

Introduction

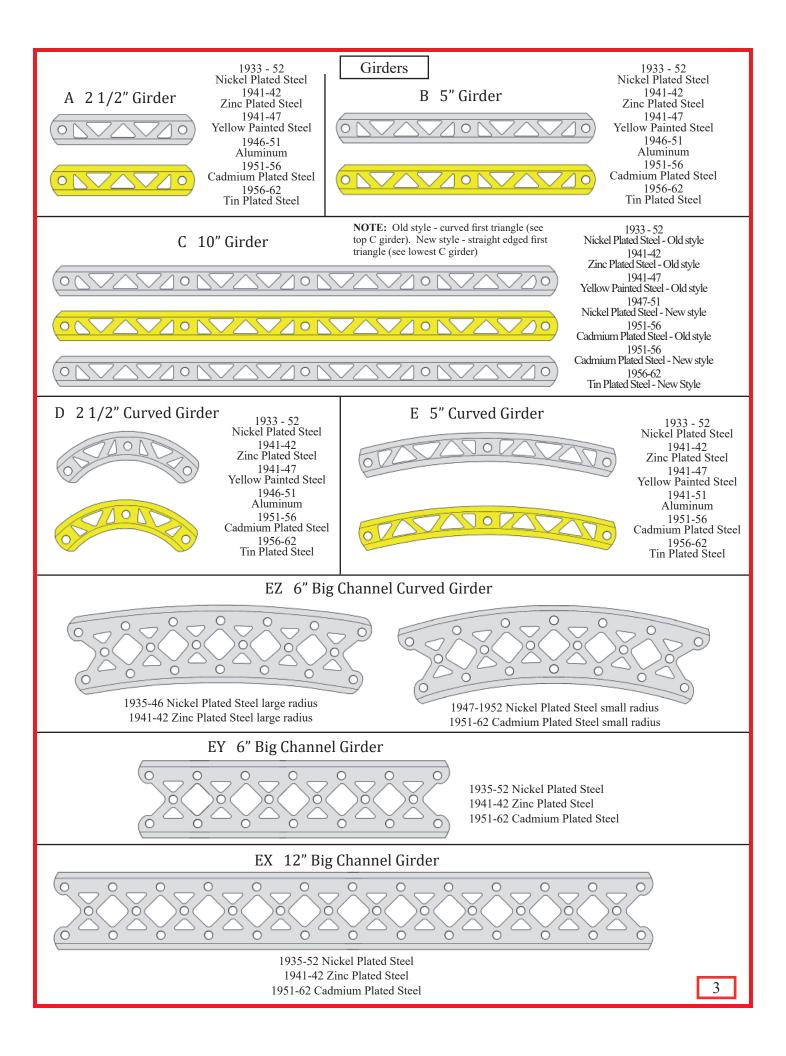
I started collecting Gilbert Erector sets in calendar year 2000 and have accumulated over 350 different sets. I noticed early in my collecting that parts were different in what on a quick glance seemed to be the same set. After all, weren't all 'C' girders the same? Study of these sets and notes from Bill Bean's book *Greenberg's Guide to Gilbert Erector Sets 1933 - 1962* were the sources of information presented here.

The A. C. Gilbert company made many changes in parts finishes and parts designs through the years. This book should be considered as a general guide for which parts were used during the year(s) listed. Gilbert was famous for not throwing away anything so consistency was never the norm. As a result, there were multiple part variations used in a given year in the same set. For example, a 1951 set could have nickel-plated or cadmium-plated girders during that same year. That being said, there are variations not presented here. For example, I have a 1940 No. 2 1/2 with all of the girders, pulleys and pierced disc painted red. There are also a few known examples of 'T' boilers painted blue. I consider these to be anomalies and chose to not list them here. You may find sets with parts with other "oddball" parts which is part of the joy of collecting!

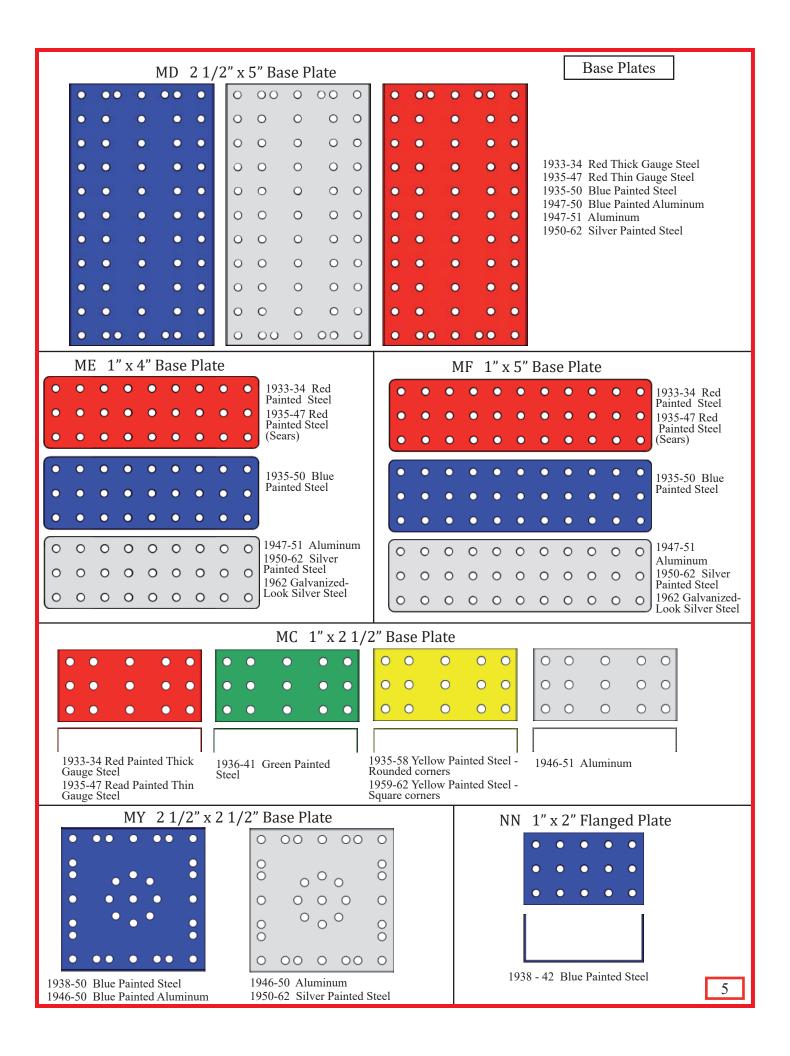
This book is organized by type of part. For example, all of the girders are listed in the same section. The last page has an index with parts listed in alphabetical order for quick reference. Parts are generally shown scaled half-size. The exceptions are smaller parts which are shown at actual size. One other exception is no Hudson locomotive and tender parts are shown (sets ran from 1933 - 1937). The Hudson parts were well illustrated in Gilbert's manuals and ran essentially unchanged through the years, hence they are not listed in this reference.

