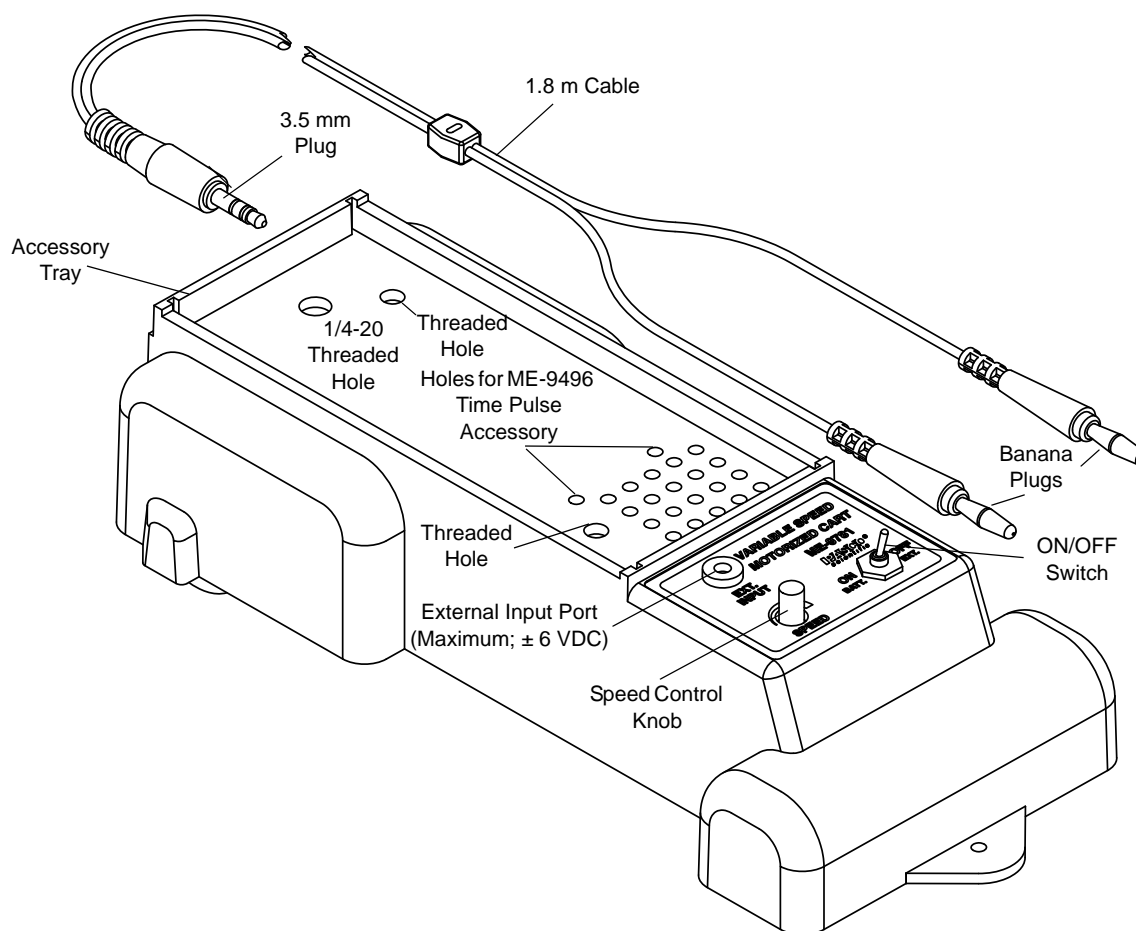




Variable Speed Motorized Cart

ME-9781



Included Items	Included Items
Variable Speed Motorized Cart	1.8 m Cable Assembly, 3.5 mm plug

Power

The PASCO Variable Speed Motorized Cart can use four “C” cells (batteries) that are not included. NOTE: The PASCO PI-6603 is a four pack of “C” sized alkaline batteries. The cart can also be powered by a DC power supply (such as the PASCO SE-9720 18 VDC, 5A supply), or by certain PASCO Interfaces (such as the *ScienceWorkshop 750* Interface and the Power Amplifier II (CI-6552A), or the *Universal Interface 850*), or the PASCO Xplorer GLX datalogger (PS-2002) and GLX Power Amplifier (PS-2006).

