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# Fluid Power

VEHICLE

# Challenge



NFPA  
Education and  
Technology  
Foundation

FINAL PRESENTATION  
Fluid Raider Racers  
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# Team Introduction



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# Problem Statement & Motivation



- Designing and building a human-operated vehicle that will transfer human power into propulsion incorporating fluid power.
- Take part in competition of National Fluid Power Association (NFPA)
  - Sprint race
  - Endurance Race
  - Efficiency Challenge
- Gain an improved understanding of the fluid power industry
- Build future career skills

# Objectives



Incorporate pneumatics into hydraulic design



Place in top 3 in all three races but focus on endurance and efficiency race



Create clean and compact design



Place rider in riding position to be able to deliver maximum power



Vehicle should be safe for the rider



Hydraulic control components are easily accessible



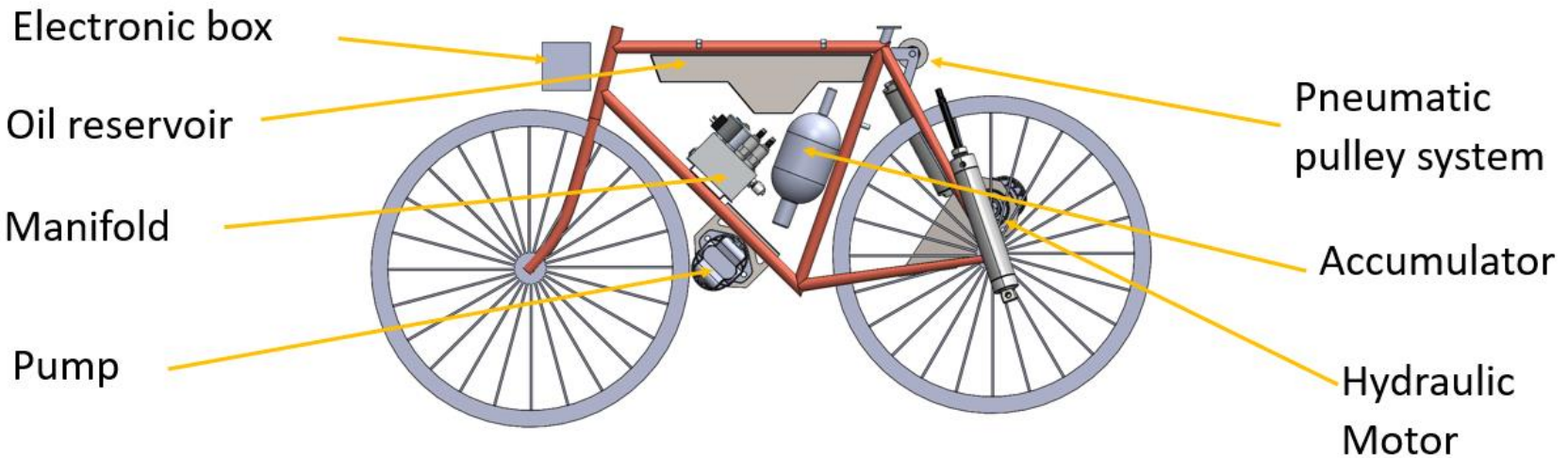
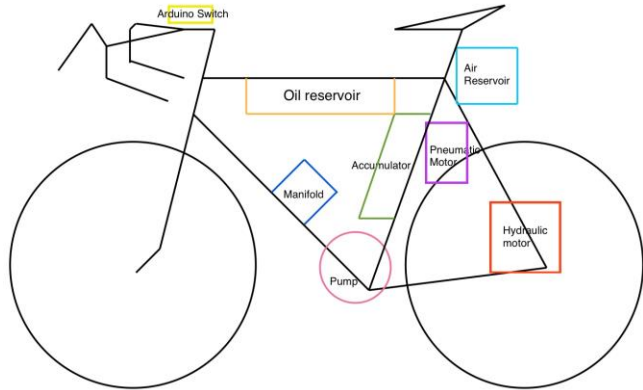
Include electrically controlled valves

# Choosing a frame

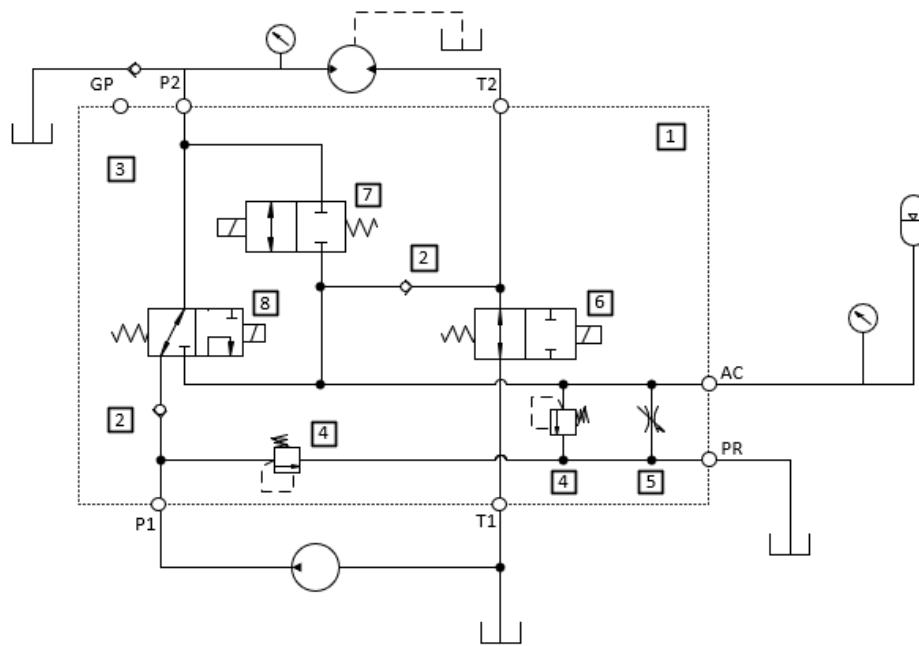
	Safety	Performance	Efficiency	Manufacturing	Various	Costs	Sum with weighting	Sum without weighting
<b>Weighting</b>	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%	10.00%	5.00%	5.00%		
Road bike	3	5	5	3	4	5	4.35	25
Cruiser bike	2	4	4	2	2	5	3.35	19
Trike 2013	4	2	2	3	2	3	2.55	16
Scooter	1	4	3	1	4	2	2.8	15
Wheelchair	1	3	1	2	1	1	1.9	9
Go-Kart	5	2	1	4	5	1	2.7	18



# Positioning of parts



# Hydraulic Circuit

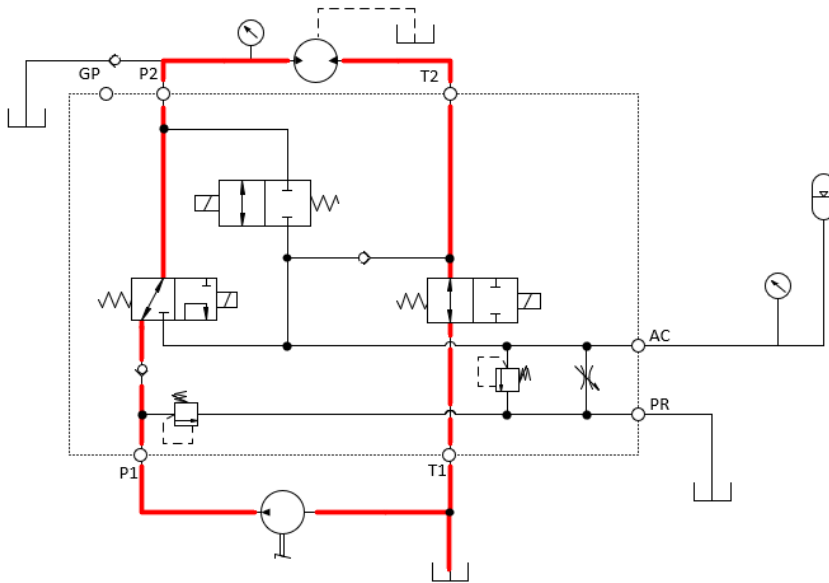


1. Manifold Body
2. x2 – CV3-8-P-0-004: Check, 1 to 2 (Size 8, 4 PSI)
3. x1 – CV3-10-P-0-3: Check, 1 to 2 (Size 10, 3 PSI)
4. x2 – RV1-10-S-0-30: Relief, Direct Acting
5. x1 – NV1-8-S-0: Flow Control, Needle Valve
6. x1 – SBV11-10-0-0-00: Solenoid, 2 pos. 2 way Bi-poppet, normally open
7. x1 – SBV1-10-C-0-00: Solenoid, 2 pos. 2 way Bi-poppet, normally closed
8. x1 – SV1-10-3-0-00: Solenoid, 2 pos. 3 way Spool 1-2/1-3
9. x1 – CV06N: 3/8" External Check Valve

Note: all numbered parts, except for number 9, were chosen from the provided competition catalog.

