

## Volumetric Control System for Fludic Soft Robot

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# **1. Bill of Materials (for 1 VCS)**

It is best to order more than the required number of parts to ensure you have a backup in case a part breaks. Keep in mind that shipping times can be long so order in advance!

**Green** = Main Mechanical Components

**Orange** = Main Electrical Components

**Yellow** = Miscellaneous

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
<a href="#"><u>Lead screw &amp; Ball Nut (200 mm)</u></a>	1 of each	\$8.99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 200mm</li><li>- Make sure its the screw AND nut</li></ul>
<a href="#"><u>Flexible Coupling (6 to 8 mm)</u></a>	1 pc	\$8.99 for 5 pcs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 6mm to 8 mm</li><li>- Only need one from the pack</li></ul>
<a href="#"><u>200 ml syringe</u></a>	1 pc	\$13.90 for 2 pcs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 200 ml</li><li>- Only need one syringe body and the rubber tip (other parts not needed from the set)</li></ul>
0.25 Inch Acrylic Sheet	2 sheets		Two sheets should leave enough space in case there needs to be a recut.
<a href="#"><u>Stepper Motor</u></a>	1 pc	\$33.50	
PCB from the manufacturer	1 pc	~\$50 for 3 pcs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ordered from OSHPARK</li><li>- Could also use a protoboard and solder connections</li></ul>

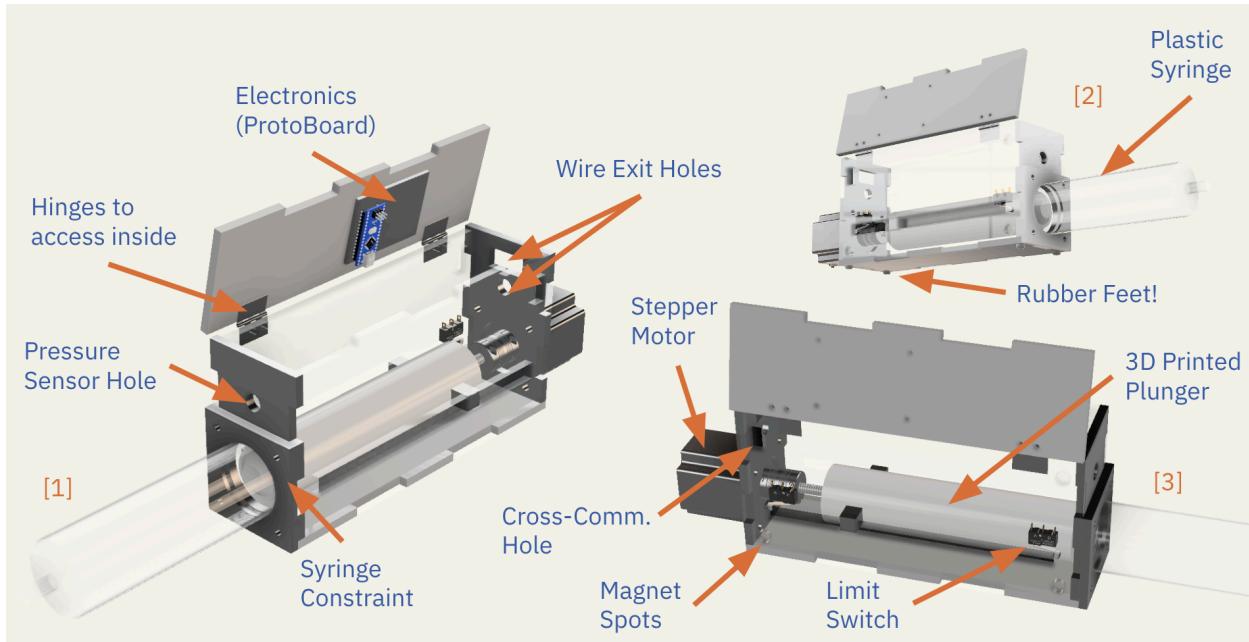
<u><a href="#">Motor Driver</a></u>	1 pc	\$21.50	
<u><a href="#">Arduino Nano Board &amp; USB mini A-wire</a></u>	1 pc	\$24.90	
12V Power Adapter	1 pc		
<u><a href="#">Barrel Jack</a></u>	1		
LED (5mm) & 130 Ω Resistor	1 of each		- <u><a href="#">LED Connection Resource</a></u>
<u><a href="#">3 Pin Magnetic Connector</a></u>	2 pcs	\$11.90 for 2	Type 3 and 4 CAD models on <u><a href="#">grabcad</a></u>
Mini Magnets (connectors)	Pack	<u><a href="https://www.amazon.com/FINDMAG-30-Refrigerator-Neodymium-Whiteboard/dp/B0B5G83M1W/ref=sr_1_3">https://www.amazon.com/FINDMAG-30-Refrigerator-Neodymium-Whiteboard/dp/B0B5G83M1W/ref=sr_1_3</a></u>	
Hinges	2 pcs	McMaster	
Hinge Screws and Nuts	4 Each	Size: –	
Motor Screws and Nuts (M4)	4 Each	Size: M4	
PCB Screws & Stand-offs (M2)	4 Each	Size: M2 <u><a href="#">Standoff w/ CAD</a></u>	
Male and Female Header pins			

