

Changelog of Corrections and Revisions

Bill Bean's Guide to Gilbert Erector Sets, 1913-1932

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Page 4, corrected paragraph 1, last line:

indispensable

Page 77, corrected paragraph 4, last sentence:

the sides were square

Page 80, corrected No. 6 box measurements:

13" x 9" x 3"

Page 83, corrected caption at bottom of page:

1919-1920 Erector Separate Parts

Page 90, corrected paragraph 3:

All the other 1923 sets were carryovers from 1922. Generally, changes in set contents appear to be relatively minor across the line with the exceptions of the reintroduction of the (P38) 3-hole strip and the addition of the new (P79) car truck. These parts were featured in models in the once-again resized 10½" x 7" manual. The (P79) car truck was included in all the sets from No. 1 on up. The 1923 sets are probably the most difficult of the early 1920s sets to find.

Page 96, corrected caption:

The 1926 No. 4 pictured here was a very popular set.

Page 108, corrected paragraph 4, third to last line:

regular baseplates

Page 117, corrected No. 7½ listing:

sold for \$15

Page 140, corrected paragraph 2:

The small disc wheels (FP) were discontinued in the No. 1 set

Page 214, footnote:

Bob Liam corrected to Bob Lian. At the time of this revision, Bob is alive and well.

Corrections to Contents Lists

For members of the A. C. Gilbert Heritage Society, a PDF of the entire revised Appendix, pages 190-224, can be retrieved from the **Erector Contents List** page under the navigation bar heading **Erector Sets**.

- 1913 No. 2** (P7) double angle corrected from 2 to 3
- 1916 No. 1** Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:
(P1) small right angle corrected to 6
(P2) right angle corrected to 8
(P19) base plate corrected to 0
(P22-2) 2" axle rod corrected to 0
(P22-6) 6" axle rod corrected to 0
(P24) regular crank corrected to 0
(P25-S) short screw corrected to 14
(P26) nut corrected to 16
(P29) washer corrected to 4
(P32-3) 3" girder corrected to 2
(P32-12) 12" girder corrected to 2
(P39) wood screw corrected to 0
(P41-13) short paper fastener corrected to 16
(P41-14) long paper fastener corrected to 2
(P42) 9-hole strip corrected to 2
(P45) base plate corrected to 1
- 1916 No. 5** Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:
(P2) right angle corrected to 50
(P4) obtuse angle corrected to 8
(P5) straight angle corrected to 4
- 1919 No. 2** Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:
(P5) straight angle corrected from 3 to 2 with addition of footnote: *Although 4 (P5) straight angles are required for the Portable Crane and Wheel Derrick models illustrated in the 1919 manual, the set only came with 2.*
(P27) set screw corrected from 13 to 4
(P32-12) 12" girder corrected from 4 to 8
(P34) hank of string corrected from 0 to 1
Added (P41-13) short paper fastener, 18
Added (P41-14) long paper fastener, 4
- 1919 No. 3** Added (P34) hank of string, 1

1919 No. 4 Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:
(P27) *set screw* corrected from 31 to 4
(P34) *hank of string* corrected from 0 to 1
Added (P41-13) *short paper fastener*, 24
Added (P41-14) *long paper fastener*, 5
Added (P41-15) *extra long paper fastener*, 1
(P59) *reverse switch* corrected from 1 to 0
Corrected (547) *large gear segment*, 3 to (547) *large gear wheel, assembled*, 1

1920 Contents List

Set No. 4 was dropped from the lineup this year and has been deleted from the contents list.

1920 No. 6 Corrected (E34) *hank of string* from 0 to 1 and added footnote: (E34) *hank of string is omitted from the factory-printed contents list but appears in photographs in the 1920 "Gilbert Boy Engineering" catalogue.*
Corrected (E52) *piece of chain* from 1 to 0
Changed (E50 / 547) *large gear wheel, assembled* from 3 to 0.

1921 Contents List

Added footnote to (P64) *11" girders*: (P64) *11" girders first appear on contents lists in 1921, but don't appear on Erector Separate Parts prices until 1922. Although they appear on contents lists as either 10" girders or 11" girders in 1921, 1922, and 1923, they are labeled 11" girders on Erector Separate Parts prices.*

1922 Contents List

Set No. 6 was dropped from the lineup this year and has been deleted from the contents list.
(P51) *pulley band* was not used on any models in Set Nos. 7, 8, and 10, and has been removed from the 1922 Contents List.

