Week 7

1.Ideation refinement

- 2. Presentation pitch
 - 3. Concept chosen

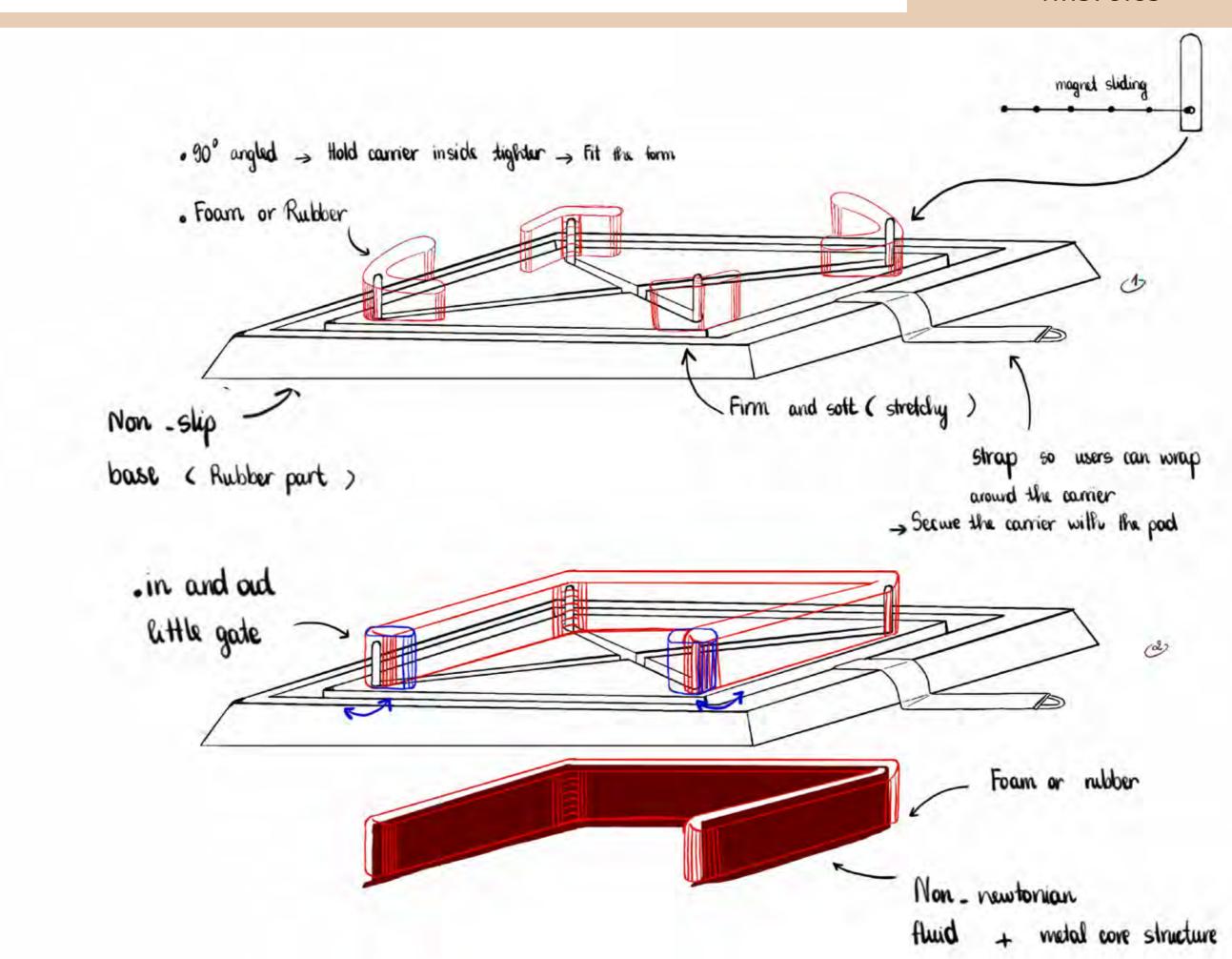


Ideation sketching

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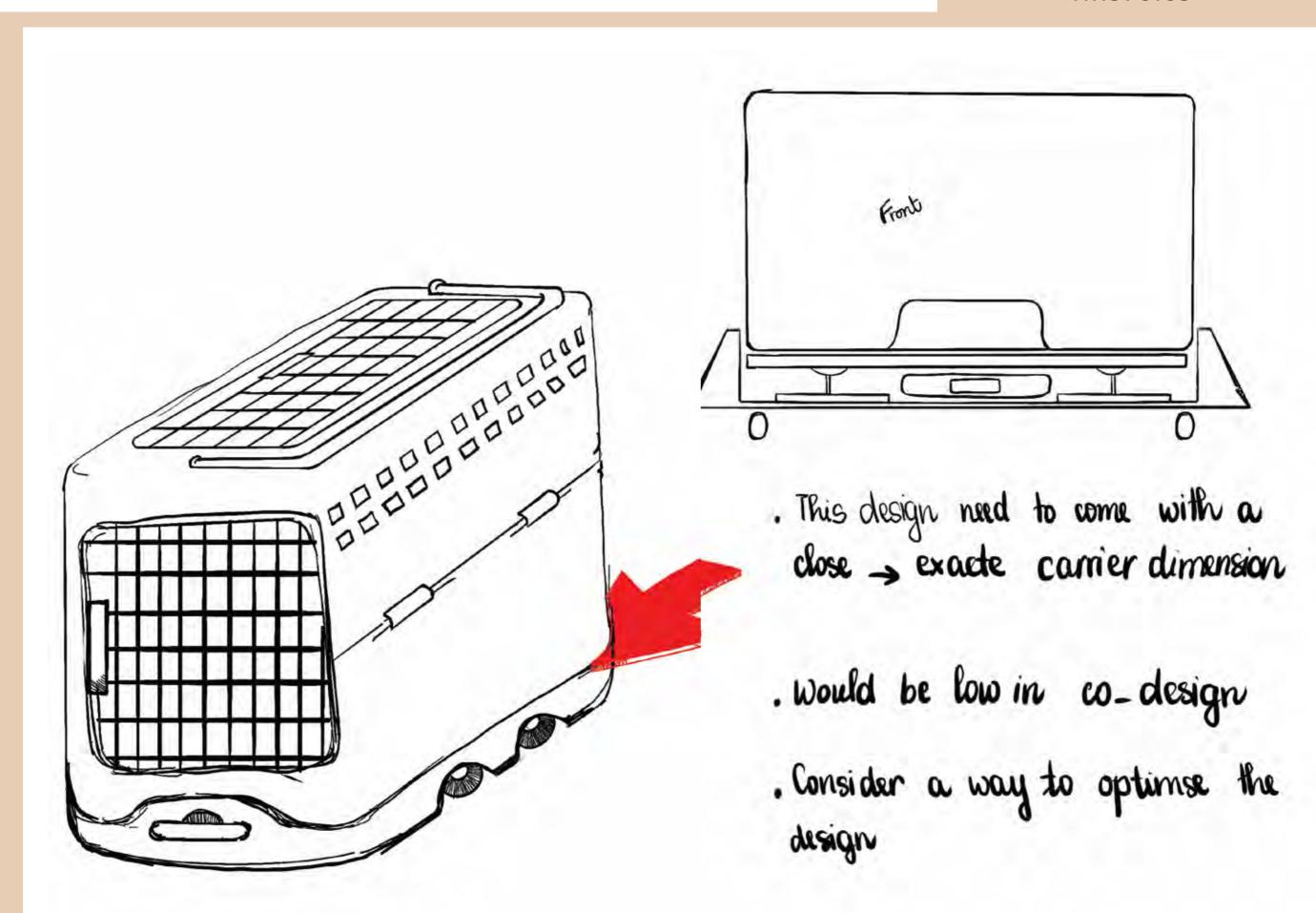
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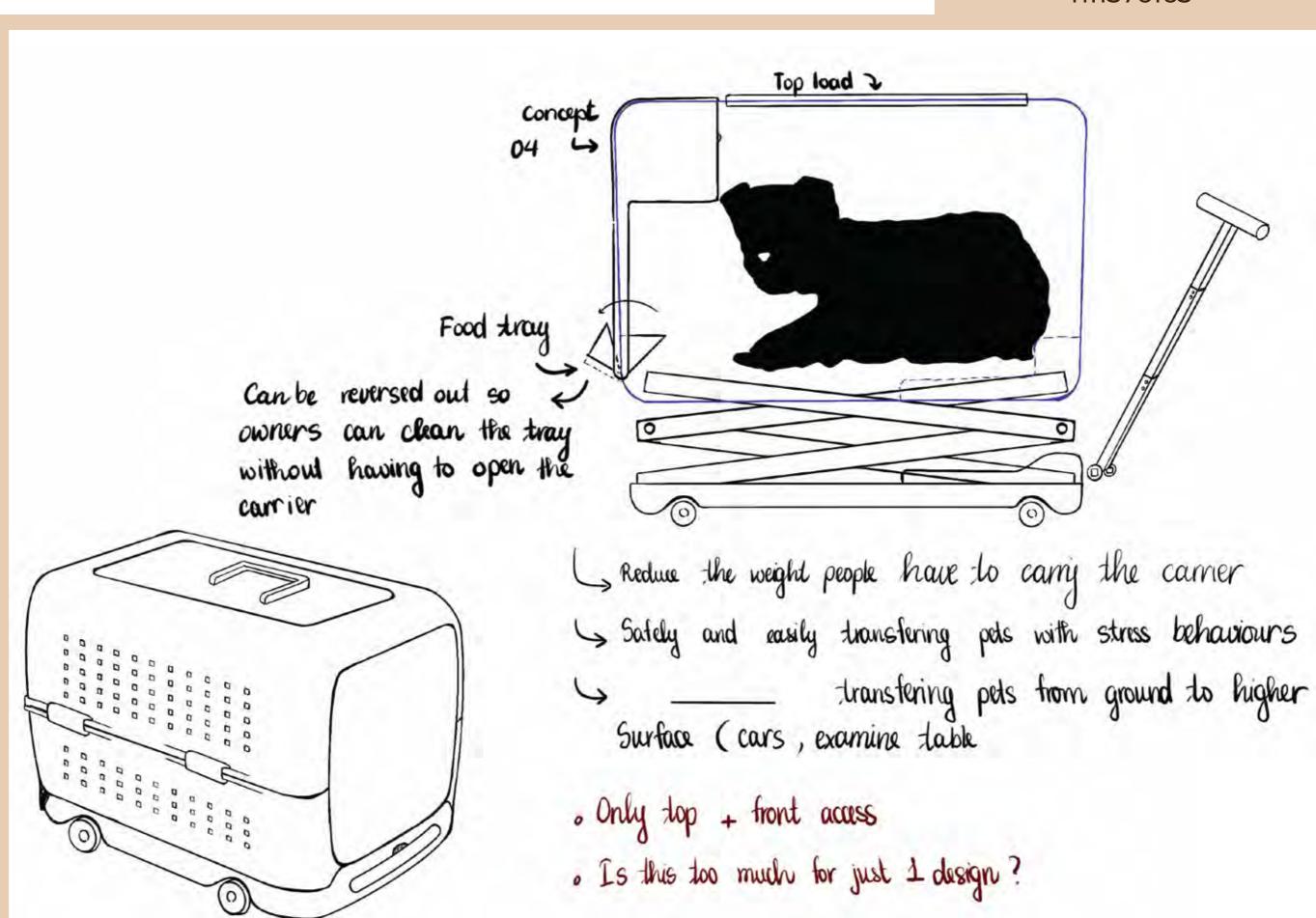
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Inspiration for this concept

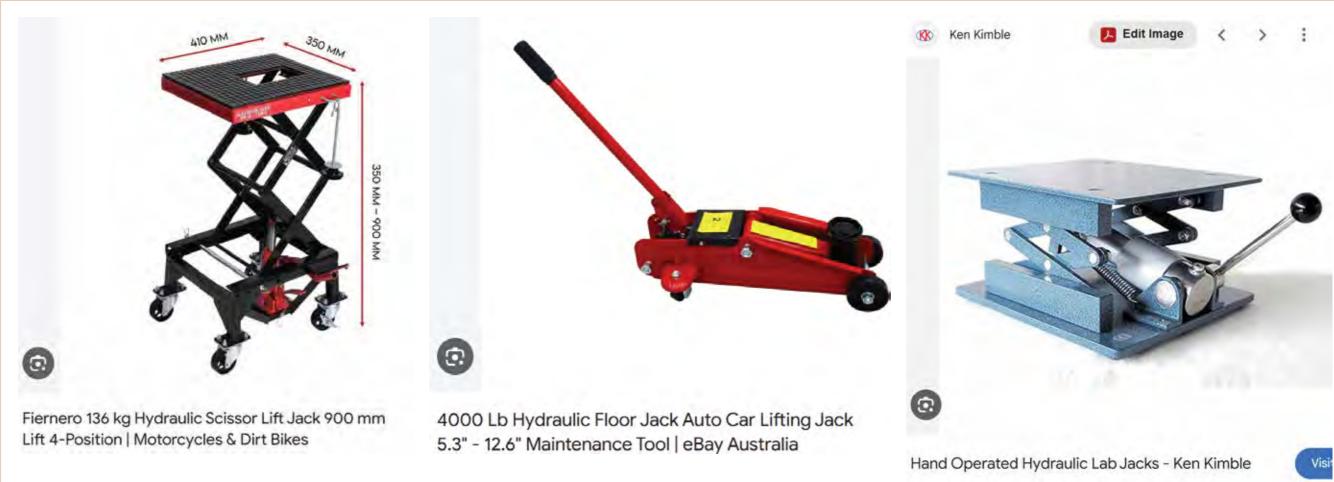
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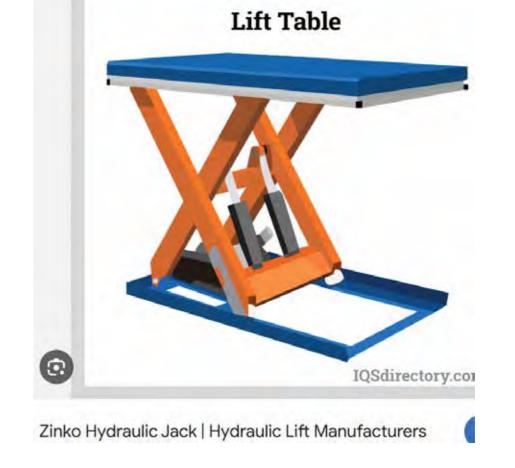
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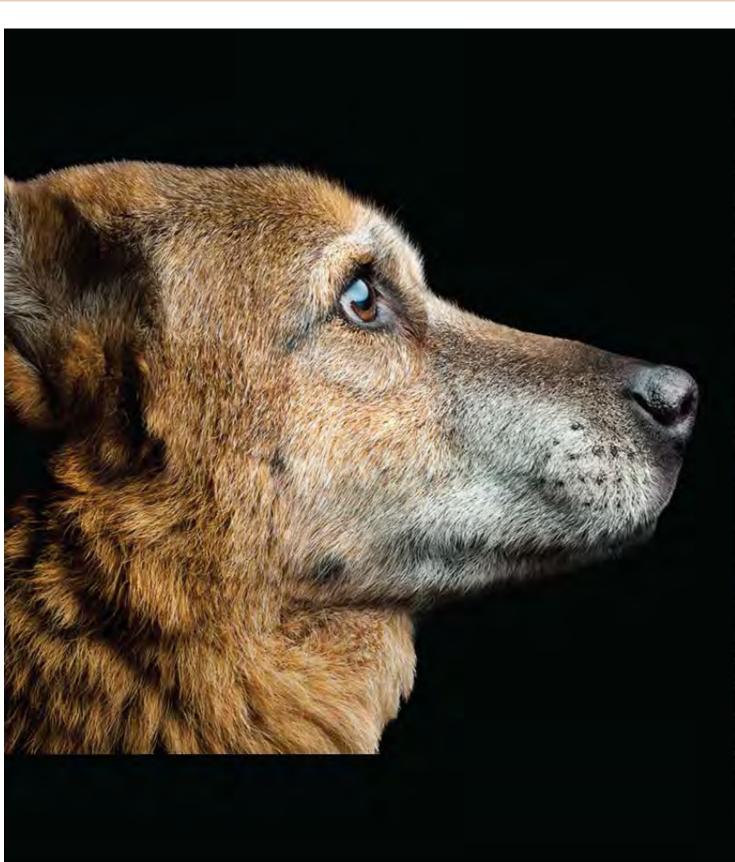
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WHEN SHOULD I SWITCH TO A SENIOR FOOD?

Even if your pet is not showing any outward signs of ageing, they should still be transitioned to a senior food at 7 years for cats & small/medium dog breeds and 6 years for dogs > 25kg. It is important to recognise that the benefits of feeding good nutrition accrue over a long period of time, so it is important to feed your pet a food appropriate for their changing needs throughout their lifetime.

HOW FREQUENTLY SHOULD WE BE TAKING OUR SENIOR PETS FOR A CHECK OVER AT THE VET?

The general consensus from veterinarians is that senior pets should be checked by the vet every 6 months (or more frequently if there are health concerns). Whilst it might seem frequent, it is actually only every 4 dog or cat years.

Check-ups are an opportunity to raise any concerns you might have, as well as have the vet perform a thorough physical examination of your pet. The vet may also recommend blood and urine tests to screen for diseases. This gives you the best chance of detecting something early so that it can be treated or managed successfully.

Intervertebral Disc Disease

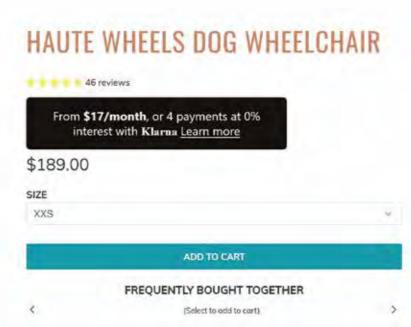
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long, sloping backs predispose them to a multitude of spinal problems. Two of the most prominent spinal issues that German Shepherds are prone to are Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD) and Degenerative Myelopathy. Before we can discuss these spinal diseases, we first must understand what exactly the spine looks like and how it works.

A dog's spine is a fairly simple structure that protects the spinal cord, which is responsible for communicating information to and from the brain. The spinal cord is encased in a boney vertebra with the only exposed portions being the tiny spaces between the vertebrae. These spaces allow for movement of the spine, but are also potential points for spinal cord damage which is why spinal discs sit in these small spaces to cushion the spinal cord. Spinal discs, more commonly known as **intervertebral discs**, are the **pillows for the spine** and are made of a fibrous outer covering, known as the intervertebral ring, which is filled with a pulpy nucleus that compresses as your dog moves.

