

TRAINING PARTICIPANT'S WORKBOOK
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AA FIGURE CONSTRUCTION:
UNIT 1: AN INTRODUCTION

SERIES 2: MAPO TRAINING

PROGRAM 2: AUDIO-ANIMATRONICS FIGURE CONSTRUCTION

MODULE 1: LARGE HUMAN TYPE FIGURES

UNIT 1: AN INTRODUCTION

TECHNICAL TRAINING

PARTICIPANT'S WORKBOOK

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AUDIO-ANIMATRONICS FIGURE CONSTRUCTION

TO THE PARTICIPANT

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The training information you are about to receive has been specially structured to make your learning experience interesting, efficient, and successful.

To help you learn the information in a way most compatible with your personal learning abilities, a combination of instructional presentation methods has been employed.

This combination consists of presenting the information using videotapes. These videotapes demonstrate, using live action and color, the skills and procedures you are learning about. This live action allows you to see exactly how to perform a procedure, in a step by step fashion. To accompany and support the videotape presentation, you have been provided with this Workbook. This contains review, and in some cases practice, exercises which you complete. These are intended to be devices for you to evaluate your progress through the training program---they are NOT to be considered as tests.

Another item which will help you is the Videotape Index, located in this front portion of the Workbook. This provides a break-down of the information contained on the Videotape which is correlated to the "Videotape Counter Number". To locate specific information on the videotape, all you have to do is identify the counter number and

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These three items, the videotape, the workbook, and the videotape index, combine into an audio-visual training program which you will interact with.

WHAT DOES INTERACT MEAN?

By interact, we mean that you work with the training program at your own speed, or pace that you set for yourself. After watching the videotape, you turn to the Workbook to work on the Review and Practice Exercises provided. These exercises are arranged in groups. Each group corresponds to a portion of the videotape. In most cases, each section of questions will relate to one quarter of the videotape. So, Review Exercises #1 covers the first quarter of information presented on the videotape, #2 covers the second quarter, and so on.

After you finish watching the videotape, begin doing the first Review Exercise. If you have any difficulty answering the questions, or if you want to review some of the information on the tape, consult the Videotape Index to determine the counter numbers for the information on Review Exercise #1, and wind the videotape to that number.

When you have finished each exercise, turn to the foldout answer key to check your answers. Work on each exercise until you have mastered all the information in each section. You may take your time doing this. Remember the goal is for you to master all of the

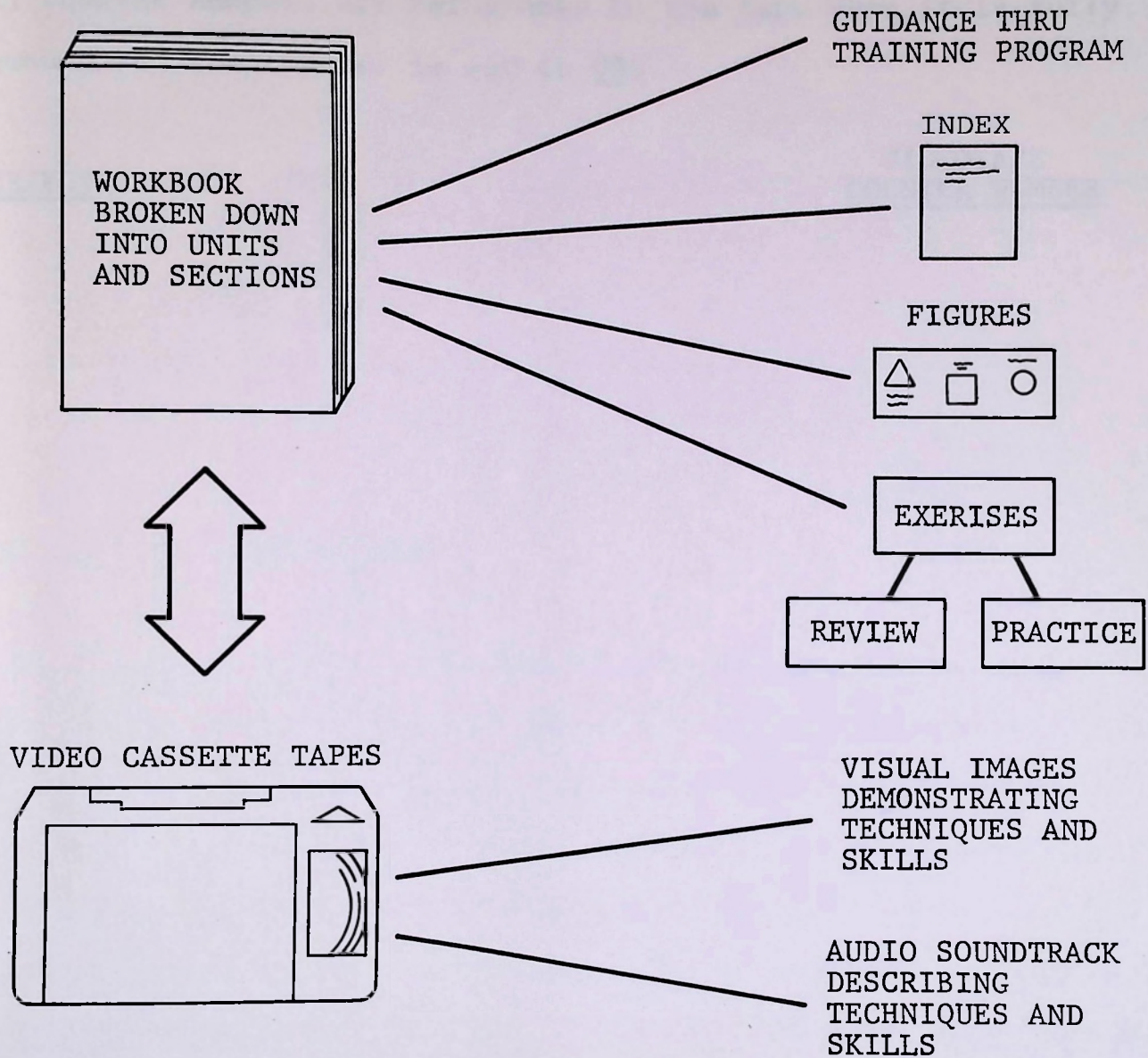


Figure 1. Components of the Training Program

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TRAINING PACKAGE INDEX

All counter numbers are referenced to the tape when it is fully rewound and the counter is set to 000.

SUBJECT

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AUDIO-ANIMATRONICS FIGURE CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PACKAGE

This Training Package was developed by the WED Video Production Unit for participants who will be tasked with constructing and maintaining the various types of Audio-Animatronics Figures featured on-stage at the Disney Theme Parks. This Package begins with the description of what Audio-Animatronics Figures are, provides a brief explanation on how they function, and then describes the components and procedures used to create one of these unique creatures.

YOUR TASK AS A PARTICIPANT

As stated earlier, this Training Package has been designed to help you learn the skills and procedures necessary to perform your job. Your primary task in this training is to work with the materials at a pace that is most comfortable to you. Learning the material is our goal as well as yours. Take your time going thorough all sections of information. Rewind the videotape whenever you feel unsure of the material, and use the Review and Practice exercises as intended -- for YOUR benefit and information.

After you have completed the portion or portions of this Training Package required for you to learn your job skills, refer to the end of this workbook. There you will find a set of evaluation questions concerning the Training Package. Your answers to these

This is Program 1, AUDIO-ANIMATRONICS FIGURE CONSTRUCTION. You are to begin with Module 1: Large Human Type Figures, and go through Unit 1: An Introduction.

