



# Robotic Trash Cart Team 311

Entrepreneurial Senior Design Project

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# Customer Needs & Requirements

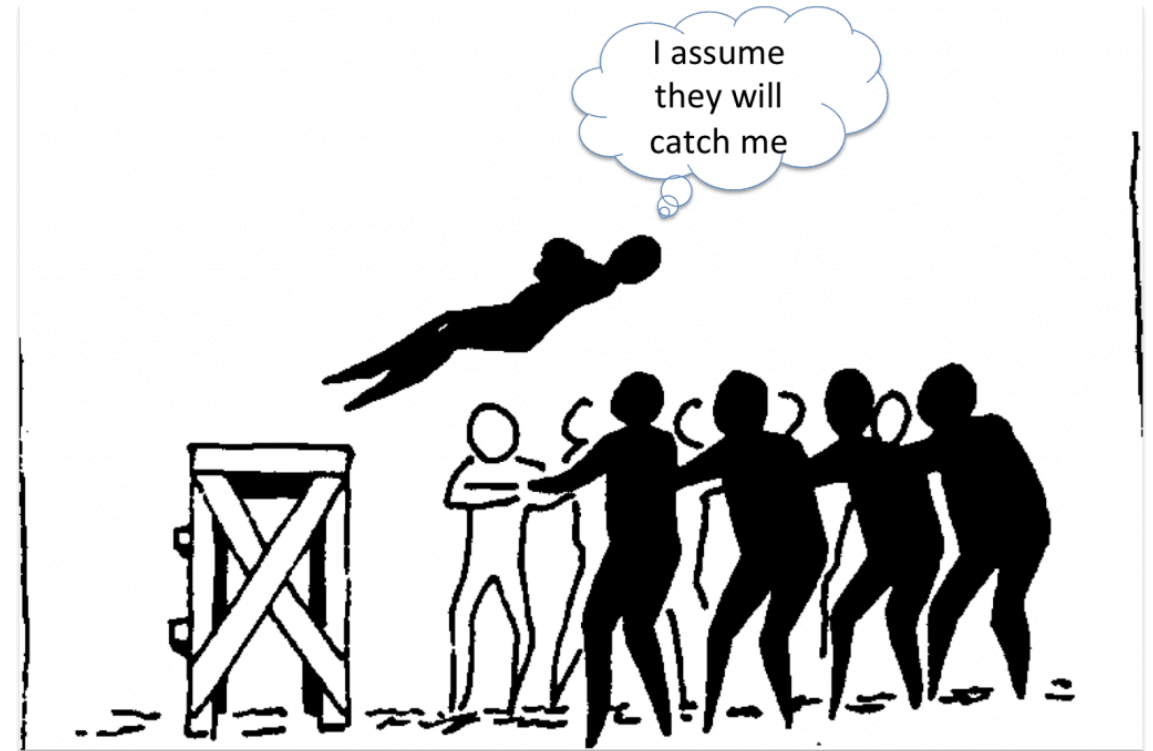
- Minimize the effort of taking out the trash
- Traverse a 5 degree incline
- Hold the waste bins securely
- Easy access to waste containers
- Weatherproof
- Impact proof



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# Assumptions

- Largest gradient that will be traversed is 5 degrees of incline (ADA)
- South Florida Weather: rain, humidity, and wind
- RTC will be stored outside on the side of the house
- Pathway is paved
- Waste Engineers will return the bins to the RTC



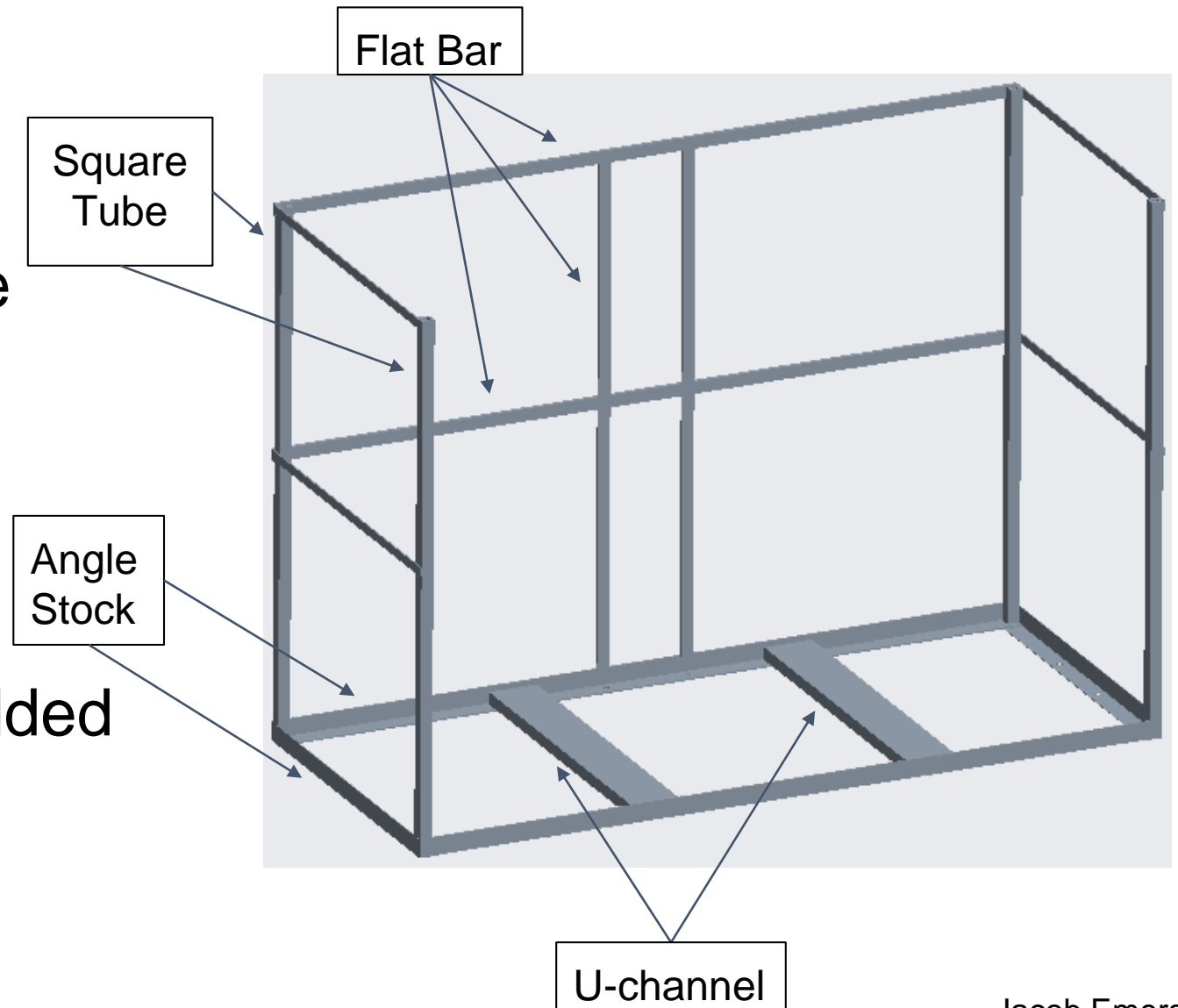
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# Frame

Rectangular aluminum frame

- Lightweight
- Anti-corrosive
- High strength
- Weatherproof

Aluminum U-channel was added for extra support.

