

'PLEN' – Desk Top Hobby Robot

**Instruction Manual**

# PLEN

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## Safety Precautions

In order to minimize the risk of possible harm, and or damage, to property of the users (and third parties) of this product, we strongly recommend that you thoroughly read through this manual before you attempt to assemble and use PLEN.

- Prior to starting the assembly of 'PLEN', prepare in advance a clear , flat work surface, free of obstacles that may hamper the assembly operation.(1mx1m should be sufficient)
- To prevent the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this product, or individual components, to such things as water or excessive moisture. Furthermore, do not attempt to tamper with, or insert foreign objects into this product, or the individual components.
- To prevent the risk of fire or electrical problems, do not cover this product during times of operation. (eg. cloths or blankets)
- To prevent the risk of fire or mechanical/electrical problems, do not attempt to disassemble, modify, or tamper with the control base and /or servo motors, in any way what so ever.
- To avoid fire or mechanical/ electrical problems, use only the parts/ components listed. Do not use battery packs or servo motors, other than those recommended.
- When recharging the battery pack, do so in a location that is open, ventilated, and is clearly visible (not concealed). Do not attempt to recharge 'defective' battery packs.
- AC adapter, 3P10-N1012, included with the components, is compatible with most electrical supplies world wide. (If in doubt, please visit our web site [www-----](http://www-----)).
- When the control base is exposed (uncovered), care should be taken to prevent short circuiting the components.
- During the assembly process, while moving parts are still exposed, take care to avoid 'catching fingers' in the moving parts while operating.
- Only operate this product on a clear, flat, stable surface. Do not drop, or expose to vibrating machines/devices.
- Keep this product away from infants and small children, unless strictly supervised.

## **Recommended Tools to build PLEN**

A Phillips head screw driver (#0,#1)

Scissors

Tweezers

A screw stopper agent

PARTS LIST 1



R. Ankle Servo  
Block (long)



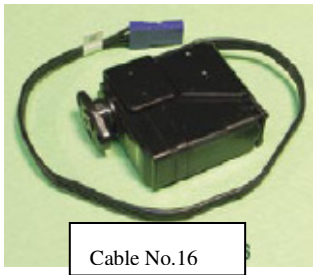
L. Ankle Servo  
Block (long)



R. Thigh Servo  
Block (short)



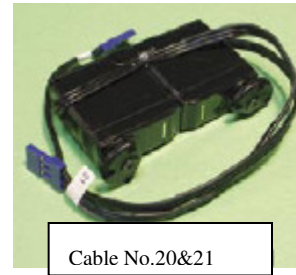
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Block (short)



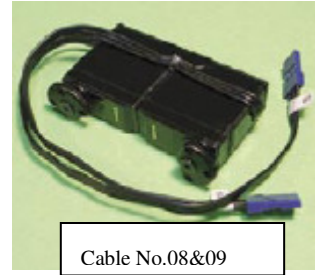
R. Knee Servo Unit



L. Knee Servo Unit



R. Arm Servo Unit



L. Arm Servo Unit



R. Shoulder Servo



L. Shoulder Servo



Waist Servo Unit



Back Frame



Elbow Frame x 2



R. Thigh Frame



L. Thigh Frame



Shin Frames x 2



R. Ankle Frame



L. Ankle Frame



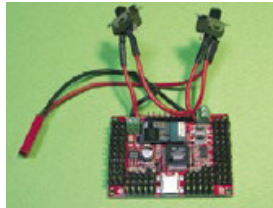
Sole Plates x 2



Switch Bracket



Neck Plate x 2



Controller Circuit Board



LED Board



Battery Pack



Battery Charger



USB Cable



CD ROM

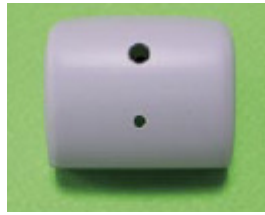


Vinyl Cable

PARTS LIST 2



Face Plate  
Part A



Head  
Part B



Neck Plate  
Part C



Stomach  
Cover



Back Cover



Elbow Covers



R. Arm Cover



L. Arm Cover



R. Shin Cover  
(outer)



L. Shin Cover  
(inner)



R. Shin Cover  
(inner)



L. Shin Cover  
(outer)



Shin Cover  
(front x2)



Thigh Cover  
(x2)



R. Cover  
(instep)



L. Cover  
(instep)



Sole Cover  
(x2)



M1.7  
Flat top screws



M2x2.5  
Flat top screws



M2x4  
Flat top screws



M3  
Flat top  
Screws



M2.6  
Round top  
Screws



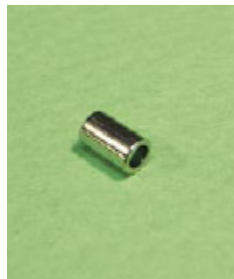
M2  
Round top  
Screws



M2x8  
Round top  
Screws



Self Tapping  
Screws



Spacer  
 $\phi 3 \times 5$



Servo Joints  
a.k.a. "Horns"



Parts list 3 (roller skate kit)



Roller Skate  
Frame A (x2)



Roller Skate  
Frame B (x4)



Roller Wheels  
(x8)



Roller Wheels  
Axle Spacers (x4)



M3×15  
Flat top  
Screws (×8)



M2×5.5  
Round top  
Screws (x8)



Roller Wheel  
Spacers  
 $\phi$  4x3 (x16)

## Right Leg Unit Assembly - Stage 1

### Parts



Sole Plates  
(x2)



R. Cover  
(instep)



R. Ankle  
Frame



R. Ankle  
Servo



Flat top screw  
M1.7 (x3)



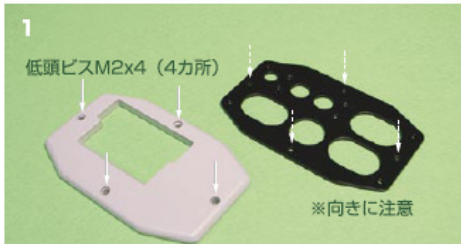
Flat top screw  
M2×4 (x4)



M2×2.5 (x4)  
Flat top Screw



M2.6 (x1)  
Round top Screw



Attach the R instep Cover to the Sole Plate and secure using M2x4 Flat top screws.



Shown assembled.



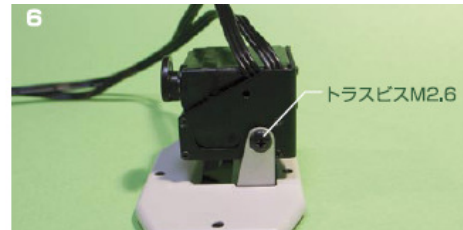
Attach the R ankle frame to the Sole Plate, and secure using M2×2.5 Flat top screws.



Step 3 shown assembled.



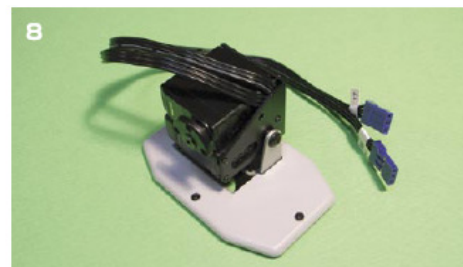
Attach R Ankle Servo Motor to the Ankle Frame as shown.



Secure using M2.6 Round top screw.



Attach the Servo Joint and secure using M1.7 Flat top screws.



R Leg Unit (Stage 1) shown assembled

## Right leg unit assembly - Stage 2

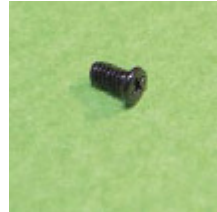
### Necessary Parts



Shin  
Frame

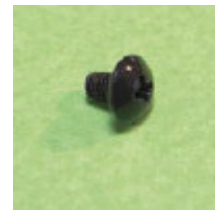


R. Knee  
Servo Motor



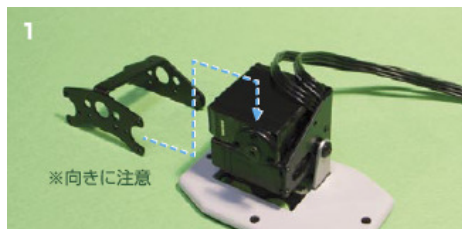
M1.7

Flat Top screw (x6)

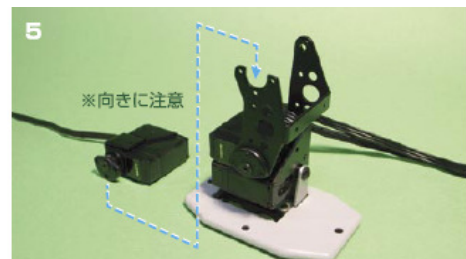


M2.6

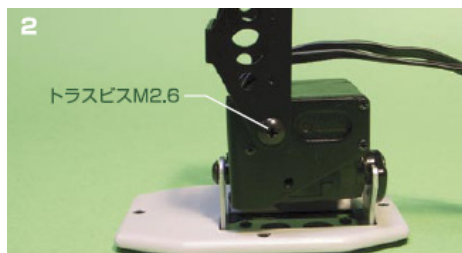
Round Top screw (x2)



Attach the Shin Frame to the R Ankle Servo Block.  
(Stage 1 assembly) as shown



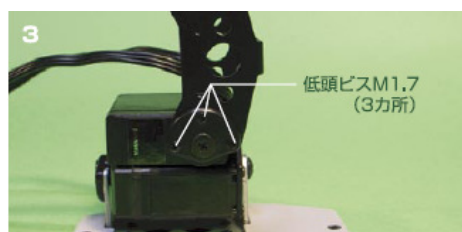
Attach the R Knee Servo Unit to the Shin Frame as shown



