# Light Sport Aircraft Belt Reduction Drive

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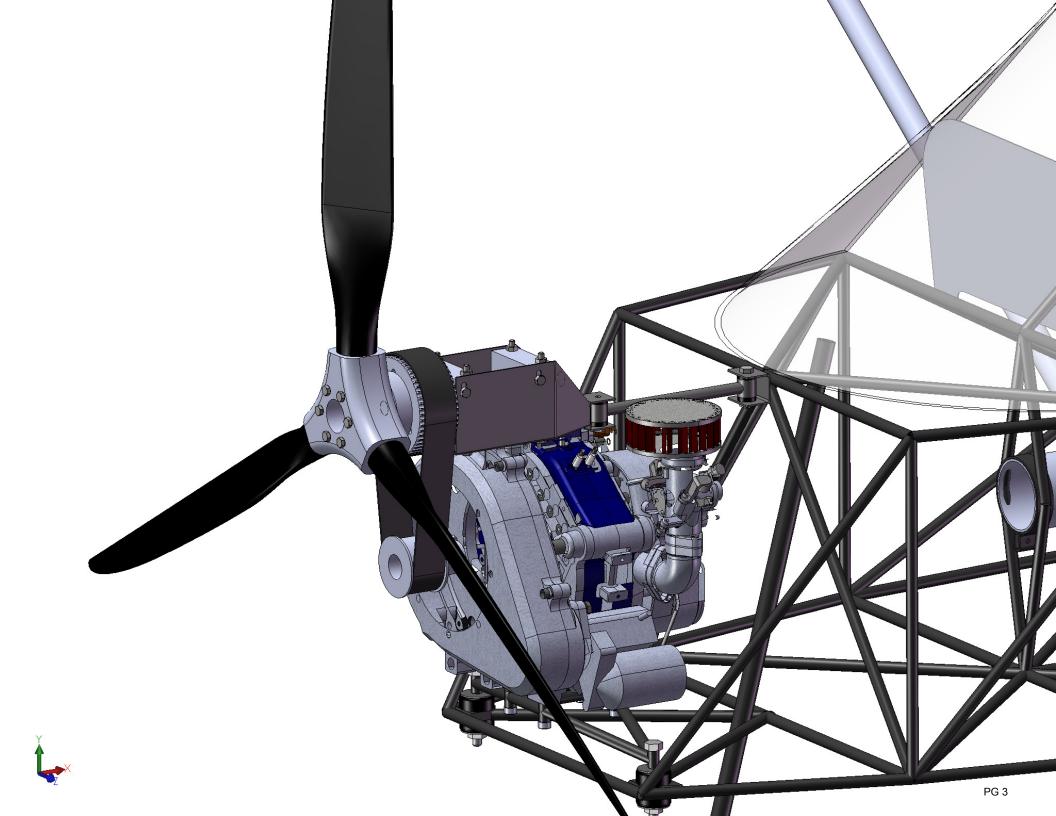
## **Project overview**

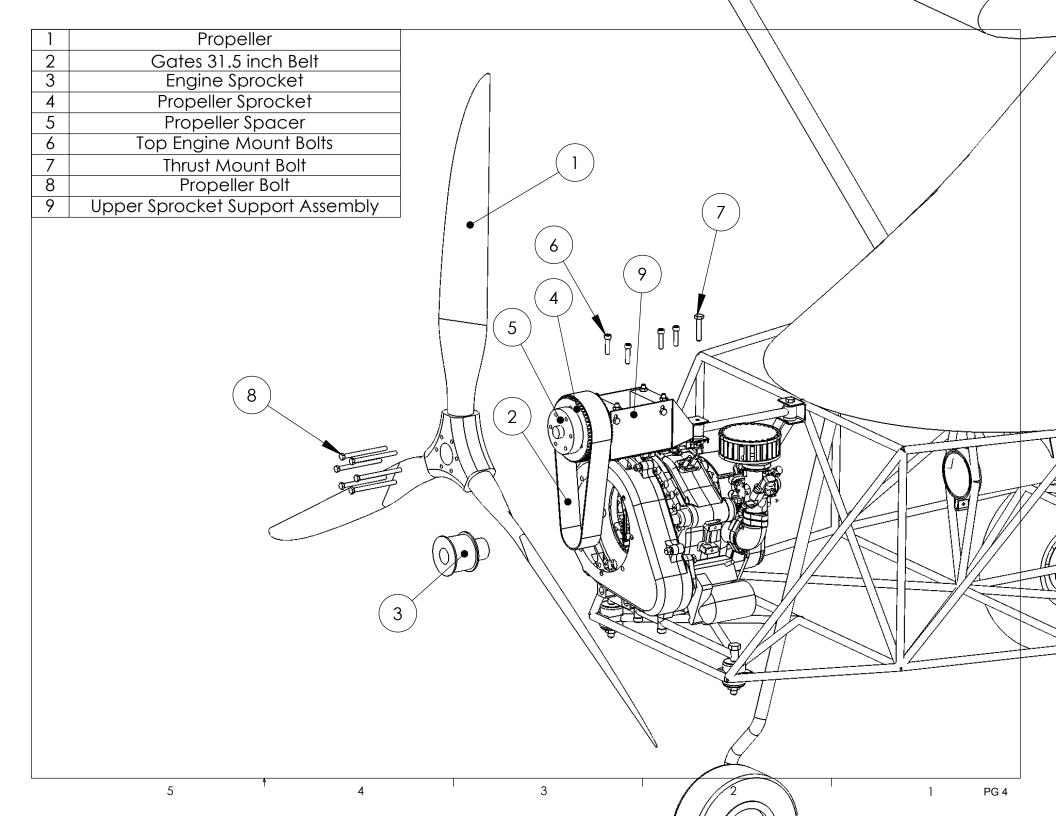
The belt reduction drive (re-drive) project was proposed shortly after the conclusion of the LSA integration senior project, which mounted the Rotamax Generation II engine to the fuselage. At the end of this senior project, the group did several engine run tests. During these tests it was determined that the engine was producing excessive vibration. We suspected that the vibration was being caused by the gearbox which came installed on the Gen II engine. In the fall 2008 semester, we were able to take the gearbox apart and noticed that there was a rubber flexible coupling between the engine output shaft and the gearbox input. We suspected that the vibration was originating from a resonance caused by that coupling and created a new coupling made out of aluminum to test our theory. We did several engine run tests with the new coupling and found that the vibration was indeed reduced (and its frequency increased) but not to a level that we felt was acceptable. Having done several engine run tests on the Rotamax Gen I engine, which had a belt re-drive system, we decided to revisit the idea and create flight quality one for the Gen II engine. It seemed that the vibration that we experienced with the Gen I engine was always significantly less than what we experienced on the Gen I engine with the gearbox. The belt driven design also reduces the weight of the engine by quite a bit and eliminates the need for a separate gear oil system.

