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The project' CDRom is available in the A4 Company catalogue (ref "CD-DRC). It contains :

- The FreeHand version file (editable with this software - Evaluation version included).

- The PDF version file (readable and printable with Acrobat Reader software).

- Photos of the product, des images de synthèse, DXF format pictorial views.

Files for machining.
The full product 3D modeling in its various versions with SolidWorks, Parasolid and eDrawings format 3D files.

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Overview of dragster racing

The product

Dragster model for competing : Two dragsters racing running in parallel.

Functioning

Dragster with electric motor and belt drive on the two rear wheels.

Possibility of various mechanical configurations :

- variable transmission primary ratio by the possibility on assembling pulleys motor of 6, 10 or 15 mm diameter; variable transmission final ratio by the possibility of mounting wheels of 44, 60, 80 ou 100 mm diameter,
- front axle modifiable with different configurations,
- choice for rubber or hard plastic tread wheel,
- choice for réalization and mounting of various car body types.

Teaching interests

Allow students to work on various product configurations to better understand and analyze.

Getting them to make informed choices to improve performance and adapt the dragster to various racing types (track more or less long or s loping).

- change the motor pulley diameter (transmission primary ratio),
- change driving wheels diameter (transmission final ratio, adhesion),
- change the front axle configuration (steering and stability of the dragster),
- change the wheels tread (adhesion),
- change the dragster body (implementation issues, design, dragster's weight and inertia).

Competition challenge and motivation.

Group working, technical choices comparison.

"On demand" manufacturing according to workshop' means and available time : possibility having to perform a simple assembly but also possibility to shape components by cutting, drilling, thermobending. Finally, possibility to achieve advanced dragster bodies with CN small milling cutter.

Realisation

Parts and materials are available at retail.

The kit packaging provides a frame already cutted to the dimensions.

The basic kit don't include the dragster's body that may be réalized with various materials.

- Mechanical plastic parts (ABS) are supplied finished on a set with various wheels and pulleys diameters.

- The frame is made of a expanded PVC foam 6 x 50 x 200 mm. It comes cut to dimensions in the kit.

It must be predrilled or pointed for screws to attach mechanical parts and dragster's body.

- Dragster's bodies: various models in 3 different materials are available, from the easiest model realization to a model allowing a real shaping with workshop tools.

- Printed paper dragster body (various models to be printed in the record).
 - Realization with printing, laminating and cutting.
 - Very easy realization.
- * Dragster body in polypropilene sheet 0.5 ou 0.8 m : two designs proposed for manual réalization or CN cutting. Template for manual cutting in this record (pointing through the template, tracing with dry point, scissors cutting).

3D model and files on CDRom for machining.

Work with a flexible material.

Dragster body in 2 mm polystirene sheet : two designs proposed for manual réalization or CN cutting. Simple drawing for manual realization (saw or shear right cuts, drilling, thermobending)

in this record.

Advanced drawing for CN cutting with internal shapes to cut (page 28).

CDRom's 3D model and files for machining.

Shaping material; use of a wide range of tools.

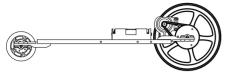
See few examples of personal realization through modifications on models proposed at the end of record.

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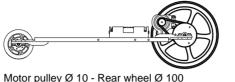
Variants

- Different possibilities to change the transmission ratio

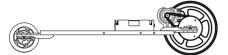
Note : it's only planned to exchange the primary pulley (motor pulley) and wheels . The secondary pulley on wheels axis would be difficult to interchange.



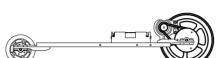
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Motor pulley Ø 15 - Rear wheel Ø 100

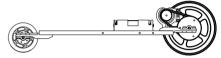


Motor pulley Ø 6 - Rear wheel Ø 80

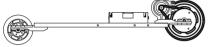


Motor pulley Ø 10 - Rear wheel Ø 80

Motor pulley Ø 10 - Rear wheel Ø 60



Motor pulley Ø 15 - Rear wheel Ø 80



Motor pulley Ø 6 - Rear wheel Ø 60



Motor pulley Ø 10 - Rear wheel Ø 44



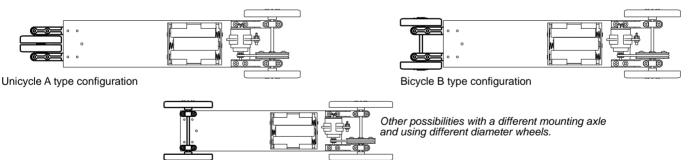
Motor pulley Ø 15 - Rear wheel Ø 60



Motor pulley Ø 15 - Rear wheel Ø 44

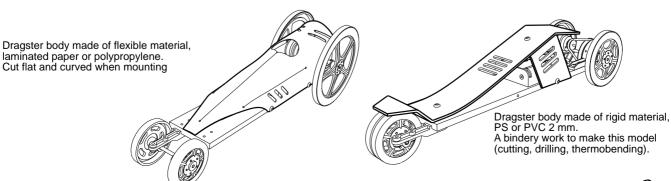
- The various front axle configuration options

Note : one could also mount the axle directly on the frame with two riders, without using axle holders. One could also consider mounting different diameters wheels. To simplify the technical record (frame drilling plan, dragster body adaptation) already dense for young students, we have presented only two configurations with Ø 44 wheels.



- The various camber possibilities

Depending on workshop means, the available time and student training objectives, several dragster bodies types can be achieved.





Competition

Regulations

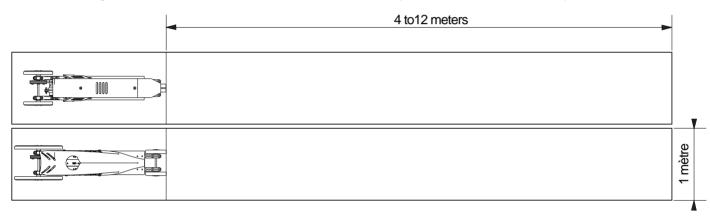
Track

The track consists of two adjacent lanes, 1m wide and 4 to 12 m length (adaptable depending on conditions). It's drawn on the ground using, for example, adhesive tape. (The objective is not to define track with obstacles to guide dragsters).

The ground nature is critical for competition (adhesion, flatness).

Regulation

- Dragsters compete in pairs in duel.
 Both dragsters competing are rushing in parallel at start signal.
- The dragster rushes from standing, front wheels axle on the start line.
- It's forbidden to help manuelly at startup. One must just release the dragster.
- The first dragster crossing the finish line wins the round and the team wins one point
 If a dragster leave the track before the finish line, he loses the round and his opponent wins the point.
- If both dragsters leave the track before the finish line,
- one that left the track farthest from the starting point, wins half a point.
- The competition is organized so that all teams face in duel.
- All teams must have competed the same number of duels.
- The winning team is the one that will have accumulated more points at the end of the competition.



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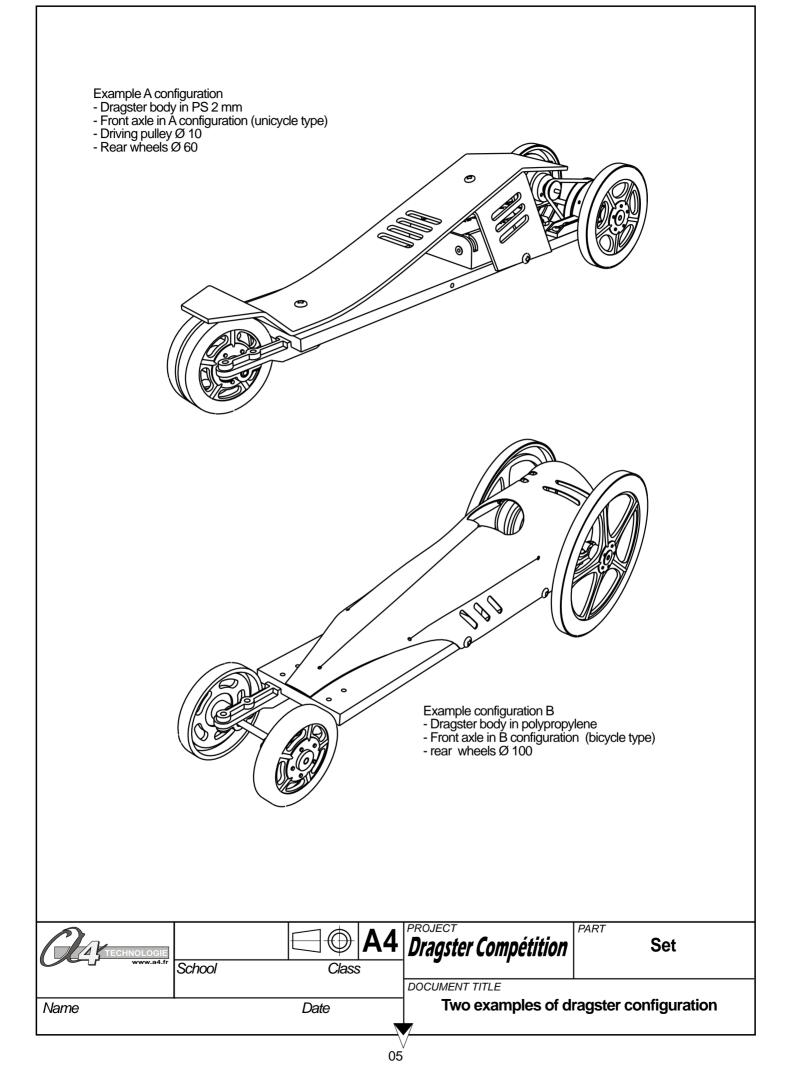
1 - The track will be adapted to local constraints. To take in account this length is crucial for the competition. Indeed, for a short track the acceleration will be preferred and for a long one the peak speed will be decisive as well as a good road holding in a straight line.

