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YOUR MANUAL AT A GLANCE



RECON 6.0 SPECS

Get acquainted with the features of your RECON 6.0 Programmable Rover before moving on to Basic Training.

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BASIC TRAINING

These missions will teach you everything you need to know to control your RECON 6.0. It's helpful to go in order; each mission introduces you to a few more of your Rover's cool features while walking you through some basic programming steps.

- Diagnostics and Calibration Test [06–07]
- Mission 01: Basic Field Maneuvering [08-13]
- Mission 02: Messaging Protocol [14–19]
- Mission 03: Night Surveillance [20-23]
- Mission 04: Security Patrol [24–27]



ADVANCED TECHNICAL OPERATIONS

After you've aced Basic Training, you'll be ready to challenge yourself (and your Rover) with more advanced assignments. They'll help you hone your programming skills, so you'll know how to carry out any mission you can dream up.

ON/OF

INSERT

DELETE

ENT

STOP

- Mission 05: Artificial Intelligence [28–29]
- Mission 06: Alien Contact [30-31]
- Mission 07: So You Think You Can Dance? [32–33]
- Mission 08: Advanced Field Maneuvering [34–35]
- Mission 09: Search and Rescue [36–37]
- Mission 10: Reconnaissance [38–39]



SPECIAL OPS

Ready to challenge yourself and strike out on your own? You'll find blank mission maps here for creating your own courses and writing your own code.



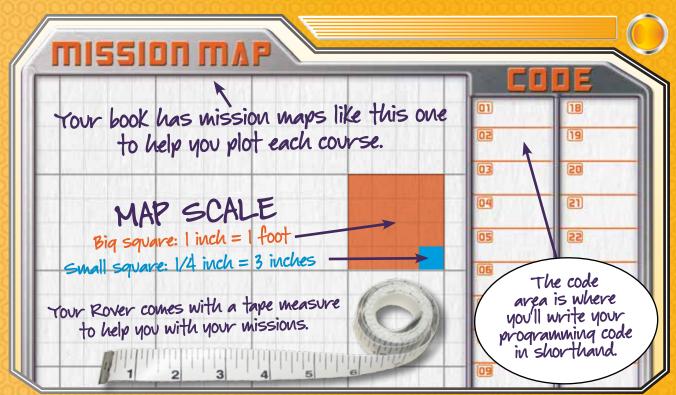
FEATURES & FUNCTIONS GLOSSARY

Check in the back for a full list of your Rover's features and how they function. They are broken down by what you see on the screen and how you use the keypad.

There's a blank mission map at the end of the book. Make copies of it for a future of fun!

- LCD Screen and Keypad Functions [44-47]
- 🗱 🛚 Blank Mission Map (48)





POWER UPJ

RECON 6.0 needs a power source before the fun can begin, so be sure to install three C batteries, as shown. Once your Rover is juiced up, turn it on, using the hard switch on its bottom. Now you two can get acquainted.

BATTERY CAUTIONS:

- To ensure proper safety and operation, battery replacement must always be done by an adult.
- Never let a child use this product unless the battery door is secure.
- Keep all batteries away from small children, and immediately dispose of any batteries safely.
- Batteries are small objects and could be ingested.
- Nonrechargeable batteries are not to be recharged.
- Rechargeable batteries are not recommended for use with this toy.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited.
- Rechargeable batteries are to be removed from the toy before being charged.

- Rechargeable batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision.
- Different types of batteries or new and used batteries are not to be mixed.
- Only batteries of the same or equivalent types as recommended are to be used.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc), or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- Batteries are to be inserted with the correct polarity.
- Exhausted batteries are to be removed from the toy.

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QUALITY CONTROL

The scientists at SmartLab want to make sure your RECON 6.0 is functioning properly. To help them out, run this QA test (that's short for quality assurance in programmer-speak).

RECON 6.0 was built with fun and function in mind, but remember it is a toy. It should properly perform this book's missions and ones you think up yourself—but may not always be exact.

Follow these steps on the same type of floor (wood, tile, or carpet) that you will be using your Rover on. If you move to a new type of floor and find that your Rover isn't working quite right, rerun these steps.



Batteries installed? Turn on the hard switch on the bottom of your Rover.

Press the ON/OFF button on the keypad.

The LCD screen should display the words LOAD and PROGRAM. This is the Start Screen. The LOAD icon should be flashing.

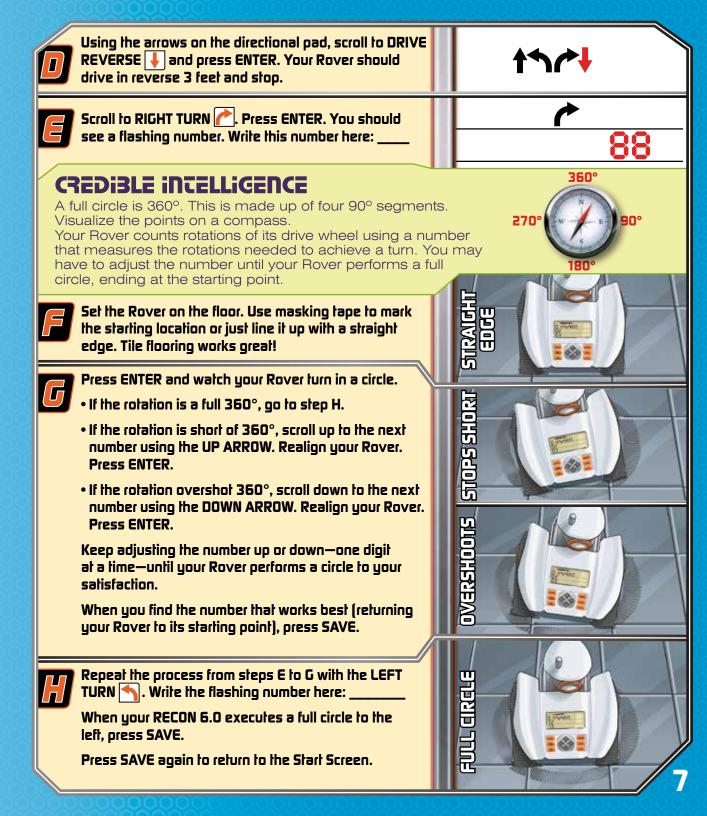
While pressing and holding down the RECORD button, press the UP ARROW.

You should now see 4 drive commands, with DRIVE FORWARD 1 flashing.

Put RECON 6.0 on the floor, making sure that there is at least 3 feet of space in front of it. Press ENTER. Your Rover should drive forward 3 feet and stop.

