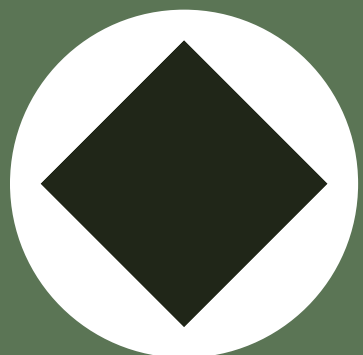


# **TRAP BAR BUDDY FINAL PRESENTATION**

Group 2

# PROBLEM STATEMENT

Gym-goers using trap bars to conduct their deadlift workouts **alone** run the **risk of straining their backs** while putting on the weight plates.



# POTENTIAL USER & MARKET

- 01 Users of Trap Bar: >7.2 Million
  - **8.5 MILLION HS & COLLEGIATE LEVEL ATHLETES**
  - **85% PENETRATION RATE**
  - **AGES 13-25**
- 02 Potential Purchasers
  - **COMMERCIAL GYMS**
  - **ATHLETIC TEAMS**
  - **WEIGHTLIFTERS**

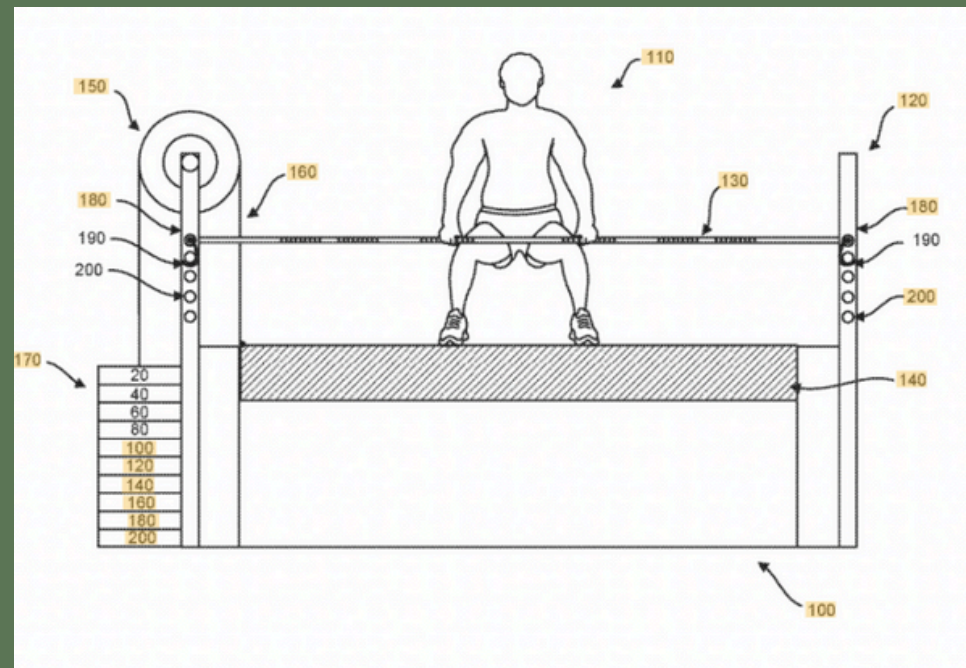


# STATE-OF-THE-ART LIMITATIONS

patents that currently exist

Alternative Deadlift  
Apparatus

**FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGES THE  
EXERCISE**



Trap Bar Redesign

**NOTABLY THE STANDING TRAP BAR**



Barbell Jacks

**JACKS FOR BARBELL EXIST, THEY  
DO NOT WORK FOR THE TRAP BAR**





# BENCHMARK TESTING & SOA LIMITATIONS

DIY Methods & "Hacks" Used by Athletes

DIY Jack

**VARIOUS LIMITATIONS AROUND  
INTUITIVENESS & DIMENSIONS**



Standing Trap Bar

**REQUIRES AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE  
TO PROP THE BAR UP**





# KEY SPECIFICATIONS



# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**





# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
- **Efficacy**



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# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
- **Efficacy**
- **Weight**





# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
- **Efficacy**
- **Weight**
- **Durability**



# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
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- **Weight**
- **Durability**
- **Strength**



# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
- **Efficacy**
- **Weight**
- **Durability**
- **Strength**
- Adoptability





# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
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- Adoptability
- Cost



# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
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# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
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- Aesthetics





# KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ease of Use**
- **Efficacy**
- **Weight**
- **Durability**
- **Strength**
- Adoptability
- Cost
- Safety
- Aesthetics
- Feasibility

Specification	Justification	Quantification
Ease of Use	Intuitive and easy to unload/load weight plates comfortably	User Feedback on intuitiveness and ease of use (scale of 1-10)
Efficacy	How effective is the solution in preventing back strain	User Feedback, Torque Equation, Friction Force Equation
Weight	The solution should not cause strain to carry and move around in the gym	Weighs under 20 pounds
Durability	Long-lasting and reliable	Can withstand daily use for 5+ years
Strength	Must support the heavy weights used on a trap bar	Able to withstand 405lbs
Adoptability	Able to integrate into existing lift systems and settings, portable	User Feedback
Cost	Affordable to make it more accessible to everyone	Less than \$75
Safety	Provide no additional safety hazards for users	User Feedback
Aesthetics	Aesthetically pleasing	User Feedback - score rated on scale of 1-10
Feasibility	Designed, built, iterated & tested within the ENGS 21 timeframe	Fufills specifications



# **RATIONALE FOR SELECTED ALTERNATIVE**

# IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

	Ease of Use	Durability	Adoptability	Strength	Weight	Aesthetics	Feasibility	Cost	Safety to Use	Efficacy	Total
Weigh (1-3)	3	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	3	250
angle jack	6	8	5	7	6	7	9	8	6	6	168
arm jack	9	9	7	7	7	8	9	8	8	9	203
step-on jack	7	8	5	7	6	8	9	8	7	8	181
tilt cart	8	9	5	8	6	8	8	7	8	8	187
lever jack & hydraulic pump	8	8	5	9	4	7	7	6	8	8	178
DIY jack copy	7	7	7	6	7	7	9	8	7	6	177

# MATERIALS MATRIX

	Ease of Man.	Durability	Strength	Weight	Aesthetics	Feasibility	Cost	Efficacy	recyclability	Total
Weigh (1-3)	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	270
3/4" plywood	8	6	6	6	8	9	7	8	6	151
1/8" steel	9	9	9	6	8	9	7	9	9	178
Hardwood	7	7	5	4	8	7	6	7	5	130
Plastic	5	8	7	9	5	5	5	6	3	124
Rubber	4	7	6	7	4	3	3	2	5	93



