

Chairable: Powered Spherical Wheel Attachment for Office Chairs



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Introduction

- An innovative mobile chair concept that eliminates the need for constant standing and sitting
- Offers an engaging and dynamic element to combat tedious deskwork
- · Reduce frustration and physical strain caused by repetitive interruptions and standing up to retrieve items
- A simple alternative for individuals with limited mobility, addressing the challenges faced in the office environment





The Problem

- Non-intrusive operation of day-today movements
- Able to navigate in tight spaces
- Intuitive operation and lightweight design
- Maximum weight
- capacity of 125kg
- Exploration of spherical wheel design

Solution Design

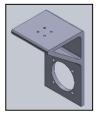
Chairable consists of 3 main subsystems:

1. Mechanical:

- Main driver motor
- Rotational motor
- L bracket mounting system

2. Structural

- Ball bearing system
- Clamp attachment
- Casing and support bars

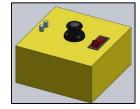


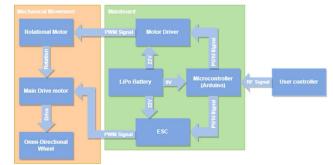




3. Electrical

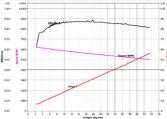
- RF control circuit
- LiPo battery system
- Remote user controller





Research/Results

- Initial testing demonstrates the system's ability to navigate in all directions
- Brushless RC motor provides an efficient balance between cost and performance
- Spherical wheel size was chosen to maximize traction
- Calculated gear ratio of a 1 to 4 reduction to limit required torque to 16 kg.cm for a 125kg load



Conclusion

Chairable's PoC demonstrates the core principles of the design. Future iterations would see the following improvements:

- 1. Improve structural attachment to ensure consistent stabilization and downward force
- 2. Refine mechanical implementation using alternative materials and mounting system
- 3. Incorporate the use of gearing to ensure compatibility with full weight capacity

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