

CIA Gas Detection: VDR2

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Team 506

Team Introduction

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Objective

The objective of this project is to design a wearable gas sensor tailored for CIA search and rescue operations to improve user experience from existing sensors.



Project Background



When buildings collapse, flammable or toxic gasses enter the air, making it dangerous for search and rescue responders to assist trapped survivors



Current gas detectors are hand-held and bulky, making them difficult to monitor and control when wearing response gear



A wearable gas detection and alert system would make it easier for first responders to focus on their job without needing to regularly check is the air surrounding them is potentially harmful



Assumptions

Product will be used in building collapse scenario	Only known gasses will be detected	There is no expectation of concealment

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Markets

Primary Markets



Secondary Markets



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Functions Hierarchy Chart





Customer Needs

P Device should be lightweight and not interfere with user mobility

Primary purpose of device is to alert user

Device should run for 18 hours continuously

Provide a should withstand fall of 15ft



Device should function from 20-100F



















Concept Generation





*Final concept will be integrated to Team 505

Medium Fidelity Concepts





High Fidelity Concepts



Waist strap/ belt mounted computer, battery, and sensors Modular box for computer and battery with variable sensor configurations Analog (chemical based) arm strap



High Fidelity Concepts



Battery in a Waist Pack

- All components will be mounted on a waist strap to centralize weight and ease of access
- Components can be added to belts already worn by first responders



High Fidelity Concepts



Modular Computation Box

- Computer and battery will be stored in an isolated box and sensors will have variable mounting locations
- Computer box can be moved and mounted to user preference



High Fidelity Concepts



Arm Mounted Analog Sensor

- A reservoir with chemicals that (non-combustively) react with desired gasses will be released onto arm test strips
- Concept will not rely on digital sensors to detect gasses



Concept Selection Tools





Analytical Hierarchy Process



Binary Pairwise Comparison





House Of Quality (HoQ)

Engineering Characteristics





Pugh Chart First Iteration



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Pugh Chart Second Iteration





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Analytical Hierarchy Process





Next Steps For Prototype

Design housing for battery and computer





Final Selection

Modular Sensing Box

- Variability in mounting location and greater customizability in user experience
- Can be used with a wide range of potential wearable displays
- Sensors can be moved to appropriate elevations depending on situation
- Surrounding box can be used to spread heat as well as increase durability





Next Steps For Prototype

Develop code structure for how data will be collected and analyzed





Next Steps For Prototype

Work with Team 505 to integrate sensors with wearable component







Questions?

