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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Think Gizmos TG903-3D Wooden Marble Run Mechanical Building Set. This kit provides an engaging and educational experience, allowing you to construct a functional marble run from precisely cut wooden pieces. This manual provides detailed instructions for assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting to ensure a successful and enjoyable experience.

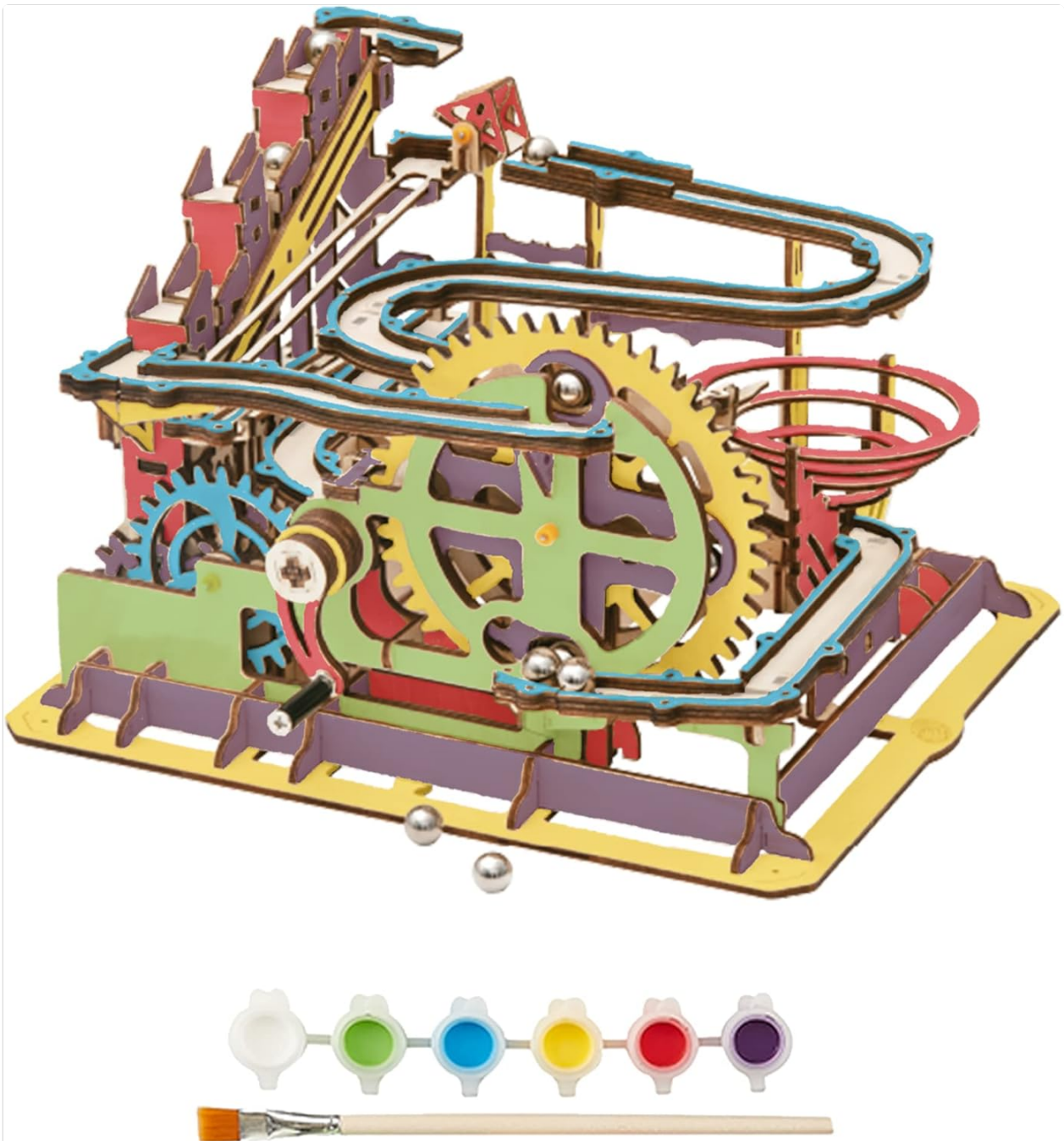


Image 1.1: The fully assembled and painted Think Gizmos TG903-3D Wooden Marble Run, showcasing its intricate design and vibrant colors.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Small Parts Warning:** This product contains small parts (marbles, wooden components) and is not suitable for children under 3 years due to choking hazards. Recommended age for assembly and use is 14 years and up.
- **Sharp Edges:** While pieces are laser-cut, handle all wooden components carefully to avoid splinters or minor cuts.
- **Adhesive Use:** If using additional adhesive (not included unless specified), ensure proper ventilation and follow the adhesive manufacturer's safety guidelines.
- **Supervision:** Adult supervision is recommended during assembly, especially for younger users, to ensure correct procedure and safety.

3. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Your Think Gizmos TG903-3D kit includes the following components:

- Laser-cut wooden sheets (254 pieces)
- Metal balls (marbles)
- Set of paints
- Paint brush
- Detailed visual instruction manual

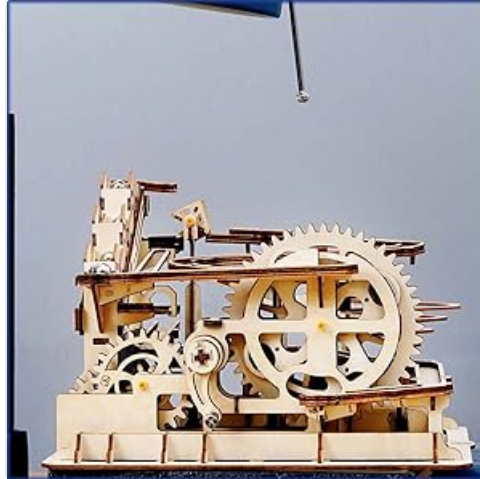


Image 3.1: Example of unassembled wooden sheets with various laser-cut pieces, ready for removal and assembly.

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Follow these steps carefully to assemble your marble run. Each wooden piece is numbered to assist with the process.

1. **Preparation:** Lay out all wooden sheets on a clean, flat surface. Carefully identify and remove each numbered piece as instructed in the visual manual. Use a small tool or your fingers to gently push out the pieces. Avoid forcing them to prevent breakage.
2. **Follow Visual Instructions:** Refer to the included visual instruction manual for step-by-step guidance. The manual illustrates how each piece connects.
3. **Connecting Pieces:** Most pieces interlock using tabs and slots. Apply gentle, even pressure to connect them. If a connection feels too tight, do not force it; check the piece number and orientation.
4. **Gear Assembly:** Pay close attention to the assembly of gears and moving parts. Ensure they are aligned correctly and can rotate freely without obstruction.

