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# GHOSTBUSTERS

**“We ain’t afraid of no ghosts.”**

“Ghostbuster” toys have an interesting and multi-layered history. Of course, the most popular of the toy lines bearing this title certainly has been Kenner Products’ *The Real Ghostbusters*, but that wasn’t where it all began. It all started nearly a decade before the live-action movie *Ghostbusters*, with a live-action children’s television series called *The Ghost Busters*.

*The Ghost Busters* (two words), aired on CBS from 1975-76, and starred Forrest Tucker (as Jake Kong) and Larry Storch (as Eddie Spencer), both of *F-Troop* fame, with the renowned Bob Burns (character actor, and sci-fi artifact and toy collector extraordinaire) as Tracy the Gorilla. For those who never saw it, the show was a weirdly precognitive combination of what would later be found in the *Ghostbusters* film concept and a spoof of the *Mission: Impossible* theme. At the beginning of each show, the lead character Eddie Spencer (Storch) and his Gorilla sidekick (Burns) would be assigned to a ghostly crime-solving case, very much in the vein of the *M:I* assignments, where a self-destructing (exploding) recorded message was discovered inside some mundane device such as a toaster or radio. The offending ghosts were tracked down and eliminated via the help of a gizmo called the “Ghost Dematerializer.” No toys were produced based on the live-action series, though a plastic facsimile ghost dematerializer might have been greatly appreciated by legions of kids plagued by boogeymen under their beds and ghosts in their bedroom closets.

Filmation Associates, the same company that produced the live action children’s series in the ‘70s, came back in mid-1980s to offer an animated version of that series, called *The Ghostbusters* (now one word). The series ran on CBS from 1986 through 1988. The W.H. Shaper toy company (a Boomer-era toy-making megalith of the ‘50s, ‘60s, and ‘70s, that produced such toys as *Cootie* and *Don’t Break the Ice*) produced a fantastic line of action figures and accessories based on the series; these toys are exceedingly hard to come by on today’s secondary market, especially packaged. Suitably, the Shaper toy line leads off the guide.

*The Real Ghostbusters* animated series, which ran from 1986-1991 (originally on ABC) had nothing to do whatsoever with the Filmation live-action or animated series, yet Columbia ultimately had to pay Filmation for the rights to use the name “Ghostbusters.” The animated series was in fact based on the 1984 live-action film of the same name, starring Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis, Bill Murray, Ernie Hudson, and Annie Potts. In fact, *The Real Ghostbusters* animated series was created by two of the stars of the original 1984 live-action film, Aykroyd and Ramis, and was developed by Columbia Pictures Television (now Sony Pictures Television), DiC Entertainment, and Coca-Cola. The series was basically a made for kid-TV continuation of the investigations of the “Ghostbusters Agency,” featuring animated reprisals of character roles that included Dr. Peter Venkman, Dr. Egon Spengler, Winston Zeddemore, Dr. Ray Stantz, their secretary Janine Melnitz, and what had become the agency’s mascot (at least in the animated series), the gluttonous ghost from the first film, Slimer, a character that had become very popular with children. In addition to the animated series, two *The Real Ghostbusters* comic book series ran concurrently, one monthly comic from Now Comics in the US, and a weekly from Marvel Comics, U.K.

*The Real Ghostbusters* toy line was produced by Kenner from 1986 to 1990, and is the primary focus of this collector guide. However, this guide extends to include Trendmasters’ treatment of the *Extreme Ghostbusters* animated series, and the more recent *Ghostbusters* action figure product from NECA’s movie-based line, featuring characters such as Gozer, Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man, Slimer, and the two Terror Dogs..

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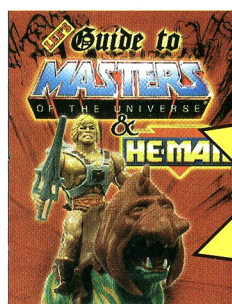
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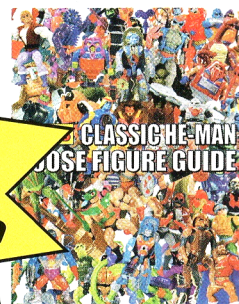
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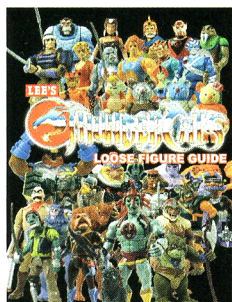
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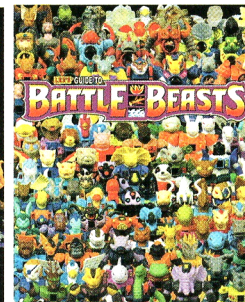
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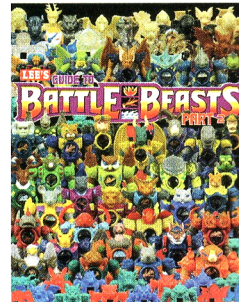
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**Battle Beasts pt. 2 Issue (\$7)**

