

## → Mechatronics

## Technical, Academic, and Job Readiness Skills

We are pleased to introduce our cost-effective, mechatronics program. The program is a combination of hundreds of high quality online lessons and reliable training equipment. This flexible Mechatronics program is assembled from the following blocks of instruction:

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Engineering Design	Project Management	Language Skills
Mechanical Systems	Interpersonal Skills	Mathematics
Fluid Power Systems	Employment Skills	Applied Science
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- Industrial Control & PLCs

- Engineering Design

**Innovative Spaces** 

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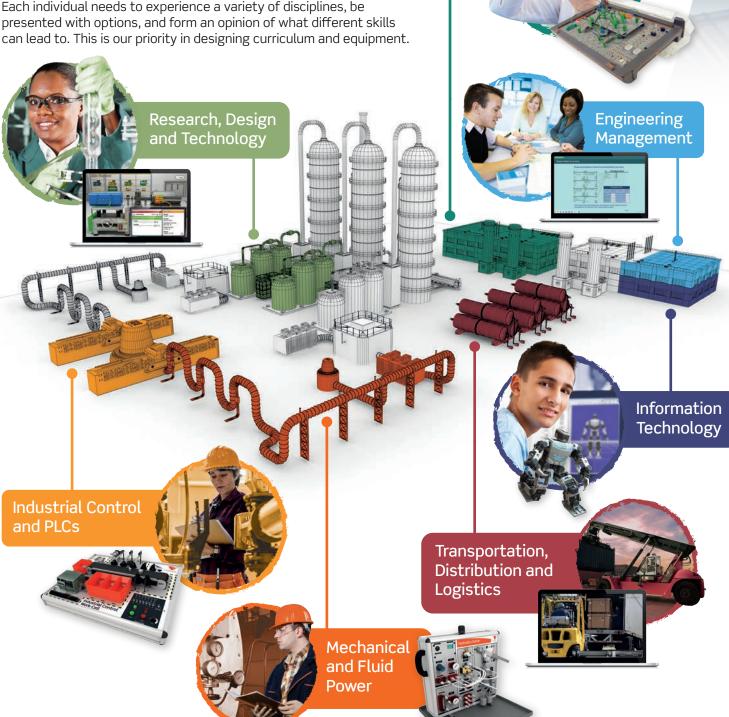
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## Career Pathways for Mechatronics Students

We can't imagine the range of job skills that will be required by the time this generation of learners are midway through their careers. What they need today is preparation for making informed decisions at the start of a journey of lifelong learning.

Each individual needs to experience a variety of disciplines, be presented with options, and form an opinion of what different skills



**Electronics** 

## Real and Virtual Trainers

## Hardware and Software Working in Tandem



# Programming & Projects

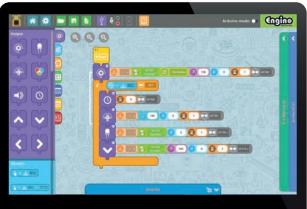
Open-Ended Challenges for your Students

Completing engineering design projects is at the heart of any good mechatronics program. Projects provide the opportunity for students to use the knowledge and skills they have gained, in a real-world environment.

Our comprehensive program takes all the hard work out of teaching project skills.

We provide open-ended challenges for which we expect a wide range of student solutions. These solutions are then modeled and programmed using a combination of flow-charting and coding.

Project assistance is provided in the form of stepby-step instructions for building and programming sub-systems that students may choose to use in their design - for example, a gearbox. In this way, the online lessons can replace the intensive assistance usually required from a teacher or mentor.





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# Digital Library

## Over 1,200 lessons in our extensive Mechatronics library

Our online library is a comprehensive resource of mechatronics lessons. Students can access the presentations, investigations, and assessments in our library through an online portal; no specialist software or downloads are needed. Below is a small selection of the full topic range:

## **Engineering Design**

- The Design Process
- Engineering Problems
- Alternative Solutions
- Models and Prototypes
- Communicating Engineering Design
- Design Projects
- Building and Testing
- Programming
- Green Technologies
- Construction
- Transportation
- Agriculture

## **Mechanical Systems**

- Machines
- Machine Design
- Friction
- Lubricants, Bushes and Bearings
- Inclined Planes
- Levers
- Gears and Simple Gear Trains
- Pulleys
- Cams and Cranks



## Fluid Power Systems

- Principles of Pneumatics
- Pneumatic Cylinders and Valves
- Pneumatic Logic
- Pneumatic Circuit Time Delays
- Levers and Movement
- Principles of Hydraulics
- Hydraulic Applications
- Hydraulic Cylinders
- Hydraulic Valves and Flow Control
- Creating Pressure with Pumps



## **Electronic Systems**

- Electronic Systems
- DC Circuits
- Electrical Networks
- AC Circuits
- Linear Electronics
- Semiconductors
- Power Electronics
- Digital Electronics
- Telecommunications
- Circuit Construction and Testing

## **Programming**

- Algorithms and Problem Solving
- Program Inputs and Outputs
- Program Data, Constants and Variables
- Program Operators and Control Structures
- Program Documentation and Testing
- Program Design Projects
- Computer Systems
- Information Technology
- Microprocessors