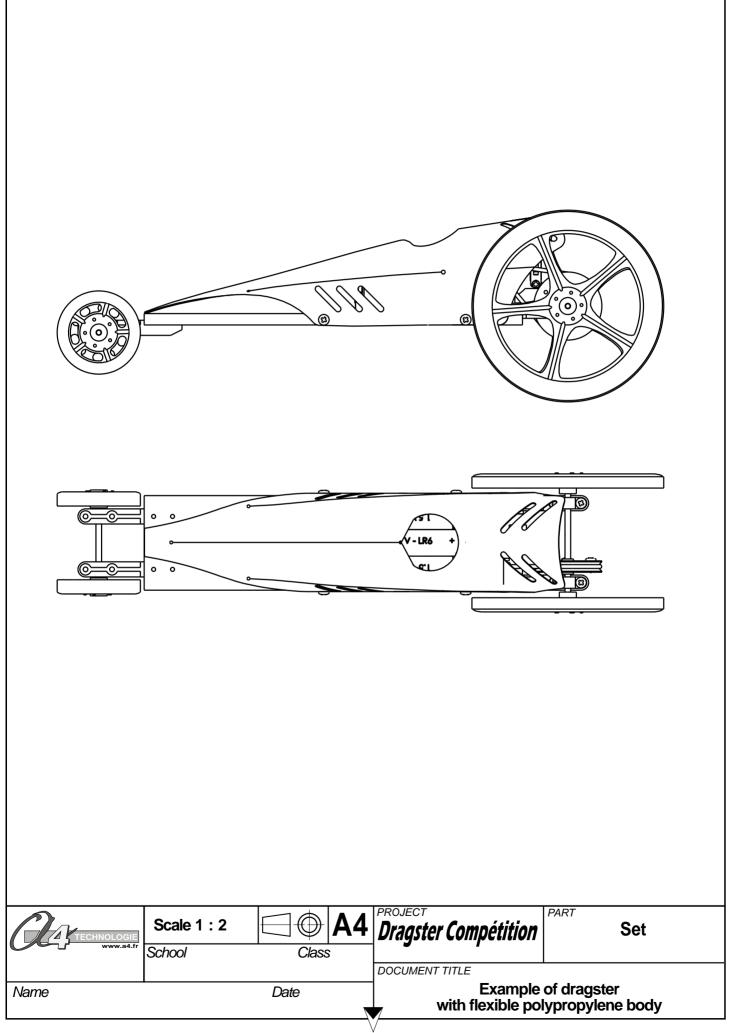
2 - It's interesting, if a sloped track is available, to do up hill and downhill races. It will be thus demonstrated that according to the ground type, the optimum gear ratio isn't the same.

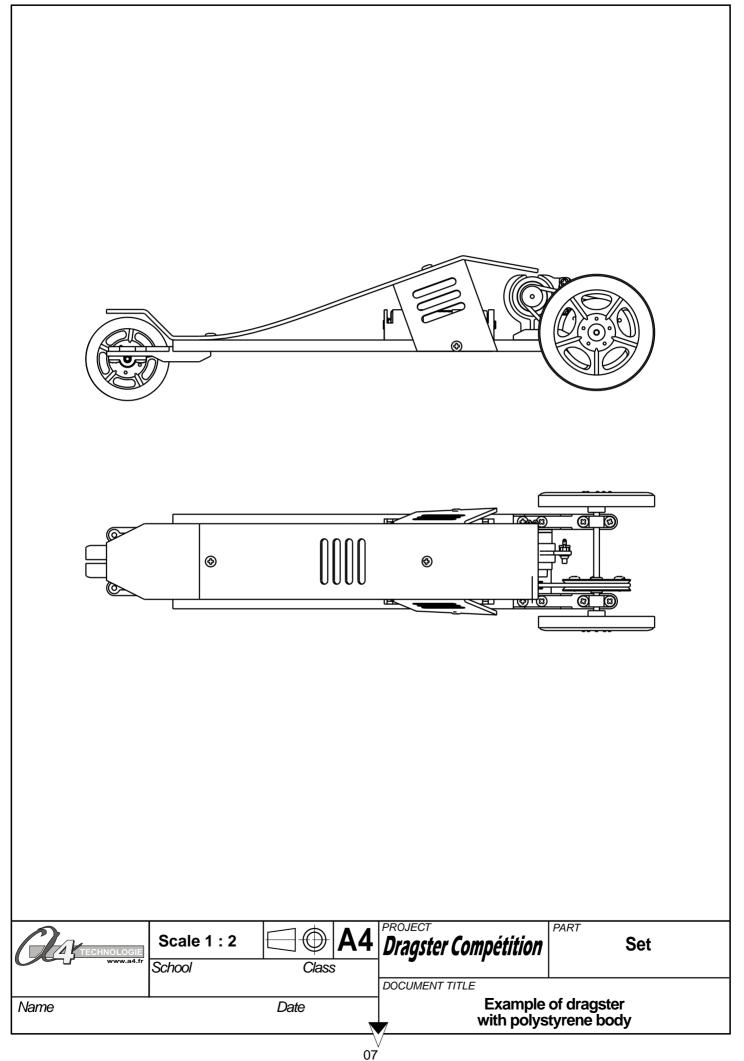
Competition scoreboard

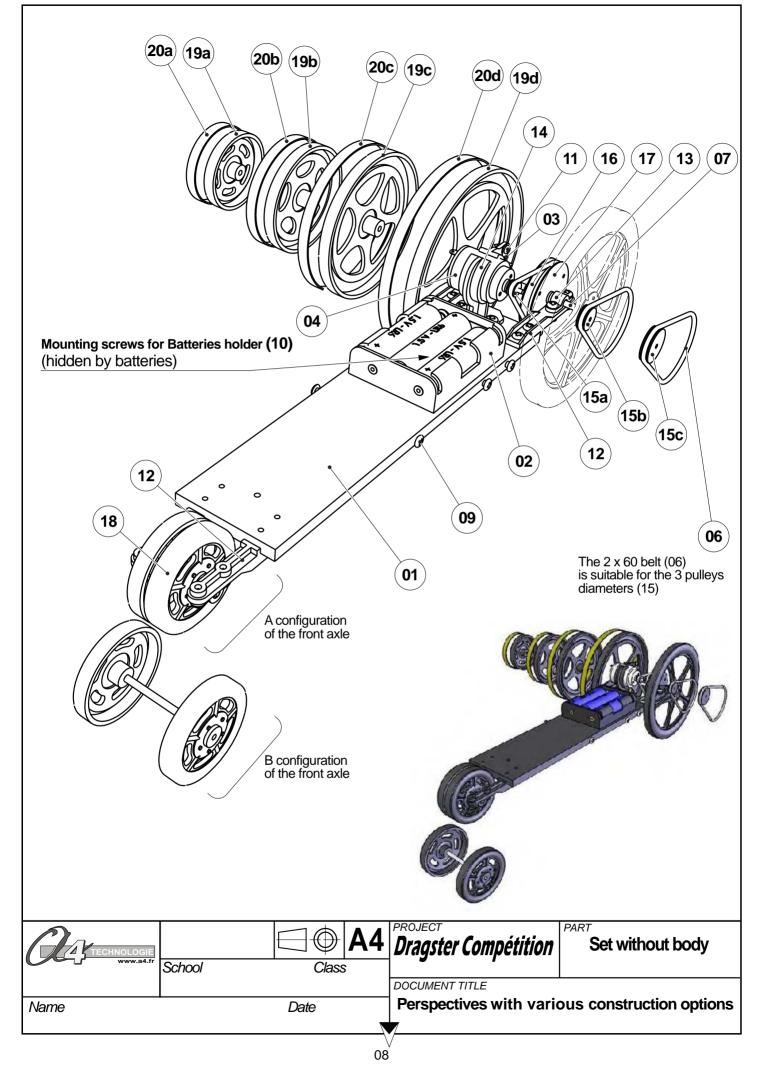
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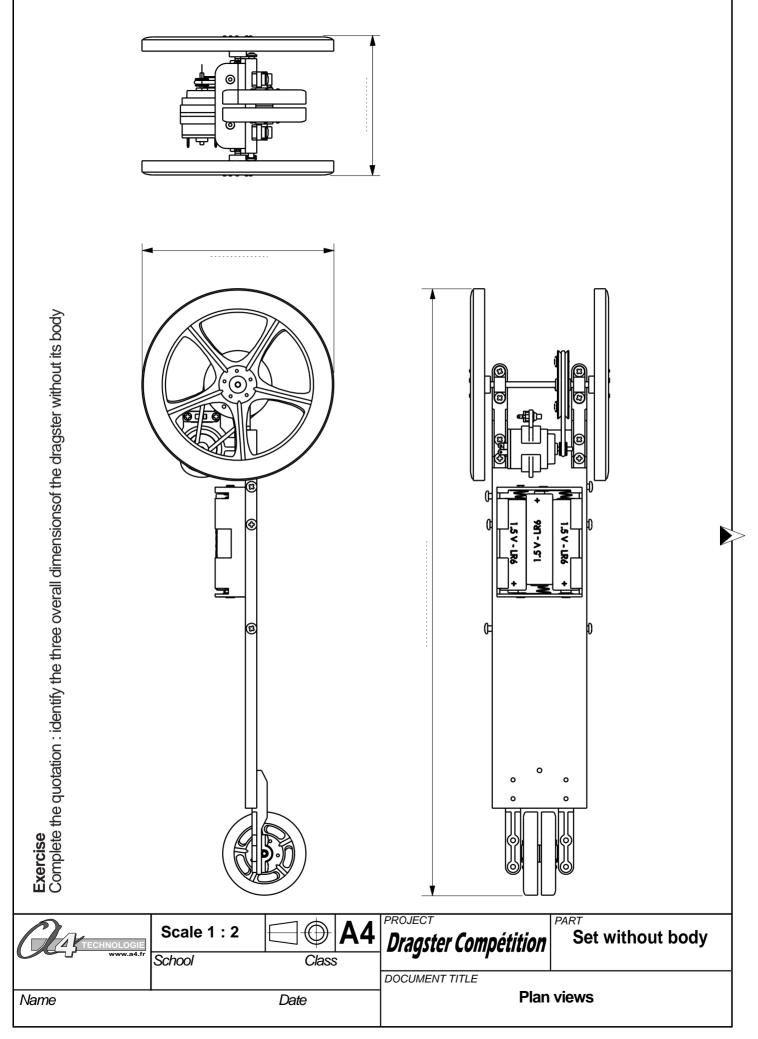