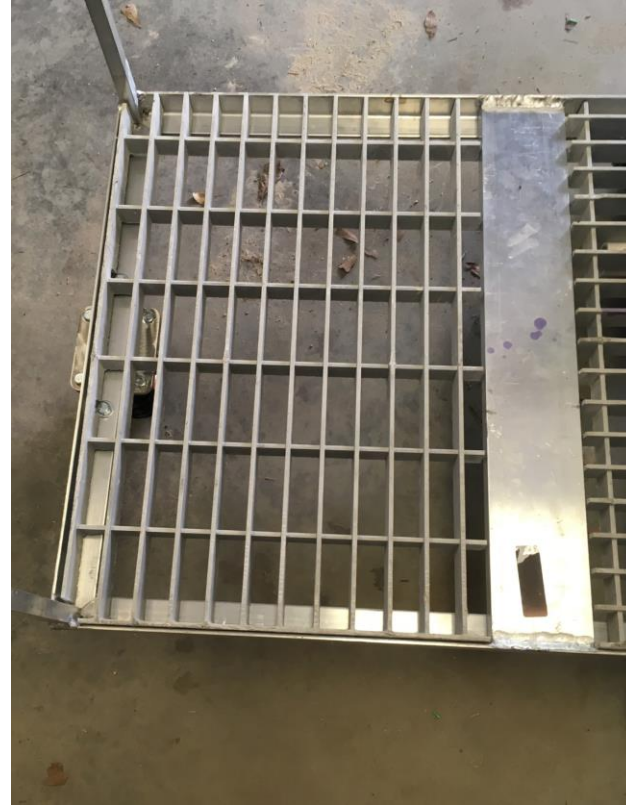


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# Floor Grating

The base floor of the RTC was chosen to be a Light gray Rigidex Moltruded grating based on:

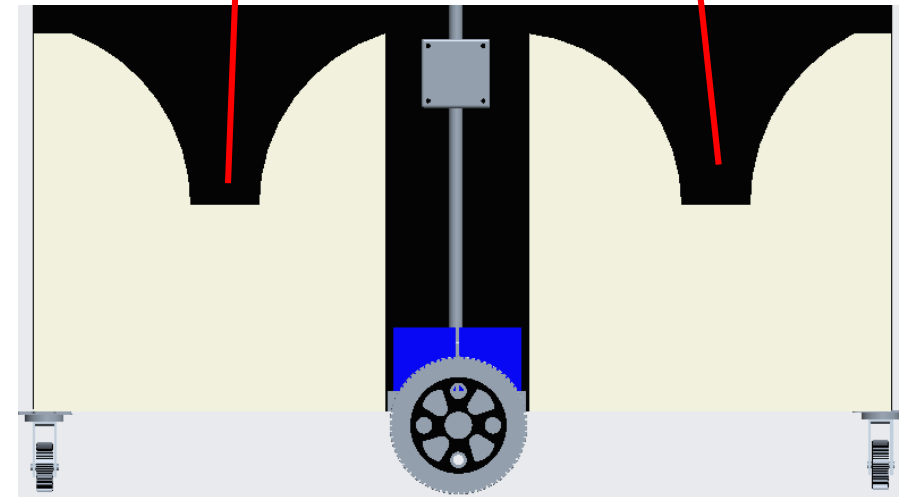
- High strength to weight ratio
- Corrosion resistant
- Lightweight
- Permeable Design



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# Features & Safety

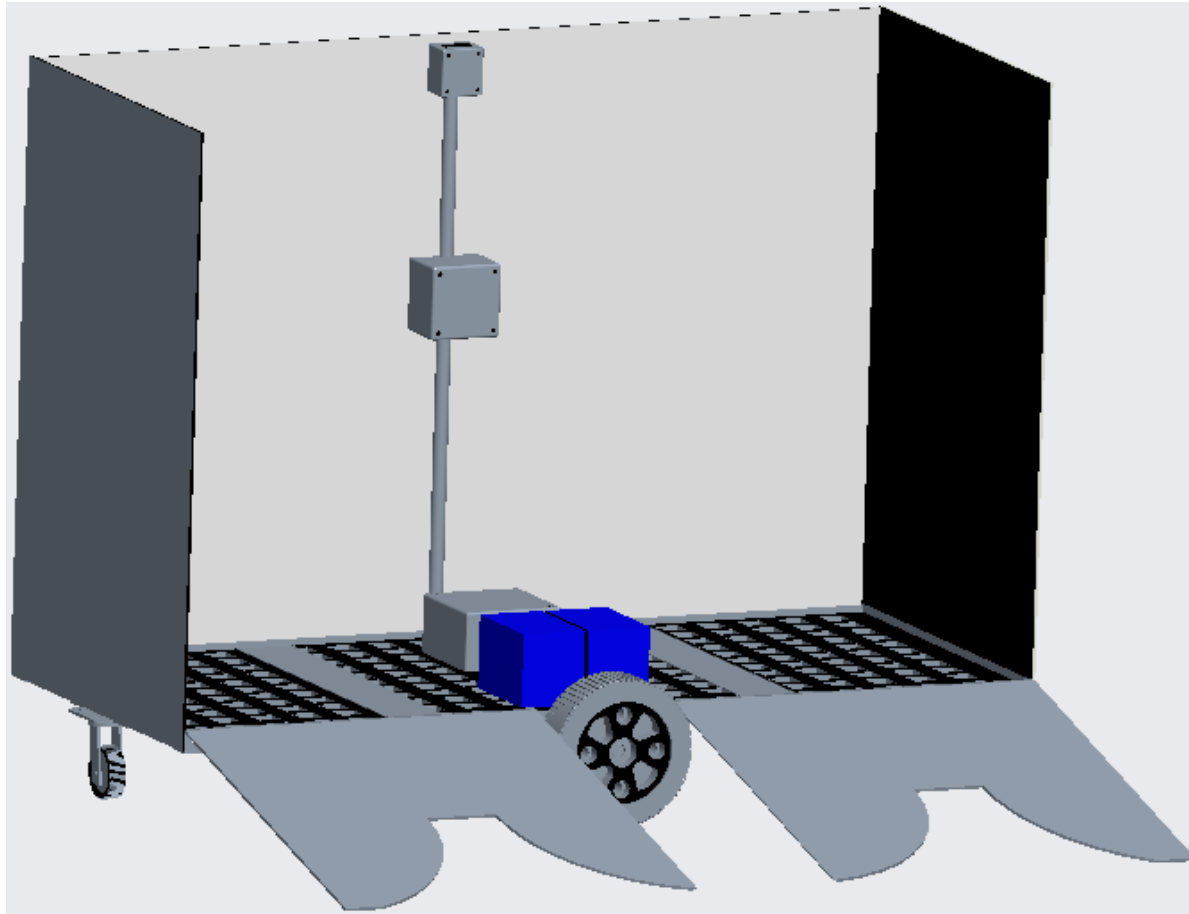
- Gate and ramp allow easy access to waste bins
  - V-shape pattern design for automatic garbage disposal
- Aluminum flat bar will surround the RTC to secure the bins from possible tipping