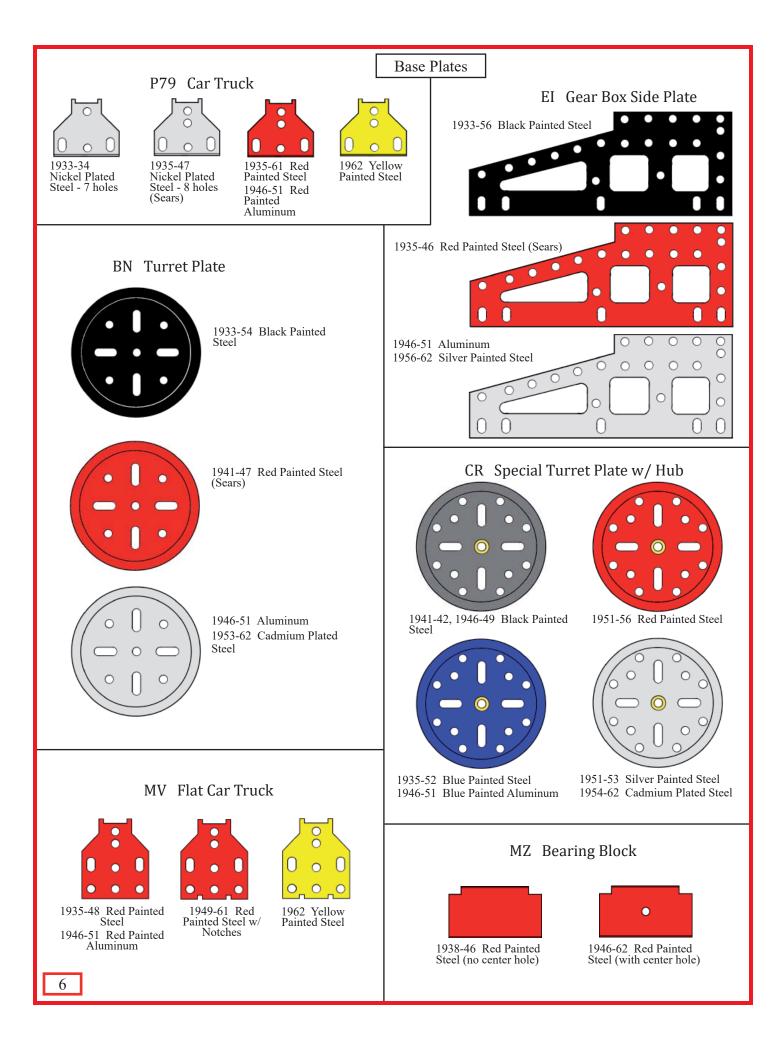
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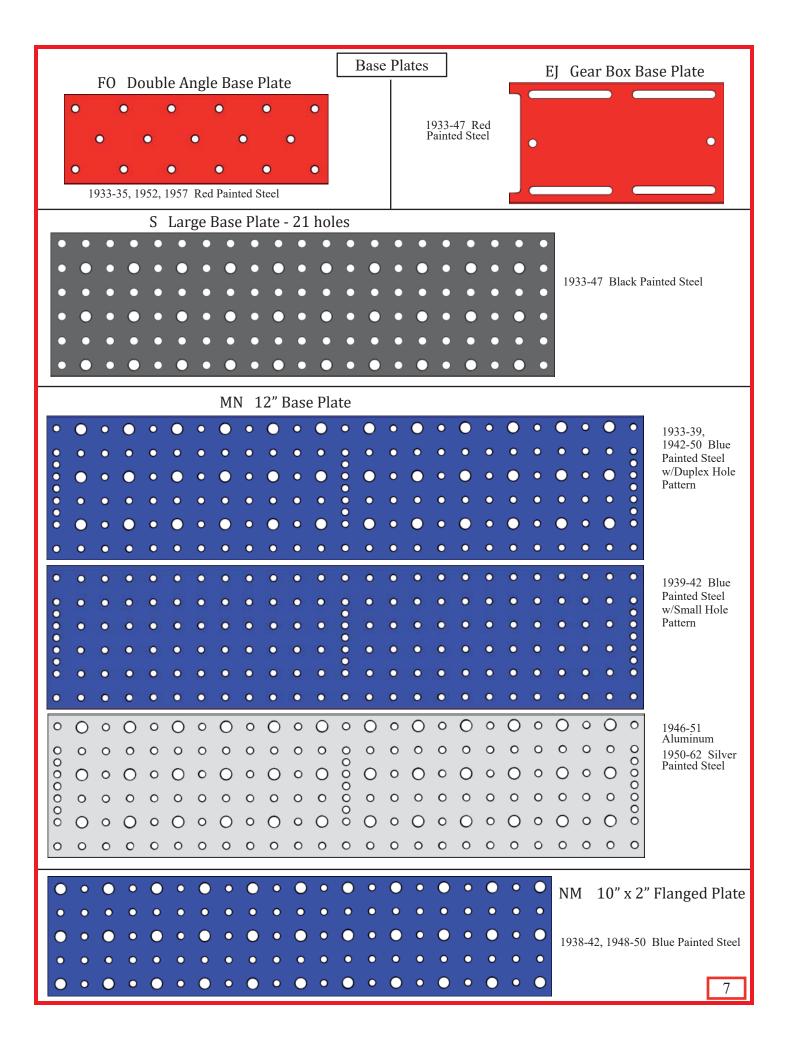
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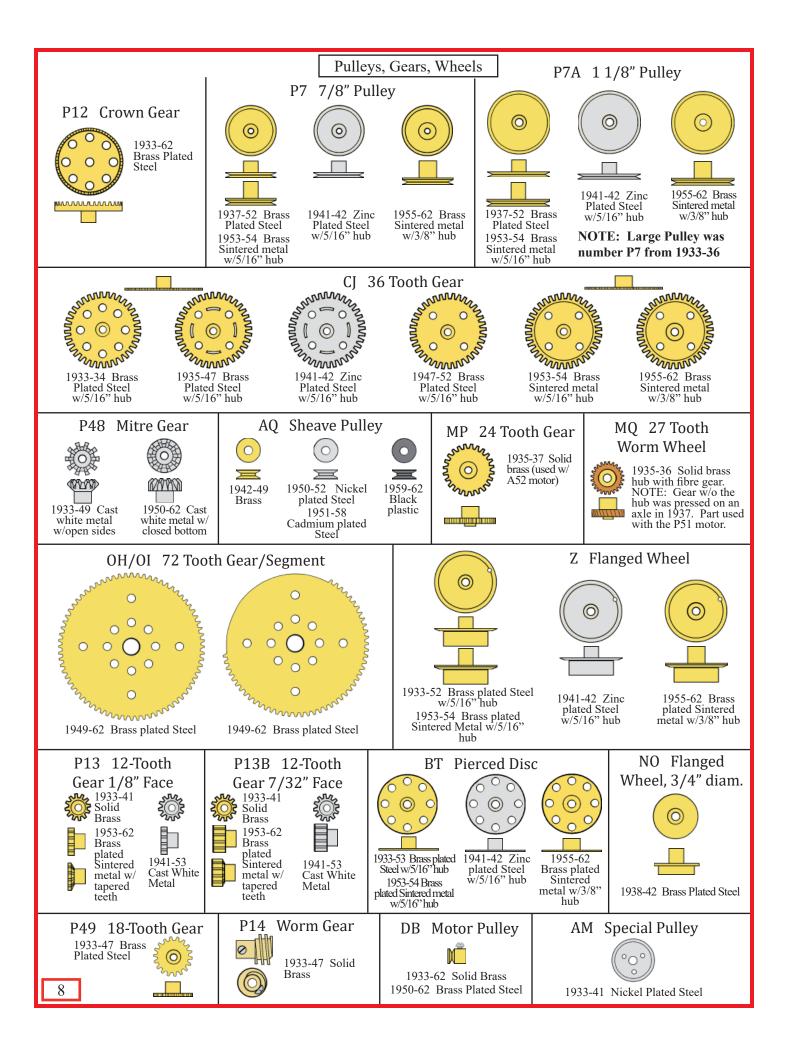


