WAVEMAKER OPERATIONAL GUIDE

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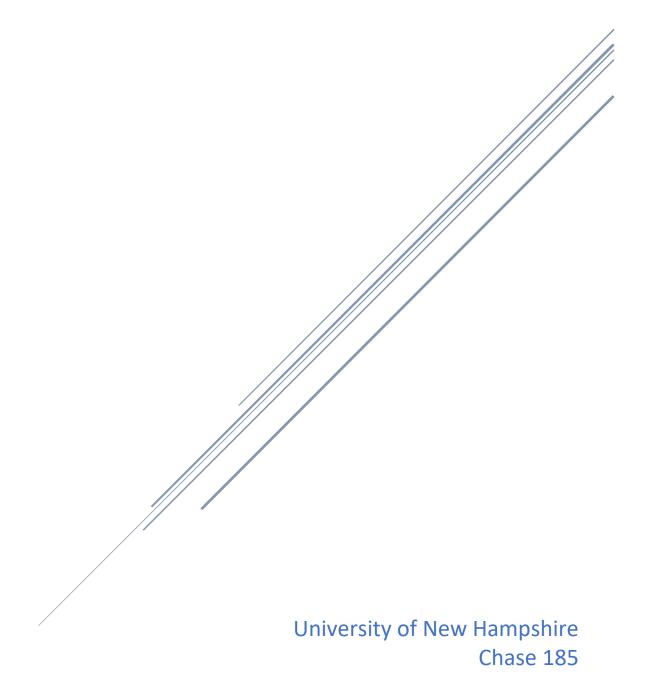


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Daily Operation:

Guide on how to run the wavemaker's systems for lab use

Mechanical:

Operating the mechanical side of the wavemaker

Initial setup:

1. Prior to operation, ensure <u>Initial Setup: Mechanical</u> and <u>Per-Operation Maintenance</u> have been completed in entirety. These procedures can be found by referencing this document (See Page **INSERT PAGE**) and "Wave Maker Maintenance Guide" respectively.

Positioning the Wavemaker:

- 1. Pick up wavemaker and place frame slot over end wall of wave tank {INSERT MEDIA}
- 2. Ensure wavemaker is pushed as far forward into the tank as necessary to accommodate bottom limit trigger finger to move freely {INSERT MEDIA}
- 3. Adjust frame to ensure wedge is centered and straight down the wave tank {INSERT MEDIA}
- 4. Manually move wedge to its limits ensuring nothing is hitting unexpectedly

Getting Ready to Run:

- 1. Plug wavemaker into a GFCI protected outlet
- 2. Twist panic button to power on electronics {INSERT MEDIA}
- 3. If necessary, clamp wavemaker down to tank cart

Software:

Guide on how to use the wavemaker code to produce waves

Initial Setup:

1. Prior to running Arduino code make sure to complete <u>Initial Setup:</u>
<u>Software</u>. This procedure can be found by referencing the Initial Setup section in this document (See Page **INSERT PAGE**)

Computer:

- 1. Check that toggle switch is OFF (unlit)
 - **{INSERT MEDIA}**
- 2. Plug Arduino into computer via the USB A to B cable {INSERT MEDIA}
- Open the most recent version of "WaveMaker" Arduino code {INSERT MEDIA}
- 4. Check Arduino->tools->board to make sure the board is recognized

Making Waves:

1. Under "Wave Properties" input values

{INSERT MEDIA after updating code}

Note: Ensure that $\underline{Period} \ge 0.15 \times \underline{Amplitude}$ to prevent calibration failure (Soon to be automatically done in code)

Note: Check that $\underline{Center\ cm + Amplitude} \le 0.5 \times \underline{limit\ distance}$ to prevent mechanical crashing (Soon to be automatically done in code)

- 2. Verify code prior to uploading to Arduino
- 3. Upload code to Arduino
- 4. Open Serial Monitor
- 5. Wavemaker will begin homing sequence (Watch Serial Monitor for details) {INSERT MEDIA}
- 6. Software calibration will run to fine tune movement (Watch Serial Monitor for details)

{INSERT MEDIA}

- 7. Once calibration is complete use toggle switch to run or pause movement {INSERT MEDIA}
- 8. Turn off toggle switch prior to unplugging Arduino from computer

Common issues:

- 1. Can't upload code
 - a. Check your Arduino is recognized on the correct port
 - b. Check for typos from adjusting parameters
- 2. Wavemaker won't move
 - a. Check that toggle is in the ON (lit) position
 - b. Ensure the panic button has not accidentally been triggered
 - c. Check wiring to Arduino for loose wires

Initial Setup:

How to setup wavemaker for use after storage or transportation.

