

# Payload Separation System

## Engineering Analysis

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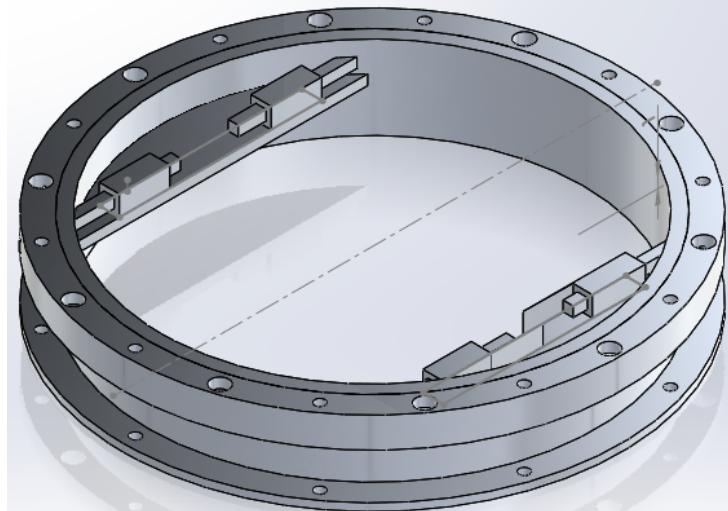
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# Payload Separation System

- ▶ Problem Statement:
  - Design, analyze, build, and test a less expensive payload separation system that delivers payloads into orbit with minimal shock to the payload.
  
- ▶ Client:
  - Orbital Sciences Corporation
    - Mary Rogers: Electronic Packaging and Actuators Manager
    - Stakeholders: Companies/ Agencies whom contract with Orbital Sciences

Isometric View:

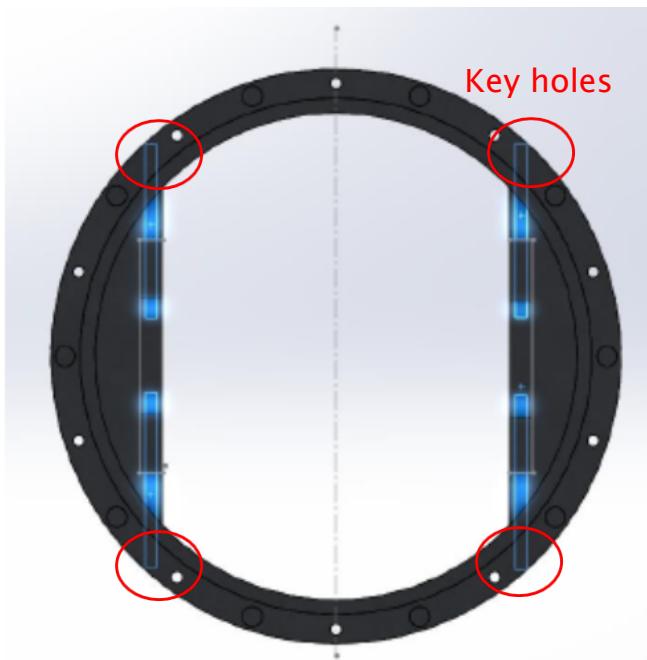


Separated Payload Side View:

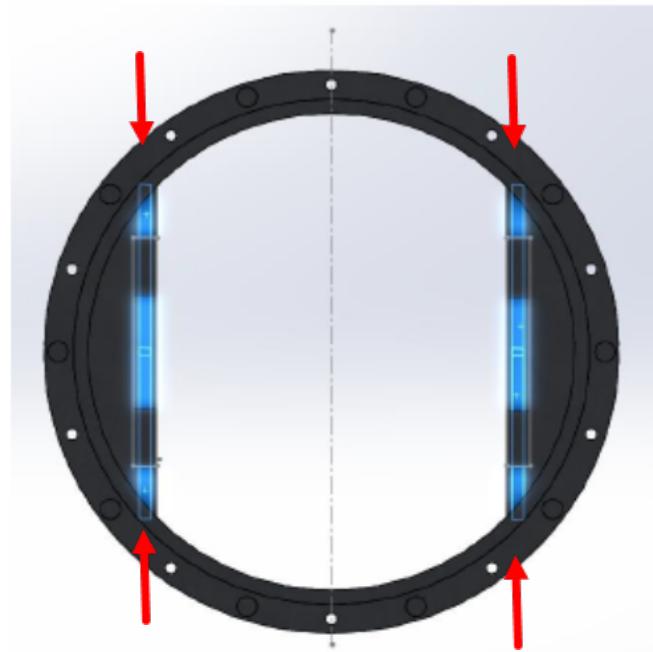


# Top Down View

Fully Engaged



After Separation



# Side View

Final Design consists of four keys that lock the payload to the rocket.