Some products to support them









https://www.aocpet.com/blogs/aoc-blog/ivdd-oth-er-spinal-prob-

lems-in-german-shepherds?srsltid=AfmBOoquhs-S-5-QI_-BPY4Ark-pwrLvVJ-yEOC_LVwvJEvEuzffKbPZ

Intervertebral Disc Disease

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5. Cocker Spaniels

Cocker Spaniels are another breed prone to Type I IVDD, especially between the ages of 3 and 6.

Early signs of IVDD in Cocker Spaniels include reluctance to jump, mild hind limb weakness, or signs of back pain. Their feathered coats can sometimes hide physical signs, so regular physical exams are important.



Are large breed dogs at risk for IVDD?

While IVDD is more common in small to medium breeds, some large dogs are also affected, particularly with Type II IVDD. These include:

- Labrador Retrievers
- German Shepherds
- Doberman Pinschers

Large breeds typically show slower-developing symptoms such as hind limb weakness, coordination issues, and difficulty standing after rest. In these breeds, disc degeneration happens over time and is often linked with other spinal conditions.





Our Bella is 10 years and was just diagnosed with Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD). Her back two legs have went out and it's been super hard to see and experience this so suddenly for her and us. She is our baby and is on meds and receiving chiropractic adjustments. If you've been through similar, what devices, supplements and or therapeutic treatments worked best for you!? Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Thank you



Intervertebral Disc Disease

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Performance Dog Knee Brace | CCL Dog Rear Leg
Brace

Brace
495 reviews

Sold Out



Custom Dog Knee Brace | CCL/ACL Stifle Rear Leg

Dog Brace

1021 reviews

\$895.00



L'il Back Bracer Dog Back Brace
101 reviews
from \$119.95



Bilateral Custom Dog Knee Braces | CCL/ACL

Stifle Rear Leg Dog Braces

1021 reviews

\$1,690.00



Custom Dog Wrist Brace | Carpal Dog Front Leg Brace



EMpower Device System - EM Technology



Gnawty Bites - Joint Flex - Hip & Joint Support
with Glucosamine



Custom Hock (Ankle) Brace | Dog Tarsal - Rear

Leg Brace

1021 reviews

from \$995.00

https://www.reddit.com/r/dogs/comments/sndwti/old_dog_is_too_big_to_carry_and_needs_to_go_to/

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CASE

S T U D

Youtube

Old dog is too big to carry and needs to go to the vet

Just like the title says, I have an aging dog that needs to go to the vet (appointment TBD) and we can't carry her. And before anyone jumps on the "get her into the vet ASAP band wagon, we are. We're calling as soon as their office opens up at 9am. It's currently almost 1am. This started a few hours ago, well after their closing time so we haven't been able to call any sooner. In the mean time we're just trying to make her comfortable.

She's a daniff. A bull mastiff Great Dane mix to be exact. Think Marmaduke but boxier and fatter. She's a rescue and best guess on age is 12-14yrs. She does have some mild arthritis in her joints that we've been managing. Shes been going in and out with minimal to no problem (back deck has three steps that she's not too fond of anymore, but uses them like a champ) and just acting like her usual energetic self.

Until tonight. A few hours ago she limped into my moms room crying in severe pain. She can't put any weight at all on her front left leg and, to me, her paw looks a bit swollen. Her hips can barely support her weight without the help of her front leg and she can't get up at all without it. She's refusing to eat out of a bowl or plate but will eat directly from our hands. She's also refusing water from the bowl, but will drink directly from our hands.

I'm not asking for treatment advice or anything like that. My problem is HOW DO WE GET HER IN AND OUT OF THE CAR. She's roughly 120-130lbs as my best guess, at least that's what she feels like, I could be overshooting it. She's gotten fat in her old age but not obese. We have a small SUV (we just call it a car since it's our smallest vehicle) and normally she can get her front end up and then I lift her back end up, but that's not going to work this time. We can't even get her through the house and out to the drive way. We're going to have to take the car to the nearest door to her and get her in that way.

Week 8

- 1. Continuing in ideation sketching and refining
 - 2. Mechanism brainstorming
 - 3. Inspiration



Concept chosen

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This product got inspirated by trolley design. With retractable wheels for more space saving. This design aiming at making traveling with pet more comfortable for those with II ability

Main components:

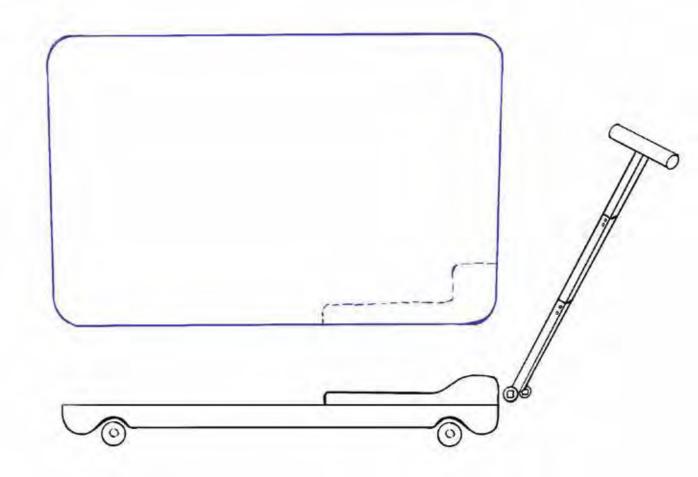
- wheels
- handles
- carriers





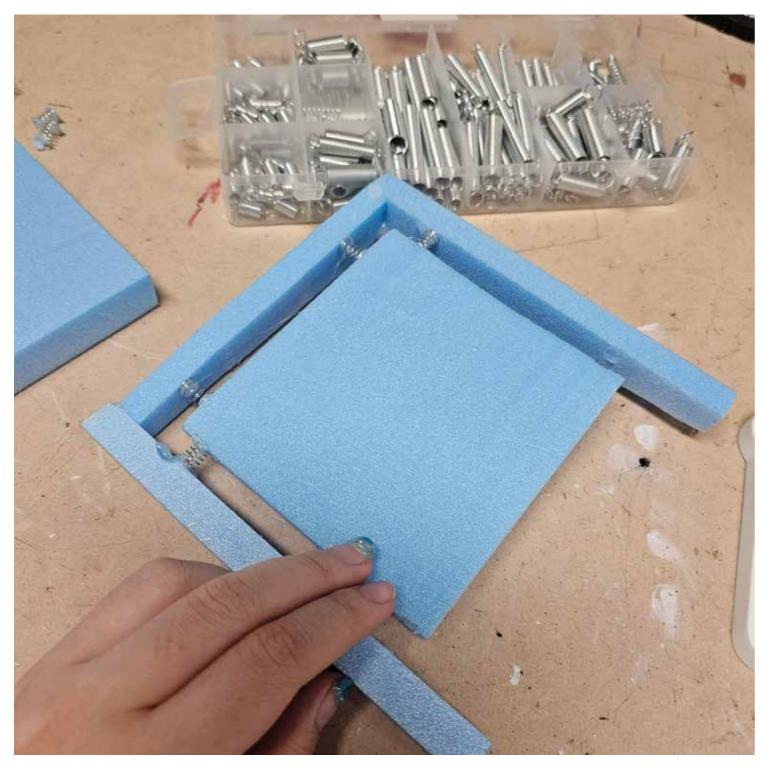






Stablizer - Prototyping the mechanism

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Same issue occur: This design is different, it has potential to stop the carrier from moving side to side, but hardly up-down. This is a greate challenge as if the carrier and the stablizer pad can not be joined as 1 piece, otherwise the combination will both moving under external impact

Low fidelity prototype

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Wheel - scissor lift-jack - Main housing base

Handle

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T slot - Sliding pad



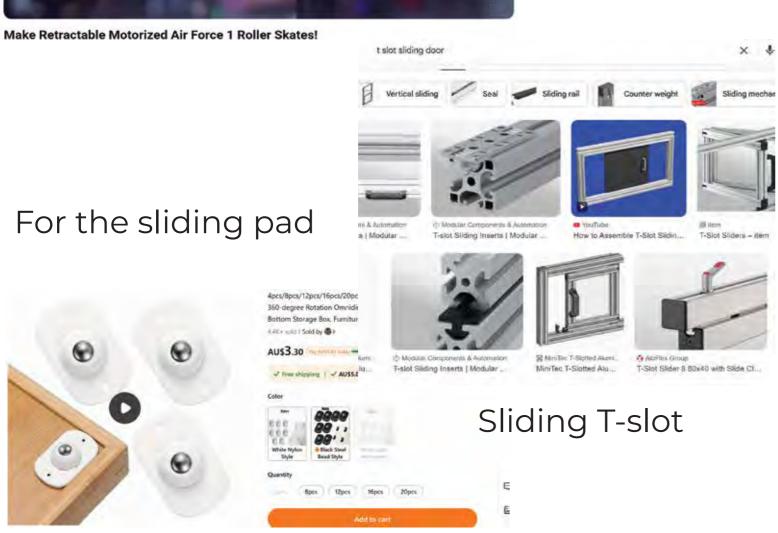


Potential mechanism - research

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Retractable wheel





Water hydraulic pump

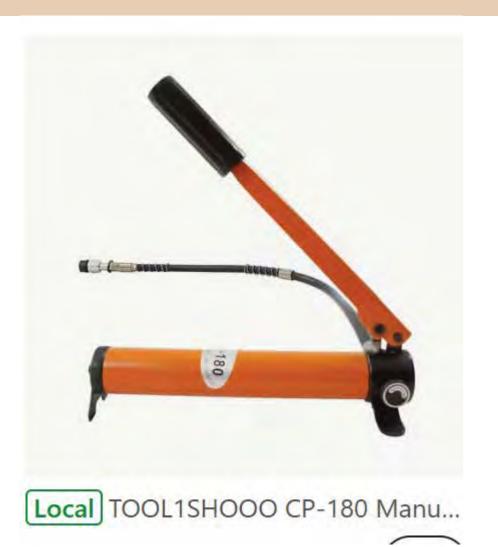




low to make a Powerful Hydraulic Jack using Syringe

Potential mechanism - research

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Manual hydraulic feet-pump

- Can be added-on many extra weight
- Space comsuming as well
- Expensive and may unnecessary perform surpassed results

R A R

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Article

of chronic disease rises. By age 60, the major burdens of disability and death arise from agerelated losses in hearing, seeing and moving, and noncommunicable diseases, including heart disease, stroke, chronic respiratory disorders, cancer and dementia (Chapter 3). These are not just problems for higher-income countries. In fact, the burden associated with these conditions in older people is generally far higher in low- and middle-income countries.

Targeted users - Elderly people

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Article

Relating to psychological and social benefits, recent studies suggest that pet ownership may improve well-being, life satisfaction, and happiness, as well as decrease loneliness and social isolation, depressive symptoms, and anxiety [16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24]. It may also increase levels of physical activity and/or walking of older adult pet owners [25,26,27,28,29]. Other benefits include providing an overall sense of purpose and encouraging a daily routine [24,30,31]. Apart from these benefits for older adults, animal well-being is also important to consider in the pet—owner relationship. Providing daily care to a CA to ensure its well-being entails ongoing duties and responsibilities, regardless of the pet owner's age. Pitteri and colleagues report that dogs owned by older adults have similar physical conditions to dogs owned by adult owners. However, the study suggests that the dogs' quality of life may be influenced by contextual factors, such as older adults' employment conditions, level of education, and type of dwelling [32].

Other potential factors to consider are health conditions and functional decline that may occur as part of normal aging and that affect older adults more frequently. These may exacerbate some challenges associated with pet care

age [32]. Frequently reported challenges related to owning a pet by older adults include: grief related to pet loss and fear of outliving them, pet care being perceived as a chore [9,10,13,17,23,34], risk of falls [35,36], financial costs (especially fees related to veterinary care), and the fear of needing to leave a pet in the event of a relocation [34]. If such challenges become too great for the older adult pet owner, the well-being of the owner and the companion animal may be compromised if the owner struggles to fulfill the basic needs of both parties.

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of months after Violet's former dog passed away. Violet is Jack's sole caretaker, and she has raised him since he was a puppy. Jack is a small adult dog, weighing approximately 12 lbs, and he is sturdy, according to Violet. She reports that these characteristics are an adequate fit for her and enable her to maintain her balance while picking him up. Furthermore, Violet mentions that Jack is in good health and that she ensures that she meets his basic daily needs. Violet, divorced for several years, maintains regular contact with her children and grandchildren. Before the pandemic, she visited them and engaged in activities such as shopping with her daughter. Violet has loved animals since childhood and has had dogs as pets for all of her adult life.

Case study: 77 years old female | Violet living alone with her small adult dog Jack

Violet has physical disabilities, which are mainly due to a medical condition that resulted in having multiple amputations to her lower and upper limbs over the years. She wears below-the-knee leg prostheses and reports having daily lower back pain, which varies in intensity. According to the PRISMA-7, a screening tool that identifies

helps her to live independently and safely in her home with her dog. In the community, Violet always uses her motorized wheelchair for shopping with Jack or going to medical appointments. She reports feeling safer this way. For leisure, she enjoys playing games on her computer and spending time with Jack. Lastly, she takes care of her dog independently. Caring for Jack involves feeding him, brushing him, and taking him on daily walks. Violet reports that she has bathed him occasionally in the past, but she now prefers to take him to the groomer because she feels that it is safer than manipulating him in the bathtub, due to her back pain. Violet and Jack's daily walks are adapted to the seasons (i.e., they stop during the wintertime and resume in the spring). As for Jack's healthcare, Violet takes

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Violet reports that Jack has never been the cause of a fall and perceives the risk of falling because of him as being null. She points out that Jack has adapted his behaviour to her health condition. For example, he jumps up on her motorized wheelchair instead of her picking him up like in the past. Violet also mentioned that the dog's size is well suited to her lifestyle and habits, that he walks in front of her, and stays out of her way when she walks around in her apartment. Lastly, Violet takes her dog outside only with her motorized wheelchair, weather permitting, and does not pick him up when she feels tired. Moreover, Jack uses puppy pads inside the home, which enables Violet to take care of her dog's needs independently even when she cannot take him outside. She does admit, however, that you cannot predict the future and that it is not possible to assert that a fall will never occur.

"I don't want to get sick. I will be careful and protect myself in any possible way. I have about four or five years left with him, so I tell myself: Don't fool around, you can tough it out five years!"

Her healthcare provider also illustrates the positive role of pet ownership and the pet-owner relationship in Violet's life:

"For Violet I think it's positive—because there could be a negative side to being obligated to follow a certain routine for the dog. If someone wanted to do other activities or wanted more flexibility...but for her it's positive. She has the time to do it, and I don't think it prevents her from doing things that she would do if she didn't have a dog."

Low fidelity prototype overall view

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Week 9

- 1. Prototype with paper and cardboard for dimension
- 2. Do not over complicated it in the same time be detailed about the design (Alex feedback)
 - 3. Dont rely on the sensor too much, or try to find a way to test it
 - 4. User experience
 - 5. Ergonomics



Handle Ergonomics - Diamension

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ARTICLE NUMBER	57230-2181
BARCODE	4062695006015 / 4062695006022 / 4062695006039
AREA OF USE	All Mountain & Enduro
WEIGHT(S) IN G (PAIR)	approx. 102 / 116 / 138
SIZE(S)	S/M/L
CIRCUMFERENCE IN MM (1/3 OF TOTAL LENGTH)	96 / 99 /105
LENGTH IN MM (LEFT/RIGHT)	140
CLAMP DIAMETER HANDLEBAR IN MM	22.2
MATERIAL	Shock Absorption TPE Compound
MATERIAL CLAMPING RINGS	Aluminum
MAXIMUM TORQUE IN NM	3
E-BIKE READY	Yes
DIN/ASTM CATEGORIES	5

Bicycle handle

- Rubber - Textured surface

22.2 Diameter 140 in length

Handle Ergonomics - Prototyping the mechanism

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3 components

A top part with a grab/ cilinder handle

Body (base)

A hinge to hold the base with the handle body



How they should be assembly



Maximum length



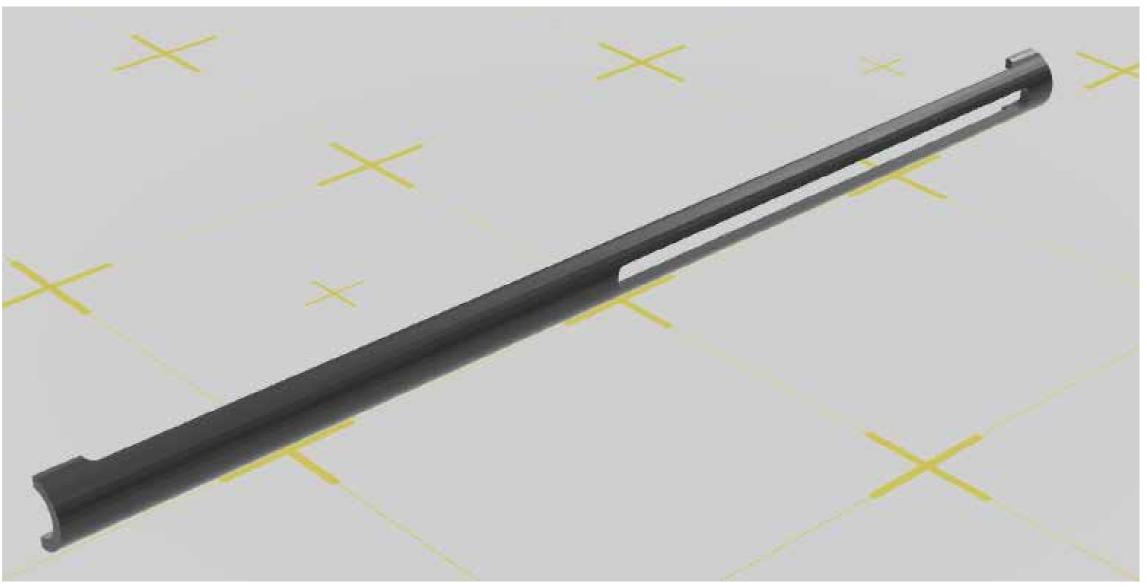
Minimum length + hidden inside the carrier

Handle Ergonomics - Prototyping the mechanism - CADing

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Sending the CAD out to print for earlier stage prototype

