Challenge 1 – Which Way to Turn

Objective

In this challenge, you will use what you have learned about gearing to build a robot that will move quickly and remain stable while completing turns.

Procedure

- 1. Form a team of two students. Your instructor may assign you a partner or allow you to choose a partner.
- 2. Design a robot on grid paper that incorporates a gear drive to make the vehicle move faster and have geared steering control.
- 3. After your design is approved by your instructor, construct the robot using TETRIX PRIME parts.
- 4. Test and rebuild your design until you have a stable robot that will successfully complete a slalom course.
- 5. Locate the slalom course created by your instructor or create your own by marking a starting line and place four cones in a straight line spaced 20 inches apart.
- 6. At a start signal, drive your robot to the far end of the cones and then drive it in a slalom pattern toward the start line, circle the last cone and slalom back through the cones, and race back to the starting line. Use a stopwatch to time each run. The team with the shortest time wins!

