

## The 2003 FIRST Robotics Competition

February 20, 2003

TEAM UPDATE

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**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS TO OTHER TEAM MEMBERS!**

**Congratulations to our teams for “surviving” the 6-week build period!**  
**All of us at FIRST are looking forward to seeing you at the competitions!**

**Team updates will continue after the Thursday, 2/20 robot ship date.**

FIRST will provide rules updates and other important information to teams via the FIRST web site at:

<http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2003/docs.htm>

Please check the team updates portion of the web site on a regular basis to insure that your team does not miss critical information about the 2003 FIRST Robotics Competition. FIRST recommends assigning at least one team member the duty of keeping up to date on all team updates. This person or group should be responsible for distributing information contained in team updates to the appropriate team members.

### QUESTIONS?

#### MESSAGE BOARD

In order to post questions on our message board at:

<http://jive.ilearning.com/index.jsp>

- You **must** reference the particular section of the manual you are questioning or your question will not be answered. This will help us give you the most accurate answer possible.
- Limit each message board submittal to ask only 1 question at a time. This will allow us to categorize your question and will enhance our ability to respond in a timely manner.
- **Please state your inquiry as a question. Some submittals have been lengthy and we have had a great deal of trouble trying to find the question buried within.**
- Do **not** reply to posted messages. FIRST is the only official source for answers. Your replies to posted questions slow down the moderating of this forum. Replies other than from FIRST will be deleted.

#### AUTODESK, INC.

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### THE GAME

Scoring made easy is in the works. Look for it on Tuesday in a Team Update.

### THE ROBOT

#### **2003 ROBOT INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

The Robot Inspection Checklist is now available on the FIRST website.

#### **2003 ROBOT INSPECTION PROCESS**

Look for it next week in a Team Update.

#### **RULES FOR FABRICATION AFTER SHIPPING YOUR ROBOT**

Look for it next week in a Team Update.

#### **PAGE 16, SECTION 3.3.3**

FIRST has received a lot of questions regarding the use of laptop computers, PDA's, etc. Section 3.3.3 clearly allows the use of these devices connected to the dashboard port. Please read this section so that their use is clear.

#### **PAGES 22 +23, RULE C18 + C29 AND TEAM UPDATE #6**

In Team Update #6, FIRST allowed teams to connect their custom circuit(s) to the programming port on the Robot Controller. Unrelated to this, there have been reports of some static electricity discharges on the ramp / field. TEAMS SHOULD BE CAUTIONED THAT PIN 4 OF THE PROGRAMMING PORT IS RESET. Teams that connect their custom circuit(s) to the programming port have the "potential" to initiate "reset" by a static charge.

### KIT OF PARTS

There are none for this update.

### FIELD / CORRECTIONS

There are none for this update.

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There are none for this update.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE / MATERIAL HANDLING / SHIPPING**

There are none for this update.