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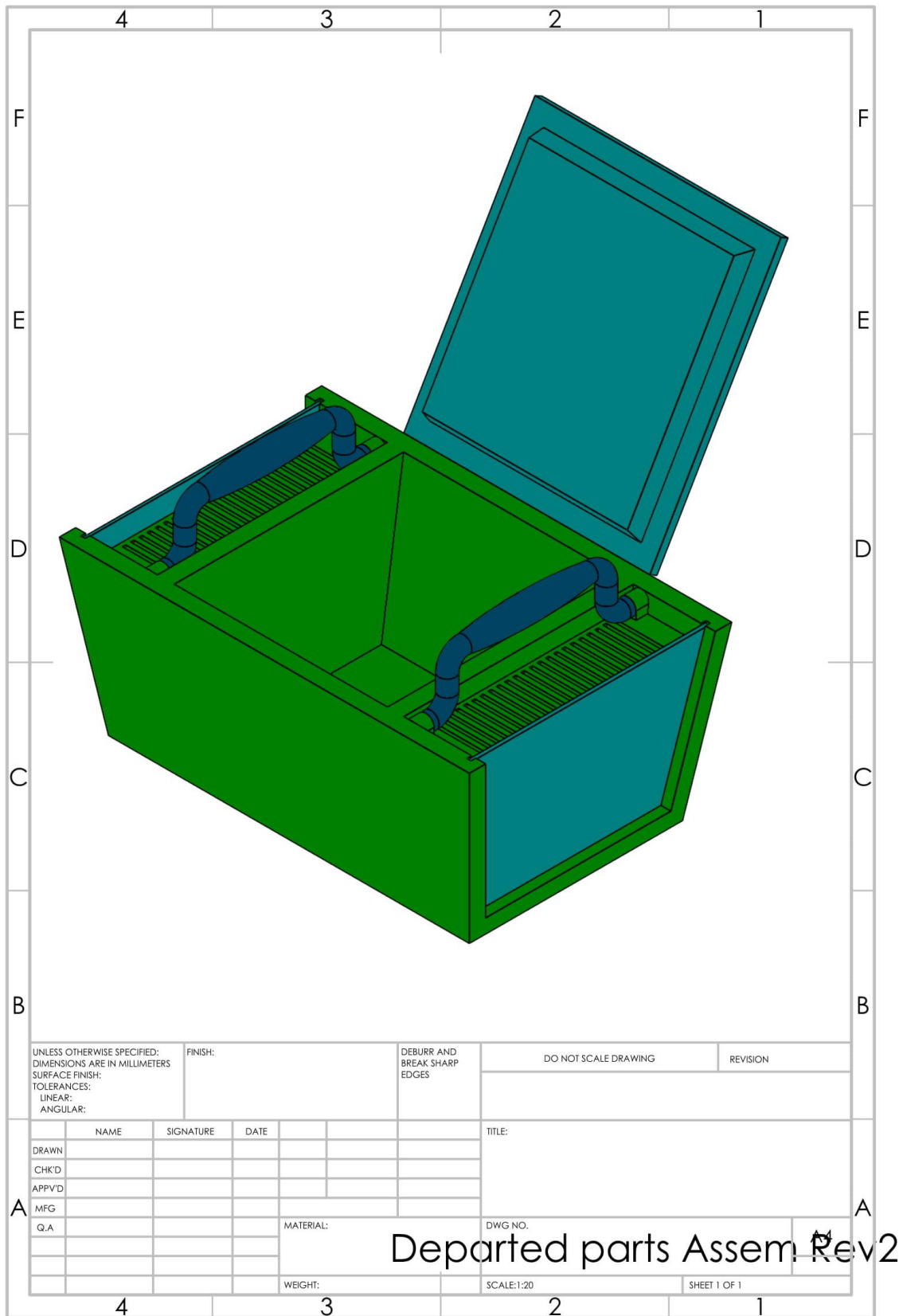


Image 1.3.3: Final Complete Design

2) Hardware Part:

For our project we are designing the solid works model and also making a prototype of our design in that one we are making a real cooler with help of the Styrofoam box and the Peltier module. For our design the basic idea is using the Peltier module and the temperature sensor to maintain the refrigeration temperature inside the cooler and which help to keep all the beverages item cold inside the cooler. The main advantage of using all this equipment is there is no requirement of any type of refrigeration gas or ice. In our design we are using very less component which are easy to replace and also maintenance is easy. In our design we are using following components which explained in to introduction.

