

Rogue Rotary

MODULAR ROBOTIC ROTARY JOINT DESIGN

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1 Introduction

Machine automation is an ever evolving and growing industry that is demanding of new technologies and innovations. In order for complete automation to expand throughout the manufacturing world, the cost of entry needs be lowered. We will set out to use some of the great technological advancements made in the last few decades to develop an inexpensive modular robotic joint that can be easily configured into a larger robotic system to fit the needs of a given material handling application range. Additionally, we have determined necessary requirements for material handling applications in order to optimize for system cost; all in the interest of lowering the cost barrier to further expand the potential of the automation industry.

To achieve our goals, we began by thoroughly investigating the existing technologies both at the system level and component level. To understand the exact requirements, we also investigated the usage of existing material handling robots and the machines they tend. In order to effectively optimize for cost and hit our determined design requirements, it was necessary to research existing technologies for creating rotational motion, position and velocity feedback, and mechanical dead zone handling. Instead of shying from backlash, we explored creative ways to work with backlash in the interest of cost optimization. More details of the existing robotic systems, usage cases, and components researched can be found in section 2.2 below. It has been determined that our solution configured into a larger robotic arm should be able to reach and work with an 8 kg (15.4 lb.) part up to 1 meter (40 in.) away from its base. This is an effective range for tending many HAAS machining centers.

The major stakeholder in this project is HAAS Automation, Inc., a major manufacturing automation company. They are also the first tier consumer of our resulting robotic solution. Our solution will be a scalable standard joint with accessory components to be configurable into a larger robotic system. HAAS Automation will be the entity configuring the components we design into a selection of material handling robots. The second primary consumer of our product will be manufacturing shops that purchase these configured systems from HAAS. These operators must be able to easily set up and program these machines, or the entry barrier hasn't been effectively reduced by our solution.

1.1 Problem Statement

Material handling robots are becoming increasingly popular for a large variety of automated process applications. A key problem is that these robots are often prohibitively expensive and too application specific for small business owners and lower quantity manufacturing shops to either purchase, or effectively utilize. Robotic systems on the market are often prohibitively expensive because of how specialized the design is at every level of the system, resulting in many unique parts and joints in the assembly. Additionally, existing systems are remarkably rigid and contain very little backlash and hysteresis, which also raises the cost of the product. We will set out to make a set of standard components to be configurable into a highly modular and flexible system to reduce entry cost, and broaden the scope of a single purchased system. These components will meet the requirements imposed on them by the system level precision and stiffness demands, and be less expensive then overly stiff and precise components.

2 Background

The problem of robotic material handling has been well explored for many years by very successful companies such as Fanuc, Kuka, Haas and Yamaha. These companies have built robotic systems that are true modern technological wonders that have been slowly changing the way modern manufacturing works. In this section, we explore the robotic systems these companies developed and the specific mechanical technology implemented in their products. Additionally, we explore different material handling applications and needs in industry.

2.1 Researching the Problem

In order to walk the line between rigid, zero-backlash systems and more flexible, low-backlash systems we must fully understand how good a material handling robot needs to be. Our solution should be applicable to loading materials and parts to/from both milling machines and turning centers. We recognize that turning centers are generally much more space limited and consist of greater physical obstacles for a material-handling robot, so we will consider a HAAS ST-10 turning center, pictured in Figure 2-1, when evaluating product viability in the context of slenderness and ability to reach into spaces. That said, vertical milling machines potentially would demand a greater reach from the robot, so we will consider reach required from a HAAS VF3 when evaluating maximum reach of the product.



Figure 2-1 | Pictured is a HAAS ST-10 2axis turning center. We can see the extremely tight space requirements for a robot arm reaching inside to access the chuck. (HAAS Automation Inc., 2017)



Figure 2-2 | This is a digital rendering of a HAAS VF-3SS Vertical Machining Center. The doors open and provide a large working area to move parts in and out, however and it can be a greater reach from a fixed position outside of the machine. (HAAS Automation Inc., 2017)

Additionally, positional accuracy and repeatability requirements of a material handling robot, in this case, is a function of the part being machined and how the part is being fixtured. The machines pictured above most commonly consist of either a vise or self-centering chuck to clamp the parts during machining. For these cases and in these machines, we can determine that approximately a 2mm circle of accuracy and 1mm repeatability are reasonable demands from a material handling robot to tend machines of this size and type. Moreover, from considering the vertical milling machines we can determine that an effective material handling robot should be able to reach and manipulate a part one

meter away from its base. These numbers were determined through consultation and with HAAS Automation, Inc.

Considering the working envelope of these machines, we can determine that a reasonable payload target for final product to handle is roughly 8kg, or 17.6 pounds. Certainly not all, but a large majority of machined parts fall between a few ounces and 17.6 pounds and as a result, our product will be designed to handle this range.

With these design requirements for an overall configured robot arm, we can calculate the exact design specifications for each constituent joint. The Excel document containing these calculations can be seen in Figure 2-4. The basic idea was to work forwards, assuming some basic system parameters, and determine the configured mechanisms overall deflection subjected to our working load range. The total repeatability and accuracy of the system works out to be, approximately, a function of each joint's weight, the in plane and out of plane stiffness of each joint, the control system accuracy, and the stiffness of each member connecting the joints. Our calculations were based on a five-axis configuration that is similar to the universal robots. The resulting joint mandates can be seen in our design requirements Table 3-1 Engineering Targets. The function of the excel-based calculations is best illustrated in Figure 2-3 as you can see the systems deflection propagation through the arm. Since each joint's deviation from the target affects the total deviation differently, it is important analyze this at the system level.

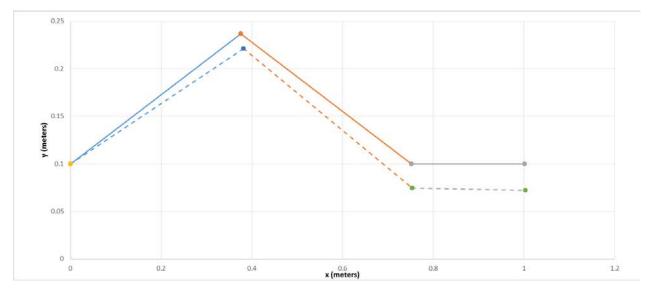
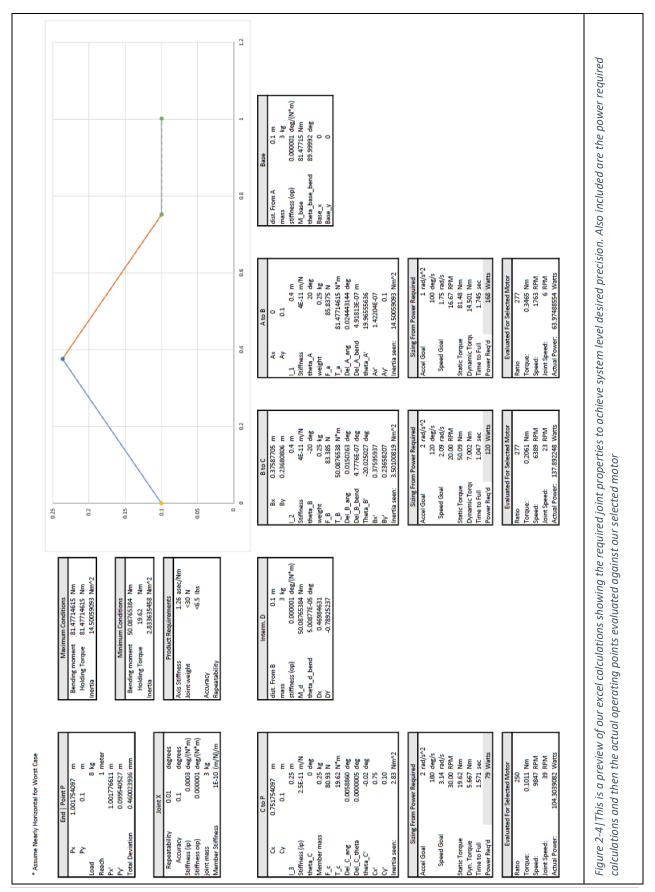


Figure 2-3 | Pictured is a sample arm configuration with low stiffness values. Note the net deflection propagates through the arm and increases with distance from the base.

In order to begin an intelligent search for motors and transmissions, we needed to understand the power required to accomplish reasonable move times at peak conditions in addition to the stiffness requirements. Our calculations expanded to determine the power requirements by assuming a maximum speed target of 180 deg/sec (30rpm) for the wrist axes, and 120 deg/sec (20rpm) for the base and shoulder axes; these are the same speeds as the UR-10 robot. Additionally, we started with approximate acceleration targets of 2 rad/sec² and found the dynamic torque on each axis for this ideal move. This analysis showed approximately a 150W motor should be an appropriate size for our goals.



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2.2 Researching Existing Solutions

Many different forms of material handling robots exist and they are generally comprised of a combination of a number of different rotary joint types. Though some are linear, these machines tend to be highly integrated and are not as flexible. That said, robot arms comprised of rotary joints are the cost flexible and are capable of handling a wide range of material handling and machine tending needs.



Figure 2-5 | *Pictured is sampling of Fanuc material handling robots, all of which are configured combinations of rotary joints. (FANUC America Corporation, 2017)*

We can see in some of the material handling robots pictured in Figure 2-5 that they tend not to be made up of repeating segments. As a result, the total cost to manufacture is increased and the machine's modularity is decreased. From these machines, however, we can learn much about effective joint configurations for solving wide ranges of material handling applications. We can see that between three and six total axes offer adequate flexibility. Additionally, we observe that three parallel actuation axes and two rotations nominally orthogonal to the others enable the machines to reach five degrees of freedom, which is sufficient for many applications.

We are also able to see that each joint tends to decrease in size as you move down the arm. This makes sense as each next segment has less arm mass to move. This trend may be necessary in our design solution and can be manifested in the concept of scalability of our design joint. In other words, the joint will be designed in such a way that it can be configured by physically different parts and motors that can be larger and more powerful. Doing so will enable the design team configuring our rotary joint to choose from two or three joints depending on the power and torque requirements at a given joint inside of a larger system. Additionally, we will attempt ensure the system has a relatively simple way to configure the gearing reduction as a way to more finely tune each joint to its respective position in a larger arm assembly.

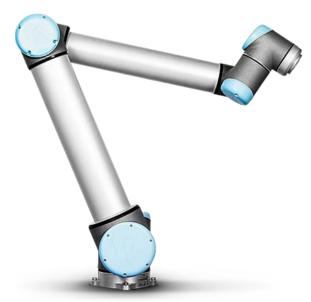




Figure 2-7 | A Fanuc arm using linkages to transfer rotational motion from motors fixed at the robot's base (FANUC America Corporation, 2017)

Figure 2-6 | Wrist of a Kuka Kr150 Robot (KUKA, 2017)

In our research, we found the company Universal-Robots and their product line is remarkably similar to our idealized product solution. One of their configured robots can be seen in Figure 2-8. You can see the part commonality and the joint scalability, just as we are working to achieve. Additionally, the UR-10 has a similar load capacity to our design goal. This makes Universal-Robots an ideal competitor for us to compare. The UR-10 features some very impressive specifications for the cost, which makes it a great example for the benefits and effectiveness of our proposed solution of modular and flexible set of standard components. The UR-10 robot will serve as a key benchmark to compare our solution to when it comes time to perform detailed design analysis and decision optimization.



Payload		10kg/22lbs				
Reach	1300 mm /51.2 in					
Degrees of		6 dof				
Freedom		6 001				
Axis:	Range:	Speed:				
Base	±360°	±120°/sec.				
Shoulder	±360°	±120°/sec.				
Elbow	±360°	±180°/sec.				
Wrist 1	±360°	±180°/sec.				
Wrist 2	±360°	±180°/sec.				
Wrist 3	±360°	±180°/sec.				
System Cost: 55,000 USD						
(Universal Robots, 2017)						

Figure 2-8 | Universal Robots UR- (Harmonic Drive Gearing— Do You Really Know How it Works? , 2006)

3 Objectives

The objective of Rogue Rotary is to create an affordable solution for a robotic arm. HAAS tasked us with creating a single rotary joint that can be assembled into the fully functional robotic arm for the purpose of loading components into a HAAS computer automated manufacturing machine. HAAS requires a device to sell to those who use their products to load their machines with stock and remove completed parts. To complete the job, we had to be able to manipulate an 8 kg piece of stock within a meter radius from its center to within 2 mm of the desired location and be able to repeat the action within 1 mm. From these four criteria in the table below, we developed many factors that contributed to our overall goal.

We verified each of these requirements with three methods:

Analysis (A) Test (T) Inspection (I)

Spec.#	Parameter Description	Requirement	Risk	Compliance
1	Modular	Reconfigurable	М	T,I
2	Target Accuracy	±2 mm	М	A,T,I
3	Repeatability	±1 mm	Н	A,T,I
4	Cost	Minimize	М	A,I
5	Pay Load	8 kg	L	A,T
6	Reach	1 m	Μ	A,T

Table 3-1 Engineering Targets

To assure that we reached the best solution to this problem, we broke up these requirements into factors that will affect the requirements that HAAS has given us. We combined these design factors in a QFD matrix found in appendix A make sure that all of our conditions were accounted for.

3.1 Modularity

A key requirement of this project is the modularity of providing a single scalable joint that the customer can configure to their own custom robot design. Current robotic arms available on the market are almost always complete robots that are often overcomplicated, and over-precise for the jobs the customer wanted to use them for. If a customer were to buy only the parts necessary to get their specific task accomplished, the customer has the possibility of saving quite a bit of money not paying for the excessive features. Our design is to be used by those who own and operate HAAS products, but it was our goal to simplify the teaching and reconfiguration processes down so that the general public can utilize our machinery as well.

3.1.1 Time to assemble new configuration:

This product is designed to be configurable, so the ability to assemble the system in their configuration quickly and easily is important for the user to fully utilize the system.

3.1.2 Time to re-configure program:

Because the system is physically reconfigurable, the control software has to be as easily configurable. If the mechanical arm is reconfigured and the customer is unable to adjust the software to compensate, then the arm becomes useless.

3.1.3 Dynamic Range:

For the system to be able to accomplish its required tasks, each joint has to be flexible enough to operate within a certain range. The greater the dynamic range each individual joint has, the greater range the system has, and therefore the greater possibilities that are available to the customer.

3.2 Target Accuracy and Repeatability

This requirement is to assure the accuracy of the robotic arm after a program has been set by the user and is often one of the major factors that a user is looking for to determine the quality of the robotic arm. The requirements given to us are that the arm must be able to accurately place an object within 2 mm of its desired destination and repeat the action to within 1 mm of its previous attempts to reach that destination.

3.2.1 Controller Steady State Error:

Sensors have an inherent level of inaccuracy based on how they operate, but there is a general trend that the increase in precision usually equates to an increase in price. Our goal is to attain the lowest cost while still maintaining our accuracy, so we will be finding the most cost effective method of implementing feedback sensors to control the robot.

3.2.2 Deflection Under Given Load:

When any structure experiences a load, the structure deflects. This concept of stiffness is also true for joints and depends on the type of mechanical drive system the joint has. This deflection causes inaccuracies in the robotic arm, and plays a role in the overall inaccuracies in the arm. Knowing the

stiffness of each type of drive train as well as the stiffness of the support structures of the joint will play a major role in the overall accuracy of our robot.

3.2.3 Back Lash:

This specification plays a role in the accuracy and repeatability of a system when loaded vs when unloaded, and therefore must be considered when choosing a drive system. When creating any mechanical system, there is an inherent amount of backlash or hysteresis. Backlash and hysteresis are defined by the amount of lag that occurs in the system behind the changes in the driving force. This effect makes fine control difficult, but can often be mitigated through increasing the precision and quality of manufactured parts or a change in drive design, both of which affect cost. Our task is to maintain the precision tolerances required for the system while minimizing costs; because of this, we will have to consider the most cost-effective solution with the amount of backlash that still allows us the precision requirements of our overall design.

