1) smooth
2) Loctite
3) pressfit
4) solder
5) pin

* see page 8
test tube: glass

main cylinder: brass (scale 2:1)

"O" ring 20x2 (2x)
1) The fitting of the displacer rod and the corresponding bearing is critical; make sure they are smooth and straight. The goal is to get them as air tight as possible, while keeping the friction to a minimum. The same applies to the power piston and the corresponding cylinder. Never lubricate these parts.

2) Join these parts with Loctite and wipe off any residue.

3) This part of the assembly must be able to be taken apart, therefore a light pressfit is recommended.

4) As these pieces are likely to get hotter then Loctite resists, soldering is used.

5) Make pins from a straight piece of brass rod, length corresponding with joining parts. Use a very small drop of Loctite on one end to lock the pin in place, but keep the parts moving freely.

The crank spacer is placed over the crank rod, against the crank.

If the glass test tube is somewhat different in dimensions, adjust the design of the cylinder holding the test tube and the size of the displacer. The main concern should be the air tight seal of the O rings around the test tube. Also make sure the displacer does not come in contact with any of the parts.

To assemble the test tube in the cylinder, put all parts including the O rings in place and insert a very thin sheet of metal inside the cylinder. Now gently press the test tube inside, while making sure the sheet metal is between the O rings and the test tube. This way the O rings are compressed into place and friction between the O rings and the cylinder is low. After complete insertion of the test tube, gently remove the sheet metal.

Adjust the height of the candle flame by rotating the candle holder. The tip of the flame should be 3mm clear of the test tube.

Apply a small amount of light machine oil or WD40 on moving parts, except for the displacer rod and power piston.

Use 2 open, degreased and cleaned ball bearings for the main shaft, size 10x4x4.

A video can be found via www.youtube.com/jeroenjonkman