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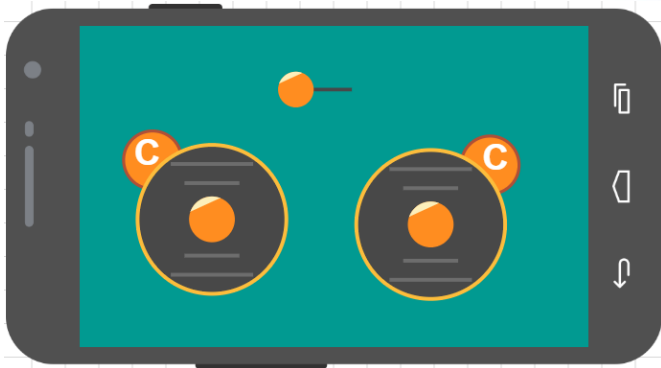
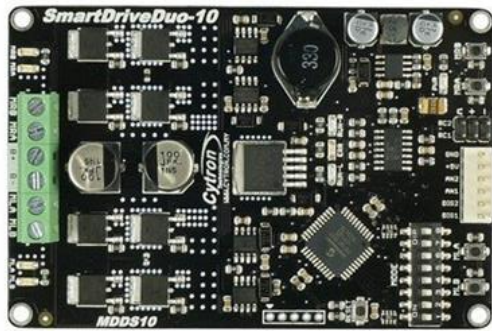
# Robotic Trash Cart



- Aluminum frame
- Impact resistant
- Fiberglass grated base
- Mid-wheel drive
- Zero-point turning

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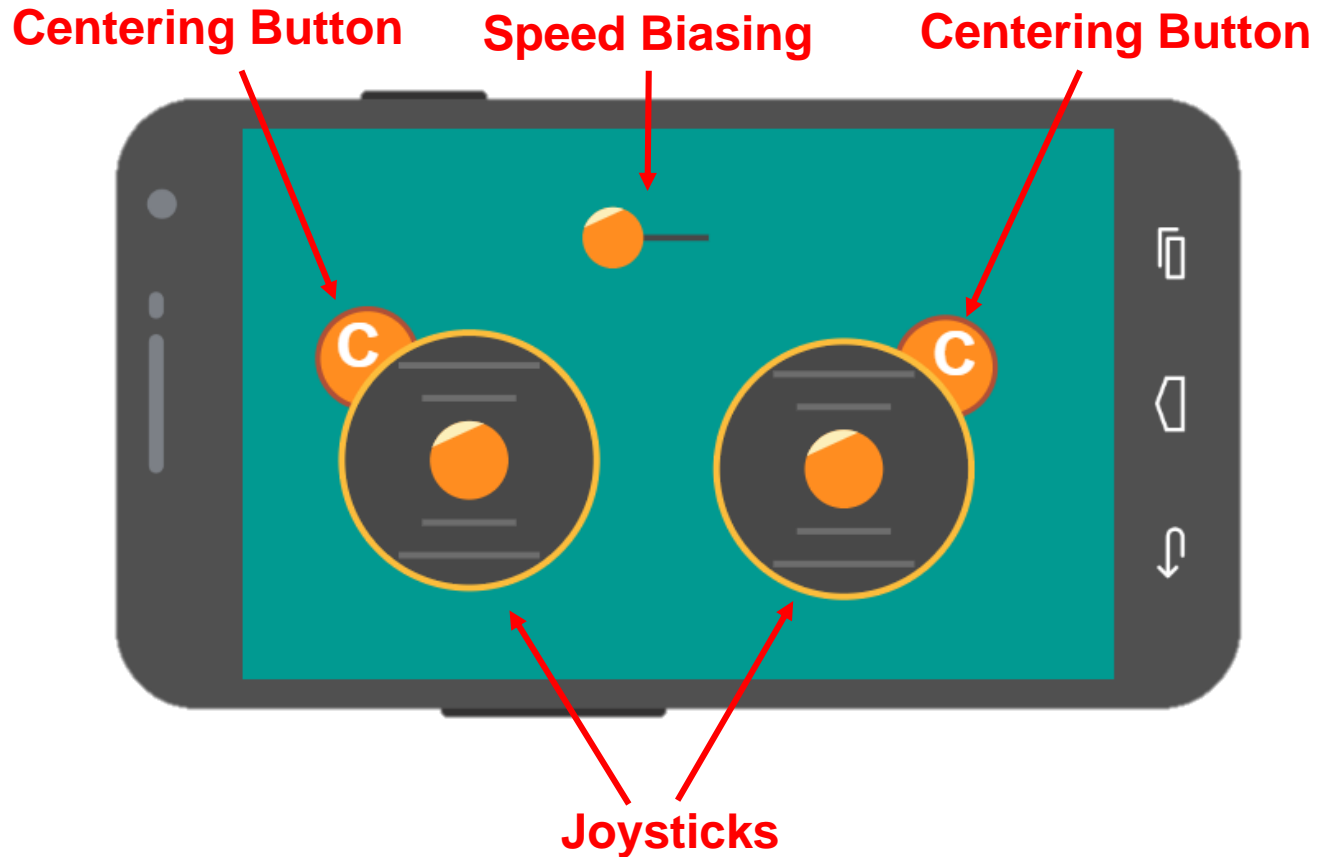
# Control System



- Cytron SmartDriveDuo
  - PWM
  - Dual channel
- ESP32 SOC
  - Arduino compatible
  - BLE & WiFi capabilities
- RemoteXY App
  - Bluetooth capabilities
  - Minimizes effort to dispense waste bins

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# Mobile Application



- Free application for smartphones
- iOS & Android supported
- Arduino compatible
- Portable

