

SAE Baja

2024-2025



Project Description

Design, Fabricate, and Race a 4WD, off-road Vehicle

- 3 Subteams (Chassis, Drivetrain, Suspension, Steering, and Brakes)
 - Everything is standardized in correspondence with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
 - Outreach: Get sponsorships
- Race and compete against other universities at the end of the year



NAU SAE Baja Car 2020-2021

Background



Cornell SAE Baja Car 2023-2024
(1st Overall for California Competition)

End of the year competition:

- Static events: Tech inspection, Design evaluation, Cost evaluation, Business presentation
- Dynamic events: Acceleration, Traction, Maneuverability, Endurance
- Overall winners are announced, as well as specific award winners (Business presentation, overall dynamic, overall static, design, suspension, hill climb, etc.)

Budget

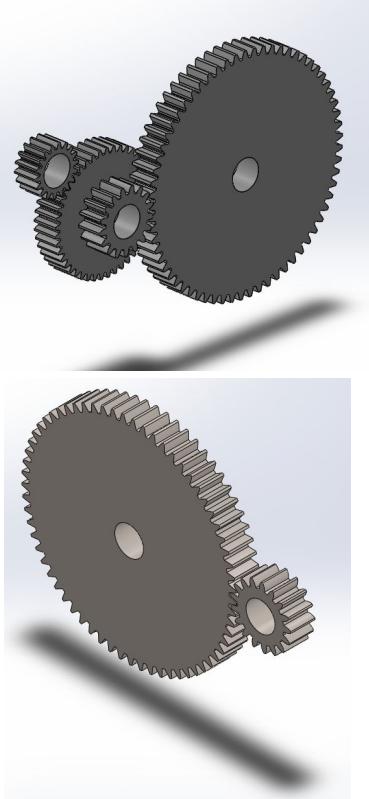
	Category	Description	Approximate Cost
1	Vehicle Expenses	Materials, Hardware, Tooling, Safety Equipment, Components that are already made, Labor (if out of house)	\$16,000
2	Spare Parts	Materials, Hardware, Labor	\$4,000
3	Competition Expenses	Registration, Travel (Hotel/Airbnb, Gas, food)	\$4,000
4	Contingencies	Unexpected Expenses Estimate 5% of 1, 2, and 3 combined	\$1,200
		Total Cost:	\$25,200

Potential Sponsors:

Gore, Copper State, Mother Road, HASS, Babbitt Ford.

Sponsor Methodology:

Reach out to all of the team's personal connections, and any local businesses to raise money.



Drivetrain

Dylan Carley

Matthew Dale

Ethan Niemeyer

Rowan Jones

Nolan Stomp

Brennan Pongratz

Seth Scheiwiller

Reduction Box,
Axles, and Hubs

4WD System

CVT

Benchmarking #1 - Reduction Box



NAU - 2024 -
Reduction box -
Placed 33rd overall

Reduction Box:
Making the reduction box as
light as possible.
Running fluid: need expansion
chamber

Dylan C.



RIT - 2024 - Reduction Box -
3rd place overall



Cornell - 2024 - Reduction
Box - 1st place overall

Benchmarking #2 - Axles and Hubs



Univ. of Michigan - 2024 -
U-joints - Placed 4th overall



Case Western Reserve University -
2020 - U-joints - Placed 9th overall



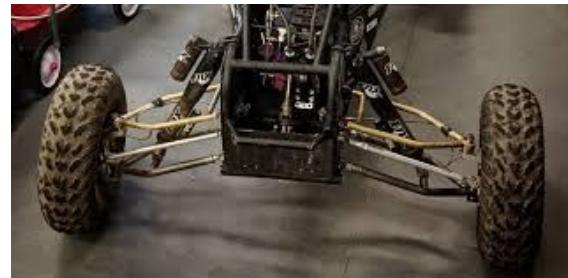
Rochester Institute of Technology -
2022 - CV axles - Placed 3rd overall



Virginia Tech - 2024 - Hubs
- Placed 2nd overall



Cal Poly - 2024 - Hubs -
Placed 3rd overall



Previous NAU Hubs

Benchmarking #3 - 4WD System



Dog Clutch from NAU Car #44



Chain Drive from NAU Car #74



Cal Poly - 2024 - Front Gear Box - Placed 3rd overall

Benchmarking #4 - CVT



Gaged CVT - Mechanical
Ramp/Roller Assembly



Cornell CVT - Mechanical
Cam/Roller Assembly



Cal Poly CVT - ECVT
Pivoting Arms w/ Lead Screws

Brennan

Customer and Engineering Requirements

Customer Requirements

- High acceleration
- Efficient
- Lightweight
- Safety
- Durability
- Affordable
- Pass Techs

Engineering Requirements

- 35+mph top speed
- Ease of manufacturing and assembly
- Total weight <50lbs (without motor)
- Delivers >415 lbf-ft of torque to the wheels
- ~4:1 transmission range

QFD - Body

		Customer Requirements										Engineering Requirements										Customer Competitive Assessment				
		Customer Weights					Primary Flyweight					Competitive Transmission Range					Engineering Requirements									
		Relative Weight (%)		Primary Spring			Secondary Spring		Max Weight			Ratio-Rear		Ratio-Front			4WD		Moving Powertrain parts must be guarded on all sides.							
11	4	Efficiency	9	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	9	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	A	B	C		
22	5	Safety	1	1	1	1	1	3	9	1	1	1	1	9	3	9	1	1	3	3	9			ABC		
10	3	Durability	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	9	1	3	3		BC		
10	3	Affordable	9	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	9	1	3	3			
5	2	Ease of Manufacturing	9	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	9	1	3	3		
5	1	Aesthetics	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3		
22	5	Pass Techs	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	9	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
5	2	Acceleration	3	3	3	1	9	9	1	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1		
10	3	Lightweight	3	1	1	9	1	1	9	9	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Technical Requirement Units										5	N/A	5	N/A	5	Yes/No	5	10 ⁶ cycles	6	10 ⁶ ft-lbs	7	16 inches	3	40 degrees	1.2 inches		
Technical Requirement Targets										5	70 grams	8	35 grams	7	35 grams	6	N/A	6	N/A	7	N/A	1	226 ft-lbs	2	1.2 inches	
Relative Technical Importance										4	4	3	4	4	5	5	9.56:1	3.82:1	8	100 mm	3	16 inches	1	40 mm	2	40 mm

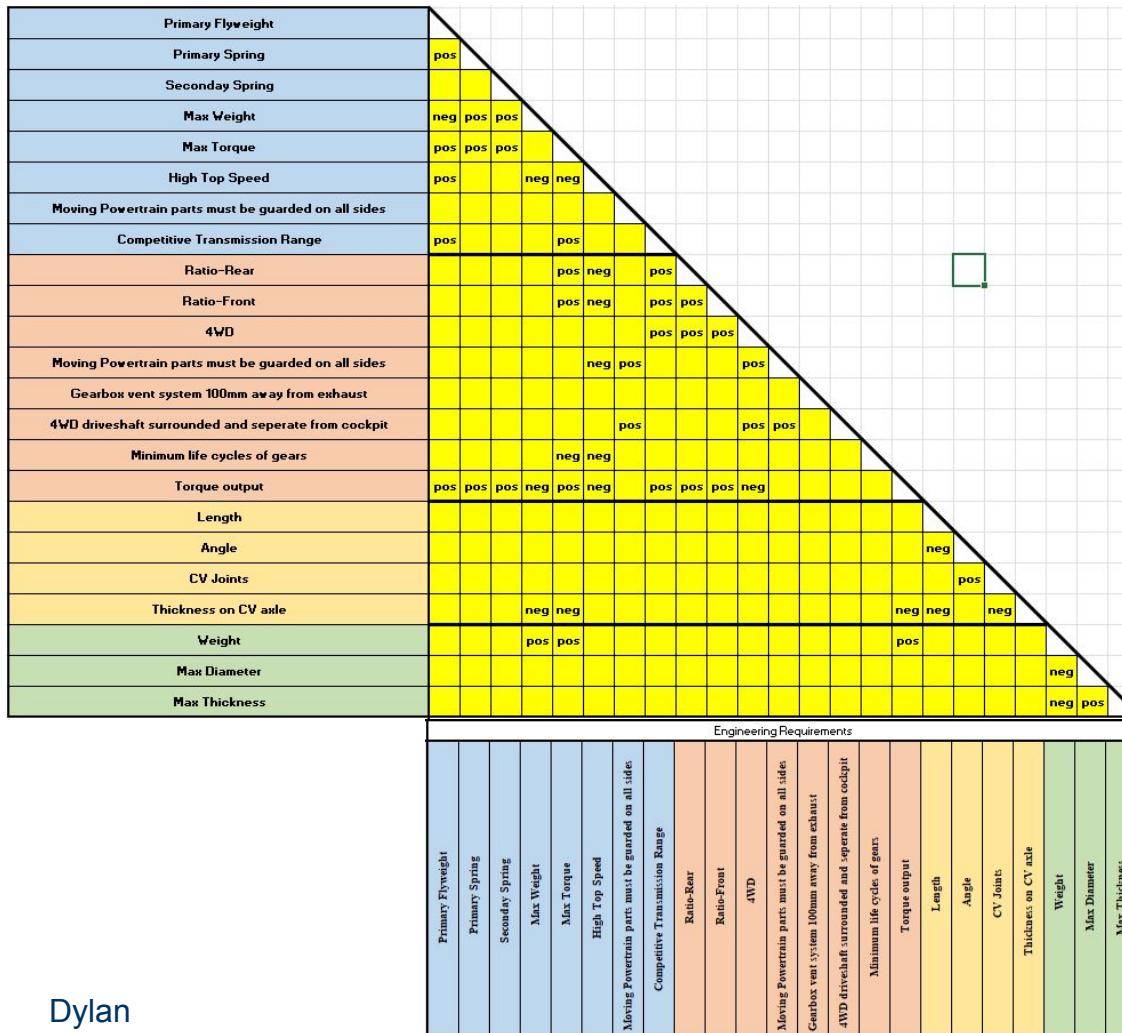
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CVT	Blue
Gears	Orange
Axels	Yellow
Hubs	Green

Relationship	Score
Strong	9
Moderate	3
Weak	1

C.C.A. Legend	
A	NAU 2024 #44
B	Cornell 2024 #73
C	ETS 2024 #27

Ethan

QFD - House



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Dylan

Literature Review

-Dylan Carley-

Books/Chapters

- Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]
 - Chapters 13 and 14 (Spur Gears)
- Machinery's Handbook [2]
 - Chapter 12, Gearing

Papers

- Design, Analysis, and Simulation of a Four Wheel-Drive Transmission for an All-Terrain Vehicle – SAE [3]
 - Gear analysis with equations
- Numerical analysis of the heat transfer of gears under oil dip lubrication [4]
 - Heat transfer of the gears between the oil
- KHK Stock Gears: Lubrication of Gears [5]
 - How to properly lubricate gears.