- + Ergonomics dimension tested out
- + See any inconvenience within the function

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Low fidelity prototype



Handle are hidden inside the design at this time



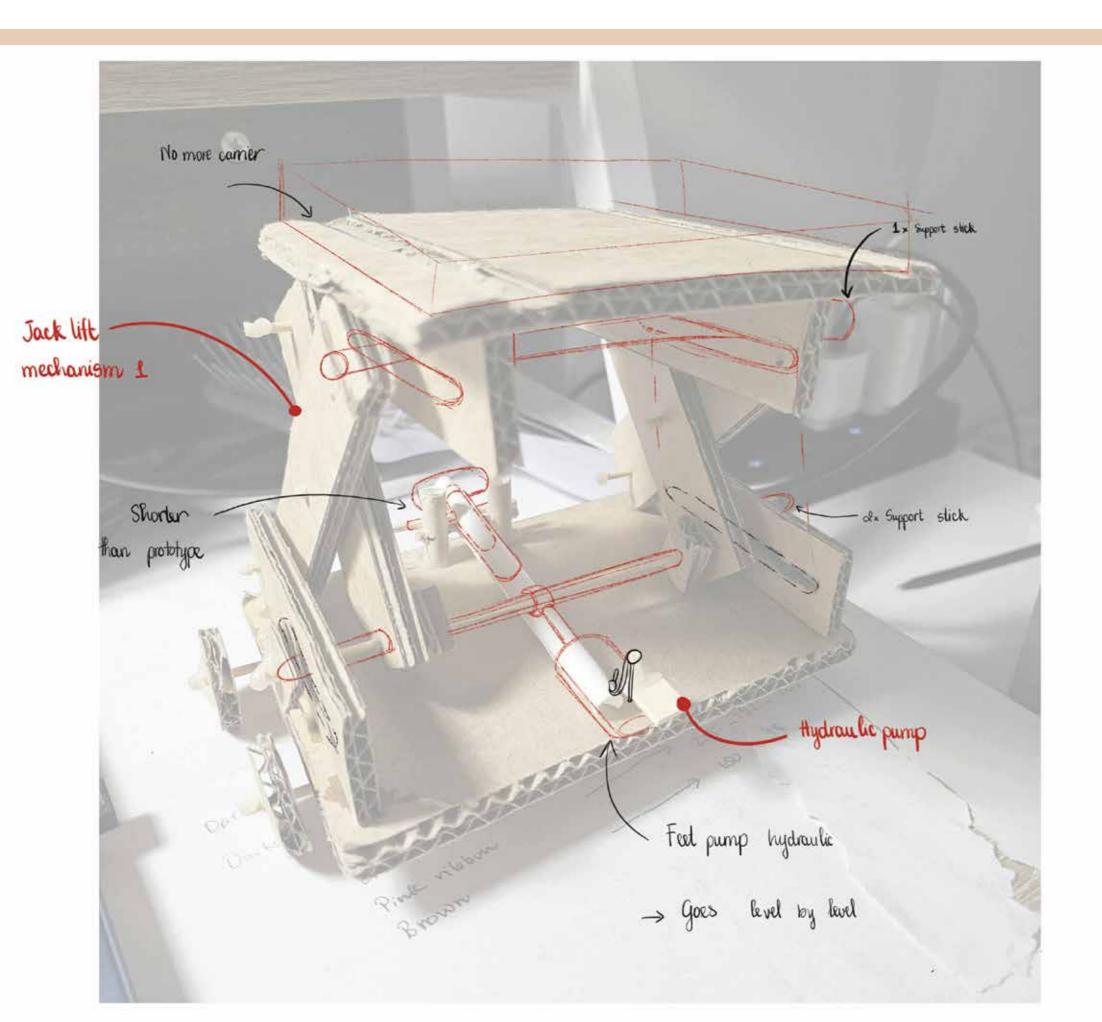
Pull out the handle





Internal exploring

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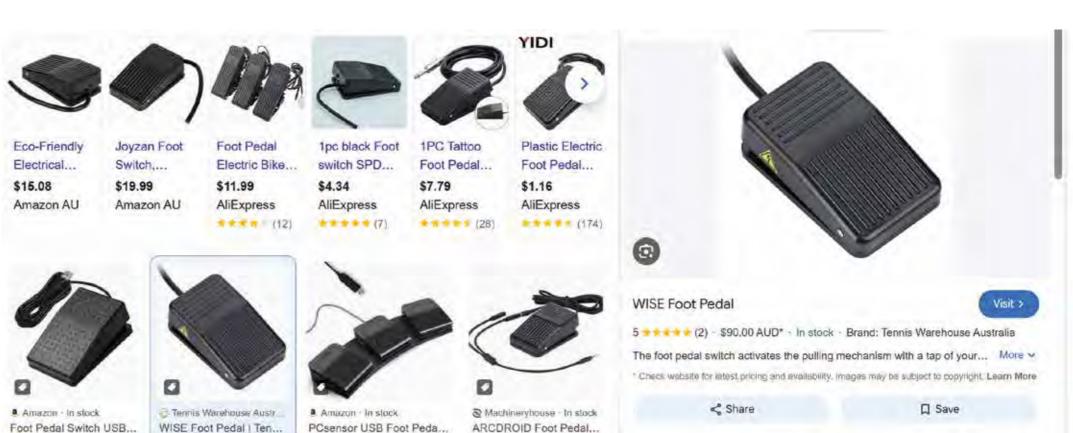
As I exploring the design through prototyping, some changes and decisions were made:

- + No more carrier attached to the design -> Co-design goes along with market product
- + Make a storyboard of User-interaction

Component exploring - Pedal

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Ergonomics and Dimension:

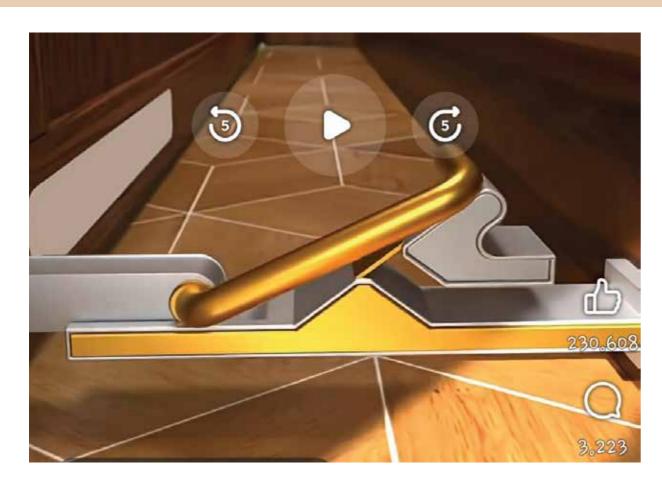
- Can base on the dimension of existing product
- Considering material used

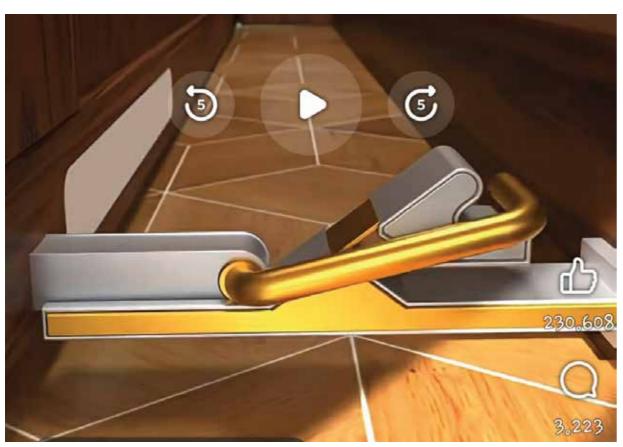
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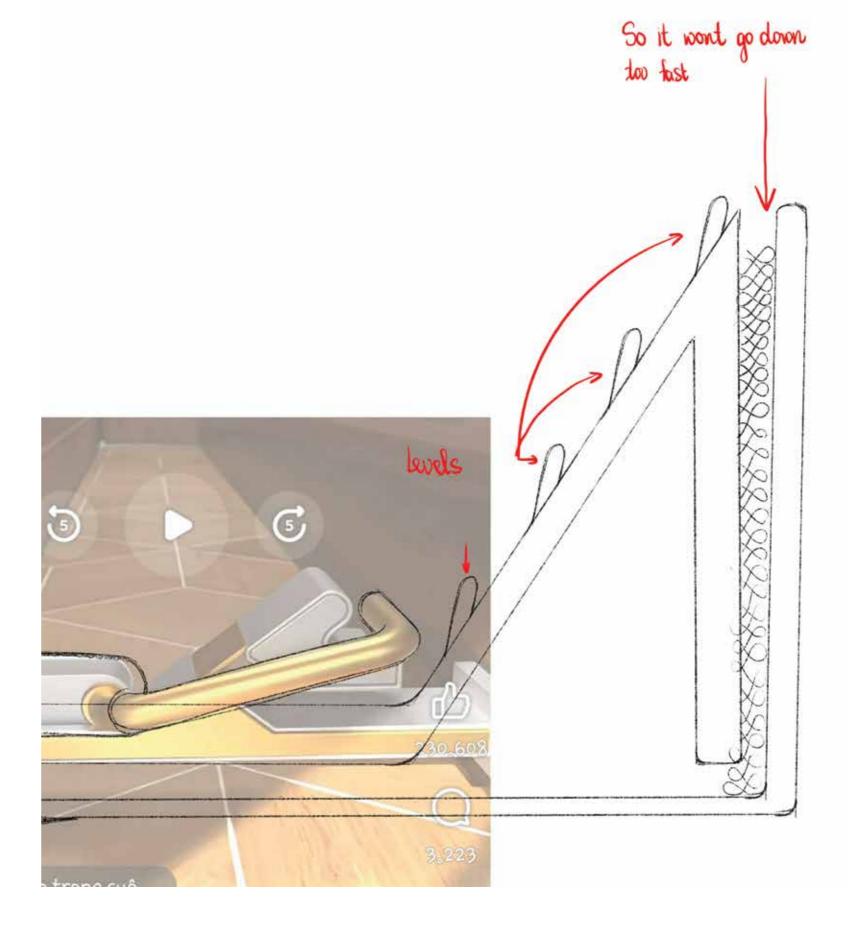
- Feet pump pedal can be rotated
- Smooth interaction

Hydraulic pump - Alternatives

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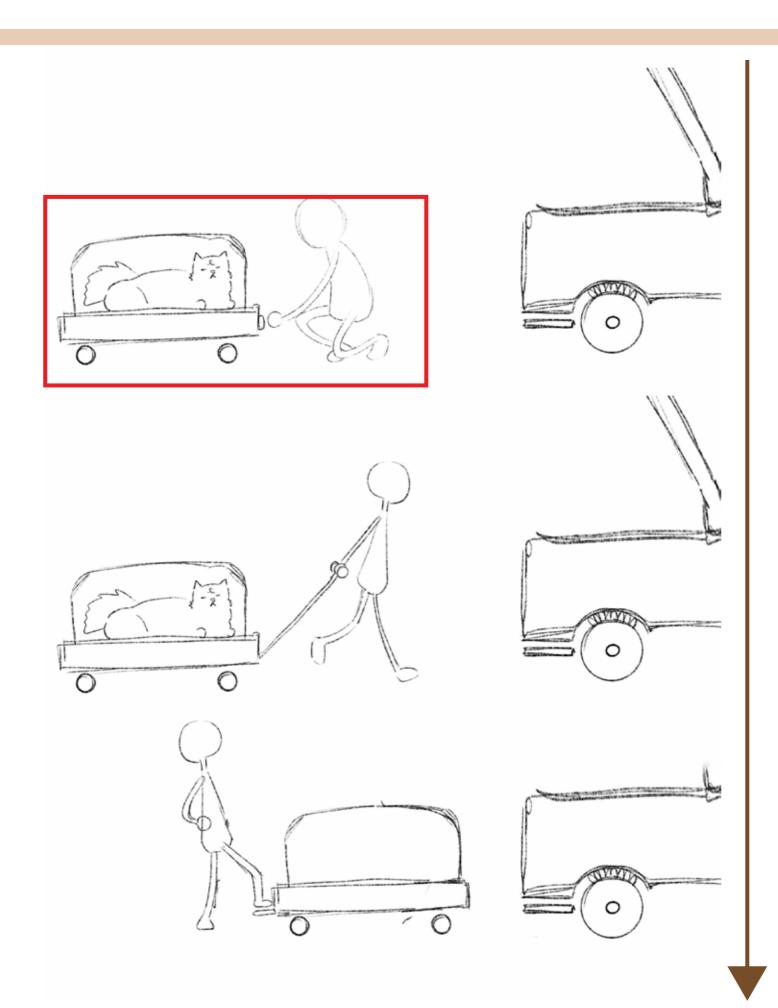


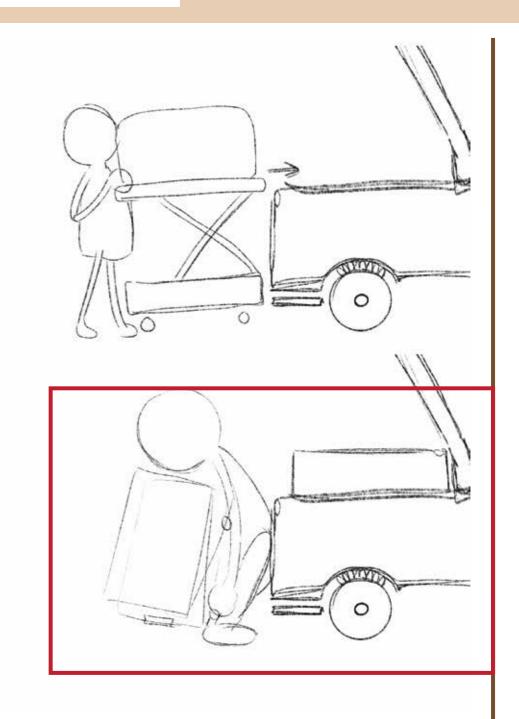




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Low fidelity prototype



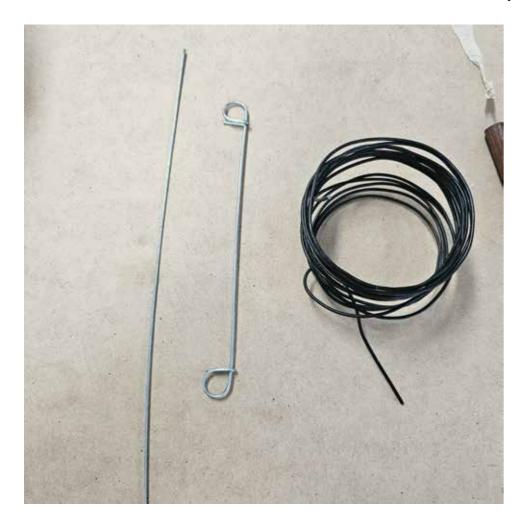


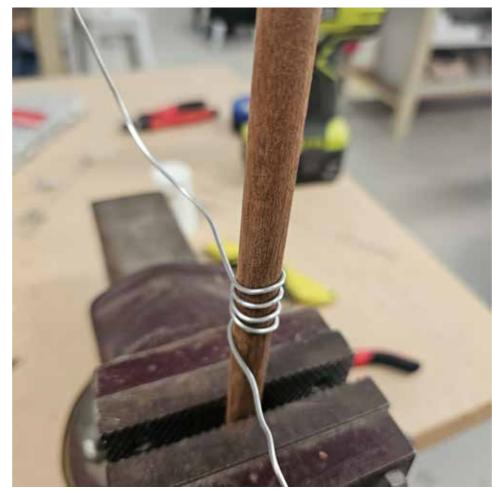
These red box marked bending position - which i want to eliminate

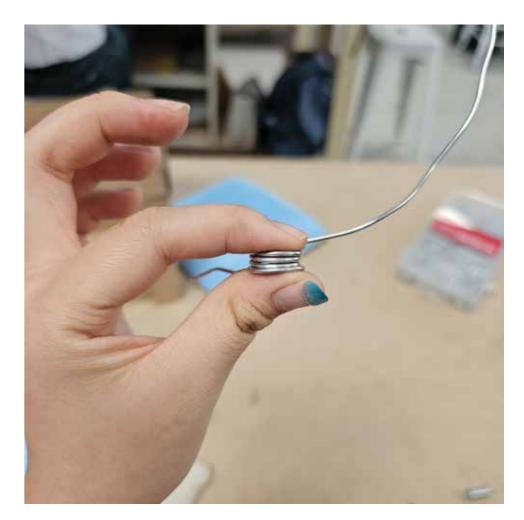
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Most springs of diameter of 15mm came in very strong and thick filling, which make me want to test out come customised spring







Following the youtube tutorial, I tried to make one manually

- 1. Take out different types of wire
- 2. Secure the stick (one with demanded dimension)
- 3. Wrap the wire around the stick tightly

The resulting showing I have successfully made one









Viscos Damper



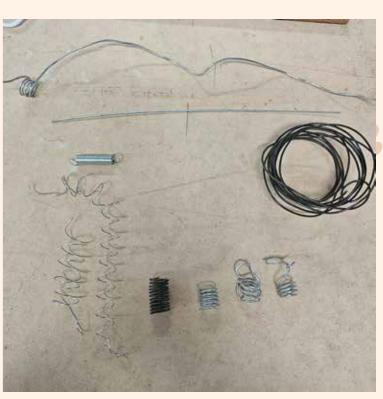
It was really hard to not add multiple Viscos damper (12 at minimum for stablizer and balancing). Which i decided to remove this feature and focus more on other features

Before romove the feature, I tried to prototype the vicious damper using different types of spring but results can hardly measure











Handle printed out



The handle comes in 2 parts:



- Top one when assembly is very whimpsy and unstable
- Bottom one when assembly can be wicked as well
- -> Might have to change to another way to make the final prototype
- -> alex suggest : Super glue mix with BakingSoda can turn to a mixture like cement

