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M-TRON WALKER PROTOTYPE (1987)

INSTRUCTIONS

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Introduction

This M-Tron Walker is a prototype from 1987, as depicted in the awe inspiring interview with Jens Nygaard Knudsen by Mark Stafford, in BrickJournal issue 6, vol. 2 released in 2009.

This thing that should not be is a “Magna-Tron” prototype, now known as M-Tron. This thing is definitely the odd man out as a different color scheme was used. It uses colors which in hindsight were applied with Blacktron II. The same goes for that jet pack built in (released in sets from 1991).

Although this is the third mecha from the article page, it's not transforming. I absolutely love the looks and part usage with just the right amount of trans-neon green. Accompanied with the caption “Note the early greebling”, this futuristic looking model stands out with its details. Almost entirely built with minifig utensils (which bring a lot of texture) and a few basic bricks this small prototype is quite the attraction.

It's not hard to assemble, but maybe these steps come in handy as this prototype consists of two halves only connecting by sticking a modified plate with handlebars into the front of the jet pack (which doesn't make it the most stable build around).

The jet pack is mounted using a plain black torso (without arms) and a round 1x1 brick (or black minifigure head) underneath the front wedge plate. Beware though, as it easily falls apart when adding or removing a minifig. I'm a big fan of the versatile chainsaw part introduced in sets since 1990, and this build is a another good example why.

So all in all a bit fragile, but the legs are immense fun! The articulation is very flexible, which makes it really easy to display it like something from Boston Dynamics or have it moving like a galloping and rearing space horse (see page 4), yee-haw!

Have fun building!
Chris (cosmic.brick)



Excerpt from “The Truth About Space!”

Comparison

Photo from Niels Milan Pedersen's personal LEGO archives, as published in BrickJournal issue 6, volume 2 (2009).



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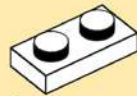
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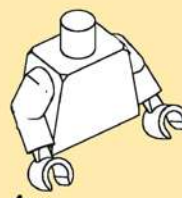
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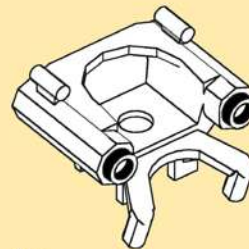
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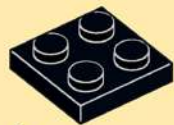
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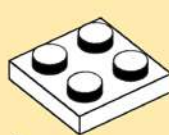
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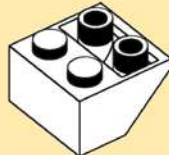
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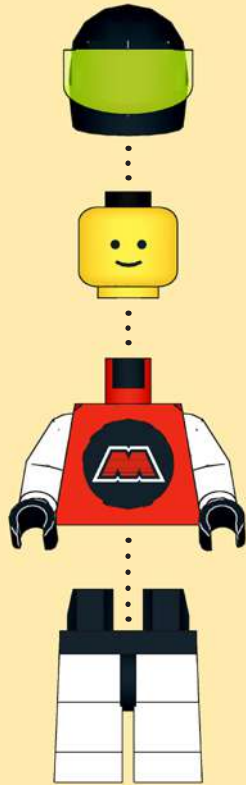


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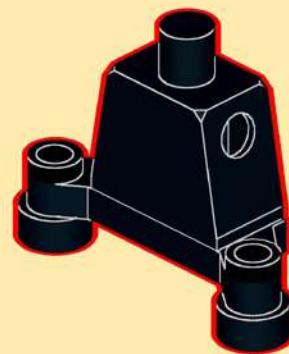
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No air tanks?