LOAD PROGRAM







Get to know your new RECON 6.0 with this seemingly simple field maneuver. You'll program it to run a triangular course, landing safely back at field command HQ. After completing this mission, you'll know how to:

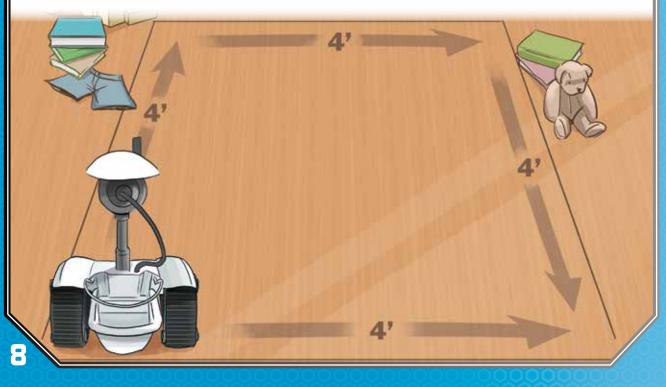
- 🌼 Enter and save a trip
- 🍀 Program lurns in degrees (45º or 90º)
- 🍀 Program distance in inches and feet
- 🍀 Program basic maneuvering commands (forward, left, right, reverse)

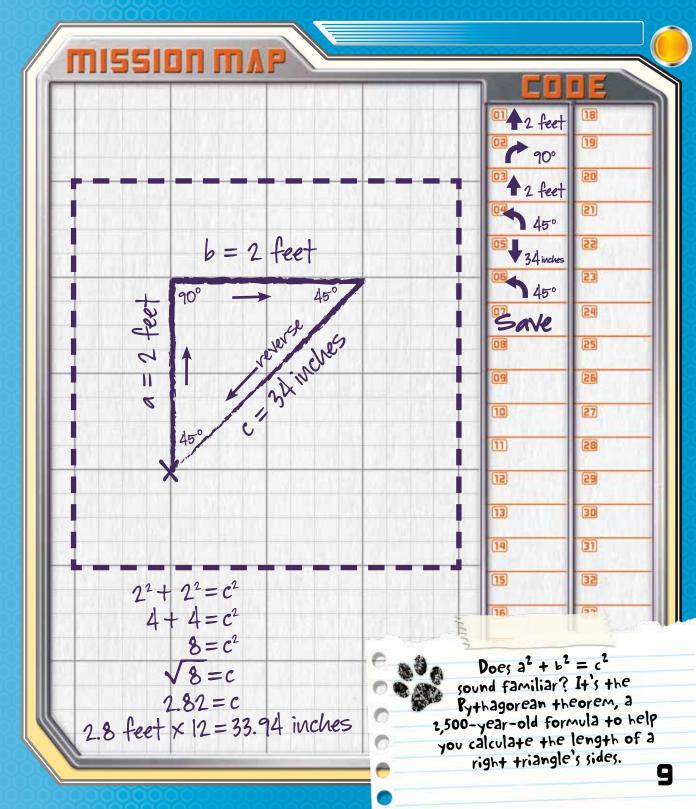
MISSION BACKGROUND

This course has been sketched out for you, and the programming code is supplied, shown on the mission map on page 9. Once you're an ace programmer, you can plug in your own numbers for similar missions. Use the square root button on a calculator to calculate the length of the third side of the triangle.

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

Before you start, clear the field terrain by using your tape measure to mark off an empty 4' x 4' safe zone. Your Rover's starting position will be at the safe zone's bottom left corner.





Basic Training Missions 01–04 come with step-by-step programming instructions to familiarize you with all of RECON 6.0's functions. There'll be plenty of opportunities to create your own missions and your own code in the Advanced Operations section of this manual.

FEET

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programming language, to choose a command, the icon must be flashing. This is shown in **red** throughout the directions. Use the directional pad's ARROW buttons to scroll through the commands until the one you want is flashing. Then press the ENTER button to select!



CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE

The EXIT button always takes you back to the Start Screen which gives you the choice between **LOAD** and **PROGRAM**.

Press ON or EXIT to display the Start Screen.	LOAD PROGRAM		
Toggle so that PROGRAM is flashing. Press ENTER.	LOAD PROGRAM		
You are now in PROGRAM mode and can choose a TRIP# or SOUND#. For this mission, you'll be programming a trip. TRIP# will be flashing, so press ENTER.	PROGRAM TRIP# SOUND#		
This is TRIP #1 and 1 is flashing, so press ENTER.	PROGRAM TRIP#		

PROGRAM TRIP# :

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STEP 2: WRITE YOUR PROGRAM LINES



Your screen will now look like this.

The numbers 01, 02, and 03 represent your first three lines of code. All the command icons appear on line 01.

Choose the flashing O1 by pressing ENTER.

CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE

The RECON 6.0's screen displays 3 program lines at a time. As you enter more commands, the display will automatically scroll down to 04, 05, etc., until you reach the memory limit of 50 program lines.



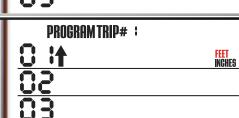
The first command, DRIVE FORWARD 1, is flashing. Press ENTER.

Remember, to choose other commands just use the ARROW buttons on the directional pad.



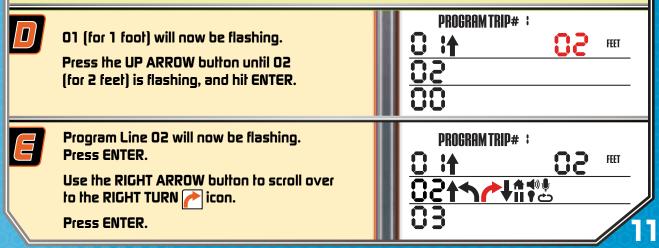
The INCHES and FEET icons will now be lit.

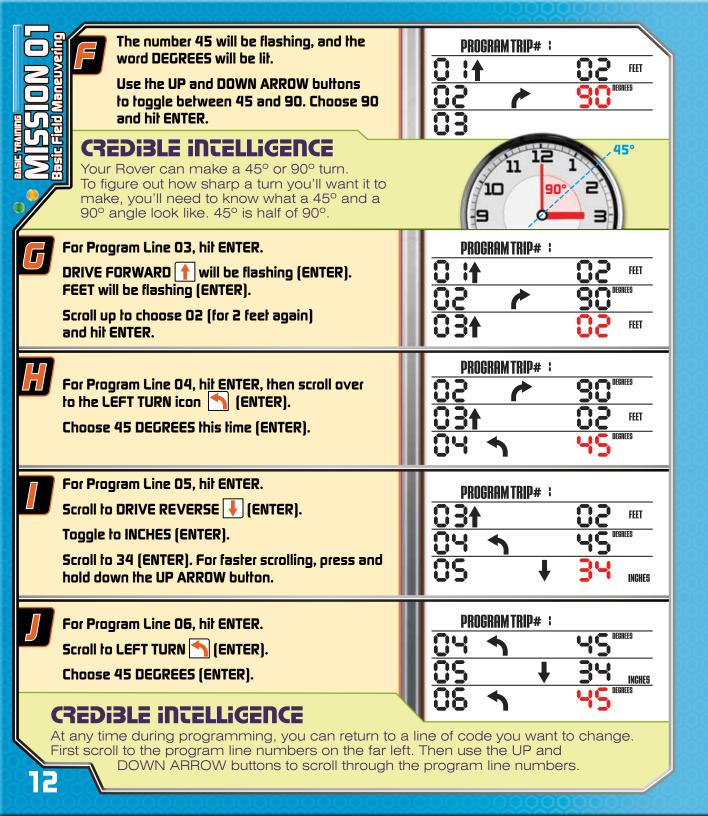
As shown on the Mission O1 map on page 9, your RECON 6.0 will first drive forward 2 feet, so choose FEET by pressing ENTER.



CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE

The UP and DOWN ARROWS allow you to toggle between two options (like INCHES and FEET, 45 and 90 DEGREES, ON and OFF) as well as scroll through the numbers 1–99.







CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE

If you don't press the SAVE button after you finish programming, you'll lose your code, and your Rover won't be able to run its course. So always SAVE your work!

