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## Michigan Ninja Relay Competition

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## 1. ABSTRACT

Team 104 has designed and manufactured a robotic machine player (RMP) to compete in the Michigan Ninja Relay challenge. Our RMP, codename Sisyphus, competes in zone 4 of the challenge. Our strategy is to push the large cubes that block Sisyphus in the starting point out of the way, push the remaining blocks out of the way , catch cubes from zone 3, carry them to the goal, and drop them in. We prioritize cubes coming in from zone 3 and will only attempt to move the cubes in zone 4 , our zone, if there is surplus time.

The three functional requirements we have created for our RMP are to pick up at least three cubes at a time, move the blocks, and drop all of the cubes into the goal at once. Other specific requirements are that it must initially fit in a volume no larger than 10 " x 10 " x 12 ", use the provided power/control box and the wireless controller, attach the provided control box to the RMP with velcro, have less than four axes of motion, and not pose a risk of injury to others. Sisyphus has met all of these requirements.

The two major subsystems of Sisyphus are the tray system and the wheel drive system. The tray is a bent piece of sheet metal capable of picking up three cubes at once and dropping all of these cubes into the goal at once by rotating about an axis at the top of the RMP, causing all of the cubes to slide down into the goal. This tray is powered by one motor at a 99:1 gear ratio. Torque is transferred from the motor to the tray through a chain and sprocket. In order to power the drivetrain of the RMP, Sisyphus has two front wheels each independently powered by a separate motor at a 99:1 gear ratio. The rear wheels are two ball-casters for agile mobility.

We designed Sisyphus using Solidworks and manufactured it in the x50 machine shop. A majority of the RMP, including the entire frame and sprockets, was created using the water jet. Small features, such as press fit holes for bearings, key ways for sprockets, and angle brackets to connect the frame and motors were made on a manual mill. Axles with e-clip grooves were manufactured on a manual lathe.

Sisyphus did not do well in initial testing. We were unable to push the largest block or lift the tray. After modifying the RMP by adding two extension springs to add more torque to lift the tray and adding counterweights to the front, Sisyphus was able to fulfill our functional requirements. According to our calculations, our tray motor is unable to lift the tray and at least 3 cubes, but after testing, we found that if we lower the tray in order to pick up momentum, we were able to lift the tray and cubes. Our pusher calculations indicate that our motors provide enough torque to push the blocks, but we added counter weights in order to increase the friction between the wheels and the field.

Sisyphus performed very well in final testing. At competition, Sisyphus managed to drop eight cubes into the goal and was a part of the winning squad. No technical issues occurred during the competition and Sisyphus completed every task with ease.

For future models and mass production of Sisyphus some parts would need to change. The frame can be simplified to reduce machining time and an extra motor should be added to increase torque provided to the tray. This report details the creation, calculations, design, manufacturing process, bill of materials, test results, recommendations for future models, and engineering drawings for our RMP.,

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Ninja Relay Competition is a five-minute game that includes a team of four or five students to collaborate within a squad of 4 teams to design and build a remote-controlled machine (aka RMP) to overcome the obstacles presented in each assigned zone. There are four zones: in Zone 1, the RMP must cross over a 6 inch pyramid to collect its six cubes and transport them to Zone 2; the RMP in Zone 2 needs to either cross a ball pit or take a narrow path along the edge of the table border to collect its five cubes along with Zone 1 cubes then transfer them to Zone 3; in Zone 3, the RMP is required to maneuver through a maze that consists of a shorter, more narrow path or a longer, wider path to collect whatever cubes coming in from Zone 2 and its own cubes to transfer to Zone 4; and finally, the RMP in Zone 4 must move the blocks that initially barricade the RMP, the Goal, and the zone border to create a path that allows the RMP to collect the cubes coming in from Zone 3 and cubes from its own zone to drop them into the Goal. The objective of the game is to score as many points as possible by passing the cubes from each zone or cubes from previous zones onto the next zone, while the fourth and final zone needs to drop as many cubes into the Goal basket.

## 3. PROTOTYPE DESIGN

### 3.1. Strategy and Zone Strategy

For the Michigan Ninja Relay Game, our squad strategy is to pass the cubes over the borders instead of through the holes. In addition to that, our squad strategy includes each adjacent zone collaboratively transporting the cubes from one zone to the other. Thus, RMP1 will go for the zone 1 cubes and then come back to the zone 1 /zone 2 border to meet with RMP2. During that time, RMP2 will go into the ball pit to pick up their own cubes first and drop them over the border to zone 3. Depending on how long RMP1 and RMP2 will take, RMP3 will position the zone 3 cubes near the two paths then wait at the border between zone 2 and zone 3 . If RMP2 is able to quickly head to the border to drop the zone 2 cubes into zone 3, RMP3 will go to pick up the zone 2 cubes and take one of the paths to meet with RMP4. Meanwhile, RMP4 will try to move the blocks away from its path and clear the paths to its own cubes, to the border, and to the Goal. That way, RMP4 can make many trips to pick up the cubes from RMP3 and drop them into the Goal throughout the game. This interaction will be repeated until time is up.

The advantages to this squad strategy include:

1. Time efficiency: We chose to pass the cubes over the wall between zones rather than through the holes so we can quickly transfer more cubes between zones.
2. Maximize points: we prioritize cubes from the previous zone in order to maximize points earned.

Our RMP has been assigned to Zone 4. After careful consideration of what is needed from our zone for a successful squad strategy, our team came up with a final zone strategy to prioritize the cubes coming from

Zone 3 and to pick up three cubes at a time. Cubes coming from Zone 3 will be prioritized because they have a higher scoring potential. RMP4 will pick up three cubes at a time but have the ability to pick up more. By picking up three cubes at a time, we reduce the risk of dropping cubes along the way. Since the RMP4 will be capable of holding more than three, it can pick up as many cubes as possible if time is running low. In addition, RMP4 will begin by pushing the blocks out of the way in order to clear a path for itself. It will then clear a path from the drop-off location between Zone 3 and 4 to the Goal because the priority is receiving the cubes coming from Zone 3 and transferring them into the Goal. By clearing that path first, it will make transporting the cubes through the zone to the Goal more time efficient. Finally, RMP4 will deliver the cubes into the Goal all at once, allowing more time to transport more cubes to the Goal.


Figure 2: Sketch of Zone 4 Strategy

### 3.2. Functional Requirements, Specifications, and Target Values

To successfully output our zone strategy for the Michigan Ninja Relay Race, we considered three major functional requirements, a quantifiable performance specification for each functional requirement, and target values for those specifications that our RMP must achieve.

The three functional requirements, specifications, and target values are:

1. Functional Requirement: Pick up three cubes at a time

Specification: The weight the arm can lift
Target values: Lift a minimum of three cubes ( 45 grams)
2. Functional Requirement: Move the Blocks

Specification: The minimum force the RMP can push
Target values: The minimum force the RMP can push is 22.2 N (with a safety factor of 2 )
3. Functional Requirement: Drop all cubes into the Goal at once

Specification: Height and width of the tray
Target values: The RMP should be at least 6.75 inches wide (with a safety factor of 1.5 ) and at least 6 inches long (safety factor of 2) designed to carry 6 cubes ( 75 grams) (safety factor of 2 )

The reason we chose the first functional requirement of picking up at least three cubes at a time instead of a greater number of cubes is that picking up only three cubes at a time as it is less likely to fail whereas there is a higher chance of cubes falling out during transportation or missing the Goal with more cubes than three. The second functional requirement of moving the blocks to clear a path between the goal and the zone border allows the RMP to get rid of its major obstacle in the beginning, thus having more room to freely maneuver itself throughout the zone. Once the blocks are out of the way, the RMP would have more time to only focus on transporting the cubes and dropping them into the Goal. And finally, the third functional requirement of dropping all the cubes into the Goal at once was chosen based on the fact that it is more time efficient, allowing us more time to retrieve more cubes after each drop.

For the first specification, the target weight the RMP will be able to lift is 45 grams, the weight of three cubes. The decision on this value was made based on the fact that the RMP should be able to pick up all of the cubes in our zone at once, which is three cubes, Our second specification and its target values include being able to push with a minimum force of 22.2 N , since the heaviest block slips with a minimum force of 11.1 N and we used a safety factor of 2 . The last specification requires the height and width of the tray to be at least 6.75 inches wide (with a safety factor of 1.5 ) and at least 6 inches long (safety factor of 2) because we are accounting for carrying at most 6 blocks. This width allows us to pick up at least three cubes at once and its length ensures we can carry six cubes.

### 3.3. Design Concepts and Subsystems

Before choosing our final design, we created preliminary designs and considered the advantages and disadvantages of each one, recognizing the possible tradeoffs of the different design concepts.

The Design Concept 1 employs a wide tray that is positioned over the top of the machine. This tray would be collapsed down to under the 10 inch limit when it rotates to be square with the ground and pick up cubes. As the tray rotates backwards, it will extend to be able to reach the Goal and deposit the cubes. The RMP will push the blocks away with the side opposite the tray that picks up the cubes.
In Design Concept 2, the RMP has a tray in the front that cubes will be pushed onto. The tray is then elevated from the ground vertically along the arm to a height of 11 inches, the height of the goal. It will then drop the cubes by rotating the tray so the cubes slide into the goal. The tray will then move downward, until it touches the ground, so it can pick up more cubes. The RMP will push away blocks with its body on the side opposite of the tray. And finally, Design Concept 3 indicates the RMP will use a shovel type tray to pick up the cubes, similar to a bulldozer. It will then lift the cubes up, back over the RMP, and drop them into the goal. The RMP will push the blocks away with its bulldozer inspired tray.

