

DRAWN tommy	3/27/2023	TITLE Les Steam Engine Part List as Cad Modelled by Tommy Rohmann		
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This is an engine designed by Leslie Proper who made his own engines for model boats. He also built other engines which boast a greater complexity than the design outlined in this document. His design was the inspiration behind making the engine shown, and his Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@LeslieProper>

The original plans were sent to me by Leslie Proper by Email, however I had a lot of trouble deciphering the drawings sent to me, so I went about redesigning and modeling the engine in Autodesk Inventor during the 2023 Spring Semester, which these drawings were generated from.

I built this engine starting during the school year, but did the bulk of the work during Summer Sea Term aboard the T.S. Kennedy, which had a machine shop with limited capabilities, where the schedule, state of the machinery, and tool availability made working on this engine rather challenging. Additionally, the method of assembly (Silver Soldering) was new to me, and could not be feasibly used to assemble the pieces. In all, I would say that the engine took around 50 hours of working time to complete, though this may be less given experience with silver soldering and better equipment. I would not recommend this project for anyone, but would like to make it available still for those interested.

If I were to do this project over again, I would make the engine slightly larger, which would make it much easier to machine and assemble, especially given the tools available at school. I would also change the design in a few ways before building again, such as combining the frame posts and bearings by machining them from bar stock, which cuts down on assembly and the number of parts machined, making the assembly more accurate in the process. Furthermore, I would make the piston from one part, as the cylinder should be adequate to keep the wrist pin captive, and make the assembly easier to take apart if needed.

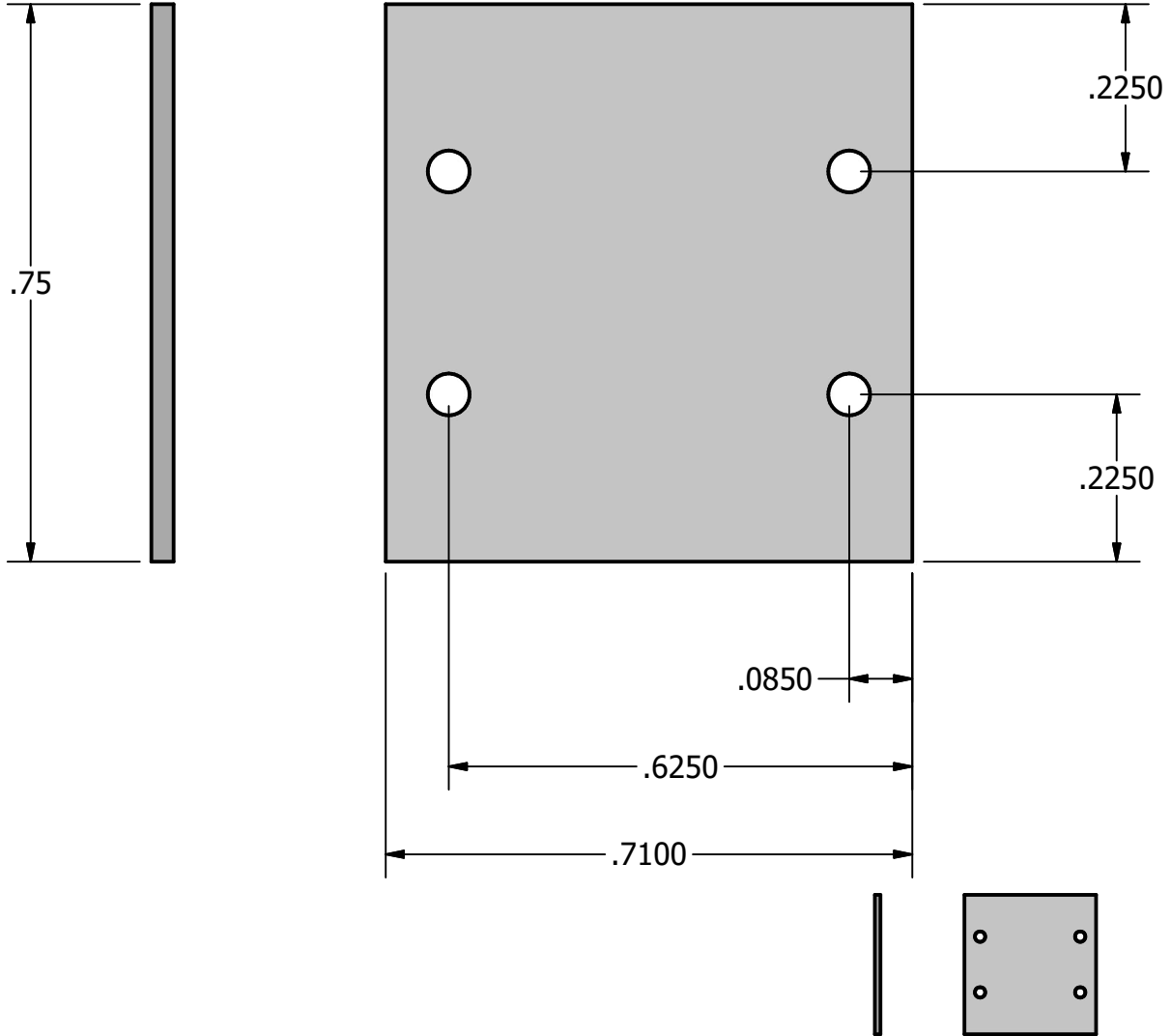
If you do end up making this engine, I would recommend building it with the idea in mind that these parts do not need to be perfect in order to run. The only especially important components are the piston and valve, which need to have a tight tolerance to make a seal. Understand the purpose for the size of each hole and dimension, and if there isn't one, it can change. If there is a relationship, understand what kind of tolerance would be acceptable such as in the case of bearings and the flywheel. Don't lose your drill bits, since you'll need the same size hole for various parts.

