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Fluid Power

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FINAL PRESENTATION
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Team Introduction



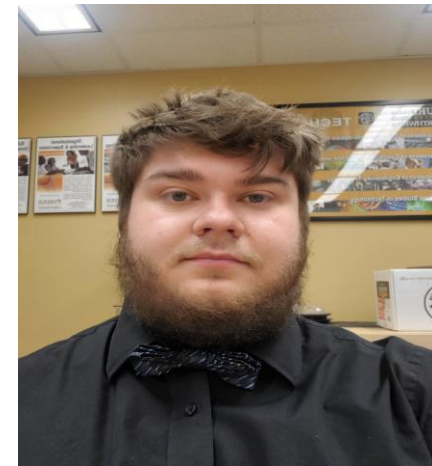
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Problem Statement and Objective



Design a vehicle that moves using hydraulics and human power.

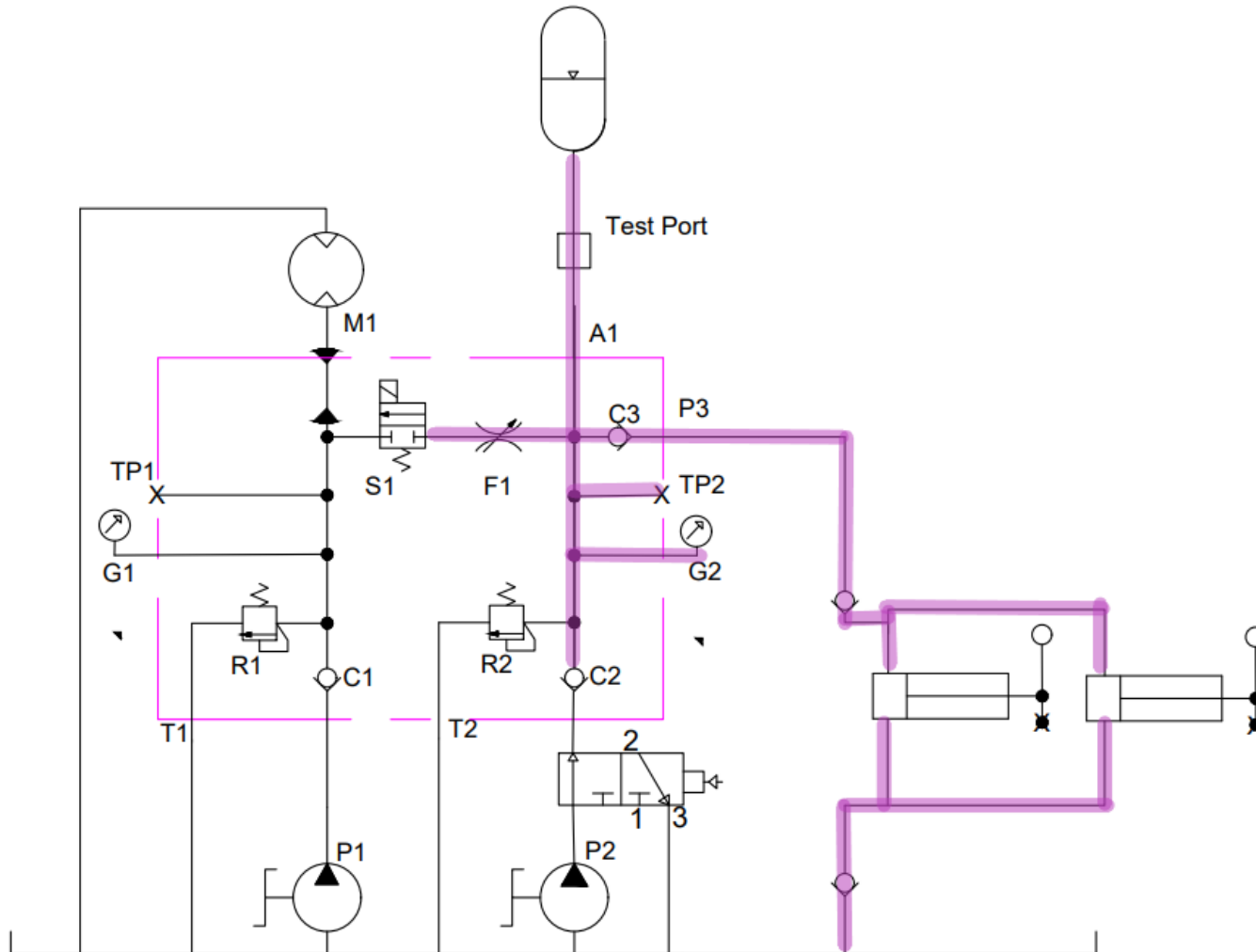
- Construct to weigh under 210 Pounds
- Gear to maximize speed
- Build to be safely operated