PROGRAM TRIP# :

RUN EDIT

DEGREES

FEET

FEET



Program Line 07 will be flashing, but you won't need it. You've entered all the code you'll need for this mission.

While the Program Line Number is flashing, press SAVE.

The screen will now look like this.

CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE

If you need to make a change, scroll to EDIT and press ENTER. This allows you to change the code. If you need to INSERT or DELETE a line, refer to page 47. Don't forget to save any changes!

Place RECON 6.0 in the starting position (bottom left).

Choose RUN (ENTER). You have 3 seconds before your RECON 6.0 will be on the move!

DEBRIEFING

Did your Rover follow the Mission O1 map? If so, then mission accomplished! You've passed Basic Field Maneuvering! If not:

- Double-check your code. Is all of your programming correct?
- Is your starting position accurate?
- Check your measurements. Did you input them correctly?
- Are your batteries low?
 - None of the above? Try recalibrating your RECON 6.0 to the current surface. Directions are on pages 6–7.



Test your RECON 6.0's messaging function by programming it to introduce itself on command. Here's where you get to use the name you thought up earlier. After completing this mission, you'll know how to:

- 🌼 Prerecord a sound file
- Program to record while your Rover is on a trip (like you will need to know how to do for Mission 10)
- 🍀 Play a sound file using the speaker

MISSION BACKGROUND

In this mission, you will have a conversation with your RECON 6.0!

So after it introduces itself, you'll have to respond, something like:

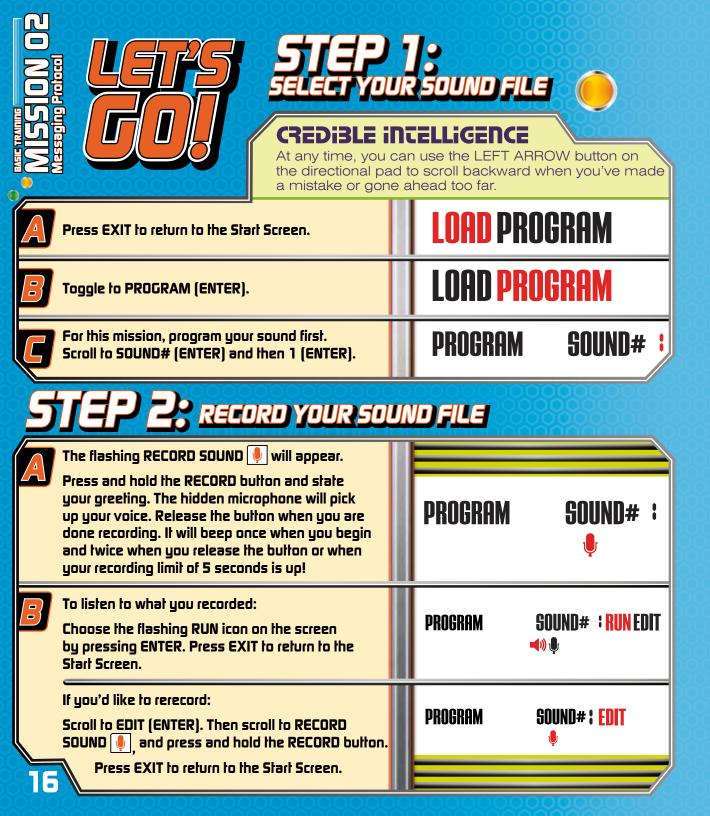
"Hello, Otto. It's good to see you!" If you program it right, your Rover will immediately play back your response.

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

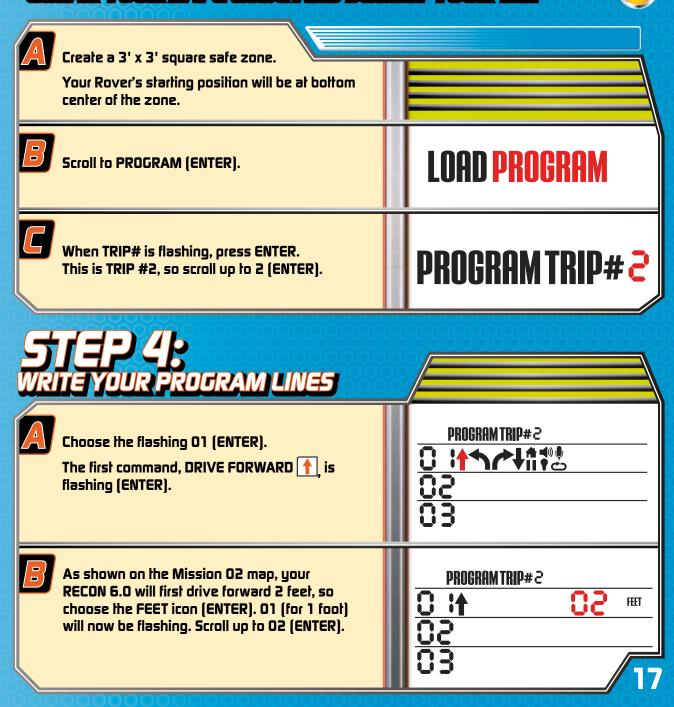
For this mission, you'll need to record a sound file first. Start by practicing the way you want your RECON 6.0 to introduce itself, using your best robot voice.

