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Engineer a mini wind turbine with the greatest output.

**Criteria:**

1. Only components from the TeacherGeek Mini Turbine kit may be used, as well as approved blade materials.
	1. Blades may not be:
		1. *Premanufactured (purchased in the shape they are used)*
		2. *Dangerous*
		3. *Metal*
		4. *Sharp Edged*
2. Safety glasses must be worn when testing wind turbines.
3. Turbine must be tested 50cm (20in) from the teacher provided fan. Fan speed, angle and direction may not be modified.

**Engineering Process:**

The engineering process will be used to evolve your wind turbine through revisions (design changes). Scientific testing will provide data to engineer the ultimate turbine.

1. **Design:**
	1. ***Research:*** *Analyze your current design and test data.*

*Explore science that makes it work. Study existing*

*designs and concepts.*

* 1. ***Identify a Problem:*** *Use your Research to identify an*

*area where your turbine can be improved.*

* 1. ***Generate Possible Solutions:*** *Come up with creative*

*ideas that could solve the problem.*

* 1. ***Choose the Best Solution:*** *Select the solution you believe
	will best solve the problem.*
	2. ***Plan:*** *Create drawings, identify materials & processes required to construct the solution.*
1. **Construct:** Create the mini turbine, or turbine revision according to your design plan.
2. **Test & Evaluate:** Evaluate the wind turbine and solution. Did your last revision work well?
What can be improved? No design is perfect. Your wind turbine can always be improved.
3. **Repeat (Redesign):** Engineer a solution to the problem(s) identified in the evaluation. Create a new revision.

*Don’t worry about having a design “flop”. Spectacular design revisions often follow “flopped”
designs (you can learn a lot from a “flop”). Challenge yourself to create unique designs.*



1. Redesign your basic wind turbine using an Engineering Note page:



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6 Blade Design

1. Construct the new design.
2. Test the design. Record your test data in the test record, and on the engineering note page:



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1. Evaluate the design based upon test performance, observations and research:



1.2v Not great. A blade broke

during testing. We need a new blade material.

Broken Blade: Redesign with a stronger material

1. Redesign (create a revision) to overcome the problem(s) identified by the evaluation.



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1. Redesign, Repeat.

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**Criteria: 10pts**

How well does the turbine fit the competition criteria?

**Use of Time: 15pts**

How much productive time did you spend working on the challenge? Did you work until the time ran out?
Did you work extra hours (for bonus points)? Regular Points= 0-15. Bonus Points= 16-18.

**Revisions: 15pts**

What was the quantity and quality of your design revisions?

**Innovation: 20pts**

How unique and creative was your design and revisions? Regular Points= 0-20. Bonus Points= 21-15.

**Performance: 15pts**

How did your turbine output compare to the output of other turbines in your class? Higher Output = More points.

**Documentation: 15pts**

Did you carefully document the engineering process using note sheets?

**Spirit: 10pts**

Did you demonstrate energy and enthusiasm for the project? Were you cooperative and helpful to your teammates and competitors?

**Student Provided Score (Self-Score):**

**Teacher Provided Score:**

**Test Record**

Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fan Distance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sheet #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Test each design revision up to two times (A & B):

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**Engineering Notes**

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