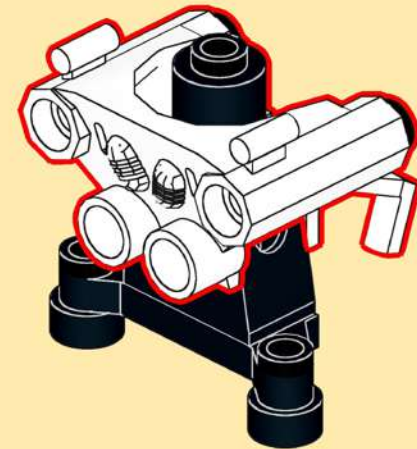
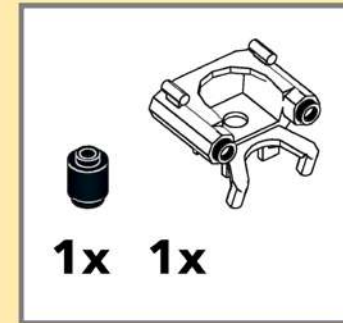
These building steps show how to build an exact replica of the original model. Every M-Tron prototype depicted in the article uses minifigs without air tanks. Feel free to add them nonetheless.



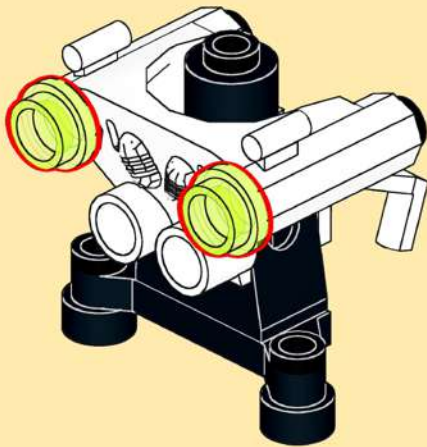
