## **Selection of Design Concept**

Mobile Platform. The mobile platform settled upon for the final design is a combination of proposed designs two and three. The two designs were almost identical, using a framework of 80-20 aluminum extrusions to create a sturdy support for motor mounts, the ball hopper, and the control box.

The 80-20 frame was determined to be the quickest for construction, and would allow for ease of alteration, should it prove necessary as the final design comes together. Assembly and disassembly will be simple and the aluminum is both light and strong. Based off the decision matrix devised for the mobile platform, the 80-20 frame, manufactured in the general size of designs two and three will be the most cost effective, modular, stable, and controllable. The decision matrix is shown below (Table 1). All matrices may be seen larger in Appendix A.

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Objective	Weighing Factor	Parameter	Mag.	Score	Value	NAR.	Score	Value	Mag.	Score	Value	Mag.	Score	Value
Speed	9.1	(2ft/set)	( yes )	10.0	1.000	(yes)	10.0	1.000	(1/25)	10.0	1.000	M	10.0	1.000
Controllability	0.3	expeirence	4	5.0	1.500	\$00d	7.0	2.100	good	7.0	2.100	النا	5.0	1.500
Manufacturing Time	0.15	hours	6.000	7.5	1.125	5.000	8.0	1.200	4.750	9.0	1.350	6.000	7.5	1.125
Modularity	0.15	expérence	good	7.0	1.050	good	7.0	1.050	good	7.0	1.050	good	7.0	1.050
Material Cost	0.1	K	13.900	9.0	0.900	21.040	7.0	0.700	13.900	9.0	0.900	23.900	6.0	0.600
Stability	0.2	(expeirence	great	9.0	1.800	great	9.0	1.800	good	7.0	1.400	great	9.0	1.800
	Overall Value				7.375		,	7.850	/		7.800			7.07

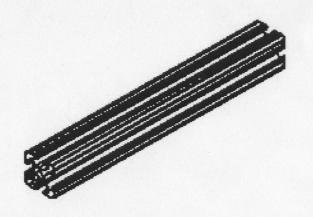
Table 1: Mobile Platform Decision Matrix

As seen in the decision matrix, the criteria chosen to evaluate the mobile platform were speed, controllability, manufacturing time, modularity, material cost, and stability.

Speed was one of the factors determined to be least important. It was determined that completing the task successfully within the allotted time was more important that the fastest time. Consequently, speed was rated based on whether or not the selected wheels and accompanying motors would be able to provide a minimum speed of 2ft per second. All the designs were capable of surpassing the minimum speed.

Controllability was the factor determined the most important for the mobile platform. In this instance, controllability referred to the ease of maneuverability and simplicity of operation in the robot. Due to the penalties that poor control over the robot could accrue, controllability was felt to be the most crucial aspect of the mobile platform. The platform's ease of maneuverability will also largely affect the speed with which the task can be performed. Design two and three both received "good" ratings on their controllability, largely due to their smaller, compact designs. All of the designs were almost identical with the exception of their sizes.

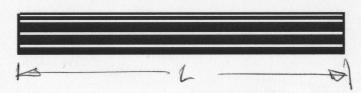
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2	8020 - 12 in	4
3	8020 - 13 in	4
4	8020 - 14 in	2
5	8020 - 18 in	2
6	8020 - 6in	2
7	8020 - 10 in	1
8	8020(-15 in )	1

