

# Remote Euthanasia System

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#### Problem Statement

- Our client is testing the Navy's standard operation to rescue sailors in a disabled submarine at the bottom of the ocean.
- This hyperbaric chamber will be putting the sheep through a variety of pressures that can be fatal.
- Our goal is to create a device that is able to remotely euthanize the sheep when they are inside of the hyperbaric chamber prior to a rapid drop-out decompression.

# **Background Material**

- Hyperbaric chambers are often utilized to to help fight infection or minimize injury. They are usually used at around 1.5 atm, 15-18 m of water [1].
- Too much exposure in a hyperbaric chamber may result in [2]:
  - Lung collapse caused by air pressure changes (barotrauma)
  - Seizures as a result of too much oxygen (oxygen toxicity)
- It takes around 172 hours to rescue all of the sailors from a disabled submarine.



https://www.sportdiver.com/how-does-hyperbaric-ch amber-work

# Summary product design specification - PDS

Key client requirements:

- Operate and withstand pressure changes induced by the hyperbaric chamber
- Must be remote controlled
- Efficiently force the euthansia solution from syringe



<sup>-</sup>https://syringepumppro.com/parts-of-the-syringe/ -https://www.amazon.com/Lejin-200m-1000M-Wireless-Controller-Transmitter/dp/B078HQWJPG

# Competing Designs

Infusion Pumps (Baxter Sigma Spectrum) [3] Advantages:

- Designed for consistent injection of fluid
- Designed to last for decades
- More robust than syringe pumps
- Adjustable rate of flow

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Only rated for up to 1.4 ATM
- Expensive

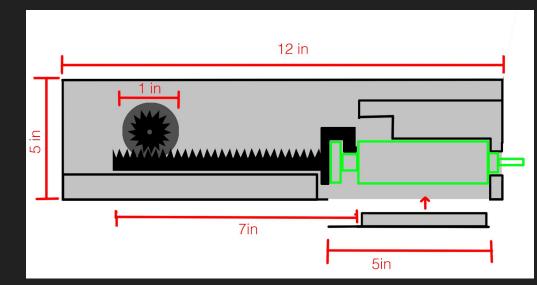


https://www.biomedixmedical.com/product/baxter-sigma-spectr um-infusion-pump/

## Rack and Pinion

Capabilities:

- Only 2 moving components
- Can move quickly and has a low power draw
- Syringe is easily loaded and removed (like a shotgun shell)



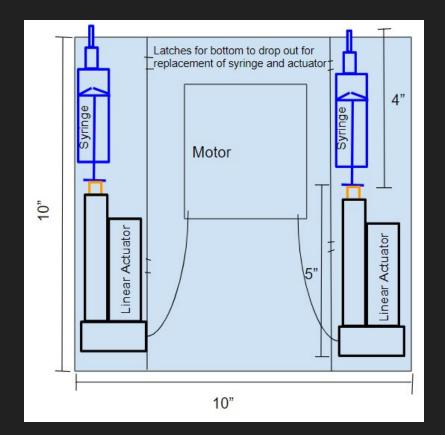


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## Linear Actuator

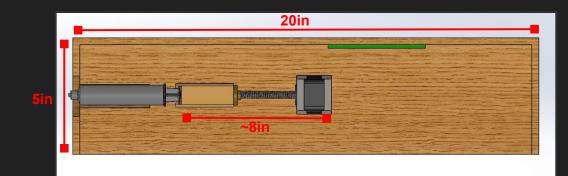
Capabilities:

- 1. Easily Loaded
- 2. Consistent & Powerful
- 3. Many Choices of Linear Actuator



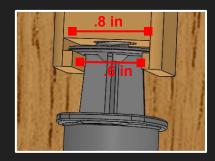
# Lead Screw Plunge

#### Capabilities:



- 1. Easily Loaded
- 2. Threaded Holding Cap
- 3. Leadscrew & Stepper Motor
  - a. Force feeds the leadscrew forward into syringe
  - b. Very customizable (Speed &

Force)



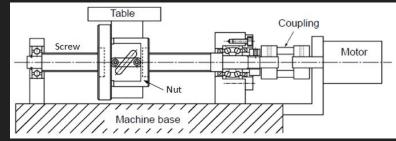
# Design matrix

Designs	Rack and Pinion		Linear Actuator		Lead Screw Plunge	
Reliability (30)	3	18	4	24	5	30
Efficiency (25)	5	25	3	15	4	20
Robustness (20)	4	16	3	12	5	20
Feasibility (15)	4	12	5	15	3	9
Ease of Use (10)	4	8	4	8	5	10
Cost (5)	5	5	1	1	3	3
Total (100)	84		75		92	

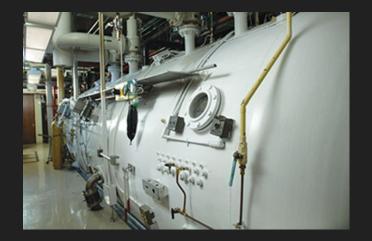
#### Future work

In the coming weeks:

- Lead Screw Plunge Design
- What's next for us?
  - Future design thoughts



https://www.anaheimautomation.com/manuals/forms/images/ball-screw-assembly.png



https://penntoday.upenn.edu/2015-04-16/features/hyperbaric-therapy-treats-patients-pure-oxygen

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