

# Title: Low-Interference Wheelchair Footrest

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## Problem statement:

The project aims to innovate wheelchair footrest design to overcome the limitations of current models which are often cumbersome, heavy, and restrict leg movement or access to the ground. The goal is to create a footrest that is lightweight, easily detachable, and foldable, enhancing the wheelchair user's comfort, and allows interactions with surroundings through the footrest.

## Brief status update

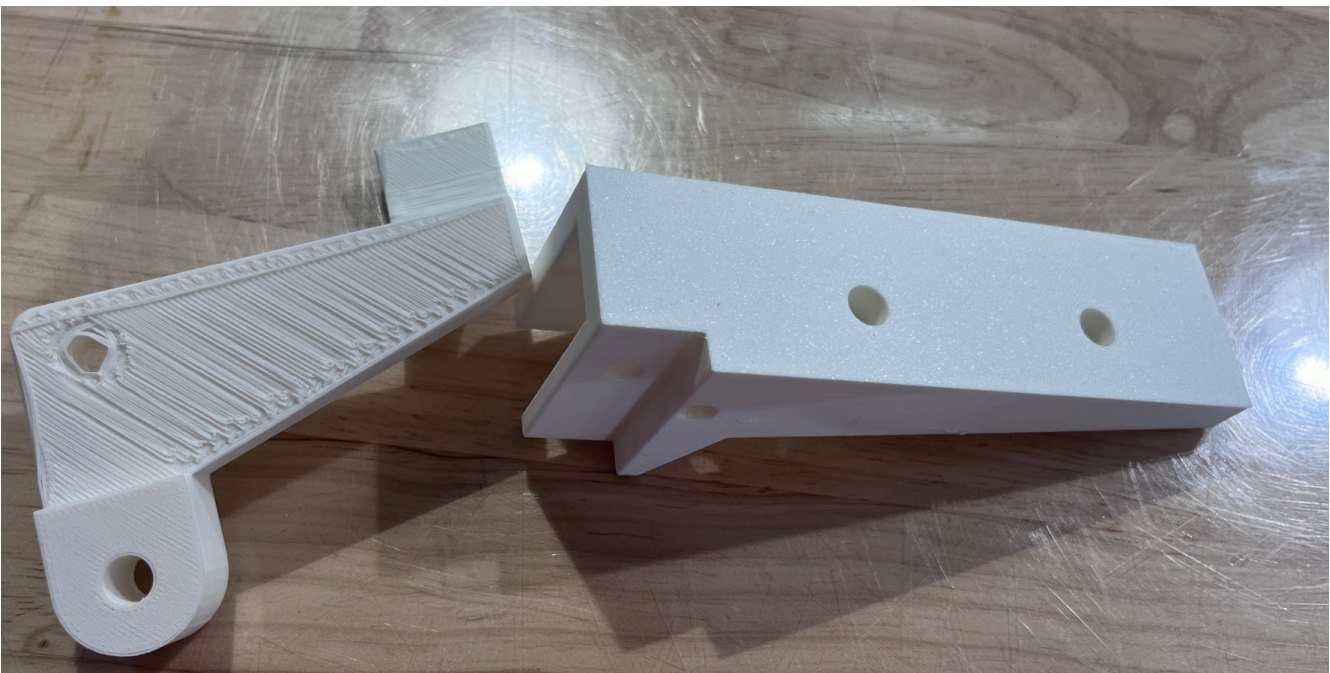
- Front and back Actuator Holder reprinted/modified
- Circuit put together
- Footrest cut and started welded

## Difficulties / advice requests

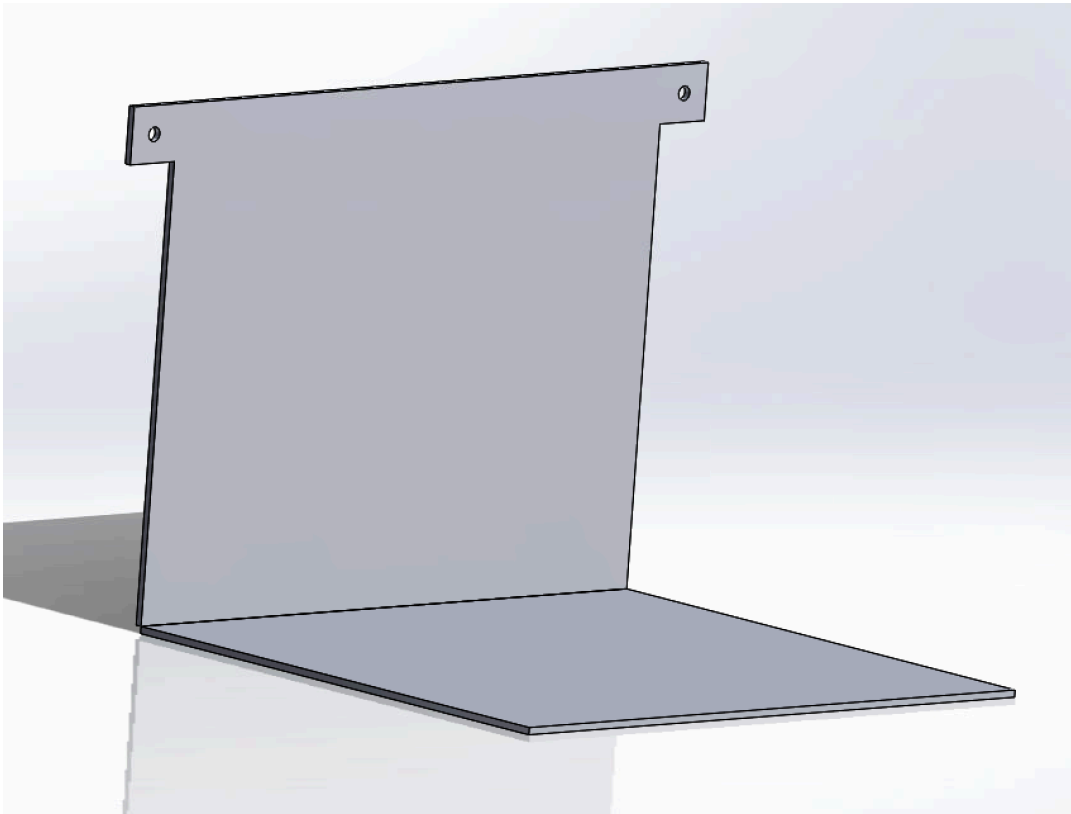
- Continue to look into multiple testing methods

