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## Mattel T7498

# Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set Instruction Manual

Model: T7498 | Brand: Mattel



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set provides an engaging racing experience. This set allows users to launch Hot Wheels cars down a track, navigate a loop, and interact with a gator mechanism. It is designed to offer hours of play by combining gravity-powered launches with interactive elements.

Key features include:

- Gravity clamp for car launches.
- Classic Hot Wheels loop and jump elements.
- Interactive gator escape challenge.
- Includes one Hot Wheels die-cast vehicle.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

**WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD – Small Parts. Not for children under 3 years.**

This product contains small parts which may pose a choking hazard. Adult supervision is recommended during assembly and play. Ensure all components are securely connected before use. Recommended for ages 5 years and up.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Before assembly, verify that all components are present in the package. The Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set typically includes:

- Track pieces (various shapes and lengths)
- Gravity clamp launcher
- Gator mechanism assembly
- One (1) Hot Wheels die-cast vehicle
- Instruction sheet



Image: The Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set product box, showing the assembled track and gator graphic.

## 4. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Assembly is required for this track set. Follow these general steps:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all track pieces, the launcher, the gator mechanism, and the vehicle from the packaging.
2. **Connect Track Pieces:** Join the track sections together by aligning the connectors and pushing them firmly until they click into place. Refer to the included diagram for the correct sequence and orientation.
3. **Attach Gravity Clamp:** Secure the gravity clamp launcher to the designated starting point of the track. Ensure it is stable and can hold a car.
4. **Assemble Gator Mechanism:** Connect the gator head and body pieces as instructed. Attach the assembled gator mechanism to the end of the track where the car is intended to interact with it.
5. **Final Check:** Once assembled, gently test the track for stability and ensure all connections are secure.