The included cable has a 3.5 mm phone plug at one end and banana plugs at the other end. The banana plugs can be connected to the output ports of the PASCO Power Amplifier, for example. The 3.5 mm plug fits into the External Input Port on the cart.

Other Equipment

Recommended Equipment*	Recommended Equipment*
Starter Dynamics Track (ME-9493)	Time Pulse Accessory (ME-9496)
Force and Motion Track (ME-6958)	Ballistic Cart Accessory (ME-9486)
Classic 1.2 m or 2.2 m Dynamics Track (ME-9435 or ME-9458)	Power Amplifier (CI-6552A or PS-2006)
PAScar 1.2 m or 2.2 m Dynamics Track (ME-6953 or ME-6954)	Motion Sensor (CI-6742 or PS-2103)
PAStrack 1.0 m (ME-6960)	Force Sensor (CI-6537 or PS-2104)
Dynamics Track Mount (CI-6992)	Rotary Motion Sensor (CI-6538 or PS-2120)
Track String Adapter (ME-6569)	PASCO Interface and data acquisition software

*See the PASCO catalog or the web site at www.pasco.com for more information.

Introduction

The ME-9781 Variable Speed Motorized Cart incorporates many features of other PASCO carts including precision bearing wheels and an accessory tray. The cart also has a regulated voltage and motorized rear wheels that are geared to operate at constant speed. The speed control knob adjusts the speed from 8 centimeters per second (cm/s) to 25 cm/s. The speed of the cart can also be varied automatically and remotely using the Time Pulse Accessory, DC power supply, or a PASCO Interface. An external voltage source such as the Time Pulse Accessory connects to the External Input Port on the cart.

The motion of the cart can be measured in different ways. You can use a PASCO Interface and a Motion Sensor or Rotary Motion Sensor. The motion can also be measured using a plastic “picket fence” (ME-8933 or ME-9804) that fits into the slots of the accessory tray, and a Photogate Head (ME-9498A) connected to a Smart Timer (ME-8930), Photogate Timer (ME-9215B), or PASCO Interface. You can also measure the motion using a measuring tape (PM-8761 or SE-8712A) or meter stick (SE-8695) and a stopwatch (ME-1234).

The features of the Variable Speed Motorized Cart expand the scope of experiments that are possible with the PASCO Dynamics System (Carts and Tracks). By powering the cart with a PASCO Interface and Power Amplifier, the physical manifestation of several different wave forms can be demonstrated.

Operation**Battery Installation**

Install the C-type alkaline batteries (not included) in the battery clip compartment on the bottom of the cart. Estimated battery life is six hours or five kilometers (km).

Manual ON/OFF

Start and stop the cart manually using the ON/OFF switch.

Speed Adjustments

Adjust the speed manually by turning the Speed Control Knob. Turning the knob clockwise increases the speed. Turning the knob counterclockwise decreases the speed.

External Voltage Source

Switch the ON/OFF switch to OFF (EXT.). The cart can now receive power from the external voltage source and the battery is shut off.



CAUTION: Never supply the Variable Speed Motorized Cart with external source voltages greater than ± 6 volts.

Use the included cable to connect the External Input Port (EXT. INPUT) on the cart to an external voltage source.