Week 10+11

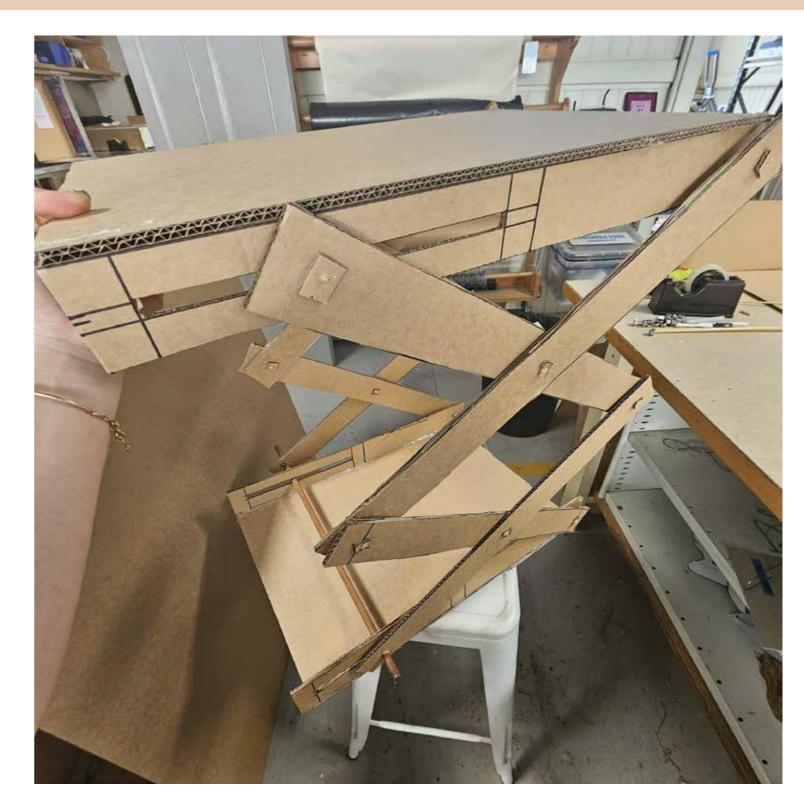
- 1. 1:1 scale prototyping
- 2. Start of final model making
- 3. User testing with 1:1 scale prototype
 - 4. Ergonomics
 - 5. Materials



1:1 Prototype

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Alex suggest: making a prototype on scale 1:1

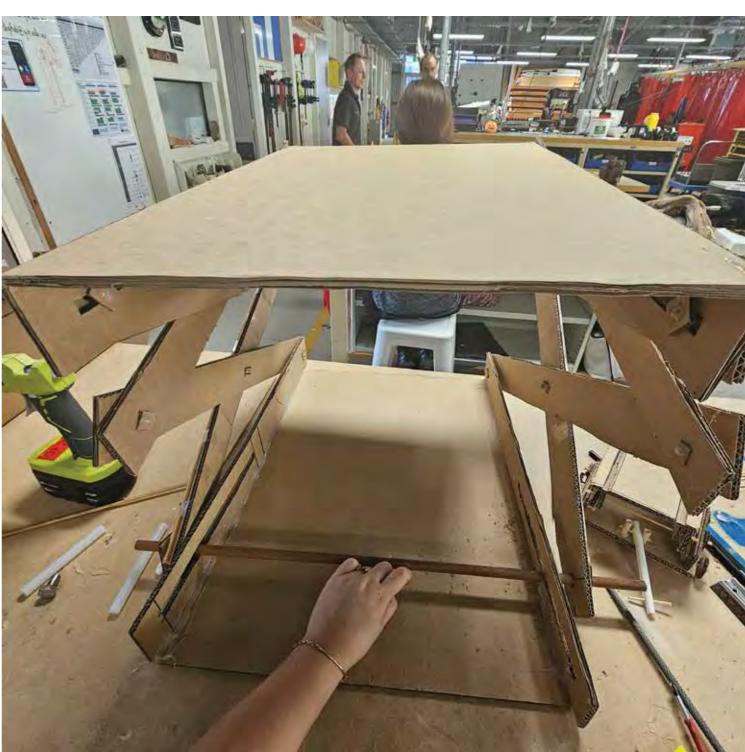
Problem Detect: 1 level is too low (Approximately 600mm to 750mm height) so i add on another level - allowing the design to go up to 1200mm to 1500: Suitable for even higher car

1:1 Prototype

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Material used: 3mm Cardboard: As I pushed the mechanism:

- pedals on the side broke
- Really hard to push

Need to add more supports

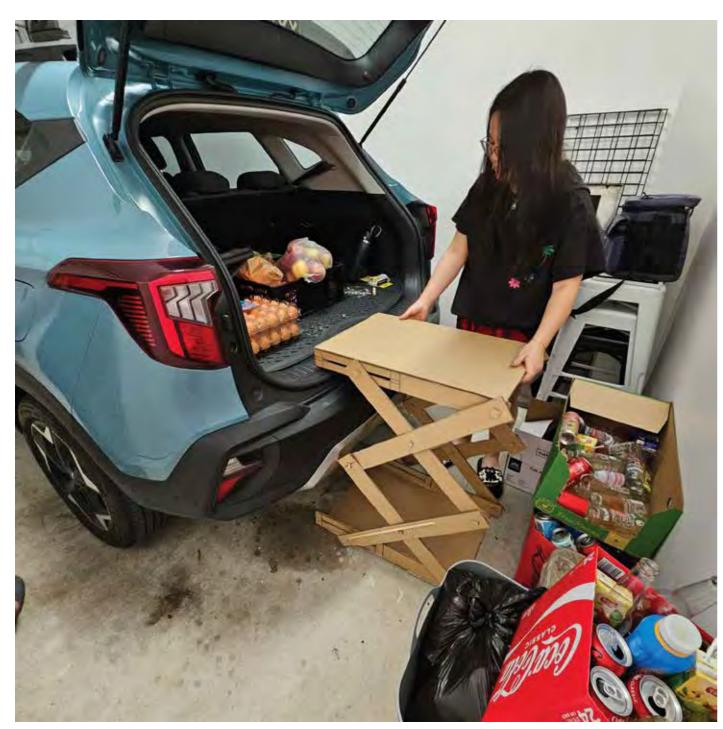
1:1 Prototype





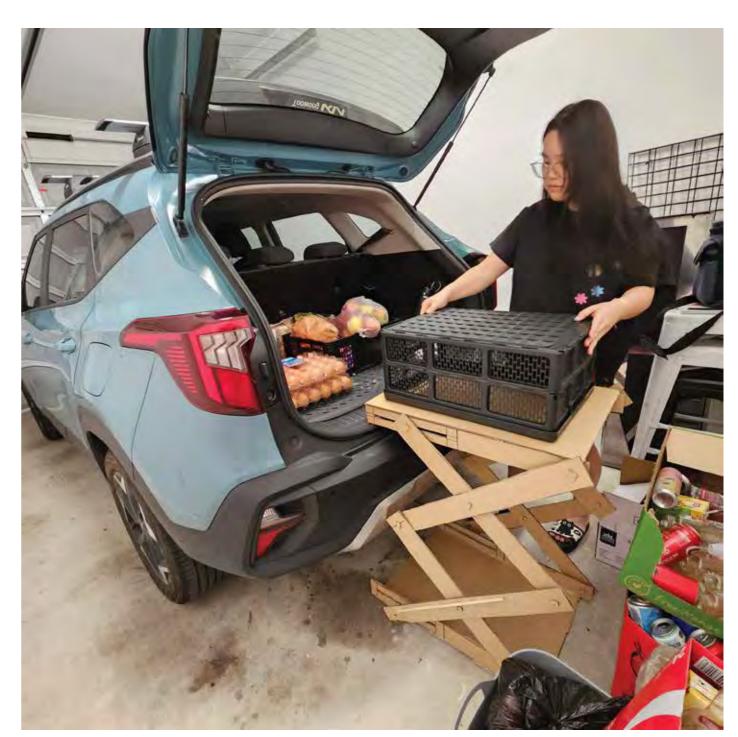
Rough appearance of Main housing

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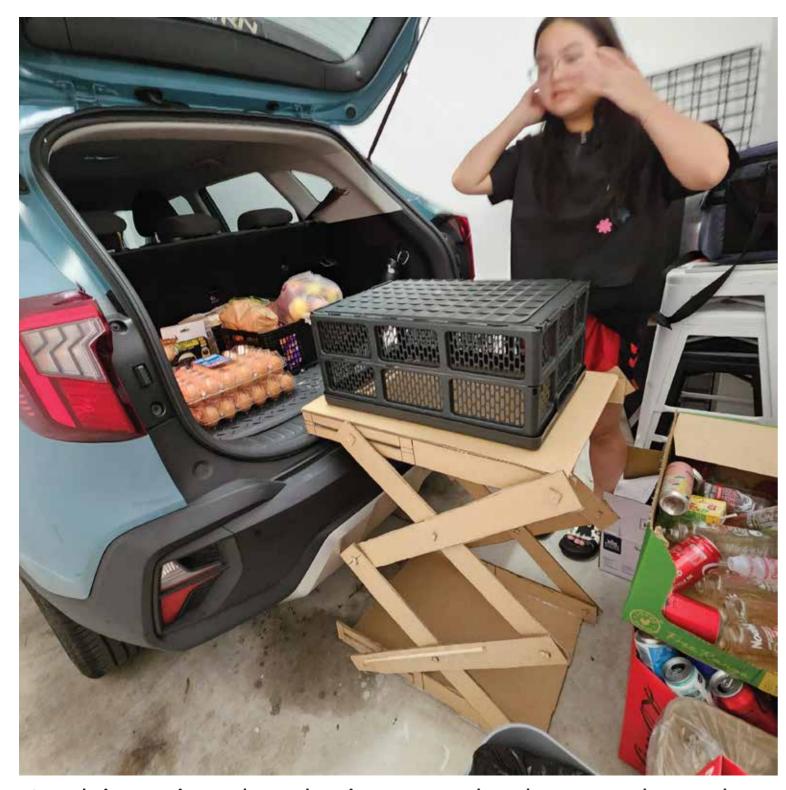


Sliding pad extrude to the height of the car

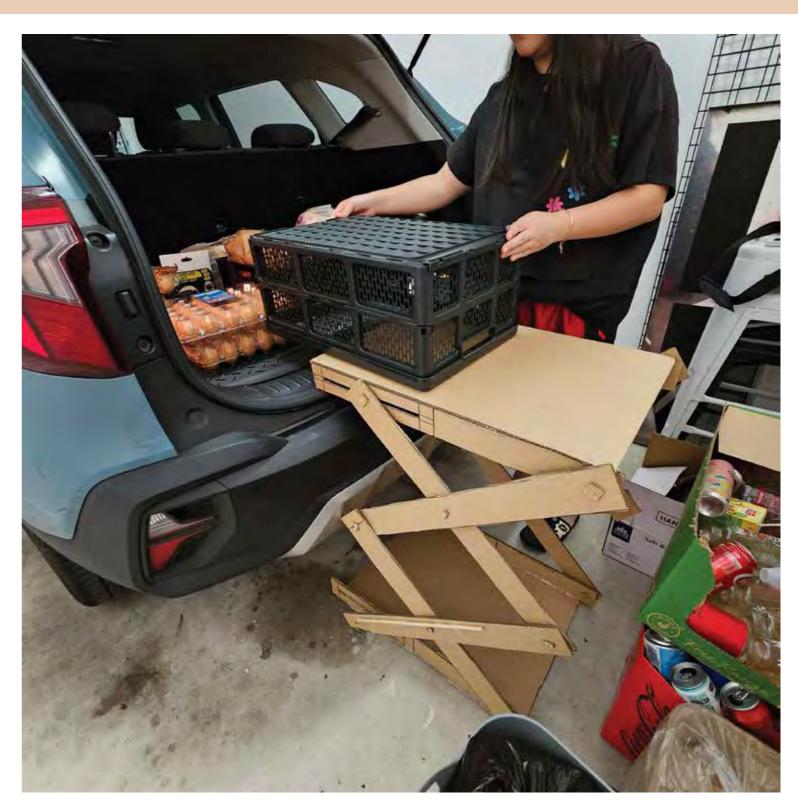
- Top platform can be hanged on to the car



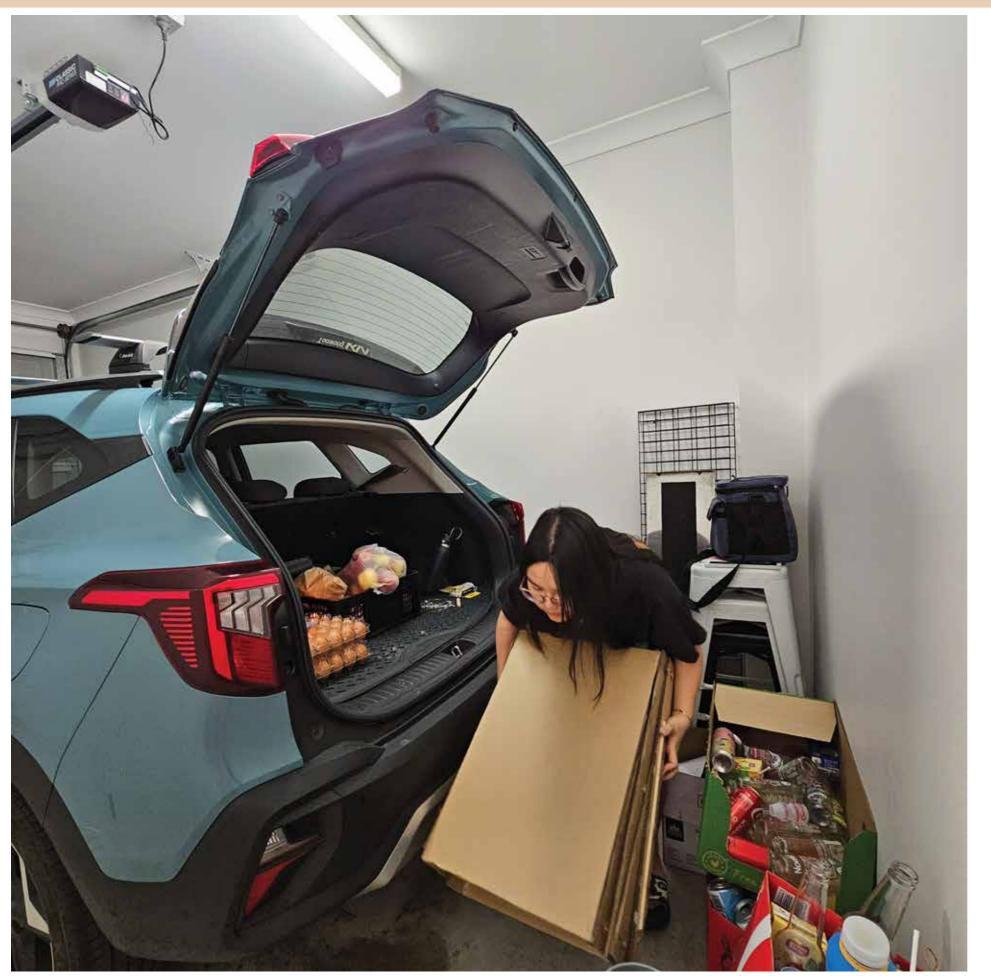
- The milk crank re-presenting the pet carrier



At this point the design can be hanged on the car by it own



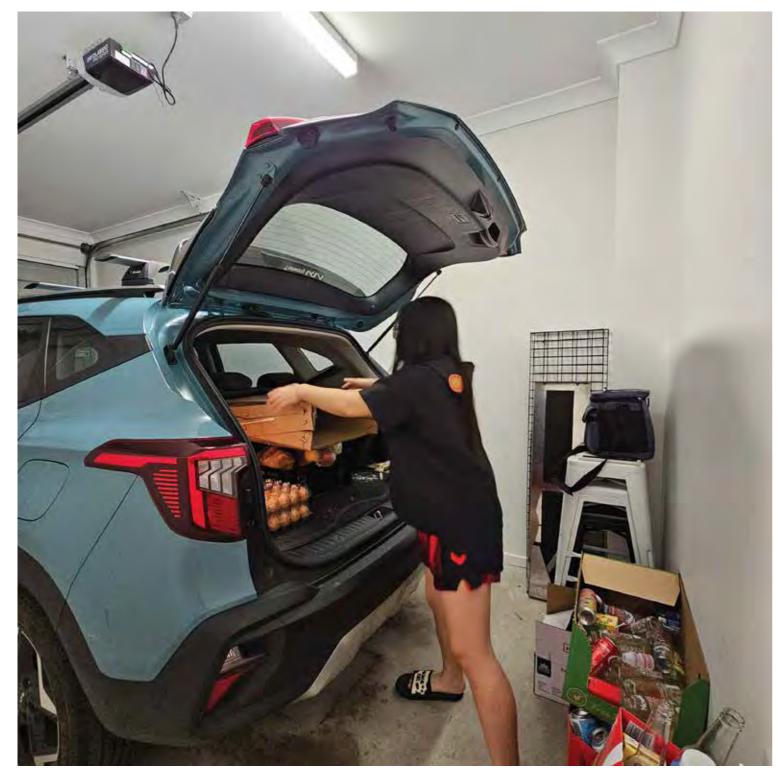
Slide the carrier on to the car

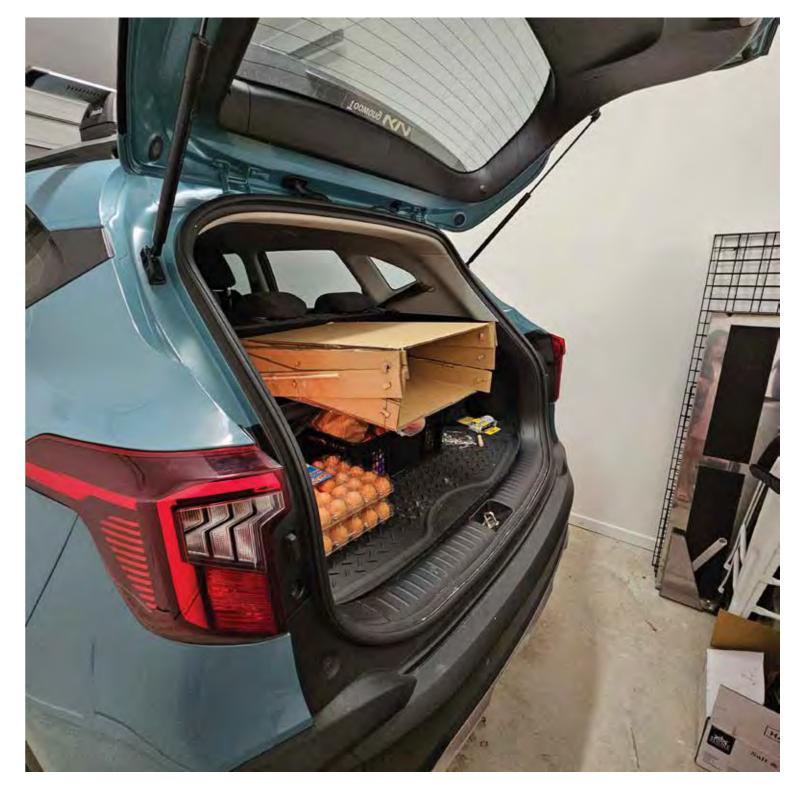


Bending Position

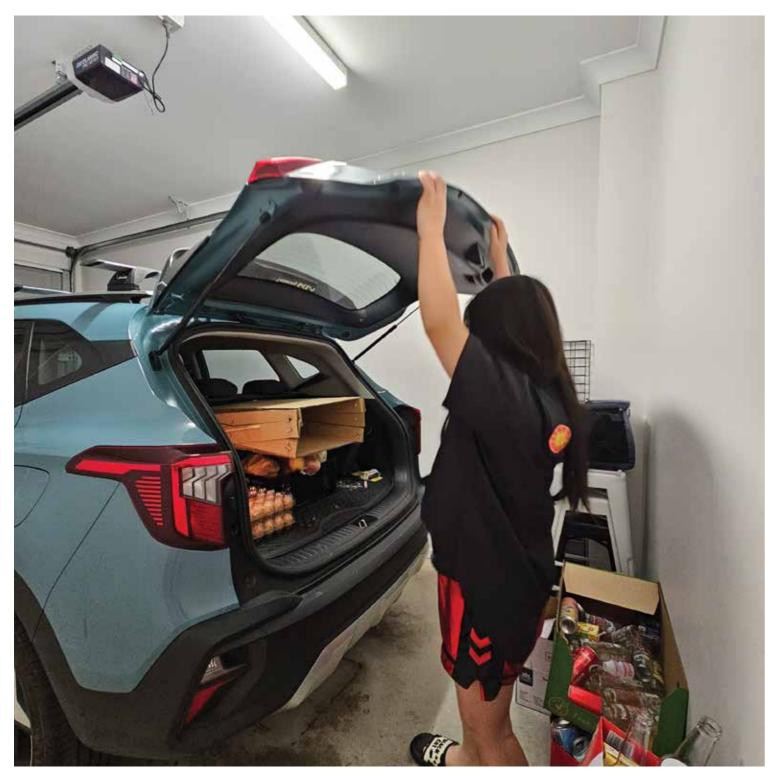
I want to remove this bending position:

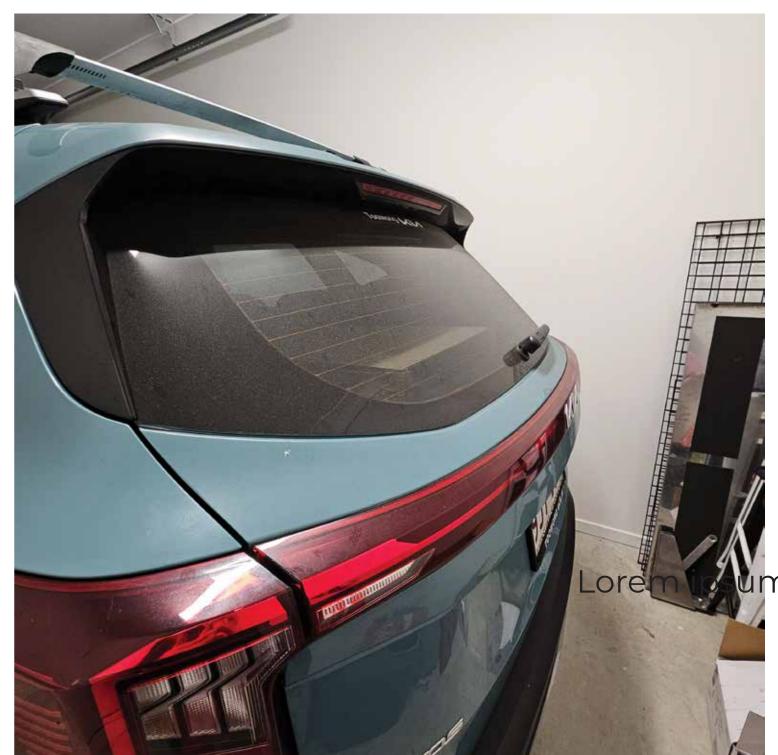
- as it would be no point to contain any difficult position performance
- Design should be lightweight to reduce any action required strength
- Select sustainable and light weight material





Inside





Closing the door

The handle can have some joints so it will stop at different certain lenght (long-short length are adjustable)







User interaction testing: With the adjustable length and ergonomic size grip, the design is looking forward to provide ergonomic fit for 1% female to 99% male

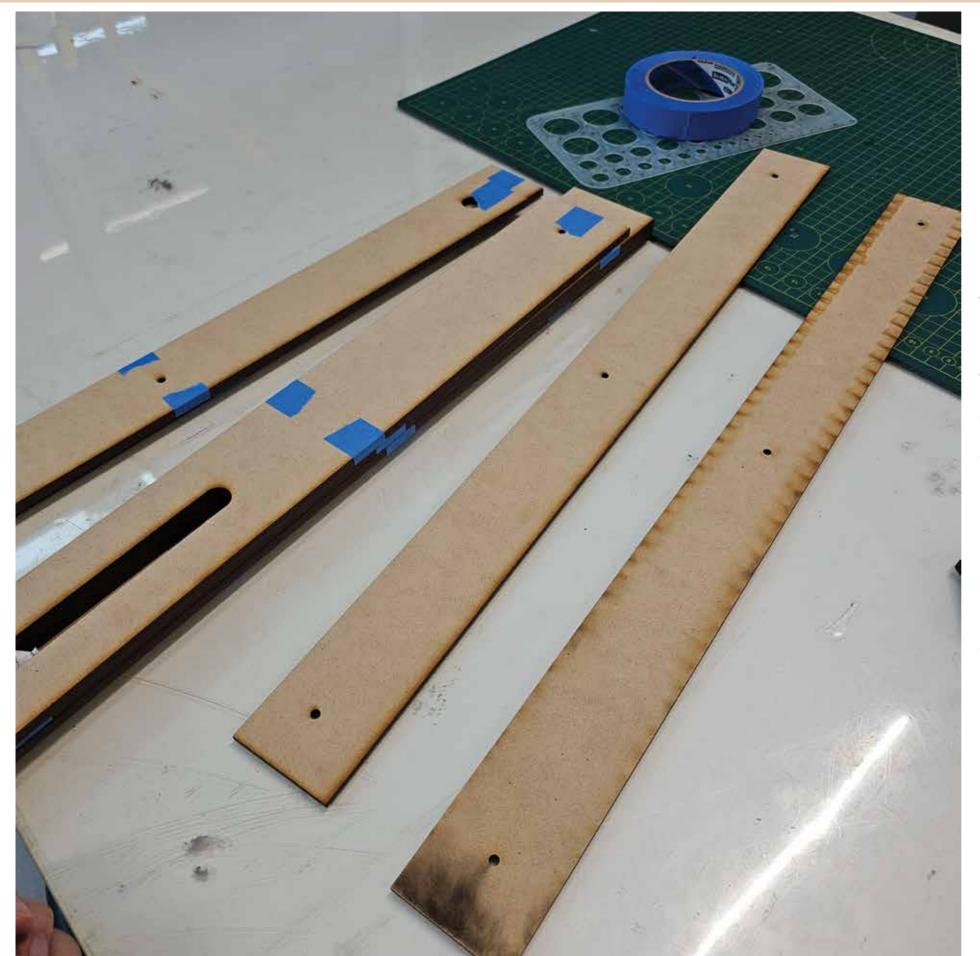
Dragging the carrier around the house and see how would it interact with other elements (door, stairs, ell bumps, etc)



Laser cutting

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Laser cutting



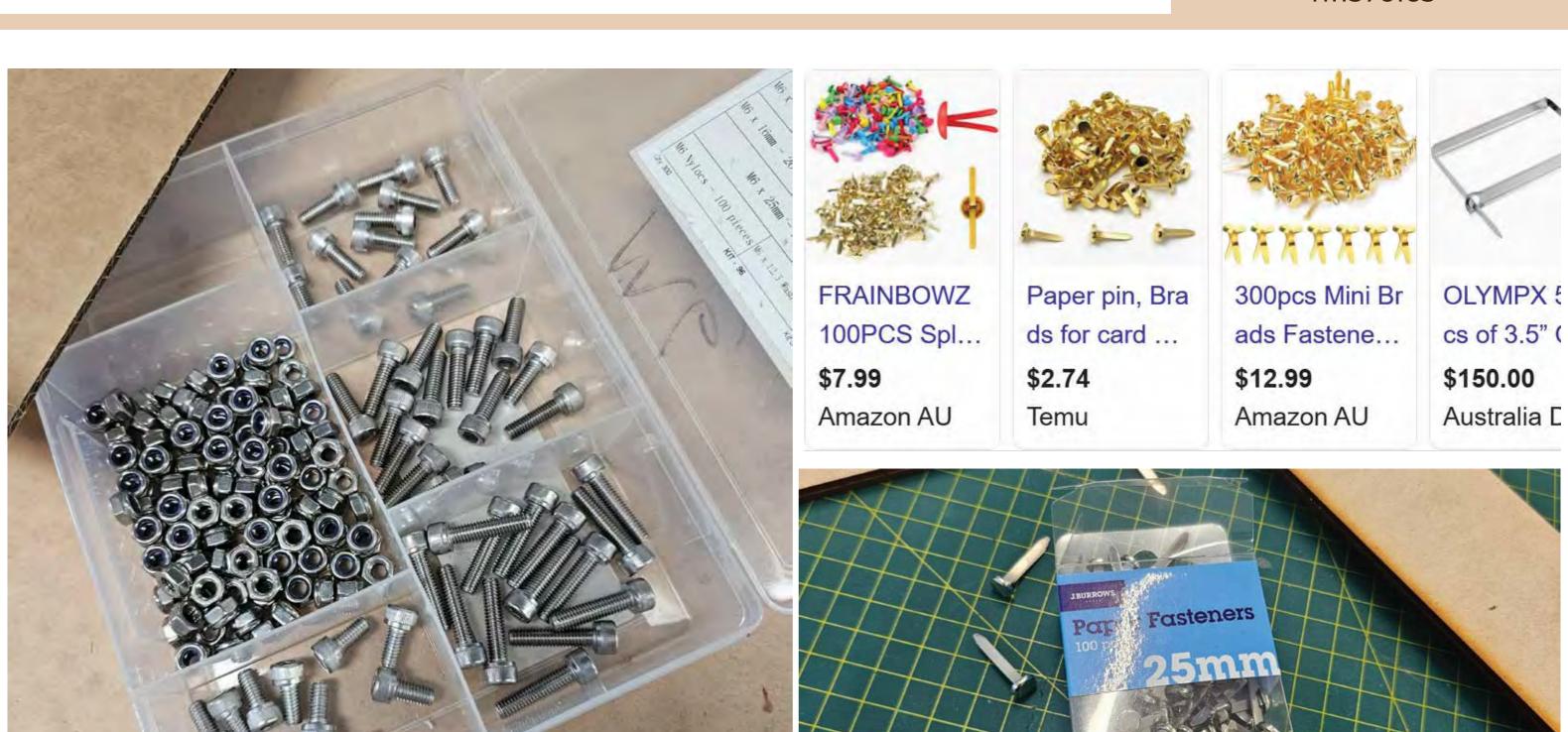
Material used: MDF wood

Thickness: 3mm

The 3mm thickness is the same with the cardboard prototype, which brings me concern of weak durability

So i rather lazer cutting twice and merge them together using PVA wood glue

Joint

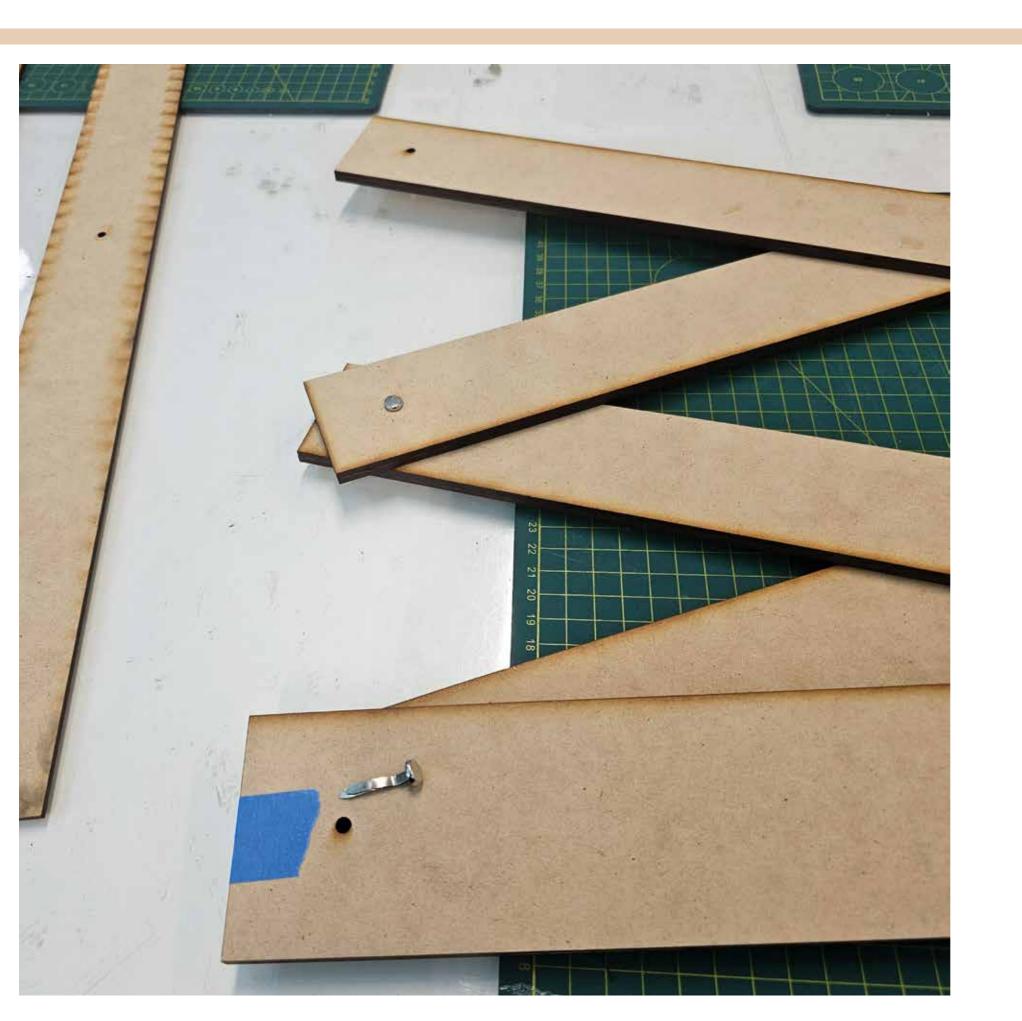


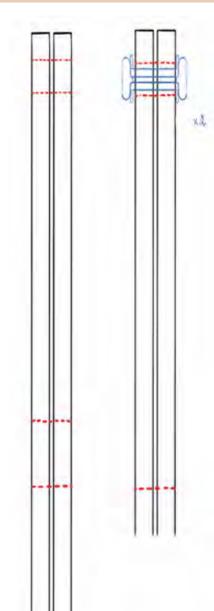
Using Screws can add-on extra unnecessary weight + Losen by the movement of pedals

Workshop guys recommended using this

Securee Joint (1)

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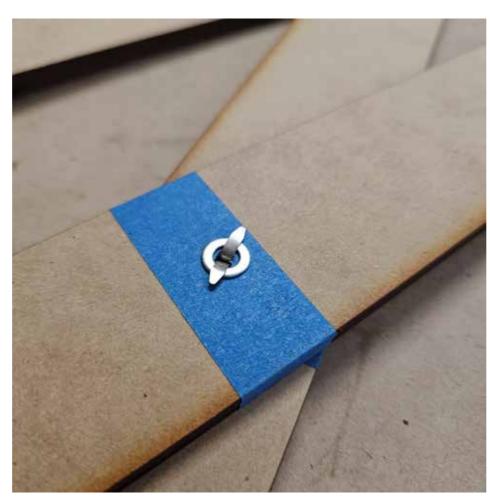
At first i want to put 2 on each sides so they can rotate without being loosen

Secure Joint

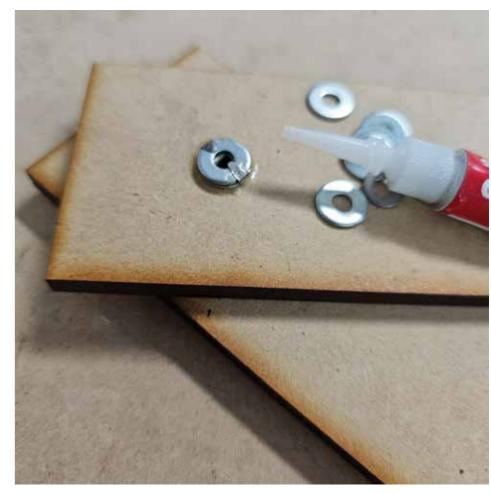


Secure joint (1) did not work so i have to change to another plan

Preparing some bearings (M4 -M6)



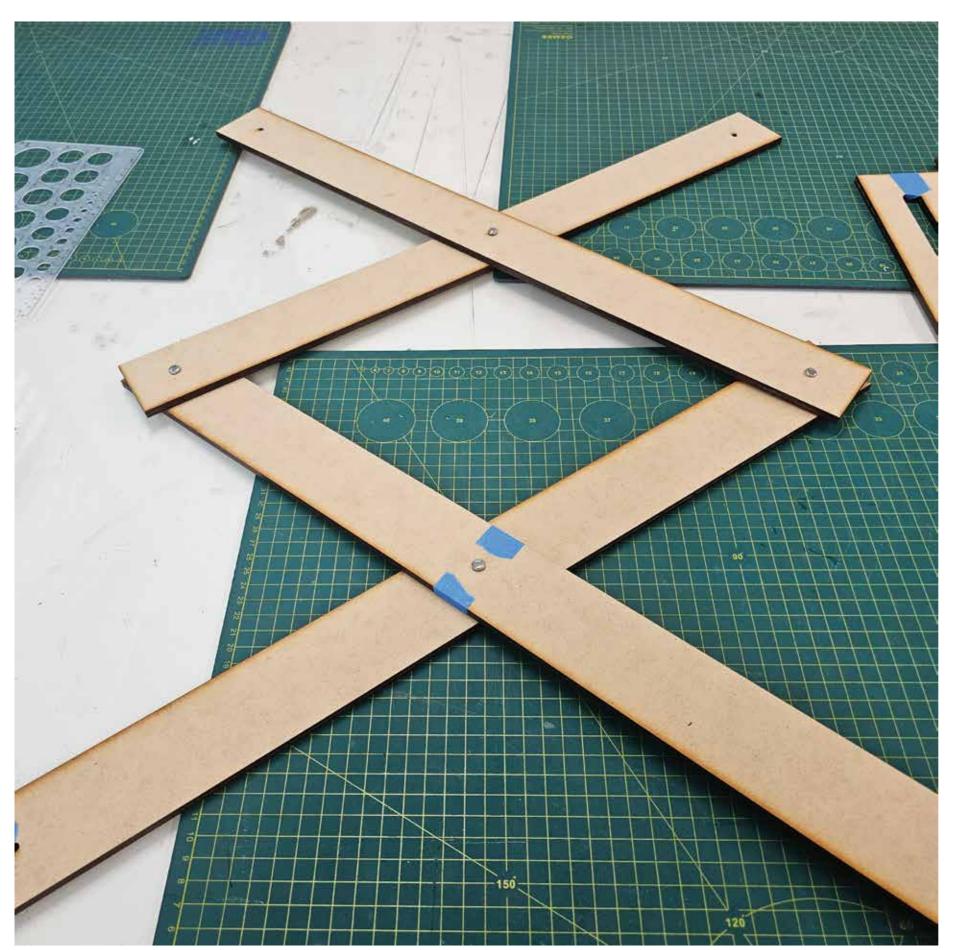
Get the fastener through as picture shown



Place another bearing on top and secure them with the fastener itself and super glue

Secure Joint

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Making 2x of these using secure joint as shown before

Studying from existing product:

- Alloy steel:
 - + Light weight
 - + Durable
 - + Resistance to external impact
 - + Smooth and nice finishes
- Capable of holding Medium to Large dog (15kg to 40kg)
- Stable when go high (approximately 1200mm high with 600 per pedal)



Week 12

1 Design lock - position, all comnent and mechanism position all figured and lock down

2. Finalise CAD

3. Aim for functioning product

4. Send out to 3D printing and collect



Electric Hydraulic pump

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1.Parameters:

Material: Aluminum alloy

Input Voltage: 12V DC

Stroke Length: 50mm/100mm/150mm/200mm/250mm/300mm/400mm;

Working frequency: 20%

Ambient temperature: -20°C to +75°C.