# Hydraulic Circuit Modes

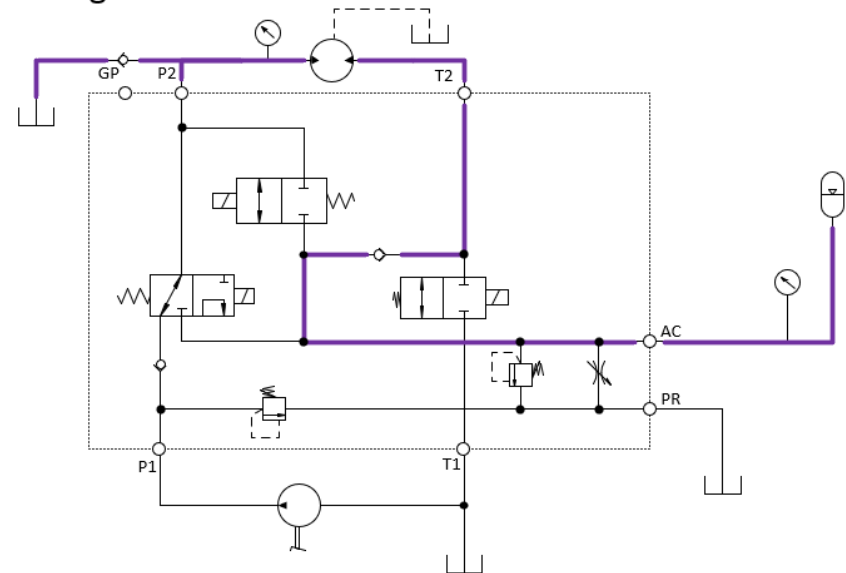
## Direct Drive



## Key Features:

- Most components fit in manifold
- Ease of control with solenoid valves
- Quickly change between circuits

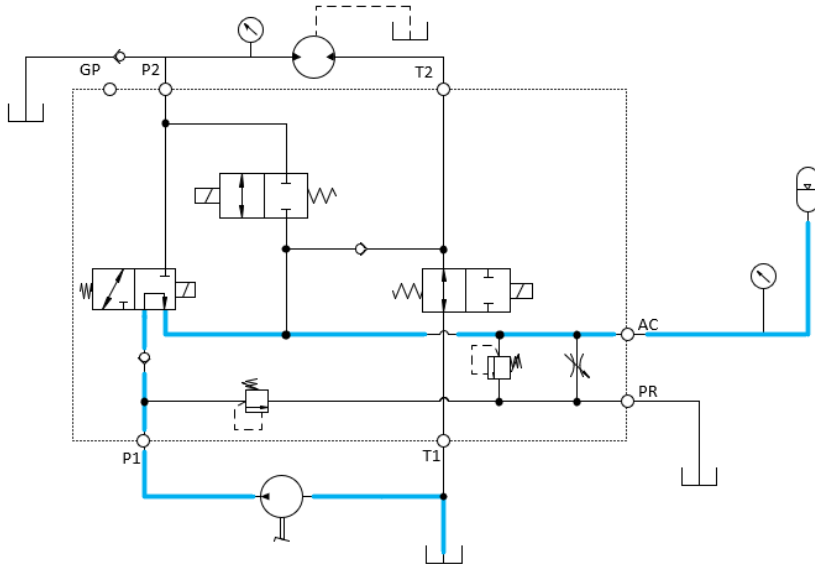
## Regenerative Braking



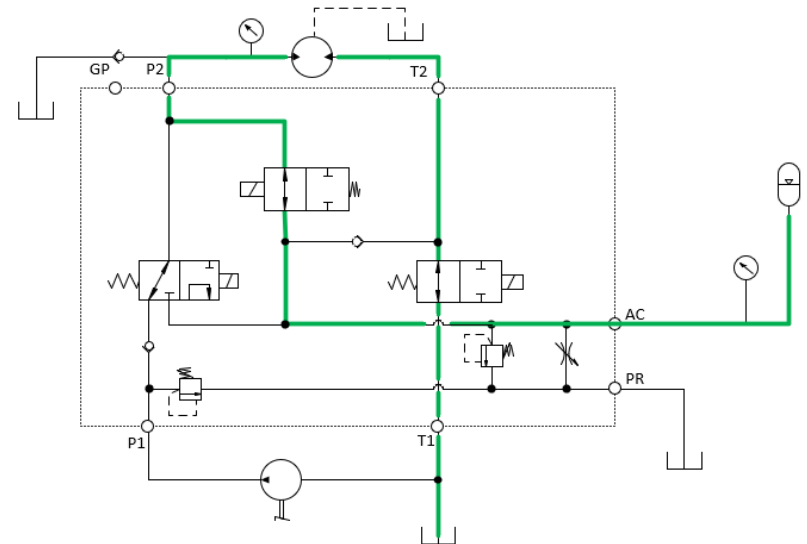


# Hydraulic Circuit Modes

Charging the  
Accumulator



Discharging the  
Accumulator

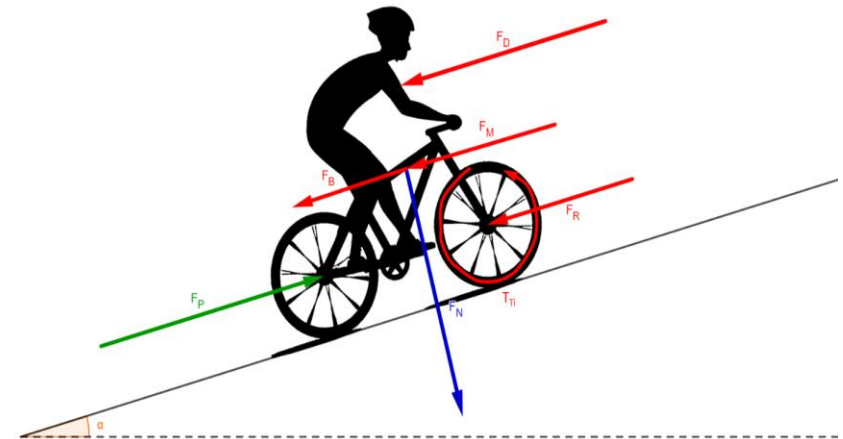


# Selection of hardware

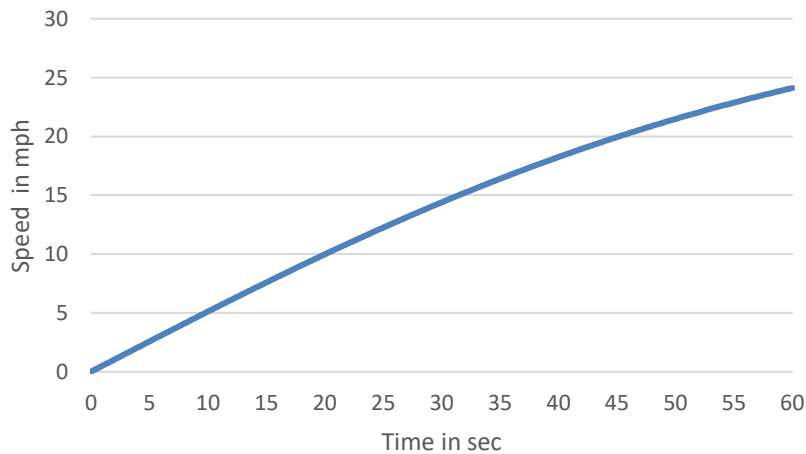
- Parts were selected and provided by the NFPA catalog.
  - Miscellaneous fittings and tubing were ordered from McMaster-Carr and Grainger.
- Hardware was chosen based on our calculations, research, and recommendations.

# Forces on bike

- $F_D = \text{Drag}$
- $F_R = \text{Rolling resistance}$
- $F_B = \text{Backforce}$
- $F_P = \text{Propulsion force}$
- $F_N = \text{Normal force}$
- $a = \frac{F_P - F_D - F_B - F_R}{m}$



Free body diagram



Bike velocity response to a constant propulsion force

# Pump & Motor Sizing

- Human Input
  - 80 rpm
  - 221 In-lbs.
- Gear Ratio
  - 5:1
- Assumed Pressure
  - 1500 psi
- Assumed Losses
  - 200 psi
- Required Torque
  - 90 in-lbs.

$$T_p = T_H \frac{d_p}{d_H} = \frac{T_H}{GR} = 44.2[in-lbs]$$

$$\omega_p = \omega_H \frac{d_H}{d_p} = \omega_H \times GR = 400[rpm]$$

$$Disp_p = \frac{2\pi T_p}{\eta_p P_p} = 0.21[in^3 / rev]$$

$$Q = \frac{P_p \times \omega_p}{231} = 0.32[gpm]$$

$$Disp_M = \frac{2\pi T_M}{\eta_M P_M} = 0.54[in^3 / rev]$$

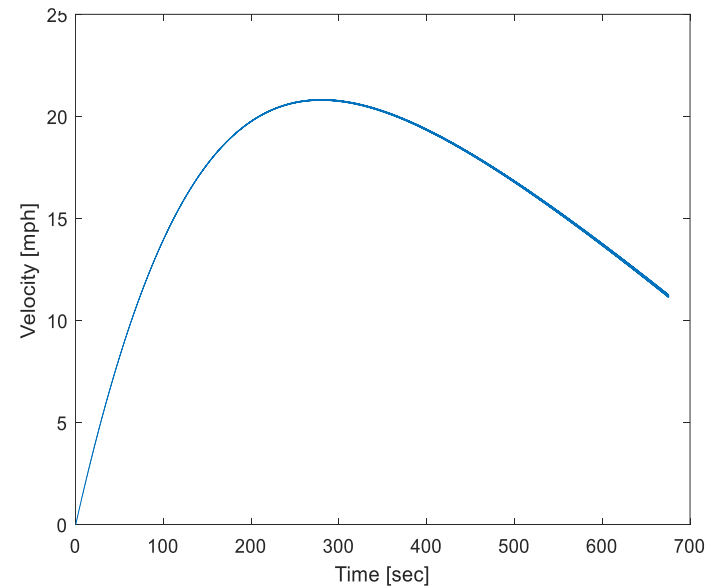
# Accumulator Sizing



- 1 Quart Volume
  - Size Constraints
- 1500 psi Nitrogen Pre-charge Assumed
- 3000 psi Oil Charge Assumed