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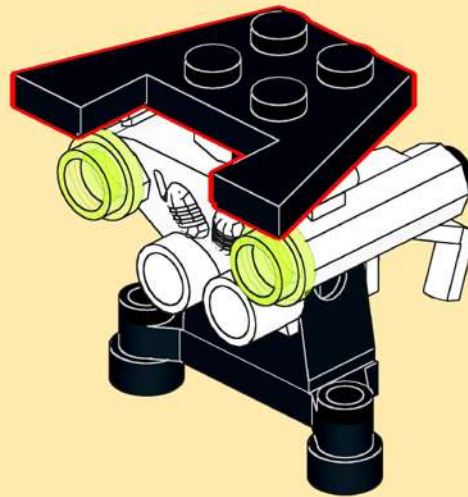
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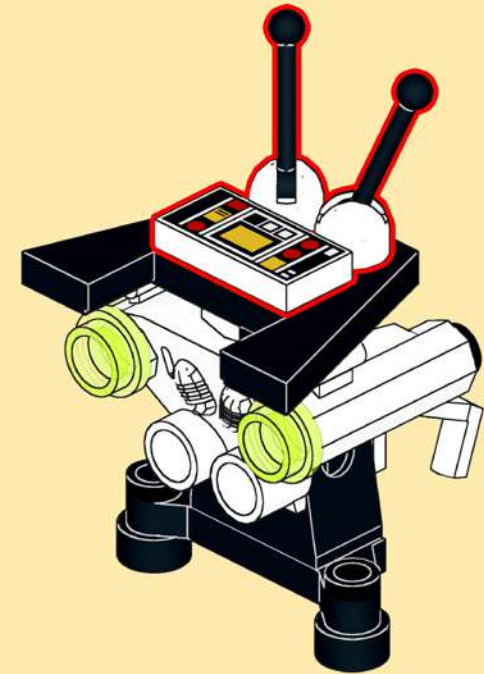
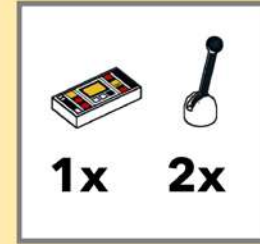
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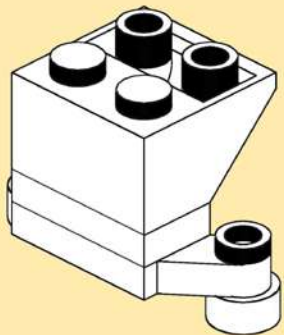
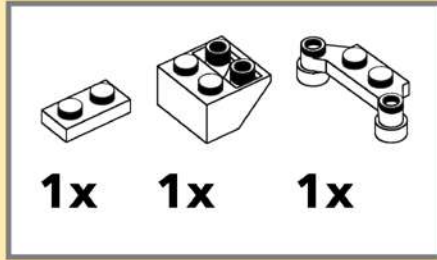