1922 No. 4 Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:
(P2) *large right angle* corrected to 14
(P3) *acute angle* corrected to 2
(P6) *double angle* corrected to 4
(P9) *6" girder* corrected to 6
(P13) *pinion gear* corrected to 2
(P18) *round plate* corrected to 2
(P34) *hank of string* changed to 0 (not listed on contents list)
(P37) *collar* corrected to 8
(P48) *mitre gear* corrected to 0
(P49) *12-tooth gear* corrected to 1

(P57D) 6" axle rod corrected to 1
(P64) 11" girder corrected to 8
(P26 / N21) nut corrected to 35
(S11) set screw corrected to 2
(P25 / S51) short screw corrected to 30
(P28 / S57) long screw corrected to 3

1922 No. 8

Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:

(P2) large right angle corrected to 66
(P6) double angle corrected to 24
(P7) small wheel corrected to 9
(P8) 3" girder corrected to 28
(P9) 6" girder corrected to 40
(P11) flat gear corrected to 3
(P15) coupling corrected to 1
(P17-H) large wheel with 2 hubs corrected to 0
(P22) slotted strip corrected to 21
(P23) eccentric axle corrected to 1
(P29) washer corrected to 34
(P36) triangle piece corrected to 12
(P37) collar corrected to 12
(P39) wood screws corrected to 18
(P40) screw eyes corrected to 4
(P57-A) 2" axle rod corrected to 4
(P57-D) 6" axle rod corrected to 2
(P57-F) 12" axle rod corrected to 2
(N21) nut corrected to 213
(S11) set screw corrected to 5
(S51) short screw corrected to 172
(S57) long screw corrected to 46
Added footnote to (P16) propeller blade: 2 (P16) propeller blades appear on the contents list, but the set contained 1 (P16) propeller blade and 1 (P16-H) propeller blade with hub.

1922 No. 10

Quantities of (P2) large right angle, (P24) crank, (P29) washer, (P39) wood screws, and (S11) set screws have been increased to match parts quantities that appear in Set No. 8.

1923 Contents List

Set No. 6 was dropped from the lineup this year and has been deleted from the contents list.
Changed (P79) car truck piece to (P79) car truck

- 1923 No. 1** Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:
(P2) large right angle corrected from 8 to 4
(P8) 3" girder corrected from 4 to 2
(P9) 6" girder corrected from 4 to 2
(P38) 3-hole strip corrected from 0 to 4
(P57C) 4½" axle rod corrected from 0 (2) to 2
(P79) car truck corrected from to 2 (4) to 4
- 1924-1925 No. 1** Added footnote to *(N21) 8-32 nut*, 20: 20 in 1924, 22 in 1925.
 Added footnote to *(S51) ¼" x 8-32 screw*, 16: 16 in 1924, 18 in 1925
- 1924-1925 No. 4** Based on the discovery of two distinct contents lists for this set (both labeled Form M983), inventories for a 1924 No. 4 and 1925 No. 4 now appear side-by-side in the contents list.
- 1924-1925 No. 7** Corrections from recently uncovered factory-printed contents list:
 Added footnote to *(P7-A) small wheel*: 4 *(P7-A) small wheels appear on the contents list, but 5 came in the set.*
 Added *(P91) 11" girder*, 32
(C) 10" girder, corrected from 32 to 0
(E / P87) 5" curved girder corrected from 18 to 13
 Corrected *(B / P89) 5" girder* from 12 to 10 and added footnote: *Although 10 (P89) 5" girders came in the set, 12 are required to build the Walking Beam Engine.*
(AJ) paper Erector flag corrected from 1 to 0

1927 Contents List

(BI) 6" flat beam girder has been added to the 1927 contents list, with quantities of 8 each for Set Nos. 10 and A.

- 1927 No. 7½** Added footnote to *(B) 5" girder*, 10: *Although only 10 (B) 5" girders came in the set, 12 are required to build the Walking Beam Engine.*

- 1927 No. 8** *(P20) 5-hole strip, formed* corrected from 2 to 0
(B) 5" girder corrected from 10 to 16

- 1928 No. 77** Based on the discovery of two distinct contents lists for this set, an Early No. 77 (Form M987A) and a Late No. 77 (Form M-1065-B) now appear side-by-side in the contents list with the following differences:

	Early	Late
<i>(P17) large red wheel</i>	4	0
<i>(P50) 72-tooth gear</i>	1	0

(BN) regular turret plate	3	4
(DM) disc wheel	4	0
(DN) bearing right angle	4	0
(DU) ¼" dia. axle, 8½" long	2	0
(GV) new disc wheel	0	4

1929-1930 Contents List

Added footnote to (FP) small disc wheel, 4, in No. 1: *(FP) small disc wheel was dropped from No. 1 in 1930.*

Added (GY) metal Erector tray, 1 to No. 7

Added (GY) metal Erector tray, 1 to Nos. 7½, and 8 with footnote: *Different size from the (GY) metal Erector tray used in No. 7.*

Updated (GY) metal Erector tray, 1 in No. 9 with footnote: *Different size from the (GY) metal Erector tray used in No. 7.*

Updated (GY) metal Erector tray, 2 in No. 10 with footnote: *1 tray was a No. 7 size and 1 tray the size used in Nos. 7½, 8, and 9.*

1931-1932 Contents List

Added (GY) metal Erector tray, 1 to No. 7

Added (GY) metal Erector tray, 1 to Nos. 7½, 8, and 8½ with footnote: *Different size from the (GY) metal Erector tray used in No. 7.*

Updated (GY) metal Erector tray, 1 in No. 9 with footnote: *Different size from the (GY) metal Erector tray used in No. 7.*

Updated (GY) metal Erector tray, 2 in No. 10 with footnote: *1 tray was a No. 7 size and 1 tray the size used in Nos. 7½, 8, 8½, and 9.*