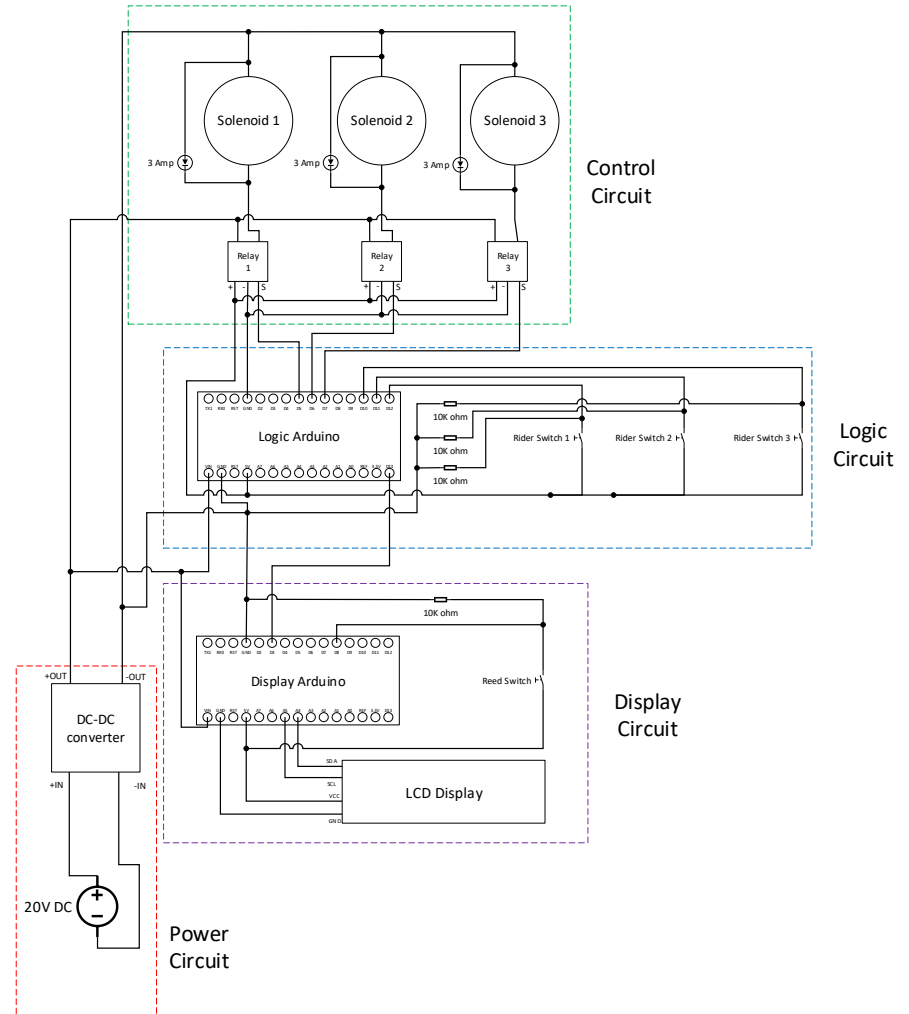
$$V_{N_2} = V_{N_1} \frac{P_{N_1}}{P_{N_2}} = 0.803[L] \frac{1014.7[psia]}{3014.7[psia]} = 0.2703[L]$$

$$V_O = V_{Tot} - V_N = 0.6757[L]$$

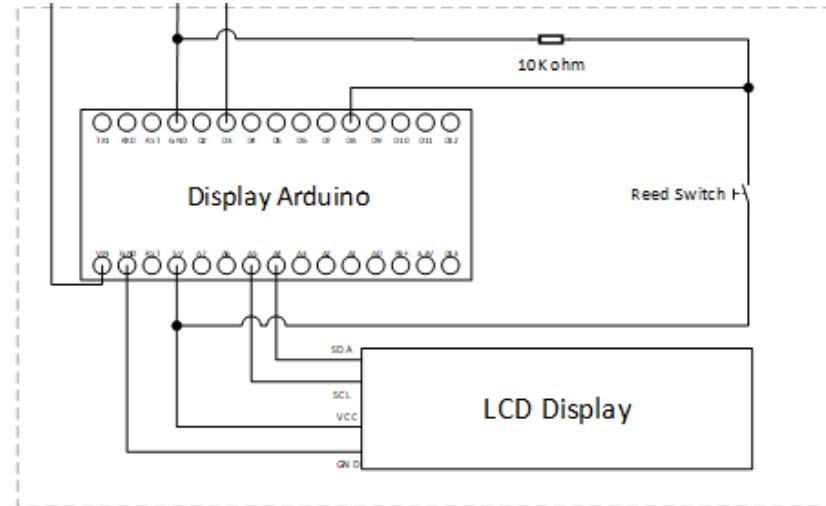
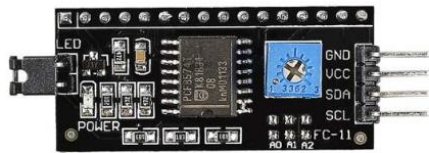


Velocity profile of vehicle during accumulator discharge

# Electronic Circuit



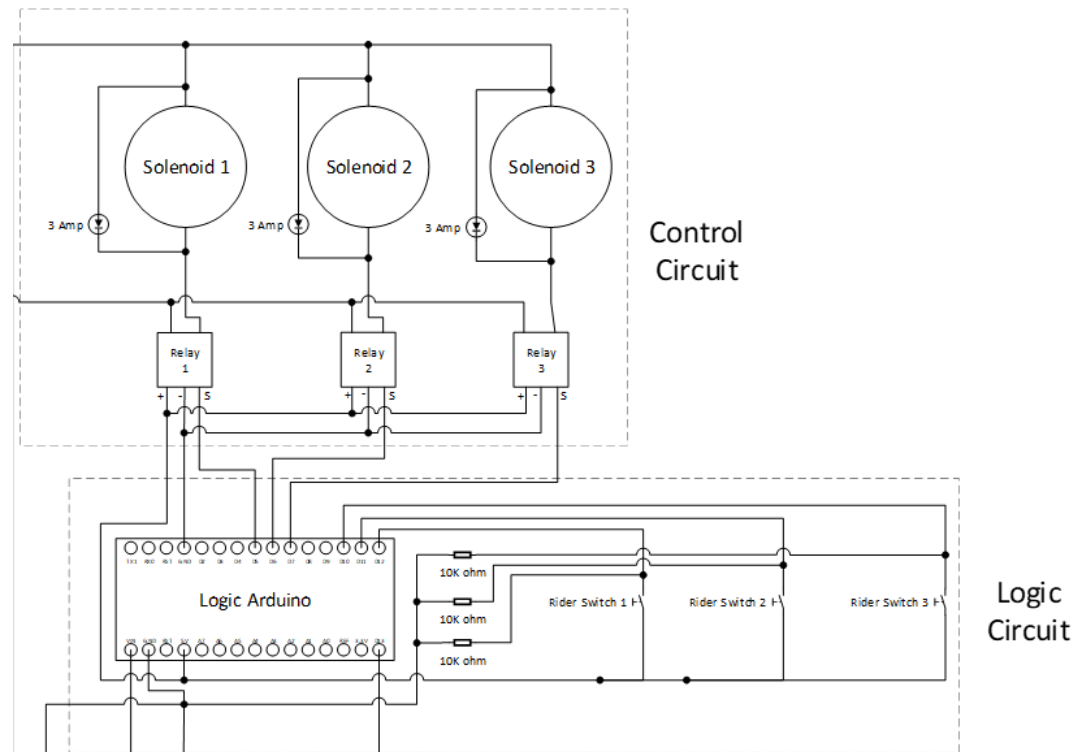
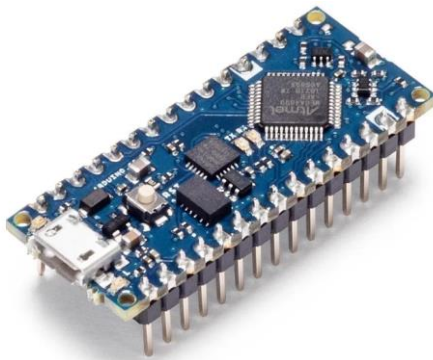
# Display Circuit



