

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Q: HOW DOES SISYPHUS WORK?

A: At the heart of Sisyphus is a Wifi-connected two-motor robot which magnetically pulls a steel ball through a field of sand. This is what creates Sisyphus' beautiful, intricate, and endlessly changing patterns. With its tempered glass top, Sisyphus is also a functional furniture piece.

## Q: WHY THE NAME 'SISYPHUS'?

A: The inspiration for its name comes from the Greek myth of Sisyphus. For the crime of cheating death, he is punished to forever roll a boulder up a hill, only for it to roll down from its summit, repeating this for eternity. Like Sisyphus, our tables roll their "boulders" over a sand field, creating intricate dune patterns, only to have this work destroyed and recreated — endlessly.

#### Q: IS IT VERY LOUD?

**A:** Sisyphus is a very quiet machine. At average speeds, you can only hear the soft 'crunching' of the ball rolling over sand.

## Q: HOW DOES IT KNOW WHAT DESIGNS TO PLAY?

A: Sisyphus is designed to play and load tracks (sand designs) like a music player. You can curate your own playlists of designs using the Sisyphus app on your phone, tablet, or browser. From the app, you can choose for over 200 designs, as well as control the speed, light intensity, and color instantly.

## Q: HOW DOES IT ERASE?

Sisyphus erases previous tracks by moving in a tight knit spiral, 'raking' the previous design away, much like in a zen garden. Erasing isn't always desired though, as many love how designs overlap. They create unexpected, and awe-inspiring results.



## Q: CAN I MAKE MY OWN DESIGNS?

**A:** Absolutely. Using community built software (like Sandify or 'Sisyphus For the Rest of Us') or importing a correctly formatted SVG into the app, you can make and share your own kinetic art.

## Q: CAN I GET NEW DESIGNS?

When connecting your Sisyphus to Wifi, you gain access to the Community tab. Here, other Sisyphus owners upload and share their home made tracks. This means that new tracks made by people all over the world are continually being added to the community library, available for you to play on your Sisyphus.

## Q: HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO FINISH A DESIGN?

**A:** The time it takes for Sisyphus to finish a design is dependent on both the complexity of the design, and the speed you choose. It can take as little as 10 minutes, or take as long as many hours.