Secure using M2.6 Round top screw



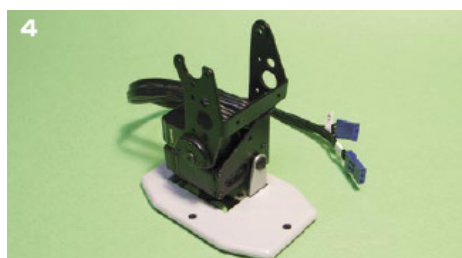
Secure using M2.6 Round top screw



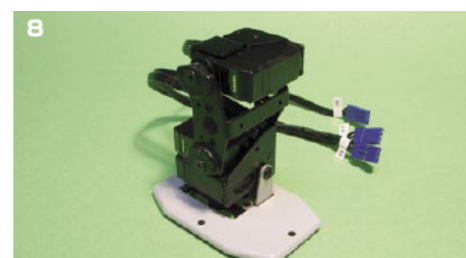
Attach the Servo Joint to the Shin Frame as shown, and  
secure using M1.7 Flat top screw



Attach the Servo Joint and secure using M1.7 Flat top  
screw



Step 1,2 and 3 shown assembled



Right Leg Unit ( Stages 1 + 2) shown assembled

## Right Leg Unit Assembly - Stage 3 Parts



R. Thigh  
Frame



Cable No.14&15  
R Thigh Servo  
Block (short)  
Cable No14,15



M2×2.5  
Flat top  
screw (x4)



M1.7  
Flat top  
screw (x3)



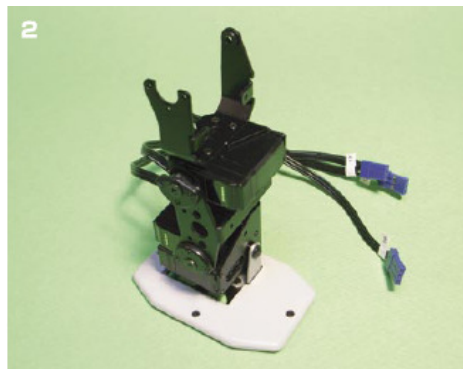
M2.6  
Round top  
screw (x1)



Attach R Thigh Frame to the R Knee Servo Unit and secure using M2×2.5 Flat top screw (x4)



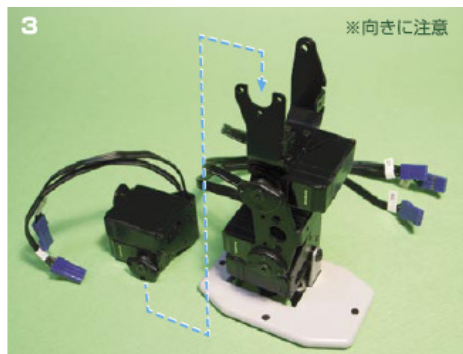
Secure using M2.6 Round top screw



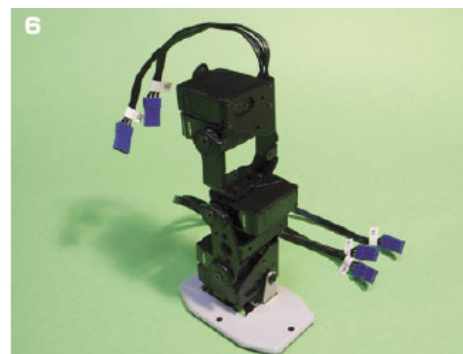
Step 1 shown assembled



Attach the Servo Joint and secure using M1.7 Flat top screw



Attach R Thigh Servo Block (Step1) to the R Thigh Frame



The complete R Leg Unit shown assembled

# Left Leg Unit Assembly - Stage 1

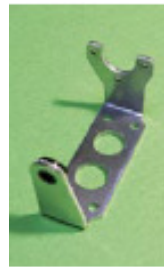
## Parts



Sole Plates  
(x2)



R. Cover  
(instep)



R. Ankle  
Frame



Cable No.05&06

R. Ankle  
Servo (cable No. 05,06)



Flat top screw  
M1.7 (x3)



Flat top screw  
M2×4 (x4)



M2×2.5 (x4)  
Flat top Screw



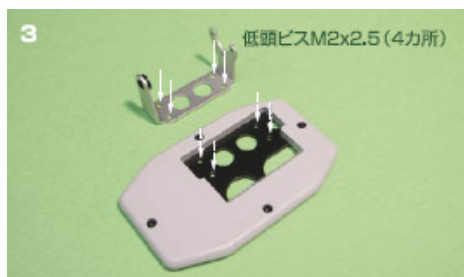
M2.6 (x1)  
Round top Screw



Insert 4 M2x4 screws as shown



As shown



Insert 4 M2x2.5 Flat top screws



As shown



Please pay attention to the orientation



Insert Round top M2.6 screw



Lock down the servo with 3 M1.7 Flat head screws



Complete assembly as shown

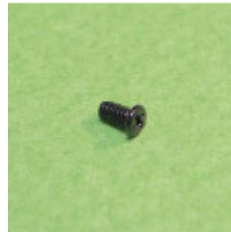
Left Leg Unit Assembly: Stage 2



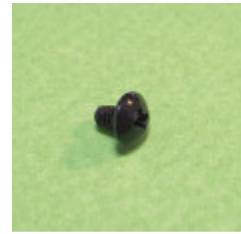
Shin Frame



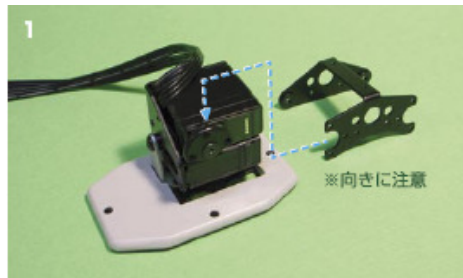
Cable No.04



Flat top  
M1.7 (x6)



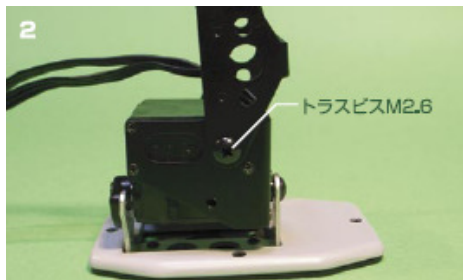
Round top  
M1.7 (x6)



Pay attention to orientation of brackets



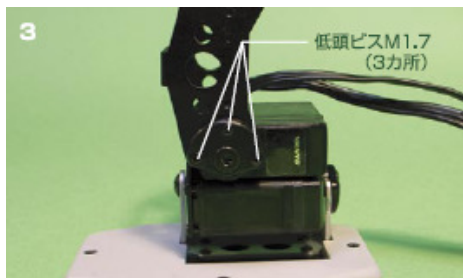
Pay attention to orientation of brackets



Insert Round top M2.6



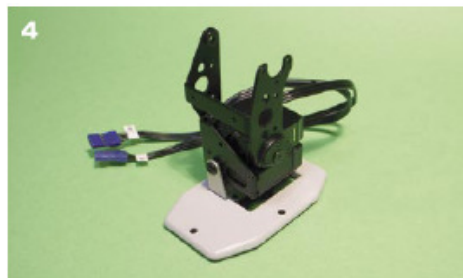
Insert Round top M2.6



Lock down the servo motor with 3 M1.7 screws as shown



Lock down the servo motor with 3 M1.7 screws as shown





### Left Leg Unit Assembly: Stage 3



L. Thigh  
Frame



L Thigh Servo  
Block (short)

Cable No.02&03



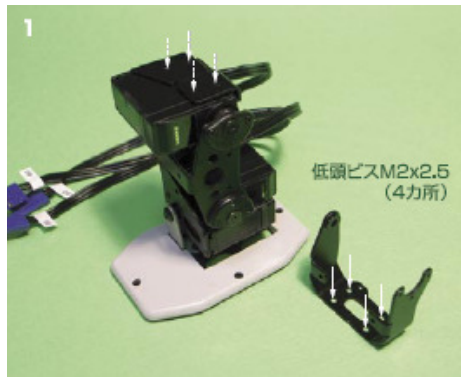
M2×2.5  
Flat top  
screw (x4)



M1.7  
Flat top  
screw (x3)



M2.6  
Round top  
screw (x1)



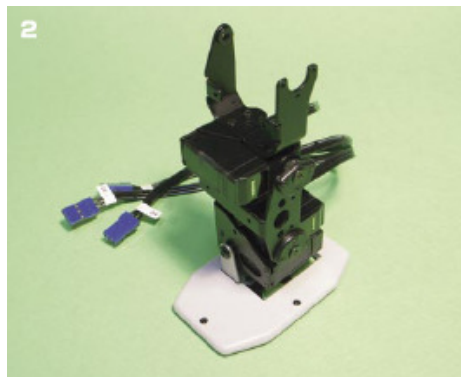
1  
Insert (4) M2x2.5 screws

低頭ビスM2x2.5  
(4カ所)



4  
Insert one Round top M2.6 screw

トラスビスM2.6

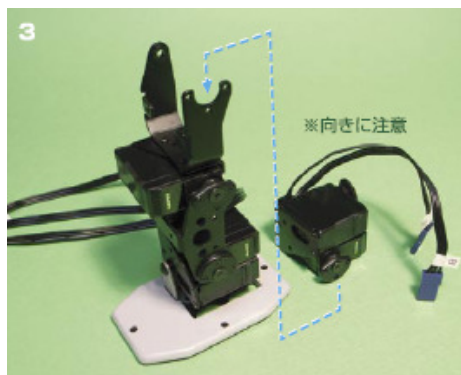


2  
As shown



5  
Lock down the servos with 3 M1.7

低頭ビスM1.7  
(3カ所)



