

Hooke's Law Set

Model No. ME-9827





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Equipment List



| Included Equipment | Replacement Model Number* |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Hooke's Law Apparatus (includes all items shown in illustration) | ME-9827 |
| 2. Base (1), 10.4 cm x 7.5 cm | 648-01081 |
| 3. Support Arm (1) | 648-07989 |
| 4. Clamps (2) | 648-02023 |
| 5. Screws (2), 6-32 x 1/2 | 610-042 |
| 6. Rod (1), stainless steel, 29.3 cm length | 648-01080 |
| 7. Rod Clamp (1) | 648-05132/648-05133 |
| 8. Thumb screw with knob, 1/4-20 x 1.0' | 617-019 |
| 9. Screws (2), 10-32 x 5/8 | 610-143 |
| 10. Thumb nut , 1/4-20 | 614-034 |
| 11. Transparent Scale Plate (1) | 966-07988 |
| 12. Stretch Indicator (1) | 648-07990 |
| 13. Grommet (1) | 623-007 |
| 14. Eye, swivel (1) | 616-148 |
| 15. Mass Hanger (1) | 648-04857 |
| 16. 5 N/m Springs (3) | 632-050 |
| 17. 8 N/m Springs (3) | 632-051 |
| 18. 70 N/m Springs (3) | 632-052 |

| Additional Equipment Recommended (for experiments) | Model Number |
|--|--------------|
| Mass and Hanger Set | ME-9348 |
| DataStudio [®] software (for graphing data) | CI-6870C |



Introduction

PASCO's ME-9827 Hooke's Law Apparatus allows students to investigate the relationship between the force applied to a spring and the amount the spring stretches. Its rugged base and brilliant stretch indicator will provide years of use in the physics classroom. In addition, it includes three different springs of varying stiffness. Each spring has identical length and diameter, but the spring constant varies between 4 N/m and 96 N/m. Three of each spring type are included for a total of nine springs.

Equipment Assembly

The stand comes fully assembled, including the transparent scale. To ready the unit for use, perform the following:

- 1. Hang the desired spring from the notch on the support arm. (Figure 1).
- **2.** Connect the Stretch Indicator to the bottom of the spring.
- **3.** Align zero on the sliding transparent scale with the Stretch Indicator (Figure 1).
- 4. Connect a mass hanger to the bottom of the Stretch Indicator. To connect the mass hanger, unclip the bottom wire clamp and slide the clamp through the slit on the hanger (Figure 2). The complete setup is shown on the next page.







Note: You may need to adjust the clamp on the support rod until the indicator reading falls at exactly zero. Always take your reading from the bottom edge of the indicator.



Experiment: Discovering Hooke's Law

- Choose the increments of mass to be used in the experiment. Keep the spring constant in mind when making this choice. The different springs in the set have spring constants of approximately 4 N/m, 8 N/m, and 96 N/m.
- 2. Connect the mass hanger to the bottom of the stretch indicator and place the first mass increment on the hanger. Record the stretch of the spring and the weight of the hanging mass. Don't forget to include the mass of the hanger.
- **3.** Add five more increments of mass, each time recording the stretch of the spring and the weight of the hanging mass.
- **4.** Repeat steps 2-3 for a different spring.
- 5. In DataStudio, create a graph with "Force" on the vertical axis and "Stretch" on the horizontal axis. For more details, see the instructions in Appendix B.
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- 6. Using y = mx + b, write an equation for each of the lines. Make sure to include appropriate variable, numbers, and units in the equation.
- 7. The slope of the Force vs. Stretch graph in known as the spring constant or rate. The vertical intercept represents the amount of force needed to begin stretching the spring and is also known as the initial tension. (See "Sample Data" on the next page.)



CAUTION: Stretching the spring more than twice its resting length can damage the spring. The maximum allowable force for each spring is listed under Specifications in Appendix A. Test your mass choice prior to trying the experiment with students.

Sample Data





Appendix A: Specifications

| Part | Specifications |
|----------------------|---|
| Stretch Indicator | fluorescent disc, 6.6 cm diameter, acrylic |
| Spring 5 N/m | length (with hooks) = 6.4 cm; diameter = 0.71 cm; spring constant = 5 N/m |
| Spring 8 N/m | length (with hooks) = 6.4 cm.; diameter = 0.71 cm; spring constant = 8 N/m |
| Spring 70 N/m | length (with hooks) = 6.4 cm; diameter = 0.71 cm; spring constant = 70 N/m |
| Rod stand | semi-steel, length = 29.2 cm, diameter = 0.64 cm |
| Mass hanger | mass = 5 grams |
| Base support | 11.4 cm (length) x 7.6 cm (width) x 0.6 cm (height) |

Appendix B: Plotting Data in DataStudio

The following instructions are provided for new users or those unfamiliar with DataStudio. The following instructions explain how to create an x-y graph and/or calculate statistics on previously collected data.

- **1.** Open DataStudio. When the Welcome to DataStudio window opens, select "Enter Data." An editable table and Graph display open.
- 2. On the main toolbar, click the **Summary** button.
- **3.** In the Data list, double click on the data icon to open the Data Properties dialog.
- 4. In the Data Properties dialog, do the following:
 - a) Enter a name for your experiment in the **Name** box.

b) Click on the **X tab** and enter the variable name "Stretch" to label the x axis. Enter the units for stretch (mm or m).

c) Click on the **Y** tab and enter the variable name "Force" to label the y axis. Enter the units for force (N). Click **OK**.

- **5.** In the Editable data table, enter your values for force and stretch. The data values automatically plot in the graph to the right.
- **6.** On the graph toolbar, click the **Curve Fit** button and select "Linear Fit." Slope, intercept, correlation, and standard deviation values appear in a box on your display.



Appendix C: Technical Support

For assistance with the ME-9827 Hooke's Law Apparatus or any other PASCO products, contact PASCO as follows:

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