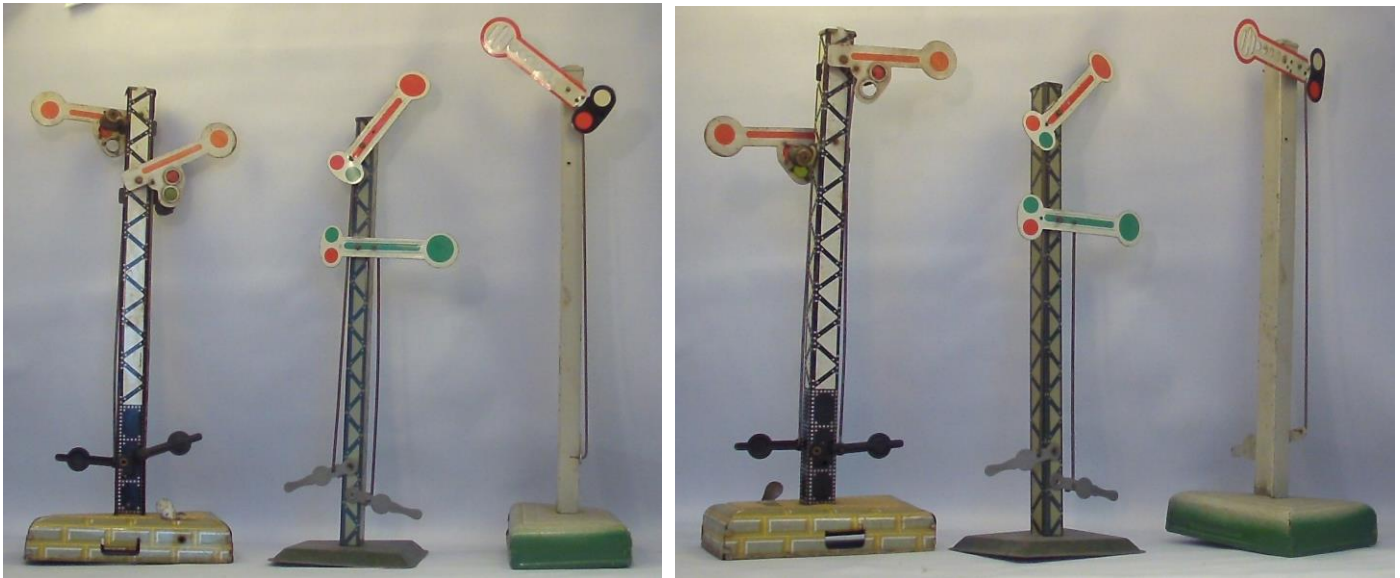


Hornby has made a large number of semaphore types; Here there are three, left shows red (unsafe) and right shows green (safe).



The left post with open grid is pre-war, the two right poles are post-war, the right pole is attached to a non-Hornby base.

Below semaphores are, as far as I can tell, mostly German makes. They have no mark; on some it states Germany and one of the poles it states Foreign which means that it was made in Germany for the British market.



The left pole is marked Foreign; The right pole is probably post-war.



The left semaphore is Made in England; the centre post was a posh specimen with lighting and a ladder.



The centre pole is not complete but seems very old; I suspect that an oil lamp here is missing.

Below a pole for a level crossing with St. Andrew's cross and flashing red light of the Fulgurex brand; the pole is for H0 and is still in its original packaging.



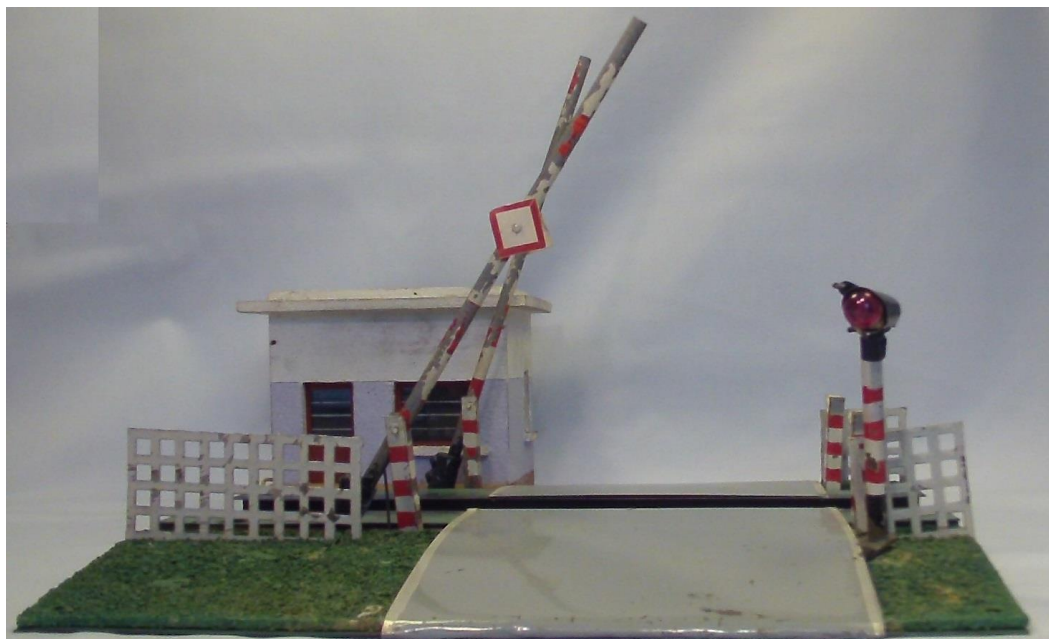
Marx made this warning signal; I do not know whether this is for a level crossing or a station area. Marx made this also with light and bells, so this is the simple version.



7 Crossings, walkways and signal bridges

7.1 BLZ crossing

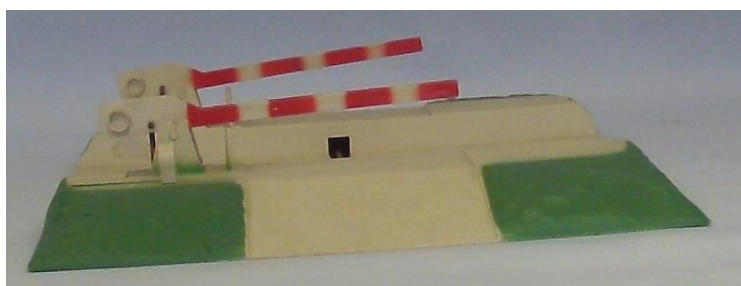
BLZ is a little known French brand that made a small selection of trains and accessories for both O if H0 in the fifties. The level crossing is made of wood and tin and does not look factory-made and not really nice.



The house contains the level crossing electro mechanics for the movement of the barriers.

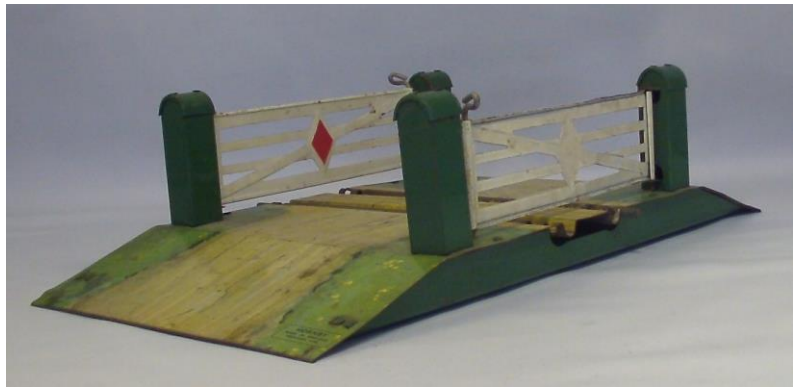
7.2 Fobbi crossing

This simple plastic Fobbi level crossing is for H0 and accommodates two parallel tracks. The weight of the train ensures that the barriers move back and forth (up and down they will not really go).



7.3 Hornby crossings

Two tin Hornby railway 0 gauge level crossings for clockwork trains; the first for single track and the second for double track. The gates will open for road traffic and then shut the rail traffic and vice versa.



7.4 Hornby Dublo crossing

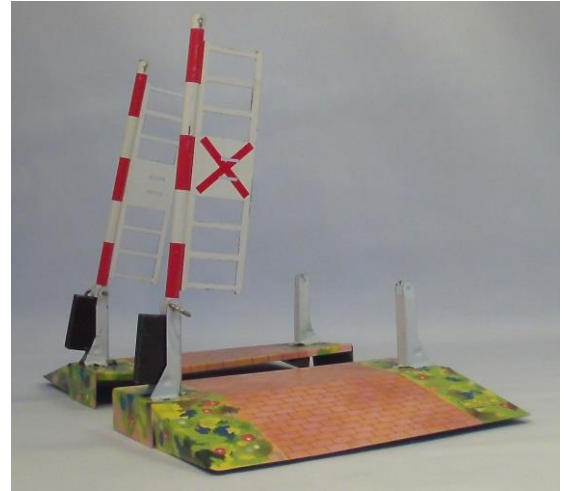
This crossing is for gauge 00 and as many Hornby Dublo accessories made of cast aluminum.



On the left road traffic cannot pass and on the right the train cannot.