To complete this module there are certain materials you must use. They are:

- o This workbook
- o A videocassette playback unit
- o Videocassettes for Module 1, tapes number 1 through ____

Make sure you have all these items at your disposal before beginning this unit.

The Videotape Index at the beginning of this Workbook will tell you where specific information is located on the videocassette. Use this index to review the discussion of each section in the Workbook if necessary.

To begin, insert Tape number 1 into the Videocassette Playback Unit. Start the Playback Unit, and watch the presentation. Then you should return to this Workbook to complete Review and Practice Exercises.

Now, insert Videocassette Tape #1 of 1 into the Videocassette Playback Unit. Turn on the unit and verify that the tape is completely rewound. Set the tape counter to 000 and proceed with the instructional material.

PLACE AN "X" ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE TO INDICATE WHETHER THE STATEMENT IS TRUE OR FALSE.

1. The term "Audio-Animatronics" actually refers to the total integrated network that Disney uses to support and implement Audio-Animatronics presentations.

_____ True
_____ False

MATCH THE ITEMS ON THE LEFT WITH THE DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENTS ON THE RIGHT. THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT FOR EACH ITEM.

2. There are several types of Audio-Animatronics figures. Match the category numbers on the left with the descriptive names on the right.

_____ A. A1 figures	a. Small oil
_____ B. A2 figures	b. Large oil
_____ C. A6 figures	c. Small World Figures
_____ D. Doll Type	d. Large air
	e. Human type
	f. Pneumatic
	g. Hydraulic

MARK THE LETTER(S) THAT IDENTIFY THE CORRECT ANSWER. THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH STATEMENT.

3. There are many steps in the "Imagineering" process of Audio-Animatronics figure design and construction. MAPO personnel participate in which of the stages listed below?

_____ A. Idea and Sketch Stage
_____ B. Maquette Production
_____ C. Formation of the Body Shell
_____ D. Creation of the Mechanical Assembly

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE ANSWER KEY THAT FOLLOWS

1. True

2.- A. b, e, g

- B. a, e, g

- C. d, e, f

- D. c, f

3. C, D

REVIEW EXERCISE #2

PLACE AN "X" ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE TO INDICATE WHETHER THE STATEMENT IS TRUE OR FALSE.

1. The mechanical assembly components provide skeletal structural support for the body shell and the means to animate the figure.

_____ True

_____ False

2. The butyrate body shell is composed of separate fitted pieces, and is attached to the internal mechanical assembly with brackets.

_____ True

_____ False

MARK THE LETTER(S) THAT IDENTIFY THE CORRECT ANSWER. THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH STATEMENT.

3. The separate functions of an Audio-Animatronics figure:

_____ A. Are programmed to operate together to create fluid movement

_____ B. Are selected from more than 50 standard figure functions, and a number of non-standard functions

_____ C. Result from a directional force applied by an actuator

_____ D. Are capable of being combined and controlled by one actuator

4. Actuators:

_____ A. Are devices capable of extending or retracting, or rotating

_____ B. Are capable of functioning in only a digital or an analog manner

_____ C. Are driven by hydraulic or pneumatic pressure from the fluid system

_____ D. Are controlled by electronic signals

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REVIEW EXERCISE #2

5. Actuator movement is the result of hydraulic or pneumatic pressure:

- _____ A. Forcing pistons back and forth in a linear manner
- _____ B. Forcing vanes to turn in a rotary manner
- _____ C. Coming through fluid system lines routed to each actuator, through the figure
- _____ D. Controlled by valves which respond to electronic signals

6. Control valves:

- _____ A. Control the flow of hydraulic or pneumatic fluid through the fluid system lines
- _____ B. Are located near the figure, usually on a valve rack
- _____ C. Operate according to signals from the audio animatronics electronics system
- _____ D. Are located in the Remote Terminal Unit

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE ANSWER KEY THAT FOLLOWS

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ANSWER KEY FOR

REVIEW EXERCISE #2

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ANSWER KEY FOR REVIEW EXERCISE #1

1. True

2. True

3. A, B, C

4. A, B, C

5. A, B, C, D

6. A, B, C

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REVIEW EXERCISE #3

PLACE AN "X" ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE TO INDICATE WHETHER THE STATEMENT IS TRUE OR FALSE.

1. Solenoid valves are always pneumatic, and control only digital functions.

_____ True

_____ False

2. Servo valves can be either pneumatic or hydraulic, and control only analog functions.

_____ True

_____ False

MARK THE LETTER(S) THAT IDENTIFY THE CORRECT ANSWER. THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH STATEMENT.

3. Which type of valve controls a digital--on or off--function?

_____ A. Servo

_____ B. Analog

_____ C. Solenoid

_____ D. Remote

4. Which type of valve controls an analog--varying--function?

_____ A. Solenoid

_____ B. Digital

_____ C. Pneumatic

_____ D. Servo

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REVIEW EXERCISE #3

5. A transducer is attached to the actuator to sense the exact physical position of the actuator in which type of feedback monitoring?
- ☐ A. Electrical
 - ☐ B. Internal
 - ☐ C. Mechanical
 - ☐ D. RTU
6. The actuator's control valve is built into the actuator housing, and actuator movement is monitored by an internal link to this valve in which type of feedback monitoring?
- ☐ A. Electrical
 - ☐ B. Internal
 - ☐ C. Mechanical
 - ☐ D. RTU

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ANSWER KEY FOR REVIEW EXERCISE #3

1. True

2. True

3. C

4. D

5. A

6. C

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REVIEW EXERCISE #4

MARK THE LETTER(S) THAT IDENTIFY THE CORRECT ANSWER. THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH STATEMENT.

1. The Base Mounting Stand houses the actuators and mechanism used to animate the three major body functions which are:
☐ A. Head turn
☐ B. Body sidesway
☐ C. Arm swing
☐ D. Body twist
☐ E. Body foresway
2. If a figure is mounted on a Base Mounting Stand, usually the left leg tube is attached to a pivot point at the top of the stand, and the other leg tube:
☐ A. Passes through a gimbeled bearing and connects to an actuator assembly
☐ B. Is solidly mounted for support
☐ C. Transmits actuator movement to the pelvis, causing body movement
☐ D. Is attached to a prop instead of the Base Mounting Stand
3. Figure movements are made to appear as realistic as possible by:
☐ A. Aligning the figure using several major pivot points
☐ B. Observing the movements of fellow workers in the assembly area
☐ C. Assembling a figure in "show lighting."
☐ D. Determining which movements are analog and which are digital

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REVIEW EXERCISE #4

4. On hydraulic figures, neck turns are implemented by a:
- _____ A. Bell crank and linear actuator arrangement
 - _____ B. ROTAC (Hydraulic rotary actuator)
 - _____ C. Lever and linear actuator arrangement
 - _____ D. Servo control valve
5. When starting to construct an Audio-Animatronics figure, the first step to perform is:
- _____ A. Inspect the body shell
 - _____ B. Make up the parts list
 - _____ C. Obtain the parts
 - _____ D. Obtain work tools

FILL IN THE BLANKS

6. There are several major sources of information which help to properly construct an audio animatronics figure. Write four of these sources in the blanks below.