Various wires and housings			
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Extra Parts:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<a href="#"><u>Pressure Sensors/transducer</u></a> & push to connect	1 of each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#"><u>DigiKey Packaged Pressure Sensor</u></a></li> <li>- <a href="#"><u>Brass NPT Push-to-Connect</u></a></li> <li>- <a href="#"><u>FF Adapter</u></a></li> </ul>	
Silicone Feet	Pack		
Limit Switches	At least 2		
Digital screen w/ buttons to manually control	1 pc		

## 2. Mechanical



### 2.1 Mechanical Material List

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0.25 Inch Acrylic Sheet	2 sheets		Two sheets should leave enough space in case there needs to be a recut.

<a href="#">Stepper Motor</a>	1 pc	\$33.50	
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## 2.2 CAD Files

- a. Plunger System (3D printing)
  - i. 3D print the plunger, syringe holder plate/constraint, and magnetic connector housing (files found in the GitHub)
    - 1. The plunger infill can be around 25%, maybe even less (the other 2 parts can be about 15%). However, the part that holds the arms should have a larger infill (~80%) to prevent breakage.
    - 2. The rubber tip (black) from the commercial syringe plunger should be attached to the 3D-printed one so our plunger can push out fluid from the syringe.



- b. Body of the VCS (Laser Cutting)
  - i. There are 6 faces that need to be laser cut from 0.25-inch acrylic. All of the CAD files can be found on our GitHub.

1. Please refer to the internal lab website on settings for the laser cutter to cut out these parts. Simply upload the files, set up the appropriate settings, and cut!
- ii. Place and glue magnets into the holes on the inner side of the acrylic (8 total)

### 2.3 Mechanical Assembly

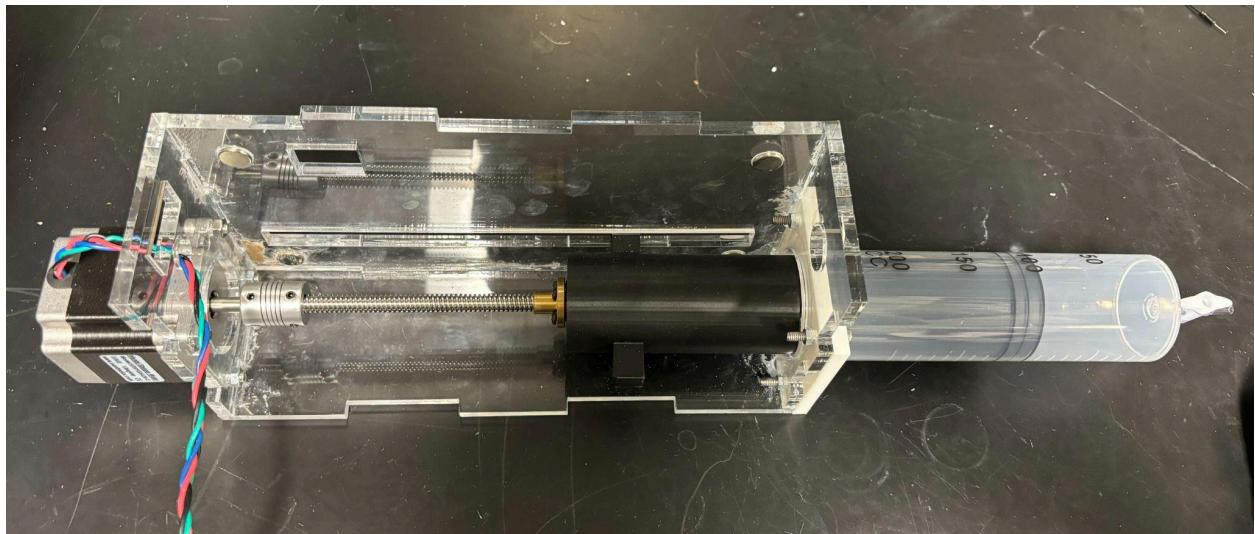
Note: Before gluing all the parts together, it is recommended that you try fitting all the pieces together first to ensure the right orientation of each piece (you can use painter's tape to hold each piece together).