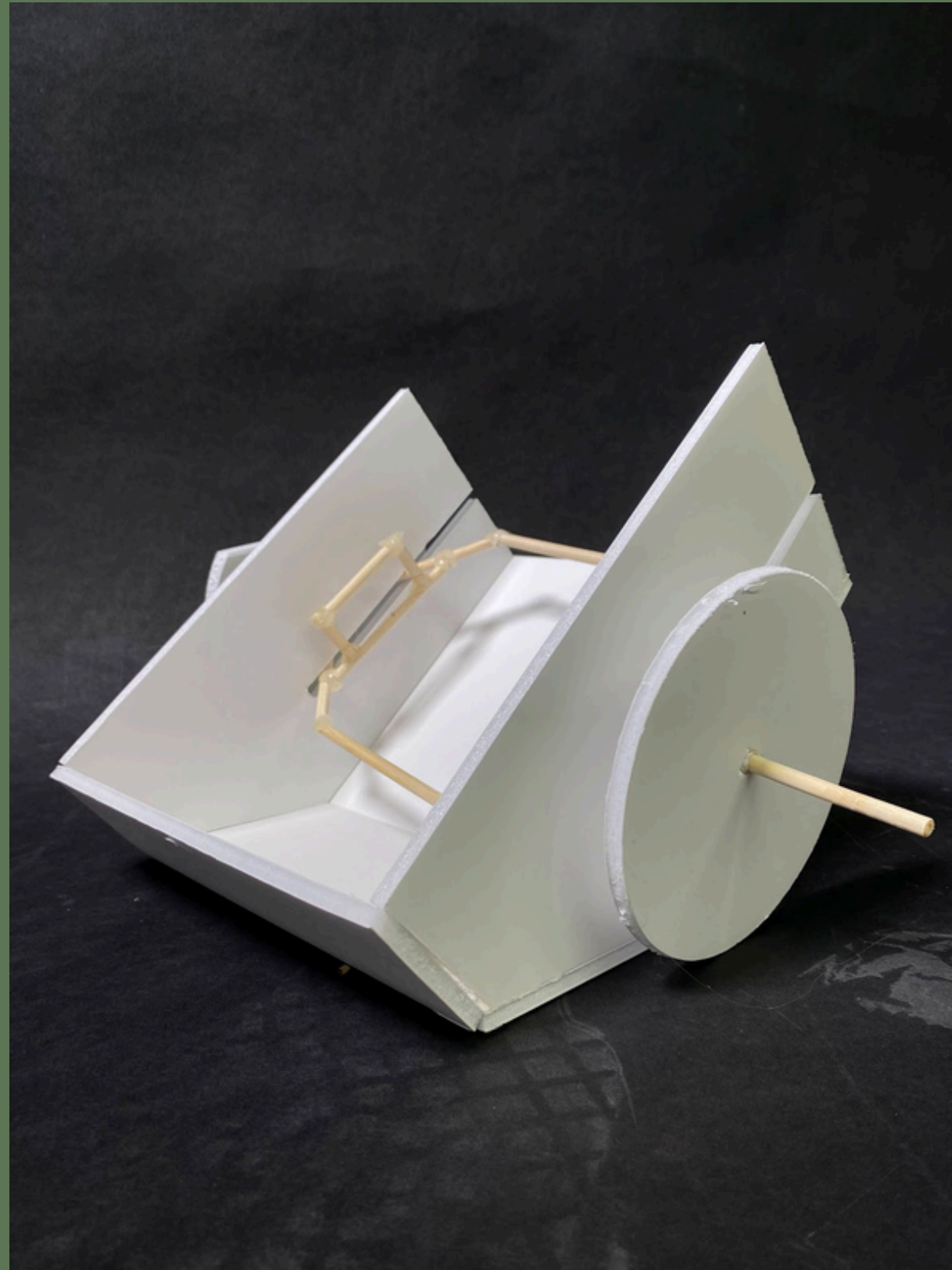
# **PROTOTYPE PROGRESSION**

# DIY JACK COPY





# TILT CART

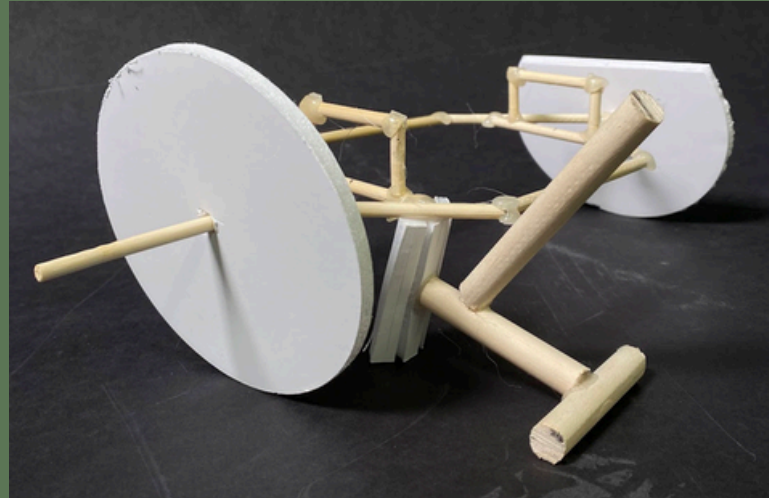


# HYDRAULIC PUMP & LEVER JACK





# ANGLE JACK





# STEP-ON JACK



# ANGLED (SINGLE) ARM JACK #1





# ANGLED ARM JACK #2 (WHEELS)





# ANGLED ARM JACK #2 (ALUMINUM ROD)



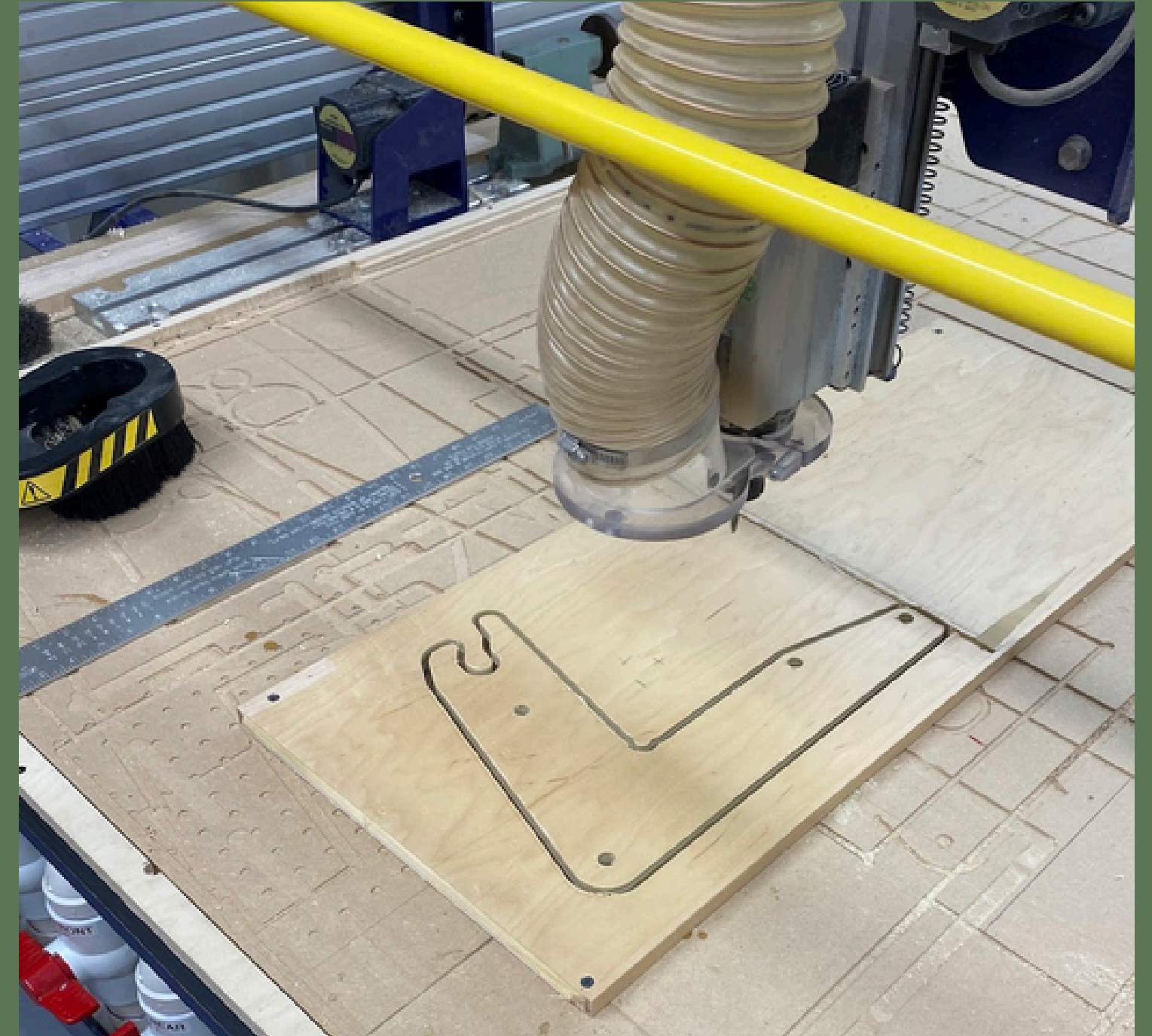
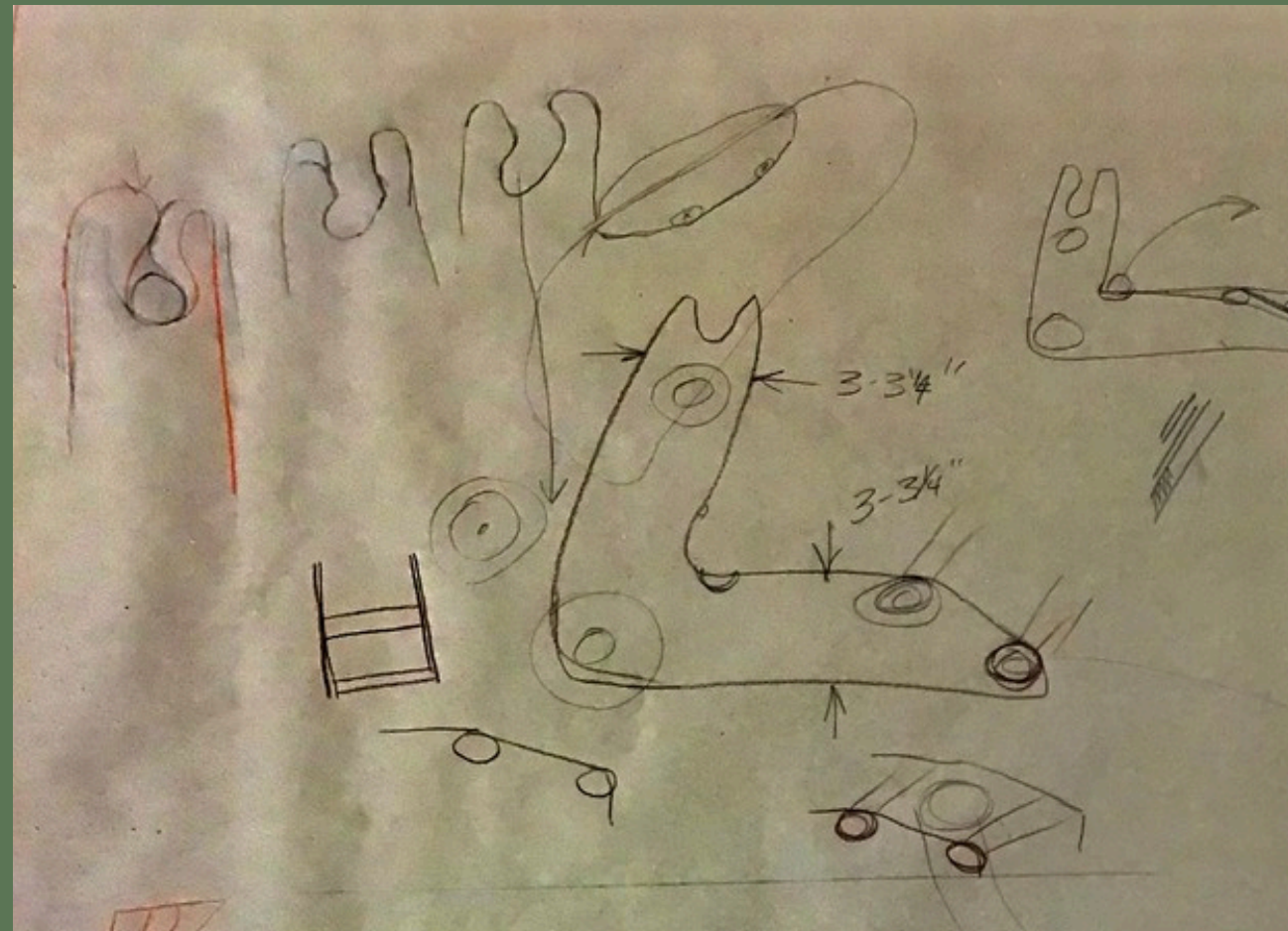
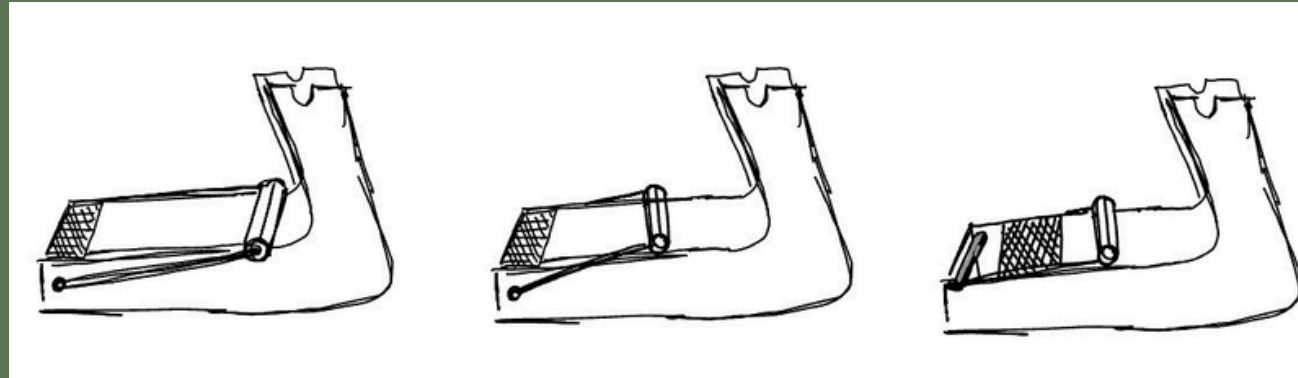
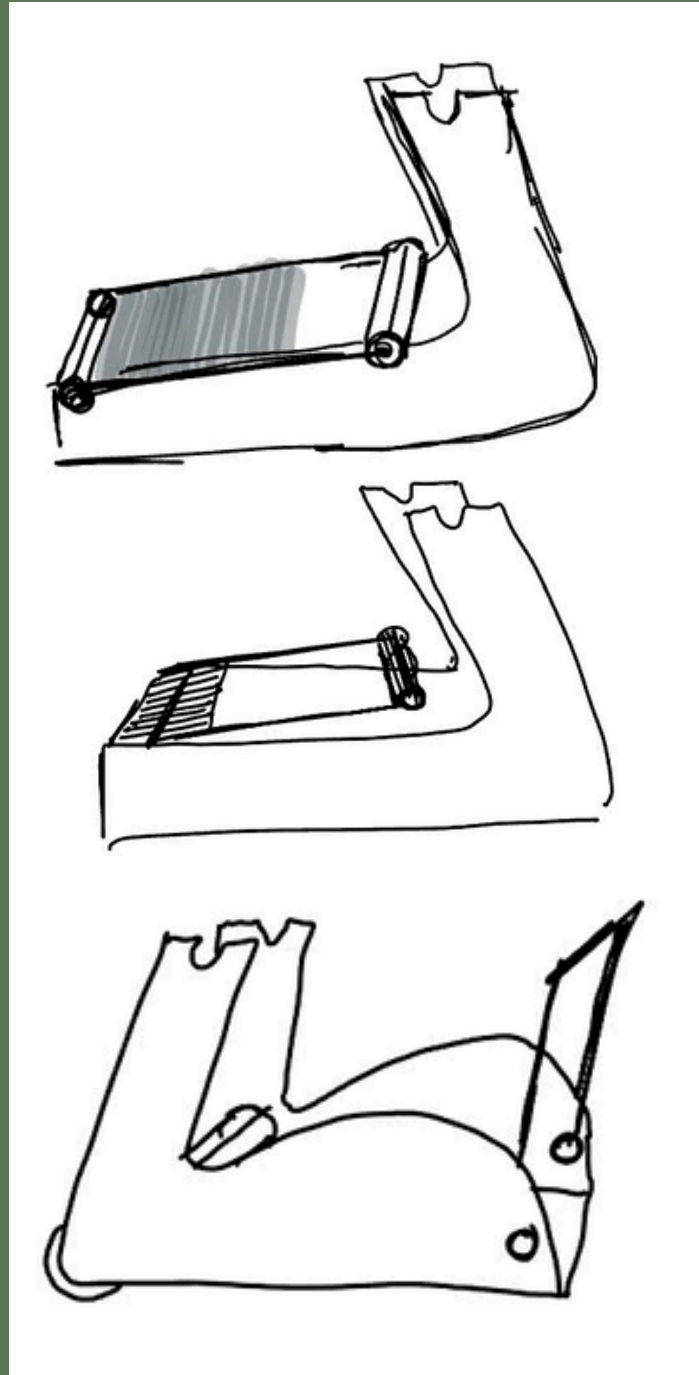