Remote Control through a PASCO Interface

1. Switch the voltage input to “external” by moving the ON/OFF switch to OFF (EXT.). The cart can now receive power from the external source and the battery is shut off.
2. Connect the Variable Speed Motorized Cart to the PASCO Interface.
 - If you are using a PASCO 750 *ScienceWorkshop* Interface and Power Amplifier, use the included cable to connect the External Input Port (EXT. INPUT) on the cart to the power output ports on the Power Amplifier.
 - If you are using a PASCO 850 *Universal Interface*, use the included cable to connect the External Input Port on the cart to the power output ports of the 850 Interface.
3. Start the PASCO data acquisition software (such as DataStudio or Capstone) and choose and adjust the signal that you want the interface to output. (See the software instructions for more information.)
4. In the software, click ON in the signal control window to start outputting the signal.
5. Click OFF in the signal control window to stop outputting the signal.

ON/OFF by Time Pulse Accessory (ME-9496)

1. Mount the PASCO Time Pulse Accessory on the Variable Speed Motorized Cart by inserting the studs on the bottom of the Time Pulse Accessory into the holes in the accessory tray of the cart.

NOTE: Be sure that the ON/OFF switch is in the *OFF* position before doing the next step.

2. Plug the 3.5 mm phone plug of the Time Pulse Accessory cable into the External Input Port on the Variable Speed Motorized Cart.
3. Test the Time Pulse Accessory.
 - Turn the TIME control switch on the Time Pulse Accessory to “0” (0 = 1 SEC).
 - Flip the ON/OFF switch on the Variable Speed Motorized Cart to *ON*.
 - Gently press the START push button on the Time Pulse Accessory.

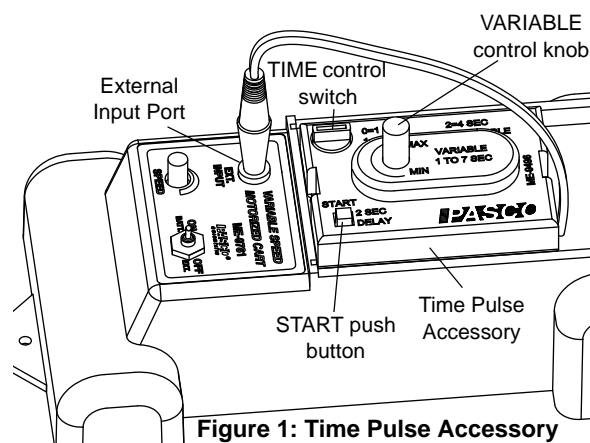


Figure 1: Time Pulse Accessory

After a two second delay, the Motorized Cart should turn on automatically and run for one second before turning off automatically.

Test the other time intervals on the TIME control switch in the same manner.

NOTE: When the TIME control switch is set to “3”, select the time interval by using the VARIABLE control knob. Turn the knob to MIN for a time interval under one second, and turn the knob to MAX for a time interval of approximately seven seconds. When using the VARIABLE control knob, the time interval will be proportional to the position of the knob. For example, half-way between MIN and MAX is approximately 3.5 seconds.

Suggested Activities

Relative Motion

Use a piece of paper on the floor to simulate the motion of a river, and simulate the relative motion of a boat crossing the river by moving the piece of paper while the cart is traveling over it (see Figure 2).

Vectors with Relative Motion

Explore vectors by mounting a Motion Sensor at an angle on the Variable Speed Motorized Cart. Place the track at an angle to the wall and position the Motion Sensor parallel with the wall (see Figure 3).

The Motion Sensor will record the relative velocity of the Motion Sensor with respect to the wall. Next, orient the track so that it is perpendicular to the wall. Repeat the data collection process. The velocity measured by the Motion Sensor the second time is the full velocity of the Motorized Cart. Use the data acquisition software to plot both runs of data on a graph of velocity versus time.

Independence of Vertical and Horizontal Motion

Mount a Ballistic Cart Accessory onto the Variable Speed Motorized Cart. Arrange the equipment so that the Ballistic Cart Accessory will launch the ball while the cart is moving forward (see Figure 4).