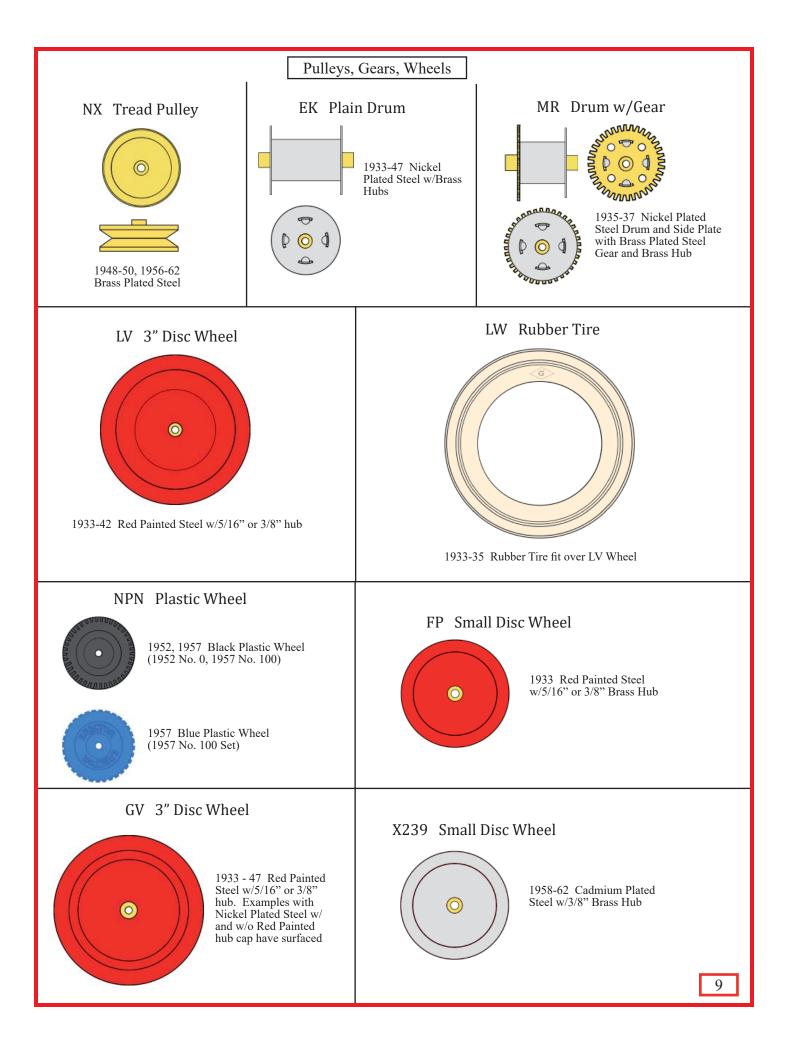
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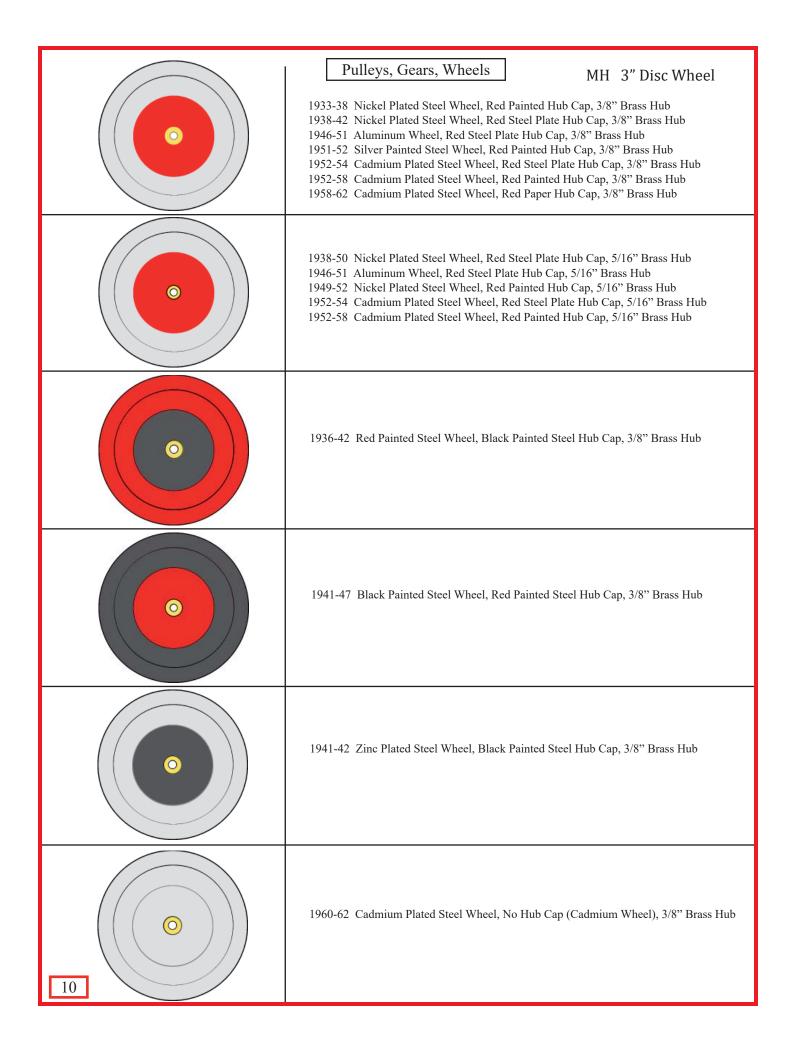


