

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The addition of a quadruped unmanned ground vehicle to LAPD's arsenal is not just about more surveillance. It is a way of eroding civil liberties and circumventing the need for public collaboration. People increasingly do not want to call 911 because they do not want police to show up. The introduction of mass surveillance demonstrates that the police do not want to be responders, they do not want to need a witness to make a 911 call to establish probable cause. The well-documented flaws in these technologies are features, not bugs. The police want 3D mapping that's not accurate, facial recognition tech that frequently misidentifies people, over-inclusive gunshot detection tech that flags any loud noise, tracking software and spyware that logs people's every move so they can manufacture probable cause wherever they want it. Effectively nullifying the 4th Amendment is the point. Shrinking people's reasonable expectation of privacy is the point. This committee is supposed to be about public safety. Violating the civil rights of the public is not safety; it's oppression.

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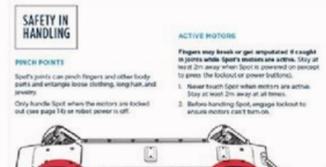
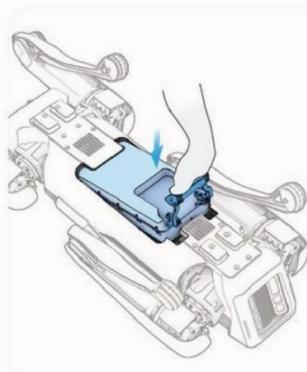
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached



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PSA: if you or someone nearby are being brutalized by a police Spot robot and can get a hand or something underneath, grab this handle and yank it forward. This releases the battery, instantly disabling the robot.

Keep your hands away from joints, Spot WILL crush your fingers.

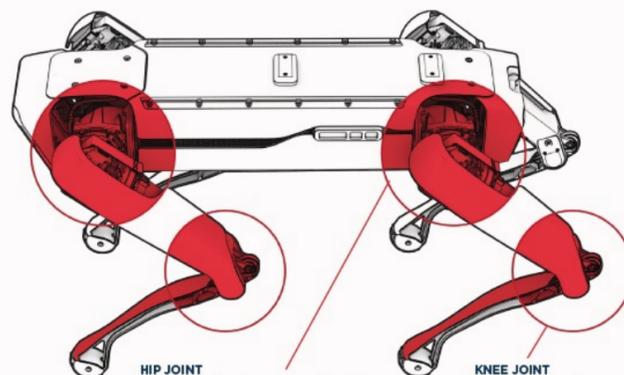


SAFETY IN HANDLING

PINCH POINTS

Spot's joints can pinch fingers and other body parts and entangle loose clothing, long hair, and jewelry.

Only handle Spot when the motors are locked out (see page 14) or robot power is off.



HIP JOINT
Always keep hands away from hip joint, except when grabbing handles. Always make a fist when gripping handles to keep your fingers away from pinch points.

KNEE JOINT
Always keep hands away from knee joint. Use caution when lowering Spot or closing the leg.

ACTIVE MOTORS

Fingers may break or get amputated if caught in joints while Spot's motors are active. Stay at least 2m away when Spot is powered on (except to press the lockout or power buttons).

1. Never touch Spot when motors are active. Stay at least 2m away at all times.
2. Before handling Spot, engage lockout to ensure motors can't turn on.

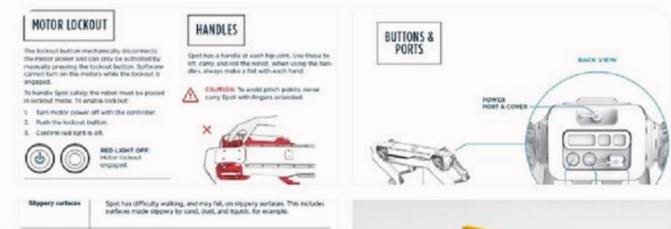


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If you are a bystander and can get BEHIND spot, don't hit the power button, hit the OTHER button - it physically disconnects the motors.