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Part #1

Machined from .75" ____ Gage Plate/Bar Stock

Holes Countersunk on one side for Machine Screws



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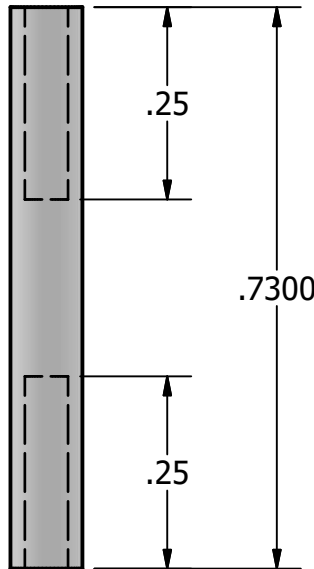
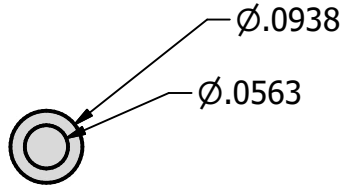
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Part #2

3/64" Drill Bit for 0-80 tap

Holes Drilled are Tapped for 0-80
Machine Screws

4x needed for engine assembly



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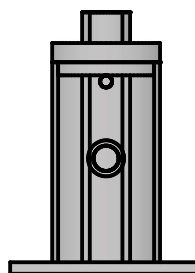
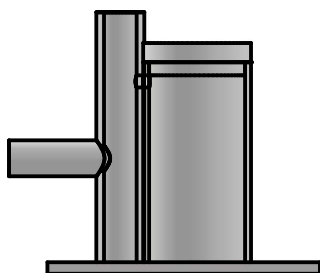
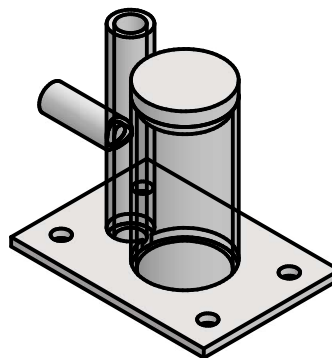
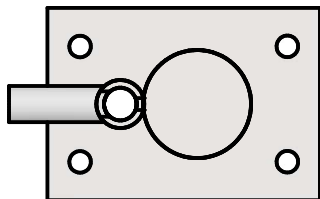
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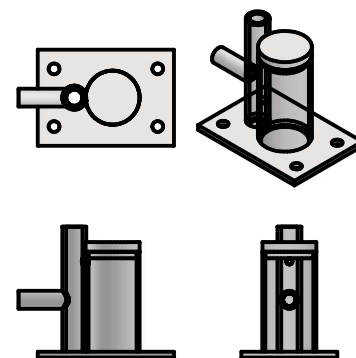
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Assembly #1



Soldering joints did not work during assembly. to assemble this component, clear JB Weld was used, which is easy to remove is messed up.

Plug inlet holes with lead and then make a tool to poke it out after JB Weld has dried, otherwise the joint will close the inlet, which would result in the engine not being able to run