3.2.4 Vibration:

Since this task is to design a rotary joint for a robotic arm, it is important to minimize the vibrations of each joint to minimize the effects that they would have on the whole system. If the joints near the base of the robot vibrate excessively, then the effects would be magnified by then end of the arm, reducing the accuracy of our system. From an aesthetic prospective, a quiet smooth robot is far more pleasing to customers and provides a better work environment for those working around the device during operation.

3.3 Cost

The cost of the overall product comes from many facets of the project, but all factor into the final consumer price.

3.3.1 Safety specific equipment needed:

Many robotic arms in the industry require safety equipment to reduce injury, even if it is as simple as a fence so someone does not get hit while the arm is moving. We must take into account the safety of the operators as we continue our design.

3.3.2 Cost to manufacture:

In any cost driven design, the actual cost to fabricate the product is one of the main factors that contribute to the total cost of the product. The total cost to manufacture the arm can be broken down into two large factors: the time to manufacture the part and any special manufacturing processes that may be required.

3.3.3 Time to manufacture:

Machinists and other workers are often paid by the hour, so the faster the design is to manufacture, the less the total device would cost. This also helps when manufacturing the first line of the product, so that the time between investment of manufacturing and the return is as short as possible.

3.3.4 Special Processes required:

Special processes and tooling cost more money because often times the manufacturing plants do not have specialty tooling on hand. By designing our product with as few specialized processes as possible, we reduce the total manufacturing cost of the product.

3.4 Payload and Reach

Another factor the user must design for is how much weight the arm can lift. For the requirements given to us, the entire arm must be able to accurately manipulate 8 kg while extending 1 m.

3.4.1 Power Requirements

To achieve these payload and reach requirements, joint will have to be able to put out a certain amount of power without damaging itself.

3.4.2 Component Strength

We must endure that each component is strong and stiff enough to handle the loadings necessary to complete their purpose in the assembly.

3.5 Non-Required Objectives

3.5.1 Time to actuate:

In a manufacturing setting, speed is paramount. Therefore, the speed in which we can actuate the arm will certainly be taken into consideration.

3.5.2 Back-Drive Ability:

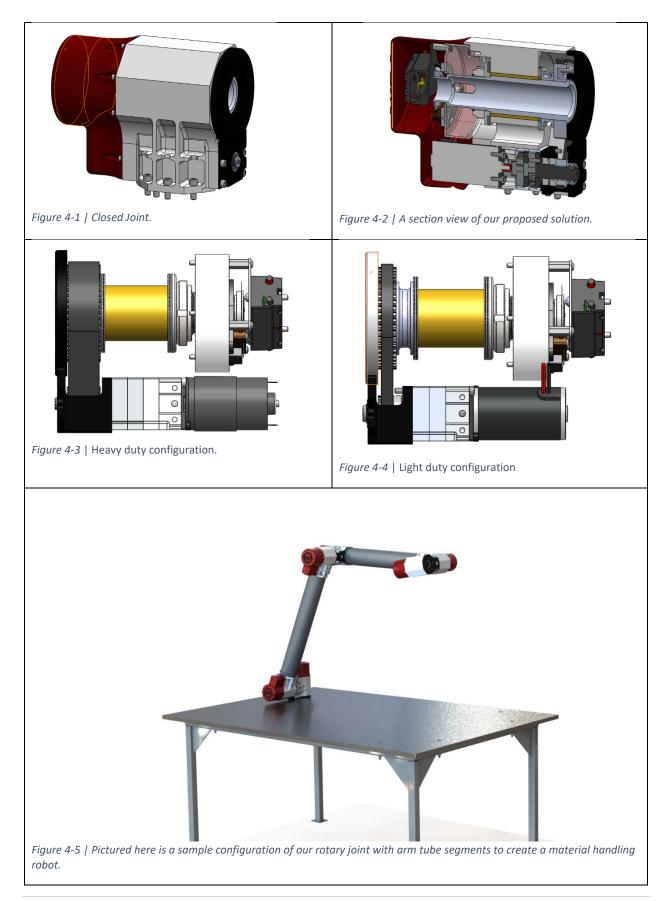
One method other companies use to program robotic arms quickly, and with little programming, is with a method called back-drive ability. This allows the programmer to physically move the arm in the path of their choosing, then the arm records and repeats the process. This process greatly reduces the training required to operate our product.

4 Our Solution

The mode of how our end user programs, or teaches, the robot's function is one of our primary design considerations. An off the shelf planetary gear box with a reasonable amount of back drive torque enables the user to manually teach the robot a function without the need for complex brake/clutch systems or clever force feedback to the controller. This means our end user will be able to enter a "teach mode" and be able to physically push and pull the end effector to where they want it to be. Another very key point about our design is the fact that encoder is 1:1 on the joint output in order to reduce the effect backlash has on our systems accuracy and repeatability.

The design is mechanically simple and uses a sleeve bearing for radial loading since the joint doesn't spin very fast, and stiffness is a big concern. Additionally, two needle roller thrust bearings are clamped around a central structure, on a central output spindle. This method of preloading the assembly ensures mechanical stiffness and consequently greater accuracy and repeatability. Behind the bearing assembly is room for our wire management system that will allow partial rotation of the joint without the wires binding. Behind the wire management system is the encoder and motor controller. The organization of components is illustrated in the preliminary design cross section rendering in Figure 4-2 and the skeleton view in Figure 4-4.

To facilitate packaging and to increase the reduction of our transmission, a third reduction stage is implemented as a synchronous timing belt. Timing belt was chosen for its high stiffness and high efficiency. Additionally, if we find it necessary to add a whole second motor/gearbox assembly in the highest load joints, we can do so simply by inserting a longer belt and an idler to ensure adequate pulley wrapping.



4.1 Gear reduction

Our design achieves configurable reduction primarily through an off the shelf configurable planetary gearbox. By purchasing a combination of two stages, we easily obtain an initial reduction anywhere from 36:1 to 100:1, without changing the size envelope of the gearbox, see Table 4-1. Additionally, the gearbox is designed to mount to a selection of motors; one of which is an excellent size in terms of power, the DC Motor. A third stage of reduction is then easily obtained through a synchronous timing belt stage to obtain a final maximum reduction of 300:1. It is important to note that at this extreme case, there are concerns about the percent wrap of the belt around the pulleys; this is easily remedied with an idler pulley that whose necessity can be determined in testing. Though this planetary transmission is likely in the range of back drive torque that the system will be nicely teachable through the push-pull method, it may not be. In the event that this is found to be true during testing, we will certainly be able to sense changes in holding current with our proposed motor controller and more easily employ a version of the force feedback method without the addition of sensors. Using current sensing for force feedback would likely not be possible with a classically non-back-drivable system.

In addition to being able to configure the ratio of a specific axis, our design can easily be modified to hold one or two complete motor and planetary gearbox assemblies if more power is required for a specific application. For example, the shoulder joint on a paint-spraying robot may need to sustain appreciably higher power output than the shoulder on a machine-tending robot. Even so, the cost difference is so slight, it is likely worth it to include a second motor assembly in all early stage joints especially considering that the only change is a serpentine belt as the selected motor controller can drive both motors near stall, continuous, without problem.



Figure 4-6 | Pictured is a Versa Planetary gearbox. (VEX PRO, 2017)

Desired Ratio	Buy These Gear Kits				
36:1	4:1	9:1			
40:1	4:1	10:1			
45:1	5:1	9:1			
49:1	7:1	7:1			
50:1	5:1	10:1			
63:1	7:1	9:1			
70:1	7:1	10:1			
81:1	9:1	9:1			
90:1	9:1	10:1			
100:1	10:1	10:1			

Table 4-1 | Available gear set combinations (VEX PRO, 2017)

4.2 Motor Controller

In order to obtain the most modularity, we knew each joint needed to be able to control itself independent of greater system. This means a microcontroller and a motor driver inside of each joint. The Talon SRX from Cross the Road Electronics is exactly that. The Talon SRX has an extensive list of motion control features that is quite impressive. Its biggest advantage in our context is that it has the ability built in to have a quadrature encoder wired directly to it, and control the system from set points delivered over CAN (Controller Area Network). Moreover, by negating the need for the encoder's

sensitive signal to be sent all the way back down the arm to a larger controller eliminates the concern of sensor noise and associated imprecision and possibly failure. Another strong advantage of using CAN communication, the same physical four wires can be connected to every joint, which greatly reduces the complexity of managing multiple wires through the mechanical system. Yet another great advantage of having our motor controller exist inside of each joint, only a single 12V power rail throughout the arm system is needed to provide power to every motor; again, greatly diminishing the complexity of wire management.

4.3 Selected Motor

The process of final motor selection and gear reduction is rather tricky, though modeling our system inertia from the motor, gearing, and the arm we were able to get a good idea of worst case static torque as well as dynamic torque. This information is plotted on a given motor curve and manually iterated through to find a good motor and gear reduction. This analysis was completed for each of the joints, the summary of the results can be seen in the bill of materials attachment.

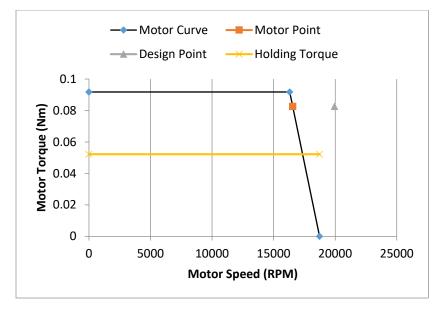


Figure 4-7 | Truncated Motor curve for the 775 Pro showing the Torque-Speed curve for a maximum controller voltage of 12V. The current limit was chosen to be 15 A, which should allow continuous load without failure. The yellow line represents the holding torque required from the Elbow Motor, and the speed/acceleration goal point, as determined from the system inertia, is shown as the grey triangle. The actual point the motor will run at in this condition is slower than the design point, and shown in red.

The motor we selected is a low cost, brushed DC motor that has a peak power rating of 149W. The motor is available from the same vendor we intend to buy our planetary gear transmissions from and they even sell a kit for coupling the motor's output shaft to the planetary input stage. Figure 4-8 below shows thorough test data for our selected motor, which is a Vex Robotics medium sized motor called a Bag motor. Using this information, we will design our gear ratio to operate predominately at the torque and speed of peak efficiency, 11,000 rpm and 0.06 Nm. That said, it was found that this motor by itself is not capable of achieving our life goal for the most stressed joints. This is handled by making two configurations of our primary joint, and the most demanded one has the 775 pro, which can source 347 Watts at peak power.

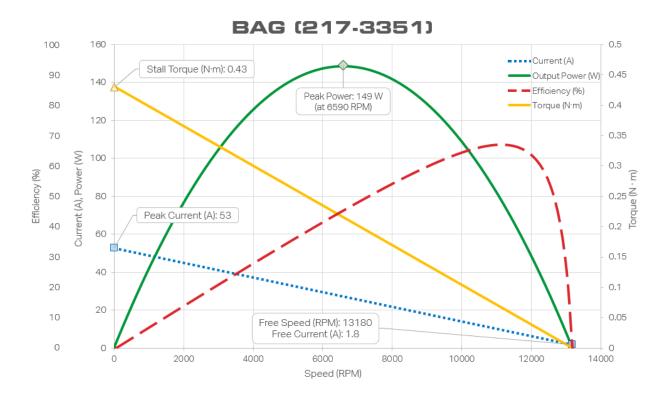
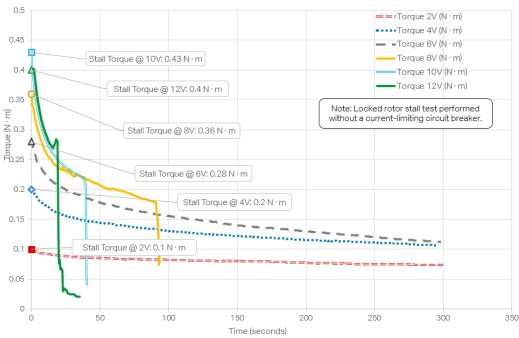
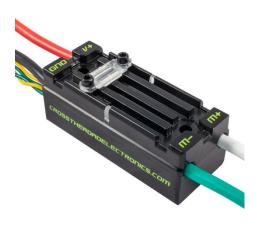


Figure 4-8 | Motor data for our selected motor. We will aim to operate at the torque and speed of peak efficiency. (VEX PRO, 2017)



Locked Rotor Stall Test - BAG

Figure 4-9 | Locked Rotor Stall test information for the BAG motor. With this information, and after determining the motor's resistance, we chose our current limit for this motor to be 10A, or about 1V, which shouldn't damage the motor, even after extended time at this stall. (*VEX PRO, 2017*)



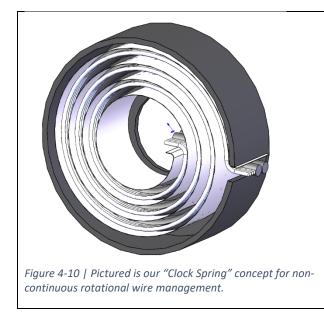
Dimensions	2.73" x 1.90" x 1.15"
Dimensions	
Weight	0.20 lb (without wiring
5	or fan)
Nominal Voltage	12V
Min/max Voltage	6-28V
Continuous Current	60A
Surge Current (2 sec)	100A
PWM Input Pulse (high	
time)	1 - 2 ms nominal
PWM Input rate	3 - 100 ms
Switching Frequency	15 KHz
Throttle dead band	4%

(Cross the Road Electronics, 2017)

4.4 Wire management

There were two leading design concepts for handling the wires needed to be passed through the arm. Because the designs are so similar in form and function, it was anticipated that we would not be able to make an informed decision between our two leading concepts until we were able to physically prototype and test each design. The key advantage of each design is that they are relatively easy to package and are electronically robust; unlike slip rings, they have nearly no chance of signal loss and no noise addition. Moreover, each of these solutions was remarkably simple and low cost. The most expensive aspect of this is that high strand count, silicon insulated wire was used in order to ensure product longevity, and minimal mechanical resistance. These two solutions are illustrated in Figure 4-10 and Figure 4-11. It is important to note that these designs certainly do not support continuous rotation, though our design analysis shows that +/- 180 degrees of rotation is more than adequate.

After doing some testing we determined that the benefits of the clock spring was negligible and therefore we will be using the basic cup in our final design.



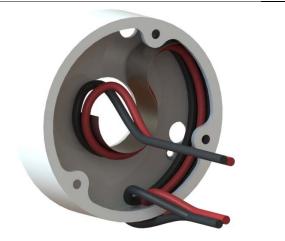


Figure 4-11 | Above is a concept model of non-continuous rotation wire management that is like familiar Igus cable chain, but constrained in a circle.

4.5 Sensor Feedback



For positional feedback, we chose the US Digital E6 Optical Encoder with an impressive 10000 CPR spec. This encoder gives a standard quadrature signal that can be interpreted directly by the Talon SRX. This encoder also has an index pulse, which means the system will not need additional sensors to facilitate a homing sequence. Additionally, the encoder is relatively slender and can be easily packaged 1:1 on our joint's output to diminish the effect of backlash on our system's total accuracy and repeatability.

(US Digital, 2017)

4.6 Cost breakdown

Table 4-2 shows the anticipated engineering cost of a 6DOF arm built from our joint design. The bulk of the cost comes from the encoders and motor drivers, which are remarkably inexpensive.