3  
Mount servo block on leg

※向きに注意



6  
As shown

## Arm Unit Assembly



Cable No.20&21

R. Arm Servo  
Unit



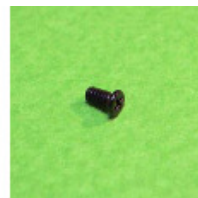
Cable No.08&09

L. Arm Servo  
Unit

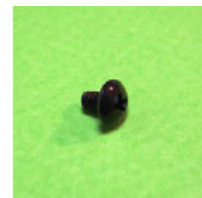


左右共通部品

Elbow Frame  
(x2)



Flat Top M1.7  
(x6)



Round Top  
M2.6 (x2)

## Right Arm Assembly



Connect the elbow frame to the right arm servo unit



Secure to front with M2.6 screw



Lock down servo with 3 M1.7 screws

## Left Arm Assembly



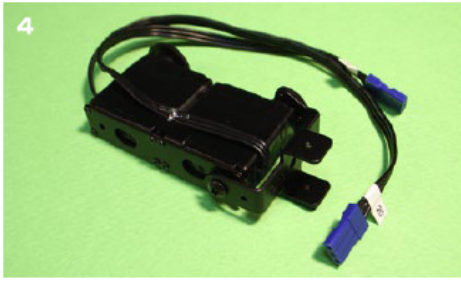
Connect the elbow frame to the left arm servo unit



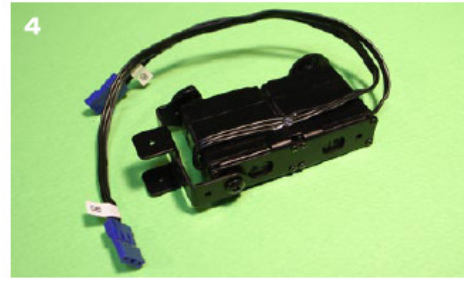
Secure to front with M2.6 screw



Lock down servo with 3 M1.7  
Screws



Completed R. Arm assembly



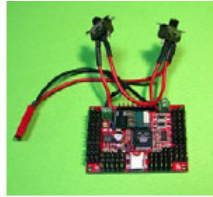
Completed L. Arm assembly

## Body (Upper) Unit Assembly - Stage 1

### Parts



Back Frame



Control  
Circuit Board



Cable No.19

R. Shoulder  
Servo Unit

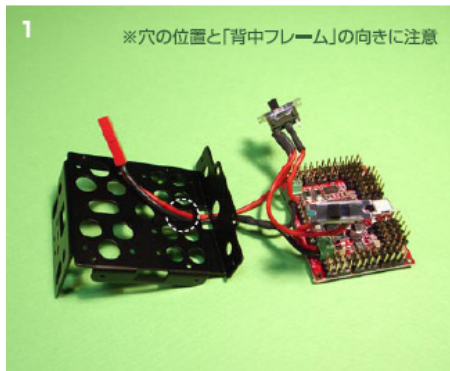


Cable No.07

L. Shoulder  
Unit Cable



M2×2.5 Flat  
Top screw (x4)



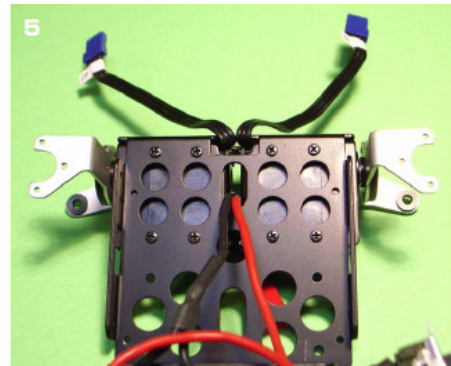
1  
Thread the cables of the Control  
Circuit Board through the Back Frame



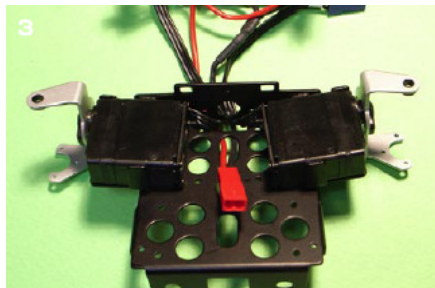
4  
M2x2.5 Flat Top screw as shown.



2  
Thread the cables of Shoulder Servo



5  
Ensure the cables are as shown



3  
Shows steps 1 and 2 completed. Check!

## Body (Upper) Unit Assembly - Stage 2

### Parts



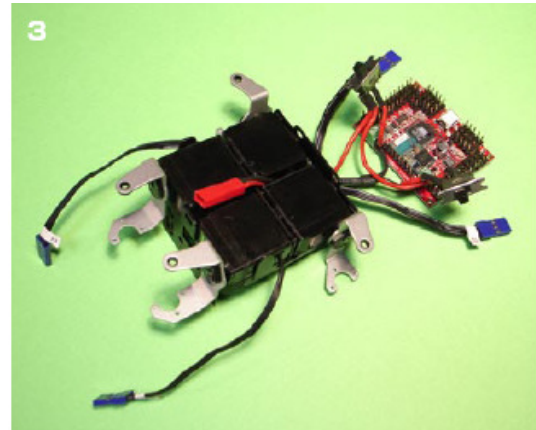
Waist  
Servo Unit



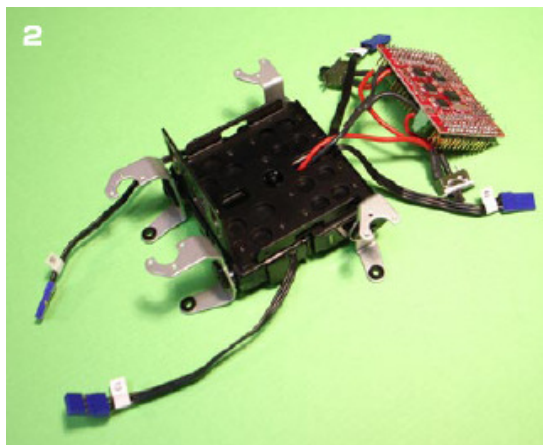
M2×2.5  
Flat top screw (x4)



Attach Waist Servo Unit to Back Frame  
Secure using M2×2.5 FlatTop screws.



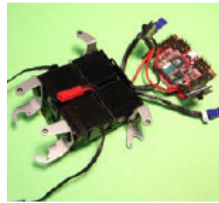
The Back Frame unit is complete



Ensure the positioning is as shown.

## Attaching the Arm Units

### Parts



Body Unit



Cable No.20&21

R. Arm Unit



Cable No.08&09

L. Arm Unit



Vinyl Cord  
(for Cable Ties)



M1.7 Round

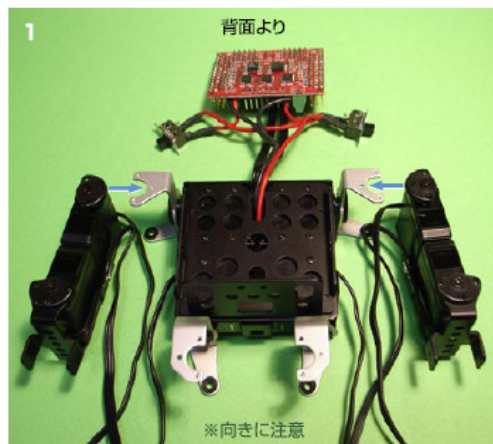
Top screw (x6)

低頭ビスM1.7 (6本)

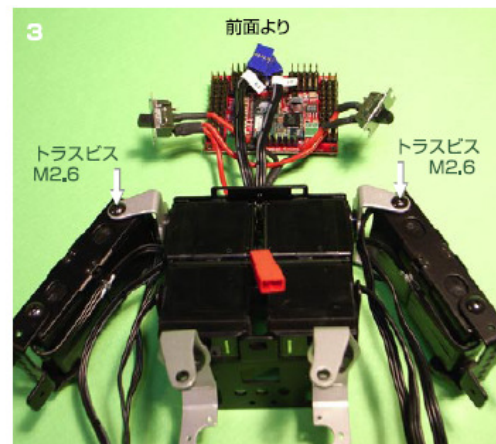


M2.6 Round

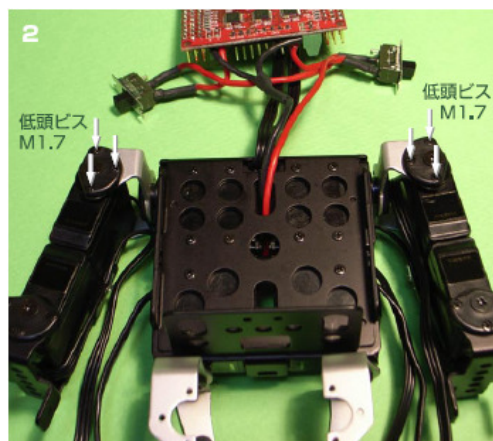
Top screw (x2)



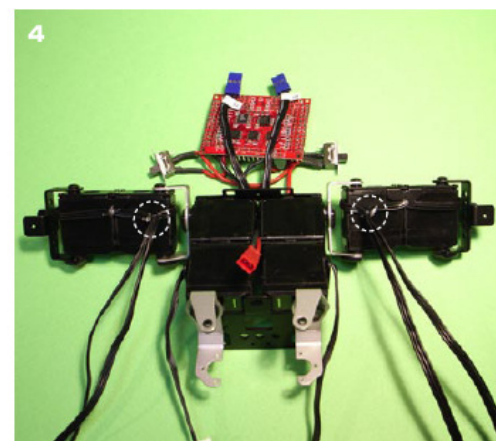
Attach each Arm Unit to the Body (Upper) Unit as shown.