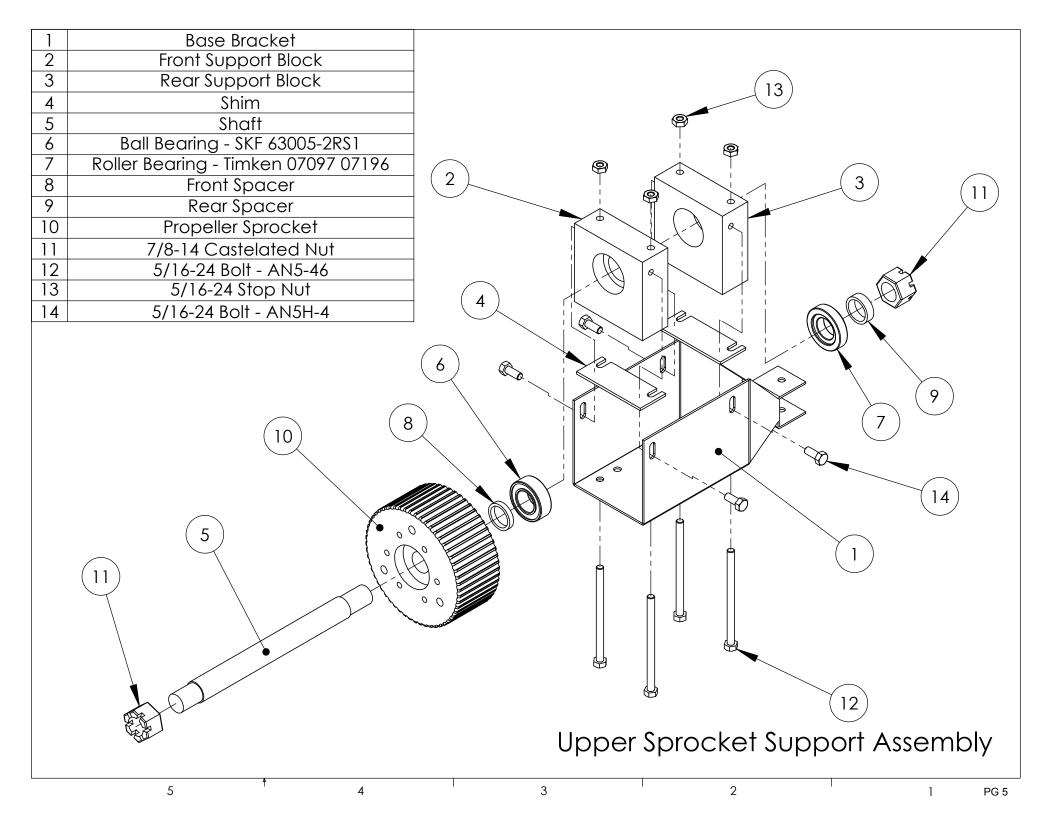
When we proposed the belt re-drive project, we set out several objectives for it. First, we wanted a system that could be able to handle interchangeable propeller sprockets (the large sprocket that attaches to the propeller) so that we could change the reduction ratio if required. Second, we wanted to be able to tension the belt easily without the use of an idler wheel. An finally, we wanted a minimum of 1000 hours between overhauls and a mean time between failure of no more than 2 years. In the subsequent sections I discuss and show all related documents for the re-drive design, analysis and component specifications.

## Design

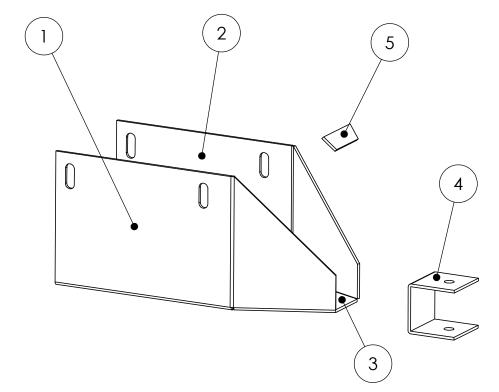
Our design for the reduction drive and all its components are covered in this section. The design consists of a belt, 2 sprockets and an upper sprocket support assembly. The upper sprocket support assembly consists of a shaft, which the propeller sprocket attaches to, and components that allow the shaft to rotate freely and support it, such as bearings, bearing support blocks etc. An explosion view of the upper sprocket support assembly is included in this section. The backbone of the upper sprocket support assembly is the base bracket. This bracket acts to support the shaft and doubles as a top engine mount. The bracket bolts to the top of the engine and the back of the bracket connects, with a single bolt, to the top engine mount link. This design creates a one piece system that transmits the thrust loads from the upper sprocket support assembly directly to the fuselage. To tension the belt, shims are placed under the front and rear support blocks to raise the entire shaft and therefore tighten the belt. The bearings used in the design are a ball bearing at the front of the shaft near the sprocket and a tapered roller bearing at the rear. The tapered roller bearing takes all of the thrust load as well as some radial loads where the ball bearing only takes radial loads. A tapered roller bearing can take large loads in both the axial and radial direction and was chosen for that reason to take the thrust loads produced by the propeller.