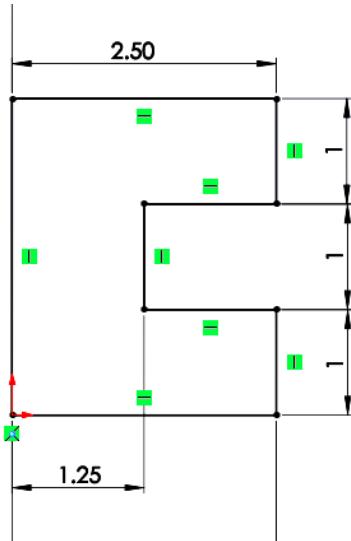
A servo motor for each key will rotate pulling each key inward simultaneously

Once the keys reach their final resting position the payload will be released from the rocket.



# Dimensions of Key and Payload Ring

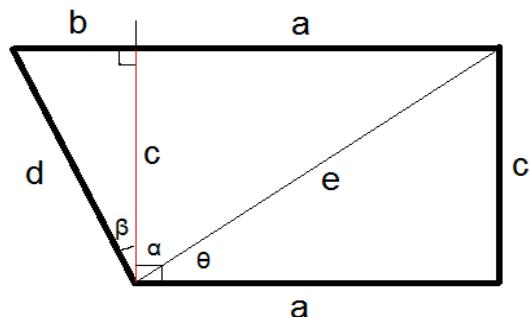
## Section cut



$t$  [m] (ring wall thickness)  
0.0125

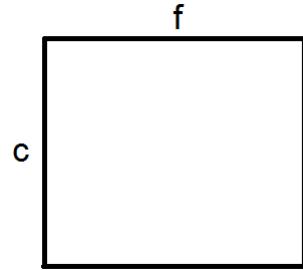
$r$  [m] (ring lip thickness)  
0.025

## Top



$e$ [m]	$a$ [m]	$\theta$ [rads]	$\theta$ [Deg]	$\alpha$ [Deg]	$\beta$ [Deg]
0.0125	0.0075	0.927	53.1	36.8	50.1
$d$ [m]	$\beta$ [rad]	$b$ [m]			
0.0156	0.874	0.011			

