Mattel GGG73

Mattel Thomas & Friends Wood Racing Figure-8 Set (Model GGG73) Instruction Manual

Official guide for assembly, operation, and maintenance.

1. Introduction

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the Mattel Thomas & Friends Wood Racing Figure-8 Set, Model GGG73. This wooden train set is designed for children aged 36 months to 7 years, offering an engaging play experience with Thomas, Bertie the bus, and a poseable Mayor figure.

1.1 Package Contents

The Thomas & Friends Wood Racing Figure-8 Set includes the following components:

- Thomas train engine
- Bertie the bus
- Poseable Mayor figure
- Figure-8 track layout with station
- Accessory piece
- Crossing gates
- Drawbridge
- 2 track adaptors for compatibility with other wood track systems

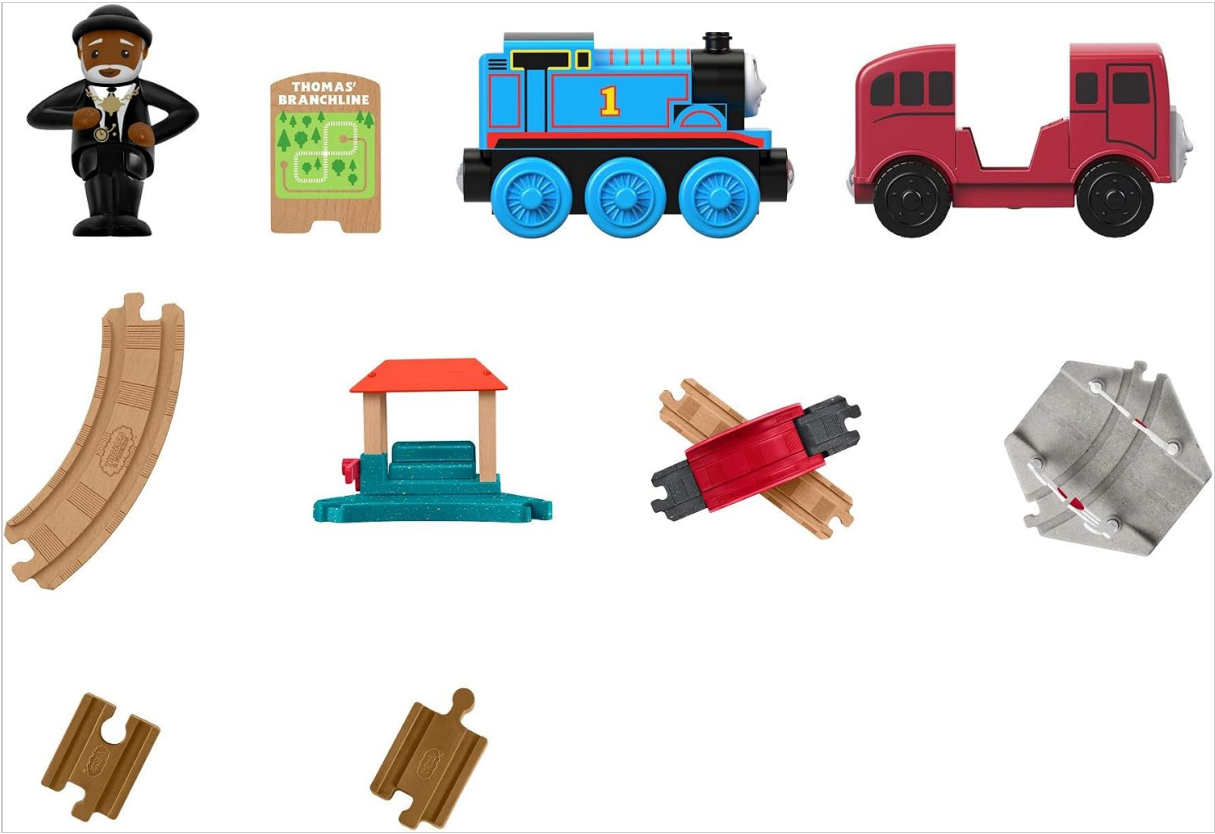


Figure 1.1: All components included in the Thomas & Friends Wood Racing Figure-8 Set.

2. Safety Information

Please read and understand all safety information before allowing children to play with this product. Keep these instructions for future reference.