ID#	Count	Description	Price /ea.	Sub Tot.
1005	6	E6 Optical Kit Encoder	\$95.91	\$575.46
1010	6	5-Pin Latching Connector	\$8.38	\$50.28
1015	1	Hero Development Board	\$59.99	\$59.99
1020	6	Talon SRX	\$89.99	\$539.94
1030	15	Ring Gear Add-on Kit	\$9.99	\$149.85
1040	1	7:1 Gear Kit	\$14.99	\$14.99
1045	2	<u>9:1 Gear Kit</u>	\$14.99	\$29.98
1050	9	10:1 Gear Kit	\$14.99	\$134.91
1055	3	BAG Motor	\$24.99	\$74.97
1060	2	Talon SRX Data Cable 12" (4-pack)	\$9.99	\$19.98
1065	6	Talon SRX Encoder Breakout Board	\$9.99	\$59.94
1070	12	1 750 Needle Roller	\$4.55	\$54.60
1075	24	1 750 Thrust Washer	\$2.11	\$50.64
1080	6	1 50 x 1 750 x 2 0 Sleeve Bearing	\$9.98	\$59.88
1085	6	<u>1.376-18 LockNut</u>	\$10.43	\$62.58
1090	6	Base VersaPlanetary v2 1:1 with 1/2" Hex Output	\$39.99	\$239.94
1100	3	4:1 Gear Kit	\$14.99	\$44.97
1105	3	775 Pro	\$17.99	\$53.97
1115	1	18-5P-PS8A Pulley Stock	\$44.90	\$44.90
1145	1	HP G4 Power Supply	\$28.99	\$28.99
1150	1	300A Cap Bank	\$105.00	\$105.00
1155	1	USB Male-Male Cable	\$4.99	\$4.99

Table 4-2 | Preliminary cost breakdown and overall Bill of Materials

1170	1	50-5P-PS8A Pulley Stock	\$120.75	\$120.75
1175	4	<u>1 Ohm 100W Resistor</u>	\$1.56	\$6.24
1180	3	<u>65T x25 GT5 Belt</u>	\$19.00	\$57.00
1185	3	65T x9 GT5 Belt	\$8.66	\$25.98
1190	6	10x22x6mm Sealed Bearing	\$7.35	\$44.10
1195	1	1/4-20x0_625 Alloy St Socket Head Cap Screw (50)	\$7.74	\$7.74
1200	1	#10-32x0 375 Alloy St Socket Head Cap Screw (100)	\$9.79	\$9.79
1205	1	#6-32x0_250 18-8 SS Flat Head Phillips Drive (100)	\$5.25	\$5.25
1210	20	#6-32 F-F Hex Standoff Alumnium	\$0.28	\$5.60
1215	1	0_1875x0_50 Alloy St Dowel Pin (50)	\$7.36	\$7.36
1220	2	0 250x0 50 Alloy St Dowel Pin (25)	\$3.74	\$7.48
1225	6	4.25x4.5x6" Al 6061 Joint Enclosure Material	\$-	\$-
		D1 750 x L5 875 Al 7075 Round Bar Spindle Shaft		
1230	6	Material	\$-	\$-
1235	6	0 50 x 4 250 x 4 250" bar Platter Material	\$-	\$-
1240	6	0 50 x 4 250 x 4 250" Flange Material	\$-	\$-
1245	6	3_00 x 0_0625" Round Tube Connector Tube Material	\$-	\$-
	194			\$2,758.04

5 Analysis of Design

5.1 Spindle Stress and Deflection Analysis

One of the highest loaded components of out assembly is the main spindle; this part is responsible for transmitting the torque from our motor to the transfer plate and all the loads form the housing to the plate. For this reason hand calculations were done to verify it can handle the coupled loads. After calculating the stress and deflection seen by housing in a few critical locations we determined that our design was satisfactory. The aforementioned calculations can be seen in section 17.2.

5.2 Housing Stress and Deflection Analysis

Due to the complex nature of our housing, we needed a more realistic model of our system as opposed to our simplistic hand calculations. To do this we utilized Abaqus' FEA capabilities to create a structural model and determine the deflections and stresses we would see under load maximum load the housing could possibly see. The max loads in the case of our most extreme design of a six joint arm are seen at the base joint that is fixed to the table. These max loads were calculated assuming the arm is fully stretched out horizontally holding an 8 kg point mass and angular accelerating about the base joint spindle. The results can be seen in Appendix E. To validate our analysis a convergence test was done until 10% difference was reached, these results can be seen below in table 5-1.

Table 5-1 Convergence Test of Joint Housing								
	Convergence Study							
	Stress in Y direction at Points of Interest							
Seed Size	Position 1 Node 544	% diff	Position 2 node 399	% diff.				
0.4	-39.6465	-	51.16	-				
0.2	0.2 -27.2 4		70.1331	27.0				
0.1	-33.9299	19.8	74.8812	6.3				
0.05	-37.25	8.9	68.2	9.7				

Table 5-1 Convergence Test of Joint Housing

The original geometry created for the housing contains many small features such as tapped holes and location pin holes, all of which add little stiffness to the joint. To help create a better mesh these features were deleted from the model using Solidworks. After this was done the file was then imported into Abaqus and using the edit virtual topology tool some imprecise geometry was removed to again help with meshing where I was not looking at the stresses. By editing the geometry I was able to remove some of the distorted elements warnings during the analysis.

To apply accurately represented loads to the structure a modeled spindle and bolts were added to the analysis assembly to prevent any unrealistic surface stresses on the housing from infinitely rigid components. An exploded view of the assembly can be seen in Figure 5-1 Finite Element Analysis Assembly.

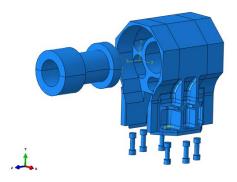


Figure 5-1 Finite Element Analysis Assembly

Based on the results of the analysis the housing will not fail if it were to be made out of 6061-T6 Aluminum. With the maximum stress being only 2.91 kPa the housing stress is well below any yielding or failure stresses. The max deflection is also permissible as the maximum at any point is only 1.29e-7 cm. In the future we hope to reduce the weight of each joint, this will probably be done by analyzing the model to find minimum wall thicknesses that still satisfy our deflection requirements and stress requirements.

From these results we determined it could be a safe and economical option 3D print housings located at the ends of robotic arms. This would also reduce some of the load seen by the base joints since the plastic would be lighter than the aluminum used for the initial analysis.

5.3 Forward and Inverse Kinematics

We opted to utilize the Denavit-Hartenberg kinematic representation and have included an example parameter table and transformation matrix.

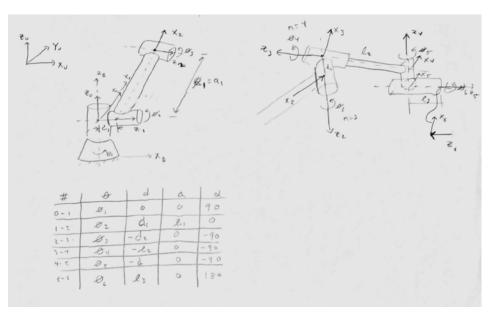


Figure 5-2 | DH Parameter table for simple 6DOF configuration

6 Manufacturing

Our proposed design calls upon multiple manufacturing process strategies including injection molding, casting, CNC milling, CNC turning, and even welding. These processes are considered optimal for LRP, Low Rate Production, and HRP, High Rate Production. However, over the course of this year project we have 3D print in place of injection molding plastic and milled instead of cast. These process substitutes are normal practice while remaining in the prototyping phase and are all available to us. That said, the proposed cast housing can easily be prototyped as a bolted composite of simpler parts in the in the interest of reducing waste and risk through the prototype manufacturing process. Because we were prototyping, we will not be casting parts like we would be in a large scale production, instead, we utilized 3 axis vertical CNCs as well as CNC lathes for most of our manufactured parts such as the housings, bearing blocks, timing pullies and spindles.

6.1 Housing

The housing of our design is 3D printed in the interest of time and cost especially since this is just a prototype. Haas luckily offered to print one our initial housings, and we printed the other. The complex geometry of the housing requires some post processing in order to clear away some support material and create usable pin holes. If we were continue this project we would have machined the housing out of aluminum on a CNC mill using a 3 op process.

6.2 Spindle

The spindle we designed and manufactured come from 7075 aluminum bar stock was turned on a lathe as and then the wire pass through slots were milled out as seen in Figure 6-1 Spindle Manufacturing and Figure 6-2 Completed Spindle.



Figure 6-1 Spindle Manufacturing



Figure 6-2 Completed Spindle

6.3 Bearing Block

The bearing block like the housing is a fairly complicated part but also very critical to the design, for this reason we decide this part should be milled as well. This part is another 3 op process that can done fairly quickly on a Hass CNC mill. Below you can see the part in the vise being prepped for the last op and the final product_



Figure 6-3 Spindle Manufacturing



Figure 6-4 Completed Spindle

6.4 Assembly

The final joint is fairly complex and requires assembly. To simplify things the joint can be thought of in four groups.

- 1. The Housing: This encapsulates all the subassemblies together for this reason it should be the first piece provided for assembly.
- 2. The spindle sub assembly: this includes the needle bearings, bronze bushing, large pully, and end plate.
- 3. The power train: this is the combination of the planetary gear set, motor, respective bearings, small pulley and adapter, and bearing block.
- 4. Electronics: This includes all the electronics and wiring except for the motor, and the wiring cup

7 Testing

Simple tests were used to validate that the designs we had created correlated with the results of our models. Our tests included a stiffness test to find the relationship between the plastic rapidly prototyped housings and the aluminum models we created, and the path response test to find how well our system responded to a given path, and how to further tune our control schema based on the results.

The stiffness test of our system, which is important to maintain the accuracy of our system under load. Our original design for the housing of the modular joint was intended to be made of aluminum, which has the stiffness and weigh characteristics needed to maintain the accuracy requirements. Our prototype design is not made from machined Aluminum, instead, the housing is 3D printed PLA, which is not as stiff or strong, but does allow us to prototype different housings quickly and effectively. Though 3D printing is effective for prototyping, it is insufficient to maintain the physical properties we need to meet the requirements, but we did test the current prototype for the stiffness properties to compare to our analysis for the aluminum model. Our testing apparatus consisted of attaching our model to a Bridgeport mill for stability and attaching a spring scale to the arm of the joint to add a moment to the system. We tested the deflection of the beam with a dial indicator, and tested a range of loads to determine the stiffness of the housing. This test accounts for the deflection and stiffness of the aluminum arm as well as the plastic housing perpendicular to the direction of motion, however, we discovered that the loads needed to deflect the plastic housing were relatively small and most likely only deflected the aluminum arm a limited amount.



Figure 7-1 Spring Constant of Joint Testing

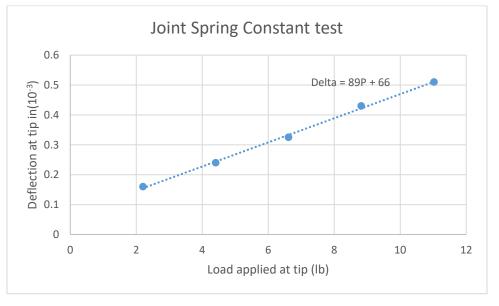


Figure 7-2 Graph of spring constant for assembled joint

The response test of our system tests the control system and its responsiveness to pathed data. Our test has the joint follow a set of points that the control system tries to match every 10ms. This profile is a jerk limited profile intended for smooth repeatable motion that resembles a step response. We pregenerated the path and tracked the progress of the position controller from gathering locations from the encoder at set intervals. The difference between the pre-generated profile and the actual response are displayed in Figure 7-3 and Figure 7-4. There is some slight steady state error in the test displayed, however, with further testing a properly tuned PID control schema eliminate that error and can control the arm even in different configurations.

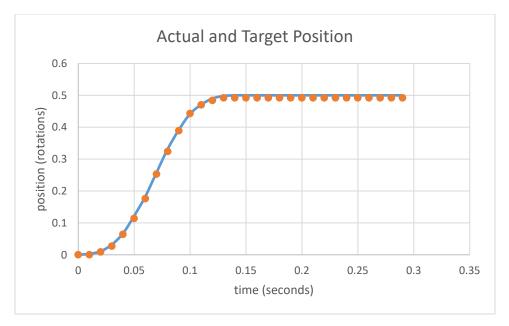


Figure 7-3 | Graph of target and actual position through a 0.5 rotation, constant jerk move at 10 ms.

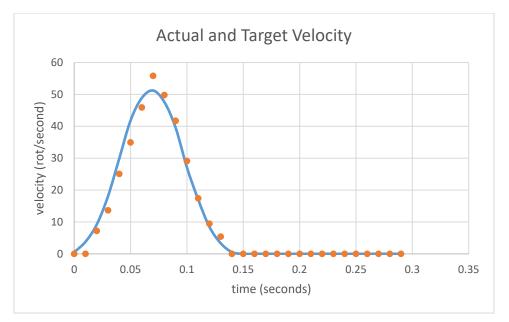


Figure 7-4 | Graph of same constant-jerk move comparing target and actual velocity. Notice how the controller prioritizes positional accuracy over velocity accuracy.

Table 7-1 | Design Verification Plan & Report.

ltem No.	Specification or Clause Reference	Test Description	Acceptance Criteria	Test Responsibility	Test Stage
1	Back driving Torque	Determine the back driving torque of the power train	User is able manipulate our robotic arm comfortably without the arm falling under its own weight	Tyler	Test Rig
2	Power Train Life	Test the power train life by running it until failure	If the life of the power train exceeds our requirement that will be later determined	Jacob	Test Rig
3	Hold 8kg Mass at 1m	Test to ability of the arm to hold the static load of itself and an 8kg load at a 1 meter distance	Able to hold load without drawing set max current or mechanical failure	Tyler	Test Rig
4	Accelerate 8kg Mass at 1m	Test arm for strength in moving 8kg weight by holding at maximum length, then moving weight at maximum velocity	Able to accelerate load without drawing too much current or mechanical failure	Sean	Test Rig
5	Current limiting Check	Determine if our method of limiting the current to our motors is reliable	If current never exceeds the limit we have set	Sean	TBD by Electrician
6	Locational Accuracy	Test the arms ability to repeat end effector placement at a 1 mm accuracy	If the arm is able to repeatedly & accurately position itself after desired trials	Jacob	Test Rig
7	Teaching Method Validity	Determine if the demonstration teaching method is a valid method for the desired accuracy and loads required to work with	If the arm can be easily be used by many people with varying statures	Tyler	Test Rig

8 Maintenance

Our joint is intended to operate with minimal maintenance day to day maintenance, however there are some systems that need some basic upkeep and systems that need to be kept clean throughout operation.

The bushing in the joint and the gearbox for the motor need to be greased upon assembly, however further stress testing will conclude if yearly or even monthly maintenance of these systems will be necessary for lengthening the life of the joint.

The precision encoder is delicate, and cannot get dirty or wet without losing resolution or functionality. The current joint design is not waterproof, and needs to be handled carefully around coolant and water at the back of the joint. The electrical systems and belt drive on the other hand are water resistant, and would be fine interacting with coolant, but may need to be cleaned of debris if the system becomes clogged.

9 Conclusion

In summary, with the construction of the subset of our design and our system analysis, we can affirm the concept of building a range of robotic arms from a collection of standard, modular, single axis joints. Like everything, the performance of the joint depends greatly on how much you are willing to invest. With our limited timeline we chose to operate with brushed motors through planetary gearboxes operating at 12V knowing that this is far from the highest performing circumstances but provided us with a low-cost platform to begin rapid development. We are very pleased with the results of our single joint prototype and the ability to perform positional moves with constant jerk but not as pleased with the stiffness and fits of the FDM printed plastic parts, which was anticipated. We were also very pleased with the control system we selected, but is limited to 24V, brushed DC motors. A more ideal control system would require more development, or more cost, and would drive high voltage brushless motors through a more robust transmission with less reduction, ideally direct drive, and likely accompanied by brakes.

Additionally, the holding torque requirements for the shoulder and other early joints grows very quickly as the arm weight increases and payload capacity increases. To accommodate higher payloads and mitigate sensitivity to growing mechanism weight, we recommend investigating counterbalance even if it is simple externally mounted gas springs. This simple addition can be made in such a way that is low cost and doesn't limit the mechanisms mobility. Of course, it is important to keep in mind that gas springs have substantial damping effects and may limit the maximum speed of the main shoulder axis, but it is also important to recall that the shoulder axis has the slowest speed requirements. If it is found that gas springs produce too much damping, mechanical springs are an adequate alternative.