**TESTING 405 LBS**



# USER FEEDBACK BRAINSTORMING

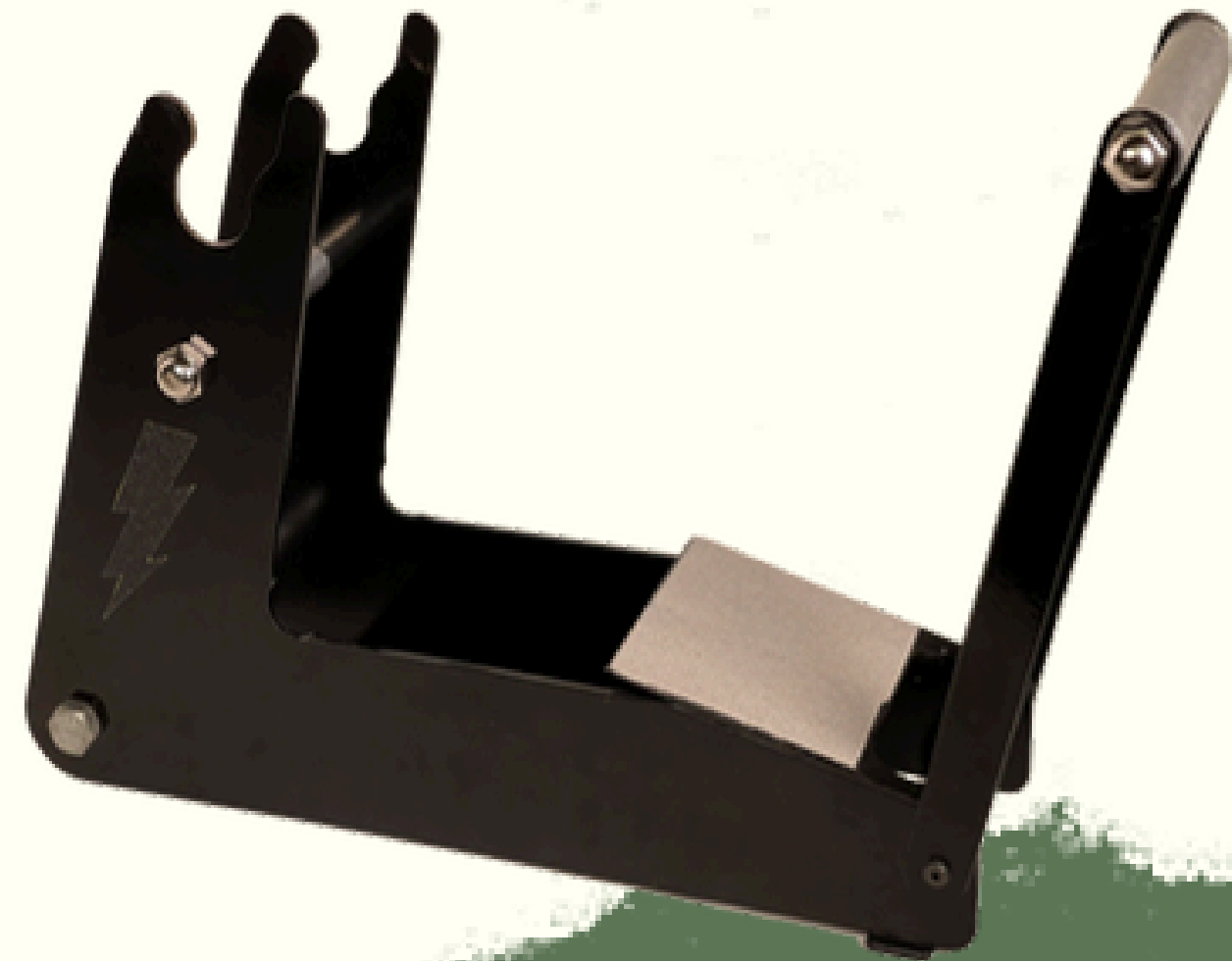




# ANGLED ARM JACK #3

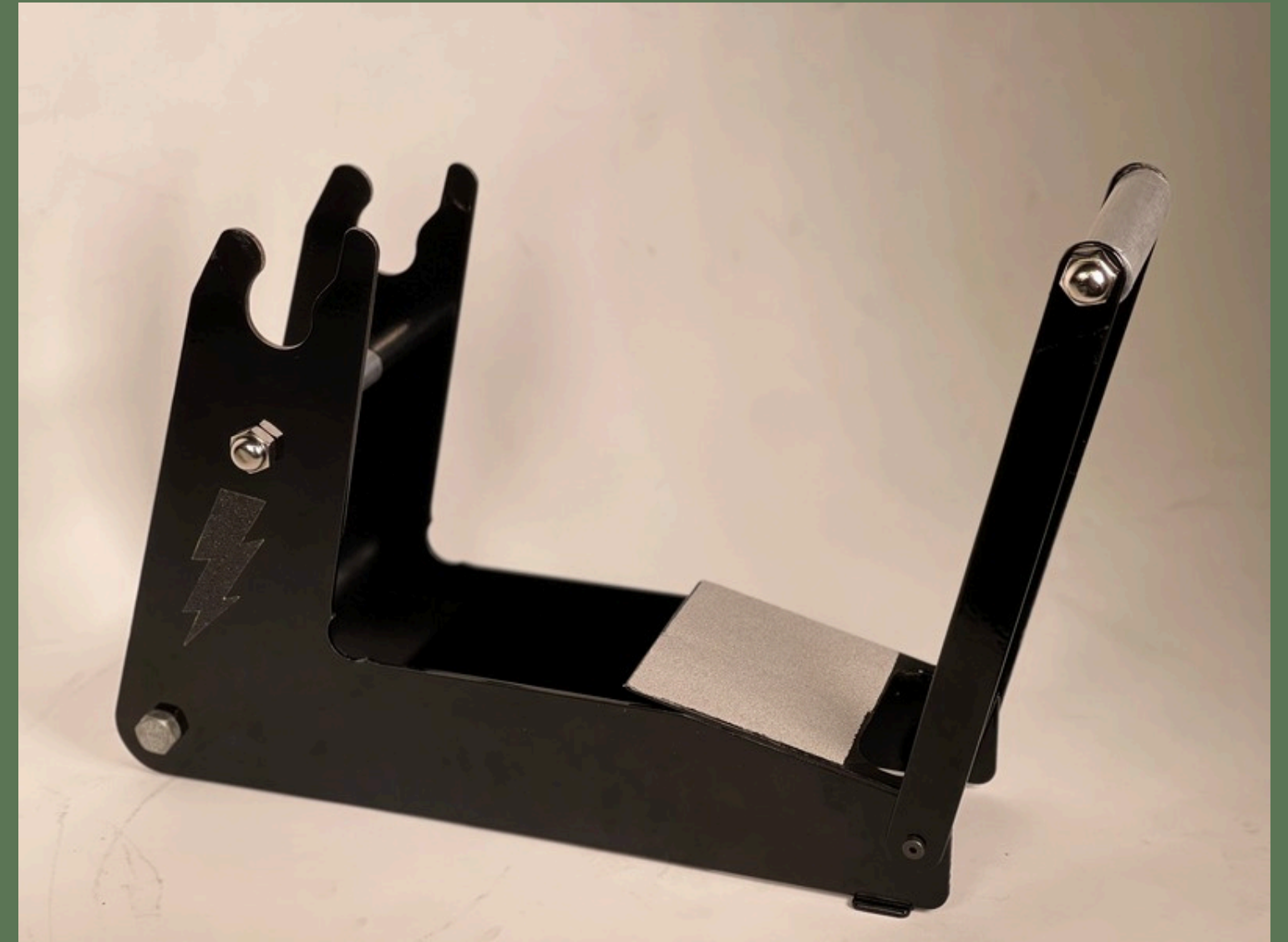


# OUR PROTOTYPE





**VS**







# FINAL PROTOTYPE PROCESS





# FINAL PROTOTYPE PROCESS



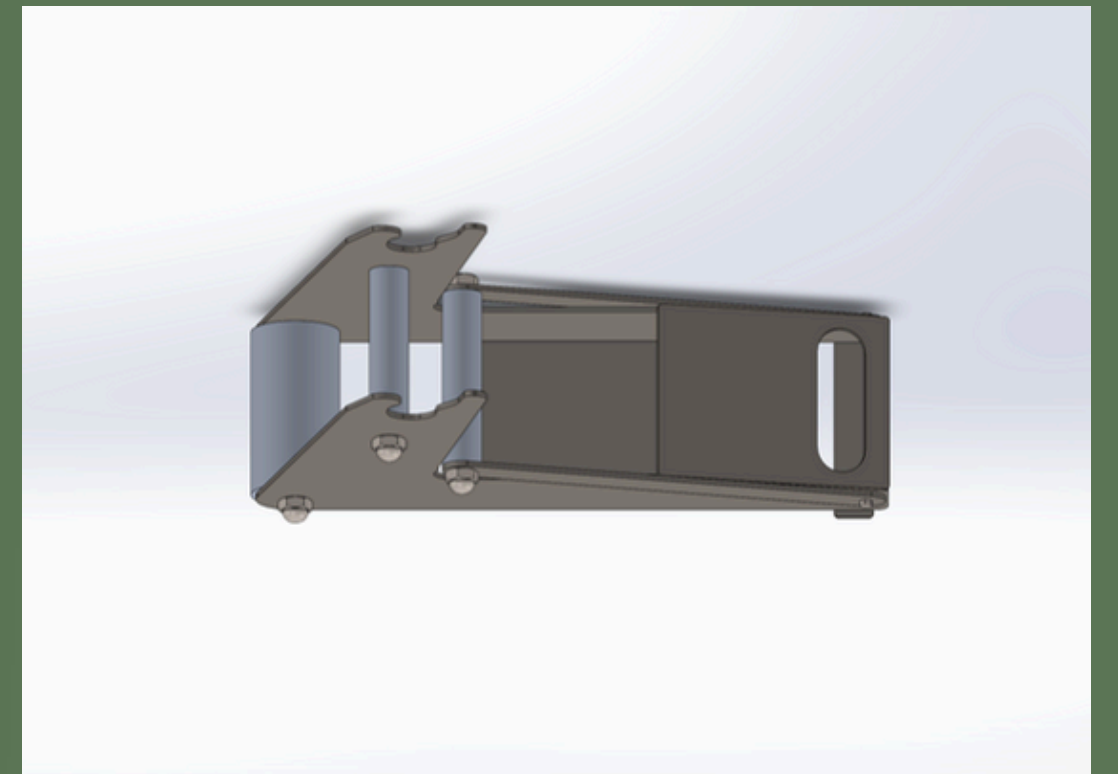
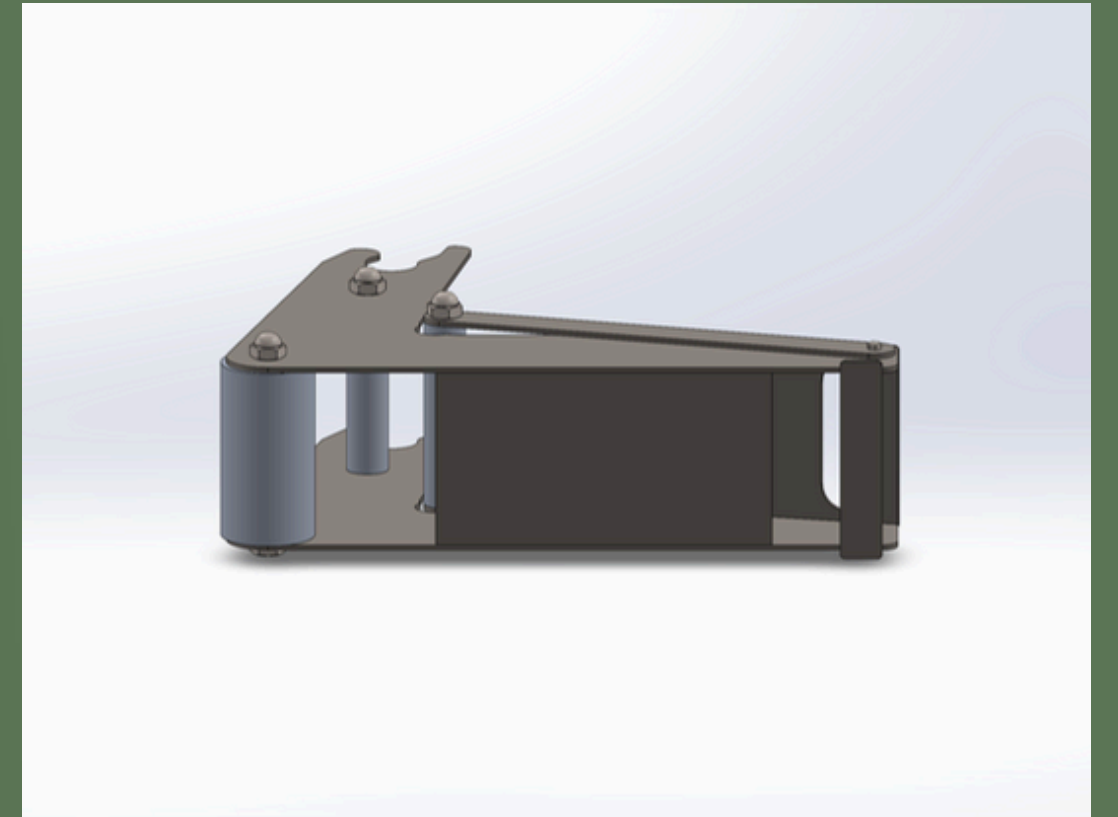
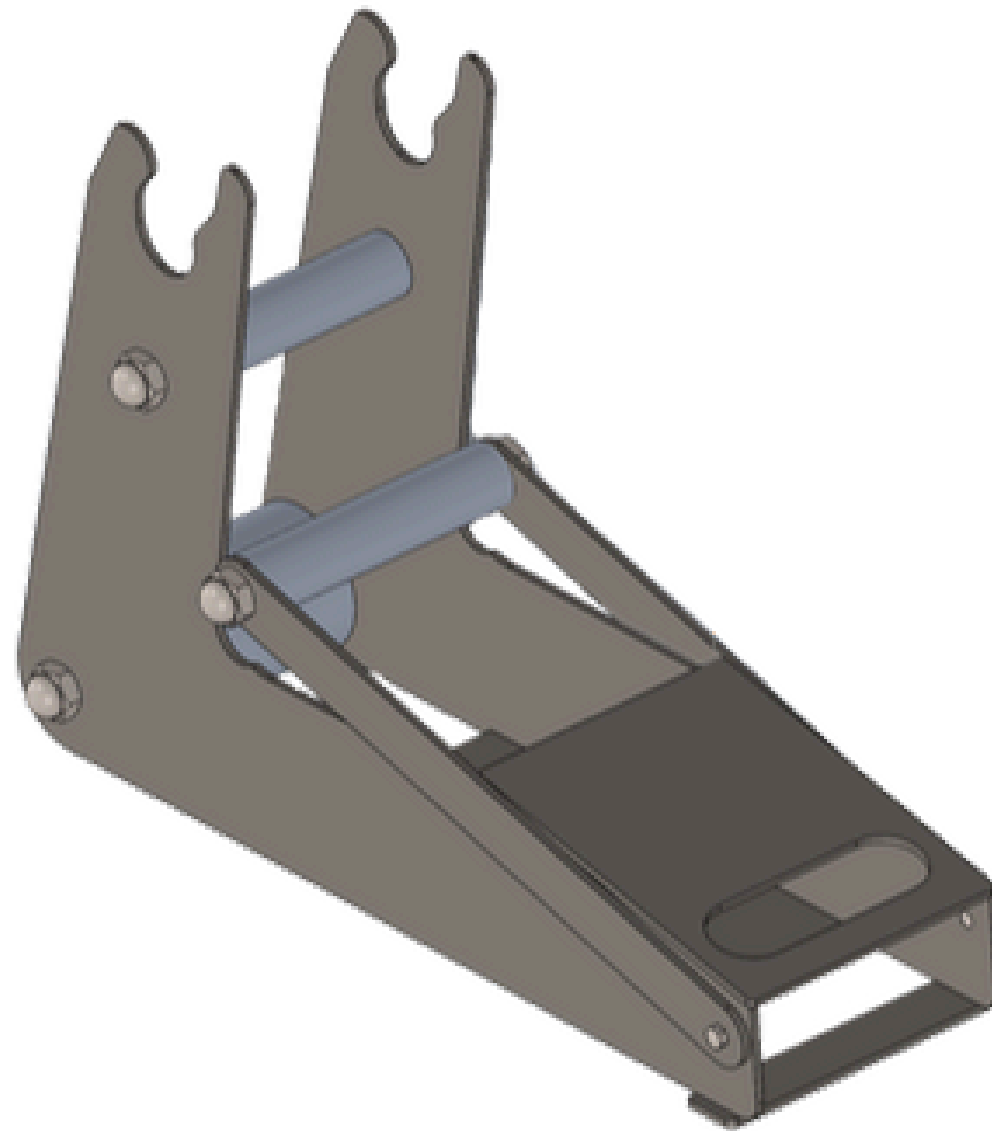
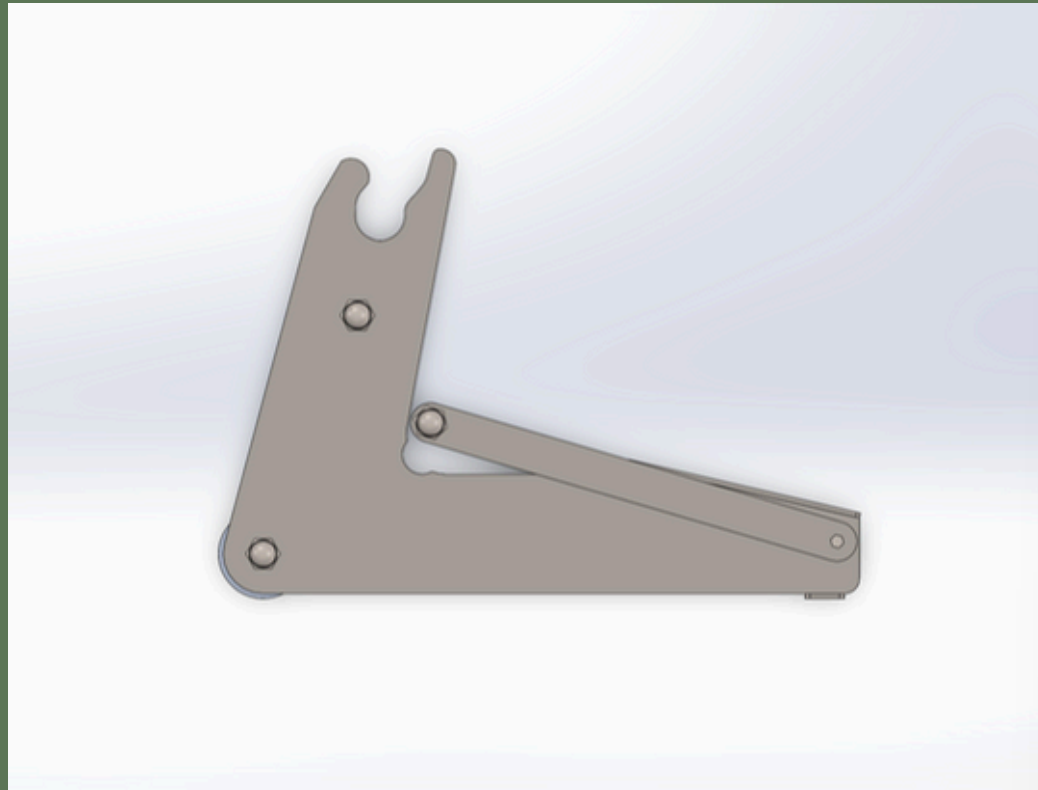


# FINAL PROTOTYPE PROCESS





# CAD MODEL



1.1.1 Displacement

Displacement, characterizes vibrations, is distance of a particle from its position of equilibrium:

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ u_2(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ u_3(\mathbf{x}, t) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{1.1}$$

1.1.2 Stress

Stress characterizes forces applied to a material:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \underline{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{1.2}$$

which is a tensor, and the first subscript indicates the surface applied and the second the direction (Figure 1.2).

1.1.3 Strain