Table 1: Pugh Chart of Design Concepts

| Requirement | Weight | Concept 1: <br> Extendable <br> tray that <br> lowers to be <br> square to the <br> ground | Concept 2: <br> Elevator tray <br> that extends <br> vertically to <br> reach the <br> height of the <br> goal |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Concept 3: <br> Bulldozer style <br> tray to pick up <br> cubes and <br> carry them to <br> the goal |  |  |  |  |
| Pick up at least <br> three cubes | 3 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| Push away blocks | 5 | 0 | 0 | +1 |
| Drop Cubes into <br> the goal | 4 | 0 | +1 | -1 |
| Catch cubes from <br> Zone 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| Cube Retention | 3 | 0 | -1 | +1 |
| Manufacturability | 3 | 0 | +2 | +1 |
| Total |  | 0 | 7 | 2 |

The Pugh chart made us consider every aspect of each design. We learned that Concept 2 would be the easiest to manufacture while Concept 1 is the hardest to manufacture. We learned that though Concept 1 would excel at pushing blocks and cube retention, the design is not suited for picking up many blocks at a time, accurately dropping cubes into the goal, or catching cubes from zone 3 . Concept 2 's strong point is its ability to drop cubes into the goal accurately, but it may not be able to steadily carry cubes in its tray across the zone. We also learned Concept 3 would surpass the other designs in picking up many cubes at a time and would be mediocre at pushing away blocks, dropping cubes into the goal, and catching cubes from zone 3 .

Our final design was chosen based on combinations of our preliminary design concepts and the factors from the Pugh Chart. It combines the tray of Concept 1 and the bulldozer pushing style of the tray from Concept 3. Our new design is composed of a triangular body with a tray that combines features from Concept 1 and Concept 2, but instead, starts in the vertical position and swings past the horizontal position to dump cubes into the goal. In the vertical position, the tray has front walls that push the blocks similar to the bulldozer tray in Concept 3 .

The final sketch, shown in Figure 3 below, demonstrates that the back or front of the RMP can be used to push the blocks. Moreover, the sketch indicates that the tray is long enough to carry and catch more that 6 cubes, but will pick up 3 cubes at a time based on the width of the bottom of the tray. The back end of our RMP has a cutout to fit around the Goal basket to ensure accurate delivery of the cubes into the goal.

The major subsystems of our RMP include the tray system and the driving system. The tray meets the functional requirement of picking up three cubes and dropping the cubes into the Goal, and the drivetrain meets the functional requirement of pushing the blocks. The tray is a long piece of sheet metal that pivots around the top of the RMP. It is used to pick up the cubes from the ground and lift them up to the same height as the Goal. The tray power system is the subsystem that the tray is attached to, which powers the tray axle to pivot and allows the RMP to drop cubes into the Goal.


Figure 3: Final Design Concept of our RMP

### 3.4. Mockup



Figure 4: (left) Front view of mockup; (right) Back view of mockup
The first subsystem our prototype mock up models is our tray system. We wanted to design a tray that was able to scoop at least 3 cubes off the ground and then lift and drop them into the goal that is 11 inches tall. We were uncertain about how wide we wanted to make the tray at the bottom, and what minimum height we wanted in order for the cubes to slide down the lifted tray and into the goal safely. We constructed our prototype tray with a dimension of 8 inches at the bottom in order to safely fit three cubes side by side. We knew we wanted our RMP overall height to be 11.5 inches in order to be above the goal, so then, we found that we needed our tray to be 12.75 inches long in order to reach the ground and when attached to its axle at the top of the RMP. When testing, we found that our tray dimensions were well fit for its tasks as it could fit 3 cubes in at the bottom and lift and drop cubes into the 11 inches tall goal. However, to reduce the weight of the tray, we found a width of 8 inches is more than we need, so we reduced the width to 6.75 inches.

Our second subsystem prototype mock up models our drive system. We designed our RMP to have a cutout in the back of the base that fits around our goal so that we could get closer to the goal to further ensure our cubes fall into the goal when dropped. We were uncertain about the dimensions needed for this cutout and we were also uncertain about if we could fit a motor in the back for a possible rear wheel drive. To decide the dimensions of the cutout, we measured the dimensions of our goal and decided to make the curved cut out 2 inches from either side and 1 inch deep. After making this cut out, we set our prototype around the goal and found the end of our tray where the cubes would be deposited was able to slide further into the middle of the opening of the goal, ensuring all our cubes will fall into the goal when dropped. Next, we found that with this cutout, we would not be able to fit a motor in the back in order to
build a rear wheel drive system, so the mock up also helped us decide to make our RMP a front wheel drive.

The advantage of creating a physical model is that we are able to better visualize the design of our RMP and test its design components. For example, building a physical model for our tray and drive system, we were able to decide the dimensions of our tray, the dimensions of our cutout in the base, and whether we could fit a rear wheel drive system by respectively, placing cubes into our tray to see if they would fit, fitting our cutout around the goal to ensure it would increase how close our RMP could get to the goal, and placing a motor around the base cutout to see where we could fit the motor. The disadvantage of creating a physical model is that although we are able to test our design's physical dimensions, the physical model does not help us test the functionality of our RMP, such as if our motors will be able to lift our rather large tray or if we can push the blocks away with our front wheel drive.

### 3.5. Analysis

## TRAY CALCULATION

The required driving torque of the motor with a safety factor of 1 is about 0.677 Nm , but the metal gearmotor with the chain and sprocket system with an assumed efficiency of $20 \%$ and a gear ratio of 1 (all the sprockets are the same size) can only provide about .226 Nm . The gearmotor with the chain and sprocket are not able to lift the tray and our target number of three cubes; we need an additional about . 45 Nm of torque. Thus, to provide more torque, we added extension springs that extend from the chain to the floor base of our RMP. From our calculations, we found that we require 5 of the 3 " extension springs provided in our project kit in order to supply the required torque. In our calculations of the torque provided by the springs, we assumed the springs provide a perfectly perpendicular direction to the axle of the tray. After testing, we found that adding two springs is sufficient. With only two springs, the tray does not lift well in small increments as it requires momentum in order to move past the horizontal (parallel to the ground) position, but this momentum is easily obtained by lowering the tray slightly and bringing it back up. We chose not to use all 5 extension springs, because with five springs, we found our tray moved too fast which would risk us losing cubes from flinging the tray too fast and we found it harder to lower the tray as the five springs provide a torque in the opposing direction when lowering the tray.

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safety factor \(=f_{s}=1\)
length of tray \(=L=12.75\) in \(=0.32385 \mathrm{~m}\)
center of mass of tray from tray axle end \(=9.47\) in \(=0.240538 \mathrm{~m}\)
distance axle end tray to COM of cubes \(=12.75 \mathrm{in}-0.75 \mathrm{in}=12 \mathrm{in}=0.3048 \mathrm{~m}\)
mass of each cube \(=m_{\text {cube }}=15 \mathrm{~g}=0.015 \mathrm{~kg}\)
mass of tray \(=m_{\text {tray }}=0.49 \mathrm{lbs}=0.23 \mathrm{~kg}\)
target number of cubes to lift \(=n=3\)
efficiency of chain and sprocket system \(=\gamma=0.20\)
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\(T_{D}=f_{s} F r\)
\(T_{D}=1.0\left(m_{\text {tray }} * g * d+L * m_{\text {cube }} * g * n\right)\)
\(T_{D}=1.0((0.23 * 9.81 * 0.240538)+(0.3048 * 0.015 * 9.81 * n)\)
\(T_{D}=.5427258894+.04485132 * 3\)
\(.6772798 \leq \gamma(1.13)\)
\(.6772798 \mathrm{Nm} \leq .226 \mathrm{Nm}\)
\(6772798 \mathrm{Nm} \leq .226 \mathrm{Nm}+F_{\text {spring }}\)
\(F_{\text {spring }} \geq .4512798 \mathrm{Nm}\)
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initial length $=L_{i}=3$ in
final length $=L_{f}=8$ in
Force applied $=F=(2.5) \mathrm{lbs}=11.12 \mathrm{~N}$
$F=F_{i}+k x$
$F_{i}=F-k x=11.12 N-(2.047 N / i n)(8 i n-3 i n)=0.885 N$
initial length $=L_{i}=8.5 \mathrm{in}$
final length $=L_{f}=7.0 \mathrm{in}$
$F_{\text {spring }}=F_{i}+k x=.885 N+(2.047 \mathrm{~N} /$ in $)(\mid 7.0$ in $-8.5 \mathrm{in} \mid)=3.96 \mathrm{~N}$
spring torque arm $=1.0 \mathrm{in}$
$T_{\text {spring }}=F r=3.96 \mathrm{~N}(1.0 \mathrm{in})=3.96 \mathrm{Nin}$
number of springs $=n=2$
total torque supplied by 2 springs $=T_{\text {spring }} * n=3.96 \mathrm{Nin} * 2=.201168 \mathrm{Nm}$
total torque supplied by 4 springs $=T_{\text {spring }} * n=3.96 \mathrm{Nin} * 4=.402336 \mathrm{Nm}$
total torque supplied by 5 springs $=T_{\text {spring }} * n=3.96 \mathrm{Nin} * 5=.50292 \mathrm{Nm}$
required torque is provided with 5 additional springs :
$.6772798 \mathrm{Nm} \leq .226 \mathrm{Nm}+.50292 \mathrm{Nm}$
$.6772798 \mathrm{Nm} \leq .72892 \mathrm{Nm}$

## TIP OR SLIP CALCULATIONS

In this section, we measured the minimum force required for a block to slip with a scale and calculated the height at which the block would tip when pushed at with the minimum force measured earlier. When calculating the height where the block would slip when pushed, we calculated it with the minimum force required for it to slip and with a safety factor of two to account for the insensitive scale used and possible human error when measuring the minimum force required for the block to slip. We found that the cube block would slip with a force applied of 11.1 newtons and would tip when pushed with this force at a height 14.5 inches, the tall block would slip with a minimum force of 4.0 newtons and would tip at a height of 14.4 inches when pushed with this force, and the block laying down would slip with a minimum
force of 3.34 newtons. We did not perform the tip calculation for the laying down block, because since it lays so low to the ground, we can safely assume we will never tip this block.