Online

- AZO Materials: AISI 4340 Alloy Steel [6]
 - Has all the material properties for 4340 steel
- MatWeb material property data: Aluminum 6061-T6 [7]
 - Has all the material properties for 6061-T6 aluminum
- Standard: AGMA

Literature Review

-Matthew Dale-

Books/Chapters

- Ball & Roller Bearing Design: Theory, Design, and Application [8]
 - Bearing design and fit
- Non-Destructive Material Testing [9]
 - How to stress test to determine fatigue

Papers

- Design And Analysis Of Wheel Hub Of Baja ATV In Ansys. [10]
 - Determination of hub shape
- Design and Weight optimization of wheel assembly components using FEA for BAJA [11]
 - Hub development and stress testing
- Simulation and Optimization of Wheel Hub and Upright of Vehicle: A Review [12]
 - Force Calculations and part development

Online

- Ansys Innovation Space [12]
 - Hub analysis and force visualization
- Design and Analysis of Wheel Hub for Weight Optimization by using Various Material [13]
 - Material selection and hub analysis

Standard

- Validation of Complex Wheel/Hub Subassemblies by Multiaxial Laboratory Tests Using Standardized Load Files [13]
 - Part development to make sure it makes sense

Literature Review

-Ethan Niemeyer-

Books/Chapters

- Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design
 - Chapters 13 and 14 (Spur Gears) [1]
- Machinery's Handbook
 - Gears and Gearing [2]

Standard

Ethan N.

- American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA)

Papers

- A Review on Constant Velocity Joint [14]
 - CV joint information
- SAE Baja 25' Rule Book [15]
 - Drivetrain outlines and safety parameters
- Universal (U) Joints - Axle and Driveshaft [16]
 - Article about U-joints and comparison to CV joints

Online Sources

- Gear generator [17]
 - Used to build basic gear train
- Rush gears [18]
 - Input gear parameters, outputs gear geometry
- Basic Gear Mechanisms [19]
 - Website that describes basic gear function and parameters

Literature Review - 4WD

-Rowan Jones-

Books/Chapters	Papers	Online Sources	Standard
Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chapters 13 and 14 (Spur Gears)	Cal Poly Gearbox Report [20] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establishes benchmarking A Review of Recent Advances in Design Optimization of Gearbox [21] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gearbox optimization Design analysis and fabrication of automotive transmission gearbox using hollow gears for weight reduction [22] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gear Weight Reduction	The Basics of Gear Theory [23] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Basic understanding of gear ratios AZO Materials: AISI 4340 Steel [6] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Values for desired gear material An Advanced Approach to Optimal Gear Design [24] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- More gearbox optimization	Machinery Handbook [2] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ISO TC/600 for allowable contact stress
Machinery's Handbook [2] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chapter 12 (Gearing)			

Literature Review - 4WD

-Nolan Stomp-

Online Sources

What is a dog clutch? [25]

Introduces the dog clutch, along with its uses, purposes, pros and cons

Dog Transmission Explained [26]

Discusses the differences in strengths and weaknesses between the dog clutch and synchromesh

Chain Drive vs Belt Drive: Difference and Comparison [27]

Provides pros and cons of using a belt drive and chain drive, along with a table highlighting the main parameters of each

Books

Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]

Chapter 16-17

Discusses in length miscellaneous options for clutch design, along with characteristics for each

2025 SAE Baja Rulebook [15]

The rulebook has regulations for how 4WD/AWD is required to function

Standard

AGMA

Papers

Machinery's Handbook [2]

Ideal turning speed and feed rates for manufacturing parts

Kinematics of roller chain drives- Exact and approximate analysis [28]

Gives approximate examples to how a chain drive should act, which pertains to design and implementation

The Effect of the tooth chamfer angle on the dog clutch shiftability [99]

Analyzes the relationship between chamfering and successful engagement of the dog teeth

Literature Review - CVT

-Seth Scheiwiller-

Textbooks	Papers	Online Resources	Standard
Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chapter 17, Flexible Mechanical Elements, V-Belts	Olav Aaen's Clutch Tuning Handbook [35] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tuning Tips Modeling and Tuning of CVT Systems for SAE Baja Vehicles [30] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CVT force calculations Design and Manufacturing of Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) [31] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CVT Ratio and Belt Calculations	Virtual training on How CVT works and How to Design CVT in solidworks [32] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CAD model of CVT transmission Modeling of a Continuously Variable Transmission [33] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MATLab model of CVT transmission	Machinery's Handbook [2] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dimensioning, Gaging, and Measuring, standards for interference and clearance fits, and keyway standards
Machinery's Handbook [2] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Machine Elements, Flexible Belts and Sheaves			

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Machinery's Handbook [2] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Flame Hardening steel for cams	Collegiate Design Series Baja SAE Rules [15] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CVT regulations and guard specifications Olav Aaen's Clutch Tuning Handbook [35] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tuning parameter clarification	Fatigue Design Curves and Analysis for Aluminum [37] <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Designing aluminum sheaves	

Mathematical Modeling: Rear Gears

Rear Gearbox Design

Torque Required:

$$T = (d/2)(F_s(w/4))$$

$d=1.833\text{ft}$; $F_s = .9$ (Highest car will experience)

$w=550\text{lb}$ (Approximate weight w/driver)

226.83 ft-lb of torque required to break rear wheels loose.

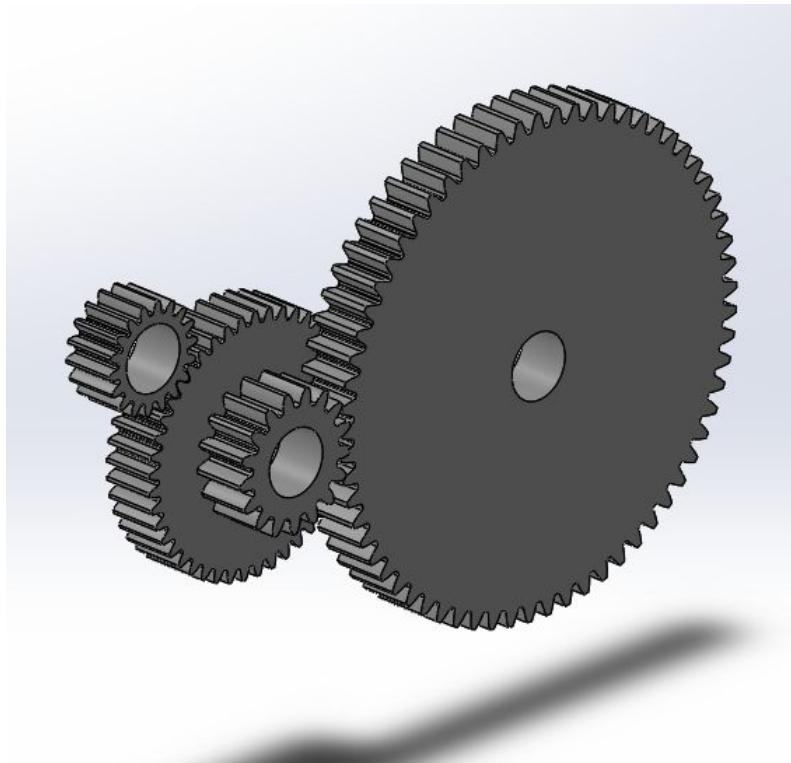
Our Reduction box will be within 85%-95% efficient with the given parameters

We will use a two-stage compound spur gear train with four total gears as shown on the right

Final drive ratio is 9.56:1 through the rear gear box (Subject to change)

We will run oil in the rear gearbox with an expansion chamber

Ethan.



Preliminary Gear train Design

Mathematical Modeling: Rear Gears Cont.

Allowable Bending Stress:

We will be using 4340 HT steel for the gears
(Brinell Hardness = 217) [7]

Grade 1: $St = 77.3Hb + 12800\text{psi}$ (Gear bending strength)

$$\sigma_{all} = (St * Y_n) / (S_f * K_t * K_r)$$

Y_n = Stress Cycle Factor ; K_t = Temp. Factor ;
 K_r = Reliability Factor ; S_f = AGMA factor of safety

$$St = 29,574.1 \text{ psi} ; Y_n = 1.6831N^{-0.0323} = 1 ; K_t = 1 ; K_r = 1 ; S_f = 1.5$$

$$\sigma_{all} = 19,716.07 \text{ psi}$$

$$\text{Diametral Pitch : } P = N/d \rightarrow$$

$$\text{Train Value : } e = (\text{Product of driving tooth numbers}) / (\text{Product of driven tooth numbers}) ; e = 1/9.56$$

If output RPM from CVT = 2400 (CVT engagement)

Reduction box output RPM = 241.05

Gear	Pitch diameter (in)	# of teeth	Diametral Pitch
1	1.125	18	16
2	2.8125	45	16
3	1.417	17	12
4	5.417	65	12

-Pressure Angle = 20° for all

-Face Width = 0.625 in for all

Mathematical Modeling: Rear Gears Cont.

