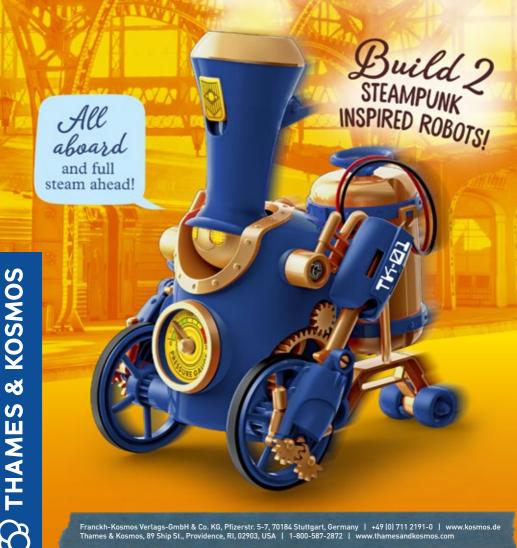
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IrainBots

2-IN-1 STEAM MAKER KIT



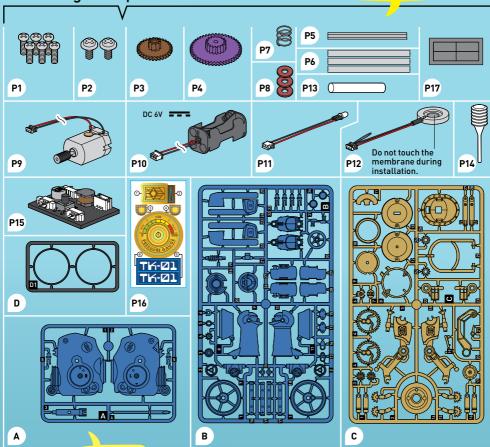
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Good to know!

Do you have any questions or are you missing any parts? Our tech support team will be happy to help you! support@thamesandkosmos.com or 1-800-587-2872

What's in your experiment kit:



Wow! That's a lot of parts!

YOU WILL ALSO NEED:

Scissors or diagonal cutters, nail file, small Phillips-head screwdriver (PH1 size recommended), 4 AAA batteries (1.5-volt, type LR03), marker, ruler

Checklist:

J	No.	Description	Quantity	Item No.
0	P1	Screw	6	726803
0	P2	Wide-head screw	2	726803
0	P3	Gear 32/10T (brown)	1	726803
0	P4	Gear 48/18T (purple)	1	726803
0	P5	Metal pin (hexagonal)	1	726803
0	P6	Metal pin (round)	3	726803
0	P7	Spring	1	726802
0	P8	Washer	3	726802

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE CHECK IT OUT SECTIONS ON PAGES 30, 31, 42, AND 43.



J	No.	Description	Quantity	Item No.
0	P9	Electric motor	1	726805
O	P10	Battery compartment	1	726807
O	P11	Cable with LED	1	726804
O	P12	Ultrasonic atomizer	1	726804
0	P13	Cotton roll	1	726802
0	P14	Pipette	1	726802
O	P15	Circuit board	1	726796
0	P16	Sticker sheet	1	726806
0	P17	Foam sticker sheet	1	726802
0	Α	Frame A with parts A1 – A5	1	726797
0	В	Frame B with parts B1 – B35	1	726798
0	С	Frame C with parts C1 – C28	1	726799
O	D	Frame D with part D1	1	726800

Let's go!



WARNING! Not suitable for children under 3 years. Choking hazard — small parts may be swallowed or inhaled.

Store the experiment material and assembled models out of the reach of small children.

WARNING: This toy is only intended for use by children over the age of 8 years, due to accessible electronic components. Instructions for parents or caregivers are included and shall be followed.

WARNING. This kit contains functional sharp edges or points. Do not injure yourself!

Warning. To be used under the direct supervision of an adult. Keep the toy out of reach of children under 8 years old.

Keep packaging and instructions as they contain important information.

Assembly must be performed under adult supervision.

Do not pick up the vehicle during operation.

Keep hands, hair, and clothing away from the tires and tracks when the robot is powered on.

Avoid hitting people, animals, and household furniture with the robot.

SAFETY FOR EXPERIMENTS WITH BATTERIES

- The wires are not to be inserted into socket-outlets. Never perform experiments using household current! The high voltage can be extremely dangerous or fatal!
- > To operate the models, you will need four AAA batteries [1.5-volt, type LR03], which could not be included in the kit due to their limited shelf life.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited. A short circuit can cause the wires to overheat and the batteries to explode.
- > Different types of batteries or new and used batteries are not to be mixed.
- > Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc), or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- Batteries are to be inserted with the correct polarity (+ and -). Press them gently into the battery compartment.
 See page 40. This page shows how the batteries are inserted, removed, and changed.
- > Always close battery compartments with the lid.
- Non-rechargeable batteries are not to be recharged. They could explode!
- Rechargeable batteries are to be removed from the toy before being charged.
- > Exhausted batteries are to be removed from the toy.
- > Dispose of used batteries in accordance with environmental provisions, not in the household trash.
- > Avoid deforming the batteries.
- > The toy is not to be connected to more than the recommended number of power supplies.
- As all of the experiments use batteries, have an adult check the experiments or models before use to make sure they are assembled properly. Always operate the motorized models under adult supervision. After you are done experimenting, remove the batteries from the device compartments.

NOTES ON DISPOSAL OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

The electronic components of this product are recyclable. For the sake of the environment, do not throw them into the household trash at the end of their lifespan. They must be delivered to a collection location for electronic waste, as indicated by the following symbol:

Please contact your local authorities for the appropriate disposal location.

Do not cover the chimney with

escaping and cause moisture

to pool around the atomizer. If

troubleshooting instructions

your fingers or obstruct it with other objects. This could

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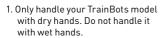
this occurs, you can find

on page 44.

OPERATING TIPS



- 2. Do not connect the battery module cable to the circuit board while the circuit board is accessible (Wait until the model is closed). It can be dangerous.
- 3. Do not touch the circuit board when it is powered on.



2. TrainBots is not a toy for the bathtub or pool.



Do not touch the pressure gauge needle while your TrainBots model is powered

Battery module



on. This could damage it.

Only use the enclosed pipette (P14) for filling the water tank. Be careful not to overfill the tank; if it overflows, the circuit board may become damaged.



Do not touch the ultrasonic atomizer when the chimney is open.



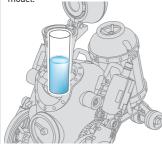
Only fill the water tank with water. Scented oils and any other types of liquids will damage it.



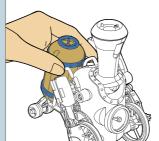
Make sure the chimney is open when you are filling the tank. Do not pour water into the closed chimney.