2. Way of working:

When the linear actuator is connected to the power supply in the positive direction, the linear actuator will extend. When the linear actuator is connected to the power supply in the reverse direction, the linear actuator will retract.

3. How to install linear actuators:

Connect the two wires of the linear actuator to a 12V battery

Black wire to the positive terminal and red wire to negative terminal will make the actuator extend. To make it retract, just reverse the terminal connection

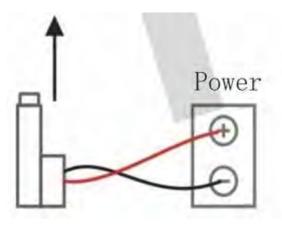
To simplify the last step, you can prepare a reverse polarity relay or switch for the actuator. When you want the actuator to extend and retract, just press the switch.

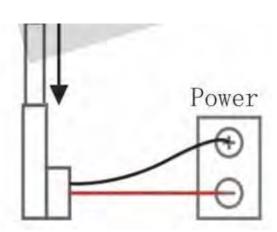
The linear actuator will hold its position when the power is off. It will automatically stop when reaching the end.

4. How to protect your stroke linear actuator:

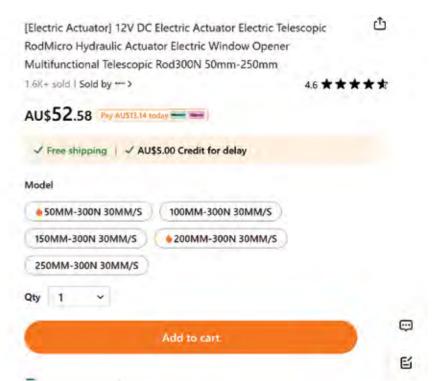
Please use the 12V DC power adapter. Please do not exceed the rated load.

All the stroke linear actuator have duty cycle, they are unable to work all the time without stop. The duty cycle of this actuator is 10%. it means that your actuator needs 18 minutes to rest for every 2 minute of work. If the actuator keeps working for long time, the motor is easily burnt out.









1. Parameters:

Material: Aluminum alloy

Input Voltage: 12V DC

Nosnost: 1500N~150kg~330lbs, Rychlost: 4mm/s;

900N~90kg~1981bs, Rychlost: 10mm/s;

500N~50kg~1101lbs, Rychlost: 20mm/s;

300N~30kg~66lbs, Rychlost: 30mm/s;

Stroke Length: 50mm/100mm/150mm/200mm/250mm/300mm/400mm;

Pracovní frekvence: 20%

Jmenovitý výkon: 20W, maximálně 30W.

Teplota okolí: -20 °C az 475 °C

Manual Hydraulic foot pump









- Bulky
- Heavy
- Very expensive
- Going to consume a lot of space









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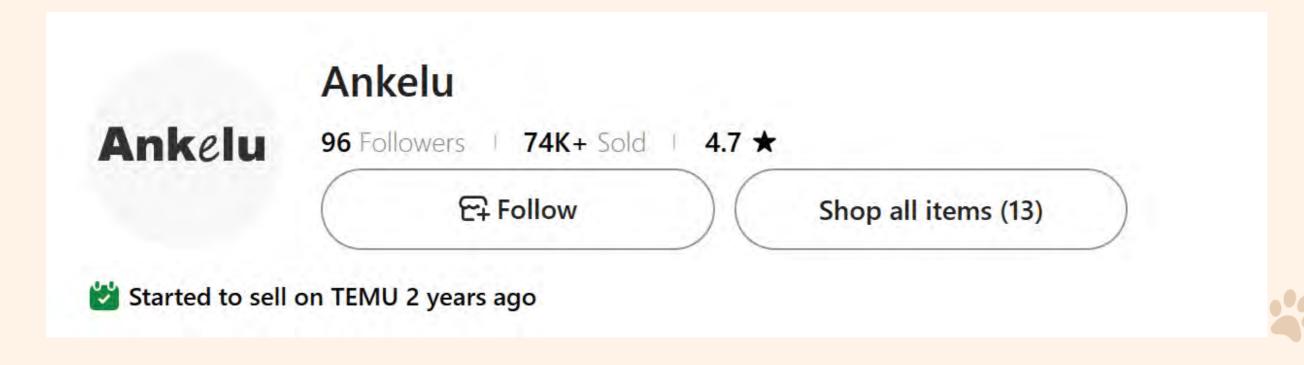


For this part, I decided to go for electronic one as it would be durable for heavy weight (perform just as demanded no need to be heavy duty)

Chosen product: 400mm/90kg

Battery used: 12V

Supplier: Temu









Electronic Hydraulic

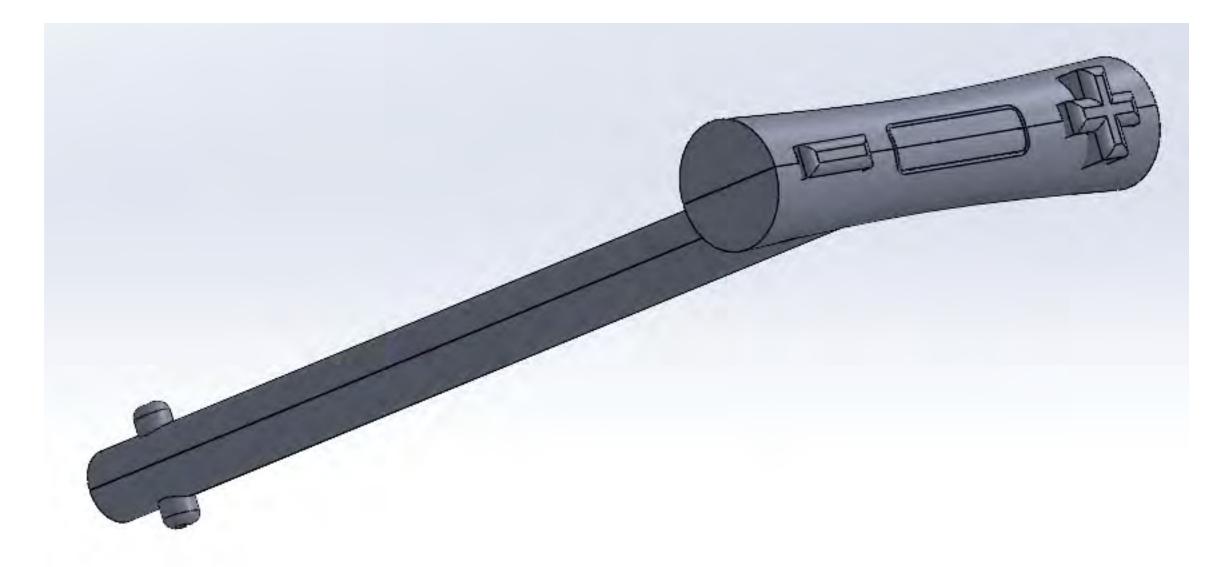


Old Design Handle

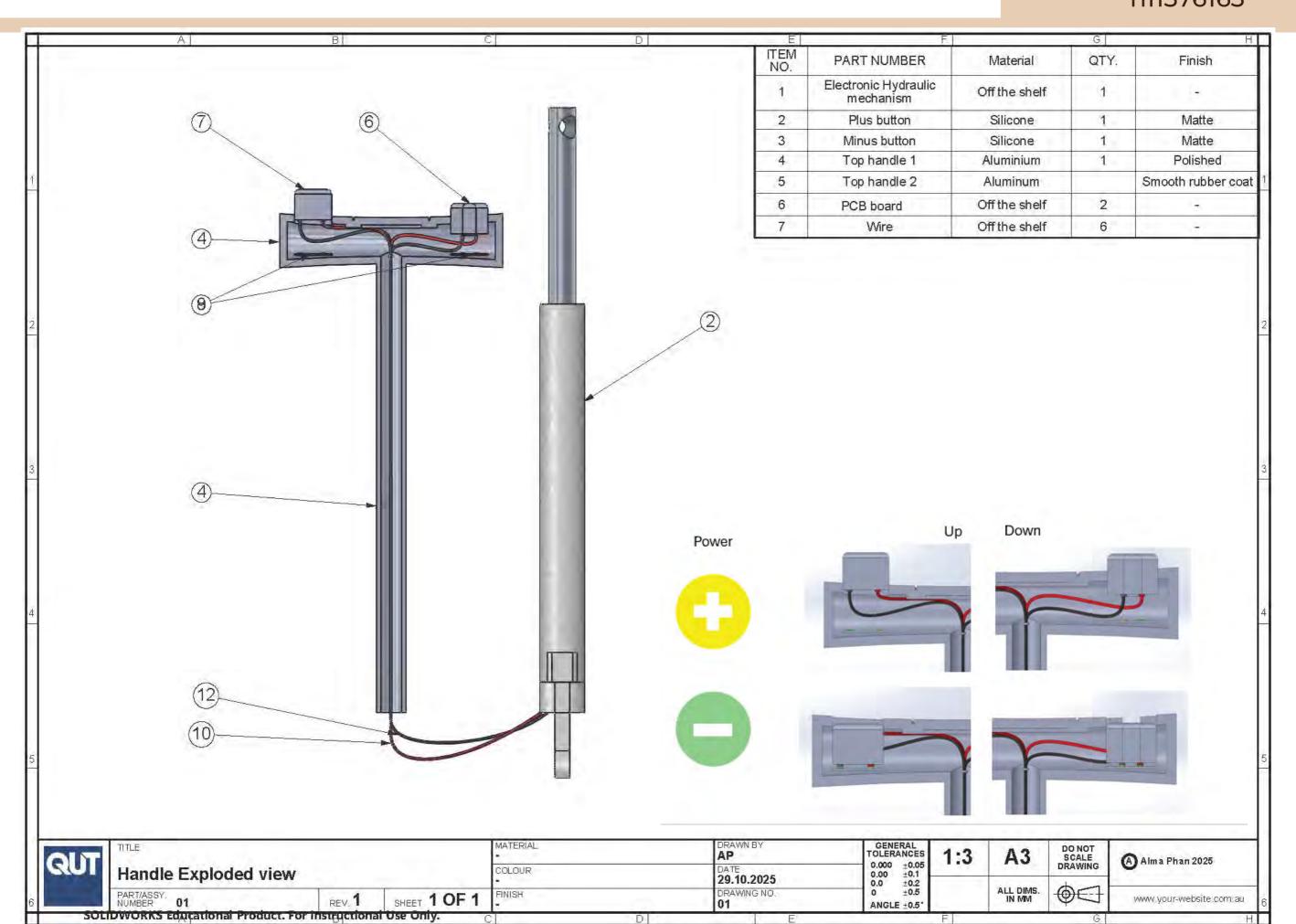
- Whimpsy
- Unstable
- Can be hide inside carrier main housing

New design Handle

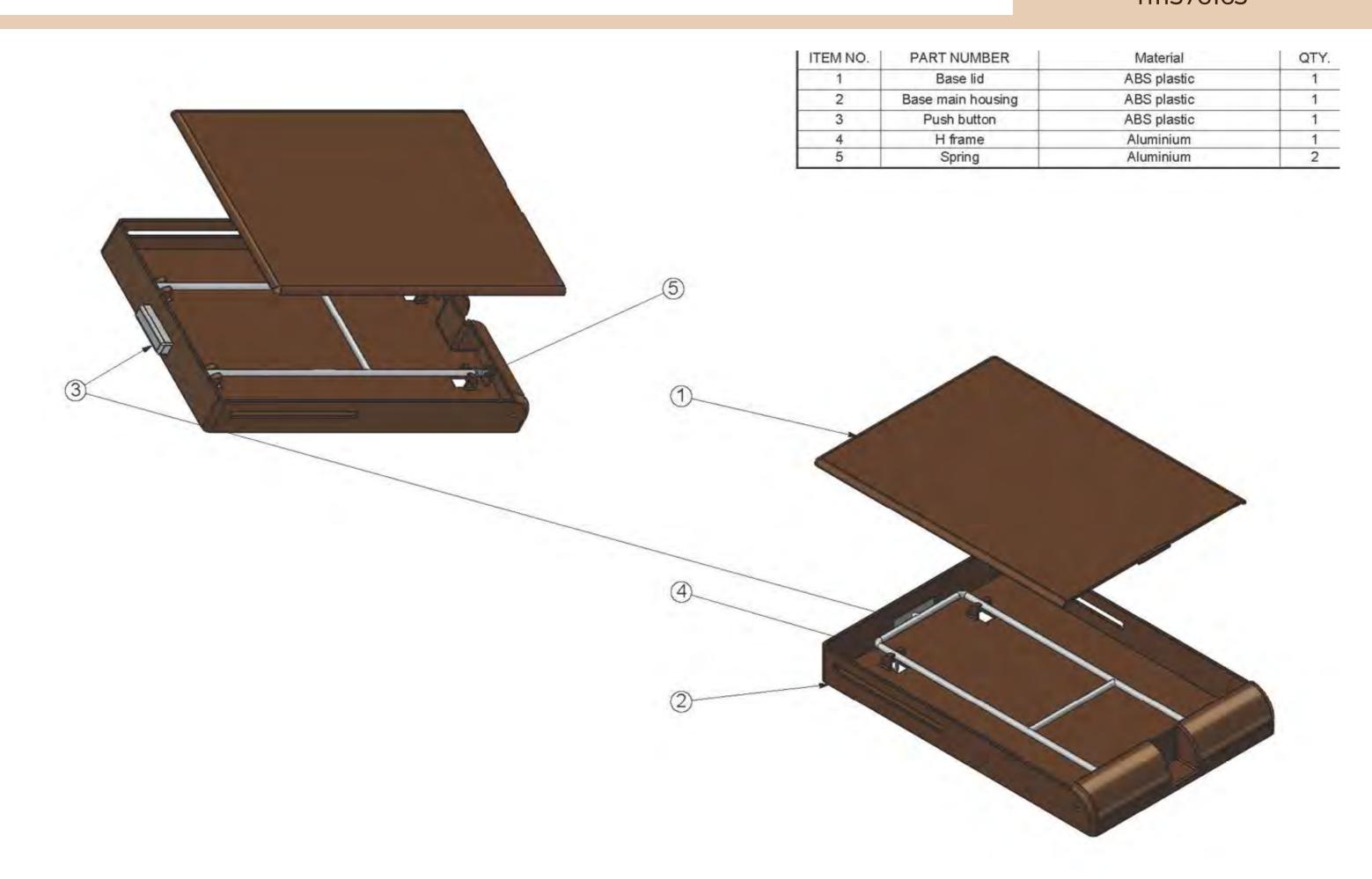
- More stable
- Coporates direction control
- Still need to be adjustable in height to be more convinience