## **Robotics and Automation**

- Industrial Robots
- Mobile Robots
- Space Robots
- Manual Control
- Programming
- Pre-Programmed Sequences
- Sensors and Actuators
- Open and Closed Loop Control
- Part Transportation Around a Work-Cell
- Computer Integrated Manufacture
- Design Loop Projects



## **Control & Instrumentation**

- Basic Control Systems Equipment & Terms
- Positional Resistance Transducers
- Wheatstone Bridge Measurements
- Environmental Measurement
- Temperature, Sound and Light Sensing
- Linear Position and Force Applications
- Signal Conditioning
- Comparators, Oscillators and Filters
- Mathematical Operations
- Position and Speed Control Systems

## **Industrial Control and PLCs**

- Feedback Control Systems
- Programmable Logic Control
- Construction and Function of a PLC
- Sequence Control System
- PLC Programming
- GRAFCET Sequence Control Systems
- Rotary Encoder
- Conveyor Application Control
- Parts Sorter Application Control
- Step 7 Programming
- Fieldbus, AS Interface, and Profibus DP



## Project Management

- Basics of Storage
- Storage of Goods
- Loading Goods
- Internal Transport and Loading
- Human Resources
- Route Planning
- Stowage Planning
- Event Driven Process Chains
- Information Processing

## Interpersonal Skills

- Punctuality
- Dress Code
- Personal Space
- Common Courtesy
- Handling a Telephone Call
- How to Introduce Yourself
- Listening and Understanding
- Engage in a Two-Way Conversation

## **Employment Skills**

- Accessing the Internet
- Using MS Windows
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- Analytical Techniques
- Business Organizational Structure
- Corporate Mission and Goals

## Creativity

- Presenting a Persuasive Perspective
- Creating an Informative Text
- Informing an Audience
- Understanding and Using Perspective in a Narrative
- Developing Solutions to Sales and Marketing Scenarios

## Marketing and Finance

- Financial Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Balance Sheet Accounting
- Profit and Loss Accounts
- Inventory Accounting Methods
- Marketing Planning
- Product, Advertising, Distribution and the Marketing Mix
- Pricing Strategies





### **Mathematics**

- Units of Measure
- Approximation
- Arithmetic
- Fractions
- Percentages
- Length, Area and Volume
- Indices
- Trigonometry

## Language Skills

- Citing Evidence to Support Analysis
- Identifying and Analyzing Ideas in a Text
- Understanding the Role of Structure
- Presenting a Perspective to an Audience
- Speaking on the Telephone
- Arguing a Perspective
- Formal Letters with a Perspective

## **Applied Science**

- Scientific Processes
- Matter
- Forces and Motion
- Energy
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Nuclear Physics
- Chemical Reactions

## **Critical Thinking Skills**

- Developing Solutions to Production Scenarios
- Developing Solutions to Construction Scenarios
- Developing Solutions to Finance Scenarios
- Developing Solutions to Customer Service Scenarios

## Fluid Power Hardware

## **Hydraulics Trainer** (280-01)

The Hydraulics Trainer offers a portable classroombased resource for practical investigation of hydraulic components and systems. The trainer uses quick-release hydraulic hoses to allow rapid circuit connection and setup. A Fluid Power Student Resource Pack is ideal for a wholeclass introduction to fluid control using syringes and hoses.

Hydraulics trainer

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Special September

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(includes unique Hydraulics simulation software)

### Order as:

■ 280-01 Hydraulics Trainer

#### Also available:

 278-01 Fluid Power Student Resource Pack

Operates on safe erifon-based hydraulic fluid

Multi-order configurable lever arm mechanism for lifting weights

Performance comparison of small and large cylinders

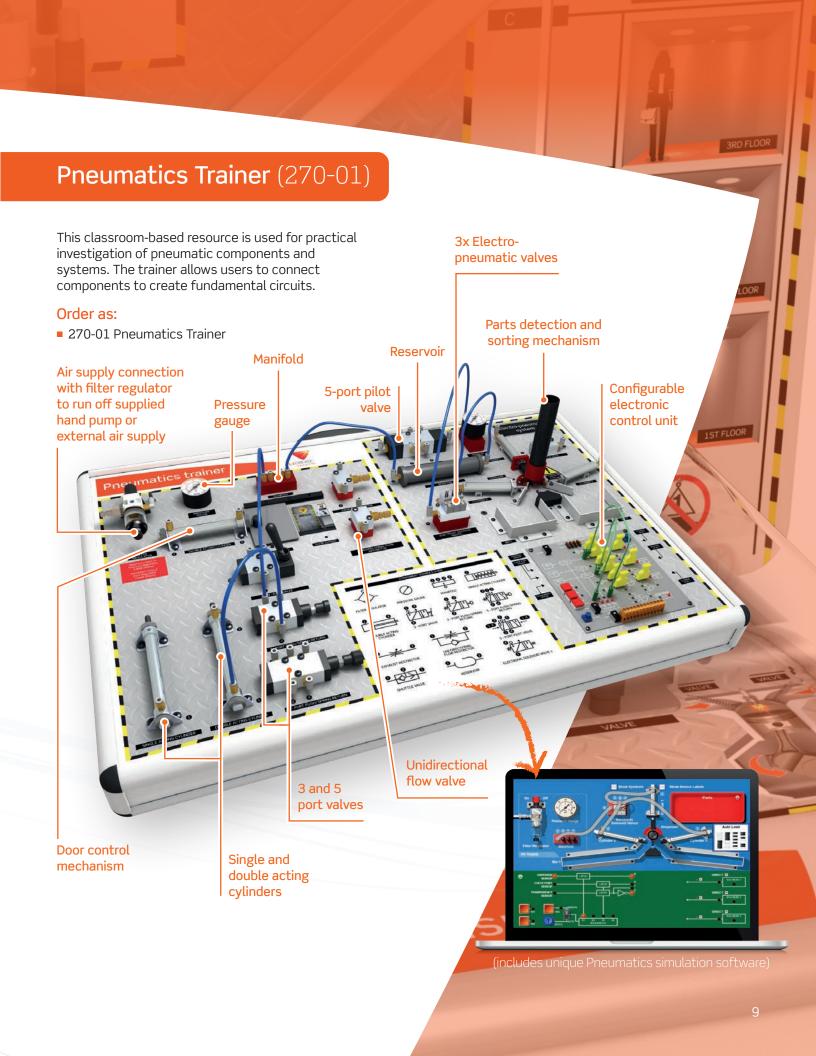
Flow control, five-port control and check valves

