

# Mecanum Wheel Vectoring Robot Platform – IG32 DB

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## Assembly and Operation

This is a direct drive 4WD base robot kit that uses Nexus mecanum wheels and hubs. It's a great robot platform for indoor robotics. It can vector in any direction.

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

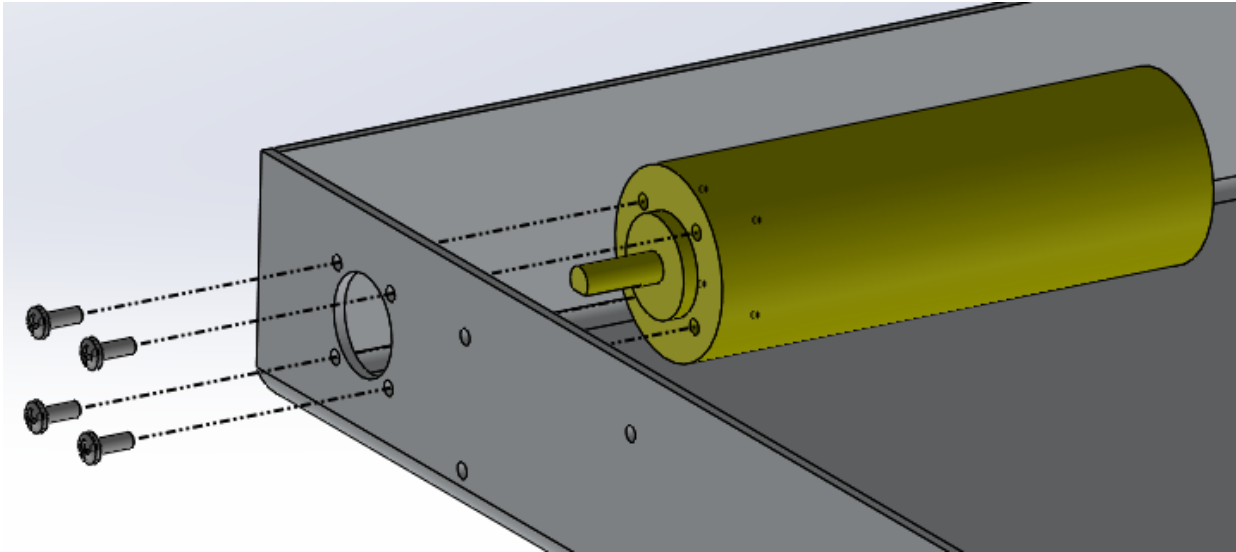


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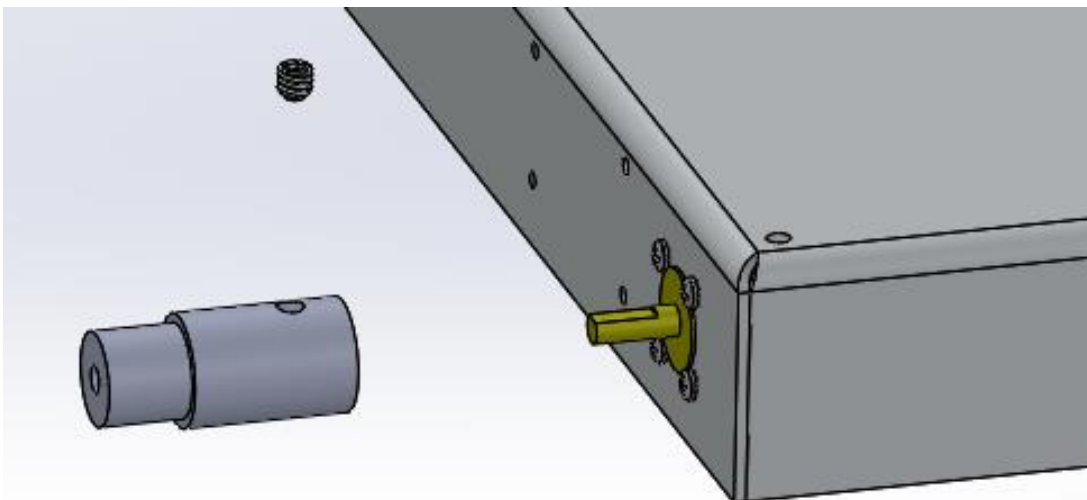
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## Mechanical Assembly

1. Start by mounting the motors to the chassis using the M3x8 screws. Use Loctite to insure the screws do not vibrate loose.



