

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2006 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Number

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Project Title

Electromagnetic Motor Configurations

Objectives/Goals

Abstract

Electromagnetic motors specifically run on electricity and magnetism. When you put these together they may run very fast. My project#s main purpose is to test the different effects that different ways of wrapping wire around the rotor affects the speed of the motor.

Methods/Materials

If you look on you will see all the tests I have done to see the difference in the way you wrap the wire around the rotor. I tested five different ways of wrapping. Each of the wraps has different styles of wrapping. The different wraps were all unique. All of the settings that I used were exactly the same. I also used the same batteries every time. When I tested the batteries they were one volt less then when they were fresh.

Results

In the end I found some interesting results. I found that with more wraps and less gaps that the motor seems to run quite a bit faster. The runs with gaps were ok but the rotors with more wraps and fewer gaps were the best.

Conclusions/Discussion

The rotors with more wraps surprised me a lot. They ran much faster then I expected. I also found that there is a so-called point of safe return where too much weight makes the motor run much slower. When this happens, it was a good time to stop.

Summary Statement

My project is an attempt to find the different effects on the speed of a rotor with different styles of wraping.

Help Received

Mother helped transport project; mother bought materials; father bought materials; used wood and objects from the LJCDS workshop; built project under the supervision of Thomas Smith