

SD 2 - Team 17

Pneumatic Paddle Shifting

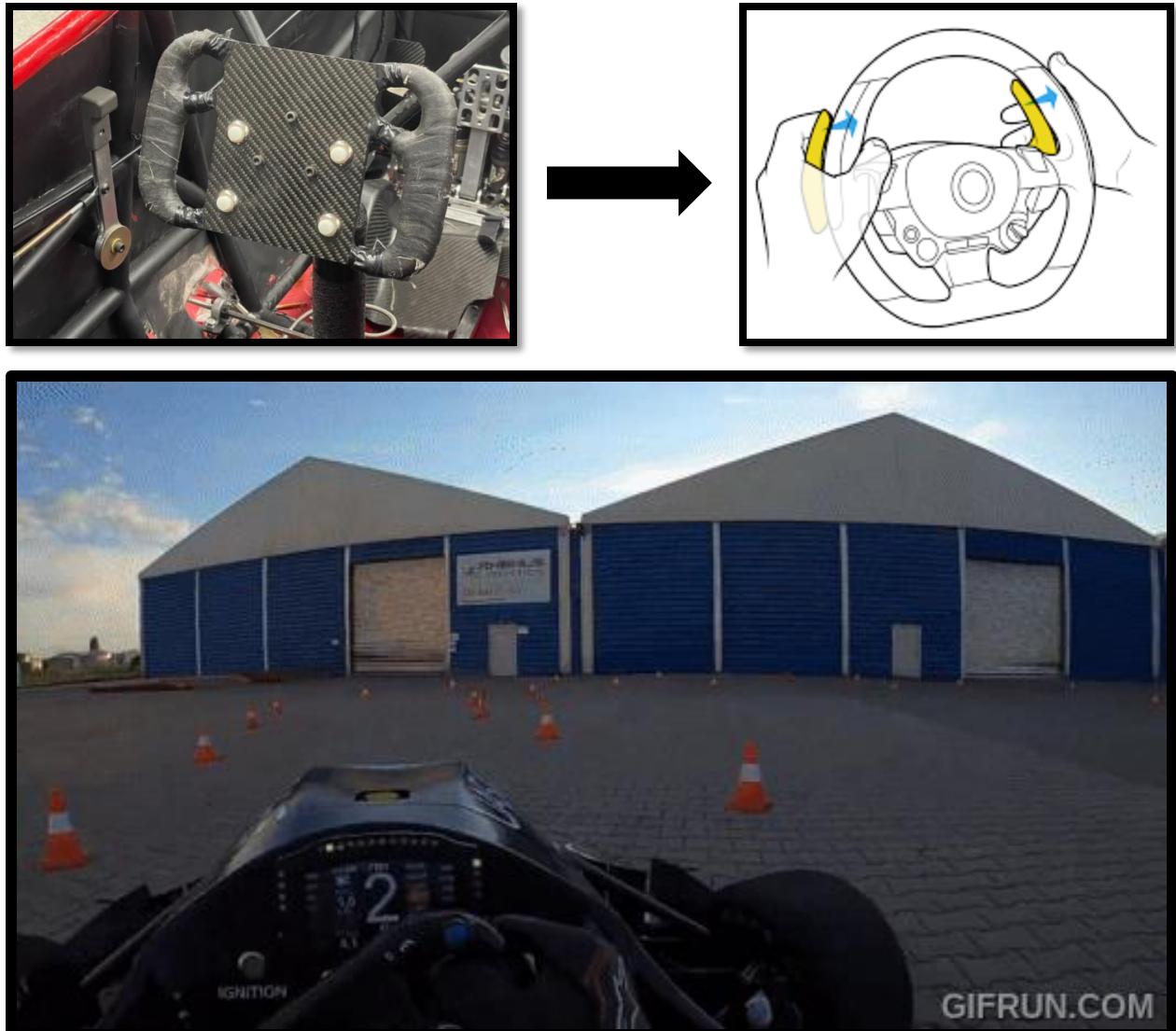
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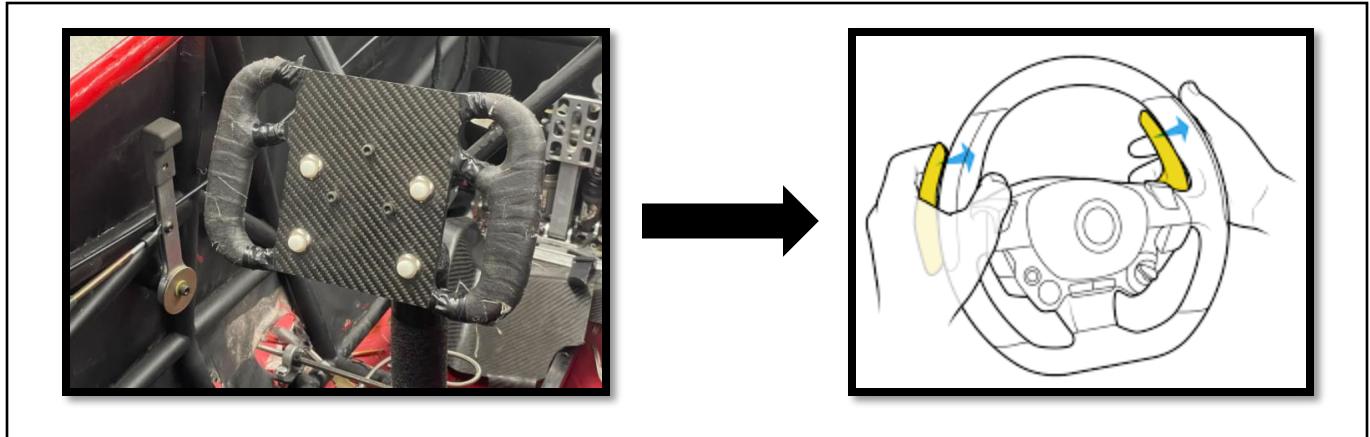
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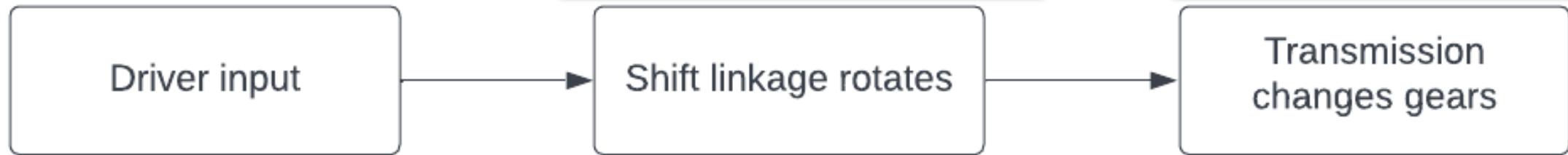
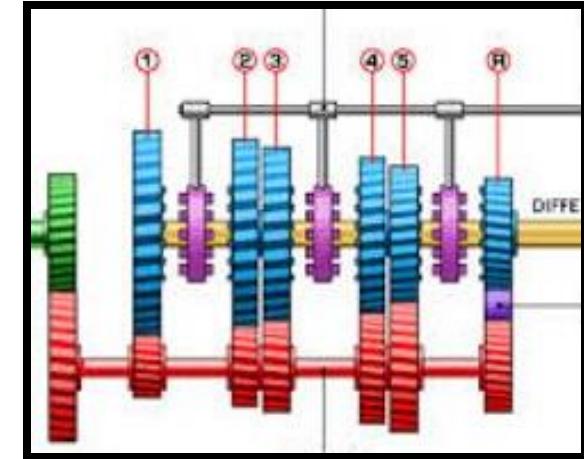
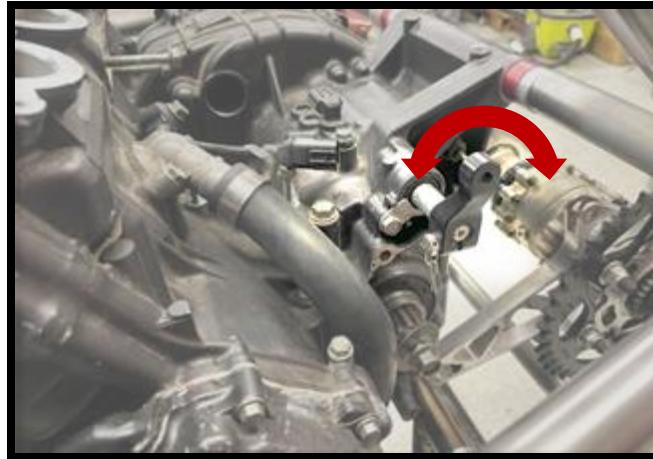
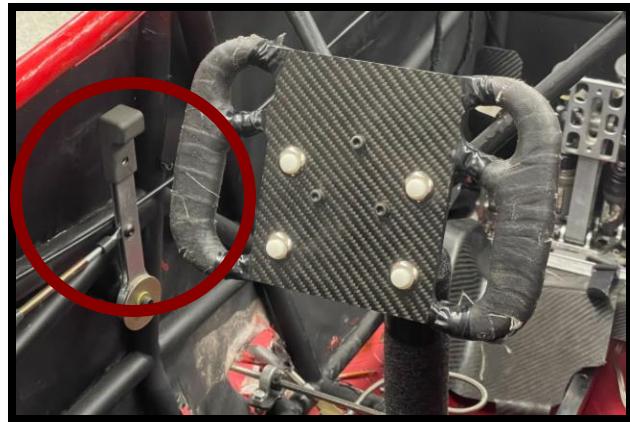