2.1) Introduction:

- **Temperature Controller:** Temperature controller is used to control the temperature inside the cooling area which keeps the Peltier module turn on and off after every desire temperature.

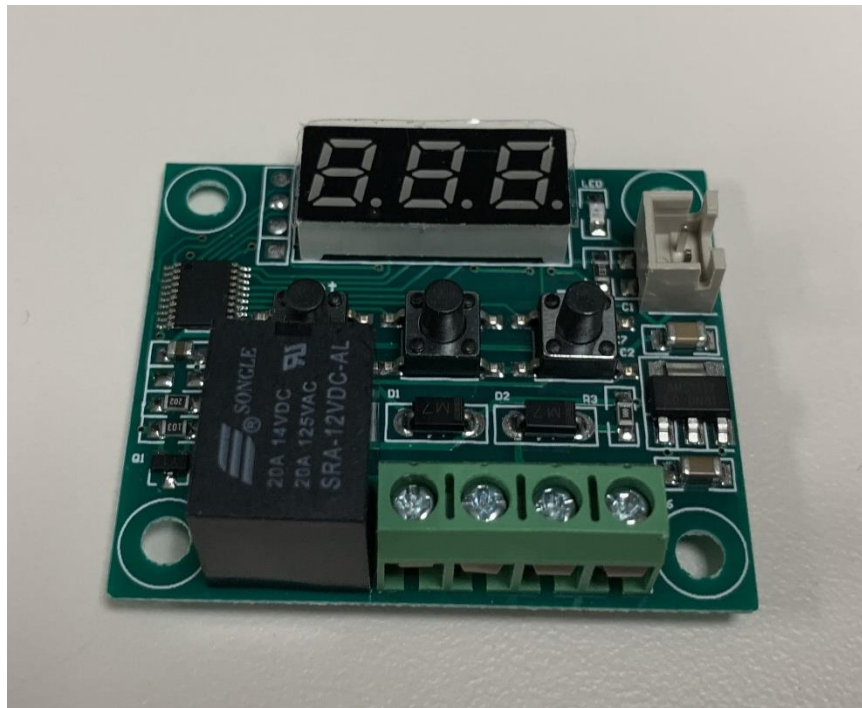


Image 2.1.1: Temperature Controller

- **Temperature Sensor:** Thermistors are thermally sensitive resistors whose prime function is to exhibit a large, predictable and precise change in electrical resistance when subjected to a corresponding change in body temperature. Negative Temperature Coefficient (NTC) thermistors exhibit a decrease in electrical resistance when subjected to an increase in body temperature and Positive Temperature Coefficient (PTC) thermistors exhibit an increase in electrical resistance when subjected to an increase in body temperature.



Image 2.1.2: Temperature Sensor

- **Battery Bank:** A rechargeable battery, storage battery, secondary cell, or accumulator is a type of electrical battery which can be charged, discharged into a load, and recharged many times, as opposed to a disposable or primary battery, which is supplied fully charged and discarded after use. It is composed of one or more electrochemical cells. The term "accumulator" is used as it accumulates and stores energy through a reversible electrochemical reaction. Rechargeable batteries are useful in our project to supply the voltages to the Peltier module and the electric fans.



Image 2.1.3: Battery Bank

- Electric CPU Fan: A computer fan is any fan inside, or attached to, a computer case used for active cooling. Fans are used to draw cooler air into the case from the outside, expel warm air from inside, and move air across a heat sink to cool a particular component. Both axial and sometimes centrifugal (blower/squirrel-cage) fans are used in computers. Computer fans commonly come in standard sizes, and are powered and controlled using 3- or 4-pin fan connectors.