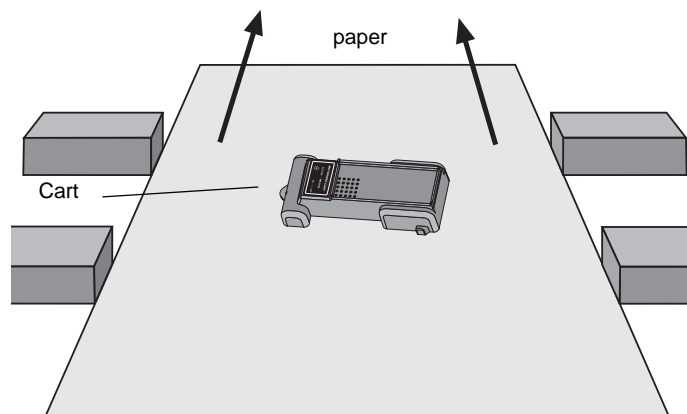


Figure 2: Relative Motion

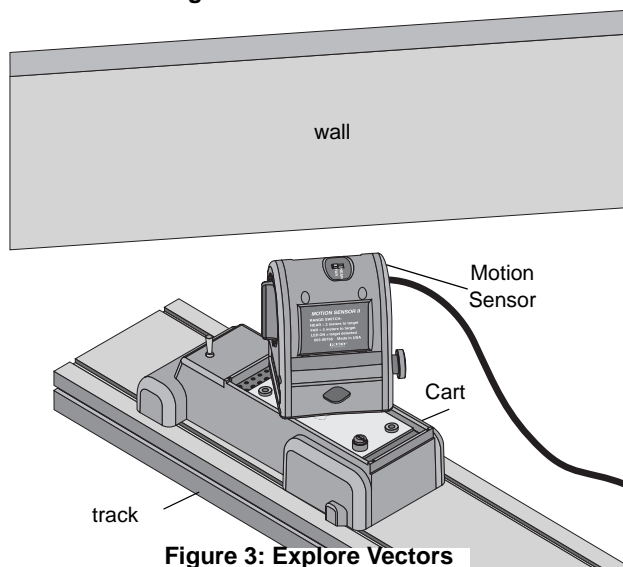


Figure 3: Explore Vectors

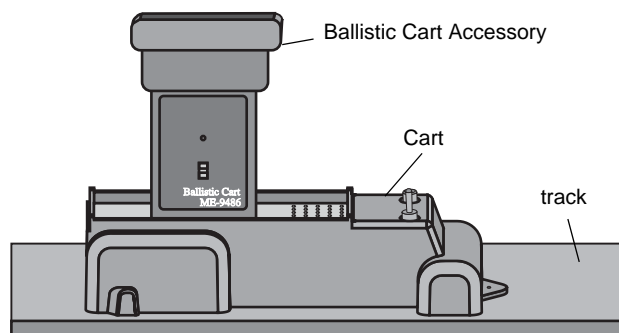


Figure 4: Ballistic Cart Accessory

Angle of Incline versus Efficiency (Constant Force)

Explore the effect of the angle of incline of a track on the efficiency of the Variable Speed Motorized Cart. Measure the speed of the cart at various angles of incline using a Motion Sensor or Rotary Motion Sensor with the Track String Adapter. One way to measure the angle of incline is with a Rotary Motion Sensor and a Chaos Accessory (see Figure 5).

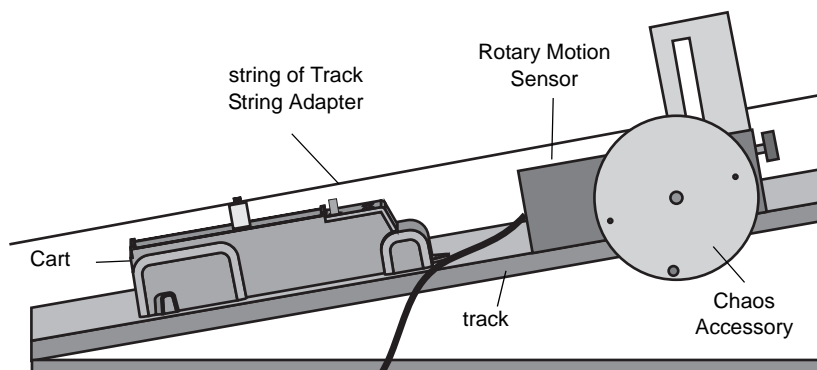


Figure 5: Efficiency vs Angle

Plot the percent efficiency versus the angle of incline, where percent efficiency is:

$$\frac{\text{mechanical power}}{\text{electrical power}} \times 100$$

See Figure 6 for an example of typical experimental results.