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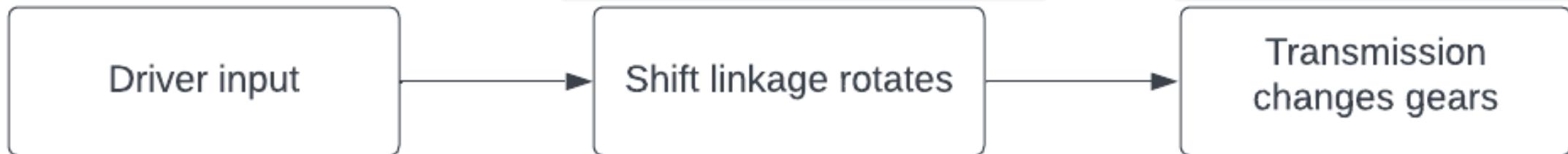
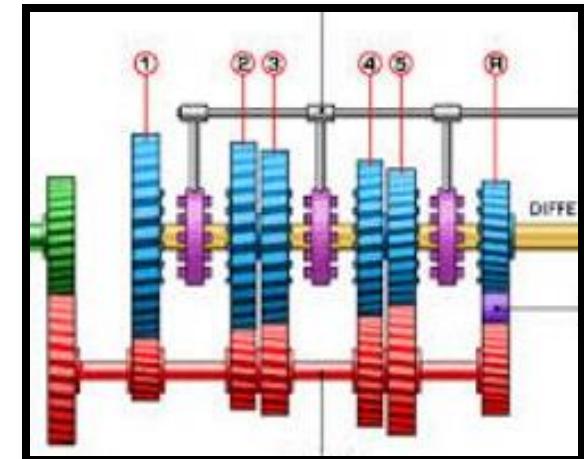
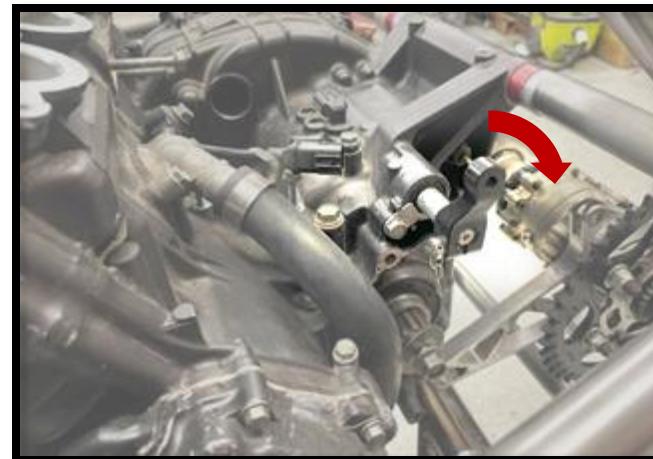
Problem Description



Shifting Mechanism Constraints:

- Rotate shifting linkage minimum engagement distance $\sim 0.4''$
- Provide enough force/torque to engage transmission $\sim 90\text{lbs}$
- Provide repeatable shift every $\sim 0.3\text{s}$
- Operate on 12V battery

Problem Description



Needs Summary

- 1. Design automated shift actuation system to replace mechanical system**

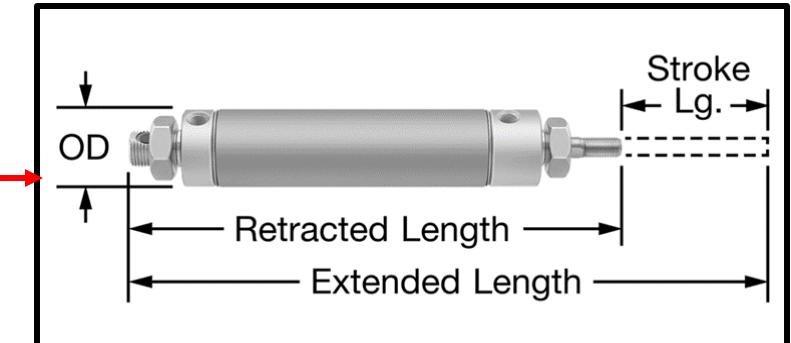
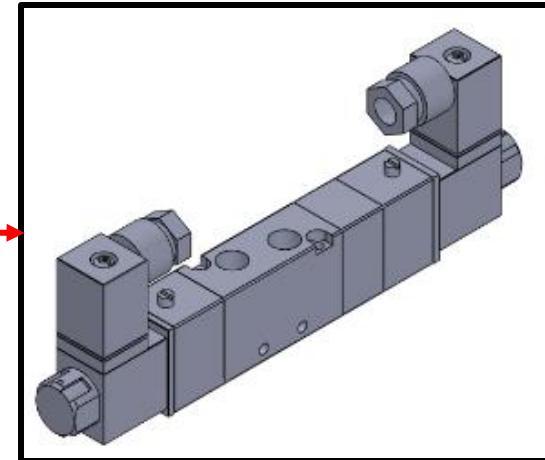
- 2. Construct apparatus to test components in operating conditions**

- 3. Utilize testing data to formulate optimization plans**



Problem Solution: Electro-Pneumatic System

- Actuation of shift utilizing pneumatic cylinder
- Components: Gas tank, Pneumatic Cylinder, Pneumatic Solenoid Valve
- Components are light weight and compact
- Low operating pressure → reliable, low maintenance
- Easy integration to existing shifting system
- Other solutions explored
 - Electro-hydraulic actuating system
 - Electrical actuating system



Gas Tank

Solenoid Valve

Pneumatic Cylinder

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Non-negotiable	Standard ISO 4414	Relevant information regarding the operation and maintenance of pneumatic systems.	Pass/Fail	Pneumatic Standards
Negotiable	Aesthetically Pleasing	Design is sleek and cohesive	80% of polled individuals find the design to be aesthetically pleasing	SAE competition points

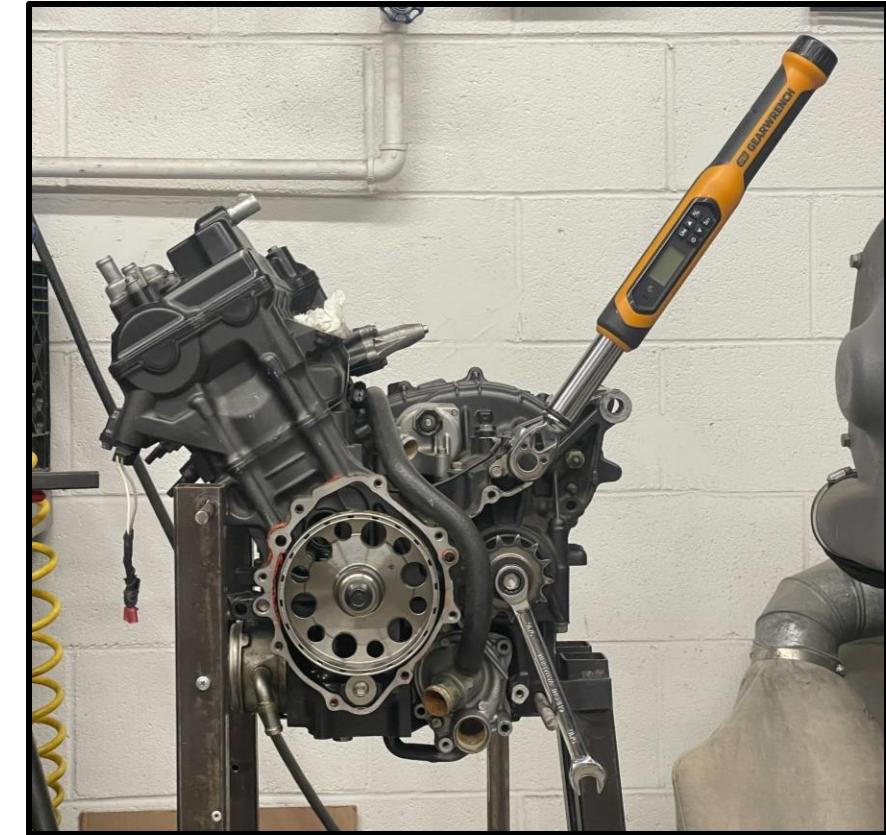
Functional Requirement

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Non-negotiable	Time/delay between shifts	Timer on microcontroller	1 shift every 0.3 seconds	Client
Non-negotiable	Total quantity of shifts per tank	Total amount of shifts per endurance race	>500 shifts	Client
Non-negotiable	Improve vehicle performance	Shifting time	Decreased by 5%	SAE Competition points
Non-negotiable	Systems integration	Microcontroller to facilitate input and output interactions	Pass/Fail	Client
Non-negotiable	Data displayed after each shift	Dashboard	Pass/fail	Data processing
Non-negotiable	Integration	Cylinder actuation length should mimic original manufacturer engine design	0.4 inches	Client
Negotiable	Mechanism weight	Weight	<10 lbs	Client