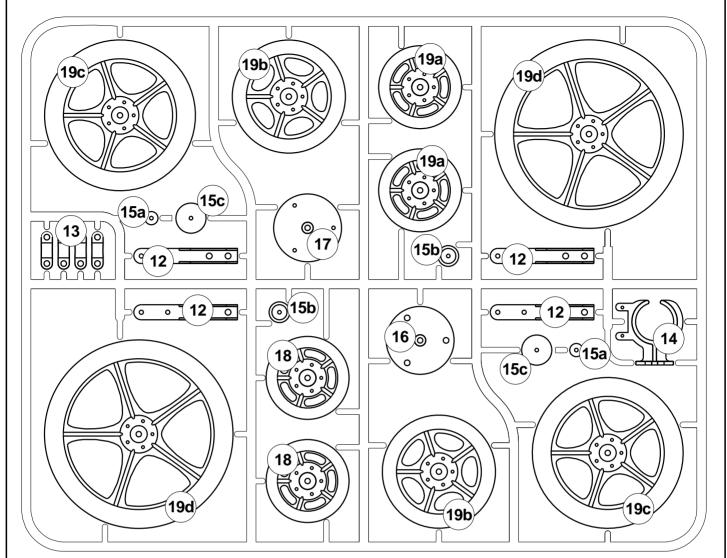




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An	TECHNOLOGI		Dragster Compétition	PART Set	
MARK	NUMBER	FUNCTIONS	CHARACTERISTICS		
01	01	Frame	200 x 50 x 6 mm thick Expa	nded PVC	
02	01	Batteries holder	For 3 R6 batteries - Output v	wiring L 80 - Ref SUP-PIL-3R6F	
03	01	Switch	Micro unipolar switch with sl	ider - Ref INV-GLI	
04	01	Motor	Ø 21 - Output axle Ø 2 - 4.5	V - Ref MOT-D21-2A	
05	01	Electrical wiring	L 50 mm - Retrieved on falls	of wire from batteries holder	
06	01	Belt	Elastic bracelet 2 x 60 - Ref	BRAELA- 2X60-BD	
07	01	Rear wheel axle	Steel axle Ø 3 x length 73		
)8	01	Front wheel axle	Steel Ø 3 x length according t	o front axle configuration: 36 or 5	
)9	25	Screw TC 3 x 6,5 (all assemblies)	Steel screw - Sheet metal - C	Cylindrical head - Ø 3 x length 6	
10	02	Screw TF 3 x 6,5 (batteries holder mounting)	Vis acier - Type tôle - Milled head - Ø 3 x length 6.5		
11	02	Screw TC 2 x 6,5 (switch mounting)	Steel screw - Sheet metal - Cylindrical head - Ø 2 x lengh		
12	04	Axle holder	Injected pieces on set "Drag	" Réf DRAG -GRAP	
13	04	Staple	Injected pieces on set "Drag	" Réf DRAG -GRAP	
14	01	Motor holder	Injected pieces on set "Drag	" Réf DRAG -GRAP	
15c	02	Ø 15 half pulley			
15b	02	Ø 10 half pulley			
15a	02	Ø 6 half pulley			
5		Driving half pulley - Choice of various Ø :	Injected pieces on set "Drag		
16	01	Pulley A flank D 3 x 34 (Ø 3 holes drilled)	Injected pieces on set "Drag		
17	01	Pulley B flank D 3 x 34 (Ø 2 holes drilled)	Injected pieces on set "Drag" Ref DRAG -GRAP		
8	02	Ø 44 front wheel			
19d	02	Ø 100 rear wheel			
19c	02	Ø 80 rear wheel			
19b	02	Ø 60 rear wheel			
19a	02	Ø 44 rear wheel	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
19		Rear wheel : choice of various Ø :	Injected pieces on set "Drag	" Réf DRAG -GRAP	
20d	02	6 x L 120 tread wide for a Ø 100 wheel			
20c	02	6 x L 1000 tread wide for a Ø 80 wheel			
20 b	02	6 x L 80 tread wide for a Ø 60 wheel			
20a	04	6 x L 60 tread wide for a Ø 44 wheel	(dimensions listed : wide :	x length flat)	
20		Wheels tread : dimensions according to wheel Ø:	Rubber bracelet		

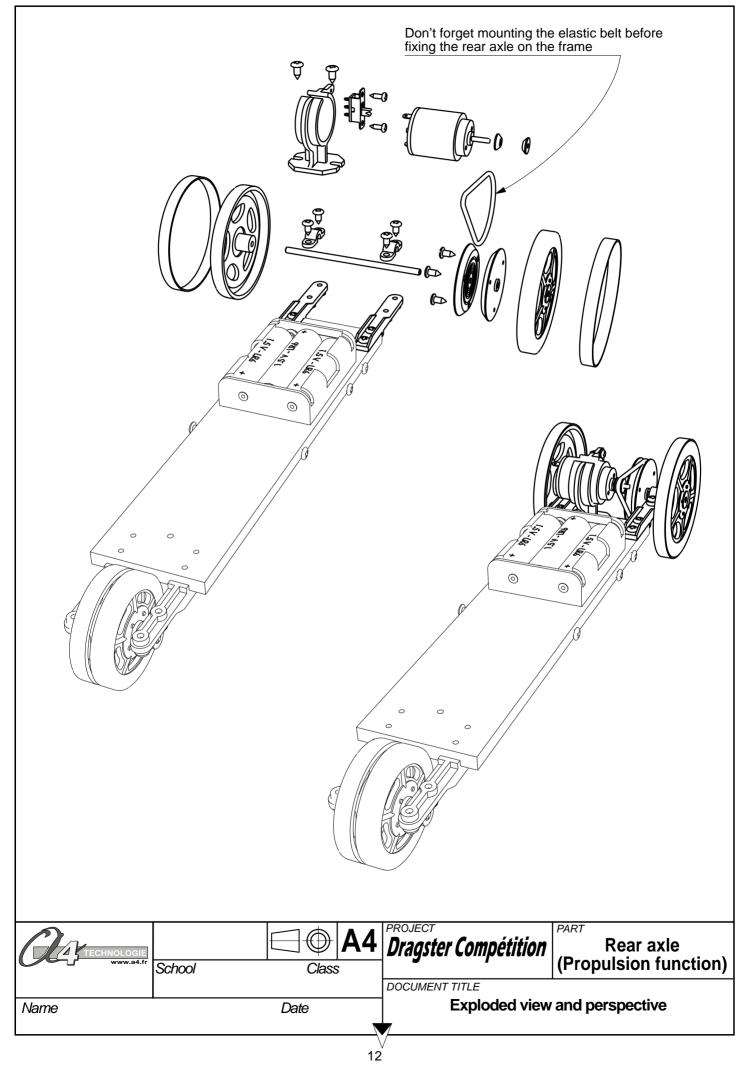


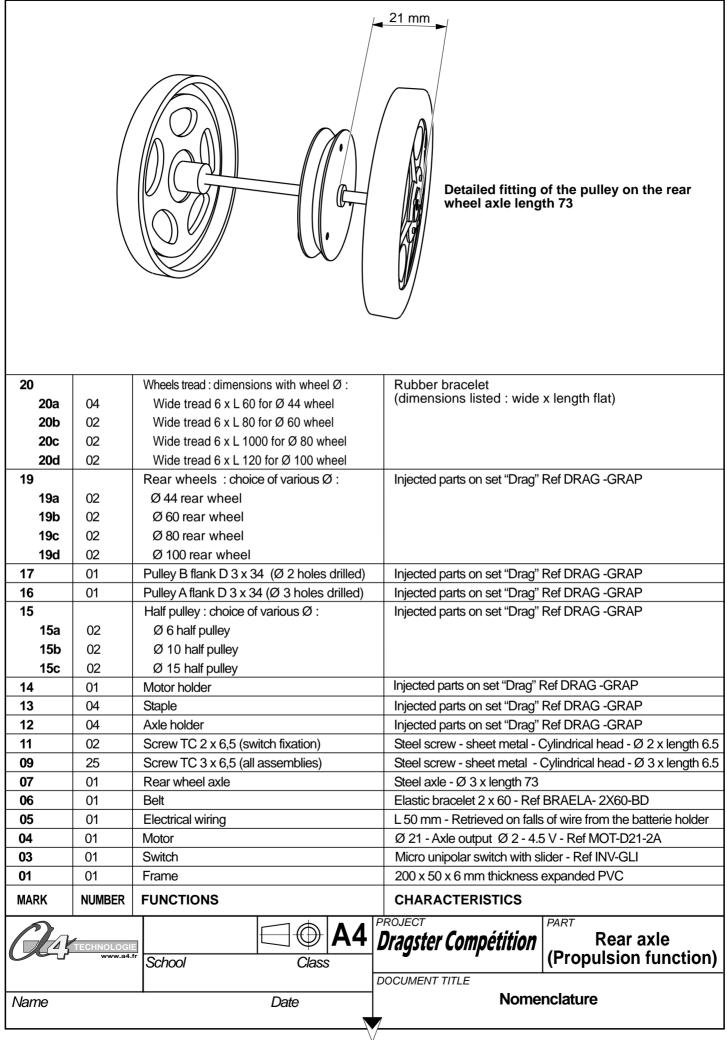
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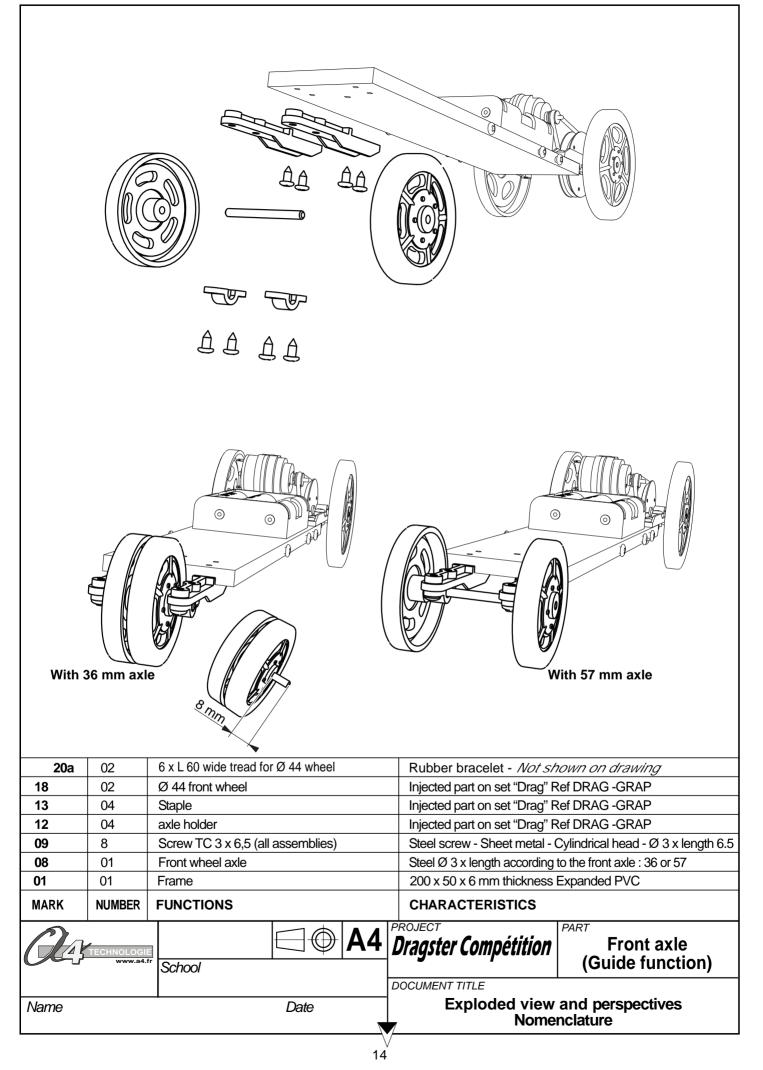