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# Drive System

CIM 24 V DC motors and controller

- Provides the torque needed to get up a 5 degree incline with 200 lb load

Two 12 V (SLA) batteries

- 35 Ah
- Deep cycle



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# Drive System Testing

Local push button operation

- Each motor functions in forward and reverse

No load test

- Current is nominal at 2.79 amps

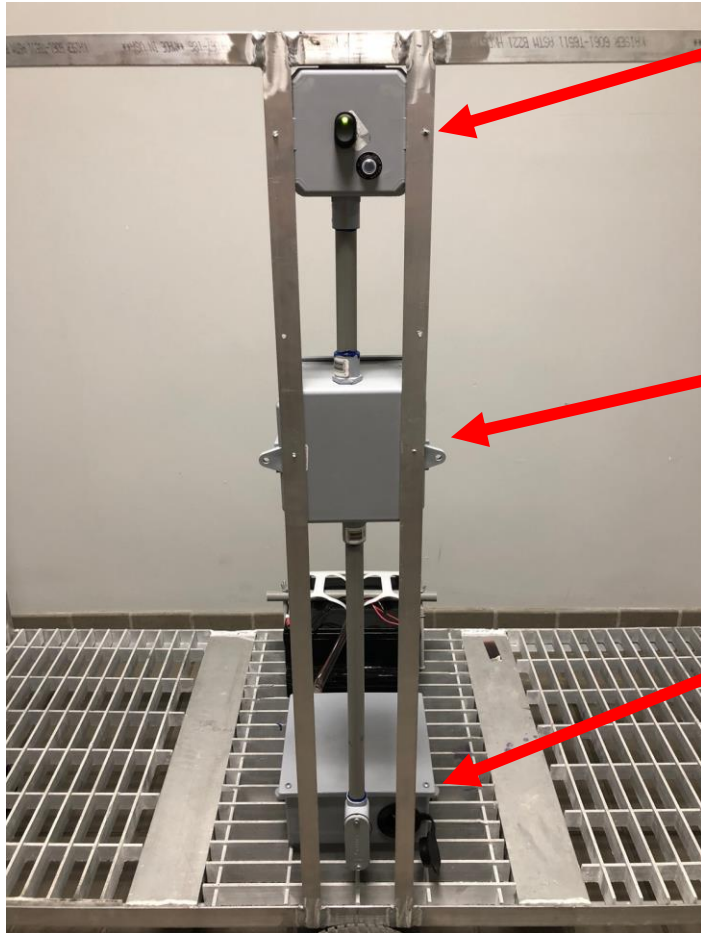
Local voltmeter

- Fully charged 25.4 V



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# Control and Drive System



## Junction Box 1

- Toggle switch
- Circuit breaker
- Fuel gauge display

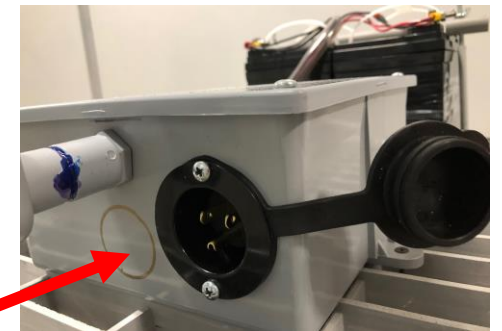


## Junction Box 2

- Cytron SmartDriveDuo
- ESP32 SOC

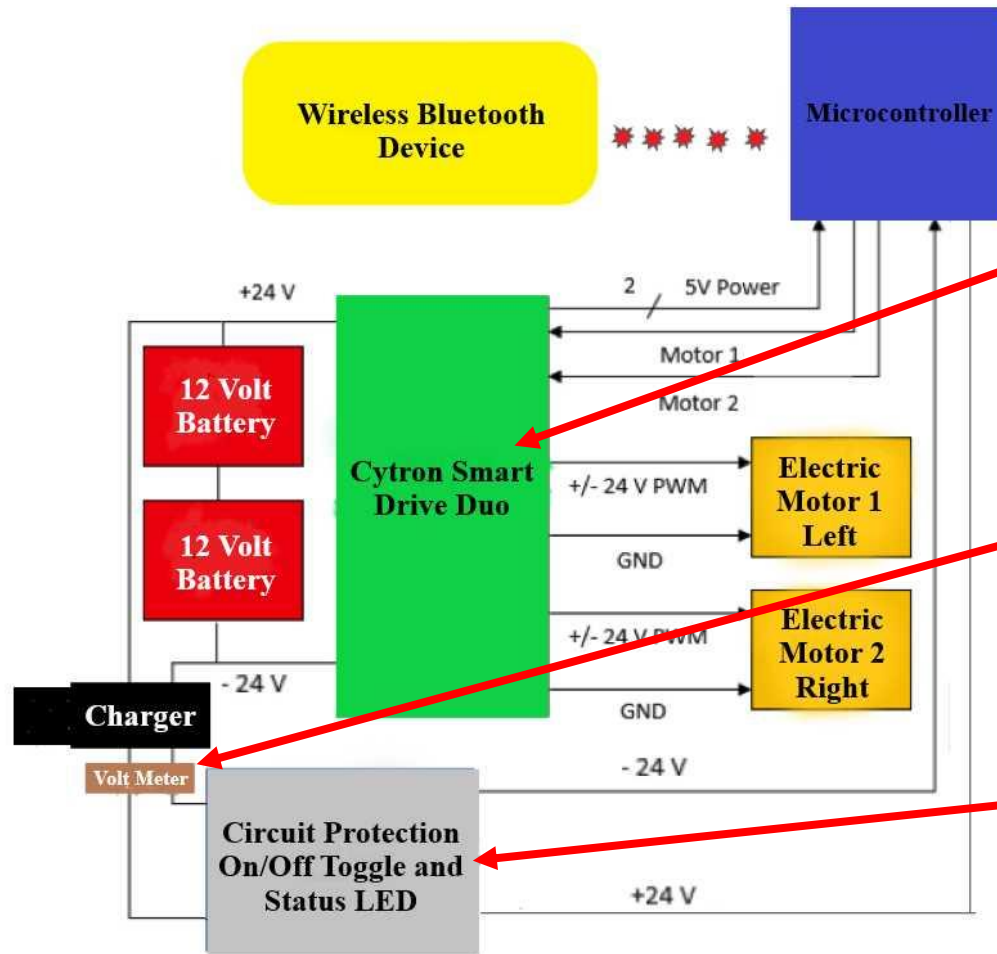
## Junction Box 3

- Motor connections
- Battery connections
- On-board charging



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# Control and Drive System



- One drive controlling two motors
- On-board charging with volt display
- Circuit protection 10 A

