

**CAUTION-ELECTRICALLY
OPERATED PRODUCT**

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6
YEARS OF AGE. AS WITH ALL ELECTRIC PRODUCTS,
PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE OBSERVED DURING
HANDLING AND USE TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK.

INPUT: AC 120 VOLTS / 60 Hz / 0.6 AMP

Franklin[®]

Item # 19065/19085

**Josh Hamilton PITCH-ROCKET[™]
Pitching Machine**



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SPORTS

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MADE IN CHINA

For replacement parts call 1-800-225-8647
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CAUTION:

Adult assembly required

PARTS LIST:

Carefully review Parts List before assembly.

*If parts are missing, contact Franklin Sports Inc. at 800-225-8649
(Save carton and packaging materials.)

- A) – Bezel Attachment (1pc)
- B) – Power Cord (1pc) (Replacement Part # 19065-R1)
- C) – Lower Legs (3pcs)
- D) – Upper Legs (3pcs)
- E) – Tripod Leg Base (1pc)
- F) – Main Unit (1pc)
- G) – Plastic Cap & Securing Pin (1pc) (Item # 19065 Only)
(Replacement Part # 19065-R2)
- H) – Ball Feeder (1pc) (Item # 19085 Only)



ACCESSORIES LIST (Sold Separately)

Item# Accessory

1997	Protective L-Screen
19086	Ball Feeder Attachment
19084	PITCH-ROCKET™ Foam Training Balls
1570Z	Authentic Leather Baseball

Safety and General Use Information:

Caution: Carefully read the following important warnings and instructions prior to using your Franklin Sports PITCH-ROCKET™ Pitching Machine as these, if not followed, can lead to immediate severe injury or death.

The following are dangers indicating immediate hazardous situations which, if not avoided, can result in serious injury or death.

WARNING:

Before operating machine:

- This machine can cause **BODILY INJURY** if used incorrectly.
- Read the operating instructions manual and all warning labels on the machine before operation.
- Check for frayed or damaged power cords.
- Operate under **ADULT SUPERVISION**.

While operating machine:

- Be sure **ALL** batters wear **NOCSAE** approved batting helmets at **ALL** times.
- Never leave the machine unattended.
- Never allow any part of your body to be positioned in front of the machine and along the line of flight of the ball discharge chute while the machine is running.
- Be sure balls are dry before using in machine.
- Use a protective screen to shield the operator from batted balls.
- Have the batter stand clear while pitching test balls required to adjust the speed, curve and trajectory.
- Be sure all players are ready before loading the machine.
- Never stick your hands inside the machine.
- For use with Franklin Training Balls and Authentic Baseballs only.

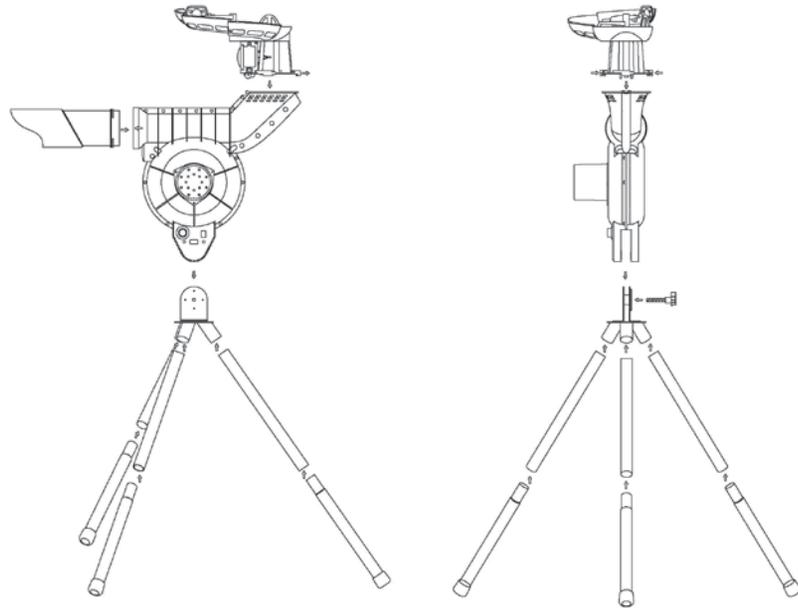
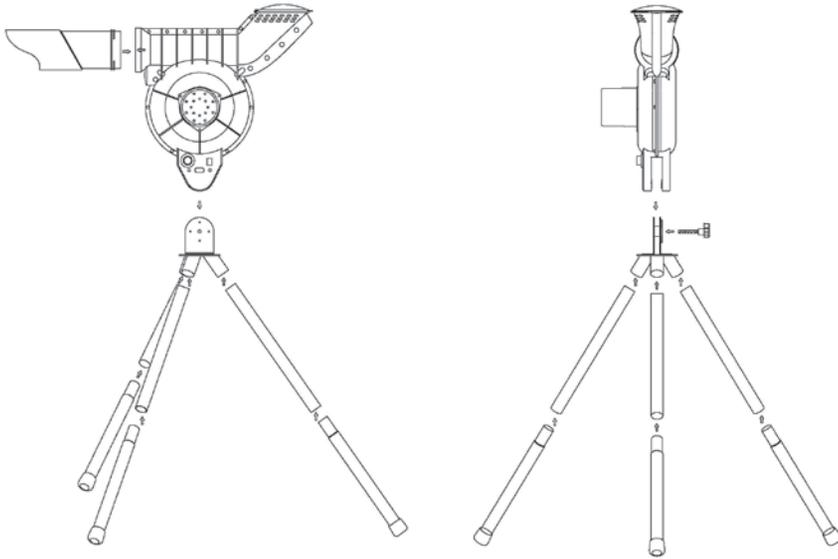
After operating machine:

- Store machine and cord in dry climate. Storage in wet location could result in **SHOCK HAZARD**.
- Never Store balls inside machine.