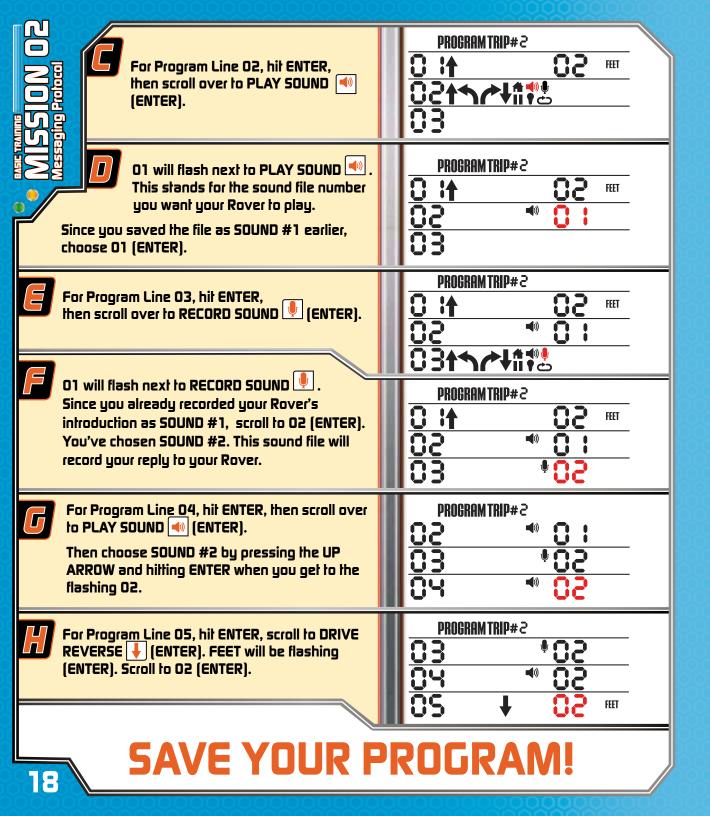






EP 3: RYOUR SAFEZONE AND SELECT YOUR TRIP



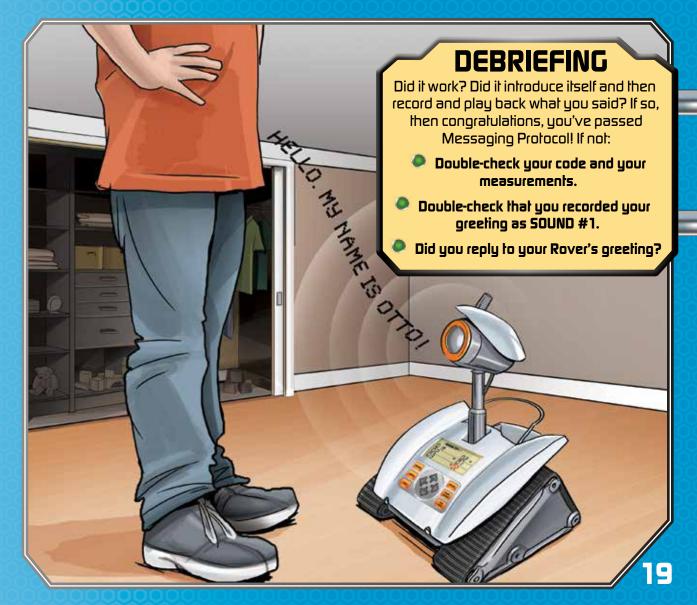


STEP 5: READY TO RUN!

The screen will now display the first 3 lines of the program code, as shown here.

Place RECON 6.0 in the starting position and choose RUN (ENTER). Remember, you have 3 seconds before your Rover begins its mission.







Send your RECON 6.0 on a surveillance mission under the cloak of darkness. In this covert assignment, you'll program your Rover to search for intruders and then hightail it back to field command HQ unobserved. After completing this mission, you'll know how to:

- 🍀 Program the LED headlights to turn on
- 💐 Use the PAUSE command
- 🍀 Use lhe RETURN TO HOME command

MISSION BACKGROUND

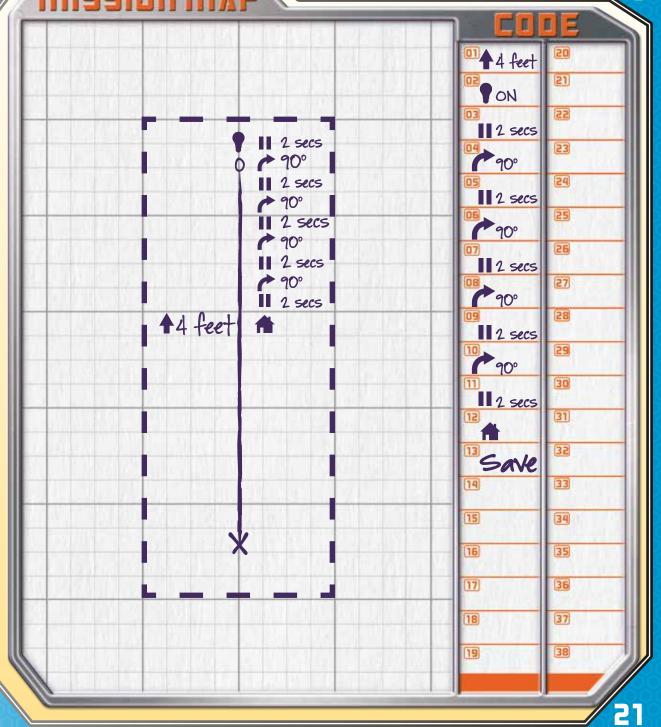
The RETURN TO HOME command tells your Rover to turn 180° and run the entire sequence of programming code in reverse order. This includes the maneuvering and the lights. It will not replay any sounds and it won't rerecord. When you send RECON 6.0 on an espionage assignment (as in Mission 10), it will make a secret recording and bring that same recording safely back to you.

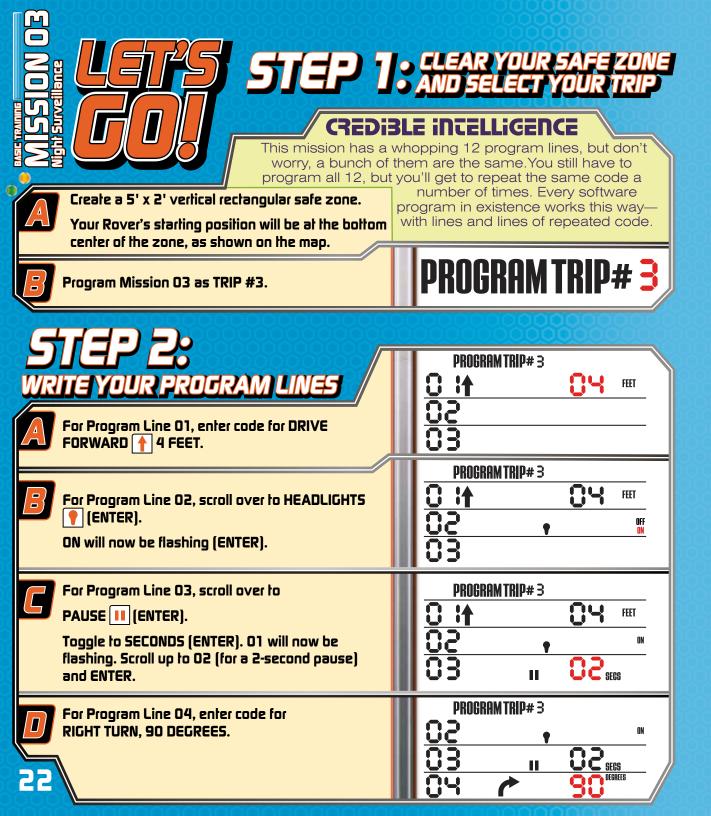
MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

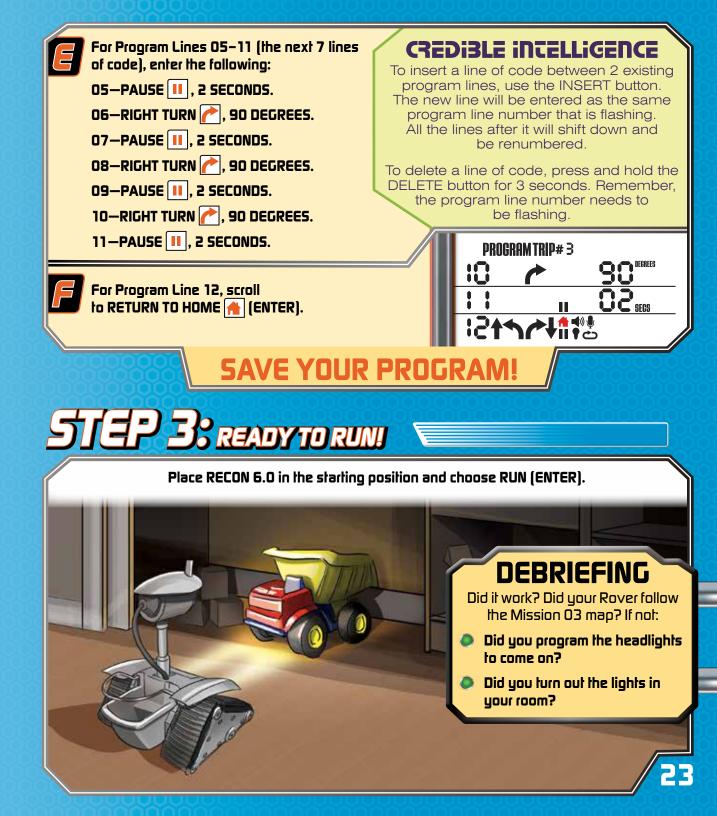
Send your Rover into a dark closet or a bedroom. Since the map and code have been created for you here, just make sure your destination is within range. Measure it out in advance to calculate where to start your Rover. And don't forget to turn out the lights!