Fatigue life on Gears:

Sut: 108 kpsi

$$F = 1.06 - 2.8(10^{-3})Sut + 6.9(10^{-6})Sut^2$$

[70 < Sut < 200 kpsi]

- F = .838

$$S'e = 0.5Sut \quad [Sut < 200 \text{ kpsi}]$$

- S'e = 54 kpsi

$$a = (F*Sut)^2 / (S'e)$$

- a = 151.7

$$b = -\frac{1}{3}*\log(F*Sut/S'e)$$

- b = -0.0748

$$N = (\sigma_{ar}/a)^{(1/b)}$$

- N = 7.032 X 10^11 Cycles

F: Fatigue line in the high-cycle

S'e: Endurance limit

a & b: Constants that are the
ordinate intercept and the slope of
the line in log-log coordinates.

N: Number of Cycles

σ_{ar} : Completely reversed stress
equal to σ_{all} from slide earlier.

Mathematical Modeling: Chain Drive

Speed Variation of Chain Drive

$$V = Npn/12$$

$$V_{max} = \pi Dn/12 = \pi np/12 \sin(\gamma/2)$$

$$V_{min} = \pi dn/12 = \pi np/12 * (\cos(\gamma/2)/\sin(\gamma/2))$$

$$\Delta V/V = (V_{max} - V_{min})/V$$

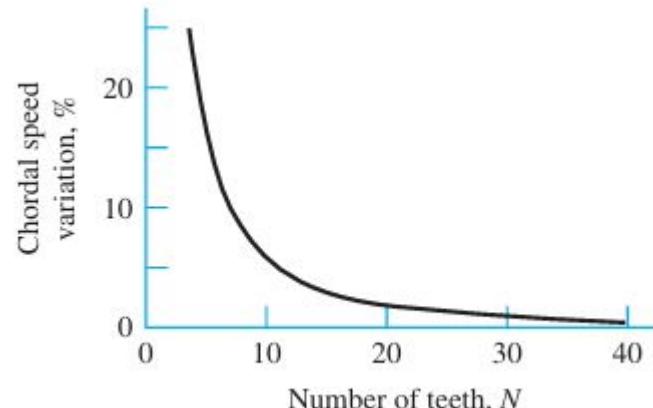
$$V = 106.25 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$V_{max} = 106.84 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$V_{min} = 105.02 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$\Delta V/V = 1.7\%$$

N = number of teeth on sprocket=17
 p = chain pitch (in)= 0.625 in (ANSI 50)
 n = sprocket speed (rev/min)=120 rpm
 γ = pitch angle= $360/N=21.18$ degrees



Mathematical Modeling: Chain Drive Cont.

$$H_1 = 0.004N^{1.08}n^{0.9}p^{(3-0.07p)}$$

$$H_2 = 1000K_R N^{1.5} p^{0.8}/n^{1.5}$$

$$H_1 = 1.58 \text{ hp}$$

$$H_2 = 622.4 \text{ hp}$$

$$H = \min(H_1, H_2) = 1.58 \text{ hp}$$

H_1 = link-plate limited power

H_2 = roller-limited power

K_R = 17 for chain number 50

Table 17-20 Rated Horsepower Capacity of Single-Strand Single-Pitch Roller Chain for a 17-Tooth Sprocket

Sprocket Speed, rev/min	ANSI Chain Number					
	25	35	40	41	50	60
50	0.05	0.16	0.37	0.20	0.72	1.24
100	0.09	0.29	0.69	0.38	1.34	2.31
150	0.13*	0.41*	0.99*	0.55*	1.92*	3.32
200	0.16*	0.54*	1.29	0.71	2.50	4.30

Mathematical Modeling: Front Gears

Front Gear Box

4340 HT steel for the gears (Brinell Hardness = 217) [7].

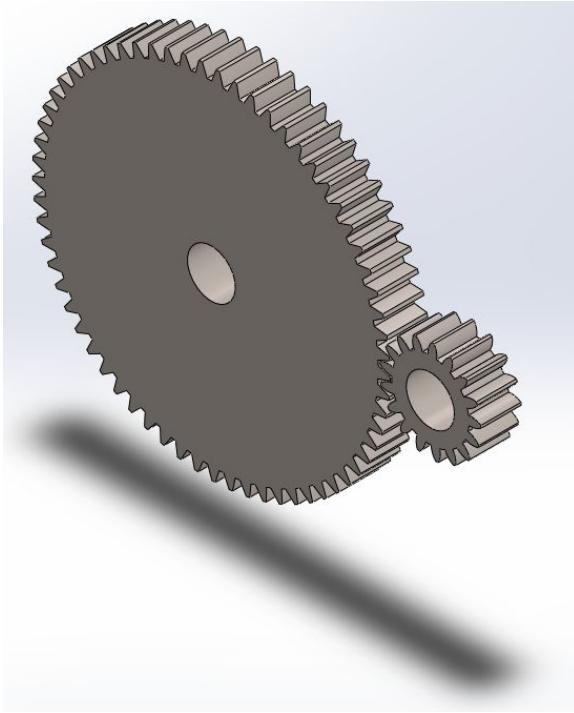
Oil will be run in the front gearbox as a lubricant, and an expansion chamber will be included as specified in rule B.9.4 in the 2025 SAE BAJA rulebook [61].

Gear ratio is subject to change based on further research regarding underdriving the front.

Estimated fatigue life will be the same as rear gears.

Finite Element Analysis (FEA) will be in the future to determine stresses based off known input forces.

Gear	Pitch Diameter (in)	No. of Teeth	Diametral Pitch
1	5.417	65	12
2	1.417	17	12



-Face Width = 0.625 in for both
-Pressure Angle = 20° for both

Rowan

Mathematical Modeling: Front Gears Cont.

Allowable Bending Stress

Grade 1: $St = 77.3 Hb + 12800$ psi

$Hb = 217$

(Gear bending strength)

$St = 29,574.1$ psi

$\sigma_{all} = (St * Yn) / (Sf * Kt * Kr)$

Yn = Stress Cycle Factor

Kt = Temp. Factor

Kr = Reliability Factor

Sf = AGMA factor of safety

$St = 29,574.1$ psi

$Yn = 1.6831 * N^{-0.0323} = 1$

$Kt = 1, Kr = 1, Sf = 1.5$

$\sigma_{all} = 19,716.07$ psi

Allowable Contact Stress

Grade 1: $Sc = 322 Hb + 29100$ psi

$Hb = 217$

(Contact-fatigue Strength)

$Sc = 98,974$ psi

$\sigma_{c,all} = (Sc * Zn * Ch) / (Sh * Kt * Kr)$

Zn = stress-cycle factor

Ch = hardness ratio factors for pitting resistance

Kt = are the temperature factors

Kr = reliability factor

Sh = AGMA factor of safety

$Sc = 98,974$ psi

$Zn = 1.4488 * N^{-0.023} = 1$

$Ch = 1, Kt = 1, Kr = 1, Sh = 1.5$

$\sigma_{c,all} = 65,982$ psi

Mathematical Modeling: Hubs

$$\text{Cantilever Beam Max Deflection} = \frac{(Force)(Length)^3}{3(Elasticity)(Inertia)}$$

Max Impact Force = 1348 N (as calculated by suspension team)

Youngs Modulus for 6061-T6 Aluminum = 69 GPa

$$\text{Inertia} = \frac{(0.17145m)^4}{12} = 7.2(10^{-5})$$

$$0.005mm = \frac{(1348N)(Length)^3}{3(69,000MPa)(7.2*10^{-5})} = 0.381m = 1.5 \text{ in}$$

Matthew D.

Mathematical Modeling - CVT

CVT diameters, angles, and forces

- Iterated through MATLab based on selectable parameters
- Ensure geometry complies with ratios needed and can be integrated into the vehicle

If $\beta \geq \pi$

$$T_0(lbf) = \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) * \left[2F_{Clamp} \tan\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{12} M_{Belt} * R^2 * \omega^2\right]}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(\beta - \pi)\right) * (e^{\mu_e \beta} + 1)}$$

Equation 33: Slack Side Tension if $\beta \geq \pi$.

If $\beta \leq \pi$

$$T_0(lbf) = \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) * \left[2F_{Clamp} \tan\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{12} M_{Belt} * R^2 * \omega^2\right]}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(\pi - \beta)\right) * (e^{\mu_e \beta} + 1)}$$

Equation 34: Slack Side Tension if $\beta \leq \pi$.

...and
more!

CVT Force Equations used in MATLab Code

Seth

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camCurveEquation1 = 0.5*sin((L+0.85)^1.2)-0.07;%
camCurveEquationDerivative1 = diff(camCurveEquation1);
initialRollerOffset1 = 0.85

StartingcamMass1 = 0.1 % The cam mass you want to start the iteration with
MaxcamMass1 = 0.3; % The cam mass you want to end the iteration with
camMassInterval1 = 0.02; % The mass step for the next iteration
numrows1 = (MaxcamMass1-StartingcamMass1)/camMassInterval1 % Calculates the number of iterations
numrows1 = ceil(numrows1)