Moreover, using a demonstration oriented method of programming enables us to bypass much of the difficulty associated with "offline programming," like coordinated path planning, but is incredibly difficult in a system with as much friction, from reduction, as ours. That said, if demonstration oriented programming is desired, the jump to high voltage, direct-drive control is a must. Additionally, one would need to compute the full kinetics solution for their mechanism to differentiate between gravitation loads and operator commands; thankfully most if not all the dynamic terms can be neglected if it is assumed the operator with drive the mechanism relatively slowly. If this is cost prohibitive for your application, then programming via a control pendant is a valid alternative and can still work in a collaborative environment using proximity sensing or even capacitive disturbance around the structure of the mechanism as to be aware of and not injure a human collaborator.

10 Summary of Approach

In order to create a valuable product, we had to follow the typical design procedure as a general method of approach. This includes defining the problem, ideation, analysis, detailed design, manufacturing/prototyping, testing, and iteration; followed by reporting our findings and coming to a conclusion. The details of this process are as follows.

10.1 Defining the Problem

Understanding the problem is the first and arguably the most critical step in the design process. To fully understand the problem of building a modular rotary joint for a material handling robot, we needed to continuously speak with our sponsor and come to a mutual understanding of what the end goal of our project is. We have been doing this by making weekly skype calls to our sponsor to discuss current issues and progress we have made. We also needed to determine who the possible end users are and what applications the joint may be applied, so we could consider the needs of that user or application. From these possible purposes we then found the current technology in this field and established strengths we wanted to duplicate and weaknesses we wanted to resolve. With these characteristics in mind a QFD chart was made and is kept as a living document until it will finally be used as a reference to determine if we reached our goals or where we can improve in future iterations of our design. Appendix A displays the current desired attributes of our design in the top row of the QFD chart.

10.2 Background Research

Throughout the process of defining the problem and up until the design of our project extensive research has been done; this is a complex problem and requires a wealth of knowledge. As a starting point we needed to understand the nomenclature to efficiently communicate as a team while discussing the project. Knowledge of industry terms were also necessary to understand the current technology we have researched. With a basic understanding of the current solutions we then began to dive into specific component research. To be specific we studied drive types, actuators, angular location sensors, counterweight methods, teaching methods and braking methods. The results of this research can be seen in the background research section: 2

10.3 Ideation and Trade-off study

With the inspiration from existing solutions we began brainstorming. During the brainstorming sessions our focus was to create numerous ideas without discussing any potential problems. Our sponsor has given us fairly tight constraints as he wants a rotary joint, but how we actuate and control the performance of the joint was up to us. Based on the possible solutions we imagine we needed to filter out some of the options based on our desired traits and constraints from our QFD chart. With the narrowed down list a tradeoff study was required with detailed information. For example, the amount of backlash in the system, or how much the component costs. This trade off study is crucial to the success of our project, because we need to balance many factors with correlations between them, such as cost and precision. By weighing the importance of the factors we can quantifiably say which design is optimal.

11 Design Process

11.1 Programming/Teaching Methods

During our design process, we wanted to strongly consider the way in which our end user conveyed the necessary operating points to the robot, in order to perform its desired function. A few modes of point specification were thought of including, pushing and pulling the arm, driving the arm with a joystick, and having a physical object that the arm tracked; all in addition to a more conventional form of offline programming. These are discussed in more detail below.

The idea of programming machines offline has been well explored through numeric control machine tools and has enabled manufacturers to program remarkably complex toolpaths and cut amazing parts. Using an offline software package to program robotic arms is similarly useful when trying to program very complex paths, though this has many disadvantages. For example, the computer system needs to

know where its work piece is relative to itself. This requirement directly competes with the concept of having a system be easily and quickly setup on a new task. Since many applications, and the case we are exploring, requires only point to point motion, it may be much faster and easier to have the end user walk the arm through the points that are important to its task. Moreover, it is mathematically difficult to algorithmically make decisions between potentially infinite kinematic solutions to a desired robot pose while it is a trivial task for humans to do. This means that we can reduce the overall complexity and cost of the system by capitalizing on human resource and focusing on collaboration more than complete automation.

One way of enabling the user to directly control the arm in real world space is to have a joystick on the arm that the operator can push and pull on and have the arm follow the commands of the operator. This method has the advantage that the joints mechanical characteristics have no effect on how the arm receives commands. For example, this method works whether or not the joint is back-drivable as the control system follows the operator's commands. Similar to this approach was to use a sort of "magic wand" that the operator can manipulate in their hands to control the pose of the robot.

Another way of teaching the robot its operating points is to have the operator simply push and pull on the physical arm. This has the huge advantage of most intuitiveness for the operator. Additionally, if the system is ever working in tight spaces, the arm is easily made to avoid obstacles and toggle kinematic solutions because the human operator can solve the problem almost without even realizing it. There are a number of ways we thought of to achieve this push pull method and the simplest of which is to have the arm just be mechanically back-drivable. This is the least expensive option as it doesn't require special sensors or any special logic algorithms, though back-drivable transmissions do not tend to be the easiest to package large reductions. Possible transmissions include planetary, harmonic, and high lead linear screws. The push pull method of teaching can also be achieved by having some form of force feedback to the controller so each joint can see the direction the operator wants it to go, and then move in that direction. The force feedback approach has the advantage of not requiring a mechanically backdrivable system, but adds cost in sensors and control logic.

A second method of achieving the push pull teach method without requiring a back-drivable gearbox is to incorporate a mechanical clutch or break in the system. This has the advantage of when the arm is enabled in to the teaching mode; the motors are mechanically disconnected from the arm's output and consequently very safe. Another advantage of this method is that less power may be required for holding the arm position near its limits and consequently a cheaper motor, and longer product life. The obvious drawback to this approach is the need for the brake or clutch mechanism in the system.

11.2 Interdependencies Based on Teaching Method

Due to the interdependencies between the teaching method, drive type, and other mechanisms in the joint a flowchart showing all the possible combinations was created based on the teaching method as shown in Figure 18-1.

11.3 Component Selection through Pugh Matrix

In order to narrow down some of our component options we used Pugh matrices to compare all the viable options.

11.3.1 Teaching Method Selection

The first aspect to narrow down is the method of teaching the robot set points as seen in Table 11-1 | Teaching Method Pugh Matrix.

	Teaching methods compared to pendant					
criteria			Stick		Force	
	Demonstration	Joystick	follower	IMU	sensor	simulation
training time	+	+	+	+	+	S
equipment/programs	-	-	-	-	-	-
speed	+	+	+	+	+	-
physical ability	-	-	S	S	+	-
safety	+	-	-	-	+	+
downtime of robot	S	S	S	S	S	S
precision	-	-	-	-	-	S
Σ +	3	2	2	2	4	1
Σ-	3	4	3	3	2	3

Table 11-1 | Teaching Method Pugh Matrix

As seen in the Pugh Matrix the top three methods of teaching are using a pendant, force sensor and demonstration. In this case demonstration is the method in which we us the back-drivability of the joint to allow the operator to physically move the joint to its set points. The top method however would be a force sensor, which is common practice, but adding a force sensor to our design would increase the cost of each joint greatly. For this reason, we have chosen to go with simple demonstration as our primary design choice and force sensing in one of our backup designs.

11.3.2 Gear Reduction Method Selection

The gear reduction method is difficult to select simply due to the fact that the teaching method and clutching method are all dependent on the method of reduction. Because further testing of the teaching methods needs to be done, multiple gearing methods have been chosen. As seen in

Table 11-2 Gear Reduction Method Pugh Matrix the cycloidal drive is the best choice, but the planetary is very close. Because there is such a large price difference between cycloidal and planetary gear sets we have chosen to use the planetary gear set in our primary solution.

Criteria	Gear type compared to planetary						
Cintenia	worm	cycloidal	harmonic	screw			
reduction per volume	-	+	+	-			
cost	-	-	-	+			
Back-drivability	n	n	у	у			
backlash	-	+	+	-			
efficiency	-	-	-	-			
handling shock	+	+	-	-			

Table 11-2 Gear Reduction Method Pugh Matrix

Σ +	1	3	2	1
Σ-	4	2	3	4

11.3.3 Clutching and Braking Method Selection

If the Back-driving torque of our joint is too small to hold the static weight of our robotic arm, we will need a method of braking to hold the arm. For a gear set that is non-back-drivable, we will need to incorporate a clutch so we can engage and disengage the gear set during the point teaching operation. As seen below the two top methods are using a friction plate. With this information, we can choose a method of braking if we find it necessary after testing the back-driving torque of our gearboxes.

	Clutch/braking method compared to electromechanical spring type					
criteria	EM perm magnet	passive spring clutch				
required power	S	+	+			
Weight	-	+	-			
torque	+	S	-			
packaging	+	S	-			
necessary supply lines	-	-	-			
cost	-	-	+			
Σ +	2	2	2			
Σ-	3	2	4			

Table 11-3	Clutch/Braking	method	Puah Matrix	
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Sensor Type Selection

Table 11-4 Sensor Type Pugh Matrix was created to help choose the best sensor for our application. As seen by the Pugh matrix IMU's are a strong option, however the most significant categories for the selection are cost and precision. With this in mind, we chose to use a quadrature incremental encoder, specifically a US Digital 10,000 CPR encoder with an index pulse, for our primary design.

criteria	Sensing compared to Encoder					
ciliena	IMU	Resolver	Potentiometer			
required power	S	S	S			
Weight	+	S	+			
Precision	I	+	-			
packaging	+	S	-			
cost	+	-	+			
Σ +	3	1	2			
Σ-	1	1	2			

Table 11-4 Sensor Type Pugh Matrix

11.3.4 Method of Actuation Selection

There are many methods to actuate our rotary joint, but in the field of robotics there are certain popular solutions. As seen by the Table 11-5 Actuation Method Pugh Matrix, the DC motor and servo are by far the strongest methods of actuation. For this reason, we have chosen a DC motor in our primary solution.

	Actuation compared to DC Motor						
Criteria	AC	Electric	Hydro	Hydro	Pneumatic	Pneumatic	
	Motor	Linear	Rotary	Linear	Linear	Rotary	Servo
required power	-	S	S	S	S	S	S
Weight	-	S	-	-	+	+	S
speed	S	S	-	-	+	+	S
packaging	-	-	-	-	-	S	S
necessary							
supply lines	-	S	-	-	-	-	S
cost	-	S	-	-	-	-	-
Precision	S	S	-	-	-	-	+
torque	+	S	+	+	-	-	S
Σ +	1	0	1	1	2	2	1
Σ-	5	1	6	6	5	4	1

Table 11-5 Actuation	Method	Puah	Matrix
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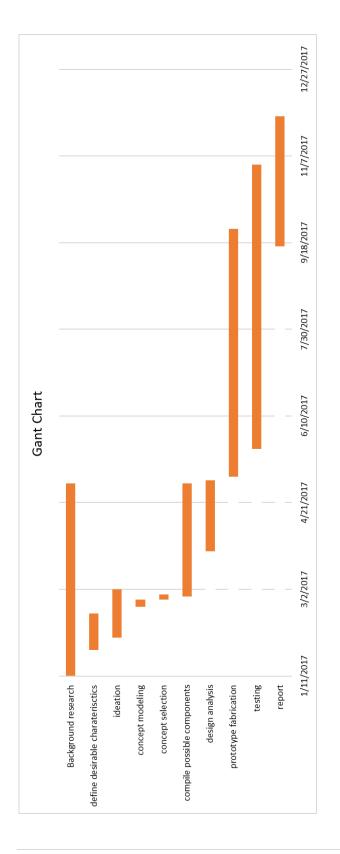
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13 Appendix A: Quality Function Deployment

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Row #	Weight Chart	Relative Weight	Programmer/Operator (Tech)	Robot owner	OSHA	HAAS Automation Inc.	WHAT: Customer Requirements (explicit & implicit)	Costt to MFR	End Effector Repeatability Window	Time to Assemble New Config.	Time to Re-Configure Program	Time to Program	End effector Accuracy Window	Working Load Range	Time to Actuate	Deflection under given Load	Safety Specific Equip. Needed	Product Life
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3	l i i	1%		2		4	Affordability	•		0		∇	∇	∇				0
4	III	4%	3	3		5	Reliabilty		•				0			0		•
5		7%	6	6		7	Accuracy	0	0				•					
6		7%	5	7		8	Repeatability	0	•				0			0		
7		5%		12		11	Strength	0	•				0	0		•		
8		6%		13		12	Stiffness	∇	•				•	•		•		
9		5%		9		13	Dynamic Loading		•				0	•	•	•		
10		22%		8	2	15	Power Requirement	0									•	
11		8%	4	11		9	Maintainability				0						0	•
12	I	2%		1		10	Arm Flexibility		0	•		•	0	•	∇	∇		0
13		15%	7	4	1	3	Safety										•	
14	I.	2%	1			6	Programmability					•				0		
15		8%	7			14	Quick Assembly	0		•	0							
				5		16	Aesthetics	0										
							HOW MUCH: Target	<20,0000 USD	1mm Repeatability	1-3 Hours	<1 Hour	<1 Hour (typical app)	2 mm Accuracy	0-8 kg	100-180 deg/s	<1 asec	0-5 pieces	>10 years
							Technical Importance Rating	205.99			59.503		187.7	132.01				112.97
							Relative Weight	12%	16%	8%	3%	2%	11%	8%	3%	11%	20%	7%
							Weight Chart				-	-			-			

