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The design of the classic TV series has been adopted!**Details such as the body color and the mold of the cockpit entrance are expressed****“PLARAIL Galaxy Express 999 No. 999”****To be launched on Saturday, July 18, 2026****Includes “Maetel, Tetsuro, and Conductor PLAKIDS (figures)” and a display that recreates scenes with original bridge piers**

TOMY Company, Ltd.

TOMY Company, Ltd., based in Katsushika Ward, Tokyo, will release a new railway toy from the “PLARAIL” series, “PLARAIL Galaxy Express 999 No. 999” (SRP: JPY 7,700/tax included) on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at toy stores, toy sections of department stores and mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for TOMICA/PLARAIL products “TOMICA PLARAIL SHOP,” online shops, and TOMY Company’s official online store “TOMY MALL” (takaratomymall.jp/), etc.



“PLARAIL Galaxy Express 999 No. 999” is a product inspired by the “No. 999” that appears in the anime “Galaxy Express 999.” No. 999 is the intergalactic express train that the protagonist, Tetsuro Hoshino, rides on during his journey desiring a way to become a mechanical body himself in the story.

In addition to the “Maetel, Tetsuro, and Conductor PLAKIDS (figures),” this product includes original bridge piers, end rails, and signs, allowing for a dynamic display that recreates scenes from the anime.

The design for this product was based on the official settings from TOEI ANIMATION, and while incorporating PLARAIL's distinctive stylization, meticulous attention was paid to details such as the mold and coloring of the cars. The body decoration and PLAKIDS design adopt the design from the TV series, which is familiar to fans of "Galaxy Express 999."

This product will be released as a new item in the "PLARAIL" series for those who seek even deeper enjoyment of "railways" through the railway toy "PLARAIL." In past product surveys, numerous requests were received for a collaboration with Galaxy Express 999, and now we are responding to those expectations. This product is designed for fans of PLARAIL and Galaxy Express 999, and is meant to be enjoyed by all generations from children to adults.

Product Features

■ Reproducing the details of the "No. 999" with meticulous attention to design and coloring

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Scene from Galaxy Express 999



Cockpit entrance at the rear of the coal tender

■ Includes Maetel, Tetsuro, and Conductor PLAKIDS! Users can recreate scenes from the show!

Three original PLAKIDS are included, each with meticulous attention to their clothing, hairstyles, and facial designs. Users can expand their imagination and display by arranging Maetel and Tetsuro in the passenger seats. Additionally, the Conductor can also be placed at the rear of the passenger car.



■ Lights up while running! Enjoy by displaying and running it

While running, the headlights of the lead car light up, creating the image of the No. 999 racing through the galaxy. Additionally, the included "real" straight rails and stop rails (real rail specifications) can be connected with the blue PLARAIL rails, allowing users to enjoy both displaying and running it.



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*It cannot run when the 999 bridge piers and 999 end rails are attached.

Product Outline

Product Name: PLARAIL Galaxy Express 999 No. 999

Launch Date in Japan: Saturday, July 18, 2026

SRP: JPY 7,700 (tax included)

Recommended Age: 3 years and up

Package Size: Approx. W 410 × H 150 × D 60 (mm)

Batteries Required: 1 × Type-C alkaline battery *Batteries are sold separately.

Sales Channels: Toy stores, toy sections of department stores/mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for TOMICA/PLARAIL products “TOMICA PLARAIL SHOP,” online stores, and TOMY Company’s official online store “TOMY MALL” (takaratomy.com), etc.

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Product Website: www.takaratomy.co.jp/products/plarail/sp/plarailseries/collabo/galaxyexpress999/

Product Video: youtu.be/XakS9QSL-Os



Product Package



■ About Galaxy Express 999 lineup.toei-anim.co.jp/ja/tv/999/

A TV anime adaptation of the popular comic series originally created by Leiji Matsumoto. It was broadcast from September 14, 1978, to March 26, 1981. A future where humanity has attained eternal life by replacing their bodies with machines. A young boy, Tetsuro Hoshino, who cannot afford a mechanical body, was fascinated by the space train Galaxy Express 999, which is rumored to take people to a planet where they can receive a mechanical body for free. Tetsuro receives a boarding pass for No. 999 after meeting a mysterious beauty named Maetel, and together they depart from Earth.

■ About “PLARAIL” www.takaratomy.co.jp/products/plarail/

“PLARAIL” is a long-running series of railroad toys, 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, and this specification remains unchanged even more than 60 years. 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 2,083 types and more than 191.4 million products have been sold in Japan (as of December 31, 2024).

■ About “PLARAIL” series www.takaratomy.co.jp/products/plarail/sp/plarailseries/

This is a product series for those who seek even deeper enjoyment of “railways.” Drawing on the technologies and expertise cultivated with PLARAIL, the Company will provide a lineup of railcars, rails, and scenery that recreate an even more immersive world than ordinary PLARAIL with detailed molding, paint, and more. The “PLARAIL REAL CLASS” is also being developed within PLARAIL as a PLARAIL series for adults that is both “fun to display” and “fun to run.”

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