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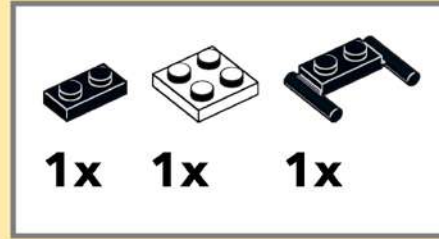
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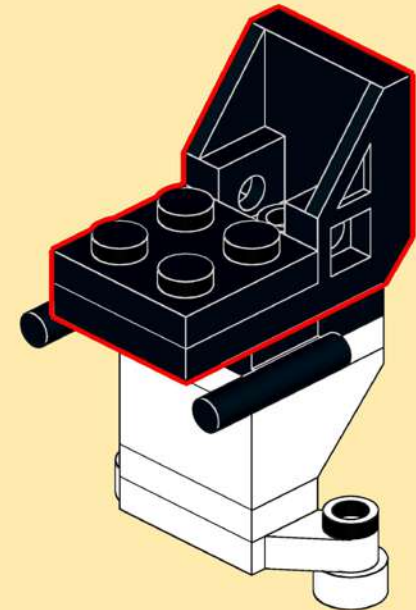
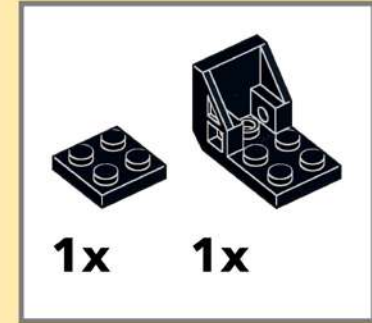
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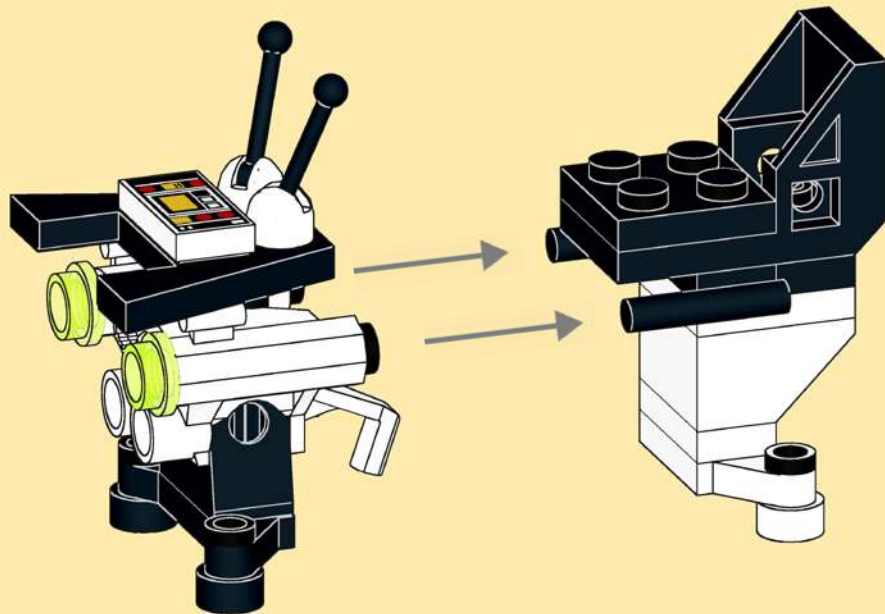