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ANSWER KEY FOR REVIEW EXERCISE #4

1. B, D, E

2. A, C

3. A, B

4. B

5. A

6. DESIGNER

STANDARD PARTS CATALOG

ASSEMBLY MANUAL

JOB TRAVEL PACKAGE

JOB TRAVEL CARD

FIGURE ANIMATION SHEET

SAMPLE ILLUSTRATIONS
AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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AUDIO-ANIMATRONIC FIGURES STANDARD FUNCTION ABBREVIATIONS

HUMAN TYPE FIGURES

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9	Left Arm Forward	LAF	34	Left Forefinger	LF
0	Left Arm Out	LAO	35	Left Middle	LM
1	Left Arm Swing	LAS	36	Left Ring	LR
2	Left Elbow	LE	37	Left Little	LL
3	Rt. Wrist In & Out	RWIO			
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1	Torso Twist	TT	44	Smile Left	SL
2	Pelvis	P	45	Frown Left	FL
3	Body Side Sway	BS	46	Frown Right	FR
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5	Body Foresway	BF	48	Eyebrow Raise Left	ERL
			49	F - Sound	FS
			50	Foot Tap	FT

HEAD FUNCTION

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ANIMAL/BIRD/SEA CREATURE FIGURES & ELECTRICAL

SECTION
NO.

NAME

CODE

FUNCTION
NO.

NAME

CODE

ANIMALS

Neck Raise

NR

72

Neck Turn

NT

73

Tail

T

74

Left Ear

EL

75

Right Ear

ER

76

77

78

BIRDS

Beak or Mouth

B or M

79

Head Nod

HN

Head Rotate Right

HRR

Head Rotate Left

HRL

Chest Out

CO

Body Back or Up

BB

Wing Flip

WF

Tail Flip

TF

ELECTRICAL

Speaker Switching

Relay Coil

Relay, Solid State

SEA CREATURES

Right Claw

Left Claw

Right Pincher

Left Pincher

Right Front Flipper

Left Front Flipper

Right Rear Flipper

Left Rear Flipper

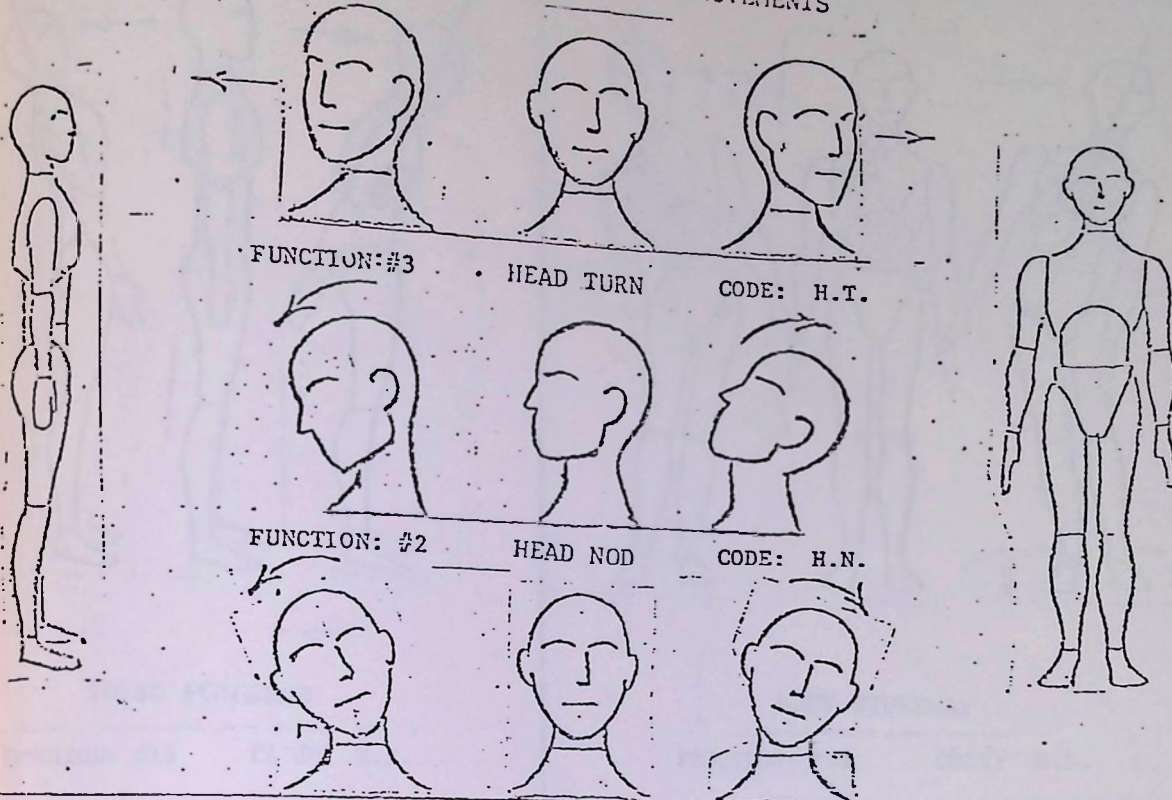
ELECTRICAL

Lighting Digital

Lighting Analog

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FOR AUDIO ANIMATRONIC BODY MOVEMENTS

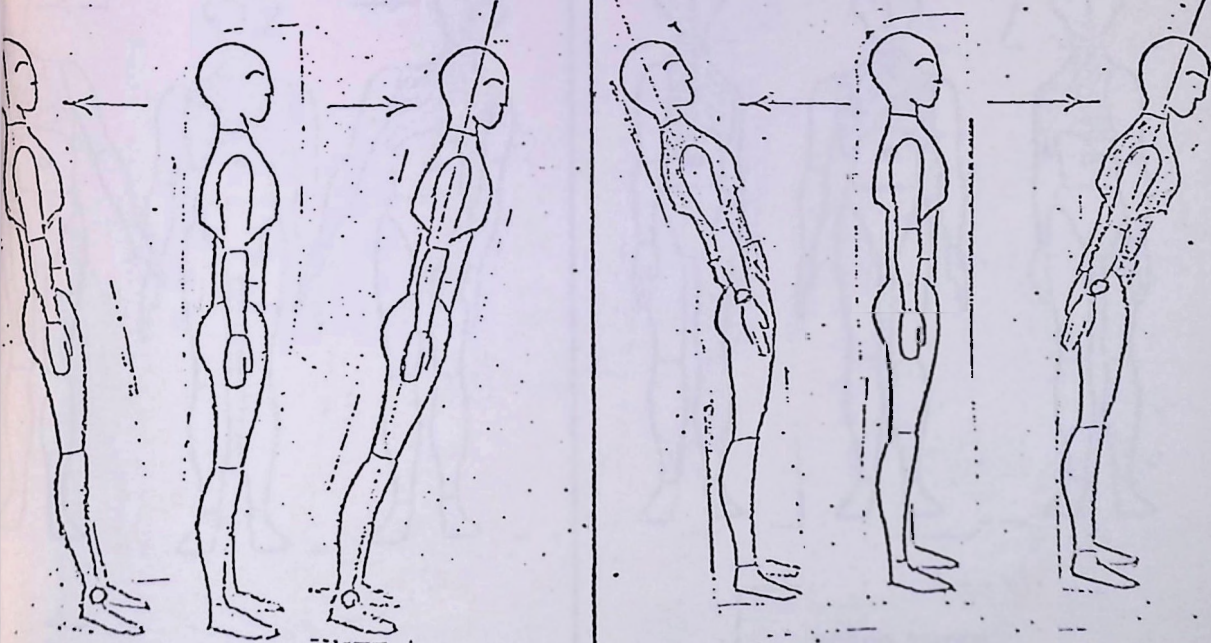


FUNCTION: #3 HEAD TURN CODE: H.T.

FUNCTION: #2 HEAD NOD CODE: H.N.