## Current design:

Current design is a footrest on 2 linear actuators that will be controlled by a button on the wheelchair to move back and forth under the wheelchair.



Holder for linear actuator



Footrest Design, will round out sharp edges

## Materials and expenses

| Item                 | Description  | Manufacturer        | Mft Pt# | Vendor | Vendor Cat# | Date      | # | Cost Each | Total   | Link  |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------|---|-----------|---------|---|
| <b>Linear Motion</b> |  |                     |         |        |             |           |   |           |         |   |
| Linear Actuator      | A device that converts rotational motion into linear motion to move or control objects in a straight line. | Demotor Performance |         |        |             | 3/15/2024 | 2 | \$35.68   | \$71.36 | <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Linear-Actuator-Stroke-Output-12-Volt/dp/B00VFXIRW4?th=1">https://www.amazon.com/Linear-Actuator-Stroke-Output-12-Volt/dp/B00VFXIRW4?th=1</a> |
|                      |  |                     |         |        |             |           |   |           | \$0.00  |   |
| <b>Raw Materials</b> |  |                     |         |        |             |           |   |           |         |   |
| Aluminum             | ½"x36"x1/8"  | Home Depot          |         |        |             | 3/15/24   | 5 | 4.73      | \$23.65 | <a href="https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1-2-in-x-36-in-Aluminum-Flat-Bar-with-1-">https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1-2-in-x-36-in-Aluminum-Flat-Bar-with-1-</a>     |

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| Mounting<br>Bracket for<br>PA-14, PA-14P,<br>PA-08 |             |  | PROGRESSIVE<br>AUTOMATIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |        |        |  |  |  |  |  | \$13.92   | <a href="#">link</a> |
| Zinc 3/8 inch<br>threaded<br>screws                | Zinc screws |  | Everbilt                   |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | \$8.98 | \$8.98 |  |  |  |  |  | <a href="https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-6-x-3-8-in-Zinc-Plated-Phillips-Pan-Head-Sheet-Metal-Screw-100-Pack-823322/317479248">https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-6-x-3-8-in-Zinc-Plated-Phillips-Pan-Head-Sheet-Metal-Screw-100-Pack-823322/317479248</a> |                      |
| <b>Current Total</b>                               |             |  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |        |        |  |  |  |  |  | <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$103.99</b>      |

## Major team goals for the next week

1. Finish fabrication and begin testing

## Next week's individual goals

- Jayson
  - Finish fabrication
  - Continue testing
  - Begin final reports
- Sam
  - 3D printing and testing
- Bobby
  - Fabrication/Finish welding
  - Testing methods
- Charles
  - Test the prototype, find problems and attempt to fix them
  - Meet with client to continue testing

## Timeline

| Task | Jan | Feb |   |    |    | March |   |    |    |    | April |    |    |    | May |    |
|------|-----|-----|---|----|----|-------|---|----|----|----|-------|----|----|----|-----|----|
|      | 26  | 2   | 9 | 16 | 23 | 1     | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5     | 12 | 19 | 26 | 3   | 10 |

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| <b>Project R&amp;D</b> | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| Empathize              | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| Background...          | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| Prototyping            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| Testings               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Deliverables</b>    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Progress Reports       | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| PDS                    |   |   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| Prelim presentation    |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Final Poster           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Meetings</b>        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Client                 |   |   | X |   |   | X |   | X |   | X |   | X |  |  |  |  |
| Advisor                | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Website</b>         | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| Update                 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |

Filled boxes = projected timeline  
 X = task was worked on or completed

## Previous week's goals and accomplishments

- Sam previous goal
  - 3D printed holder piece
  - Circuit
- Bobby previous goal
  - Fabrication and testing protocol
  - Meeting with welding expert
- Charles previous goal
  - Began fabrication with water jet and circuit design
- Jayson previous goal
  - Fabrication
  - Testing
- Team previous goal 6
  - Begin fabrication
  - Welding, water jetting, circuit, 3D printing

## Activities

| Name   | Date      | Activity                            | Time (h) | Week Total (h) | Sem. Total (h) |
|--------|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Sam    | 4/12/2024 | CAD, 3D printing, circuit           | 3        | 3              | 32             |
| Bobby  | 4/12/2024 | Fabrication/Welding setup           | 2        | 2              | 28             |
| Jayson | 4/12/2024 | Fabrication, Assignments, Circuitry | 4        | 4              | 40             |

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| Charles | 4/12/2024 | Fabrication, Circuitry | 6 | 6 | 36 |
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