# FILMATION'S GHOSTBUSTERS (SCHAPER)



Belfry and Brat-A-Rat



Eddie



Fangster



Fibface



Futura



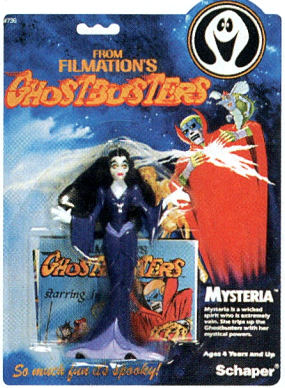
Haunter



Jake



Jessica



Mysteria



Prime Evil



Scared Stiff



Tracy

## VEHICLES



Scare Scooter



Time Hopper



Ghost Buggy



Bone Troller

## PLAYSETS



Ghost Command

## PVCs



Eddie & Fib Face Haunter & Futura

### Collector Note

At right are PVC 2-Packs that were available in Spain by Comansi. More than these two shown exist.

# THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS (KENNER)

**ECTO-GLOW**



Egon Spengler and Jail Jaw Ghost



Louis Tully and Meanie Wienie Ghost



Peter Venkman and Spider Ghost



Ray Stantz and Gulper Ghost



Winston Zeddemore and Wrapper Ghost

**FRIGHT FEATURES**



Egon Spengler and Soar Throat Ghost



Janine Melnitz and Tickler Ghost



Peter Venkman and Gruesome Twosome Ghost



Ray Stantz and Jail Jaw Ghost



Winston Zeddemore and Scream Roller Ghost

**ORIGINAL**



Egon Spengler and Gulper Ghost



Peter Venkman and Grabber Ghost



Ray Stantz and Wrapper Ghost



Winston Zeddemore and Chomper Ghost



**POWER PACK HEROES**

Egon Spengler with Crazy Copter and Twister Ghost

Collector Note: The "Original Ghostbusters" above are on their second release cards. The first release cards have the character name in white type (instead of yellow) and has a more solid backer card as opposed to highlight backing behind the figures.