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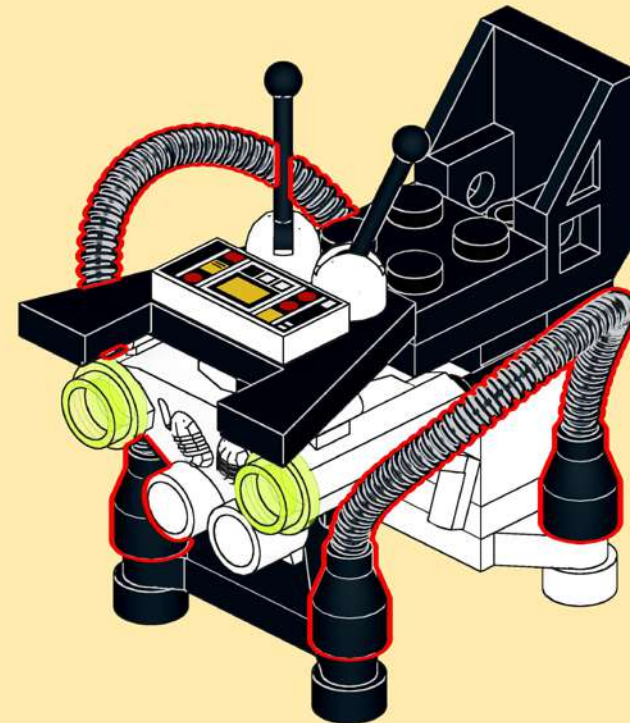
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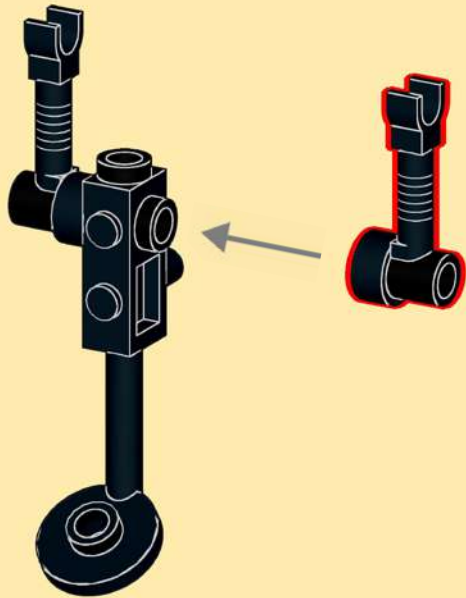
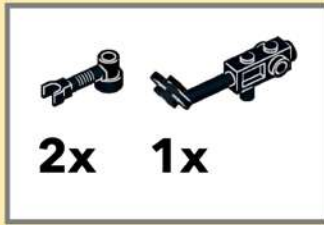
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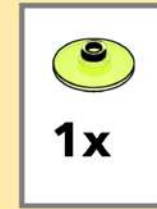