Durable, quick-release hoses for configuring lots of different hydraulic circuits

Drip tray to maintain a clean environment

Fluid supply controls with integral hydraulic pump and reservoir

Flow rate and in-line pressure gauges



# Mechanical Systems & Robotics Hardware

## Mechanisms Trainer (260-01)

The Mechanisms Trainer offers a classroom-based resource for practical investigation of a variety of fundamental mechanical systems. The trainer allows users to investigate gears, pulleys, levers, cams, belt drives, and inclined planes.

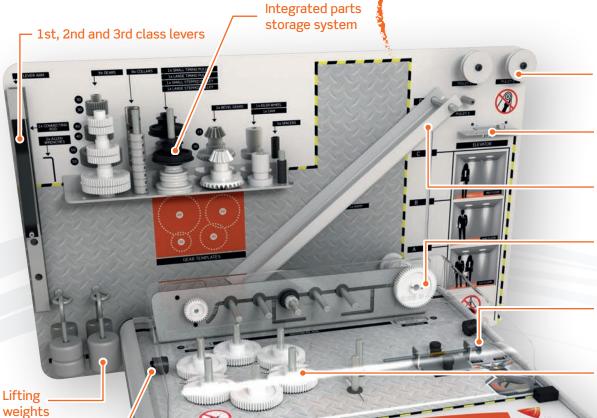
#### Order as:

■ 260-01 Mechanisms Trainer

Mechanisms Simulator - Belt Drives

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(includes unique Mechanisms simulation software)



Pulleys

Lift mechanism interlock

Adjustable incline plane

Assembly of spur, bevel and compound gears

Rotary to linear motion mechanism

Pulley belt and toothed belt drive trains

Interlocked safety guard

Motorized drive system controls



# **Electronics**Hardware

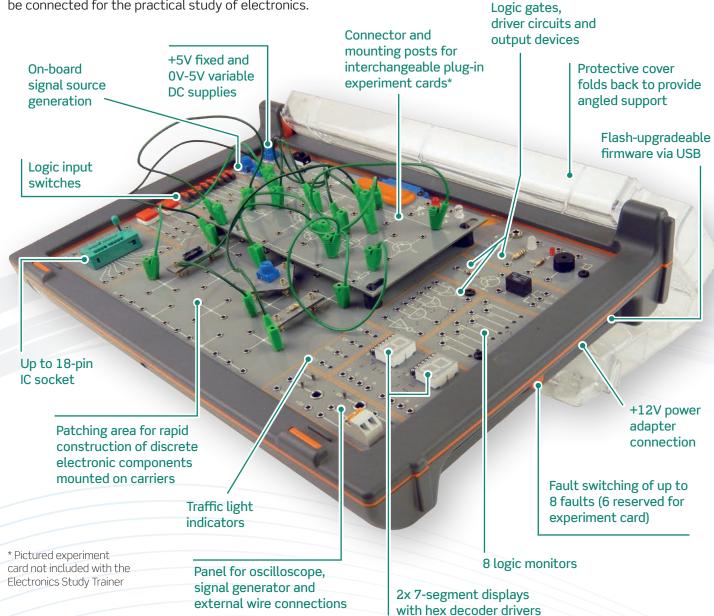
## **Electronics Study Trainer** (320-00)

The Electronics Study Trainer provides the basis for a practical resource that introduces students to core electronics and electronic systems through a wide range of practical activities.

The study trainer allows a range of experiment cards to be connected for the practical study of electronics.