Make sure there is water in the tank before powering on your TrainBots model.



When handling your robot, lift it by the battery pack on its back, and make sure to keep it upright to avoid spillage.



When adjusting the angle of the chimney, only move it as far as shown in the picture below. Otherwise, the model could break.



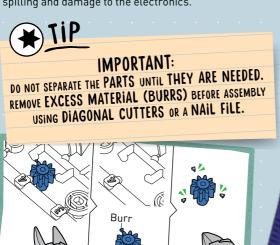




Dear Parents and Supervising Adults,

Children want to be amazed, understand, and create new things. They want to try everything out and do it for themselves. They want to know! They can do all of this with Thames & Kosmos experiment kits. We hope you and your child have a lot of fun experimenting with your TrainBots!

- Before building and experimenting, read the instructions with your child and discuss the safety information together. Stand by to assist your child with any challenging steps of assembly or usage.
- If your child is working on a table, give them something to work on to prevent damage to the furniture.
- Fill the TrainBots model on a waterproof surface. Hold it upright and do not tilt it to avoid spilling and damage to the electronics.
- Particular care must be taken when cutting the plastic parts out of the frames, as sharp points can be created. These can be removed with the help of scissors or diagonal cutters and a nail file. Please supervise your child whenever they are using scissors or diagonal cutters.
- We wish you and your child lots of fun with your TrainBots!



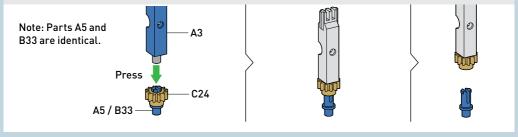
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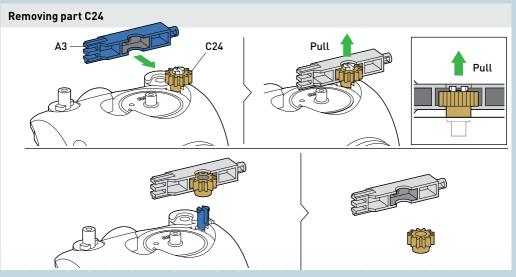
It is best to cut the plastic parts out of their frames with a small diagonal cutter.

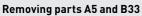
If you don't have this tool at home, you can use scissors and a nail file. Normal scissors do not cut as precisely as a diagonal cutter, so you may have to file some of the rough edges down with the nail file

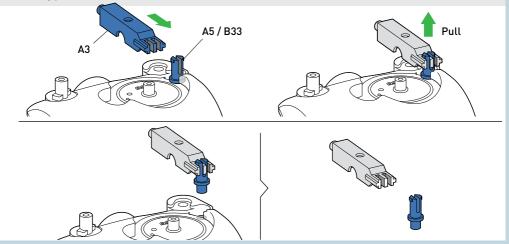
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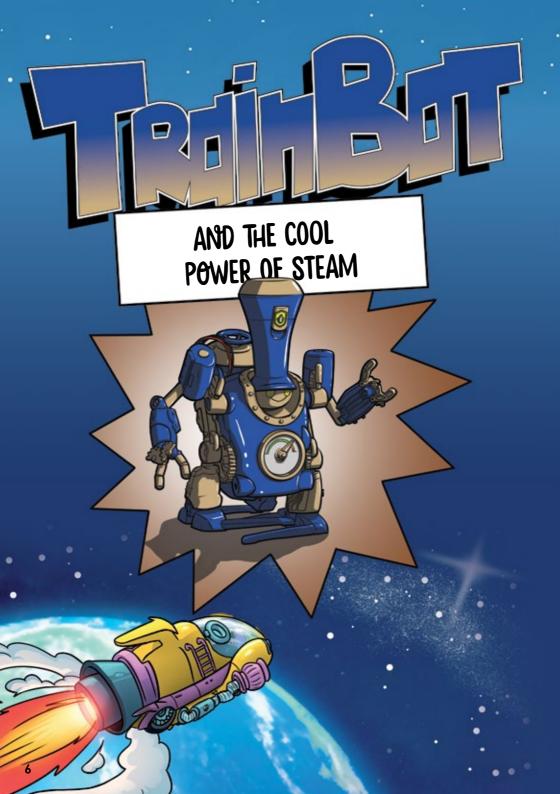
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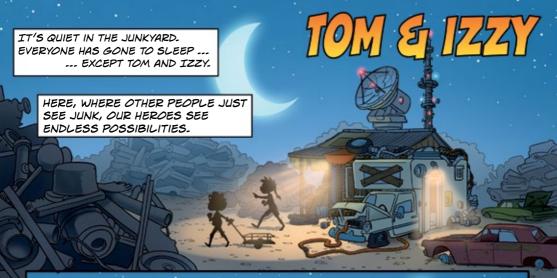