Note: wavemaker should not be in tank.

Mechanical Setup:

How to setup the mechanical constituent of the wavemaker

Initial Setup:

- 1. Ensure all components are present
 - a. Frame
 - b. Wedge
 - c. Belt and sled assembly (on frame)
 - d. Electronics Shelf

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Wedge:

- 1. Check wedge for cracks or deep cuts
 - a. If cracked, apply solvent weld to crack and allow to dry 12 hours then sand
- 2. Bring sled to middle position

{INSERT MEDIA}

Ensure 4 mating bolts are completely flush with the back of the sled **{INSERT MEDIA}**

3. Place O-rings onto each bolt shanks

{INSERT MEDIA}

Note: the O-ring should be squished between sled acrylic and back acrylic of wedge. Apply O-ring grease if necessary

- 4. Take off wedge lid
- 5. Slide wedge, pointing down, onto bolts

{INSERT MEDIA}

6. Place washers inside wedge against back wall acrylic

{INSERT MEDIA}

7. Gently start each wingnut onto the four bolts

{INSERT MEDIA}

Note: These bolts are ALUMINUM and can strip very easily so take care

- 8. Finger tighten the wingnuts in a circular pattern until each nut is two-finger tight
- 9. Ensure all bolt head lay flush against the back plate of sled assembly {INSERT MEDIA}
- 10. Replace wedge lid

{INSERT MEDIA}

Belt:

- 1. Gently set wedge at bottom position
- 2. Check that zip-ties holding belt ends are tight and in good condition {INSERT MEDIA}
- 3. Path belt around pulleys, motor, and rotary encoder
 - a. Around bottom
 - b. Bottom part of belt straight up over white pulley
 - c. Pull belt around motor pulley
 - d. Over top of rotary pulley
 - e. Under black pulley
 - f. Around top pulley

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- 4. Ensure the pulley is correctly pathed <u>IF IT ISN'T STUFF CAN BREAK</u>
- 5. Loosen wingnuts on black idler

{INSERT MEDIA}

6. Slide black idler against pulley until belt is taught (roughly ½" of give when pressed

{INSERT MEDIA}

- 7. Tighten wingnuts on black idler
- 8. Check that the belt is riding on white idler
 - a. If idler isn't engaged, loosen wingnuts and slide white idler forward until belt engages.

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9. Check that the wedge can be easily moved up and down manually (gentle so as not to crash the limit switches)

Electronics Shelf:

1. Loosen all six bolts as far as possible

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- 2. Ensure rails are loose
- 3. Slide 80/20 rails into top of frame sliding shelf assembly as far back as possible

{Insert Media}

Note: The motor/encoder/limit wires like to get pinched between frame and shelf assembly so take care SHOULD ONLY REQUIRE LIGHT PRESSURE TO SLIDE

4. Firmly tighten down all six bolts

Note: To remove shelf, do process in reverse.

Electronics:

- 1. Plug in components
 - i. Motor
 - ii. Upper limit
 - iii. Bottom Limit
 - iv. Rotary Encoder
 - v. Toggle Switch
- 2. Check all Electrical connections

{Insert Media}

Software Setup:

How to get a new computer ready to run the wavemaker

Arduino:

- Install Arduino IDE on local system https://www.arduino.cc/en/software
- 2. Run Arduino IDE

Libraries:

- 1. Open Arduino IDE
- 2. Click Tools->Manage Libraries

{INSERT MEDIA}

- 3. Install libraries
 - a. "AccelStepper"
 - b. "Encoder"

{INSERT MEDIA}

Note: These libraries can also be found on project repository

Firmware Integration:

- 1. Ensure toggle switch is off
 - {INSERT MEDIA}
- 2. Plug Arduino into computer
 - **{INSERT MEDIA}**
- Click Tools and check that the board is recognized {INSERT MEDIA}

Maintenance

How to keep the wavemaker in tip-top shape

Per-Operation Maintenance:

Perform prior to plugging in wavemaker

- 1. Belt Tension
 - a. Check belt is sufficiently taught (should deflect a maximum of ½" when pressed)
 - b. Ensure black idler is tight
 - c. Ensure White idler is tight {insert media}
- 2. Rotary Encoder Engagement
 - a. Check that rotary encoder pulley is contacting the belt
 - b. Manually move wedge up and down to check that the pulley tracks without skipping

