Next Generation Alevo Elderly Walker

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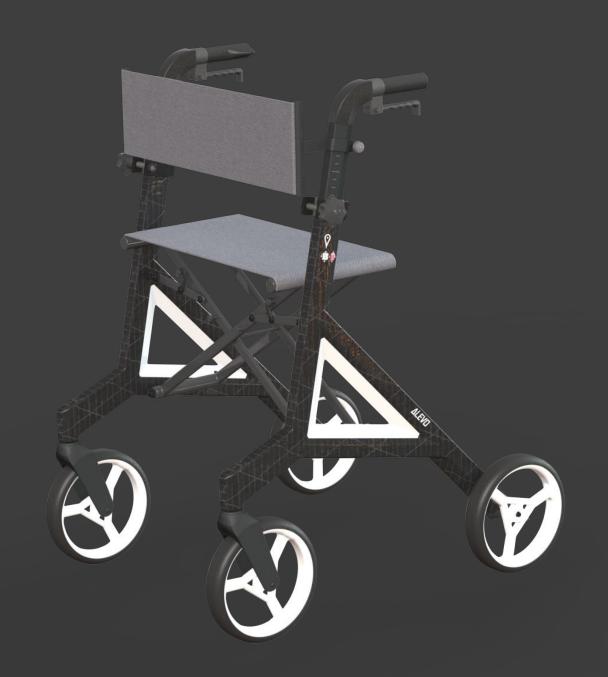


This document provides the following design artifacts for the Alevo Elderly Walker assembly:

- 1. Title page with rendering of final assembly
- 2. Full page non-annotated rendering of final assembly
- 3. Full page photo illustration of benchmark and next generation walker
- 4. Full page annotated rendering showing method for making parts
- 5. Full page annotated exploded rendering showing names of subassemblies
- 6. Annotated exploded renderings showing names of parts
- 7. One page of conceptual sketches
- 8. Renders showing closing capabilities
- 9. CAD strategies
- 10. Articulation of why the new design is justifiably next generation
- 11. Articulation of analyses and results
- 12. Assembly Drawings of the assembly
- 13. Engineering Drawings

