ACCESSIBLE LUNCHBOX

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Abstract

Opening a lunchbox is a two-handed task; one hand is used to stabilize the box while the other is used to unlatch and take off the lid. This can be a challenging activity for individuals who have decreased hand function on one side. Our challenge is to design an accessible, durable lunchbox that stores hot and cold foods, and can be operated independently by an individual with limited use of their hand.

Our Process

Preliminary Sketches

Initial ideas resembled a tackle box design. After conducting an interview with our user, we decided to simplify this approach.

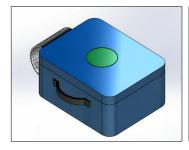


Current Solutions

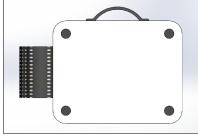
- One handed operation, compact (Left)
- Customizable w/ compartments (Center)
- Easily cleaned, hot & cold foods (Right)

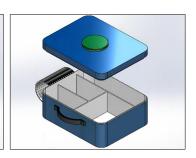


Proposed Design Idea









External Components

- Push-button top to take lid off with one hand
- Handle for easy transportation
- Rubber feet for increased stabilization
- Mesh water bottle holder to hold water bottle or juice

Internal Components

- Air tight seal to prevent leaks
- · Removable thermos with push-button top
- Wide and shallow bowl to make scooping food out easier
- Movable dividers to customize snack compartments

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