MISSION MAP









Program your RECON 6.0 to run a safety patrol, securing your bedroom door and warning potential intruders or unwanted guests to keep out. After completing this mission, you'll know how to:

- 🌼 Use the LOOP command
- 🍀 Measure and program your own distance coordinates
- Listen to your Rover's preprogrammed sound files, and use one in a trip

MISSION BACKGROUND

By using the LOOP command, your Rover will repeat the sequence (including lights and sound) as many times as you'd like.

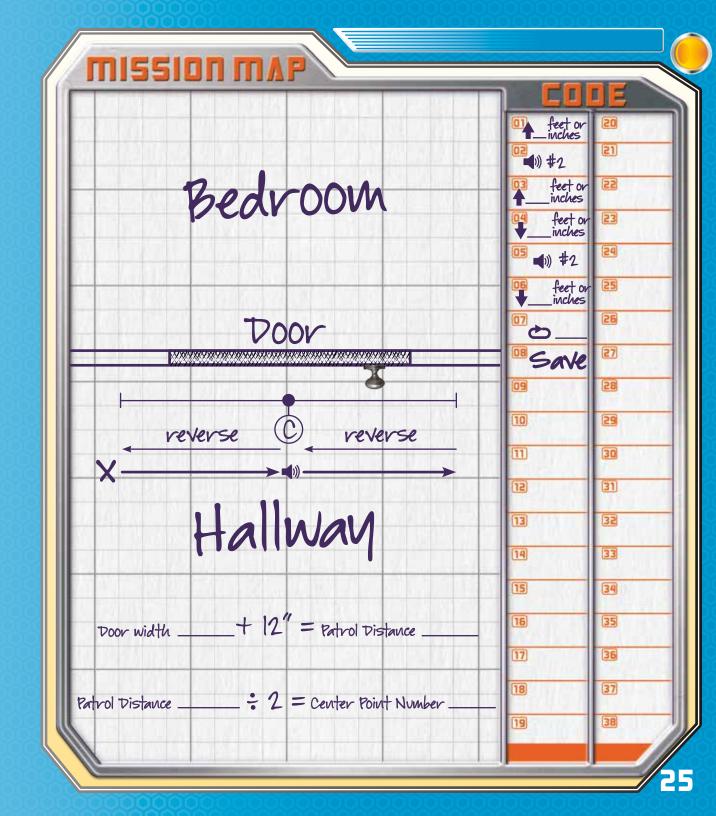
MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

You'll need to record a warning message first—something firm and direct:

"Hall! Move away from the perimeter." 🌼 "Step away from the door!" 🦚 "Security breach! Security breach!"

And don't forget to use your best angry robot voice!









CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE

If you want to use one of your Rover's preprogrammed sounds for this mission, simply LOAD to listen to any of the sound files from #5–#9. Note the number of your favorite sound effect.

Your Rover will stop and sound its warning at the center point (at the middle of the door) before continuing to the other side. When you write the programming code, you'll need to know at how many feet (or inches) your Rover performs this act of security.

Write these numbers in the blanks to the right and on your mission map.

Measure the width of your door using your tape measure (most are between 2 ½ and 3-feet).

Add 12 inches (1 foot) to this number. (That will allow for 6 inches per side.) **PATROL DISTANCE:**_____

Divide the patrol distance number in half.

STEP 2: RECORD YOUR SOUND FILE

You'll want to record your warning under S #2. Remember, RECORD SOUND 🕕 will ap			
Press and hold the RECORD button and sta RECON 6.0's warning. Release the button v you are done recording.	when	GRAM SOUND#	s
Remember, it will beep once when you beg twice when you release the button or wher recording limit of 5 seconds is up!		Ŷ	
To listen to what you recorded: Choose the flashing RUN icon on the scree by pressing ENTER.	n PRO	GRAM SOUND# Sound# S	2 <mark>run edit</mark>
If you'd like to rerecord: Scroll to EDIT [ENTER]. Then scroll to RECO SOUND 녲 and press the RECORD button a		GRAM SOUND#4 •	e edit

STEP 3: WRITE YOUR PROGRAM LINES



Program this mission as TRIP #4.

01—DRIVE FORWARD 1, center point FEET or INCHES. Use the center point number you calculated in Step 1.

- 02-PLAY SOUND 📢 #2.
- 03-DRIVE FORWARD 1, center point FEET or INCHES.

For Program Line 07, scroll to LOOP 🗢 (ENTER). 01 will flash on the screen. Scroll to the number of times you want your Rover to repeat this patrol (ENTER).

STEP 4: READY TO RUN!

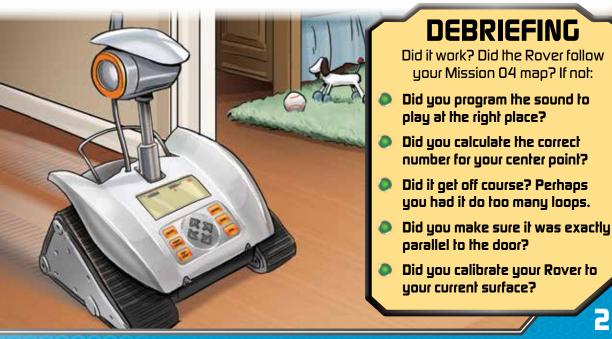
04—DRIVE REVERSE 🕂 , center point FEET or INCHES.

- 05-PLAY SOUND 4 #2.
- 06—DRIVE REVERSE 🕂 , center point FEET or INCHES.

Recommended: 3 loops. If you work your Rover too hard, it may get off track. Nobody's perfect. Even robots need a break!

5AVE YOUR PROGRAM

Place RECON 6.0 in the starting position (6 inches to the left of your door) and rotate its head to the right. Choose RUN (ENTER) to activate your room guard!





Program your RECON 6.0 to tell a knock-knock joke. Surprise unsuspecting participants and entertain friends and family, while simulating artificial intelligence (AI).

CONGRATULATIONS!

You've advanced to Advanced Technical Operations! Be warned you're on your own now. Well, there are maps and codes to get you started, but no more step-by-steps.

MISSION BACKGROUND

It may seem like it, but your Rover doesn't have a brain. It can only perform the tasks you program it to do, one line of code at a time. In this first Advanced Ops mission, you will mimic AI technology. If you are successful, you can trick friends and family members into believing that your Rover actually does think on its own!

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

You'll need to plan out the joke beforehand. You'll also have to estimate how long it will take to say each line. Remember you only have 5 seconds per sound file. Try timing your Rover's responses in advance. Oh, and you won't need a map for this one.

Whether you decide to use the sample knock-knock joke or one of your own, you'll need to:

Start by saying each line in your best robot voice. Record them into sound files #2-#4. The pause times should match the time you'll need to say your response lines.

SAMPLE SCRIPT

RECON	KNOCK KNOCK! (RECORD IN SOUND #2
	WHO'S THERE?
RECON	ART. (RECORD IN SOUND #3)
YOU	ART WHO?
RECON	R2-D2! (RECORD IN SOUND #4)

PROGRAM TRIP #5

- 01 | PLAY SOUND #2.
- 02 PAUSE 2 SECONDS.
- 03 PLAY SOUND #3.
- 04 PAUSE 2 SECONDS.
- 05 | PLAY SOUND #4. SAVE.

