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## Roller Coaster Design Rubric

| Criteria | Design Plan (15) | Budget (20) | Structure <br> (15) | Safety (15) | 8 Turns (15) | Height (10) | Loop (10) | Funnel (5) | Speed Calculations (20) | Energy Calculations (25) |
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| Excellent | Group included a strong design plan, including all sketches and research. (15 points) | Group stayed within the $\$ 65$ budget and tracked their calculations accurately. (17-20 points) | Roller coaster's structure is very sound and balanced. (15 points) | Roller coaster is very safe, and marble did not fall off the track. (15 points) | Roller coaster includes 8 turns. (15 points) | Roller coaster is between 30 centimeters (cm) and 100 cm . (9-10 points) | Roller <br> coaster includes a very structurally sound loop. (9-10 points) | Roller <br> coaster includes a very structurally sound funnel. (5 points) | Group calculated speed accurately and included data from all trials. (17-20 points) | Group calculated energy accurately and included data from all trials. (21-25 points) |
| Good | Group included a good design plan, including sketches and research. (11-14 points) | Group only went over budget by \$1 or \$2 budget and tracked their calculations accurately. (13-16 points) | Roller coaster's structure is sound and balanced. (11-14 points) | Roller coaster is safe, but marble almost fell off the track. (1114 points) | Roller <br> coaster <br> includes 6-7 <br> turns. (11- <br> 14 points) | Roller coaster is between 28 cm and 102 cm . (7-8 points) | Roller <br> coaster includes a structurally sound loop. (7-8 points) | Roller coaster includes a structurally sound funnel. (4 points) | Group calculated speed accurately and included most data from all trials. (13-16 points) | Group calculated energy accurately and included most data from all trials. (13-16 points) |
| Average | Group included an average design plan, including some sketches and | Group only went over budget by $\$ 3$ or \$4 budget and tracked | Roller coaster's structure is somewhat sound and balanced. | Roller coaster somewhat safe, but marble almost fell | Roller coaster includes 4-5 turns. (7-10 points) | Roller coaster is between 26 cm and 104 cm . (5-6 points) | Roller coaster includes a somewhat structurally sound loop. | Roller <br> coaster includes a somewhat structurally | Group calculated speed somewhat accurately and | Group calculated energy somewhat accurately and |

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|  | research. (7-10 points) | their calculations somewhat accurately. $(9-12$ points) | $\begin{gathered} \hline(7-10 \\ \text { points } \end{gathered}$ | off the track once. (7-10 points) |  |  | (5-6 points) | sound funnel. $(3$ points $)$ | included some data from all trials. (9-12 points) | included some data from all trials. (9-12 points) |
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| Poor | Group included a poor design plan, missing most sketches and research. (36 points) | Group only went over budget by $\$ 5$ or $\$ 6$ budget, but did not track their calculations accurately. (5-8 points) | Roller coaster's structure is shaky and somewhat imbalanced. (3-6 points) | Roller coaster is not entirely safe, and marble almost fell off the track between two and three times. (3-6 points) | Roller coaster includes 2-3 turns. (3-6 points) | Roller coaster is between 24 cm and 106 cm . (3-4 points) | Roller coaster includes an unsafe loop. (3-4 points) | Roller coaster includes an unsafe funnel. (2 points) | Group calculated speed somewhat accurately, but did not include data from the trials. (5-8 points) | Group calculated energy somewhat accurately, but did not include data from the trials. (5-8 points) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Very } \\ & \text { Poor } \end{aligned}$ | Group included a poor design plan or no design plan. Missing sketches and research. (0-2 points) | Group only went over budget by $\$ 7$ or \$8 budget and tracked their calculations somewhat accurately (0-4 points) | Roller coaster's structure very shaky and very imbalanced. (0-2 points) | Roller coaster is not safe, and marble almost fell off the track more than four times. (0-2 points) | Roller <br> coaster <br> includes 1 <br> turn. (0-2 <br> points) | Roller coaster is between 22 cm and 108 cm . (0-2 points) | Roller coaster includes a shaky loop or does not a loop. <br> (0-2 points) | Roller <br> coaster includes a shaky funnel or does not a funnel. <br> (0-1 points) | Group did not calculate speed accurately, and did not include data from the trials. <br> (0-4 points) | Group did not calculate energy accurately, and did not include data from the trials. <br> (0-4 points) |