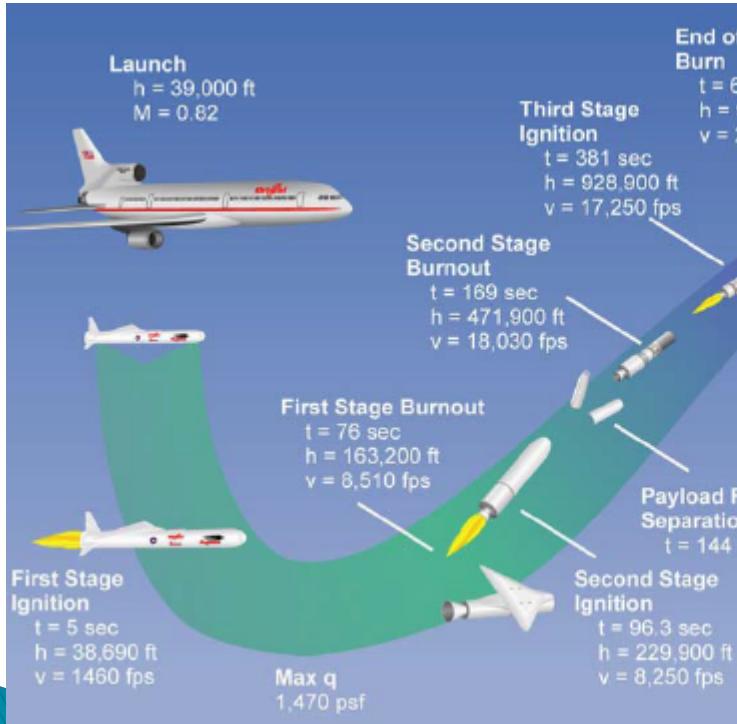
## Front



$c$ [m] (thickness)	$f$ [m] (width)
0.01	0.0156

# Failure Due to Shear Forces on Keys

- Note:  $Q = 0$  once left earths atmosphere
- $Q_{\max} = 1/2 \rho V^2$ 
  - $\rho$ = local air density [ $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ ]
  - $V$ = vehicles velocity [m/s]



$Q_{\max} [\text{N/m}^2]$	$Q_{\max} \text{ per Key } [\text{N/m}^2]$
70383.6	17595.9
Top Surface Area of Key $[\text{m}^2]$	Cross Sectional Area $[\text{m}^2]$
0.000134867	0.000156
Force due to $Q_{\max}$ [N]	Force due to $M_{\text{payload}}$ [N]
2.37	6169.21
Shear Modulus [Pa]	Shear Modulus Failure [Pa]
$5.93 \times 10^7$	$3.31 \times 10^8$
Factor of Safety	
5.58	

The 7075 Aluminum keys will not fail due to shear force caused by the first stage ignition process.

# Kick-Off Jets

Compressed CO<sub>2</sub> will propel the payload away from the rocket.

Assume:

- Payload + Payload ring = 600lb
- PSS + Avionics section + stage 3 motor = 600lb
  - (Note: Total mass = 1200lb,  
Acceleration of 1 section = 50% of Net acceleration)