Handle



Retractable wheels



Mechanism guideline - Click-Pop out wheel

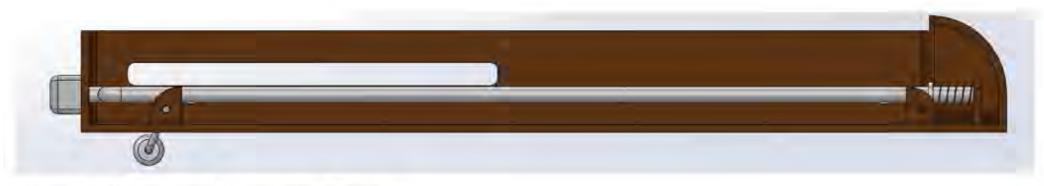




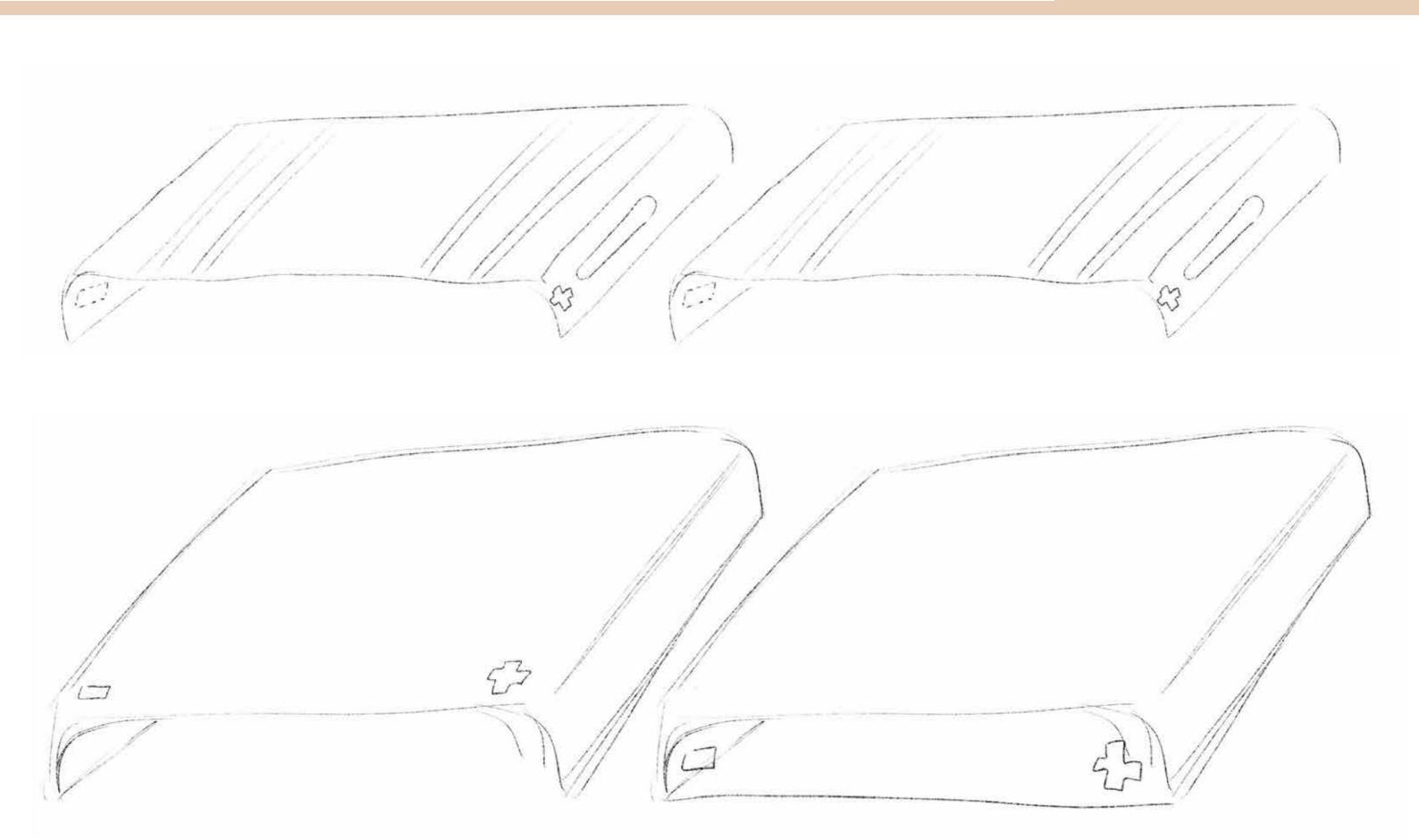
Step 1: The magnetic wheel is currently attached to the magnet that is engraving inside H frame



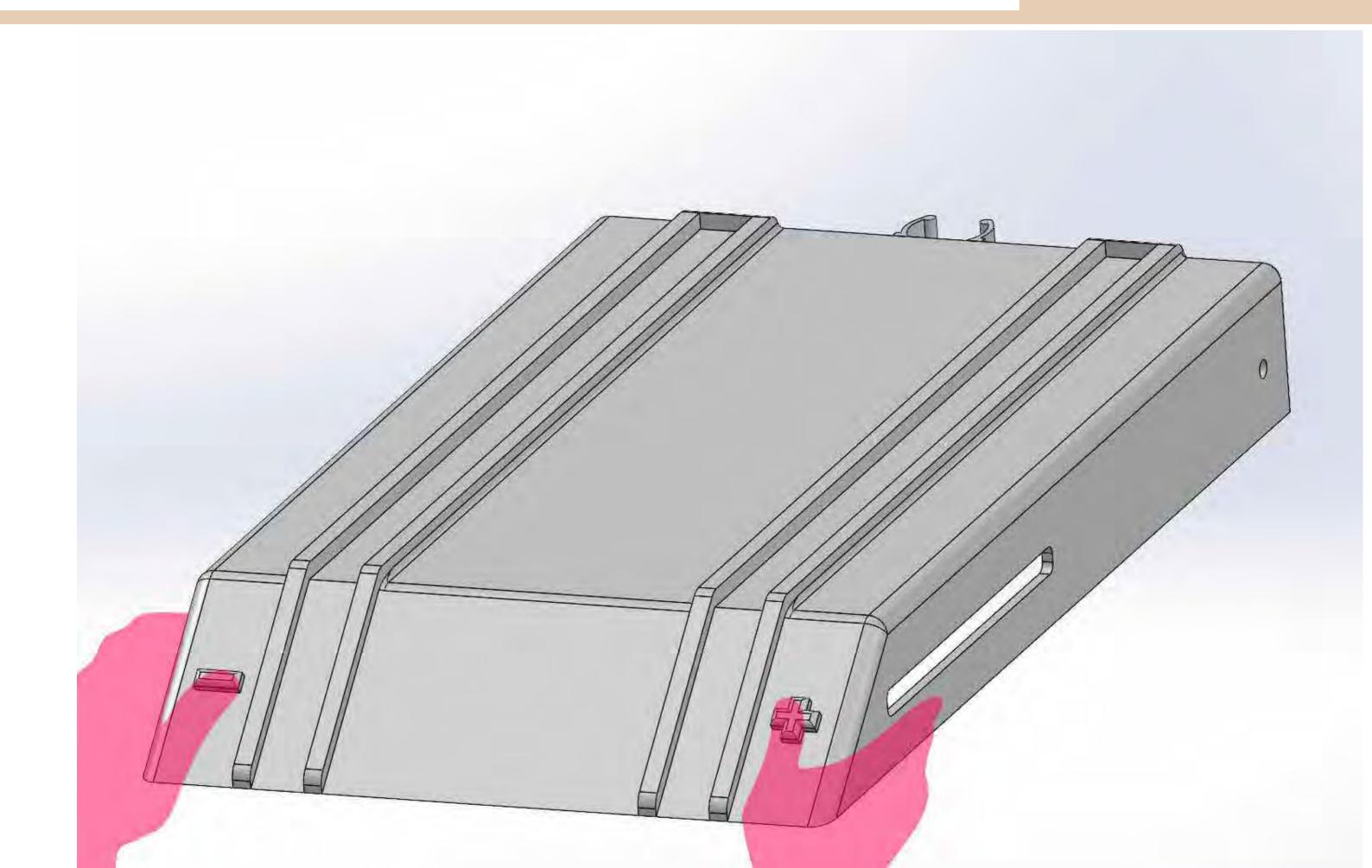
Step 2: as user push the button, the magnet is now being pushed to the front and no longer within the range the wheel can attach



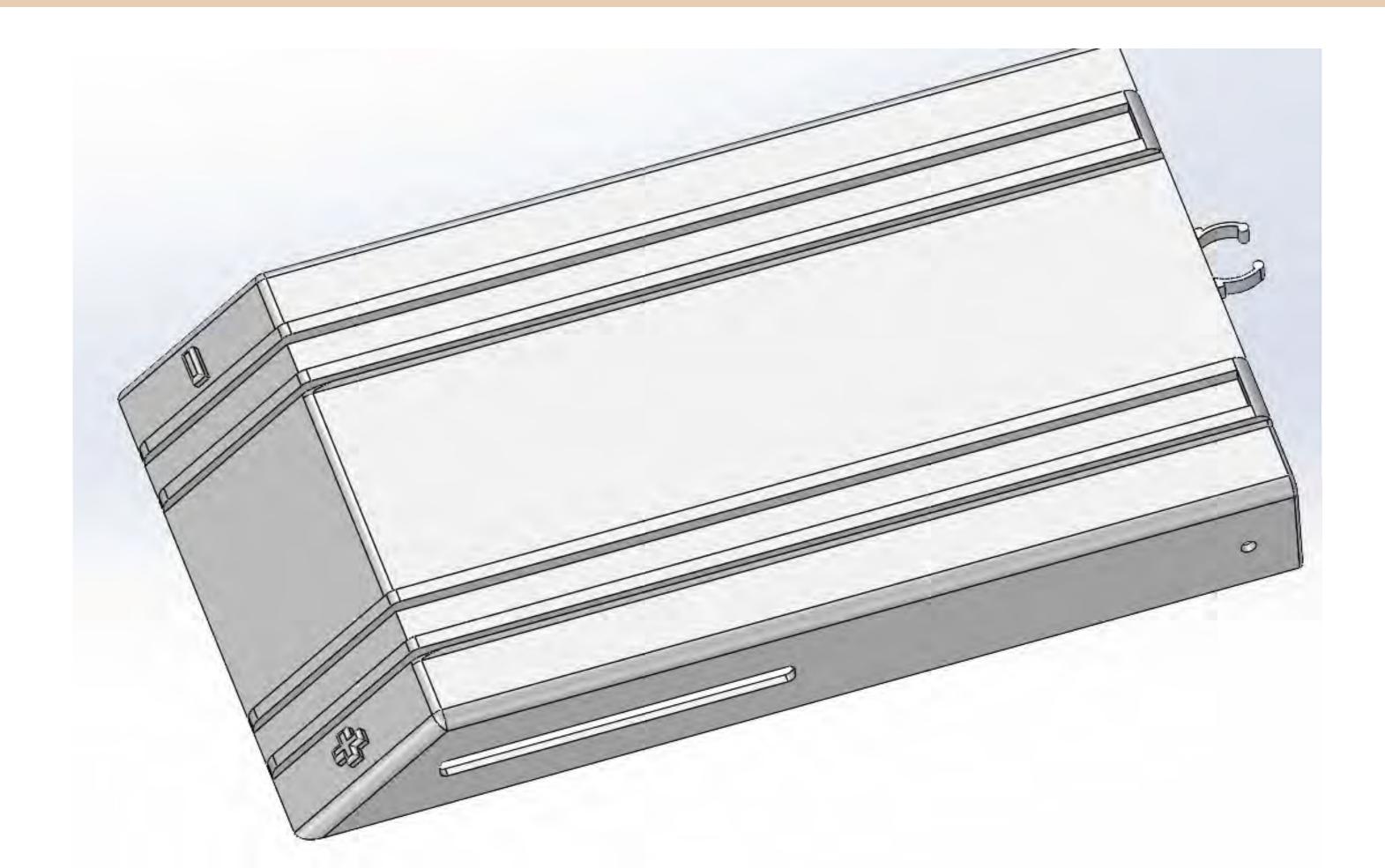
Step 3: The wheel dropped down



Top platform



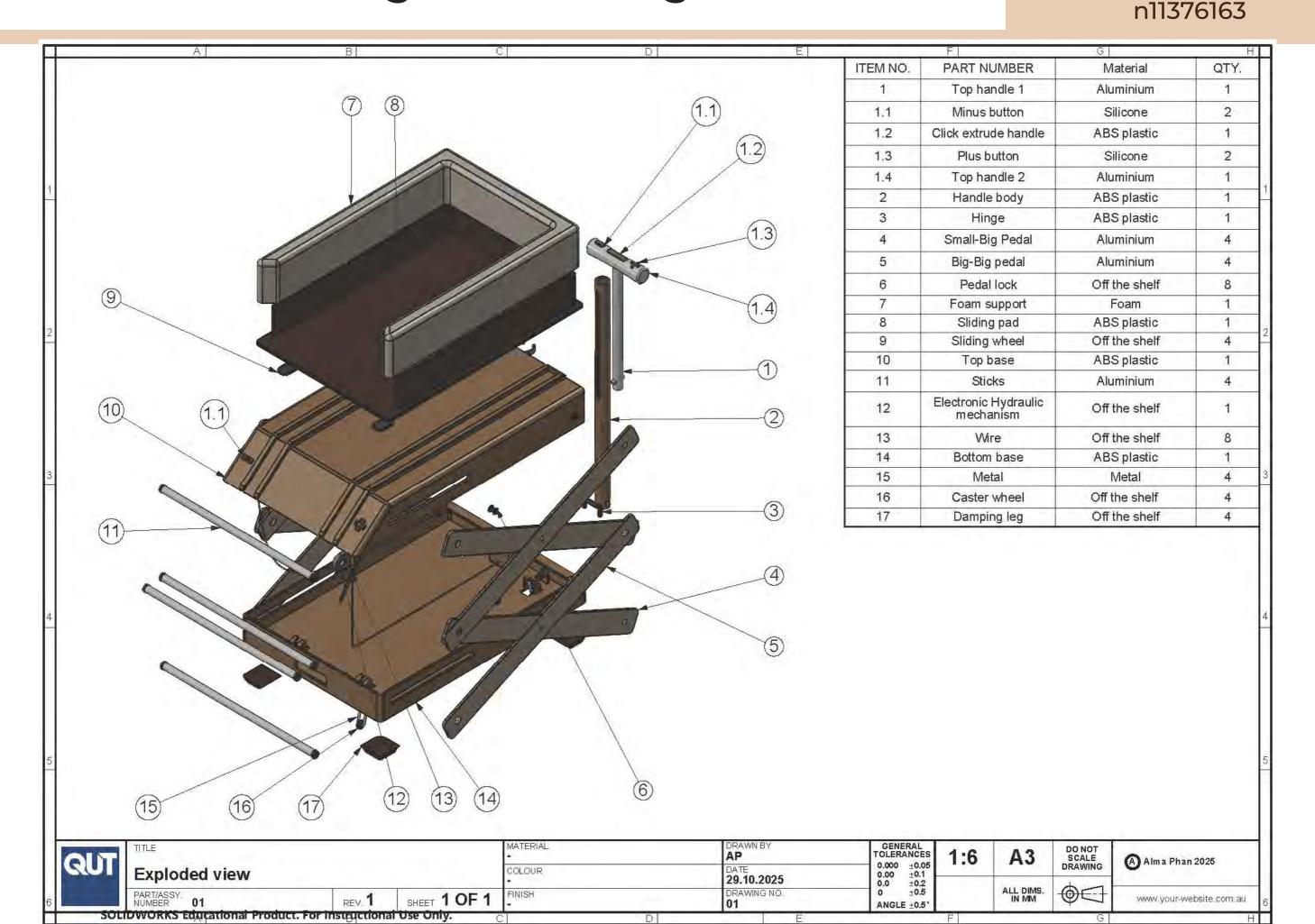
Top platform - with angled slide







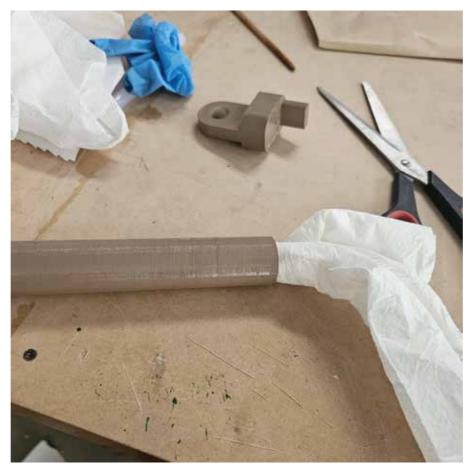
CADing - Final design



Final model making - 3D printing collecting

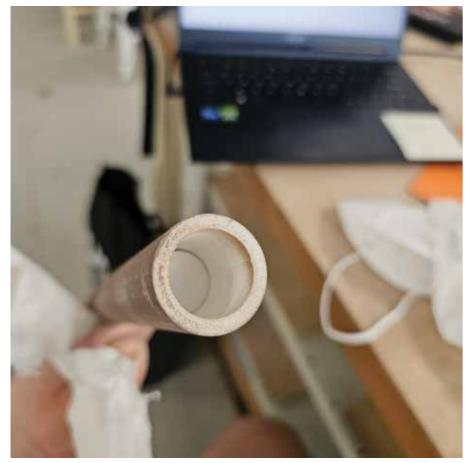
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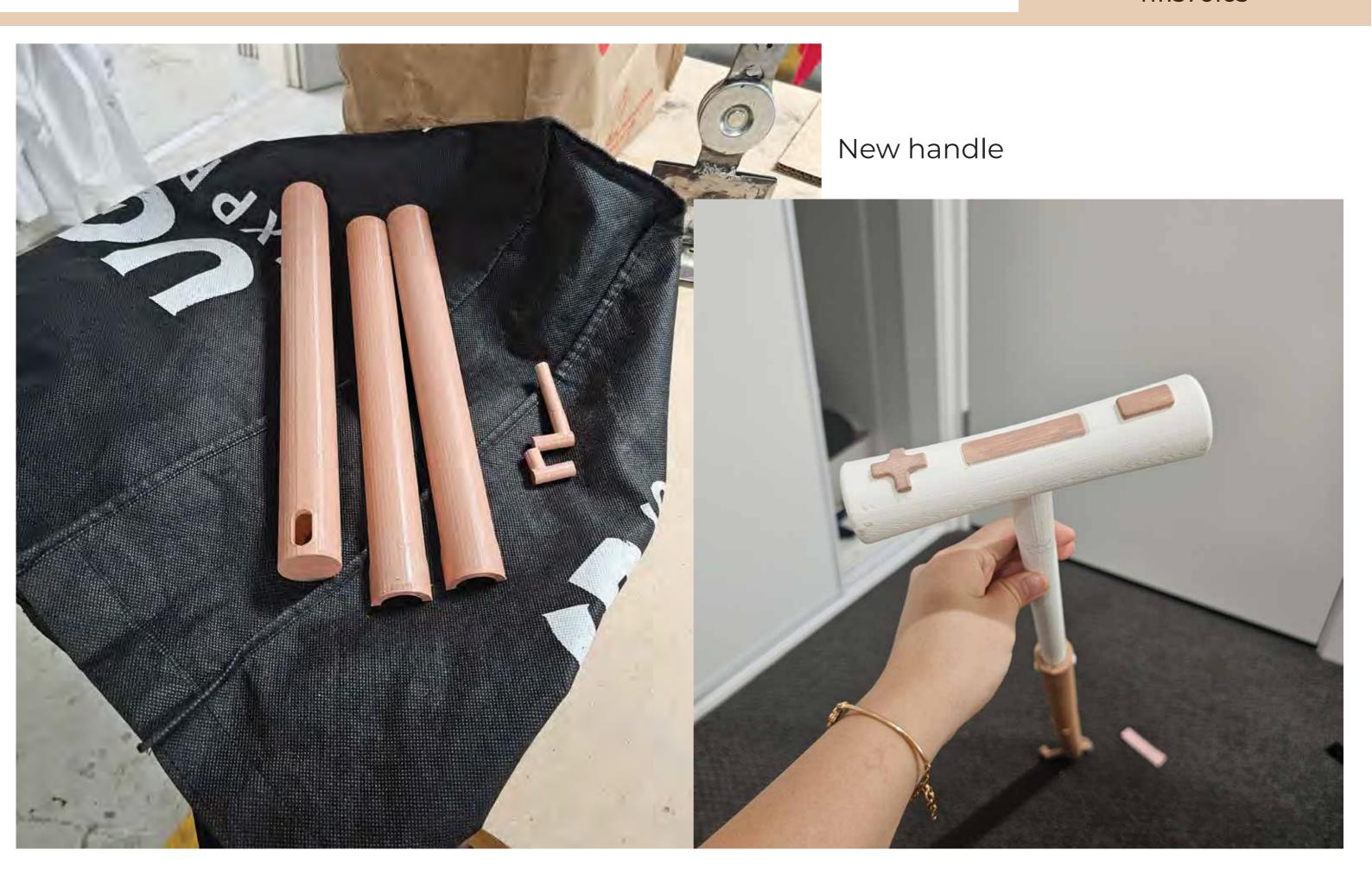