#### Order as:

320-00 Electronics Study Trainer



## Complete Electronics Workstation (320-10)

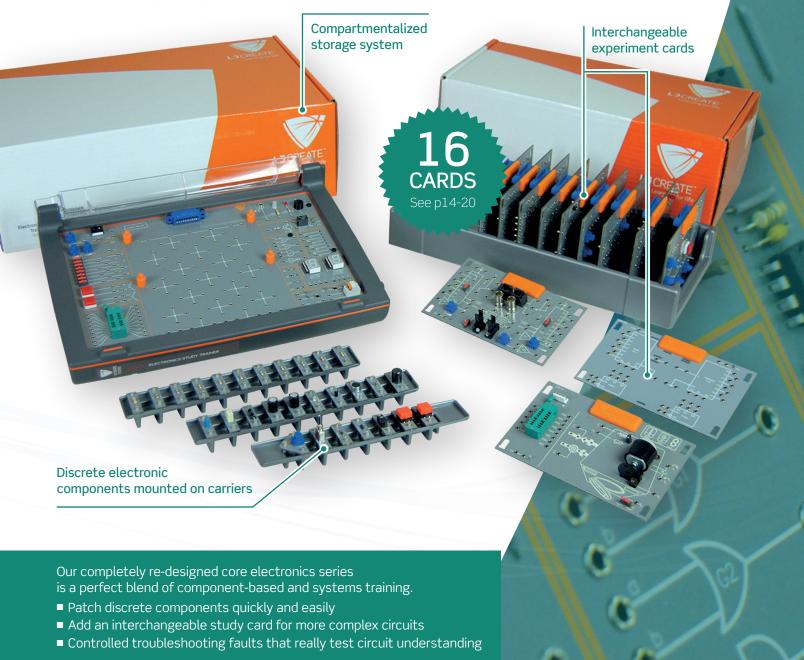
The core electronics series allows the practical study of a wide range of electronics subjects, including DC and AC circuits, semiconductors, analog and digital systems, telecommunications, and microcontrollers.

The series comprises an electronics study trainer and component set, and a range of plug-in experiment cards. The unique design of the trainer includes a heavy duty casing with transparent protective cover.

When in use, the cover folds back to provide an angled support for the unit. With the cover closed, trainers become stackable for easy storage.

#### Order as:

■ 320-10 Complete Electronics Workstation (includes 320-00 to 320-61)



## Electronic Systems Card (320-01)

The Electronic Systems Card introduces students to the principles of electronic systems through the interconnection of a variety of input, process and output subsystems.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Automatic lighting project
- Baby alarm project
- Testing and fault-finding

## Electromagnetism Card (320-14)

The Electromagnetism Card introduces students to the principles and applications of electromagnetism.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Reed switch operation
- Hall effect investigation
- Field strength of an electromagnet
- Fault-finding electromagnetic devices

## Input Transducers Card (320-15)

Input Transducers Card allows students to investigate the principles and operation of input transducers, through a range of practical activities.

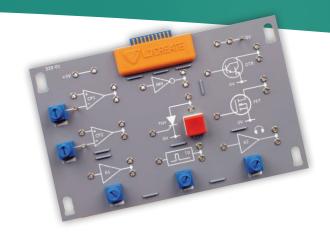
#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

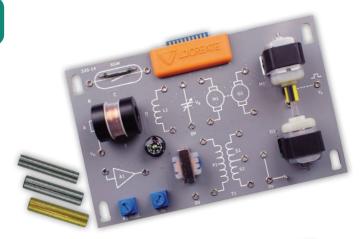
- PTC temperature sensor operation
- Operation of a humidity and temperature sensor
- Low pass filter application

## Diodes and Transistors Card (320-21)

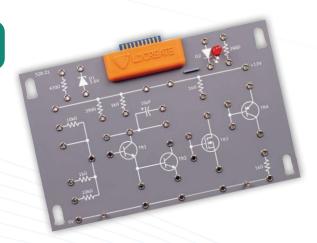
The Diodes and Transistors Card allows students to investigate semiconductor diodes and transistors through a range of practical activities.

- Voltage stabilization using a zener diode
- NPN transistor as a voltage amplifier
- Testing and fault-finding diode and transistor circuits









## **Transistor Amplifiers Card** (320-22)

The Transistor Amplifiers Card allows students to investigate transistor amplifier circuits through a range of practical activities.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Build and test Class A, B, AB and C transistor amplifiers
- Investigate crossover distortion
- Effects of feedback in a transistor amplifier circuit
- Fault-finding transistor amplifier circuits

## Operational Amplifiers Card (320-31)

The Operational Amplifiers Card allows students to investigate operational amplifier circuits through a range of practical activities.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Investigating a voltage comparator circuits
- Building and testing inverting & non-inverting amplifiers
- High frequency performance of an operational amplifier
- Fault-finding operational amplifier circuits

## **Analog Integrated Circuits Card** (320-32)

This card allows students to investigate a variety of analog integrated circuits through a range of practical activities.

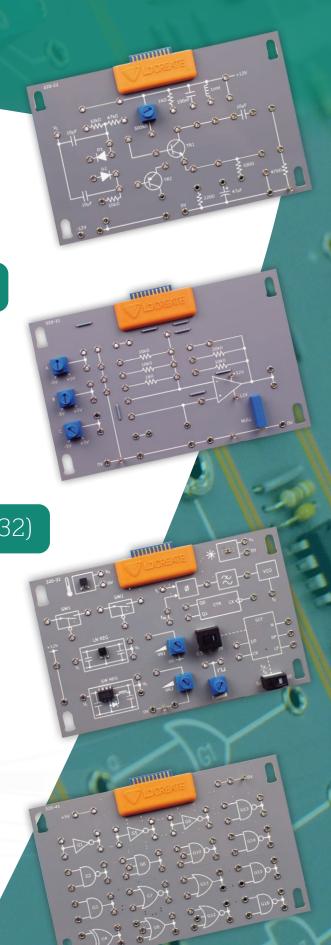
#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Comparing linear and switch mode voltage regulators
- Testing a switched capacitor filter
- Investigating the operation of a phase locked loop
- Fault-finding analog integrated circuits

## Combinational Logic Card (320-41)

The Combinational Logic Card introduces students to combinational logic through a range of practical activities.