20 oz CO<sub>2</sub> Tank

- 20 oz = 0.5667 kg
- Height 27 cm
- Diameter 8 cm

Release Time

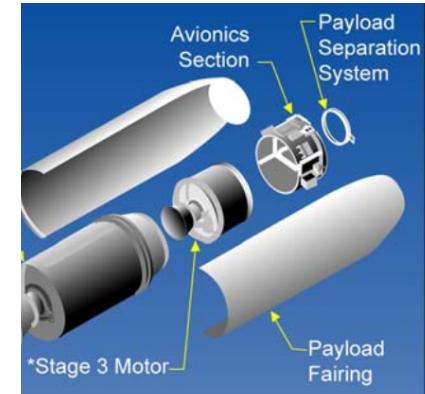
- 8.63 s

Mass flow rate

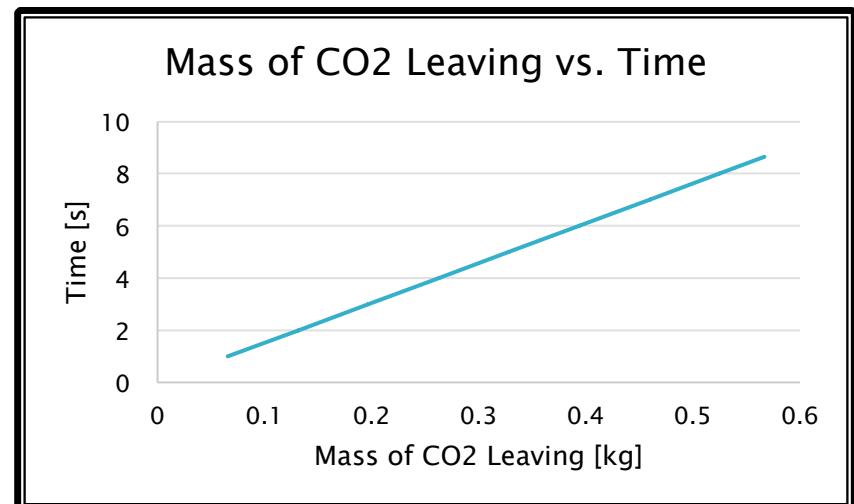
- 0.0657 kg/s



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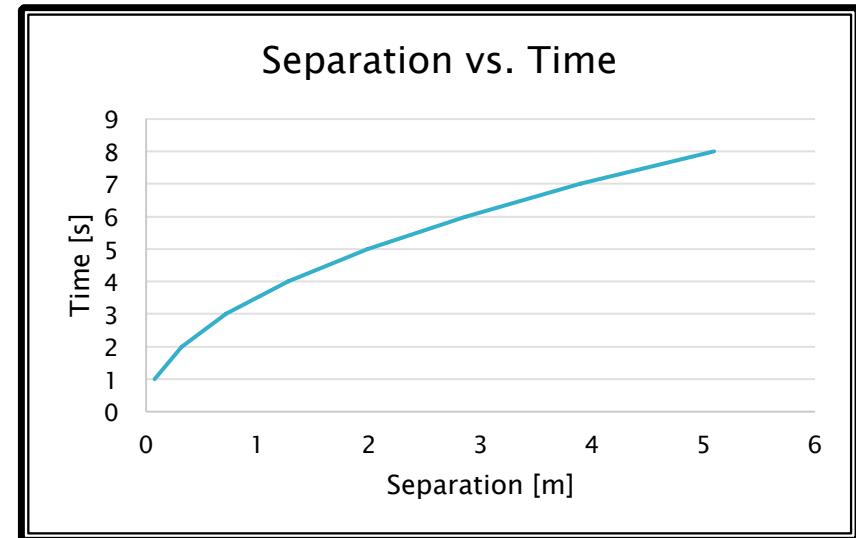
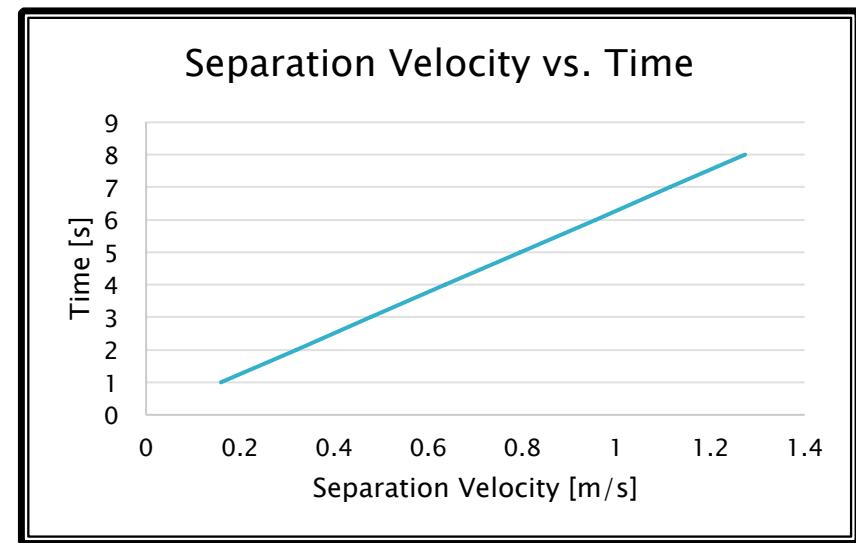


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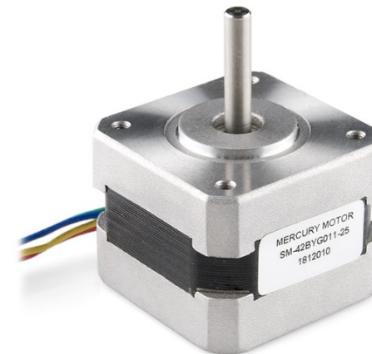
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<b>Density CO<sub>2</sub> [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]</b>	
1.98	
<b>Pressure [psi]</b>	<b>Pressure [Pa]</b>
1000	6894757.29
<b>Nozzle Dia. [m]</b>	<b>Nozzle A [m<sup>2</sup>]</b>
0.004	1.26 E-05
<b>Velocity of System [m/s]</b>	<b>Velocity Exit [m/s]</b>
24550	2639.02
<b>Mass Flow Rate [kg/s]</b>	<b>Thrust [N]</b>
0.0657	173.3
<b>Mass of Total System [lb]</b>	<b>Mass of Total System [kg]</b>
1200	544.3
<b>Net Acceleration [m/s<sup>2</sup>]</b>	<b>Accel. of Each System [m/s<sup>2</sup>]</b>
0.318	0.159