## CUBE BLOCK

Slip Calculation:
$F \geq 11.1 N$ (measured with scale)

Tip Calculation:
$W=14.5 \mathrm{lbs} * \frac{4.45 \mathrm{~N}}{\mathrm{lbs}}=64.3 \mathrm{~N}$
$\Sigma F_{y}=0 \Rightarrow N=W=64.3 N$
tip $M<0$ : $W(d / 2)-F\left(d^{\prime}\right)<0$
$(64.3 N)(5$ in $)-F d^{\prime}<0$
Tips when pushed at distance $d^{\prime}$ from bottom: $d^{\prime}>\frac{322 N * i n}{F}$
If we push with minimum slip force with a safety factor of 2 :
$F=22.2 \mathrm{~N}$
Will slip when pushing at distance $d^{\prime}>14.5$ inches

TALL BLOCK
Slip Calculation:
$F \geq 4.0 N$ (measured with scale)

Tip Calculation:
$W=11.50 \mathrm{lb} * \frac{4.45 \mathrm{~N}}{\mathrm{lbs}}=51.18 \mathrm{~N}$
$\Sigma F_{y}=0 \Rightarrow N=W=51.18 N$
$F=0.750 \mathrm{lbs} * \frac{4.45 \mathrm{~N}}{\mathrm{lbs}}=3.34 \mathrm{~N}$
tip $M<0$ : $W(d / 2)-F\left(d^{\prime}\right)<0$
$(51.18 N)(2.25 i n)-F d^{\prime}<0$
Tips when pushed at distance d' from bottom: $d^{\prime}>\frac{115.2 N * i n}{F}$
If we push with minimum slip force with safety factor 2 :
$F=8.0 \mathrm{~N}$
Will slip when pushing at distance $d^{\prime}>14.4$ inches

## LAYING DOWN BLOCK

Slip Calculation:
$F \geq 3.34 N$ (measured with scale)

## PUSHER CALCULATION

We want our RMP to be able to push our heaviest block at its minimum force required to slip. Our heaviest blocks are the cube blocks that require a minimum force of 11.1 newtons to push but we used a safety factor of 2 in order to account to for the insensitivity of the scale we used to measure and for possible human error when measuring. We found that our wheels required a torque of .8103 Nm and our metal gear motor, with a gear ratio of 1 , is able to provide a torque of 1.13 Nm .

Metal Gearmotor
$T_{s}=1.13 \mathrm{Nm} \quad n_{0}=100 \mathrm{rpm}$
$V_{1}=6 \mathrm{~V} \quad V_{2}=6 \mathrm{~V}$
$f_{s}=2 \quad F_{\text {total }}=11.1 \mathrm{~N}$
$r=0.0365125 \mathrm{~m}$
$T_{D_{\text {total }}}=f_{s} * F * r \rightarrow 2 * 11.1 * 0.0365125=.8103 \mathrm{Nm}$
$N_{o 2}=\frac{V_{2}}{V_{1}} * N_{o 1} \rightarrow \frac{6}{6} * 100=100 \mathrm{rpm}$
$T_{s 2}=\frac{V_{2}}{V_{1}} * T_{s 1} \rightarrow \frac{6}{6} * 1.13=1.13 \mathrm{Nm}$
$M_{r}=T_{D} / T_{r}=.226 /(.226)=1$
$T_{D} \leq \gamma M T_{s} \rightarrow .8103 \leq 1 * 1.13 \rightarrow .8103 \leq 1.13$

### 3.6. Final Design and CAD Model



Figure 5: CAD Model of the final design
The final design for Sisyphus is shown in Figure 5 above.
The tray is used to pick up the cubes and drop them into the goal. The RMP pushes the cubes up against the wall with the tray, pushing the cubes into the tray. The tray then rotates about the top axis and drops the cubes into the goal. The tray is made of $1 / 16$ " thick aluminum and has many holes cut into it to reduce weight. It is also tapered inward to help make the cubes fall into the goal. On the back of the tray, are two small pieces of $1 / 4 "$ acrylic. These help distribute the torque from the axle so that all of the force is not on the two bolts that connect the axle to the tray. An exploded view of the tray assembly is in Figure 6 below.


Figure 6: CAD model of how the tray attaches to the axle

This tray is different from the final design sketch as the sketch does not have any holes in it. The sketch was made before any calculations were done and it was discovered that the tray was too heavy for the motor to lift.

The frame of the RMP is entirely made up of $1 / 4 "$ thick Aluminum plates cut on the waterjet. Aluminum was chosen over other available materials such as acrylic or delrin because it is heavier. It is ideal for Sisyphus to be heavy because we wanted to ensure that there is a lot of friction on the wheels so they do not lose traction. The frame walls were designed to be at a height just over the height of the goal, so that the tray could easily drop the cubes into it. The frame walls can be seen in Figure 7 below.


Figure 7: Frame of the RMP
The frame base has a circular cutout in it, as can be seen in Figure 8 below. This cutout allows the goal to be positioned right up against the trays axis of rotation, ensuring that the cubes are dropped directly into it. Each frame piece is connected with angled aluminum brackets with a bolt in each face.


Figure 8: Side of the RMP


Figure 9: Bottom of the RMP
The drive train can be seen in Figure 9 above. Sisyphus has two independently powered front wheels driven by Pololu metal gearmotors at a 99:1 gear ratio. These two wheels are what drive the RMP and the fact that they are independently controlled allows us to steer it. The rear wheels are two metal ball casters. These were chosen as it gives the RMP a very high turning radius. The metal gearmotors are connected to angled aluminum brackets with M3 screws. The aluminum brackets are then screwed into the base. The wheel axles are $1 / 4$ " steel and are connected to the wheel with a hex piece pressed into the wheel, and a spring pin. There is a hole on the opposite side of the axle which the motor axle goes into and is secured with a $4-40$ set screw. This axle is press fit into a $1 / 4$ " bearing pressed into an angled aluminum bracket that is bolted to the base. An exploded view of this assembly can be seen in Figure 10 below.


Figure 10: Exploded view of the front wheel assembly
The ball casters are mounted to the base with one 1-4/20 tapped hole each. A tapped square spacer is bolted to the base to ensure that the ball caster has full thread engagement. The mounting system can be seen in Figure 11 below.


Figure 11: Exploded view of the front wheel assembly

The initial design used four wheels, instead of having the two wheels and two ball casters. We opted to switch to the ball casters for the rear wheels because having normal wheels in the back would make it very difficult to turn and navigate around the blocks.


Figure 12: Tray power system
Figure 12 above depicts the power system for the tray system. The tray is powered by one Pololu metal gearmotors at a 99:1 gear ratio. The torque is transferred from the gear motor to the tray with a chain and sprocket. The chain was purchased from McMaster Carr and the sprockets were made from $1 / 4$ " aluminum and cut on the water jet. Each of the sprockets has six teeth, creating a $1: 1$ gear ratio from the motor to the tray. The chain also has a tensioner, which ensures the chain does not have any slack during
operation. The tensioner is held down by a bolt that is connected to the wall of the RMP, and is then tightened down with a nut. An exploded view of the entire subassembly is in Figure 13 below.


Figure 13: Exploded Tray power system
The gearmotor is mounted to the frame in a very similar way to the ones that power the wheels. It is connected to an angled piece of aluminum with two M3 screws and the bracket is bolted to the base, An axle is than connected to the gearmotor with a set screw. This axle has a $1 / 8$ " wide $1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ deep key slot for the sprocket to slide into. The axle, with the sprocket and tensioner attached, is supported by a bushing in the left wall. E-clips are used to ensure the parts stay an appropriate distance from each other. The tensioner body is a small piece of $1 / 4 "$ thick aluminum with bushings pressed into each end. One bushing is surrounding the axle protruding from the motor, and the other end supports the axle of the tensioner with another sprocket on it. E-clips are used here to keep the sprockets and sprocket axle positioned properly. The last sprocket is attached to the top axle with a similar key slot to the other two sprockets. The key slot for the top sprocket can be seen in Figure 14 below.


Figure 14: Top sprocket key slot. All other sprockets have slots of the same dimension
This sprocket does not have e-clips due to interference with the chain and to allow for modifications if there is misalignment. This power system is very different than than the original design sketch. Initially, we had planned on using plastic gears to transmit torque. We encountered issues with the gears going over the size limits of the RMP and the gearbox interfering with the goal while dropping cubes. The chain and sprockets do not have these issues.


Figure 15: Rear view of Sisyphus
The battery is placed on the frame base of the RMP. This placement can be seen in Figure 15 above. The battery was placed here because it puts more weight above the wheels. This is ideal because this means more friction and a smaller chance of the wheels losing traction while pushing the blocks. The battery is attached to the frame base with velcro.

Sisyphus uses 6-32 bolts and locknuts to attach components. 6-32 was chosen because it is the largest bolt head that does not interfere with the metal gearmotors when mounting them to the angled brackets and frame base. Locknuts were used instead of normal nuts to make connections stronger and reduce maintenance. The chain tensioner, which is connected to the wall with a locknut, would not be able to
maintain tension in the chain without a locknut to keep it in place. Sisyphus was designed to stay well within the maximum dimensions of $10 " \times 10^{\prime \prime} \times 12$ " and measures $9.57 " \times 9.30 " \times 11.83 "$

## 4. PROTOTYPE MANUFACTURING

### 4.1. Bill of Materials

The bill of materials is shown in Table 2 below. A majority of the parts are made from aluminum. This was chosen because we had an abundant amount of it, and it is heavier than the acrylic and delrin given. We wanted to make Sisyphus heavy, so we opted to use the heavier aluminum over the lighter plastic. The only acrylic part we have is attached to the back of the tray since it is important for that part to be light so it can be lifted up easily. The axles connected to the motors were made from the $1 / 4$ " steel rod instead of the $1 / 2$ " aluminum rod because the bearings and bushings were made for $1 / 4$ " shafts and using the steel over the aluminum would require less machining.