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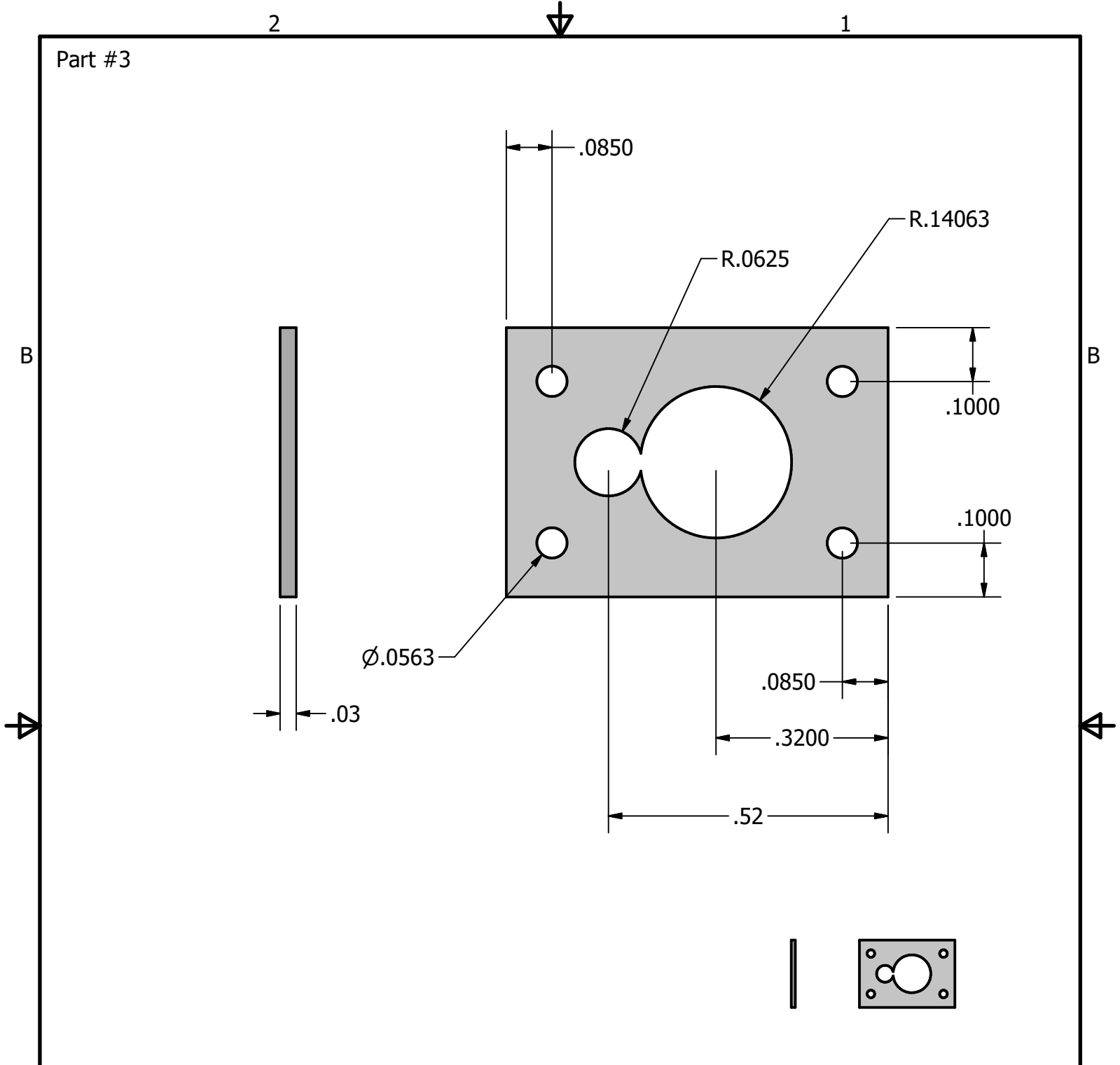
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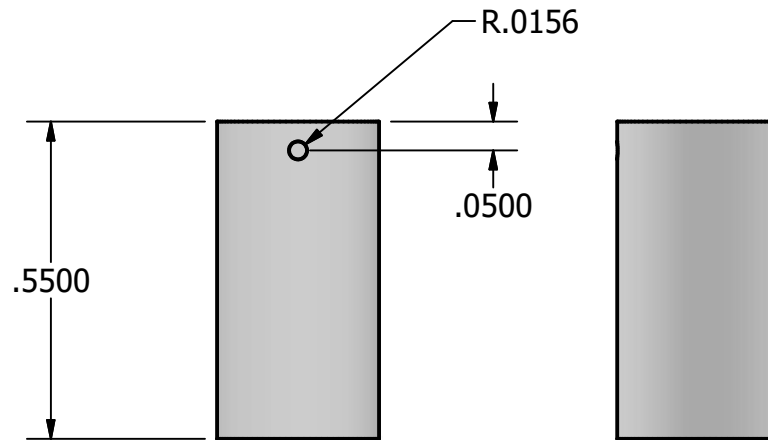
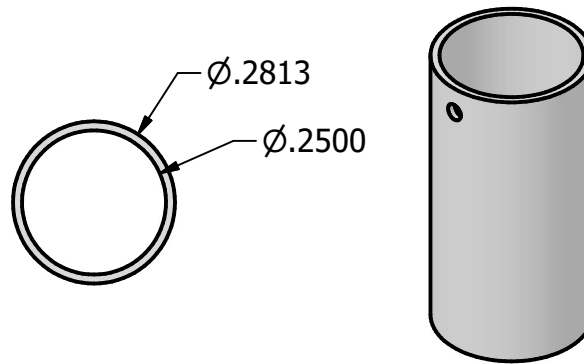
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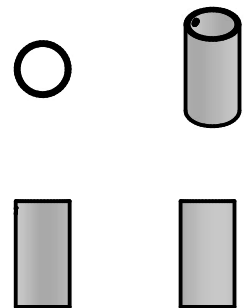


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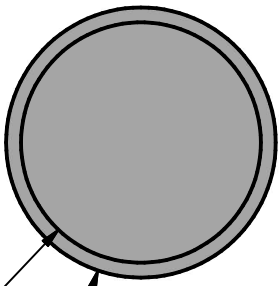
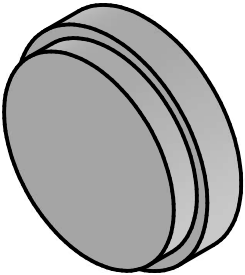
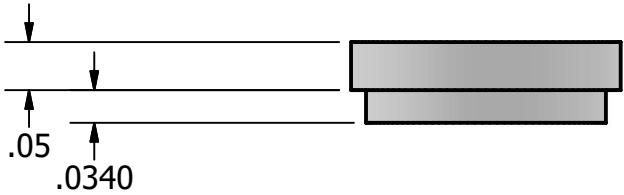


Machined from 1/4" Brass Tubing, cut with pipe cutter, deburred with larger drill bit, Steam inlet/outlet drilled using 5/128 bit (Smallest found available)