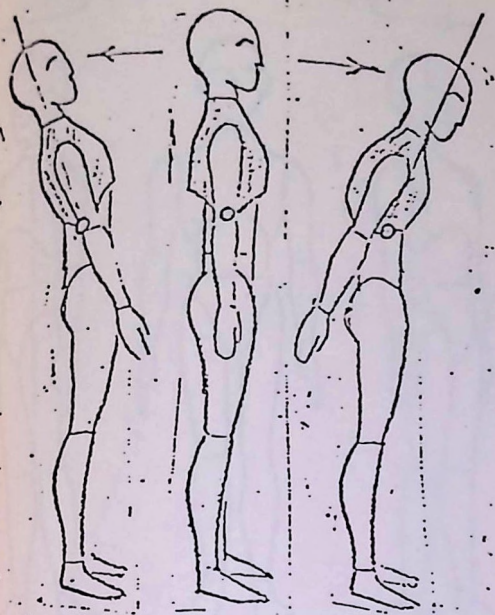
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BASE FRAME



FUNCTION: #25 BODY FORESWAY CODE: B.F.

FUNCTION: #22 PELVIS BEND CODE: P.B.

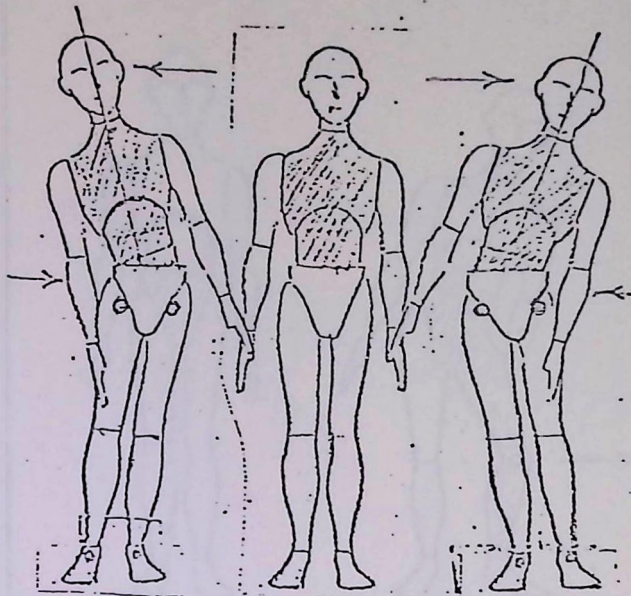


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FUNCTION: #19

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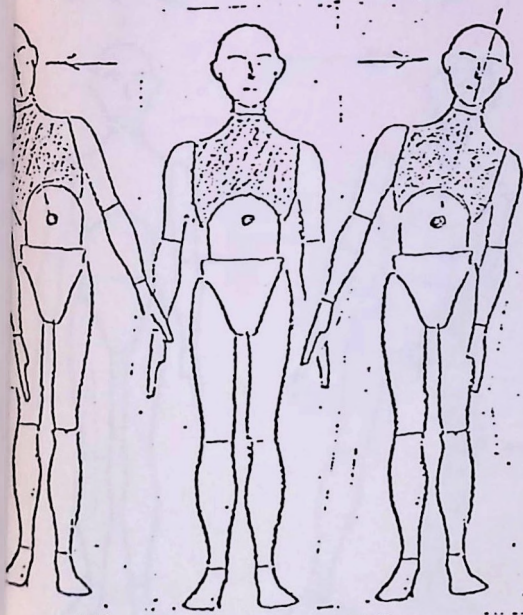
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BODY SIDESWAY

FUNCTION: #23

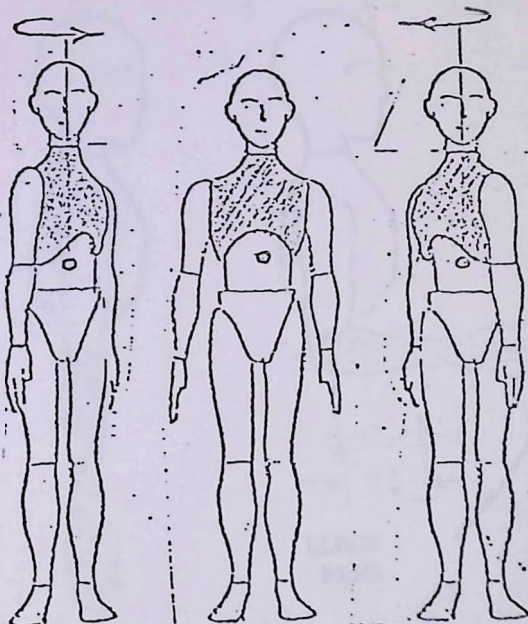
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TORSO SIDEBEND

FUNCTION: #20

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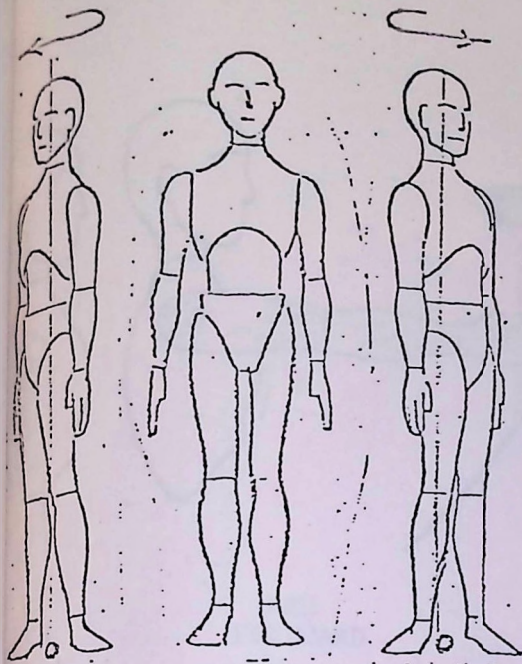


TORSO TWIST

FUNCTION: #21

CODE: T.T.

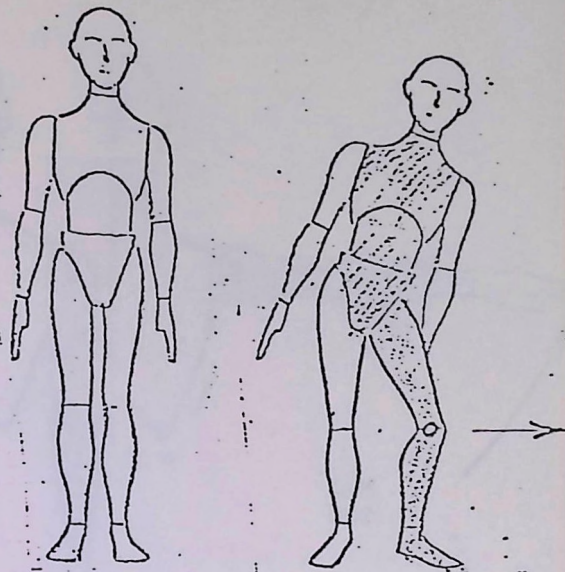
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BODY TWIST

BODY ROTATES FROM ANKLES

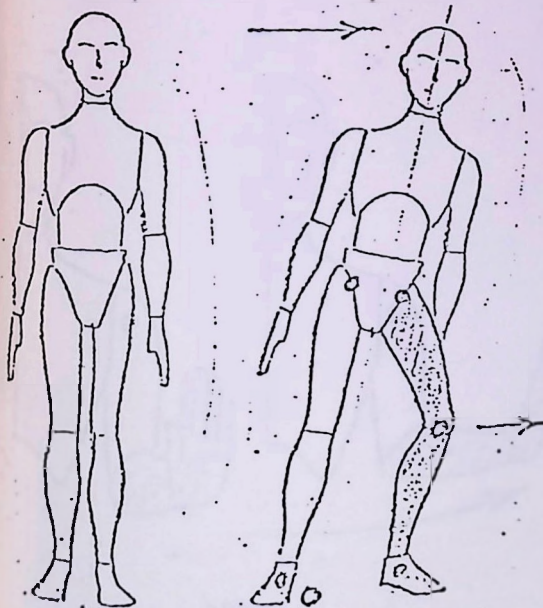
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KNEE BEND