Display  
Circuit

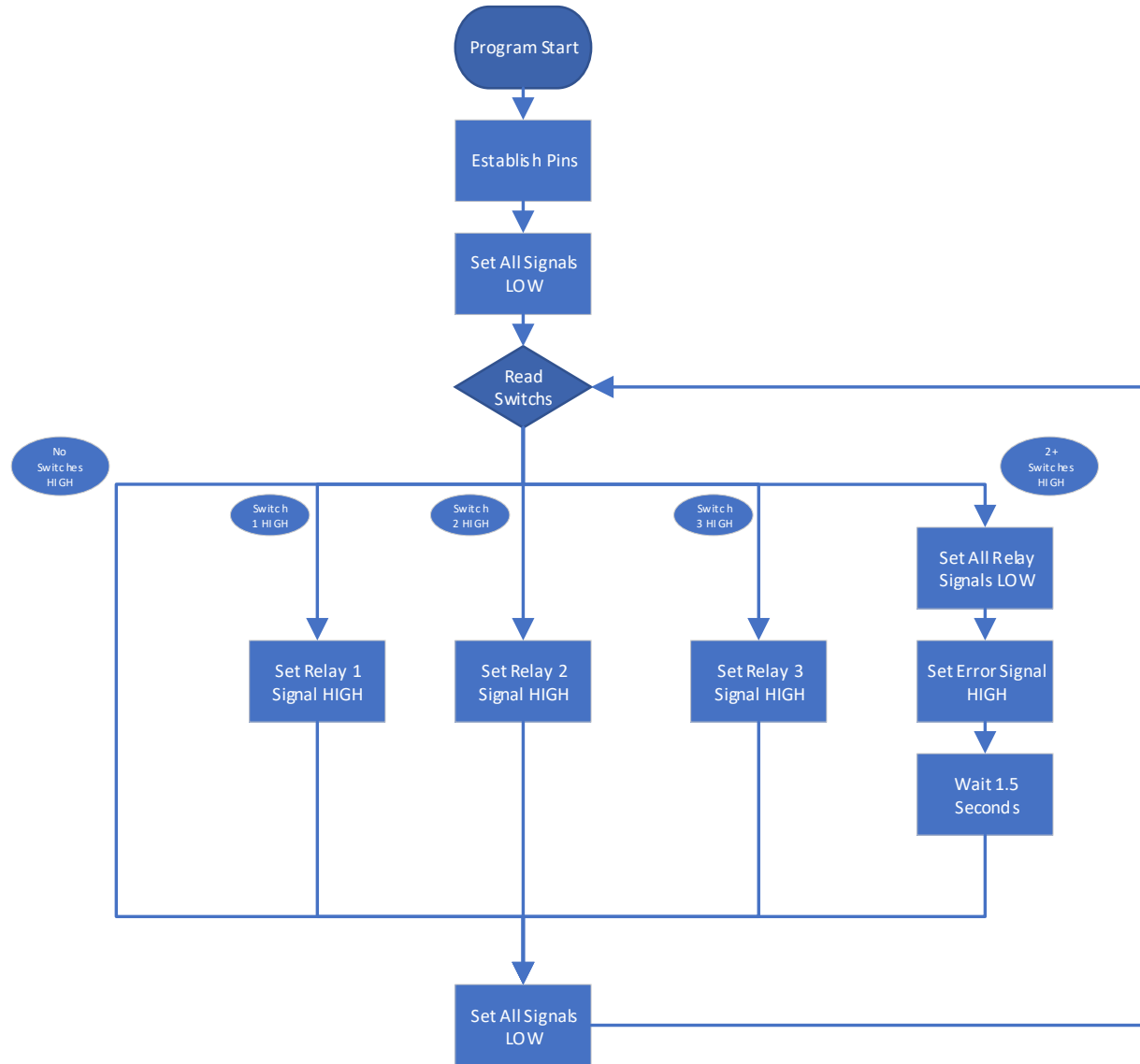


# Control & Logic Circuit

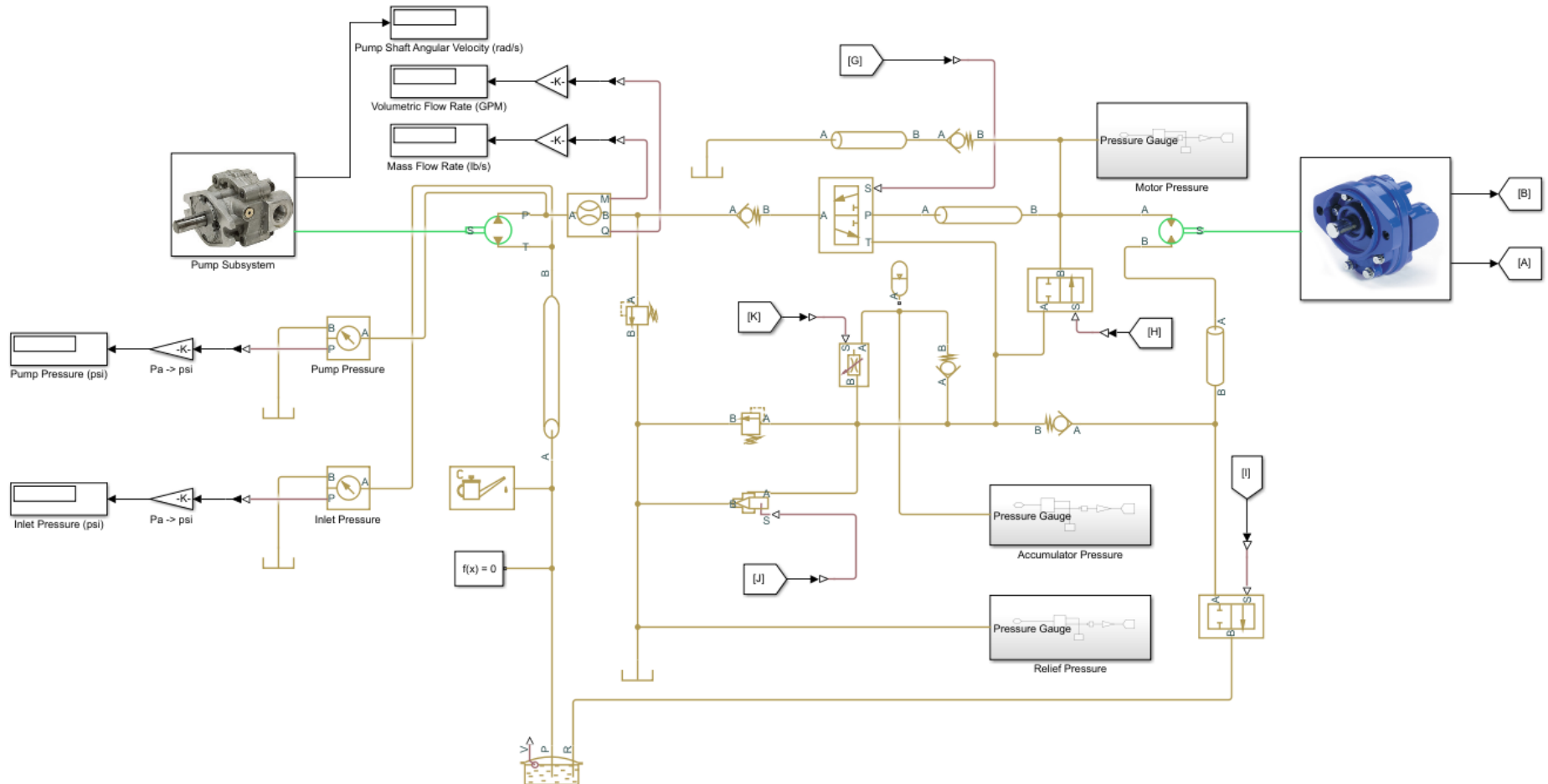




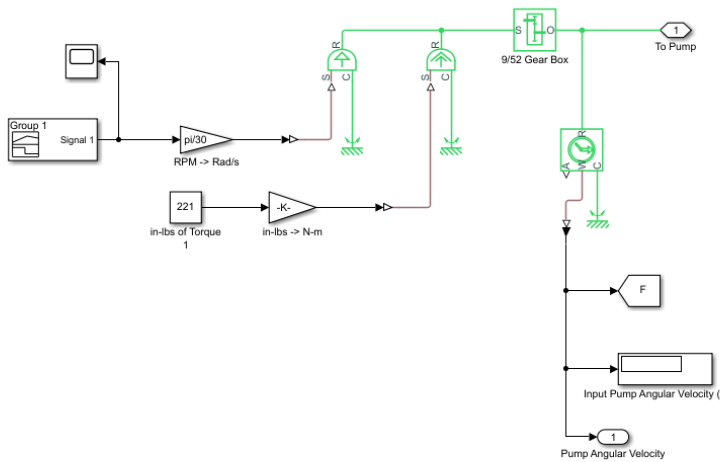
# Control & Logic Flowchart



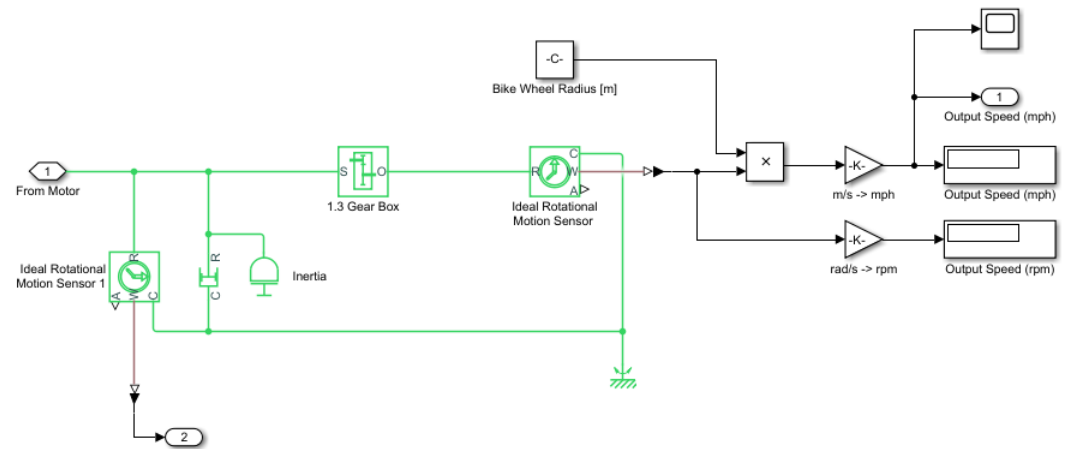
# Incorporation of analyses - Simscape Fluids



# Motor and Pump

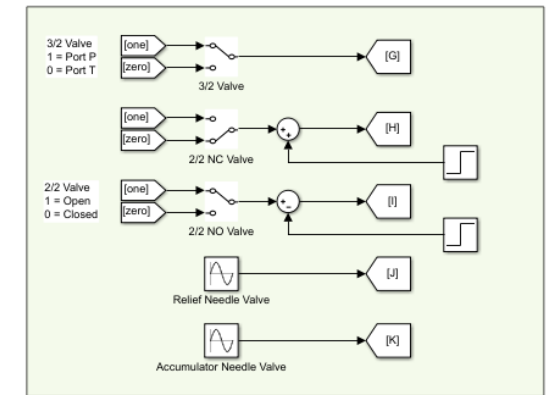
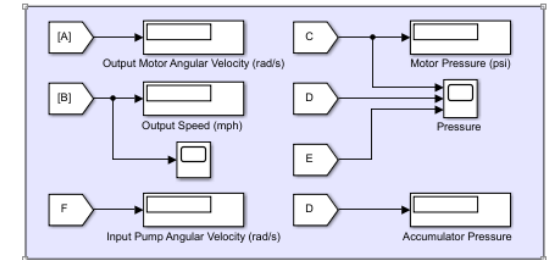
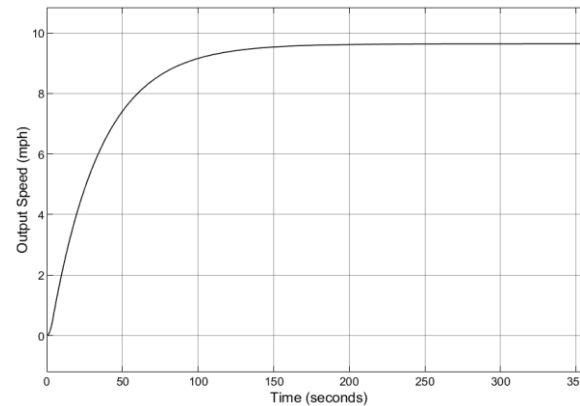
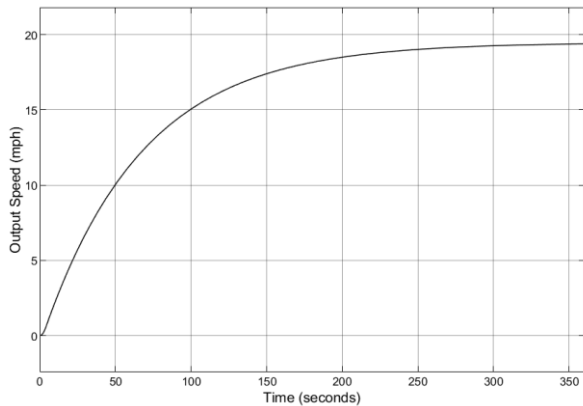
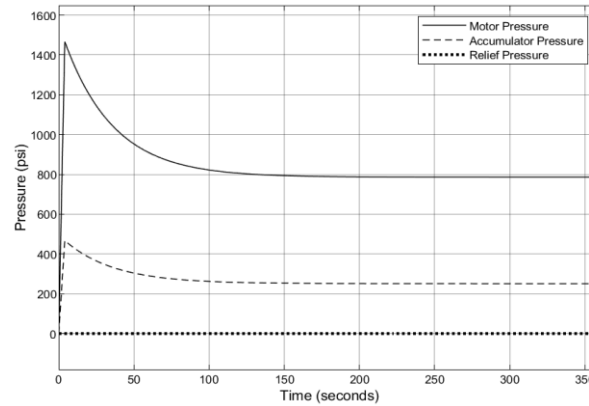
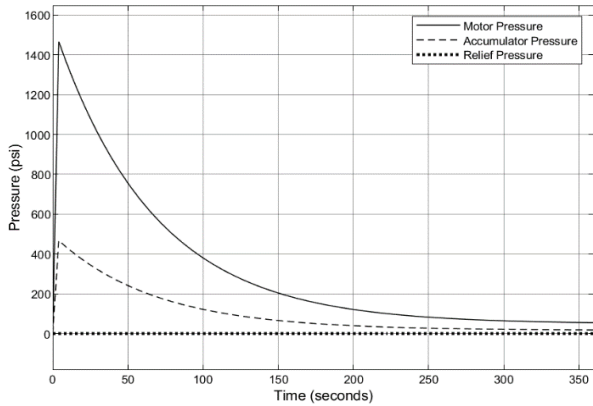


