

Rectangular Prism

- Ease of Construction (5)
 - All the parts would be flat, right-angled parts
 - Could be assembled by hand (wouldn't have to be as precise)
 - Due to right angles fitting together easily
 - Simple to 3D print as parts or whole
 - The component layout is straight forward
- Structural Stability (4)
 - Resistant to wobbling/twisting
 - Beams are connected in sets of three (strong support)
 - Potential for reinforcement if needed
 - Extra braces
 - Electronics fit well within the shape
 - Secure mounting
 - Size could affect mounting if the frame is too large for the components
- Component Fit (5)
 - Electronics fit well inside the shape
 - Flywheel fits tangent or just outside
 - Little wasted space
 - Easy access for wiring and maintenance
 - Angular shape naturally fits rectangular components
- Weight Distribution (4)
 - Flywheel centred on one face, aligned or slightly outside edges
 - Supported by 4 points on the frame
 - Promotes stability
 - Component placement undecided
 - Heavy parts should be balanced opposite flywheel
 - Design allows for adjustable component positioning during prototyping
 - Likely to achieve balanced weight distribution with planning
- Aesthetics (3)
 - Slightly spread out design might make wiring look less tidy
 - Natural symmetry on all faces
 - Visually balanced
 - Multiple sides might complicate presentation/orientation

Triangular Prism

- Ease of Construction (4)
 - Easy triangle faces in CAD and print
 - Slightly trickier beam connections
 - Could need angled ends, exact spacing, and can't be done by hand as easily
 - Easier to print as a whole body than by parts
 - Part-by-part adds would be more complex
- Structural Stability (3)
 - Triangles provide great inherent strength

- The beams are rigid but the connecting beams don't follow the "rule of three"
 - Possibly will have weak points under high pressure
- Triangles resist the force of torque well, but the connecting beams might break under that stress
- The components might fit awkwardly since they're rectangular and triangular spaces
 - Would require proportionally larger triangles in comparison to the components
- Component Fit (3)
 - Rectangular components don't naturally fit inside a triangle
 - Triangle must be larger to accommodate rectangular electronics
 - Causes wasted space
 - Maintenance access harder due to beams and angles
 - Less flexibility to shrink the triangle around components
- Weight Distribution (3)
 - Flywheel places at edge face of the triangle, supported by 3 points (middle of each triangle edge)
 - Components clustered on the opposite end of the triangular prism for balance
 - Triangular shape leads to less evenness in weight distribution along some axes
 - Potential for +/- Y-axis heavy areas causing stability concerns
 - Careful component placement needed to maintain overall balance and reduce instability
- Aesthetics (2)
 - Naturally symmetric shape (equilateral triangle)
 - Unmatched rectangular electronics make look awkward inside
 - Unusual shape makes presentation harder

Cylinder on Beams

- Ease of Construction (2)
 - Cylindrical parts are easy to CAD/print
 - Beams must curve and have complex upper geometry to fit with flywheel holder
 - Challenging to align beams evenly
 - Needs part-by-part assembly to check if everything fits
 - Needs precise measurements for structural/functional alignment
- Structural Stability (4)
 - Cylinder shape naturally resists wobbling/twisting
 - Multiple points of contact reinforce stability
 - Beams assumed to be fairly strong if short and arranged well
 - Electronic can fit inside well
 - Vibration could cause some instability but manageable
- Component Fit (4)
 - Circular shape fits rectangular components reasonably well if sizes align
 - Flywheel fits perfectly
 - Some wasted space possible, but less than triangular prism

- More beams improve strength of structure but reduces components access
 - Using the back of the cylinder as an access point could solve these issues
- Weight Distribution (4)
 - Flywheel centered inside the cylinder
 - Good for balance
 - Electronics tightly packed behind flywheel
 - Compact layout
 - Short cylinder reduces torque effects
 - From longer lever arms
 - Beams placed symmetrically & perpendicularly
 - Helps even load distribution
 - Risk:
 - Improper placement of electronics could cause uneven weight
- Aesthetics (5)
 - Circular shape and symmetric beams give a clean look
 - Easy to present despite its unusual look
 - Strong symmetry and layout is good