4WD mobile robot platform Installation manual v1.0

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2012 latest 4WD aluminum mobile robot platform.

Hold many controllers, drivers, sensors and RF modules etc. Supports plate with controller mounting holes, 2 dof pan. Tilt holds

down groove, collision switch mounting hole, can be added with s ensors.

Elastic rubber tires. Damping, gripping, and wear-resisting. Light weight, high strength and no deformation characteristics. Unique design and color, cool feeling.



Driver: L298N Dual H Bridge DC Motor Driver IC

The terminal supply area of driven part Vs: +5 V $\sim +35$ V; such as the need to take power within the board, the supply area Vs: $7V \sim 35V$

The peak current of driven part Io: 2A

The terminal supply of area the logical part Vss: $+5 \text{ V} \sim +7 \text{ V}$ (can take power within the board +5 V)

The operating current range of the logical part : $0 \sim 36 \text{mA}$

control signal input voltage range: $Low:-0.3V \le Vin \le 1.5V$

Low:-0.3V \leq Vin \leq 1.5V High: 2.3V \leq Vin \leq Vss

Enable signal input voltage range:

Low: $-0.3 \le \text{Vin} \le 1.5\text{V}$ (control signal is invalid)

High: $2.3V \le Vin \le Vss$ (control signal active)

Maximum power consumption: 20W (when the temperature T = 75 °C)

Storage temperature: -25 °C ~ +130 °C

Driver Board Size: 55mm * 49mm * 33mm (with fixed copper pillar and the heat sink height)

Driver Board Weight: 33g

Other Extensions: control of direction indicators, the logic part of the plate to take power interface.

SainSmart Ultrasonic HC-SR04 Distance Sensor:

power supply :5V DC quiescent current : <2mA

The assembly steps Matters needing attention:

- 1 、 carefully interpret the images and pay attention to installation order, in case of doubt can refer to the next installation diagram.
- 2. please be careful to use cell polarity.

Tools Required

- 1. Cross or Phillips Screwdriver (2mm and 4mm)
- 2. Needle nose pliers
- 3. Wire Cutters
- 4. Wire Strippers



Outline of Installation Steps

- 1. Mount the 4 DC Motors, 2 on each motor side plate, be sure the wiring lugs are exposed.
- 2. You will be cutting the red and black wire into two 4" Reds, two 4" Black, two 7" Reds, two 7" Black,
- 3. Wire up each of the 2 motors in parallel to each other. The poles of the motors need to criss-cross over from bottom to top from one to the other. You will need to cut the red and black wire in into 4" pieces, and strip the ends of each, and attach to the motor lugs. You can twist each wire on with your fingers and solder up the connections later.
- 4. You should have a 14" black and red wire, cut each into half, creating two 7" wires and two 7" black wires, and strip all the ends.
- 5. Use the 6AA Battery pack to test each pair of motors.
- 6. You should have between 6 volts to 9 volts out of the battery pack.
- 7. Attach the wheels and verify that both motors on the plate spin in the same direction. Repeat for the second set of motors.
- 8. Attach the bottom plate to both motor plates.
- 9. Attach the Battery pack inside the bottom plate with AA batteries parallel to the motor plates.
- 10. Attach the front and rear end plates.
- 11. Attach the Motor Drive board to the bottom plate using the 4 long screws, nuts, and tube extensions.
- 12.Optional: Attach the ON/OFF switch and the External Battery(charging jack) to the top plate.
- 13.Driver Motor Board: use a small phillips to loosen up all the wire screw connections and remove the two jumpers between the ENA/5V and ENB/5V.
- 14. Wire up the motors to the motor driver.
 - 14.(a) Left black to Out1, The negative pole connects to OUT1 port
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- 15. Wire up the 6AA battery pack to the motor driver. The black wire to the GND and the Red wire to the VCC of the motor driver. Press the blue button and the motor driver led should turn on and off. Verify that led stays on Solid with all the wires firmly connected to the driver.
- 16. Attach 6 Male to Male M/M wires to the Motor Driver
 - 16.1. Red to IN1
 - 16.2. Yellow to IN2
 - 16.3. Green to IN3
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- 17. Attach Power Red/Black. Cut or attach using M/F jumpers.
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- 18.Optional: Wire in ON/OFF switch. (connect Wht/Blk/Brn wire to switch), Red wire from Battery to center black. White wire to 5V on Motor driver; Black
- 19. Pull all the wires through the top plate. And fasten the top plate.
- 20. Using a screw driver, power up the motor driver by pressing the blue button.
- 21. Attach the Sainsmart Sensor Shield to the Arduino UNO.
- 22. Mount the Sensor Shield and Arduino UNO to the top plate. Face the USB port towards the rear to allow connection to your computer.
- 23.Connect the power Red/Black to POWER on the Sensor Shield, 5V Red, Black to GND. With the led on the motor driver, the led on the sensor shield should be lit.
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 - 24.3. Purple IN3 to S (4)