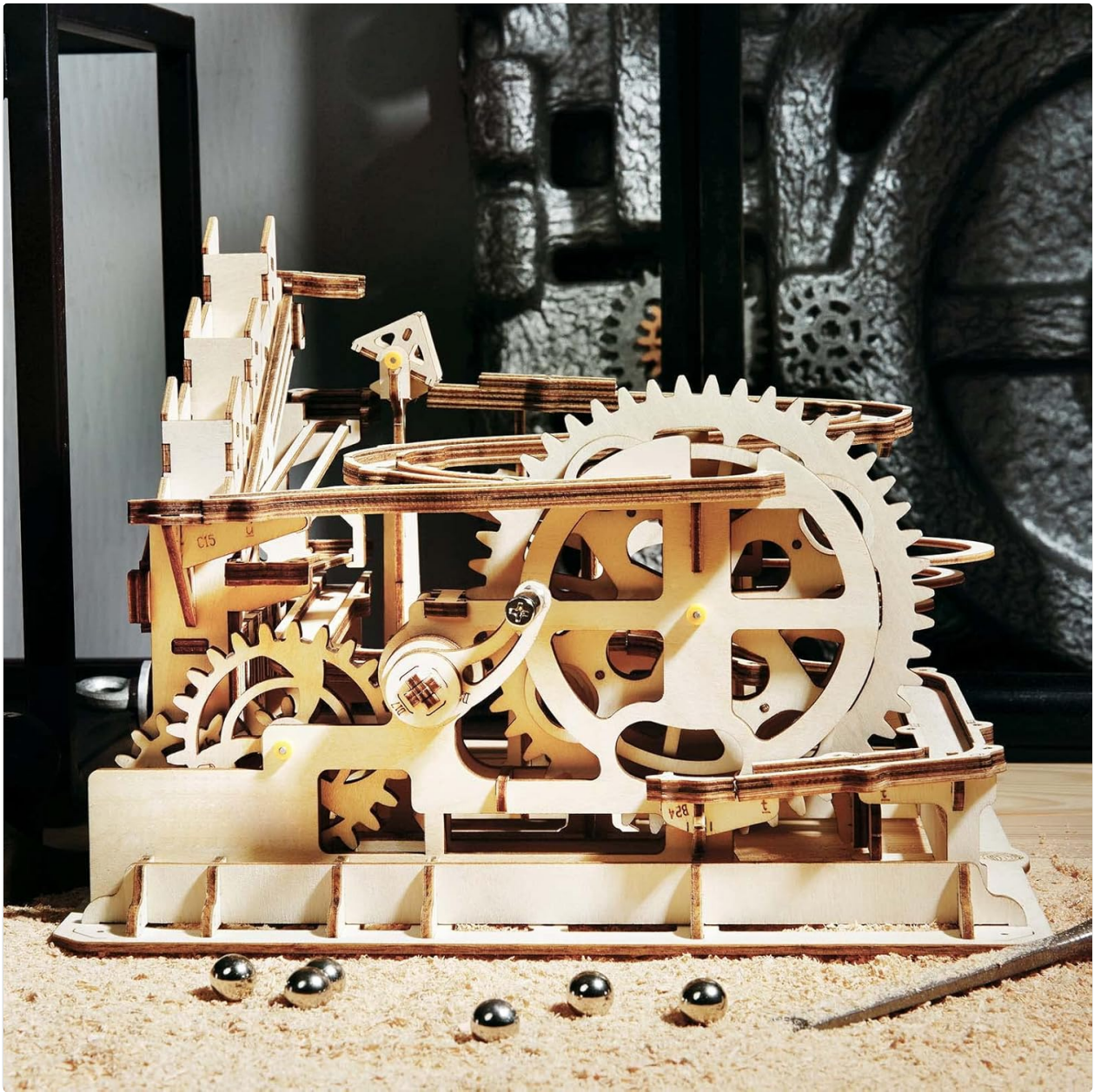


Image 4.1: A detailed view of the intricate wooden gears and interlocking mechanisms during assembly, highlighting the precision of the laser-cut components.

5. **Crank Mechanism:** Assemble the crank mechanism according to the instructions. This part is crucial for lifting the marbles.
6. **Track Construction:** Carefully build the marble tracks, ensuring all sections are securely connected and smooth to allow marbles to roll freely.
7. **Final Checks:** Once all pieces are assembled, gently test all moving parts, including the crank and gears, to ensure they operate smoothly. Check for any loose connections.
8. **Painting (Optional):** Use the included paints and brush to personalize your marble run. Allow paint to dry completely before handling or operating the model.