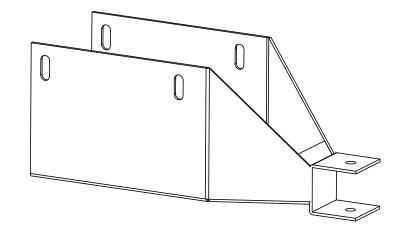






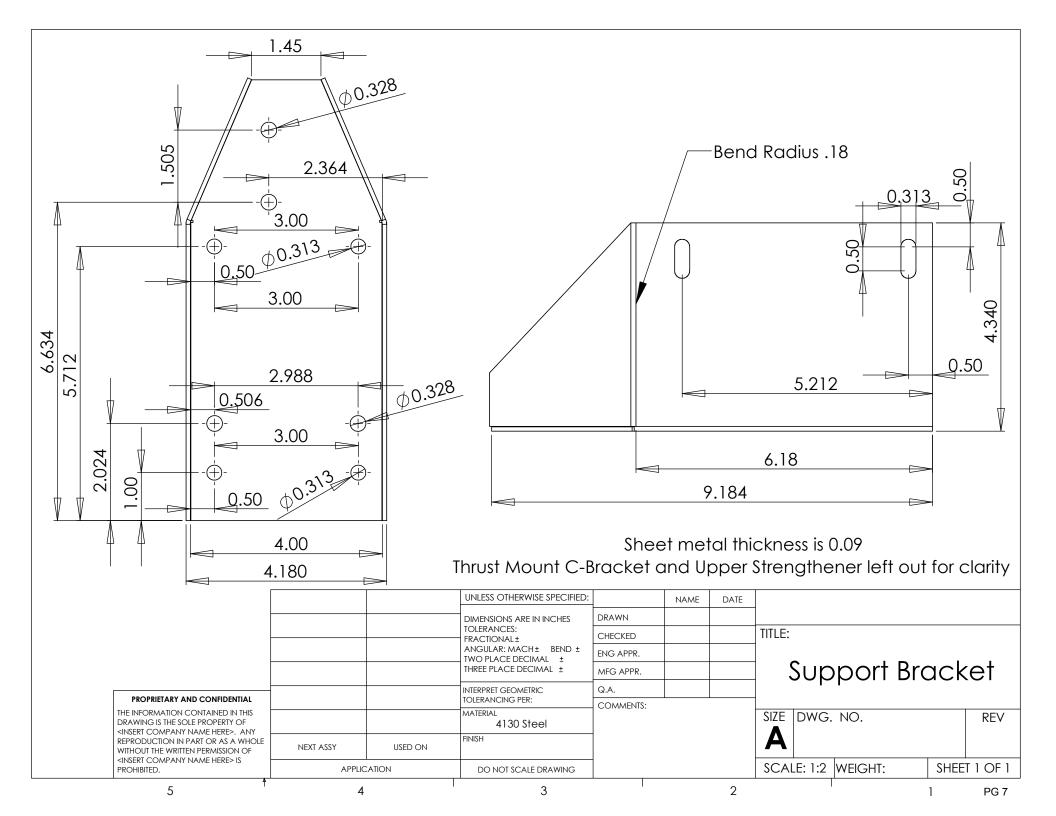
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2	Right Bracket Side
3	Bottom
4	Thrust Mount C-bracket *
5	Upper Strengthener

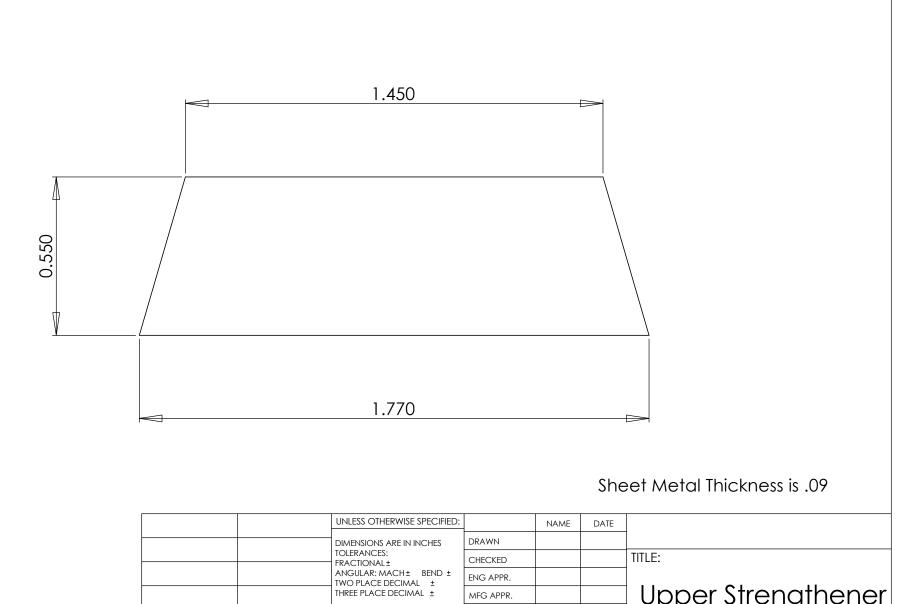




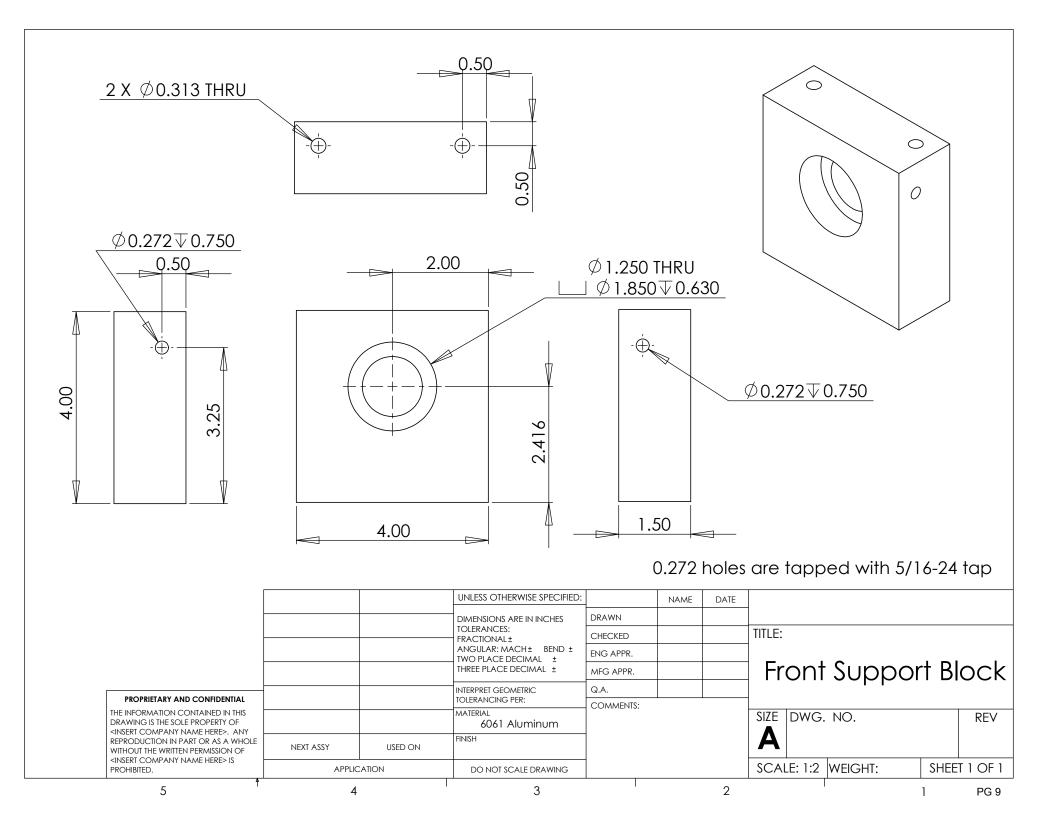
\* Part cut to size to interface with the thrust mount All components are TIG welded together