Table 2: Bill of Materials

Wheel Assembly

| Part No. | Part Title | Material | Dimension(s) | Supplie <br> r | Quantity | Price | Notes | Contributors |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Design/ <br> CAD | Drawing/ Plan | Machining |
| 1 | Frame base | Aluminu <br> m plate, $1 / 4 "$ | 8"x6" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water <br> Jet | Devin | Mitch | Sarah |
| 2 | Wheel <br> Bearing <br> Mount | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aluminu } \\ & \text { m 90 } \\ & \text { Degree } \\ & \text { Angle } \\ & \text { Stock } \end{aligned}$ | $1 " \text { x } 1 \text { " , } 1 / 8 "$ <br> thick | Kit | 2 | --- | Mill | Sarah | Nafisa | David |
| 3 | Ball Caster <br> Mounting <br> Base | Aluminu <br> m 1/2" <br> Square <br> Stock | $\begin{aligned} & 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} \\ & 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | Kit | 2 | --- | Mill | Sarah | Sarah | David |


| 4 | Ball Caster Spacer | Aluminu m rod, 3/8" diameter | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{ID}, 3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \\ & \mathrm{OD} \end{aligned}$ | Kit | 2 | -- | Lathe | Sarah | Devin | Nafisa, Devin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | Wheel Axle <br> Rod | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O1 Tool } \\ & \text { Steel } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .16^{\prime \prime} \text { ID, } 1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { OD } \end{aligned}$ | Kit | 2 | --- | Lathe/ <br> Mill | Nafisa | Devin | Nafisa, Devin |
| 6 | Wheel Axle Hex | Hex Stock for <br> BaneBots <br> Wheels | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \text { Hex, } .3^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { width } \end{aligned}$ | Kit | 2 | -- | Mill | David | David | Nafisa, Devin |
| 7 |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Aluminu } \\ \text { m } 90 \\ \text { Degree } \\ \text { Angle } \\ \text { Stock } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 " \mathrm{x} \mathrm{x} 1^{\prime \prime}, 1 / 8^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { thick } \end{aligned}$ | Kit | 2 | --- | Mill | Nafisa | Nafisa | Sarah, <br> Mitch |
| 8 | 1/16" <br> Spring Pin | 18-8 <br> Stainless <br> Steel | $\begin{aligned} & 3 / 8^{\prime \prime}, 1 / 16 " \\ & \text { Dia } \end{aligned}$ | kit | 2 | --- | --- | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 9 | BaneBots <br> Wheel | Polypropy lene core, rubber tread | $\begin{aligned} & 2-7 / 8^{\prime \prime} \text { x } 0.4^{\prime \prime}, \\ & 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \text { Hex } \end{aligned}$ | Kit | 2 | --- | --- | David | --- | --- |
| 10 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1" Ball } \\ & \text { Caster } \end{aligned}$ | Zinc <br> Plated Steel | 1-3/8" x 1-3/4" | Kit | 2 | \$4 | --- | Mcmast er | --- | --- |
| 11 | Pololu $1576 \text { 99:1 }$ <br> Metal <br> Gearmotor <br> 25D x 54L <br> mm HP | --- | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \mathrm{~mm} x \\ & 54 \mathrm{~mm} \end{aligned}$ | Crib | 2 | --- | --- | Pololu | --- | --- |
| 12 | Flanged SS bearing | Stainless Steel | $\begin{array}{\|l} 1 / 4 \text { " ID, } 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ \text { OD, } 1 / 8^{\prime \prime} \\ \text { Thick } \end{array}$ | Kit | 2 | --- | --- | McMast er | --- | --- |


| 13 | 4-40 Set <br> Screw | Stainless Steel | $4-40 \times 1 / 8 "$ | Crib | 2 | --- | --- | McMast er | --- | --- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | 6-32 <br> Thread, 3/4" Length <br> Machine Screw | Zinc <br> Plated <br> Steel | .138" x 3/4" | Crib | 8 | -- | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} 90272 \mathrm{~A} \\ 151 \end{array}$ | McMast <br> er | --- | --- |
| 15 | 6-32 <br> Thread, 1" <br> Length <br> Machine <br> Screw | Zinc <br> Plated <br> Steel | .138" x 1" | Crib | 4 | --- | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 90272 \mathrm{~A} \\ 153 \end{array}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 16 | Steel <br> Nylon-Inse <br> rt Locknut | Steel Nylon | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} \\ & 11 / 16^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}\right.$ | McMast er | 12 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2.61 \\ & \text { per } \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 90631 \mathrm{~A} \\ 007 \end{array}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 17 | M3 Pan <br> Head <br> Phillips <br> Machine <br> Screw | Zinc-Plate <br> d Steel | $3 \mathrm{~mm} \times 8 \mathrm{~mm}$ | Crib | 4 |  | --- | McMast er | --- | --- |

Frame

| Part No. | Part Title | Material | Dimension(s) | Supplie\|r | Quantity | Price | Notes | Contributors |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Design/ CAD | Drawing/ Plan | Machining |
| 18 | Left Frame Wall | Aluminu m plate, 1/4" | 6"x10" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water <br> Jet/Mill | Devin | Sarah | Sarah |
| 19 | Right <br> Frame Wall | Aluminu m plate, $1 / 4 "$ | 6"x10" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water Jet/Mill | Devin | Sarah | Sarah |
| 20 | Frame mounting brackets | Aluminu <br> m 90 <br> Degree | 1" x 1" x .125" | Kit | 7 | --- | Mill | Devin | Nafisa | Nafisa, <br> Mitch, <br> Sarah |


|  |  | Angle <br> Stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | Raised Gearbox Tray | Aluminu m plate, 1/4" | 7.5"x2" | Kit | 1 | -- | Water Jet | David | Mitch | Sarah, <br> Nafisa, <br> David |
| 22 | Bottom Gearbox Support | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aluminu } \\ & \text { m } 90 \\ & \text { Degree } \\ & \text { Angle } \\ & \text { Stock } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 " \mathrm{x} 1 ", 1 / 8^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { thick } \end{aligned}$ | Kit | 2 | --- | Mill | Sarah | Nafisa | Sarah, <br> Mitch |
| 23 | Top Gearbox Spacer | Aluminu m plate, 1/4" | 1"x1" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water jet | David | Sarah | Sarah, Nafisa, David |
| 24 | Tray Bouncer | Aluminu m plate, 1/16" | 1.25"x2.78" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water jet | David | Devin |  |
| 25 | 6-32 <br> Thread, 3/4" Length <br> Machine Screw | Zinc <br> Plated <br> Steel | .138" x 3/4" | Crib | 15 | --- | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} 90272 \mathrm{~A} \\ 151 \end{array}$ | McMast <br> er | --- | --- |
| 27 | 6-32 <br> Thread, 1" <br> Length <br> Machine <br> Screw | Zinc <br> Plated <br> Steel | .138" x 1" | Crib | 2 | --- | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 90272 \mathrm{~A} \\ 151 \end{array}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 26 | Steel <br> Nylon-Inse <br> rt Locknut | Steel <br> Nylon | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} \\ & 11 / 16^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}\right.$ | McMast <br> er | 17 | $\$ 2.61$ <br> per <br> 100 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 90631 \mathrm{~A} \\ 007 \end{array}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 28 | M3 Pan <br> Head <br> Phillips <br> Machine Screw | Zinc-Plate <br> d Steel | 3 mm x 8 mm | Crib | 2 | --- | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} 92005 \mathrm{~A} \\ 118 \end{array}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |

Tray Power System

| Part No. | Part Title | Material | Dimension(s) | Supplie\|r | Quantity | Price | Notes | Contributors |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Design/ CAD | Drawing/ Plan | Machining |
| 29 | Sprocket <br> Support | O1 Tool Steel | 1.41"x0.25" | Kit | 1 | --- | Lathe/ <br> Mill | Sarah | David | Nafisa, David |
| 30 | Bottom Sprocket | Aluminu m plate, 1/4" | 1.2"x1.2" | Kit | 2 | --- | Water jet | David | David | Sarah, Nafisa, David |
| 31 | Top <br> Sprocket | Aluminu m plate, 1/4" | 1.2"x1.2" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water jet | David | David | Sarah, Nafisa, David |
| 32 | Chain <br> Tensioner <br> Body | Aluminu m plate, 1/4" | 1.8 "x0.5" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water jet/Mill | Devin | Devin | David |
| 33 | Chain <br> Tension <br> Spacer | Aluminu m rod, 3/8" diameter | 0.10"x3/8" | Kit | 1 | --- | Lathe | Devin | Nafisa | Nafisa |
| 34 | Tensioner <br> Shaft | O1 Tool Steel | .72"x.25" | Kit | 1 | --- | Lathe/ <br> Mill | Devin | David | Devin, <br> David |
| 35 | Pololu 1576 99:1 <br> Metal Gearmotor 25D x 54L mm HP | --- | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \mathrm{~mm} x \\ & 54 \mathrm{~mm} \end{aligned}$ | Crib | 1 | --- | --- | Pololu | --- | --- |
| 36 | Chain | Steel | 13" | McMast er | 1 | 7.88 | $\begin{aligned} & 6261 \mathrm{~K} 1 \\ & 74,6261 \\ & \text { K192,6 } \\ & 261 \mathrm{~K} 24 \\ & 2,6261 \\ & \text { K262 } \end{aligned}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |


| 37 | Flanged brass bushing | SAE 863 <br> Iron-Coppe <br> r Bronze | 3/8"x1/4" | Kit | 3 | --- | --- | McMast <br> er | --- | --- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 38 | 6-32 <br> Thread, 3/4" Length <br> Machine Screw | Zinc <br> Plated <br> Steel | .138" x 3/4" | Crib | 1 | --- | $\begin{array}{\|l} 90272 \mathrm{~A} \\ 151 \end{array}$ | McMast <br> er | --- | --- |
| 38 | Steel <br> Nylon-Inse <br> rt Locknut | Steel <br> Nylon | $\begin{aligned} & 5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} \\ & 11 / 16^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | McMast er | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2.61 \\ & \text { per } \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} 90631 \mathrm{~A} \\ 007 \end{array}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 38 | 4-40 Set <br> Screw | Stainless Steel | $4-40 \times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | Crib | 2 | --- | --- | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 39 | E-Clip <br> retaining <br> rings - 1/4" <br> Dia. | Zinc and Yellow Chromate Plated | .527" x .025" | Kit | 8 | --- | --- | McMast er | --- | --- |