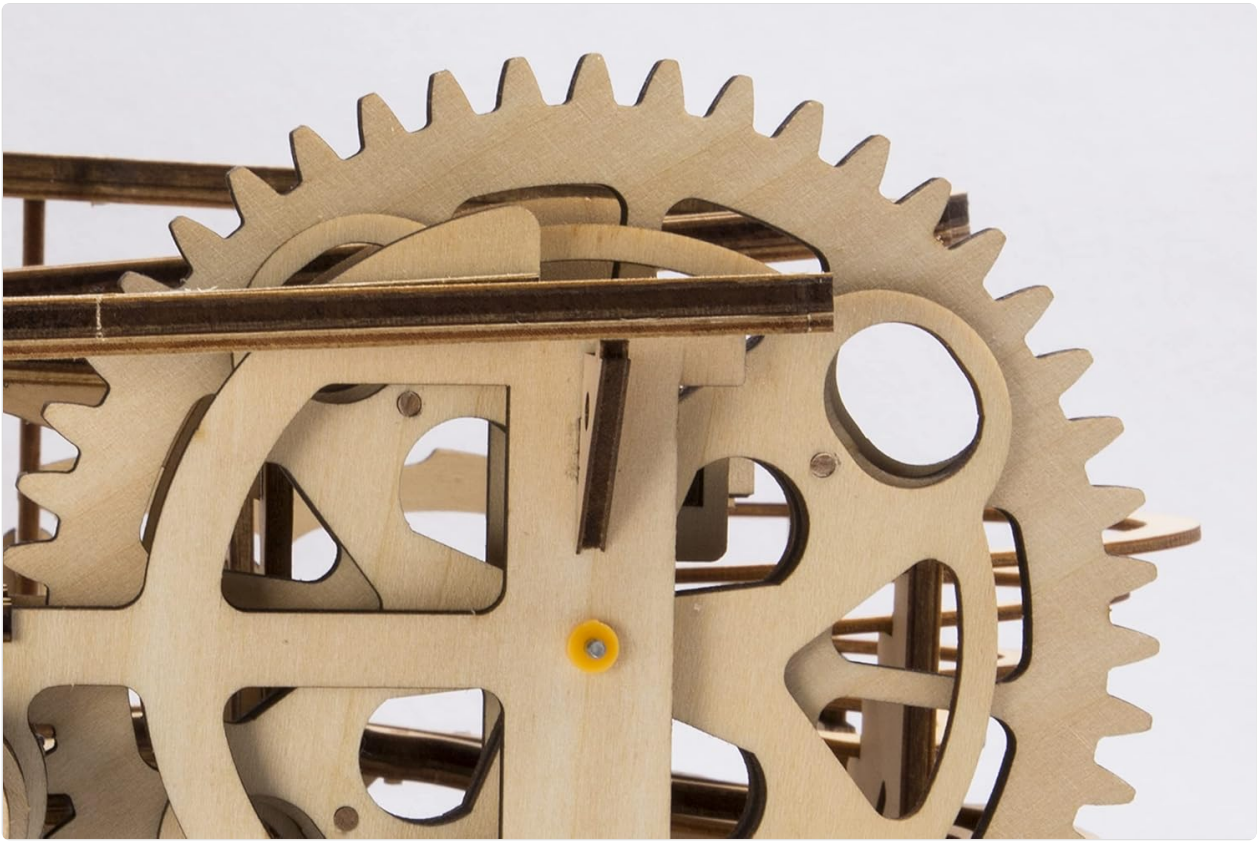


Image 4.2: A close-up of a smaller gear and its connection points, illustrating the detailed construction required for the marble run's functionality.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once your Think Gizmos TG903-3D Marble Run is fully assembled and any paint has dried, follow these steps to operate it:

1. **Place Marbles:** Place a few of the included metal balls into the designated marble entry point at the base of the lifting mechanism.
2. **Turn the Crank:** Locate the hand crank on the side of the marble run. Slowly and steadily turn the crank in the indicated direction. This will engage the gears and lift the marbles to the top of the track.
3. **Observe the Run:** As the marbles are lifted, they will be released onto the tracks, navigating through various twists, turns, and drops before returning to the base.
4. **Continuous Play:** Continue turning the crank to keep the marbles cycling through the run.