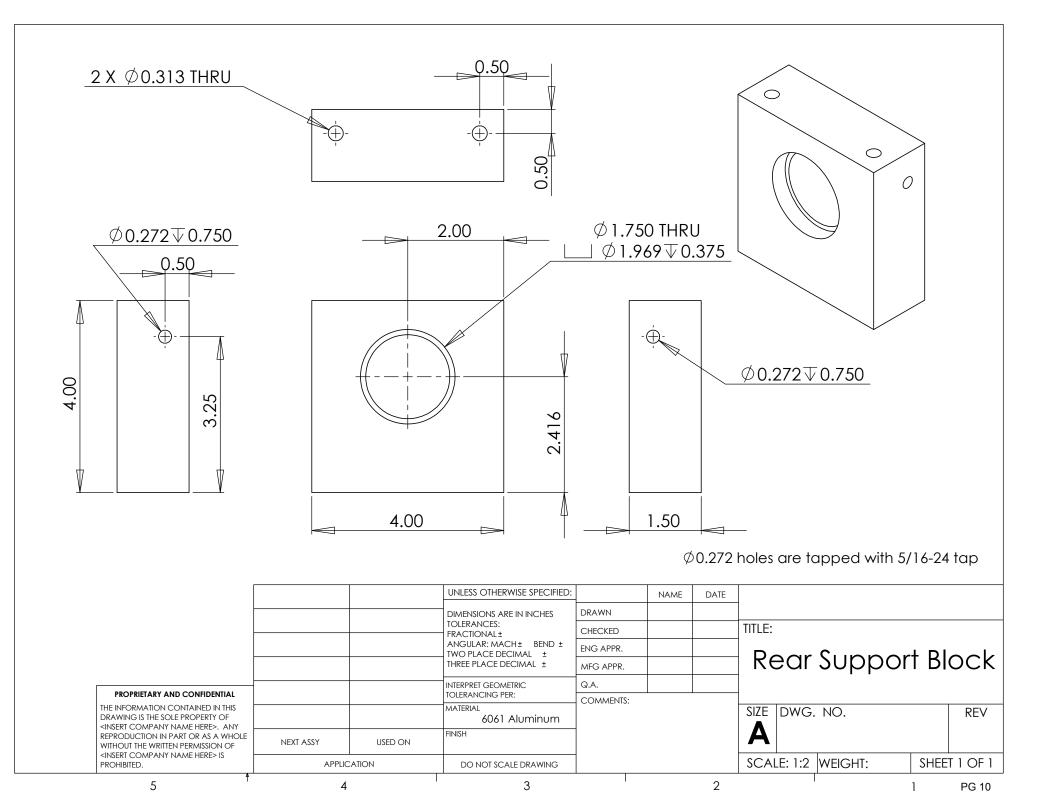
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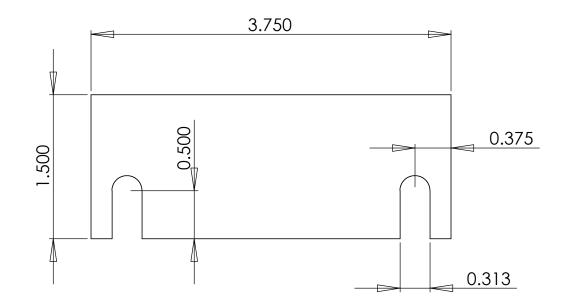




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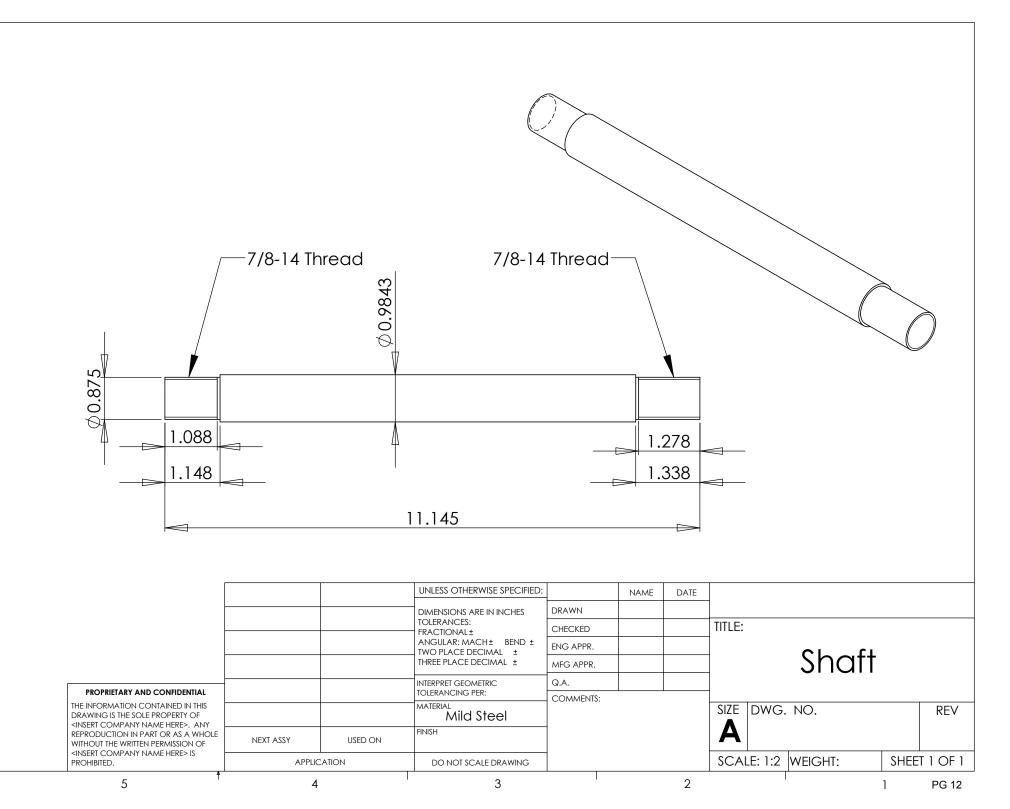