14 Appendix B: Gantt Chart



15 Appendix C: Vendor Contact Information per Component

n# 💌		Distributor/Mfger		💌 Link location 💌 Part No.	💌 Pric	darif darina
1	1005	Usdigital	E6 Optical Kit Encoder	http://www.usdi E6-10000-1000-IE-S-D-E		95
2	1010	Usdigital	5-Pin Latching Connector	http://www.usdiCA-FC5-W5-NC-1	\$	8
3	1015	CTRE	Hero Development Board	http://www.ctr-e 16-728279	\$	59
4	1020	WCP	Talon SRX	http://www.wcpi 217-8080	\$	89
5	1025	WCP	Base VersaPlanetary v2 1:1 with 3/8" Hex Output	http://www.wcpi 217-4974	\$	34
6	1030	WCP	Ring Gear Add-on Kit	http://www.wcpi 217-2816	\$	9
7	1035	WCP	5:1 Gear Kit	http://www.wcpi 217-2819	\$	14
8	1040	WCP	7:1 Gear Kit	http://www.wcpi 217-3102	\$	14
9	1045	WCP	9:1 Gear Kit	http://www.wcpi 217-3106	\$	14
10	1050	WCP	10:1 Gear Kit	http://www.wcpi 217-2820	\$	14
11	1055	WCP	BAG Motor	http://www.wcpi 217-3351	\$	24
12	1060	WCP	Talon SRX Data Cable 12" (4-pack)	http://www.wcpi 217-4358	\$	4
13	1065	WCP	Talon SRX Encoder Breakout Board	http://www.wcpi 217-4398	\$	4
14	1070	McMaster-Carr	1 750 Needle Roller	https://www.mci 5909K42	\$	4
15	1075	McMaster-Carr	1 750 Thrust Washer	https://www.mci 5909K55	\$	
16	1080	McMaster-Carr	1 50 x 1 750 x 2 0 Sleeve Bearing	https://www.mci 6391K317	\$	4
17	1085	McMaster-Carr	1.376-18 LockNut	https://www.mci 6343K19	\$	10
18	1090	WCP	Base VersaPlanetary v2 1:1 with 1/2" Hex Output	http://www.wcpi 217-4973	\$	3
19	1095	WCP	3:1 Gear Kit	http://www.wcpi 217-2817	\$	1
20	1100	WCP	4:1 Gear Kit	http://www.wcpi 217-2818	\$	1
21	1105	WCP	775 Pro	http://www.wcpi 217-4347	S	1
22	1110	bbman	56-5P-PS8A Pulley Stock	http://www.bbm 56-5P-PS8A	\$	13
23	1115	bbman	18-5P-PS8A Pulley Stock	http://www.bbm18-5P-PS8A	\$	4
24	1120	bbman	70T x25 GT5 belt	http://www.bbm 350-5P-25	\$	2
25	1125	bbman	80T x 25 GT5 belt	http://www.bbm400-5P-25	s	2
26	1130	bbman	70T x9 GT5 belt	http://www.bbm 350-5P-09	\$	-
27	1135	Amazon	12V 40Ah Battery	https://www.am -	\$	9
28	1140	Amazon	Battery Charger	https://www.am -	\$	5
29	1145	ebay	HP G4 Power Supply	http://www.ebay-	\$	2
30	1145	ebay	300A Cap Bank	http://www.ebaj-	S	10
31	1155	CTRE	USB Male-Male Cable	http://www.eba	\$	10.
32	1155	bbman	100T x25 GT5 Belt	http://www.cti-e 10-856565	\$	23
33	1165	bbman	100T x9 GT5 Belt	http://www.bbm500-5P-09	\$	1
34	1105	bbman	50-5P-PS8A Pulley Stock		\$	12
-	101111			http://www.bbm50-5P-PS8A	\$	
35	1175	ebay	1 Ohm 100W Resistor	http://www.ebay -		
36	1180	bbman	65T x25 GT5 Belt	http://www.bbm 325-5P-25	\$	1
37	1185	bbman	65T x9 GT5 Belt	http://www.bbm 325-5P-09	\$	-
38	1190	McMaster-Carr	10x22x6mm Sealed Bearing	https://www.mci 5972k286	\$	
39	1195	McMaster-Carr	1/4-20x0 625 Alloy St Socket Head Cap Screw (50)	https://www.mci 91251a539	\$	1
40	1200	McMaster-Carr	#10-32x0 375 Alloy St Socket Head Cap Screw (100)	https://www.mci 91251a340	\$	1
41	1205	McMaster-Carr	#6-32x0 250 18-8 SS Flat Head Phillips Drive (100)	https://www.mci 91771a144	\$	-
42	1210	McMaster-Carr	#6-32 F-F Hex Standoff Alumnium	https://www.mci 91780a129	\$	1
43	1215	McMaster-Carr	0 1875x0 50 Alloy St Dowel Pin (50)	https://www.mci 98381a505	\$	5
44	1220	McMaster-Carr	0 250x0 50 Alloy St Dowel Pin (25)	https://www.mci 98381a537	\$	
45	1225		4.25x4.5x6" AI 6061 Joint Enclosure Material		25	
46	1230		D1 750 x L5 875 AI 7075 Round Bar Spindle Shaft Material		30	
47	1235		0 50 x 4 250 x 4 250" bar Platter Material		35	
48	1240		0 50 x 4 250 x 4 250" Flange Material	1	40	
49	1245		3 00 x 0 0625" Round Tube Connector Tube Material	1	45	

16 Appendix D: Component Information

Thrust Needle-Roller Bearing for 1-3/4" Shaft Diameter, 2-1/2" OD



	Each	
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In stock \$4.55 Each 5909K42

Bearing Type	Roller
Construction	Three Piece
Roller Type	Needle
For Load Direction	Thrust
Shaft Mount Type	Press Fit
For Shaft Diameter	1 3/4"
ID	1.750"
ID Tolerance	0.0020" to 0.0070"
OD	2 1/2"
OD Tolerance	-0.0100" to -0.0200"
Thickness	5/64"
Thickness Tolerance	-0.0002" to 0"
Material	Steel
Roller Material	Steel
Lubrication	Required
Dynamic Thrust Load	5 coo lha
Capacity	5,600 lbs.
Maximum Speed	4,400 rpm
Temperature Range	-40° to 240° F
RoHS	Not Compliant
Related Product	0.032" Thick Washers

Oil-Embedded Sleeve Bearing

for 1-1/2" Shaft Diameter, 1-3/4" OD, 2" Length



	Each
A	DD TO ORDER

Bearing Type Plain Plain Bearing Type Sleeve For Shaft Diameter 1 1/2" ID 1.500" ID Tolerance 0.002" to 0.003" OD 1 3/4" OD Tolerance 0.0025" to 0.004" 2" Length Length Tolerance -0.0075" to 0.0075" Material SAE 841 Bronze Dynamic Load Capacity 6,000 lbs. @ 60 rpm For Load Direction Radial Shaft Mount Type Press Fit Lubrication Lubricated Lubrication Method Embedded Lubricant Type Oil Lubricant SAE 30 Oil 10° to 220° F Temperature Range RoHS Compliant

In stock \$9.98 Each 6391K317

		775pro
-	8	 > ~350 Watts of Power > 12V DC Motor > Dual Bearing
		\$17.99 Add to Cart Qty: 1
		Zoom Add to Wishlist < Share
Description	Tech Specs	
Kit Contents		(1) 775pro
Product Info		Battery In: 12V DC Outputs: Output Shaft size: 5mm (0.196in) Free Speed: 18,700 rpm (+/- 10%) Free Current: 0.7A Maximum Power: 347 W Stall Torque: 6.28 in-lbs (0.71 N-m) Stall Current: 134A Mounting Holes: (2) M4 tapped holes on a 29mm bolt circle Size: 1.744" (44.3 mm) diameter, 2.602" (66.10 mm) long Weight: 0.8 lbs (actual weight one item, no packaging)

Kit Contents	(1) BAG Motor
Downloads & Docs	BAG Motor Spring Modification Instructions Note: Spring modification guide applies only to motors purchased before the 2014 FRC season. Motors with a sticker saying "Dyno tested [date]" have already been modified and tested to meet expected performance levels.
Battery In	12V DC
Outputs	Output Shaft size:4mm (0.157in)
Specification	Free Speed: 14,000 rpm (+/- 10%) Free Current: 1.8A Maximum Power: 147 W Stall Torque: 3.5 in-lbs [0.4 N-m] Stall Current: 41A Mounting Holes: (2) M4 tapped holes on a 25mm bolt circle
CAD Model	217-3351 (BAG Motor) (STEP)
Drawing	217-3351 (BAG Motor) (PDF)
Size	1.59" [40.4 mm] diameter, 2.72" [69 mm] long
Weight	0.71 lbs [0.32 kg]

Home → BAG Motor



BAG Motor

The BAG Motor is a motor designed specifically for medium-power applications on FRC robots. This motor is constructed similarly to the CIM & Mini CIM, with the sealed-case robustness FRC teams have come to love & trust.

The VersaPlanetary was created with the BAG Motor in mind. Use a 100:1 VersaPlanetary Gearbox to turn the BAG Motor into a low-RPM, high-torque gearmotor ready for use in your application.

- > FRC Legal
- > 12V DC Motor

\$24.99

Motor Speed Controller Technical Comparison



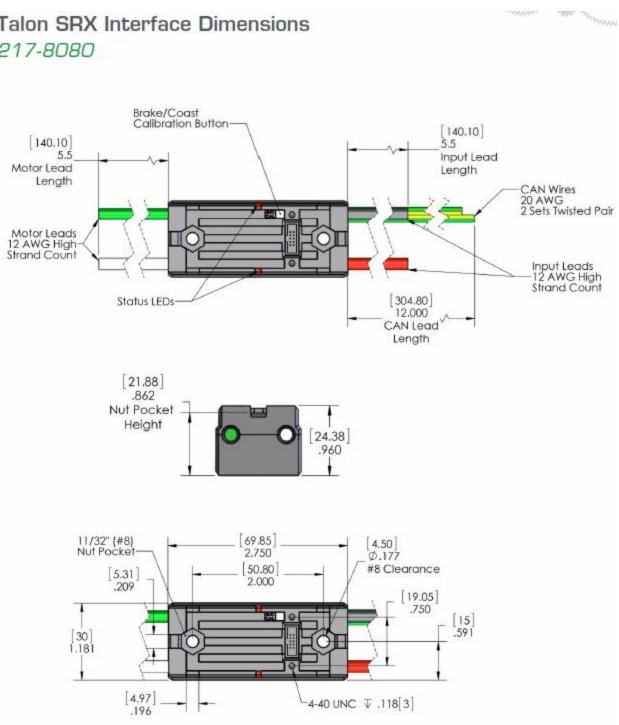




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	Jaguar	Victor 888	Talon SR	Victor SP	Talon SRX
Dimensions	2.85" x 4.25" x 2.00"	2.70" x 2.21" x 2.10"	2.73" x 1.90" x 1.15"	2.5" x 1.125" x 0.875"	2.75" x 1.185" x 0.96"
Weight	0.34 lb	0.22 lb	0.20 lb	0.20 lb	TBD
Communication Protocols	PWM, CAN, RS232 (serial)	PWM	PWM	PWM	PWM, CAN, SPI, USART (serial)
Direct Sensor Input	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Nominal Voltage	12V	12V	12V	12V	12V
Min/Max Voltage	5.5 - 30V	6 - 15V	6 - 28V	6 - 16V	6 - 28V
Continuous Current	40A	60A	60A	60A	60A
Surge Current (2 sec)	60A	150A	100A	100A	100A
PWM Input Pulse (high time)	1 – 2 ms nominal, 0.67 - 2.33 ms max	1 – 2 ms nominal, 0.87-2.14 ms max	<mark>1 - 2</mark> ms nominal	1 - 2 ms nominal, 0.6 - 2.4 ms max	1 - 2 ms nominal
PWM Input Rate (period)	5.0125 - 29.985 ms	2.1 - 500 ms	3 - 100 ms	2.9 - 100 ms	2.9 - 100 ms
PWM Output Chop Rate (Switching Frequency)	15. <mark>625 k</mark> Hz	1 kHz	15 kHz	15 kHz	15 kHz
Minimum Throttle (Deadband)	5.5%	5.4%	4%	4%	4%



Talon SRX Interface Dimensions 217-8080

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50-5P-PS8A BAR STOCK



PRODUCT DETAILS FOR 50-5P-PS8A

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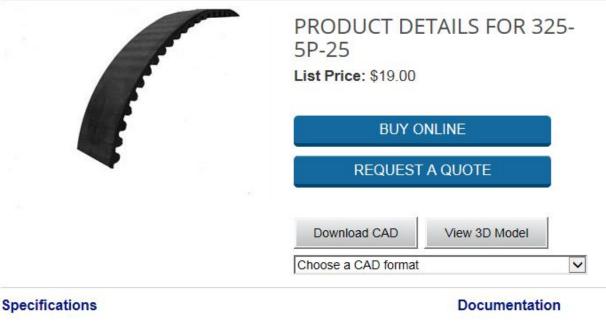
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325-5P-25 POWERHOUSE™ BELTS



Product Number	325-5P-25
Teeth	65
Tooth Style	GT 5mm
Unit System	Metric
Belt Type	Single Sided
Belt Width (mm)	25.00
Pitch Length (mm)	325.00
Construction	Neoprene
Reinforcement	Fiberglass
Weight (lb)	0.07
Discount Price (10-24 Qty.) (USD)	\$16.15
Discount Price (25-49 Qty.) (USD)	\$13.30
Discount Price (50-99 Qty.) (USD)	\$12.35
Discount Price (100-249 Qty.) (USD)	\$11.40
Part Number Cross Reference	325-5MGT-25, 325-5M-25, 3255M25

General Characteristics
Pulley Tolerances
TruMotion Features
Belt Tensile Properties
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Standard Pulley Tolerances

	Up to 1 inch	+0.002 -0.000	
	1-2 inches	+0.003 -0.000	
	2-4 inches	+0.004 -0.000	
Outside Diameter	4-7 inches	+0.005 -0.000	
	7-12 inches	+0.006 -0.000	
	12-20 inches	+0.007 -0.000	
	20 and over	+0.008 -0.000	
Outside Diameter/ Metric Timing Pulleys T2.5.T5, T10,AT5,AT10		+0.000 -0.003	
	Up to 1 inch	+0.001 -0.000	
Bore	1-2 inches	+0.0015 -0.000	
DUTE	2-3 inches	+0,002 -0.000	
	3 and over	+0.0025 -0.000	
	Up through 1/2"	+0.002 -0.000	
Keyway Width (w)	Over 1/2" to and including 1"	+0.003 -0.000	
	Over 1"	+0,004 -0.000	
Keyway Depth (t)	All Sizes	+0.015 -0.000	
Overall Length		+0.015 -0.015	
Flange O.D.		+0.015 -0.015	
Belt Width		+0.015 -0.015	
Face Width		+0.015 -0.015	
Hub Diameter		+0.015 -0.015	
Radial Runout (TIR)	Up to 8 inches in O.D. Add for each inch over 8" O.D.	0.005 0.0005	
Axial Runout (TIR)	O.D. 1 inch and under Add for 0.001 each inch over 1" O.D. 0.001		
Helix Angle (TIR)	Grooves should be parallel to the axis of the bore within 0.001 inch per inch of width.		
Taper	Maximum permissable taper on outside diameter is 0.001 inch per inch of face width but must not exceed the O.D. tolerance.		

Ball Bearing Double Sealed, for 10 mm Shaft Diameter, 22 mm 0D

In stock \$7.35 Each 5972K286

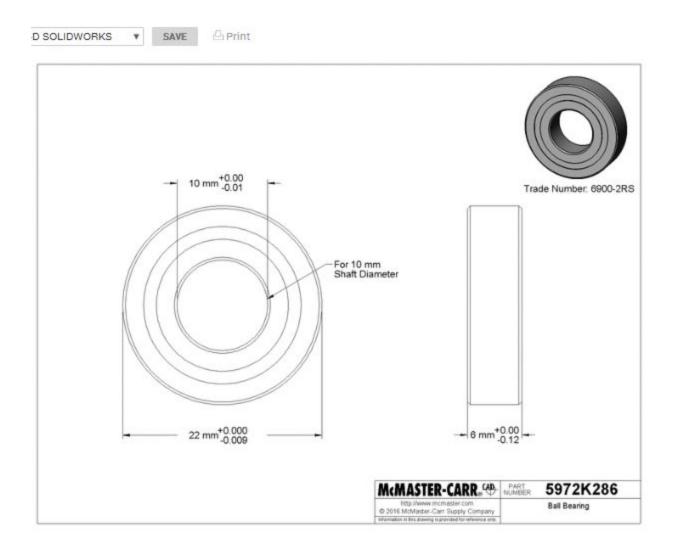
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Bearing Type Ball For Load Direction Radial Standard **Ball Bearing Type** Construction Single Row Seal Type Double Sealed For Shaft Shape Round Trade No. 6900-2RS For Shaft Diameter 10 mm ID 10 mm **ID** Tolerance -0.0003 to 0 mm OD 22 mm OD Tolerance -0.009 to 0 mm Width 6 mm Width Tolerance -0.12 to 0 mm Material 52100 Steel Seal Material Buna-N Ball Material Steel Cage Material Steel Radial Load Capacity, lbs. Dynamic 605 Static 285 Maximum Speed 34,000 rpm Shaft Mount Type Press Fit Lubricated Lubrication Lubrication Method Filled Lubricant Type Grease Lubricant Mobil Polyrex EM

Lubrication Method	Filled
Lubricant Type	Grease
Lubricant	Mobil Polyrex EM
Temperature Range	-20° to 230° F
ABEC Rating	ABEC-1
Radial Clearance Trade No.	CO
Radial Clearance	0.002 to 0.013 mm
RoHS	Compliant

Double-sealed bearings offer better dust resistance than open and double-shielded bearings, but retain the most heat.



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This is a set of six Maxwell 350 Farad caps in series to make a high quality capacitor module with voltage range 0-16V and current capability of over 300A, This module uses heavy conductors between caps, with much less resistance than a PCB. It is sealed and water resistant.