Summary Of Midway Review

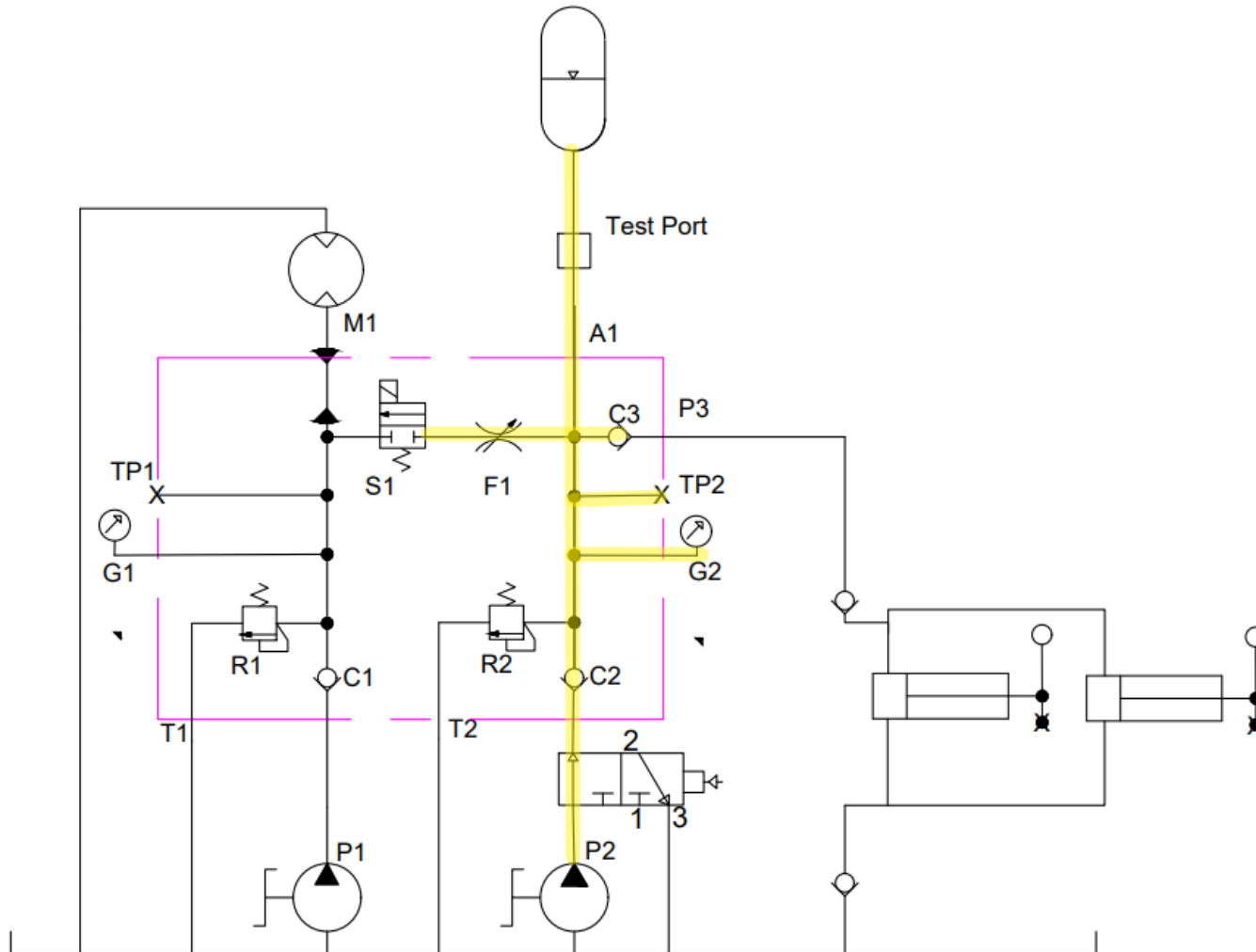


- **Vehicle Design**
 - Vehicle design was mostly new using plans from the previous year
- **Fluid power circuit design**
 - See following Slides
- **Selection of hardware**
 - Hardware from previous year was assessed and other components were required.
 - New Hoses were made approximately 30 feet of hose
 - Approximately 20 feet of 4130 Chromoly was used.
 - New pumps and motors were sourced
- **Results and Incorporation of Analyses**
 - Frame was modified and extended
 - Structural components were stress tested and analyzed for stress.