7.5 Hornby France crossings

The Hornby France crossings are of the continental type; they have no fences but movable barriers. The first crossing is a simple level crossing belonging to the M Series (cheap and simple series of Hornby trains and accessories). The level crossing consists of two separate parts which are each other's mirror.



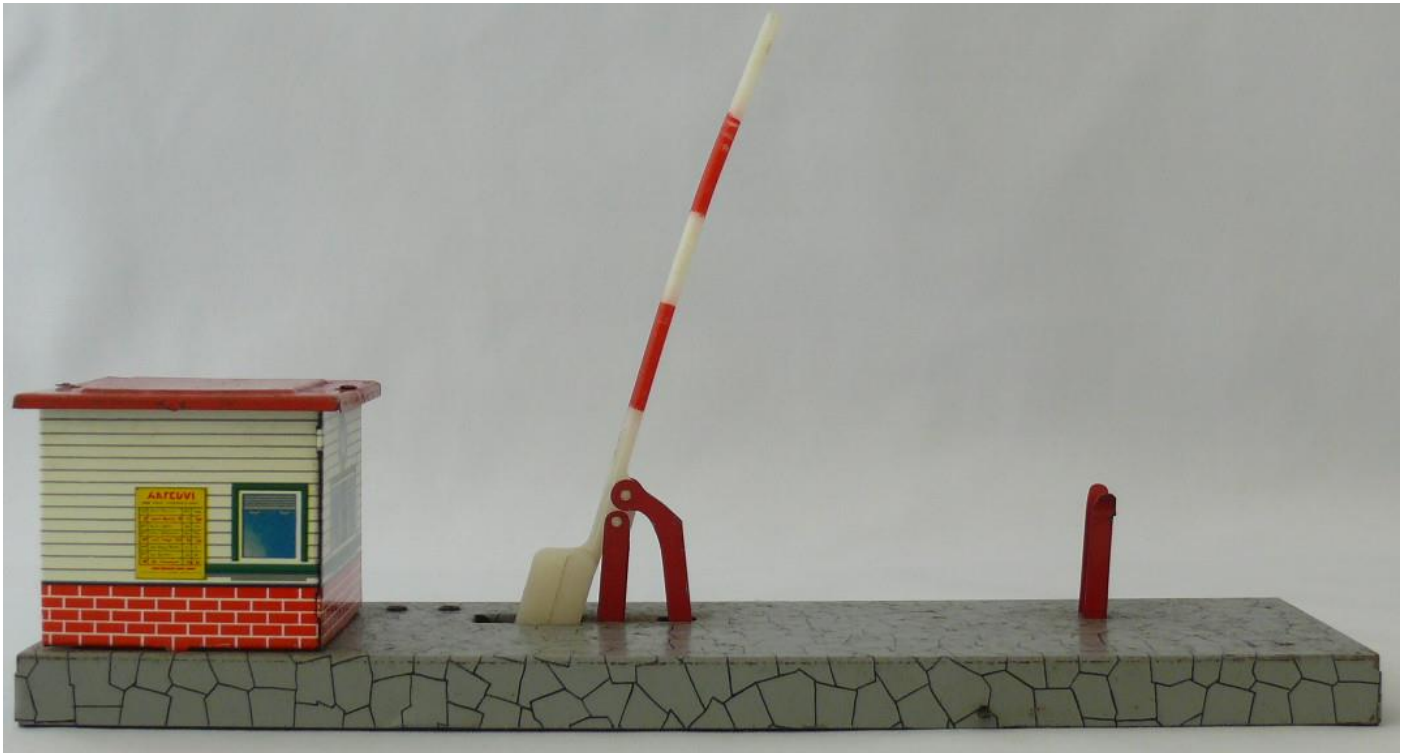
The next crossing is in the same style, but is larger and has a level crossing guard house



The barriers must be opened manually; also the fences for the footpath can be opened.

7.6 HWN crossing

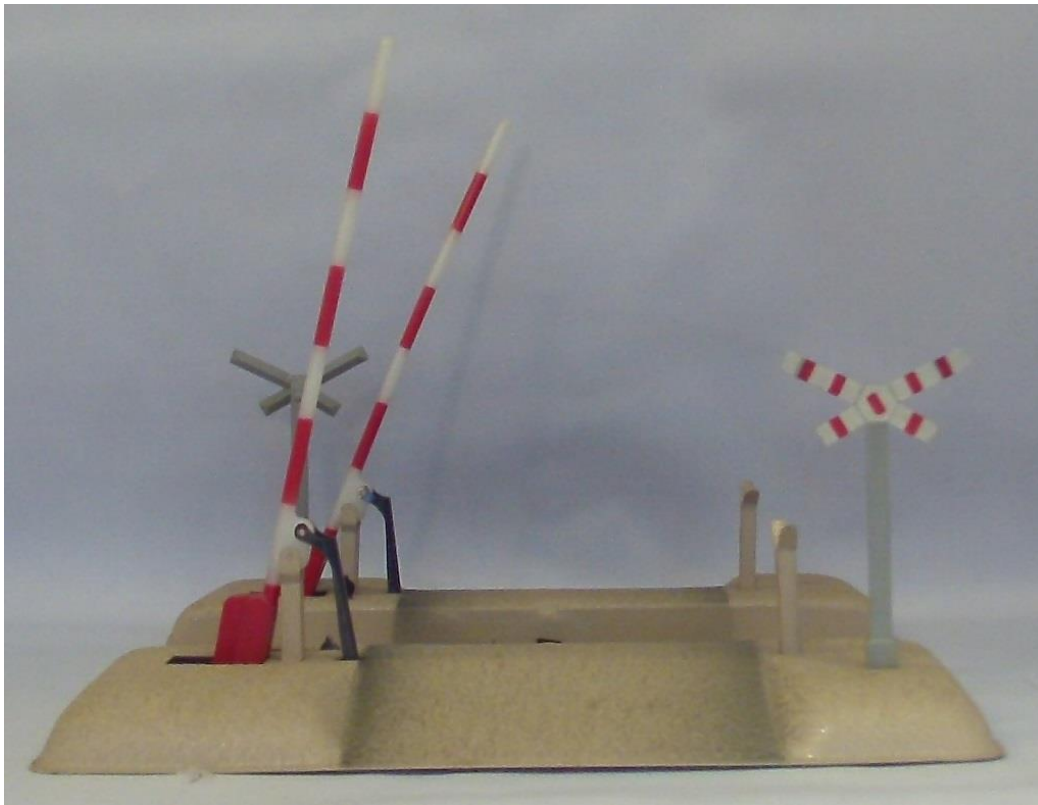
I assume this HWN railway crossing with watchman house and barrier is made around 1950/60. The barrier of this further tinplate accessory is plastic. The barrier is lowered by pressure on a piece of rail, which is not included. Whether this is made for 00 or H0 gauge I do not know; its size is 20*6*5 when the barrier is lowered.



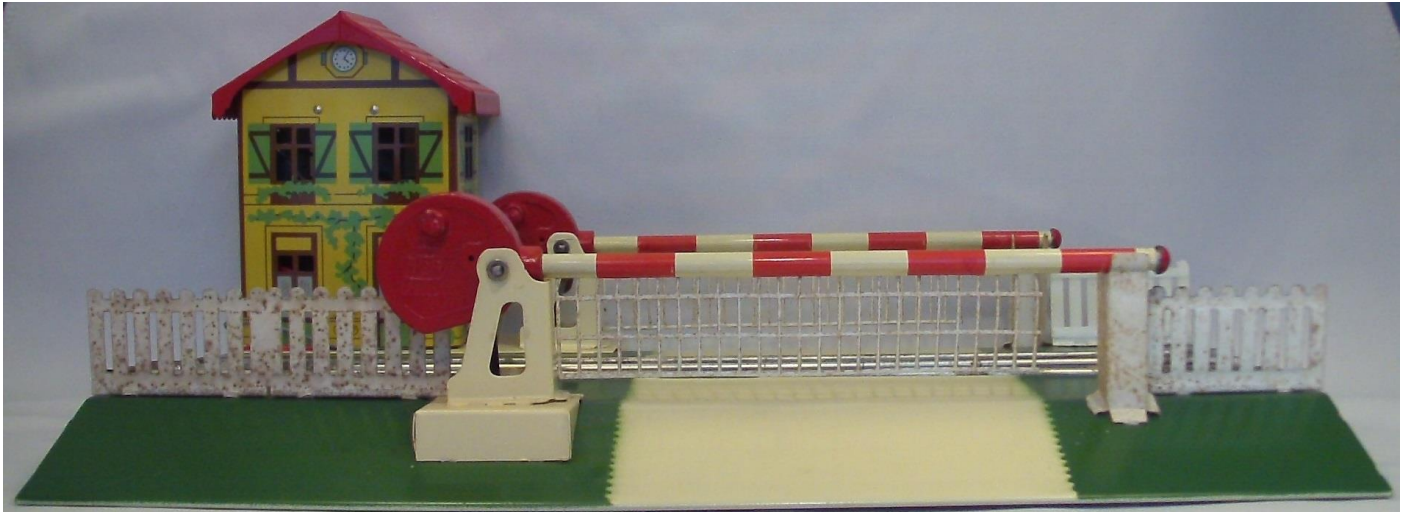
The lithography of this watchman's house is very similar to the lithography of the larger platform building of the HWN platform, see 4.1.