Intended use is for assist in engine starting, it can be added to your car or truck battery in parallel to give much better starting Current especially useful in cold temperature environments.

This case is also the correct size to replace batteries in most dirt bikes. As a bike Battery replacement it works with all engine sizes, the cranking time will vary by engine size, a Honda CRF 230 gets around 12 engine starts when immediately cutting the engine to prevent recharging. And a Honda CRF 450 gets around 5 consecutive engine starts which is better than most batteries can do after they are a year old. The capacitors can charge from dead to full in less than two minutes in most bike applications. See video In addition to the added performance these caps do not degrade like batteries, so lifetime is expected to be 10 years at a minimum with 500,000 cycles and most likely over 15 years.

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Another great application is replacing lawn mower batteries! lawn mower batteries tend to sit several months out of the year and with that and a combination of general poor quality compared to automotive batteries they don't last long. Also lawn mower bateries are not sealed and chemical leakage causes bad corrosion of terminals. Capacitors make a great long term solution. check out this video:

http://youtu.be/ieyoqYi5fml

LWH 4.2" 2.7" 3.2"

Before shipping all units are cycle tested and bleed down tested to ensure proper cell balancing.

The capacitor comes with 4 in of wire for you to add your own choice of connector.

This capacitor module uses capacitors that bleed the top (20%) of voltage from each cell, this effectively balances the cells much like a resistor/diode method) No extra circuitry is required and it will stay balanced perfectly guaranteed.

The all up weight is just over 1 lb

currently available in black and blue, please specify your choice.

Case is 3d printed and can not withstand extremely hot environments, however in all cases (20+) that I have tested in motorcycles, lawn mowers, cars ect, I have never had any damage to the case. It is also important to mention that the capacitors degrade faster with high heat. so it is not recommended to leave them for extended periods (months) in high heat environment. if kept on average below 70deg they should retain about 90% capacity after 10 years.

2. Specifications

2.1. Electrical Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ.	Max	Unit
HERO Power In	put (Weidmuller only)					
Vdd	Supply voltage		5.2	12.0	28.0	V
Isupp	Supply Current	DC supply @12.0V No Gadgeteer ports in use	48	58 (1)	72	mA
HERO Power In	put (mini USB only)					
Vdd			4.7		5.0	V
Isupp	Supply Current	No Gadgeteer ports in use	85	107 (1)	133	mA
USB Host					i i	
Vusa	USB Output Voltage			5.0		V
lusa	USB Output Current				500 (2)	mA

NOTE 1: Typical measurement is done when both LEDs are green and Logitech USB gamepad present.

2: This assumes the power source for HERO can source enough current to meet this.

2.2. Inputs/Outputs		
Input and Outputs		
Gadgeteer Ports Total	8	
Supported Communication Protocols	12C, SPI, USART/UART, PWM, CAN 2.0E DWCAN bus (1Mbps)	
Supported CAN Devices	Talon SRX, PDP, PCM	
USB Ports	1 USB Host/Device (Gamepad HID) 1 USB Device (mini)	
Analog Input	2 Gadgeteer A ports (3 AINs each)	
PWM Output	1 Gadgeteer P port (3 PWM outputs)	
SPI	2 Gadgeteer SPI ports	
USART/UART	3 Gadgeteer U ports (UART) 1 Gadgeteer K port (USART) 3 serial ports total	
12C	2 Gadgeteer I ports	
GPIO	4 Gadgeteer X ports (3 GPIO each) 2 Gadgeteer Y ports (7 GPIO each)	
3.3V Analog Output	1 Gadgeteer O Port (1 AOUT)	
SD Card	1 Gadgeteer F port (4bit SDIO)	
Reserved ports	Z1 and Z2 reserved for future use	

2.2. Inputs/Outputs

2.3. Processor/Memory

Process and Memory	
Processor	STM32F427 (Cortex M4)
Processor RAM	256KB
Processor Flash	2 MB
Processor Frequency	168 MHz
Usable FLASH for NETMF (will be increased to at least 1MB in future release) 640 KB	
Usable RAM for NETMF (can increase in future)	100KB

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Breaking Strength: 315 N per 1 mm (226 lbf per 1/8 in.) Belt Width; not representative of the load-carrying capacity of the belt. Working Tension: 712 N for 25.4 mm belt (160 lbf for 1 in. belt).

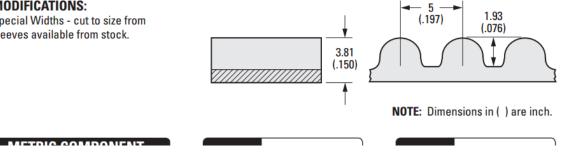
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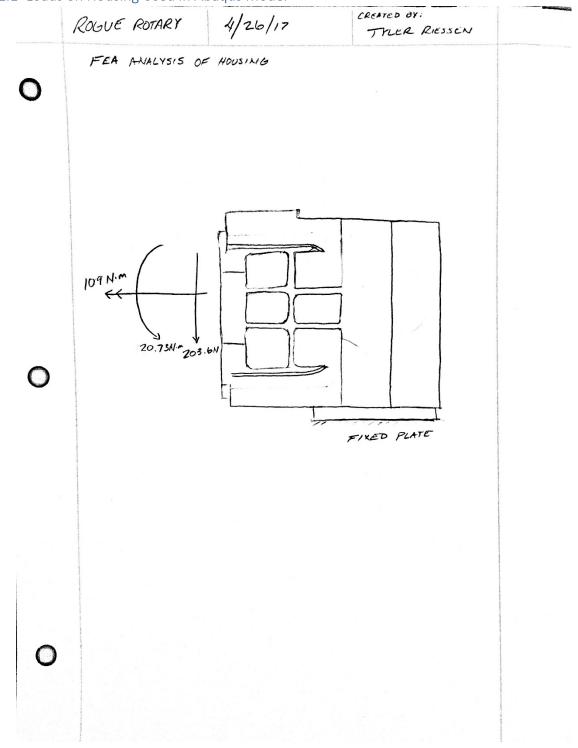




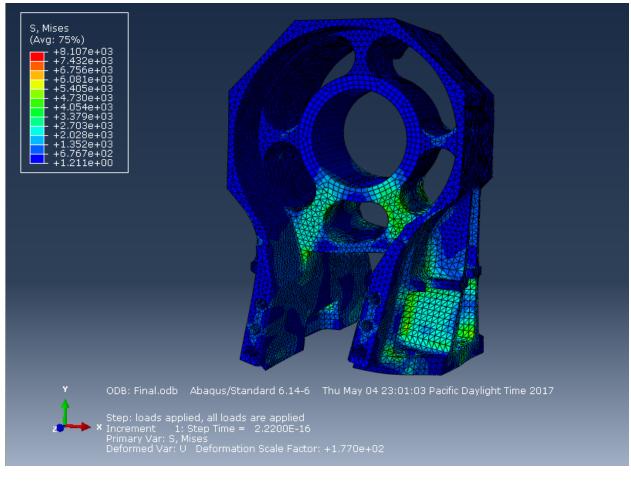


17 Appendix E Detailed Analysis

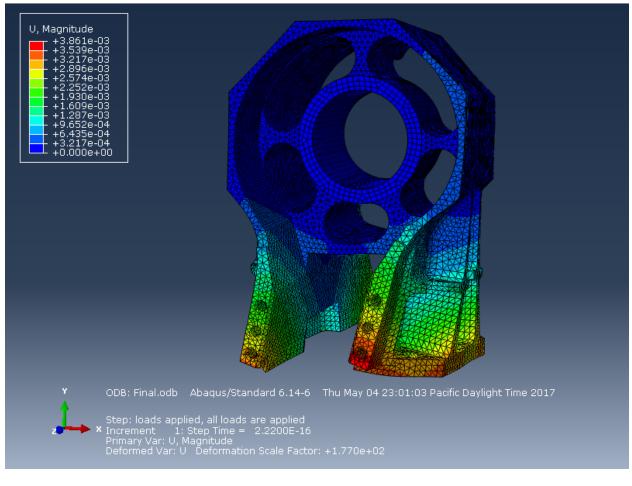
- 17.1 FEA Analysis of Housing
- 17.1.1 Loads on Housing Used in Abaqus Model



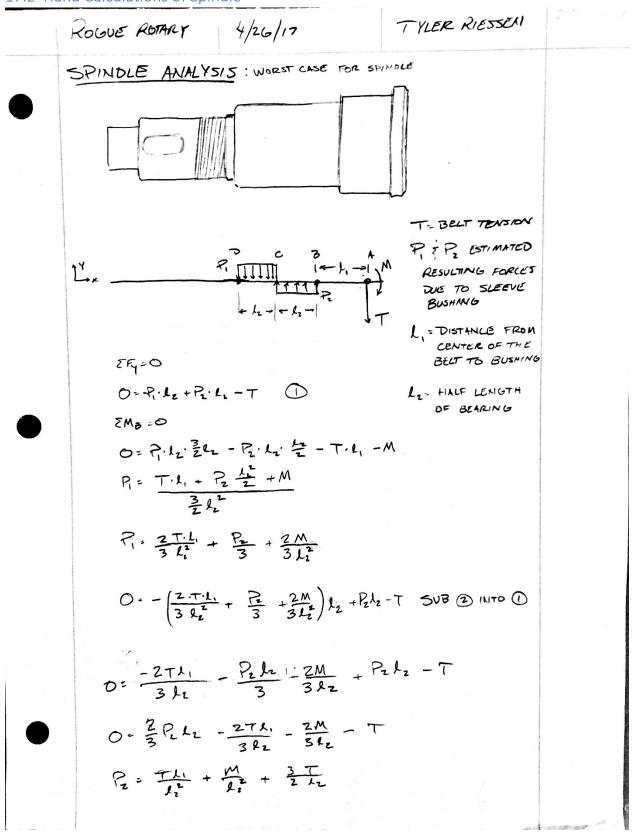
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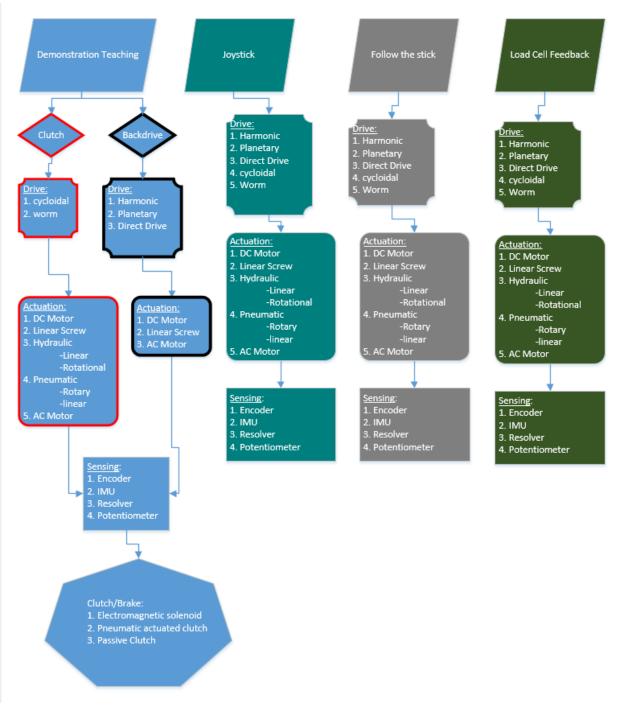
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18 Appendix F Component Interdependencies Flowchart

Figure 18-1 Combination Options based on Teaching Method

19 Component Research 19.1 Component Research 19.1.1 Drive Types

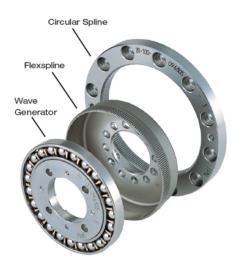


Figure 19-1 Harmonic drive components <Power transmission Engineering 2017>

Harmonic Drive:

Many precision robotic arms use a harmonic drive gearbox to deliver the desired torque and speed to their output shaft. The popularity of this type of gearbox is due to its relatively compact size to very large gear reduction, low backlash, and high tooth engagement during rotation.

The harmonic drive operates by spinning the wave generator; this stretches the flex spine along the major axis of the wave generator. Because the flex spine has fewer teeth than the circular spine, it will rotate by that number of fewer teeth every time the wave generator makes one revolution. An example of a harmonic gearbox is pictured to the left in figure 3-9.

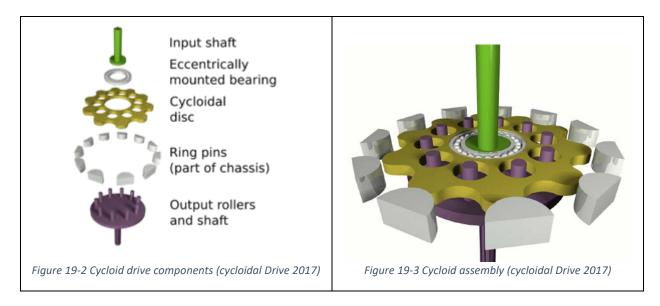
This method of reduction allows for very high reduction within a very small package. The constant tooth engagement allows for very little backlash making it an excellent drive for

high precision applications. They are also back-drivable if a large enough back-driving torque is applied.

Cycloidal Drive:

The prosthetics industry has recently began studying cycloidal drives due to their even smaller packaging relative to their reduction when compared to harmonic drives. For this reason, we decided to explore the possibility of using a cycloidal drive in our rotary joint.

As seen in Figure 19-2 Cycloid drive components an eccentric input is mounted to a bearing that pushes a cycloidal disk in a circular path. As the cycloidal disk moves in this path it rotates over ring pins causing the output rollers to rotate with the cycloidal disk. Depending on the number of teeth on the cycloidal disk and the number of ring pins you can have very high reduction in a very small package.



With its wide tooth profile, the cycloidal drive can withstand very high torque. Because it is not backdrivable it is useful in any application where there may be impact loading. Depending on the tolerances of the component, this drive option can be cheaper than a harmonic drive, but may have a larger amount of backlash. This drive is also inefficient due to the many sliding surfaces during its operation.

Planetary Gear:

A very common gear reducer is the planetary gear. Because the planetary drive is so popular, there are many manufacturers that produce this mechanism at a fairly low cost. The popularity of planetary gears makes them an attractive option for our rotary joint due to our knowledge of spur gear stresses and life. They are more efficient than cycloidal and harmonic drives and can operate at high speeds, but very few provide the necessary reduction we will need in one stage.

A planetary gear set is comprised of a sun gear, planets, an arm, and a ring gear. The planetary may operate with either the arm, ring, or sun stationary and all other parts are rotating. Depending on what reduction is desired one element will be held stationary.

A planetary gear set was a viable option for a reducer simply because a quality set could be purchased for a relatively low price. The approximate reduction needed for our application could also be achieved when multiple stages were combined.

Worm Gear:

Worm drives are another economic option for gear reduction. They are extremely simple with only two components, one worm which is similar to a screw, and a wheel which is similar to a spur gear. The worm drives the wheel, and depending on the size of teeth reduction can be achieved. However, for the reduction we needed would have most likely require multiple stages of worm gears. Worm gears are also nearly impossible to back-drive at the gear ratio we are using, and they don't have great tooth contact.

Acme Screw:

Similar to the worm gear there was the option of an acme screw. The benefit of the screw is its very low cost. However, it would have change the way we package the joint immensely and reduce the range of motion for our joint. This would have limited the ability of our joint, but depending on how we would have implemented the screw this still could have been a good option just because of how simple it is. The possibility of a high gear ratio and low cost would have also been big advantages for this drive type.

19.1.2 Actuators

DC Motor:

A direct current motor is a very popular method of actuation since there are so many manufacturers and for low costs. With the right gear reduction, these would deliver enough torque. The use of DC powered actuator will appeal to customers who do not have access to three phase power or extremely high AC power. All Our DC motors will most likely need some sort of power supply, and an H-bridge motor controller increasing the number of components.

