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Model: 4039 | Brand: Toysmith

INTRODUCTION

The Toysmith Navir Space Wonder Gyroscope is a precision-balanced science toy designed to demonstrate gyroscopic forces and motion. It is ruggedly made for many hours of educational fun and is suitable for ages 5 years and up. This manual provides instructions for setup, operation, and care of your gyroscope.



Image: The Toymith Navir Space Wonder Gyroscope, showcasing its main components including the spinning wheel and outer frame. Colors may vary.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- One (1) Toymith Navir Space Wonder Gyroscope
- One (1) String for winding
- One (1) Plastic base/stand (cone-shaped)

SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Small Parts. Not for children under 3 years. Adult supervision is

recommended during use, especially for younger children, to ensure safe handling and prevent accidental ingestion of small components.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the gyroscope and its accessories from the clear plastic box.
2. **Inspect:** Check all components for any visible damage or missing parts.
3. **Prepare the String:** Locate the provided string. One end of the string should have a knot or a small loop.
4. **Wind the Gyroscope:**
 - Hold the gyroscope firmly by its outer frame.
 - Insert the unknotted end of the string into the small hole on the axle of the inner spinning wheel.
 - Wrap the string tightly and evenly around the axle, ensuring there are no overlaps. Leave a short length of string unwound at the end for pulling.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The gyroscope demonstrates principles of angular momentum and precession. Here are some ways to operate it:

1. **Initial Spin:**
 - Once the string is wound, hold the gyroscope by its outer frame with one hand.
 - With the other hand, pull the string sharply and quickly away from the gyroscope. This will cause the inner wheel to spin rapidly.
 - Once the string is fully detached, the gyroscope is ready for demonstrations.
2. **Balancing on a Point:**
 - Place the pointed end of the gyroscope's axle onto the tip of the provided plastic cone.
 - Observe how the spinning gyroscope maintains its balance, seemingly defying gravity.
3. **Balancing on a String:**
 - With the gyroscope spinning, carefully place one of its axle tips onto a taut string (e.g., held between two fingers).
 - The gyroscope will precess (wobble slowly) while maintaining its balance along the string.
4. **Balancing on a Finger/Pencil:**
 - For advanced demonstrations, try balancing the spinning gyroscope on the tip of your finger or a pencil.
 - Experiment with different angles and surfaces to explore its stability.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the gyroscope with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and debris. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Storage:** Store the gyroscope in its original packaging or a safe, dry place when not in use to prevent

damage.

- **Avoid Drops:** While rugged, repeated drops can affect the precision balance of the gyroscope. Handle with care.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Gyroscope does not spin or spins slowly.	String not wound tightly enough or pulled too slowly.	Rewind the string more tightly and pull it with a quick, firm motion.
Gyroscope wobbles excessively or falls quickly.	Insufficient spin speed or uneven surface.	Ensure a high initial spin speed. Use on a flat, stable surface. Check if the inner wheel is freely rotating.
Difficulty balancing on the cone/string.	Not enough practice or insufficient spin.	Practice makes perfect. Ensure the gyroscope is spinning at its maximum speed before attempting balancing tricks.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Product Dimensions:** 3.5 x 3.5 x 3.5 inches
- **Item Weight:** 6.4 ounces
- **Model Number:** 4039
- **Manufacturer:** Navir
- **Recommended Age:** 5 years and up
- **Origin:** Made in Italy

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For any questions regarding your Toymith Navir Space Wonder Gyroscope, please contact Toymith customer support. Refer to the product packaging for specific warranty details and contact information. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.