- Investigating logic gates
- Constructing truth tables
- Building EXOR gates from other gates
- Testing and fault-finding combinational logic systems

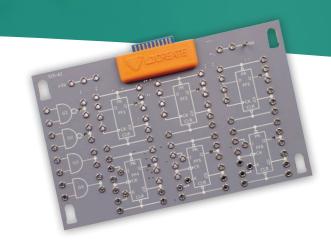


## Sequential Logic Card (320-42)

The Sequential Logic Card introduces students to sequential logic through a range of practical activities.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- D-type and J-K flip-flop
- Binary counter operation
- Frequency division
- Testing and fault-finding sequential logic systems

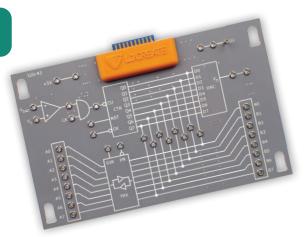


## A/D-D/A Digital Systems Card (320-43)

This card introduces students to digital-to-analog conversion, analog-to-digital conversion, and bus control through a range of activities.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Investigating a D/A converter
- Building and testing an A/D converter
- Testing and fault-finding A/D and D/A systems

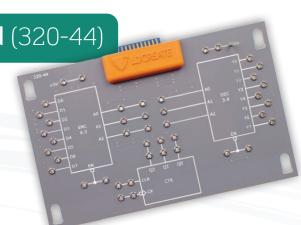


## Encoder/Decoder Digital Systems Card (320-44)

The Encoder/Decoder Digital Systems Card introduces students to digital encoders and decoders through a range of practical activities.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

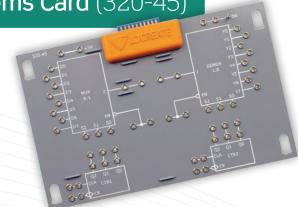
- Investigate digital encoders
- Decoding the output from a binary counter
- Building and testing an encoder-decoder system
- Fault-finding an encoder-decoder system



## Multiplexer/Demultiplexer Digital Systems Card (320-45)

This card introduces students to digital multiplexers and demultiplexers through a range of practical activities.

- Scanning multiplexer inputs using a binary counter
- Building and testing multiplexers/demultiplexers
- Clocking and synchronization
- Fault-finding multiplexer/demultiplexer systems



Pulse Width Modulation Signals Card (320-50)

This card introduces allows students to investigate the principles of pulse width modulation signals, through a range of practical activities.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Investigation of a sensorless motor speed control signal
- Fault-finding signal conditioning circuits
- PWM motor speed control circuit



This card introduces students to the principles of electronic communication systems through a range of practical activities.

#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- AM and optical transmission
- Digital data transmission
- Simplex and duplex transmission

## PAM/TDM Communications Card (320-55)

This card introduces students to a 2-channel, time-division multiplexed PAM Transmitter / Receiver system through a wide range of practical activities.

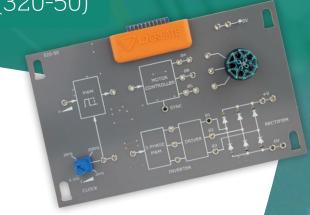
#### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Introduction to pulse amplitude modulation
- Sample rate and PAM frequency content
- Time division multiplexing of PAM signals

PIC Programmer and Applications Card (320-61)

This card introduces students to programming microcontrollers through a range of activities based around a simulation of a washing machine.

- Investigating sensors and actuators
- Controlling I/O port lines
- Using sub-routines





# Industrial Control & PLCs Hardware

## **Typical Program Sequence**

This sequence of instruction is designed to take every learner on a journey from beginner to industrial controls expert.

