



**Instruction and Practice
Manual**

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Thank you for purchasing the Axiom Sports Mound Monster. The Mound Monster is a versatile, single-wheel pitching machine that is perfect for a variety of players from beginners to the more experienced participants. Used properly, your Mound Monster will provide years of use.

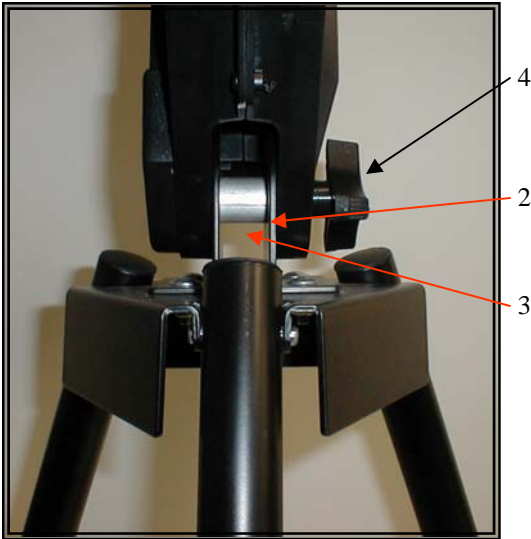
KEY MOUND MONSTER FEATURES

- ⇒ **Pitches a 50+ MPH Fastball** — This simulates a 90 mph fastball at a distance of 25 feet and represents a true Little League fastball at 45 feet
- ⇒ **Adjustable for Grounders & Fly Balls** — The pitching head tilts forward and backward for fine-tuning pitches into the strike zone or for defensive practice
- ⇒ **Portable — Goes Anywhere** — Simply remove the legs to fit the entire unit into most sports bags
- ⇒ **Powered by Either AC or DC Current** — Simply plug the Mound Monster into any wall socket (using the included Mound Monster AC adapter), 12-volt battery (DC adapter cords sold separately), or available Axiom Sports Power Station
- ⇒ **Durable ABS Polymer Construction** — Injection-molded from a high-tech ABS polymer that is both durable and lightweight
- ⇒ **One Year Factory Warranty** — The Mound Monster pitching machine is designed for years of problem-free use. If your machine requires service, please call 901-366-9144 for a return authorization and shipping instructions

IMPROVES BATTER REACTION SKILLS

Various reaction times are simulated by the distance between the batter and the pitching machine. A major league fastball reaches home plate in less than 1/2 second. The same reaction time is simulated with the Mound Monster when the batter is approximately 25 to 30 feet away.

Polyballs decrease in speed dramatically compared to baseballs. Stepping back just a few feet will allow much more reaction time. In testing, we have found that a distance of 40 to 45 feet provides reaction times similar to Little League pitching.



PITCHING HEAD ASSEMBLY

- 1) Locate parts: Tilt Adjustment Knob, Aluminum Sleeve, "L" Brackets (x2), Bolts (x4), & Nuts (x4)
- 2) Bolt "L" brackets to base as shown using bolts and nuts provided
- 3) Place aluminum sleeve in center of opening at the bottom of the pitching head – be certain to align sleeve with holes for tilt adjustment knob
- 4) Insert tilt adjustment knob through outside hole, through aluminum sleeve, into opposite hole and tighten — DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN KNOB
- 5) Tilt adjustment knob should be tight enough to hold pitching head in upright position



LEG ASSEMBLY

- 1) Locate the three longest leg sections and snap into the base assembly
- 2) Depending on the desired pitching height, choose one of the remaining two leg sections and snap into the first section
- 3) To use the Mound Monster at a low pitching height, insert the leg section with the rubber feet into the first section
- 4) To use the Mound Monster in its tallest configuration, insert the sections without the rubber feet first, then complete the assembly using the extensions with the rubber pads

BASIC OPERATION

Your new Mound Monster can be operated in a variety of configurations to simulate various pitches and field drills



- Insert the round adapter end of the AC power source into the "INPUT" plug on the control panel
- The "OUTPUT" plug on the control panel is for the optional Axiom Sports 24-Ball Feeder specially designed for the Mound Monster
- Turn "Power Switch" to ON and you are ready to go