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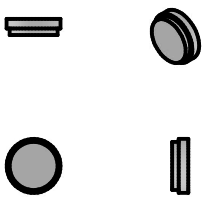
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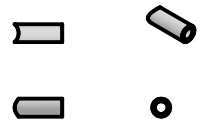
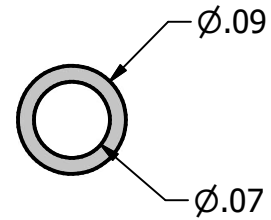
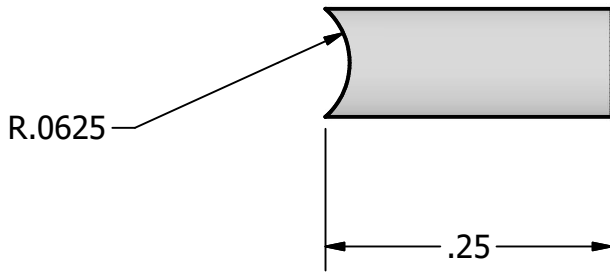
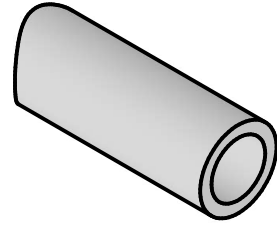
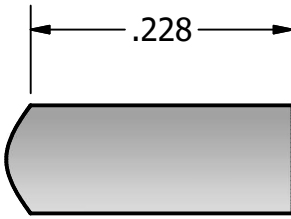
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Turned from brass stock on lathe

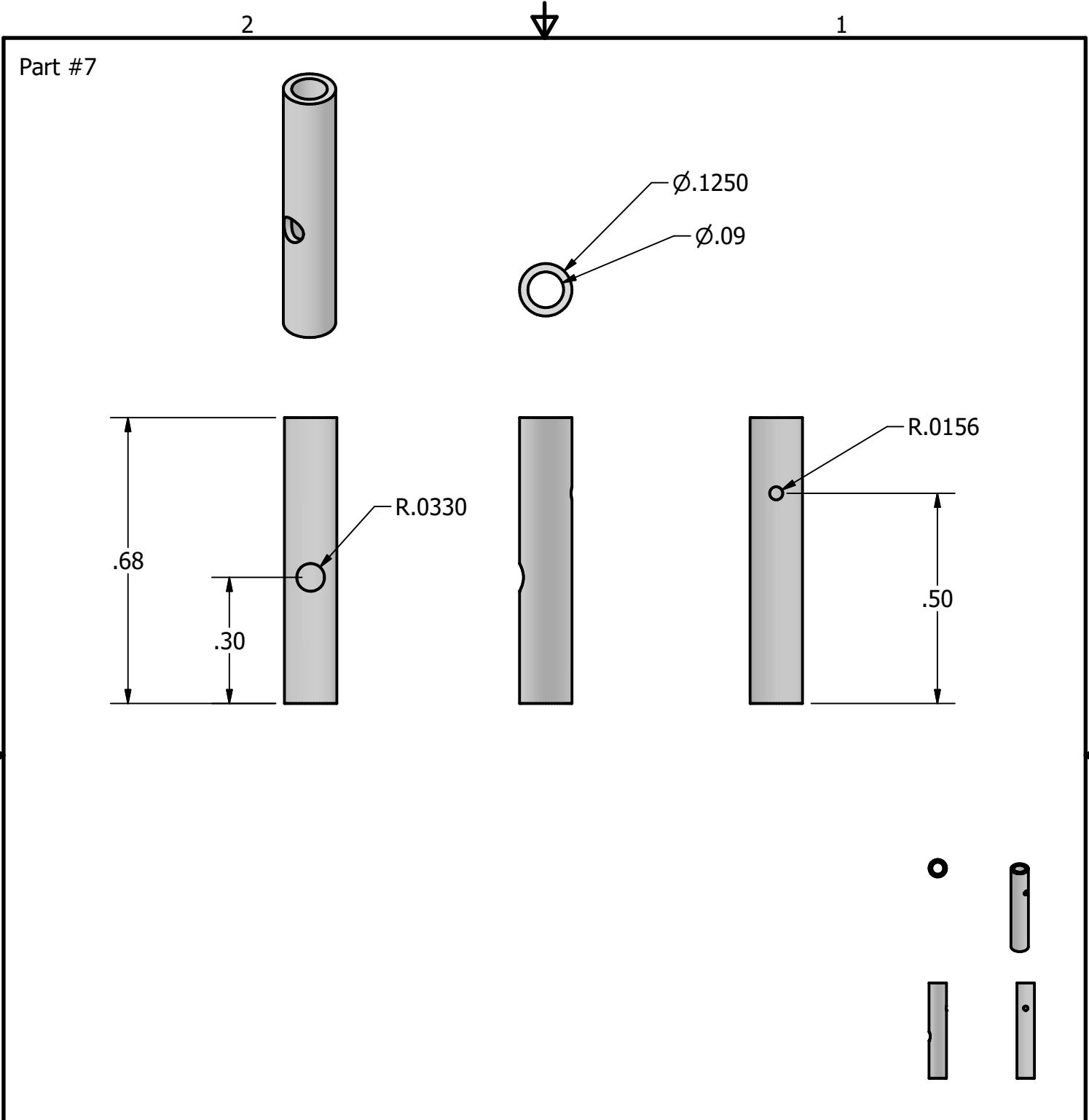


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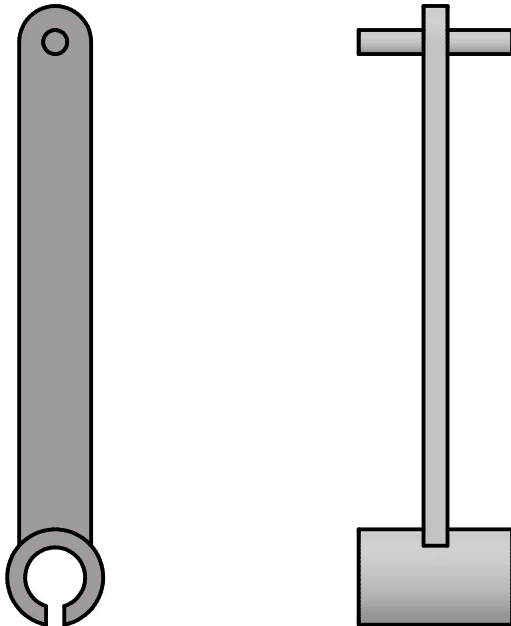


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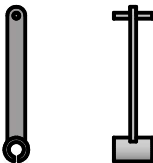
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Assembly 2



Connecting Rod and Connecting Rod Crank Sleeve soldered together. Wrist Pin is not adhered to any component in the assembly.