StartingCMRadius1 = 0.9 % The CM radius you want to start the iteration with
MaxCMRadius1 = 1.1 % The CM radius you want to end the iteration with
CMRadiusInterval1 = 0.02 % The CM radius step for the next iteration
nummatrix1 = (MaxCMRadius1-StartingCMRadius1)/CMRadiusInterval1 % Defines the number of matrices

shiftRPM1 = zeros(numrows1, vectorSize);
camMass1 = StartingcamMass1
camCMRadius1 = StartingCMRadius1
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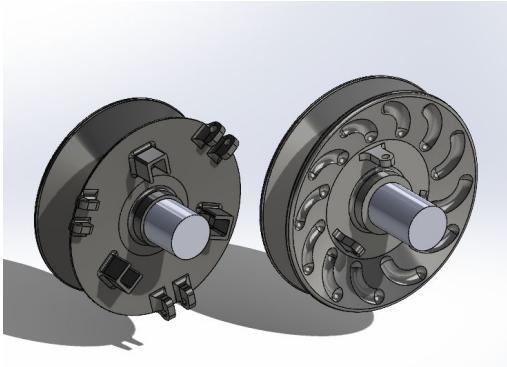
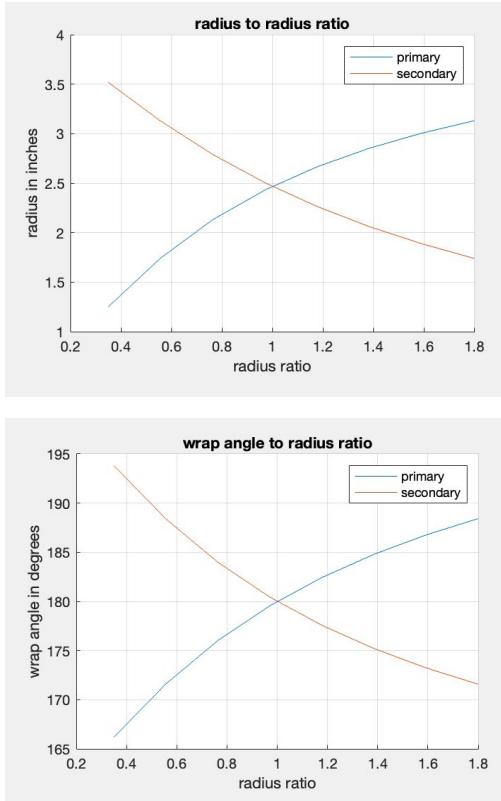
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for k=1:1:nummatrix1
for j=1:1:numrows1
for i=1:1:vectorSize
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Iterative MATLab code for Shift RPM

Ideal Shift RPM

- MATLab code iterates through multiple different cam profiles based on mass, center of mass profiles, spring pretension, and more
- Yields ~500 different results each time code is ran

Mathematical Modeling - CVT



Results

- Ratio range of 5.14
- Primary radius range 0.818in to 3.31in
- Secondary radius range 1.323in to 3.706in
- Sheave angle ~13 degrees
- Primary travel 0.86in
- Secondary travel 0.809in

Desired ratio range → Check!

Fits within geometry of vehicle and motor → Check!

Belt has been selected → Check!

Ideal shift RPM → Work in progress!

Time to start CAD!

Seth

Mathematical Modeling - CVT

CVT Spider Simplified Bending Calculation

$$v = 556 \text{ N}$$

-Known Values

$$A = 9.025 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2$$

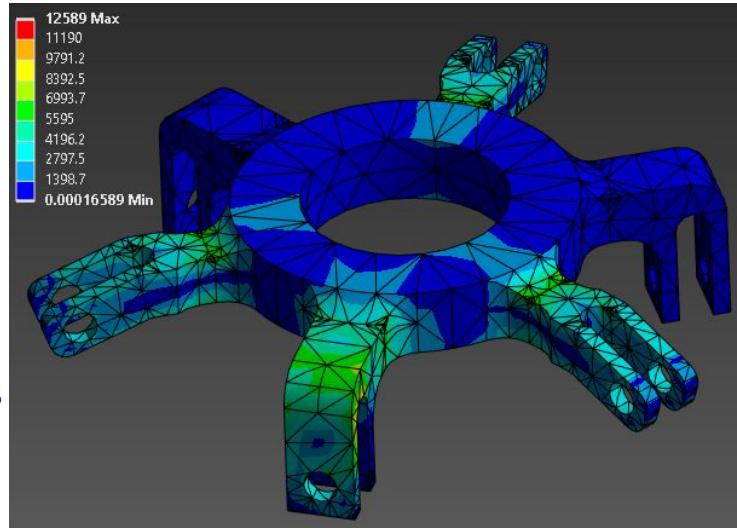
$$\tau = \frac{4v}{3A} = 8.2 \text{ MPa}$$

-Calculating Shear Stress

$$\sigma' = \sqrt{(3\tau^2)} = 14.2 \text{ MPa} = 2.1 \text{ kpsi}$$

$$\sigma (10^8 \text{ cycles}) = 10 \text{ kpsi}$$

-Comparing calculated stress to allowable
stress for 6061-T6 Aluminum



Ansys FEA of initial spider design

Schedule

C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL	AM
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3																																				
4	Color	Task	Assigned To	Start	End																															
5		Organizing Teams and getting resources together for the semester	Team	9/1/24	9/13/24																															
6		Presentation 1	Team	9/10/24	9/18/24																															
7		Finalize Sub-system Decisions	Drivetrain Team	9/13/24	9/21/24																															
8		Rear Drivetrain Points	Drivetrain Team	9/13/24	9/26/24																															
9		Front Drivetrain Points	Drivetrain Team	9/13/24	9/26/24																															
10		Begin Refined CVT CAD	Brennan and Seth	9/16/24	Pending																															
11		Conduct stress analysis on CVT components	Brennan and Seth	9/16/24	Pending																															
12		Find ideal cam curve and geometry	Brennan and Seth	9/16/24	Pending																															
13		Finalize calculations for front gear box	Rowan	9/16/24	10/18/2024																															
14		Begin CAD for front gear box casing	Rowan	9/16/24	10/18/2024																															
15		Finalize calculations for rear reduction box gear train	Ethan and Dylan	9/16/24	Pending																															
16		Finalize calculations for clutch system	Nolan	9/16/24	Pending																															
17		Begin CAD for chain drive sprockets	Nolan	9/16/24	Pending																															
18		Finalize calculations for hubs	Matthew	9/16/24	Pending																															
19		Design/FEA rear gearbox housing and shafts	Ethan and Dylan	9/18/24	Pending																															
20		Registration for competition	Team	10/2/2024	Pending																															
21		Presentation #2	Team	Pending	10/9/2024																															
22		Report #1	Team	Pending	10/18/2024																															
23		Website check #1	Team	Pending	10/25/2024																															
24		Rough CAD Assembly for Drivetrain	Drivetrain Team	Pending	11/1/24																															
25		Begin Manufacturing CVT	Brennan and Seth	11/1/2024	1/20/25																															
26		Start assembling first Prototype	Drivetrain Team	Pending	11/13/24																															
27		Analysis Memo	Team	Pending	11/1/24																															
28		Presentation #3	Team	Pending	11/6/24																															
29		1st Prototype Demo	Team	11/13/2024	11/13/24																															
30		Individual Analysis	Individual	Pending	11/22/24																															
31		Report #2	Team	Pending	11/27/24																															
32		Final CAD and Final BOM	Team	Pending	12/3/24																															
33		2nd Prototype Demo	Team	Pending	12/4/2024																															
34		Website Check #2	Team	Pending	12/7/2024																															

Seth

Chassis & Frame



**Ryan Carley - Front End,
Team Lead**

**Wyatt Walker - Cockpit, CAD
Manager**

**Charles Anderson- Rear
End, Fabrication & Web
Design**

Benchmarking



ETS 2024 #27

- Front Bracing Member
- Suspension Mount
- Wider Front Bracing Members
- Overall shorter track length



Cornell 2024 #73

- Front Bracing Member
- Suspension Mount
- Wider Front Bracing Members
- Taller Toe Box
- Lower Seating Position



NAU 2024 #44

- Cockpit Width is too narrow
- 4130 Chromoly Steel
- Toe Box is too cramped

Customer and Engineering Requirements

Customer Requirements

- Performance
- Safety
- Durability
- Affordable
- Comfort
- Ease of Fabrication
- Aesthetics
- Pass Tech. Inspection
- Balanced Weight Distribution

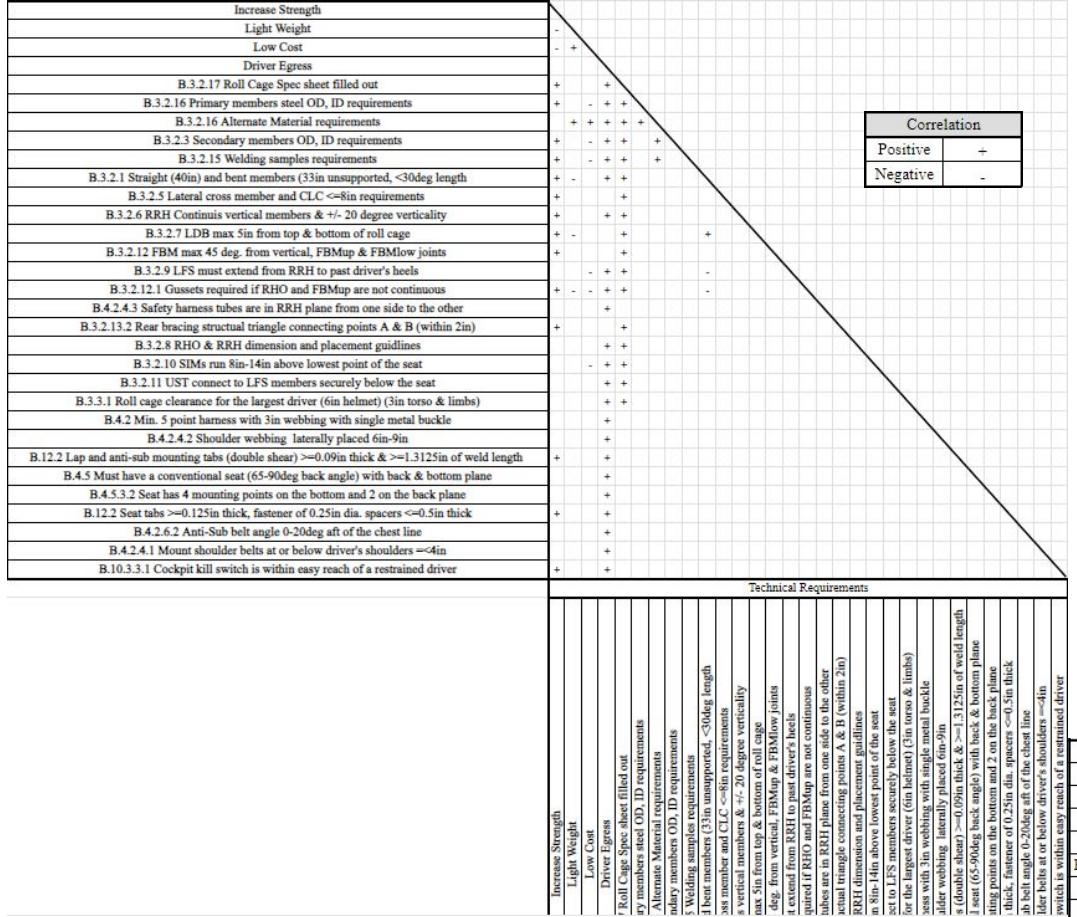
Engineering Requirements

- Increased Strength
- Lightweight
- Low Cost
- Driver Egress
- Rulebook/Tech. Inspection Requirements*