Pump Subsystem



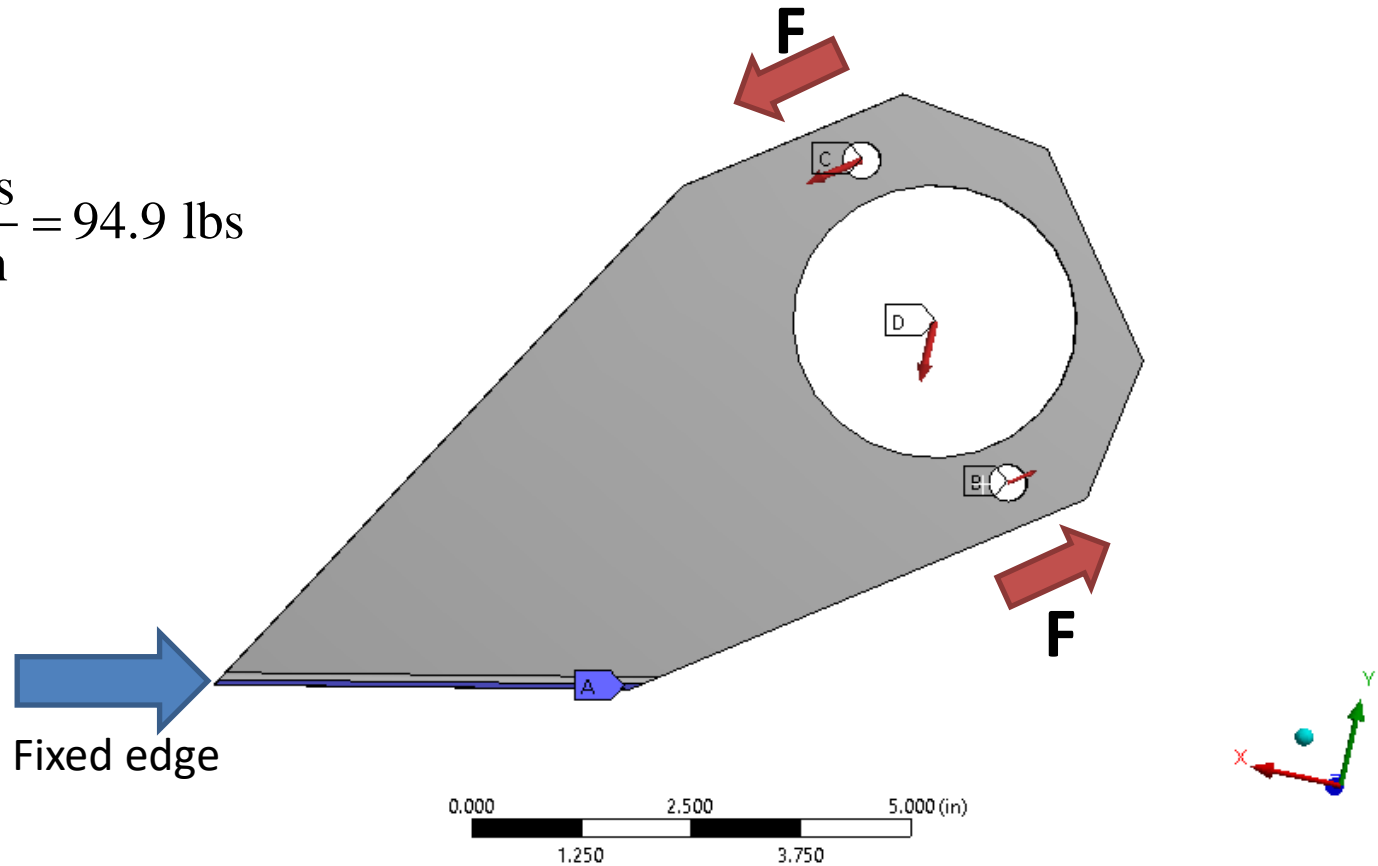
Motor Subsystem

# Organization and Results



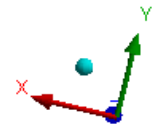
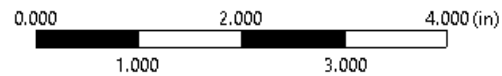
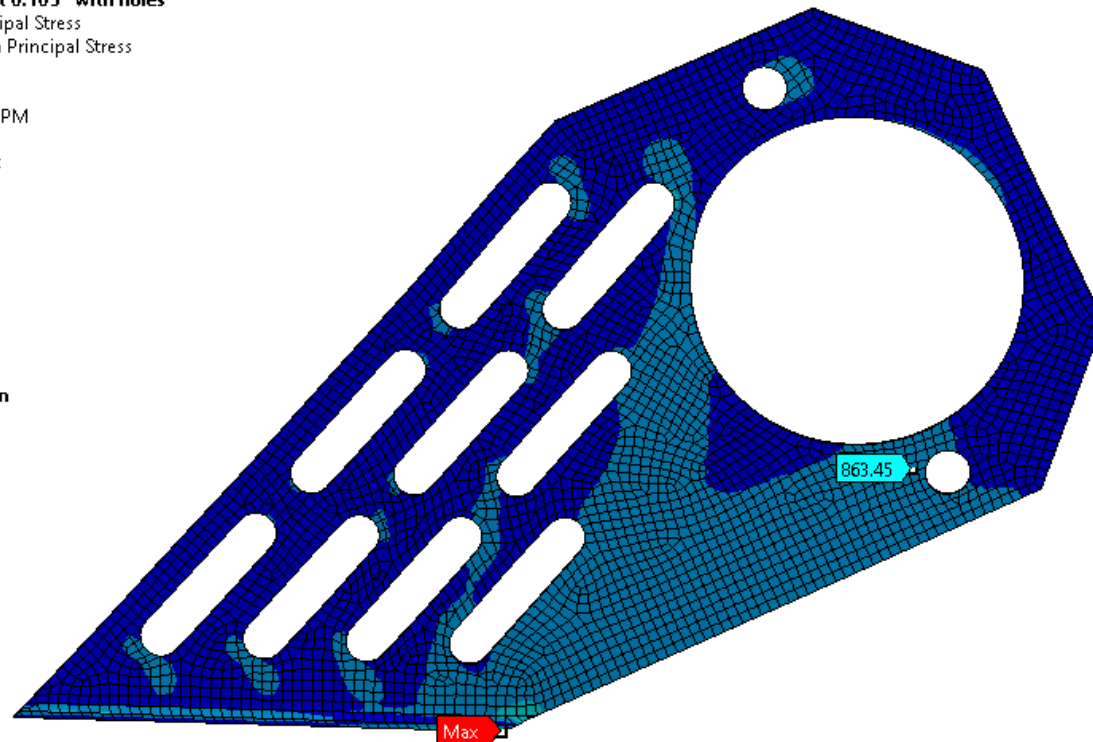
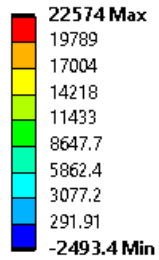
# Boundary conditions