Image 2.1.4: Cooling Fan

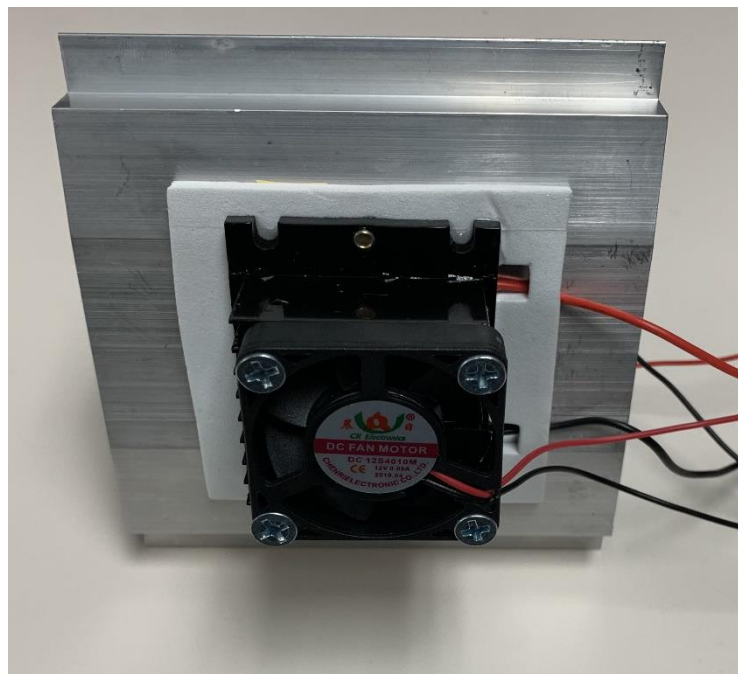


Image 2.1.5: Small Size Cooling Fan

- Peltier Device: Thermoelectric cooling uses the Peltier effect to create a heat flux at the junction of two different types of materials. A Peltier cooler, heater, or thermoelectric heat pump is a solid-state active heat pump which transfers heat from one side of the device to the other, with consumption of electrical energy, depending on the direction of the current. Such an instrument is also called a Peltier device, Peltier heat pump, solid state refrigerator, or thermoelectric cooler (TEC). It can be used either for heating or for cooling, although in practice the main application is cooling. It can also be used as a temperature controller that either heats or cools.

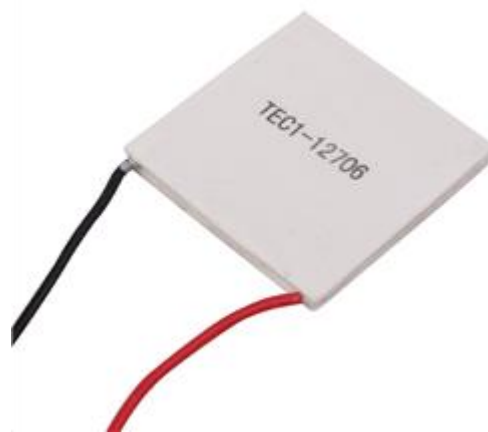


Image 2.1.6: Peltier Device

2.2) Component Testing:

For the testing we start connect the Peltier module with the power supply and then we were trying to measure the temperature but we noticed that the temperature was not going below 14 C. we tried by changing the Peltier module and temperature sensor but it was not working below 14 C. After measuring the voltage and current we got idea Peltier module needs more current we have only power supply until 1 amp. That means it could not able to draw the current more than amp.