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MISSION MAP

	□ ■)) #2	
	2 secs	19
	⁰³ ◄)) #3	50
RECON: KNOCK KNOCK!	04 112 secs 05 €1)) #4	23
ME: Who's there? (PAUSE 2 SECS)	05 Save	23
RECON:	07	24
	08	25
RECON:	10	27
	1	28
	12	29
	13	30
	14	31
	15	32
	17	34

THE QUEST FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Ever since mathematician Alan Turing first dreamed up a machine that could "think," researchers have been working away on developing an electronic brain—one that not only can solve problems, but can reason, apply logic, and speak English. And while the idea of artificial intelligence is thousands of years old, researchers have made great strides in Al technology in the past few decades, thanks to today's fast and powerful computers.

Program your RECON 6.0 to play a greeting while kindly delivering a treat to the family dog, cat, little brother or sister, gerbil, rabbit, or any creature that'll be impressed by such an encounter.

MISSION BACKGROUND

What's the point of having a robot if you can't have a little fun at the expense of the sleeping dog or jittery cat? If you don't have a Fido or Fifi, no problem. Any *alien* will do. Just choose an unknowing, and preferably stationary, one. Of course, if you know where some real aliens hang out, then by all means initiate contact, Earthling.

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

Since your Rover will greet your alien, offering it a treat verbally, you'll need to record your greeting first and then program your trip. Don't forget to load RECON 6.0's cargo hold with a snack.

Practice Alien Contact by following the code provided, adding your specific distances.

SAMPLE

RECORD IN SOUND #1: SIT, FIDO! STAY. RECORD IN SOUND #2: GOOD BOY. TAKE THE TREAT.

PROGRAM TRIP #6

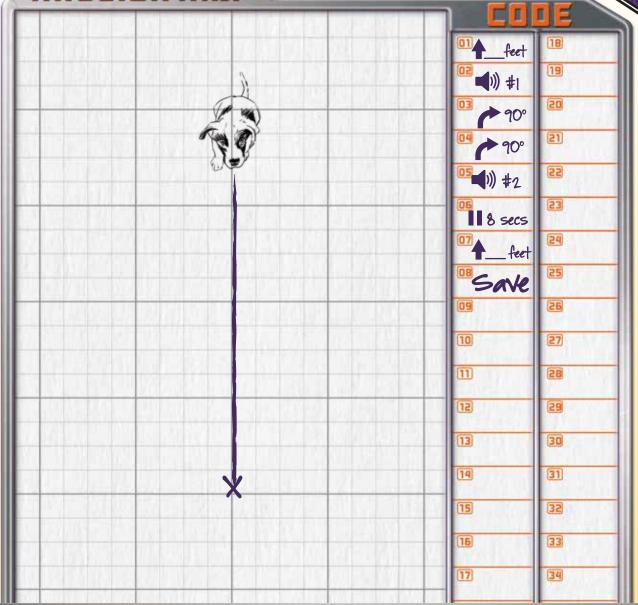
01 | DRIVE FORWARD __ FEET.

02 PLAY SOUND #1.

- 03 RIGHT TURN, 90 DEGREES.
- 04 RIGHT TURN, 90 DEGREES.
- 05 PLAY SOUND #2.
- 06 PAUSE 8 SECONDS.
- 07 DRIVE FORWARD __ FEET SAVE.







BOOLEAN LOGIC

Boolean (BOO-lee-un) logic makes it possible for your computer to play chess with you and to spell-check your homework, and for your RECON 6.0 to offer your dog a bone and navigate the obstacle course in your living room. This logical system of true-false statements lets programmers build software that works kind of like our brains, processing a large number of variables—but coming up with the correct answers at *superfast* speed.

RECON 6.0 isn't just for covert ops and dangerous field assignments; it likes to have a good time too! In this lighthearted mission, you'll teach (well, program) your Rover to perform a funky dance.

MISSION BACKGROUND

While RECON 6.0 can do a lot of tricky maneuvering, it can't move side to side the way a human can. To make it look more like dancing, program your Rover to pivot left and right and make short moves forward and back. Don't forget to add a soundtrack to Rover's choreography. SOUND #9 should do the trick.

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

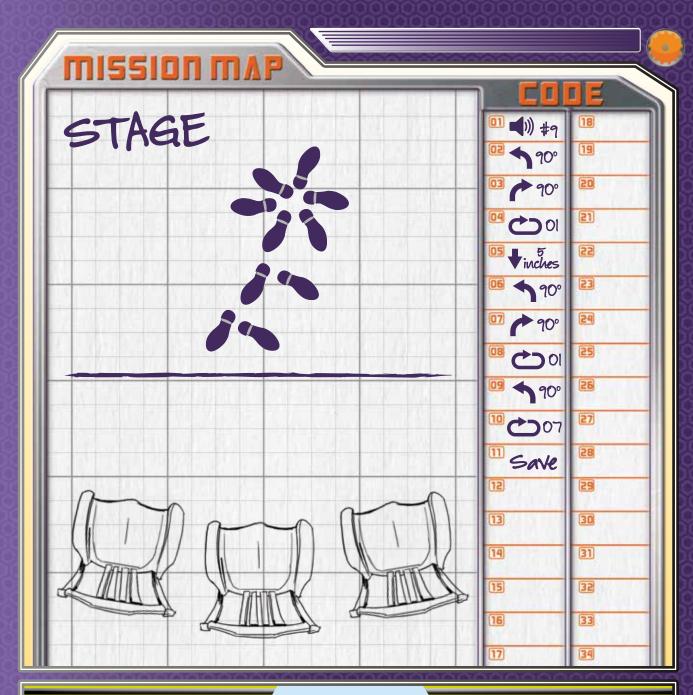
You can program your Rover to do any dance you like. Start by doing the dance yourself, and then map out those dance steps on a piece of paper. Turn those steps into forward, backward, left, and right maneuvers on your mission map. From that point, you should be able to throw down the code in no time.

Try our sample choreography first. You only need to clear a 3' x 3' safe zone and let your Rover loose.

PROGRAM TRIP #7

PLAY SOUND #9, ON. 01 02 LEFT TURN, 90 DEGREES. **RIGHT TURN. 90 DEGREES.** 03 LOOP. 01. 04 **DRIVE REVERSE 5 INCHES.** 05 06 LEFT TURN. 90 DEGREES. 07 **RIGHT TURN, 90 DEGREES.** 08 LOOP. 01. 09 **LEFT TURN. 90 DEGREES.** 10 LOOP. 07. SAVE.





THRILLING

Tokyo's International Robot Exhibition 2009 featured a first-of-its-kind robot dance-off. Break-dancing bots and kimono-clad cyberfan dancers hit the stage to strut their stuff. Gold was garnered by Ryuki II, grooving to a song called "Joyful" by a Japanese pop group. Silver was awarded to a robot named Black Tiger Neo, dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

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MISSION OBJECTIVE

Back in Mission 01, you programmed your RECON 6.0 to perform a simple field maneuver. This time you'll program a much more advanced—and exciting— one. To really put your Rover to the test, you're going to add some obstacles to the terrain!