Strain characterizes deformations under stress. If stresses are applied to a material that is not perfectly rigid, points within it move with respect to each other, and deformation results.

Let us consider an elastic material which moves  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})$  (Figure 1.3). When the original location of the material is  $\mathbf{x}$ , the displacement of a nearby point originally at  $\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}$  can be written as

$$u_i(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) \approx u_i(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\partial u_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j} \delta x_j = \underbrace{u_i(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{parallel translation}} + \underbrace{\delta u_i}_{\text{rotation+deformation}}, \tag{1.3}$$

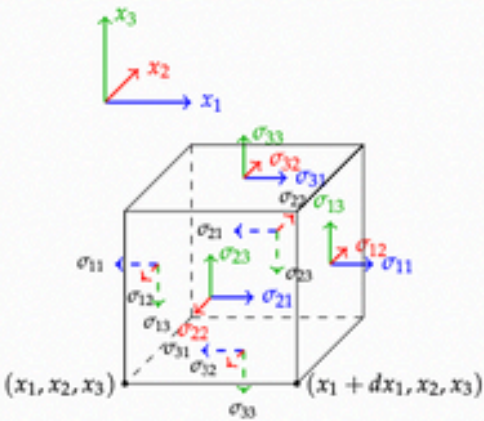


Figure 1.2: Stresses.

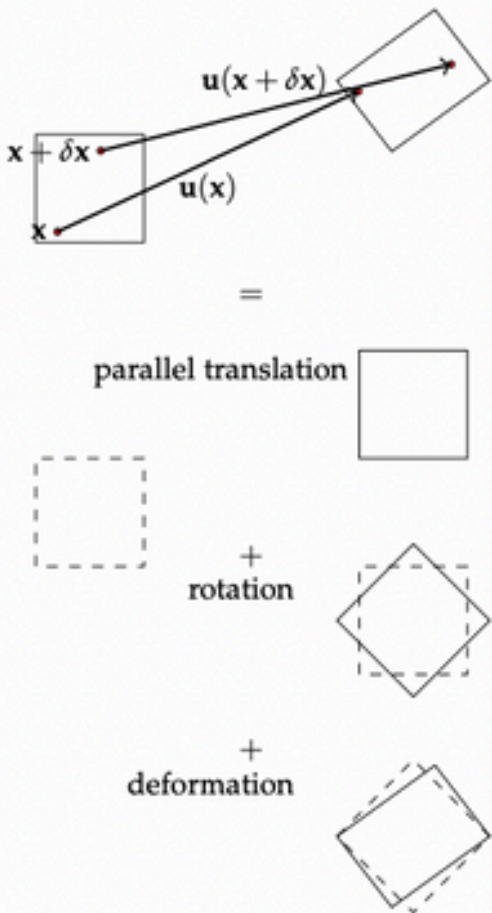
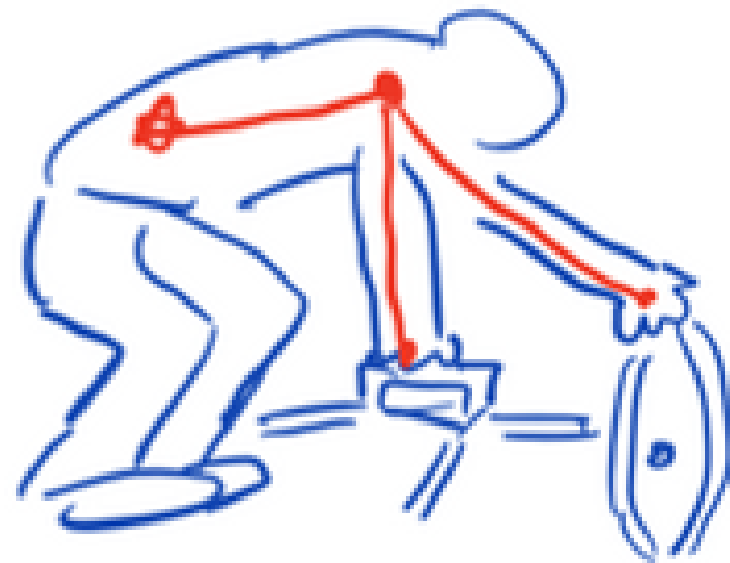


Figure 1.3: Displacement includes parallel translation, rotation, and deformation (strain).

