



N4 SOLID TEAM

WEEK 3 REPORT



This week's objectives

1. CAD design of casting tools
2. Design the experiment for determining burn rate exponents (a & n)
3. Machining of bulkhead in preparation for hydrostatic pressure test (HsPT)
4. Drafting purchase request and justification
5. Inventory management
6. Justification of mandrel design
7. Sourcing a local supplier of 6061 T6 Aluminium

1. CAD design of casting tools

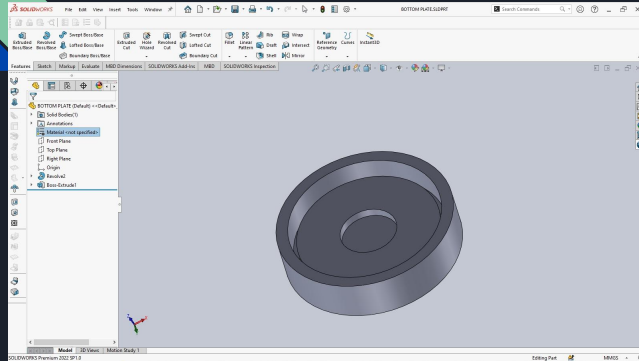


Fig 1: Bottom plate (Do = 106 mm)

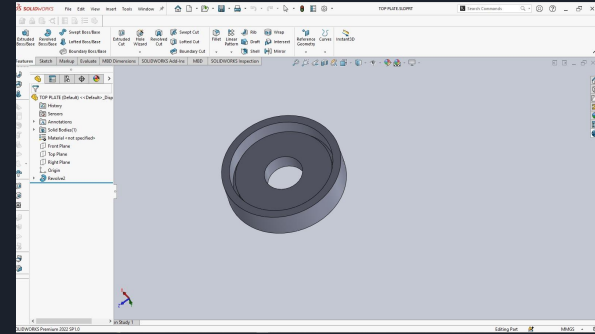


Fig 2: Top plate (Do = 106 mm)

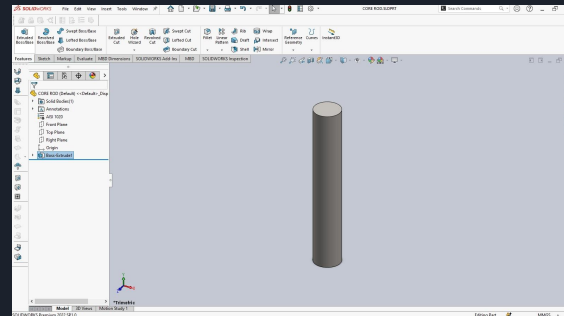


Fig 4: Core rod (Do = 33 mm, L = 200mm)

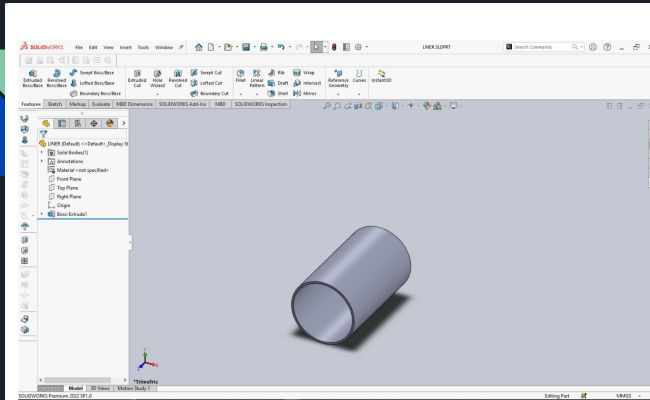


Fig 4: Liner (do = 86 mm, Do = 92 mm, L = 156.66 mm)