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- 25. Mount the Servo.
- 26. Wire the Servo to the Shield. BRN to GND, RED to V, ORG to S (9).
- 27. Mount the HC-SR04 Sensor.
- 28. Wire the HC-SR04 to the Sensor Shield.
 - 28.1.5V, Red, Echo (11) Green, Trigger S(12) Yellow, GND. Black
- 29. Add a 9V battery to power the Arduino UNO.
- 30. Power UP. Load the 4WDRobot_Motor_Test01.ino sketch and test.

Bill of Materials for Sainsmart 4WD Robot

Each SKU:20-011-C55 Kit needs additional:

1 SG90 Servo

6 AA Batteries

1 9V Battery

1 Battery Clip 4.72" 12cm Male DC Plug 2.1 X 5.5mm 9V

8 40mm x 1/2" Screws and washers

10 M/M Wire Jumpers

2 F/F Wire Jumpers

1 Servo Mount for HC-SR04, http://www.thingiverse.com/thing:100486

HookUp Wire

- 1 F/F red, 1F/F black (power)
- 1 M/M red, 1 M/M black, 1 M/M yell, 1 M/M Grn (HC-SR04
- 1 M/M Yell, 12 M/M Org, 1 M/M blu, 1 M/M Grn, 1 M/M Brn, 1 M/M Purple (Motor Driver)



the parts list

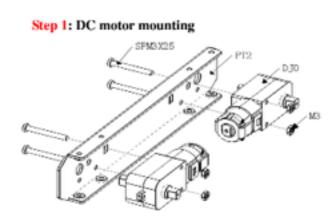
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The platform plate	PT0		Platform plate		
Platform side (2)	PT2		Platform end plate (2)	PT3	
Toggle switch	KG0		Charging interface	CD0	
DC motor (4)	DJ0	200	Power supply box (1)	DY0	
Wheel (4)	CL0				

(二) connecting parts list							
SN	Name	Code	Icon	Specification and description			
1	Cruciform slot screw	SPM3×6		24 ↑ M3×6			
2	Cruciform slot screw	SPM3×25	0	8 ↑ M3×25			
3	Six corner	LM3	0	16 个 M3			
4	Elastic washer	DQ1	E STUD	1 for the M6 thread parts			
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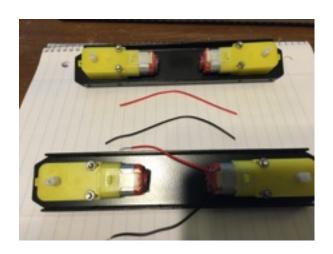
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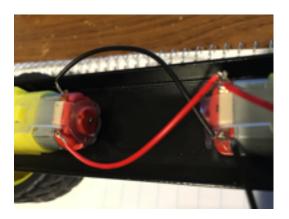
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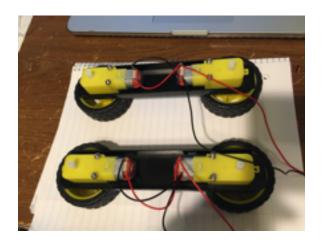
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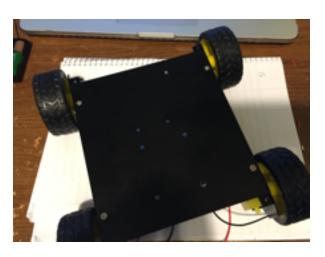
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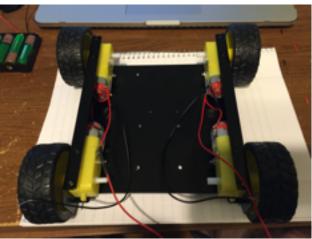