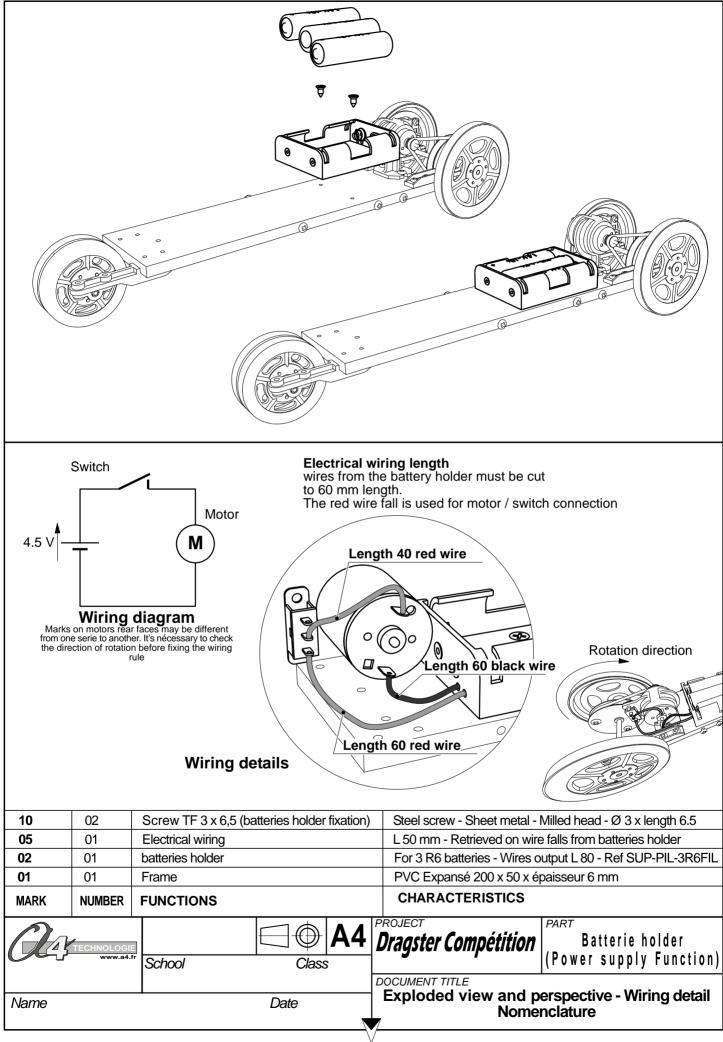
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19		Rear wheel : choice of various Ø :	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Réf DRAG -GRAP
19a	02	Ø 44 rear wheel	
19b	02	Ø 60 rear wheel	
19c	02	Ø 80 rear wheel	
19d	02	Ø 100 rear wheel	
18	02	Ø 44 front wheel	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Ref DRAG -GRAP
17	01	Pulley B flank D 3 x 34	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Ref DRAG -GRAP
16	01	Pulley A flank D 3 x 34	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Ref DRAG -GRAP
15		Half pulley : choice of various \varnothing :	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Ref DRAG -GRAP
15a	02	Ø 6 half pulley	
15b	02	Ø 10 half pulley	
15c	02	Ø 15 half pulley	
14	01	Motor holder	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Réf DRAG -GRAP
13	04	Staple	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Réf DRAG -GRAP
12	04	Axle holder	Injected piece on set "Dragster" Réf DRAG -GRAP
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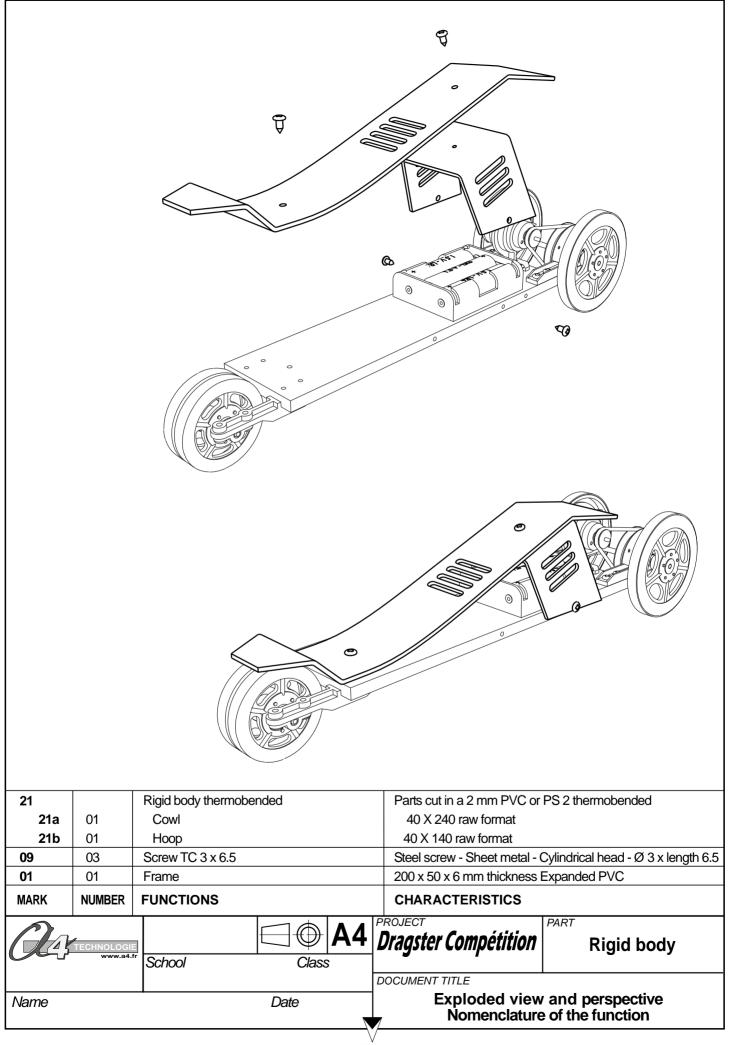