Constant Acceleration versus Constant Velocity

Compare the effect of a constant acceleration for measured time versus constant velocity for a measured time. Use the Time Pulse Accessory to supply power for a constant time to the Variable Speed Motorized Cart and compare its motion to that of a Fan Cart Accessory that has been supplied with power for the same time period (see Figure 7)

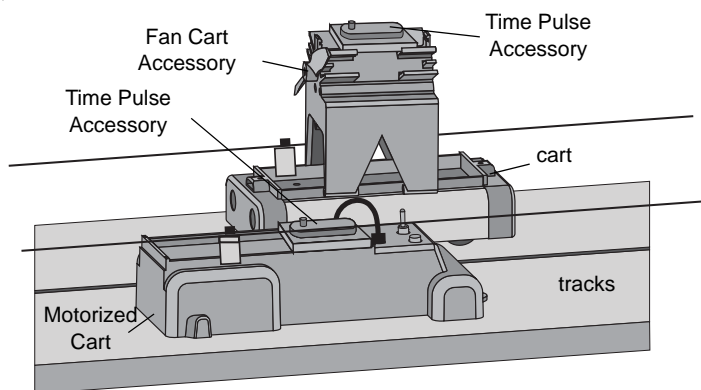


Figure 7: Constant Acceleration versus Constant Velocity

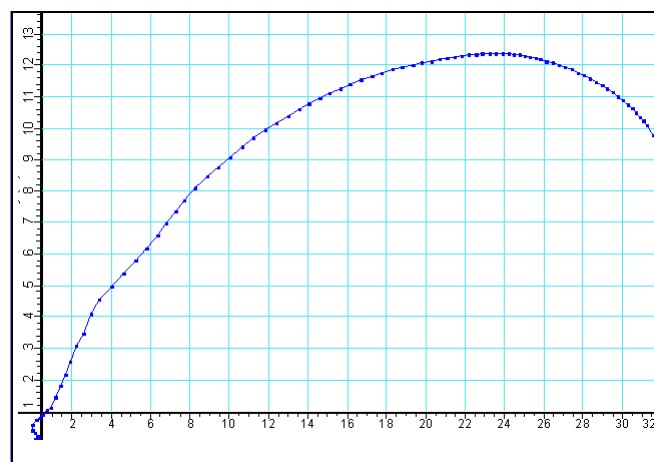


Figure 6: Typical Data

Track the position versus time of the Variable Speed Motorized Cart and the Fan Cart using two Rotary Motion Sensors and Track String Adapters. See Figure 8 for an example of typical experimental results.

Alternatively, collect data on the Variable Speed Motorized Cart using the Rotary Motion Sensor and Track String Adapter, and then collect data on the Fan Cart using a Time Pulse Accessory set to the same time interval. In this manner, both runs can be plotted on the same graph display showing the difference in position versus time for constant acceleration and constant velocity.

Variable Force versus Efficiency (Constant Angle of Incline)

Explore the relationship between varying force and efficiency when a Variable Speed Motorized Cart is climbing a track inclined at 30° . Use the Rotary Motion Sensor and a Track String Adapter to measure the position of the cart as it climbs the incline track (see Figure 9).