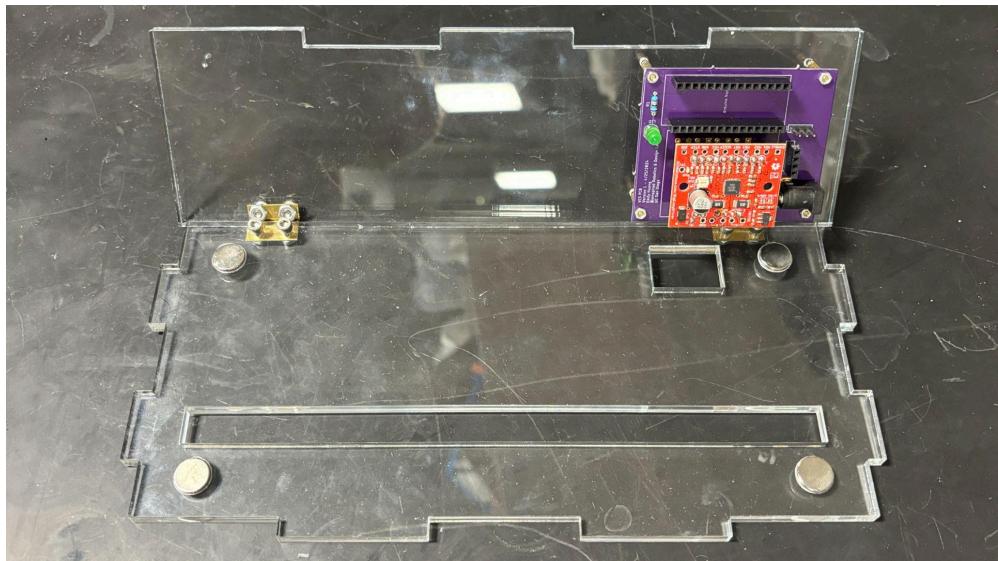
- a. Using acrylic glue, glue 4 acrylic faces together first (base, front, & sides). Hold off on the other faces, this gives us room to add the mechanical parts inside.
- b. Before you complete the following step, make sure the motor wire has the appropriate housing to connect to your electronics board (4-pin header). Screw your stepper motor against the acrylic on the motor side (should have shorter screw holes).
- c. Place your plastic syringe against the acrylic side on the other side (make sure it's on the syringe side, there should be taller screw holes on this side). Now add your 3D-printed

syringe holder plate, that should align with the arms of the plastic syringe. Screw everything into place with the pre-cut holes in the acrylic.