7.7 JEP crossings

This post-war JEP crossing is made by Kibri and has the marking Kibri Licence. The level crossing seems to me for gauge 0 but according to the JEP book it is for 00. The weight of the train causes the barriers go down.



The next JEP level crossing is electro-mechanically, and can be operated by a passing train. Associated circuit tracks are included. The JEP level crossing seems to be made in large numbers; it is widely available.



The level crossing-house closely resembles the JEP station, see 3.3.4.

7.8 Marx crossing

This level crossing barrier, Andrew's cross and crossing bells were made by the American toy(train)maker Marx. These are electrical accessories; the two bells ring, the barrier can be moved up and down and the Andrew's cross lights shine red.



7.9 Signal bridges by Ottmar Beckh

These two red signal bridges are made by Ottmar Beckh, Nurnberg, in the fifties. Both have markings Made in Germany; the bridge with three stairs also carries the trademark Ottmar Beckh.



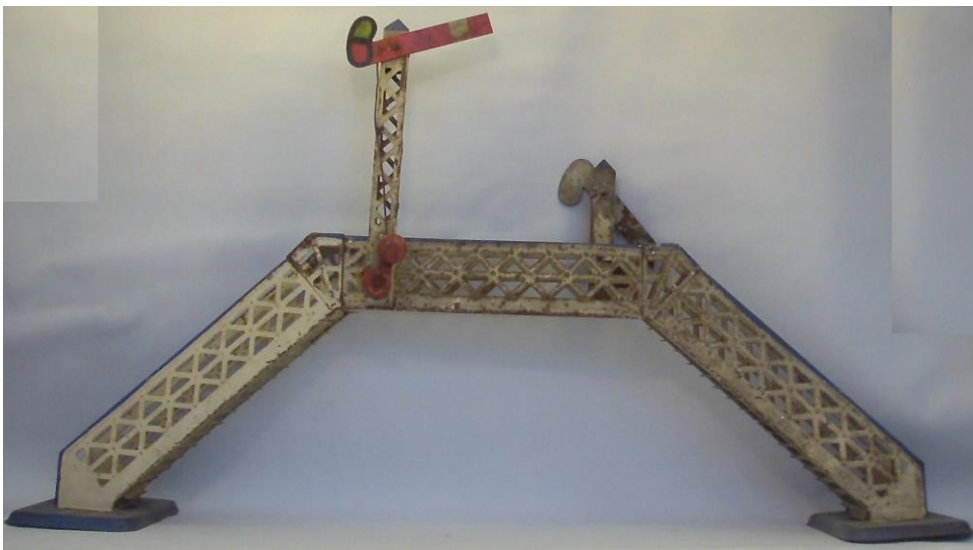


7.10 Hornby walkways and signal bridges

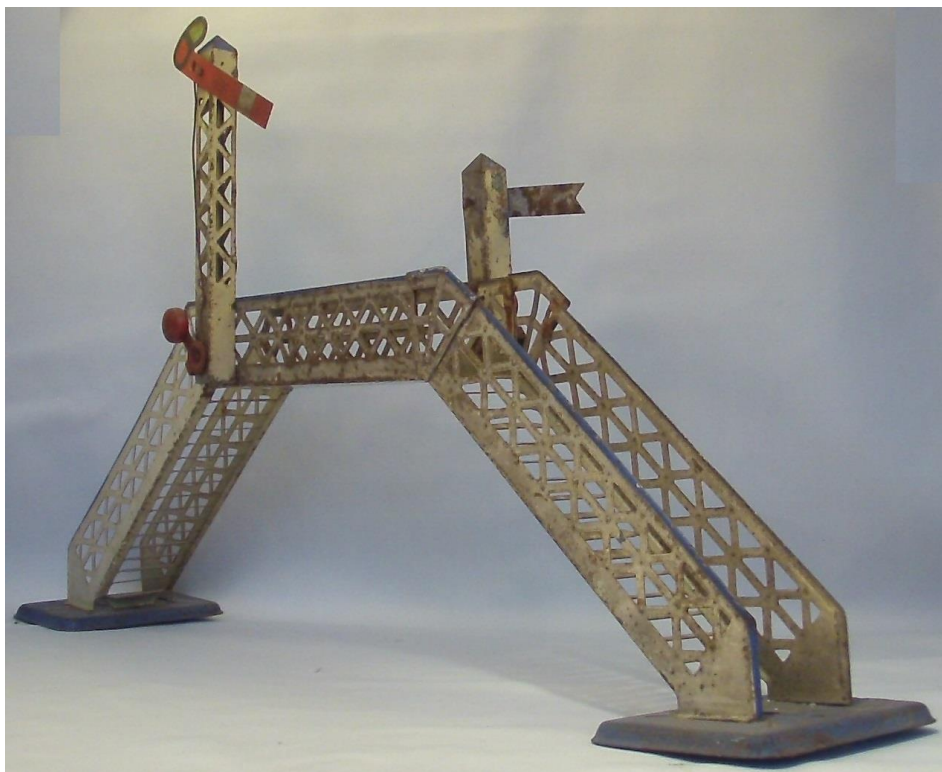
This simple Hornby walkway from the M series is an English product.



This walkway with signalling is Hornby No. 1 Footbridge made from 1925.



This bridge looks not very pretty because of among other things some rust.



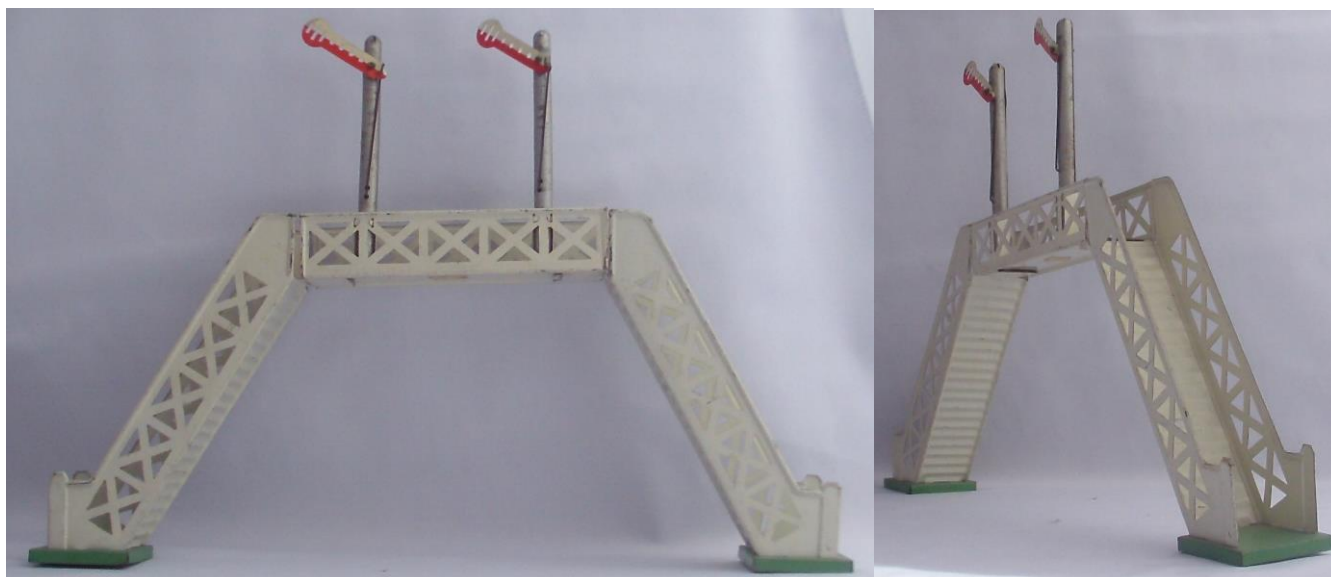
For gauge 00 there is a Hornby Dublo walkway.



This footbridge is based on a standard British Railway design of a concrete walkway.

7.11 Unmarked signal bridges

Many signal bridges have no mark indicating the maker or the country of production. See a few here.





7.12 Unmarked walkways

Also, many footbridges have no mark indicating the maker or the country of production. See a few different here:



The following unmarked walkway is "foldable".

