

ROTOR-ROD™

The most powerful system for motor function in rats and mice



ROTOR-ROD Station with Rat Cart

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The ROTOR-ROD™ System measures motor function, motor learning, coordination, and equilibrium in both rats and mice. The ROTOR-ROD takes full advantage of the Windows® operating system with data organization and management software that combines power and flexibility with ease of use. The ROTOR-ROD is designed with adjustable falling heights from 18 - 48 inches to utilize the 'fear of falling' instinct as a natural motivator. ROTOR-ROD is available in three configurations: a model for mice, a model for rats and a combination model for both rats and mice. Each model features four independently timed lanes that automatically record fall latencies and distances traveled. Secured enclosures prevent the subjects from escaping after a safe landing.

HOW IT WORKS

Up to four animals are placed on the rod within their individual lanes in the ROTOR-ROD enclosure. Once all animals are placed, the ROTOR-ROD "Start" button is pressed and the rod begins rotating. The rotation is controlled by a speed control ramp previously defined by the user. The speed control ramp is constructed of segments that are accelerating, constant or decelerating in any mix. This feature allows the construction of straight line acceleration speed control ramps, constant speed control ramps and a varying speed control ramps. This feature allows the

Features & Benefits

- » Utilizes the "fear of falling" instinct as a natural motivator
- » Adjustable falling heights from 18 - 48 inches
- » Ability to run the system on a laptop or desktop computer
- » Automatically records fall latencies, distances traveled, and RPM at time of fall
- » Secured enclosure prevents animals from escaping after a safe landing
- » Rod speed ramps can be any combination of constant, accelerating and decelerating segments
- » All study data is stored in a database, providing quick and easy export

construction of the much desired stair step style ramp. You can use as many segments as will fit in the maximum run time of 1000 seconds. Seven photobeams are embedded in each of the four lanes of the ROTOR-ROD enclosure. One to four lanes can be used for testing. When each animal falls from the rotating rod, the photobeams are broken and the ROTOR-ROD software records the animal's latency to fall, distance traveled and RPM of the rod at the fall. The Rotor Rod can be set to stop when the last animal falls or when a preset duration is reached. Alternatively the user can stop the test at any time by pushing the Stop button. ROTOR-ROD utilizes a database to store all study results in a single file (table) format ready for export. This eliminates the need to cut and paste multiple files together in order to export study results to statistical packages.

ROTOR-ROD COMPONENTS

- › Enclosures with 4 independently timed lanes
- › Optional rat cart increases falling distance up to 48 inches
- › Photobeams
- › Software
- › User Manual
- › All cables and connectors

ROTOR-ROD SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

Outside Dimensions	Rat: 66" (H) x 36" (W) x 24" (D) Mouse: 33" (H) x 36" (W) x 24" (D)
Lane Dimensions	41/2" (W) per animal
Rod Diameter	11/4" (mouse); 23/4" (rat)
Fall Height	18" for mice, 48" for rats
Material Composition	ABS with acrylic windows
Maximum # of Stations	4 animal compartments
# of Photobeams	7 per lane, 28 total
Photobeam Spacing	1/2"
Speed Range	0 to 50 RPM

ROTOR-ROD COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Windows XP/Windows 7 compatible computer system with USB interface. Minimum disk and memory sizes specified to support Windows XP/Windows 7 are acceptable.

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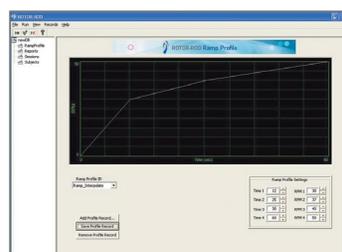
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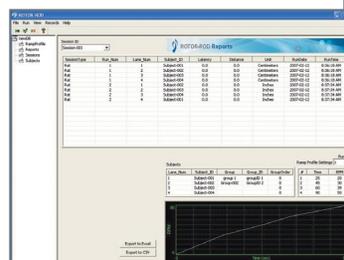
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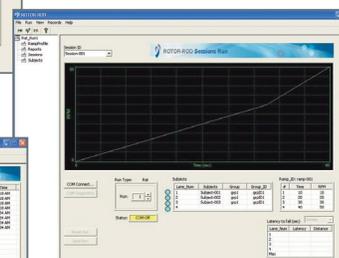
- › Animal Grip Strength System
- › Rotor-Rod™



Ramp Profile Screen



Reports Screen



Sessions Run Screen



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