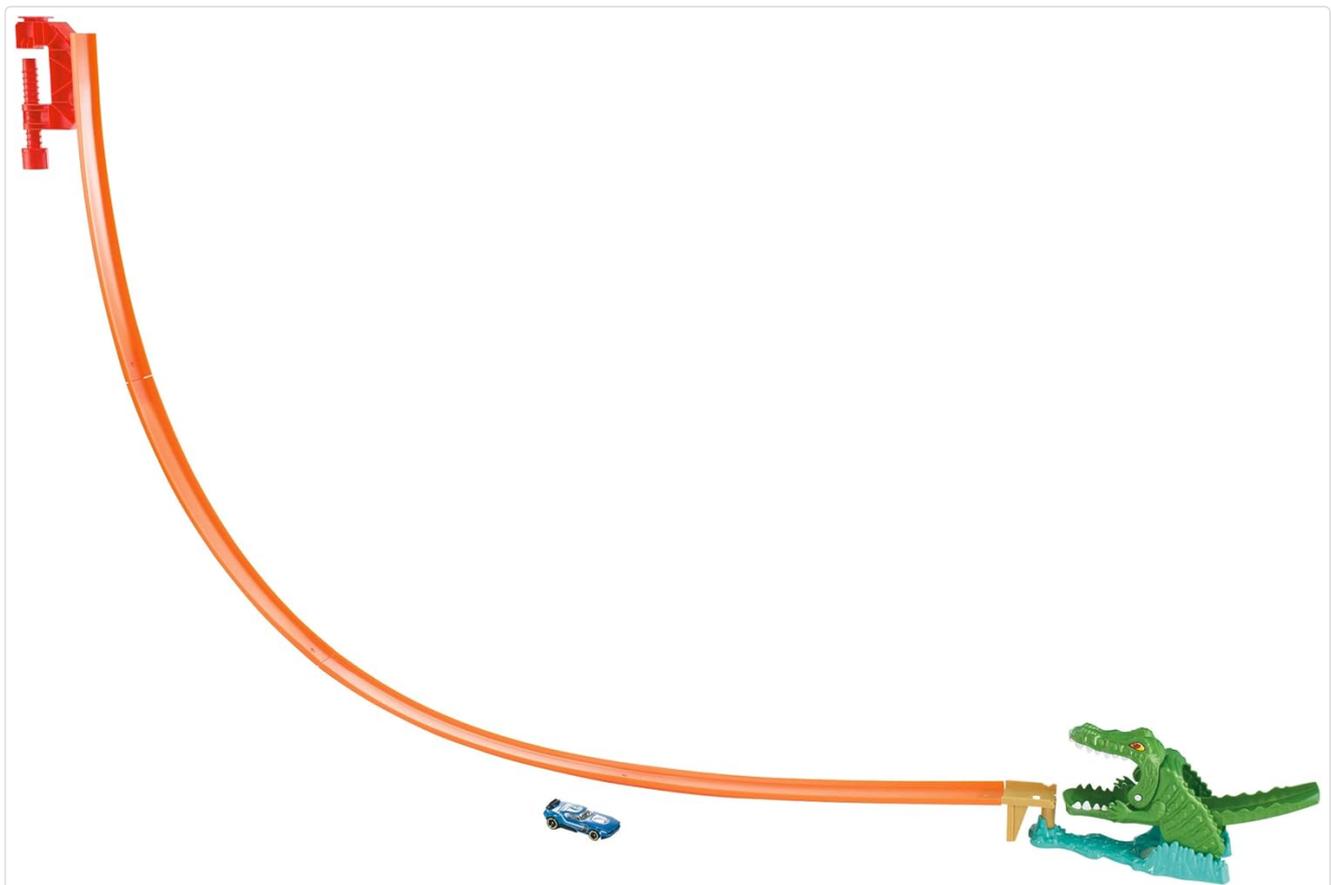


Image: The fully assembled Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set, showing the orange track, gravity launcher, and gator mechanism with a car on the track.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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To operate the Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set:

1. **Place Car:** Position the included Hot Wheels die-cast vehicle onto the gravity clamp launcher at the start of the track.
2. **Release Car:** Activate the gravity clamp to release the car. The car will accelerate down the track, through any loops or jumps.
3. **Engage Gator:** As the car approaches the gator mechanism, it will trigger the gator's jaws. The objective is for the car to pass through the gator's mouth without being caught.
4. **Repeat Play:** Retrieve the car and reset the gravity clamp and gator mechanism for continuous play.

**Note:** Not all Hot Wheels vehicles are compatible with this track set. Use the included vehicle or other compatible Hot Wheels cars for optimal performance.



Image: A close-up view of the green gator mechanism with its mouth open, positioned at the end of the orange track.

## 6. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity of your Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the track pieces and gator mechanism with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the track set in a clean, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Disassemble if necessary for compact storage.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check all connections and moving parts for wear or damage. Replace any broken components if possible, or discontinue use if safety is compromised.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues with your track set, consider the following:

- **Car Not Launching Properly:** Ensure the gravity clamp is correctly positioned and the car is seated firmly.

Check for any obstructions on the track.

- **Car Getting Stuck:** Verify that all track pieces are securely connected and aligned. Check for any debris on the track surface. Ensure the car used is compatible with the track.
- **Gator Not Activating:** Confirm the gator mechanism is correctly assembled and attached. Ensure the car is hitting the activation point with sufficient speed.
- **Track Instability:** Recheck all track connections. Ensure the track is placed on a flat, stable surface.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Mattel
Model Number	T7498
UPC	027084929898
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	14 x 2.25 x 6.5 inches
Item Weight	2 Pounds
Manufacturer Minimum Age	60 months (5 years)
Assembly Required	Yes
Power Source	Battery Powered (for some features, though not explicitly stated for this model's gator)
Special Features	Portable

## 9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Specific warranty details for the Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set are not provided in this manual. For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Mattel website.

## 10. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, questions, or to report any issues with your Hot Wheels Gator Escape Track Set, please contact Mattel customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or on the official Mattel website: [www.mattel.com](http://www.mattel.com).