Note: Wrist Pin mates with Piston Connector, and cannot be attached once the piston is assembled. Ensure the Connecting Rod Assembly is attached by the Wrist Pin to the Piston Connector before soldering the Piston together.



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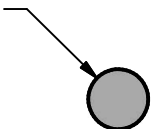
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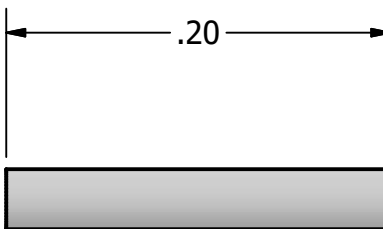
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Cut from Brass Wire used to make Valve
Connector



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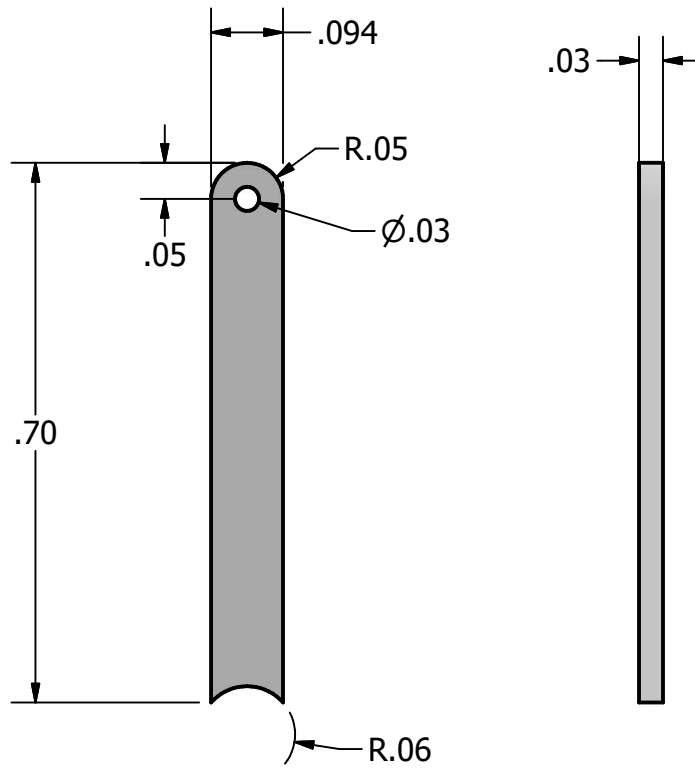
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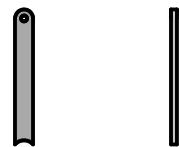


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Cut from Sheet Metal



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After assembly, Connecting Rod Crank Sleeve is attached to Crankshaft Assembly by bending open, and then loosely clamping around crank so that the connecting rod can freely rotate.



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Connecting Rod Crank Sleeve

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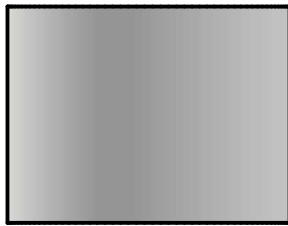
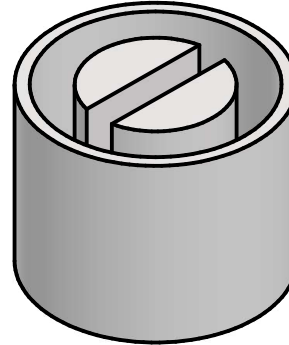
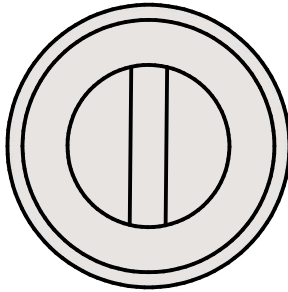
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Assembly #3



Note: Piston is soldered together, but must have wrist pin inserted and attached to connecting rod prior to soldering.