PITCHING HEAD ORIENTATION

Configure the pitching head as indicated below to produce the desired result



Fastball
Head Con-
figuration



Fly Ball
Configura-
tion



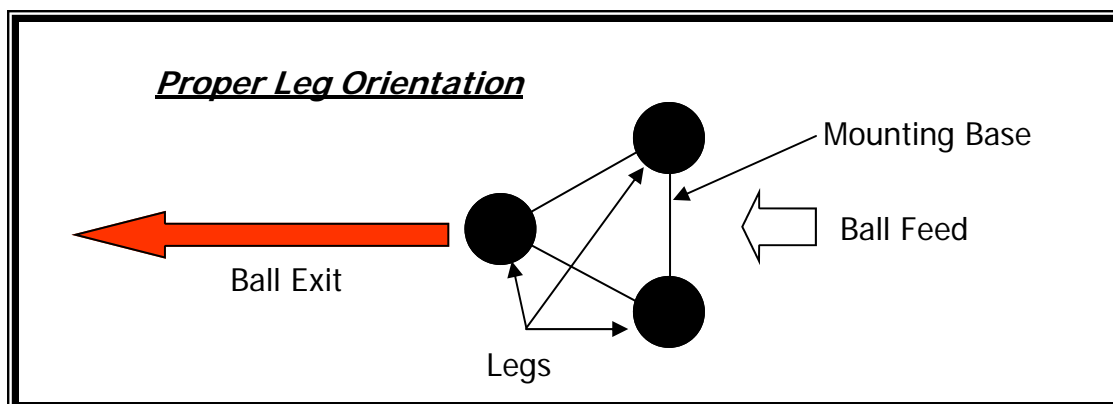
Ground Ball
Head Con-
figuration

Drop ball into top of pitching head (opposite of exit side marked with red arrow). Fine tune the strike zone by adjusting the head position using the tilt adjustment knob and/or turning the entire unit slightly right or left. Axiom recommends the batter stand between 30' to 50' away from the machine depending on skill level.

CAUTION

Before inserting the ball, point the pitching machine (the exit tube indicated by the red arrow) toward a safe area. The ball exits the machine at a high velocity and can cause injury. Caution arrows are placed on the machine showing where the ball exits. The Mound Monster is designed to operate most effectively by using Axiom Sports Smooth Poly Balls, #12550/#12329 or Ventilated Poly Balls #012567. **Damage to the machine caused by the use of other balls or objects will void the warranty.**

Axiom Sports Smooth Poly Balls and Ventilated Poly Balls are available wherever the Mound Monster is sold.



MOUND MONSTER ACCESSORIES & REPLACEMENT PARTS



Mound Monster 24-Ball Automatic Feeder

#012437

MSRP \$69.97



Mound Monster DC Power Cord

#012369

MSRP \$9.97



Power Station 12V DC Power Source

#014004

MSRP \$29.97



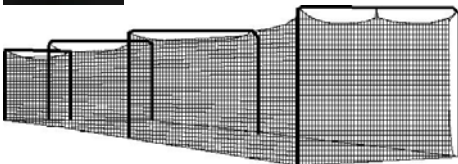
Smooth Poly Balls

6-Pack #012558, MSRP \$7.97



Ventilated Poly Balls

6-Pack #012565, MSRP \$7.97

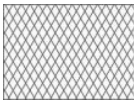


Backyard Batting Cage (Complete w/ Fittings):

40' x 10' x 10' #012703, MSRP \$299.97

60' x 10' x 10' #012710, MSRP 349.97

These nets require 3/4" EMT conduit for the support frame (available at most hardware stores). Approximate cost — 40' = \$90.00; 60' = \$120.00



#36 Batting Cage Barrier Net:

10' x 10' #81057, MSRP \$34.97



The Sock Net:

Sock Net 7' x 7' #81515, MSRP \$99.97

Frame 7' x 7' #81161, MSRP \$97.97



Fielder's Screen

Fielder's Net 7' x 7' #81508, MSRP \$69.97

Frame 7' x 7' #81161, MSRP \$97.97



Pitcher's "L" Net:

Pitcher's "L" Net 7' x 6' #81511, MSRP \$64.97

"L" Frame 7' x 6' #81160, MSRP \$99.97

REPLACEMENT PARTS

Replacement Wheel — #020011, \$19.97 ea



Should you encounter any problems **DO NOT RETURN THIS PRODUCT TO THE STORE** before reading this page.

If, after reading the following information you still need assistance, please call Axiom Sports at 901-366-9144

MOUND MONSTER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ⇒ **My machine does not run** — Be certain that you are using the supplied AC power supply and that it is plugged into a working outlet. If you are using the optional Power Station or DC Power Cord, be sure that the remote power supply is fully charged and that all connections are tight
- ⇒ **My machine ran great but now throws erratically** — *With the machine turned off and unplugged*, look into the ball chute at the pitching wheel. Spin the wheel by hand to check if any surface material is missing or loose or if the wheel has excessive “wobble or play”. If you find either of these problems, please call Axiom Sports and a new replacement wheel will be provided free of charge for a period of one (1) year from date of purchase
- ⇒ **Balls do not pitch correctly** — Be sure you are using Axiom Sports Smooth Poly Balls or Ventilated Poly Balls. Your Mound Monster is designed to work with these balls.
- ⇒ **I need parts/accessories** — Please call Axiom Sports at 901-366-9144

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