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Mattel Thomas & Friends Talking Thomas & Percy Train Set Instruction Manual

Model: GLK80

Introduction

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Mattel Thomas & Friends Talking Thomas & Percy Train Set. This highly detailed playset features iconic locations from the Island of Sodor, including Vicarstown Bridge, the Railyard, Brendam Docks, and Blue Mountain. It includes motorized Thomas and Percy train engines designed to recognize and interact with each other on the track. Young engineers can facilitate cooperation between Thomas and Percy by managing cargo at Bulstrode the boat and navigating the various track elements.

What's in the Box

Please ensure all components listed below are present before beginning assembly:

- Interactive motorized Thomas engine
- Interactive motorized Percy engine
- Bulstrode the boat
- Control panel
- 3 signs
- 2 cargo carts
- Tunnel
- Buffer
- Brendam Dock
- Vicarstown Bridge
- 4 stanchions
- 25 track pieces

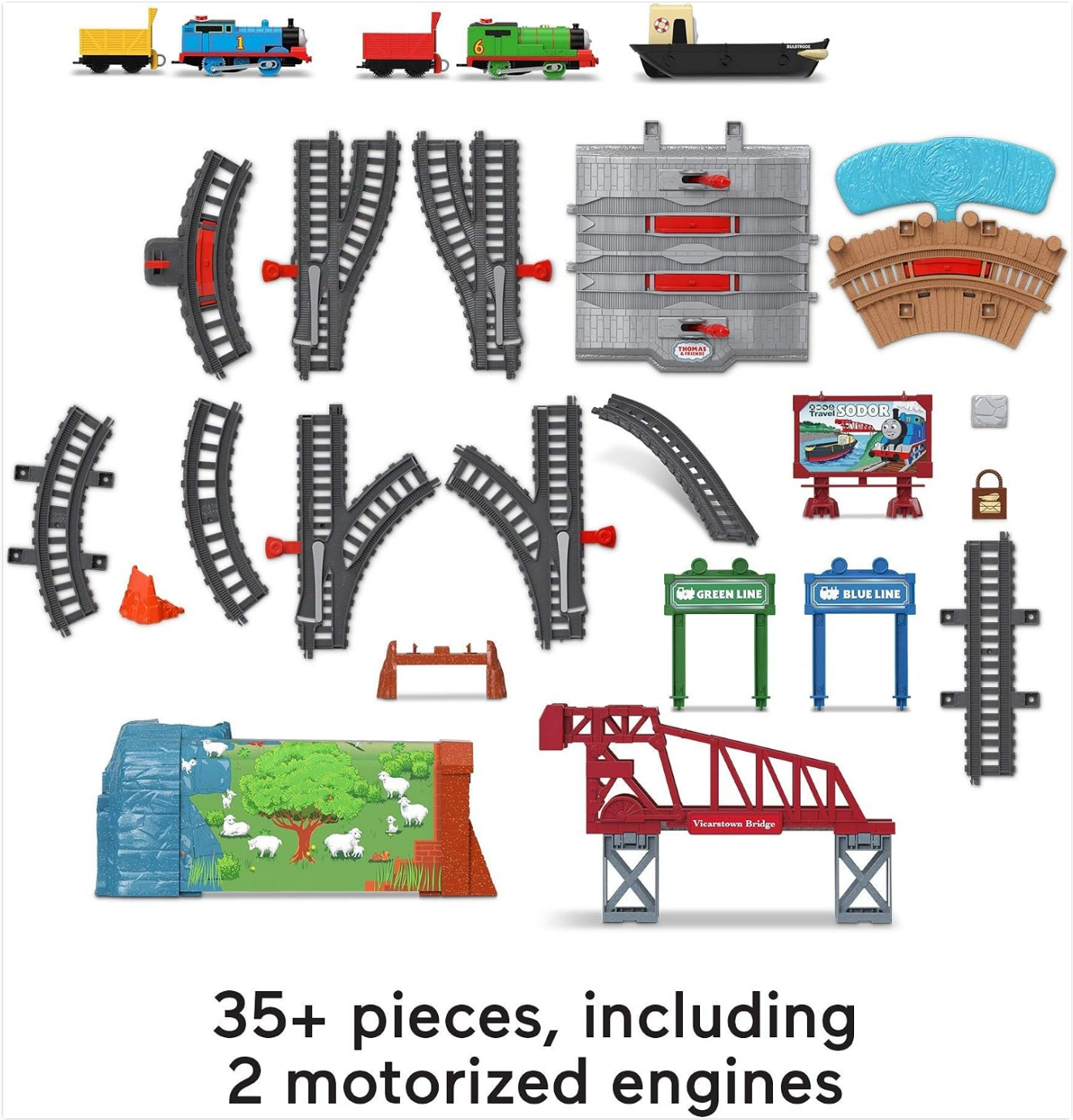


Image: All 35+ pieces, including the two motorized engines, laid out for inspection.