Tray

| Part No. | Part Title | Material | Dimension(s) | Supplie\|r | Quantity | Price | Notes | Contributors |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Design/ CAD | Drawing/ Plan | Machining |
| 40 | Tray Body | Aluminu m plate, $1 / 16{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 11.2"X14.6" | Kit | 1 | --- | Water jet | Mitch | Mitch | Sarah, Nafisa, David |
| 41 | Tray Axle <br> Supports | 1/4" <br> Acrylic <br> Plate | 4.50" X 1.00" | Kit | 2 | --- | Laser Cutter | Mitch | Nafisa | Mitch, Devin |
| 42 | Tray Axle | Aluminu m rod, 3/8" diameter | 8.5"x3/8" | Kit | 1 | --- | Lathe/ <br> Mill | Sarah | Mitch | Nafisa, <br> Sarah, <br> Devin |


| 43 | Flanged SS bearing | Stainless <br> Steel | $\begin{array}{\|l} 1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \text { ID, } 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ \text { OD, } 1 / 8^{\prime \prime} \\ \text { Thick } \end{array}$ | Kit | 2 | -- |  | McMast <br> er | --- | --- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | E-Clip retaining rings - 1/4" Dia. | Zinc and Yellow <br> Chromate <br> Plated | . 527 " x .025" | Kit | 6 | --- |  | McMast <br> er | --- | --- |
| 45 | 6-32 <br> Thread, 3/4" Length Machine Screw | Zinc <br> Plated <br> Steel | .138" x 1/2" | Crib | 4 | --- |  | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 46 | 6-32 <br> Thread, 1" <br> Length <br> Machine <br> Screw | Zinc <br> Plated <br> Steel | .138" x 1/2" | Crib | 2 | --- |  | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 46 | Steel <br> Nylon-Inse <br> rt Locknut | Steel <br> Nylon | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} \\ & 11 / 16^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}\right.$ | McMast er |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2.61 \\ & \text { per } \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 90631 \mathrm{~A} \\ 007 \end{array}$ | McMast er | --- | --- |
| 47 | $3 "$ <br> extension spring | Steel | $3 " \mathrm{x} .313 "$ | Crib | 2 | --- | --- | McMast <br> er | --- | --- |

### 4.2. Manufacturing Process

The majority of the parts we used were cut from aluminum plates and sheets on the waterjet; this limited manufacturing error, gave us greater precision, and increased our productivity. Although we used the waterjet for many of the parts, we did manufacture brackets for our RMP (see figure 10), all of the axles (see figure 10), wheel attachments (see figure 10), and drilled precise holes for bearings in water jetted parts. When manufacturing the brackets, the standard process started with cutting the aluminum angle stock to length on the bandsaw. Once complete, the parts were then faced on the mill and a stop would then be added and zeroed as our datum to allow many parts to be made without having to re-zero each subsequent part. The parts would be faced down to size. Afterwards, a center drill would be used to create pilot holes for each hole in the bracket. Drill bits would follow the center drill marks and would make the
holes through the brackets where the bolts would insert and where the bearings would sit (see figure 10). If needed, the holes would be precision reamed for certain fits, such as the press fit used in bearing assemblies. The manufacturing of the axles of our RMP were probably the most involved process, starting on the lathe and eventually making their way to the mill for keyways and tapped set screw holes. The preliminary step to creating our axles was simply cutting the aluminum rod stock to length. Afterwards, the pieces would be taken to the lathe, faced down to size. For our tray axle, both ends were turned down to be fit through the bearing assemblies at the top of our RMP while the wheel axles were small enough along their entire length to fit through the bearing assembly. For our wheel axles, the parts were then drilled out at one end to fit the driveshaft of the metal gearbox. After being drilled out, the piece was taken to the mill where a hole was drilled radially in the axle to act as the set screw hole for the drive shaft attachment (see figure 10). The tray axle was manufactured differently, instead, a keyway was made for the sprocket that would drive it (see figure 14). The keyway was milled using an $1 / 8$ " end mill to remove material along the length of the rod. Wheel attachments were just press fit aluminum hex stock with holes drilled into the sides for spring pins to attach the hex stock to the axles. The engineering drawings and manufacturing plans for all parts we made can be found in appendix B.

Assembly was easy for the most part, however, the sprockets we water jetted were originally too wide (see figure 14), the set screws kept falling out, our tray limiting string broke a couple of times, and the extension springs were difficult to stretch to their initial lengths. To solve these problems with assembling the RMP, the sprockets we precisely ground down to size, used extra Loc-Tite to secure the set screws, we braided our Kevlar string to withstand the forces of the tray, and we used needle nose pliers and washers to stretch the extension springs to their initial lengths.

## 5. PROTOTYPE TESTING

### 5.1. Preliminary Test

Our preliminary tests consisted mainly of testing our functional requirements. Most importantly, the RMP needed to be able to move the 14.5 lb , the tray had to be able to pick up three cubes, and the tray needed to deposit the cubes into the basket. To test these criteria, we simply ran the course to see if the RMP would perform these tasks. We started in the corner, surrounded by three large 14.5 lb blocks and attempted to push one of them. Initially, one wheel spun and the other driven wheel did not. We attributed this issue to the axle set screw on the stationary wheel and replaced it. After replacing the set screw, both wheels spun but the RMP could not move the 14.5 lb block. This was not an issue of our torque output, but was caused by the lack of frictional force on our RMP's wheels. To counteract this slipping, counterweights were added to our RMP and attached using Velcro. This gave more weight over the RMP's wheels and increased the frictional force to the point needed to push the blocks. Our tray was able to pick up the blocks without much problem, although part of the tray was raised off of the ground more than the rest of it which made it harder to acquire blocks using that portion of the tray scoop. This issue arose because our tray was bent at a slightly incorrect angle. For the final preliminary test, the tray needed to deposit the cubes into the basket. Our chosen method of depositing the cubes was dependent on being able to lift the
cubes by rotating the tray, therefore we needed the tray to lift three cubes. Our preliminary testing revealed that the lifting calculations we had performed earlier in the semester were definitely wrong. This is because we underestimated the efficiency lost through our chain and sprocket drive system. We tried greasing the chain and lubricating the system to increase our efficiency but this was ineffective and the tray was unable to overcome the torque generated by the combined moment arm of the tray and the weight of the cubes. This issue was easily the biggest problem our team had in the preliminary testing and many solutions were discussed to fix it. Eventually, our solution was to attach extension springs to the chain and the base to apply a downward force on it which would in turn rotate the sprocket at the top of the tray on the tray axle. This liner extension spring force was converted into a torque at the sprocket and helped to raise the tray. We used two extension springs in order to have more control over the rotation of the tray rather than making it rotate too quickly with three or more extension springs. This was a simple fix to our problem considering the complexity of the tray raising system. This simplicity was a good thing because it was a very easy system to maintain and fix if the springs were damaged or it stopped working.

### 5.2. Scrimmage Results and Redesign Based on Scrimmage

After the scrimmage, our team had very little time to modify our design which led to minimal redesigning. The designs we had chosen held up well and completed all of the scrimmage tasks without a single failure, passing each test on our first attempt. We were able to move the blocks, acquire and transport cubes, and deposit our cubes well within the time limit. The only portion that we did redesign was our tray limiting Kevlar string which we decided to reinforce. We reinforced the string by braiding more Kevlar strands into it so that it would not break when using it in the competition. This string would limit the range of motion of our tray, so that our tray would not go past the vertical position since the addition of the extension springs would make it hard to bring the tray back down from that position.

### 5.3. Discussion of Competition Results

The competition was an incredible success as most of our systems and groups had near flawless performances as we succeeded in setting the all-time record for the Michigan Ninja Relay. Overall, the squad strategy proved successful and cube handoffs took place which saved valuable time when trying to score points. While many of the groups were successful in transporting and depositing cubes, RMP1 had some difficulty with their control box which prevented them from moving cubes into zone 2 . However, the other groups succeeded in moving most or all of their cubes into the next zone. RMP2 was able to move all of their cubes into zone 3 and RMP3 was able to move all but one of their cubes into our zone, zone 4. We prioritized other zones cubes over ours which led to one of our cubes not making it into the goal. In summary, the squad strategy was extremely efficient at moving cubes over large distances which was the key to scoring the most points. Our zone strategy worked well since we cleared a direct path to the goal that we were able to use when receiving cubes from previous zones and depositing them in the
goal. We took an auxiliary strategy when higher valued cubes dropped into our zone and prioritized those cubes over depositing our final cube. This led to our victory because we would have run out of time to score if we had tried to deposit our zone's final cube. The turning point in the competition was RMP3 gently placing a stack of three red zone 2 cubes into our tray which gave us a time advantage in depositing them in the goal. The last zone 4 cube was left until the very end where our driver tried shooting the cube from distance. It missed. The score breakdown for each zone was as follows:

Zone 1: 0 points (due to control box issues)
Zone 2: 5 points
Zone 3: 3 points $+3 * 2$ points $=9$ points
Zone 4: 2 points $+3 * 2$ points $+3 * 2$ points $=14$ points
Total: 28 points

## 6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1. Project Summary

Overall, our design was well composed which allowed us to easily create our RMP and make changes when necessary. The good points were the detail we had in the CAD from the beginning and the uncomplicated systems of the RMP. This made manufacturing and assembly go smoothly. The bad points were the somewhat intricate parts that we needed to manufacture and the uncertain functionality of our tray's power system. With that in mind, we would definitely change our tray system. The chain and sprocket needed the help of two springs to function, therefore, it would be beneficial to either lower the weight of the tray further or find another system that can transfer more torque.