- **Recommended Age:** This toy is suitable for children aged 36 months (3 years) to 7 years.
- **Choking Hazard:** The set contains small parts which may pose a choking hazard for children under 3 years of age. Adult supervision is recommended.
- **Assembly:** Adult assembly may be required for initial setup. Ensure all track pieces are securely connected before play.
- **Material:** Made with sustainably-sourced wood. Inspect all components regularly for wear or damage. Discontinue use if any part is broken.
- **Cleaning:** Refer to the Maintenance section for proper cleaning instructions.

3. Setup and Assembly

The Thomas & Friends Wood track system features kid-friendly connectors designed for easy assembly. Follow these steps to set up your Racing Figure-8 Set:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all pieces from the packaging. Refer to Figure 1.1 to identify all included items.
2. **Connect Track Pieces:** The track pieces are designed to fit together easily. Align the connectors and push them firmly until they click into place. Build the figure-8 layout as shown in Figure 3.1.
3. **Integrate Accessories:** Place the station, crossing gates, and drawbridge into their designated positions on the track layout. The drawbridge can be raised and lowered manually.
4. **Utilize Track Adaptors:** If you wish to connect this set to other wood track systems (such as classic Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway, sold separately), use the two included track adaptors. These

adaptors ensure compatibility and expand play possibilities.

5. **Position Figures:** Place Thomas the train on the track and the Mayor figure into Bertie the bus.



Figure 3.1: The fully assembled Racing Figure-8 Set, ready for play.



Figure 3.2: Example of connecting two track pieces using the kid-friendly connectors.

4. Operating Instructions

Once the set is assembled, children can engage in various play scenarios:

- **Train Movement:** Manually push Thomas along the wooden tracks. The smooth design allows for easy movement.
- **Bertie and Mayor:** The poseable Mayor figure can be placed inside Bertie the bus. Children can drive Bertie around the track or off-track for imaginative play.
- **Interactive Features:**
  - **Crossing Gates:** Manually move the crossing gates up and down to control traffic flow for trains and other vehicles.
  - **Drawbridge:** Raise and lower the drawbridge to allow trains to pass underneath or over.

- **Creative Play:** Encourage children to create their own stories and scenarios, such as races between Thomas and Bertie, or adventures across the railway.



Figure 4.1: Placing the Mayor figure into Bertie the bus for interactive play.

5. Care and Maintenance

Proper care will ensure the longevity of your Thomas & Friends Wood Racing Figure-8 Set.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe all wooden and plastic components with a clean, damp cloth. Do not immerse in water. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the finish.
- **Storage:** Store the set in a dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent warping or fading of the wood.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect all track pieces and figures for any signs of wear, splintering, or damage. Replace any damaged parts immediately to ensure safe play.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues with your Thomas & Friends Wood Racing Figure-8 Set, refer to the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Track pieces do not connect securely.	Connectors are not properly aligned or are obstructed.	Ensure the male and female connectors are correctly oriented and push firmly until they click. Check for any debris in the connectors.
Train does not roll smoothly on the track.	Track pieces are not fully connected, or there is debris on the track.	Verify all track connections are secure. Clean the track surface and train wheels with a damp cloth.
Figures or accessories do not fit properly.	Incorrect placement or minor manufacturing variations.	Refer to the assembly diagrams. Ensure figures are placed in designated slots. Do not force components.

7. Product Specifications

- **Product Dimensions:** 4.5 x 16 x 9 inches
- **Item Weight:** 3.03 pounds
- **ASIN:** B07JVVNR5F
- **Item Model Number:** GGG73
- **Manufacturer Recommended Age:** 36 months - 7 years
- **Release Date:** April 13, 2019
- **Manufacturer:** Fisher-Price (a brand of Mattel)
- **Material:** Sustainably-sourced wood and plastic components

8. Warranty and Customer Support

For warranty information or customer support regarding your Thomas & Friends Wood Racing Figure-8 Set, please contact the manufacturer, Mattel (Fisher-Price), directly. Details regarding specific warranty terms and conditions are typically provided with the product packaging or can be found on the official Mattel/Fisher-Price website.

Please have your product model number (GGG73) and ASIN (B07JVVNR5F) available when contacting support.