# Fuel Cell Car Science Kit





# **Product Description**

The Horizon's Fuel Cell Car Science Kit uses a reversible PEM fuel cell that combines electrolysis and power conversion into one single device. Watch as oxygen and hydrogen gases are formed in two transparent water containers. The car steers independently of the user once in operation: when the car hits a barrier, it will automatically find its way by reversing away 90 degrees. Included in the box is a renewable energy education manual as well as an experiment guide. This fun science kit combines cutting-edge science, education and fun for all!



✓ Best entry level fuel cell car kit on the market and one of Horizon's best sellers!

✓ Clearly demonstrates science behind electrolysis and water decomposition into constituents, oxygen and hydrogen.

 $\checkmark\,$  Includes solar panel for powering electrolysis, and complete experiment guide on CD

# Language Pack

- ✓ Experiment kit :
- ✓ Assembly Guide :
- ✓ User Guide :



# **Experiment & Activities**



- $\checkmark$  Assembly and operation of the kit
- ✓ The Effect of Heat on Solar Panels
- ✓ The Effect of Shade on Solar Panels
- ✓ The Effect of Tilt Angle on Solar Panels
- ✓ Finding the Solar Panel's Maximum Power Point

\*requires variable resistor module-sold separately

- ✓ Electrolysis Mode Generating Hydrogen and Oxygen from Water
- ✓ Fuel Cell Mode Generating Electricity from Hydrogen and Oxygen

 $\checkmark$  Determining the Minimum Voltage for Water Decomposition

✓ Polarization States for Hydrogen Fuel Cells





# **Kit Content**

- ✓ Chassis with LED light & motor
- ✓ Reversible (PEM) fuel cel
- ✓ Hydrogen tank
- ✓ Oxygen tank
- ✓ Inner Gas containers
- ✓ 0.75 Watt solar cell
- ✓ 2 x 2mm Connecting leads
- $\checkmark$  Battery pack with connecting leads (requires 2 X AA batteries)
- ✓ Plastic plug pins for fuel cell
- ✓ Transparent silicon tubing

# Certification

ROHS, EN71:PART1;PART2;PART3, EN55104, HR4040(LEAD), EN61000/EN62115, ASTM/WEE, PHTHALATES, CADIMUM, PSR,

# **Packing Information**

Case Pack Quantity (units):	1
<b>Master Pack Quantity</b> (units):	12
Packaging Type:	cardboard
<b>20´ Container</b> (units):	2760
<b>40´Container</b> (units):	6480
<b>Unit Box Length</b> (cm/in) :	32 / 12.6
Unit Box Width (cm/in):	23.5 / 9.25
<b>Unit Box Height</b> (cm/in):	14 / 5,51
<b>Unit Volume</b> (Cubic Meters/Litres/Feet):	0.011 / 10.53 / 0.372
<b>Unit Box Weight</b> (kg/lbs) :	1.75 /3.87
Case Pack Lenght (cm/in):	62 / 24.41
Case Pack Width ( cm/in):	44 / 17.32
Case Pack Height (cm/in):	35 / 13.78
Case Pack Volume (Cubic Meters/Litres/Feet):	0.095 / 95.48 / 3.37
Case Pack Weight (kg/lbs):	15.91 / 35.08

# **Logistic Information**

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	Item UPC-Code:	6942503400069.0
	Item HS-Code:	95038082.0
	Manufactured in:	Shanghai, China
	Local Warehouse:	Prague, Czech Republic
	Local Watehouse.	Los Angeles, USA
	First Ship Date:	available now
	Minimum Order:	12.0
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# FUEL CELL CAR SCIENCE KIT ASSEMBLY GUIDE

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To avoid the risk of property damage, serious injury or death:

This kit should only be used by persons 12 years old and up, and only under the supervision of adults who have familiarized themselves with the safety measures described in the kit. Keep small children and animals away, as it contains small parts that could be swallowed. Read the instructions before use and have them ready for reference.

Battery operation instructions:

1. The removing and inserting of batteries is to be conducted by the adults only. Unscrew the screw holding the battery pack's cover in place using a screw driver. Once the screw is removed open the battery pack and take out the batteries using your fingers. Do not use a metal object. When inserting the batteries make sure that you are doing so with the correct polarity (the positive end of the battery must match up with the "+" and the negative end of the battery must match up with the "-" indicated on the battery pack), close the battery pack and secure its cover by tightening the screw with a screw driver.

2. Non-rechargeable batteries are not to be recharged. 3. Different types of batteries such as rechargable, alkline and standard batteries or new and used batteries are not to be mixed and should be used separately.