### 6.2. Recommendation for Mass Production

As stated above, intricate parts need to be avoided. We would change the tray axle to be the same diameter throughout its whole length ( $1 / 2$ inch). This also means it would need to be pressed into a $1 / 2$ inch diameter bearing instead of $1 / 4$ inch. We would also die cast the frame base and walls instead of water jetting them. We could die cast all of the clearance holes for the screws, but we would still have to mill and ream the bearing holes. Die casting would significantly reduce the manufacture time while maintaining function. To make manufacturing of the tray easier, a die with the outline and and holes of the tray should be used to cut the profile. This is far faster than water jetting each tray individually.

### 6.3. Future Project Idea

This project can be improved for future semesters to foster a more collaborative environment. In it's current form, there is not a lot of collaboration between the squads. To do this, there should be lab days dedicated to understanding and helping the other zones with their project. One member of your team will go to each zone's team, leaving two with your own zone. They will then help that zone with their project which gives each team an understanding of the strategy and design of the other RMPs.

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## APPENDICES

## A. Preliminary design concept

## A.1. Preliminary Design Concept Sketch 1



Figure A.1: Preliminary design concept sketch 1

## A.2. Preliminary Design Concept Sketch 2



Figure A.2: Preliminary design concept sketch 2

## A.3. Preliminary Design Concept Sketch 3



Figure A.2: Preliminary design concept sketch 3

## B. Dimensioned Drawings and manufacturing plans

## B.1. Dimensioned Drawings of Individual Parts




























## B.2. Manufacturing plans

| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part Number: | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Part Title: | Wheel Bearing Mount |  |  |  |  |
| Team Name: | Team 104 |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: | Aluminum 90 Degree Angle Stock 1/8" |  |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Speed <br> (RPM) |
| 1 | Cut 1" square aluminum $>0.125$ of finish length and deburr. | Band Saw |  | File | 300 |
| 2 | Hold part in vise on top of parallels with $>0.125$ material sticking out | Mill | Vise | 1.375 <br> Parallels |  |
| 3 | Mill one end of the part, just enough to provide a fully machined surface | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end mill, <br> collet | 840 |
| 4 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |
| 5 | Machine the other end of the part, Repeat step 3 and 4 | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute end mill, collet | 840 |
| 6 | Measure the part with calipers and bring it to 1.00 length, taking | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute | 840 |


|  | several passes at 0.050 or less per pass |  |  | end mill, collet |  |
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| 7 | Measure and bring part to size in both Z and X planes with passes no more than 0.050 | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute end mill, collet | 840 |
| 8 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |
| 9 | Remove cutter and collet. Install edgefinder into drill chuck. Zero the $x$-axis at the end of the vise | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, edgefind er | 1000 |
| 10 | Remove the edgefinder and install the drill chuck and a center drill. <br> Center drill and peck drill the hole. | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, Center drill | 1200 |
| 11 | Remove center drill and install a 31/64 drill bit into the drill chuck and drill all the way through. | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, <br> 31/64 <br> drill bit | 1200 |
| 12 | Remove the drill bit and use reamer on hole | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, .4995" off-size reamer | 1200 |
| 13 | Remove part from vise and position to the other surface against the parallels. | Mill | Vise | $1.375$ <br> Parallels |  |
| 14 | Repeat steps 9-12 for two holes on other face | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, edgefind er, Center | $\begin{gathered} 1000-1 \\ 200 \end{gathered}$ |


|  |  |  | drill, \#25 <br> drill |  |
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| 15 | Remove the part and file all burrs. |  |  | File |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Part Number: |  | 3 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Ball Castor Mounting Base |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | Aluminum 1/2" Square Stock |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process <br> Description | Machine | Fixture( <br> s) | Tool(s) | Speed <br> (RPM) |
| 1 | Locate the <br> Aluminum 1/2" <br> Square stock. <br> Measure <br> approximately 2 1/8" <br> and cut off using the <br> bandsaw. <br> Afterwards, deburr the part. | Band Saw |  | File | 300 |
| 2 | Put the part in the vise by putting them on top of the 1.125" parallels. Have the | Mill | Vise | $1.125^{\prime \prime}$ <br> Parallels |  |


|  | end of the part stick out the side of the vise with at least .125" sticking out. |  |  |  |  |
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| 3 | Mill one end of part, just enough to provide a fully machined surface. | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute end mill, collet | 1000 |
| 4 | Remove part and debur. |  |  | Files |  |
| 5 | Put the part back in the vise on top of 1.125" parallels and have the part stick out at least .125". Measure the part with calipers and bring the part to a length of 2" with passes no larger than 0.050". | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end mill, <br> collet | 1000 |
| 6 | Remove the part from the vise and debur. |  |  | Files |  |
| 7 | Put the part back in the vise on top of 1.125 " parallels and have the end of the part matchup with the end of the vise. | Mill | Vise | 1.125" <br> Parallels |  |
| 8 | Install the edgefinder into the mill. Zero the $x$-axis at the end of the vise, which is | Mill | Vise | Edgefinde <br> $r$, collet |  |


|  | also the end of the part. |  |  |  |  |
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| 9 | Remove the edgefinder and install the drill chuck with a \#3 center drill installed. Center drill in the center of the part and .50" from either end in the center of the width of the piece, so that there are a total of 3 holes center drilled. | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, \#3 <br> center <br> drill, <br> 1.125" <br> parallels | 1200 |
| 10 | Install a \#7 drill bit into the drill chuck and drill all the way through at center hole previously center drilled. | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, \#7 <br> drill bit | 1200 |
| 11 | Install a \#25 drill bit into the drill chuck and drill all the way through the other two locations that were just center drilled. | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, \#25 drill bit | 1200 |
| 12 | Remove the part and file all the burrs. | -- | -- | File | -- |
| 13 | Tap the 1/4-20 center hole and the 10-24 side holes. Remove the part from machine. | Tapping Machine | Vise | $1 / 4-20$ <br> and 10-24 <br> taps | -- |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Part Number: |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Ball Caster Spacer |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | 3/8" Aluminum <br> Rod |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Spee <br> d <br> (RPM <br> ) |
| 1 | Obtain 3/8" <br> Aluminum Stock and cut to $1 / 5^{\prime \prime}$ length. <br> Debur Part | Lathe | Collet | Parting Tool | 1200 |
| 2 | Face the part removing .01" at a time until total length is $0.168^{\prime \prime}$ and deburr part | Lathe | Collet | Lathe, facing tool, file | 750 |
| 3 | Assemble the Center Drill in the Tailstock | Lathe | Collet, Tailstock | Centerdrill | 1200 |
| 4 | Remove center drill and assemble F drill bit. Drill through part fully | Lathe | Collet, Tailstock | F bit | 1200 |


| 5 | Remove part and <br> debur | File/ <br> deburring <br> tool |  |
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| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Part Number: | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| Part Title: | Wheel Axle Rod |  |  |  |  |
| Team Name: | Team 104 |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: | Steel rod, 1/4" diameter |  |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Spee <br> d <br> (RPM <br> ) |
| 1 | Cut 1.55" steel rod >. 125 of finish length and deburr | Band Saw |  | File | 300 |
| 2 | Install part into lathe with > .125" material sticking out | Lathe | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { 1/4" } \\ & \text { collet } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 3 | remove excess material to achieve finish length and machined surface. Deburr part | lathe | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1/4" } \\ & \text { collet } \end{aligned}$ | cutting tool, file | 1200 |
| 4 | Center drill and drill hole on circular face | lathe | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { collet } \end{aligned}$ | center drill, \#20 drill | 750 |


| 5 | Remove part from lathe <br> and deburr hole |  | hole <br> deburring <br> tool |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | Install part into mill and <br> find datum lines for $X$ and Y | mill | vise | drill chuck, <br> edge finder | 1000 |
| 7 | Center drill and drill spring <br> pin hole | mill | vise | center drill, <br> $1 / 16$ d drill | 750 |
| 8 | center drill and drill <br> setscrew hole | mill | vise | center drill, <br> $\# 36$ drill | 750 |
| 9 | remove part and deburr <br> holes | hole <br> deburring <br> tool |  |  |  |
| 10 | tap 6-32 hole for setscrew | tapping <br> machine | vise | 6 6-32 tap |  |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part Number: |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Wheel Axle Hex |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | Multipurpose 6061 Aluminum Bar, 1/2" Hex Size |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture (s) | Tool(s) | Spe <br> ed <br> (RP <br> M) |