$$F = \frac{416 \text{ in-lbs}}{2 \cdot 2.19 \text{ in}} = 94.9 \text{ lbs}$$

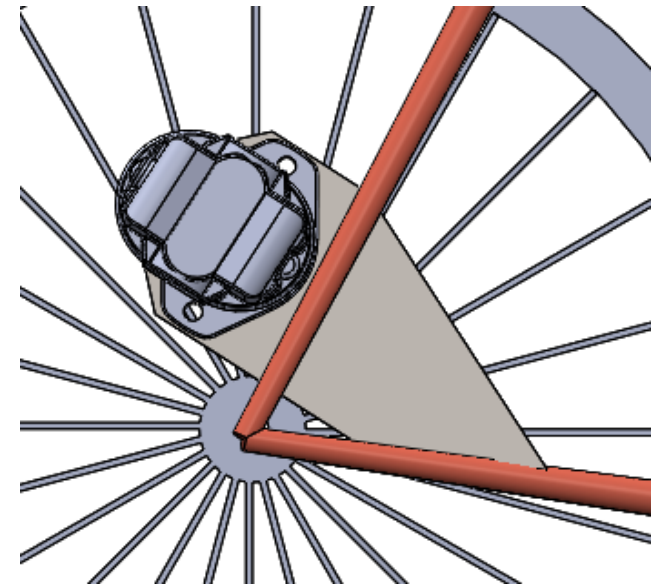


# Results

**B: Motor mount 0.105" with holes**  
Maximum Principal Stress  
Type: Maximum Principal Stress  
Unit: psi  
Time: 1  
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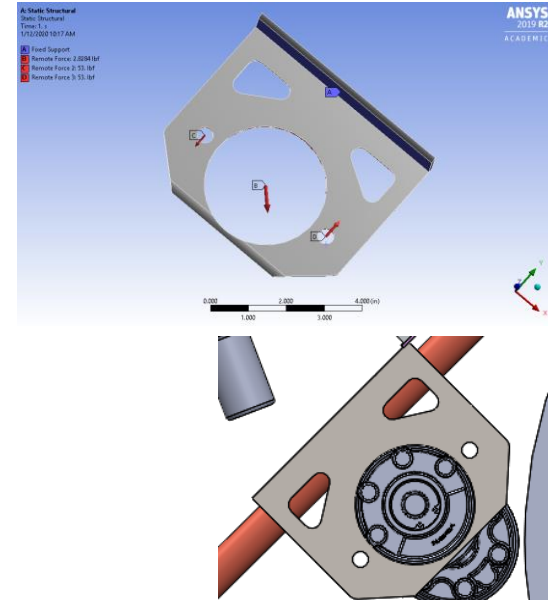
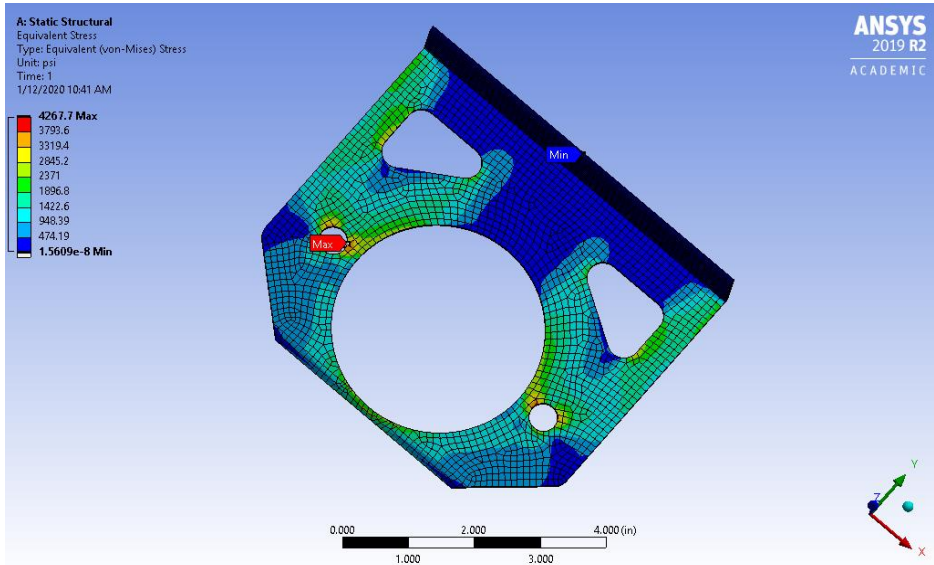


# Comparison of both variants



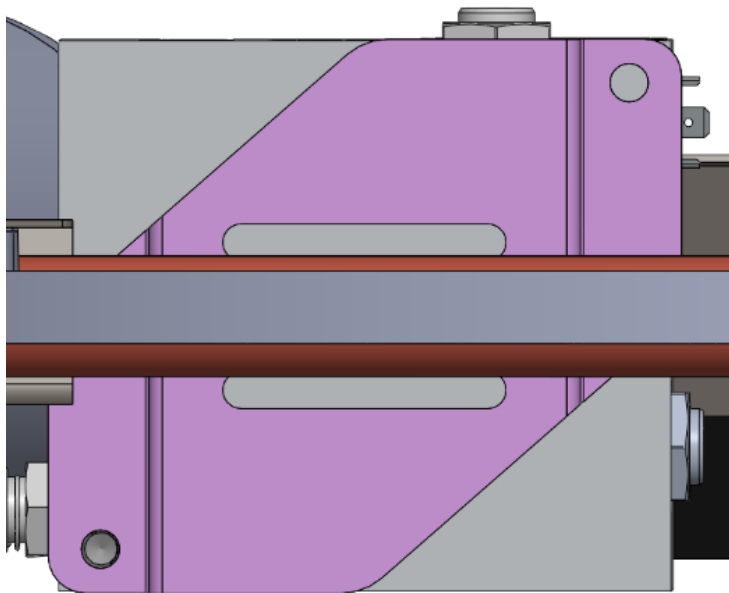
configuration	Max. principal stress in psi	Max. von Mises stress in psi	Max. deformation in inch	Weight in lbs.	Safety factor
Mount without holes	19 430	12 666	0.0028	1	1.8
Mount with holes	22 574	15 917	0.0036	0.7	1.6

# Pump mount

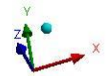
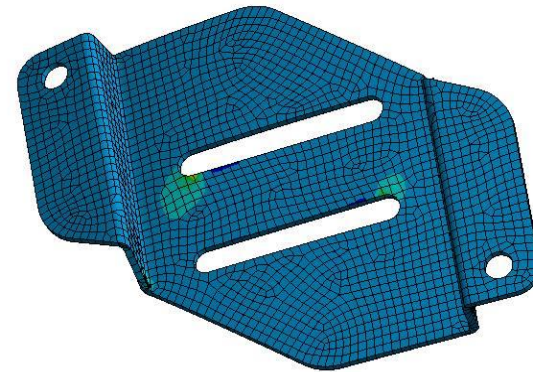
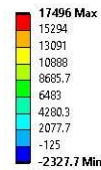




# Manifold Mount



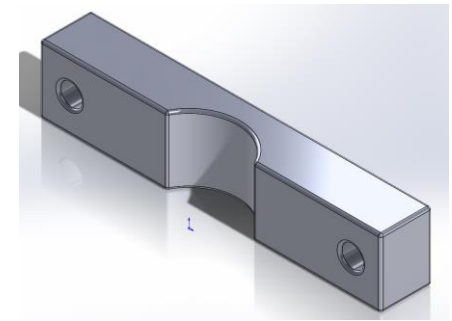
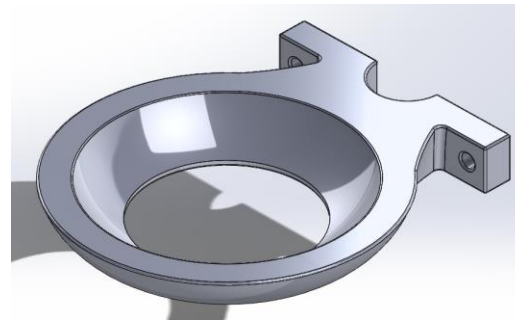
**B:0.075 manifold mount**  
Maximum Principal Stress  
Type: Maximum Principal Stress  
Unit: psi  
Time: 1  
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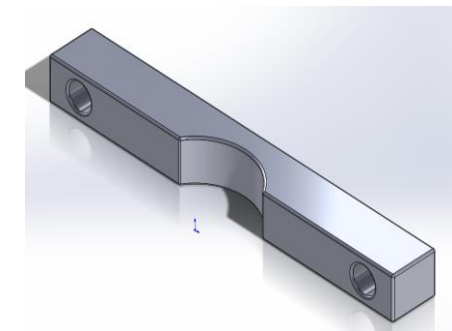
# Accumulator Mount

- 3D Printed
  - Nylon 12CF

Component	Max Stress (psi)	Safety Factor	Max Deformation (in)
Bottom Mount	1687.8	2.47	0.0138
Bottom Mount Cap	2289.3	1.82	0.00194
Top Mount	2364.3	1.76	0.0044
Top Mount Cap	2709.2	1.54	0.0064



Accumulator Mount Bottom Bracket and Cap



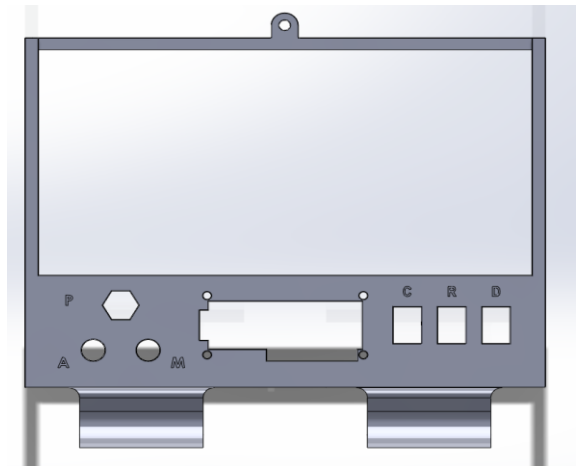
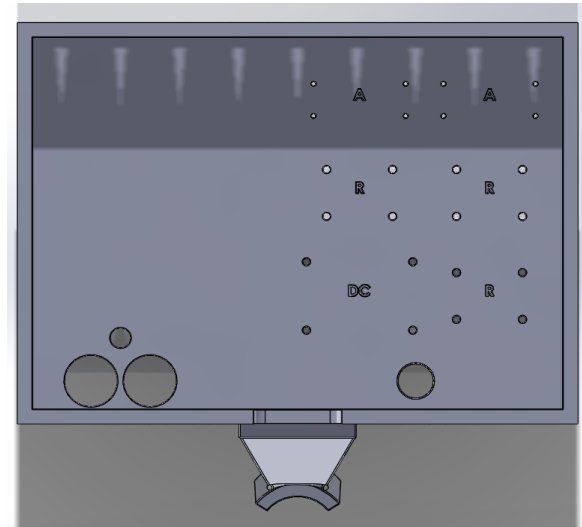
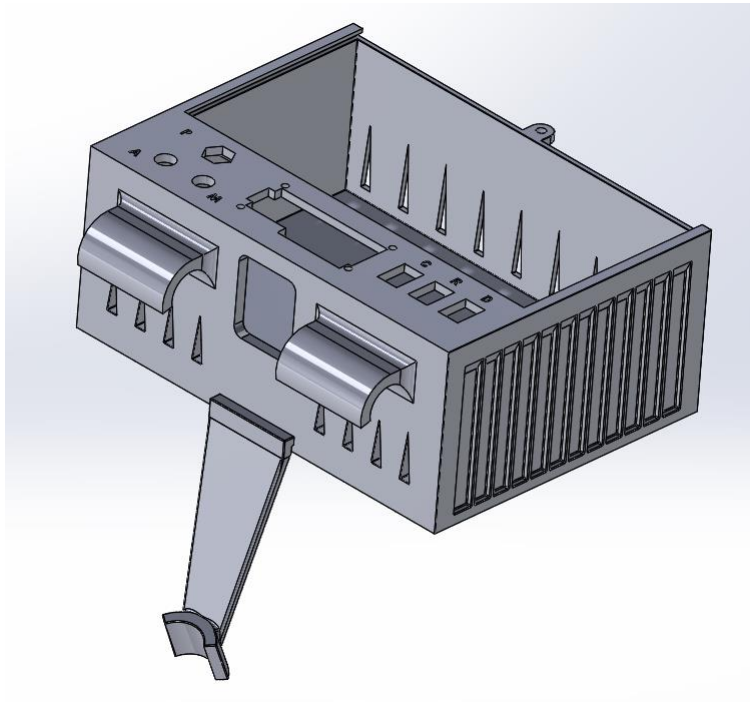
Accumulator Mount Top Bracket and Cap