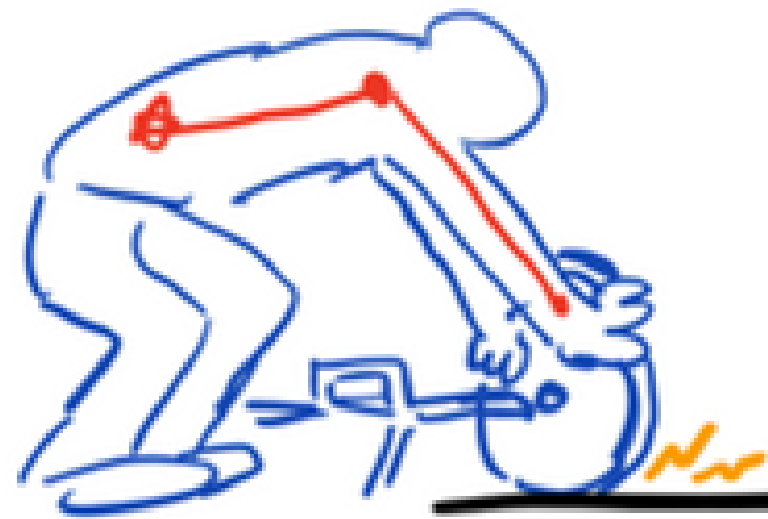
STRESS,  
DISPLACEMENT,  
STRAIN  
INTEPRETATIONS  
FROM MIT

# QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT

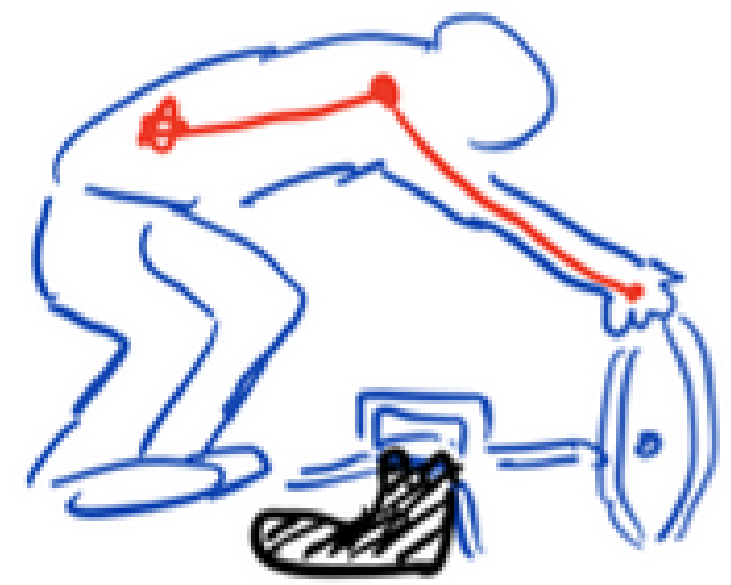
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**WITHOUT PROTOTYPE #2**

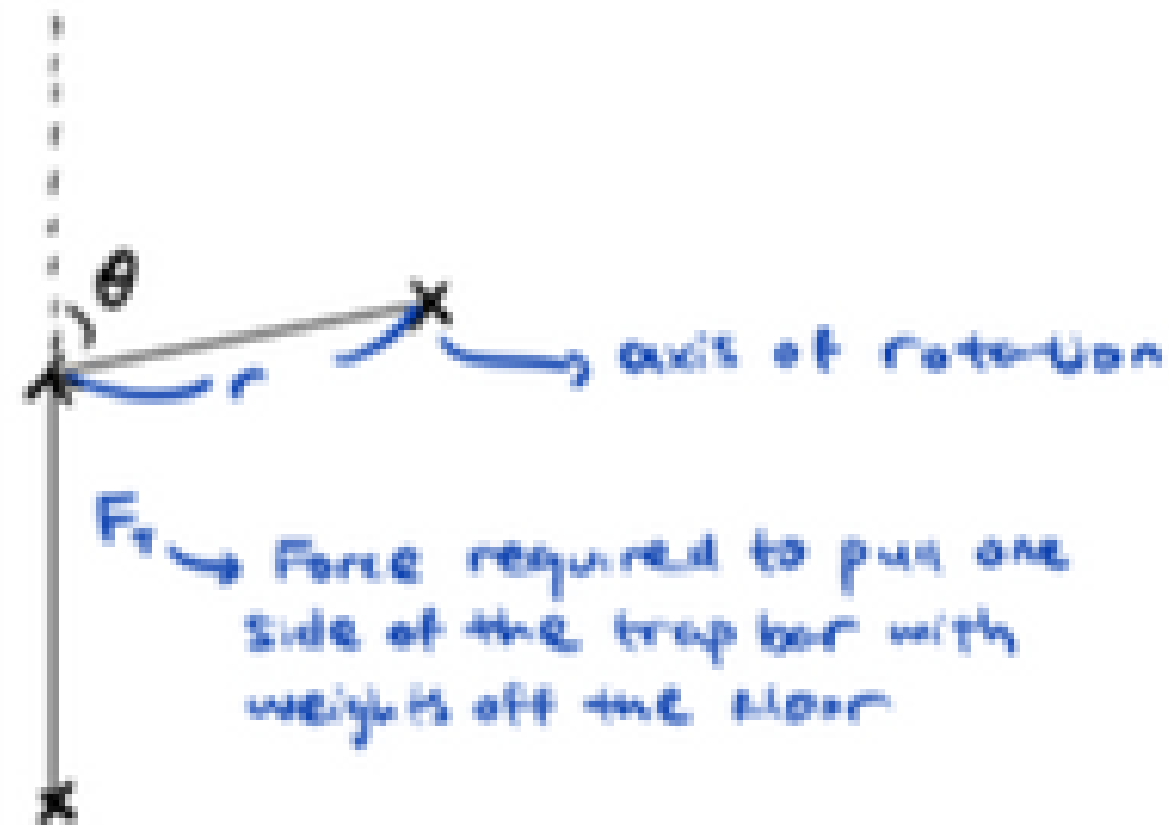


**WITH PROTOTYPE**





# QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT



Average from users:

1.  $\theta = 77^\circ$
2.  $r = 21.625$  inches  
 $= 0.549$  meters
3.  $F_{T_1} = 28.5\text{kg}$  (1 plate),  
 $F_{T_2} = 48.5\text{kg}$  (2 plates),  
 $F_{T_3} = 68.5\text{kg}$  (3 plates)

$$\tau = rF \sin\theta = rmgsin\theta$$

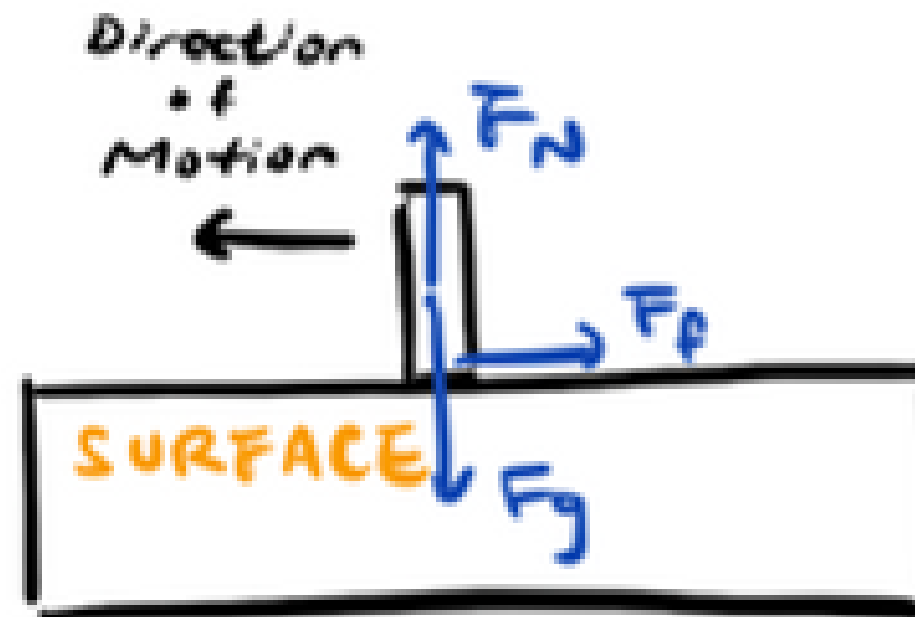
$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{T_1} &= (0.549\text{m})(28.5\text{kg})(9.8\text{N/kg})\sin(77^\circ) \\ &= 153.262\text{N} \cdot \text{m} (1 \text{ plate})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{T_2} &= (0.549\text{m})(48.5\text{kg})(9.8\text{N/kg})\sin(77^\circ) \\ &= 260.814\text{N} \cdot \text{m} (2 \text{ plates})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{T_3} &= (0.549\text{m})(68.5\text{kg})(9.8\text{N/kg})\sin(77^\circ) \\ &= 368.367\text{N} \cdot \text{m} (3 \text{ plates})\end{aligned}$$

# QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT

## FREE BODY DIAGRAM :



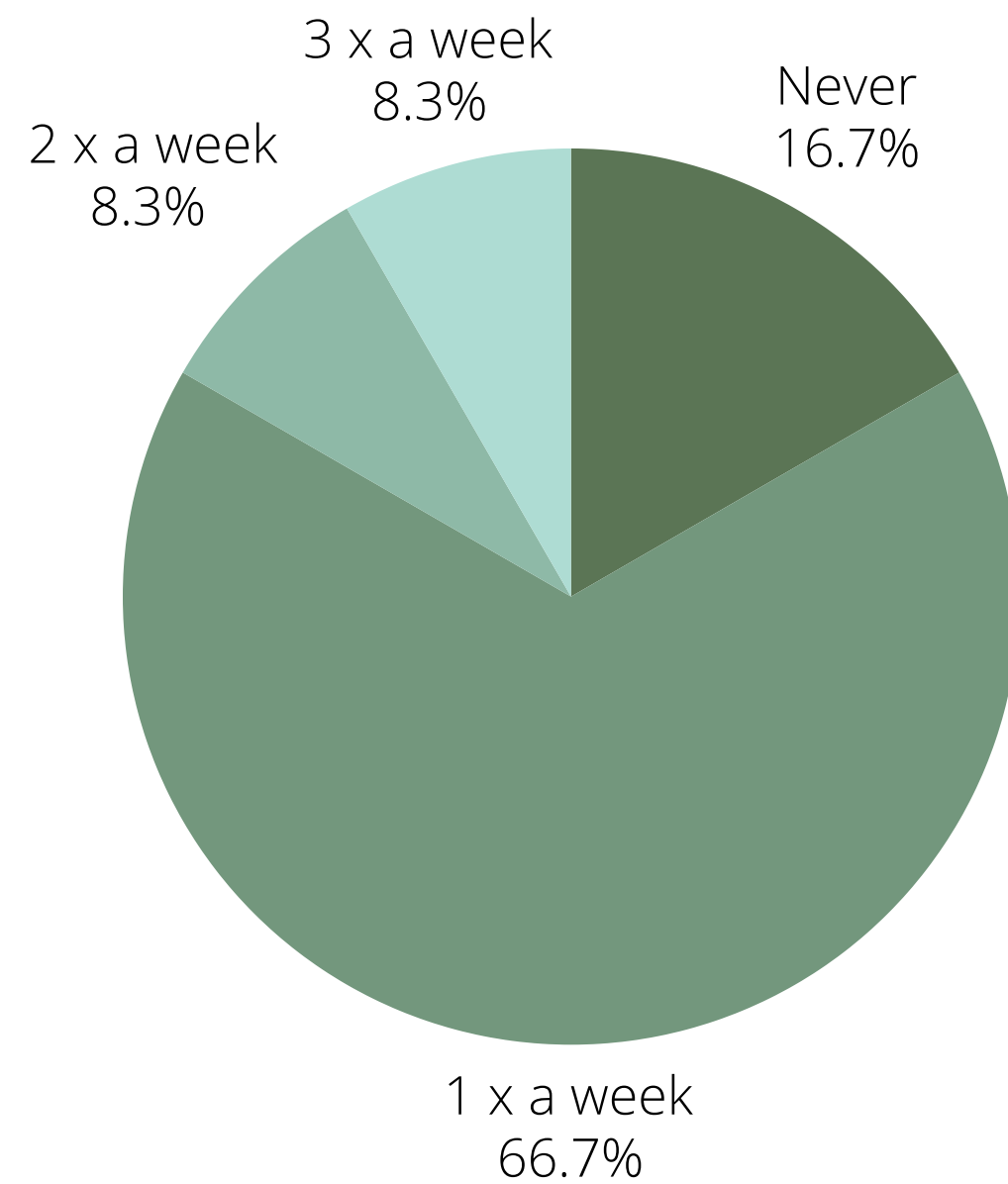
$$\mu_s = 0.6 \text{ (between rubber plate and concrete)}$$

$$F_g = (20\text{kg})(0.8\text{N/kg}) = 196.2\text{N} \text{ (1 plate)}$$

$$F_g = F_N, F_f = \mu_s F_g \Rightarrow F_f = (0.6)(196.2\text{N}) = 177.72\text{N}$$