CBR 600RR Shifting Constraints

- Measured torque to shift through all 6 gears
 - Torque wrench w/ live readout
 - 5 trials – averaged data
 - Shift torque is dependent on gearbox loading
- Linkage shift distance recorded w/ calipers

Shift Linkage Shift Distance	
Upshift [in]	Downshift [in]
0.384	0.405
Combined stroke [in]	
0.789	



Shifting Torque Test

CBR 600RR Shifting Torque										
Gear Change	1st/2nd	2nd/3rd	3rd/4th	4th/5th	5th/6th	6th/5th	5th/4th	4th/3rd	3rd/2nd	2nd/1st
Avg Torque [in-lbs]	134	149	154	150	123	119	112	144	144	95
Calc Force @ 1.5" [lbs]	89	99	102	100	82	80	75	96	96	64
Avg Force_total [lbs]										

Gas Selection & Calculations

- Theoretically evaluate Nitrogen, Carbon Dioxide, and Compressed Air
- Select pneumatic cylinder
- Estimate working Temperature & Pressure
- Reduced Temperature & Pressure → Compressibility Factor
- Pneumatic Cylinder Geometry
- Calculate mass per shift
- Select gas tanks



Carbon Dioxide Tank



HPA Tank

Estimated Mass Per Shift Cycle	
Carbon Dioxide	3.92 g
Nitrogen	2.90 g
Air	3.00 g

Gas Tank Type	HPA	CO2
Tank Capacity	226.8 g	340.2 g

$$\text{Bore Diameter} = \sqrt{\frac{4 * \text{Force}}{\pi * \text{Pressure}}}$$

Cylinder Bore Diameter

$$Z = \frac{pV}{RT}$$

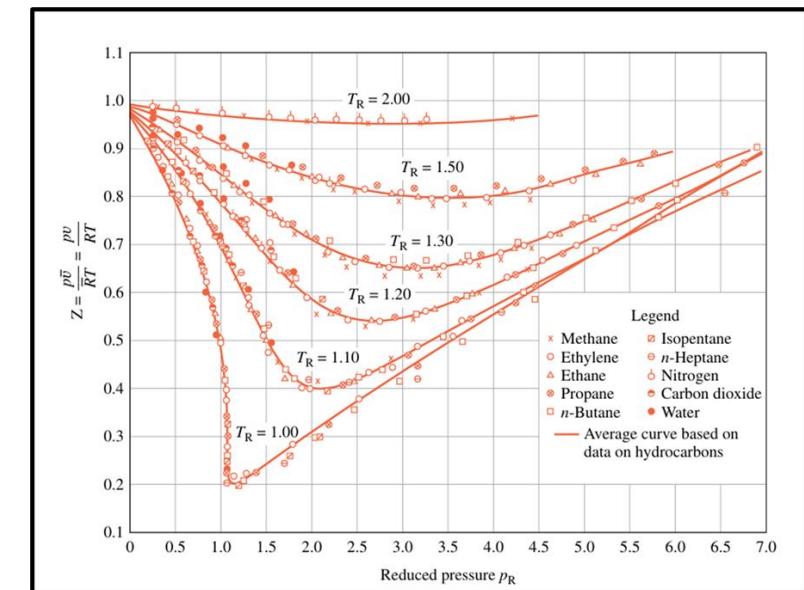
Compressibility Factor

$$v = \frac{V}{m}$$

Specific Volume

$$\begin{aligned} p_R &= p/p_c \\ T_R &= T/T_c \end{aligned}$$

Reduced Temperature & Pressure



Generalized Compressibility Chart

Shift Time Baseline Test

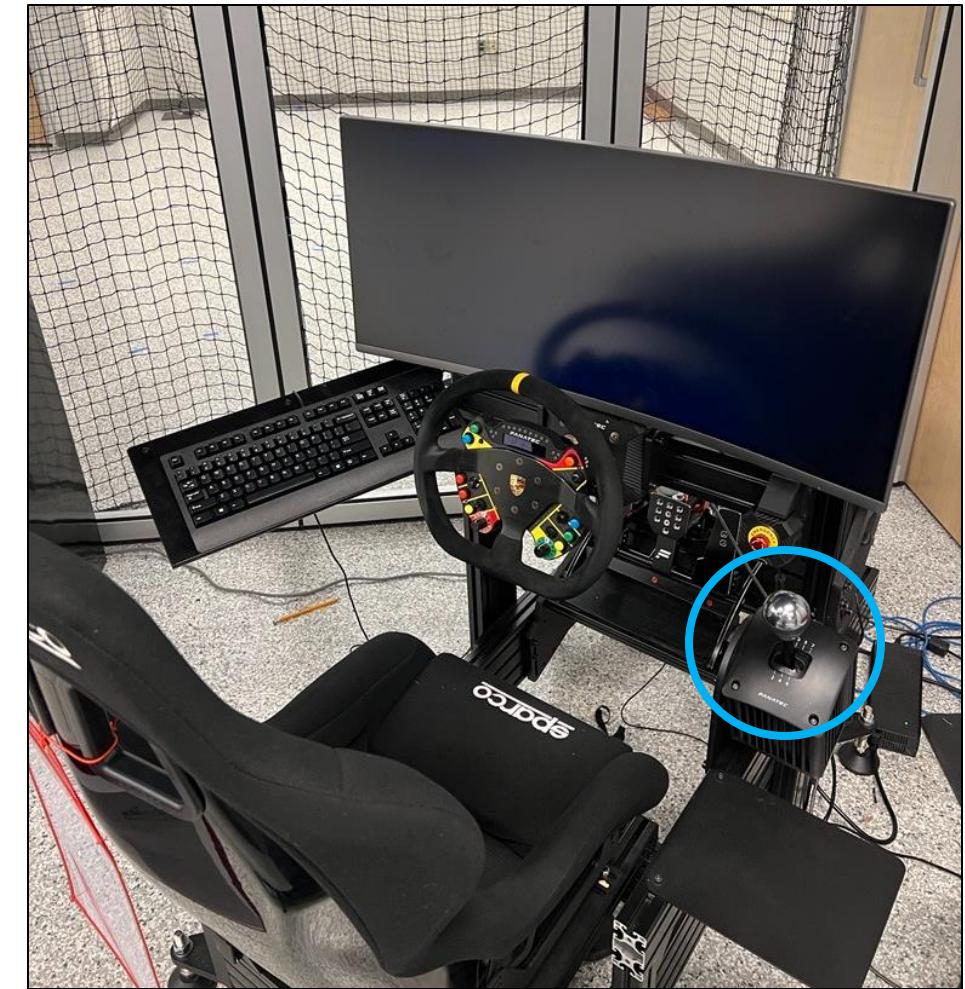
- Test subjects selected with varying driving experience
- Temple Formula Racing driving simulator (see figure)
- Sequential shifting set up on simulator (see blue circle in figure)
- Same track, car and shifting set up for each driver
- Shift time tracked for a single shift
- Timer started when driver took hand off wheel, stopped when hand returned to wheel

Average Shift Time per Driver

Driver	#1	#2	#3
Average shift time (s)	0.84	0.39	0.44

Total Average Shift Time

Total Average (s) 0.56



Temple Formula Racing's driving simulator located in IDEAS HUB

Shifting Mech Design

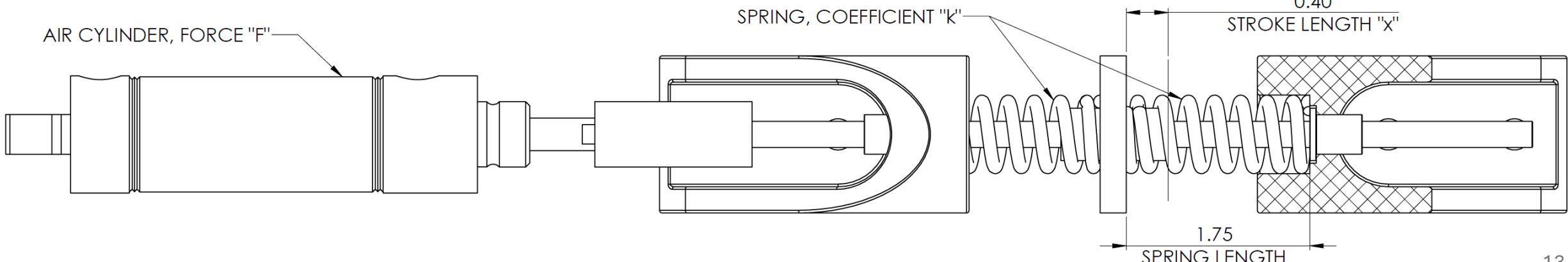
- Shifting force replicated with springs
 - Actuation distance result of force
 - Quickly produce data
- Shifting criteria = 88 lbs @ 0.4”
 - Required spring constant from Hooke's Law
 - Matched springs from catalogue