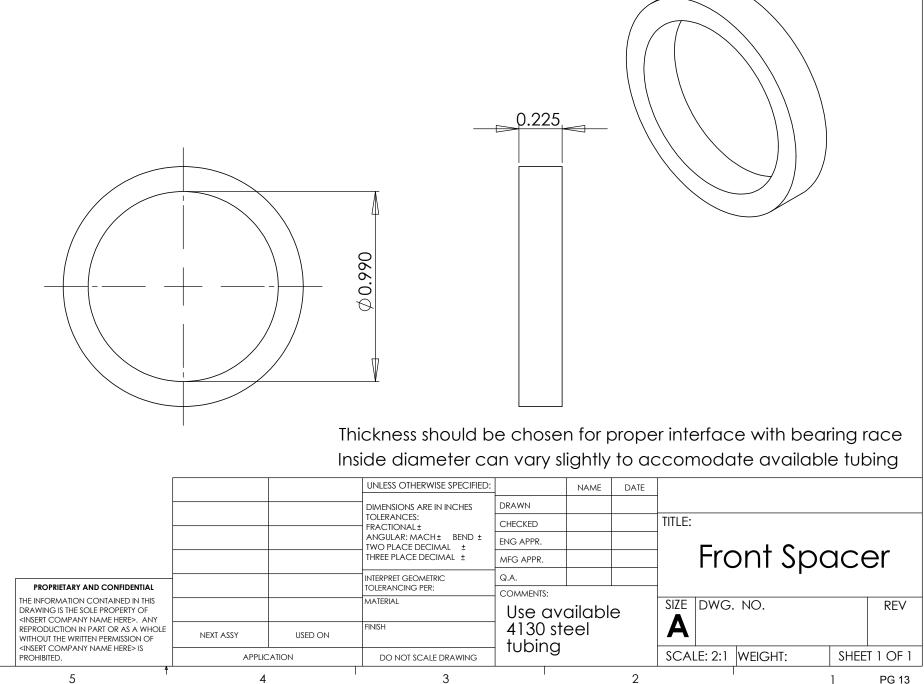


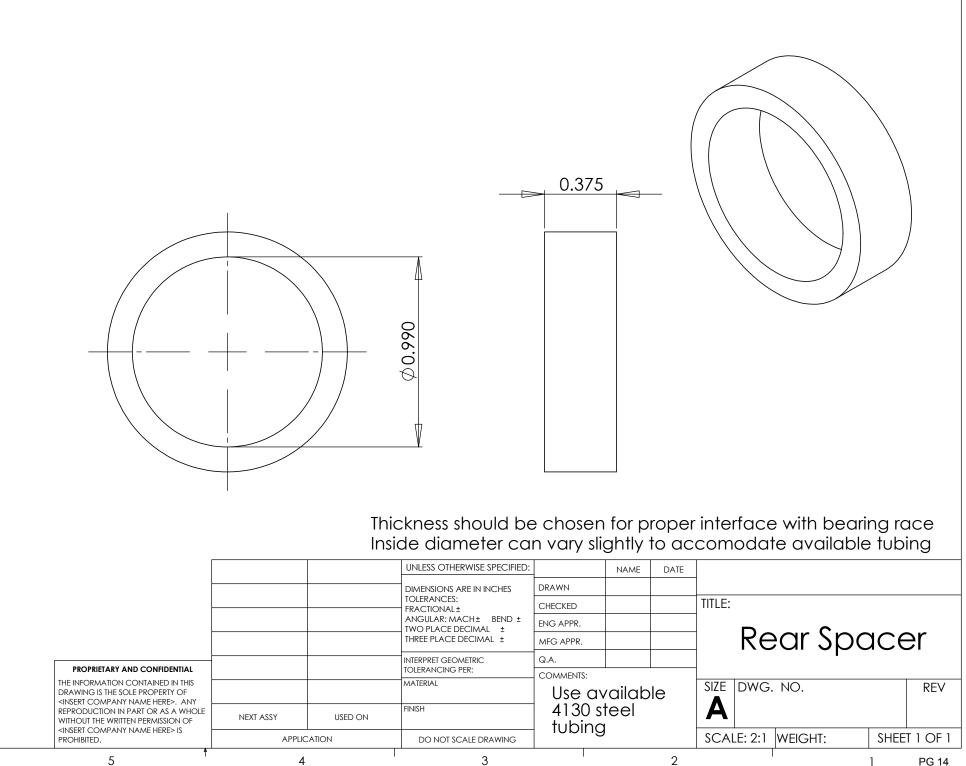


## Use desired sheet metal thickness for proper belt tensioning

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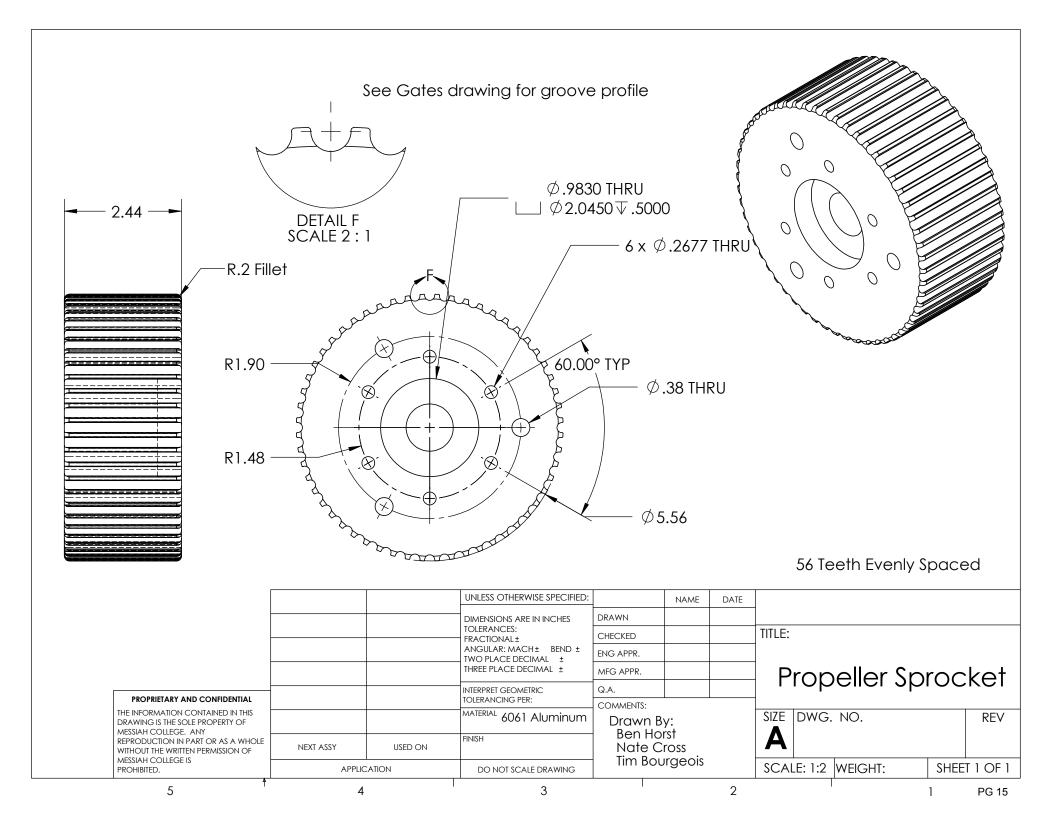