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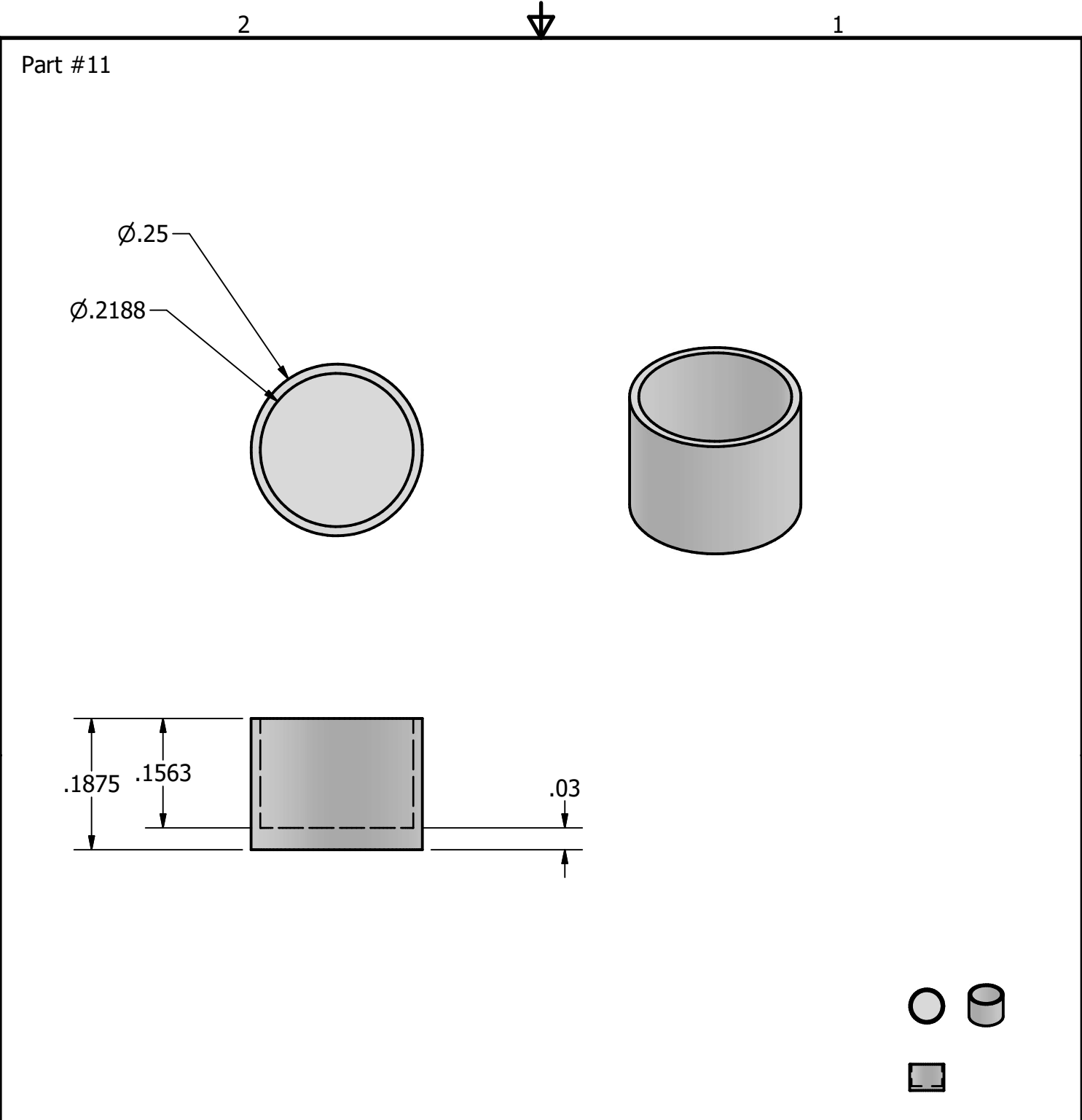
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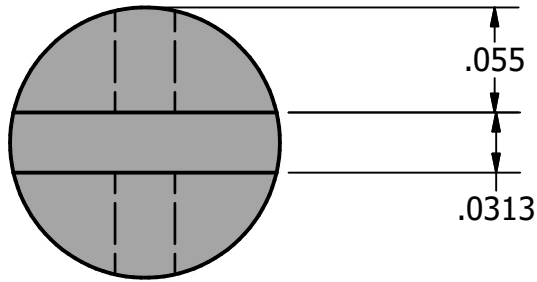
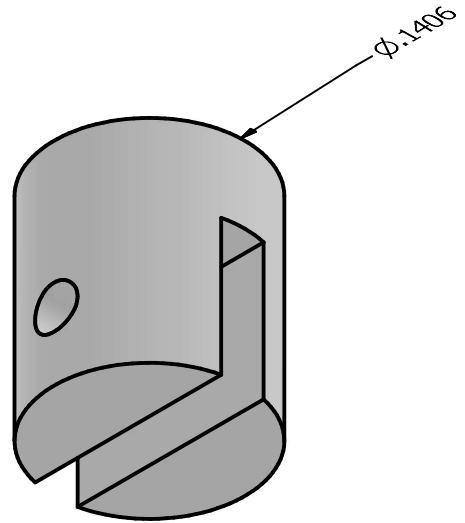
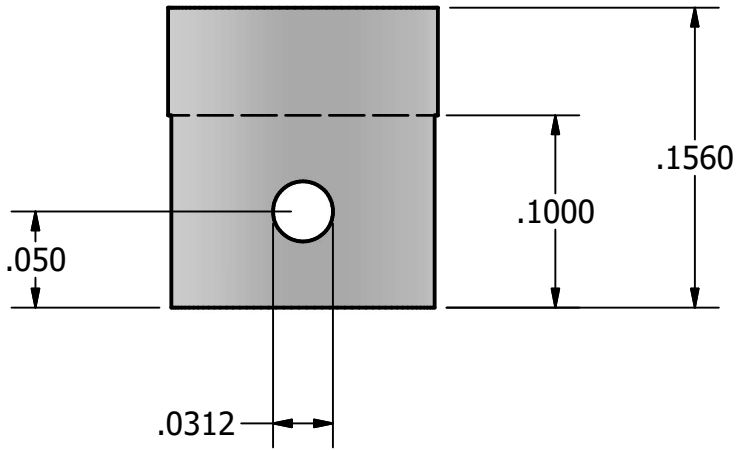
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Part #12