$$k = \frac{F}{x}$$

Hooke's Law

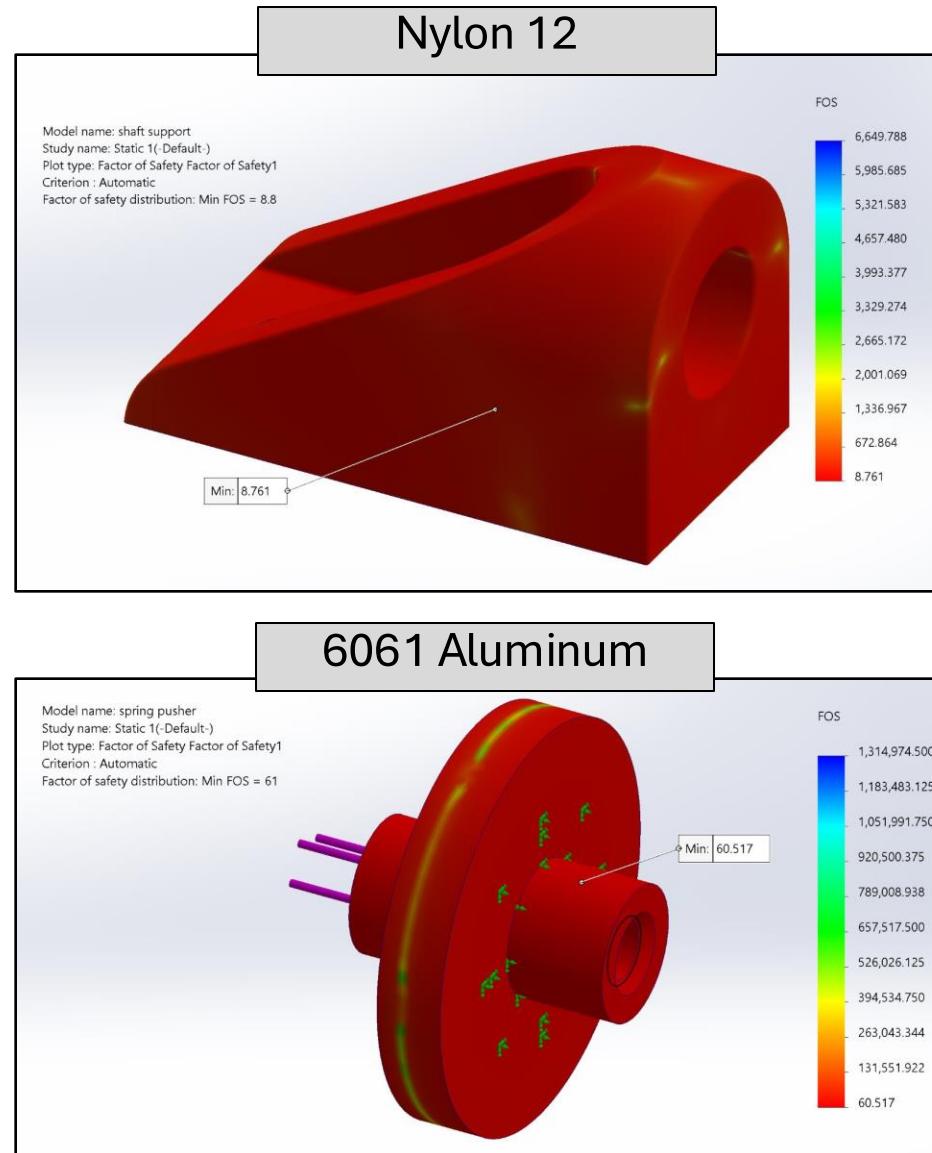
Spring Type	Compression
System of Measurement	Inch
Length	1.75"
OD	0.75"
ID	0.5"
Wire	
Diameter	0.125"
Compressed Length @ Maximum Load	1.06"
Maximum Load	117.13 lbs.
Spring Rate	221 lbs./in.
Material	Music-Wire Steel

McMaster-Carr Catalogue Details



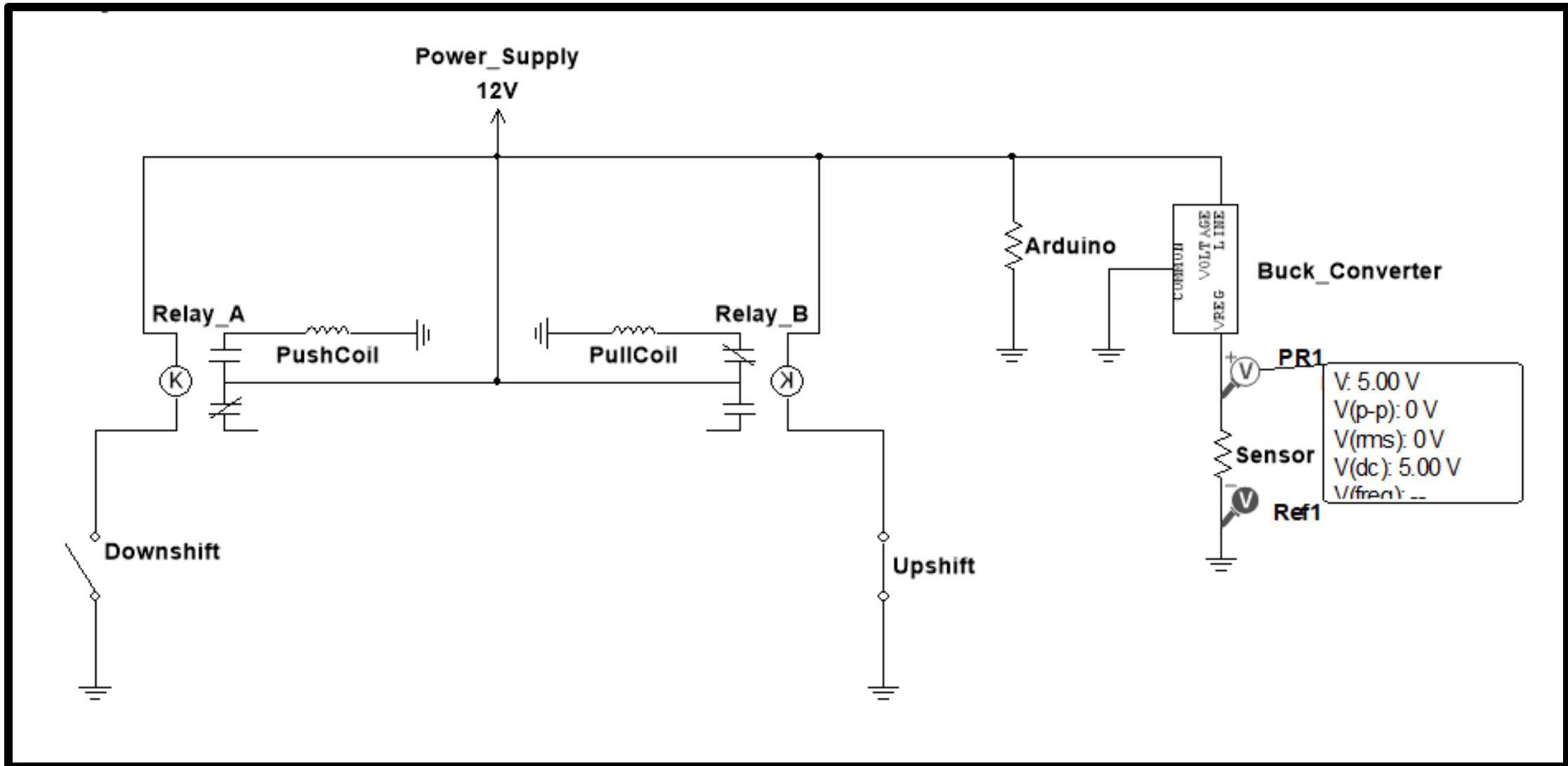
Component Mechanical Design

- Nylon 12 SLS 3D printing
 - Support parts
 - Rapid prototyping
 - 7000+ psi ultimate tensile strength
- 6061 Aluminum
 - Shaft connections
 - Readily available
 - High strength
- Carbon Steel
 - Linear motion shaft
 - High rigidity and strength



Item	Minimum FoS
Spring pusher	60
Spring support	8.8
Cylinder support	8.9
Linear shaft	32.6
Shaft coupler	9.2