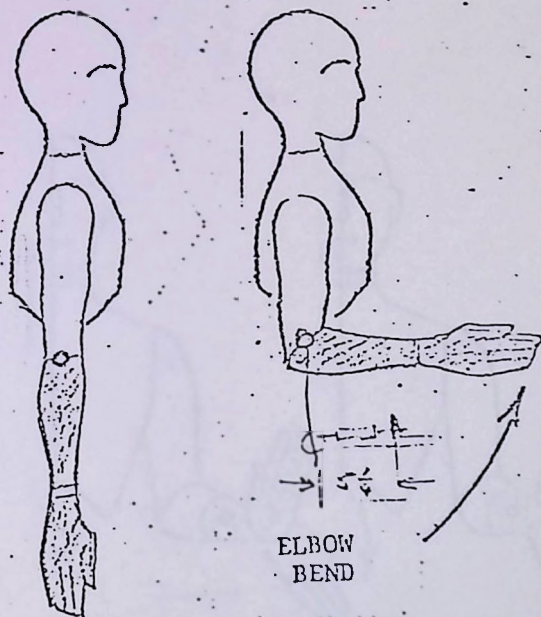
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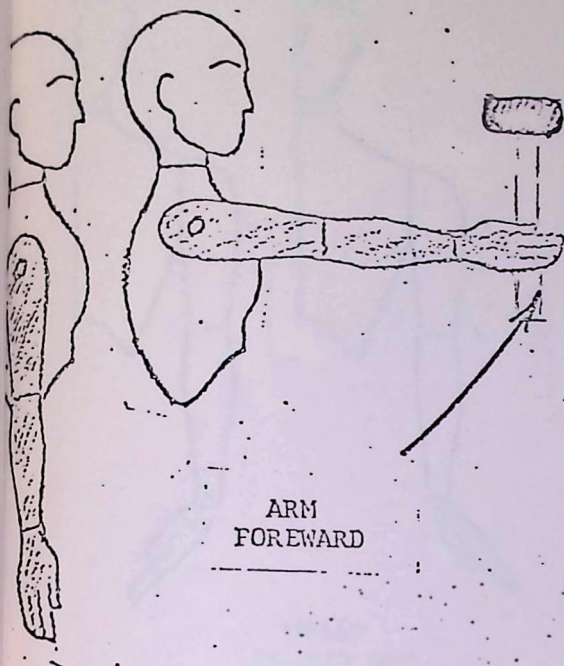
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FUNCTION: #23 CODE: B.S.



ELBOW BEND

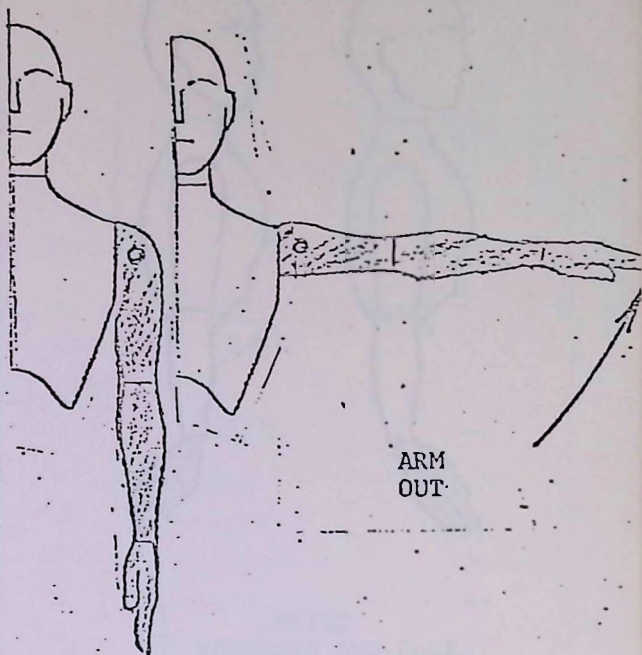
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ARM
FOREWARD

LEFT: FUNCTION #9
RIGHT: FUNCTION #5

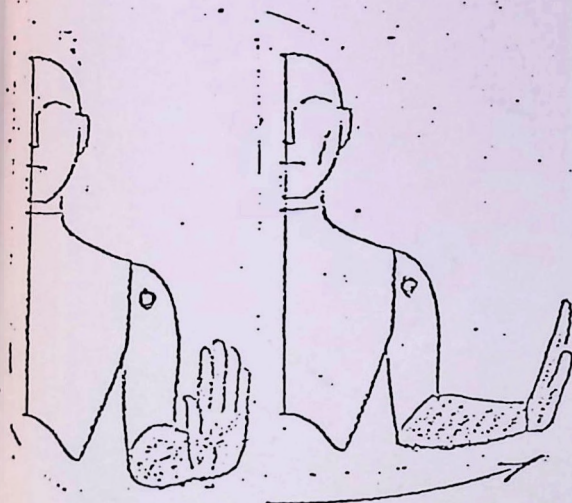
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ARM
OUT

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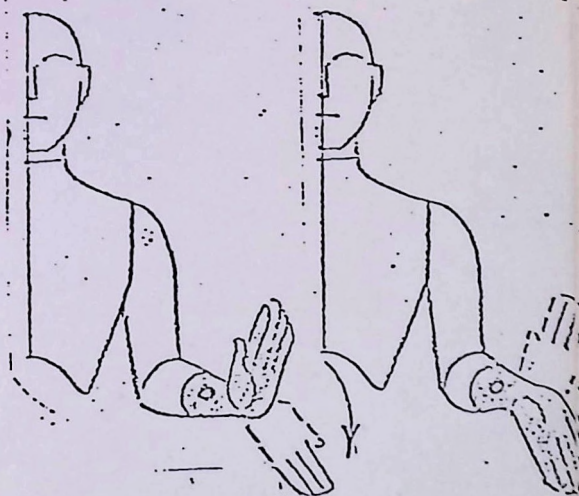
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ARM
SWING

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RIGHT: FUNCTION #7

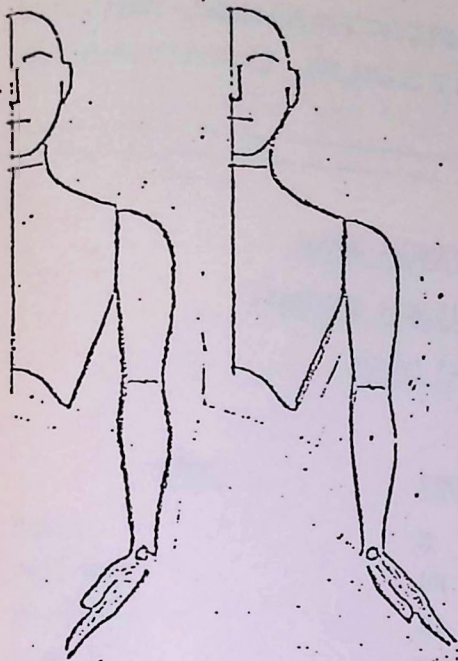
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WRIST
TURN

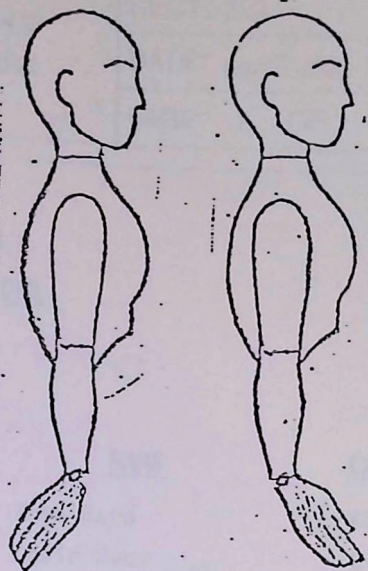
LEFT: FUNCTION #13
RIGHT: FUNCTION #15

CODE: L.W.T.
CODE: R.W.T.



