

MECCANO Timeline.

Date	Event
15. May 1863	Frank Hornby Born
15. January 1887	Frank Hornby marries Clara W. Godfrey
12. June 1889	Roland G. Hornby born
31. December 1890	Douglas E. Hornby born
9. January 1901	First patent No 578 Lodged
30. November 1901	First patent No 578 Accepted
1902	Factory rented at 18 James Street, Liverpool by Elliott & Hornby.
1. May 1907	Factory at Duke Street, Liverpool
14. September 1907	"Meccano" Name registered at Designs Registry of UK Patent Office
4. June 1908	Meccano Ltd incorporated as joint stock company
29 March 1909	Registered Office moved to 274 West Derby Road, Liverpool
07 August 1912	Meccano (France) Ltd registered as joint stock company
1913	Meccano G.m.b.H registered in Germany for the first time
08 September 1913	The Meccano Company of America Inc. incorporated
1914	Meccano G.m.b.H confiscated and sold to Marklin Bros.
04 September 1914	Registered Office moved to Binns Road, Liverpool
September 1916	Meccano magazine commences publication
30 May 1921	Meccano Ltd becomes public company
September 1926	Red & Green Colour Introduced
1928	the Meccano Company of America Inc. sold to A.C.Gilbert Coy.
1929	Meccano G.m.b.H registered in Germany for second time.
1931	Frank Hornby elected to Member of Parliament.
1934	Blue & Gold colour introduced.
21 September 1936	Frank Hornby Dies.
1945	Red & Green Colour Reintroduced.
02 May 1950	Douglas E. Hornby dies.
1945	Meccano G.m.b.H removed from Register.
1964	Yellow, Silver and Black colour introduced.
02 May 1964	Meccano sold to Lines Bros. Ltd.
07 May 1965	Roland G. Hornby dies.
20 December 1965	Meccano (France) Ltd voluntarily wound up.
1967	Yellow, Zinc and Black colour introduced.
July 1967	Meccano Magazine stops publication.
January 1968	Meccano Magazine recommences publication.
12 August 1969	Name change from "Meccano Ltd" to "Meccano Triang Ltd".
1970	Yellow, Zinc and Blue introduced.
03 August 1971	Maeford Incorporated.
September 1971	Lines Bros. Ltd goes into liquidation.
28 September 1971	Meccano Triang Ltd assets etc. sold to Maoford Ltd.
29 September 1971	Meccano Triang Ltd goes into voluntary liquidation.
22 October 1971	Maeford Ltd name changed to Meccano (1971) Ltd.
23 December 1971	Meccano (1971) Ltd sold to Airfix Industries Ltd (Meccano & Dinky)
December 1972	Meccano Magazine stops production by Models & allied Publications (Map).
1973	Meccano (1971) Ltd change to Meccano Ltd.
April 1973	Meccano Magazine Quarterly commences publication.
1978	Yellow and Blue colour introduced.
30 November 1979	Binns Road factory closed.
January 1981	Meccano Magazine ceases publication
23 April 1981	Airfix Group taken over by General Mills Toy Group (Miro-Meccano in France)
November 1985	Meccano S.A. Bought by Mark Rebibo and production continues from Calais
June 1989	Meccano S.A. Bought by Dominique Duvauchelle of building group Bouygues.
11 May 2000	Meccano S.A. Bought by Nikko (Japanese Radio Controlled Cars).