**USER TESTING**

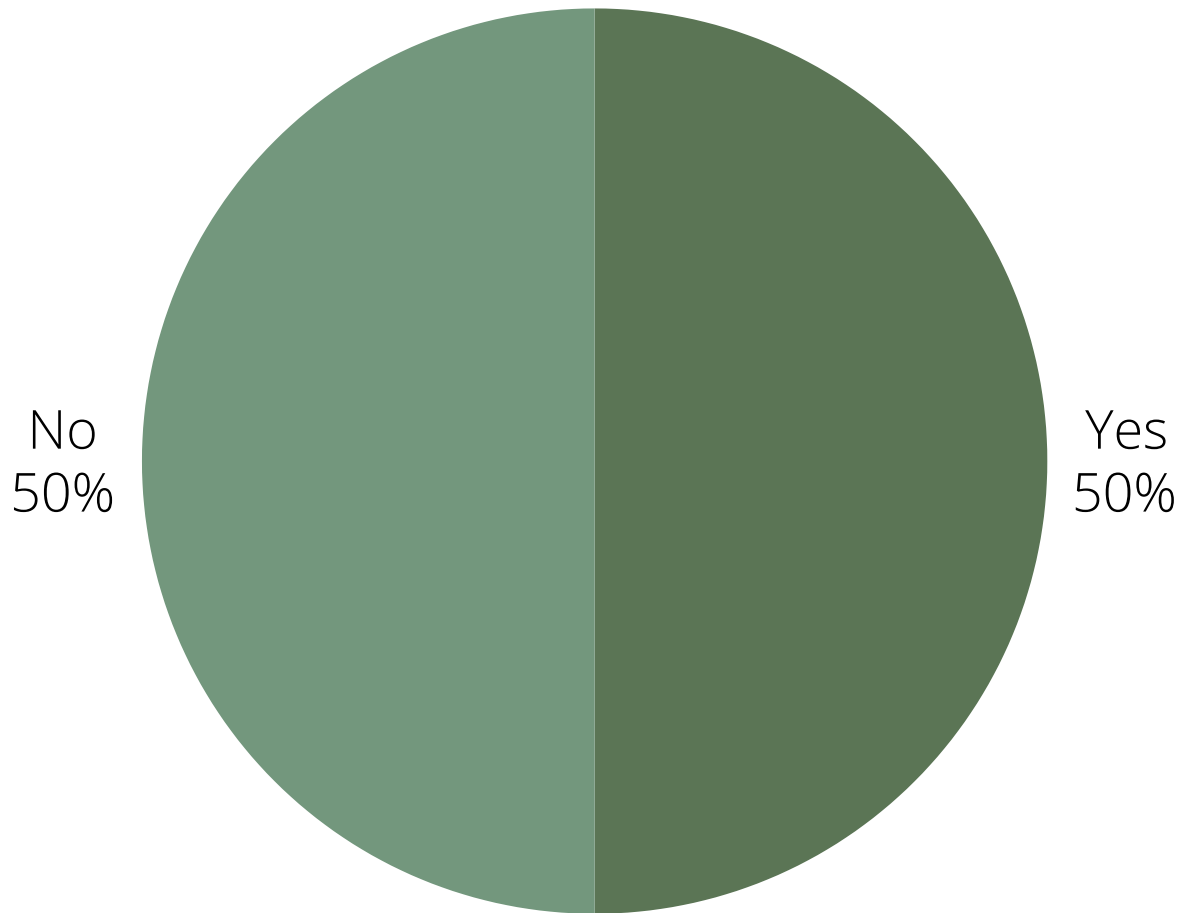
**How often do you trap bar deadlift?**



**12 USER TESTING  
SESSIONS**



Do you have pre-existing back pain?



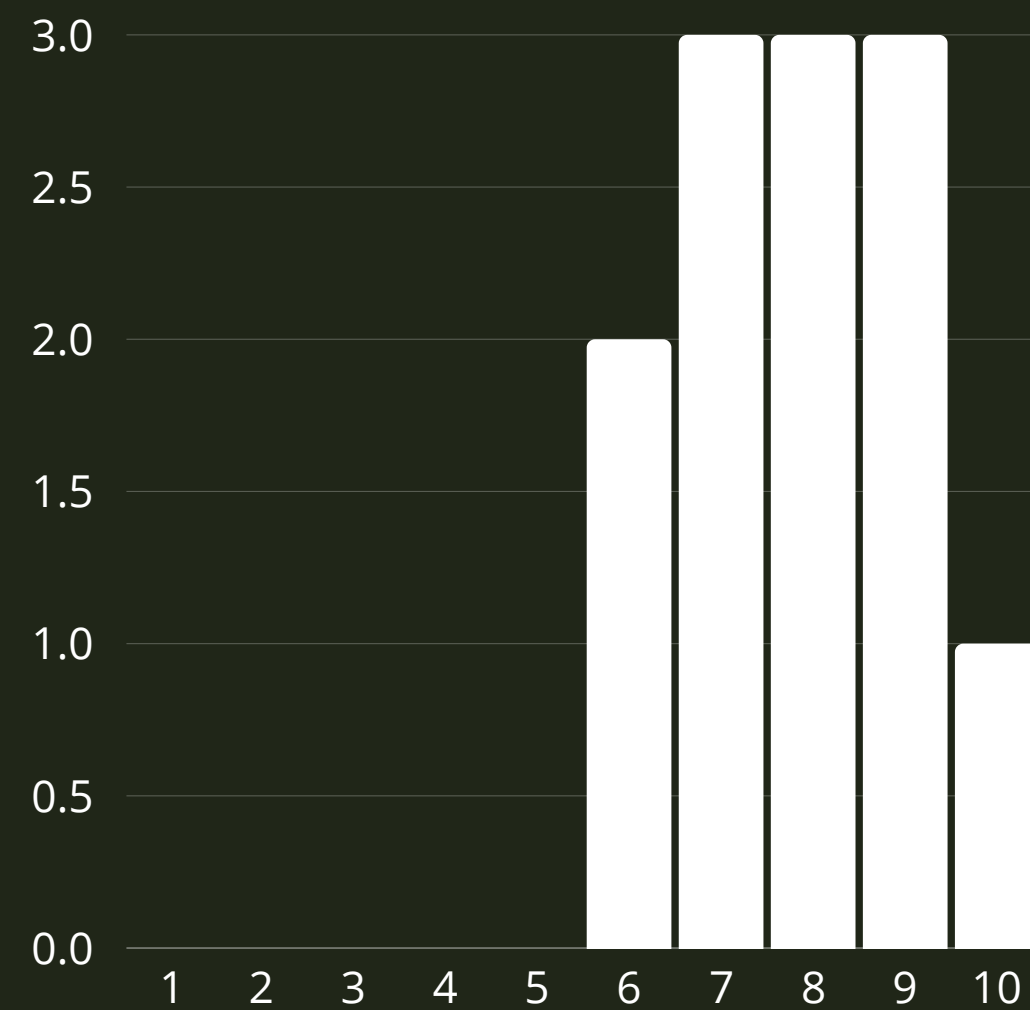
Do you feel this relieved backstrain?