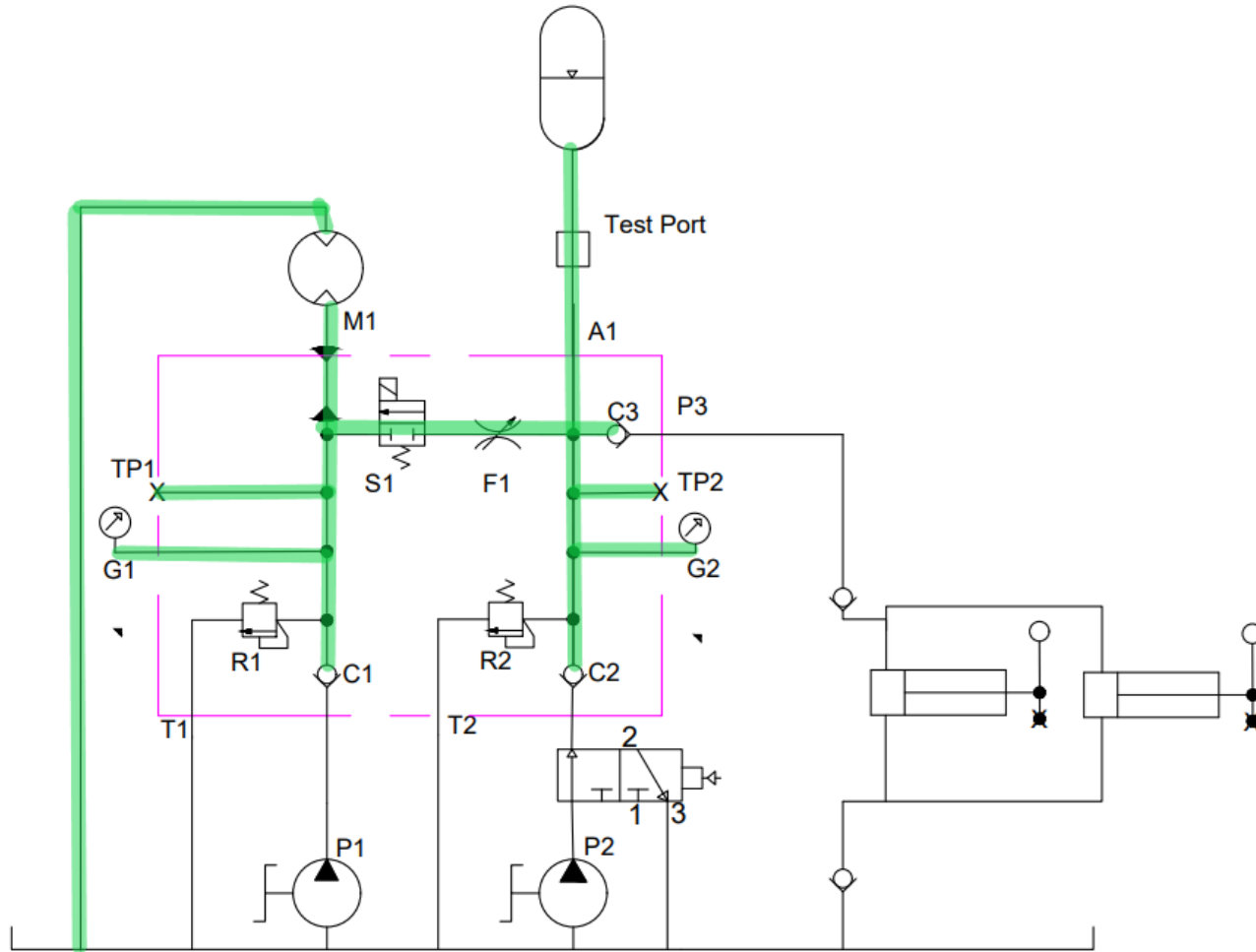
Pressurizing Accumulator



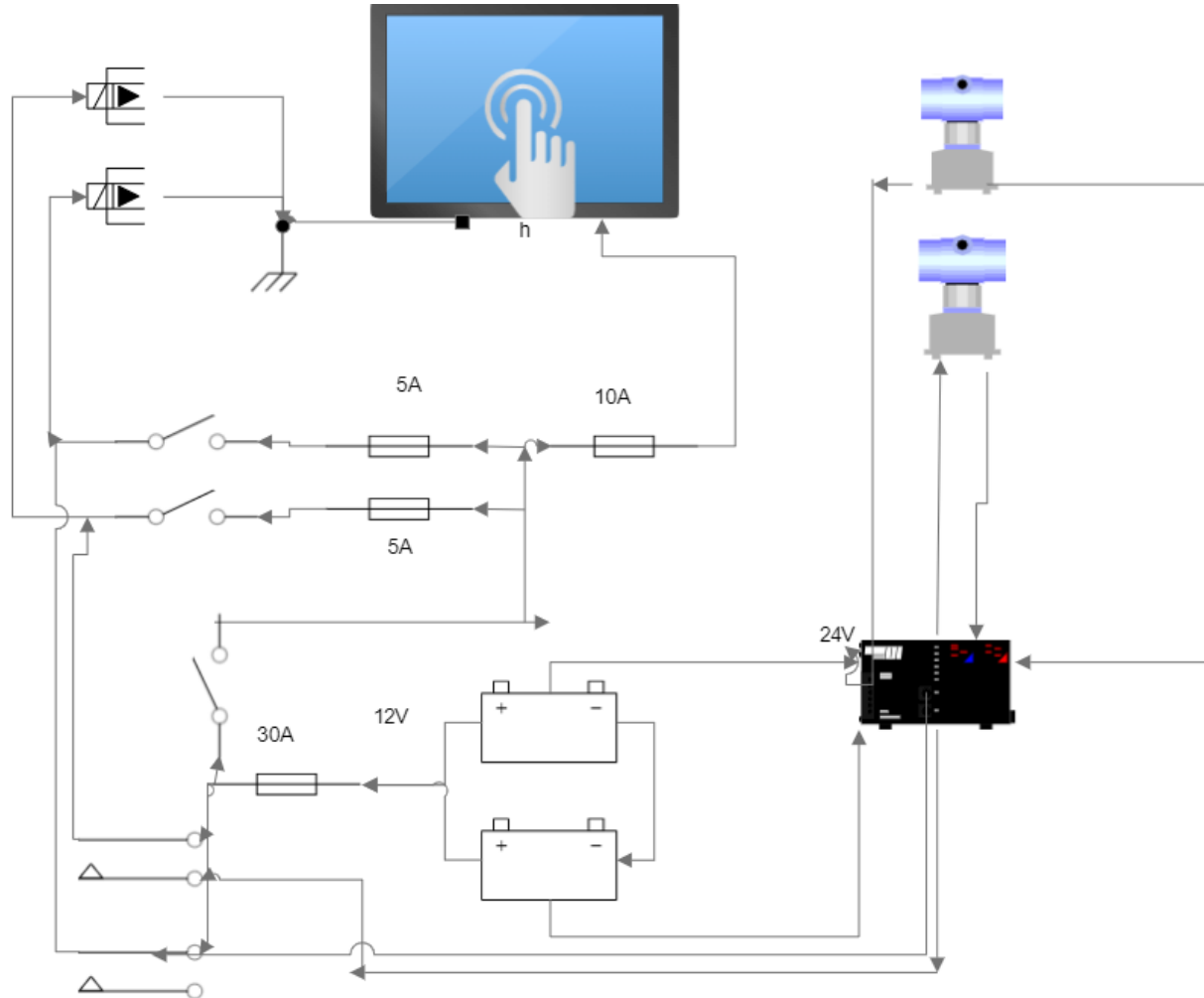