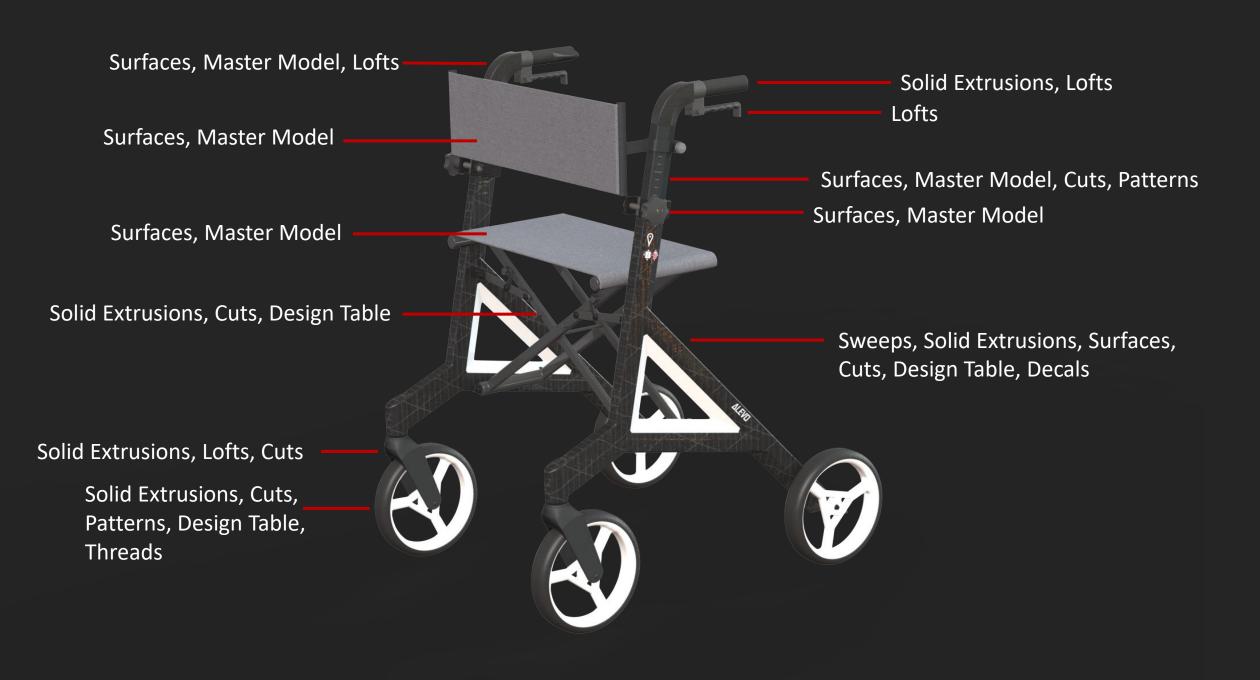
Revision History

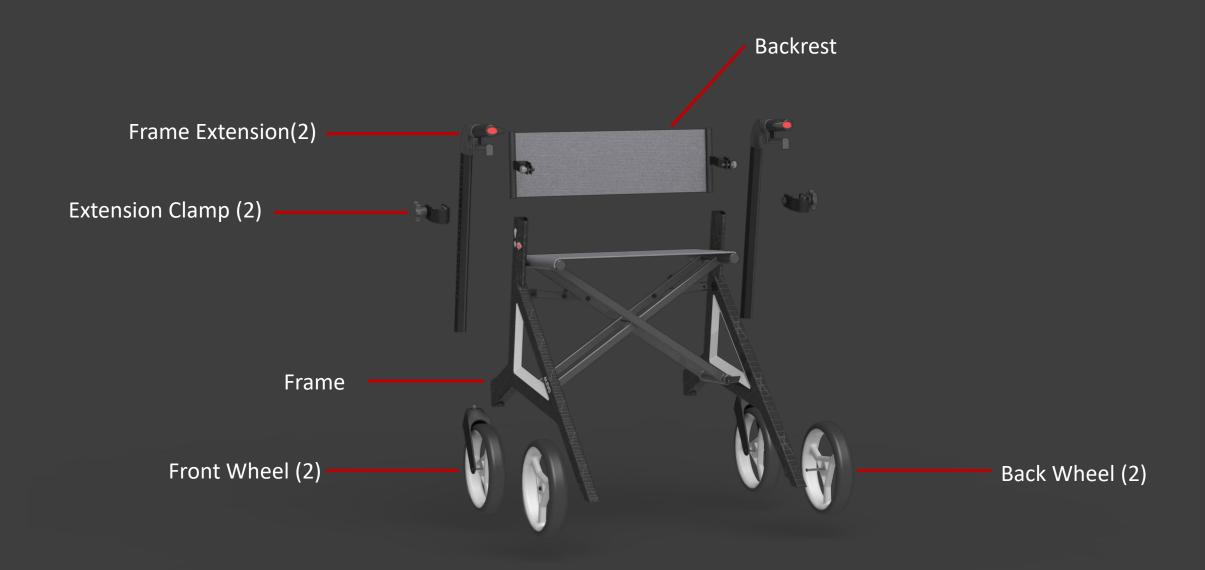
Revision	Date	Description
R1.0	24 Nov 2020	Initial Release