AC Motor:

An AC motor would have the required torque output for our arm, but these motors are mainly used in large industrial applications. They are also usually quite large and heavy. The shoulder of our robotic arm may have been a good place for these motors, but any joint other than that would not need the power an AC motor provides.

Hydraulic Motors:

Hydraulic motors are used in very high torque applications. Similar to the AC motors they are heavy but powerful, and usually expensive. Due to their weight, we would have needed to add more structural support to our arm to be able to hold its own weight out fully extended in a horizontal orientation.

Pneumatic:

Most Manufacturing facilities have existing pressurized airlines, making this a possible source of actuation for our rotary joint. Pneumatic actuators do have the benefits of being fairly small for the amount of pressure they can operate with, and very fast. The problem is that air is compressible and any external load on the actuator could have caused the actuator to "bounce" which would have caused instabilities in our control loop. Based on our preliminary calculations for the amount of power our actuators needed to produce, pneumatic actuation would not have been powerful enough.

19.1.3 Braking/Clutching Methods

Electromagnetic brake:

If the gear reduction mechanism does not have a large enough back-driving torque, we will need a brake as a safety feature to prevent the arm from falling down under its own weight. For this reason, electromagnetic brakes may be a necessary component to the arm. Depending on the back-driving torque of the gear reducer and the static load torque on the joint this may be necessary only on the joints closer to the base. The EM brake is engaged when power is lost to the brake, making this a great fail safe option. This however will add weight to the joint and take up more space. This may also interfere with a magnetic encoder by distorting the magnetic field reading the encoder uses to track position of the shaft.

Pneumatically Actuated Friction Plate:

Because pressurized air lines are so common in manufacturing facilities using pressurized air to actuate a clutch/brake is a probable solution. Using a simple friction plate and pneumatic piston we could hold

the arm in a certain position holding it using friction toque from the pressed friction plates. If a demonstration teaching method is used as described in Programming/Teaching Methods section this could be used to hold the static load of the robot, but allow for the operator to move the robot while they are teaching end points.

Passive Spring Clutch:

Using some sort of lead screw the force a spring applies to a friction plate could be calibrated to allow the robot to hold its own static weight and still allow the operator to move the robot arm when teaching it positions. The lead screw would be externally accessible to allow the operator to calibrate the friction torque at they need. This method of holding the static load would be completely mechanical not requiring power or a signal to be operated reducing the number of wires need to operate the joint.

19.1.4 Position Sensing

Potentiometer:

Potentiometers are very popular, simple, and capable methods of locating the joint. They potentially have infinite resolution depending on the amplification of their signal. Because they are absolute no homing operation will need to take place. Their accuracy however is still limited because calibration would be tricky.

IMU:

Inertial measurement units are commonly used in for navigating airplanes and ships. They can be used in a robotic arm for a fairly low price. The problem is they would need to be recalibrated for errors they have would have accumulated over time.

Resolver:

Resolvers are usually used to measure rotary position and are great for accurate measurements, but are more expensive than most encoders are. They also need to be homed each time.

Optical Encoders:

Common to machine tools, optical encoders have proven to be reliable and accurate methods of locating position. Using a sensor to position change as light passes through a patterned encoder wheel. These encoders would have been another comparable option to the magnetic encoders.

Magnetic Encoder:

Similar to optical encoders the magnetic encoder uses a disk passes over sensors that allow you to determine position based on the strength of the magnetic field. These devices allow for very high accuracy, and work well in environments where there may be a lot of dust, moisture, and shock; all of which may be encountered in an industrial environment.

20 Preliminary Designs

During our brainstorming and design process we came up with several preliminary designs. Each has its own benefits and drawbacks, but through our process of elimination, we were able to narrow down our selection.

20.1 Lazy Susan

This design operates by rotating two parallel plates that are relatively close to one another. Members of the arms can be attached to the plates for a fulcrum or a rotational joint depending on the need. This requires the joint to be relatively thin, so worm drives, such as the inexpensive and available window motor, are an excellent option. There are large mounting faces and despite the thin packaging, there is a substantial room available within the joint for control circuits and bearings compared to other designs. One of the drawbacks, however, are that if we were to utilize a worm gear, we would greatly reduce the possibilities for teach-ability. Another possible weakness of this design is that the wide mounting faces make the joint susceptible to large amounts of bending stress. The first diagram is a drawing of the fully assembled joint and sample mounting locations.

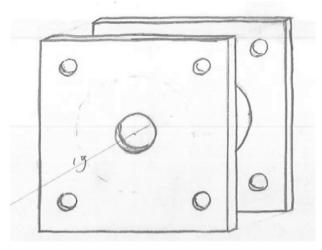


Figure 20-1 | Lazy Susan Full Assembly

Below is an example of the internal components of the system with an exploded view showing the thrust bushing, encoder and worm drive, which in this case is a car window-motor. Utilizing simple off the shelf parts like these could cut costs dramatically compared to other designs utilizing planetary, hypocycloid and harmonic drives.

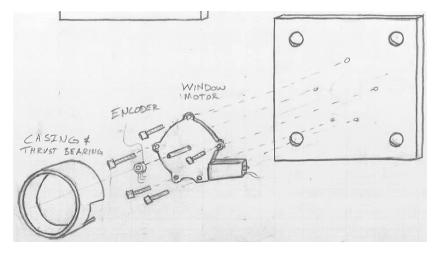


Figure 20-2 | Lazy Susan Partially Exploded Assembly

This joint can be oriented so that it can act as a bending joint for the arm or as a rotational joint, as displayed in the schematics below.

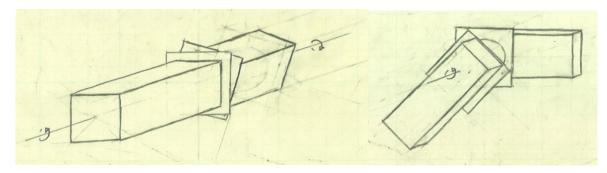


Figure 20-3 | Lazy Susan Mounting Orientations

Overall this joint is quite competitive in that it is inexpensive and versatile, but the limitations to the system reduce the likelihood of this being a viable solution for a universal joint. Below is a table of the Pros and cons of such a system.

Table 20-1 | Pros and Cons of Lazy Susan Joint

Pros:	Cons:
Large mounting faces	Thin cross section limits drive choices (Worm
Thin profile allows for different mounting	gears)
options	Limited drive choices limits teaching options
Inexpensive	Possible need for clutch for Back-drivability

20.2 Dual Rotation

The weakness with several of our single axis designs is that they have difficulty with either rotating in line with the robotic arm for rotation or out of line of the arm for bending the links. This design compensates for this issue by combining both forms of rotation into one universal joint. Though this design allows for both the bending and rotation within one joint, this ended up not being as an effective of a solution as we had hoped. This orientation requires two separate types of drive systems to properly operate and overcomplicates joints needing only one axis of rotation. These flaws inhibited us from reaching our goals for modularity and cost effectiveness. Below are two examples of designs using the dual rotation that can be easily mounted onto a robotic arm.

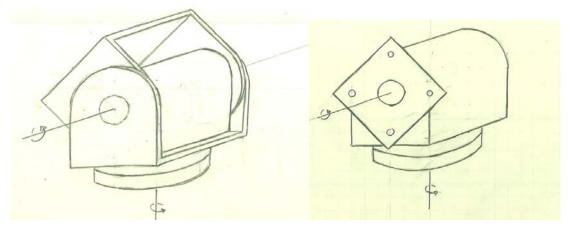


Figure 20-4 | Dual Rotation Configurations Full Assembly

This versatile system allows for great ranges of motion in a single package and would be excellent for a joint near the end effector of the arm, but is over complex for a universal joint. Below is a table of the Pros and Cons of utilizing a Dual Rotational Joint as a universal joint

Table 20-2 | Pros and Cons of Dual Rotation Joint

Pros:	<u>Cons</u> :
Reduces number of necessary joints	Excess complexity for joints needing only 1 axis of
Multiple possible types of drive and gearing	rotation
Reduces user complexity	Needs two separate types of drive
	Expensive

20.3 Soda Can

This method has two mounting options and the motor, gearbox, and encoder are in-line with one another. This model was designed with a gearbox that would either be harmonic or stacked planetary gearboxes to keep a profile similar to that of the motor, creating a thin but long packaging. The linear nature of the join also simplifies the internal mechanics of the joint making maintenance much easier. This light weight and simple design has the advantage of having the most mounting options out of any of our designs, increasing its modularity. Below is a schematic for an assembled model and it displays the four mounting faces that could be attached to.

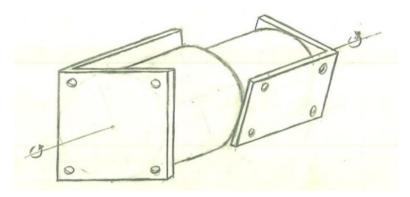


Figure 20-5 | Soda Can Full Assembly

Below are two optional mounting arrangements for this design, but due to the versatility of this design, these are certainly no the limitations of the system. One structural problem that we would have with this model is that when the members are mounted, the bending stress on such a long joint would be difficult to overcome with the lack of a base housing to support the system.

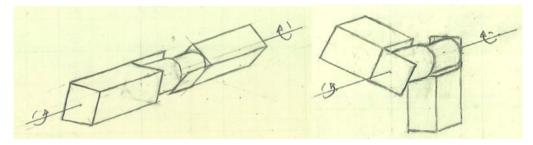


Figure 20-6 | Soda Can mounting Orientations

One of the drawbacks of this joint, as seen in the first picture above, is that the joint is awkwardly long and makes it difficult to have multiple joints in one location. Another drawback is that the long and skinny nature of the joint make it susceptible to large amounts of bending stress, and without a solid base, the joint is difficult to support. However, the Soda Can Joint is the most versatile single axis joint we have designed, and the simplicity of drive train make it easy to maintain. Below is a table of assorted Pros and Cons for using a joint of this design.

Table 20-3 | Pros and Cons of Soda Can Joint

Pros:	<u>Cons</u> :
Skinny packaging	Excess bending force
Multiple mounting options	Difficult to support
Simple drive train	Too long for inline rotation

20.4 Cycloidal

This design utilizes a hypocycloidal gearbox, which is popular among other robotic arm companies because the system is naturally stiff and can obtain high reductions with few stages. In general, hypocycloidal gear ratios are often thinner than their planetary counterparts, but tend to have a greater radius. This makes it easy to align the motor, gear reduction, and encoder in a single line, but still have a reasonable length packaging for an effective joint, as shown in the diagram below, where the housing and rotating mounting plate are transparent for better visibility.

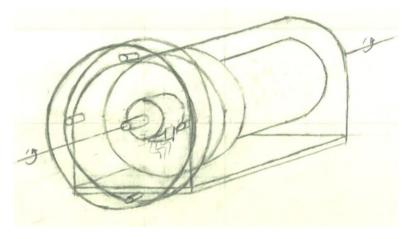


Figure 20-7 | Cycloidal Full Assembly

In this design, the rotating face in this design is perpendicular to the mounting baseplate. Below is a diagram displaying the multiple mounting options available to still accomplish the bending and rotating motions that the arm requires.

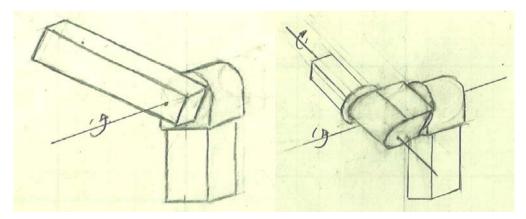


Figure 20-8 | Cycloidal Mounting Orientations

This style of rotary joint is quite popular among our competitors, and the hypocycloidal gearbox is stiff and reliable. Though this system without a clutch would not be back-drivable, this strong and reliable design is easily one of our top three options. Below is a collection of Pros and Cons for using this design.

Table 20-4 | Pros and Cons of Cycloidal Joint

Pros:	Cons:
Stiff	Non-back drivable
Accurate	Possibly needs a clutch for teaching style
Low backlash	Expensive

20.5 Hydraulic

Hydraulic rotary mechanisms often have high power densities and good stiffness compared to their electric counterparts, and could still be implement with the same encoders or sensing equipment that

we would use for our electric designs. Instead of running power lines along the robotic arm, hydraulic lines would supply the primary power, allowing for easier scalability without risking electrocution of technicians. There is less of a selection of rotary hydraulics on the market than electric motors within our desired size and weight, but due to their power output, a gear reduction often allows these systems to be applicable for our system. However, hydraulic systems need pumps, sumps and hydraulic fluid to operate, all which require maintenance and can be quite expensive. Coupled with the need for custom lengths of expensive hydraulic line for each configuration of the system, this design did not meet our design criteria for a universal joint. Below is a collection of Pros and Cons for utilizing hydraulics for our universal joint.

Table 20-5 | Pros and Cons of Hydraulic Joint

Pros:	Cons:
Stiff	Неаvy
Strong	High Cost
Easily scalable	Extra Equipment
	Custom power lines

20.6 Linear

This joint uses a lead screw and motor to push and pull a lever about a pivot, actuating the rotation. Utilizing lead screws is a precise, strong, and often inexpensive solution if the correct components are selected. By motorizing the lead screw driven joint we can rotate the system with stiff precision. Though this system is great for some joints on the robotic arm, it has difficulties actuating 360 degrees and is quite a large package because it depends on leverage to move the joint effectively. Because of this, this system was not versatile enough to be selected as a singular modular joint, but still made it into our top three choices as a design. Below is a table of Pros and Cons for utilizing linear leadscrews in our universal joint.

Table 20-6 | Pros and Cons of Linear Joint

Pros:	Cons:
Accurate and stiff	Limited rotation
Good mechanical advantage	Large packaging
Back Drivable	

20.7 Double Decker

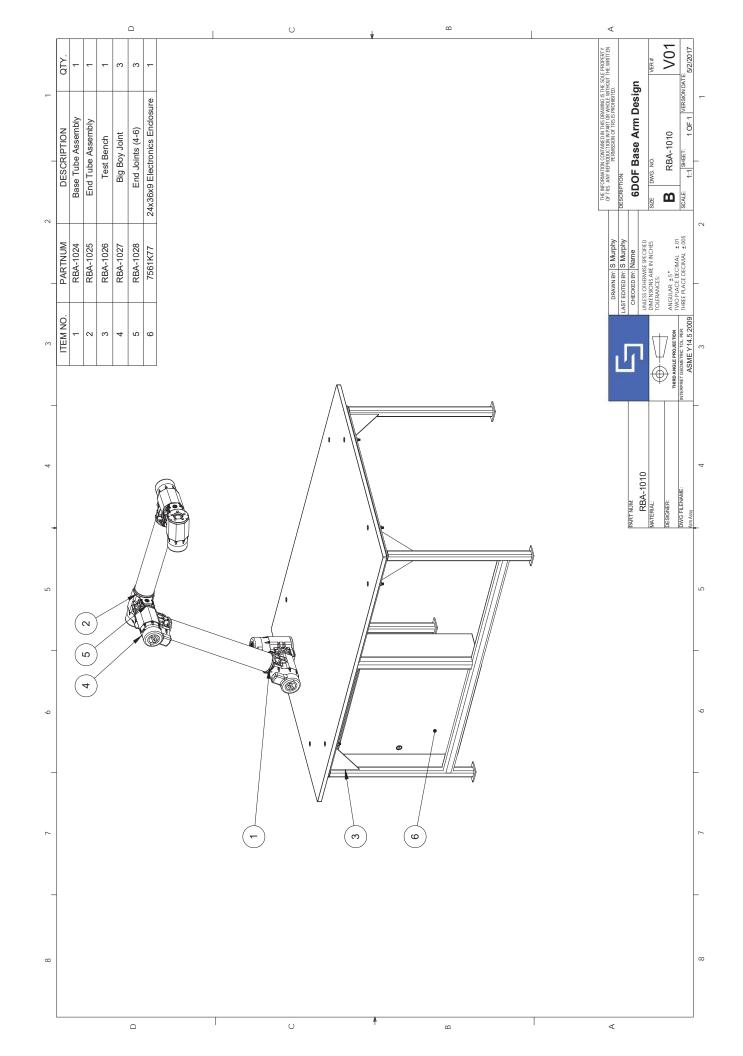
To compensate for the length of back-drivable gearboxes, such as planetary and harmonic, we broke the drive system into two parts and stacked them for better packaging. Our motor and gearbox make up the bottom layer of the system, and a belt connects our drive to our output shaft and encoder. The output shaft is rigidly supported by a brass bushing and thrust bearings to increase the stiffness. Because this design has the back-drivability and has a well-supported structure, this joint is the design we will move forward with, and will be discussed at length in our preliminary solution. Here is a preliminary table of the Pros and Cons for this joint design.