{insert media}

- 3. Wiring Connections
 - a. Ensure no jumper wires have detached from Arduino
 - b. Check that all ribbon cables are firmly attached to breakout board
 - c. Check limit switch wiring

{insert media}

- 4. Frame Alignment
 - a. Manually move wedge up and down within tank to check for collisions

{insert media}

- 5. Switch Triggering
 - a. Manually move wedge to top limit
 - b. Listen for top switch to click crisply
 - c. Manually move wedge to bottom limit
 - d. Listen for bottom switch to click crisply {insert media}

- 6. Panic Button
 - a. Plug in wavemaker
 - b. Twist panic button
 - c. Check that the wedge cannot be easily moved manually
 - d. Press panic button firmly
 - e. After brief delay ensure wedge can now move freely
 - f. If wedge remains firmly in place after panic switch is pressed <u>do</u> not operate wavemaker

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Weekly Maintenance

Remove wavemaker from tank prior to maintenance

- 1. Recoating Wedge [TREAT WEDGE]:
 - a. Spray light coat of white lithium grease onto a paper towel
 - b. Wipe paper towel over wedge surface
 - c. Buff wedge surface with paper towel until grease splotches are no longer visible

{insert media}

2. Cleaning Water [CLEAN WATER]:

Note: Only compete as needed

- a. Drain old water from tank
- b. Refill with new water
- c. Add treatment media
- 3. Lubricating Rails and Axels [LUBRICATE RAILS & AXLES]
 - a. Ensure wavemaker is powered off
 - b. Move wedge to bottom limit
 - c. Spray <u>light</u> coat of white lithium grease into rails above wedge
 - d. Moe wedge to top of movement
 - e. Spray <u>light</u> coat of white lithium grease into rails below wedge
 - f. Wipe away excess with paper towel
 - g. Use excess to gently lubricate top and bottom axle bearing points {insert media}

- 4. Checking Wedge Seal [CHECK WEDGE SEAL]
 - a. Check that wingnuts inside wedge are finger-tight
 - b. Ensure O-rings are properly squished
 - c. Check for any cracks in wedge acrylic
 - If cracked, flood crack with solvent weld and allow to dry for 12 hours. If crack still leaks, coat crack with gel based super glue and allow to cure.

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Monthly Maintenance:

Remove wavemaker from tank prior to maintenance

- 1. Check Fasteners are Tight [CHECK ALL FASTENERS]
 - a. Use 5/32 Allen to ensure all frame brackets are tight
 - b. Use 5/32 Allen to ensure axle bearings are right
 - c. Use fingers to gently ensure wedge fasteners are all tight
 - d. Use 7/16 socket to ensure electronics sled is tight
 - e. Use {GET MEASUREMENT} to ensure motor bracket is tight
 - f. Use Philips screwdriver to ensure limit brackets are tight
- 2. Check Rail Parallel [CHECK RAIL PARALLEL]
 - a. Use calipers to measure top rail spacing
 - b. Use calipers to measure bottom rail spacing
 - c. If necessary, loosen frame brace wingnuts and adjust top/bottom spacing
 - d. Repeat until rails are parallel {insert media}
- 3. Cleaning Belt and Idlers [CLEAN BELT & IDLERS]
 - a. Loosen black idler
 - b. Disengage belt from pulleys
 - c. Use damp towelette to wipe down pulley
 - d. Wipe down pulleys and idlers
 - e. Reengage belt
 - f. Tension Belt {insert media}

- 4. Check for Wear [CHECK PARTS FOR WEAR]
 - a. Check linear slides, rotary encoder pulley, lower limit trigger, and idlers

{insert media}

Pre-Lab Shutdown Maintenance:

- 1. Remove Tension from Belt [SLACKEN BELT]
 - a. Loosen black idler
 - b. Ensure belt is loose {insert media}
- 2. Dry and Store Wavemaker [DRY & STORE]
 - a. Use paper towels to wide standing water from wavemaker surface
 - b. If available use pressurized air to dry thoroughly
 - c. Depress panic button
 - d. If necessary remove wedge
 - i. Loosen wingnuts inside wedge completely
 - ii. Pull wedge from sled
 - iii. Place all loose hardware inside a zip-lock inside the wedge
 - iv. Ensure no O-rings have been misplaced
 - e. Coil cord loosely around frame
 - f. Store in upright position do not store resting on wedge or power supply unit
 {insert media}