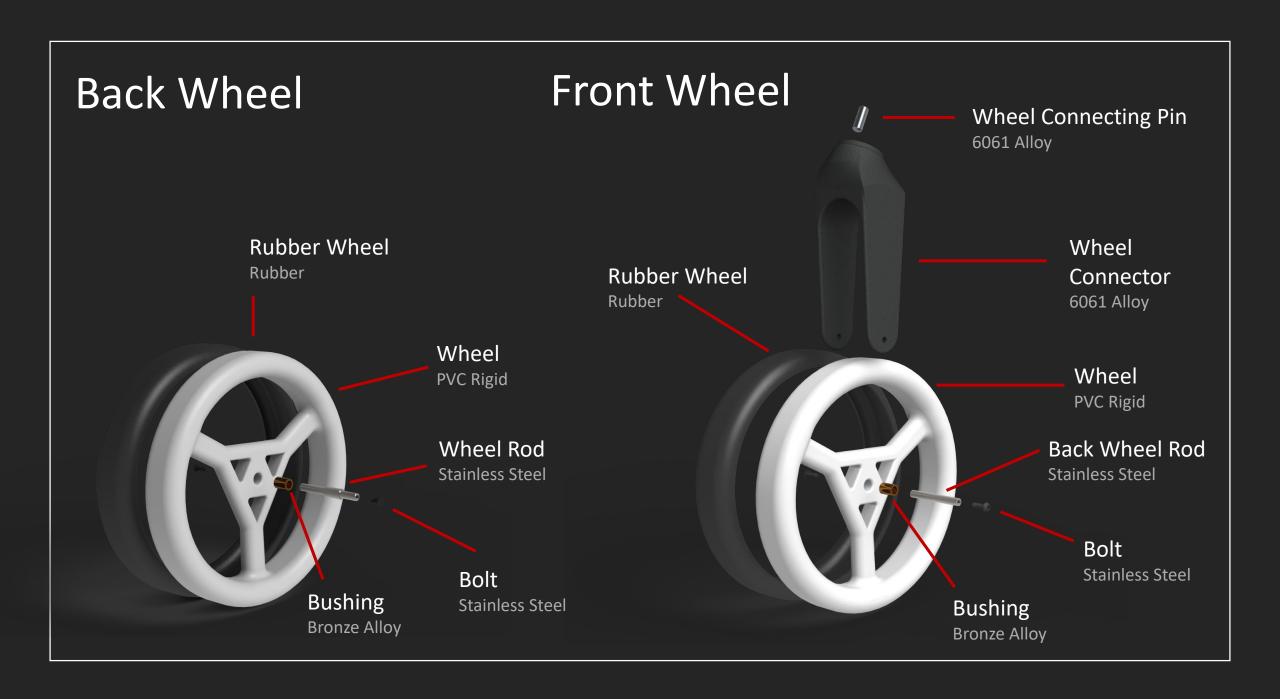




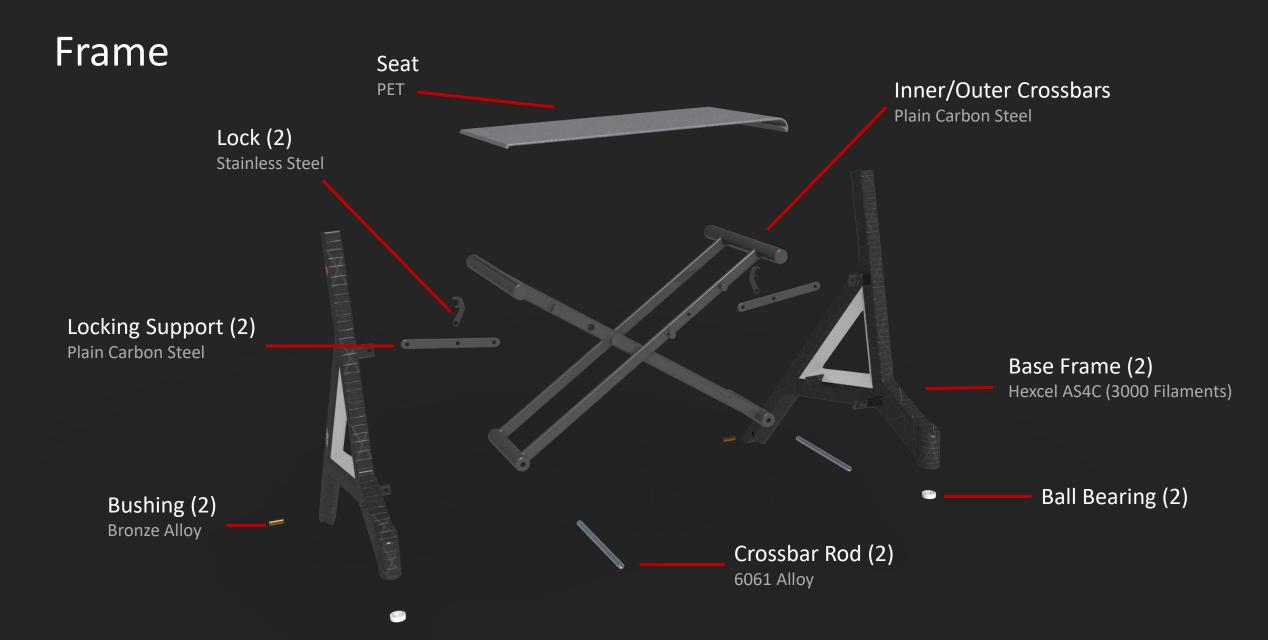








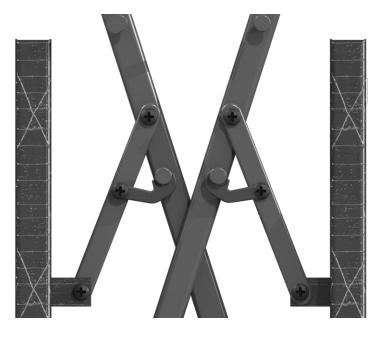
Frame Extension Frame Extension Clamp **Brake Connection ABS** Rubber Stopper Rubber Rubber Handle Handle Brake Rubber Connection ABS 6061 Alloy Knob/Bolt ABS/Steel Frame Extension Plain Carbon Steel **Rubber Stopper Clamp** Nut ABS ABS



Closed Frame



Locking Mechanism Close Up



Next Generation Justification

The benchmark design is the Alevo Elderly Walker developed by Bischoff & Bischoff and designed by the Porsche Design Studio to be a high-end elderly walker. On average, it earned between 4 and 4.5 stars on e-commerce sites. Improvements were made based on consumer reviews and assumptions.

