# 68K Blade Process Handling Interim Design



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#### Outline

- Problem Overview
- Preliminary Design
- Analysis
- Conclusion

# Background

- 68k turbine blades
  - Weigh 45 lbs
  - Total Recordable Injuries: 4.3 per 100 employees
  - Scrap due to dropping: < 0.5%</p>
- Customer requirements
  - Redesign the receiving container
    - Redesign storage area layout
  - Design and fabricate a blade handling mechanism
    - Easy maneuverability
    - Stability

Conclusion

#### **Problem Statement**

- Current Methods
  - Manual lifting onto rudimentary carts
  - Storage containers
    - Ground level
    - Unorganized
  - Machine loaded by hand
- Constraints
  - No industrial lifts/cranes
  - Budget: \$4,000

# **Concept Design**

- Concept Generation
  - Barrel design
  - Cart-in-Cart
  - New design
    - L-Cart
- Storage Container Design
  - Multiple orientation containers
  - On elevated table

## **Design Decisions**

- Roller Table in Storage
  - Decreases need for height variation
  - Increased blade accessibility
- Cart-in-Cart
  - Removed due to ergonomic feasibility
- Barrel design for blade storage
- New cart design for machine loading
  - L-Cart

Conclusion

#### **Initial Design: Barrel**



Conclusion

### **Initial Design: L-Cart**



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# **Initial Design: L-Cart**

- Support Beams
  - Hollow cross section
- Linear Motion Guide
  - Fixed height for milling bed
  - Sealed from contaminants
  - Dual axis control



Conclusion

#### **Initial Design: L-Cart**

- Spring Loaded
   Wheels
  - Raise above oil bed
  - Adds support when loading
  - Locking mechanism when moving



# **Industrial Analysis**

- Previously calculated
  - RULA for current method
  - Time Study
    - Baseline observation
    - ARENA simulation
  - Free Body Diagram
    - Shear force = 66.08 N; Axial force = 2849.77 N
  - NIOSH lifting equation

### **Industrial Analysis**

- Future Calculations
  - Time study with new design
  - RULA with new design
  - Facility layout
    - STORAGE
    - BRAOCHING AREA
  - Cost Analysis

#### **Time Study Worksheet**

Snap Back

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#### **Operation Description**

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#### Industrial Analysis: Element Run Times

Element #	Element Description					
		_	1	2	3	4
1	Unload from 1 <sup>st</sup>	R	.11	.9	4.32	12.69
	machine	E	.11	.26	.10	.09
2	Put aside on	R	.28	1.14	.46	.82
	cart	E	.17	.24	.14	.11
3	Get another	R	.36	.36	.74	-93
	blade from cart	Е	.08	.22	.28	.07
4	Load onto	R	.64	.73	5.16	13.0
	machine	Е	.28	-37	.42	-39

#### Industrial Analysis: Arena

- Bottleneck at broaching machine
- •Change handling time
  - Load/unload
  - Travel



#### Industrial Analysis: Free-Body Diagram

**W**<sub>1</sub> = weight of thorax & abdomen taken from the midline of the body W<sub>2</sub> = weight of neck, arms, and the weight of the blade  $\alpha = 13^{\circ}$ , angle of the back muscles  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ , angle of bend at the waist **F** = Force of the back muscles stabilizing the spine



\*Note: The axial reaction forces (Ra) show the strain placed on the lower back. **Ra** = 2849.77 N

# Industrial Analysis: NIOSH Lifting Eq.

Measure and Record Task Variables

Object Wt (lbs)		Н	and Loo	ation (ir	n.)	Vertical Distance	Asymmetry	Angle (deg.)	Frequency Ratio	Duration	Coupling
object		Or	igin	Desti	nation	(in.)	Origin	Destination	lifts/min	hrs	Coupling
L (avg.)	L(max.)	н	V	н	V	D	Α	Α	F		С
45	45	20	26	14	53	27	30	30	1	8	0.9

Determine the multipliers and compute the RWL's

RWL = LC x HM x VM x DM x AM x FM x CM

Origin
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Compute the Lifting Index

Origin	Lifting Index	=	Object Wt. (lbs) RWL	=	45 lbs 13.38 lbs	=	3.36
Destination	Lifting Index	=	Object Wt. (lbs) RWL	=	45 lbs 16.31 lbs	=	2.76

### **Mechanical Analysis: L-Cart**

- Analysis Method: Pro Engineer Mechanica
  Design Criteria:
  - Factor of Safety of 3
  - Concentrated Point & Distributed Loads
  - "Worst Case" Load Placement
- Assumptions:
  - Max load of 50lbf per blade
  - No Deflection occurs at Slide
  - Loads are static

F=150lbf

# **Mechanical Analysis: L-Cart Stability**

- Support Polygon
- Geometry defines polygon through ground contact points
- Unstable when center of mass leaves polygon









# **Mechanical Analysis: L-Cart Stability**

- Analysis Method: Polygon of Support
- Design Criteria:
  - Balanced through all possible blade locations
- Assumptions
  - Instability region only at outer locations



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Conclusion

#### **Mechanical Analysis: Barrel**

- Design Criteria:
  - Factor of safety of 3
- Assumptions:
  - Frictionless bearings
  - Weight of two blades act at barrel outer diameter
  - When moving mass is centered



#### **Mechanical Analysis: Force on Barrel**

- Force analysis
  - Force required initiate movement
    - F= 298lbf
  - Force required to maintain motion
    - F=7lbf
  - Force required for barrel Rotation
    - F=100lbf

### **Mechanical Analysis: Electric Drive**

- Electric drive estimate
  - Speed: 10rpm
  - Torque: 275 ft•lbf
  - Power: 1.05 W
- Power source estimates
  - Voltage: 12V
  - Minimum Amp Hours : 2.1

Calculated Value	Equation
Power	$P = T\omega$
Amp Hours	$AH = \frac{T\omega}{V}t$

#### **Mechanical Analysis: Structural**

- Primary Calculations:
  - Stress Concentrations
  - Displacement
  - L-Cart
    - Bending Stress: 805 PSI
    - Linear Deflection: 0.25 in

Calculated Value	Equation
Bending Stress	$\sigma_{bend} = \frac{Mz}{I}$
Normal Compressive Stress	$\sigma_{NC} = \frac{F}{A_{cross}}$
Torsional Stress	$\tau = \frac{Tc}{J}$
Shear Stress on Bolts	$\tau_{bolt} = \frac{4F}{\pi d^2}$
Linear Deflection	$\delta_{max} = \frac{FL^3}{3EI}$
Angular Deflection	$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ}$

#### Summary: Design

- Barrel Design
  - Storing blades during broaching
- L-Cart Design
  - Placing blades into broaching machine
- Container Design
  - Horizontally held blades

#### Summary: Industrial Analysis

#### Metrics

- Rapid Upper Limb Assessment
- Force diagrams
- Time study
- Facility Layout
  - Storage sector
  - Broaching

#### **Summary: Mechanical Analysis**

- Force Analysis
  - Required forces for general handling
- Electric Drive
  - If necessary, an electric drive will be added
- Structural Analysis
  - Pro Engineer Mechanica
  - Barrel and L-Cart

#### **Summary: Mechanical Analysis**

- Finalize Design
- Complete Analysis
- Material Selection
- Vendor Selection
- Parts ordering

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