Secure the front of the arm units to the Shoulder Frames, and secure using M2.6 Round top screws as shown

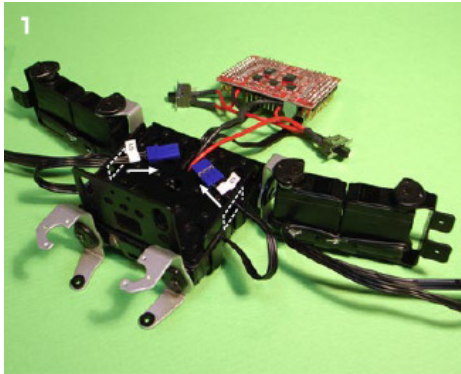


Attach the Servo Joint and secure using M1.7 Flat top screws.

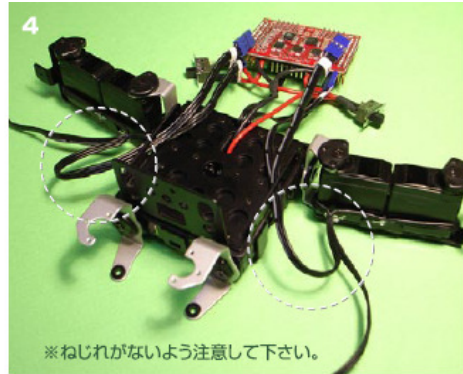


Group the cables of each arm unit and secure using the Vinyl Cord as shown.

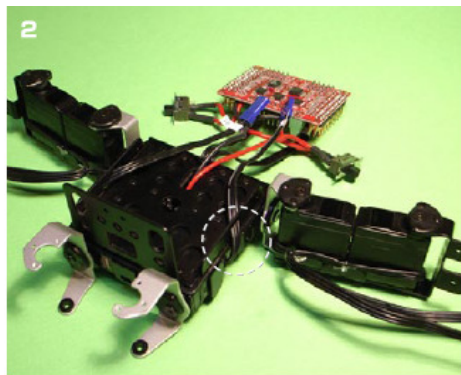
## Upper Body half Assembly



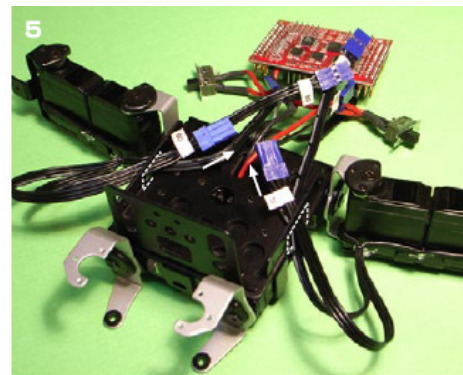
Thread the cables (No. 01 and 13) through the Back Frame as shown.



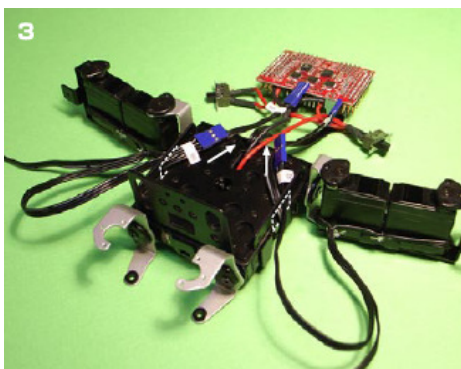
Take up the slack in the cables so they look like the 'smooth loop' as shown.



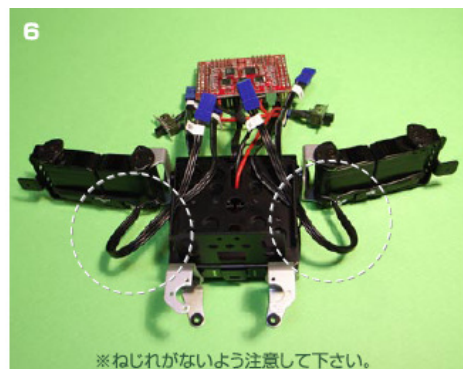
Please ensure that the root of the cable cannot be twisted or slackened.



Thread the cables (No. 09 and 21) through the Back Frame as shown.



Thread the cables (No. 08 and 20) through the Back Frame as shown.



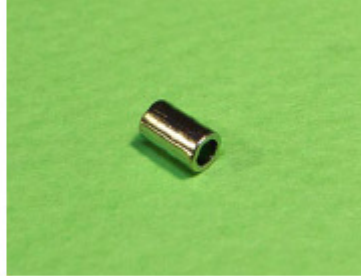
Take up the slack in cables No. 8 and 20 until they resemble the smooth loop as shown in the illustration. Then band the cables together using the Vinyl Cord.

## Securing the Control Circuit Board

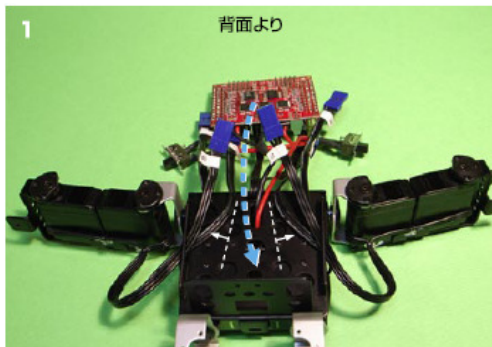
### Parts



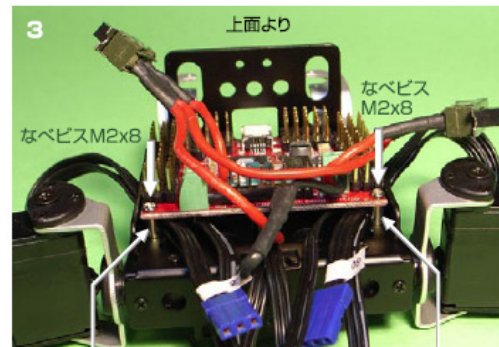
M2x8 Round top screw  
(x4)



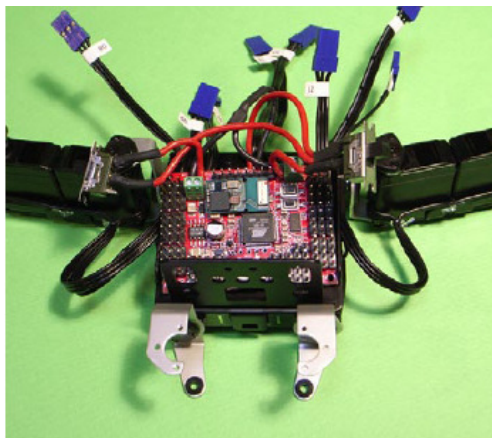
φ3x5 Spacer  
(x4)



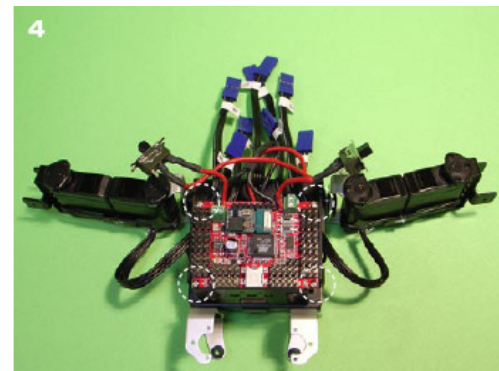
Position the Control Circuit Board over the Back Frame as shown. At this time, ensure that the cables corresponding to the right and left sides of the robot are clearly positioned off centre to the respective right and left sides of the Back Frame as shown.



Position the steel Spacers between the Control Circuit Board and Back Frame as shown.



Check that the locating holes (x4) of the Control Circuit Board line-up correctly with those of the Back Frame, and that all the cables are positioned correctly as shown.



Fasten down and secure using M2x8 Round top screws (x4). This should be done gradually, say in a clock-wise direction, with each screw being turned in increments so as to avoid trapping the cables. Caution! At this point, do not attempt to reposition the cables by force. The Control Circuit Board has



## Securing the two Main [ON/OFF] Switches from the Control Circuit Board Parts

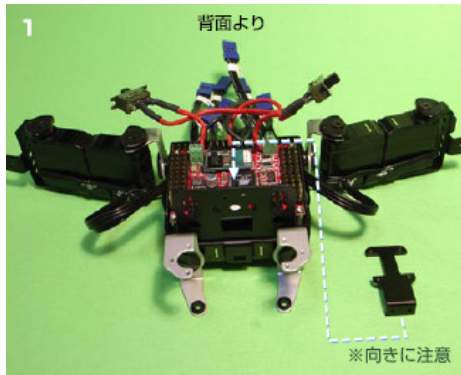


Switch Bracket

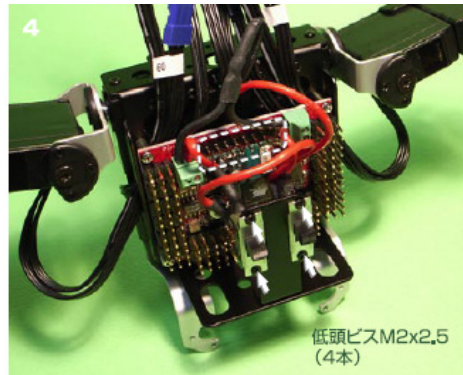


M2x2.5

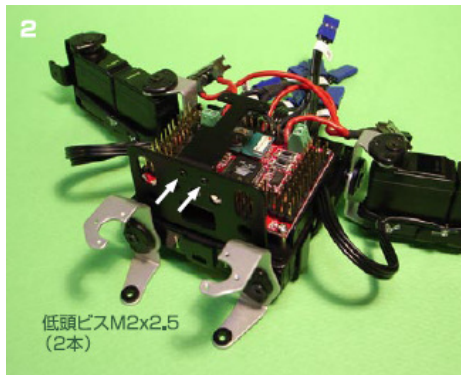
Flat Top screws (x6)



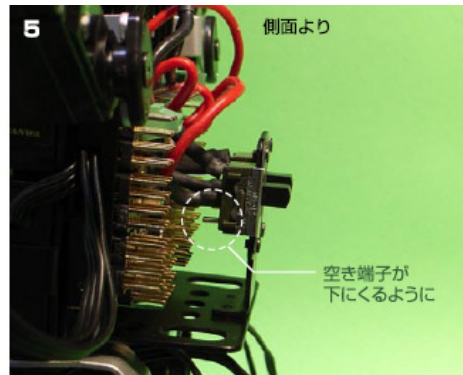
Position the Switch Bracket on the Back Frame as shown.