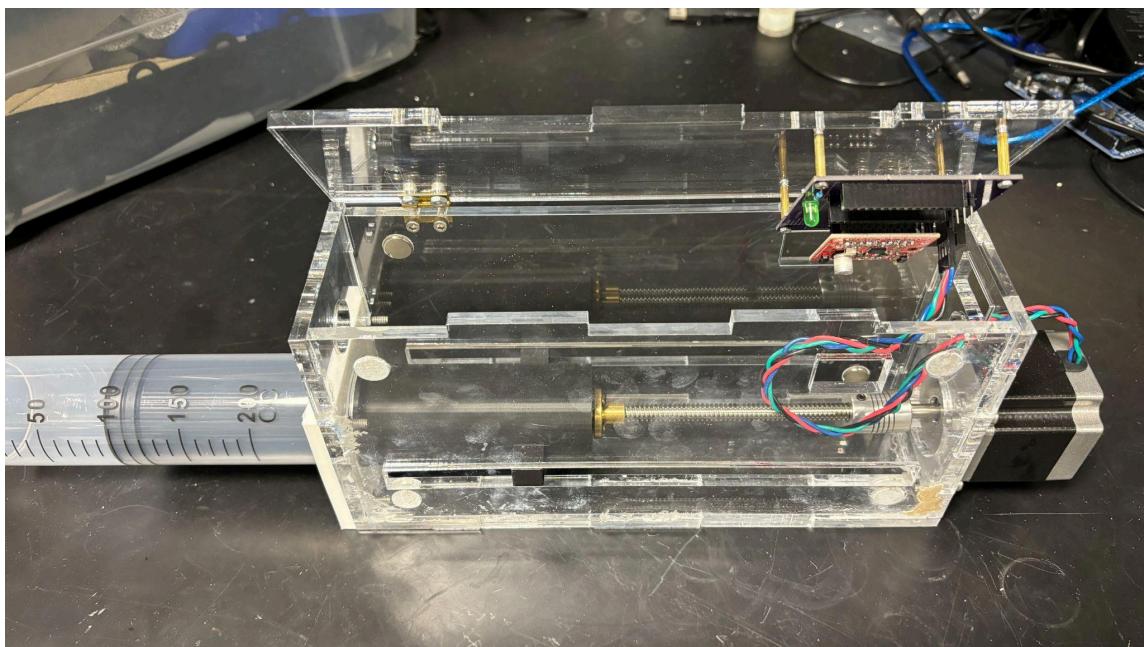
- d. Screw the ball nut onto the arm side of the 3D-printed plunger, and screw the plunger onto the ball screw.
- e. Attach a flexible coupling onto the other side of the lead screw.
- f. Put the 3D-printed plunger through the side piece with the big hole, through to the other side where the plastic syringe is.
- g. Attach the other side of the coupling to the motor arm.
- h. Now the internal mechanical system should be set! It should look like the image below.



- i. Now you can assemble the cover with the leftover acrylic faces:
  - i. Add the hinges, electronic board legs, and soon electronics board (assembly in the next section).
  - ii. Once you are done with this step, you can glue the last face to the overall body.  
Don't accidentally glue the cover shut!



**COMPLETED MECHANICAL ASSEMBLY**



### **3. Electrical**

#### **3.1 Electrical Material List**

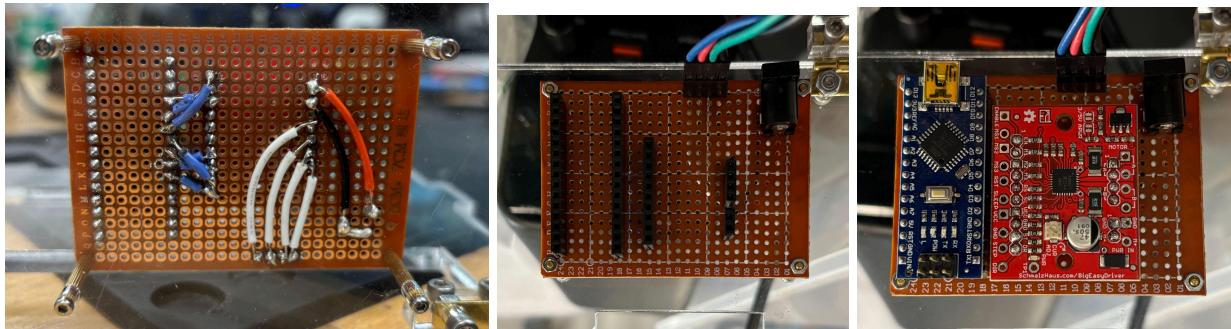
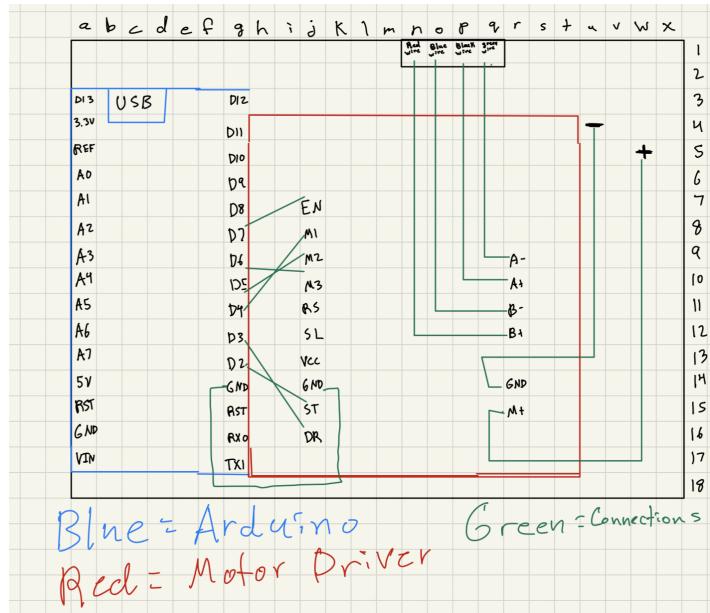
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<a href="#"><u>Barrel Jack</u></a>	1		
LED (5mm) & 130 Ω Resistor	1 of each		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#"><u>LED Connection Resource</u></a></li></ul>