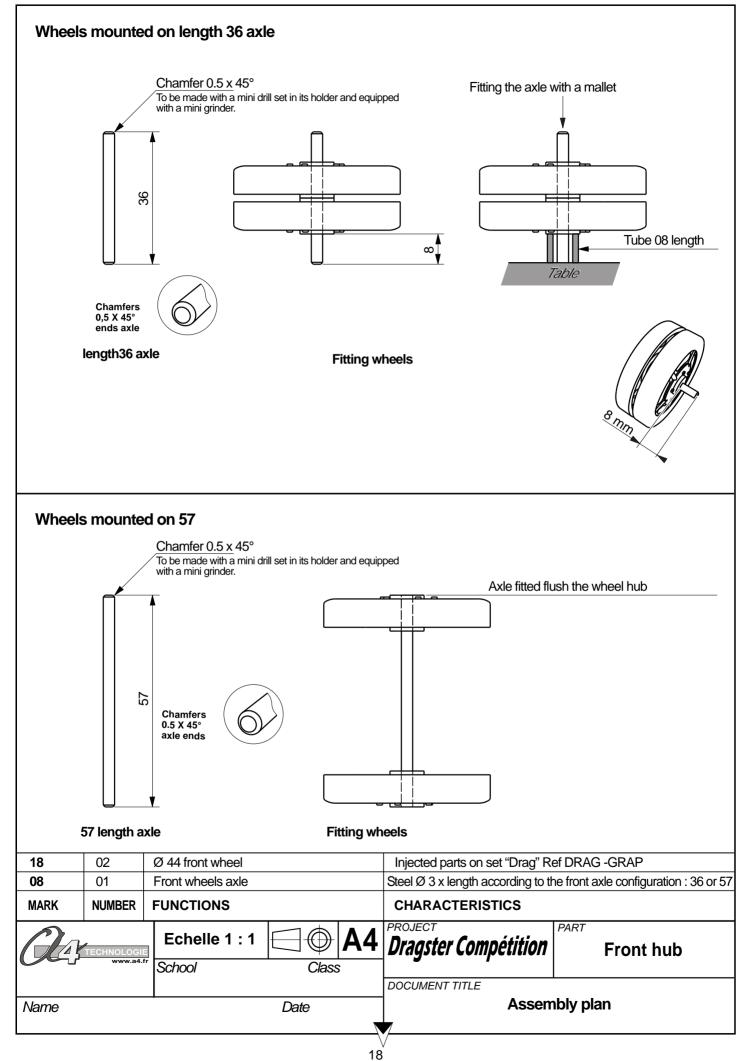


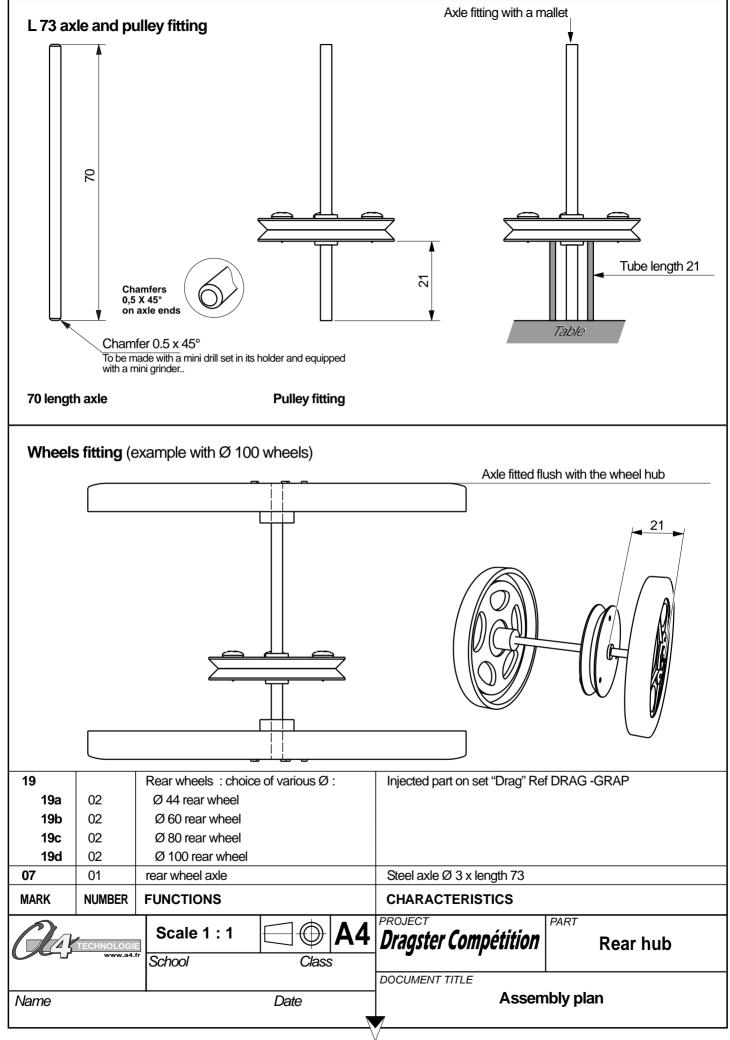


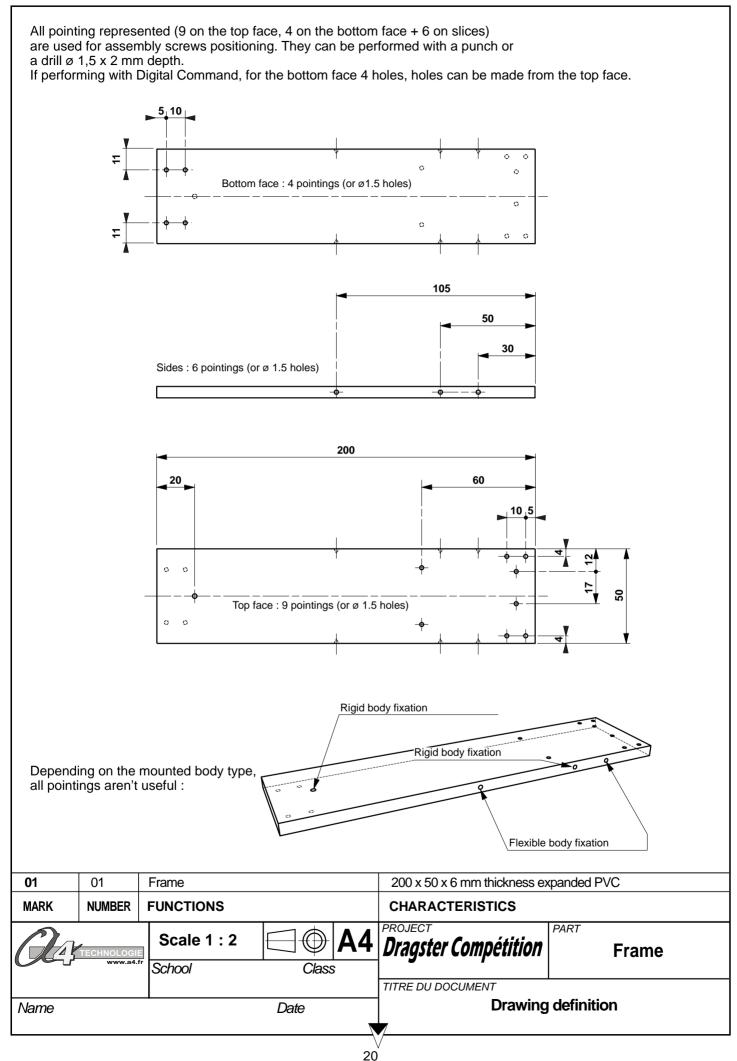


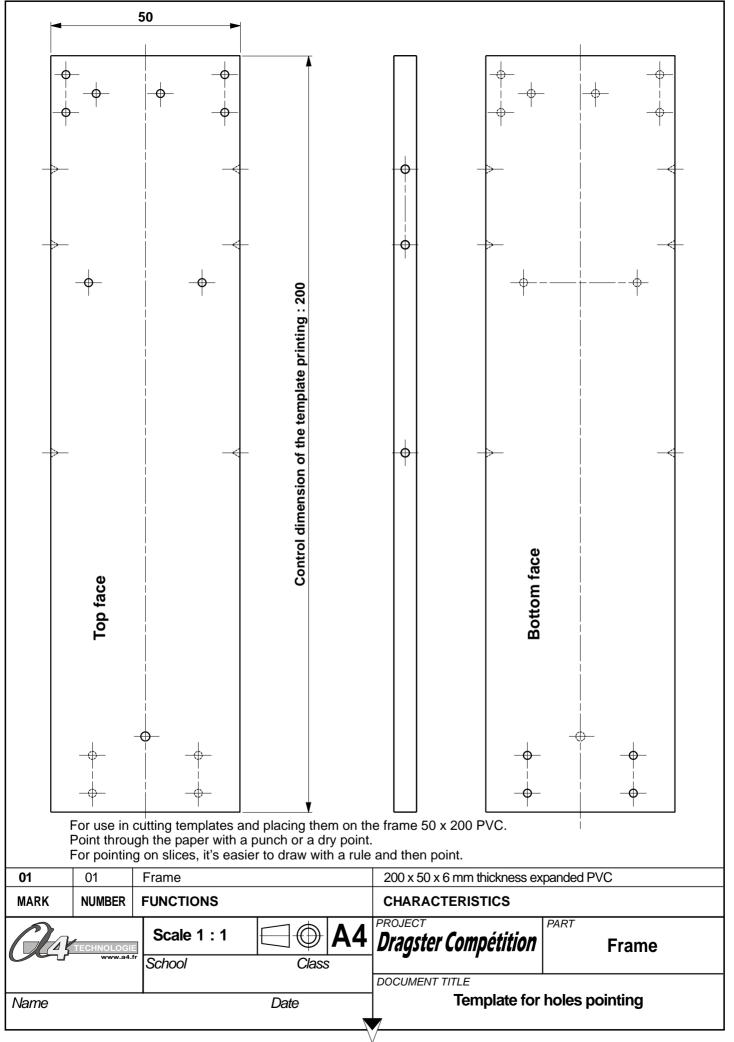
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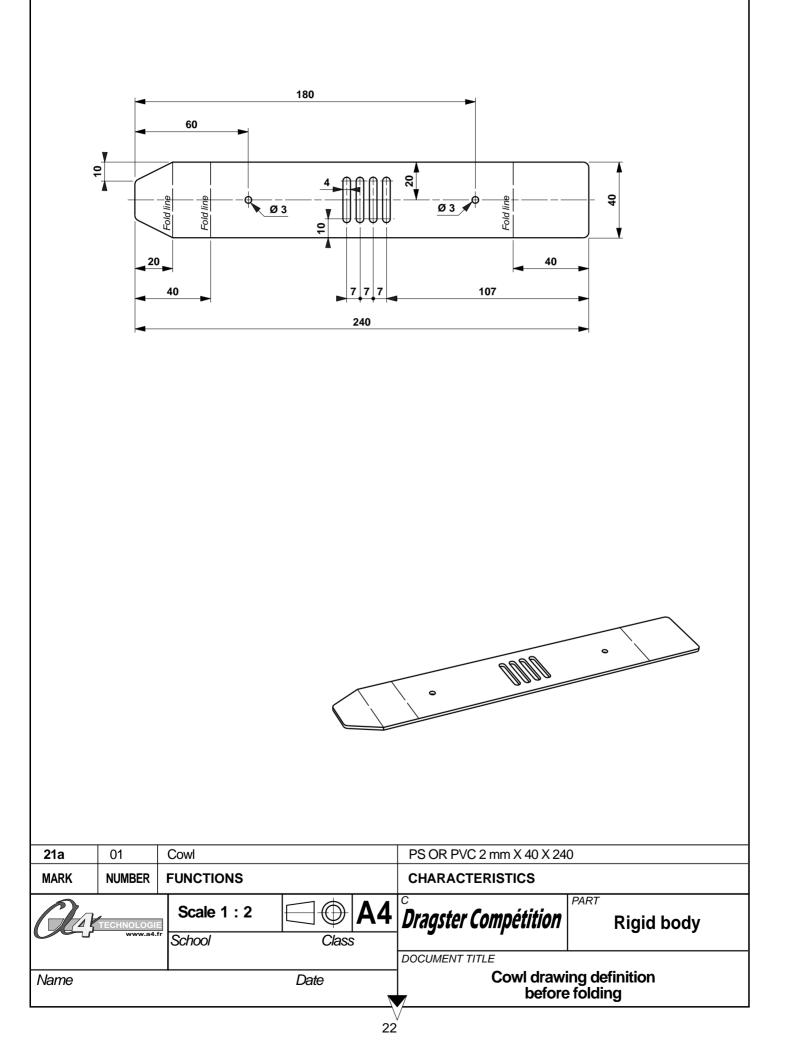


