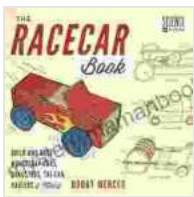


Build and Race Mousetrap Cars, Dragsters, Tri-Can Haulers, More: Science in Motion

Are you ready to experience the thrill of racing mousetrap cars, dragsters, and tri-can haulers? These amazing vehicles are powered by the simple yet powerful science of potential and kinetic energy. When you build and race these cars, you're not only having fun, you're also learning about the laws of physics that govern our world.



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How Mousetrap Cars Work

Mousetrap cars are powered by the potential energy stored in a mousetrap. When you release the trap, the potential energy is converted into kinetic energy, which propels the car forward. The farther you pull back the mousetrap, the more potential energy is stored and the faster the car will go.

The design of your mousetrap car will also affect its speed. Cars with larger wheels will go faster than cars with smaller wheels, because the larger wheels have a greater circumference and can cover more distance with each revolution. Cars with a lower center of gravity will also go faster than cars with a higher center of gravity, because they are less likely to tip over.

How Dragsters Work

Dragsters are similar to mousetrap cars, but they are designed for speed. Dragsters have long, sleek bodies and low centers of gravity. They are also powered by mousetraps, but they use multiple mousetraps to generate more power.

The key to building a fast dragster is to minimize friction. Friction is the force that opposes motion between two surfaces in contact. The less friction there is, the faster the dragster will go. You can reduce friction by using smooth wheels, lubricating the axles, and streamlining the body of the car.

How Tri-Can Haulers Work

Tri-can haulers are a bit different than mousetrap cars and dragsters. Tri-can haulers are designed to carry a load, such as a can of soda or a toy car. They are typically powered by multiple mousetraps, and they have a large, sturdy body to support the load.

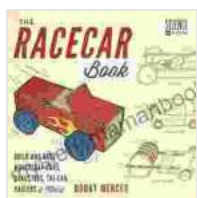
The key to building a successful tri-can hauler is to design a body that is both strong and lightweight. The body should also be able to distribute the weight of the load evenly. You can use a variety of materials to build the body of your tri-can hauler, such as cardboard, wood, or plastic.

Science in Motion

Building and racing mousetrap cars, dragsters, and tri-can haulers is a great way to learn about the science of motion. These vehicles demonstrate the principles of potential and kinetic energy, friction, gravity, and momentum. By understanding these principles, you can build faster, more efficient, and more fun vehicles.

Here are some additional science concepts that you can explore while building and racing your vehicles:

- **Speed:** Speed is the rate at which an object moves. It is measured in meters per second (m/s) or miles per hour (mph).
- **Acceleration:** Acceleration is the rate at which an object's speed changes. It is measured in meters per second squared (m/s^2) or miles per hour per second (mph/s).
- **Velocity:** Velocity is the speed of an object in a particular direction.
- **Distance:** Distance is the length of the path that an object travels. It is measured in meters (m) or feet (ft).
- **Time:** Time is the duration of an event. It is measured in seconds (s) or minutes (min).
- **Force:** Force is a push or pull that acts on an object. It is measured



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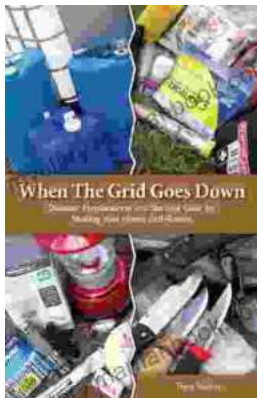
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