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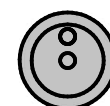
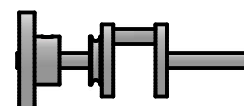
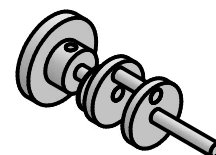
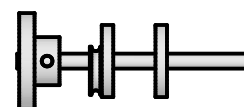
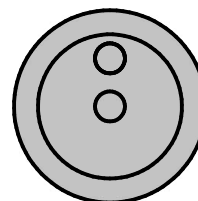
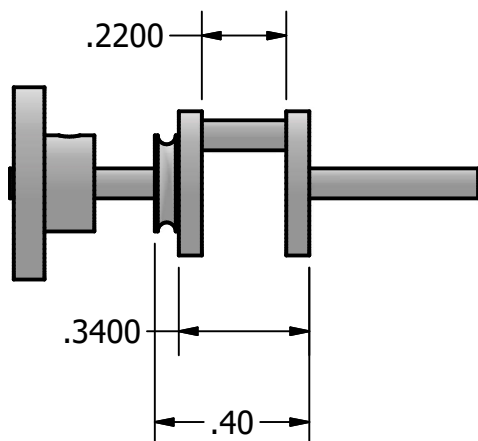
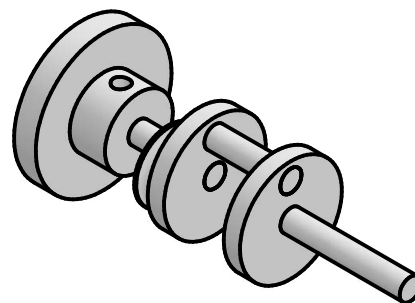
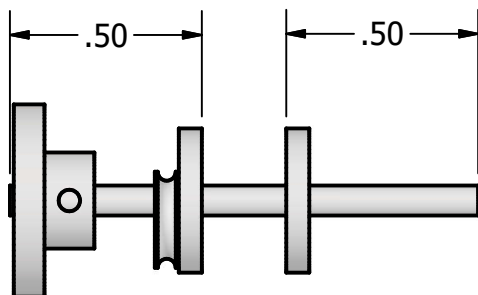
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Assembly #4

Soldering for this assembly did not work, the crankshaft parts had to be TIG welded together



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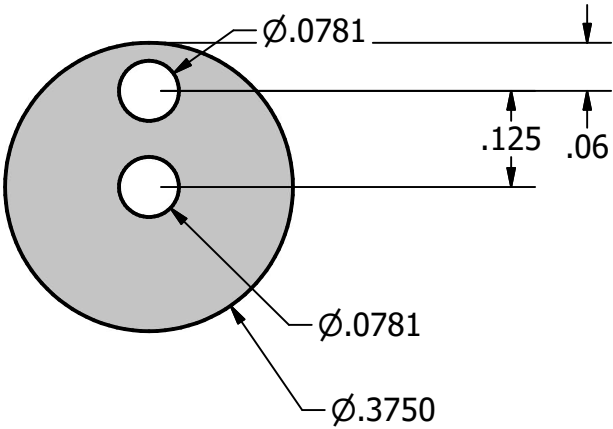
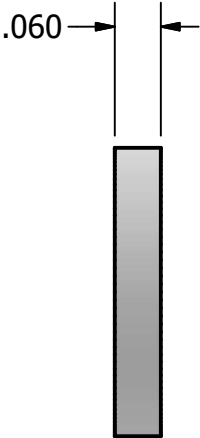
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Part #13



Machined from .375" Stainless Steel Stock

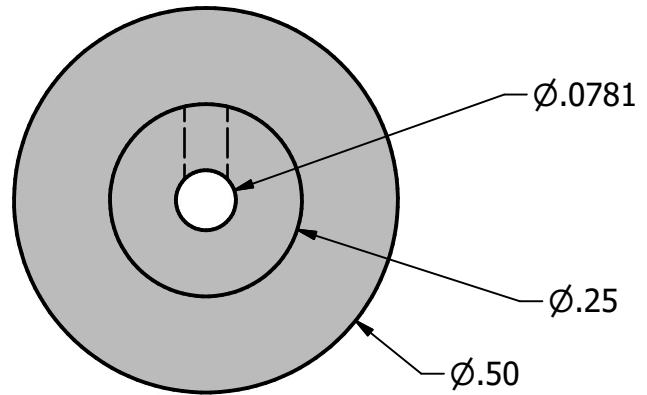
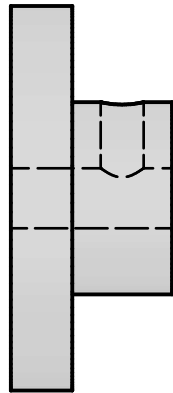
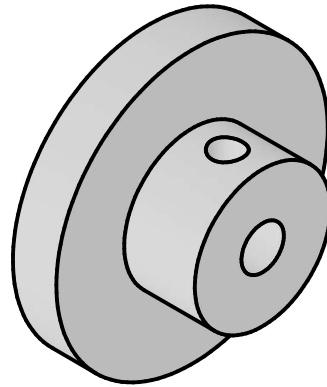
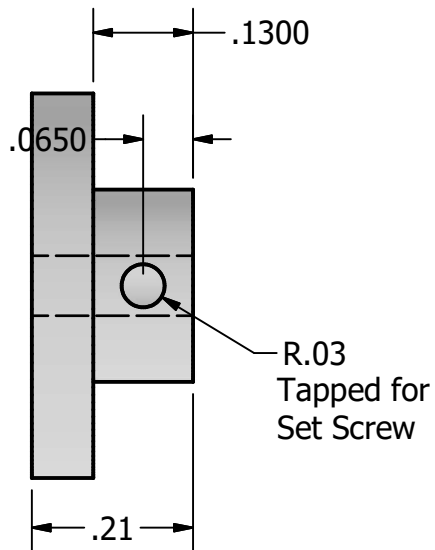