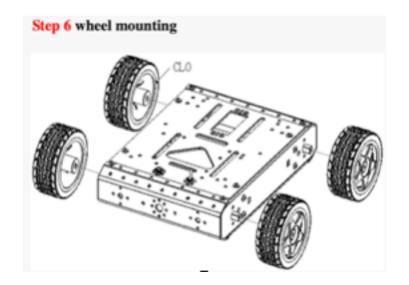
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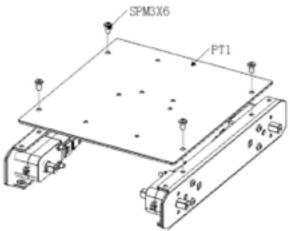
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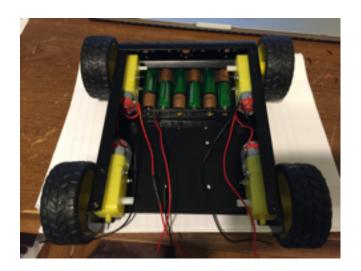




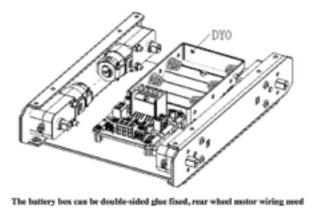
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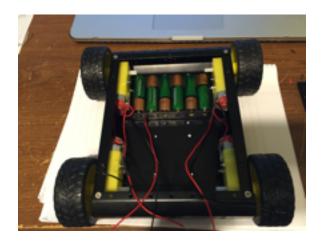
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Step 2.2 are arranged in the battery box

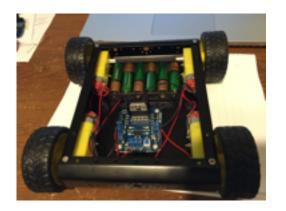


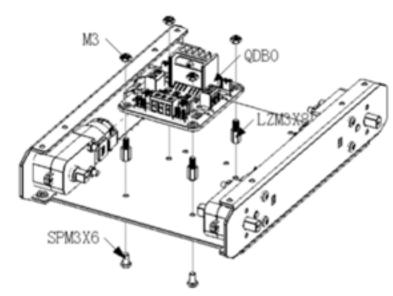
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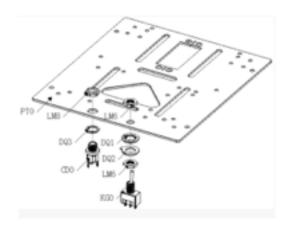
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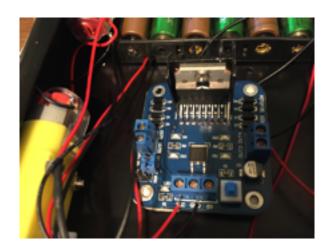