QFD

		Customer Requirements										Technical Requirements									
		Customer Weights																			
		Customer Requirements																			
Requirement	Priority	Performance	9	9	-3	9	9	3	9	9	9	Increase Strength	Light Weight	Low Cost	Driver Egress	B.3.2.17 Roll Cage Spec sheet filled out	B.3.2.16 Primary members steel OD, ID requirements	B.3.2.16 Alternative Material requirements	B.3.2.3 Secondary members OD, ID requirements	B.3.2.15 Welding samples requirements	
2	Performance	9	9	-3	9	9	9	9	9	9	9										
3	Safety	9	-3	-3	9	9	9	9	9	9	9										
5	Durability	9	-3	-1	1	9	9	9	9	9	9										
4	Affordable	-3	3	9	1	9	9	9	9	9	9										
8	Comfort	1	1	-3	9	3	3	3	3	3	3										
7	Ease of Fabrication	-3	3	-1	-3	3	3	3	3	3	3										
9	Aesthetics	1	1	-3	-1	3	3	3	3	3	3										
1	Pass Techs	9	-1	-1	9	9	9	9	9	9	9										
6	Balanced Weight	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	3	3	3										
Technical Requirement Units		psi	100	lbs	2500	\$	Seconds	5	1,0,035	Inches	40,33										
Technical Requirement Targets																					

QFD



Relationship		Baja 25' Frame	
		Date: 9/9/24	
Strong	9	Legend	
Moderate	3	A	NAU 2024 #44
Weak	1	B	Cornell 2024 #73
N/A	0	C	ETS 2024 #27

Customer Opinion Survey

Performance	A	C	B
Safety			ABC
Durability		A	BC
Affordable	C	B	A
Comfort	A		B
Ease of Fabrication	AC	B	
Aesthetics		A	B
Pass Techs			C
Balanced Weight		A	BC

Ryan

Literature Review

Charles Anderson

Books:

The Procedure Handbook of Arc Welding [38]

- Chapter 2 Designing for Arc Welding

Material Science and Engineering [39]

- Chapter 11 Applications and Processing of metal alloys

Papers

Effect of Preheating Temperatures On Impact Properties [40]

SAE Baja Final Proposal Report [41]

Stress analysis of a roll cage[42]

Online

Designing a Roll Cage in Solidworks [43]

Static Structural Analysis in Ansys [44]

Standard

ASTM- AISI 4130 Steel [45]

Literature Review

Ryan Carley

Books

Engineering Analysis with ANSYS Software (Ch.3) [46]

- Two dimensional & three dimensional stress analysis using ANSYS

The Automotive Chassis (Second Edition) (Ch. 6) [47]

- Center of Gravity calculations for a frame

Standard

ASTM A500/A500M-23 [48]

- Inspection and Welding Standards for tubing

Papers

Analysis of Roll Cage and Various Design Parameters of an All Terrain Vehicle (Baja) [49]

- Calculations and static analysis of a baja frame

Design, analysis and optimization of all terrain vehicle chassis ensuring structural rigidity (5. Calculations) [50]

- Impact calculations

Static and Modal Analysis of All Terrain Vehicle Roll-Cage [51]

- Simulating various impacts on a baja frame for FEA in SolidWorks

Online Resources

Introduction to Simulations (FEA) [52]

- Using FEA simulations in SolidWorks

Bentley Garner Shares Tips for Successfully Welding Chromoly Tube [53]

- Instructions on preparing Chromoly tubing and necessary steps in tacking and welding
- Different welding wires that should be used

Literature Review

Wyatt Walker

Books

Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]

Chapter 2 section 2-1 Material Strength and Stiffness

- Material Calculations resource

Standard

Machinery's Handbook [2]

Bending Sheet Metal pg.1346-1353

- Tube bending calculations and tables.

Papers

Design and Optimization of Mini Baja Chassis [54]

- Impact Simulations of Baja Frame

Design, analysis and optimization of all terrain vehicle chassis ensuring structural rigidity (6 Finite Element Analysis) [55]

- ANSYS Impact simulation

Plastic Deformation Analysis in Tube Bending [56]

- Prediction of tube bending outcomes

Online Resources

2024 Baja SAE Roll Cage Doc. Package. Pg. 8 [57]

- Official Baja SAE Equivalency calculations

Techniques to improve weld penetration in TIG welding [58]

- Suggestions on how to improve welding quality

Mathematical Modeling #1

Arc Length Calculations

Ex: 75° bend & 5" Centerline Radius

- $75^{\circ} \cdot (\pi/180) \approx 1.31 \text{ rad}$
- $1.31 \cdot 5 = 6.55''$

\sum Straight + Bent = Total

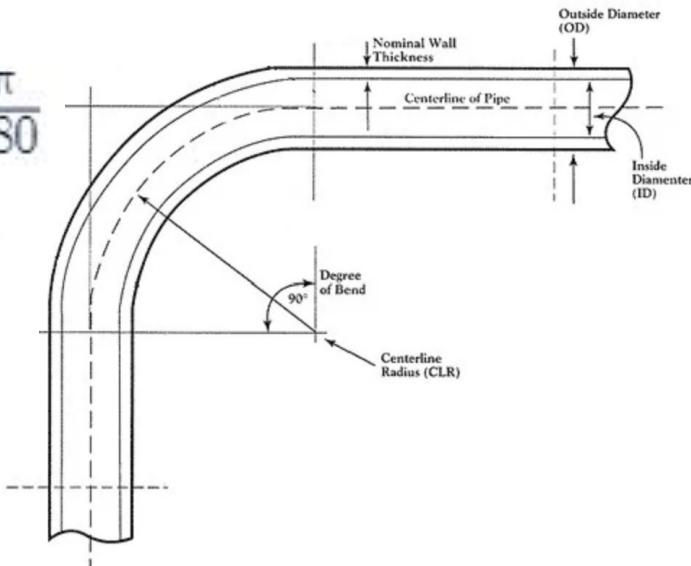
- $\approx 83'$ feet of tube

\sum Pm + Sm = Total

- $\approx 48' \text{ PM}, 35' \text{ SM}$

$$rad = \theta \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}$$

$$L = \theta \cdot clr$$



Mathematical Modeling #1

Cost Of Tubing

(Assuming 1 ¼" OD and 0.065" WT for PM and 1" OD and 0.035" for SM)

4130 Chromoly

- Via: Online Metals
- PM= \$29.68/ft
- SM= \$14.76/ft

Total costs

$$\text{PM : } 29.68 * 48 = \$1424.64$$
$$\text{SM: } 14.76 * 35 = \$516.60$$

$$\text{Total=} \$1941.24$$

316 Stainless

- Via: Grainger
- PM= \$26.43/ft
- SM= \$13.87/ft

Total Costs

$$\text{PM: } 26.43 * 48 = \$1268.64$$
$$\text{SM: } 13.87 * 35 = \$485.45$$

$$\text{Total=} \$1754.09$$

1020 DOM

- Via: Stock Car Steel
- PM= \$4.38/ft
- SM= \$4.10/ft

Total Costs

$$\text{PM: } 4.38 * 48 = \$210.24$$
$$\text{SM: } 4.10 * 35 = \$143.50$$

$$\text{Total=} \$353.74$$

Mathematical Modeling #2

1018 Steel [62]

OD = 25mm = 0.984in
Wall Thickness = 3mm = 0.118in
ID = 19mm = 0.748in
 $E = 205 \text{ GPa} = 29733200 \text{ psi}$ (Modulus of Elasticity for all steels)
 $S_y = 365 \text{ MPa} = 52939.6 \text{ psi}$
 $C = OD/2 = 12.5\text{mm} = 0.492\text{in}$ (Distance to neutral axis)

Bending Stiffness (Kbreq)

$I = \text{Second moment of area for the structural cross section}$
 $I = \pi/64 * (OD^4 - ID^4)$
 $I = \pi/64 * (0.984^4 - 0.748^4)$
 $I = 0.0308\text{in}^4$

$Kbreq = E * I$
 $Kbreq = 29733200\text{psi} * 0.0308\text{in}^4$
 $Kbreq = 915,782.56 \text{ lbf*in}^2$

Bending Strength (Sbreq)

$Sbreq = (S_y * I) / C$
 $Sbreq = (52939.6 \text{ psi} * 0.0308\text{in}^4) / 0.492\text{in}$
 $Sbreq = 3,314.11 \text{ lbf*in}$

4130 Chromoly Steel

OD = 1.25in
Wall Thickness = 0.065in
ID = 1.12in
 $E = 205 \text{ GPa} = 29733200 \text{ psi}$ (Modulus of Elasticity for all steels)
 $S_y = 63100 \text{ psi}$ [2]
 $C = OD/2 = 0.625\text{in}$ (Distance to neutral axis)

Bending Stiffness (Kbreq)

$I = \text{Second moment of area for the structural cross section}$
 $I = \pi/64 * (OD^4 - ID^4)$
 $I = \pi/64 * (1.25^4 - 1.12^4)$
 $I = 0.0426\text{in}^4$

$Kbreq = E * I$
 $Kbreq = 29733200\text{psi} * 0.0426\text{in}^4$
 $Kbreq = 1,266,634.32 \text{ lbf*in}^2$

Bending Strength (Sbreq)

$Sbreq = (S_y * I) / C$
 $Sbreq = (63100 \text{ psi} * 0.0426\text{in}^4) / 0.625\text{in}$
 $Sbreq = 4,300.9 \text{ lbf*in}$

