



Applications of Engineering

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1. Introduction

- Classical dynamics
- Friction demonstrations
- Hovercraft demonstration

2. Ideal gas law

- Introduction to the behaviour of the ideal gas
- Air gun demonstration

3. Propulsion in air

- Introduction to thrust and propellers
- Make a propeller

4. Wind Turbines

- Derive equations for the power extracted
- Find the Bertz Limit
- Make a fan powered by a computer

5. Electric motors

- Introduction to electro-magnetic induction
- Make a simple motor from AA batteries

6. Solar panels

- How solar panels work
- Find the open circuit voltage

7. Engineering stresses and strains

- Introduction to Hooke's law
- Differentiate between plastic and elastic behaviour
- Demonstrate principals with elastic band gun

8. Thermodynamics

- Demonstrate 1st, 2nd and 3rd laws of thermodynamics
- Demonstrate thermal heat coefficients with balloon experiment

9. Nuclear Fission

• Introduction to binding energy and half lives

10. Economics

• Show that basis for engineering projects is profit