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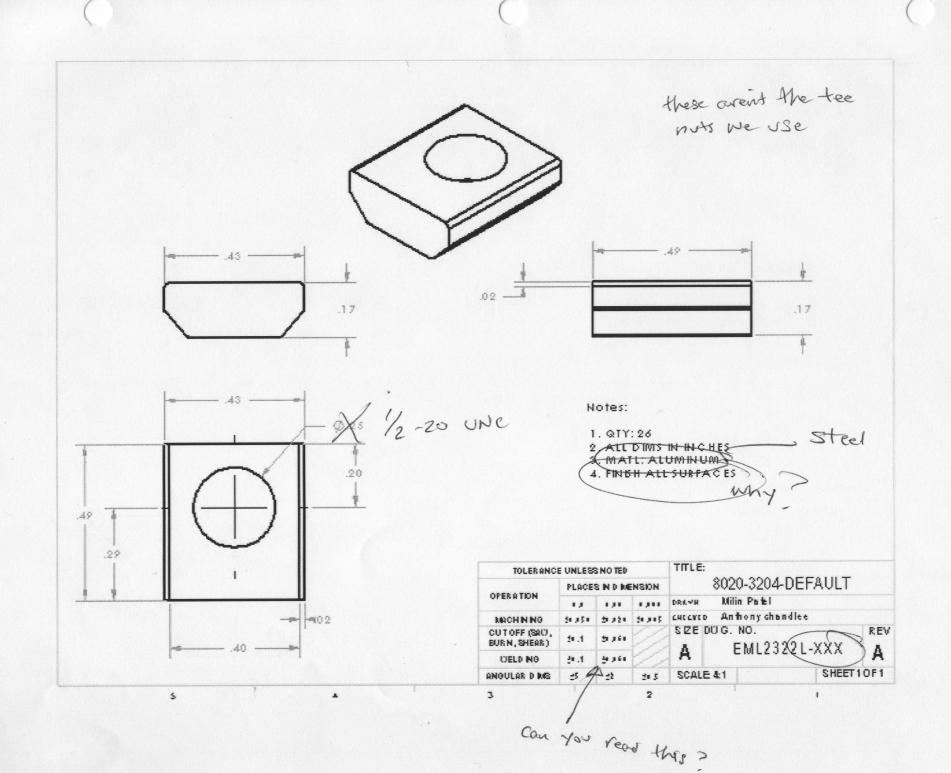


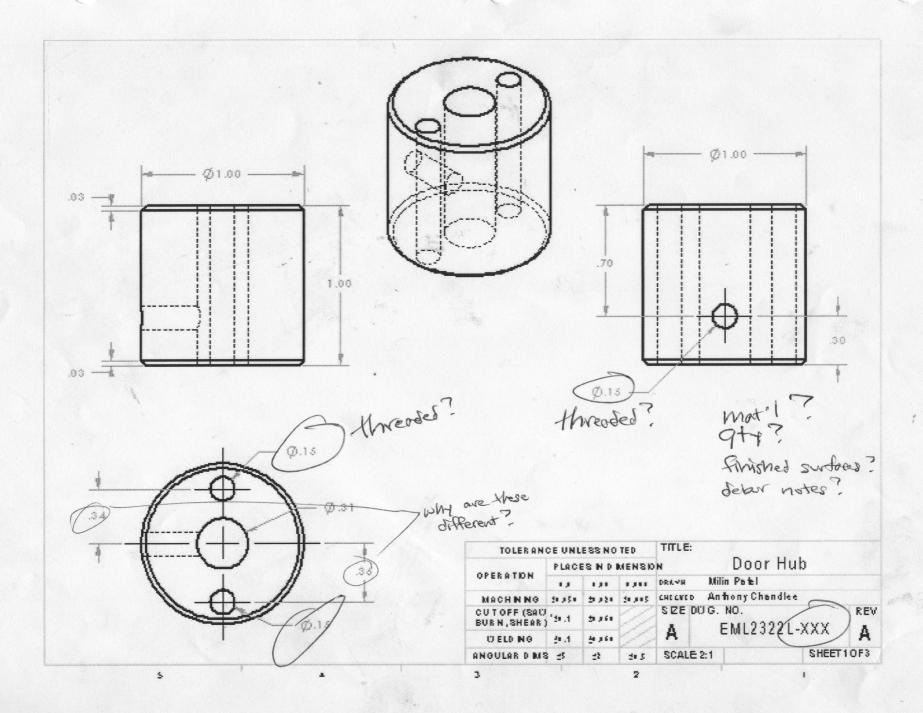
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- 3. MATL: 8020 AL

