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Another collaboration with “EVA”!
Perfect recreation of “Z combination” with
Meitetsu “μ SKY Limited Express” ZAILINER!

**PLARAIL “SHINKALION Z 500 μ SKY TYPE EVA”
To be launched on Saturday, December 18, 2021**

The collaboration episode will be aired on Friday September 17, 2021!

TOMY Company, Ltd.

TOMY Company, Ltd. (Representative Director, President & COO: Kazuhiro Kojima, headquarters: Katsushika-ku, Tokyo) will launch its new product, the **PLARAIL “SHINKALION Z 500 μ SKY TYPE EVA,”** (SRP: JPY 9,350/tax included) part of the “PLARAIL” railway toy series, as a spin-off toy for the television animation series “SHINKALION Z” on Saturday December 18, 2021. The toy will go on sale nationwide in toy stores, toy sections of department stores and mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for PLARAIL products “PLARAIL Shops,” online stores, and TOMY Company’s official online store “Takara Tomy Mall. (takaratomymall.jp)



(Left) “Shinkansen 500 TYPE EVA” *tracks not included, “SHINKALION Z 500 TYPE EVA,” “ZAILINER μ SKY TYPE EVA”
(Right) “SHINKALION Z 500 μ SKY TYPE EVA,” the “Z-combination” version with the “ZAILINER μ SKY TYPE EVA”

This product was realized through a collaboration between the television animation series “SHINKALION Z” and the “Evangelion” series. The product is sold in a set with two toys included. The first toy, “**SHINKALION Z 500 TYPE EVA**” is a module based on West Japan Railway Company’s “Shinkansen 500 TYPE EVA,” known as the “Evangelion Shinkansen,” which ran to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the full opening of the service of the

Sanyo Shinkansen and is no longer running. The second toy, the “ZAILINER μ SKY TYPE EVA,” is a module based on the Meitetsu “ μ SKY Limited Express” (no longer running) and part of the ZAILINER armor upgrading train series. The set allows the user to enjoy the “Z combination”. The is the first “Z combination” between a vehicle of a conventional line of a private railway company and SHINKALION Z. “SHINKALION Z 500 TYPE EVA,” a “Z combination” with “ZAILINER,” comes equipped with the weapon “The Spear of Bunkinus.”

The collaboration episode between “Evangelion” and “SHINKALION Z” is **scheduled to air on Friday September 17, 2021 (21st episode)**. Shinji Ikari (Voice: Megumi Ogata) will appear as the operator of “SHINKALION Z 500 TYPE EVA” in the episode.

▼ About the collaboration with the “Evangelion” series

This is the third collaboration following the previous “SHINKALION” and the theatrical adaptation of “SHINKALION the Movie.”

Product Information

The three-car “Shinkansen 500 TYPE EVA” changes into the SHINKALION MODE “SHINKALION Z 500 TYPE EVA!” And, by forming a “Z combination” with the “ZAILINER μ SKY TYPE EVA,” part of the ZAILINER armor upgrading train series, the two toys transform into the “SHINKALION Z 500 μ SKY TYPE EVA.”



“Shinkansen 500 TYPE EVA” *Tracks not included.

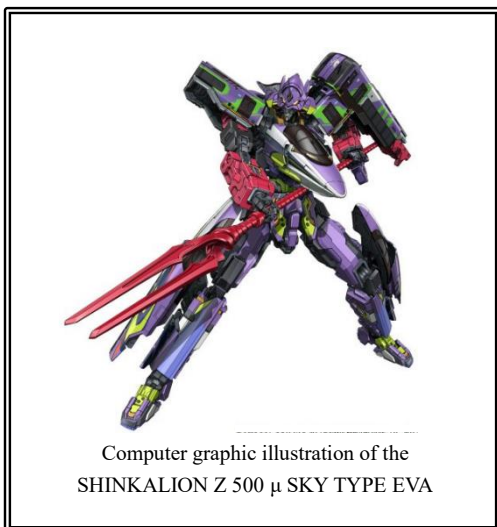


“SHINKALION Z 500 TYPE EVA”



“ZAILINER μ SKY TYPE EVA”

Z combination



Computer graphic illustration of the SHINKALION Z 500 μ SKY TYPE EVA



“SHINKALION Z 500 μ SKY TYPE EVA”

About the Operator



Comment of Megumi Ogata, voice acting for Shinji Ikari
As the main “Evangelion” series has come to an end, being invited to collaborate on another project is truly amazing and something for which I am thankful. I hope that the “Evangelion” fans enjoy this project, which features a new type of EVA, this time powered up by the “Z combination”. I also hope that the “SHINKALION” fans enjoy the adventures of the quirky boy operator and his SHINKALION.

<Product Outline>

Product Name: **PLARAIL “SHINKALION Z 500 μ SKY TYPE EVA”**

SRP: JPY 9,350 (tax included)

Launch date in Japan: Saturday, December 18, 2021

Recommended Age: 3 years and up

Package Contents: SHINKALION Z 500 TYPE EVA (3-car train) \times 1, ZAILINER μ SKY TYPE EVA \times 1, weapon \times 2, EVA mask \times 1, label \times 1, instruction manual \times 1

Dimensions: Approx. W 140 \times D 100 \times H 210 mm (at the time of robot form)

Sales Channels: Toy stores, toy sections of department stores/mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for PLARAIL products “PLARAIL Shops,” online stores, TOMY Company’s official online store “Takara Tomy Mall” (takaratomymall.jp), etc.

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[What is PLARAIL?]

“PLARAIL” (Sales agent: TOMY Company) is a long-running series of railroad toys that marked its 60th anniversary of the sales launch in 2019. It is a brand loved across three generations. The prototype of “PLARAIL” is the “PLASTIC TRAIN AND RAIL SET” which was launched in 1959 as a toy made from plastic, a new material at that time when metal and wood-made toys were the mainstream.

The iconic blue rails were designed in a size allowing it to be played on the “chabudai” (a low, Japanese-style dining table), which families gathered around to have a pleasant time back then. This specification remains unchanged even 60 years after its sales launch and you can still enjoy playing by connecting the rails made at that time with the newest ones.

We will continue to develop PLARAIL as a brand that will teach children about their society, enhance their growth including creativity, and nurture communication of children and their parents under the familiar and attracting theme of “railway.” Up to present, a total of approximately 1,800 types and more than 177 million products have been sold in Japan (as of March 31, 2021).

[About “SHINKALION Z” TV Animation]



“SHINKALION,” developed by the Shinkansen Ultra Evolution Institute to protect the peace and safety of Japan from mysterious giant monstrous beings. The Ultra Evolution Institute has been developing “SHINKALION Z,” which is a new type of robots, as well as “ZAILINER,” new armor upgrading trains that power “SHINKALION Z” up by transforming from conventional trains, to prepare for an invasion by new enemies. Children who became operators for “SHINKALION Z” with high matching rates join forces with members of the Institute, and fight back against the giant monstrous beings that emerged again! Emergence of unknown enemies... And two boys meeting each other... A further evolution of SHINKALION begins!!!

<Official Website>

Official Website: www.shinkalion.com TV TOKYO Program Official Website: ani.tv/shinkalion

<Broadcast Information>

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