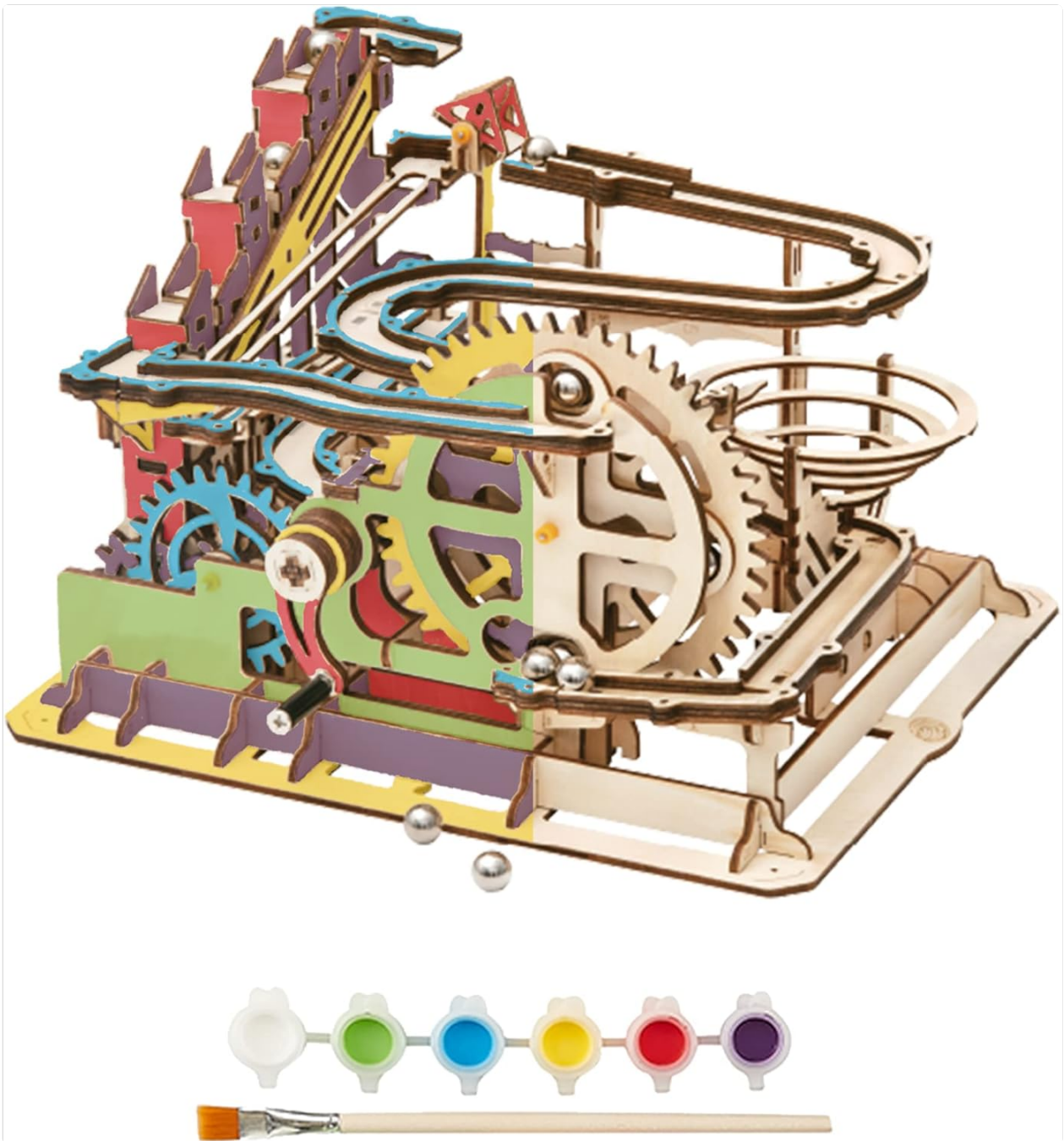


Image 5.1: The assembled wooden marble run in operation, showing marbles moving along the tracks with blue arrows indicating the direction of flow.