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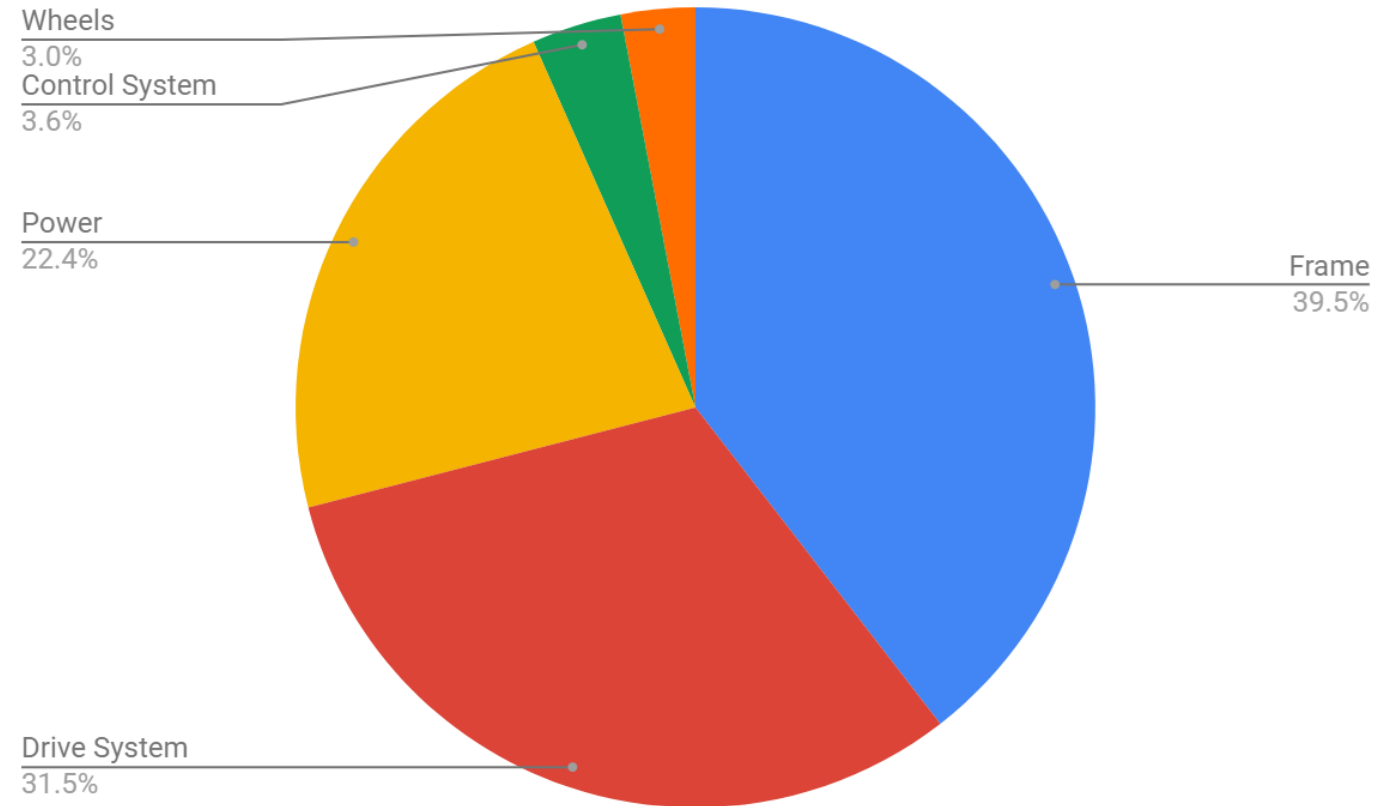
# Budget Update

Total Budget - \$1,900.00

- Motors, controller, drive wheels - \$529.00
- Aluminum - \$163.00
- Fiberglass grating - \$201.00
- 12V SLA battery (2) - \$130.00
- Cytron & ESP-32 - \$70.78
- Miscellaneous - \$332.18

Total Spent = \$1,579.49    Remaining = \$320.51

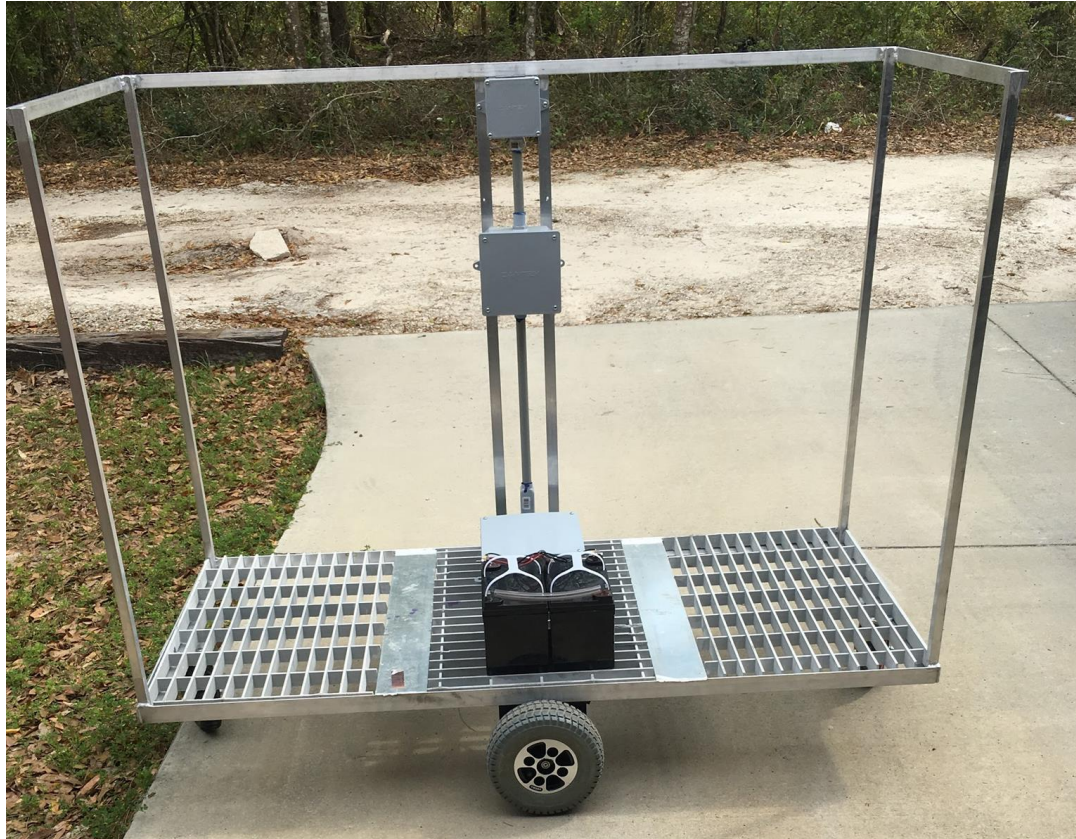
Budget Breakdown Pie Chart



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# Current Work



- Complete gate integration and any stabilization needs
- Complete wireless controller interface and testing
- Engineering Shark Tank

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# QUESTIONS?



