

Matchbox Attack Track model

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After several months of thin pickings in the various Matchbox/Hot Wheels rummage boxes that can be found in the many ÷value storesö that dot the high streets these days, it was a bit of a surprise to find two of these large missile launchers on the same day. Coincidence? Perhaps. The ÷Attack Trackö is part of Matchbox's ÷MBX Heroic Rescueö vehicle theme ö I'm not sure what part in a rescue this tracked missile transporter would actually play, but for small-scale science fiction wargamers it has obvious utility.

Its dimensions are approximately 6cm long, 2cm high at the cab and 3cm wide, with the rocket also about 6cm. So, depending on the scale of the figures being used, it can represent anything from a monstrous device of strategic importance down to a battlefield artillery rocket ö as shown in the following table.

Scale	Chassis dimensions			Rocket Length
	Length	Height	Width	
1/300 (6mm)	18m	6m	9m	18m
1/200 (10mm)	12m	4m	6m	12m
1/120 (15mm)	7.2m	2.4m	3.6m	7.2m



It's a matter of taste of course, but to my eye it will be good at all scales ö for 15mm it's equivalent to a tankette, for 10mm figures it's the size of a large modern self-propelled gun and at 6mm it is a long range threat ö admittedly some of the equipment boxes do start to seem oddly proportioned as the figures it is to be used with get smaller, but I can live with that. In some ways, it might be most perfect with 10mm figures ö but I'm not starting gaming in yet another figure size/scale. Most likely it will be integrated with my 6mm SF figures ö it'll be big but not unfeasibly large ö WWII siege mortars and rail guns are also pretty big in 1.300th so a huge tracked missile launcher is not such a stretch of the imagination.

As the pictures illustrate, the supplied paint job is not the best ö this is one of those situations when a repaint is worth contemplating. The main areas to fix are the tracks and running wheels, the cab windows and the missile itself, which is a bit too orange for my tastes. Although the sticker decoration will have to go, I can live with the main metallic green body work ö it's quite like Humbrol's Green Mist enamel paint which for some reason I can't recall was one of the few paints I had when I started painting figures and I have a lingering affection for it. Others may want to go down the Olive Drab or two-tone camouflage scheme route. It is, however, a model with a lot of potential, and well worth £1 (~\$1.30).





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