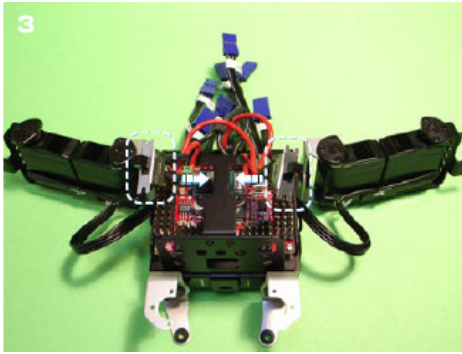
Secure the switches using M2x2.5 Flat top screws (x4)



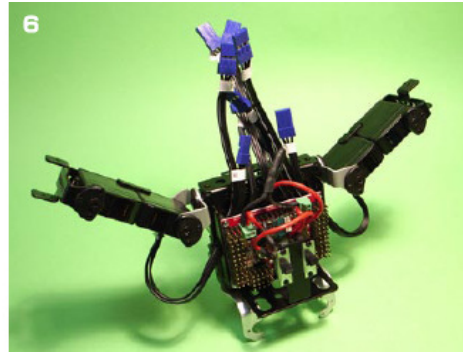
Secure the Switch Bracket using M2x2.5 Flat top screws (x2)



From the side, visually check that the switches are positioned exactly as shown.



Attach the two Main Switches from the Control Circuit Board to the Switch Bracket, as shown.



The Body (Upper half) O.K. assembled so far, shown as a free standing unit.

## Attaching the Leg Units

### Parts



Right Leg Unit



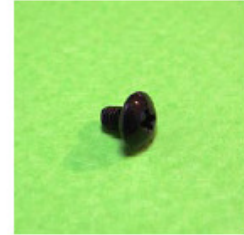
Left Leg Unit



M1.7

Flat top screw

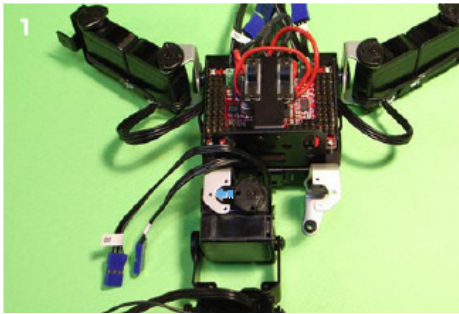
(x6)



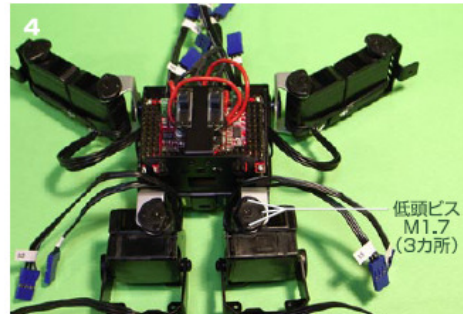
M2.6

Round top screw

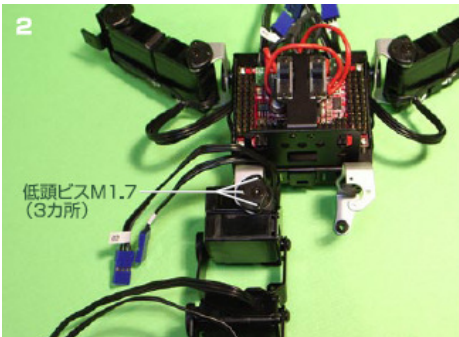
(x2)



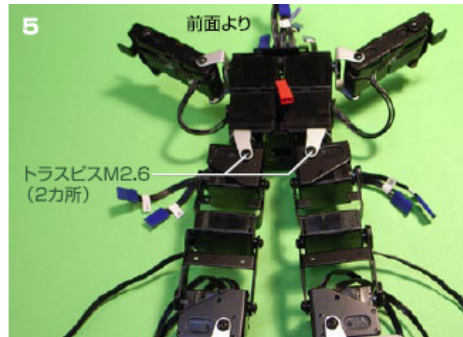
Position the Body (Upper half) Unit as shown and attach the Left Leg Unit to the Waist Servo Unit as indicated.



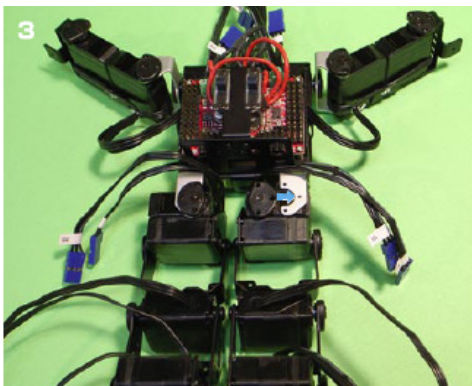
Attach the Servo Horn and secure using M1.7 Flat top screw(x3).



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Turn the robot over (onto its back) and screw in the remaining two M2.6 Round top screws (x2) as shown.



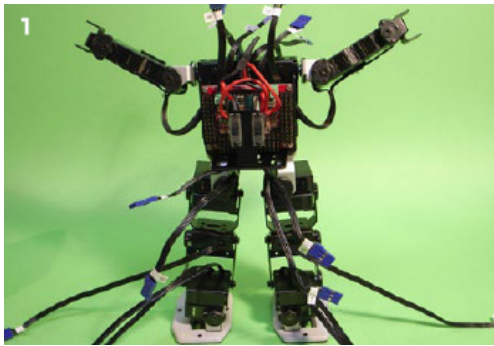
Attach the Right Leg Unit to the Waist Servo Unit as indicated

## Banding/Securing the Cables - Stage 1

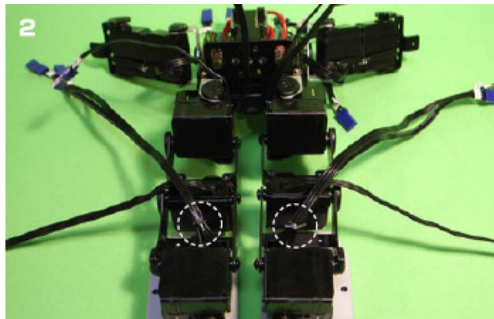
### Parts



Vinyl Cord  
(for Cable Ties)



Shows the robot before banding.



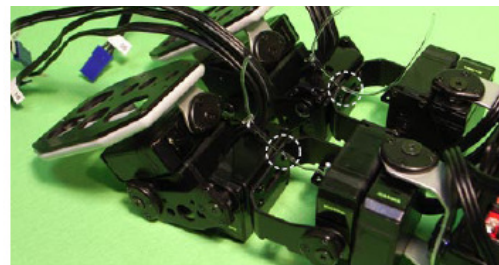
Band the cables of the ankles [No. R17/18] together and [L05/06] together, and bind using the Vinyl Cord as shown.



Position the ankle joints as shown (soles up). Group the cables together behind the knee (do the same on both the left and right leg).



Band the Knee Servo Unit cable to the banded Ankle Servo Unit cables at the base of the Knee Servo Unit cable as shown (both legs). ie [R16 to R17/18] and [L04 to L05/06].

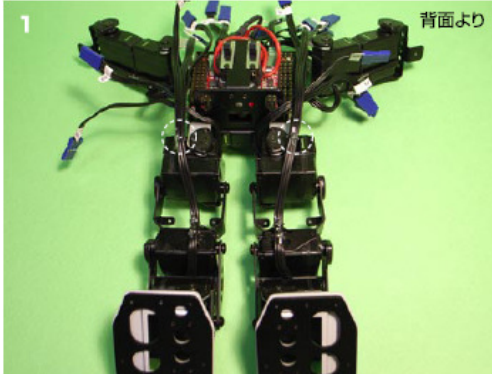


Without cutting the Vinyl Cord, thread it through the Knee Frame of the Knee Servo Unit (lower side to upper side) as shown.

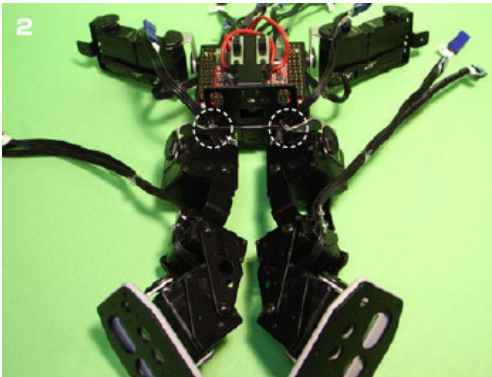


Pass the banded group of cables (from step 4.above) over the Knee Frame and cable tie to secure using the loose Vinyl Cord (on the upper side of the Knee Frame) as shown (both legs).