Mathematical Modeling #3

Estimated Weight of the Frame:

$$Weight = Density \times Volume \quad V_{tube} = V_{outer} - V_{inner}$$

Primary Members:

$$OD = 1.25 \text{ in}$$

$$Wall Thickness = .065 \text{ in}$$

$$Density = .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3}$$

$$Length \approx 49 \text{ ft}$$

$$\left(\pi \times \left(\frac{1.25 \text{ in}}{2} \right)^2 \times (49 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in}) \right) - (\pi \times (.56 \text{ in})^2 \times (49 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in})) = 143.28 \text{ in}^3$$

$$143.28 \text{ in}^3 \times .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3} = 40.73 \text{ lbs}$$

Secondary Members:

$$OD = 1 \text{ in}$$

$$Wall Thickness = .035 \text{ in}$$

$$Density = .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3}$$

$$Length \approx 36 \text{ ft}$$

$$\left(\pi \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ in}}{2} \right)^2 \times (36 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in}) \right) - (\pi \times (.465 \text{ in})^2 \times (36 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in})) = 43.53 \text{ in}^3$$

$$43.53 \text{ in}^3 \times .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3} = 12.35 \text{ lbs}$$

Total Weight $\approx 54 \text{ lbs}$

Not including weight of welds

Schedule

Task	Assigned To	Number code	Color	September							September							September							September								
		1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
		Start	End	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
Organizing Teams	Chassis Team	9/1/24	9/13/24																														
Working on Presentation One	Chassis Team	9/10/24	9/16/24																														
Measure Drivers (reach out and meet)	Chassis Team	9/16/24	9/16/24																														
Presentation #1	All		9/17/24																														
	Charles, Taylor, Maddox, Matalina	9/16/24	Working																														
Welders Certifications																																	
Order PVC & Glue	Chassis Team	9/23/24	9/27/24																														
Order tubing	Chassis Team	9/23/24	9/27/24																														
Coordinate With other sub teams On Mounting Points	Chassis Team & Suspension		Working																														
Begin Prototyping #1	Chassis Team	Working																															
Begin Prototyping #2	Chassis Team	Working																															
Registration for Competition opens	All	10/2/24																															
Presentation #2	All		10/9/24																														
Report #1	All		10/18/24																														
Website Check #1	Charles		10/25/24																														
Final CAD of the frame	Chassis Team		10/30/24																														
Begin Fabrication	Chassis Team	10/31/24																															
Analysis Memo	Chassis Team		11/1/24																														
Presentation #3	All		11/6/24																														
1st Prototype Demo	All		11/13/24																														
Report #2	All		11/27/24																														
Final CAD and Final BOM	All		12/3/24																														
Project Management	All		12/6/24																														

Charles

Steering, Brakes, and Suspension

David Polkabla Jr.

Taylor Hewitt

Ryan Key

Ryan Latulippe

Oliver Husmann

Steering, Brakes

Suspension

Benchmarking



NAU 2024 #44



Cal Poly 2024 #36



Cornell 2024 #73

Steering and Brakes: David and Taylor

Benchmarking

2024 Cornell #73



1st in suspension (2024)

2024 SDSU #43



2nd in suspension (2024)

2024 NAU #44



25th in suspension (2024)

Suspension: Ryan K.

Customer and Engineering Requirements

Customer Requirements

- High Performing
- Affordable
- Comfortable
- Easy Operation
- Passes SAE Inspection

Engineering Requirements

- Reduce Turning Radius
- Reduce Steering Slop
- Increased stability
- Ideal Wheel Angles
- Ideal Steering Ratio

QFD

		Customer Requirements		Technical Requirements							
				Reduce Turning Radius	Reduce Steering Slop	Increased stability	Proper toe	Ideal Castor Angle	Ideal Camber Angle	Ideal Steering Ratio	
9	Safety	3	9	9	1	1	1	3			
3	Affordable	3	3	9	1	1	1	1	9		
4	Performance	9	9	3	9	9	9	9	9		
7	Easy Operation	3	9	9	1	1	1	1	9		
4	Reliable	1	9	9	3	3	3	3	9		
3	Comfortable	3	9	3	3	3	3	3	9		
8	Lightweight	1		3							
3	Easy to Mount	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0		
2	Pass Inspection	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
		Technical Requirement Units		12 ft.	Degrees	N/A	0.0625 in.	10 Degrees	0.25 in.	N/A	
		Technical Requirement Targets									

QFD

		Technical Requirements	
Customer Weights	Customer Requirements	Reduce Turning Radius	Reduce Steering Slop
High	Reduce Turning Radius	+	+
Medium	Reduce Steering Slop	+	+
Low	Increased stability	+	+
	Proper toe	+	+
	Ideal Castor Angle	+	+
	Ideal Camber Angle	+	+
	Ideal Steering Ratio	+	+

Relationship		Baja 2025 Steering Date: 9/15/2024		
Strong	9	A	NAU 2024 #44	Legend
Moderate	3	B	Cal Poly 2024 #36	
Weak	1	C	Cornell Univ. #73	
N/A	0			
Customer Opinion Survey				
1 Poor	2 OK	3 Acceptable	4 Good	5 Excellent
			A	BC
	A		BC	
A				BC
		A	B	C
A			B	C
		A		BC
			ABC	
			A	BC
				ABC

Steering: David

Customer and Engineering Requirements

Customer Requirements

- Safe to use
- Affordable
- No Hydraulic Issues
- Doesn't Overheat
- Passes SAE Inspection

Engineering Requirements

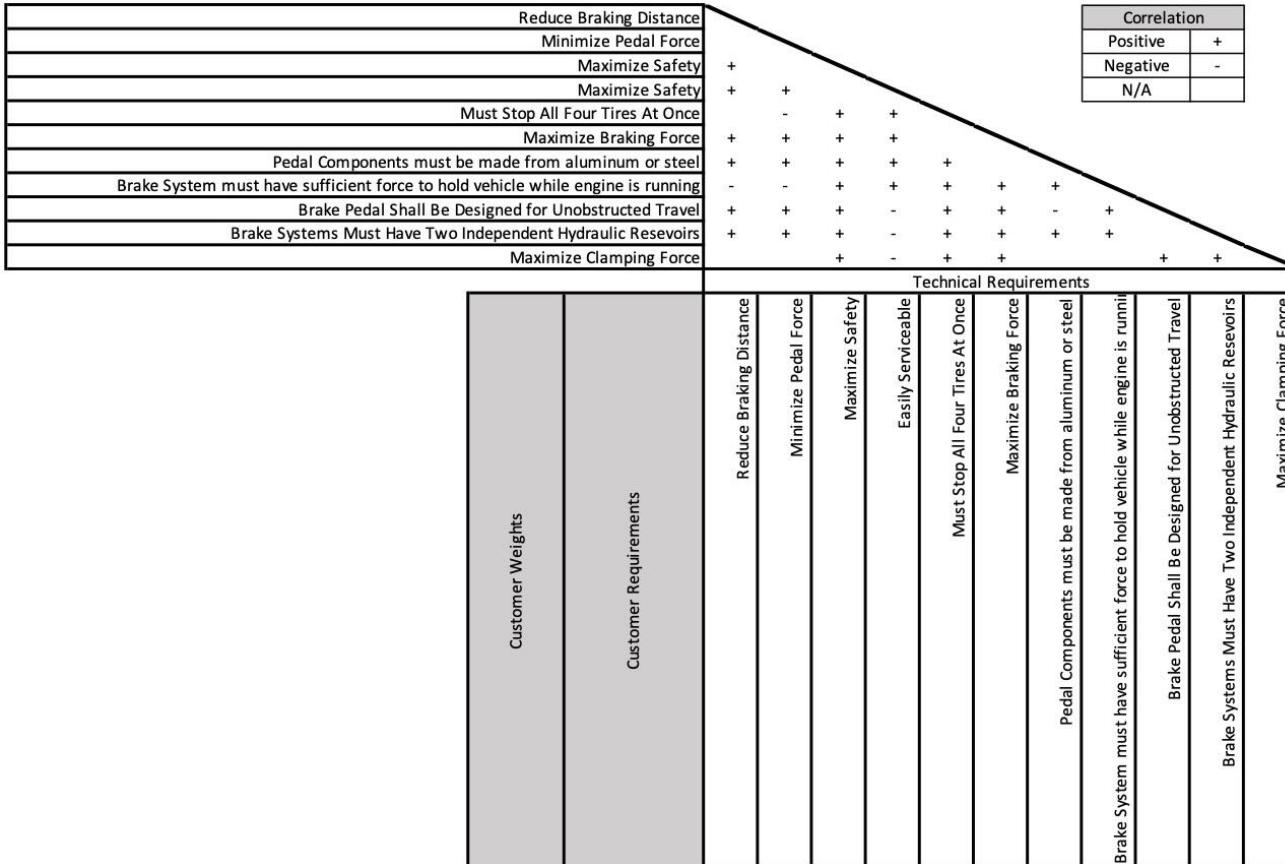
- Maximize braking force
- Pedal Must be made from aluminum or steel
- Maximize Safety
- Minimize pedal force needed to apply brakes

QFD

Customer Requirements		Technical Requirements											
Customer Weights													
Customer Requirement	Technical Requirement	Weight		Weight		Weight		Weight		Weight		Weight	
		9	9	9	3	9	9	9	3	9	9	9	9
9 Safety	Reduce Braking Distance	9	9	9	3	9	9	9	3	9	9	9	9
3 Affordable	Minimize Pedal Force	-1	-1	-1	1	-3	3	9	-3	-3			3
2 Performance	Maximize Safety	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	3	9	1		9
7 Easy Operation	Easily Serviceable	9	3	9		1	3		9	9	3		9
4 Hydraulic	Must Stop All Four Tires At Once	1	9	3			1	-1	3	1	9		9
3 No Overheating	Maximize Braking Force	9	-1	9	-1	3	9		3		1		
8 Long Pad Life	Pedal Components must be made from aluminum or steel	9	3	9	-1	3	3		9	3	3		1
3 Easy to Mount	Brake System must have sufficient force to hold vehicle while engine is running	-3		3	3		2		1		3		1
2 Pass Inspection	Brake Pedal Shall Be Designed for Unobstructed Travel	-3	3	9	3	9	9		9	9	9		
Technical Requirement Units		60 ft	450 lbf	N/A	N/A	N/A	500 psi	450 lbf	7700 ft-lbf/s	N/A	N/A	N/A	90 psi
Technical Requirement Targets													