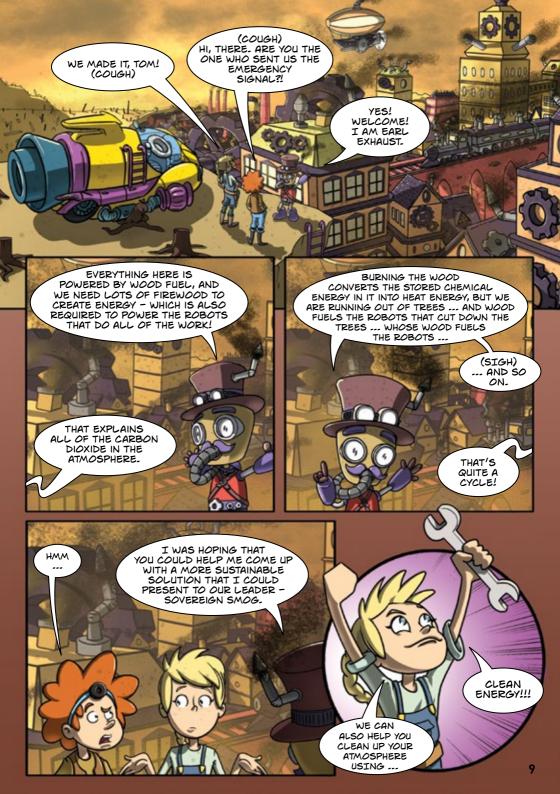








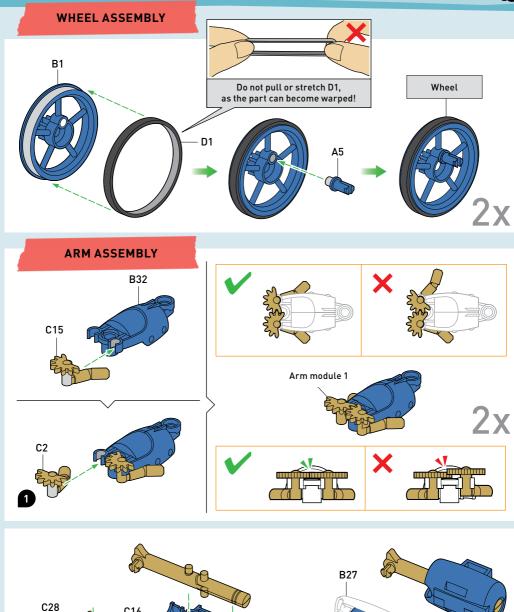






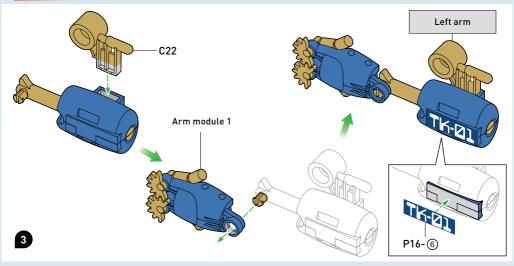
First, we will build the different modules that make up your TrainBot. After that, you can decide whether you want to finish the build by putting it in train mode or bot mode. Want to know how your TrainBot produces its cool steam? You will find out at the end of the assembly instructions.

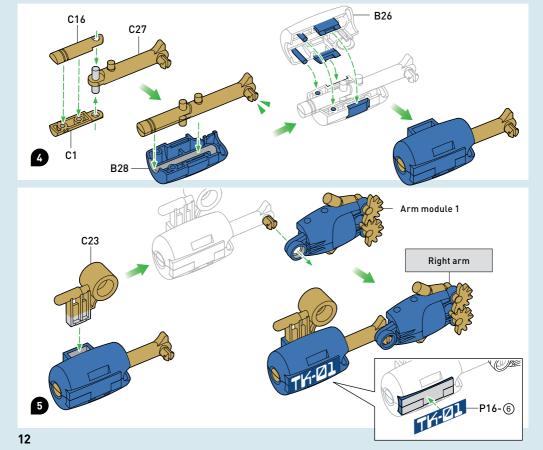




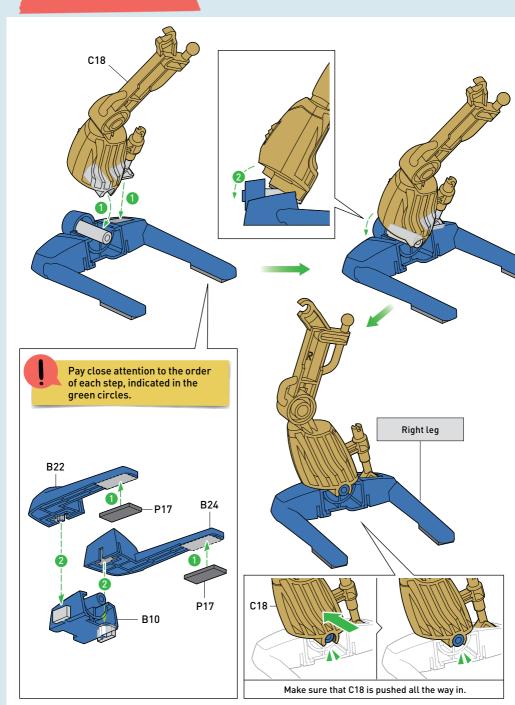
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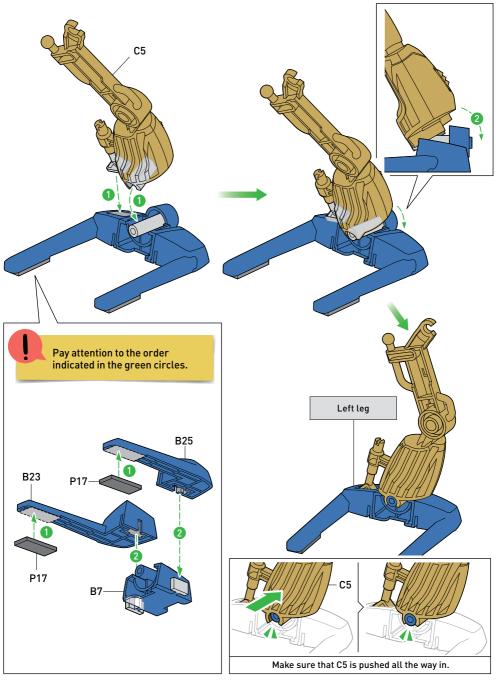




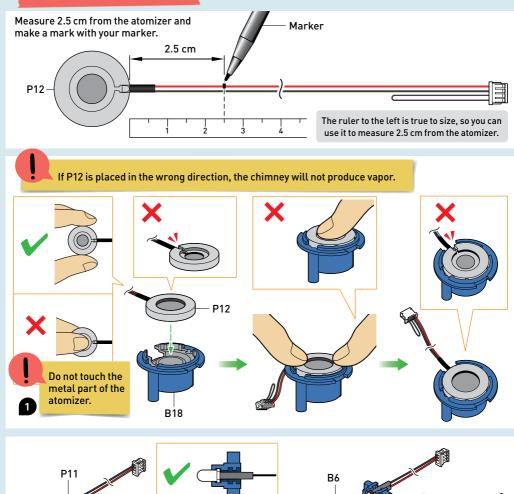
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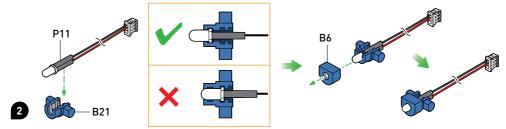