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# Current Progress



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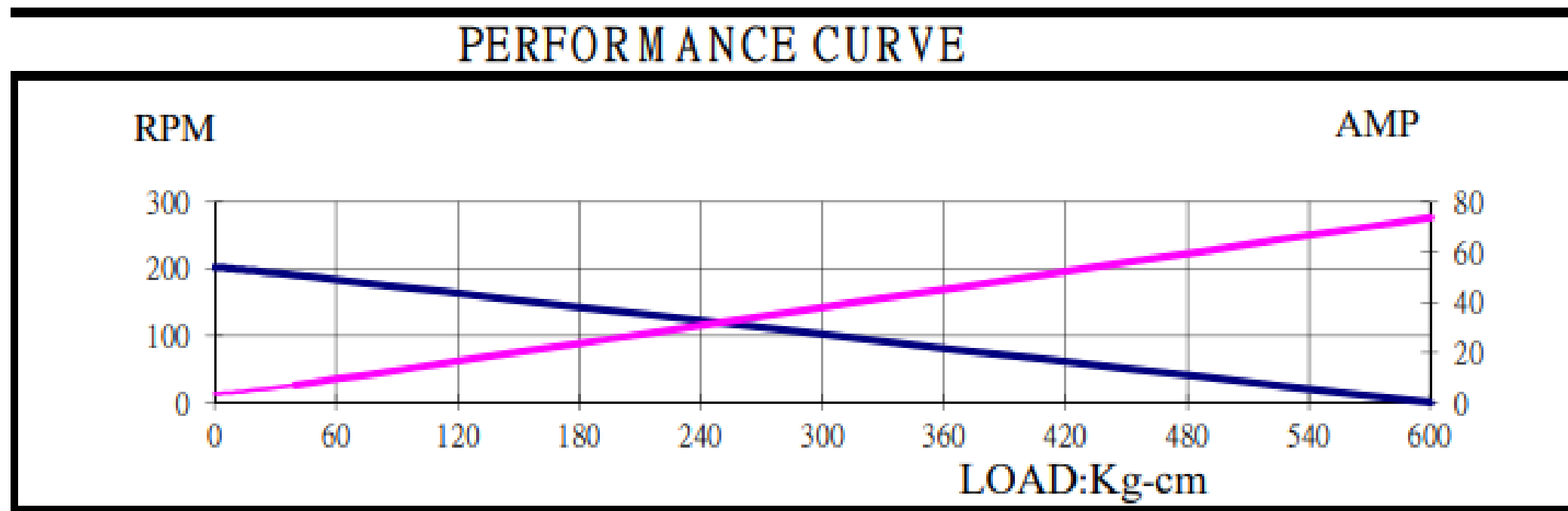
# Torque Calculation

**200lbs = 90.7 kg**

**torque = radius\*force\*cos(theta) = 0.127m \* 90.7 kg(9.8m/s<sup>2</sup>) cos(5) =112.56 Nm**

**112.56Nm = 1147.79kg-cm**

# Motor Performance Curves



# Current Progress



# Concept Selection

Improvement Direction		↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	N/A	↑	N/A	↓
Units		N/A	kg	Dollars	Seconds	Meters	mAh	kg/m <sup>2</sup>	cm	m/s	N/A
Customer Requirements	Importance Weight Factor	Material Durability	Weight	Price	Time	Transportation distance	Battery life	Weight Distribution	Drive over obstacles	Speed	Size
<b>Waterproof/ Weatherproof</b>	4	9		3			3				1
<b>Impact Proof</b>	3	9	1	3			3				1
<b>Easy Access to Waste Containers</b>	4	3			3						
<b>Recharging RTC</b>	3	3		9	9		9				
<b>Perform Consistent Transportation</b>	5	9	1	3	3	9	9	3	3	9	3
<b>Ensure RTC doesn't topple</b>	5		3			3		9	9	9	3
<b>RTC must be able to Traverse Incline</b>	4		3	3		3	3	3	9	3	9
<b>User Friendly</b>	3			9		1	1			1	1
	Raw Score	129	35	102	54	75	108	72	96	105	76
	Relative Weight %	15.14	4.11	11.97	6.34	8.80	12.68	8.45	11.27	12.32	8.92
	Rank Order	1	10	4	9	7	2	8	5	3	6



# Targets

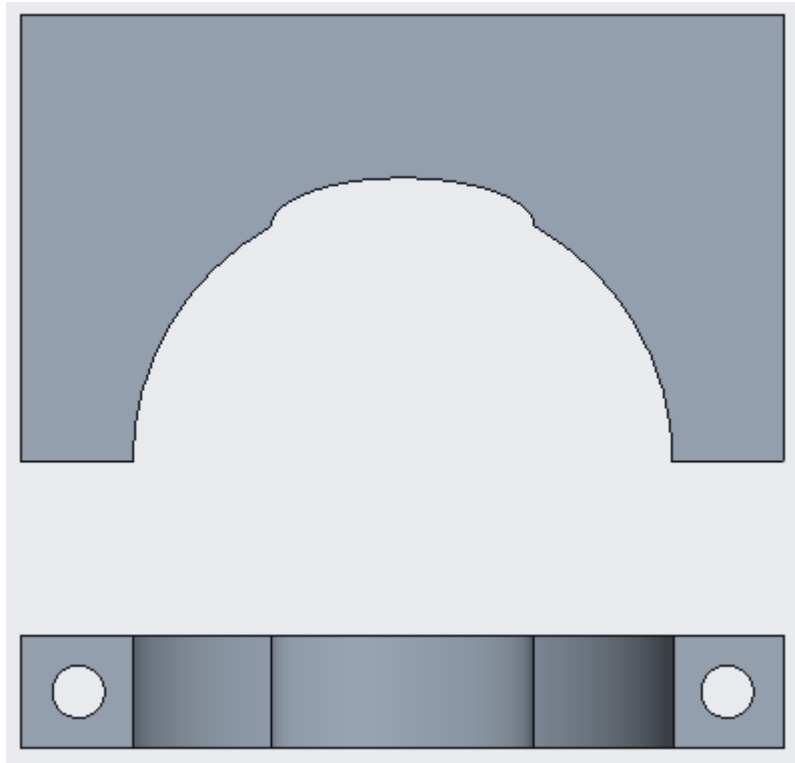
Target No.	Need	Metric	Imp.	Units	Marginal Value	Ideal Value
1	Transport	Within Destination Target Area	5	meters	1	0.5
2	Battery Life	Capacity V.S. Runtime	5	mAh	3000	4500
3	Transit Stability	Speed V.S. Wind	5	m/s	0.10	0.10
4	Drive over Obstacles	Obstruction Height	3	cm	1	2

