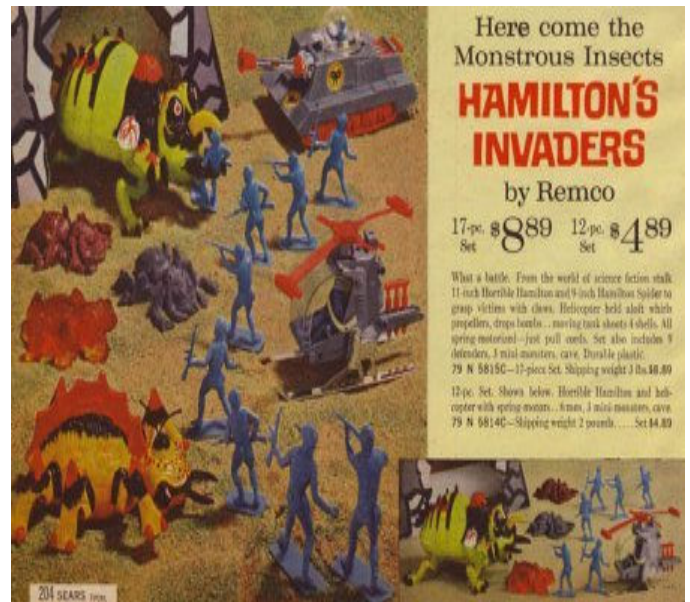


# Hamilton's Invaders

The Hamilton's Invaders toy line was conceived and marketed by Remco during the early 1960's, inspired by the giant insect movies that were popular from the 1950's, and were then in reruns on TV. A child could propel the giant insect toys via pull-string motors towards smaller blue soldiers while counter-attacking with heavy motorized artillery and Helicopters. Remco also produced a bug-eyed helmet and Grenade pistol which the child could wear for total immersion in the play-acting scenario. Parts to these playsets are rare, as the line was ended after selling for a single season (the copyright on all found toy packaging is 1964).

Items and Playsets available:

- Hamilton Helmet with Non-Shattering Goggles (silver and black variations)
- Chrome Grenade Pistol with yellow grenades - this pistol was also used in a green variation for the Remco Monkey Division and Land of the Giants toy lines
- Pistol - silver and yellow light-projecting pistol, also used in variations for other toylines
- Hornet Helicopter and Blue Defenders
- Mosquito Jeep and Blue Defenders
- Torpedo Tank and Blue Defenders
- Spring Motor Beetle and Blue Defenders
- Horrible Hamilton with Spring Motor
- Horrible Hamilton / Torpedo Tank and Blue Defenders
- The Battle of Horrible Hamilton - Horrible Hamilton, Hornet Helicopter and Blue Defenders
- The Battle of the Spider - Spider, Mosquito Jeep and Blue Defenders
- Battle of the Monsters Sears Exclusive - (includes both playsets above)



The Bugs:

- Horrible Hamilton - large green bug featured leg articulation
- Yellow Spider - black and yellow spider with red spines
- Yellow Beetle - black and yellow with red bumps

Advertised names for the spider and beetle were 'spooky spider' and 'gruesome beetle.' The colors were not consistent; Horrible Hamilton usually was made in green, but some yellow versions were made. Some of the spiders and beetles were issued in a green base color plastic. The spider and beetle were reissued by Remco with the large Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea playsets in the late 1960s.

SOURCE: <http://www.collecttoys.net/1960s-Toys/Space-SciFi/hamiltons-invaders.php> 9/15/2014

# Hamilton's Invaders

Wikipedia Version: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamilton\\_Invaders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamilton_Invaders)

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The **Hamilton's Invaders** was a 1964 series of plastic toys of giant insect type monsters, [toy soldiers](#) and vehicles. The [toyline](#) was conceived and marketed by [Remco](#) on television during the early 1960s, inspired by the giant insect (see [List of natural horror films](#)) genre that were popular from the 1950s, that were in reruns on TV.<sup>[1]</sup>

A child could propel the giant insect toys via pull-string motors towards blue soldiers while counter-attacking with heavy motorized artillery and [helicopters](#). Remco also produced a bug-eyed helmet and [grenade](#) pistol which the child could wear for total immersion in the play-acting scenario.<sup>[2]</sup> It is not known how the name "Hamilton" was decided upon.

Parts to these [playsets](#) are rare, as the toyline was ended after a selling for a single season (the copyright on the toy packaging is 1964). It is believed that though popular with children, their mothers did not enjoy having moving giant insects in their home.

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- 12 True Blue Defenders. They were a [United Nations](#) type light blue plastic 70mm [toy soldiers](#) dressed in late World War II early [Korean War U.S. Army](#) uniform. They came in 6 poses of a [Master Sergeant](#) firing a pistol, a buck sergeant with M-1928A1 [Thompson sub machine gun](#) throwing a pineapple [hand grenade](#), one firing a M-1928A1 Thompson, one firing an [M-1 rifle](#), one charging with an M-1 with fixed Bayonet, and one kneeling firing a [Bazooka](#). The Blue Defenders in this set do not have a slit perforation on the base like the other figures provided with the vehicles have.

- Hornet Helicopter and 3 Blue Defenders
- Mosquito Jeep and 3 Blue Defenders
- Torpedo Tank and 3 Blue Defenders
- Spring Motor Beetle and 3 Blue Defenders
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## The Bugs

- **Horrible Hamilton** - large green bug featured leg articulation. Came with three additional smaller plastic molded bugs, one each in red, blue and green(?), at least in some sets.
- **Yellow Spider** - black and yellow spider with red spines
- **Yellow Beetle** - black and yellow with red bumps

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The modified Hamilton Invaders pistol is the baseline toy prop used by the Lost In Space FX crew to create the Iconic Lost in Space 1<sup>st</sup> Season laser pistol.

## MOVIES

**Cyborg 2087** – Michael Rennie – (as Garth A7) used a Hamilton invaders pistol painted silver as a futuristic sidearm in this 1966 Time Travel Sci Fi Film.





TWO FUTURE CYBORGS ARMED WITH HAMILTON PISTOLS

QUEEN OF BLOOD 1966





Hamilton Pistol is used by the crew when confronted by the Horror of the Blood Queen.

### LOST IN SPACE Pistol Conversion



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