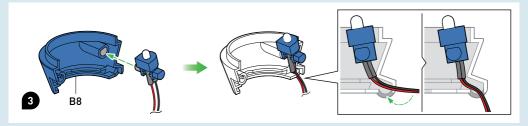




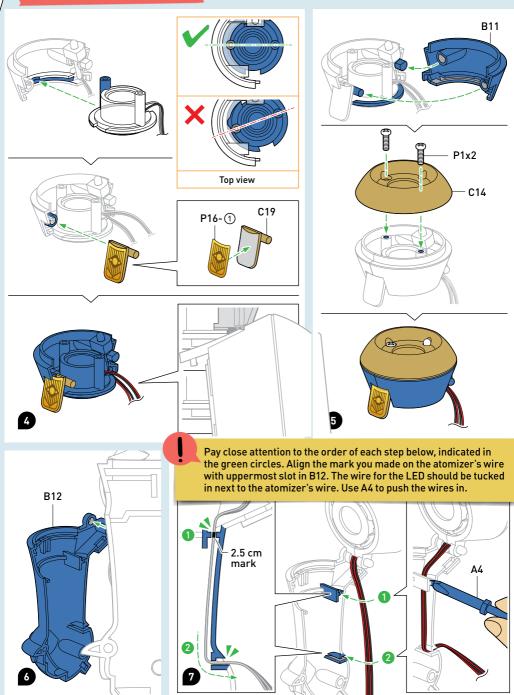
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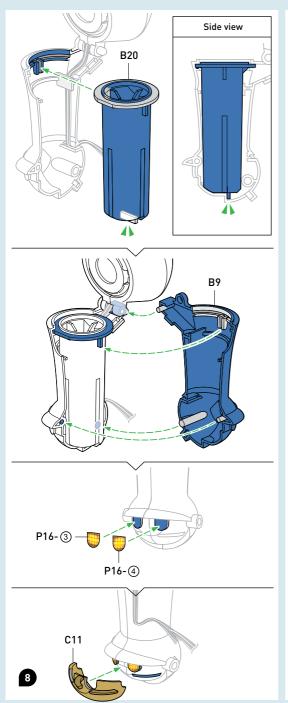


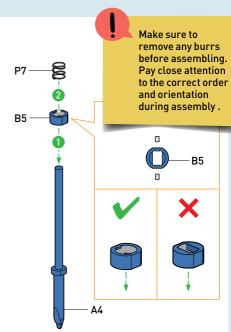


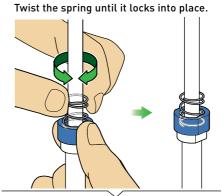


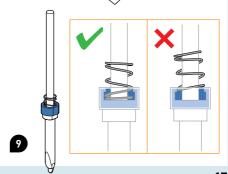




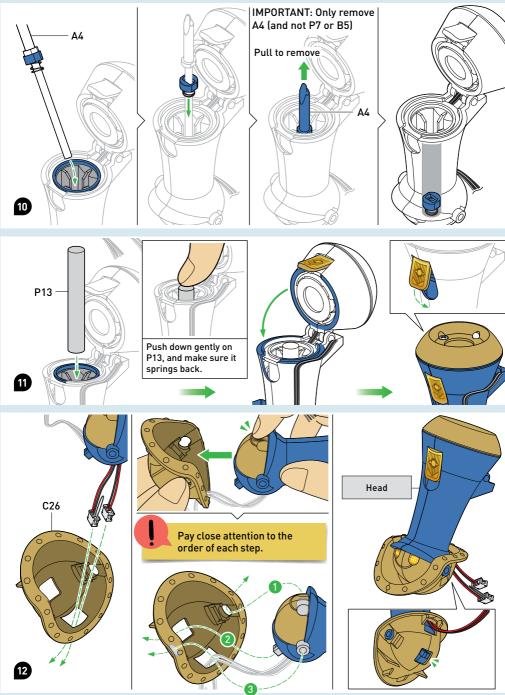




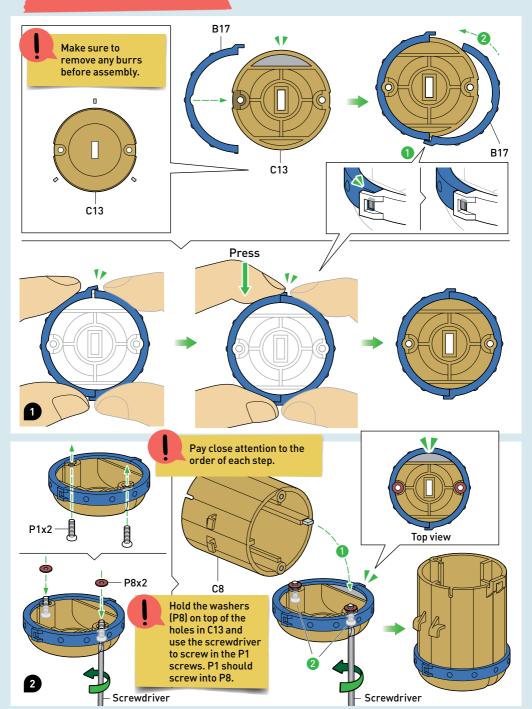




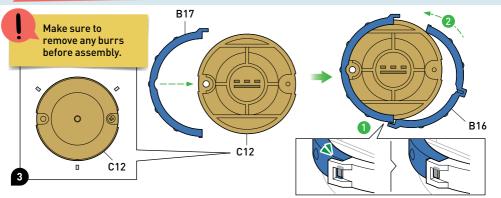


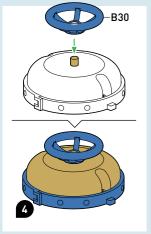


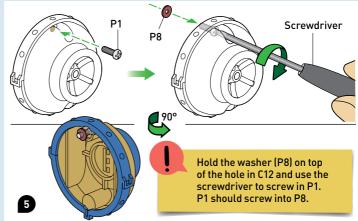
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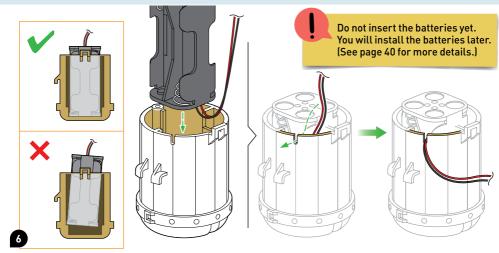


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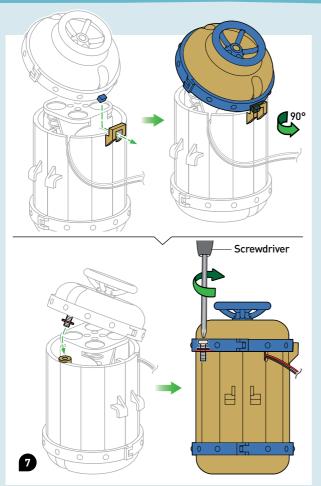