Regenerative Braking



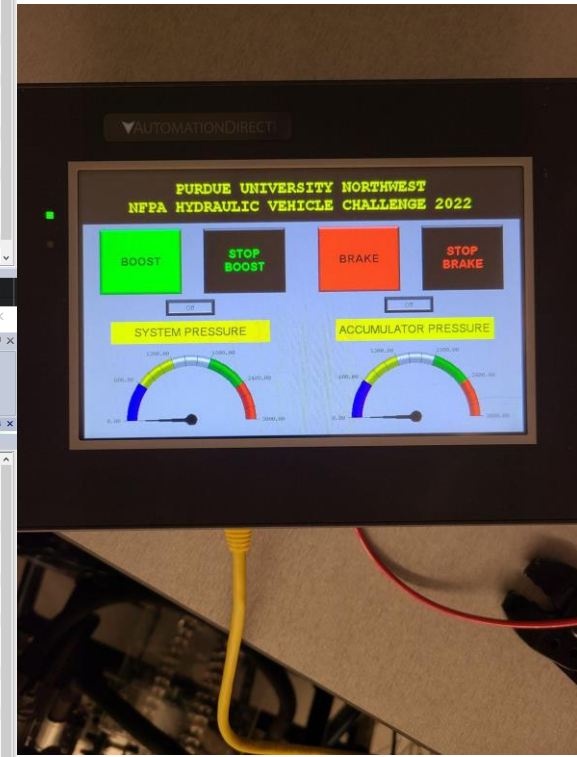
