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INTRODUCTION

The HEXBUG VEX Robotics Crossbow is a construction kit designed to engage users in STEM principles through hands-on building. Inspired by ancient Roman and Greek ballistas, this modern machine utilizes similar mechanics. This manual provides instructions for assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting to ensure proper use of your VEX Robotics Crossbow.

The kit includes over 150 VEX robotics pieces, allowing you to build a fully functional crossbow launcher. It also features two alternate build options for extended play and learning.



Image: The HEXBUG VEX Robotics Crossbow kit box, displaying the main assembled crossbow, foam darts, and two alternate build configurations (Handheld and VEX-Wing).

Safety Information

- **Caution:** Do not aim at eyes or face.
- **To Avoid Injury:** Use only projectiles designed for this product. Do not modify projectiles or projectile launcher.
- **Choking Hazard:** Small parts. Not for children under 3 years.
- Recommended age: 14 years and up.

Setup and Assembly

The HEXBUG VEX Robotics Crossbow is a construction kit that requires assembly. Follow the detailed instructions provided in the included manual to build your crossbow.

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging. Verify that all components listed in the included parts list are present.
2. **Review Manual:** Before beginning assembly, thoroughly read the separate assembly manual provided in the box. This manual contains step-by-step diagrams and instructions specific to your kit.

3. **Follow Steps:** Assemble the crossbow by following the sequential steps outlined in the assembly manual. Pay close attention to the orientation of gears, pins, and structural pieces.
4. **Secure Connections:** Ensure all connections are firm and secure to prevent parts from detaching during operation.
5. **Alternate Builds:** The kit supports two alternate builds (Handheld and VEX-Wing). Instructions for these alternative configurations are also included in the assembly manual.



Image: The HEXBUG VEX Robotics Crossbow kit box positioned next to a fully assembled crossbow, demonstrating the completed product.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once assembled, the VEX Robotics Crossbow is ready for operation. Follow these steps to fire the included foam darts:

1. **Load Dart:** Insert one of the foam darts into the firing mechanism at the front of the crossbow. Ensure it is seated correctly.
2. **Prime Crossbow:** Pull back the firing arms until they lock into place. This action tensions the launching mechanism.
3. **Adjust Distance:** Locate the distance knob. Rotate this knob to control how far back the arms are pulled before release, which affects the firing range.
4. **Adjust Height:** Locate the height knob. Rotate this knob to adjust the upward angle of the crossbow, controlling the trajectory of the dart.
5. **Aim:** Point the crossbow in a safe direction, away from people or animals, and ensure there are no fragile objects in the firing path.
6. **Fire:** Press the firing lever to release the lock and launch the dart.

Note: The crossbow is designed to shoot foam darts. Do not use other projectiles.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and proper function of your HEXBUG VEX Robotics Crossbow, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down the crossbow with a dry, soft cloth to remove dust and debris. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect all connections and moving parts for wear or damage. Ensure all pins and gears are securely in place.
- **Storage:** Store the crossbow in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Part Replacement:** If any parts become damaged or lost, refer to the manufacturer's website or contact customer support for replacement options.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your VEX Robotics Crossbow, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Problem:** The crossbow does not fire, or the firing mechanism slips.
Solution:
 - Check that the firing arms are fully pulled back and securely locked into place.
 - Inspect the gears and firing pin mechanism for any obstructions or misalignments. Re-assemble any loose parts according to the manual.
 - Ensure the distance knob is not set to an extreme position that prevents proper locking.
- **Problem:** Darts do not launch far or consistently.
Solution:
 - Verify that only the approved foam darts are being used. Damaged or incorrect darts may affect performance.
 - Ensure the dart is fully seated in the firing mechanism.
 - Check the tension of the firing arms. If they feel loose or do not hold tension, inspect the assembly for any missing or incorrectly installed pieces.
 - Adjust the distance knob to increase the pull-back distance of the arms.
- **Problem:** Parts are loose or fall off during operation.
Solution:
 - Review the assembly manual and re-check all connections. Ensure all pins, connectors, and structural pieces are firmly attached.
 - Tighten any screws or fasteners if applicable (though this kit primarily uses snap-together VEX IQ pieces).

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	HEXBUG
Model Number	406-4210
Item Weight	15.84 ounces
Item Dimensions (LxWxH)	9.06 x 2.56 x 10.75 inches
Recommended Age	14 years and up (Manufacturer Minimum Age: 168 months)
Included Components	Parts, Manual, 2 Foam Darts

Educational Objective	STEM
Compatibility	Compatible with educational VEX IQ pieces

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The HEXBUG VEX Robotics Crossbow comes with a **90-day warranty** against manufacturer defects. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For warranty service or inquiries, please contact HEXBUG customer support.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please visit the official HEXBUG website or contact their customer service department.

- **HEXBUG Official Website:** www.hexbug.com
- Refer to the packaging or the included assembly manual for specific contact details.

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