MARS ROVER LAB

Autonomous Self-Driving Mars Rover

MCK-MRLB-001



MINDS-I STEM INTEGRATED ROBOTICS: AUTONOMOUS SELF-DRIVING MARS ROVER

Take STEM learning to new heights with this cutting edge GPS–IMU powered rover. Students explore programming, electromechanical systems, and autonomous navigation. Students design, build, and program the rover for ground-based missions, environmental exploration, autonomous obstacle avoidance, and other compelling space related challenges.

SPARK AND SUSTAIN STUDENTS' INTEREST IN STEM

MINDS-i Robotics engages students in an energizing STEM learning environment with easy to build, program, and modify robots. Technologically advanced rovers and drones perform impressive real-world tasks that build excitement for STEM careers. The curriculum encourages collaborative problem-solving and the open-source Arduino® C++ programming language fosters endless creativity. With outstanding technical support, teachers are empowered and students are inspired to build whatever they envision in their "mind's eye."

COURSE DESIGN

This lab is a half semester (45 Hours) and designed for 2-4 students.



DESIGN

ROGRAM













GPS & COMPASS

ENCODER

DASHBOARD

CONTROLLER

RC CONTROL

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CURRICULUM OUTLINE -45 HOURS

Unit 1: Introduction to Autonomous Vehicles

- 1. Student Performance
- 2. What is an Autonomous Vehicle

Unit 2: Mars Rover

Autonomous Vehicles

- 1. Space Exploration
- 2. Mars Exploration
- 3. Parts & Purposes
- 4. Mars Rover Chassis Build

Unit 3: Autonomous Vehicle Technologies

- 1. Testing the Micro-Controller
- 2. Parts & Purposes
- 3. Core Syntax Overview
- 4. Surface Mapping of Mars
- Martian Autonomous Navigation
 Earth Based GPS Navigation
- 6. IMU Heading
- 7. Autonomous Vehicle Build
- 8. Power Level Monitoring
- 9. Communications

Unit 4: Electrical Engineering & Energy Transfer

- 1. Energy Types & Transfer
- 2. Electric Motors
- 3. Volts, Amps & Watts
- 4. Batteries

Unit 5: Applied Systems Thinking

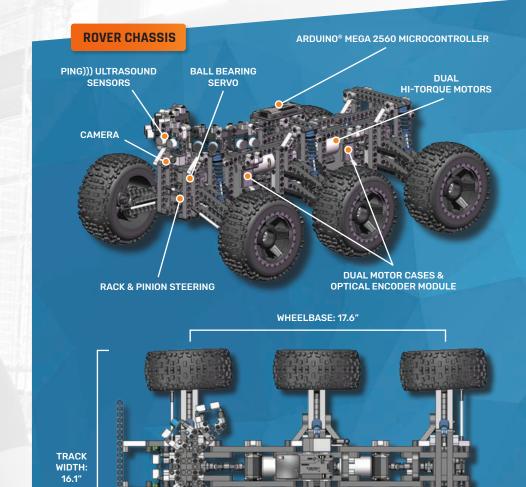
- 1. Earth Based Autonomous Navigation
- 2. Inputs, Outputs and Constraints
- 3. Interrelationship Diagrams

Unit 6: Culminating Project

- 1. Search for Life
- 2. Obstacle Avoidance
- 3. Autonomous Navigation

INCLUDES A CAMERA FOR FIRST-PERSON VIEW





I MINDS-I DASHBOARD SOFTWARE & MEGA 2560 HARDWARE

TOTAL LENGTH: 25.5"

- » Open Source Software / Windows 10, OS X & Linux Ready, Easy to use Graphical Interface
- » Drag and Drop Installation (w/Radio Driver)
- » Save and Load GPS Paths, Capable of Navigating to 100 Waypoints
- » Live Location Tracking and Wirelessly Adjust Settings
- » Customizable Graphs: Latitude, Longitude, Yaw/Direction, Pitch, Roll, Ground Speed, Voltage, Amperage and Altitude
- » Full Telemetry Logging and Inclinometer Gauges

