

1/14 - Turntable and Servo Signoff

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During the competition, nets will be placed randomly along either side of the track. Because of necessary that the robot be able to aim its shooting mechanism in either direction. Early in the process, it was decided that the robot will utilize a turntable in order to accomplish this. The turntable will be responsible for turning the upper chassis (which contains the shooting mechanism) in either direction.

The turntable will need to be able to support the weight of the upper chassis. A breakdown of the weight is shown below.

Motors x4	1.65 lbs
All Controllers/Sensors	Approx 0.5 lbs
Shooting Mechanism	Approx 2 lbs
Wheels x4	0.5 lbs
Battery	Approx 1.1 lbs
Robotic Arm	Approx 2 lbs
Acrylic Chassis	2.5 lbs
Turntable	Approx 0.2 lb
Total	11.25 lbs

Being that the turntable only needs to support the weight of the upper chassis, the drivetrain must support the weight of the wheels, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the acrylic chassis, and the turntable itself can be subtracted. It is not yet known the layout of all other components, but it is reasonable to assume that the turntable will need to support at least 7 lbs. In addition, these turntables contain bearings that help reduce the overall load of the turntable.

The turntable that I would like to purchase can be found at:

<https://www.robotshop.com/en/lynxmotion-base-rotate-kit-no-servo.html>.

The product info for this turntable says that it can "easily support 10 pounds".

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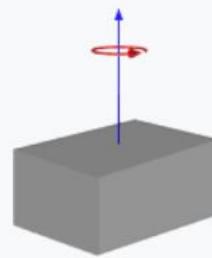
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In addition to the turntable, we will also need a servo motor to drive the rotation. Calculating the servo is a matter of calculating the torque required to rotate a rectangle (the chassis volume) around its height axis. This torque is equal to the moment of inertia multiplied by the angular acceleration. The equation for moment of inertia is shown below.

Solid **cuboid** of height h , width w , and depth d , and mass m .

For a similarly oriented **cube** with sides of length s ,

$$I_{CM} = \frac{1}{6}ms^2$$



$$I_h = \frac{1}{12}m(w^2 + d^2)$$

$$I_w = \frac{1}{12}m(d^2 + h^2)$$

$$I_d = \frac{1}{12}m(w^2 + h^2)$$

$$I_h = \frac{1}{12} * 3.2 * (0.3^2 + 0.23^2)$$

This gives the moment of inertia at approximately 0.0381 kg*m^2.

The desired acceleration of the servo is 2*pi radians/s^2.

Thus, multiplying these values gives a resultant torque of 0.2394 N*m.

Converting to kg*cm gives 2.44 kg*cm, which is the minimum torque requirement of the motor.

The article mentioned above regarding the turntable also lists some compatible servo motors. From the list and the torque requirement above, it is clear to see that any of them will meet the requirements. Since they are all similarly priced, I think the highest torque servo would be a sensible option.

The servo motor can be found here <https://www.robotshop.com/en/hitec-hs-645mg-servo-motor>

This servo requires 4.8-6 V. Our design already includes step down circuitry that outputs 5 V, so we should be able to meet this voltage requirement.

The servo will be controlled using the Adafruit servo shield that we purchased for the robot arm. The servo shield will allow us to control the servo from the microcontroller via PWM. A wiring diagram for the servo is shown below.