Brakes: Taylor

QFD



Baja 2025 Brakes	
Date:	9/12/2024
Relationship	Legend
Strong	9 A NAU 2024 #44
Moderate	3 B Cal Poly 2024 #36
Weak	1 C Cornell Univ. #73
N/A	
Customer Opinion Survey	
1 Poor	2 OK
3 Acceptable	4 Good
5 Excellent	
A BC	
A BC	
A BC	
AB C	
AB C	
A BC	
ABC	
ABC	
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ABC	

Brakes: Taylor

Customer and Engineering Requirements

Customer Requirements

- Performance/comfort
- Serviceability/tunability
- Durability
- Affordable
- Ease of fabrication
- Aesthetics
- Pass tech

Engineering Requirements

- Light weight
- B.8.7 - cockpit shielding for steering/suspension links
- Optimal ride height/ground clearance
- B.1.6 - Vehicle width
- Vehicle length/approach angle
- Singular known replaceable failure point (bolt)
- Efficiently designed knuckle
- Optimize maximum suspension travel

QFD

Suspension QFD										Baja 25 Suspension	
										Date: 9/12/24	
										Legend	
Team Members	Oliver Husmann	Ryan Key	Ryan Latulippe							A	2024 Cornell #73
										B	2024 SDSU #43
										C	2024 NAU #44
Customer Requirements										Customer Opinion Survey	
Customer Weights											
Technical Requirements											
Light weight											
B.8.7 - all steering or suspension links exposed in the cockpit shall be shielded with a sturdy, robust, metal cover.											
Optimal ride height/ground clearance											
B.1.6 - Limitations - Vehicle width											
Vehicle length/approach angle											
Singular known replaceable failure point (both)											
Efficiently designed knuckle											
Optimal camber angles											
Optimal caster angle											
Optimize maximum suspension travel											
1											
Poor											
1											
OK											
2											
Acceptable											
3											
Good											
4											
Excellent											
<50 lbs											
<6.35 mm											
In.											
12-16											
64											
In.											
45-60											
In.											
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lbs, Psi, in., hrs.											
3											
Degrees											
Degrees											
In.											
12-16											
<50 lbs											
Technical Requirement Units											
Technical Requirement Targets											

Light weight		Technical Requirements	Correlation		
B.8.7 - all steering or suspension links exposed in the cockpit shall be shielded with a sturdy, robust, metal cover.					
Optimal ride height/ground clearance	+		Positive	+	
B.1.6 - Limitations - Vehicle width	-		Negative	-	
Vehicle length/approach angle	+		N/A	0	
Singular known replaceable failure point (bolt)	+				
Efficiently designed knuckle	+				
Optimal camber angle	+				
Optimal caster angle	+				
Optimize maximum suspension travel	+	+	+	+	

Literature Review

David Polkabla

Books/Chapters	Papers	Online Resources	Standard
Suspension Analysis & Geometry [59] - Chapters 1 & 5	-Experimental Rig Study on Resistance Forces in Car Steering System with Rack and Pinion. [60] -Design and comparative analysis of Ackermann and Anti-Ackermann steering system [61] -Design of a Low Alloy Steel Vehicle Tie Rod to Determine the Maximum Load That Can Resist Failure [62]	- Ackermann Steering Geometry Explained [61] - Caster & Camber [63]	- ANSI/AGMA 1006-A97 [64]
Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1] - Chapter 14			

Literature Review

Taylor Hewitt

Books/Chapters	Papers	Online Resources	Standard
Brake Design and Safety Third Ed. Rudolf Limpert Chapters 1 & 2 [65]	Design and Analysis of Double Piston Brake Caliper for SAE Baja [66]	Calculating the Braking Force of a Car [69]	U.S. Department of Transportation 5.1.1 Brake systems [71]
Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design Chapter 16 (Brakes) [1]	Design and Analysis of Inboard Braking System for Vehicle [67]	Modeling to Understand and Improve Your Braking system [70]	
	Modeling and Simulation of Disc Brake to Analyse Temperature Distribution using FEA [68]		

Literature Review

Ryan Latulippe

Books/Chapters

- Dixon Suspension Geometry and Computation (Ch. 12) [72]
 - Explains various forms of double wishbone suspension and details (front application)
- Fundamentals of Vehicle Dynamics [73]
 - General overview of different types of suspension and respective applications with equation and calculation information.
- Baja 2025 Rule Book [15]
 - Holds standards for all teams to follow.

Papers

- Optimization of Suspension Systems of Offroad Vehicles for Vehicle Performance Improvement [74]
 - Double wishbone suspension vs Macpherson suspension.
- Design Review of Suspension Assembly of a BAJA ATV [75]
 - Analyzes the process of creating/designing a suspension assembly for a Baja ATV, along with info on some software that aligns with what we are learning.

Online Resources

- Understanding Caster and Camber Angles [76]
 - Explains various angles and respective applications for both camber and caster.
- Bump Steer [77]
 - Defines bump steer along with real world ways to mitigate/eliminate it.
- Lotus Shark Suspension Tutorial [78]
 - Tutorial video for Lotus Shark suspension software.

Literature Review

Ryan Key

Books/Chapters

- Tune to Win - Carroll Smith [79]
- Ch. 3, 4 - weight , mass load, load transfer, suspension geometry
- Suspension Geometry and computation - John C. Dixon [72]
- Ch. 4, 7, 11 - ride geo., camber & scrub, single arm suspensions

Papers

- 2019 University of Cincinnati SAE Baja Rear Suspension [80]
- Design, Analysis and Optimization of Trailing Arm with Two Link Suspension System [81]
- Optimization of suspension system of off road vehicle for vehicle performance improvement [82]

Online Resources

- Guide To Suspension Design For Going Fast In Comfort [83]
- Design of Three and Four Link Suspensions for Off Road Use [84]
- Custom Link Suspension Rules - General guidelines for custom suspension setup [85]

Literature Review

Oliver Husmann

Books/Chapters

- **Performance Vehicle Dynamics: engineering and applications (7 and 8) [86]**
 - Ch. 7: an introduction to suspension kinematics and configurations
 - Ch. 8: modeling vehicle suspension dynamically.
- **Race Car Vehicle Dynamics (6) [87]**
 - Ch. 6: Advanced suspension systems and tuning

Papers

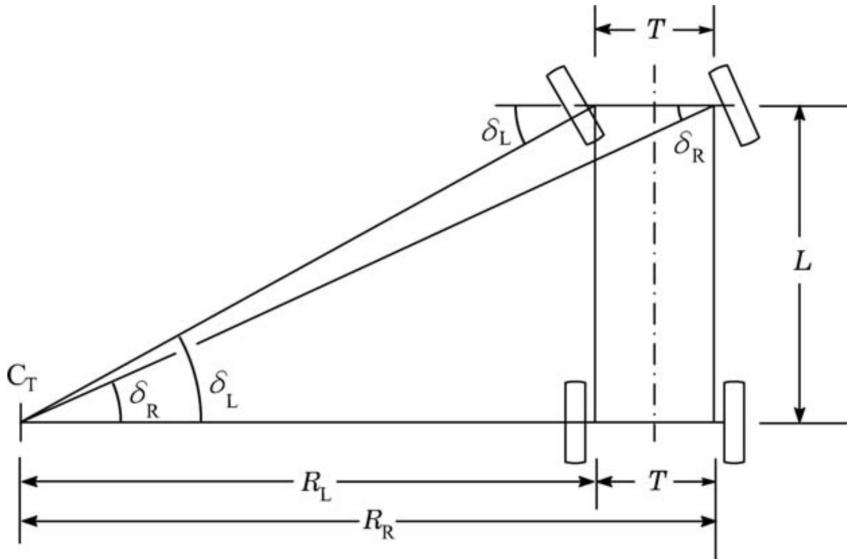
- **Design cycle implementation on a customized steering knuckle for a competition ATV [88]**
 - Design methodologies and iterative improvements for steering knuckles
- **Optimization of suspension system of off road vehicle for vehicle performance improvement [89]**
 - Techniques for enhancing suspension performance and vehicle handling
- **Structural Optimization of a Knuckle with Consideration of Stiffness and Durability Requirements [90]**
 - Methods for balancing strength, stiffness, and durability in knuckle design

Online

- **Design and analysis of suspension system for an All-Terrain vehicle [91]**
 - Design principles and analysis techniques for all-terrain vehicle suspensions
- **Suspension Videos: XF Motorsports [92]**
 - Practical demonstrations and visual insights into suspension systems
- **Off Road Suspension 101: An Inside Look [93]**
 - Basic overview and design considerations for off-road suspension systems

Mathematical Model

$$\cot \delta_R - \cot \delta_L = \frac{T}{L}$$



$$\delta_R = \cot^{-1} \left(\cot(50^\circ) + \frac{56}{64} \right) \Rightarrow \delta_R = 30.26^\circ \text{ or } 30^\circ$$

$$R = L \tan \delta_L \Rightarrow 64 \tan 60^\circ \Rightarrow R = 120 \text{ in}$$

δ_R = Outside turning angle

R = Turning Radius

Mathematical Modeling

$$a = \frac{v - v_0}{t - t_0} \Rightarrow a = \frac{58.7}{4} = 14.7 \text{ ft/s}^2$$

$$d = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow d = 58.7(4) - \frac{1}{2}(14.7)(4)^2 = 117.2 \text{ ft}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \Rightarrow W = \frac{1}{2}(17.1)(58.7)^2 = 29460 \text{ lb * ft/s}^2$$

$$F_{brake} = \frac{W}{d} \Rightarrow F_{brake} = \frac{29460}{117.2} = 251.4 \text{ psi}$$

$$F_{clamp} = \frac{F_{brake}}{2} * \mu \Rightarrow \frac{251.4}{2} * 0.7 = 88 \text{ psi}$$