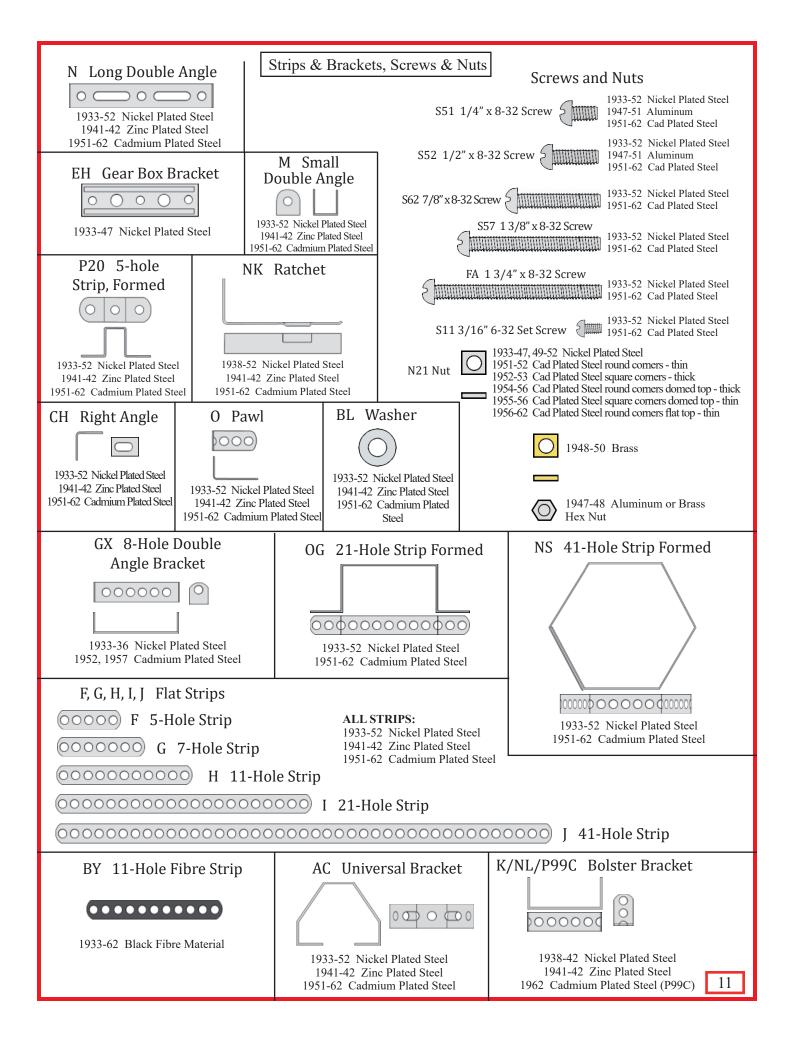


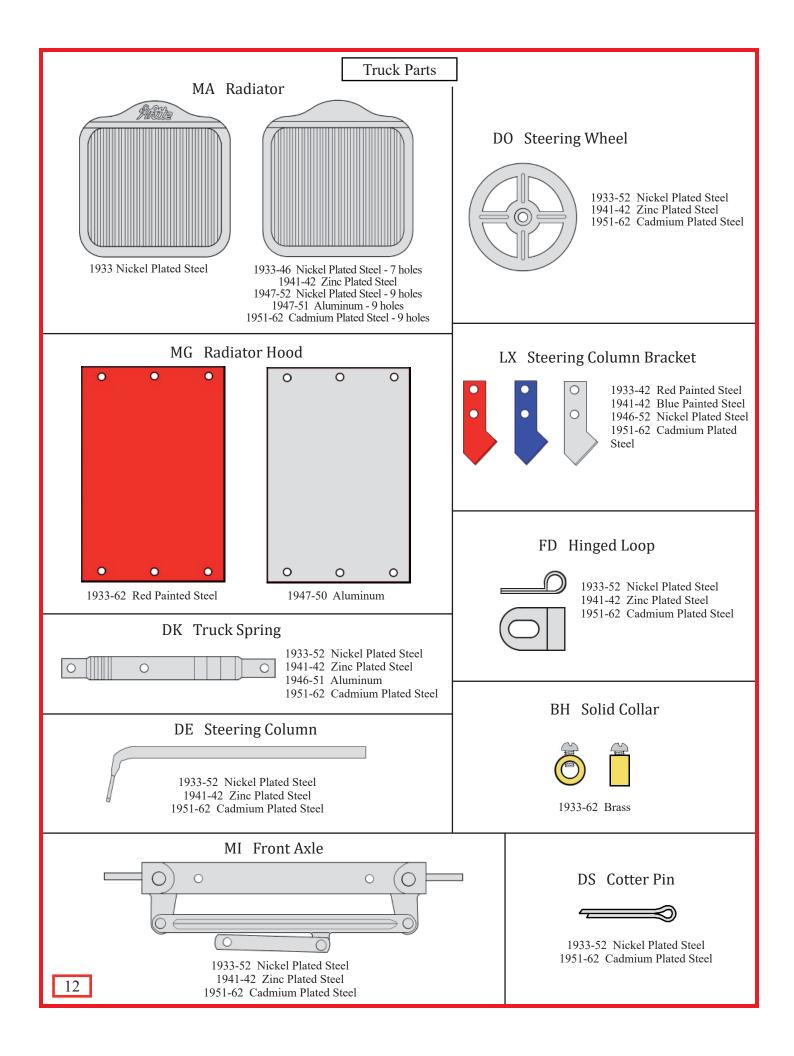


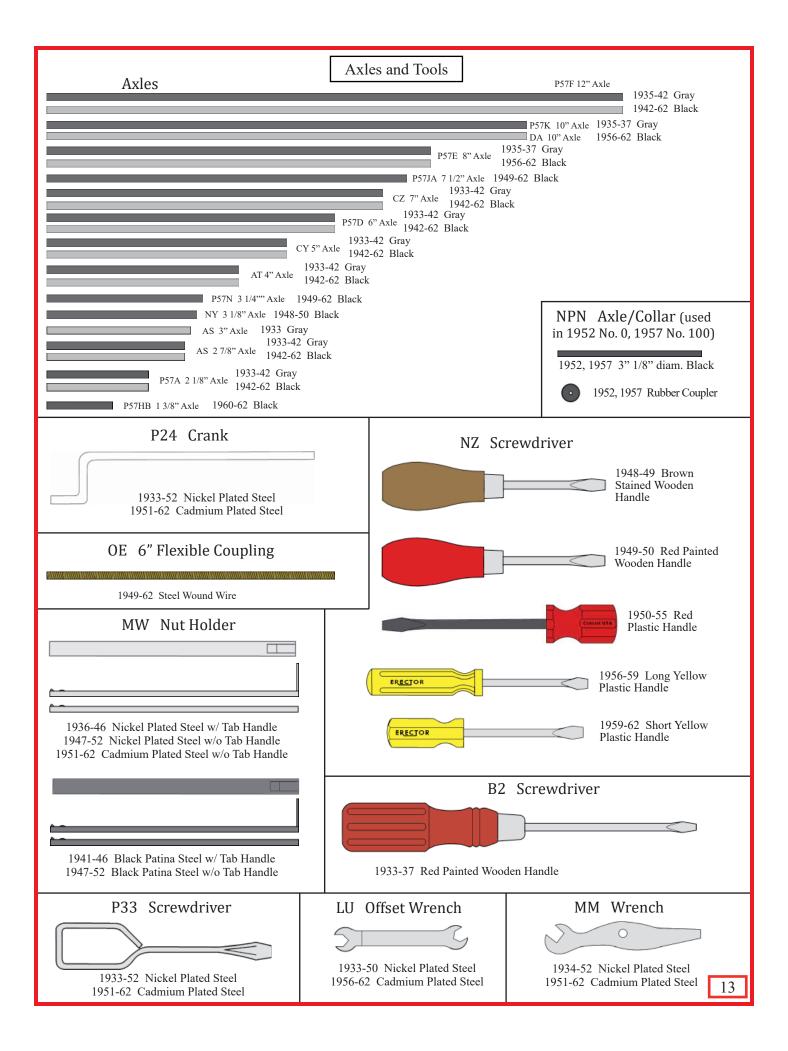


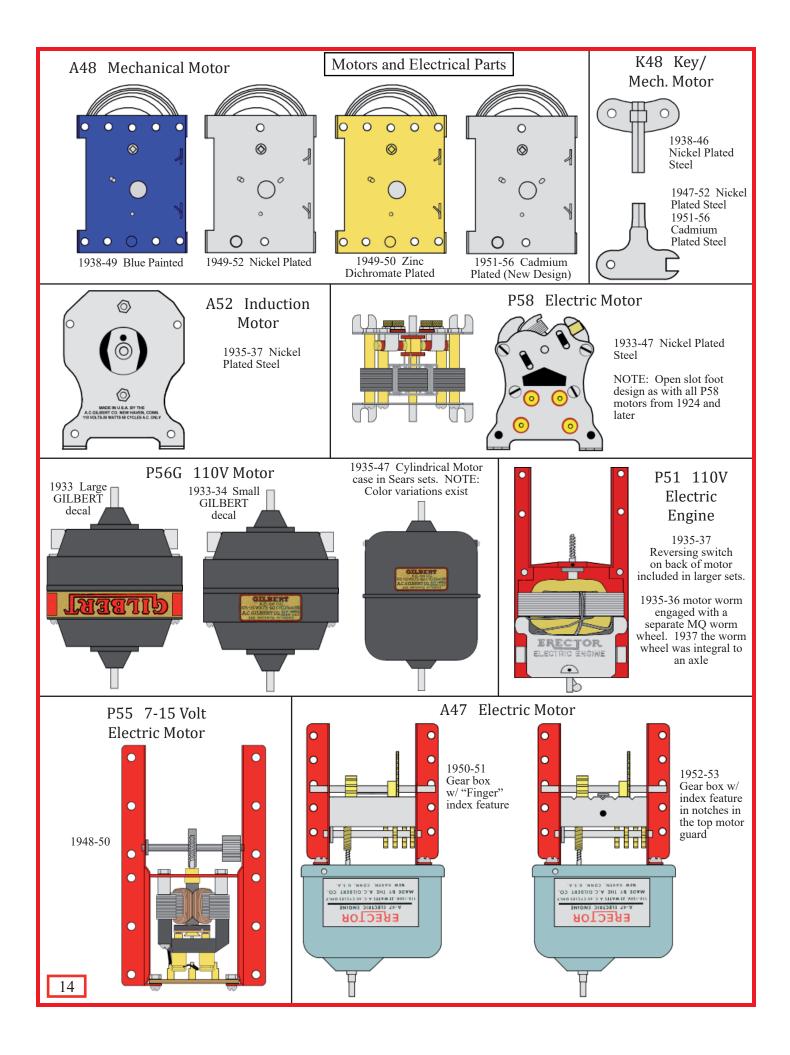


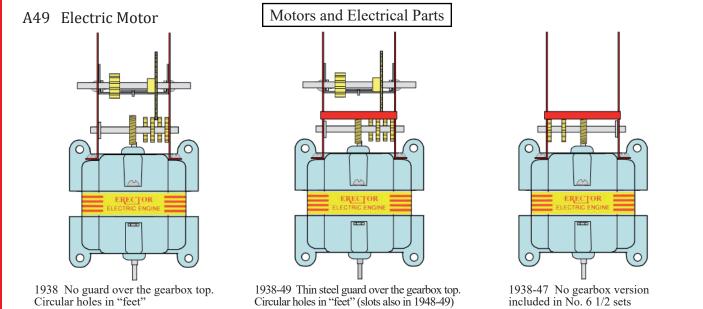




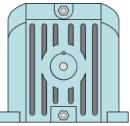








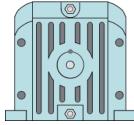
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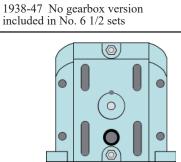
1938-39 No NV Whistle attachment holes on back - 6 vertical vents



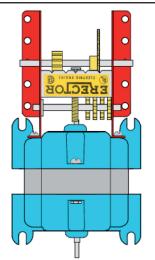
1940-47 Two holes for NV Whistle on back - 6 vertical vents



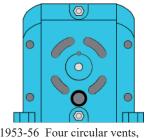
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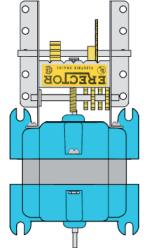
1948-49 Four holes on back - 4 vertical vents. NOTE: Came with open slotted feet and round holes



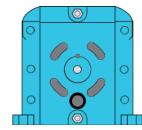
1953-56 New gear box with mounting holes in base, red painted gear box



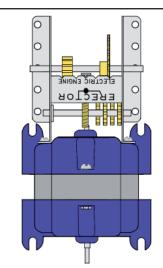
four screw holes on back



1957-58 Cadmium Plated gear box with ERECTOR label



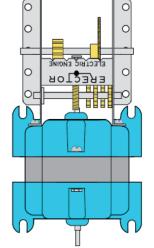
1955-60 Four circular vents, two "nubs", four dimples on back



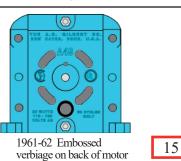
1958-59 Cadmium Plated gear box with ERECTOR label or engraved -Dark Blue paint on motor case