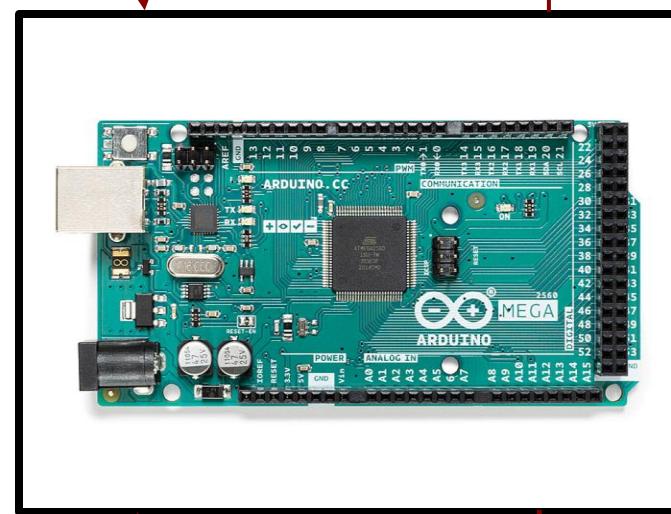
Electrical Components - Power



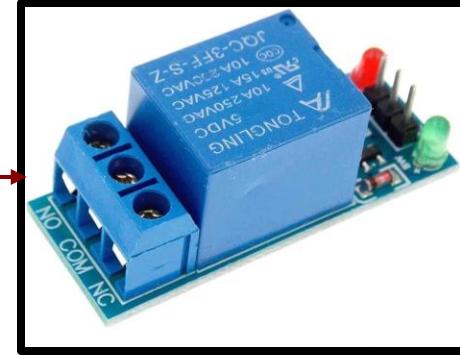
Electrical Components - Data



Limit Switch



Arduino



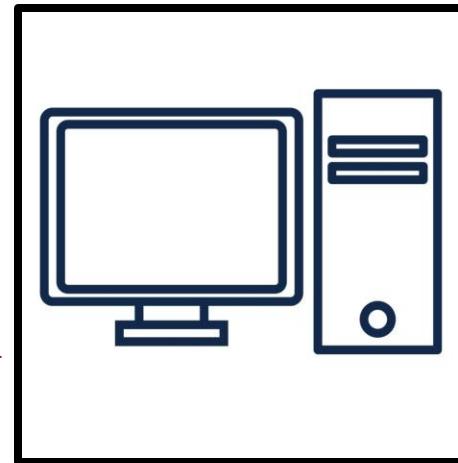
Relay



Solenoid Valve



PT Sensor



Computer

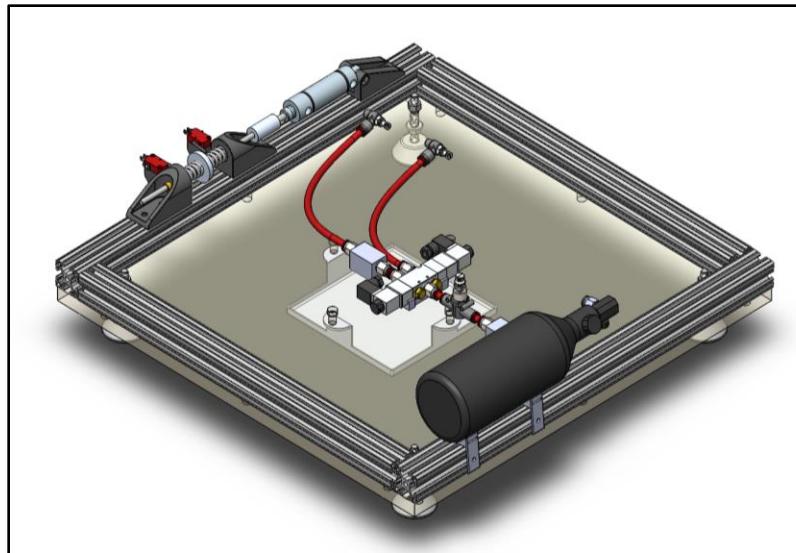
Component Selection & Assembly

Component Selection & CAD

- 8020 rail selected for modularity
- Solenoid valve
- Pneumatic tubing
- Push to connect fittings
- On/Off control valve
- Tank pressure regulator



Push-to-connect on/off valve



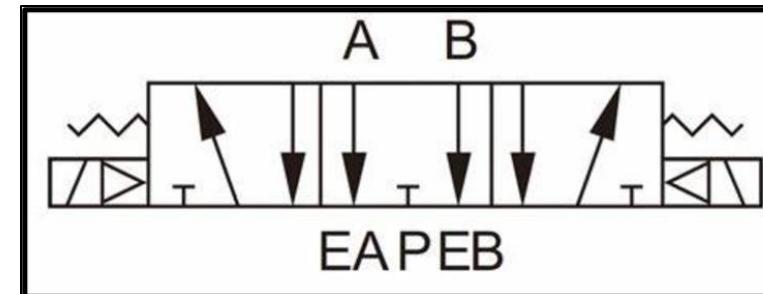
Test Bench Assembly

Manufacturing & Prototyping

- 8020 rail cut and milled to size
- Mounts with complex geometry 3D printed
- Small aluminum pieces machined on lathe
- MDF board machined on router
- Bench is easily serviceable
 - 10-minute removal time
 - 15-minute install time



Tank mounting prototype



four-way three position solenoid with exhausted center schematic

Code



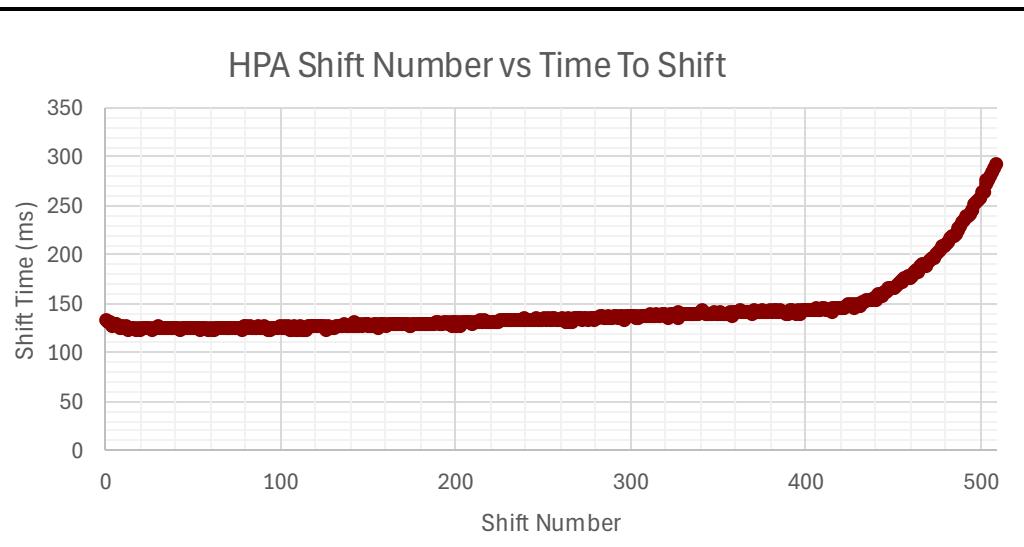
Project Budget

Category	Description	Qty	Price	Total Cost	Notes
Electrical	MAX31865 Temperature Sensor Amplifier	2	\$15.00	\$30.00	To convert temperature sensor into readable values for Arduino
Electrical	12 V to 5 V Buck Converter	1	\$9.99	\$9.99	To power sensors
Electrical	12 VDC 4 Channel Relay Module	1	\$7.39	\$7.39	
Electrical	Arduino mega	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Free
Electrical	Pressure Sensor	2	\$90.00	\$180.00	
Mechanical	oil embedded flange bushings	2	\$2.00	\$4.00	
Mechanical	Springs 3x pack 1.75L x 0.75OD	1	\$14.38	\$14.38	
Mechanical	Test mechanism supports	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	Temple CoE
Mechanical	End-Feed Single Nut with Button Head 5/16"-18 Thread	4	\$3.56	\$14.24	
Mechanical	Hose clamps (SAE #64 2-1/2-4-1/2)	1	\$12.99	\$12.99	
Mechanical	Single 4-Slot Rail, Silver, 1.5" High x 1.5" Wide, Hollow	1	\$60.49	\$60.49	
Mechanical	Tight-Tolerance Low-Carbon Steel Rod	1	\$8.67	\$8.67	Replacement part for 6061K31
Pneumatic	4 way 3 position solenoid valve	1	\$101.79	\$101.79	Select 12VDC when filling out order sheet.
Pneumatic	5/16" (8mm) air hose - 100ft roll	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Automation Direct - Free
Pneumatic	CO2 Refilling adaptor	1	\$38.99	\$38.99	
Pneumatic	CO2 Scale	1	\$9.99	\$9.99	
Pneumatic	CO2 tank	1	\$29.95	\$29.95	
Pneumatic	cylinder	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Automation Direct - Free
Pneumatic	exhaust silencer/filter	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Automation Direct - Free
Pneumatic	flow control valve	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	Automation Direct - Free
Pneumatic	male 1/8 NPT push to connect fitting	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	Automation Direct - Free
Pneumatic	N2 tank	1	\$49.95	\$49.95	48 ci 3000 psi, black
Pneumatic	on-off valve	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Automation Direct - Free
Pneumatic	Paintball Co2 Regulator Pressure Regulator Input 1500psi	1	\$62.99	\$62.99	
			Est. Total	\$635.81	