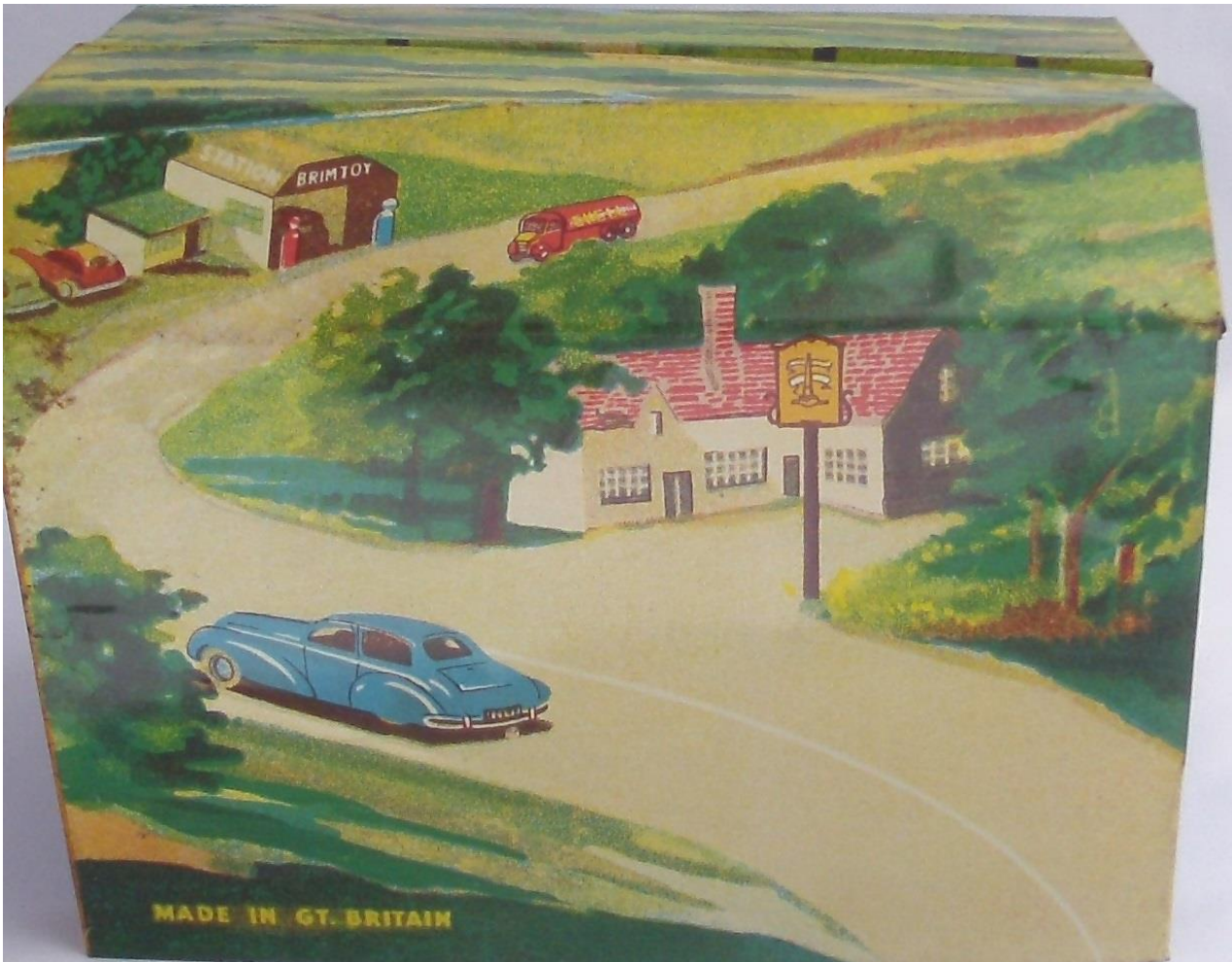


8 Tunnels, bridges, turntables and bufferstops

8.1 Tunnels

8.1.1 Brimtoy tunnel

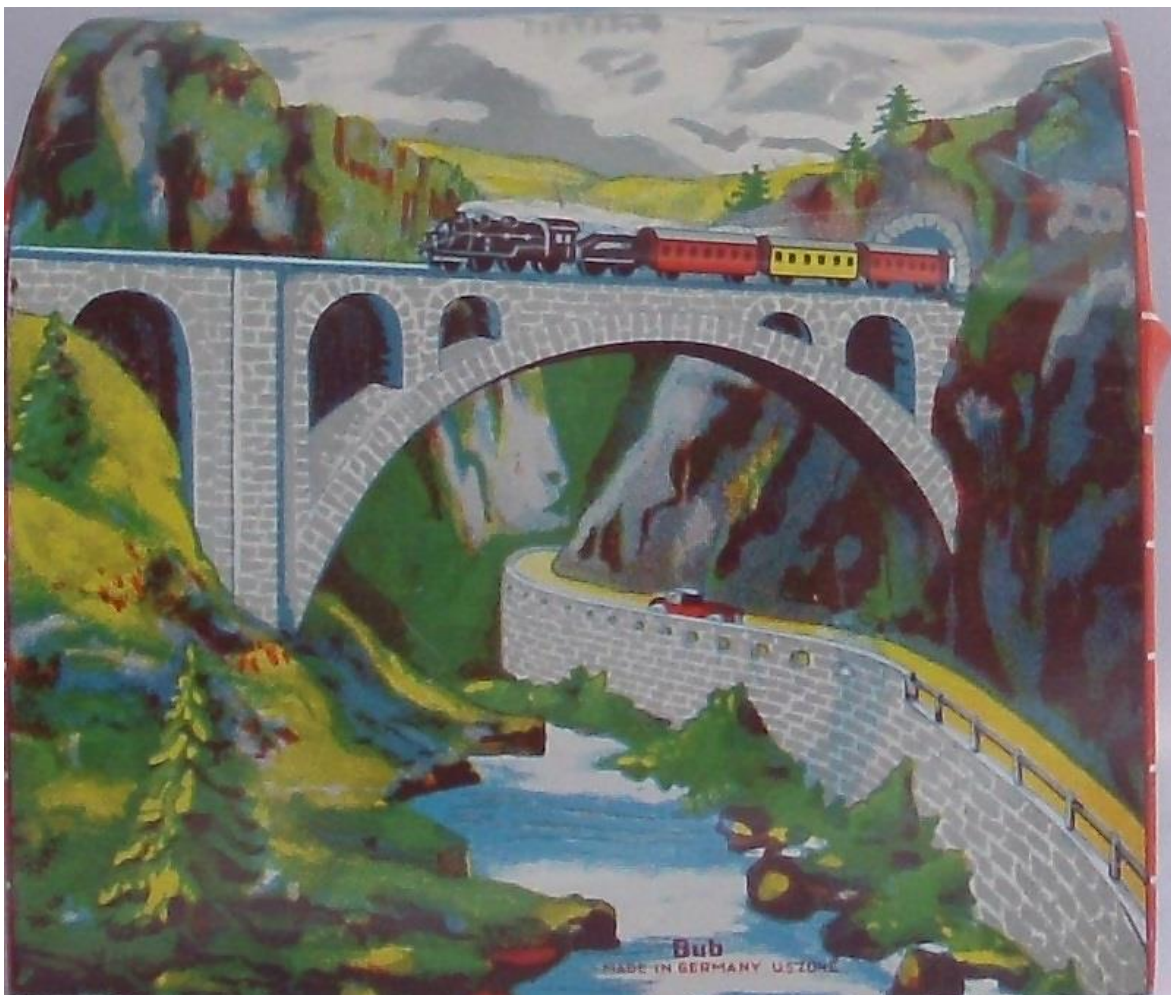
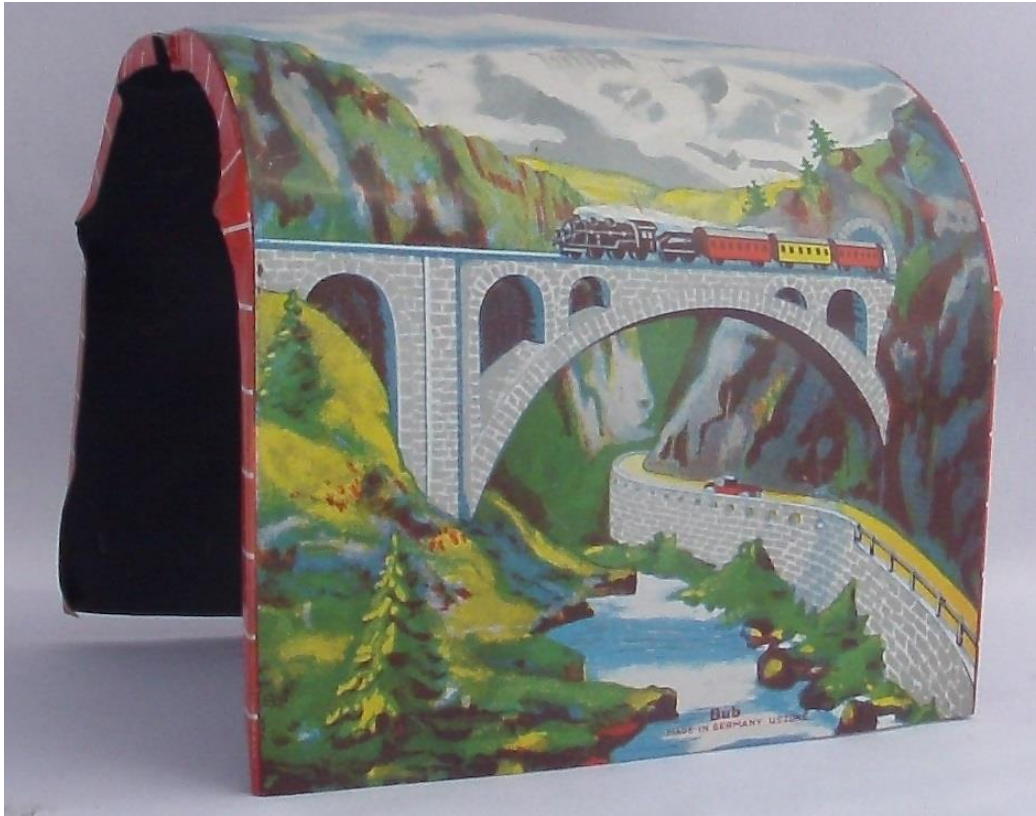
This tunnel of the English brand Brimtoy is appropriate for smaller o gauge trains.



The Brimtoy brand is on the garage; that this is an English landscape can be seen by the beautiful blue sedan that drives at the left side of the road. The country pub looks very cosy.