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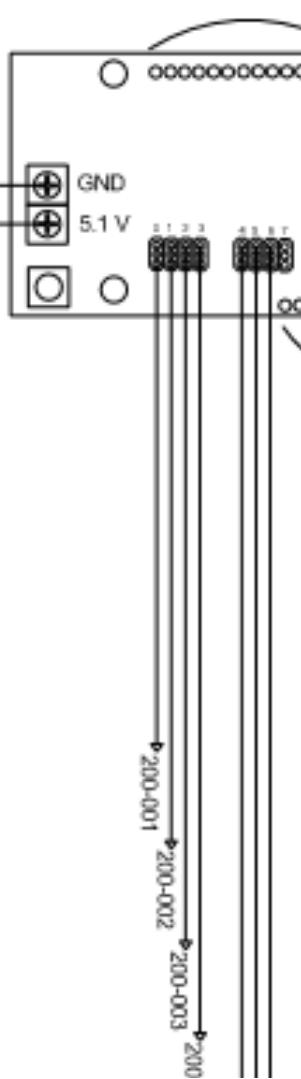
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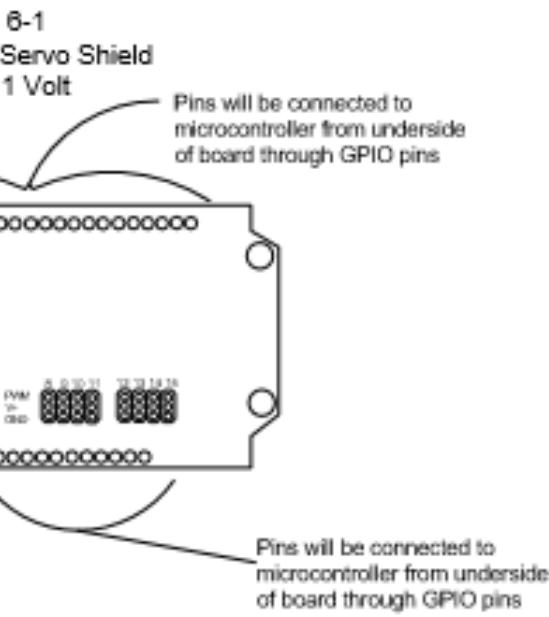
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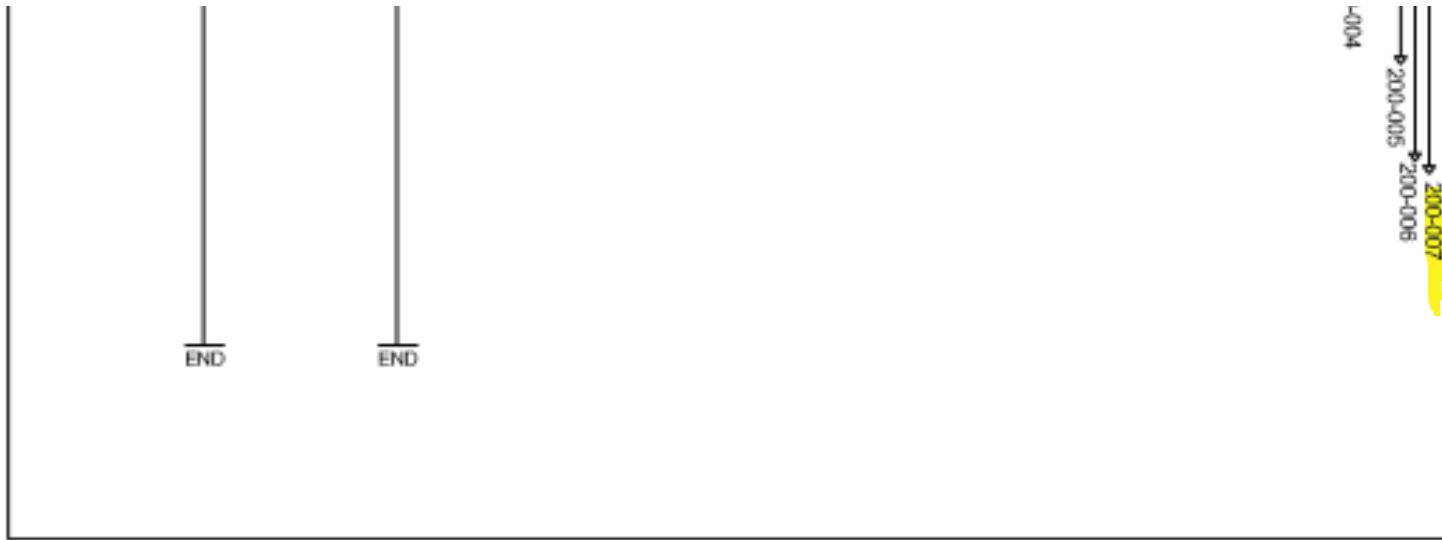




Wire numbers 200-001 through 200-006 will control the servo motors on the robotic arm as follows:

200-001: Turn Table
200-002: Shoulder Joint
200-003: Elbow Joint
200-004: Wrist Joint
200-005: Wrist Turn Joint
200-006: End Effector Grab

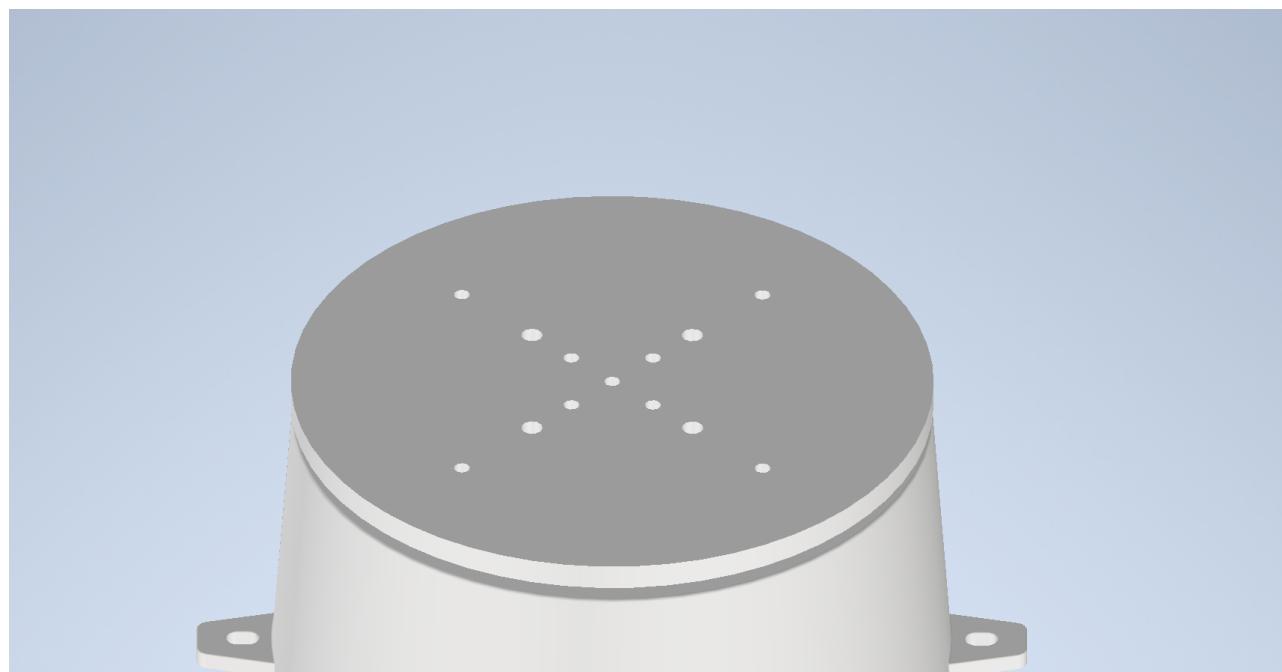
200-007: Chassis Turntable



Assembling the turntable and mounting the servo will require specific screws. I was able to find exact screws mentioned from the same manufacturer at this link <https://www.robotshop.com/en/lynxmotion-phillips-tapping-screws-phts-04.html>. They are sold in quantities of 100.

Below are the CAD drawings of the turntable as well as the physical layout of the robot. The turntable's small form factor means that we will have to have a custom base to mount it in order to achieve the correct height, but this should not be an issue.