WRIST
IN AND OUT

LEFT: FUNCTION #16 CODE: L.W.I.O.
RIGHT: FUNCTION #13 CODE: R.W.I.O.



WRIST
FOREWARD AND BACK

LEFT: FUNCTION #17 CODE: L.W.F.B.
RIGHT: FUNCTION #14 CODE: R.W.F.B.

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Tail	T	74	Relay, Solid State	
Left Ear	EL	75		
Right Ear	ER	76		
		77		
		78		
		79		
<u>BIRDS</u>			<u>SEA CREATURES</u>	
Beak or Mouth	B or M		Right Claw	
Head Nod	HN		Left Claw	
Head Rotate Right	HRR	80	Right Pincher	
Head Rotate Left	HRL	81	Left Pincher	
Chest Out	CO	82	Right Front Flipper	
Body Back or Up	BB	83	Left Front Flipper	
Wing Flip	WF	84	Right Rear Flipper	
Tail Flip	TF	85	Left Rear Flipper	
		86		
		87		

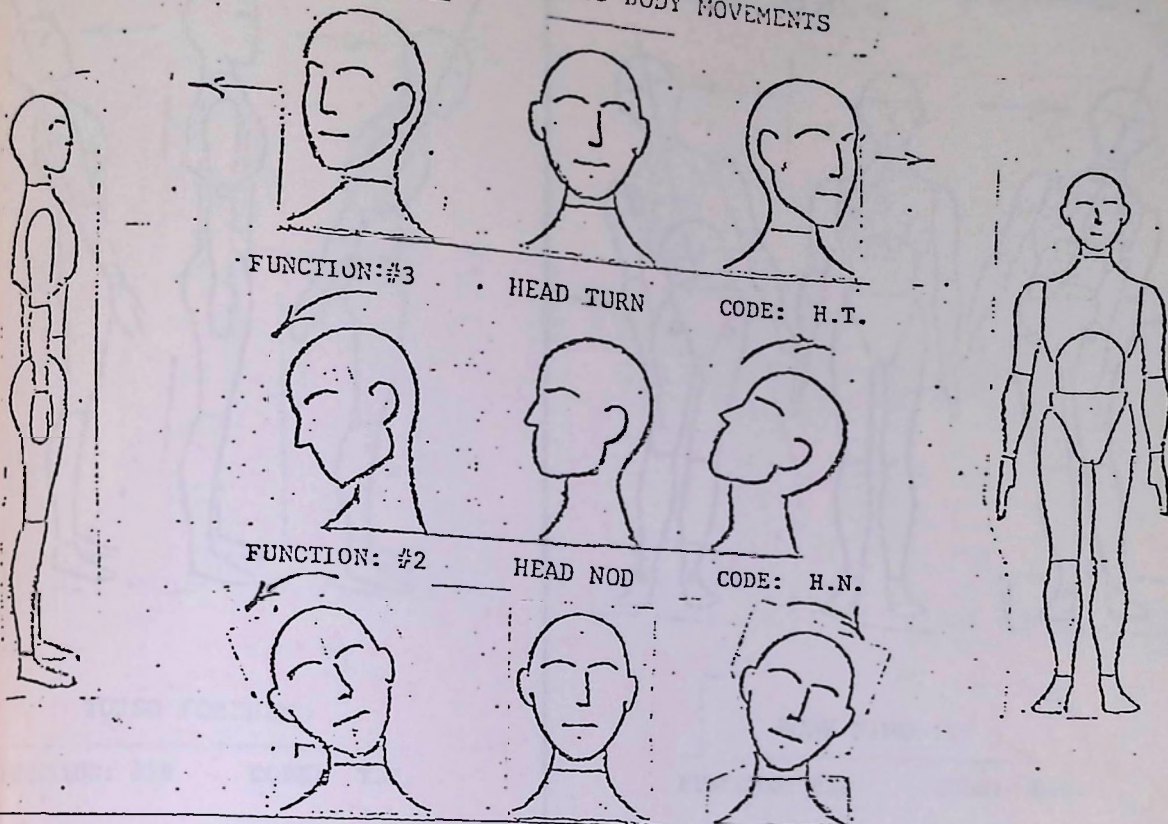
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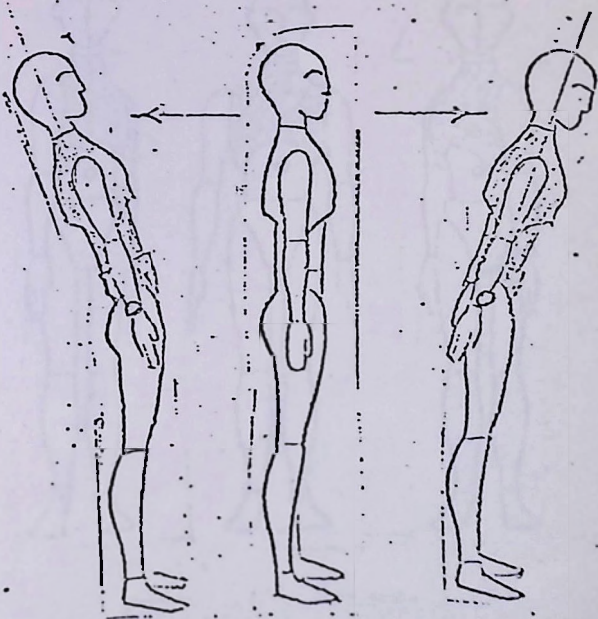
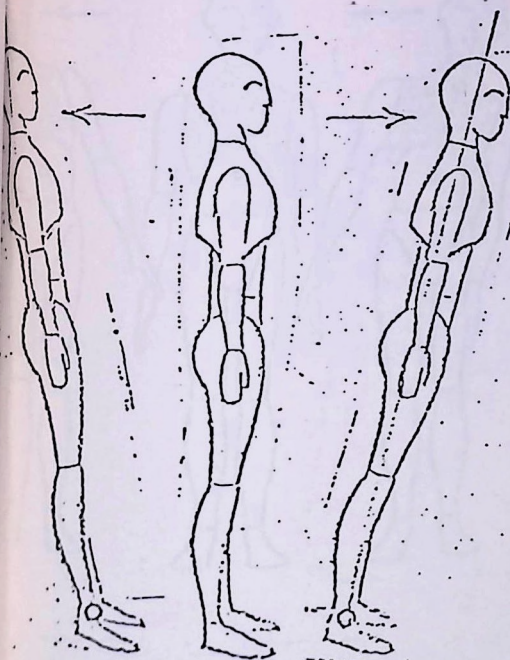
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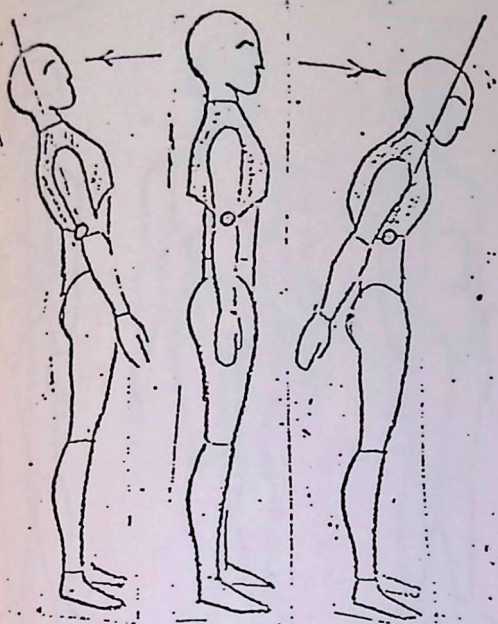
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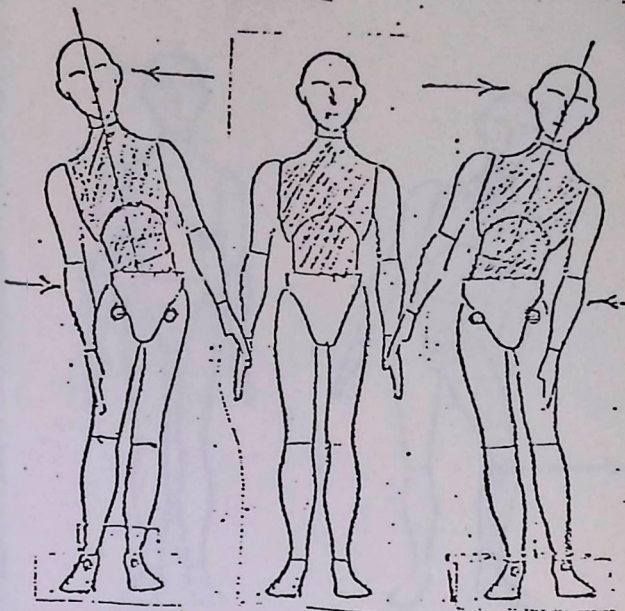


