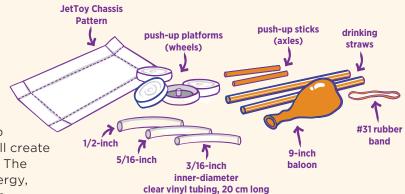
AWIM® in a Box



This activity is used to introduce students to motors and how they work. The students will create a "balloon motor" to help drive their JetToy. The concepts covered in this activity include energy, forward pushing force, pressure, and friction.

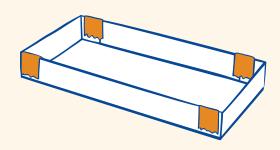


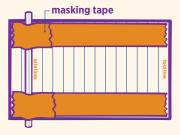
Materials Needed:

- JetToy Chassis Template (see below)
- Scissors
- Ballpoint pen
- Masking tape
- Plastic Drinking straw
- Ruler
- Wheels
- Axles
- · Clear vinyl tubing 20 cm long
- 9-inch balloon
- Rubber band

Building the Chassis:

- 1. Cut out the Jet Toy Chassis Pattern outline along the solid outer lines.
- 2. Cut the "cut lines" at the corners. Be careful that you don't cut too far.
- 3. Use a ballpoint pen to draw a very heavy, deep line over each of the dotted fold lines. Press the pen hard back and forth to score the paper to make it easier to fold.
- 4. Fold down the four sidewalls on the scored lines. Make sure that the axle lines are showing on the outside of the chassis.
- 5. Use small pieces of masking tape to carefully attach all the flaps inside the chassis.







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Assembling the Axles and Wheels:

- 1. Cut 2 axle bearings from a drinking straw. Each bearing should be exactly 7 centimeters long. Make sure that the cut edges are straight and not jagged.
- 2. Put two strips of masking tape along the side of the chassis.
- 3. One team member can line up an axle-bearing with one of the axle lines. Center the bearing so the same amount extends on each side of the chassis.
- 4. Another team member can tape the straw into place. Put the tape over the tape already on the chassis.
- 5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to mount the other axle bearing.
- 6. Carefully push an axle stick into the hub of one wheel, then insert the stick into the axle bearing.
- 7. Carefully push a wheel onto the other end of the axle.
- 8. Repeat this procedure to make the other wheel assembly.

Assembling the "Balloon Motor":

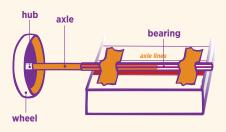
- 1. Place the balloon over one end of the plastic tubing.
- 2. Secure the balloon to the plastic tubing using a rubber band.
- 3. Attach to the JetToy.

Using the JetToy:

- 1. Fill the balloon with air via the tubing.
- 2. Block the end of the tube with a finger.
- 3. Place the JetToy on a flat surface, keeping the tube blocked.
- 4. Remove the finger and watch it go.

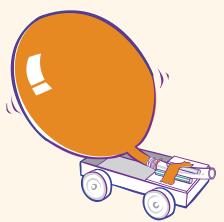
Questions to guide learning:

- 1. What could you change on the JetToy to change how far it travels? What would you change on the JetToy to change how fast it travels?
- 2. This project is part of our 'JetToy' challenge where students look at how changing the nozzle size and adding weight changes the vehicle performance.









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