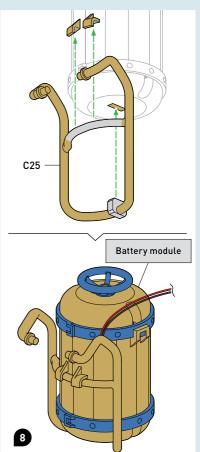


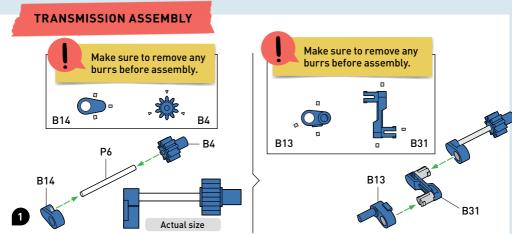




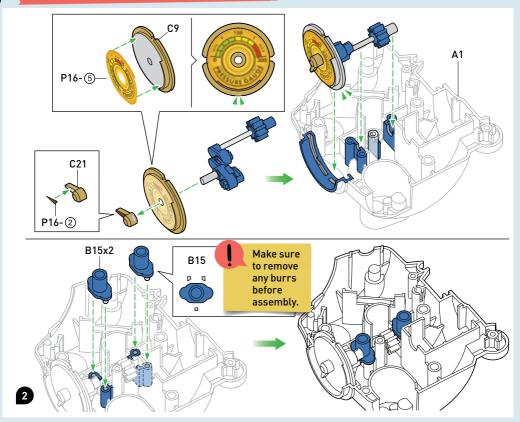


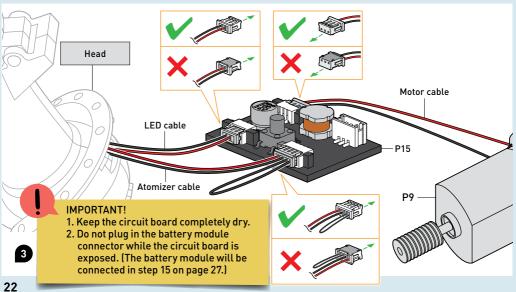




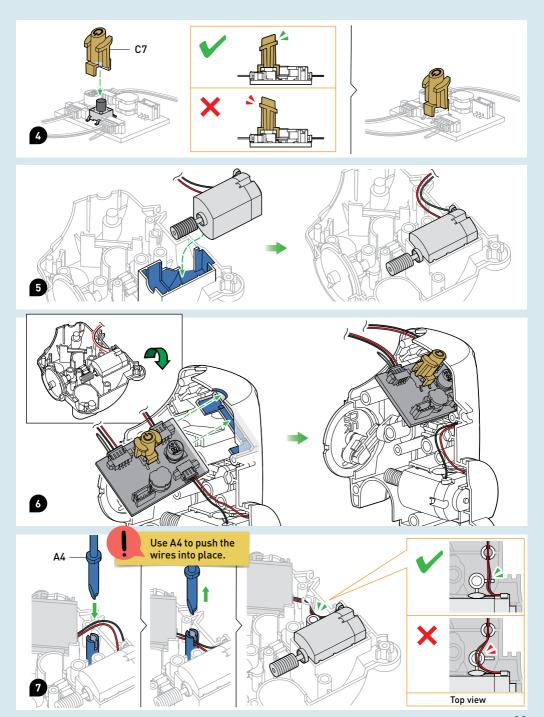


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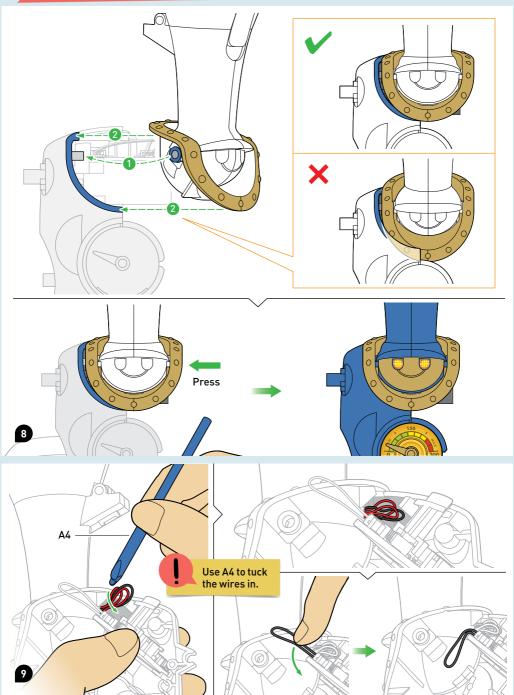