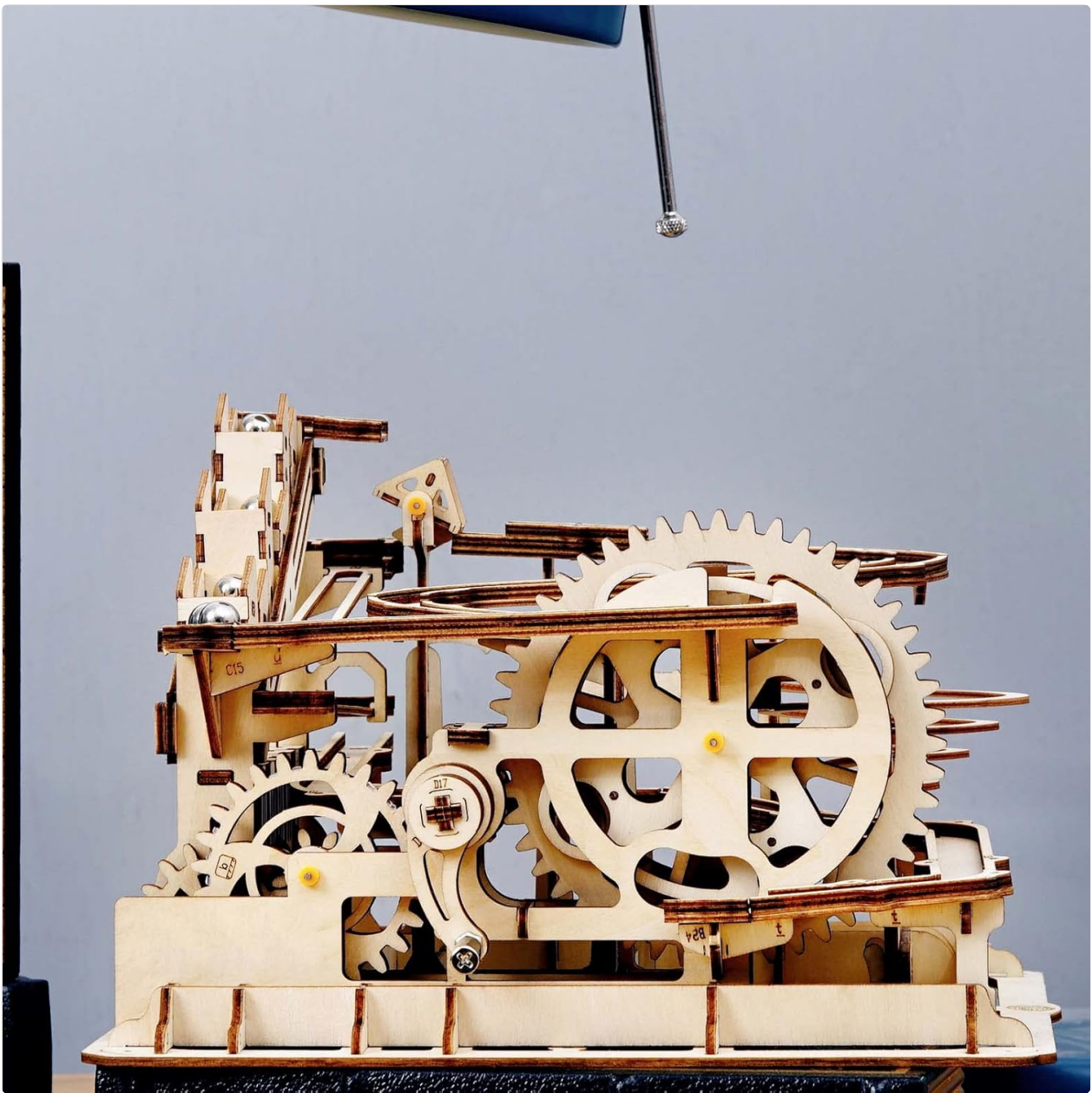


Image 5.2: A detailed view of the hand crank, which is used to power the marble lifting mechanism.

6. MAINTENANCE

Proper care will ensure the longevity and smooth operation of your marble run.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to gently wipe away dust from the wooden surfaces. Avoid using water or harsh cleaning agents, as these can damage the wood or paint.
- **Lubrication:** If gears or moving parts become stiff over time, a very small amount of dry lubricant (e.g., graphite powder) can be applied to contact points. Avoid oil-based lubricants, which can attract dust.
- **Storage:** Store the marble run in a dry environment, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperature changes, to prevent warping or damage to the wood.
- **Check Connections:** Periodically inspect all connections to ensure they remain secure. Re-seat any loose pieces if necessary.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your marble run, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Marbles get stuck on the track.	Misaligned track pieces, debris on track, rough edges.	Inspect track sections for proper alignment. Remove any dust or debris. Gently sand any rough edges if present.
Crank is difficult to turn or gears jam.	Gears are misaligned, foreign object, excessive friction.	Check gear alignment. Ensure no pieces are obstructing gear movement. Apply a small amount of dry lubricant if friction is high.
Marbles do not reach the top.	Lifting mechanism not fully engaged, marbles too heavy/light (if using non-standard marbles).	Ensure all parts of the lifting mechanism are correctly assembled and moving freely. Use only the provided metal balls.
Pieces do not fit together.	Incorrect piece orientation, wrong piece selected.	Double-check the piece number and refer to the visual instructions for correct orientation. Do not force pieces.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** TG903
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 9.65 x 8.27 x 6.69 inches (24.5 x 21 x 17 cm)
- **Item Weight:** 2.51 pounds
- **Number of Pieces:** 254 laser-cut wooden components
- **Recommended Age:** 14 years and up
- **Materials:** Wood, metal (marbles)