8.1.2 Bub tunnel

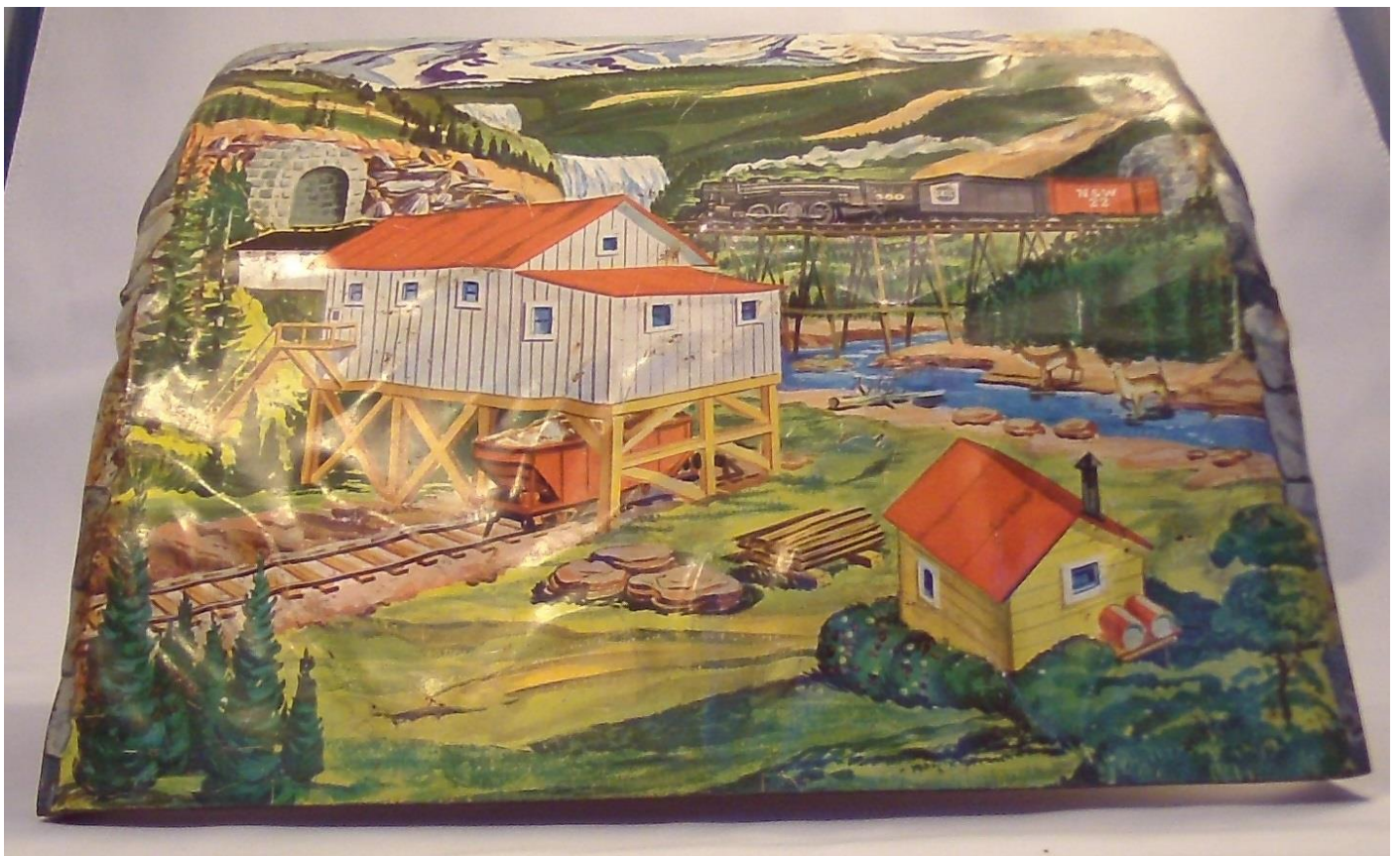
This tunnel of the German brand Bub is simple folded tin plate with the edges "frayed". I assume that this tunnel, which comes from the early fifties (Made in US Zone), is designed for gauge S.



A Swiss or Austrian landscape; who is going along on vacation?

8.1.3 Marx tunnel

This tunnel of the American brand Marx is clearly larger than the European tin tunnels from the fifties.



Both sides of the tunnel have the same panorama. The train is typical Marx in my view.

8.1.4 Mettoy tunnel

This tunnel of the English brand Mettoy is appropriate for smaller o gauge trains. Although different it has some similarity with the Brimtoy tunnel, see 8.1.1.



8.2 Bridges

8.2.1 American Flyer bridge

This American Flyer Lines bridge has catalogue number 750; the roof of the house on the bridge is not original; on the original there is a chimney on top.



The "bridge keeper's house" on top of the bridge is lit.



An American Flyer S gauge PRR K5 312 Pacific with a caboose go over the bridge.

8.2.2 Bing bridge

This bridge for gauge 0 clockwork trains is made by Bing; on the cross beam is the marking Patent G.B. (Gebrüder Bing) visible.



8.2.3 Bub bridge

This bridge is also for 0 gauge clockwork trains and bears no mark. The bridge was built by Bub in Nurnberg at the end of the thirties.



That Bub products often were duller is highlighted by this in my view dull bridge.

8.2.4 Hornby bridge

This bridge is 0 gauge three-rail electric. On the side is the marking of the maker, i.e. Hornby. This bridge (overpass according to Hornby) was also made for wind-up (two rail). The middle bridge portion was also supplied separately. This version is from the period between 1924 and 1927.



8.2.5 Märklin bridge

This bridge is for three-rail gauge 1 electric trains. It wears no marking but in my opinion is made by Märklin.



8.2.6 Mettoy bridge

This bridge with gauge 0 clockwork rails is made by Mettoy.



The bridge seems to run on a flowerbed.

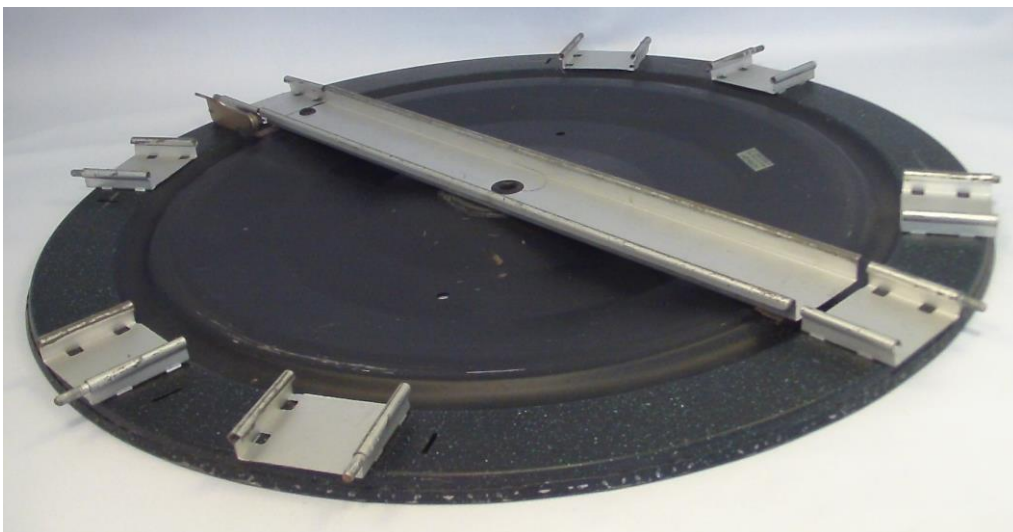
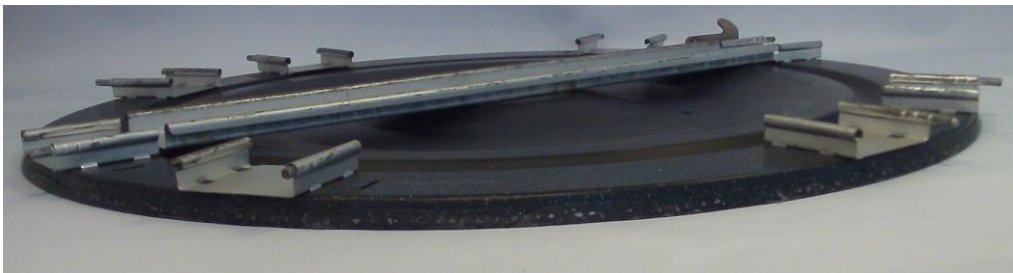
8.3 Turntables