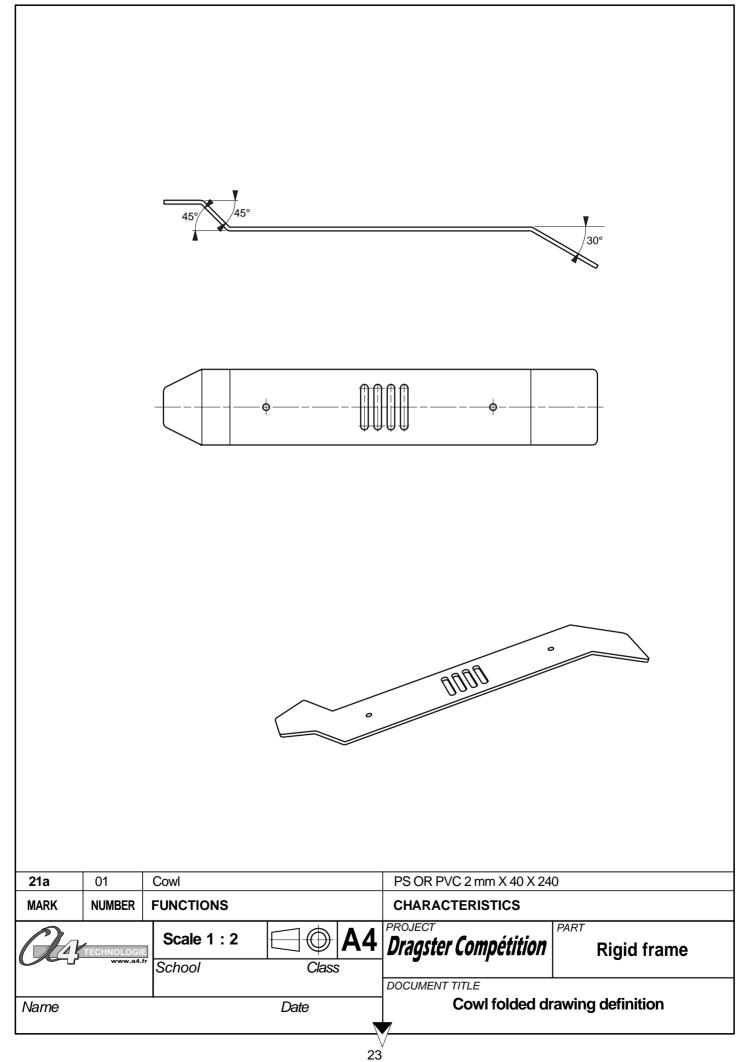


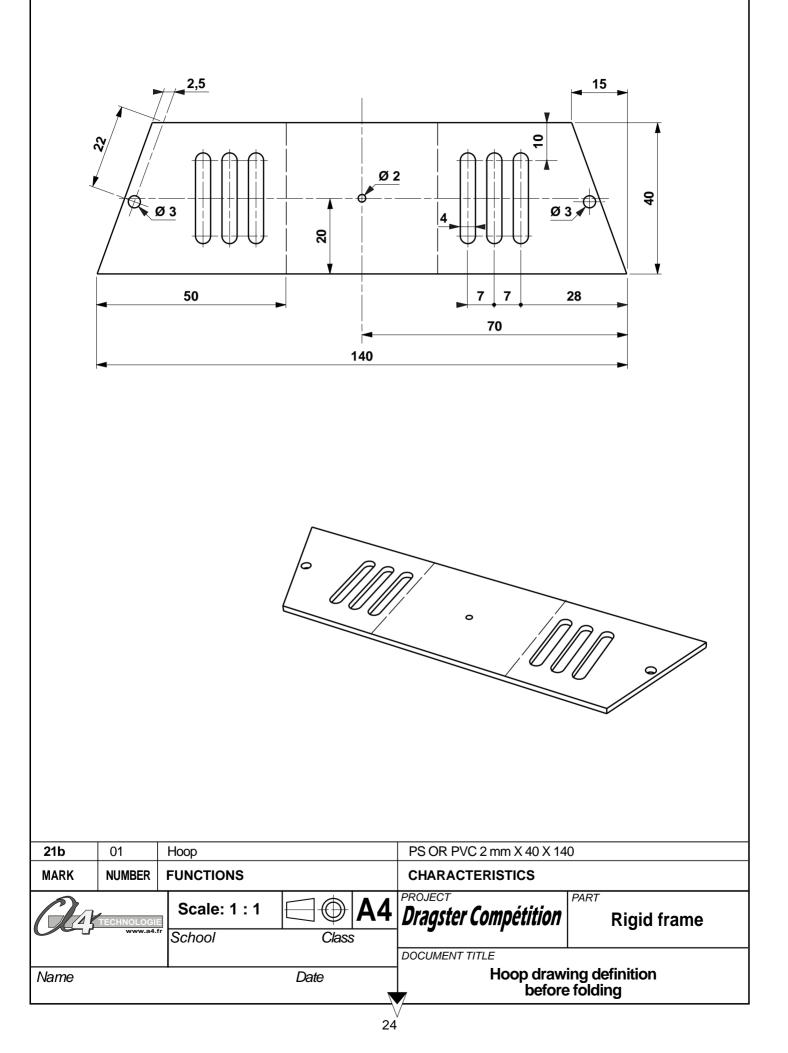


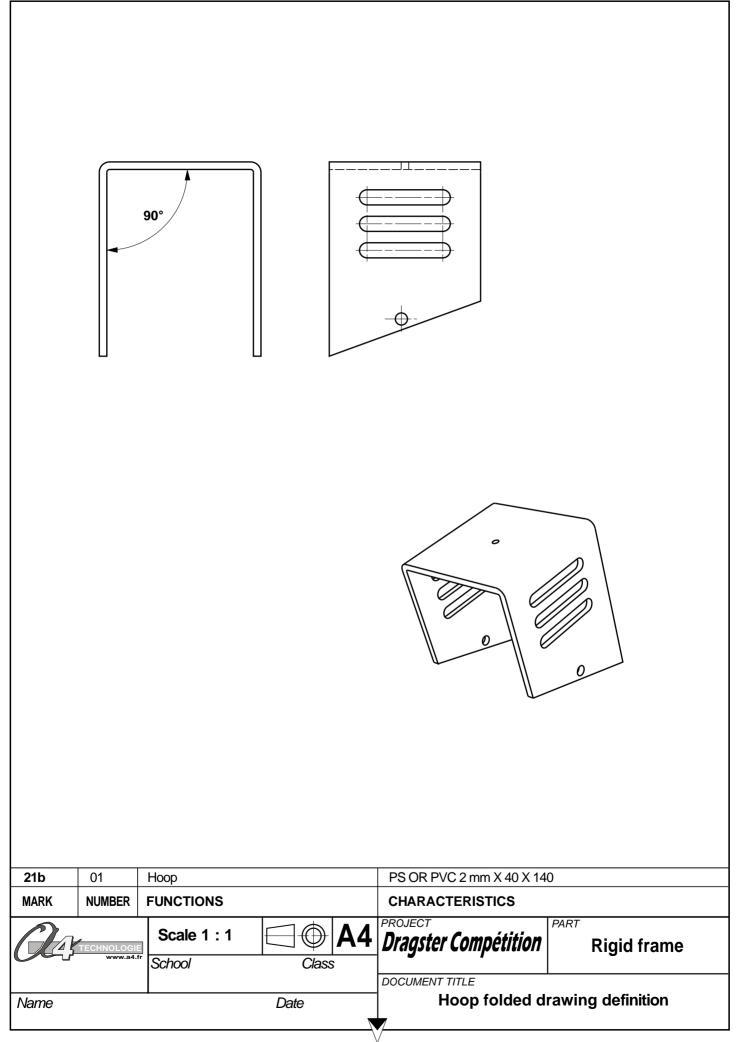


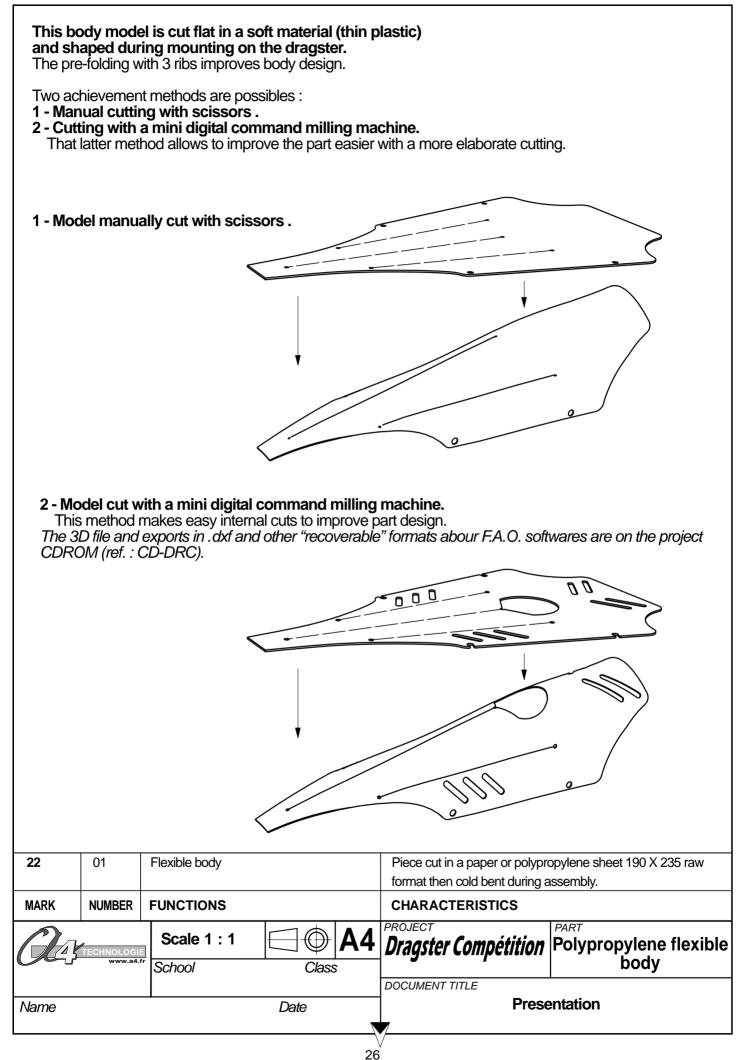










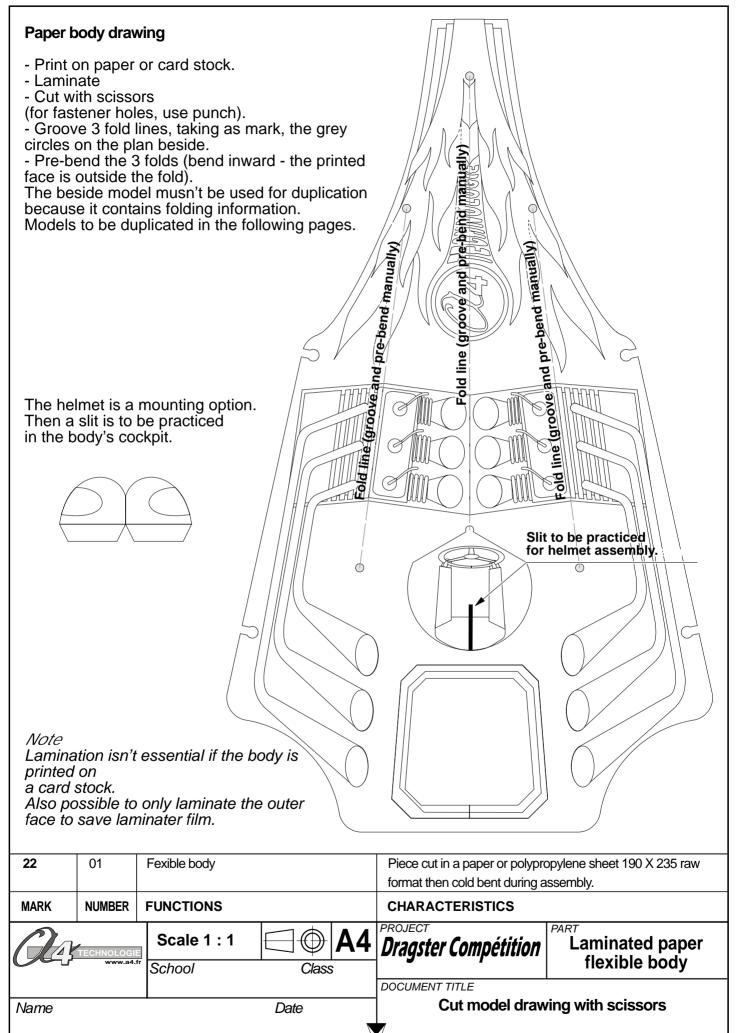


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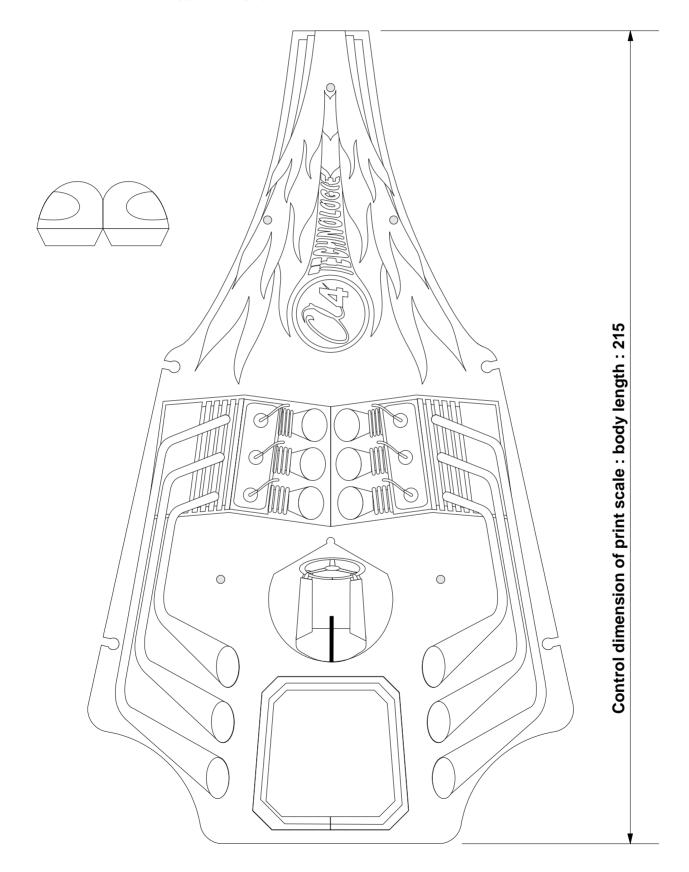
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Coloring model - Print on paper - Color - Laminating - Cut

Paper body to print

Other color models in the appendix "paper bodies models".



Some examples of realizations

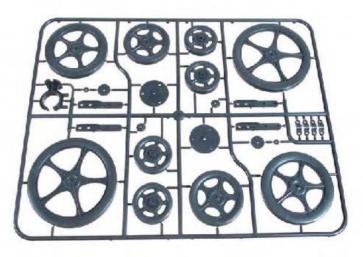














Kit description and proposed bodies options 1/2

Basic kit contents

The belt dragster basic kit includes all needed parts to complete motorized frame in its various versions (choice of wheels diameter and driving wheels, choice of the front axle configuration).

The body's material is to be ordered separately as it can be made with either a simple paper sheet, a 0.8 mm polypropylene format or a 2 mm PVC or polystirene plate. The body mounting screws are already included in the basic kit.

The injected pieces set, supplied with the kit, includes particularly various wheels and pulleys diameter to enable achievement of various dragster versions.

The frame comes with finshed dimensions. If you want to charge your students to cut the different parts (using a saw or CN machine), you must supply detail pieces and materials according to the machines format and your choice of colors.

All parts and materials are available at retail.

- Unit packaging : parts and materials are individually wrapped for carrying out a single product.
 - 10 grouped packaging : parts and materials are grouped to achieve 10 products.

This package is cheaper but requires sorting pieces upon reception.

Some additional original pieces are supplied with the packaging by 10.

Basic kit nomenclature for individual package (ref. K-DRC-G-01)

Designation and references A4	Quantity	Drawing
Cluster of dark grey ABS injection - Contains all injected mechanical pieces Ref. DRAG-GRAP	1	
