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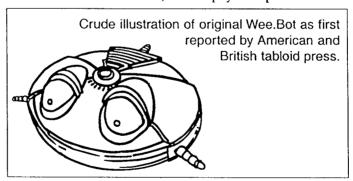
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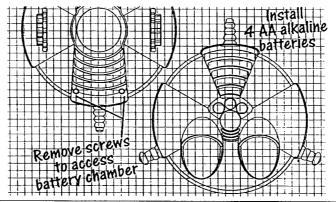
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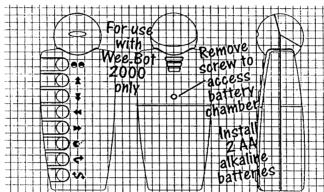
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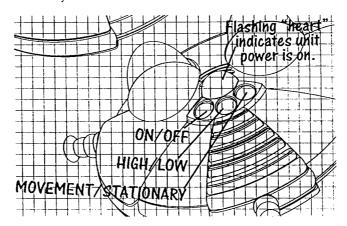
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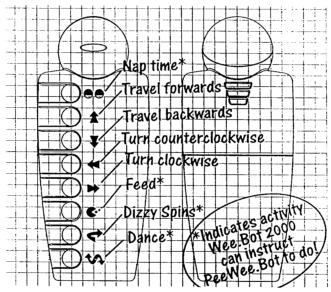
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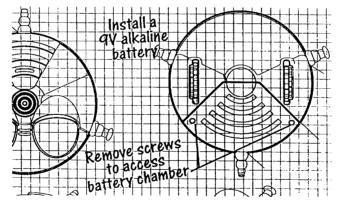
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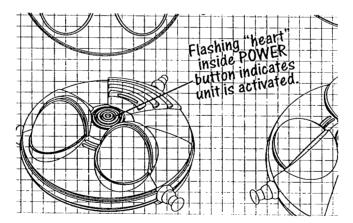
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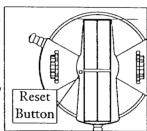
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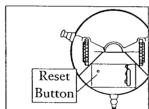
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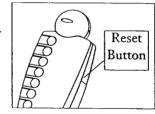




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WARRANTY

We warrant to the original user that this product shall be free from all defects in material or workmanship for one year from the date of purchase. This warranty does not apply to any product which has been subject to abuse, misuse, negligence or accident, nor does it apply to any batteries which may be supplied with the product. Defects caused by tampering, unauthorized alterations or repairs are not covered by this warranty. We may elect to replace the entire unit, at no extra cost to you, with the same model or a similar model rather than repair it.

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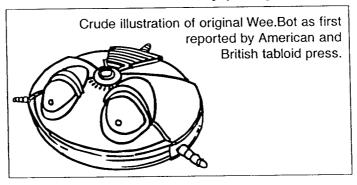
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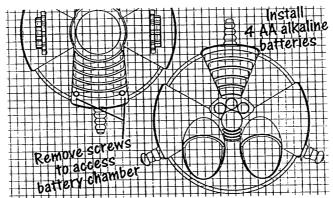
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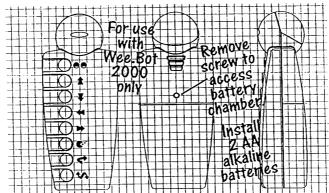
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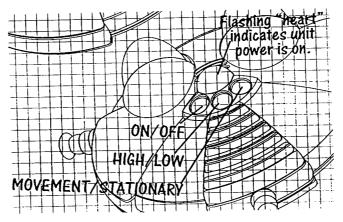
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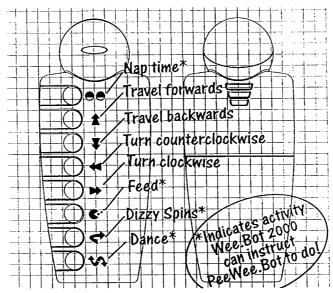
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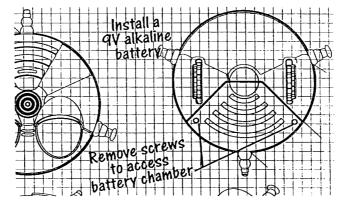
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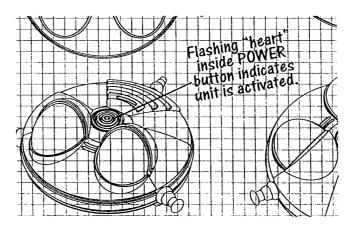
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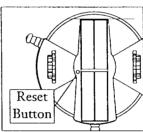
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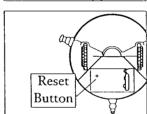
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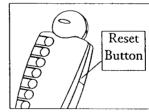




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