Test Results

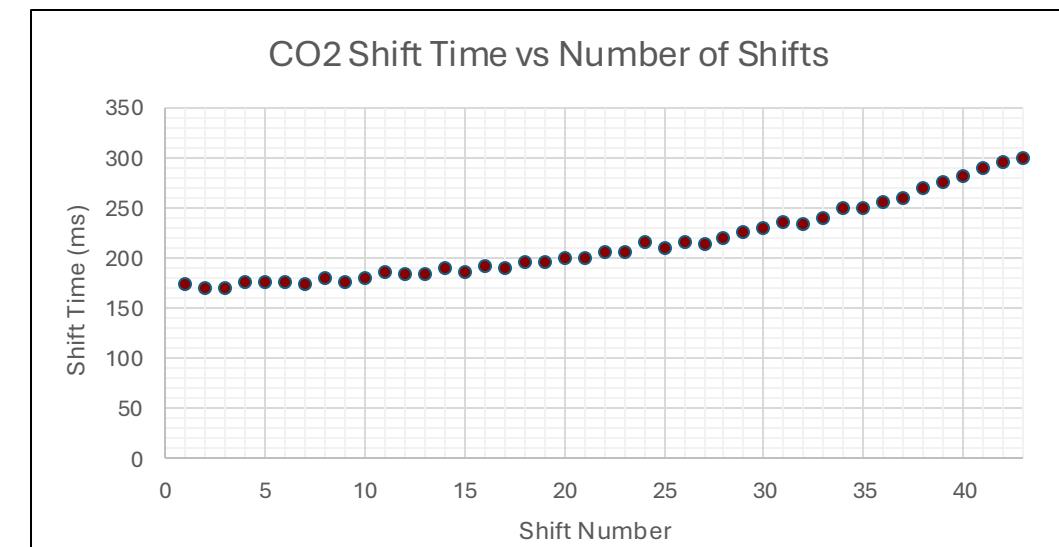
High – Pressure Air Testing

- Single direction shifting profile
- 0.5 lb tank capacity
- 509 shifts produced
- 0.143 average shift time
- 115 psi operating pressure



Carbon Dioxide Testing

- Shifting profile with varying up- and downshifts
- 0.75 lb tank capacity
- 43 shifts produced
- 0.215 average shifting time
- 100 psi operating pressure



Short Comings

Challenges	Potential Solutions
Handling of gasses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Illegal to fill small tanks in PHLUnsuccessful filling tanks on ownRan through multiple tanks of gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seek training for compressed gassesDevelop tank filling protocol
Data acquisition: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fluid sensor failuresLimited to GOOD/BAD shifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deepen understanding of fluid sensorsImplement linear position and load sensing
Test mechanism: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Compression spring not accurate enoughLimited accuracy in design criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design camming system to more accurately represent transmission
Testing criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none">Only tested different gassesToo many variable components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Test different sizes of mechanical partsBudget for more components

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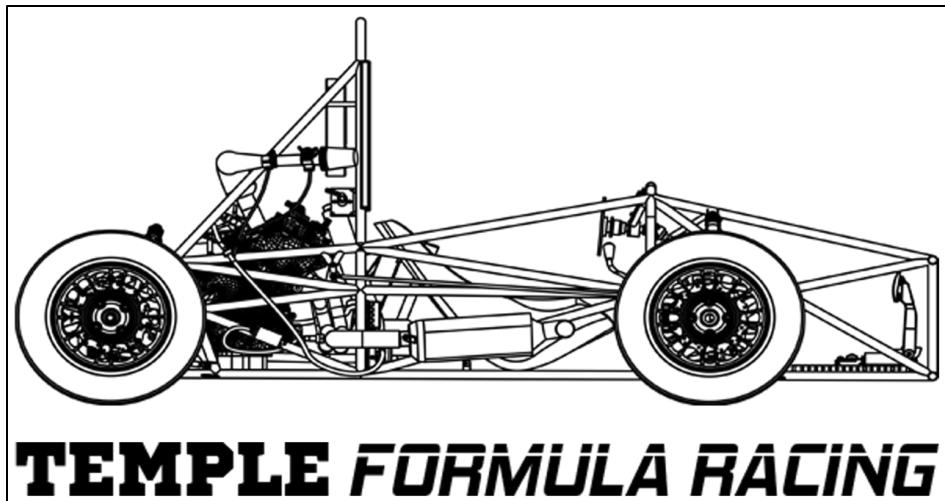
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Live Demonstration



Questions?

Appendix

FSAE Michigan 2022 – Endurance Track Map

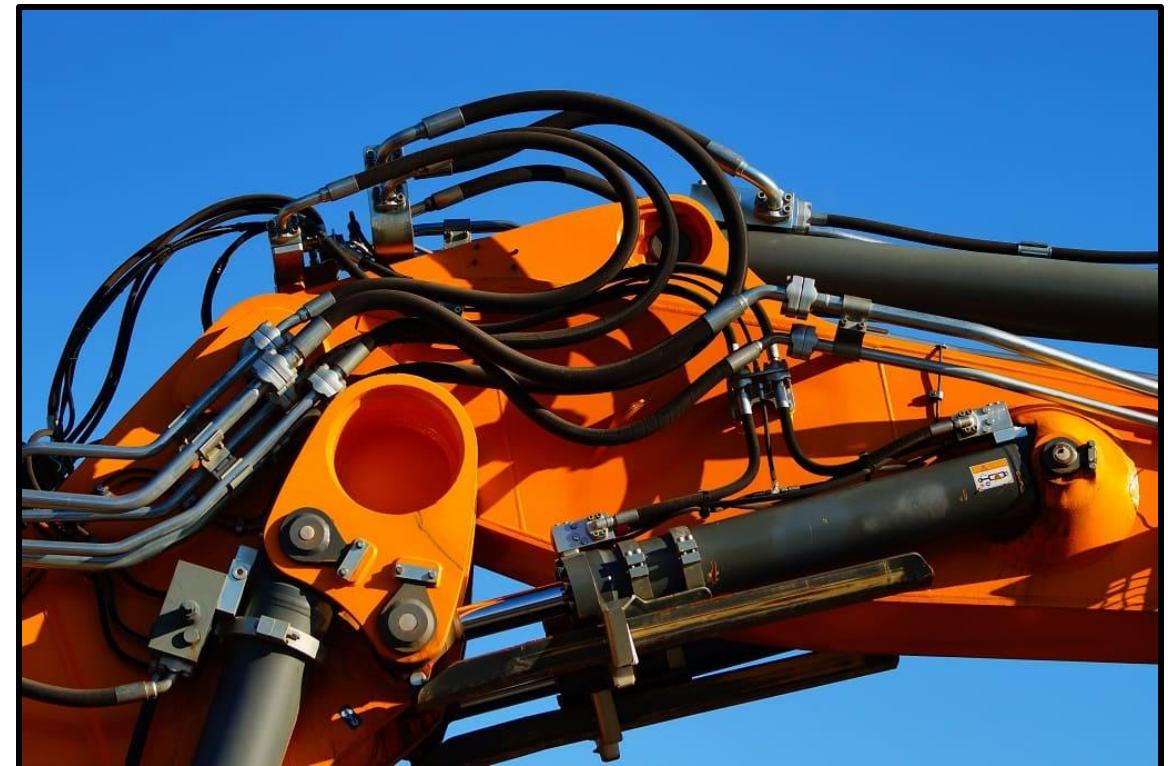


Simulated MoTeC Shifting Data



Appendix: Electro-Hydraulic

- Actuation of piston through hydraulic fluid and system of pump and motor
 - Paddles would act as switches to signal microcontroller to activate pump, motor and hydraulic cylinder
- Require high operation pressures
 > 500 psi
- Heavy components
 - More parts = more complexity
 - Hurdles with FSAE rules
- Known for difficult sealing and mess



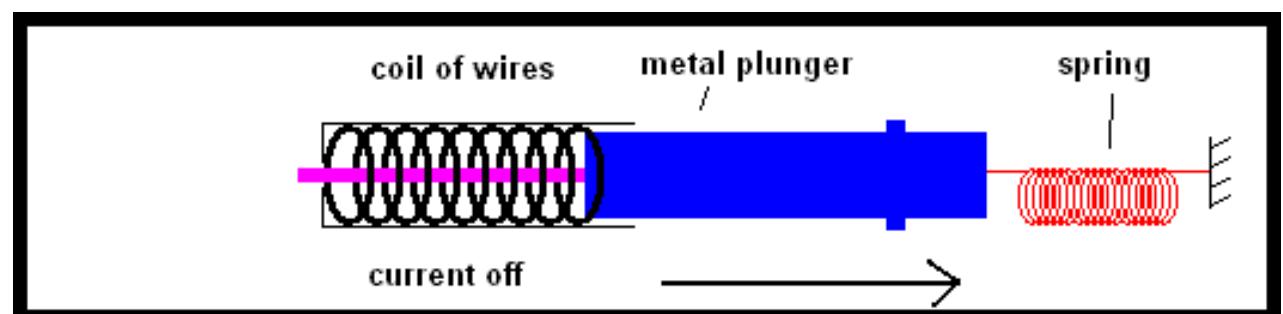
Hydraulic Lift

Appendix: Electric System

- Actuation of lever by pushing magnetic plunger through center of solenoid
 - Induced current creates electromagnet that pushes magnetic material, and spring relaxes plunger back to original state when current is off
- Simplest design
- High electrical energy consumption $> 5 \text{ A}$
 - Limited capacity in an on-car battery $< 250 \text{ Ah}$