Features for improvement based on consumer reviews:

- 1. Enlarge the backrest and make more comfortable
- 2. Increase the height range of the handles

Features assumed needing improvement:

- 3. Multiple width settings
- 4. Optional GPS tracking in case of lost or missing walker (or user)
- 5. Sharper, cleaner design
- 6. Ergonomic brake handles

The next generation design accounts for items 1-2 and 4-6, all of which shown in the side by side illustration of the benchmark and next generation product shown below.

The next generation design maintains the iconic features seen in the original, namely:

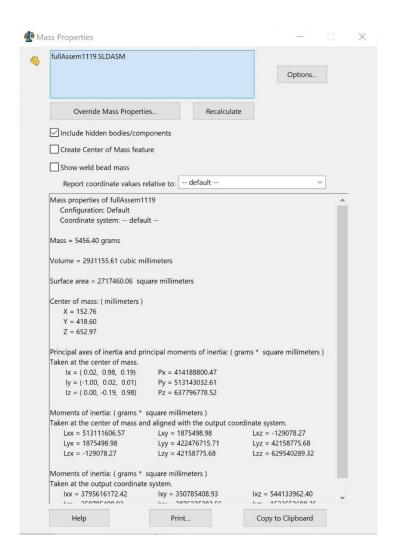
- Lightweight (under 13 lb) carbon fiber frame
- Iconic Porsche Design Studio's compact triangular shapes
- Integrated reflectors on the sides
- Ergonomic handle grips
- Bischoff & Bischoff logo and "ALEVO" marker placement on the frame



Summary of Analyses Performed

To ensure a quality product was being designed, several performance evaluations were conducted throughout the modeling process and corrections were made accordingly. The following tests were performed:

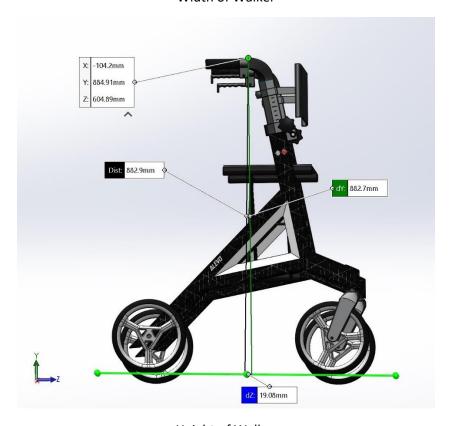
- Mass properties for each part
 - All had assigned material and realistic mass/volume
- Mass of total assembly
 - Weight was 12.03 lbs; Benchmark was 13lbs
- Width of product
 - Distance was 582.53 mm; Benchmark was 635mm
- Height of product
 - Height in shown configuration was 882.9 mm; Benchmark was 810-960mm
 - Interference detection analysis on complete assembly



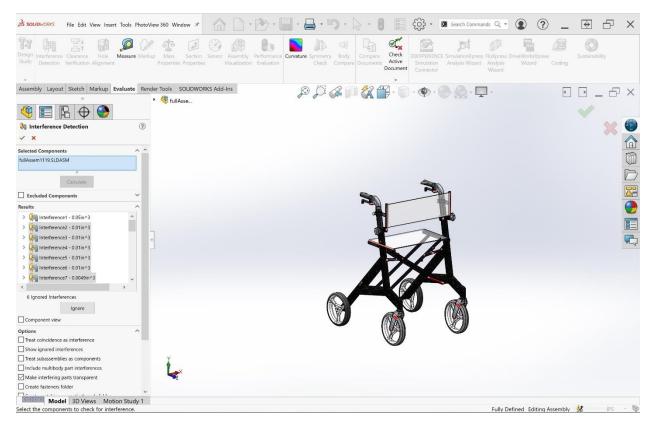
Mass Properties of Full Assembly (5456.4g -> 12.03 lbs)



Width of Walker



Height of Walker



Interference Detection

Small interferences between the threads on nuts and bolts, and between the seat/backrest and their respective connectors. There should be large interferences between the rubber handles and the handle connections and between the wheels and their rubber coverings, but as the program crashed each time trying to compute it, tolerances for these fits were removed and should be added on the engineering drawings.

ACTUAL PROBLEM

The rubber of the front wheels interferes with the wheel connectors. The connectors (both the casing and the spacing for the wheel) should be widened to resolve this problem.