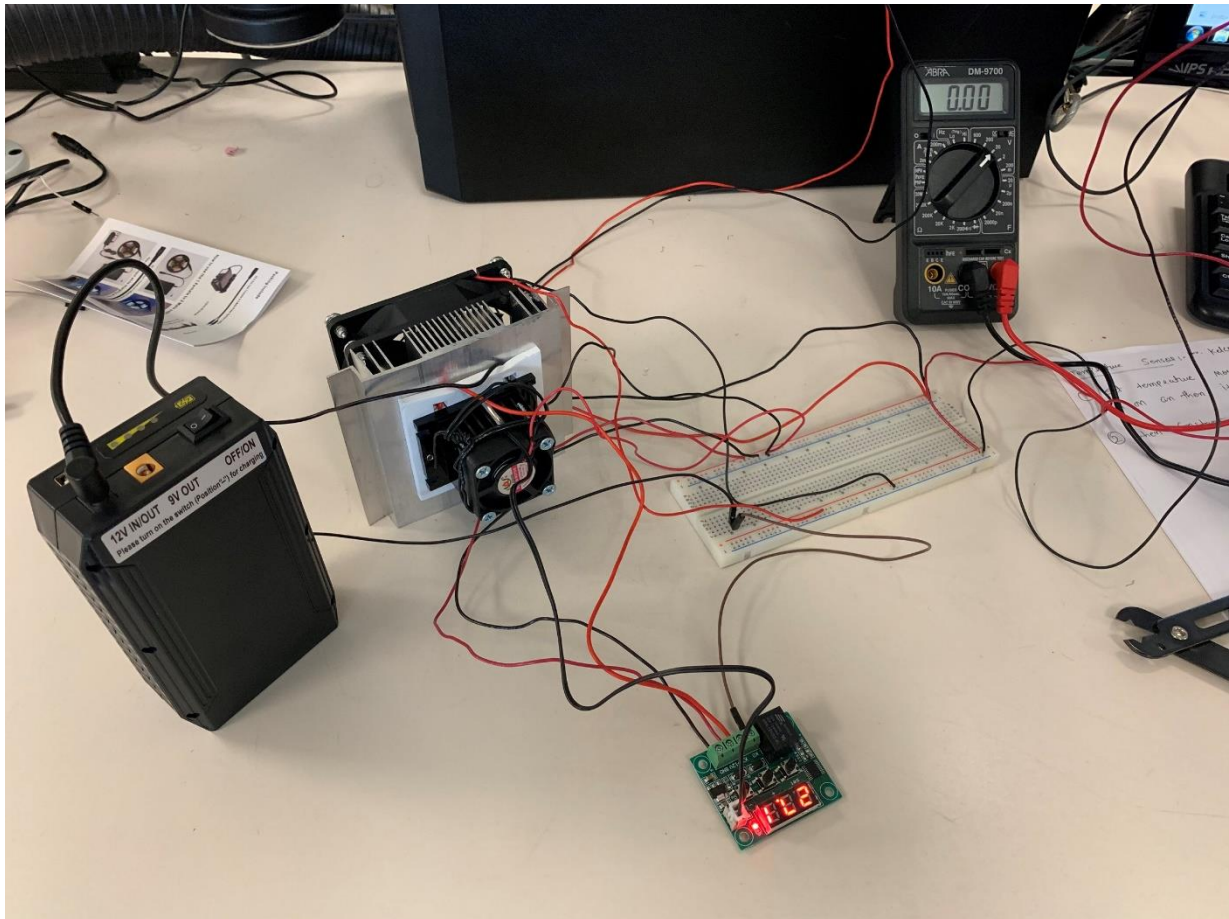


Image 2.2.1: Peltier Device Testing at 14C

For solving this issue, we need to provide more current to the Peltier module for that we decided to change the Lab so we went in to the another lab where the power supply was available until 3 amps. After connecting the Peltier module with the power supply of 3 Amp we noticed that it can easily going 9 C in to the open environment. So we noticed that if we will use the Styrofoam box then we can easily achieve the desired temperature which require for the refrigeration.