# Accumulator Mount



# Electronics Box

- 3D Printed
  - Box
    - ABS-ESD7
  - Supporting Arm
    - Nylon 12CF



# Electronics Box



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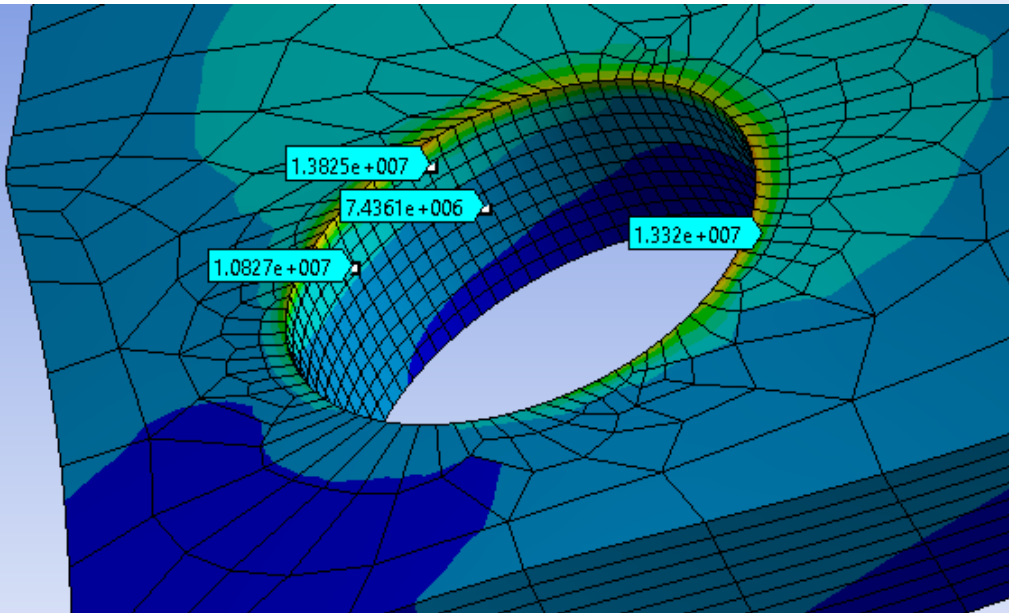
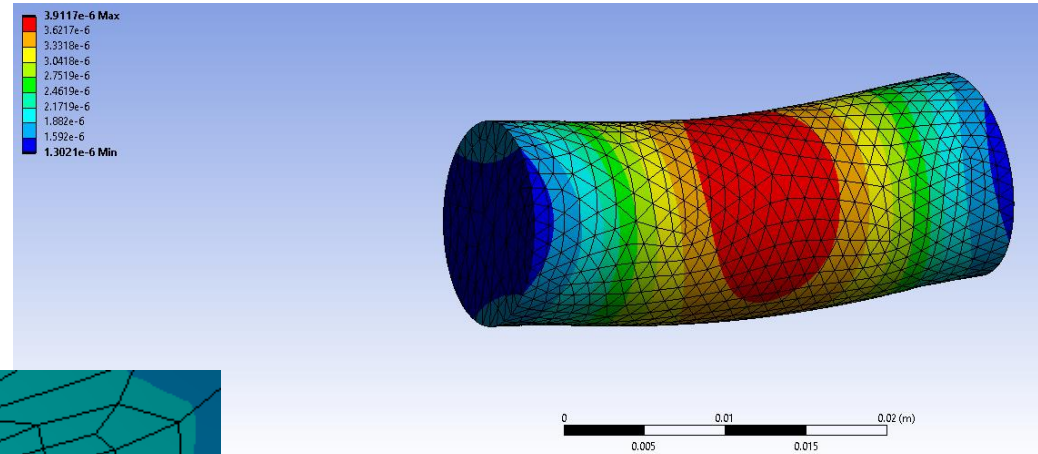
# Pneumatics

Adjustable seat suspension



Watch our suspension motion study: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtpmAJPt04g>

# FEA Simulated Results



**Hand Calculated Bearing stress:**

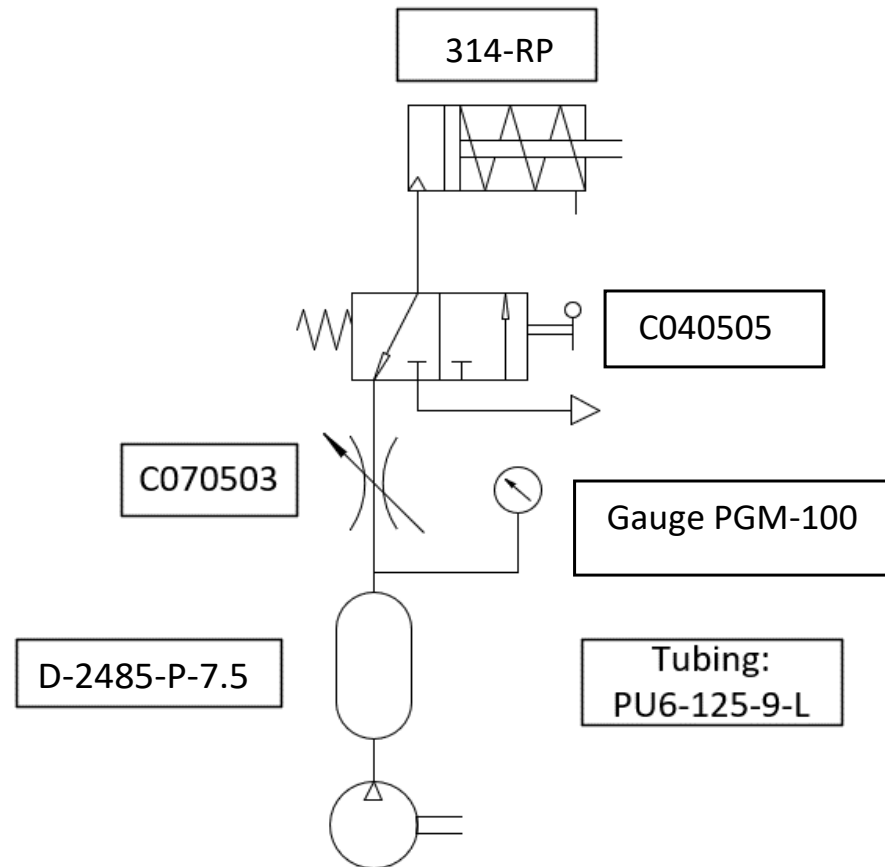
$$\sigma = \frac{F}{d \cdot s \cdot n} = 1.574 \text{ MPa}$$

**Yield Strength 1020 Steel:**

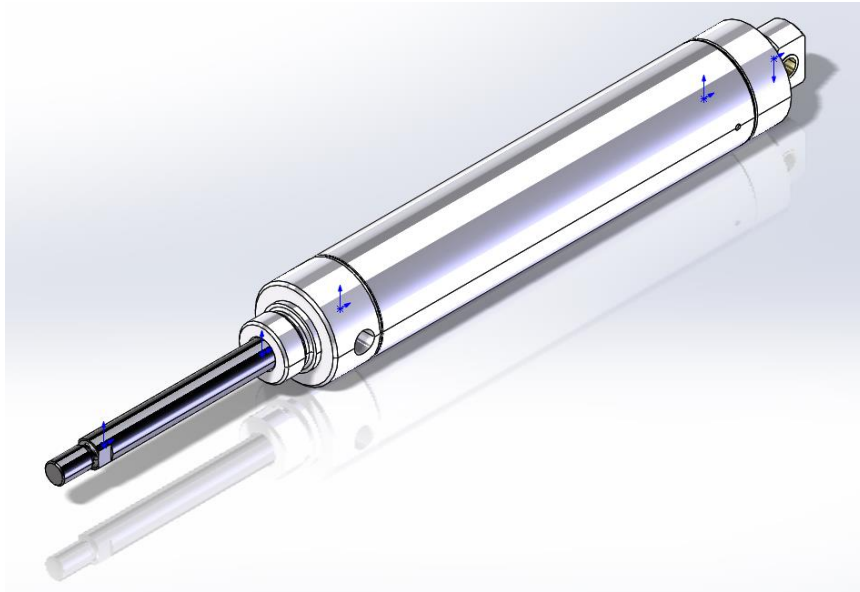
350 MPa



# Pneumatic Seat Suspension Circuit

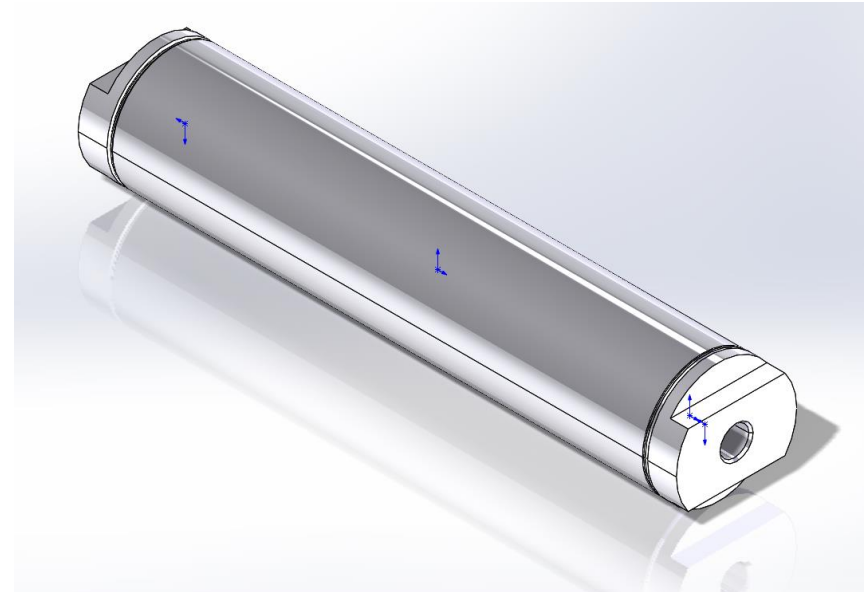


# Calculations for Component Selection



Pneumatic Cylinder

- Allowed pressure: 100 psi
- Assumed weight: 215 lbs.
- Cylinder Bore: 2 in
- Stroke: 4 in