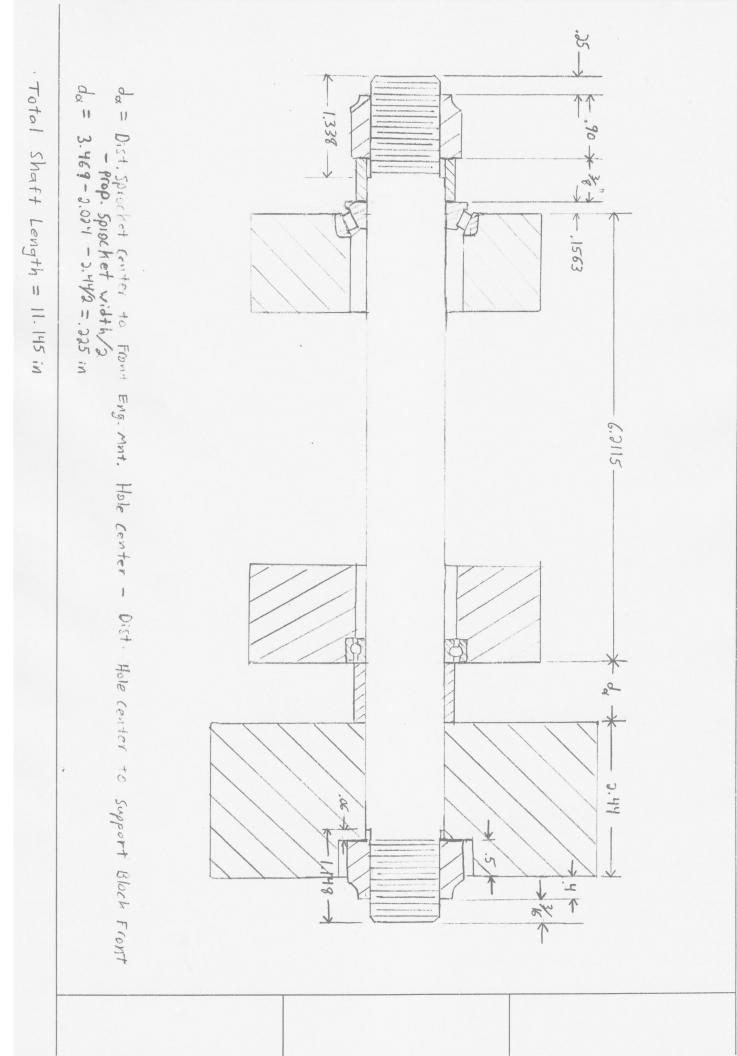




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# **Specifications**

All the specifications for the bearings, belt, and sprocket are covered in this section. The bearing specifications cover bearing dimensions, rated loads, maximum speeds and weights for both the ball bearing and the tapered roller bearing. The belt specifications cover the number of teeth, pitch length, weight and the price. The sprocket specifications cover all of the required dimensions to make the sprocket. As a note, we increased the width of our propeller sprocket to be able to work with a 50 mm wide belt. All these specification are located at the following web addresses:

### http://www.skf.com/portal/skf/home/products?maincatalogue=1&lang=en&newlink=1\_1 \_0

http://www.timken.com/en-us/products/Pages/Catalogs.aspx

http://www.gates.com/catalogs/index.cfm?requesting=ptcatalog&location\_id=2999 Note: you must create a login account to see this catalogue

#### Ball bearing

Manufacturer	SKF
Part Number	63005-2RS1

[	Di	mensions (inches	)	Basic Load Ratings (lbf)			
	Inside Diam.	Outside Diam.	Width	Dynamic	Static	Limiting Speed (RPM)	Mass (lbm)
	0.9843	1.8504	0.6299	2520	1470	9500	0.0221

#### Tapered Roller Bearing

Manufacturer	Timken
Cup P/N	07097
Cone P/N	07196

Di	mensions (inches	Load Factors Load Ratings (lbs)					Load Ratings (lbs)		
Inside Diam.	Outside Diam.	Width	e Factor	Y Factor	Dynamic C90		Dynamic C1	Static CO	Weight (lbf)
0.9843	1.9687	0.5313	0.4	1.49		1570	6060	6650	0.26

Note: The C1 load rating is the load that will yield an expected life of 1X10^6 revolutions The C90 load rating is the load that will yield an expected life of 90X10^6 revolutions Belt

Manufacturer	Gates
Part Number	800-8MGT-50

List Price	Nomber of Teeth	Pitch Length (inches)	Weight (lbf)
91.89	100	31.5	0.5

Propeller Sprocket

Number of Teeth	Outside Diam.	
56		5.56

# Analysis

All analysis calculations that we did on our project are covered in this section. The analysis that we completed for this project was a belt pull force calculation, moment of inertia and gyroscopic moment calculation, bearing support loads calculation, tapered roller bearing calculations, ball bearing calculations and base bracket finite element analysis. All of these calculations and their results are shown in this section.

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#### Moment of Inertia Calculation

	inch	meters
radius	0.5	0.0127
Distance	12.875	0.327026

	1st set up 2nd set up			3rd set up						
Trial	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
Added Mass (kg)	0.65	0.65	0.65	1.15	1.15	1.15	0.35	0.35	0.35	
Time (sec)	15.29	15.03	15.72	11.37	11.68	11.65	21.19	21.37	21.47	
Moment of Inertia										
(kg*m^2)	0.367616	0.35522	0.388584	0.359654	0.379533	0.377586	0.380186	0.386673	0.3903	
Average MOI	Ó	.370473459	9	0.372257887		0.372257887 0.38571959			.385719595	)



The moment of inertia was measured by finding the time it took for a weight attached to a string ,which was wrapped around the shaft, to move down a certain distance. The weight supplied a constant torque to the shaft. We then used this time and the assumption that there was constant acceleration to calculate angular acceleration ( $\alpha$ ). With this, we were then able to calculate the moment of interia (I) using the formula: Torque = I<sup>\*</sup> $\alpha$ 

#### **Gyroscopic Moment Calculation**

Rate of Turn (deg/sec)	45
Moment of Inertia (kg*m^2)	0.3903

Propeller Ang. Speed (rad/sec)	282.7433
Processional Speed (rad/sec)	0.785398
Moment (N*m)	86.6724
Moment (ft*lbf)	63.9258