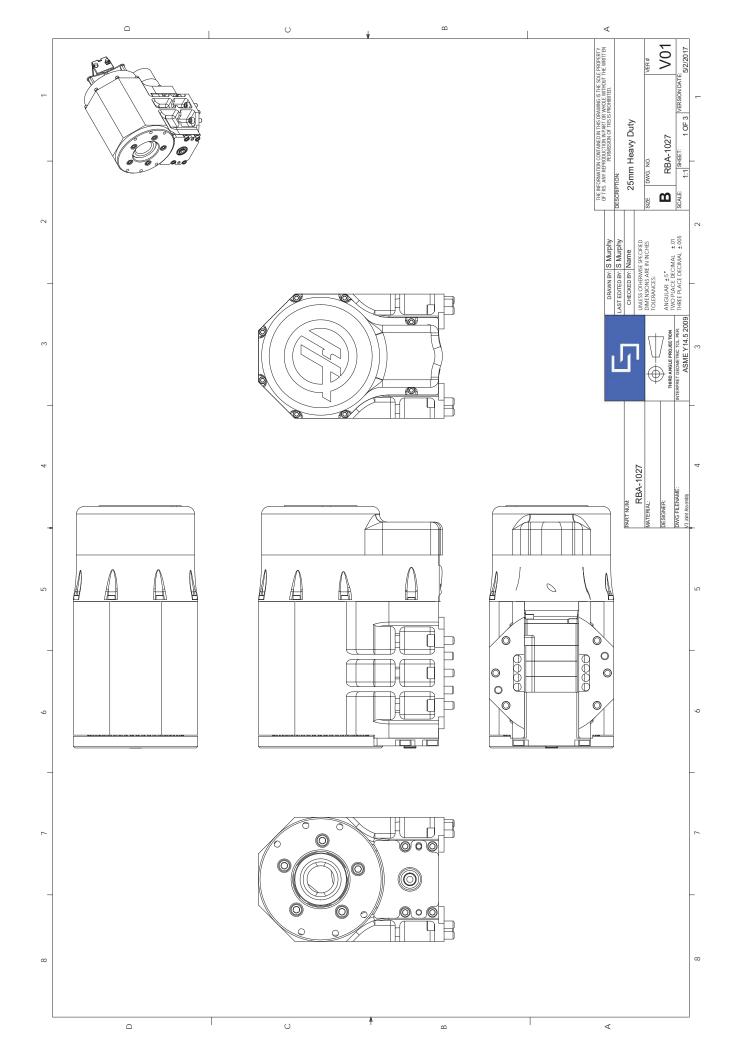
Table 20-7 | Pros and Cons of Double Decker Joint

Pros:	<u>Cons</u> :
Compact	Less stiff than other designs
Cheap	More moving parts
Back-drivable	

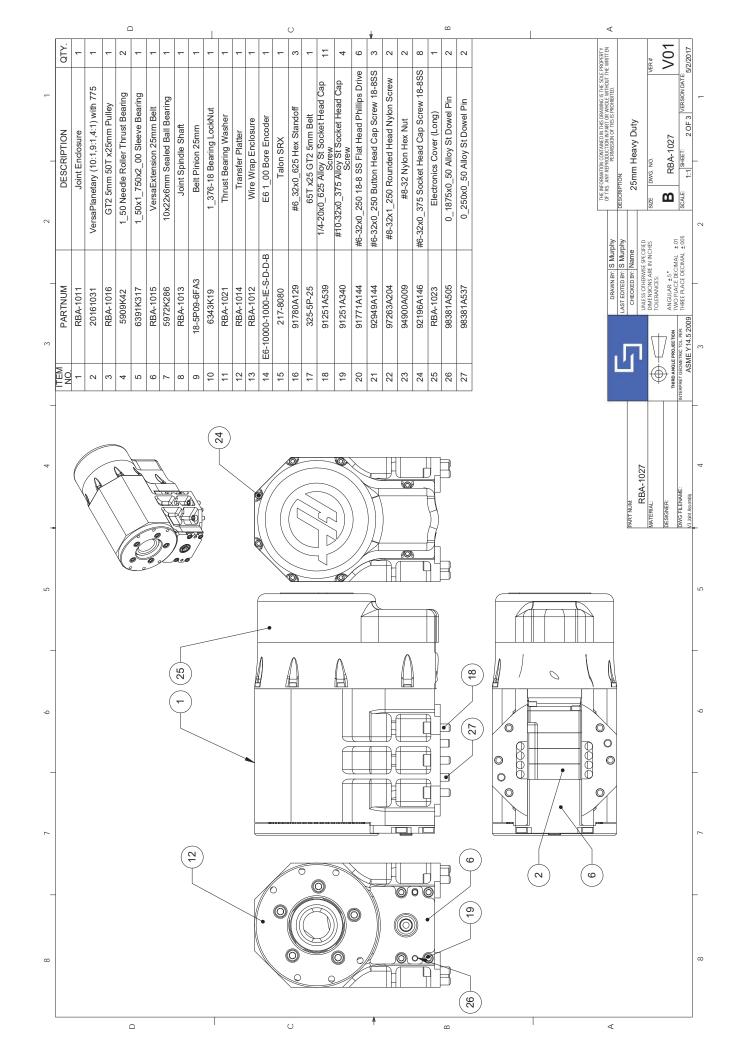
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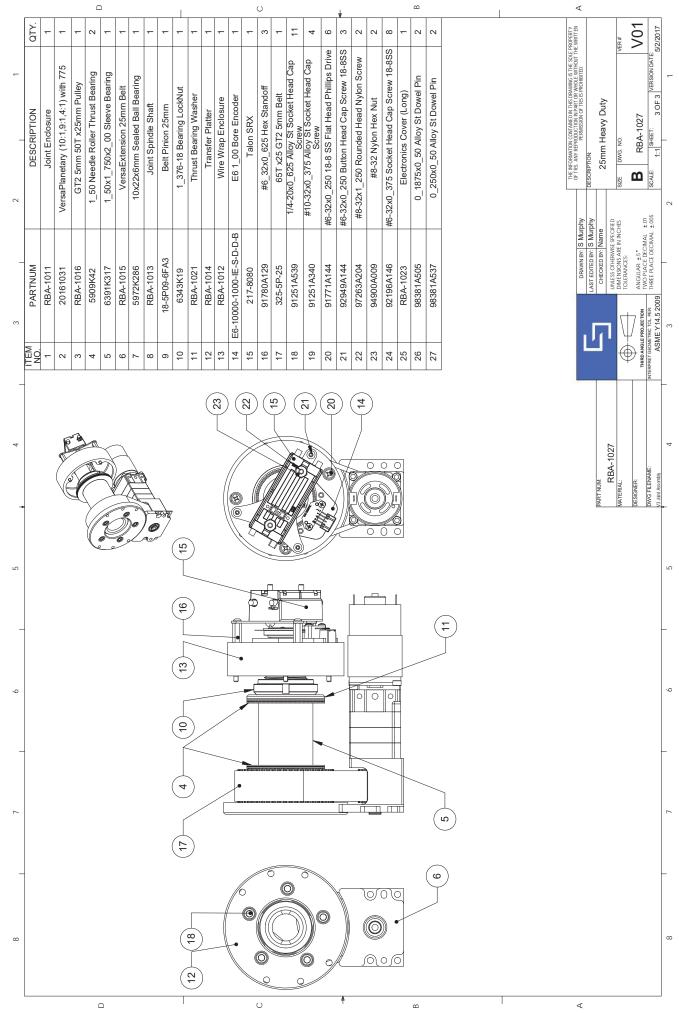


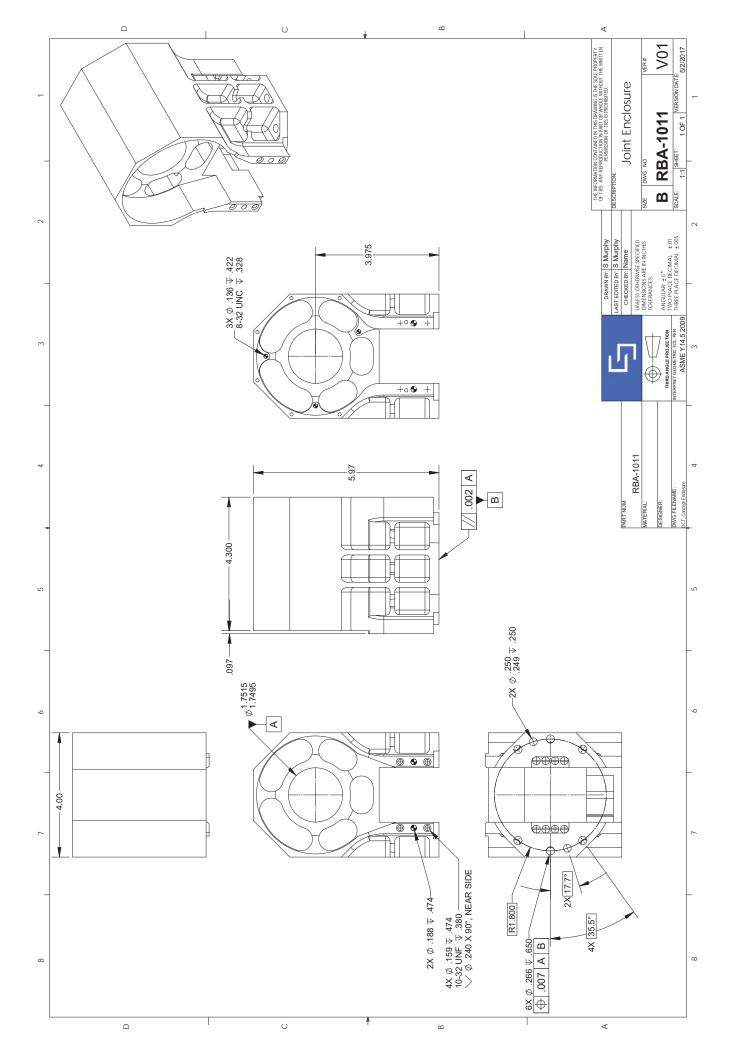


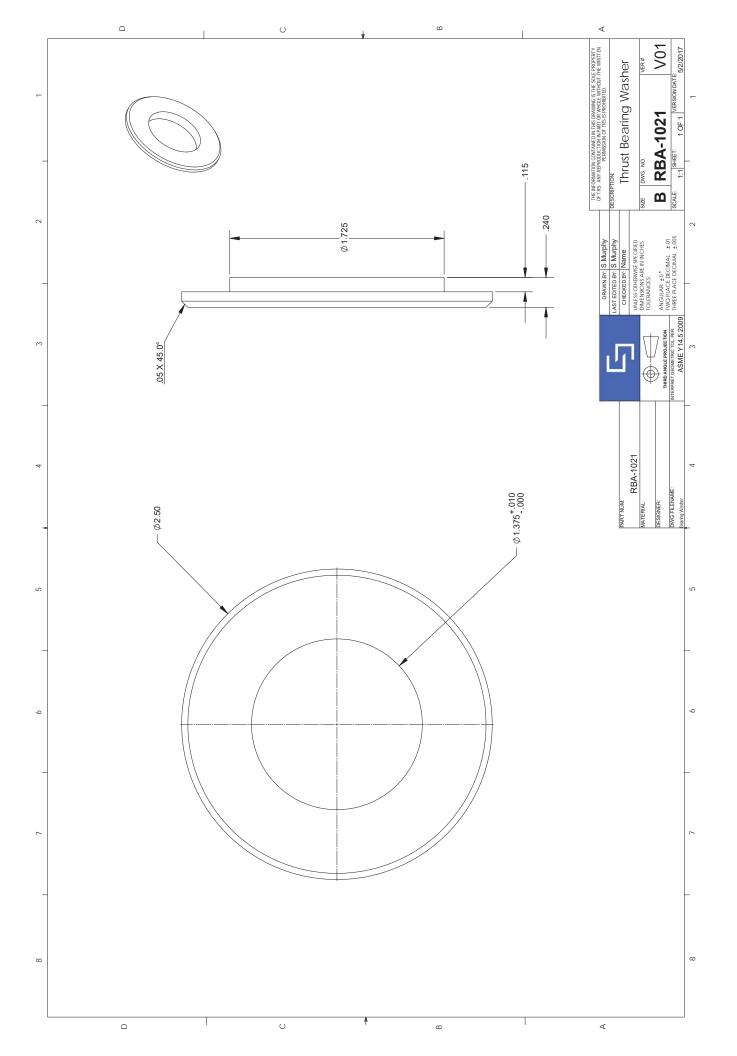
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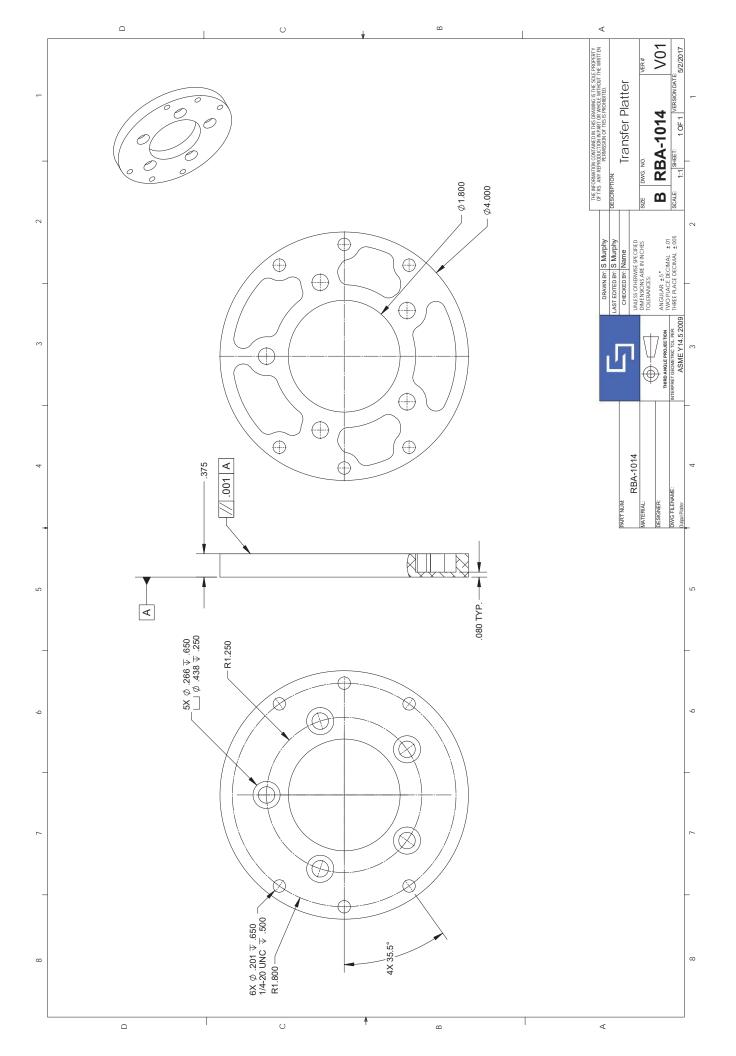


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