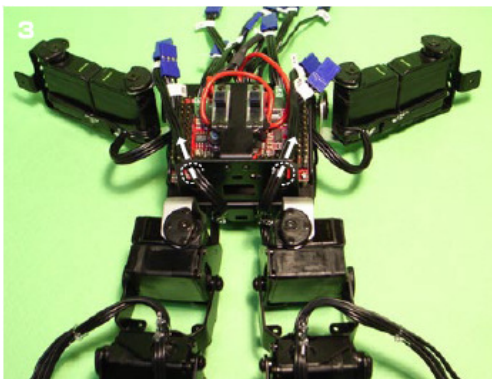
## Banding /Securing the Cables - Stage 2 Using Vinyl Cord (for Cable Ties)



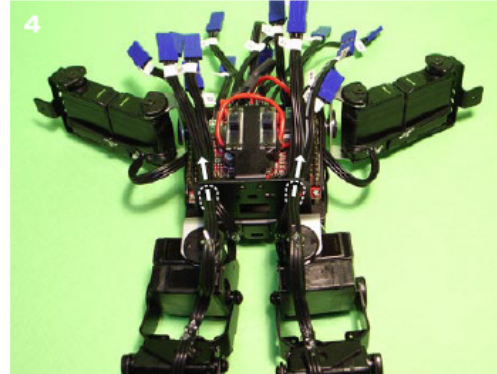
Continuing from Stage 1, Step 6 (page 20), extend the banded cables from the knees up and over the Thigh Servo Units, and band/bind once more using the Vinyl Cord at the position shown (approximately level with the Thigh Servo Joint).



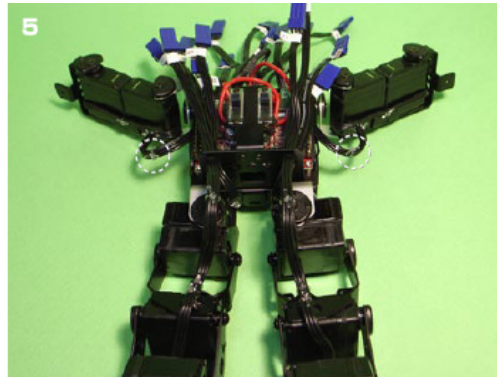
Group the cables from the Thigh Servo Motor and band/bind using the Vinyl Cord. [R14/15, L 02/03].



Thread the banded cables from step2, through the holes in the base of the Back Frame as shown.



Thread the banded cables from Step1, through the holes in the base of the Back Frame (as Step 3) as shown.



Then, band/bind the cables from the Arm Servo Motors (approximately at the bottom of the cable loop), using the Vinyl Cord. Repeat for Right /Left.

## Connecting the Cables to the Control Circuit Board



Before connecting the cables.

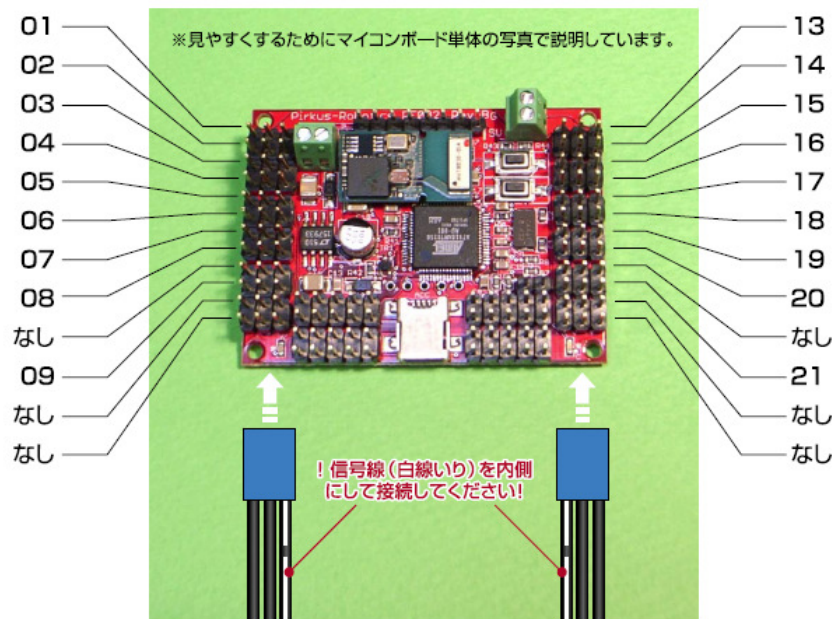
Robot shown free standing



After connecting the cables.

2

### Control Circuit Board



Left

Right

Connect the cables to the Control Circuit Board according to the Cable reference number and the Circuit Board Port number as shown above.

Notice! The WHITE stripe visible on each cable must face inwards when connecting. Also, ensure the ports without assigned numbers are 'blank' Circuit Board Ports

## Head Unit Assembly/Positioning - Stage 1

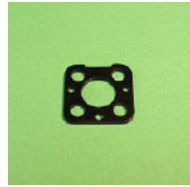
### Parts



Face Plate  
Part A



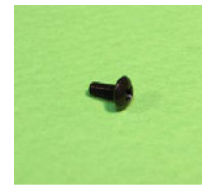
Neck Plate  
Part C



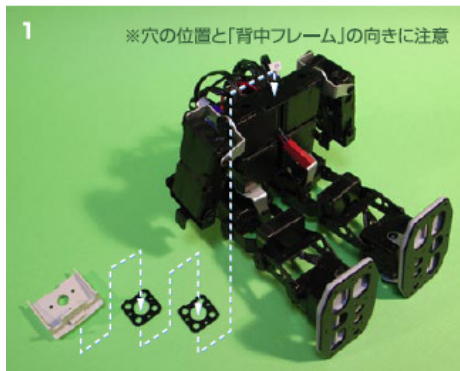
Spacers (x2)



LED Board



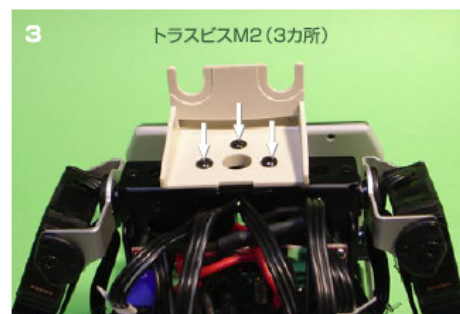
M2  
Round Top screw



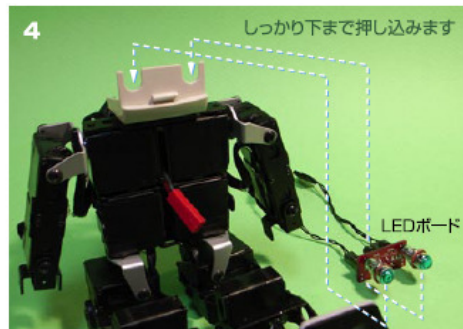
Position the robot as shown in a sitting position. Note the location of the three holes on the top of the Back Frame.



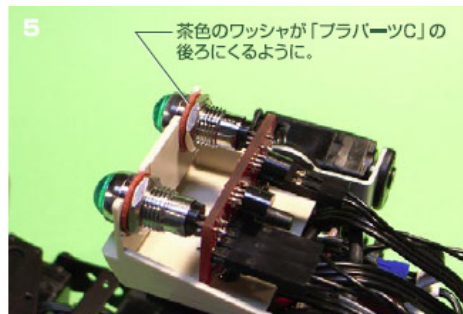
On the smooth (base) surface of the Neck Plate, position the two spacers (one on top of the other) as shown.



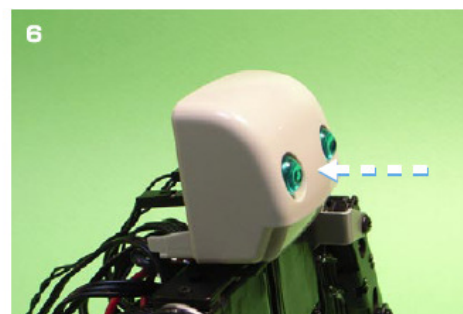
Turn the Neck Plate/Spacers Assembly over, and position it on top of the Back Frame as shown. Secure using M2 Round top screws (x3)



Firstly, ensure the L/R securing nuts (and washers) on the L.E.D Board have been 'backed-off' a couple of turns. Then, position (downwards) onto the Neck Plate as shown



Ensure that the brown washers are pushed up against the back of flapper C, as shown.



The Face Plate Part A can now be attached to the Neck Plate by simply 'clipping' into place from the front, horizontally, as shown.