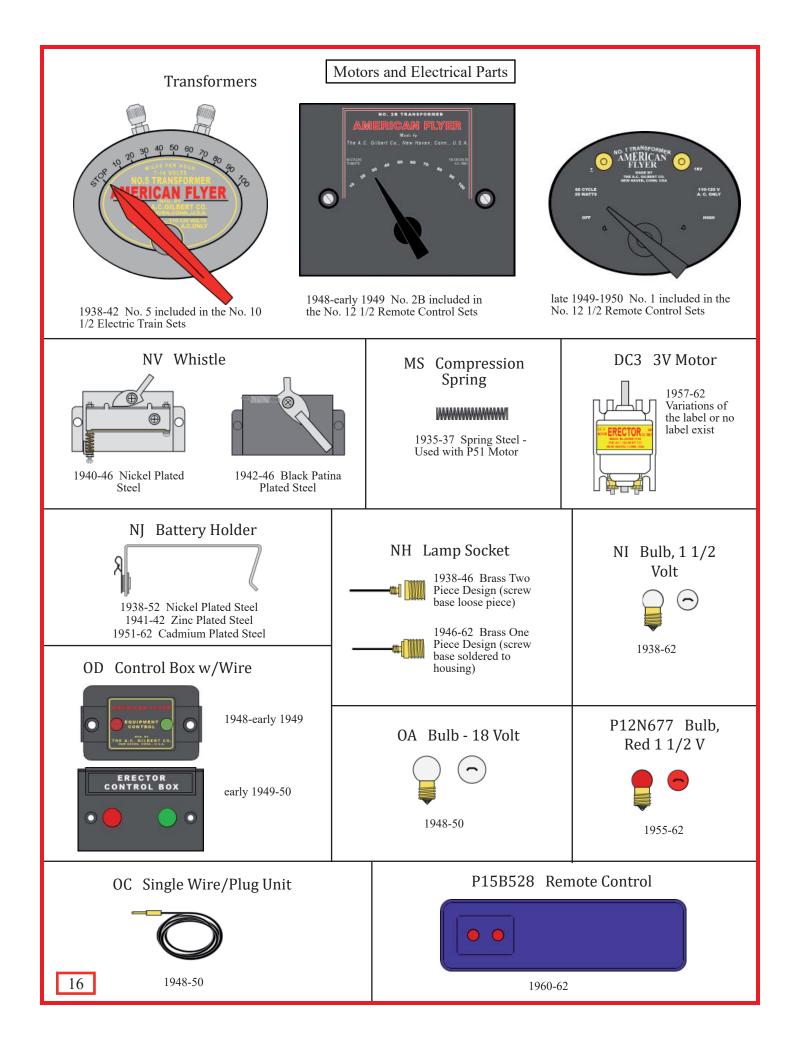


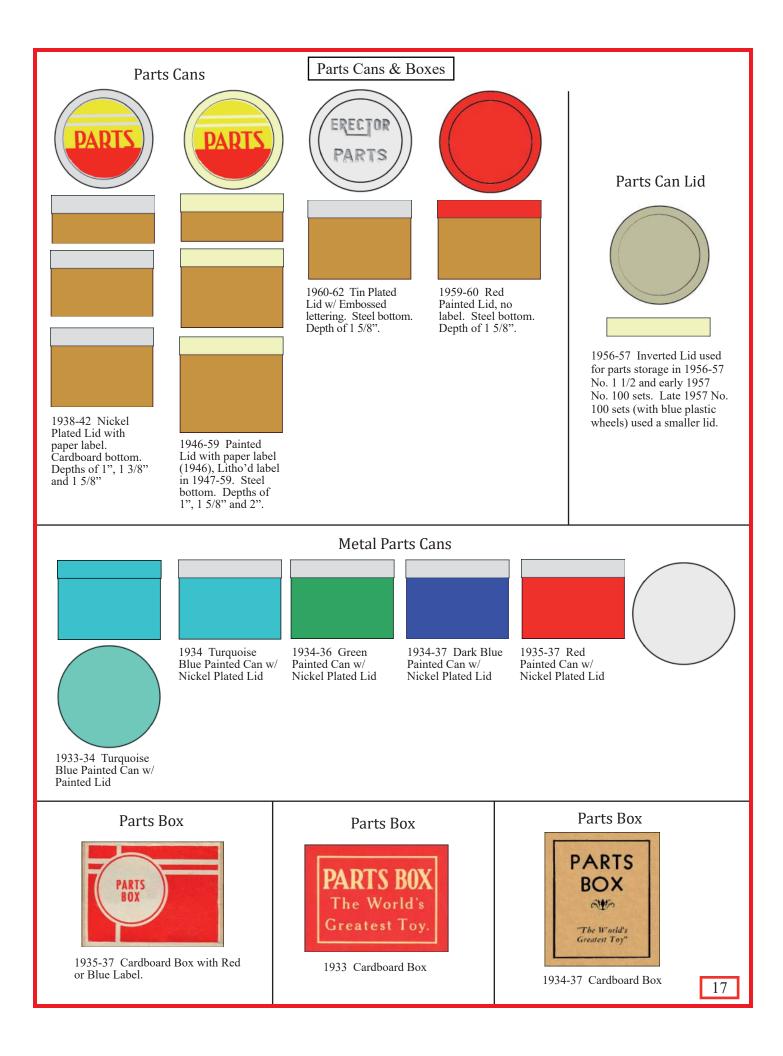
1958-59 Dark Blue motor case