# Servo Motor Assembly

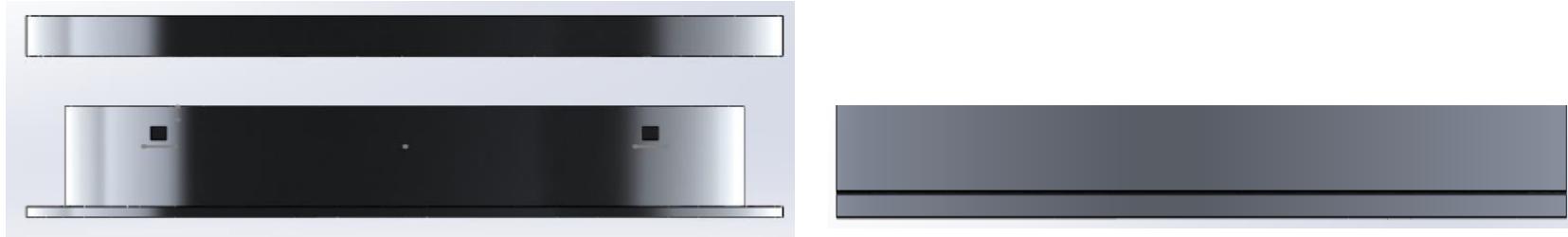
- ▶ Horizontal forces found to be negligible, due to the fact that there will be constant velocity and little gravitational force.
- ▶ Therefore the most reliable stepper motor will be chosen for this system.



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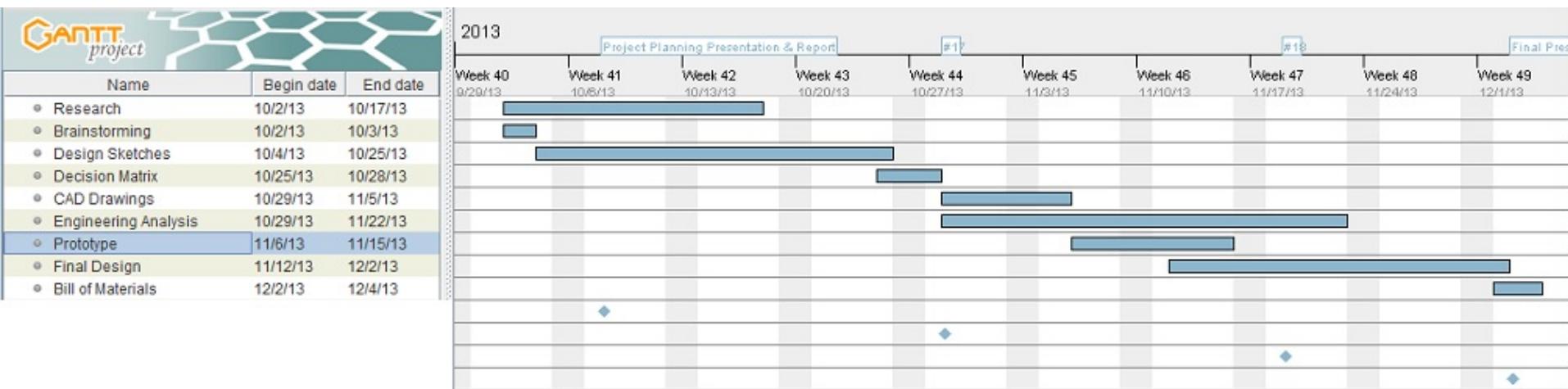
# Improvements

- ▶ Make payload ring flush with rocket ring
  - Keys will only have one shear direction



- ▶ Back ups
  - Existing PSS
    - Double up current PSS
    - Marmon Clamp
    - Exploding Bolt

# Gantt Chart



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# Conclusion

- ▶ We are designing a Payload Separation System for Orbital Sciences and Mary Rogers is our contact.
- ▶ The final design has been drawn in SolidWorks.
- ▶ The team analyzed the payload separation system and confirmed that the material chosen will not fail under the given takeoff conditions.
- ▶ Springs have been changed to kick off jets.
- ▶ The final design is tentative and will be changed as further analysis is confirmed.

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QUESTIONS?

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