Linear Electric Solenoid



Electric Solenoid Functionality

Appendix

FSAE Michigan 2022 & 2023 – Endurance Results

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Michigan May 2022

Endurance Event Results



Minimum Time (seconds) 1402.045
Maximum Time (seconds) 2032.966 145%

Place	Car Num	Team	Time	Laps	Cones	Off Course	Other Penalty	Adjusted Time	Endurance Score
1	44	Univ of Illinois - Urbana Champaign	1400.045	10	1			1402.045	275
2	119	Villanova Univ	1463.401	10	3			1469.401	238.1
3	104	Univ of Connecticut	1380.664	10	9	4		1478.664	233.3
4	67	Univ of Florida	1485.612	10				1485.612	229.7
5	115	Univ of Akron	1517.308	10	2			1521.308	211.8
6	54	Kettering Univ	1453.519	10	6	2	30	1535.519	205.0
7	74	Univ of Missouri	1564.049	10				1564.049	191.6
8	48	North Carolina State Univ - Raleigh	1565.730	10				1565.730	190.8
9	65	Univ of Nebraska - Lincoln	1536.964	10	6	1		1568.964	189.3
10	83	Hope College	1544.140	10	4	1		1572.140	187.8
11	63	Univ of Kansas - Lawrence	1546.825	10	3	1		1572.825	187.5
12	96	University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa	1556.520	10	1	1		1578.520	184.9
13	68	Louisiana State Univ	1436.576	10	1	1	120	1578.576	184.9
14	95	Saginaw Valley State Univ	1541.676	10	1	3		1603.676	173.7
15	55	Oklahoma State Univ	1599.264	10	3			1605.264	173.0
16	150	Univ of North Florida	1595.333	10	6	2		1647.333	155.1
17	108	Temple Univ	1588.102	10	7	3		1662.102	149.0

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Formula SAE 2023



Endurance Event Results

Minimum Time (seconds) 1360.978
Maximum Time (seconds) 1973.419 145%

Place	Car Num	Team	Time	Laps	Cones	Off Course	Other Penalty	Adjusted Time	Time Score	Laps Score	Endurance Score
1	115	Univ of Texas - Arlington	1310.978	10	5	2		1360.978	250.0	25	275
2	33	Purdue Univ - W Lafayette	1391.334	10				1391.334	232.4	25	257.4
3	55	Univ of North Carolina - Charlotte	1395.896	10				1395.896	229.8	25	254.8
4	80	Univ of Calif - San Diego	1392.293	10	3			1398.293	228.5	25	253.5
5	88	The Ohio State University	1414.452	10				1414.452	219.5	25	244.5
6	32	Univ of Calif - Los Angeles	1415.518	10	1			1417.518	217.9	25	242.9
7	144	Kansas State Univ	1403.954	10	11	1		1445.954	202.7	25	227.7
8	19	Univ of Illinois - Urbana Champaign	1337.367	10			120	1457.367	196.7	25	221.7
9	18	Univ of Missouri	1387.554	10	5	3		1457.554	196.6	25	221.6
10	14	California Polytechnic State Univ-SLO	1398.273	10	2	3		1462.273	194.2	25	219.2
11	82	Georgia Institute of Technology	1463.487	10	2			1467.487	191.5	25	216.5
12	124	Univ of Connecticut	1341.121	10	8	7		1497.121	176.7	25	201.7
13	34	California State Univ - Northridge	1455.964	10	5	2		1505.964	172.4	25	197.4
14	53	Michigan State University	1528.812	10	2			1532.812	159.7	25	184.7
15	72	Univ of Cincinnati	1418.467	10	3	6		1544.467	154.3	25	179.3
16	83	Western Michigan Univ	1524.195	10	5	1		1554.195	149.9	25	174.9
17	131	Wrocław University of Technology	1418.913	10	1	7		1560.913	146.8	25	171.8
18	117	Missouri University of Science and Tech	1517.165	10	6	2		1569.165	143.1	25	168.1
19	99	Univ of Akron	1398.785	10	1	3	120	1580.785	138.0	25	163.0
20	71	Oklahoma State Univ	1557.795	10	7	1		1591.795	133.2	25	158.2
21	17	Univ of Victoria	1469.487	10	2		120	1593.487	132.5	25	157.5
22	20	Clarkson University	1565.647	10	1	3		1627.647	118.0	25	143.0
23	92	Univ of Ottawa	1551.342	10		5		1651.342	108.4	25	133.4
24	114	Saginaw Valley State Univ	1620.030	10	2	2		1664.030	103.3	25	128.3
25	21	Univ of Colorado - Boulder	1532.567	10	7	6		1666.567	102.3	25	127.3
26	110	Univ of Illinois - Chicago	1645.784	10	1	1		1667.784	101.8	25	126.8
27	94	Temple Univ	1659.113	10	3	2		1705.113	87.4	25	112.4

Appendix

Shifting Torque Test Results

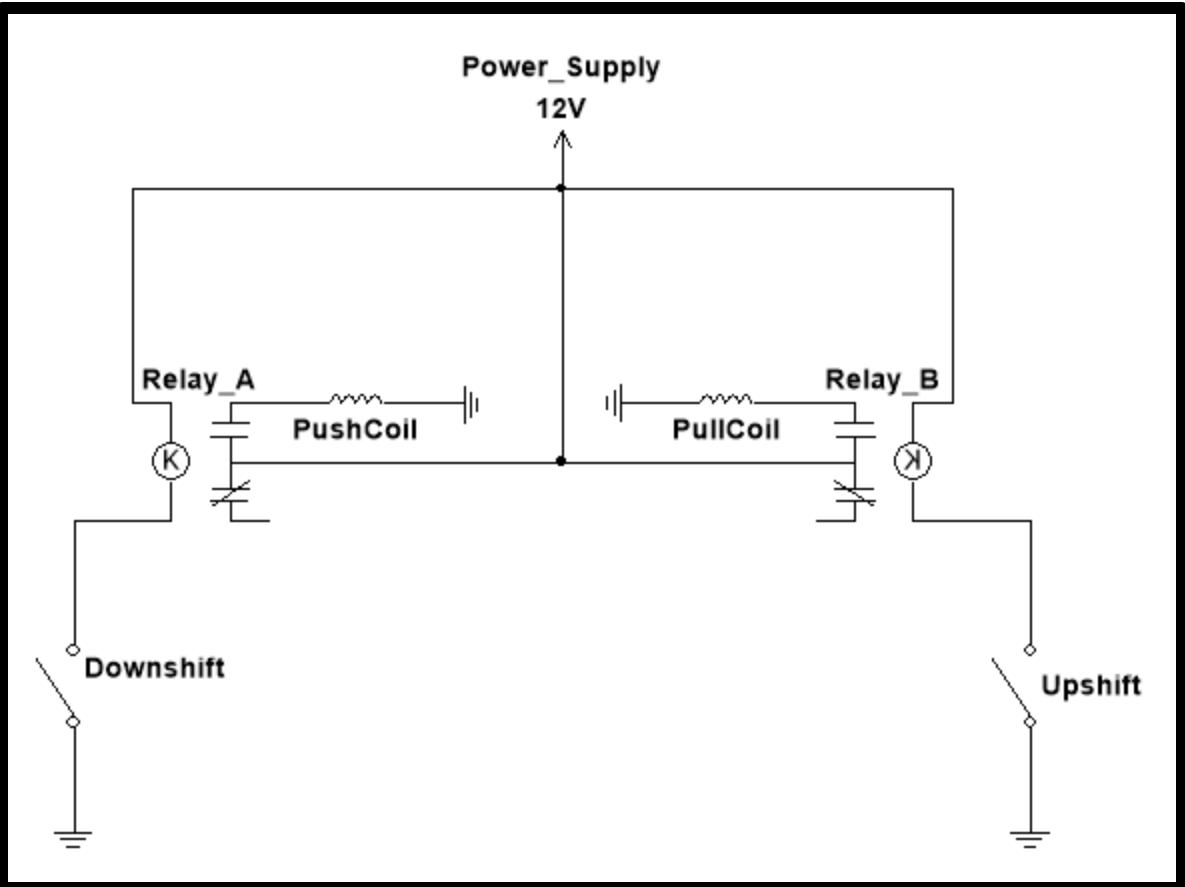
Trial	Engine OFF										Engine ON									
	Shifting Torque [ft-lbs]										Shifting Torque [ft-lbs]									
	1st - 2nd	2nd - 3rd	3rd - 4th	4th - 5th	5th - 6th	6th - 5th	5th - 4th	4th - 3rd	3rd - 2nd	2nd - 1st	1st - 2nd	2nd - 3rd	3rd - 4th	4th - 5th	5th - 6th	6th - 5th	5th - 4th	4th - 3rd	3rd - 2nd	2nd - 1st
1	4	5.6	6.3	8.1	6.6	5.8	6.8	8.3	8.6	6.7										
2	6.5	7.5	7.8	7	7.9	6.5	6	8.6	8	5										
3	11.3	16.5	14.5	16.8	12.8	11.3	11.9	12.2	14.9	8										
4	15.1	13.5	18.4	16.7	13.9	15.1	11.9	20	17.4	13										
5	19	19	17	14	10	11	10	11	11	7										
	[in-lbs]										[in-lbs]									
1	48	67.2	75.6	97.2	79.2	69.6	81.6	99.6	103.2	80.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	78	90	93.6	84	94.8	78	72	103.2	96	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	135.6	198	174	201.6	153.6	135.6	142.8	146.4	178.8	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	181.2	162	220.8	200.4	166.8	181.2	142.8	240	208.8	156	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	228	228	204	168	120	132	120	132	132	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AVG	132.4										0.0									
MEDIAN	132										0									