8.3.1 Hornby turntables

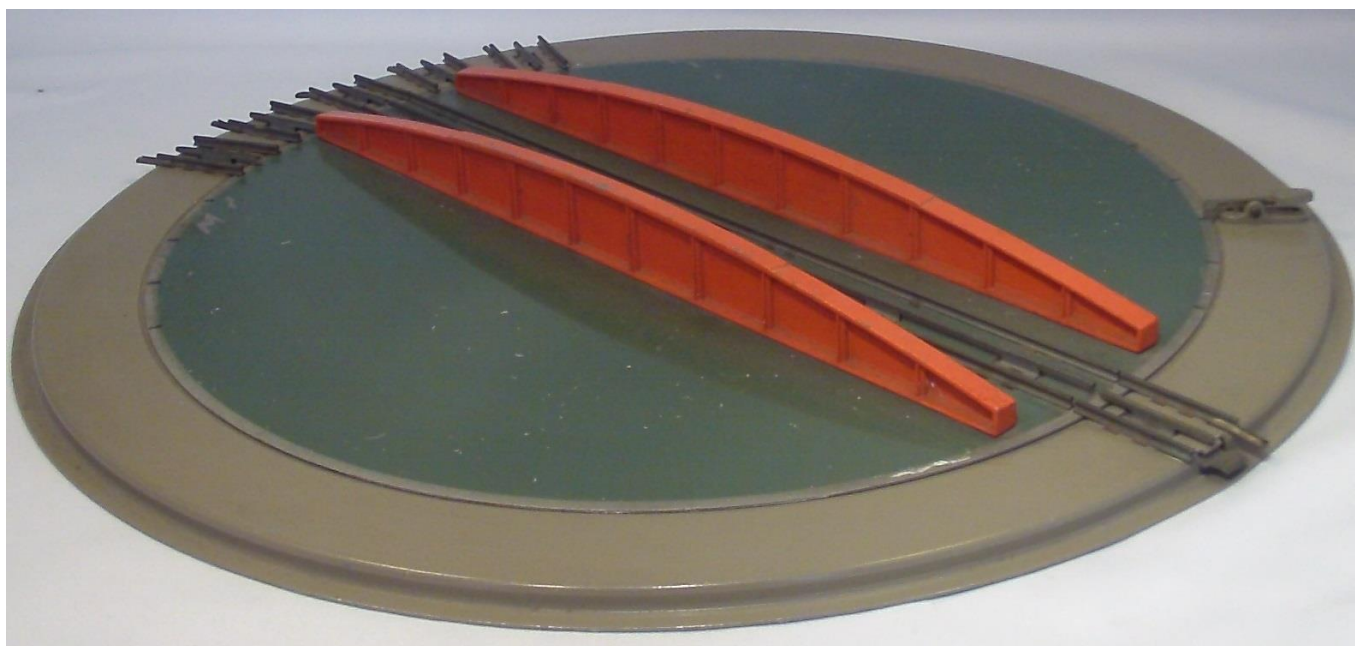
These small Hornby turntable is for the smaller Hornby gauge 0 train (M Series). It is in a rather rusty condition.



For a bit larger gauge 0 clockwork trains see this Hornby turntable.



Accompanying turntable is made by Meccano Liverpool for the Hornby Dublo (gauge 00) system.



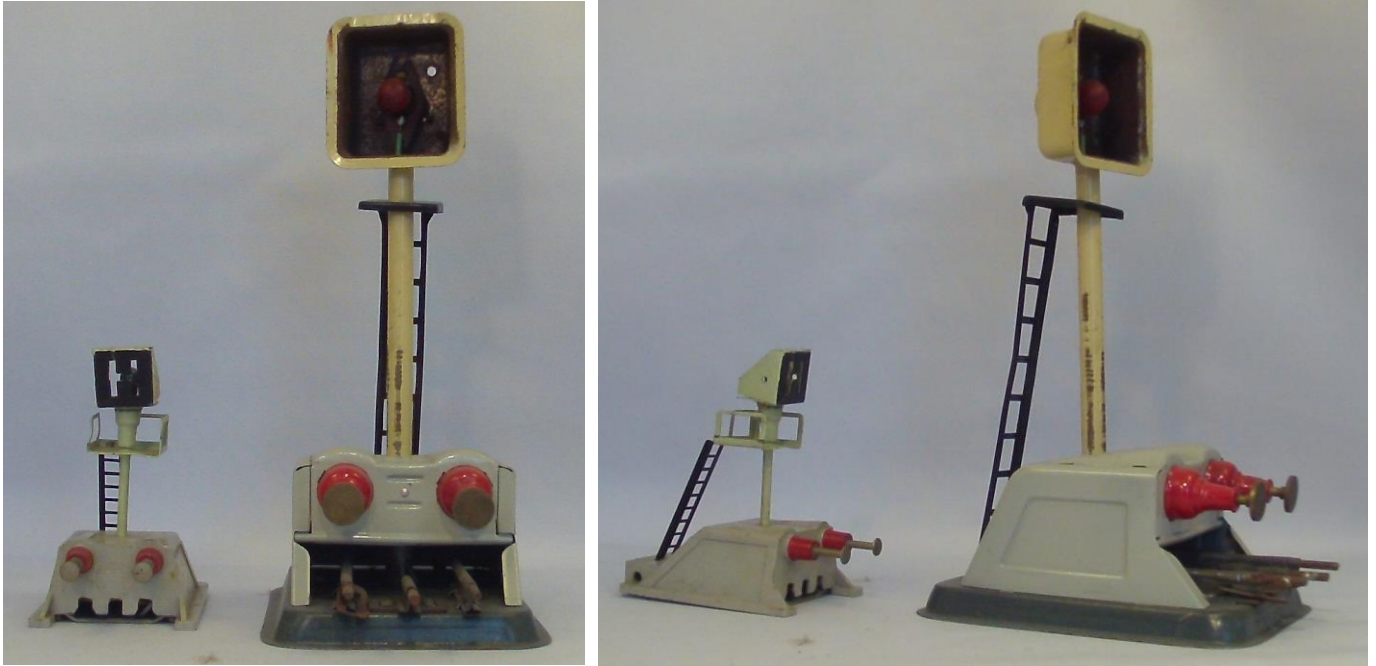
8.4 Märklin turntable

For smaller Märklin wind up trains this turntable was made.



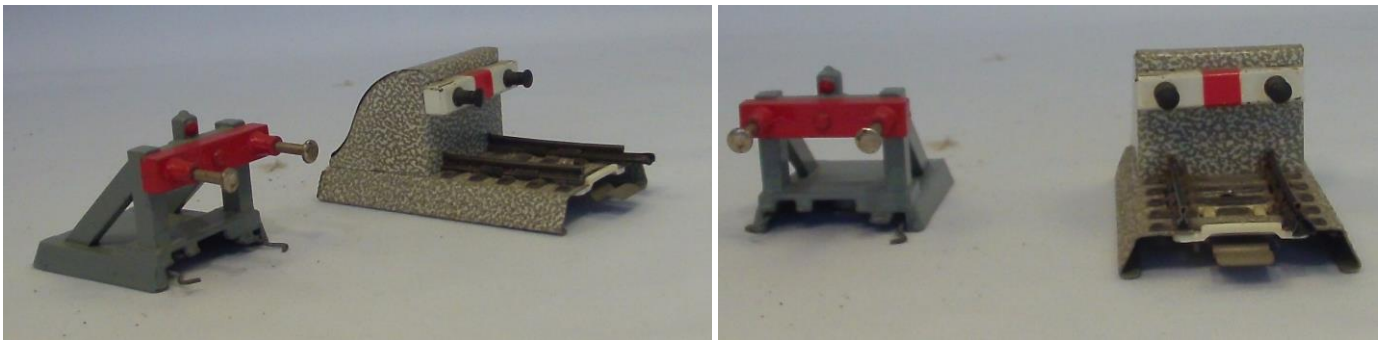
8.5 Bufferstops

Most toy train makers also made buffers. First, two by JEP.