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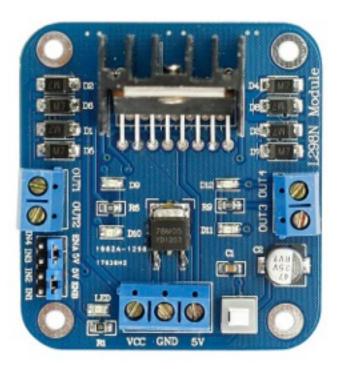
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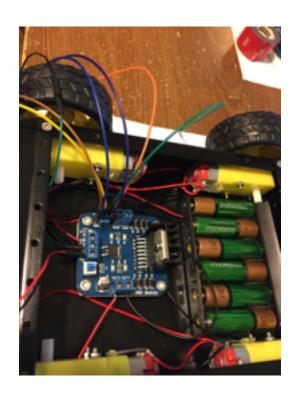
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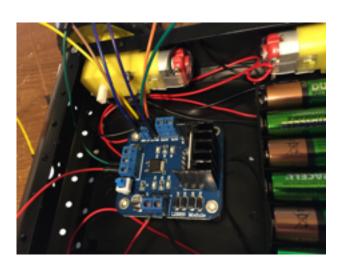
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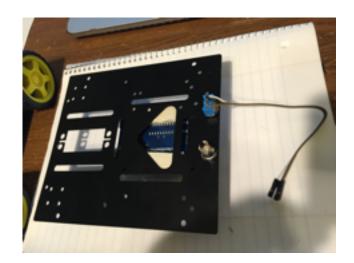




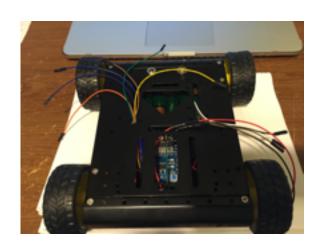
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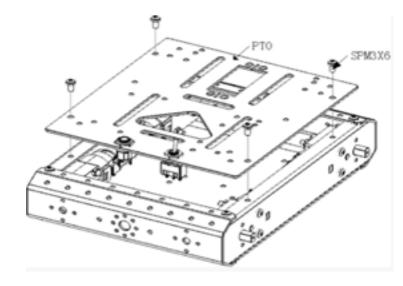


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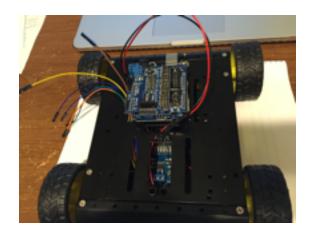
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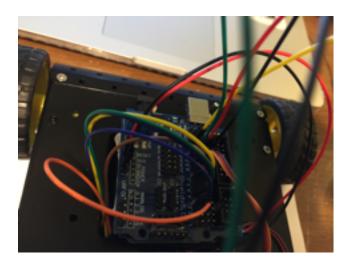


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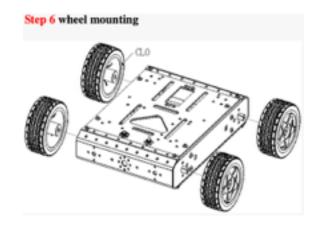
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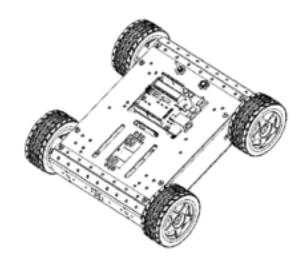
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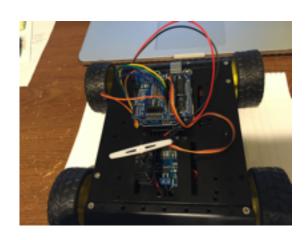


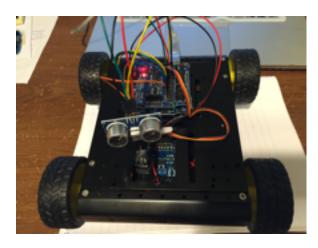
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Servo Mount for HC-SR04 Thingverse stl file @ http://www.thingiverse.com/thing:100486





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