| 1 | Locate the Multipurpose 6061 <br> Aluminum Bar, 1/2" Hex Size stock. Measure approximately .425" and cut off using the bandsaw. Afterwards, deburr the part. | Band Saw |  | File | 300 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Hold the part in the vise on top of parallels such that the flat hex ends are on the faces of the vise and the rough cut end is sticking out of the vise. Put a spare piece of hex stock in the opposite end of the vice to keep it balanced. | Mill | Vise | 1.25" <br> Parallels |  |
| 3 | Mill one end of the piece just enough to provide a fully machined surface | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | $\begin{gathered} 100 \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ |


| 4 | Remove part <br> from vise and <br> debur |  | File |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | Place the part <br> back in the vise <br> such that the <br> machined end <br> is facing the <br> inside of the <br> vice and the <br> unfinished end <br> is facing the <br> end mill. Install <br> the stop on the <br> vise such that <br> it is touching <br> the machined <br> end of the <br> part. |  | Vise | Stop |  |
| 7 |  | Mill the end of <br> the piece just <br> enough to <br> provide a fully <br> machined <br> surface |  | Mill | Vise |


| 8 | Remove the <br> part from the <br> vise and debur |  |  | File |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 | Put the part <br> back in the vise <br> such that the <br> finished ends <br> are facing the <br> walls of the <br> vise. Install it <br> such that the <br> edge of the <br> hex piece is in <br> line with the <br> end of the vise. | Mill | Vise | 1.125 " <br> Parallels |
| 10 | Install the <br> edgefinder <br> into the mill. <br> Zero the x-axis <br> at the end of <br> the vise, which <br> is also the end <br> of the part | Mill |  |  |


|  | this same <br> location |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 12 | Remove the <br> part and file all <br> burrs |  | File |  |  |
| 13 | Put the part <br> into the <br> spindle of a <br> lathe. Drill a <br> hole directly in <br> the center of <br> the part using <br> a letter B drill |  | Chuck | Letter B <br> drill bit | 120 <br> 0 |
| 14 | Remove the <br> drill bit and <br> install a 0.251 <br> reamer. Ream <br> the hole that <br> was just drilled | Lathe | Chuck | 0.251 | 150 |
|  | Remoamer <br> part and file all <br> burrs |  | File |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |  |



| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Speed <br> (RPM) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Cut 1" square aluminum $>0.125$ of finish length and deburr. | Band Saw |  | File | 300 |
| 2 | Hold part in vise on top of parallels with $>0.125$ material sticking out | Mill | Vise | $1.375$ <br> Parallels |  |
| 3 | Mill one end of the part, just enough to provide a fully machined surface | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | 840 |
| 4 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |
| 5 | Machine the other end of the part, Repeat step 3 and 4 | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | 840 |
| 6 | Measure the part with calipers and bring it to 1.00 " length, taking several passes at 0.050 or less per pass | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | 840 |
| 7 | Measure and bring part to size in both Z and X planes with passes no more than 0.050 | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute end mill, collet | 840 |
| 8 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |


| 9 | Remove cutter and collet. Install edgefinder into drill chuck. Zero the $x$-axis at the end of the vise | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, edgefin der | 1000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | Remove the edgefinder and install the drill chuck and a center drill. Center drill and peck drill the hole. | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, \#2 or \#3 Center drill | 1200 |
| 11 | Remove center drill and install drill bit into the drill chuck and drill all the way through. | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, \#18 drill bit | 1200 |
| 12 | Remove part from vise and position to the other surface against the parallels. | Mill | Vise | $1.375$ <br> Parallels |  |
| 13 | Repeat steps 9-12 for the four smaller holes. | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, edgefin der, Center drill, \#25 drill bit | $\begin{gathered} 1000-1 \\ 200 \end{gathered}$ |
| 14 | Remove the part and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Part Number: |  | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Left Frame Wall |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Team Name: |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Raw Material Stock: |  | Aluminum Plate, $1 / 4 "$ |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Speed (RPM) |
| 1 | Waterjet the frame, logo cutout, slot, and 4X 0.15 inch diameter holes. | Waterjet |  |  |  |
| 2 | Put the part in the vise by using step clamps to clamp down the part on top of the vise. | Mill | Vise | step clamps |  |
| 3 | Install the edgefinder into the mill. Zero the $y$-axis at the top side of the part. | Mill | Vise | Edgefin der, collet | 1000 |
| 4 | Remove the edgefinder and install the drill chuck with a \#3 center drill installed. Center drill the top hole | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, \#3 center drill, step clamps | 1200 |


|  | and the hole right <br> below the slot. |  |  |  |  |
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| 5 | For the top hole, <br> measure .50000" <br> bearing, drill a hole <br> all the way through <br> .015" undersize, <br> and ream to a <br> .0005 press fit. For <br> the hole under the <br> slot, measure .375" <br> bearing, drill a hole <br> all the way through <br> .015" undersize, <br> and ream to a .001 <br> press fit. | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, <br> step <br> clamps | 1200 |
| 6 |  | Remove the part |  | File |  |
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| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Part Number: |  | 19 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Right Frame Wall |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  | Aluminum Plate, |  |  |  |
|  |  | $1 / 4$ " |  |  |  |
| Raw Material <br> Stock: |  |  |  |  |  |


| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Spee } \\ d \\ (R P M \\ ) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Waterjet the frame, logo cutout, and $4 X$ 0.15 inch diameter holes. | Waterjet |  |  |  |
| 2 | Put the part in the vise by using step clamps to clamp down the part on top of the vise. | Mill | Vise | step clamps |  |
| 3 | Install the edgefinder into the mill. Zero the $y$-axis at the top side of the part. | Mill | Vise | Edgefinder , collet | 1000 |
| 4 | Remove the edgefinder and install the drill chuck with a \#3 center drill installed. Center drill the top hole. | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, \#3 <br> center <br> drill, step <br> clamps | 1200 |
| 5 | Measure .5000" bearing and drill a hole all the way through .015" undersize (the hole previously center | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, step clamps | 1200 |


|  | drilled). Ream to a <br> .0005 press fit. |  |  |  |  |
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| 6 | Remove the part <br> and file all the <br> burrs. |  | File |  |  |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Part Number: | 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Part Title: | Frame Mounting Brackets |  |  |  |  |
| Team Name: | Team 104 |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: | Aluminum 90 Degree Angle Stock 1/8" |  |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Speed <br> (RPM) |
| 1 | Cut 1 " square aluminum $>0.125$ of finish length and deburr. | Band Saw |  | File | 300 |
| 2 | Hold part in vise on top of parallels with $>0.125$ material sticking out | Mill | Vise | $1.375$ <br> Parallel <br> s |  |
| 3 | Mill one end of the part, just enough to provide a fully machined surface | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | 840 |


| 4 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | Machine the other end of the part, Repeat step 3 and 4 | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | 840 |
| 6 | Measure the part with calipers and bring it to 1.00 " length, taking several passes at 0.050 or less per pass | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | 840 |
| 7 | Measure and bring part to size in both Z and X planes with passes no more than 0.050 | Mill | Vise | 3/4 inch <br> 2-flute <br> end <br> mill, <br> collet | 840 |
| 8 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |
| 9 | Remove cutter and collet. Install edgefinder into drill chuck. Zero the $x$-axis at the end of the vise | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, edgefin der | 1000 |
| 10 | Remove the edgefinder and install the drill chuck and a center drill. Center drill and peck drill the hole. | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, Center drill | 1200 |
| 11 | Remove center drill and install a \#25 drill bit into the drill chuck and drill all the way through. | Mill | Vise | Drill chuck, \#25 drill bit | 1200 |


| 12 | Remove part from vise and position <br> to the other surface against the <br> parallels. | Mill | Vise | 1.375 <br> Parallel <br> s |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 13 | Repeat steps 9-12 for the hole on <br> other face | Mill | Vise | Drill <br> chuck, <br> edgefin <br> der, <br> Center <br> drill, <br> $\# 25$ drill | $1000-12$ <br> 00 |
| 14 | Remove the part and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part Number: |  | 24 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Tray Bouncer |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  | 104 |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | 1/16" Aluminum Sheet |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Speed <br> (RPM) |
| 1 | Cut part on waterjet | waterjet |  |  |  |
| 2 | Bend part 115 degrees on hand brake | hand brake |  |  |  |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part Number: |  | 29 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Sprocket Support |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  | 104 |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | $\begin{aligned} & 01 \text { Tool Steel } \\ & 1.41 " \times 0.25 " \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Speed <br> (RPM) |
| 1 | Locate the O1 Tool steel stock. Measure to 2 " and cut off using the bandsaw. Afterwards, deburr the part. | Band Saw |  | File | 100 |
| 2 | Insert the part into the collet with a stop into the Lathe spindle. Face one end to create a flat surface | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |
| 3 | .29" from the end of the piece, turn down the piece to .21 for .029" | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |
| 4 | .57" from the end of the piece, turn down the piece to $.21^{\prime \prime}$ for .029" | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |


| 5 | .92" from the end of the piece, turn down the piece to .21 " for .029" | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 1.26 " from the end of the piece, turn down the piece to .21 " for .029" | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |
| 7 | Using the drill chuck, center drill into the center of the part. Then drill a hole with a \#21 bit .35" deep into the part | Lathe | Collet, <br> Tailstock | Drill Chuck, Center drill, \#21 Drill bit | 800 |
| 8 | Part off the piece at \|1.41" | Lathe | Collet | Parting Tool | 1000 |
| 9 | Remove part and debur |  |  | File |  |
| 10 | Mount part in mill in a triangular vise | Mill | Triangular vise |  |  |
| 11 | Find datum | Mill | Triangular Vise | Collet, Edge <br> Finder | 1000 |
| 12 | Using a 1/8" endmill create a slot that is $1 / 16$ " deep and 1.09 " long by using the plunge drilling technique. The slot is centered on the part along the $y$-axis. | Mill | Triangular Vise | Collet, 1/8" <br> 4-flute <br> Endmill | 1000 |
| 13 | Drill a center drill 1.29" away from the left end of the part while centered on the part along the $y$-axis. Drill | Mill | Triangular Vise | Drill Chuck, Center drill, \#43 Drill bit, 4-40 Tap | 1000 |