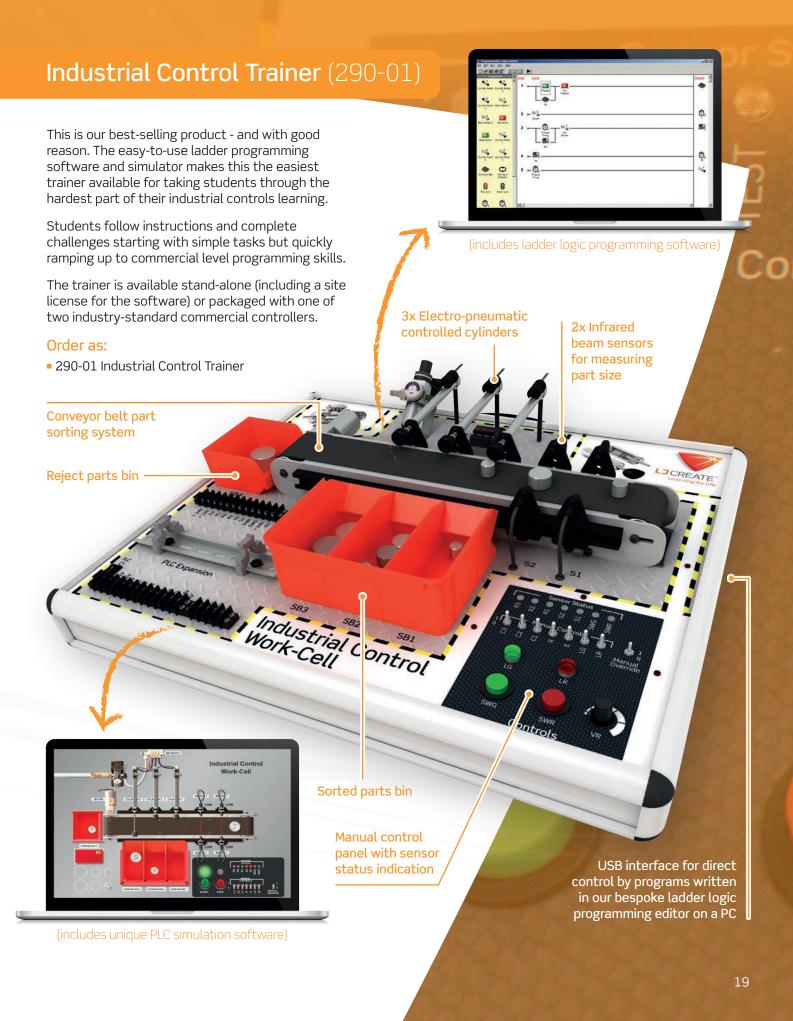
It is supported by high quality lessons, simulators and hardware at each step.

To complete the entire program takes about 90 contact hours - with expansion activities available for those students and apprentices who want to go further.

\*Please Note: For Commercial PLC Programming, lessons are provided for Siemens S71200 - STEP 7 and Allen Bradley Micro820

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## **Industrial Control & PLCs**

Hardware

Industrial Control Teaching Set - Siemens (290-00/SI)

Packaged with a Siemens S71200
Controller and a single license for
Step 7 programming software - the
lessons accompanying this teaching set
take students from basic PLC operation,
through ladder programming to the application
of commercial software.

Order as:

290-00/SI Industrial Control Teaching Set - Siemens

Teaching set includes:

290-01 Industrial Control Trainer

290-02/SI Siemens S71200 + Step 7 + Lessons PLC Pack

Industrial Control Teaching Set - Allen Bradley (290-00/AB)

Packaged with an Allen Bradley Micro820 Controller and a single license for the AB programming software - the lessons accompanying this teaching set take students from basic PLC operation, through ladder programming to the application of commercial software.

#### Order as:

290-00/AB Industrial Control Teaching Set - Allen Bradley

Teaching set includes:

- 290-01 Industrial Control Trainer
- 290-02/AB Allen Bradley Micro820 + Software Pack





This is our lowest cost option for a general PLC application. This desktop-based unit is available by itself for use with any industrial controller, or we can package the unit with a Siemens or Allen Bradley controller with corresponding lessons to match.

The trainer includes a rotary encoder for the PLC to monitor and control the speed and position of a motor.

#### Order as:

291-00/SI PLCs Trainer Teaching Set - Siemens

Teaching set includes:

- 291-01 PLCs Trainer
- 290-02/SI Siemens S71200 + Step 7
- + Lessons PLC Pack

### Also available:

291-00/AB PLCs Trainer Teaching Set - Allen Bradley

Siemens PLC - programs are developed in the Step 7 programming software on the PC and downloaded to the Siemens PLC to control the sorting disc

### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

Parts dispenser

- Create ladder logic programs
- Logic, truth tables, and step logic
- Counting parts and timing events
- Speed and position motor control
- Rotary encoder monitoring

Analog motor-controlled sorting disc with infrared hole detection sensor

Sorted parts bins

Manual control panel with sensor status indication

**Industrial Control & PLCs** 

Hardware

## PETRA II Advanced Industrial Control Teaching Set (292-00)

Once students have learned to program and troubleshoot a single controller and plant, the next step is to link multiple units together and monitor the performance and operation of a more complex system. This is the role of our PETRA II Teaching Set.

The teaching set achieves this with a simulated industrial plant containing two distinct processes each controlled by its own PLC. An HMI (human-machine interface) touch panel unit supervises the two PLCs, monitoring and displaying key information from sensors around the plant.

Using an industry-standard PLC programming software suite, each PLC must be programmed to control its own set of processes. The HMI panel must be programmed to supervise the two PLCs and display relevant plant information.

Students will also explore the functionality of SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition).