Turntable CAD Model

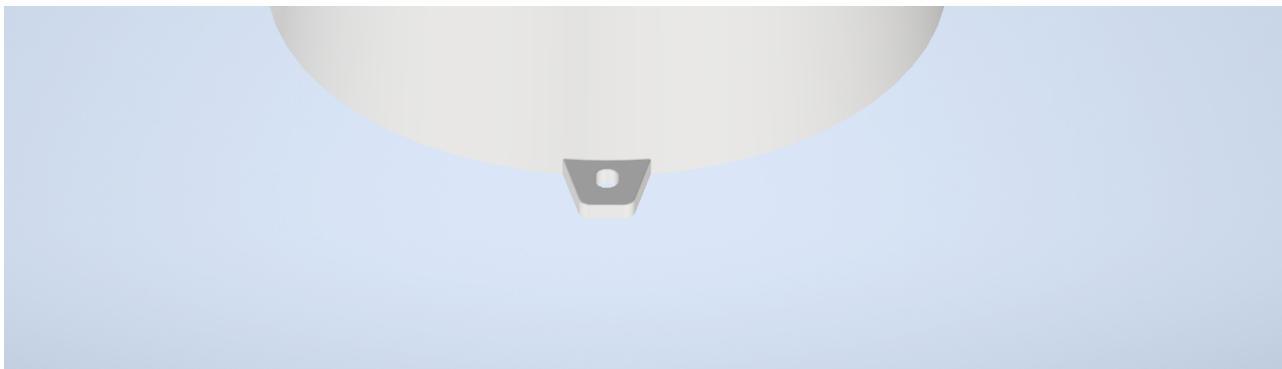


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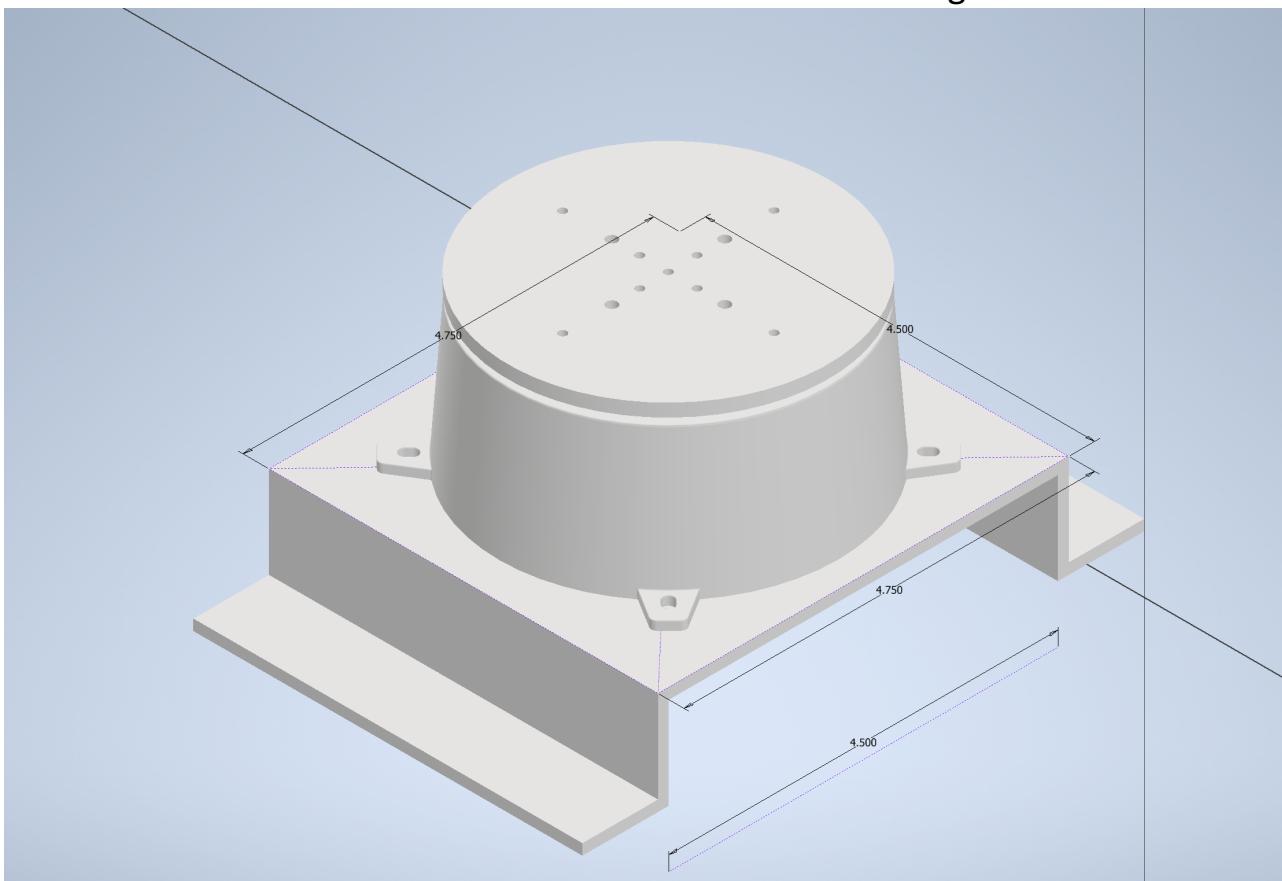
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