Janine Melnitz with Racin' Winger and Stretch Ghost



Louis Tully with Power Pincher and Vapor Ghost



Peter Venkman with Bouncin' Bazooka and Lightning Ghost



Ray Stantz with Grabbin' Grappler and Snatcher Ghost



Winston Zeddemore with Cyclin' Slicer and Splitting Ghost

**SCREAMING HEROES**



Egon Spengler and Squidsqueal Ghost



Janine Melnitz and Swinewhine Ghost



Peter Venkman and Ghoulgroan Ghost



Ray Stantz and Vermoan Ghost



Winston Zeddemore and Houndhowl Ghost

**SLIMED HEROES**



Egon Spengler and Brain Ghost



Louis Tully and Four-eyed Ghost



Peter Venkman and Tooth Ghost



Ray Stantz and Vapor Ghost



Winston Zeddemore and Sucker Ghost

**SUPER FRIGHT FEATURES**



Egon Spengler and Slimy Spider Ghost



Janine Melnitz and Boo Fish Ghost



Peter Venkman and Snake Head Ghost



Ray Stantz and Monster Mouth Ghost



Winston Zeddemore and Meanie Wienie Ghost

**HAUNTED HUMANS**



Granny Gross Ghost



Hard Hat Horror Ghost



Mail Fraud Ghost



Terror Trash Ghost



Tombstone Tackle Ghost

# MONSTERS



X-Cop Ghost



The Dracula Monster



The Frankenstein Monster



The Mummy Monster



The Qusimodo Monster



The Wolfman Monster



The Zombie Monster



Mini Goopers  
Stomach Stuff & Brain Matter



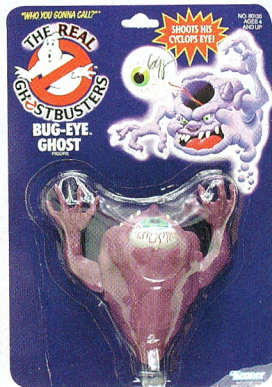
Mini Shooter  
Boo-Zooka with Boo-Lets



Mini Traps



Bad-to-the-Bone  
Ghost



Bug-Eye Ghost



Brain Blaster Ghost



Fearsome Flush



Finger Pop Fiends



Green Ghost



Green Ghost with  
Proton Pack (Blue)



Green Ghost with  
Proton Pack (Orange)



H<sub>2</sub>Ghost



Pull Speed Ahead  
Ghost

# MINI SETS

# CARDED GHOSTS



Stay Puff  
Marshmallow Man

**GOBLIN'  
GOBLINS**



Nasty Neck



Terrible Teeth

**GOOPER GHOSTS**



Terror Tongue



Banshee Bomber



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Green Ghost



Sludge Bucket



Squisher



Air Sickness

**VEHICLES**



Ecto-1



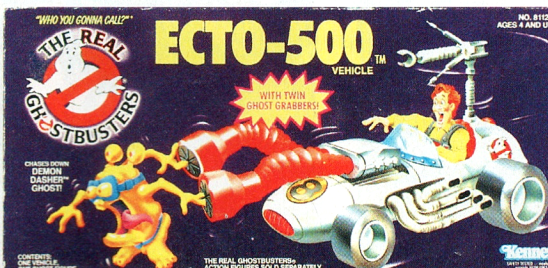
Ecto-2  
(European Package)



Ecto-3



Ecto-1A



Ecto-500

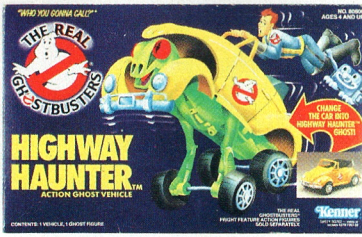


Ecto-Bomber





Ghost Sweeper



Highway Haunter



Wicked Wheelie



ACCESSORIES

Ecto-Plazm

Collector Note:  
Ecto-Plazm came in four different colors: Red, Purple, Blue and Yellow. Each canister came with 1 of 12 ghost PVCs.



Fire House Headquarters



Green Ghost



Stay Puft Marshmallow Man

PLUSH

ROLEPLAY



Ecto-Charger Pack



Ecto-Headphones with "Radar" Blaster

PLAYSETS



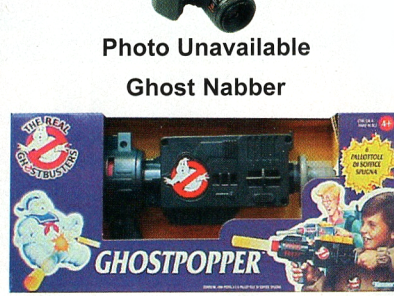
Ghost Spooker



Proton Pack



Ecto-Popper and Goggles



Ghost Popper (European Package)



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Ghost Nabber



Ghost Trap



Nutrona Blaster (European Package)



Ghost Grab-A-Meter



Water Zapper



Ghost Zapper (European Package)



Rapid Fire Ecto-Blaster

EXTREME GHOSTBUSTERS (TRENDMASTERS)



Eduardo



Egon



Kylie



House Ghost



Mouth Critter



Roland



Sam Hain



Slimer

**DELUXE FIGURES**



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Eduardo

Egon



Kylie



Roland

**VEHICLES**



Ecto 1

**ROLEPLAY**



Ghost Trap

**GHOSTBUSTERS (NECA)**



Proton Power Pack with Plasma Blaster



Gozer



Slimer



Vinz Clortho Terror Dog



Zuul Terror Dog



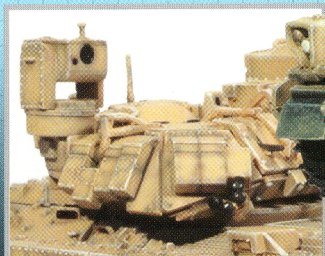
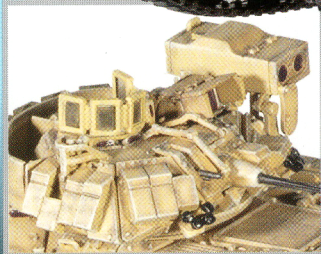
Stay Puft Marshmallow Man