There was a problem where white component would go inside the brown housing and did not come out, so i stuff paper inside

Lastly glue them all thogether using super glue







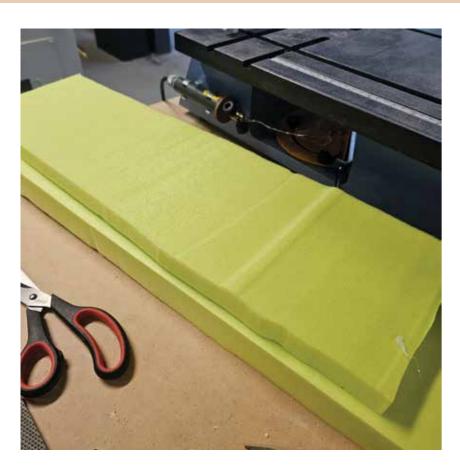
Week 13

Assignemtn 2 submission



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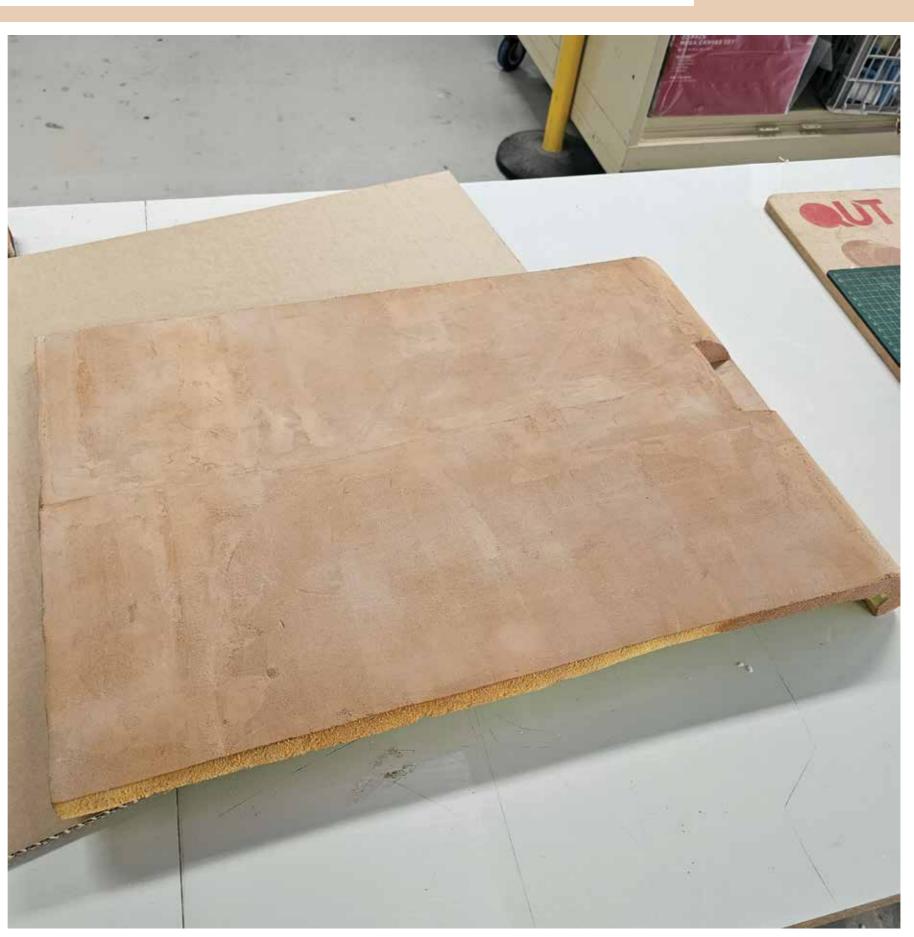
Foam cutting and sanding

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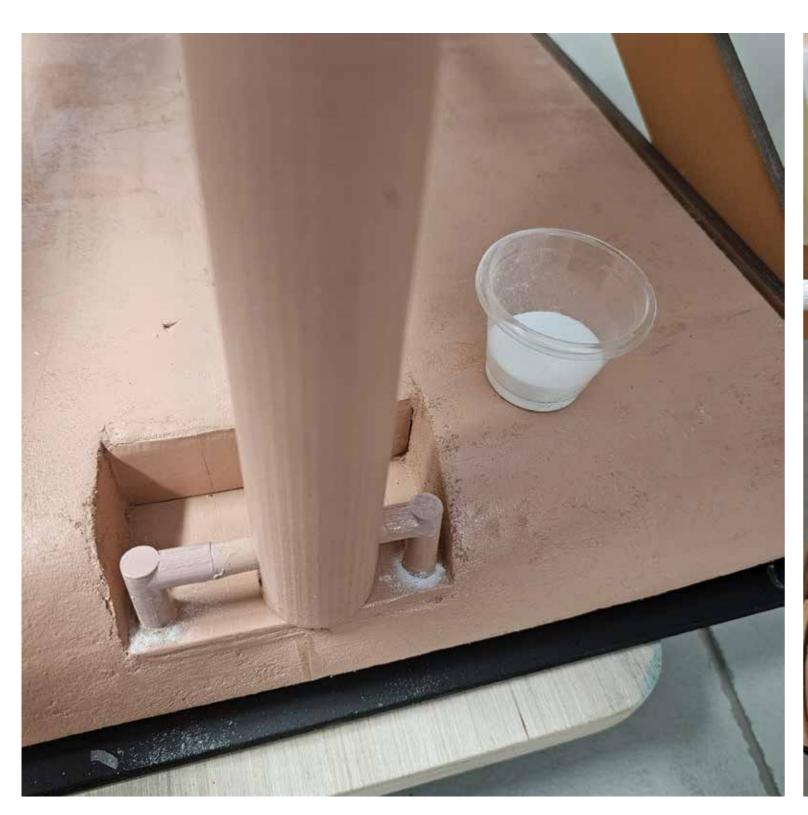


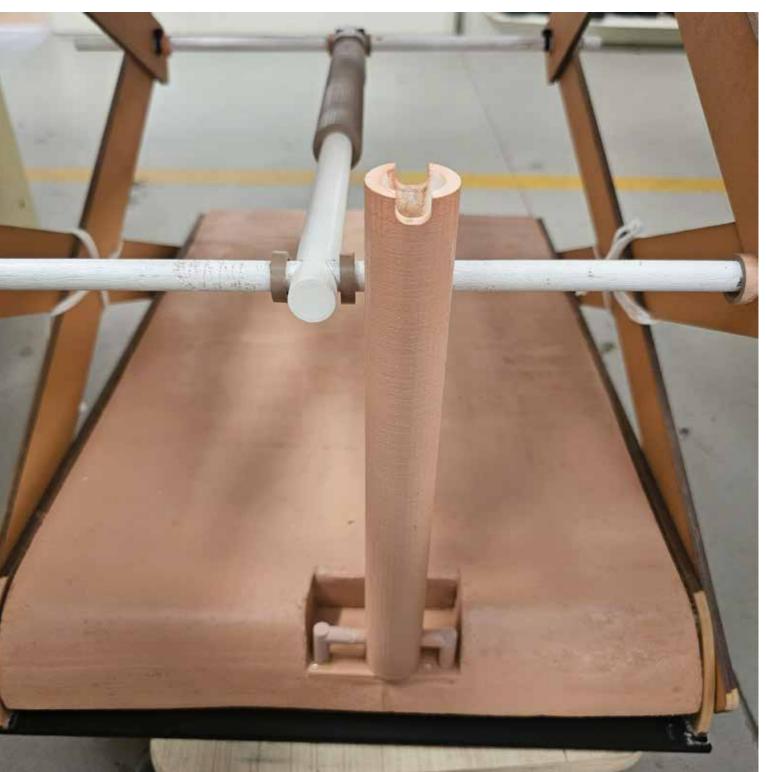




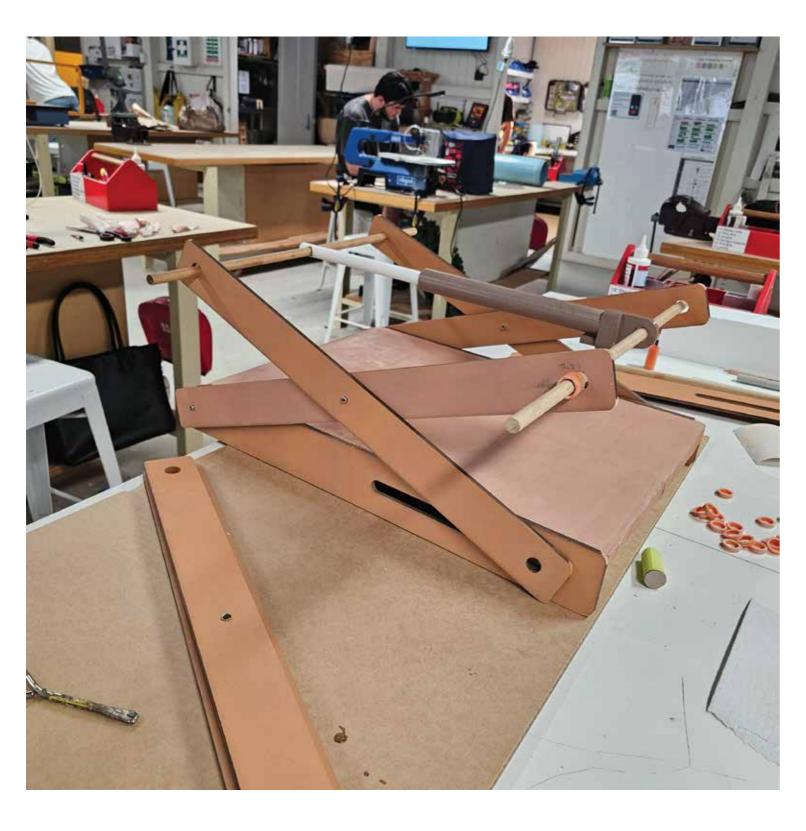
- Using rapid-dr y Gout to fill out bubble surface of the foam
- Multiple sanding for best result

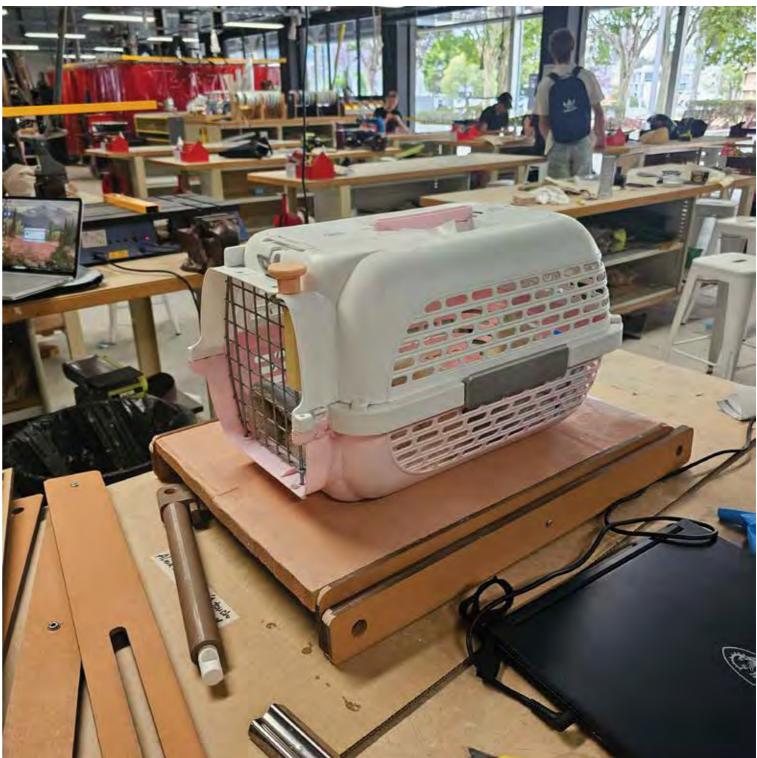
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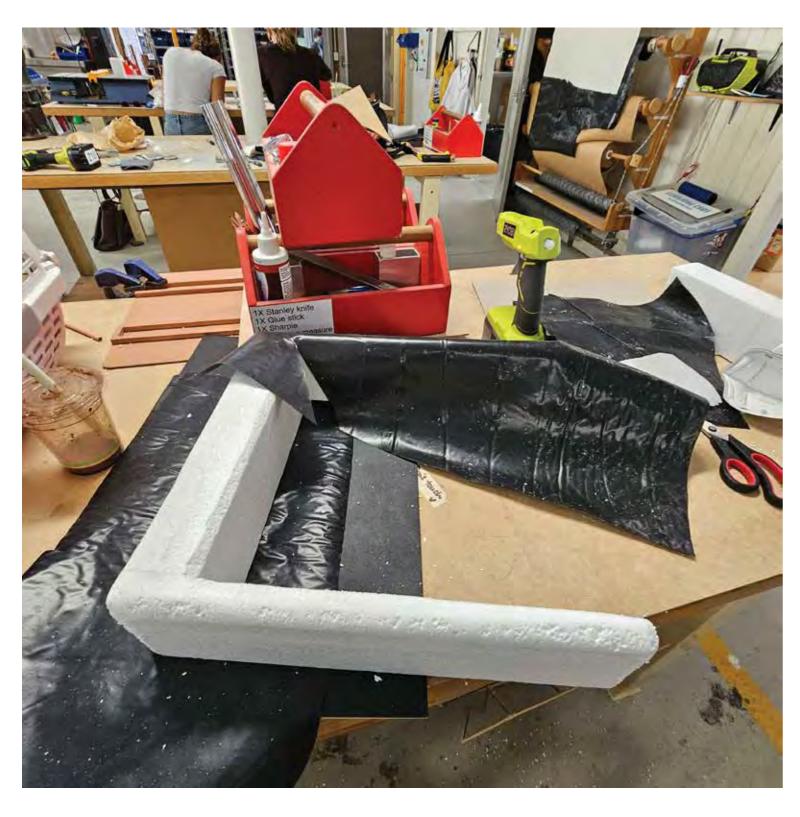




Glueing them all together using super glue and baking power for durability and stronger joint









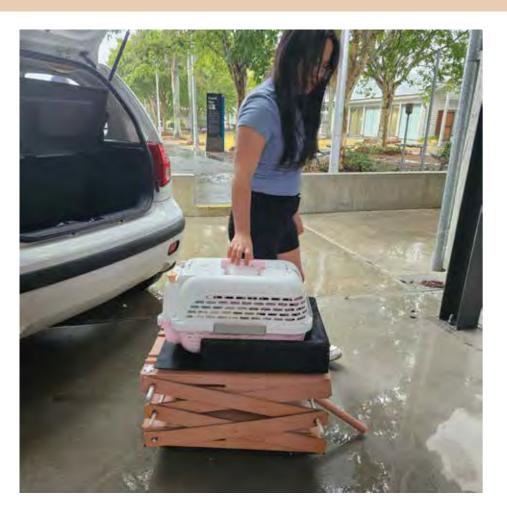
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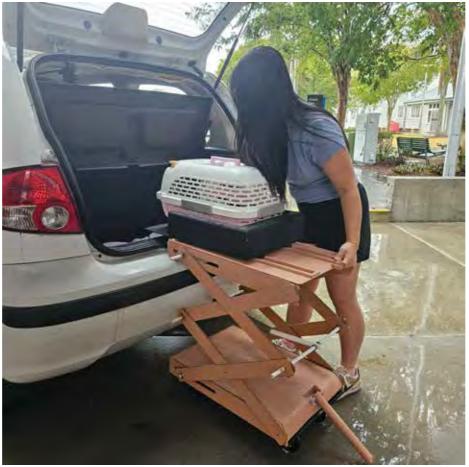


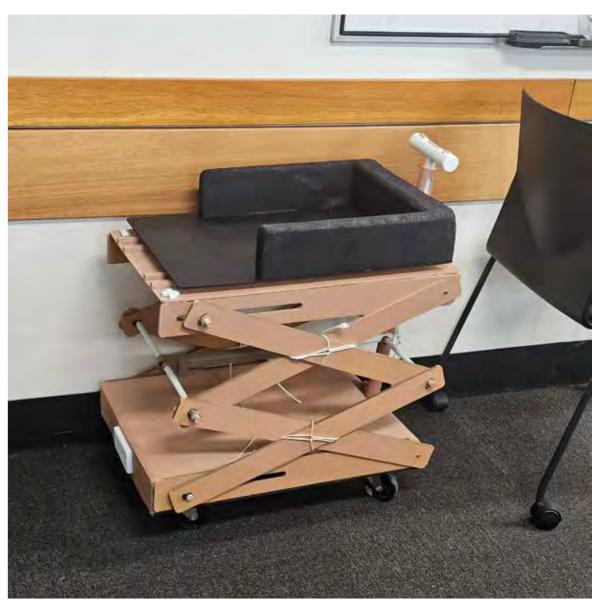












Photographs of my design





After finishedscale 1:1 Final model



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Finalise all other requirements included:

- + Rendering at high quality
- + Photographs of final model
- + Technical report
- + Product video