# Waste Container Capacity



	Garbage Bin	Recycling Bin
<b>Capacity</b>	95 gallons	65 gallons
<b>Bin Weight</b>	35 lbs	28 lbs
<b>Overall Expected Weight including Waste</b>	90 lbs	66 lbs

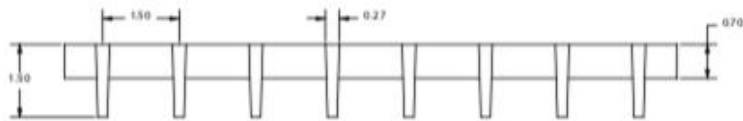
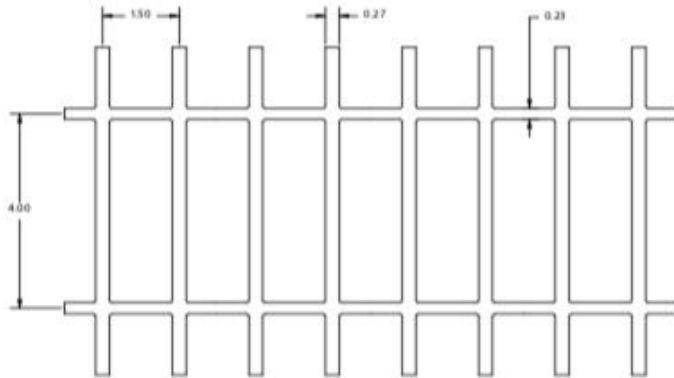
# Motor Supports



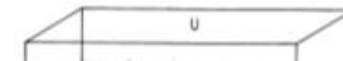
# Fiberglass Grating Details

## Product Details and Load Tables

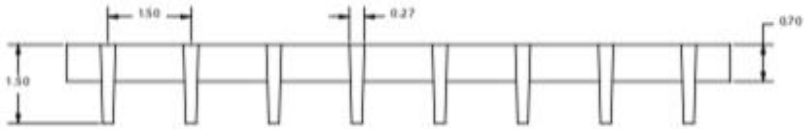
### Product Details



Depths: *1-1/2"*  
Mesh Pattern: *1-1/2" x 4"*  
Panel Size: *4' x 8'*  
Resin System: *Corvex*  
Surface: *Grit*  
Color: *Light Gray*  
Flame Spread: *25 or less*

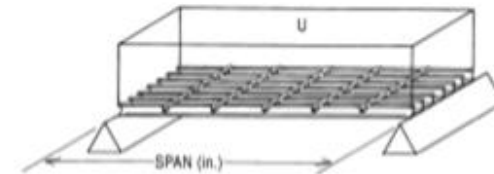


# Fiberglass Grating Details



**Uniform Load Table - Deflection in Inches**

U Uniform Load - psf  
 $\Delta U$  Uniform Load Deflection - in

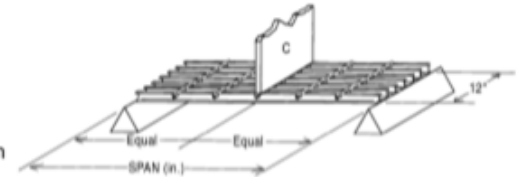


CLEAR SPAN (in)	STYLE		UNIFORM LOAD (psf)							MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED LOAD (psf)	ULTIMATE CAPACITY (psf)
	DEPTH (in)	MESH (in x in)	50	65	100	200	300	500	1000		
12	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	0.01	0.03	1644	8220
18	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	<.01	<.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.12	1180	7080
24	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.11	—	—	482	3855
30	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.17	0.25	—	—	306	2450
36	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.08	0.11	0.17	0.34	—	—	—	211	1690
42	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.15	0.20	0.31	—	—	—	—	154	1233
48	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.26	0.33	0.51	—	—	—	—	117	938
54	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.41	0.53	—	—	—	—	—	88	704
60	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.62	0.81	—	—	—	—	—	68	540

# Fiberglass Grating Details

## Concentrated Line Load Table - Deflection in Inches

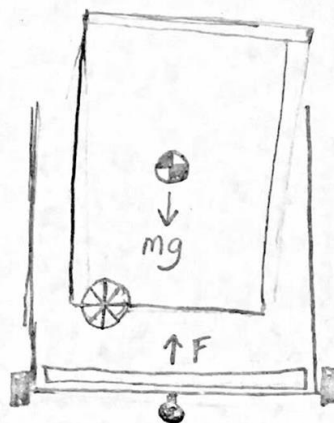
C Concentrated Line Load - psf of width  
 ΔC Concentrated Line Load Deflection - in



CLEAR SPAN (in)	STYLE		LINE LOAD (lb/ft of width)						MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED LOAD (lb)	ULTIMATE CAPACITY (lb)
	DEPTH (in)	MESH (in x in)	50	100	200	300	500	1000		
12	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	<.01	<.01	<.01	0.01	0.02	0.05	1644	8220
18	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	<.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.06	—	885	5310
24	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.09	—	—	482	3855
30	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.03	0.05	0.11	0.16	—	—	383	3063
36	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.04	0.09	0.18	0.27	—	—	317	2535
42	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.07	0.14	0.28	—	—	—	270	2158
48	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.10	0.20	0.41	—	—	—	235	1875
54	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.15	0.29	—	—	—	—	198	1583
60	1-1/2	1-1/2 x 4	0.20	0.40	—	—	—	—	169	1350

# Force Analysis

Trash Can to Floor Force



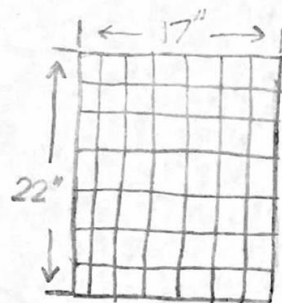
$$m = 130 \text{ lb} = 58.97 \text{ kg}$$

$$g = 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$F = (58.97 \text{ kg})(9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})$$

