

Gears & Levers

Assembly Instructions

This elegant apparatus provides a thorough introduction to angles, ratios, rotation, torque, and simple machines. The 19-piece set features durable metal bearings and includes hardware, levers, and four gears with printed angle markings. Multiple sets can be combined to build more complex machines.

Parts Checklist

The following items are provided with the Gears & Levers:

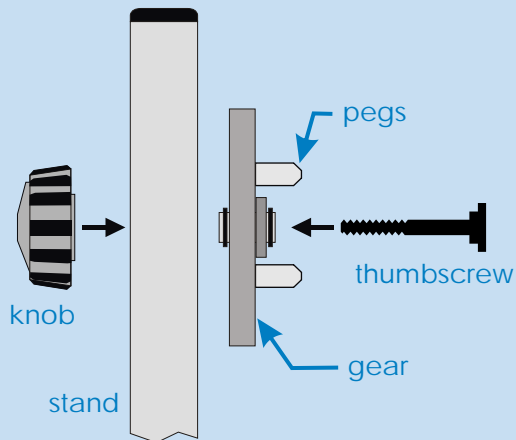
- gears (4)
- levers (2)
- short thumbscrews (3)
- long thumbscrews (3)
- black knobs (5)
- aluminum spacers (2)
- string loops (4)

In addition, you will need these items:

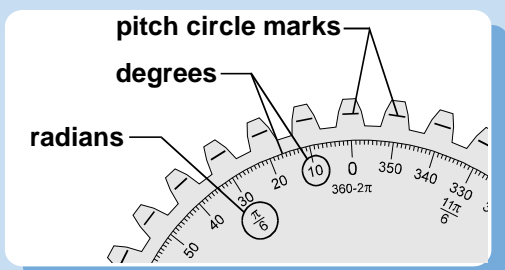
- Physics Stand, assembled
- weight set (optional)

Attaching the Physics Stand

The gears attach to the Physics Stand with thumbscrews and knobs. There are two sizes of thumbscrews. Use the short ones for single gears and the long ones to double up gears (or levers).



Angles are marked in both degrees and radians. The pitch circle marks the diameter at the point of contact between meshed gears.

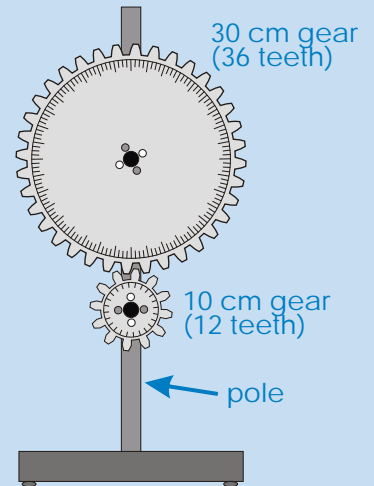


Setting up the Gears

Use the pole as a reference point to show the angle for each gear as they are turned.

The angle markings allow math concepts such as ratios, degrees, and circles to be taught in a hands-on manner.

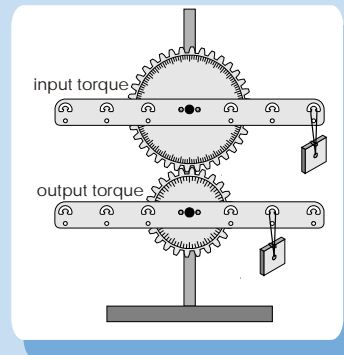
NOTE: KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER OBJECTS OUT OF THE REGION WHERE GEARS MESH.



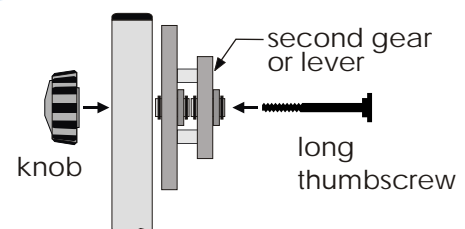
Attaching Levers

The Levers can be attached to the gears to demonstrate that the torque transmitted through a gear train is inversely related to the gear ratio.

Also, by combining Gears from two or more sets, students can build machines with mechanical advantages of up to 18 to 1.



Stacking two gears or a gear and lever.



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