Note: If the 'eyes' of the LED Board do not line up centrally with 'sockets' of the Face Plate, repeat Step 5

## Head Unit Assembly/Positioning - Stage 2

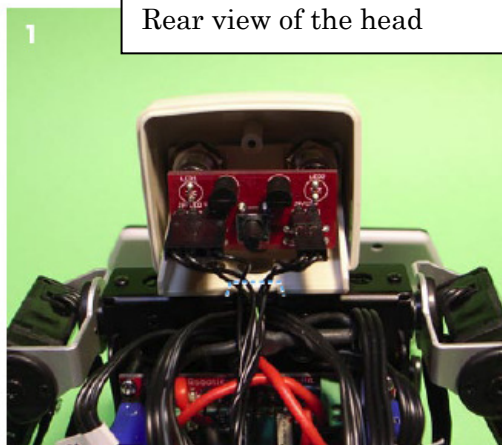
### Parts



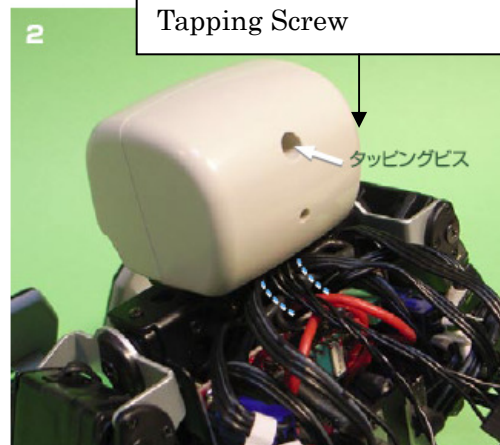
Head Part B



Self tapping screw  
(x1)



Neatly wrap the LED cables together in a pig-tail like fashion down the middle of the robot



Attach the back head cover, assuring that none of the LED cables are crimped and secure with the tapping screw



## Attaching the Body Covers - Stage 1 Parts



Sole  
Covers (x2)



R. Shin Cover  
(inner)



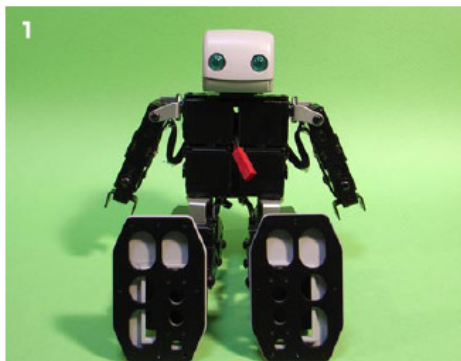
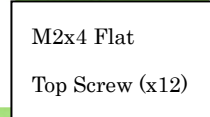
L. Shin Cover  
(inner)



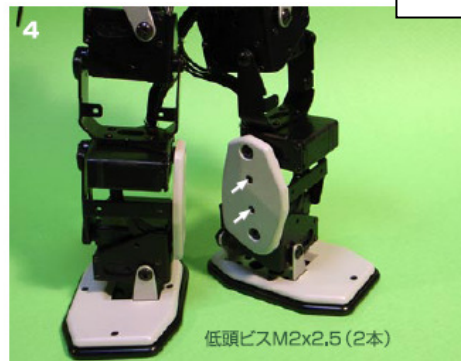
R. Shin Cover  
(outer)



L. Shin Cover  
(outer)



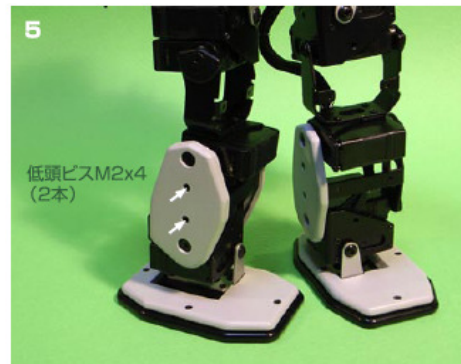
Position the robot in a sitting position as shown.



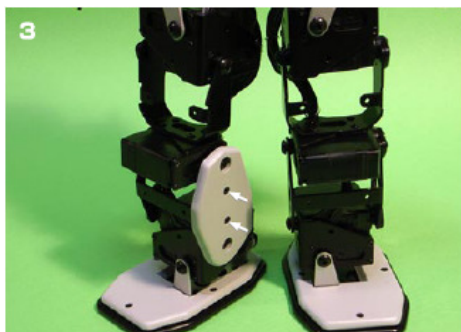
L. Shin Cover (inner). Repeat as Step 3. above.



Attach the Sole Covers to the underside of the feet and secure using M2x4 Flat top screws(x4 per foot).



Attach the R. Shin Cover (outer) and secure using M2x4 Flat top screws(x2).



Attach the R. Shin Cover (inner) and secure using M2x2.5 Flat top screws(x2).



L. Shin Cover (outer). Repeat as Step 5. above.

## Attaching the Body Covers - Stage 2

### Parts



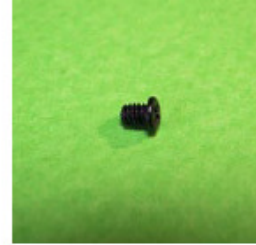
Back Cover



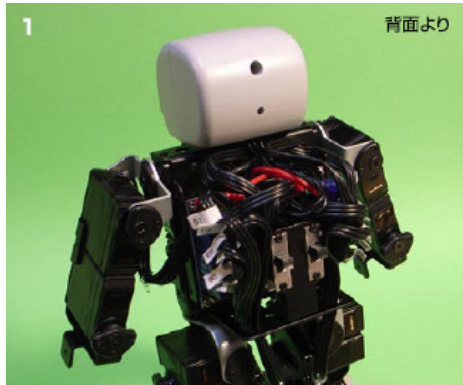
Shin Covers  
(front)



Thigh Covers  
(x2)



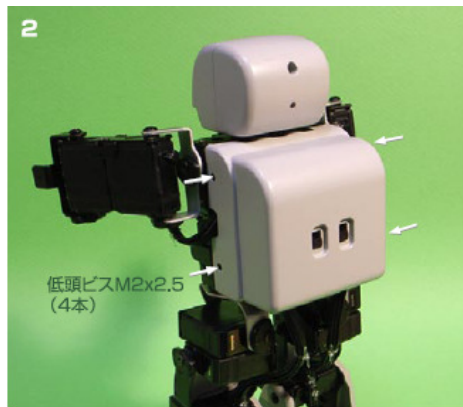
M2×2.5  
Flat top screw



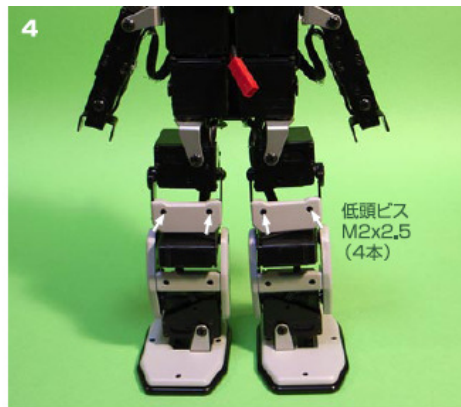
Using gentle pressure, ensure all the cables at the rear of the robot rest 'snuggly' against its 'back' as shown



Attach the Shin Covers (front) to the legs and secure using M2x2.5 Flat top screws (x2 per shin).



Attach the Back Cover and secure using M2x2.5 Flat top screws (x4) as shown. Be careful to ensure the Main ON/OFF switches are correctly located in the holes of the Back Cover and can be operated without hindrance.



Attach the Thigh Covers to the legs and secure using M2x2.5 Flat top screws (x2 per thigh).

## Attaching the Body Covers - Stage 3

### Parts



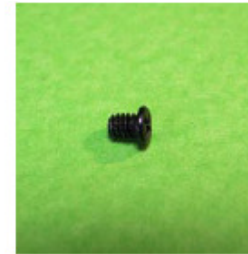
R. Arm Cover



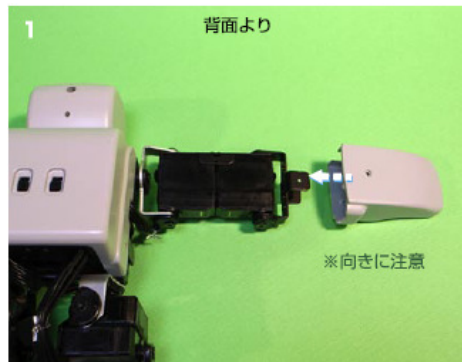
L. Arm Cover



Elbow Cover  
(x2)



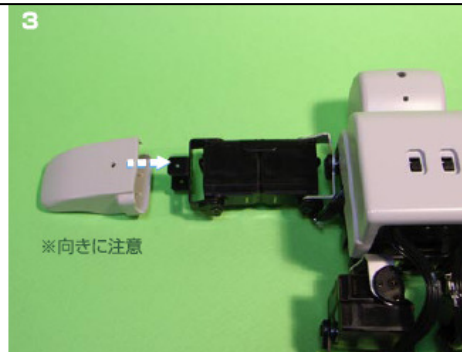
M2×2.5  
Flat top screw



Attach the R. Arm Cover to the right Elbow Frame



Secure using M2x2.5 Flat top screw(x1).



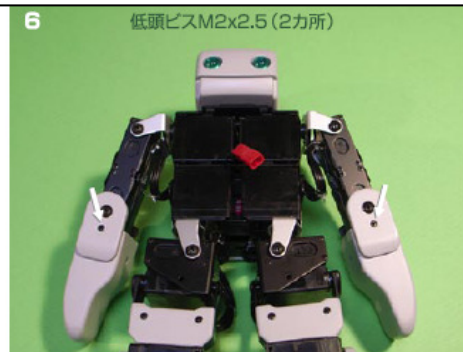
Attach the L. Arm Cover to the left Elbow Frame.



Secure using M2×2.5 Flat top screw(x1).



Turn the robot over (so it is on its back) as shown. Screw M2x2.5 Flat top screws(x1,L and R) into the holes indicated, thereby fully securing the Arm Covers.



Attach the Elbow Covers to the Elbow Frames, and secure using M2×2.5 Flat top screws (x1 each arm).