Pneumatic Tank

- Required pressure: 88.05 psi
- Remaining pressure after one stroke: 90.889 psi

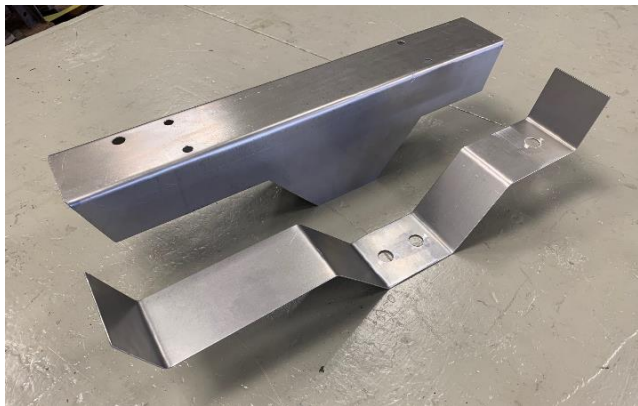
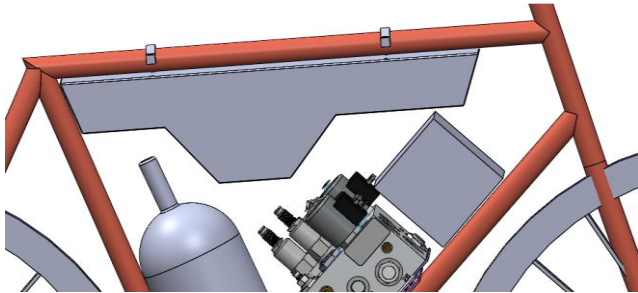
# Vehicle Construction – Motor Chain



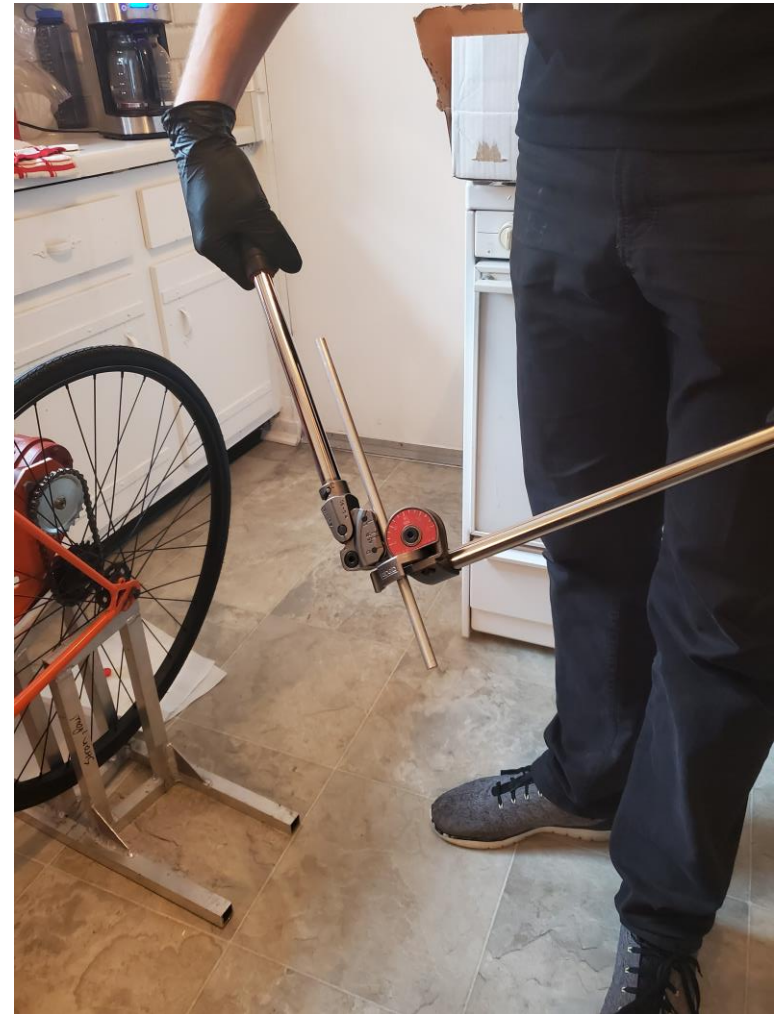
# Vehicle Construction – Pump Chain



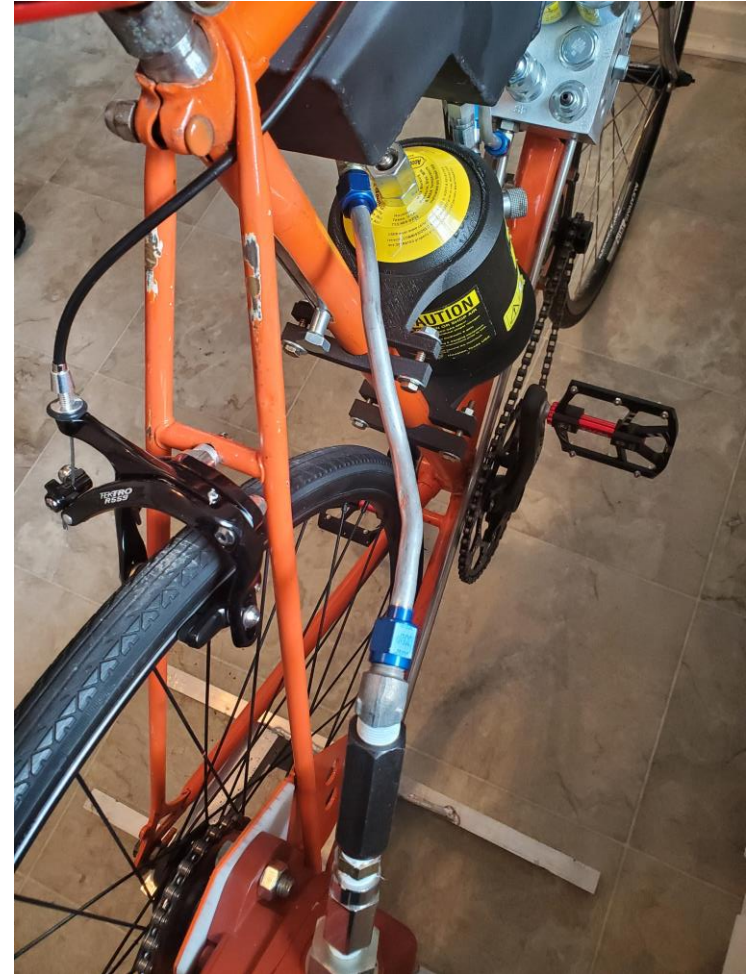
# Vehicle Construction – Hydraulic Oil Reservoir



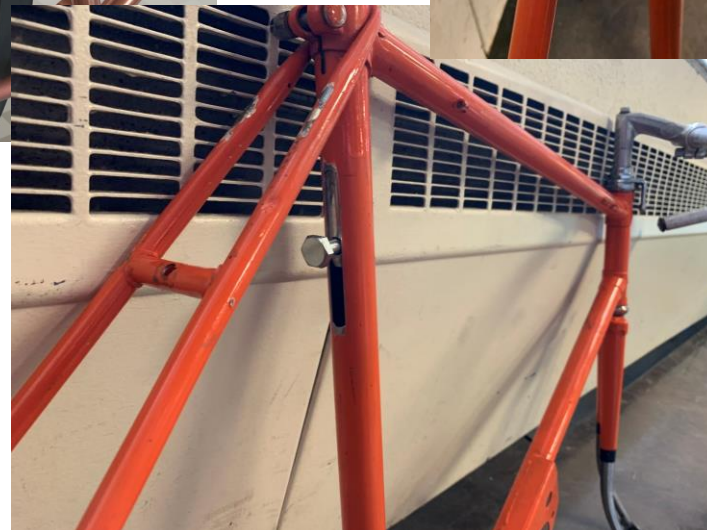
# Vehicle Construction - Tubing



# Vehicle Construction - Tubing



# Vehicle Construction – Pneumatic Seat Suspension



- COVID-19 interrupted manufacturing
- Requires machine shop



# Vehicle Assembly – Before Tubing



# Progress Made Towards Final Vehicle



# Lessons Learned

- Machine sprockets to fit on key shaft of motor and pump and also on a normal bike chain



# Lessons Learned – Bottom Bracket

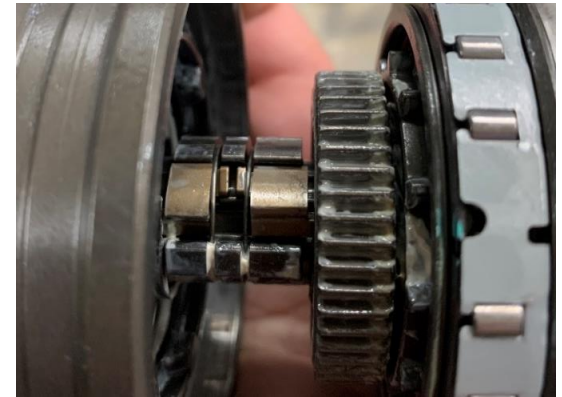
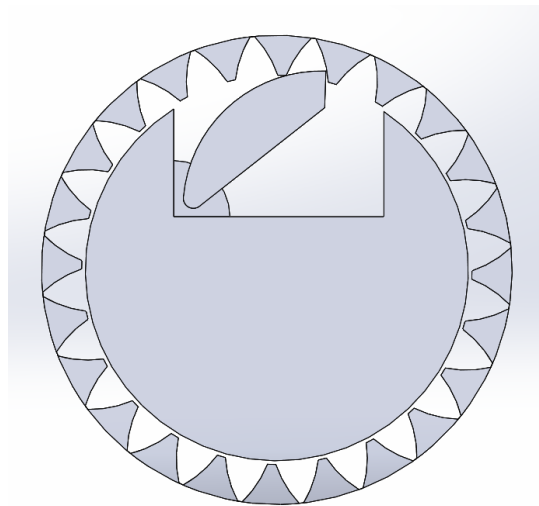
- Old bracket was rusted
- Many different standards
- Outdated 'RALEIGH'



# Lessons Learned - Chain



# Lessons Learned – Hub Gear



# Lessons Learned

- Being flexible, adapt to unpredictable situations
- Working in a team to overcome obstacles
- Something will go wrong
- Sometimes you just have to get started – learning on the fly

# Conclusion

- **Design Goals Achieved**
  - Clean and Safe Design
  - Pneumatics Incorporated into Design
  - Electrically Controlled Hydraulic Valves in Design
- **Possible Improvements**
  - Exchange rear wheel fixed sprocket for hub gear
  - Orientation of tubing/manifold ports



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