Steel axle Diameter 3 x length 150 mm mini (Wheels axle) Ref. AX-AC-3X166	1	
Switch - Type micro inverter with slider Ref. INV-GLI	1	
Electric motor. Ref. MOT-D21-2A	1	
Cylindrical head screw for metal sheet Ø 3 x L6.4 Ref VIS-TC-TC-2M9X6M4 (21 needed + 4 for body fixation)	25	(D>
Milled head screw for metal sheet Ø 3 x L6.4 (Batteries holder fixartion) Ref VIS-TF-2M9X6M4	2	
Cylindrical head screw for metal sheet Ø 2 x L6.4 (Switch fixartion) Ref VIS-TC-TC-2M2X6M4	2	
Batterie holder for 3 R6 batteries - Wires output Ref SUP-PIL-3R6FIL-01	1	
6 mm x 50 x 200 black expanded PVC format (Frame) Ref PVC-EX-6X50X200-N	1	
Elastic bracelet I2 x L 600 flat (Belt) Ref BRAELA-2X60-BD (1+1 spare)	2	
Elastic bracelet I 6 x L 60 flat (wheels tread Ø 44) - Ref BRAELA- 6X60-BD Elastic bracelet I 6 x L 80 flat (wheels tread Ø 60) - Ref BRAELA- 6X80-BD Elastic bracelet I 6 x L100 flat (wheels tread Ø 80) - Ref BRAELA- 6X100-BD Elastic bracelet I 6 x L 120 flat (wheels tread Ø 100) - Ref BRAELA- 6X120-BD	4 2 2 2	

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Kit description and proposed bodies options 2/2

Plate for a cut polypropilene body realization

Designation and references A4	Quantity	Drawing
Polypropylene plate 190 x 235 format. To cut a body with scissors or CN machine. Choice of colors : Opaque black - Translucent blue - Translucent red - Opaque blue - Opaque red - Fluorescent green - Fluorescent pink - Metallic steel. Ref CT-CAR- (+ color)	1	

Plate for the realization of a cut body in a 2 mm shock polystirene

Quantity	Drawing
	Quantity

To achieve a paper body

The body must be printed on A4 format (models in the record and files on the CDROM), laminating, cutting with scissors and drilling fixation holes with a punch forceps.

- Laminator A4 format : ref MA-PLAST-A4
- Laminating film A4 format, 75 microns thickness : PLASTIF-A4-75M
- Laminating film A4 format, 125 microns thickness : PLASTIF-A4-125M

Punch pliers revolver :

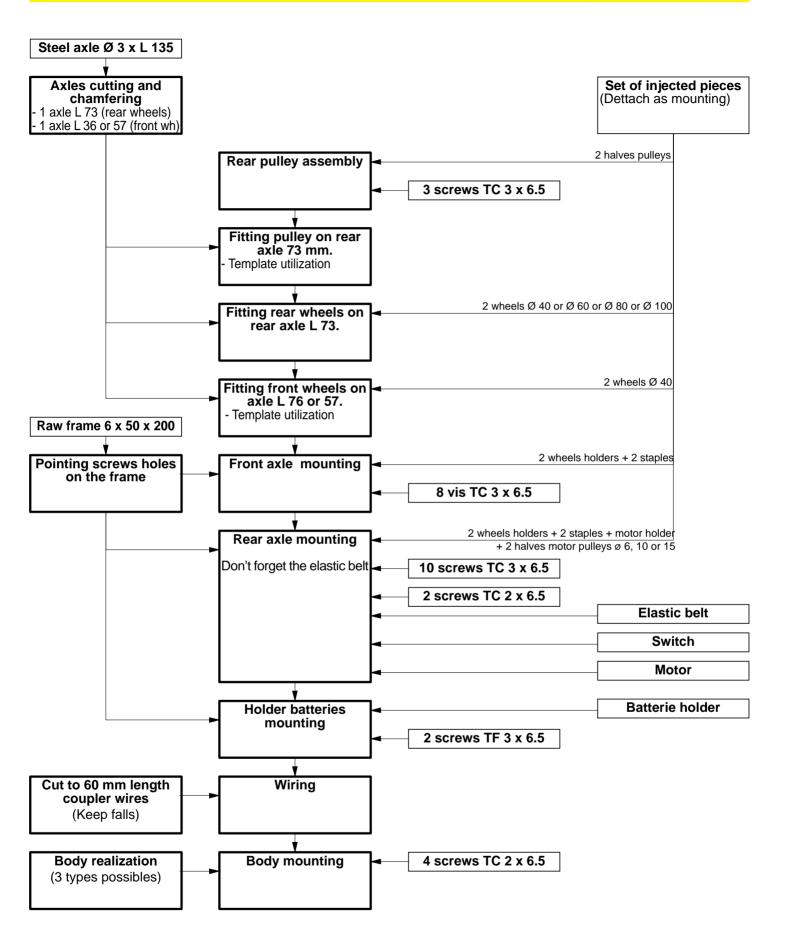
- Pro punch pliers revolver multiplied : Ref PCE-EMPPCE6-PRO
- Basic punch pliers revolver : Ref PCE-EMPPCE6