Setup

1. Track Assembly

Carefully connect all 25 track pieces to form the desired layout. The set includes instructions for various configurations. Ensure each piece is securely connected to prevent trains from derailing during operation. The track pieces are designed for a secure fit, contributing to stable operation.



Image: An overview of the fully assembled Thomas & Friends Talking Thomas & Percy Train Set.

2. Engine Battery Installation

Each motorized engine (Thomas and Percy) requires 2 AAA batteries. These batteries are included with the set. To install:

1. Locate the battery compartment on the underside of each engine.
2. Using a small Phillips head screwdriver, open the battery compartment cover.
3. Insert 2 AAA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-).
4. Replace the battery compartment cover and secure it with the screw.

Once batteries are installed, press the button on top of each engine to activate its sounds and movement.

3. Accessory Placement

Place the various accessories such as the control panel, signs, Brendam Dock, Vicarstown Bridge, and tunnel in their designated spots on or around the track as shown in the assembly diagrams. The tunnel features a fabric cover that can be adjusted. Ensure the fabric does not sag onto the track, which could obstruct the trains.



Image: A child interacting with the train set, demonstrating the scale and play experience.

Operating Instructions

1. Activating Engines

Press the red button on top of Thomas and Percy to start their motorized movement and activate their talking features. They will begin to move along the track.

2. Interactive Talking Feature

Thomas and Percy are designed to recognize and talk to each other when they meet on the track, particularly at designated interaction points like the loading station. This enhances the play experience with character phrases and sounds.



Image: Thomas and Percy engines interacting and talking to each other on the track.

3. Track Switches and Control Panel

Utilize the track switches and the control panel to direct the engines along different paths and to stop them for side-by-side interactions. This allows for dynamic control over the trains' movement and storytelling.

4. Cargo Loading and Unloading

The set includes cargo carts for Thomas and Percy, and Bulstrode the boat. Engines can stop at Brendam Docks to load and unload cargo. When Bulstrode is docked, engines will stop for interaction.



Load up! Engines stop when Bulstrode is at the Docks

Image: Percy and Bulstrode at Brendam Docks, ready for cargo operations.

5. Expanding Your Set

This track set can be combined with other Thomas & Friends train sets (sold separately) to create larger and more complex Sodor adventures.

Official Product Videos

Video: A demonstration of the Fisher-Price Thomas & Friends Talking Thomas & Percy Train Set, showcasing its features and interactive elements. This video provides a quick overview of the set's functionality.

Video: A detailed review of the Thomas & Friends Talking Thomas & Percy Train Set from Fisher-Price, highlighting its interactive features, assembly, and overall play value. This video offers insights into the product's design and user experience.

Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down engines and track pieces with a dry or slightly damp cloth. Do not immerse electronic components in water.
- **Battery Replacement:** Replace AAA batteries in engines when sounds become faint or movement slows.

Always use fresh batteries and dispose of old batteries responsibly.

- **Hair Entanglement:** Keep engines away from long hair during operation. Hair can become entangled in the engine's wheels, causing damage or stopping movement.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the train set in a clean, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prolong its lifespan.

Troubleshooting

- **Trains Derail Frequently:** Ensure all track pieces are securely connected and laid on a flat, stable surface. Uneven surfaces or loose connections can cause derailment.
- **Engines Not Moving/Making Sounds:** Check that batteries are correctly installed with proper polarity and are not depleted. Replace batteries if necessary. Ensure the power button on the engine is pressed.
- **Engines Not Interacting:** Verify that both Thomas and Percy have working batteries and are placed on the track in a way that allows them to meet at designated interaction points.
- **Tunnel Obstruction:** If trains stop inside the tunnel, check that the fabric cover is not sagging onto the track, creating an obstruction. Adjust the fabric as needed.
- **Track Pieces Not Fitting:** Refer to the assembly diagrams to ensure you are using the correct pieces for each section of the track. If pieces do not fit, re-examine the layout.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	31.1 x 68.11 x 8.66 inches
Item Weight	5.04 pounds
Item Model Number	GLK80
Manufacturer Recommended Age	3 years and up
Batteries	2 AAA batteries required (included)
Manufacturer	Fisher-Price
Release Date	July 1, 2020

Warranty and Support

For warranty information or product support, please contact Fisher-Price customer service directly. Details can typically be found on the product packaging or the official Mattel/Fisher-Price website.

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