

# Another day, another HALO...

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Further investigation of the toy sections of various local value stores revealed further HALO-derived items at very suitable prices. These are being conscripted into my emergent 15mm Science Fiction gaming forces alongside the HALO Drop Ships previously reviewed for the blog.

This time, there are two sets to look at -- another offering from the Micro-Ops series of toys, and to go with that, the HALO Battle Set 1 which actually says it is for Mega blocks, but seems fully compatible with the Micro-Ops figures and vehicles. Battle Set 1 consists of just six power armoured battle figures, one a die-cast item, the rest being pre-painted plastics.

Starting with the larger set this consists of an armed flying vehicle with an alien, but humanoid, rider which is provided with an opponent in the form of a defence turret and a single trooper. The turret can have the gun removed and a shield put in its place to show the piece of equipment in a waiting-to-be-deployed or stand-by mode. The plastic doesn't seem overly strong, so I'm intending to stick the turret assembly to a base, and leave the weapon in place and ready to engage the enemy. The alien vehicle is a sort of flying motor cycle mounting some sort of grabbers or possibly guns at the front I'm intending to define them as weapons; I may try to beef them up a little for a better effect. The single foot figure is a particularly pleasing pose of an armoured trooper with a rifle sized weapon.



The Battle Set 1, as noted above, is a small selection of figures I bought several of this set for £1.50 each, about



\$2.25. This is good but not overwhelming value ó they certainly were not worth the original quoted price of £5. There are three human figures in power armour, and three alien figures ó one of which is a die-cast figurine rather than the pre-coloured and painted plastic of the rest of the set. This is a slight nuisance as it means this figure will need painting before use! The others are slightly õmuddyö in style, but look fine at armø length on the table top.



Adding these to the already purchased Drop Ships, I now have a total force of 28 foot figures, a gun turret, an armed attack õcycle-flyer,õ six drop ships and three crater scenery items, for the not large outlay of £12.50 (a little under \$20) ó certainly enough for a small skirmish ó or, if they ally together, to be a reasonably sized combined force to take on some other 15mm Science Fiction figures! I would thoroughly recommend searching out items from this range whilst they remain available.