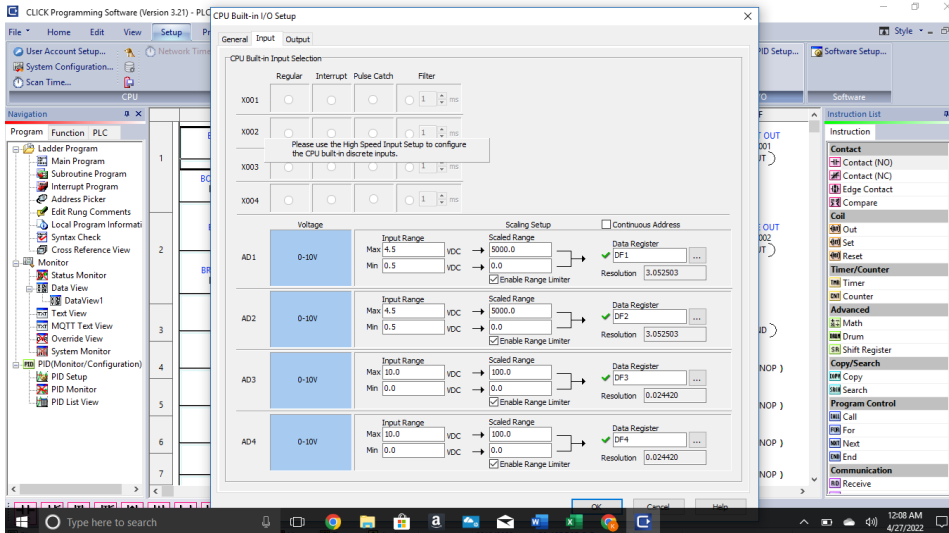
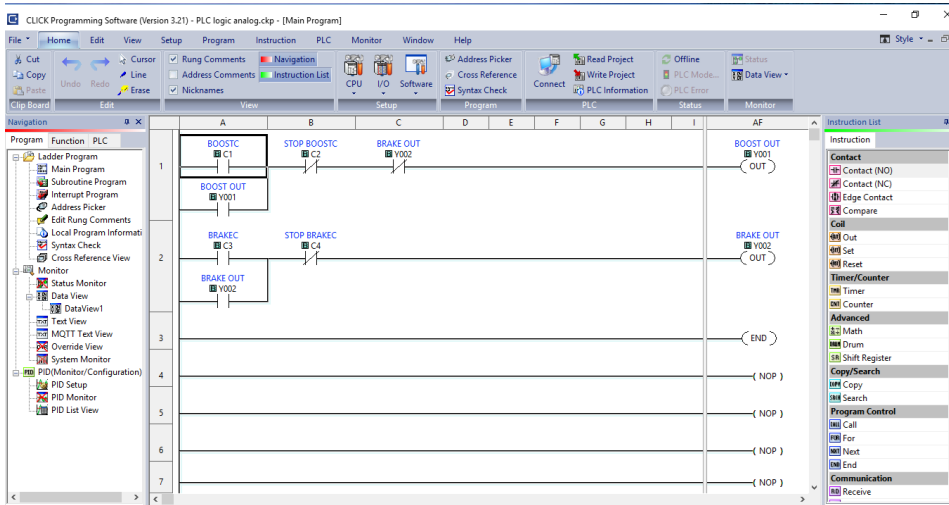
Accumulator Power