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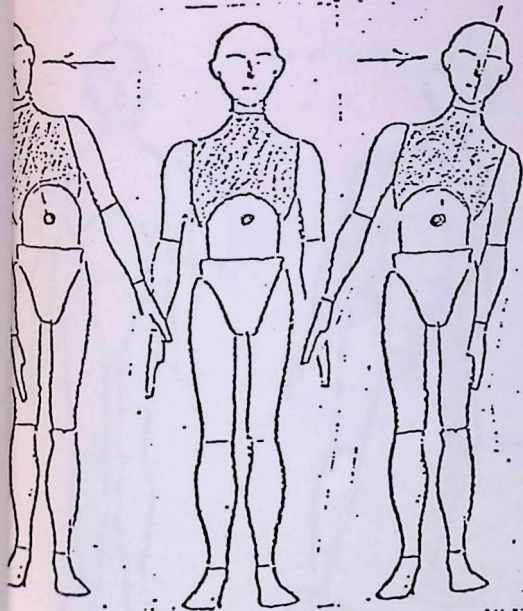
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BODY SIDESWAY

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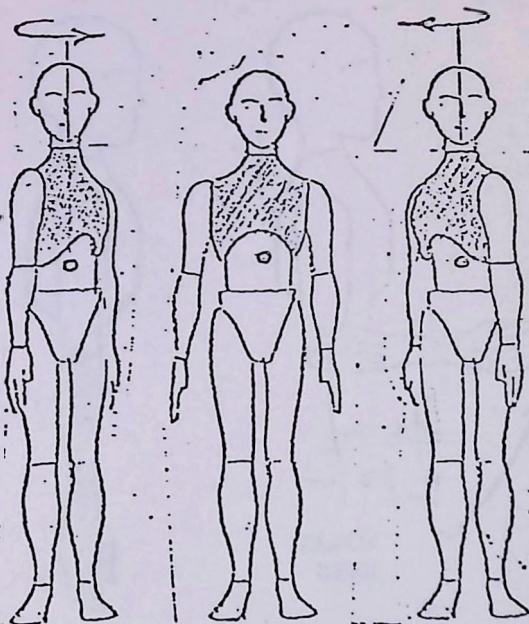
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FUNCTION: #20

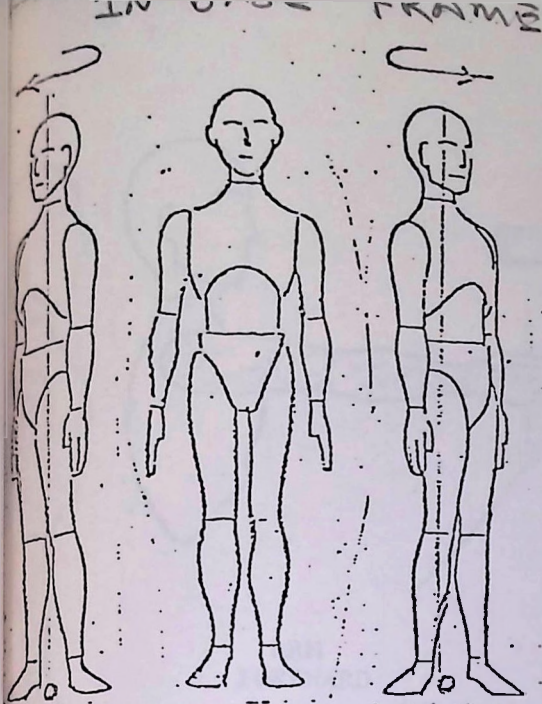
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TORSO TWIST

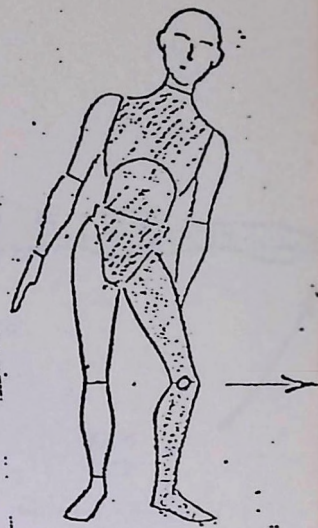
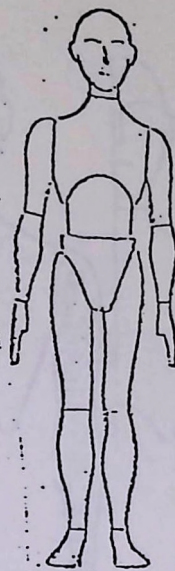
FUNCTION: #21

CODE: T.T.



BODY TWIST

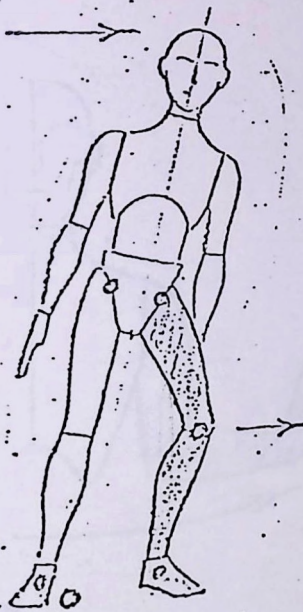
BODY ROTATES FROM ANKLES
 FUNCTION: #24 CODE: B.T.



KNEE BEND

FUNCTION: #26 CODE: K.B.

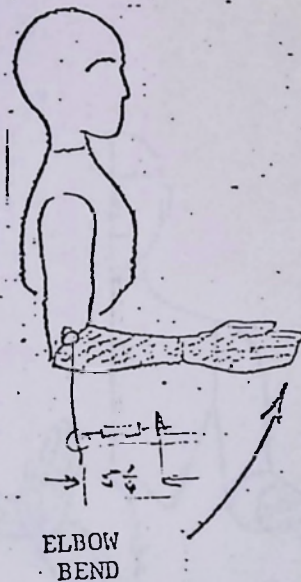
IN BASE FRAME



FUNCTION: #26 KNEE BEND
 WITH
 BODY SIDESWAY
 FUNCTION: #23

CODE: K.B.