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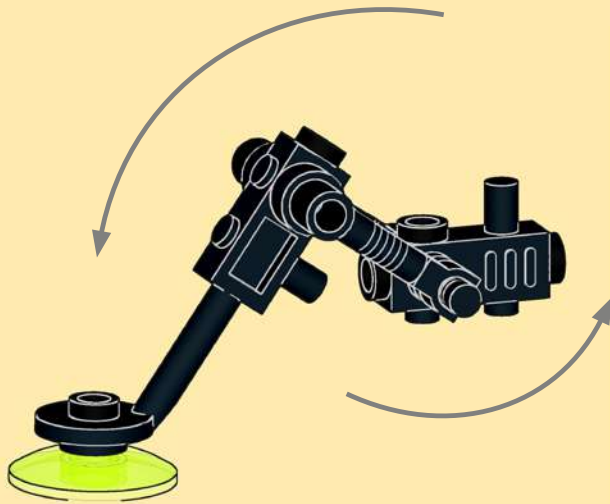
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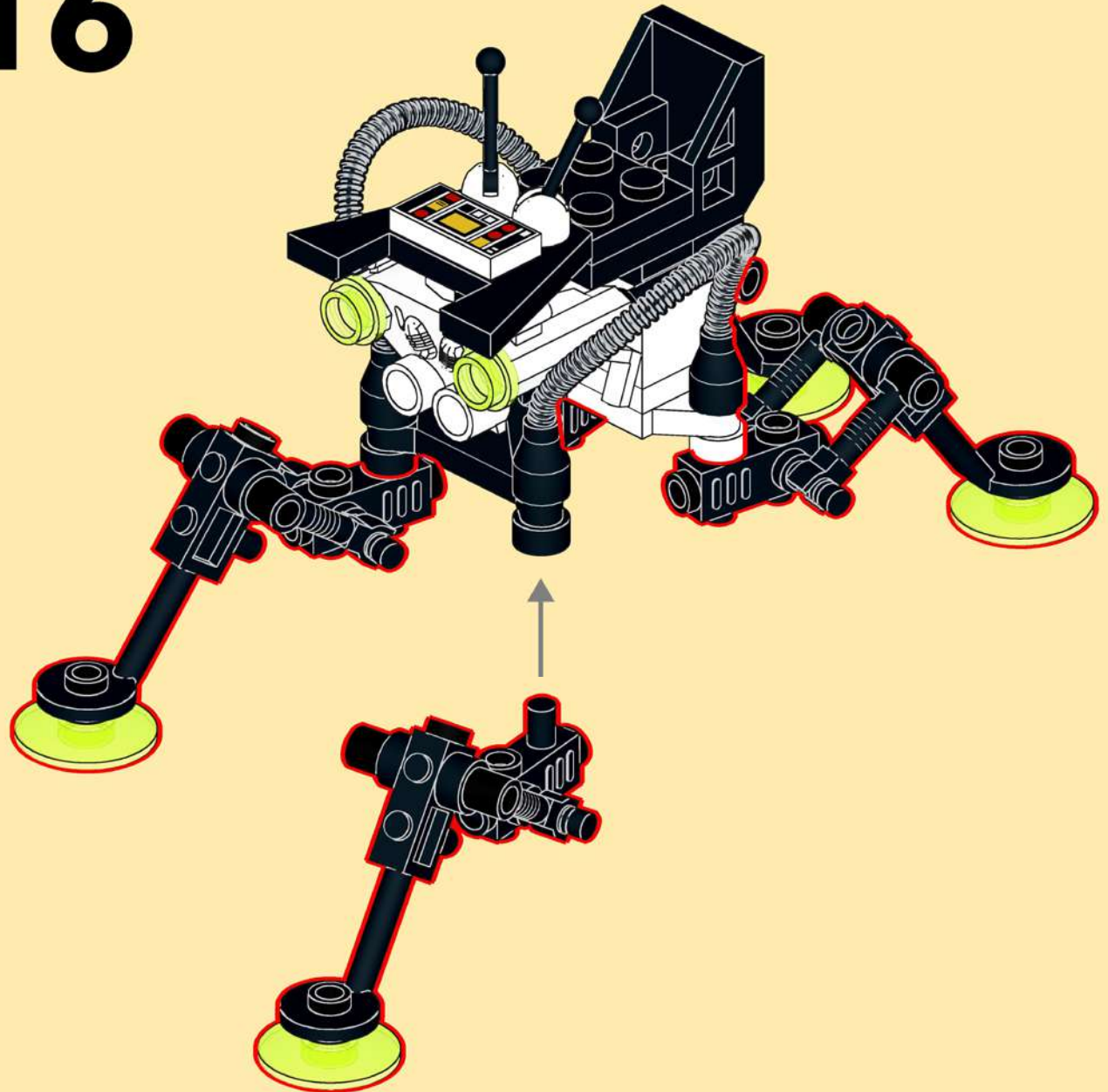
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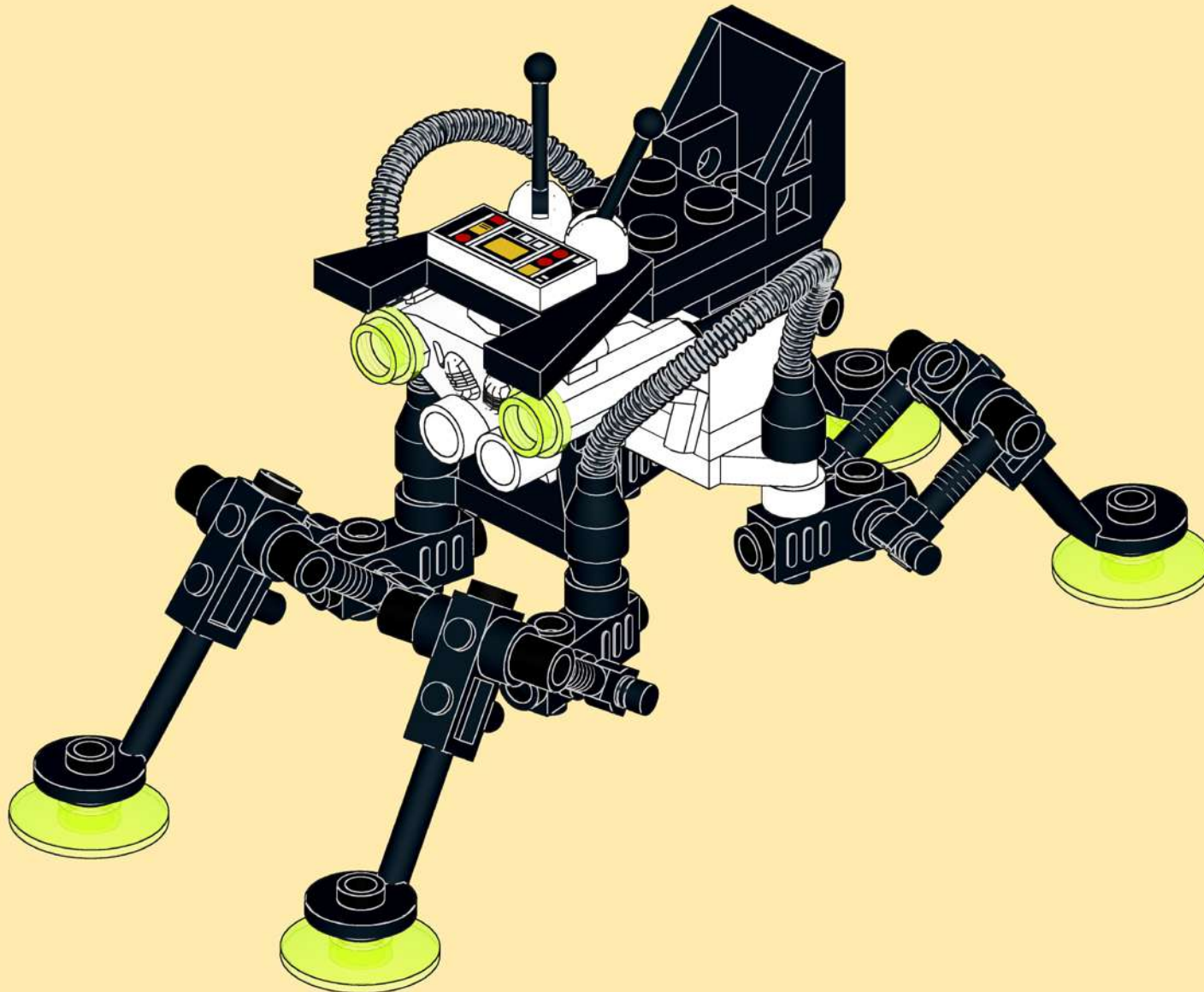
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