GROOVED PEGBOARD TEST
USER INSTRUCTIONS
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Description:

The following administrative instructions and age curve data are taken from the Neuropsychological Test Manual developed by Dr. Ronald Trites, Royal Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Three batteries of tests have been defined for the normative data obtained by Trites.

- **Adult**: Age 15 years 0 months and above
- **Adolescent**: Age 9 years 0 months to 14 years 12 months
- **Kiddie**: Age 5 years 0 months to 8 years 12 months

The Grooved Pegboard is a manipulative dexterity test. This unit consists of 25 holes with randomly positioned slots. Pegs, which have a key along one side, must be rotated to match the hole before the can be inserted. This test requires more complex visual-motor coordination than most pegboards.

Instructions to the Test:

The pegboard is placed in mid-line with the subject so that the board is at the edge of the table and peg tray immediately above the board. The examiner explains the test:

- “This is a pegboard and these are the pegs. (Examiner points out each and then picks up one of the pegs and continues.)

All the pegs are the same. They have a groove, that is, a round side and a square side and so do the holes in the boards. What you must do is match the groove of the peg with the groove of the board and put these pegs into the holes like this. (The examiner demonstrates by filling the top row. Remove the pegs, putting them back into the tray.)

When I say go, begin here and put the pegs into the boards as fast as you can, using only your (dominant) hand. Fill the top row completely from this side to this side. Do not skip any; fill each row the same way you filled the top row. Any questions? Ready, as fast as you can, go.”
Supplementary Instructions (Adult, Adolescent):

For the right hand trial, the examiner demonstrates that the pegs are placed from subject’s left to right, and from right to left for the left hand trial. The dominant hand trial is administered first, followed by the non-dominant hand trial.

The examiner encourages the subject to perform the task as quickly as possible, telling him or her to speed up if necessary. The pegs must be put in the board in the exact order and in the correct direction. Frequently, it will be necessary to point out the first hole of a new row, particularly during the non-dominant hand trial. Only one peg is to be picked up at a time and the subject should immediately be told if more than one is picked up.

Also, only one hand is to be used. Occasionally, a subject will attempt to use his or her other hand to help turn the peg around. It may be necessary to tell the subject to keep the hand on his or her lap, or for the examiner to hold it. If necessary, the board should be held steady for the patient. In the case of severe motor impairment, the subject should attempt the task just to see if any of the pegs can be put in. Any factor that may effect the subject’s performance should be noted, e.g. sore finger, bandage, etc.

If a peg is dropped to the floor, the examiner should not make an attempt to pick it up during the trial; rather, one of the pegs correctly placed should be taken out and used again. (Usually, the first or second peg.)

Supplementary Instructions (Kiddie):

The description, materials needed, instructions and scoring for the Kiddie version are identical in all aspects to the Adult version, with the following exception. Only the first two rows of the Pegboard are to be filled, thus totaling 10 pegs. Particular care is necessary in pointing out the correct direction, as well as the correct sequential order. If a child uses the wrong order (puts 10 pegs in randomly because he is unable to put them in the correct order), the test should be given a “D” flag for a non-standard administration.

Scoring:

Record, in seconds, the length of time required to perform each trial beginning when the subject starts the task until the last peg is put in, or the test is discontinued. A trial may be discontinued after five minutes. In such cases, the difficulty is described and the scores are given “A” flags indicating an incomplete test.

The second score is the number of “drops” made during each trial. A “drop” is any unintentional drop of a peg from the time the subject attempts to pick up the peg from the try until it is placed correctly in the hole. If more than one peg is picked up from the tray and the subject intentionally discards all but one of the pegs, it is not considered a drop. If a peg is intentionally laid down on the side of the tray or table, in order to purposefully manipulate the peg, it is not considered a drop. If one peg is turned with the hand not being
Scoring (continued):

tested, this is noted. If, however, this occurs more than once, the score is given a “D” flag for a nonstandard assessment.

The third score is the number of pegs correctly placed in the holes for each trial. The task is performed once with the dominant and then once with the non-dominant hand. For each hand, the three scores are summed (the total time, total number of drops and the total number of pegs correctly placed in the board) to get complete score.

Interpretation:

When a test such as the Grooved Pegboard test is to be used for personnel selection, the ideal procedure is to establish its validity locally, by testing all newly hired employees and correlating scores with their subsequent performance (supervisor ratings or time they remain employed). This approach to validation requires that test scores should not be used to select employees until evidence has accumulated of its validity, and that test scores be inaccessible to supervisors or others who affect the worker’s ratings or job longevity. An alternative validation procedure is to administer the test to all present employees and correlate scores with ratings or with subsequent performance (Anastasi, 1982, pp. 65-101). The Grooved Pegboard test should correlate most highly with those jobs, which require speed, finger dexterity, and manual dexterity. It should be of relevance to performance on assembly and machine operating jobs. We at Lafayette Instrument Company are always interested in validation data, which you may collect in various industrial settings or academic studies.

Of course, scores on such a test are of diagnostic utility in Neuropsychological practice only within the context of an extensive sampling of medical, cognitive, motor, sensory and personality factors. Keeping this provision in mind, it should be noted that Matthews, Cleeland & Hopper (1970) found that patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) were significantly slower than “control” patients with other central nervous system impairments. MS patients (N = 30) had a mean of 323.40 seconds (S.D. = 176.98) while controls (N = 30) had a mean of 171.77 seconds (S.D. = 48.20). The difference was significant (t = 5.13, p. = .01, r = .690). Out of 24 tests in the study, those “of considerable utility in inter-group discrimination p. 6) were Grooved Pegboard Test, the Static Steadiness Test (equivalent to Lafayette #32011), the Maze Coordination Test (similar to Lafayette #20015) and measure of Finger Tapping speed.
## Norms by Age and Sex Kiddie-Adolescent

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The above scores were obtained by adding: time (in seconds) required to fill pegboard, number of “drops” and number of pegs placed in the board.
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Above scores derived without adding number of pegs dropped and number of pegs correctly placed in board to the subject’s time.
References:


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4) Quantity of each item desired
5) Purchase order number or method of payment
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