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Bearing Support Loads Quick Turn Find: Reaction loads at the front and rear bearings Assumptions: Bearings to not take moments in any direction  $B_{\gamma} = -201bf$ Estimate: Ay = Solbf Schematic: FBD: 1.78in MG Ax  $F_{BX} = 6.976 \, lbf$   $F_{BX} = -59.36 \, lbf$   $T = 400 \, lbf$ \* Me shown for left turn. This will yield higher loads in bearings ME=63.93 ft. 16f Analysis: Mc = 63.93 ft. 16f (12in) = 767.2 in.16f ZMxB = 767.2 in 16f + 59.36 16f (1.78 + 5.462 in) - Ay (5.462 in) = 0 Any = 219.21bf) 
$$\begin{split} \Xi F_{y} &= -59.36 \, lbf + 219.2 \, lbf + B_{y} = 0 \\ B_{y} &= -159.8 \, lbf \\ \Xi M_{yB} &= 6.976 \, lbf \, (11.78 + 5.462 \, in) + A_{\chi}(5.462 \, in) = 0 \end{split}$$
T = B2 10 (B, = 40016f) (Ax =- 9.24916E)  $\Sigma F_{\chi} = 6.97(1bf - 7.249 1bf + B_{\chi} = 0)$  $B_{\chi} = 2.27316f$ answers. VS. estimates / Assess: Unito V Reasonableness assumptions Bearing Support Loods Quick climb Find: Reaction loads at the front and rear bearings Schemotic: 1 By Bz FBD: \* My shown for pitch up This will yield higher leads Bx see above for applied boards PG 24

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Assumptions: Bearings do not take moments in any direction
$\frac{Estimate:}{A_{x} = -10016t}  B_{x} = 10016t$ $\frac{A_{na}}{y_{s}:s}:$ $\frac{A_{na}}{y_{s}:s}: = 59.36 (1.78 + 5.462 in) - A_{y}(5.462 in) = 0$
$\begin{split} EF_{\gamma} &= -59.36   bf + 78.70   bf + B_{zy} = 0 \\ B_{z} &= -19.34   bf \\ E M_{zy} &= 767.2   n.1bf + 5.976   bf (1.78 + 5.462   n) + A_{\chi}(5.462   n) = 0 \end{split}$
$\sum_{i=1}^{n} F_{i} = \frac{1}{147} \frac{1}{7} \frac{1}{167} \frac{1}{1$
Assess: answers vs. estimate / units / Reasonablements /
Eind: The manimum radial and arial loads everted on Bearings
A anol B Estimate: Ar = 10016t Br = 10016r Analysis: Quich Turn:
$A_{x} = [A_{x} + A_{y}] = [9.249161^{2} + 219.216t] = (219.416t) = A_{y} max$ $B_{y} = \sqrt{2.27316t}^{2} + 159.816t^{2} = (159.816t) = B_{y} max$
$\begin{array}{c} Quich \ climb \\ A_{r} = \sqrt{149.714f^{2} + 78.716f^{2}} = 169.116f \\ B_{r} = \sqrt{142.716f^{2} + 19.316f^{2}} = 144.016f \end{array}$
Ba = 400 lbt in both cases
$\begin{array}{r} \text{Static:} \\ A_{r} = 78.70 \text{ lbf} \\ B_{r} = 19.34 \text{ lbf} \end{array}$
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#### **Ball Bearing**

Bearing	Properties		Bearing Loads				eller Prope	erties	
C0	1470	lbs		Dynamic	Static		Max RPM	2500	RPM
Fa/C0	0.068027		Radial (Fr)	219.4	78.7	lbf	Avg RPM	2200	RPM
Х	0.56		Axial (Fa)	100	100	lbf			
Y	2.3		Fa/Fr	0.4557885					
е	0.19						_		
D	47	mm					_		
d	25	mm		Bearing Mfr.	SKF				
Kr	0.025			Part Num.	63005-2RS	1			
V	62.75	mm^2/s					_		
С	2520	lbf							

Calculations						
Р	352.864	lbf				
P0	97.22	lbf				
dm	36	mm				
Fr min	94.24265	N				
Fr min	21.1866					
L10	364.2332	10^6 Revs.				
L10 h	2759.343	Hours				
Safety Fac.	7.141562					

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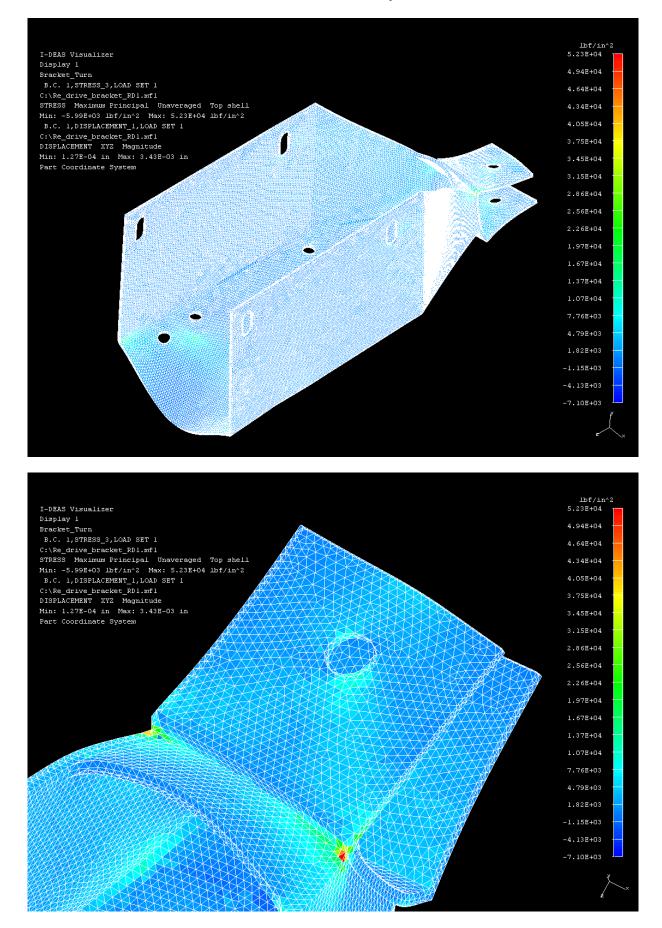
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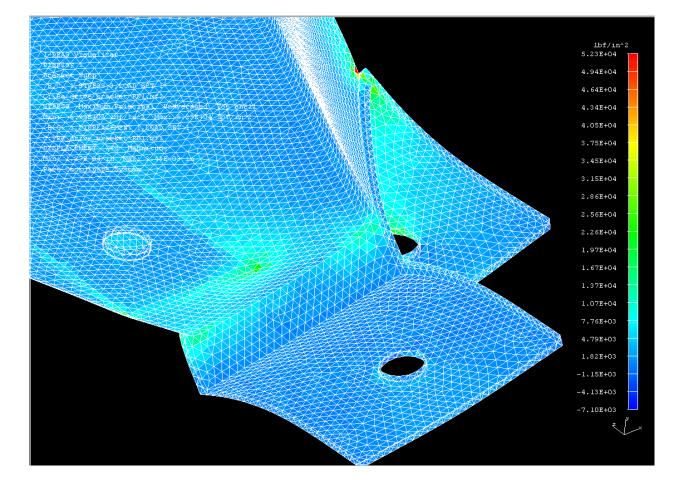
Bearing Pro	operties		Bearir	ng loads		Propeller	Properties	
К	1.45		Radial	159.8	lbf	Avg. RPM	2200	RPM
C90	1570	lbf	Axial	400	lbf			