Wiring Diagram



PLC Program



Vehicle Construction



Vehicle construction was completed on time.

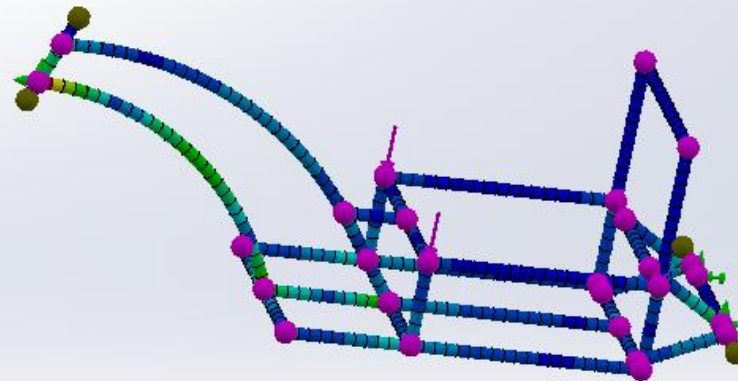
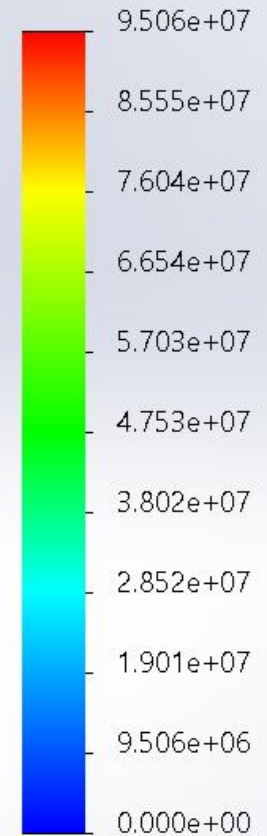
- Frame was constructed and welded by the team.
- Reservoir was plasma cut and welded by team with help of school shop
- Pump and motor mounting brackets were used from last year's team.

FEA STRESS ANALYSIS



Deformation scale: 1

Upper bound axial an



Vehicle Testing

- Vehicle testing began April 4th.
- Problems incurred during testing
 - Leaking connections
 - Lose chains
 - Lose bolts
- Fine Tuning
 - Double checked fittings and fasteners
 - Added tension to chains
 - Changed gear ratio
 - Changed chain type and size

Final Vehicle



- Frame made of 4130 Chromoly Pipe
- Comfortable for one rider and ergonomic to pedal.



Racing Prep



- Sprint
 - Seems fast but is slow to start
- Efficiency
 - Stores energy for a while
- Endurance
 - Managed 5 plus laps around our parking lot

Lessons Learned

- Nothing stays on schedule
- How much time that a task is estimated to take double it.
- Lead times are very important and not always correct.
- Parts availability was difficult.
- Knowledge is power.

Thank You

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