4. The battery pack cables are not to be inserted into an AC socket

5. The supply terminals of the battery pack are not to be short-circuited.

6. The two spare red&black cables are not to be inserted into an AC socket.

7. Exhausted batteries are to be removed from the battery pack.

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ASSEMBLY GUIDE

What uou need: 

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AA batteries=2 Units
Water=100ml
Scissors Use the scissors to cut two lengths of 4cm(1.5 inches) of rubber tubing from the long rubber tubing provided in the kit. Place the red pin into one of the 4cm tubes, and the black pin into the other 4cm tube. Cut the remaining long tube into two equal pieces. Connect the short tubes Remove the screw from battery box cover using a screw driver. Push and slide the cover to open the battery box. DO NOT to touch the cables when you open the cover. Place two AA batteries as indicated. "O2" sides of the fuel cell. Push and slide the battery box cover to closed position and screw tightly into place using screw driver. H<sub>2</sub> side Push and slide open the cove Remove the screw from the cove Make sure the switch on the battery box is in the "off" position \*\* Fuel Cell before you place the batteries into the box. \*\* WARNING: If the cable is short circuited the batteries inside could become hot and potentially cause burns, melting of parts, or create risk of fire.

※ Note: Battery's energy may be consumed after 4-5 times of use

completely onto the short H2/O2 intake nozzles located on the lower sections of both "H2" and





Connect the wheels onto the chassis of the car. Press each wheel into the pins located on each side of the chassis until you hear a "snapping" sound.

Insert the reversible fuel cell into the rectangular slot located on the car chassis.

Insert the Hydrogen and Oxygen outer storage cylinders 6 into the round slots located on the chassis.



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### First add water up to the "0" line.

Place inner containers into outer cylinders minding that the gaps are not blocked by inner plastic rims. Make sure the water is still level to the "0" line. If not, remove some water with the syringe, Then connect the tubing to the inner containers. Make sure there is no air trapped inside the inner containers and the water is level to the "0" line.



Procedure for repeated gas production (after step 14): Disconnect the small plugs from the tubes connected to the nozzles on the reversible fuel cell. This will allow water into the inner cylinders to replace the gasses and reset water levels to "0" line. Re-insert the plugs into the tubes and repeat electrolysis again.

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Remove the cap from the tube connected to the oxygen side of the fuel cell. Using the syringe, inject distilled water into the fuel cell until the fuel cell is HALF filled with water. \*WARNING: The polymer membrane is an important part of the proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell, it should be prevented from drying out.

O<sub>2</sub> side

Connect the tubes opposite end to the upper nozzles located on the upper positions of both "H2" and "O2" sides of fuel cell shown here. Make sure the tubes are connected correctly to the corresponding sides of the fuel cell.



Disconnect the solar panel from the fuel cell or turn the switch on the battery box to "off" and remove the cables connected to the fuel cell. Keep the battery box switched to the "off " position except during the time you are performing electrolysis.





#### ALTERNATE OPTION:

Connect the red cable from the battery pack to the red socket on the fuel cell and connect the black cable to black socket.

Switch the battery pack to the "on" position.

12. Electrolysis of water should begin with oxygen and hydrogen being produced and stored in each storage tank. Wait until the bubbles in the hydrogen tank start to escape from the inner storage cylinder located in the H2 cylinder.

(Be patient, process can take 15-20min)

Remove the red and black cables connected to the fuel cell in "step 10".

Insert the banana plug cables from the car's motor into the red and black plugs on the fuel cell.

Make sure the colors of the plugs and cables are inserted into plug socket of the same color as in "step 10".

The motor should begin to power the car. The estimated driving time on one charge is about 3 to 5 minutes.

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1. The water levels do not drop when the gas outlet tubes on both sides of the fuel cell are unplugged.

### Solution:

Check whether the spaces on the wall of the inner cylinder are blocked. If so, turn the inner cylinder until water enters the spaces and fills up the inner cylinder.

2. The reversible fuel cell does not produce hydrogen and/or oxygen. **Solution:** 

a. Check whether the wires are appropriately connected, and whether there are any loose connections. The fuel cell could be completely destroyed if the red wire of the battery pack is connected to the black jack of the fuel cell.

b. Check whether the switch of the battery pack is in the "on" position.

3. The water electrolysis process slows down. **Solution:** 

a. Add water to the oxygen side of the fuel cell and wait for about 5 minutes.

b. Replace old AA batteries with new AA batteries inside the battery pack.

4. The car stops moving while there is still hydrogen left inside the tanks. **Solution:** 

a. Purge the gases and perform water electrolysis for 4-5 minutes. Unplug the hydrogen gas outlet tube and oxygen gas tubes to purge the gases. Perform water electrolysis again until the hydrogen tank is filled, and connect the motor to the fuel cell. If the problem persists, go to the next step.

b. Let the water electrolysis process last about 10 minutes to consume the residual water. To push water out of the fuel cell, purge the gases. Perform water electrolysis once more until the hydrogen tank is filled, then connect the motor to the fuel cell.

Note: Hydrogen fuel cells are consumables and have a life time of up to 2 years and we give warranty for 1 year. You can buy replacement fuel cells from Horizon by placing online orders at <u>http://www.horizonfuelcell.com/store.htm</u>

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