#### Order as:

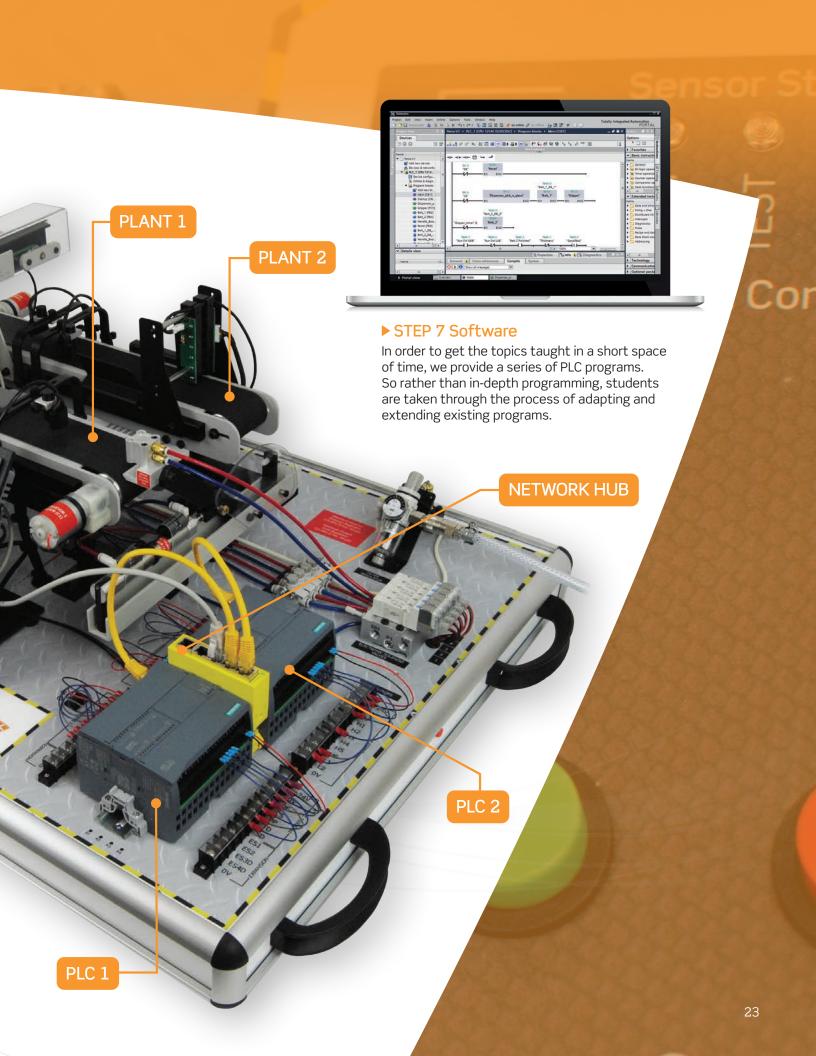
 292-00 PETRA II Advanced Industrial Control Teaching Set

Teaching set includes:

- 292-01 PETRA II Advanced Industrial Control Trainer
- 292-03 Siemens HMI Pack for PETRA II Advanced Industrial Control Trainer (Includes 2x PLCs, STEP 7 Software, HMI Panel)

SCADA

Great value option for teaching



## Industrial Control & PLCs

## Hardware

## Transducers, Instrumentation and Control Trainer (217-50)

The Transducers, Instrumentation and Control Trainer introduces students to input sensors, output actuators, signal conditioning circuits and display devices through a wide range of hands-on practical activities.

### Typical practical tasks and topics include:

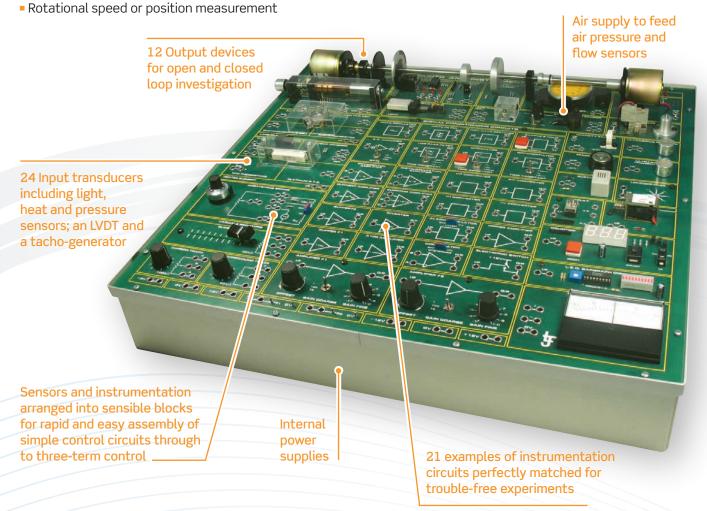
- Electronic switch
- Positional resistance transducers
- Wheatstone bridge measurements
- Temperature sensors
- Light measurement
- Environmental measurement

#### Order as:

 217-50 Transducers, Instrumentation and Control Trainer

#### Also available:

 217-00 Transducers, Instrumentation and Control Teaching Set (Includes 217-50 and 217-60)



## Data Acquisition of Control Systems (217-61)

This package can be used to introduce students to the monitoring and recording of control system performance using a PC.

It is designed to provide an extension to work carried out using our Transducers, Instrumentation and Control Trainer.

The package allows a PC to act as the following test instruments:

- Dual trace digital storage oscilloscope
- Spectrum analyzer
- Signal generator

#### Order as:

 217-61 Data Acquisition of Control Systems (Requires a 217-50)



## Analog and Digital Motor Control Teaching Set (207-00)

This system provides the complete solution to teaching analog and digital motor control. The heart of the system is a mechanical unit which produces repeatable, text-book results every time.