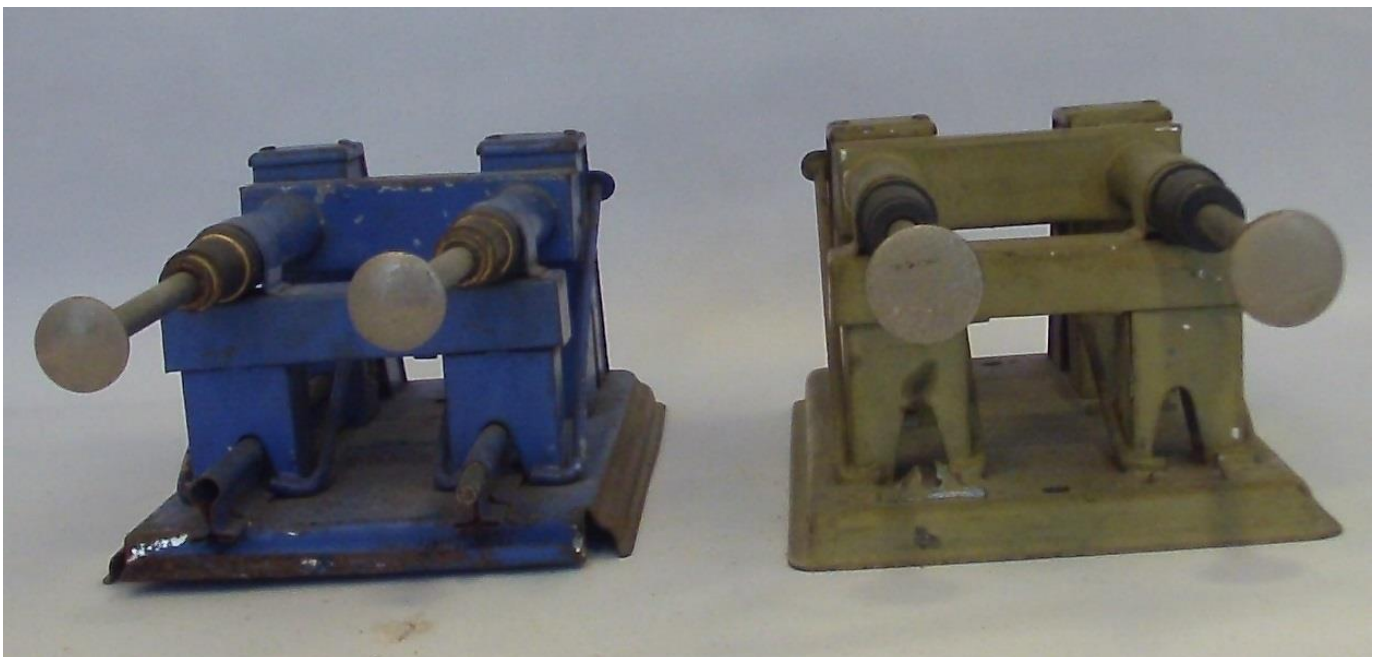


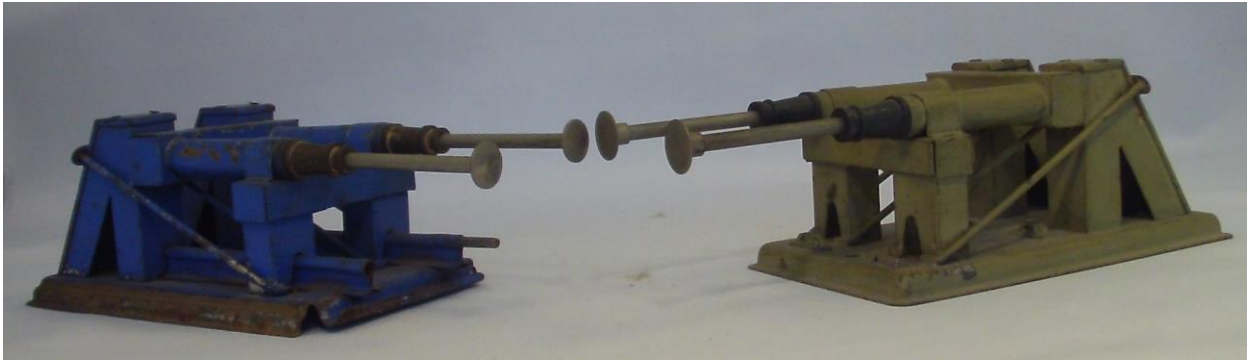
The left buffer for H0, the right for 0. The gauge 0 version lacks the H Stop shield that is supposed to sit for the lamp.

Two H0 buffers; Hornby Dublo left and right Märklin.



Two large gauge 0 buffers; these two are very similar, the blue is Hornby, the brown-gray Bassett-Lowke.





The following three buffer stops are by JEP (left, but without marking), Hornby (center) and Unknown (right; this is gauge 1).



The last three are a bit messy; the left is marked Germany and looks as though it can bear no shock. The middle is a Bing buffer. The right is applicable for multiple gauges; also the buffer width and height can be adjusted on a rickety way.



9 Accessory collections

Sometimes a number of different accessories comes in a set box, thus a collection of accessories.

9.1 JEP collection 1

These train accessories all came with a JEP trainset.



From left to right: Light Semaphore, semaphore, warning sign (forbidden to cross the rail) bridge, water cock, station, station staff, lamppost, tunnel, telegraph pole.



9.2 JEP collection 2

This collection is even larger than the previous. These train accessories all belong to a larger and slightly older JEP train set.



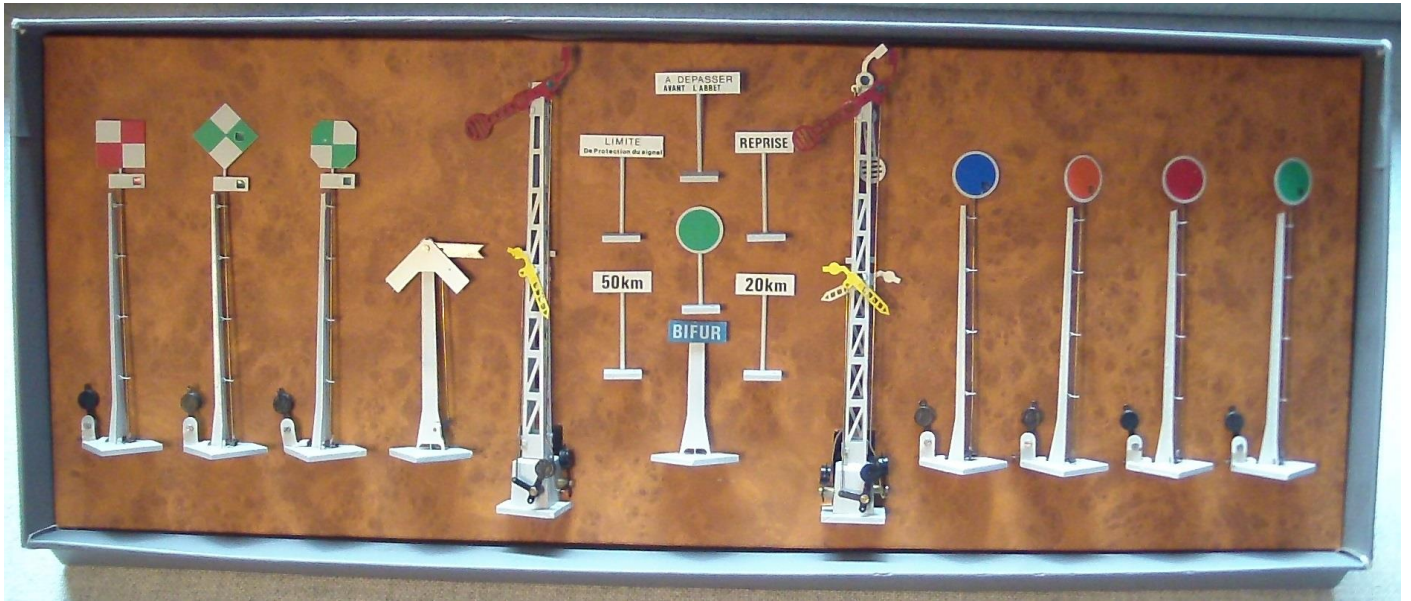
From left to right: Bridge, water cock semaphore, guard house, level crossing bell, station, station staff, lamppost, warning signs (end security), stop, bridge, telegraph pole, tunnel.



From left to right: Water Tap, station, station staff, lamppost, guard house, telegraph pole.

9.3 Marescot accessories by Fulgurex

French train manufacturer Marescot is known for making real scale models already in the twenties and thirties. The production of Marescot was later acquired by Fournereau. The firm Fulgurex as a commemoration of Marescot has issued a set of train accessories in a presentation box. This set, which was made by Alpha Models, is a limited edition.



Typical French semaphores.



Bifur means diversion; the purpose of the centre pole I do not know.



9.4 Mettoy accessories

This boxed Railway Accessory Set was made by Mettoy. The set should contain a tunnel, a signal box and a signal. The signal is missing, but the box is a nice item by itself. The box size is 44*18*7.

