Quad-Wheel Omni-Directional Vectoring Robot Kit

Assembly and Operation

This is a robot that uses 4 omni-omni-wheels to vector it in any direction. By changing the speeds and directions of the motors the robot can drive in any direction without needing to turn.

Images shown may not be an exact representation of the robot's features listed in this document.
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**Mechanical Assembly**

1. Start by mounting the motors to the motor plates. Use Loctite to keep the screws from vibrating loose. (Use Loctite on all screws that do not use locknuts).

2. Use the included #4-40 hardware to mount the motor plate to the motor tube.
3. Mount the tube to the chassis plate using included #4-40 hardware.

4. Mount the omni wheels to the aluminum hubs using the hardware included with the wheels. Slide the steel shaft through a shaft collar and onto the motor shaft. Slide the ball bearing into the hole in the motor tube opposite the motor. Now slide the hub onto the shaft so that it rests against the bearing.
5. Tighten the socket head screw in the aluminum hub onto the steel shaft. Also tighten the set screw in the lock collar, through the hole in the shaft, and onto the flat part of the motor shaft. See section view below for clarification.
6. Position the batteries on the chassis where you want them to be mounted. Use the battery bracket to mark the necessary mounting holes to be drilled (typically these will be 1/8” holes). Drill the holes in the chassis and mount the battery bracket using the included hardware and, if necessary, foam tape to ensure a tight fit. Also included in the battery bracket hardware kit are some plastic spacers. These are to keep the batteries from sliding underneath the battery bracket (see picture below). Position the spacer against the end of each battery and use a 3/32 drill bit through the spacer to mark the hole in the correct place. Drill out hole to 1/8” and mount the spacers with the included hardware.

*Picture for battery mounting reference only*
7. Pick a spot to mount the switch and motor controllers. Mark and drill holes (1/8” for motor controller, ½” for switch). Optionally, switch mounting brackets are available for purchase for easier switch mounting (see link below).

Switch Mounting Bracket
Electrical Assembly

For electrical assembly please find the schematics for "Vectoring Robot" on our website:

Schematics

For additional support on wiring, soldering, and crimping, please read the following support pages:

Electric Motor Hookup Support
Electric Power Hookup Support
Soldering Tips
Crimping Wires

Operation

1. Before powering on the robot make sure it is up on blocks so the wheels can spin freely. Occasionally some or all of the wheels start as soon as the motor controller gets power. In this case the settings of the motor controller need to be changed.

2. Make sure to use the correct DIP switch settings. If using a Sabertooth motor controller in R/C mode switch 1 should be DOWN (closest to the number) and all other switches should be UP. If using a different mode see the manual for the motor controller you are using on Dimension Engineering’s website.

Binding a Spektrum Remote

3. Insert the bind plug into the receiver and power on the robot.
4. While pressing the Bind button, power on the transmitter.
5. Release the Bind button after the receiver’s LED stays illuminated. This indicates the receiver is bound to the transmitter.
6. While the robot and transmitter are still powered on, remove the bind plug from the receiver.
7. If the wheel aren’t moving as desired, it may be necessary to swap the Alreron and Elevator plugs or to reverse the channels on the transmitter. To reverse channels see the instructions for “Servo Reversing” in the Spektrum documentation.
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