DANGER:

- **IMPACT HAZARD:** Make sure the path of the ball is clear to the receiver before feeding the ball. The ball exits at a high rate of speed.
- **SHOCK HAZARD:** This machine shall be used and stored in **DRY** locations only.

Assembly Instructions: (Top: Item # 19065, Bottom: Item # 19085)



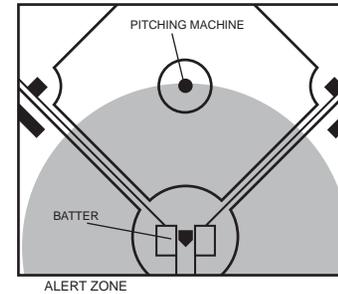
- Unpack all components. Check to make sure all parts are included. (See Parts List)
- Follow the drawing above to correctly assembly the machine.

Note: Once assembly is complete, check for unit stability and verify all parts (bolts, knobs, ect) are secure.

Operating Instructions:

Note: Before any power cord is attached to the PITCH-ROCKET™ Pitching Machine, check the following:

- Keep pitching zone area in front of the pitching machine clear. No person should be in direct aim of the machine's exit chute other than the batter, catcher or fielder taking practice grounders or line drives. Such players should be properly protected and ready to play ball.



- The pitching machine should be adjusted so the exit chute is in the direction of the batter or fielder taking practice grounders or line drives. Make sure such players are alert and prepared prior to pitching.
- When pitching to a batter, throw test pitches to check the aim and speed of the pitch. Batter should not be in the batter's box area until aim is confirmed.

Attaching Power Supply:

- Be sure the pitching machine does not have any balls inside the unit prior to connecting to a power source and the power button is in the "OFF" position.
- Insert the round end of the power cord into the right side of the control panel.
- Insert the other end of the power cord into a grounded 120 volt electrical outlet.
- Press the power button to the "ON" position.
- Adjust the wheel speed using the dial located on the control panel.
- Once desired aim is set, you are ready to play ball!
- When turning the machine off, unplug the power supply, and wait for the wheel to completely stop before leaving the unit unattended.

Pitching the Ball:

- Note: The average ball speed is rated at 15-50 MPH for authentic baseballs and 15-80MPH for foam training balls at 45ft. Reaction time for the batter decreases as the batter moves closer to the pitching machine. Never move closer than your ability allows and consult your adult supervisor and/or coach before moving closer than 45 feet.

- Batters, pitchers and catchers must always wear NOCSAE approved batting helmets (catcher's masks for catcher) with an ASTM approved face guard when using the pitching machine.
- Never place hands inside the feeder or exit chute while the machine is on or connected to a power supply.
- Pitcher, catcher and fielder(s) must be aware at all times and be alert and ready to play ball.

When You're Ready to Pitch:

- Signal to the batter and/or fielder "Ready for Pitch."
- Show the ball above the machine.
- Get an audible "OK" from the batter or fielder.
- Place the ball into the insert tube.
- Ball will be pitched.
- Wait for the machine to regain full power and repeat the above steps for the next pitch (approximately 15 seconds)

Field Players Practice Drills:

The PITCH-ROCKET™ Pitching Machine is a great tool to help improve and refine fielding skills. As the machine is accurate and reliable, it will quickly improve a player's ability through repetition.

Storing the Machine:

- Turn the power button to the "OFF" position.
- Wait for the wheel to completely stop, then unplug the power supply from the outlet first, then from the pitching machine.
- Unit should be stored with legs attached.

Troubleshooting:

- Machine does not turn on:
 - Check that both ends of the power cord are properly inserted into their respective receptacles.
 - Be sure the power button is fully depressed in the "ON" position.
 - Be sure the power source is functioning.
 - If the power is flowing, turn the power button to the "OFF" position, disconnect both ends of the power cord. Once done and after the wheel completely stops, check to see if anything is in the feeder or exit chutes.

- Ball does not pitch:

- Immediately turn the power button to the "OFF" position and unplug it from the power supply.
- After the wheel completely stops (or the motor noise ceases) inspect the balls for damage. If damaged, do not use.

Maintenance:

- Cleaning:

- Turn the power button to the "OFF" position.
- Unplug from the power source.
- Do not use chemical cleaners.
- To ensure the pitching performance is not diminished, clean the inside of the unit by removing the extender tube from the main unit, wipe it clean with a soft damp cloth and dry.
- Disconnect from the tripod, tip the unit forward and shake to remove any sand or solid materials from the chute.
- Wipe the machine with a soft damp cloth only. Wipe dry before power supply is reconnected.