Calculat		
Induced thrust		
Pr	643.92	lbs
L10	19.50859	90E6 Revolutions
Life	13301.31	Hours
Safety Fac	2.438191	

Bearing Mfr.	Timken
Cup P/N	07196
Cone P/N	07097

#### **Bracket Finite Element Analysis Overview**

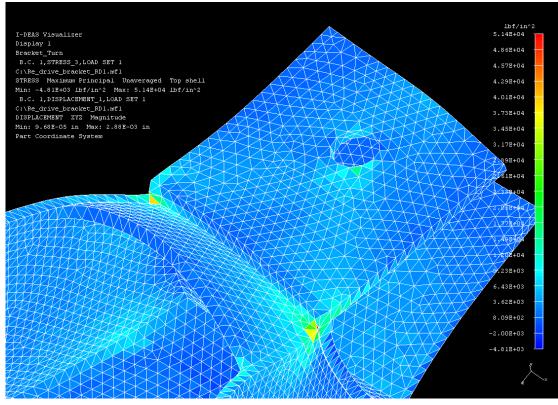




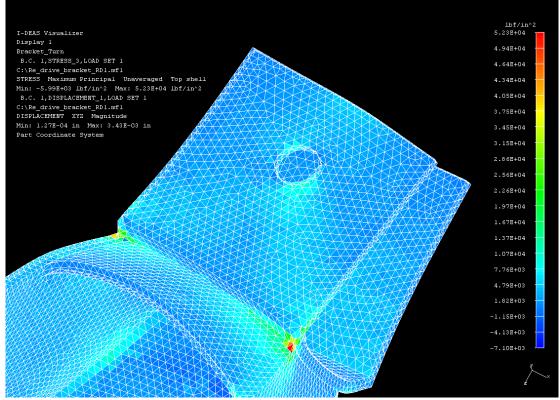
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## FEA Convergence Study

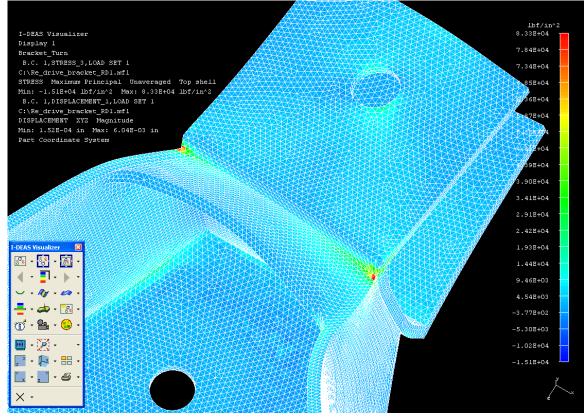
#### .08 Element Size







#### .04 Element Size



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## Belt Reduction Drive Budget

Item	Cost
Gates Power Grip GT-2 Belt	\$ 77.37
Timken Tapered Roller Bearing Cone	\$ 23.48
Timken Tapered Roller Bearing Cup	\$ 8.65
SKF Sealed Ball Bearing	\$ 45.95
2 Castellated Nuts	\$ 12.62
Aluminum Stock	\$ 76.23
4130 Steel Sheet Metal	\$ 29.72
Hardware	\$ 19.48
1018 Steel Rod	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 321.50

# **Required Future Work**

- Finish construction of reduction drive components (shaft, front and rear spacer and propeller sprocket)
- Remove excess material from support blocks and propeller sprocket to save weight
- Complete extensive engine run tests
- Disassemble re-drive and do a complete diagnostic to look for wear, fatigue cracks etc.

## Manufacturing Photographs

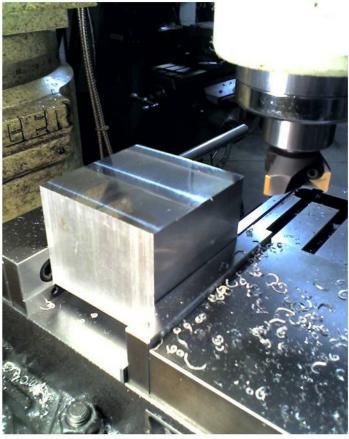


Figure 1 - Face milling the large block



Figure 2 - Face milling a support blocks



Figure 3 - Drilling the vertical holes in a support block



Figure 4 - Rough drilling the center hole in a support block

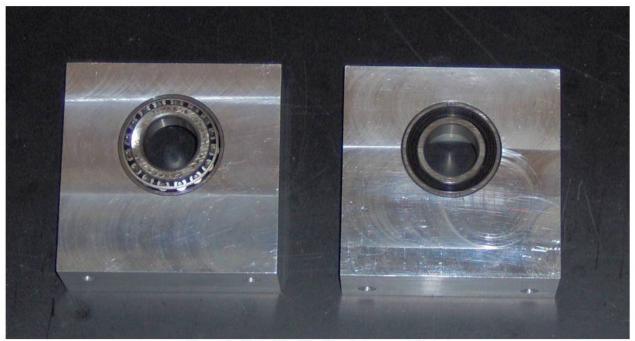


Figure 5 - Completed front and rear support blocks



Figure 6 - Wooden propeller sprocket mock-up



Figure 7 - Cutting the sheet metal base bracket pieces

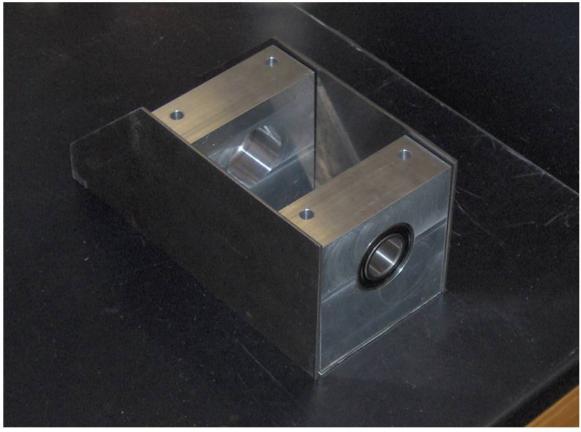


Figure 8 - base bracket and support blocks trial fit



Figure 9 - Base bracket attached to engine



Figure 10 - Testing the propeller sprocket tooth profile CNC program