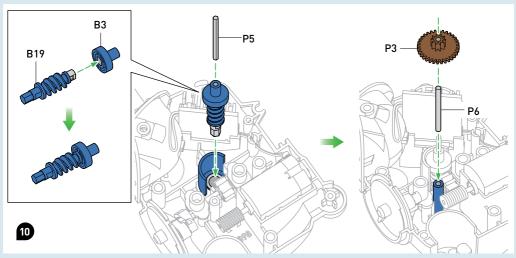


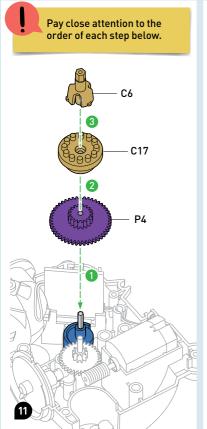


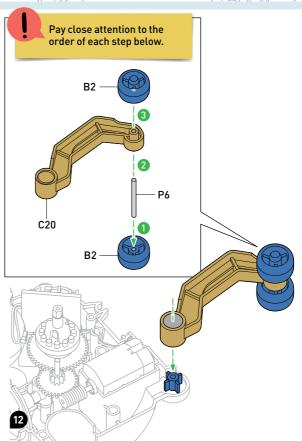


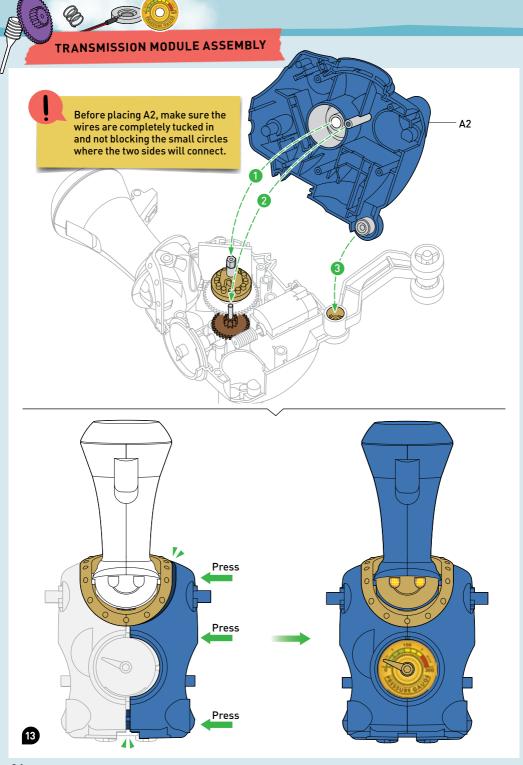




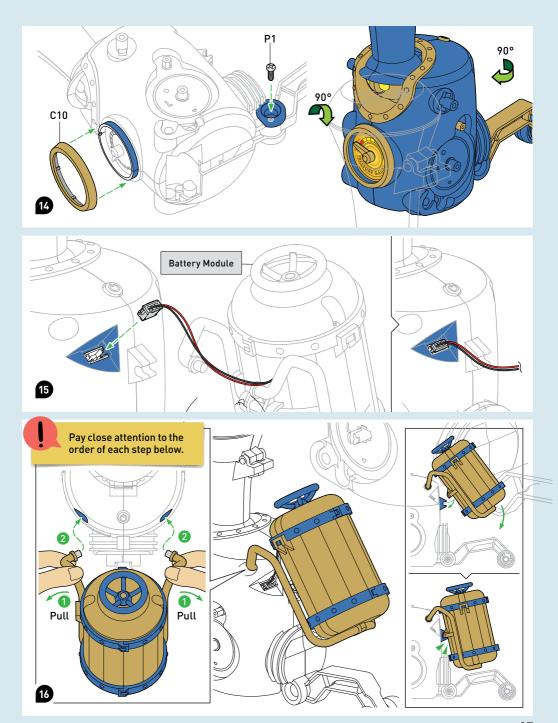




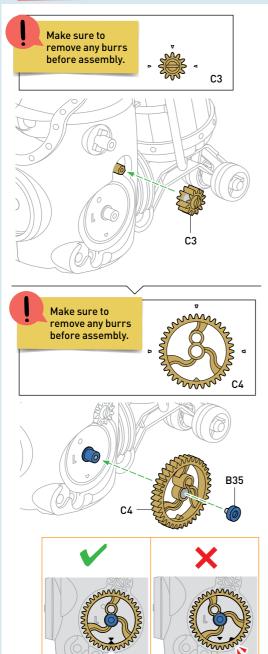


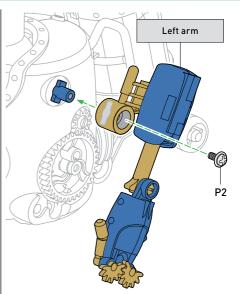


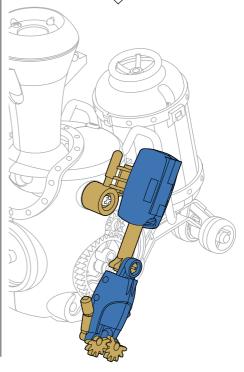


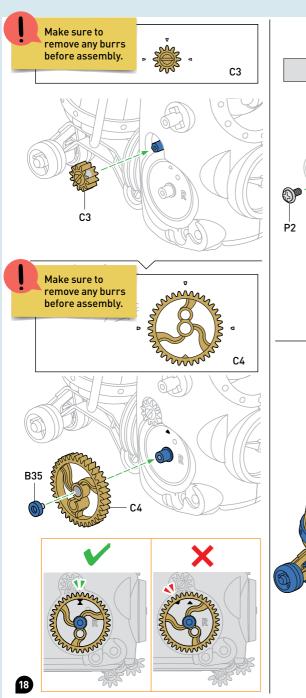


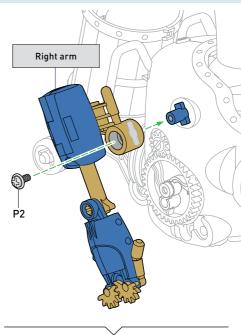


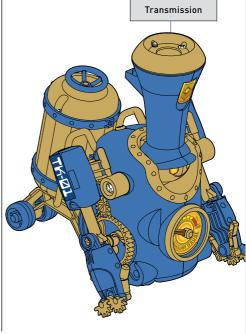














How does TrainBot create "steam?"

Your TrainBot may look like a real steam engine, but don't be fooled! No water is actually heated — instead, a cool modern technology creates the mist.

Real steam locomotives rely on the expansion of steam to provide the force needed to move. Heat, usually generated from burning coal, brings water in the boiler to its boiling point, which creates steam. As liquid water turns to gas, steam builds up in the boiler, creating pressure. Steam moves the pistons, which turn the wheels, causing the train to move along the track. Steam exits through the chimney, along with smoke from the heat source.

Your TrainBot stays cool. Rather than heat, your TrainBot houses an ultrasonic atomizer, which relies on the piezoelectric effect. Piezoelectric materials create an electric voltage when they are forced to change shape. The effect can also be reversed: when these special materials have an electric voltage applied to them, they change shape. That's what's going on in your TrainBot! An electric signal creates ultrasonic waves (sound waves that have frequencies higher than the human ear can hear) on the disc

of the atomizer. The water on the surface of the atomizer takes the shape of these waves, causing tiny droplets to form. The droplets rise and exit via the chimney as a cool mist.

Ultrasonic Atomizer



Smoke, and Steam

While steam and smoke may look the most alike, it is smoke and fog that have more in common. From a physical perspective, both fog and smoke are **aerosols**, which means they are very small particles that have been dispersed in air or gas. But steam is different: it is water in its gaseous state of matter.



SMOKE is a collection of airborne particles that are released when a material undergoes incomplete combustion, meaning there is not enough oxygen to burn the fuel completely into water and carbon dioxide. These particles are too small to see with your eyes individually, but when they come together, you see them as smoke.

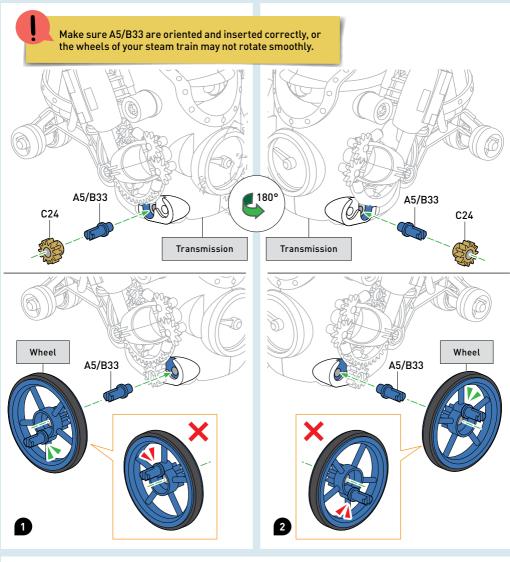
• FOG consists of tiny water droplets or ice crystals that are suspended in the air near the ground. In other words, fog is a cloud that is touching the Earth's surface.

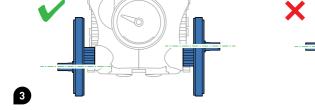
STEAM is water in its gaseous form, which is produced by heating liquid water to 100 degrees Celsius or higher. In its pure form, steam is colorless, but as steam cools and condenses, it becomes visible as water vapor, producing a white cloud.