MISSION BACKGROUND

Obstacles! You can make towers using LEGO® bricks or blocks for your Rover to knock down or maneuver around. Or build ramps, create tunnels, or design a slalom course. Plot your trip so there is enough room for the Rover to pass each obstacle.

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

Use the mission map to determine the distances and the turning degrees of the obstacle course. Enter your findings and calculate where your obstacles should go. There are a few things to consider. First, your map is one inch for one foot. Second, your Rover is about 8 inches across. (That's wider than a line on a map!) Third, your Rover pivots and turns from its front center, marked with an "x" in the illustration below. You can also use this point to measure your Rover's starting and ending positions.

6 INCHES

6 INCHES

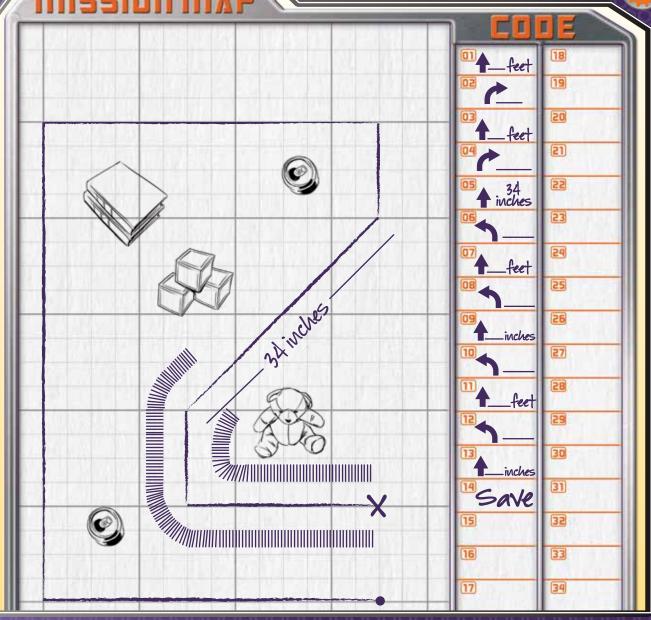
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PROGRAM TRIP #8 DRIVE FORWARD __ FEET. RIGHT TURN, __ DEGREES. DRIVE FORWARD __ FEET. RIGHT TURN, __ DEGREES. DRIVE FORWARD 34 INCHES. LEFT TURN, __ DEGREES. DRIVE FORWARD __ FEET. LEFT TURN, 90 DEGREES. DRIVE FORWARD __ INCHES. LEFT TURN, __ DEGREES. DRIVE FORWARD __ FEET. LEFT TURN, __ DEGREES. DRIVE FORWARD __ INCHES. SAVE.

CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE

This mission's obstacle course makes for a real challenge. Starting your Rover even slightly out of alignment can result in it ending up a full foot or more off-target. So be sure to start your RECON 6.0 in a straight position, or those blocks will tumble! If necessary, recalibrate your Rover using the directions on pages 6–7.





DOING THE DIRTY WORK

Got dog hair and dust bunnies? It's Roomba[®] to the rescue! In 2002 iRobot, a company started by some scientists from the MIT Artificial Intelligence Lab, introduced the ultimate obstacle-course rover. The Roomba robolic vacuum cleaner uses hazard avoidance technology from defunct minesweeping robots. It can clean a room without knocking over that Ming vase or another priceless antique. 5 5

ADWITCH TECHNICAL OPERATIONS MISSION 000 Search and Rescue

MISSION OBJECTIVE

Send your RECON 6.0 on a search and rescue mission. Only it won't be looking for missing mountain climbers or buried treasure. In this mission, your Rover will fetch a treat for you—the real reason mankind has been dreaming of robots for so long.

MISSION BACKGROUND

Once you've decided what you want your Rover to fetch (maybe a cookie, a drink, or your baseball cards from your baby brother's clutches), you'll need to program it to do your bidding. So record your sound file first—something like, **"Please deposit a cookie into my cargo hold."**

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

Your Rover will need to travel its course, ask for the object, and then head back to field command HQ. The course can be as simple or complex as possible. You might want to make it straightforward, like from the living room to the kitchen, where you're most likely to catch someone who can fulfill your request.

Check out our sample below, then use the mission map and tape measure to map out the coordinates that work at your house. The map was left blank for this reason.

PROGRAM TRIP #9

01 **DRIVE FORWARD 5 FEET.** 02 **RIGHT TURN. 90 DEGREES.** 03 **DRIVE FORWARD 4 FEET.** 04 PLAY SOUND # __. 05 **RIGHT TURN. 90 DEGREES. RIGHT TURN, 90 DEGREES.** 06 07 PAUSE 15 SECONDS. 08 **DRIVE FORWARD 4 FEET.** 09 LEFT TURN, 90 DEGREES. 10 **DRIVE FORWARD 5 FEET.** SAVE.



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SEARCH AND RESCUE

In 2010 California State University in Los Angeles hosted the Search and Rescue Robot Challenge, a competition that challenges students from around the world to take artificial intelligence and robotics technology to a whole new level, creating robots that can aid emergency workers, like police officers, firefighters, and paramedics.

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MISSION OBJECTIVE

RECON 6.0 makes the perfect espionage agent. You can program it to gain access to an off-limits site (your sibling's room!), record valuable information, and then return to field command HQ undetected, revealing its findings to you.

MISSION BACKGROUND

No matter if your course is simple or complicated, you'll want to make your Rover as inconspicuous as possible. How? With a little advanced planning. Scout out a good hiding place behind enemy lines. Then use your tape measure to carefully calculate the distances you'll need your RECON 6.0 to return from this reconnaissance mission.

MISSION TRAINING BRIEF

In order to collect as much information as possible, you can record more than 5 seconds at a time by doubling or tripling up on sound files.

Check out the sample reconnaissance schematic. As in Mission 09, the mission map and code are blank for you to map out your unique coordinates.

PROGRAM TRIP #10

PAUSE 10 MINUTES. 01 02 **RECORD SOUND #1.** RECORD SOUND #2. 03 04 RECORD SOUND #3. 05 **DRIVE FORWARD 2 FEET. LEFT TURN. 90 DEGREES.** 06 07 DRIVE FORWARD 3 FEET. 08 **LEFT TURN, 90 DEGREES.** 09 **DRIVE FORWARD 7 FEET.** 10 **LEFT TURN, 90 DEGREES.** 11 **DRIVE FORWARD 4 FEET.** SAVE.



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SPIDER ROVER Move over, James Bond; it's Spider Rover! Scientists in the United States and Taiwan have developed wall-crawling reconnaissance rovers. These silicon spies can scale walls, sneak into buildings, and have audiovisual recording technology.

EXCELLENT WORK!

You've earned your wings, and now you're an ace programmer! By successfully completing all of these missions, you are licensed to send your RECON 6.0 on the most difficult and dangerous missions you can dream up! **Use the blank maps on the next few pages to get started.**

As any software developer knows, to design good code you need to follow 3 basic steps: design, program, and test. The same is true here. For each Rover mission, you'll need to:

🌼 DESIGN THE MISSION

This means envisioning what you want RECON 6.0 to do, using your tools to measure and map out the course.

🐡 PROGRAM YOUR ROVER

This means turning your design ideas into a logical sequence by filling in the blank code map, double-checking to make sure you didn't miss any steps, and finally, programming your code.

🐡 TEST YOUR PROGRAM

Run your mission. Did your RECON 6.0 do what you wanted it to do? If not, pinpoint where it went wrong and go back and fix your code. Remember to use the EDIT command, resave it, and run it again.