## Charging the Battery Pack

### Parts



Battery Charger



Battery Pack



1  
Connect the cables of Battery Charger and the Battery Pack. Plug the Battery Charger into the mains supply. A BLUE light (initially) indicates the charger is ON.



3  
When the light changes back to BLUE, the Battery Pack has been fully recharged. Note! A drained battery will take about 40 minutes to fully recharge. Once charged, unplug the Battery Charger before disconnecting the Battery Pack.



2  
When the light changes to RED, the Battery is charging.

## Installing the Battery Pack

### Parts



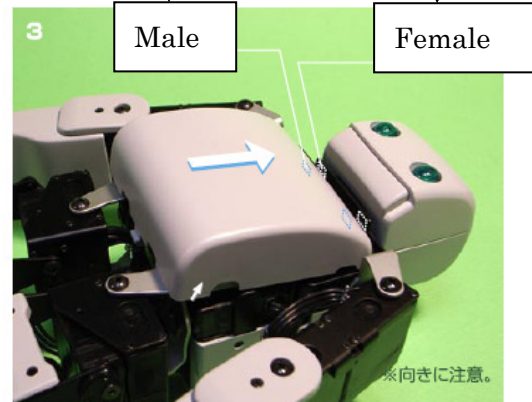
Battery Pack



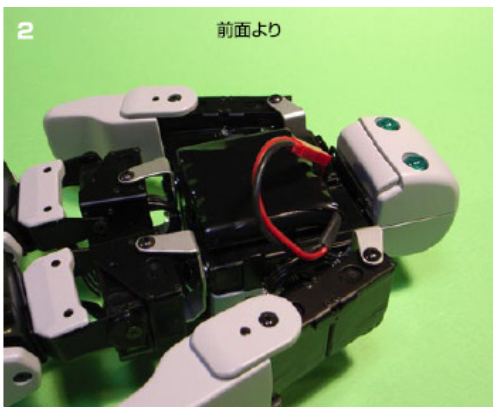
Stomach Cover



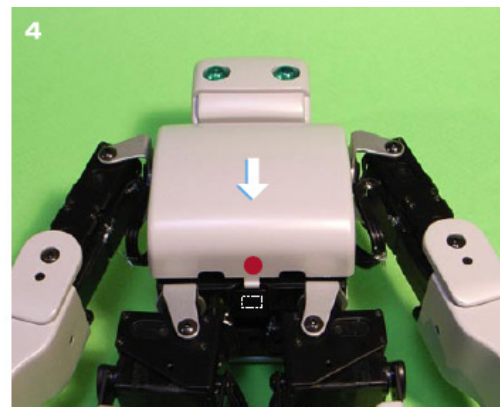
1 Ensure both Main Switches are in the OFF position (down).



3 Position the Stomach Cover over the Battery Pack and slide it up and over. The top of the cover locates in two recesses in the robot's neck as shown.



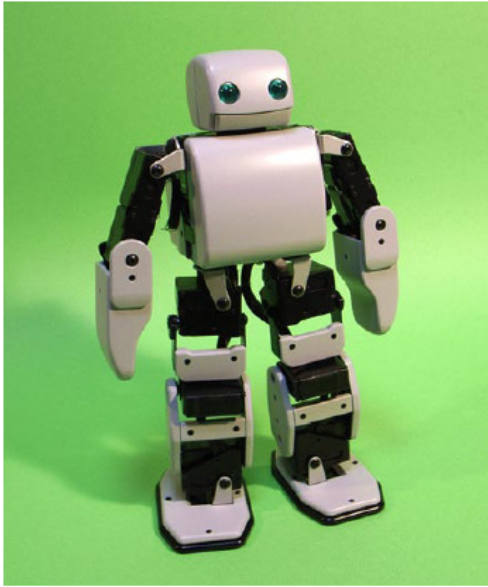
2 Connect the cable from the Battery Pack to the Main switch connector (protrudes from the centre of the 'robot's chest'). Caution! When the robot is not being used, disconnect the battery cable from the Main Switch connector.



4 At the base of the Stomach Cover (centre) is a RED mark. The 'catch' below this mark locates and secures the Stomach Cover to the Waist Servo Unit.

Note To release the Stomach Cover, simply push UP (towards the head) with a finger on the RED mark.

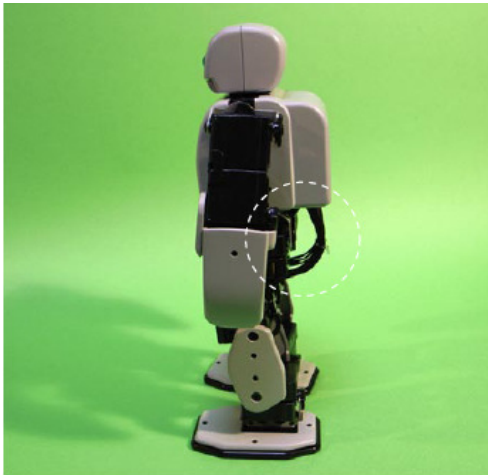
## The Finished Product



Front View



Rear View



Side View

Take up the slack in the cables as shown.



Use a non-metallic stick when pushing the reset button of the Bluetooth.

The reset button of the Bluetooth is in the small hole of the back of the head.

## Roller Skating kit-Assembly and Attachment

### Parts



Roller Skate  
Frame A(×2)



Roller Skate  
Frame B(×4)



Roller Wheels



Roller Wheels  
axle spacers



M3x15  
Round top screw



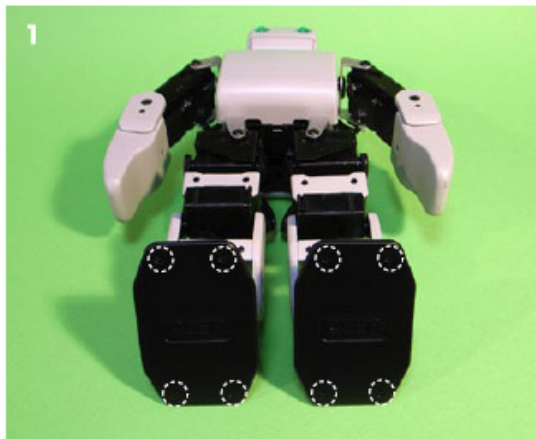
φ4x3 Steel  
Spacers (x16)



M2 x 5.5  
Flat Top screw(x8)



M2x2.5  
Flat Top screw(x12)



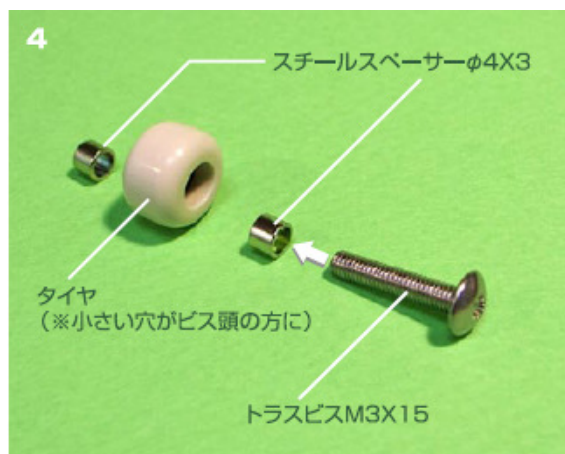
1. Take off the Flat top screws of Sole Plate.



Attach the Roller Skate Frame A to the Sole Plate ,and secure using M2x5.5 Flat top screw.

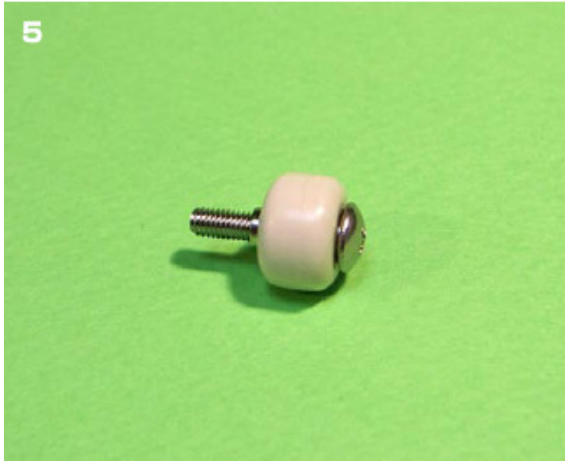


Attach the Roller Skate Frame B to the Sole Plate ,and secure using M2x5.5 Flat top screw.

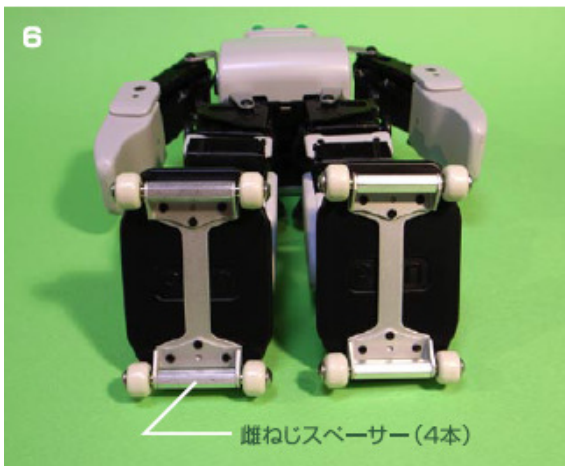


Set the Roller Wheel between the spacers and put the Round top screw into the Roller Wheel.





Roller Wheel unit shown completed.(x8)



Set the Roller Wheels axle spacers to the Roller Skate Frame B.  
Attach the Roller Wheel units to the Roller Wheels axle spacers.

Roller Skate kit shown completed.