

# CHRISTINE ZHOU

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## EDUCATION

**Brown University (GPA: 3.91/4.00)**

*Sc.B. Mechanical Engineering and A.B. Visual Art*

**September 2019 – May 2023**

*Providence, Rhode Island*

## EXPERIENCE

**Boeing – Mechanical Design Engineer Intern**

*Payloads, Autonomy, and Flight Controls Teams*

**June 2022 – September 2022**

*Everett, Washington*

- Created a push/pull paddle latch mechanism with tamper-proof security for life vest deployment in emergency exit aisle
- Executed a tolerance stack-up analysis, finding 35.3% gear alignment error causing high lift actuator failure in flight
- Constructed a portable car mount with an IMU to track position of vehicles for autonomous flight machine learning
- Ideated, modeled, and prototyped lavatory for persons of reduced mobility with bolt latch designed for mass production

**Tesla – Mechanical Design Engineer Intern**

*Interior Engineering Team*

**January 2022 – April 2022**

*Fremont, California*

- Led product cycle for an injection molded mechanism, from ideation to DFM to 2 motorized prototypes in 3 months
- Performed root cause analysis and ran trials on 5+ key ramp issues on a program launch, increasing ramp efficiency
- Extensive usage of Catia V5, GD&T, DFA, DFM, and cross-functional reviews for fixture and product design/optimization
- Utilized human-centered design to create and retrofit an ergonomic fixture, cutting loose object issues by 87%
- Interfaced with overseas suppliers to coordinate shipments, spec parts, and expedite timelines for interior commodities

**Hasbro – Product Design Engineer Co-Op**

*NERF Department*

**July 2021 – December 2021**

*Pawtucket, Rhode Island*

- Invented new internal blaster mechanism, optimized with force vs. time plots generated from SolidWorks Motion Analysis
- Modeled and tested 20+ barrel designs using rapid prototyping and DOE, enhancing blaster firing accuracy by 20.2%
- Programmed in-use MATLAB code that stores user inputs on photos as array data, reducing data collection time by 67%
- Manufactured casting molds for rapid prototyping of repetitive part designs to vary durometers, materials, and textures

**Temple Allen Industries – Mechanical Engineer Intern**

*Robotics Research and Development Team*

**May 2021 – July 2021**

*Rockville, Maryland*

- Drove product development for user-controlled surface preparation robots: part design, procurement, and assembly
- Wrote and performed 15+ tests to verify IP waterproof ratings, pneumatic valve function, material strength for parts
- Calculated numerical parameters for pneumatic cylinder force, drivetrain wheel torque, gear ratios, and cycle times
- Designed custom sensor window mount after root cause analysis, reducing sensor system assembly time by 30%

## PROJECTS

**Apple Design Test: iPod Battery Door Mechanism ([christinezhou.info/apple](http://christinezhou.info/apple))**

**September 2022**

- Prototyped battery door latch, minimizing assembly time, manufacturing steps, and cost to optimize for mass production
- Constrained all dynamic parts while reducing frictional contact through ribbed part design and plastic material selection

**Scallop Music Box ([christinezhou.info/scallops](http://christinezhou.info/scallops))**

**October 2021**

- Engineered an animatronic music box by working cross-functionally with electrical, hardware, and software teams
- Ran SolidWorks topological analysis to remove unnecessary material from cam housing design, reducing weight by 15%

**UtiliTool: A Touchless Keychain Tool ([christinezhou.info/utilitool](http://christinezhou.info/utilitool))**

**August 2020**

- Performed primary market research, financial modeling, competitive landscape research, and market size evaluation
- Utilized FEA to observe stress concentrations under applied loads and iterated designs to ensure tool longevity

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Design/Testing:** SolidWorks, CATIA V5, NX/Unigraphics, Design for Manufacturing, Design of Experiments, GD&T, ANSI/ASME Drawing Standards, Fits/Tolerances, Finite Element Analysis, Electronics Assembly and Testing, Plastic Part Design

**Fabrication:** 3D Printing, CNC Router, Laser Cutter, Mill, Power and Hand Tools, Welding, Soldering, Woodworking

**Software:** MATLAB, Arduino, Abaqus FEA, LabView, LTspice, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator), Microsoft Office