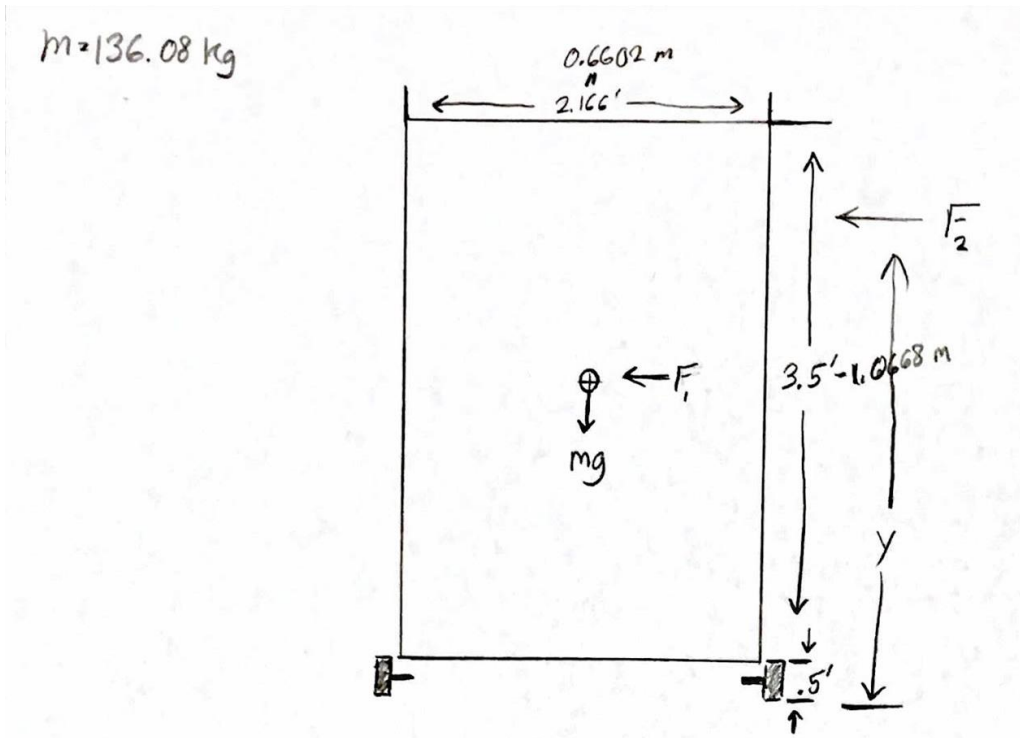
$$F = 578.466 \text{ N} = 130.05 \text{ lbf}$$

$$P = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{130.05 \text{ lbf}}{374 \text{ in}^2} = 0.3477 \text{ psi}$$



$$A_{\text{ca}} = 17 \times 22 = 374 \text{ in}^2$$

# Tipping Analysis



## Ideal Case

Height where force like wind @ assumed max acceleration

$$mg \left( \frac{0.66}{2} \right) = F_1 (0.686)^{2.25 \text{ ft}}$$

$$\frac{(136.08)(9.81)(0.33)}{0.686} = F_1 = 642.17 \text{ N}$$

Any force applied

$$mg \left( \frac{2.166}{2} \right) = F_2 y$$

$$(136.08)(9.81)(1.083) = F_2 y$$

$$1445.74 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} = F_2 y$$

Any force applied at  $y=3 \text{ m}$

Higher than average ( $y=3$ )  $F_2 = 481.91 \text{ N}$

Sack @ 18-20 mph brick wall  
1700 lbf

$$\frac{1700}{19} = \frac{481.9}{x}$$

$$x = 5.3 \text{ mph}$$

Mass of car: 1043 kg

Elastic collision

4 mph = 1.788 m/s

$$\frac{1.788 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \cdot 1043 \text{ kg}}{2 \text{ s}} = 583.04 \text{ N}$$

Could withstand a slow 2 second collision with

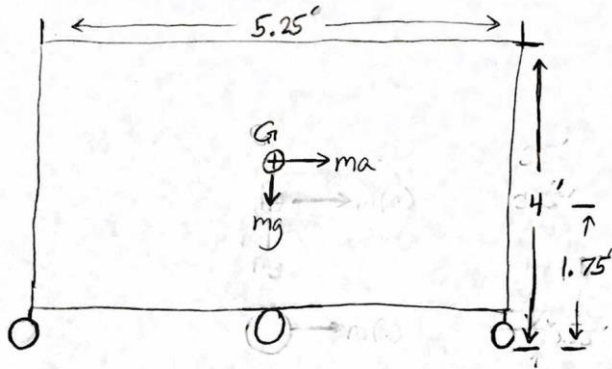


# Tipping Analysis

$$m = 300 \text{ lb} = 136.08 \text{ kg}$$

$$g = 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

Ideal Case



Maximum Acceleration

$$\text{Without tipping: } mg \left( \frac{5.25}{2} \right) = ma (2.25)$$

Average acceleration  
of a car:  $3-4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$

$$25.75 = a (2.25)$$

$$a = 11.444 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

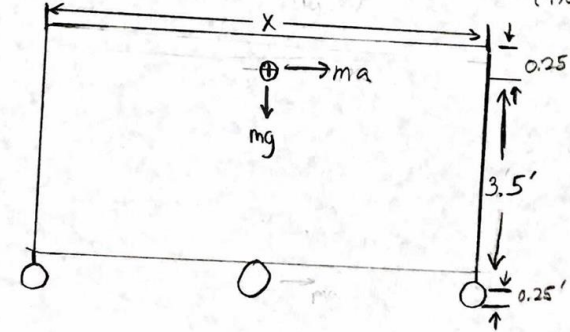
Tipping according to maximum possible acceleration:

$$a = 0.1 \frac{\text{g}}$$

Vertically

$$\frac{mg \left( \frac{5.25}{2} \right)}{a} = \frac{m a y}{a} \rightarrow y = \frac{(9.81)(2.625)}{(0.1)} = 257.5' @ 0.1 \frac{\text{g}}$$

$$mg x = ma (1.75) \rightarrow x = \frac{(0.1)(1.75)}{(9.81)} = 0.0178' = 0.214'' \text{ to tip}$$



Where tipping occurs  
when CG is higher  
@  $0.1 \frac{\text{g}}$

$$mg x = ma (3.75)$$

$$x = \frac{(0.1)(3.75)}{9.81} = 0.0382' = 0.4587''$$

# Markets

- Residential
  - Elderly living communities
  - Disabled residents
  - Homeowners
- Industrial
  - Waste Management Companies (WastePro)
  - Construction sites
  - Manufacturing facilities
  - Companies that have heavy amounts of waste or recyclables



# Manufacturing & Revenue

Manufacturing Cost per unit: \$300.00

Potential Revenue Streams:

- Selling directly to homeowners
  - Offering technical support
  - Warranty
- Leasing Contracts
- Service Contracts
- Licensing Contract



# The Future of AWR



## Single unit waste bins

- Sense when they are full
- Self-navigate to a central waste site
- Streamline waste disposal for businesses

## Designed for locales with dense foot traffic

- Amusement Parks and Stadiums
- Universities and college campuses
- Local, state, and federal parks