Required	
linkage	1.5 in
F	88.3 lbs
x	0.3945 in
k	223.8 lbs/in

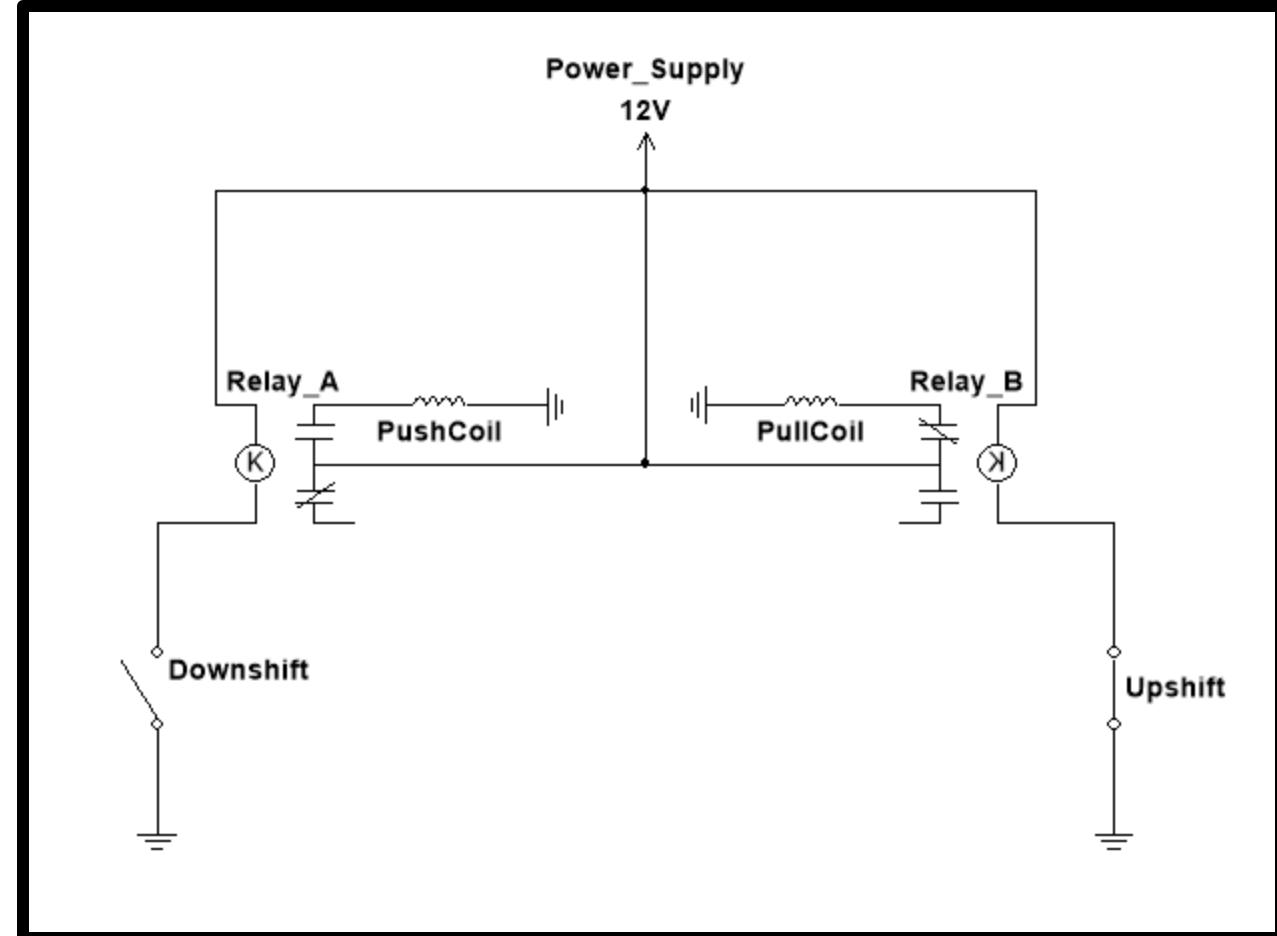
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k	221	lbs/in
F	88.3	lbs
x	0.399493	in

98.73%

Electric Power Schematic - Relay

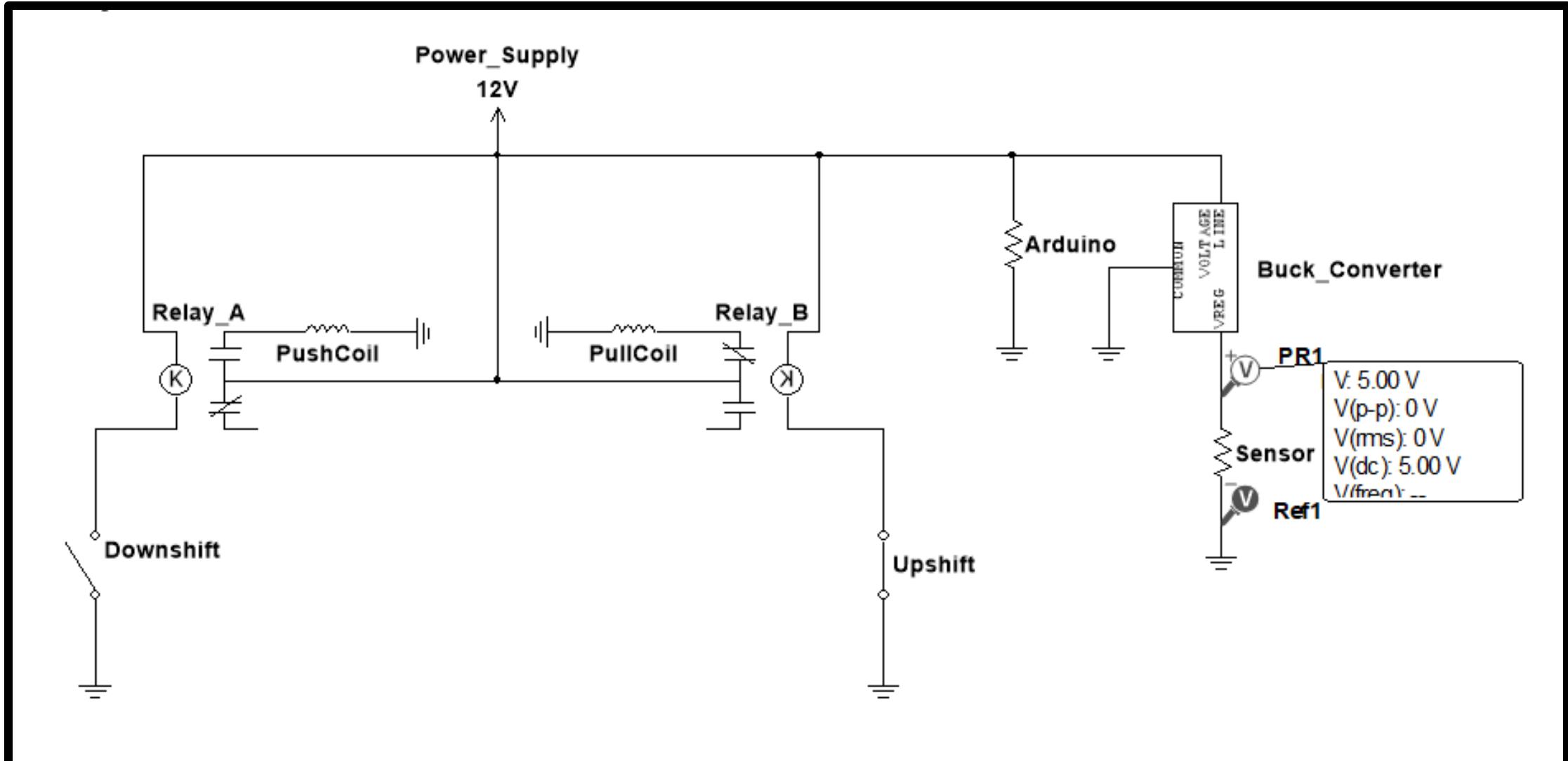


Solenoid Actuation, Open Relay



Solenoid Actuation, Closed Relay

Electric Power Schematic (with all loads)



Code Example

```
void controlSolenoid(int solenoidPin, float duration) {  
  
    // initializes limitSwitchPin variable  
    int limitSwitchPin = 0;  
  
    // This part of the code figures out which limit switch should be checked  
    if (solenoidPin == upShiftPin) {  
        limitSwitchPin = upShiftLimitSwitchPin;  
        Serial.println("Upshift");  
    } else {  
        limitSwitchPin =  
downShiftLimitSwitchPin;  
        Serial.println("Downshift");  
    }  
  
    // This makes the solenoid pin go high (opens valve)  
    digitalWrite(solenoidPin, HIGH);
```

```
// Starts a timer  
unsigned long startTime = millis();  
  
// Following loop terminates for either:  
// A: Limit Switch is pressed  
// B: Timer exceeds duration specified in function  
while(digitalRead(limitSwitchPin)==HIGH & millis()-startTime<duration){  
    delay(5);  
}  
  
// Once the loop terminates, set the solenoid pin to low (close valve)  
digitalWrite(solenoidPin, LOW);  
}
```