Dancing Slimer

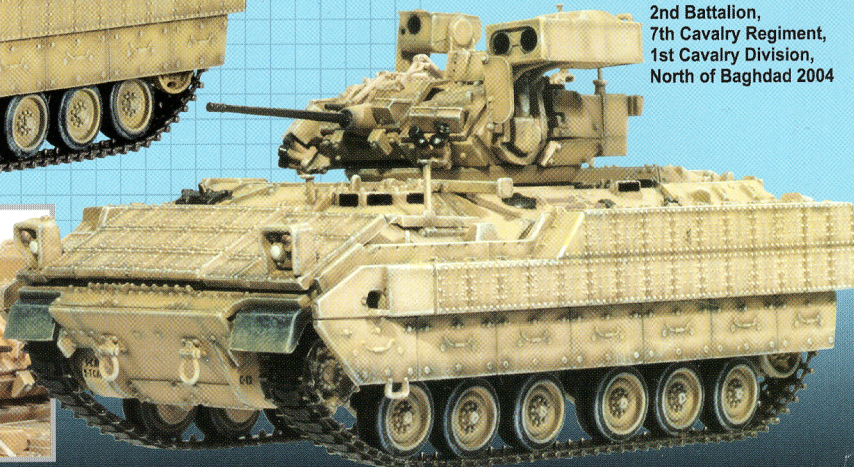
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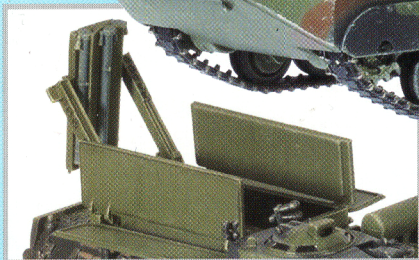
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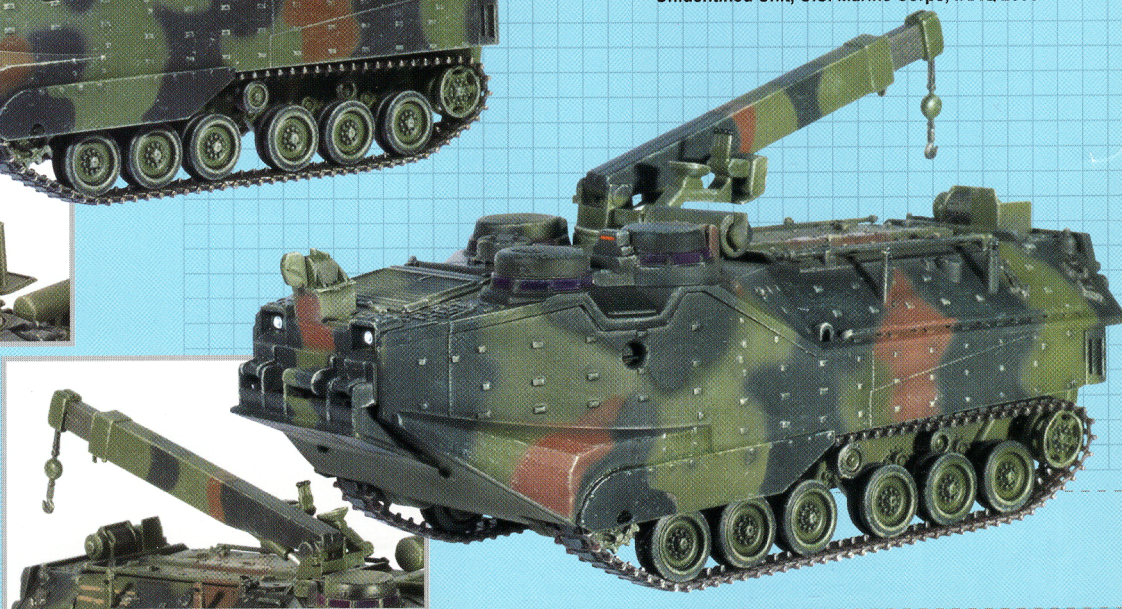
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