Weight of vehicle (with driver) = 550 lbs
Mass of vehicle (m) = 550/32.2 = 17.1 lbm

Velocity of vehicle = 40 mph = 58.7 ft/s

a = acceleration (ft/s²)

v = velocity (ft/s)

t = time (s)

d = distance (ft)

W = work done (lb*ft/s²)

F_{brake} = Brake Force (psi)

F_{clamp} = Clamping Force (psi)

Coefficient of Friction (μ) = 0.7

Mathematical Modeling: Impact Force

Max Impact Force Based on Car Nose Diving Off a Jump on One Corner

Given Info:

- Car + driver weight: ~600lbs → 272kg
- 1 meter tall jump
- Velocity off jump (at impact)



$$v_{horiz.} = \frac{14.13m}{s} \text{ (previously calculated)}$$

$$\Sigma F = 0 \rightarrow 0 = \text{Normal force} - \text{Impact force} + F_{Control\ arm}$$

$$\Sigma F = 0 \rightarrow 0 = -272(9.81) - [272(14.13) \sin(45)] + F_{CA}$$

$$F_{CA} = 5391.8\ N$$

2 Control Arms (upper and lower) → 2 $\frac{\text{members}}{\text{arm}}$ (A arm geometry)

$$\frac{F_{CA}}{2} = \text{Force per arm}$$

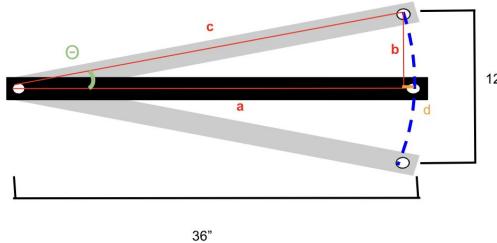
$$\frac{F_{CA}}{4} = \text{Force per member} \rightarrow \frac{5391.9}{4} = 1348 \frac{N}{\text{member}}$$

$$1348N \rightarrow \frac{303\ lbs}{\text{member}}$$

Mathematical Modeling: Trailing Arms

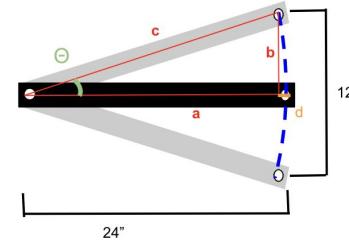


- Total wheel travel: 12"
- Lateral movement: 0.51" vs 0.77"
- Arm angle (deg) at full tuck/bump: 9.59 vs 14.48



$$\begin{aligned}a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\a &= \sqrt{c^2 - b^2} \\a &= \sqrt{(36)^2 - (6)^2} \\a &= 35.49\end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned}\sin\theta &= \frac{b}{c} \\\theta &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{c}\right) \\\theta &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{36}\right) \\\theta &= 9.59\text{deg}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d &= 36 - 35.49 \\d &= 0.51\text{in}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\a &= \sqrt{c^2 - b^2} \\a &= \sqrt{(24)^2 - (6)^2} \\a &= 23.23\end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned}\sin\theta &= \frac{b}{c} \\\theta &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{c}\right) \\\theta &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{24}\right) \\\theta &= 14.48\text{deg}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d &= 24 - 23.23 \\d &= 0.77\text{in}\end{aligned}$$

Mathematical Modeling: Knuckle Forces

What is the bending moment and bending stress on the knuckle?

Force applied: 1348 N

Moment arm: 0.5 m

$$M = F * d = 1348N * 0.5m = \textcolor{red}{674N}$$

Section Modulus (S): $3.04 * 10^{-4}m^3$

$$\sigma = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{(674\text{ N})}{(3.04 * 10^{-4}m^3)} = 2.2175\text{ MPa} = \textcolor{red}{322.96\text{ psi}}$$

Schedule

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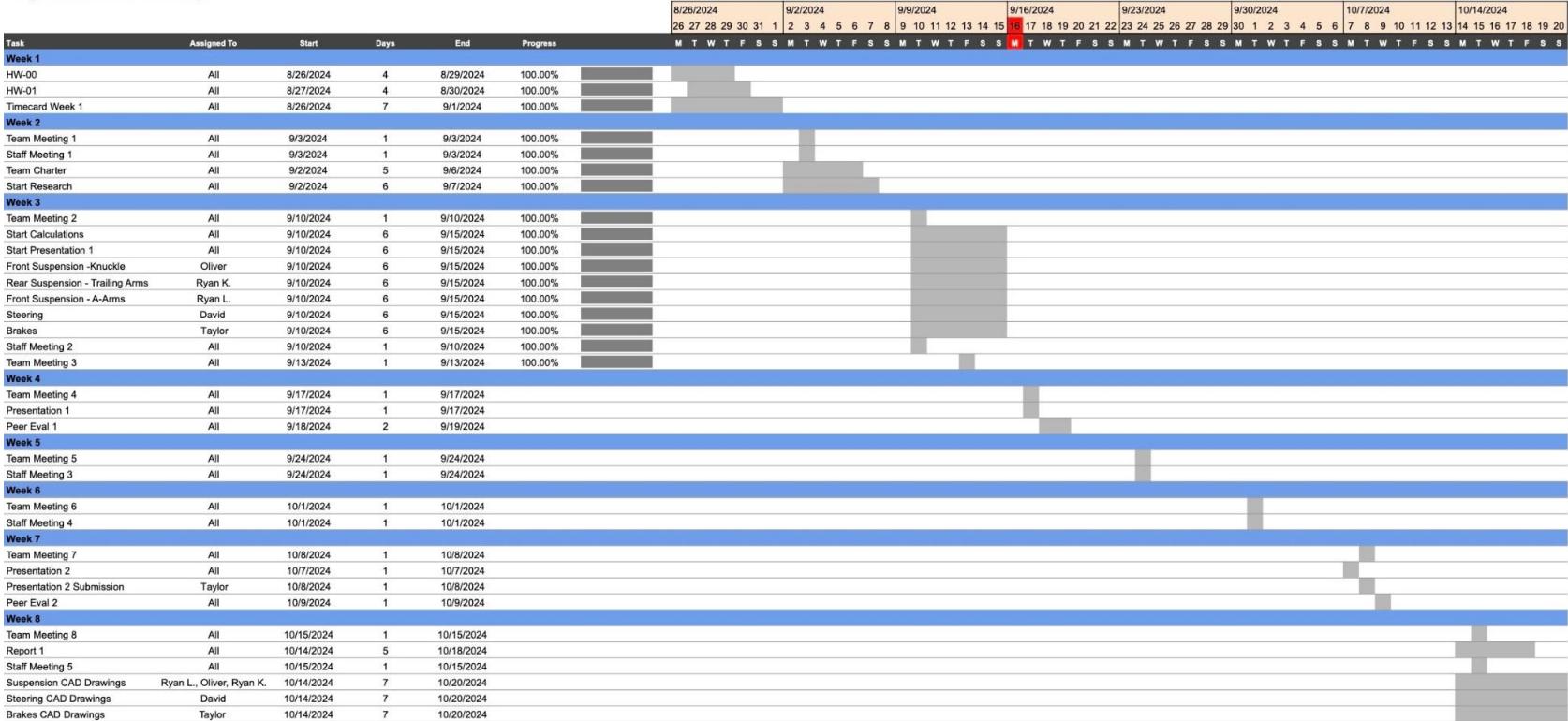
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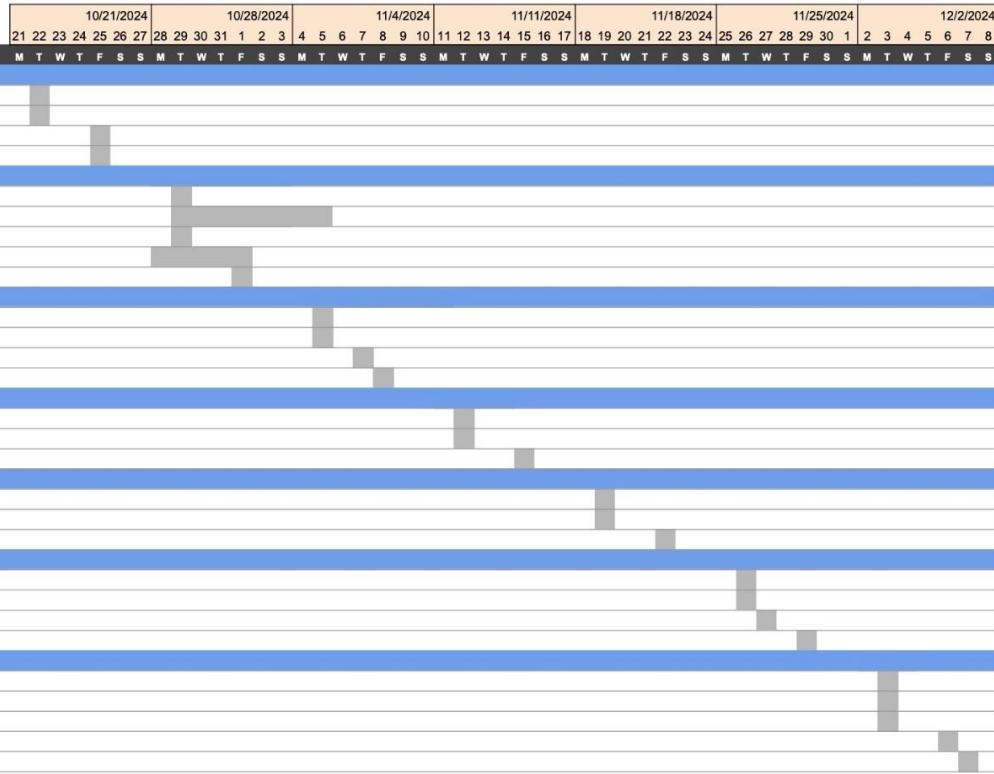
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Thank You

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