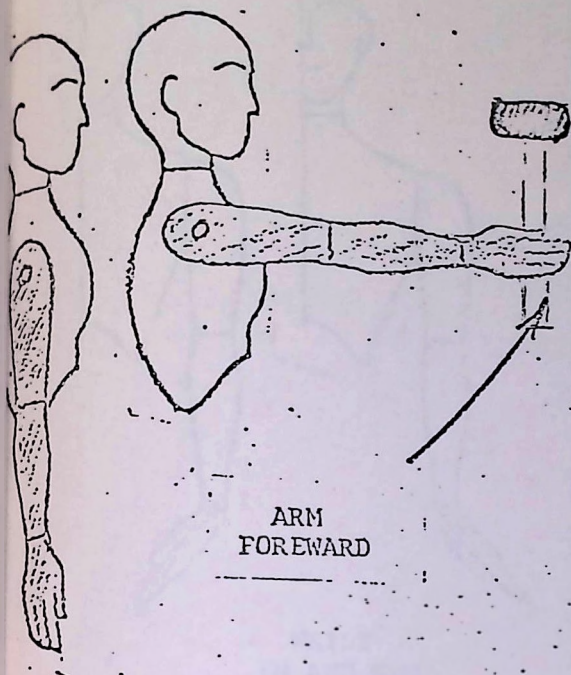
CODE: B.S.



ELBOW BEND

RIGHT: FUNCTION #8
 LEFT: FUNCTION #12

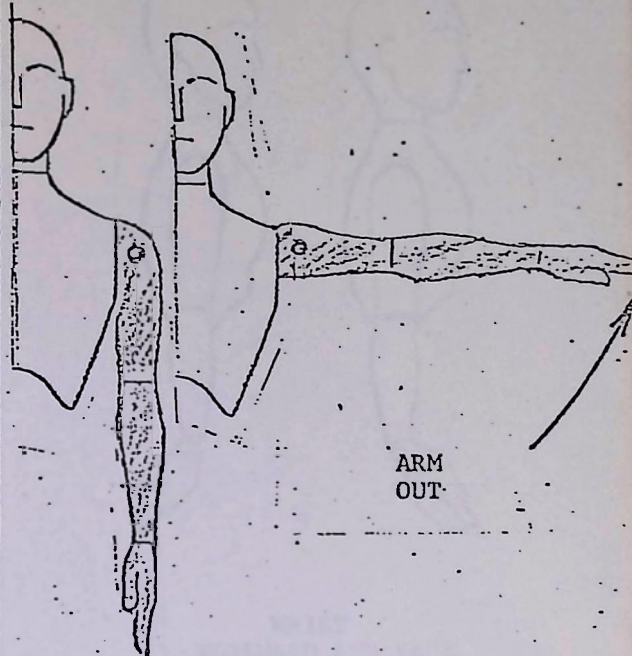
CODE: R.E.
 CODE: L.E.



ARM
FORWARD

LEFT: FUNCTION #9
RIGHT: FUNCTION #5

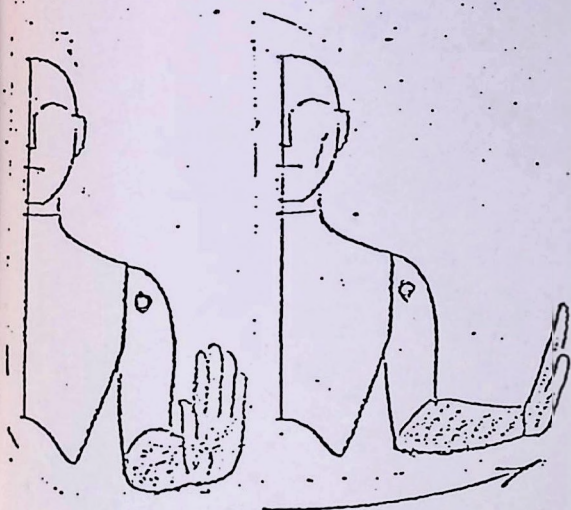
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CODE: R.A.F.



ARM
OUT

LEFT: FUNCTION #10
RIGHT: FUNCTION #6

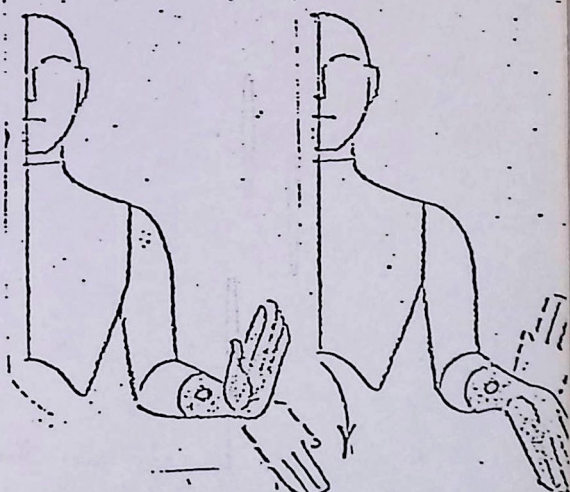
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CODE: R.A.O.



ARM
SWING

LEFT: FUNCTION #11
RIGHT: FUNCTION #7

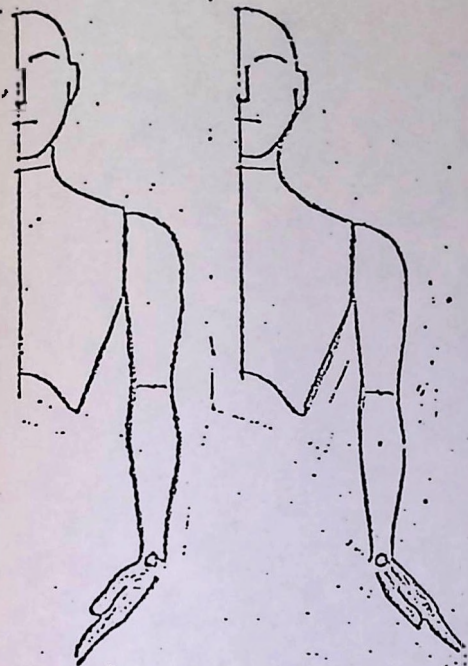
CODE: L.A.S.
CODE: R.A.S.



WRIST
TURN

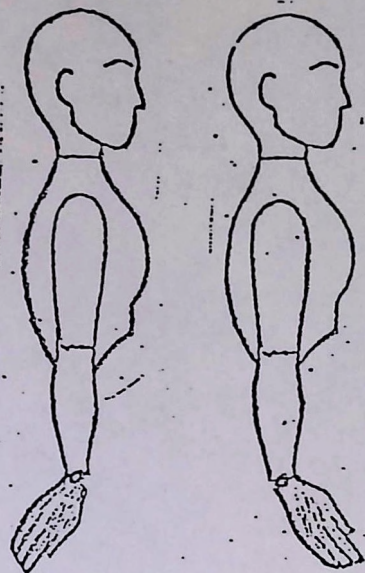
LEFT: FUNCTION #18
RIGHT: FUNCTION #15

CODE: L.W.T.
CODE: R.W.T.



WRIST
IN AND OUT

LEFT: FUNCTION #16 CODE: L.W.I.O.
RIGHT: FUNCTION #13 CODE: R.W.I.O.



WRIST
FOREWARD AND BACK

LEFT: FUNCTION-#17- CODE: L.W.F.B.
RIGHT: FUNCTION #14 CODE: R.W.F.B.