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Chart for manufacturing and assembling



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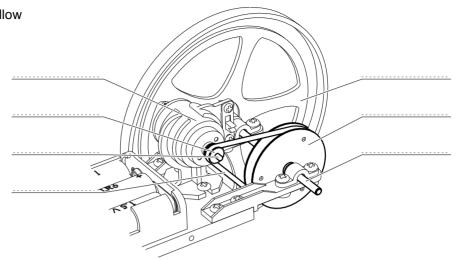


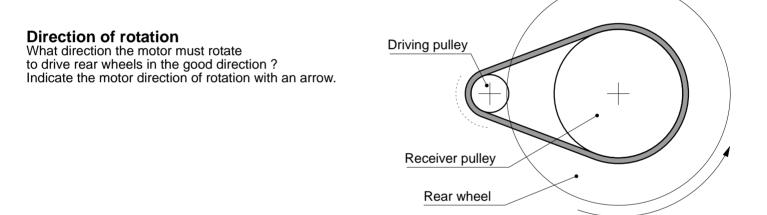
Transmission study- 1/2

Identify transmission elements

Locate the drawing elements that allow motor movement transmission to the rear wheels :

- Motor
- Drive shaft
- Motor pulley
- Belt
- Receiver pulley
- Receiver shaft
- Wheel



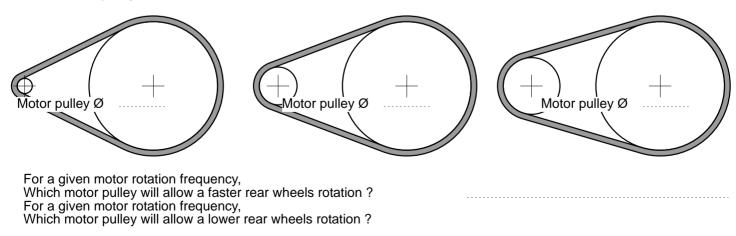


Reduced transmission

a choice between three various motor pulleys :

- Ø 4 motor pulley Ø 10 motor pulley
- Ø 15 motor pulley

The receiver pulley on the rear shaft is 34 mm diameter.



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Transmission study - 2/2

Reduction ratio

The reduction ratio is the ratio betwwen :

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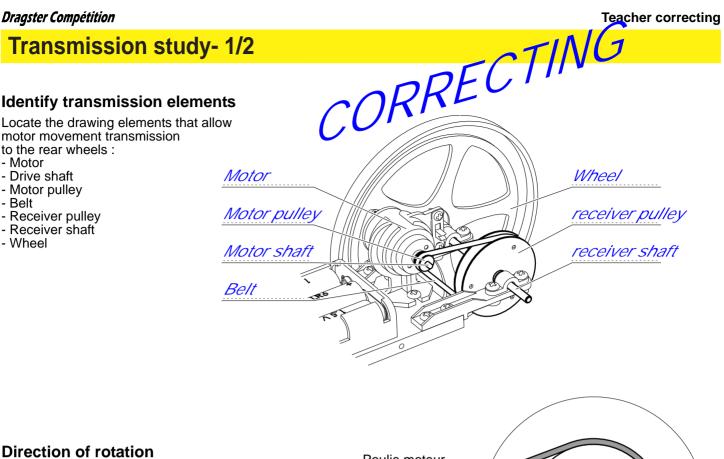
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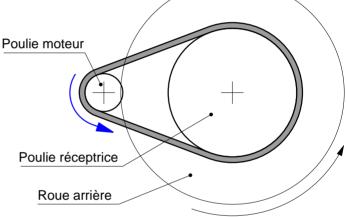
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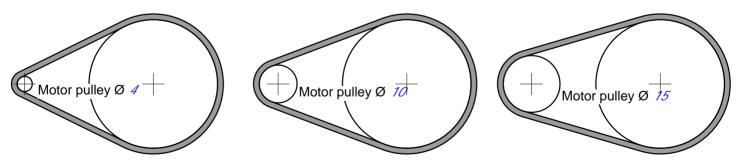
What direction the motor must rotate to drive rear wheels in the good direction ? Indicate the motor direction of rotation with an arrow.



Reduced transmission

a choice between three various motor pulleys :

- Ø 4 motor pulley
- Ø 10 motor pulley
- Ø 15 motor pulley
- The receiver pulley on the rear shaft is 34 mm diameter.



For a given motor rotation frequency, Which motor pulley will allow a faster rear wheels rotation ? *The diameter 15 pulley.*

Pour une fréquence de rotation donnée du moteur, quelle poulie moteur permettra une rotation plus lente des roues arrière ? *The diameter 4 pulley.*



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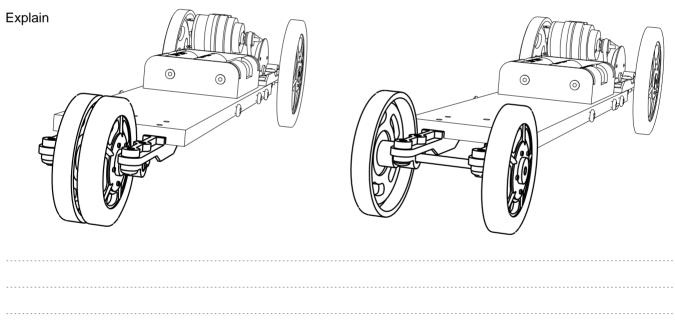
Dragster Compétition

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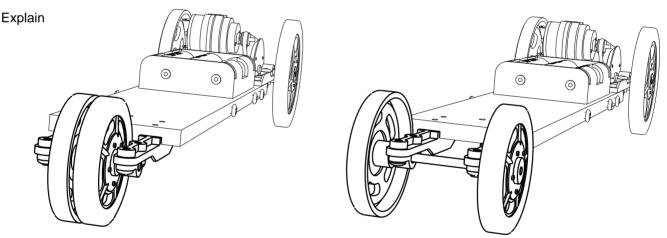
Is it really possible that the dragster go perfectly straight ?

The dragster goes never perfectly straight. There is always a drift more or less important.

What are the possible causes of drift dragster ?

- Ground bumps deflect the dragster.
- A misaligned front and rear wheels causes a dragster drift.
- A wheels axles gap cases also a drift dra ster..
- The rear wheels slip at start causes an immediately a dragster drift.
- a poor front wheels adhesion favors the dragster drift.

To better guide the dragster in straight line, is there a better front axle configuration that another one ?



It seems that the mote the front wheels are spaced, better is stright-line guidance. This is due to better stability of a large wheel base.

What should be particularly careful in carrying out the dragster to ensure a good guidance in a straight line ? When carrying out the dragster, one must be particularly attentive to the holders wheels fixations. In particular, frame pointing, for fixation screws installation, should be as accurate as possible. The wheels fixations shoud be also secure. The screws should be tightened properly but not too much, not to destroy the screws threads and no longer be able to tighten at all.

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Adhesion and performance

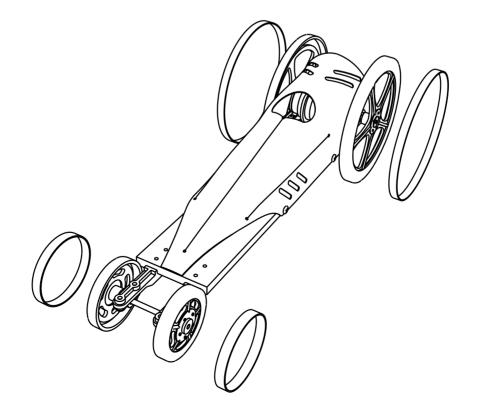
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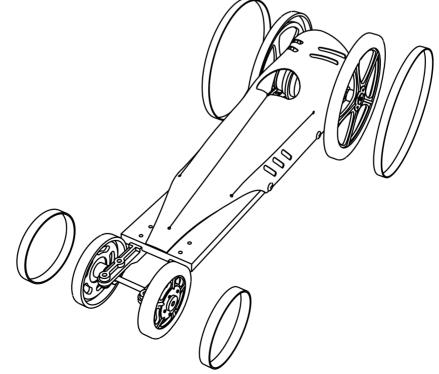
Hard plastic isn't particularly well suited to the treads because it's a hard and slippery material. Then, rear wheels may spin at startup, causing a "half turn skid". And the front wheels provide a poor guidance and hop on the ground.

What is the best suited material for a tread ?A soft and adhesive material is best suited to reduce wheels slip.Rubber is generally used as for tyres.In addition, rubber is elastic, and reduce very much wheels hopping on the ground.

What material is proposed for the dragster wheels tread ? The dragster's wheels tread are in rubber.

Does the wheels tread improve very much dragster performance ? On smooth ground, treads are needed to avoid rear wheels slippage during startup. We also note that the dragster's speed is imroved with treads mounting. This is due to treads absorber effect which that prevent energy loss in vibrations causes by hoppping on the ground.

The straight-line guidance is also improved by treads that provide a front axle better adhesion.



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