### 3.2 Circuit Board

#### a. ProtoBoard or Printed Circuit Board (PCB)

##### i. Protoboard

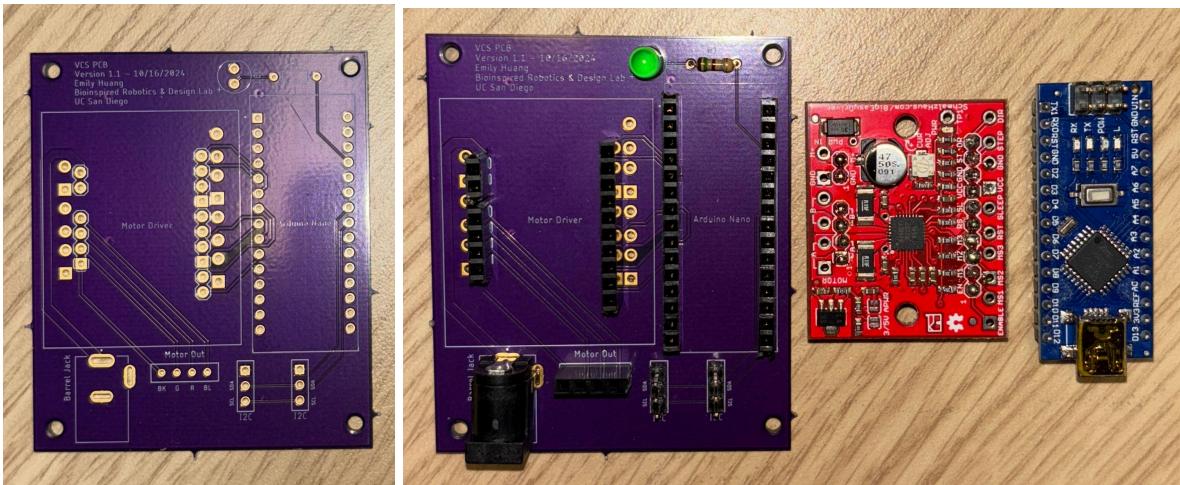
1. You would need to solder connections on the back in this form
2. Additionally, you will need to solder the female headers and barrel jack onto the board.



##### ii. Printed Circuit Board (PCB)

1. PCB file can be found in the Github, which you can send in to get manufactured by OSHPARK or any other manufacturers

2. Additionally, you will need to solder the female/male headers, barrel jack, LED, and resistor onto the board
3. The board should be labeled with each component, below are some extra notes:
  - a. Arduino Nano:
    - i. The plug should face the same side as the barrel jack
  - b. Motor Out Header:
    - i. Bk = Black
    - ii. G = Green
    - iii. R = Red
    - iv. Bl = Blue



- iii. Now you may screw the electronics board onto the legs on the cover of the body.
- b. Cross Communication Assembly
- c.

## **4. Arduino**

### **4.1 I2C**