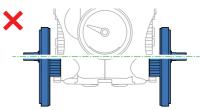


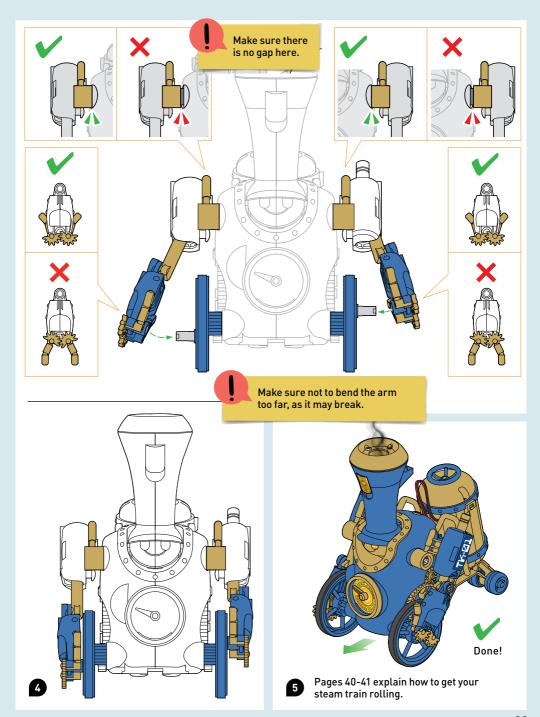
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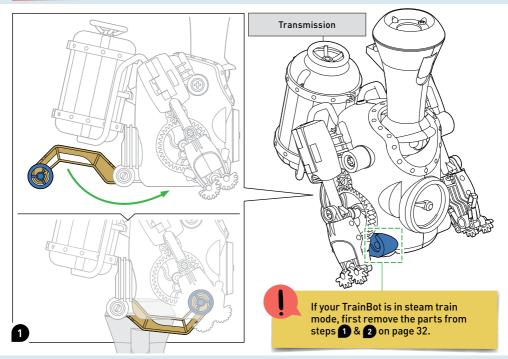


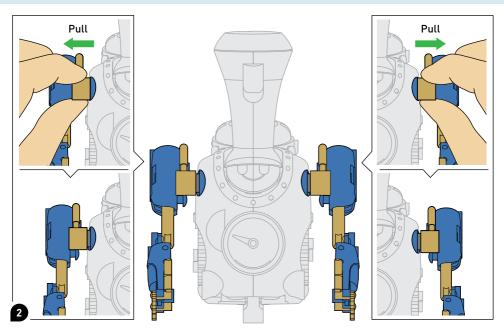




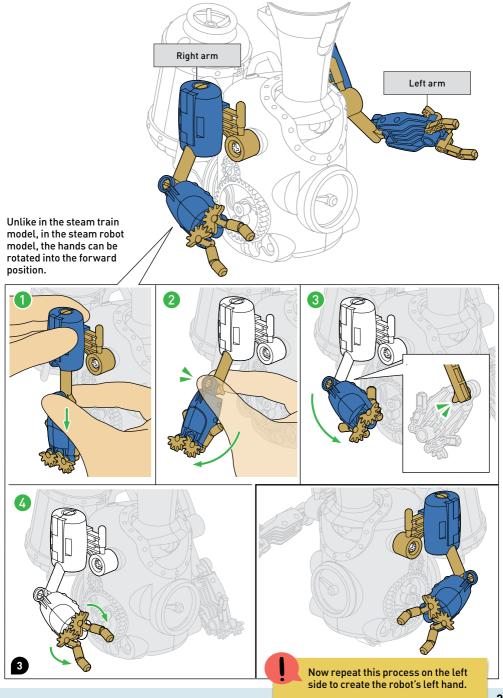






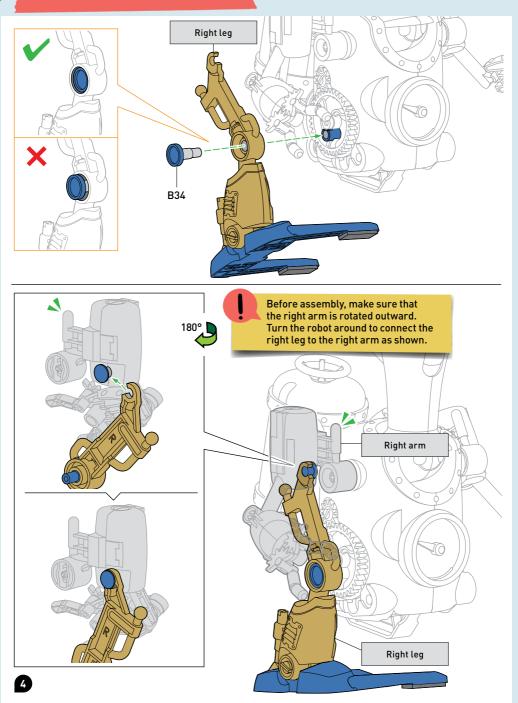


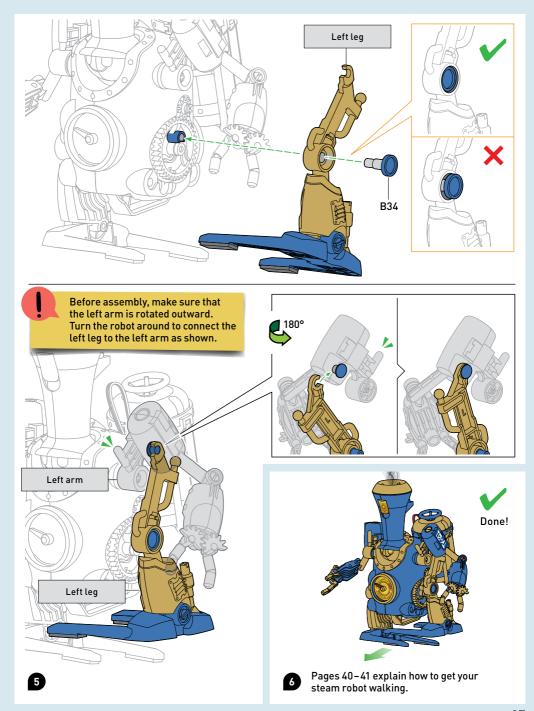




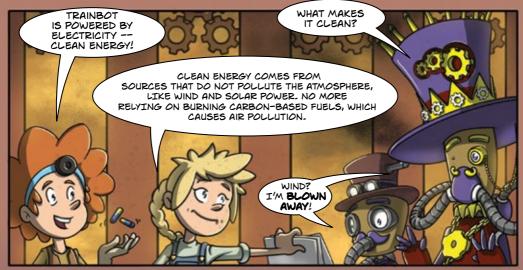


MODEL 2: STEAM ROBOT









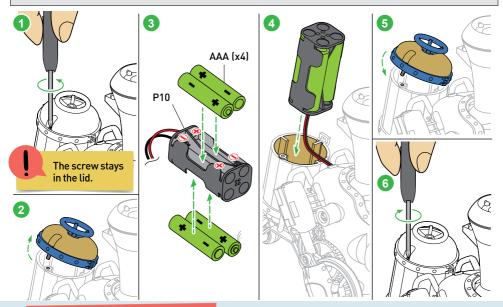






INSERTING & CHANGING THE BATTERIES

Battery installation and removal should only be performed by an adult or under close adult supervision. Batteries must be inserted with the correct polarity (+ and -) and pressed gently into the battery compartment. Please note the instructions on the correct handling of batteries and battery-operated devices on page 2.