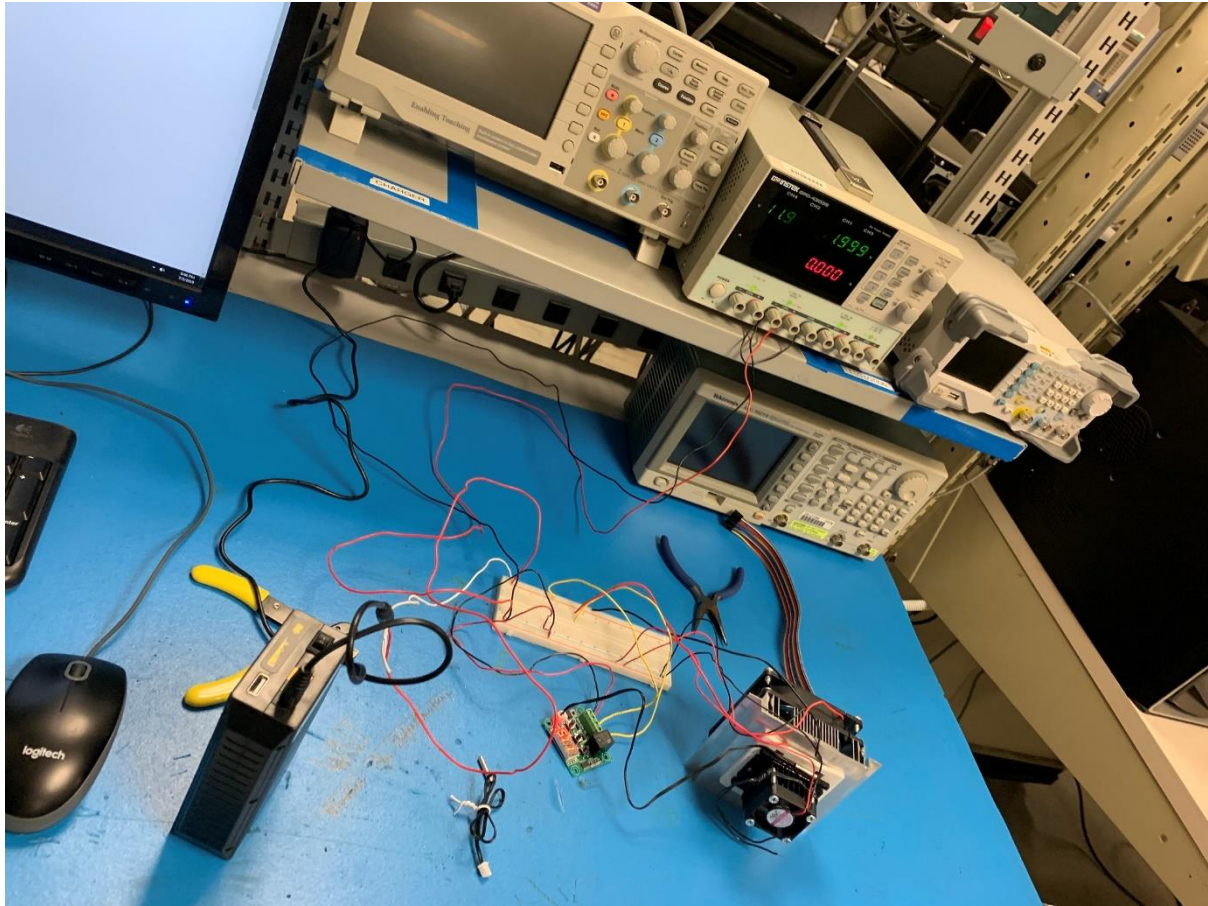


Image 2.2.2: Peltier Device Testing at 9C

2.3) Basic Design Implementation:

For basic design implementation we are going to use the temperature sensor with both Peltier module and try to control the temperature of the Styrofoam box with help of temperature controller. The temperature controller will help us to hold the desire temperature which we need to keep our beverages cold inside the cooler. His basic design is based on the W1209 that control after testing the temperature.

2.4) Design Improvement:

For improvement of our design we are trying to implement is based on microcontroller. Presently we are looking on to the two different types of Nucleo which is based on ARM cortex and also very popular one is Arduino neon. We are collecting data based on the research which we can use with our cooler and work best in all the way.

3) Conclusion: As per testing we got idea that in room temperature we can get successfully reach at the temperature of 9C. For refrigeration we need temperature of 5C which is easy to get if we will put the Peltier device in to the Styrofoam box. That is better to hold the cooling inside the temperature. That way we can implement the refrigeration system for our Tesla Model 3.