Spot can also be countered with booby traps easily.

If you're armed, shoot center-of-mass as normal. The lithium pack is huge and not armored



MOTOR LOCKOUT

The lockout button mechanically disconnects the motor power and can only be activated by manually pressing the lockout button. Software cannot turn on the motors while the lockout is engaged.

To handle Spot safely, the robot must be placed in lockout mode. To enable lockout:

1. Turn motor power off with the controller.
2. Push the lockout button.
3. Confirm red light is off.



RED LIGHT OFF:
Motor lockout engaged.



RED LIGHT ON:
Motor not locked out; see all states for this button in **Lights** section on page 6.

It will be necessary to handle Spot when packing or unpacking for transport, replacing the battery, or righting Spot when it falls and is unable to self-right.

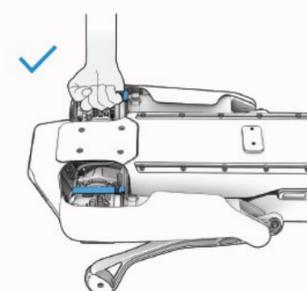
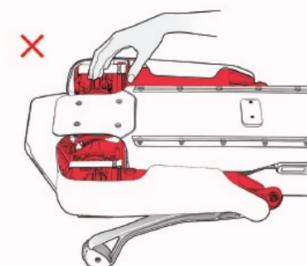
CAUTION: Never handle Spot unless motor lockout is engaged.

- Don't attempt to lift or move Spot while it is standing.
- Only move joints with motors in lockout mode or while Spot is powered off.
- Be careful to avoid pinch points

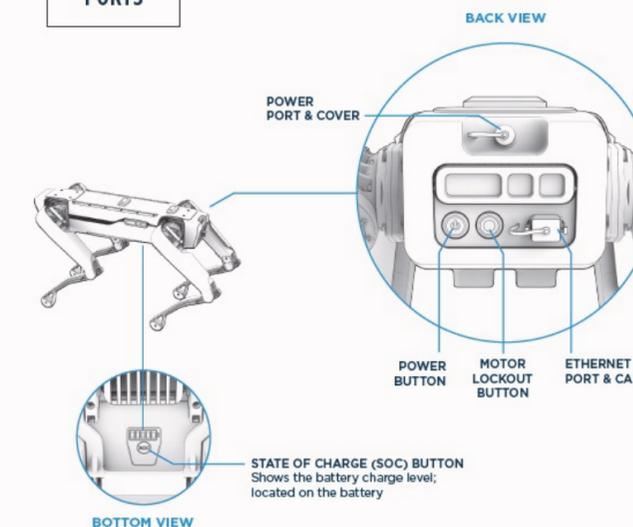
HANDLES

Spot has a handle at each hip joint. Use these to lift, carry, and roll the robot. When using the handles, always make a fist with each hand.

CAUTION: To avoid pinch points, never carry Spot with fingers extended.



BUTTONS & PORTS



POWER PORT & COVER

POWER BUTTON

MOTOR LOCKOUT BUTTON

ETHERNET PORT & CAP

STATE OF CHARGE (SOC) BUTTON
Shows the battery charge level; located on the battery

The following conditions may cause Spot to fall:

Stairs or inclines	If Spot loses balance on the stairs or an incline, it may slip and fall.
Holes, elevated grounds, or cliffs	Spot cannot detect cliff edges and may walk off cliff edges that are unblocked. Block cliff edges with secure guardrails or safety netting. Never work below an elevated Spot.
Signal loss	If Spot loses its wireless connection to the controller, it will sit after 3 seconds, and the motors will shut off after 8 seconds. If this occurs on stairs, slope, or other uneven surface, Spot may slide or fall upon attempting to sit.
Slippery surfaces	Spot has difficulty walking, and may fall, on slippery surfaces. This includes surfaces made slippery by sand, dust, and liquids, for example.
Cords	Spot cannot detect when its legs are entangled in cords, which may cause it to trip and fall. The entangled cord and anything connected to it may also be damaged.
Unstable objects shorter than 30 cm	Spot may not automatically avoid unstable objects that are fully or partially less than 30 cm above the ground, such as human feet and backpacks, and may fall upon stepping on such objects.
Transparent, mirrored, or very bright obstacles	These can confuse Spot's obstacle detection system.
Moving surfaces	Spot can become unstable on moving surfaces, such as elevators, escalators, moving walkways and ramps, vehicles, or boats. Put robot in lockout mode when transporting on moving platform.

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Name: Michael Lopez
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Comments for Public Posting: Reject this donation of a robot dog. It will not make anyone safer.

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Name: Jay

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Comments for Public Posting: This is in regards to the donation and operation of the unmanned ground vehicle drone donated to the LAPD by the police foundation. The LAPD is one of the largest police forces in the country and what happens here, affects other regions. At a time where the relationship between police and those who are policed is most heightened, we cannot normalize the use of drones, unmanned machinery, to patrol and police our communities. Those who have wealth, privilege, and do not know what it is like to be policed (not mere traffic stops) continue to make these type of decisions advancing the development of militarized police while checks and balances against police departments continue to be lacking. Does the community even have access to read this report? Does the city council even have the power to stop the use of high tech surveillance and police violence? The reality is to continue to move in this direction is an escalation against communities of color, disabled communities and communities in calculated poverty. Last year was the highest number of executions by police, extralegal extrajudicial executions that violate the due process of people targeted by police. Police who do not face the same legal consequences as those they enforce. These violent practices are protected by all levels of government, from city officials to courts, judges and politicians. For the common person, those impacted by poverty, racial profiling and systematic police violence, the police are the most common interaction we have with government - is this how you want to be represented? The number of stop and frisks, detainments, charges, police brutality and executions are not even tracked by police or the city. The solution is not to track these to "prove" something is wrong, the solution is to LISTEN to impacted (policed) communities and begin to deconstruct the massive law enforcement superstructure that has been built since the development of police to break strikes, control the populace and primarily enforce class and racial relations (aka poverty and systematic racism). Powerlessness and lack of responsibility stops with you. Our communities are stuck in this loop of appealing to local representatives for reforms and representation. Many more are growing weary of this tired process in which our demands, voice and concerns are not heard over the \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ that capitalism extracts and weaponizes against us.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Kaeo Rodriguez

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against any adoption and implementation of the QuadrupeD Unmanned Ground Vehicle. History has shown that the QUGV will inevitably be used by the LAPD as another tool for control and intimidation that disproportionately criminalizes poor and minority people. There's a history of the LA Police Foundation donating toys for LAPD to experiment on communities. Body Worn Video was originally a donation tested on the Skid Row Community. These donations inevitably become permanent line items. Since they were initially donated, LAPD has received over \$67M for body worn video devices. The donations provided permanent footholds in the ever-expanding LAPD budget. None of this has made the community safer. Ultimately, adopting this technology will only serve to expand law enforcement's grip on our civil rights and further diminish any hope for accountability.

Communication from Public

Name: Lionel Mares

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Representatives: I oppose Agenda Item 4 (Council File No. 22-1438) on the Public Safety Committee Agenda. The Los Angeles Police Foundation has undue influence over the Los Angeles Police Department Board of Commissioners as well as the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The LAPD does not need this, it is extensive and unnecessary. The Los Angeles Police Foundation should focus on Mental Health and Counseling. They are wasting money on things that DO NOT help the people of Los Angeles. The donation of a Quadruped Unmanned Ground Vehicle, valued at \$277,917.80, for the Los Angeles Police Department's Metropolitan Division from the Los Angeles Police Foundation is a waste and unnecessary! I urge a NO on this agenda item!