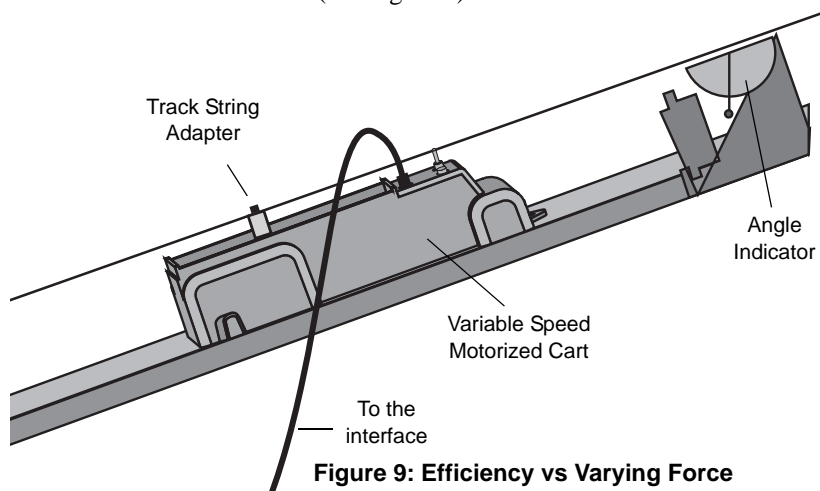


Figure 9: Efficiency vs Varying Force

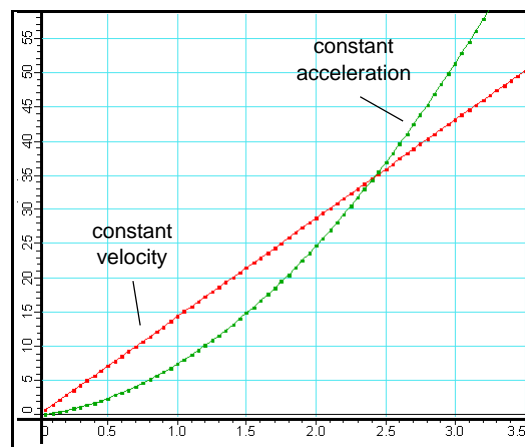


Figure 8: Typical Data

Vary the voltage supplied to the Variable Speed Motorized Cart with a “ramp down” signal from the 750 *ScienceWorkshop* Interface and Power Amplifier or the 850 *Universal Interface*.

Manifest Different Voltage Wave Forms

Explore the effect of controlling the Variable Speed Motorized Cart with a variety of voltage wave forms (such as sine wave, square, triangle, ramp up, ramp down, etc.) from the PASCO Interface. Plot the voltage and the position of the cart or the voltage and the speed versus time.

Independence of Kinetic Friction and Speed

Determine the effect of speed on kinetic friction with a Force Sensor mounted on the Variable Speed Motorized Cart. Place a friction block on a track and put two PASCO carts accessory-tray-down on top of the friction block. Use the Force Sensor to measure the kinetic friction (see Figure 10).

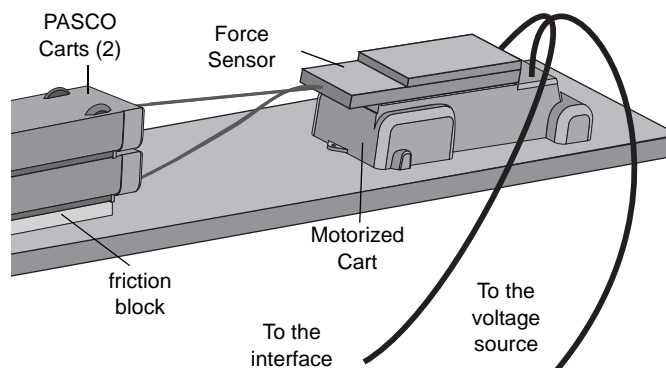


Figure 10: Kinetic Friction and Speed

Specifications

Item	Value
Speed range	8 cm/s to 25 cm/s
Battery life	approximately 6 hours or 5 kilometers
Battery power	four “C” cells
Regulated voltage	yes

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