|  | this hole with a \#43 <br> drill through one wall <br> and use a 4-40 tap. Do <br> not drill all the way <br> through the part |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 14 | Remove part and debur |  |  | File |  |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part Number: |  | 32 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Chain Tensioner Body |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  | 104 |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | 1/8" Aluminum Sheet |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Spee } \\ d \\ (R P M) \end{gathered}$ |
| 1 | Waterjet profile of part | waterjet |  |  |  |
| 2 | Hold part in vise on top of parallels | Mill | vise | 1.375 parallels |  |
| 3 | Use edgefinder to zero axes on edges of part | mill | vise | drill <br> chuck, <br> edge <br> finder | 1000 |


| 4 | Remove edgefinder and install center drill. Center drill all three holes | mill | vise | drill <br> chuck, <br> center <br> drill | 1200 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | Remove center drill and install drill bit. Drill two holes that are the same size | mill | vise | U bit, drill chuck | 1200 |
| 6 | Switch out drill bits to drill final hole | mill | vise | \#36 bit, drill chuck | 1200 |
| 7 | Remove drill bit and use reamer on larger holes | mill | vise | .3745 <br> reamer, drill chuck | 1200 |
| 8 | Remove part and deburr holes |  |  | hole deburring tools |  |
| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part Number: |  | 33 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Chain Tension Spacer |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  | Team 104 |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | 3/8" Aluminum Rod |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Spee <br> d |


|  |  |  |  |  | (RPM) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Obtain 3/8" <br> Aluminum Stock and cut to $1 / 5^{\prime \prime}$ length and deburr. | Band Saw |  | File | 300 |
| 2 | Lathe one end of the part, just enough to provide a fully machined surface. | Lathe | Collet | Lathe, facing tool | 750 |
| 3 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |
| 4 | Machine the other end of the part and repeat steps 3 and 4 | Lathe | Collet | Lathe, facing tool | 750 |
| 5 | Face the part removing .01" at a time until total length is $0.100^{\prime \prime}$ | Lathe | Collet | Lathe, facing tool | 750 |
| 6 | Remove part from vise and file all burrs. |  |  | File |  |
| 7 | Assemble the Center Drill in the Tailstock and peck drill a hole. | Lathe | Collet, Tailstock | Centerdril <br> I | 1200 |
| 8 | Remove center drill and assemble \#25 drill bit. Drill through part fully | Lathe | Collet, Tailstock | \#25 bit | 1200 |
| 9 | Remove part and debur |  |  | File |  |


| Part Number: |  | 34 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part Title: |  | Tensioner Shaft |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  | 104 |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | 01 Tool Steel .72"x0.25" |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | Spee <br> d <br> (RPM) |
| 1 | Locate the O1 Tool steel stock. Measure about 1.5 "and cut off using the bandsaw. Afterwards, deburr the part. | Band Saw |  | File | 100 |
| 2 | Insert the part into the collet with a stop into the Lathe spindle. Face both ends to create flat surfaces | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |
| 3 | .05" from the end of the piece, turn down the piece to . 21 " for .029" | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |
| 4 | .36 " from the end of the piece, turn down the piece to .21 " for .029" | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |
| 5 | .64" from the end of the piece, turn down the piece to .21 " for .029" | Lathe | Collet | Cutting Tool | 1000 |


| 6 | Part off the piece at .72" | Lathe | Collet | Parting Tool | 1000 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 7 | Remove part and debur |  |  | File |  |
| 8 | Mount part in mill in a <br> triangular vise | Mill | Triangular <br> vise |  | 1000 |
| 9 | Find datum | Mill | Triangular <br> Vise | Collet, <br> Edgefinder | Using a 1/8" endmill <br> create a slot that is 1/16" <br> deep and .33" long by <br> using the plunge drilling <br> technique. The slot is <br> centered on the part <br> along the y-axis. |
| 10 | Triangular <br> Vise | Collet, 1/8" 4 <br> flute Endmill | 1000 |  |  |
| 11 | Remove part and debur |  | File |  |  |


| Manufacturing Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Part Number: |  | 40 |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | Tray Body |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material Stock: |  | Aluminum plate, 1/16" |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Spee } \\ d \\ (R P M) \end{gathered}$ |


| 1 | Cut the Profile of the <br> tray on the waterjet | Waterjet |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | Deburr all holes and <br> file edges |  | Deburring <br> tool, file |  |  |
| 3 | Use the sheet metal <br> brake to bend one <br> wall of the tray up 90 <br> degrees and be 2" tall | Brake |  |  |  |
| 4 | Use the sheet metal <br> brake to bend the <br> end of the tray up 65 <br> degrees and 1.8" long | Brake |  |  |  |
| 5 | Bend the other wall <br> of the tray up 90 <br> degrees and be 2" tall | Brake |  |  |  |


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|  |  | 42 |  |  |  |
| Part Number: |  | Tray Axle |  |  |  |
| Part Title: |  | 104 |  |  |  |
| Team Name: |  | 3/8" Aluminum <br> Rod |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Material |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stock: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Step \# | Process Description | Machine | Fixture(s) | Tool(s) | (RPM) |


| 1 | Obtain 3/8" <br> Aluminum Rod and <br> cut to a length of 8.625 | Band Saw | Vise | N/A | N/A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Face each side of the 3/8" stock <br> using the lathe Facing Tool and Zero <br> the part with a stop installed | Lathe | Collet | Facing/ <br> Turning <br> Tool | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline 1200 \\ \text { or less } \end{array}$ |
| 3 | Begin Turning the part removing 0.05" <br> Maximum material per pass to 0.50 " <br> from the free end | Lathe | Collet |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 1200 \\ \text { or less } \end{array}$ |
| 4 | Remove the part from the collet, flip it and Turn the part removing 0.05" <br> maximum material per pass to 0.50 " <br> from the free end | Lathe | Collet | Facing/ Turning Tool | $\begin{gathered} 1200 \\ \text { or less } \end{gathered}$ |
| 5 | Using the grooving tool, groove the part from a diameter of 0.25 "to a diameter of $0.21^{\prime \prime}$ with a length of 0.029" | Lathe | Collet | Grooving Tool | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 1600 \\ \text { or less } \end{array}$ |


| 6 | Flip the part and repeat Step 5 | Lathe | Collet | Grooving <br> Tool | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 1600 \\ \text { or less } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | Remove the part and secure it in a <br> triangular vise in the mill | mill | triangular vise | N/A |  |
| 8 | Using the edge finder, locate the <br> exposed edges on the widest diameter and zero the part | mill | triangular vise | edge <br> finder | 1000 |
| 9 | Using a center-drill, two center holes in the rod at the specified locations | mill | triangular <br> vise | center <br> drill | 1200 |
| 10 | Using a . 1065 diameter drill bit, drill through the part where the center holes were drilled | mill | triangular <br> vise | \#36 drill bit | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 1400 \\ \text { or less } \end{array}$ |
| 11 | Zero the $Z$ axis and using a .125" diameter end mill, use the plunge drilling method to remove material to create the keyway slot | mill | triangular <br> vise | \|.125" <br> diameter endmill | 840 or less |
| 12 | Make a final pass in the keyway to ensure a smooth face | mill | triangular <br> vise | \|.125" <br> diameter endmill | 840 or less |
| 13 | Remove the part from the vise and | mill | Vise | 6-32 Tap |  |


|  | insert it into the <br> tapping vise. Tap all <br> the way through the <br> two .1065 holes with <br> a 6-32 tap |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 14 | File and deburr the <br> part |  | file |  |  |

## C. PURCHASED AND TRADED ITEMS

## C. 1 Purchased parts

| Supplier | Part name/number | Dimensions | Total quantity | Price | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| McMaster | Low-Strength Steel <br> Nylon-Insert <br> Locknut <br> (90631A007) | $\begin{aligned} & 5 / 16 " \mathrm{x} \\ & 11 / 64 " \end{aligned}$ | 100 | \$2.61 | Used in place of the standard nuts provided to prevent possible issues caused by nuts loosening |
| McMaster | Roller Chain ANSI Number 41, $1 / 2$ " Pitch (6261K174) | . 386 "x12" | 1 | \$4.40 | Used to transfer torque from the motor to the tray system |
| McMaster | Connecting Link for ANSI Number 41 Roller Chain (6261K192) | . 5 "x.578" | 1 | \$0.87 | Used to connect and modify the length of the roller chain |
| McMaster | Adding Link for ANSI Number 41 Roller Chain (6261K242) | . 5 "x.35" | 1 | \$0.64 | Used to connect and modify the length of the roller chain |
| McMaster | Add-and-Connect Link for ANSI Number 41 Roller Chain (6261K262) | . 5 "x.578" | 1 | \$1.97 | Used to connect and modify the length of the roller chain |
| Crib | Pololu 1576 99:1 <br> Metal Gearmotor <br> 25D x 54L mm HP | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{x} \\ & 54 \mathrm{~mm} \end{aligned}$ | 2 | \$19.76 | Used to power the wheels of the RMP. Traded the planetary and double gearbox for two of these |
| Crib | 1" Ball Caster | $\begin{aligned} & 1-3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} \\ & 1-3 / 4^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | 1 | \$4.00 | One extra was required for the back wheels of the RMP |

## C.2. Traded parts (inter-squad)

| Trade-in Part | Trade-out <br> parts(s) | From | Positive Trade <br> Deficits | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 3" Extension <br> Spring | None | Team 102 | $\$ 2.44$ | We accidently <br> deformed one of <br> our springs and <br> traded within our <br> squad for a <br> replacement and a <br> spare |