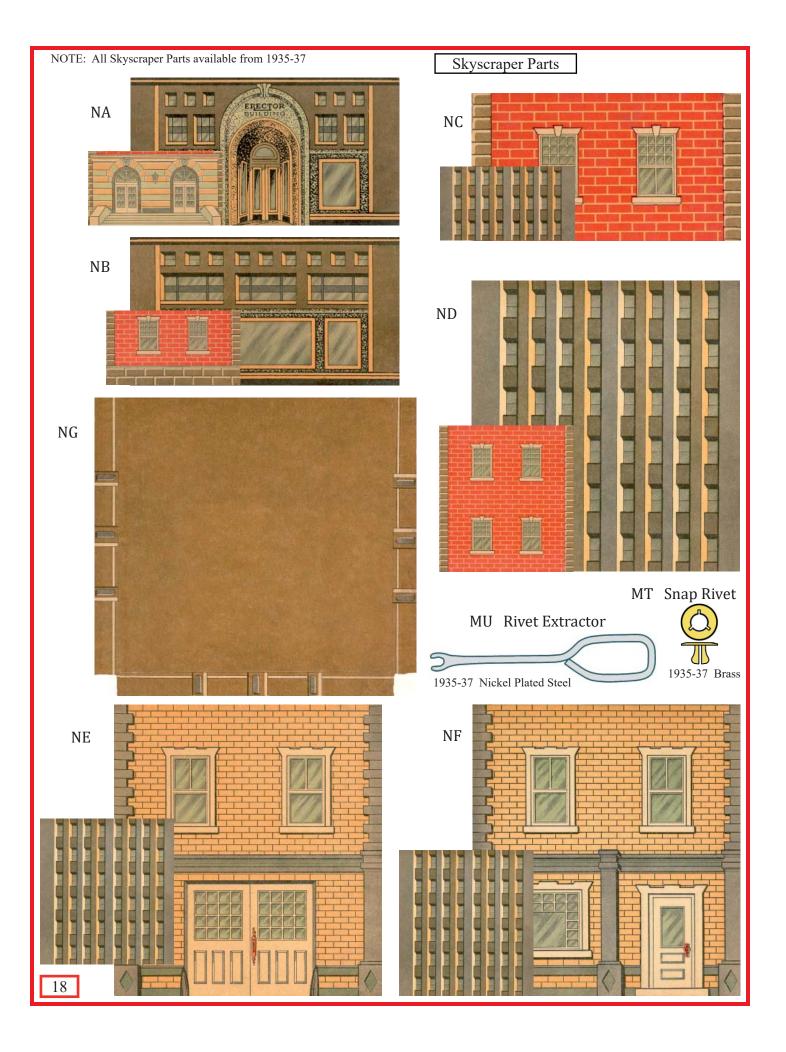


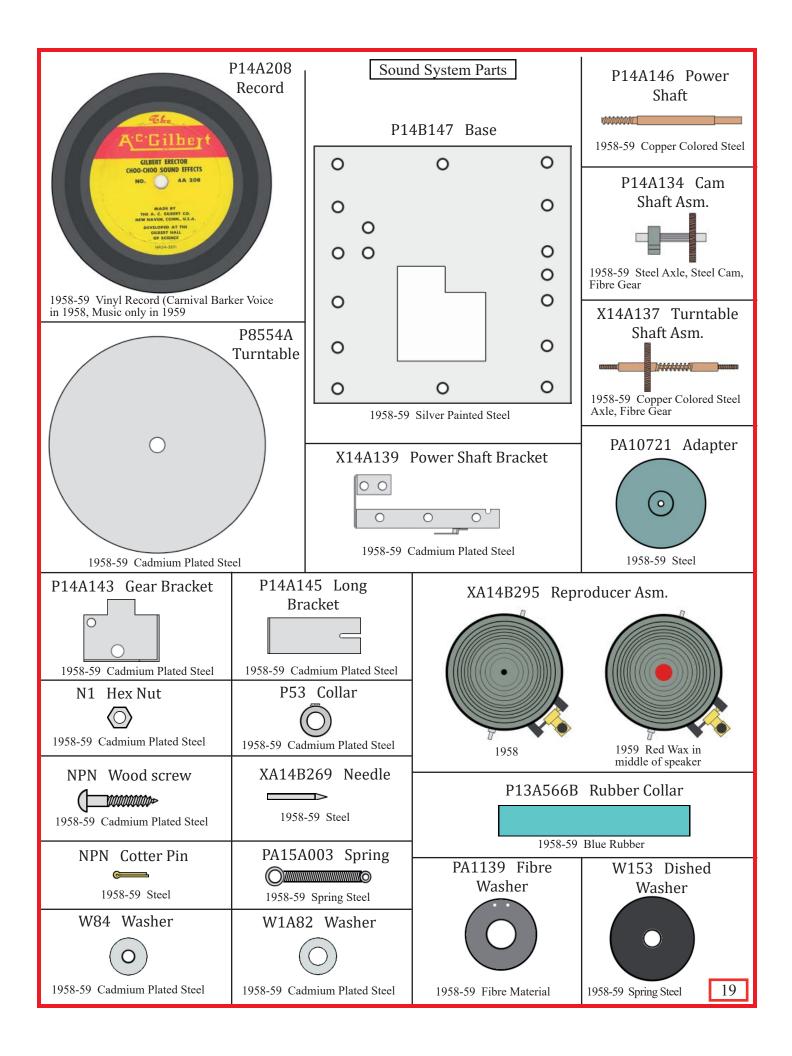
1958-62 Cadmium Plated gear box with ERECTOR engraved in motor guard