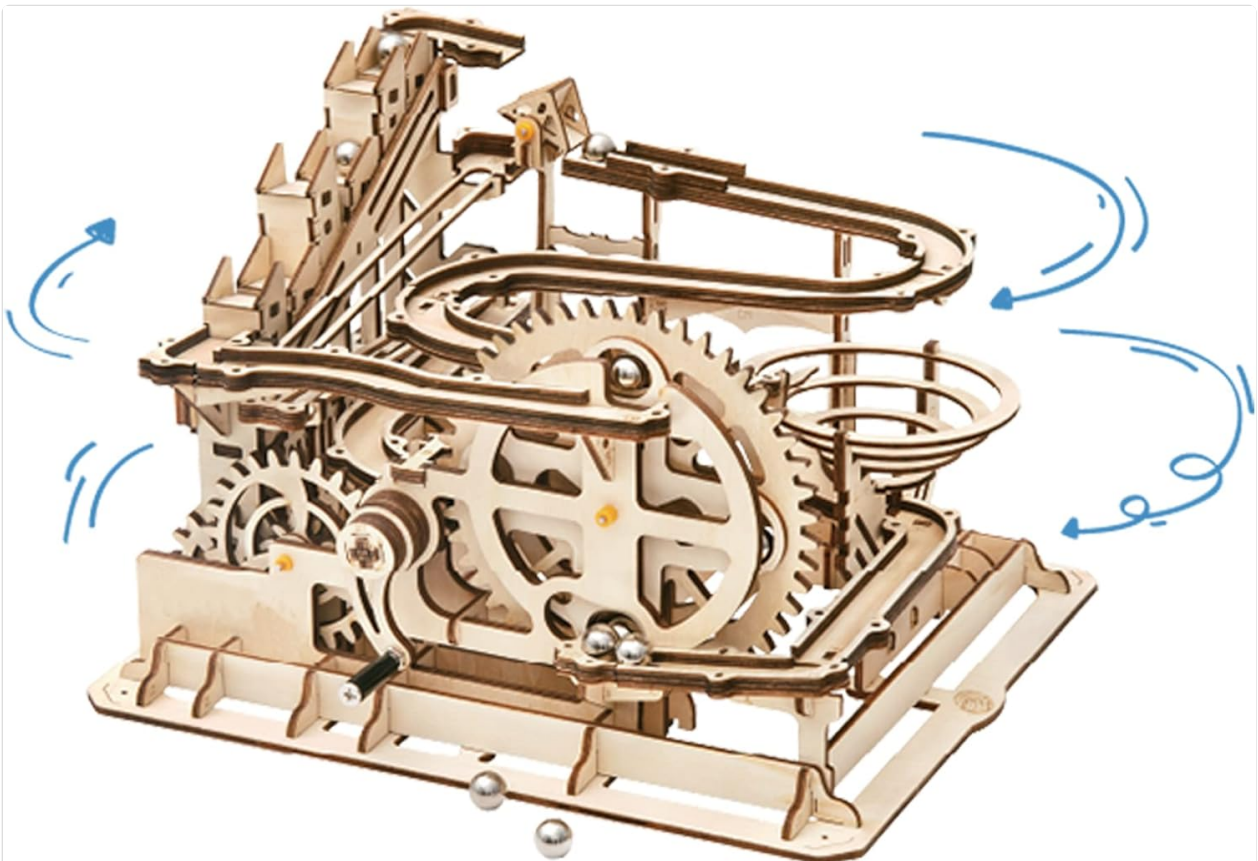


Image 8.1: The assembled marble run with its approximate dimensions (length, width, height) clearly marked for reference.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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