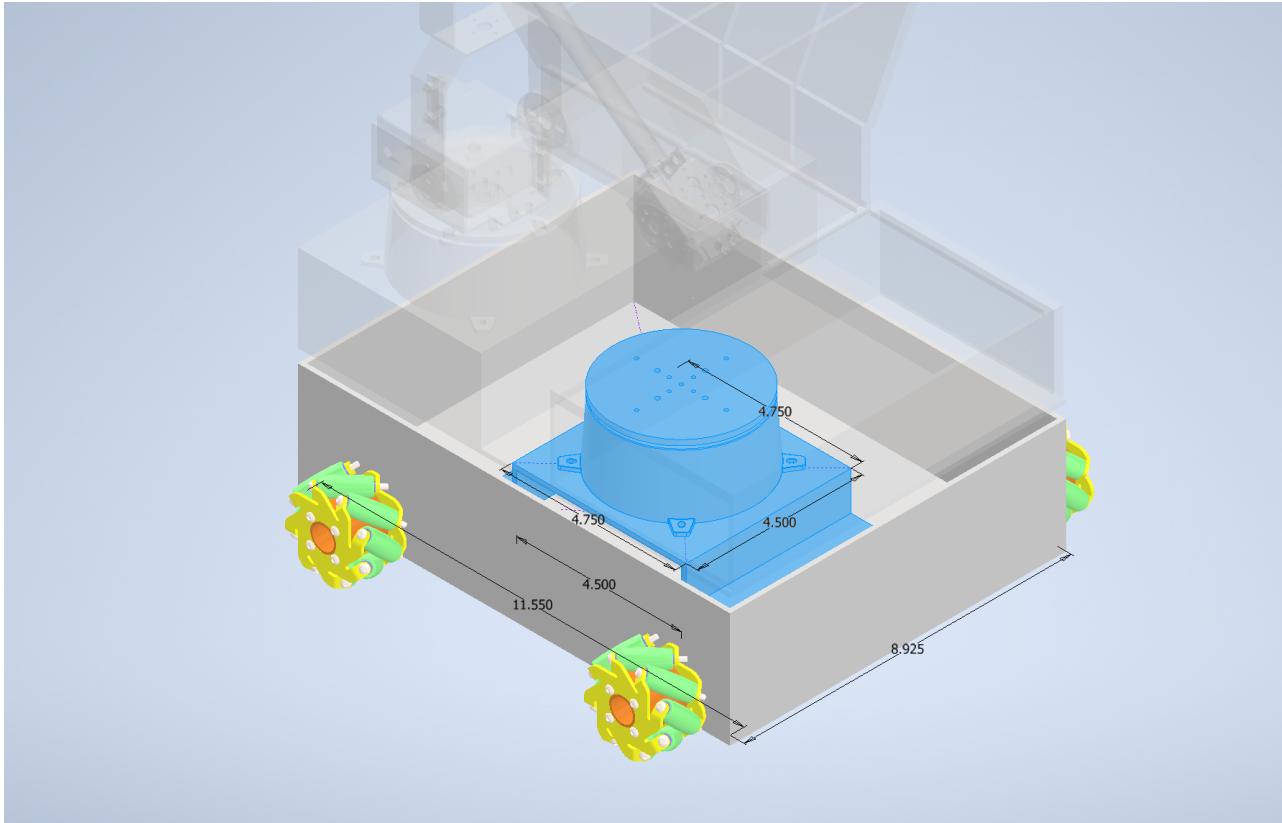


Turtable With Custom Base to Achieve Correct Chassis Height



Turtable Assembly within Robot Chassis





Turtable Meeting Height Clearance Needs within Chassis