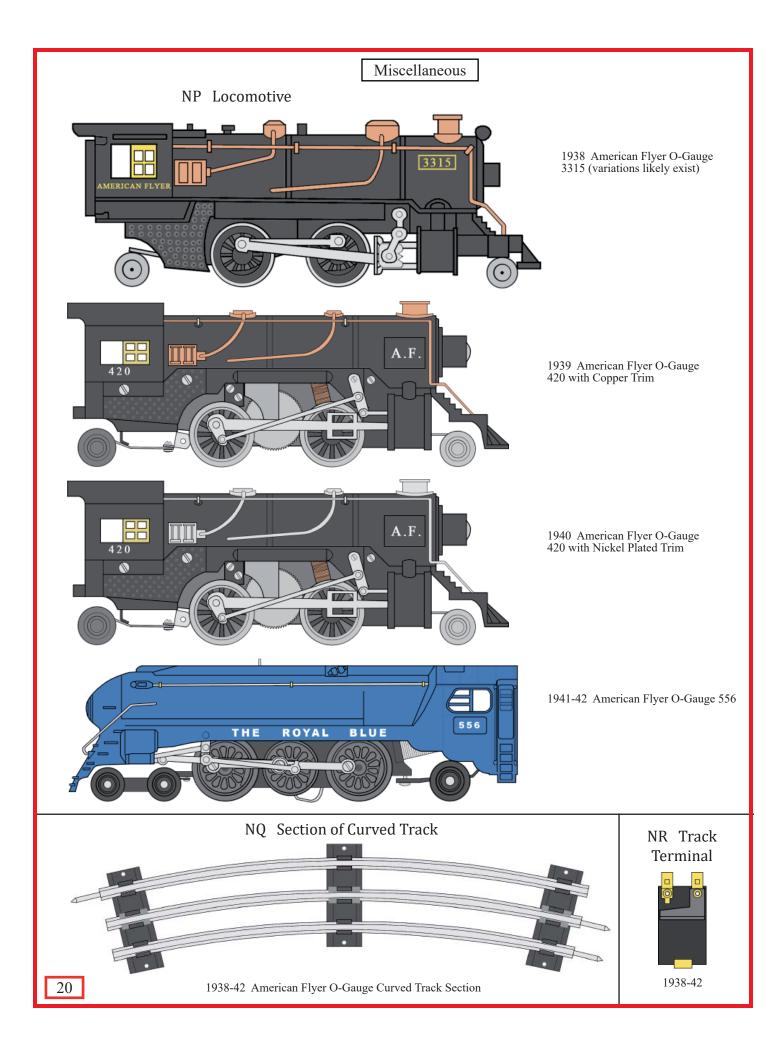


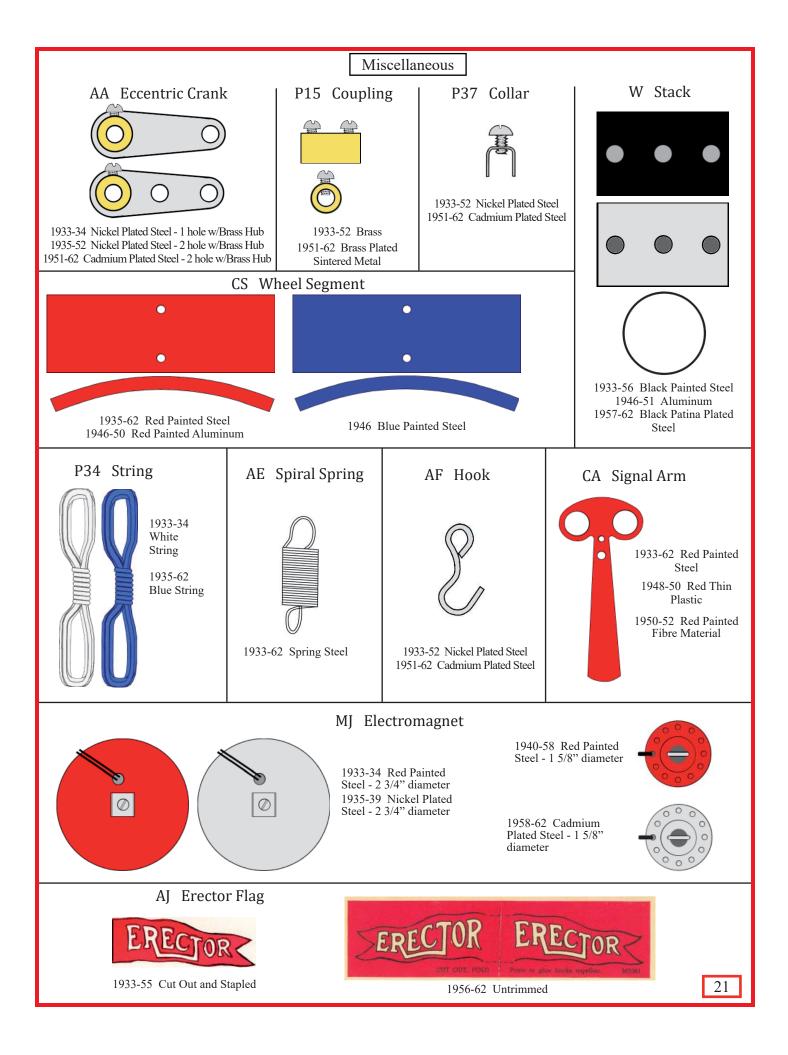


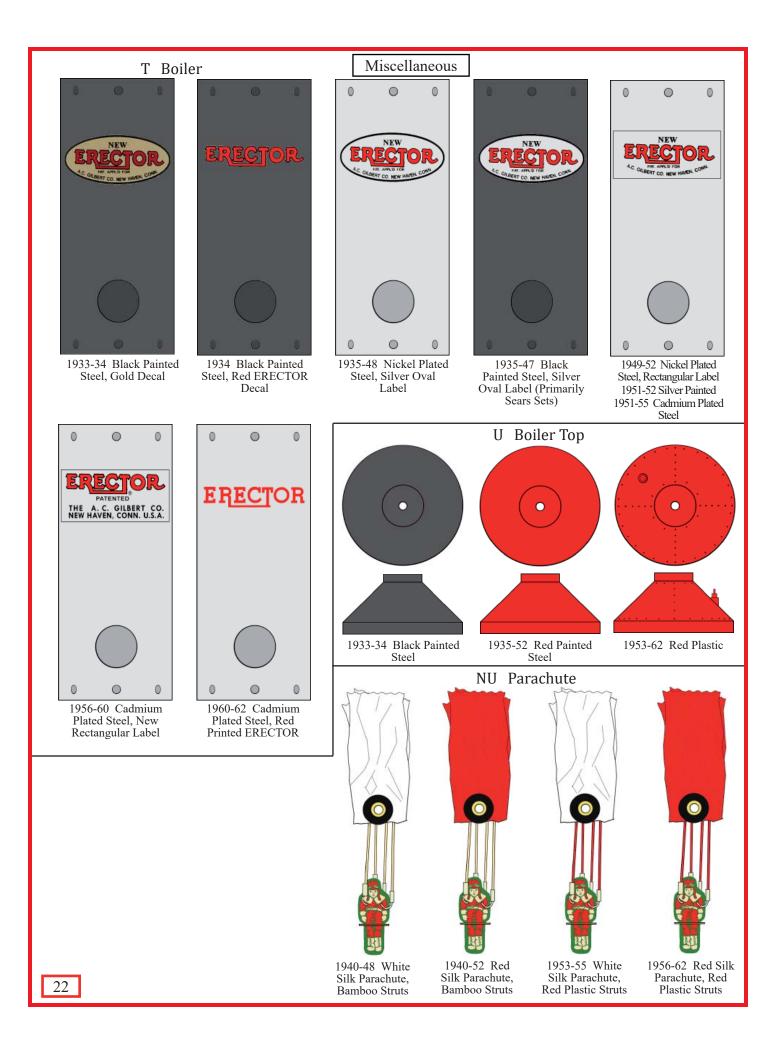


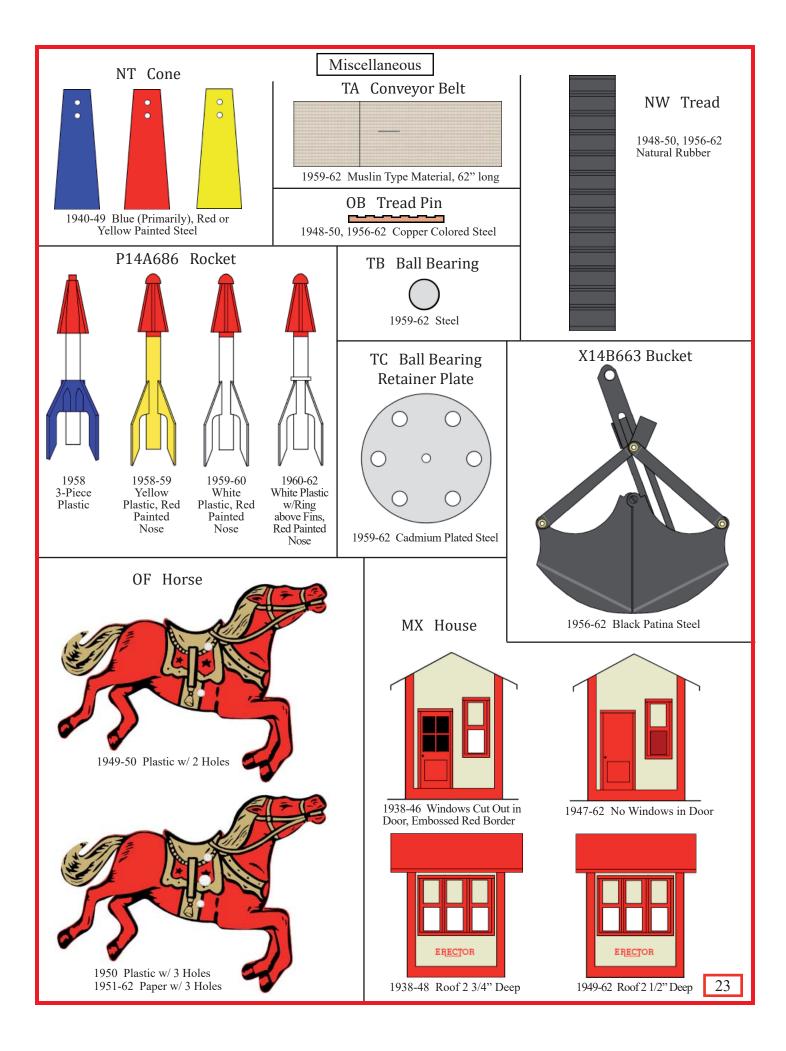












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