#### Order as:

 207-00 Analog and Digital Motor Control Teaching Set

Teaching set includes:

- 207-02 Virtual Control Laboratory
- 207-03 Command Potentiometer
- 207-04 PID Controller Module
- 207-05 4mm Connection Lead Set
- 207-15 D.C. Motor Control Module
- 207-40 Power Supply Unit

Variable eddy current brake

Analog feedback via a tacho-generator and precision potentiometer

Analog and PWM inputs

Virtual control

laboratory

Digital feedback from Gray code and slotted discs

# **Engineering Design**Hardware

**Engineering Construction Kit** (220-02)

This kit is used to investigate, design, build, and program robotic and automated machinery in a range of areas of technology. Simple yet sophisticated programming software allows students to bring their models to life.

## Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Design an automated elevator system
- Design automated vehicles
- Design mobile robots

#### Order as:

220-02 Engineering Construction Kit

## Educational Robotics Invention Kit - ERIK (250-02)

The Educational Robotics Invention Kit provides students with an environment that motivates them to learn abstract computer science concepts in a bid to solve practical problems with physical outcomes.

The combination of engineering and programming creates a dynamic environment that helps students develop problem-solving skills that involve mathematics, engineering, science and logic.

## Typical practical tasks and topics include:

- Languages, machines and computation
- Testing and debugging
- A series of open ended design projects to allow students to get creative

#### Order as:

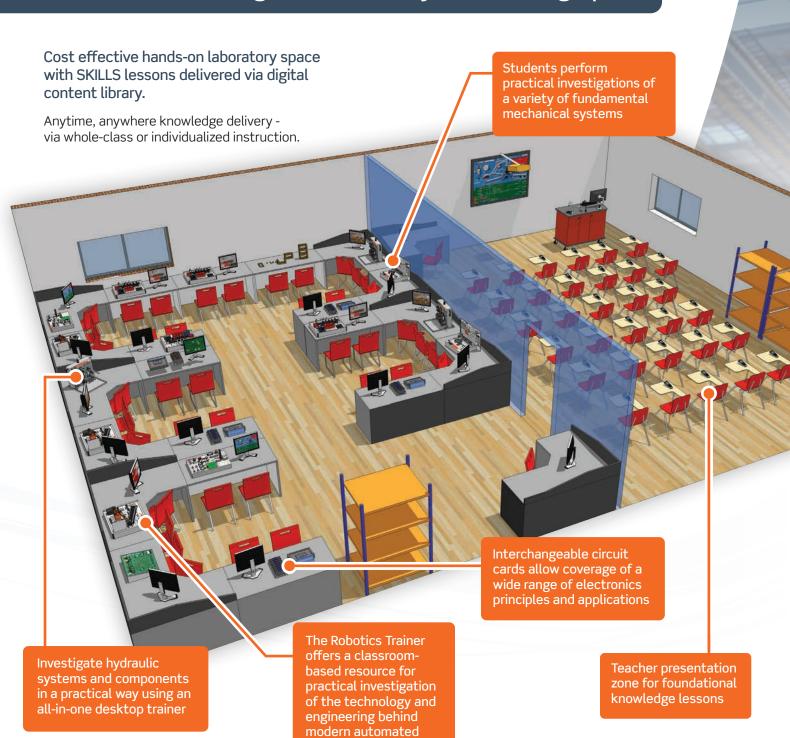
250-02 Educational Robotics Invention Kit



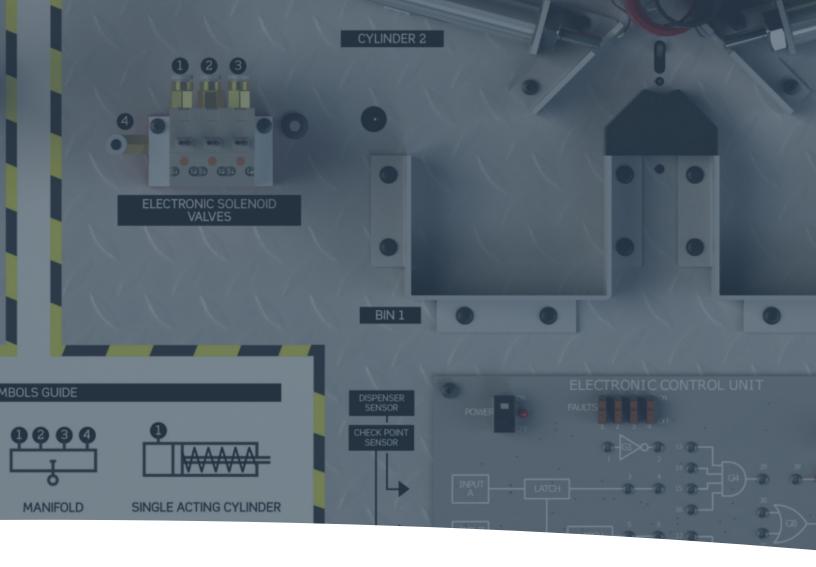


# Innovative Spaces

## Skills and Knowledge Lessons for your Learning Space



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