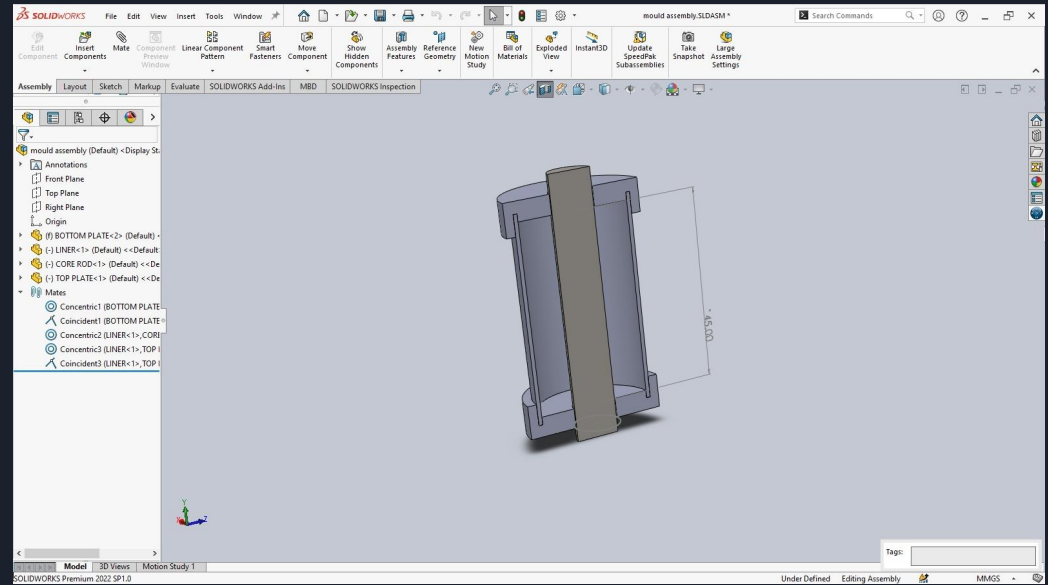


Fig 5: Mold assembly



2. Design the experiment for determining burn rate exponents (a & n)

- We came up with a plan and preliminary for this procedure. It follows Nakka's simplified method

3. Machining of bulkheads in preparation for HsPT

- We will be machining 2 bulkheads: 1 with grooving remaining) and the other boring is ongoing



Fig 1: Bulkhead cut to dimension



Fig 2: Turning of bulkhead

4. Drafting of the purchase request & justification

- This is in preparation for acquisition of important supplies and equipment.

JUSTIFICATION		
S/N	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	Sorbitol	Chemical used in the grains
2	Latex gloves	For protecting the hands from harmful chemicals
3	Cello tape	Used in the liner making process
4	Turpentine (5L)	Used for thinning and cleaning paints or adhesives during the shelter's construction.
5	Brushes	Used in applying the epoxy in the liner process
6	Sandpaper	Used in the liner making process to get the liner to size
7	Hardener	Used to harden the epoxy
8	Cooking skillet	For cooking the grains
9	Graduated measuring jar	For measuring the chemicals to be used
10	Zip lock bags	Used for grain storage
11	Zip ties	Used for fastening
12	Binding wire	Used for fastening
13	Battery AAA	To be used in the temperature gun
14	AA Batteries	To be used in the weighing scale

Fig 1: Screenshot of Justification

5. Inventory management and Housekeeping

- We all know that a project's success will be determined by the quality of the housekeeping.
- We developed an [inventory](#) spreadsheet that will track our equipment and storage items.



Fig 1: Members discussing housekeeping



Fig 2: Wooden cabinet organized

6. Justification of mandrel design

- This is in line with the grain dimensions ($D_o = 86$ mm and $L = 145$ mm)
- We can make 5 grains easily with this design

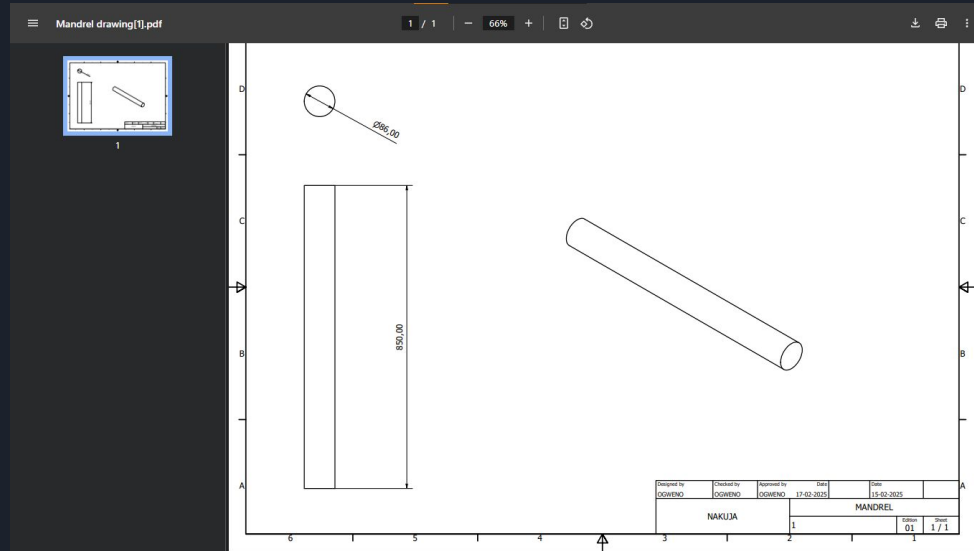


Fig 1: Mandrel design



7. Still sourcing a supplier of Aluminium T6.



Next week's objectives

1. Start implementing the burn rate exponent (a & n) test
 - CAD design of casing (1 grain)
 - Cutting of 2 casings (1 grain)
 - Finalize CAD design of casting tools and 3D printing of grain molds.
2. Finalize machining of bulkhead in preparation of HsPT
3. Fabrication of mandrel
4. [ProPEP simulations](#) of grains
5. Sourcing a local supplier of 6061 T6 Aluminium