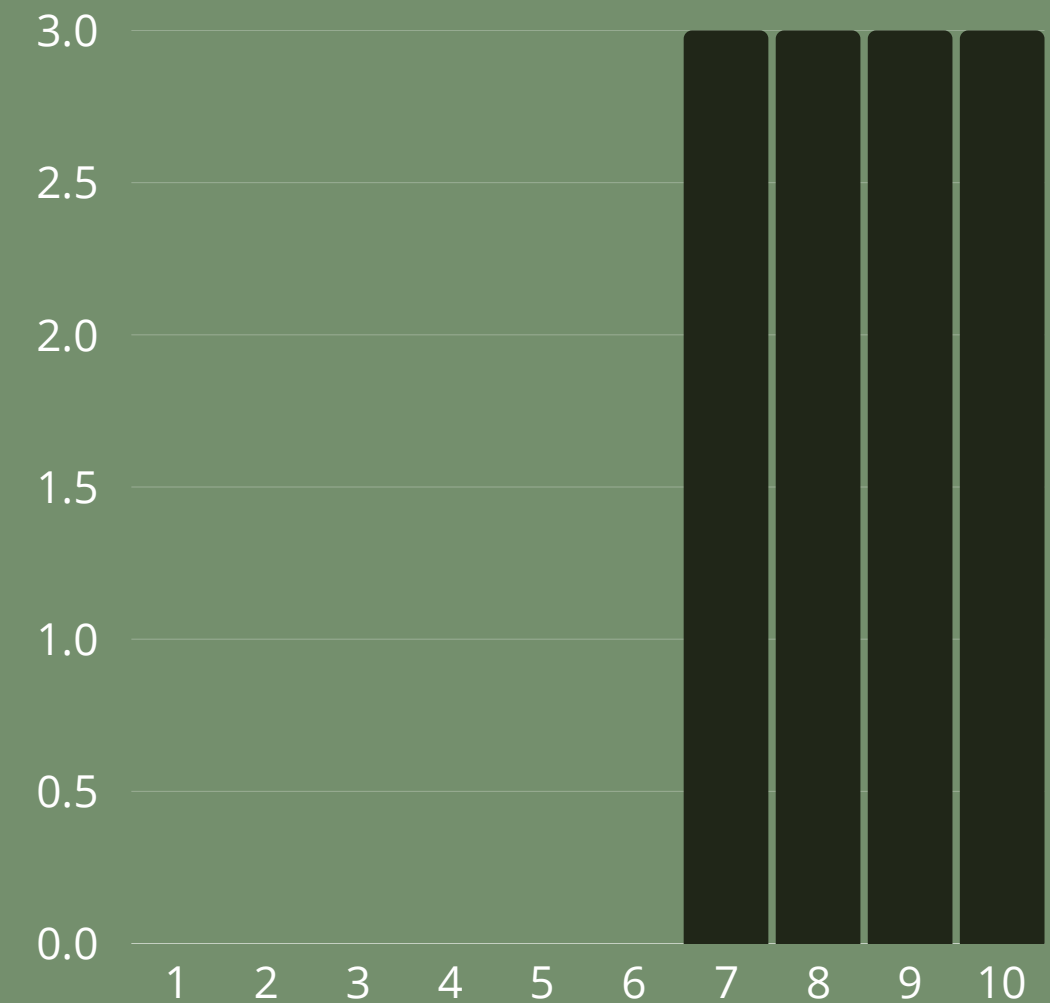
Efficacy



**Is it intuitive?  
(On a scale of 1-10)**

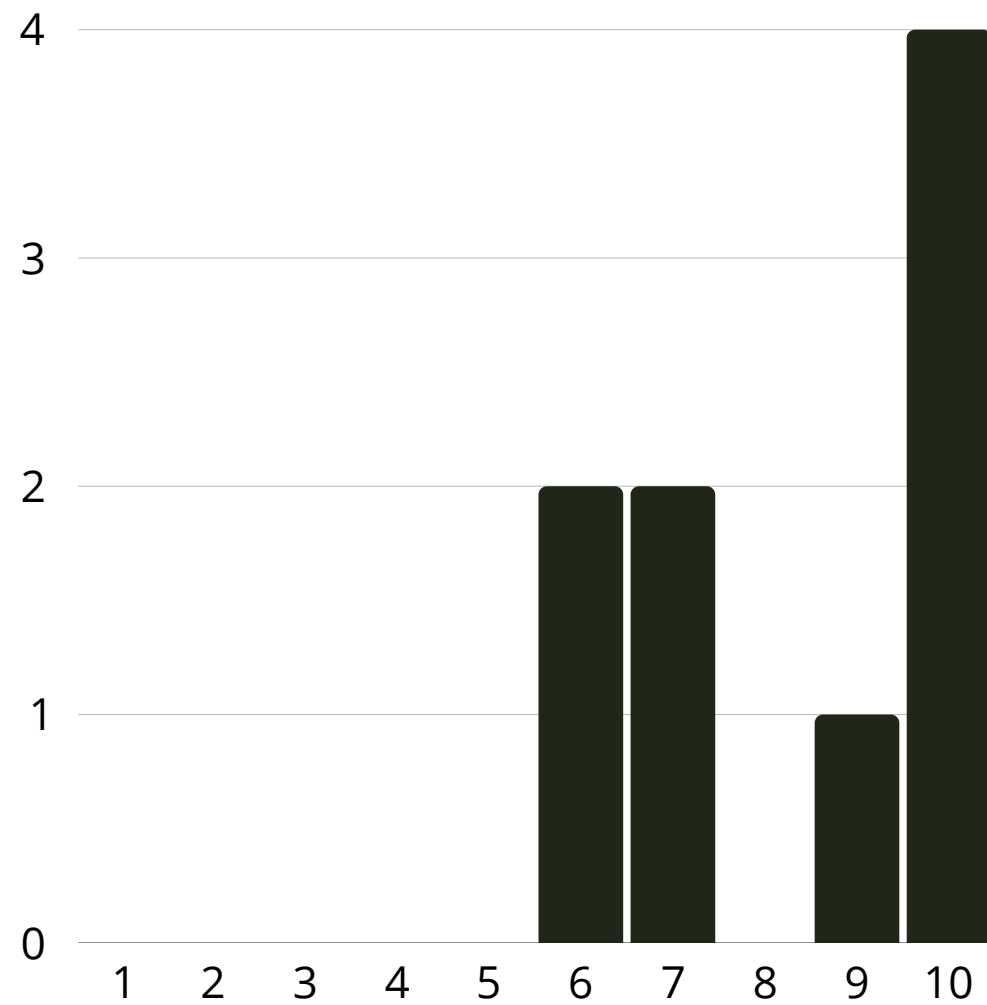


**How easy is it to use?  
(On a scale of 1-10)**



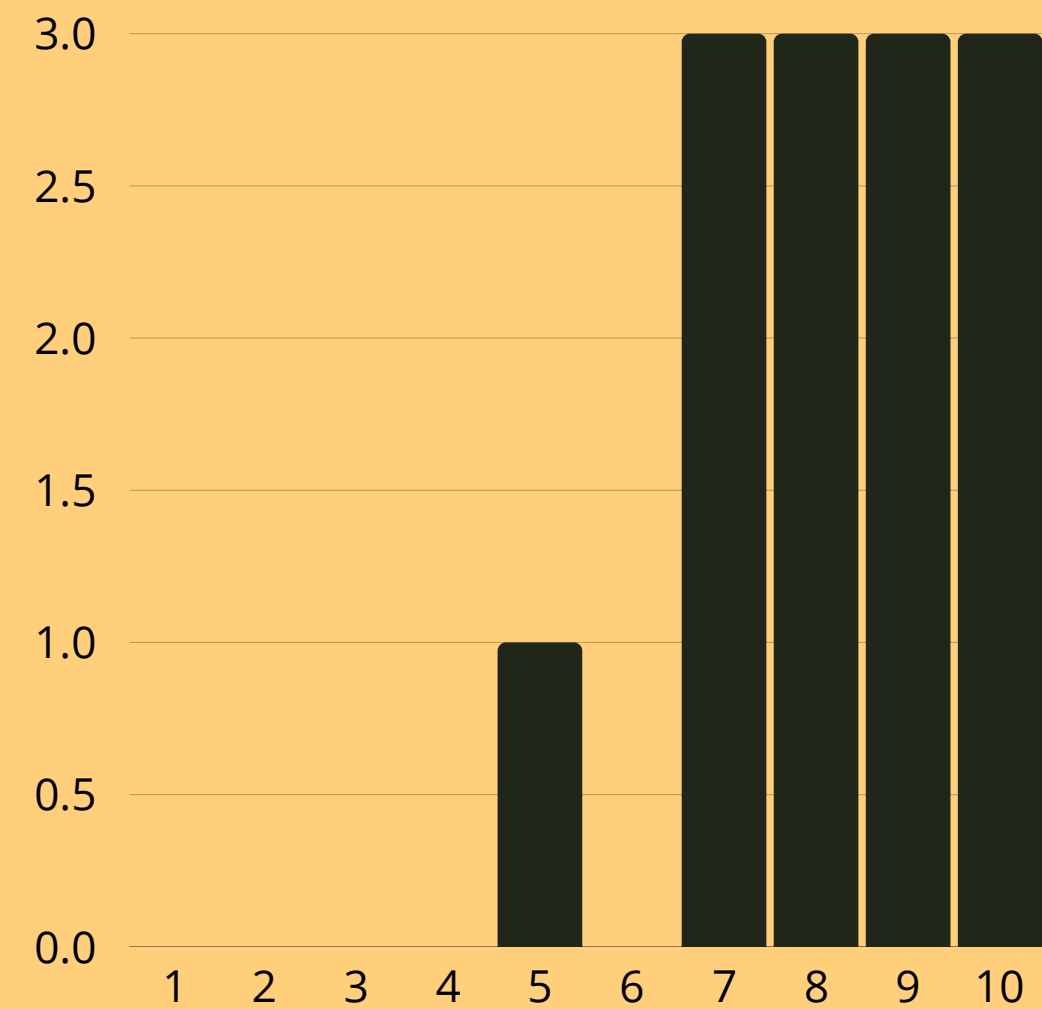
**Ease of Use**

**How aesthetic is the product?  
(On a scale of 1-10)**

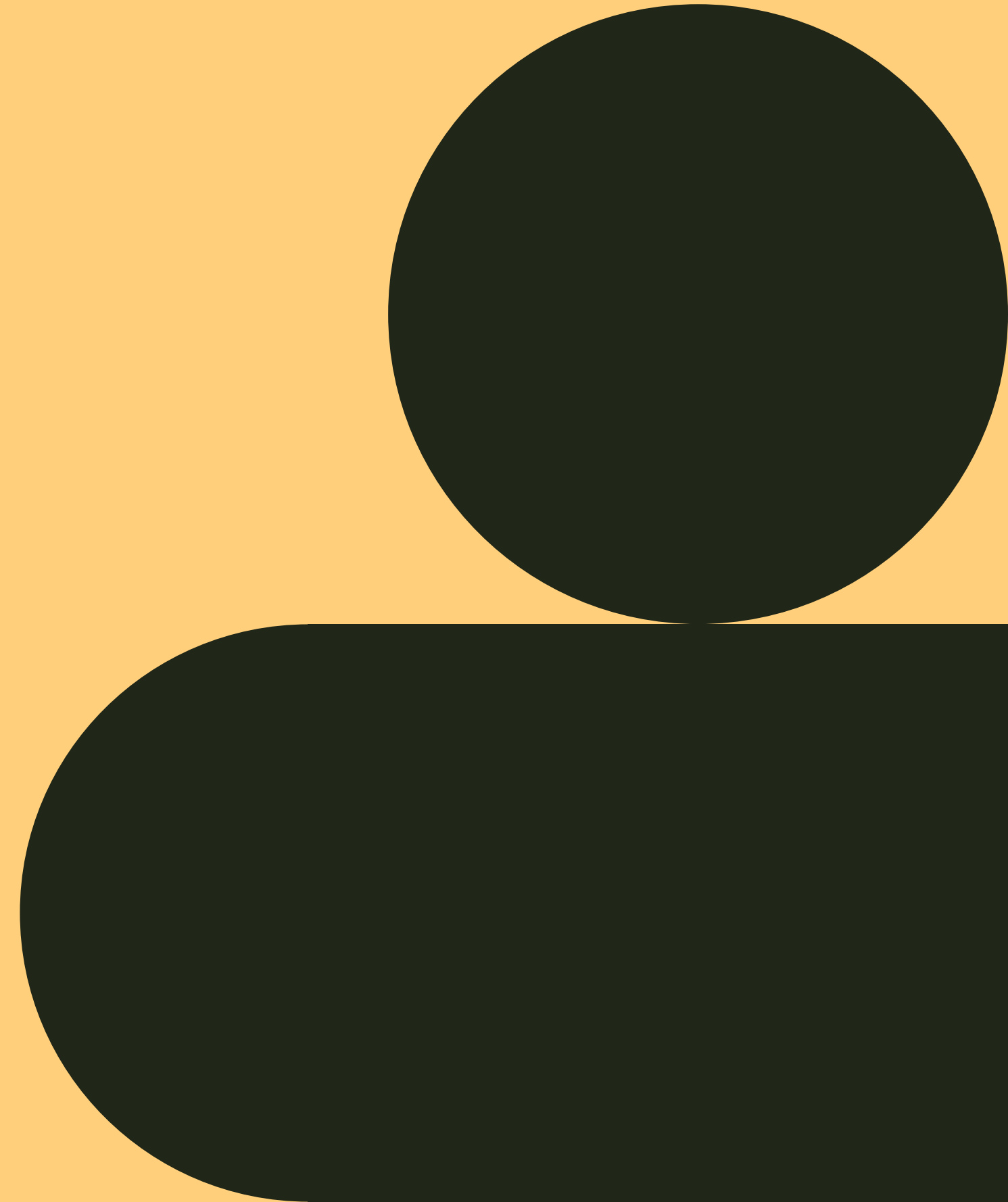


**Aesthetics**

**Would you implement this into your  
lifting regime?  
(On a scale of 1-10)**



# **BUSINESS PLAN**



# FIXED COSTS

FIXED COSTS & CAPTIAL EQUIPMENT: JOUNRAL ENTRIES FOR JAN 1 2023					
1	Purchasing of the plasma cutter				* Assumption of a 10 year life cycle for captial equipment * Assuming no salvage cost of the captial equipment
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$4,500		
		Equipment		\$4,500	
2	Purchasing of the Hypertherm Table				
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$18,000		
		Equipment		\$18,000	
3	Yearly payment of rent paid upfront				
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$60,000		
		Pre-paid rent		\$60,000	
4	Upfront payment of yearly electiricty				
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$2,364		
		Pre-paid utilites		\$2,364	
5	Retainer for in-house council and insurance expense				
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$15,000		
		Pre-paid legal expense		\$15,000	
6	Advertising and marketing agency				
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$20,000		
		Pre-paid Marketing Expense		\$20,000	
7	Yearly administrative expense of staff				
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$230,000		
		Salary expense		\$230,000	
8	Pre-paid monthly consumables for capital equipment				* assuming \$150 per month
		Account	DR	CR	
	Cash		\$1,800		
		Pre-paid consumables		\$1,800	

