# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE LABROTORY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

Name of SOP	D7 Oscillation of a Mass Spring System	
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Reason for SOP	Operation of Undergraduate Laboratory	
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#### **Definitions**

Terms	none
acronyms	RMM – Risk Management Manual
	JHSC - Joint Health and Safety Committee

#### Requirements

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Applicable OHSA regulations and / or codes of practice.	
Training and competency.	
Training provided by technical staff in the Mechanical Engineering Department. Competency is shown by	
the individual after training.	

**Description of the Task** 

Location and time of work	JHE314 during normal working hours
Individuals and skills required	Graduate Students, none
Equipment and supplies required	Tecquipment oscillation beam
	Oscilloscope
	2 BNC cables
Personal protective equipment required	none

## Sequential steps to complete the work safely.

Administrator user name: ntdmsl Administrator password: nta104b

User name: 3m02

Password: (none, i.e. leave blank)

- 1. Set toggle switch on speed control to *inhibit*.
- 2. Turn power switch on gray control box on the rear of the unit to on.
- 3. Set toggle switch on speed control to *enable*.
- 4. Turn speed control knob to required speed.
- 5. Adjustments to the crank on top of unit may be made while the motor is running.
- 6. Stop motor to add or remove weights below the motor.
- 7. Stop motor to make adjustments to the dash pot.
- 8. Connect the oscilloscope to the displacement, speed and reference outputs of the speed control.
- 9. When finished taking measurements set toggle switch to inhibit.
- 10. Turn power switch on gray control box on the rear of the unit to off.

# **Contingency Plan and Reporting**

## Accident / injury response

Report Injuries to Technical staff, room JHE205, ext. 24628.

## Spill response

If oil spill occurs contact Technical staff room JHE205, ext. 24628

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## Equipment shutdowns.

- Turn power switch OFF gray control box on the rear of the unit to *on*.
  Set toggle switch on speed control to *disenable*.

#### **Environmental Responsibility**

Waste disposal procedures

No waste produced

Building air quality

Procedure does not affect air quality

References (OHSA/ regulations, EPA and Municipal environmental regulations, McMaster University Program/ Policy, Material Data Sheets (MSDS).

RMM #301 Standard Operating Procedure

RMM #502 Hazardous Waste Management

RMM #300 Safety Orientation and Training Program

#### Distribution

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