🌼 RESULTS!

If you follow all 3 of these steps every time you create a mission, your RECON 6.0 will reward you with perfectly executed missions and hours of fun!

TROUBLESHOOTING

As you experiment with your own missions, your RECON 6.0 may not perform how you imagined. What now? If you have any problems, review these troubleshooting suggestions to guide you:

- Double-check your code. Is all of your programming correct?
- ls your starting position accurate?
- Check your measurements. Did you input them correctly? Did you use inches instead of feet?
- Did you calibrate your RECON 6.0 to the current surface as shown on pages 6–7?
- Did it get off track? Perhaps you looped it too many times.
- 🌼 🗛 Are your batteries low?
- 🍀 🛛 Is your payload too heavy?

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COMMANDING CAPABILITIES

The scientists at SmartLab have worked night and day to produce this state-of-the-art RECON 6.0 Programmable Rover. And they've tricked it out with some pretty cool features and capabilities:

- The Rover can hold 9 missions at a time in its memory bank with up to 50 commands each.
- It has a sound file bank of 9 unique sounds: 4 to record yourself and 5 prerecorded sound effects, including a laser blast!
- You can program multidirectional navigation, turning headlights off and on, and commands like LOOP and RETURN TO HOME.

EAT YOUR CARROTS

You see LCD screens all over the place these days—on computers, televisions, video game devices, even alarm clocks, telephones, and calculators! But that doesn't make them any less amazing. LCD stands for *liquid crystal display*. It's made up of tiny pixels filled with liquid crystal and backlit to create images. It's lightweight and requires very little power to work, which is why it's used in so many battery-operated gadgets. Its invention can be traced back to 1888, when an Austrian scientist discovered liquid crystals while experimenting with carrots!

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	This is the START SCREEN. It is the first step of any program.
LOAD accesses a previously recorded trip so you can view, edit, or run it. It also accesses all 9 sound files, so you can listen to them.	LOAD PROGRAM
PROGRAM is where you can start a new trip or writeover a previously programmed trip from scratch. You can also access sound files #1–#4 to record your own custom sounds.	LOAD PROGRAM
TRIP# A trip is a program that tells your Rover what you want it to do. You can store up to nine different trips at a time. # (number) indicates which trip will be loaded or programmed.	LOAD PROGRAM TRIP#8 SOUND#8 RUN EDIT
SOUND# There are four 5-second blank sound files and five prerecorded ones. # (number) indicates which sound file will be programmed (#1-#4), or loaded: #5 funny horn #6 beep! beep! #7 laser blast #8 siren #9 dance beat (This sound needs to be turned on and off, so your Rover has a soundtrack to dance to.)	LOAD PROGRAM TRIP#8 SOUND#8 RUN EDIT
RUN activates a programmed trip. It will also play a sound file.	LOAD PROGRAM TRIP#8 SOUND#8 <mark>run</mark> edit
EDIT allows you to access (and thus edit) an existing trip or sound file.	LOAD PROGRAM TRIP#8 SOUND#8 RUN EDIT
PROGRAM LINE Each program line allows you to program one of 10 commands. It can store up to 50 program lines per trip. Only 3 program lines are displayed at one time.	
PROGRAM LINE NUMBERS tell you which line of the program you are on. Each line is automatically entered into the program as you create a new program line. Each trip will always begin at Program Line 01.	LOAD PROGRAM TRIP# : 1884 288 02 03
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	DECOMPAND is used to program the Rover to move in a forward straight line. Distance can be programmed in units of feet or inches.		LOOP is used to run a trip multiple times without re-entering the same program lines. The LOOP command programs the Rover to return to the first line of the program and run it again. When performing multiple loops in a program, each loop will have the Rover return to the first line of code that appears one line after the previous loop code. The number of times looped is entered in COMMAND VALUE
	LEFT TURN is used to program the Rover to turn left. Turns can be programmed at either 45° or 90°.	88	(see below). It tops out at 99. COMMAND VALUE After choosing a command, this is where you indicate the
	RIGHT TURN is used to program the Rover to turn right. Turns can be programmed at either 45° or 90°.		number desired. Hold down the button to scroll through the numbers faster. For sound files, this number references the sound file number.
	DRIVE REVERSE is used to program the Rover to move in a backward straight line. Distance can be programmed in units of feet or inches.	DEGREES	DEGREES is used with the LEFT and RIGHT turn commands to program the degrees of rotation, either 45 or 90.
	RETURN TO HOME is used to repeat all program lines in reverse order, returning Rover to its starting position. It will turn 180° and follow its same route but will not play sounds or record.	MINS	MINUTES is used in conjunction with the PAUSE command to program the number of minutes.
	PLAY SOUND is used to play 1 of 9 sounds. Sound files #1-#4 are rerecordable, but sound files #5-#9 come prerecorded and	SECS	SECONDS is used in conjunction with the PAUSE command to program the number of seconds.
,,,,	cannot be recorded over. RECORD SOUND is used to program the Rover to record a sound while out on a	FEET	FEET is used in conjunction with the DRIVE FORWARD command to indicate the distance in feet.
P	mission. It will automatically record for a full 5 seconds and save it to the sound file number assigned to it.	INCHES	INCHES is used in conjunction with the DRIVE FORWARD command to indicate the distance in inches.
	PAUSE is used to program the Rover to stop for a specified length of time. Time can be programmed in units of minutes or seconds.	OFF	OFF/ON (on the LCD screen) is used to program the headlights to go off or on. It is also used with sound file #9 (dance beat),
46	HEADLIGHTS The Rover has two bright LEDs that can be programmed to turn on in one line of code and then off again in another. CAUTION: Do not expose the eyes to the light source. Never stare directly at these LEDs.	ON	so the Rover will be accompanied by music during his time on the dance floor.

🔅 ON/OFF

Use the ON/OFF button on the keypad during play, but when you're done having fun for the day, turn your Rover off using the hard switch on its bottom.

If the ON/OFF button is pressed before a new program has been saved, the program will not be saved. Any time the Rover is turned on, it will start at the Start Screen.

🌼 INSERT

The INSERT button is used to add a new line of programming between existing lines. Press INSERT on the program line below the one you want to enter. The program line needs to be flashing for a line of code to be entered above it.

🔅 DELETE

Delete a line of code by pressing and holding the DELETE button for 3 seconds. The program line number you want to delete needs to be flashing.

🌼 EXIT

Pressing the EXIT button will return the display to the Start Screen. If the EXIT button is pressed before saving, your program will not be saved.

🏶 STOP

KEYPAD

The STOP bulton stops the Rover in its tracks. It can only be used when the Rover is running a trip.

🏁 RECORD

The RECORD button is used when recording a sound as well as part of the Diagnostics Test on pages 6–7.

🔅 ENTER

The ENTER button is used to make a selection when an icon is flashing—including numbers, commands, programming modes, etc.

🔅 SAVE

The SAVE button is used to save a trip after programming or editing is complete. When the SAVE button is pressed, any programming previously assigned to that TRIP# or SOUND# will be erased and saved over. The PROGRAM LINE number needs to be flashing for SAVE to save.

🐡 DIRECTIONAL PAD

This pad of arrows is used to scroll through numbers or commands, and to navigate program lines. The directional pad contains 4 buttons: UP, DOWN, LEFT and RIGHT. Use the LEFT ARROW to scroll backward.



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