# VARIABLE COSTS

STEEL	Tons	Sheets	Cost \$	\$/sheet	\$/unit		ALUMINIUM	Units	Tubes	Cost \$	\$/Unit		
		1	11.5	2362.50	175.00	14.583333			32	1	61.7	1.928125	
		5	67.5	11221.88	166.25	13.854167			64	2	123.4	1.928125	
		10	135	21321.56	157.94	13.161458			96	3	185.1	1.928125	
		15	202.5	30383.23	150.04	12.503385			128	4	246.8	1.928125	
		20	270	38485.42	142.54	11.878216			160	5	308.5	1.928125	
		25	337.5	45701.44	135.41	11.284305			192	6	370.2	1.928125	
		30	405	52099.64	128.64	10.72009			224	7	431.9	1.928125	
		35	472.5	57743.77	122.21	10.184086			256	8	493.6	1.928125	
		40	540	62693.23	116.10	9.6748813			288	9	555.3	1.928125	
		45	607.5	67003.39	110.29	9.1913372			320	10	586.2	1.831875	discount 5%
		50	675	70725.80	104.78	8.7315804			352	11	644.82	1.831875	
		55	742.5	73908.46	99.54	8.2950013			384	12	703.44	1.831875	
		60	810	76596.04	94.56	7.8802513			416	13	762.06	1.831875	
		65	877.5	78830.09	89.83	7.4862387			448	14	820.68	1.831875	
		70	945	80649.25	85.34	7.1119268			480	15	832.95	1.7353125	discount 10%
		75	1012.5	82089.41	81.08	6.7563304			512	16	888.48	1.7353125	
		80	1080	83183.94	77.02	6.4185139			544	17	944.01	1.7353125	
		85	1147.5	83963.79	73.17	6.0975882			576	18	999.54	1.7353125	
		90	1215	84457.69	69.51	5.7927088			608	19	1055.07	1.7353125	
		95	1282.5	84692.50	66.04	5.5030734			640	20	1048.9	1.6189063	discount 15%

	HDX	Cost \$	\$/unit			WASHER	Cost \$	\$/unit
	100	\$30	\$0.30			9700	510.68	0.0526474
	200	\$60	\$0.30			19400	1021.36	0.0526474
	300	\$90	\$0.30			29100	1532.04	0.0526474
	400	\$120	\$0.30			38800	2042.72	0.0526474
	500	\$150	\$0.30			48500	2298.06	0.0473827
	600	\$180	\$0.30			58200	2757.672	0.0473827
	700	\$210	\$0.30			67900	3217.284	0.0473827
	800	\$240	\$0.30			77600	3676.896	0.0473827
	900	\$270	\$0.30			87300	4136.508	0.0473827
	1000	270	\$0.27	10% discount		97000	4340.78	0.0447503
	1100	297	\$0.27			106700	4774.858	0.0447503
	1200	324	\$0.27			116400	5208.936	0.0447503
	1300	351	\$0.27			126100	5643.014	0.0447503
	1400	378	\$0.27			135800	6077.092	0.0447503
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	1600	432	\$0.27					
	1700	459	\$0.27					
	1800	486	\$0.27					
	1900	513	\$0.27					

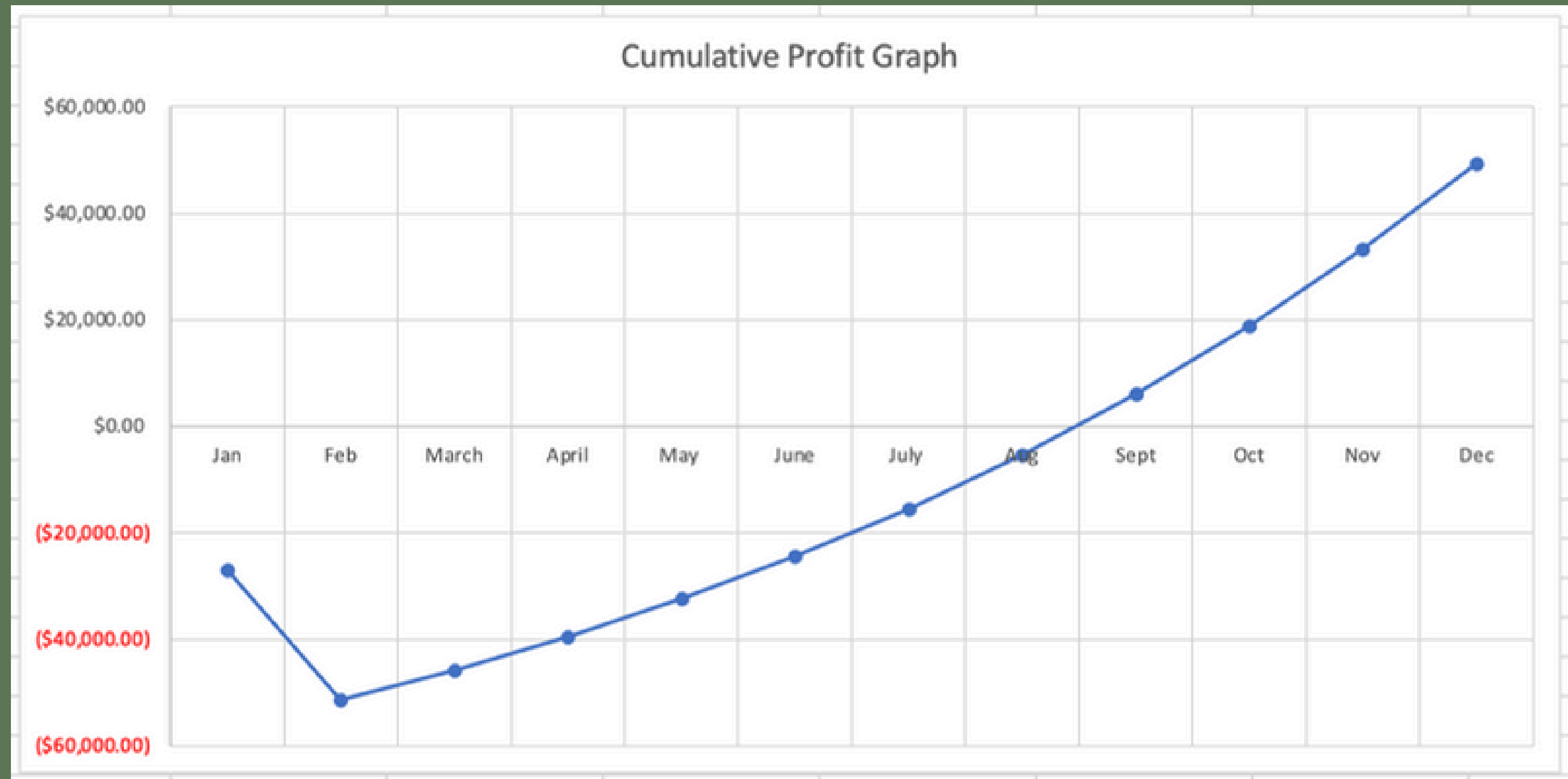
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	12.5% growth/month			7.5% growth/month			5% growth/month		
2023				2024			2025		
January	500		January	1964		January	4569		
Feb	550		Feb	2111		Feb	4798		
March	605		March	2270		March	5037		
April	666		April	2440		April	5289		
May	732		May	2623		May	5554		
June	805		June	2820		June	5831		
July	886		July	3031		July	6123		
August	974		August	3258		August	6429		
September	1072		September	3503		September	6751		
October	1179		October	3766		October	7088		
November	1297		November	4048		November	7443		
December	1427		December	4352		December	7815		
23YE	10692	units	24YE	36185		25YE	72727		

			Monthly Payment
LOAN	\$205,457.31		
TOTAL LOAN PAYMENT with 10% ir (c.a.)	\$226,003.04	\$18,833.59	
Loan Assumptions			
Took 6 months of Y1 Revenue			
Assumed 10% interest rate per annum (not compounded monthly)			
Paid off over 1 business year			

Price per Unit		\$50												
Variable Cost		\$7.78	COGS											
Year		2023												
Month		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Sales Volume		500	562.50	632.81	711.91	800.90	901.02	1013.64	1140.35	1282.89	1443.25	1623.66	1826.62	
Revenue		\$25,000	\$28,125	\$31,641	\$35,596	\$40,045	\$45,051	\$50,682	\$57,017	\$64,145	\$72,163	\$81,183	\$91,331	
Variable Cost		\$3,891.05	\$4,377.43	\$4,924.61	\$5,540.18	\$6,232.70	\$7,011.79	\$7,888.27	\$8,874.30	\$9,983.59	\$11,231.53	\$12,635.48	\$14,214.91	
Contribution		\$21,108.95	\$23,747.57	\$26,716.02	\$30,055.52	\$33,812.46	\$38,039.02	\$42,793.90	\$48,143.14	\$54,161.03	\$60,931.16	\$68,547.55	\$77,115.99	
Fixed Cost														
Rent														
\$60,000		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Capital Cost														
\$24,300		\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$2,025	
Utilities														
\$2,364		\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197	
Marketing														
\$20,000		\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67	
Legal & Insurance														
\$15,000		\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	
Admin Staff														
\$230,000		\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	\$19,166.67	
Total Fixed Cost		\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	\$29,305	
Loan Payments														
		\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	\$18,833.59	
Profit		(\$27,029.97)	(\$24,391.35)	(\$21,422.96)	(\$18,083.40)	(\$14,326.46)	(\$10,099.90)	(\$5,345.02)	\$4.22	\$6,022.11	\$12,792.24	\$20,408.63	\$28,977.07	
Cumulative Profit		(\$27,029.97)	(\$51,421.31)	(\$45,814.25)	(\$39,506.30)	(\$32,409.85)	(\$24,426.36)	(\$15,444.92)	(\$5,340.81)	\$6,026.32	\$18,814.34	\$33,200.87	\$49,385.70	

YE2023 Analysis	Price/Unit	COGS/Unit	Variable \$/Unit	Cost/Unit	Profit/Unit
	\$50	\$7.78	\$28.27	\$36.05	\$13.95





# ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS



1

## **PLYWOOD**

can only be recycled when  
untreated, unpainted, and  
unstained

2

## **STEEL**

100% recyclable  
maintain quality

3

## **ALUMINUM**

recycling rate exceeds 90%  
  
recycling energy = 5%  
producing energy



# NEXT STEPS

## **+ RUBBER PADDING**

Decrease Noise

Protect the Floor

## **FATTER GRIP**

Adapt to New Trap  
Bars

Adapt to Barbells

## **PATENT**

Cheryl Junker &  
Dartmouth TTO

Invention  
Disclosure Form







**USER TESTING  
WITH VOLLEYBALL**



# USER TESTING WITH RUGBY





# TALKING TO S&C COACHES

SEPTEMBER 2021





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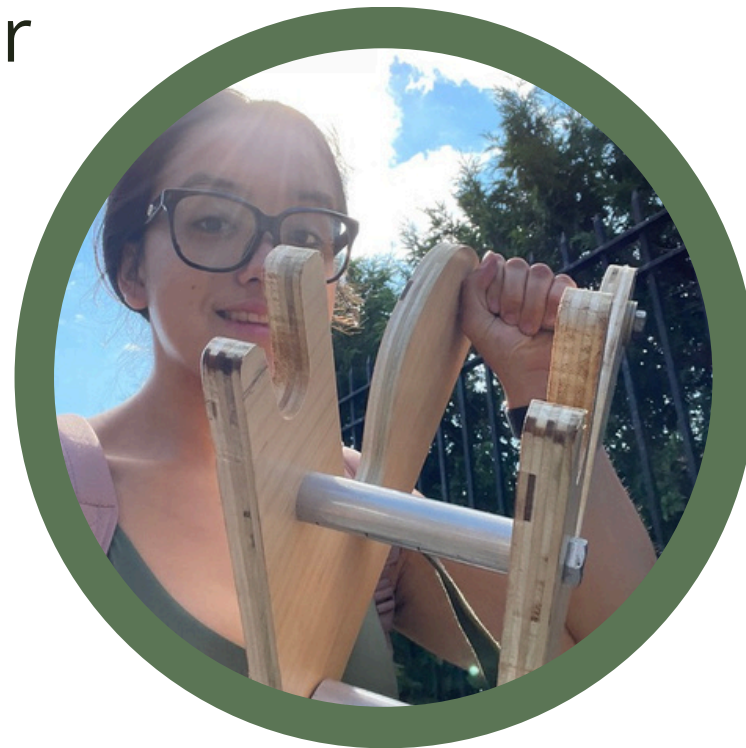
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# QUESTIONS?