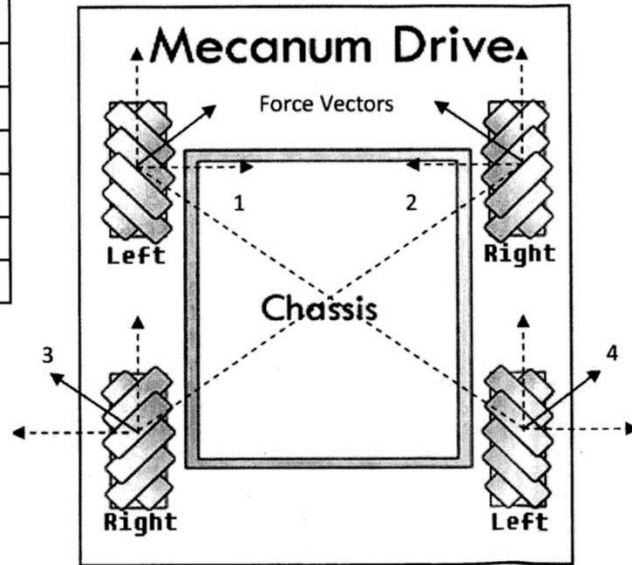
2. Slide the steel hub onto the motor shaft so that it is very close the chassis and the screw heads but not touching. Tighten the set screw down onto the flat part of the motor shaft. Use Loctite.



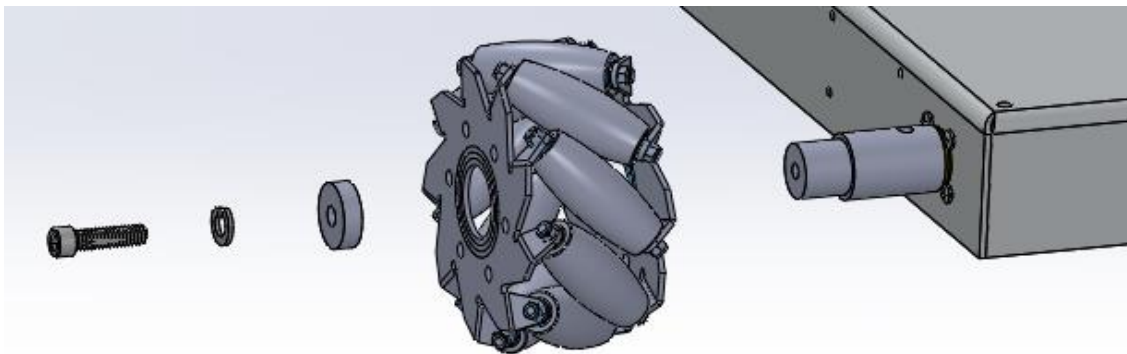
- Before mounting the wheels, note that they need to be oriented correctly for the robot to work properly. See the figure below for the correct orientation.

Direction of Movement	Wheel Actuation
Forward	All wheels forward same speed
Reverse	All wheels backward same speed
Right Shift	Wheels 1, 4 forward; 2, 3 backward
Left Shift	Wheels 2, 3 forward; 1, 4 backward
CW Turn	Wheels 1, 3 forward; 2, 4 backward
CCW Turn	Wheels 2, 4 forward; 1, 3 backward

**To the right:** This is a top view looking down on the drive platform. Wheels in Positions 1, 4 should make X- pattern with Wheels 2, 3. If not set up like shown, wheels will not operate correctly.

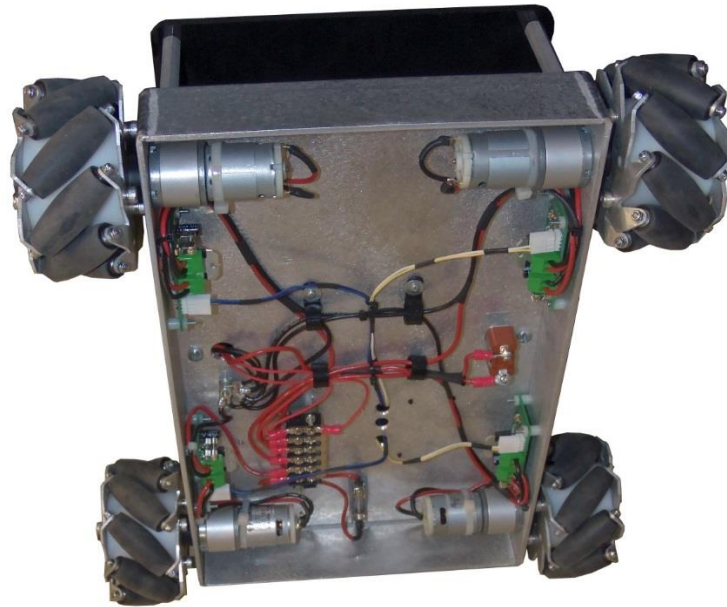


- Now slide the wheel on over the hub, slide the aluminum washer in the other side of the wheel, and pinch in place using the socket head screw and lockwasher. Repeat these steps for other three wheels.



- Mount batteries using battery brackets and hardware provided. Use foam tape on the bracket and underneath the battery to ensure a snug fit. Mark and drill 1/8" holes that match up with the holes in the battery bracket(s).
- Measure a place on the chassis to mount the switch. The rear plate of the chassis is a good place for it. Make sure that it is mounted low enough that it doesn't interfere with the lid. Drill a 1/2" hole.

7. Mark the holes for the motor controller and drill them out to 1/8". Use the hardware in the provided hardware kit to mount it.
8. Mark and drill a hole to mount the fuse block (also 1/8").



## Electrical Assembly

For electrical assembly please follow the provided schematic 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 Aileron 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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