FILLING THE WATER TANK





Power off your TrainBot **before** opening the lid!

Use A4 to release the clasp.



2 Open the lid.



3 Use the pipette to refill the water.

Only fill TrainBot with water.
Do not use any other liquids (e.g. scented oils). Only fill using the pipette (P14). Otherwise, the tank may overflow and damage the electronics.



Close the lid and clasp.





FILLING THE WATER TANK



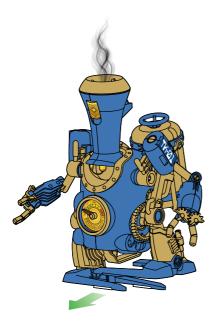
Three "Steam" Modes

TrainBot has three different modes for creating vapor. In modes 1 and 2, your robot moves while creating vapor. In mode 3, it creates vapor while standing still.

Cycle through the different modes using the button behind the chimney.

- Press the button once for mode 1. (The LED will flash once.)
- Press the button again for mode 2. (The LED will flash twice.)
- Press the button again for mode 3. (The LED will flash three times)

The orange LED illuminates the vapor, which can be better observed in the dark, but be careful not to accidentally knock your TrainBot over, because the water can spill out.





Powering Off Your TrainBot

To power off your TrainBot, press and hold the button for three seconds.

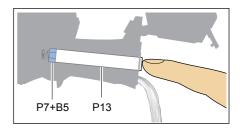




While TrainBot functions similarly to a humidifier, it is only a toy. To humidify a room, use a commercially available air humidifier.



When you are done playing, check to see if any water remains in TrainBot's chimney. Power off TrainBot, open the lid of the chimney, hold your finger on P13 to keep P13, B5, and B7 from falling out, and tip TrainBot over. This will allow P13 to dry and stay clean.



Steam-powered robots?

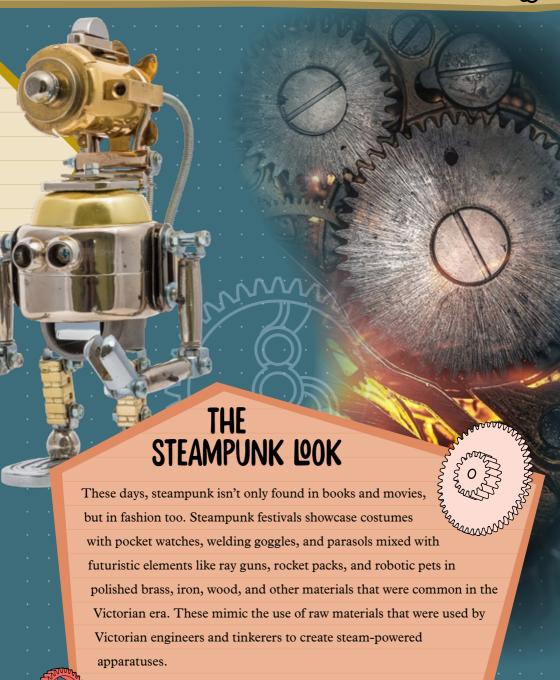
Since steam locomotives have been around for so long, surely robots powered by steam must have existed, right? Unfortunately, not in real life. But science fiction authors have long imagined a world in which 19th-century industrial, steam-powered machinery powers newfangled technology. Over the years, this gave rise to a new genre of literature: **steampunk.** Famous works of steampunk are **The Time Machine**, by H. G. Wells and **Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea,** by Jules Verne.





Why "steam?"

Just as steampunk fashion synthesizes futuristic styles with influences from the Victorian era (like TrainBot's top hat), steampunk authors imagined mechanical innovations the same way. The steam engine, the iconic invention of the industrial revolution, made it easier to produce goods in large quantities, which changed the world forever. This is why steam power is so prominently featured in the genre — in steam cannons, lighter-than-air airships, and analog computers.





What should I do if my TrainBot won't turn on?

- 1. Check to make sure the batteries are inserted fully and with the correct polarity. For additional information on installing the batteries, please refer back to the instructions on page 40.
- 2. Check to make sure the cables are correctly connected and pushed all the way in. To review the steps on connecting the battery module to the circuit board, see page 27. For the motor, atomizer, and LED, see page 22.

Why don't I see steam rising from the chimney?

- 1. Make sure there is water TrainBot's chimney. See page 40 for instructions on how to properly fill the robot's chimney with water, using the enclosed pipette (P14).
- 2. Make sure the ultrasonic atomizer is installed correctly in TrainBot's head. Instructions for the head assembly begin on page 15. Check to make sure the atomizer cable is inserted into the correct port on the circuit board. The red wire must be on the left side, and it must be pushed all the way in.
- 3. Check for water on the atomizer. If water drops have collected on the atomizer, steam will not rise. You can soak up the water drops using a cotton swap or simply wait for it to dry. Do not turn TrainBot upside down or shake it, as this could cause water to come into contact with the electronic components and damage them.

When I power my TrainBot on, the LED flashes five times. What does that mean?

This means that it is time for a battery change. Ask an adult to help you remove the old batteries and install new batteries.

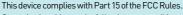
The robot makes a squealing noise. What does that mean?

This means that the water tank is empty. Use the pipette and fill the water tank, as shown on page 40. If you still hear the sound after filling the tank, it could be an indication that the cotton roll (P13) is too deep in the tank. Using your fingers, gently pull it out a tiny bit before closing the lid.

The top of the chimney is wet. Is this okay?

Yes, this is normal. Carefully dry the chimney with a tissue before too much water collects. If water drops have collected on the atomizer, steam will not rise. You can soak up the water drops using a cotton swap or simply wait for it to dry. Do not turn TrainBot upside down or shake it, as this could cause water to come into contact with the electronic components and damage them.





Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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