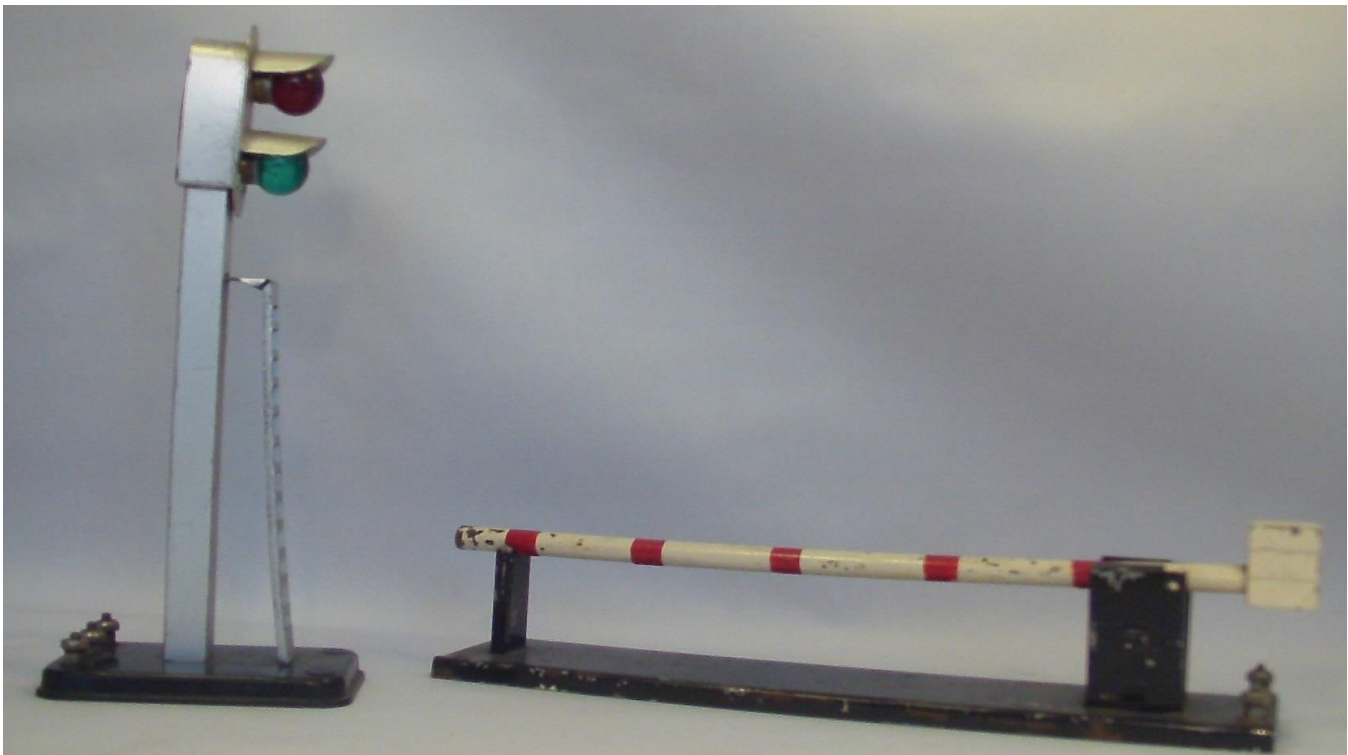
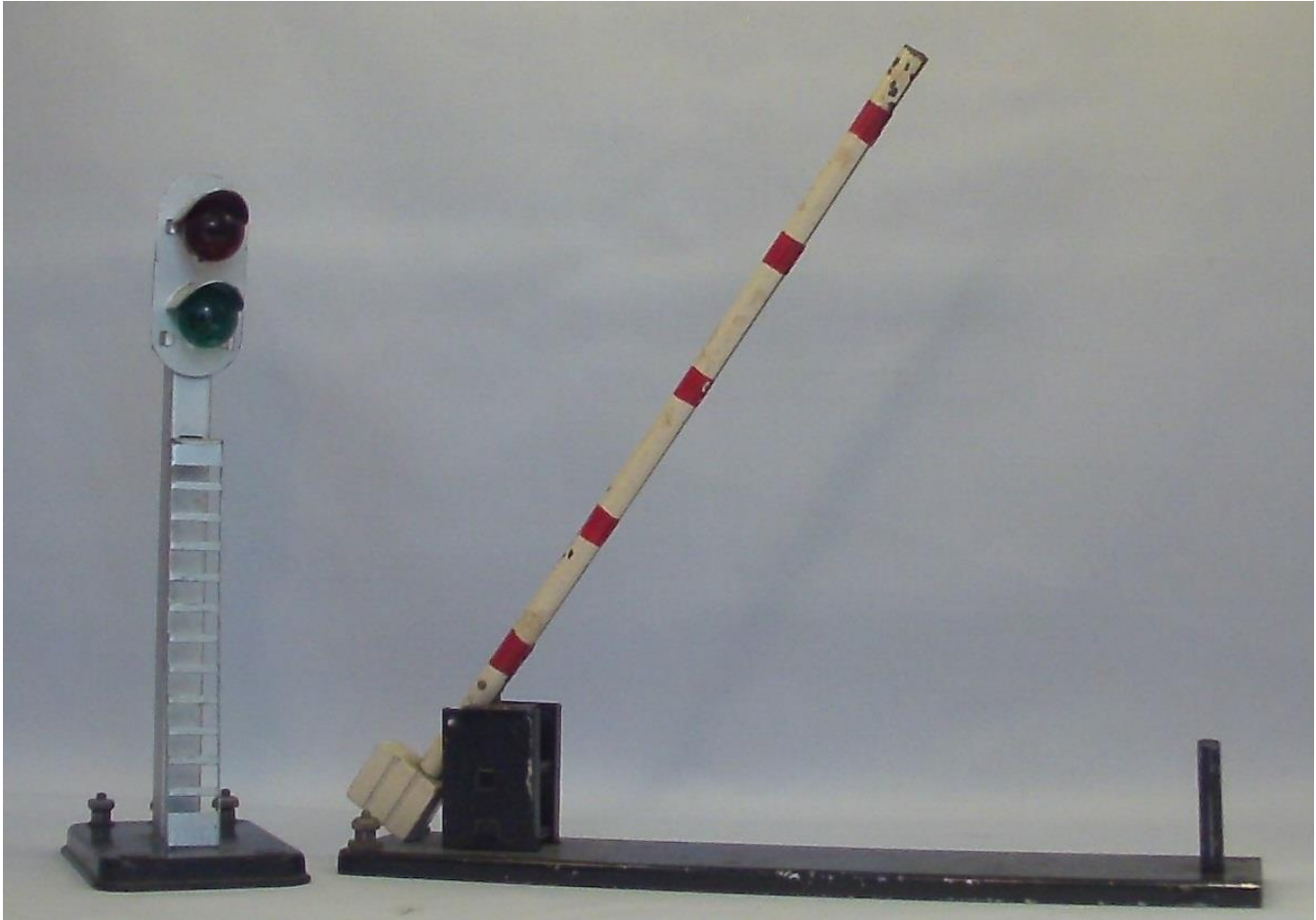


10 Additional items

This chapter is for items not categorised in the previous 9 chapters.

10.1 GILS signal and crossing

Quite unique Gils accessories. A light signal with ladder and a single crossing barrier for gauge 0. Gils gauge 0 was made between 1945 and 1965.



10.2 Lionel gateman house

This Lionel gateman house has catalogue number 145. It is a postwar operating accessory made between 1950 and 1966. It is operated by a track contact, when triggered the door opens and the gateman comes outside waving his red lamp. The base (14 * 18 cm) is metal and the house (12 cm high) is plastic.



10.3 Houses

10.3.1 Dressler signalman houses

Accompanying signalman houses are made by Konrad Dreßler OHG, Fürth. The same house was made with and without mechanical bell.



Without bell



With bell



10.3.2 Issmayer house

This house (15 * 9 * 17) with telegraph at the roof is marked JAJ or Issmayer; in 1861 this company was founded in Nuremberg by Johann Andreas Issmayer. The same house was also made with a signal and fencing to be used as a station.



The front has an opening door; the backdoor is lithographed.



The J.A.J. marking is at the corner.

10.4 Water towers

This is an American Flyer Lines water tower. I suspect it was created by Bing or otherwise is a faithful copy of the Bing tower; the American firm Ives made a similar looking water tower.



The spout is movable and is kept in place by the counterweight. The water tower is about three quarters full.

The next water tower is from Hornby.



This can be operated; by pulling on the chain, a valve is opened and the water flows out.

10.5 Water supply and advertising signs by Hornby Dublo

This water tap and billboards (hoardings) are by Hornby Dublo, thus for gauge 00.



The Capstan cigarettes commercials and Bird's custard advertisements are combined in a "hoarding" of which I have thus two.



10.6 Lead railway characters

The German Firma Georg Spenkuch, Nürnberg made all kinds of tin figures, including railroad characters; these were probably made around 1910.



From left to right: traveller, conductor, waiter, porter, stationmaster, shunter, porter with pushcart



10.7 Hornby railway characters

This box of 0 gauge characters is by Hornby France.



From left to right: porter, lady traveler, skier, camper and camper girl

10.8 Hornby milkcans

As an accessory to gauge 0 Hornby made milk cans, they were packaged by six with a milk cart. Here they are loaded into a refrigerator car.



The cans seem to me to be quite large.

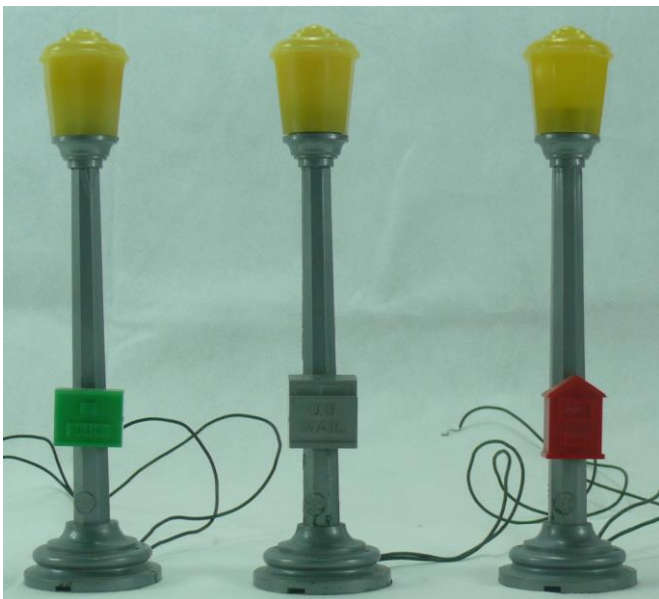
10.9 Plasticville shop

Plasticville is from the fifties and made buildings as an accessory to American S and O trains such as Lionel and American Flyer. As the name says, these things are made of plastic. The Five and Dime store (similar to the Dutch Hema) is made from a "kit": 5 parts that you put together.



10.10 Marx street lights

Marx made a number of different streetlights; the first one with the two bulbs is an older version which is a metal item; the next box with 3 lights was made later. These are plastic.



10.11 Road signs

Whether this are train accessories, I do not know; these wood poles came in a box with a tinplate train set.



Dokkum is about 650 kilometres from Paris.

10.12 ImbissBude

This is included only because it bears my first name. Fred's ImbissBude is made by Piko: Fred's snack shack just has everything from hot dogs and hamburgers to ice and magazines. Lots of accessories such as flagpoles, magazine racks, etc. complete this kit. The door on the rear side is movable.



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