

# **REC Unit 3: Physics and Robotics**

Catalog No.	77-8105-0030
Category	Mobile Robotics
Duration	15 Hours
Software Supplied	easyC5

# 3.1 (Core): Motors and Motor Speed

What is a Motor?

**Angular Velocity** 

Worksheet: Angular Velocity

Section 3.1 Review

# 3.2 (Activity): Angular Velocity

Safety Rules Review

Bench Testing the BaseBot Motors

Bench Testing Motor 2

Bench Testing the Spare Motor

# 3.3 (Core): DC Motors: Types and Uses

DC versus AC current

Wet Cell Batteries

**Dry Cell Batteries** 

**Rechargeable Batteries** 

**Motor Types** 

Worksheet: DC Motor Scavenger Hunt

Section 3.3 Review

# 3.4 (Core): Gears and Gear Trains

Gears and Gear Types

Gear Anatomy

Mechanical Advantage and Gear Ratios

**Compound Gear Trains** 

Worksheet: Gear Parameters

Section 3.4 Review



#### 3.5 (Activity): Gear Trains

(Activity): Gear Trains - Fundamental

**Building the Gear Train Tester** 

Working With Gear Trains

Working with Compound Gear Trains

**Gear Trains Activity Conclusion** 

(Activity): Gear Trains - Advanced

**Building the Gear Train Tester** 

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# 3.6 (Core): Fundamentals of Linear Motion

**Linear Motion** 

**Linear Velocity** 

Linear Acceleration

Position-Time Graphs

**Velocity-Time Graphs** 

Worksheet: Graphing and Linear Motion

Section 3.6 Review

# 3.7 (Activity): Linear Motion

(Activity): Linear Motion - Fundamental

Timing the Robot

Graphing PWM and Speed

Linear Motion Activity Conclusion

(Activity): Linear Motion - Advanced

Timing the Robot Moving Forward

Timing the Robot in Reverse

**Graphing PWM and Speed** 

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#### 3.8 (Core): Rotational Dynamics

Rolling versus Slipping

Velocity Relationships

Wheel Rollout

**Angular Acceleration** 

Worksheet: Rotational Dynamics

Section 3.8 Review

# 3.9 (Activity): Linear and Angular Velocity

(Activity): Linear and Angular Velocity - Fundamental

Measuring Gear Train Efficiency

Wheel Rollout and Linear Velocity

Wheel Diameter

**Activity Conclusion** 

(Activity): Linear and Angular Velocity - Advanced

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Wheel Rollout and Linear Velocity

Wheel Diameter

#### 3.10 (Core): Newton's Laws

Newton's Laws of Motion

Weight

Force and Motion

Worksheet: Force

Section 3.10 Review

#### 3.11 (Activity): Weight

Finding the Speed of the BaseBot

**Increasing Speed** 

Adding Weight

#### 3.12 (Core): Friction and Traction

Friction

Static and Kinetic Friction

**Rolling Friction** 

Traction

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Worksheet: Friction Section 3.12 Review

# 3.13 (Activity): Coefficients of Friction

Friction With Plastic Wheels

Friction With Rubber Tires

### 3.14 (Core): Torque

Torque

Torque Acting on a Gear

Torque Acting on a Wheel

Stall Torque

Worksheet: Torque

Section 3.14 Review

# 3.15 (Activity): Test Motor Torque

**Torque Tester** 

The Torque Test Program

**Testing Torque** 

#### 3.16 (Core): Gear Ratios and Torque

**Gear Ratios and Torque** 

Torque-Velocity Tradeoffs

Worksheet: Gear Ratios and Design Trade-Offs

Section 3.16 Review

#### 3.17 (Activity): Hill Climb

(Activity): Hill Climb - Fundamental

**Building the Hill** 

Hill Climb Trials

Hill Climb Conclusion

(Activity): Hill Climb - Advanced

**Building the Hill** 

Hill Climb Trials

#### 3.18 (Core): Power

Power and Electrical Energy



Work and Power

**Motor Curves** 

Worksheet: Power

Section 3.18 Review

# 3.19 (Project): Tractor Pull

(Project): Tractor Pull - Fundamental

Overview

**Building the Sled** 

Specifications

**Tractor Pull Conclusion** 

(Project): Tractor Pull - Advanced

Overview

**Building the Sled** 

Specifications

Unit 3 Conclusion

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