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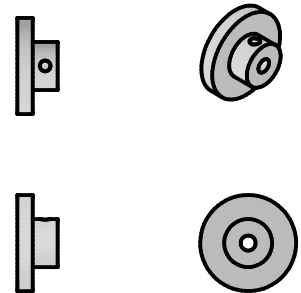
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Part #14



3/64" Drill Bit for 0-80 tap

Holes Drilled are Tapped for 0-80
Machine Screws

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Flywheel

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Radius Groove does not need to be precise.
Machined with file prior to parting from stock

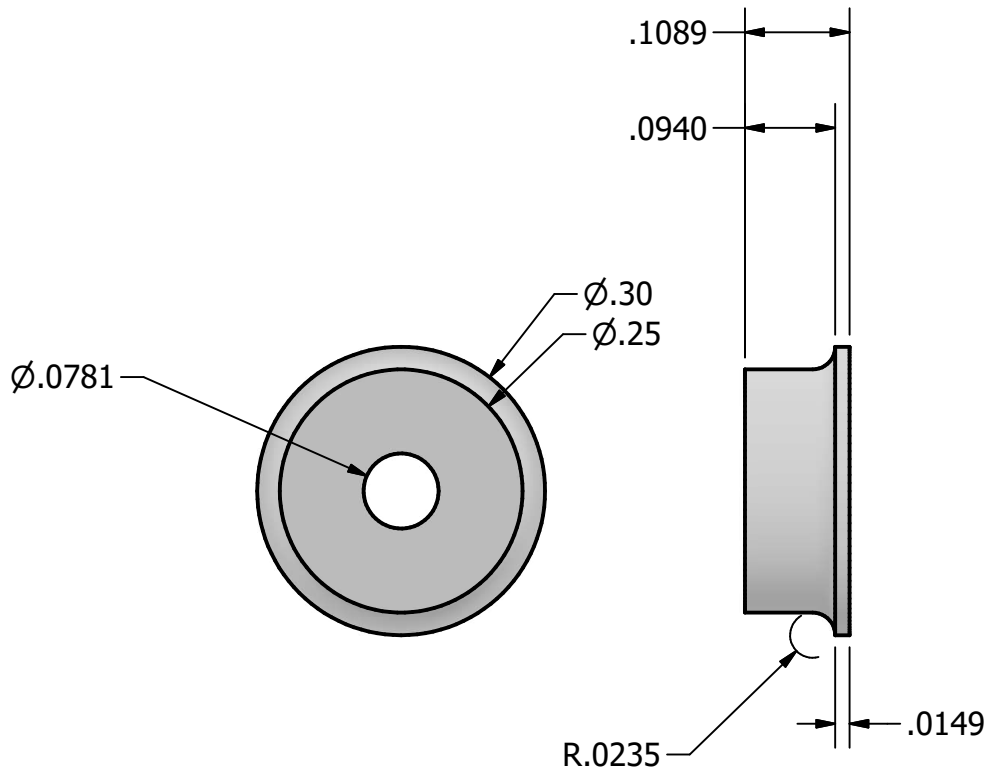
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Part #16



x2 Required for Assembly

Turned from Round Stock on Lathe



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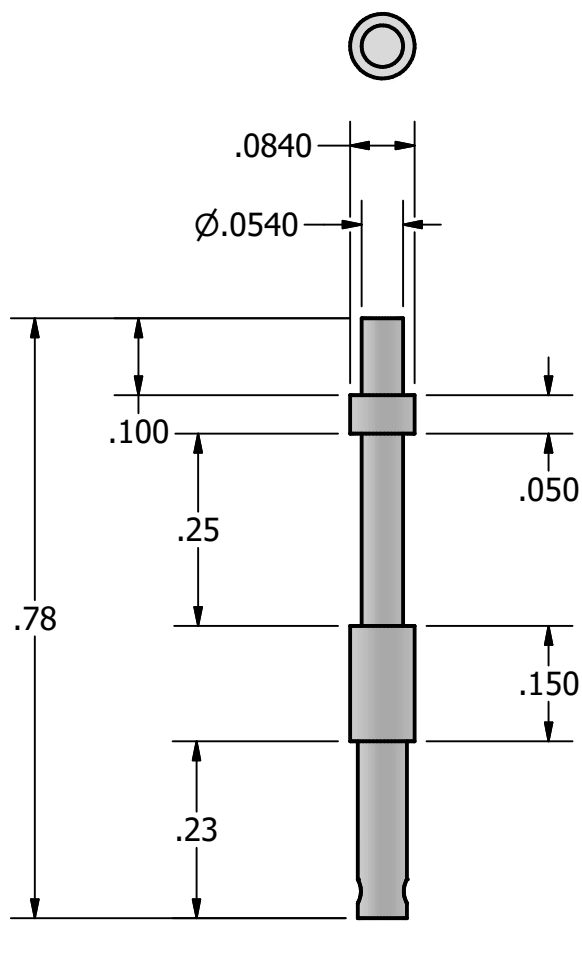


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Part #18

Not depicted, this part is made to connect the eccentric to the valve, and is more made to match the engine the way it ended up being assembled with the machined parts more than any specific measurement. Ensure that the valve is in the correct position in both top dead center (of the eccentric) and bottom dead center at the given height of the valve connector.

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