

InsectBall

Behavior in the lab and in the field



Features and Applications

Natural locomotion

Extremely light-weight styrofoam ball: animal can perform locomotion with natural acceleration, deceleration and orienting. Improved tethering allows natural posture and motion.

Robust hardware, flexible use

Easy to transport, easy to set up: use in the lab or in the natural habitat of your research model.

Available for different species

Different sizes suitable for different research organisms: Drosophila, Ants, Bees, Cockroaches, Locusts, ...

Open- or closed-loop configuration

Open-loop: Animal orientation is fixed in real-world coordinates, animal rotation is reflected as rotation of the ball. Good for experiments that include other equipment (air puffs, olfactory cues, visual stimuli, physiological recordings, ...).

Closed-loop: Animal can freely rotate around its yaw axis.

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