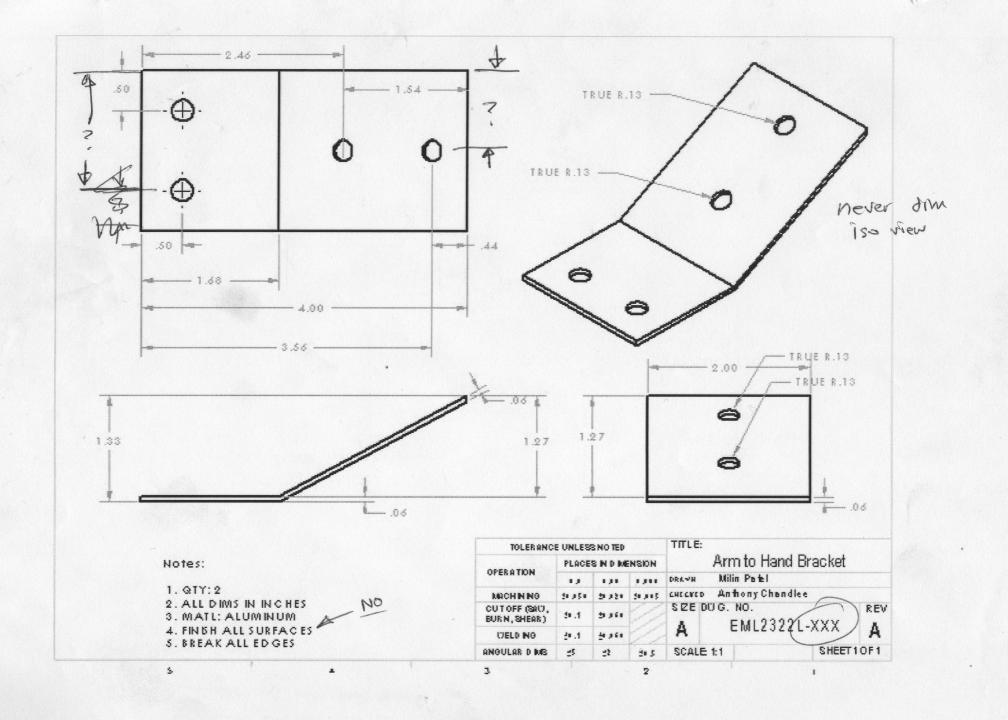
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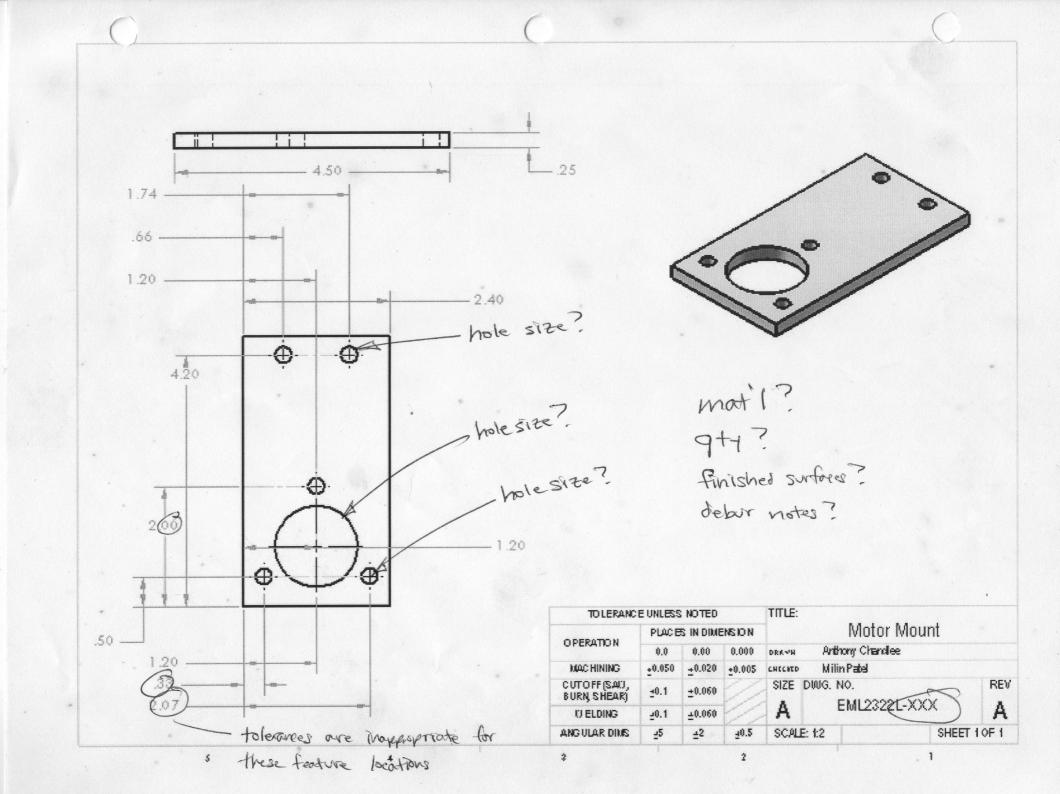
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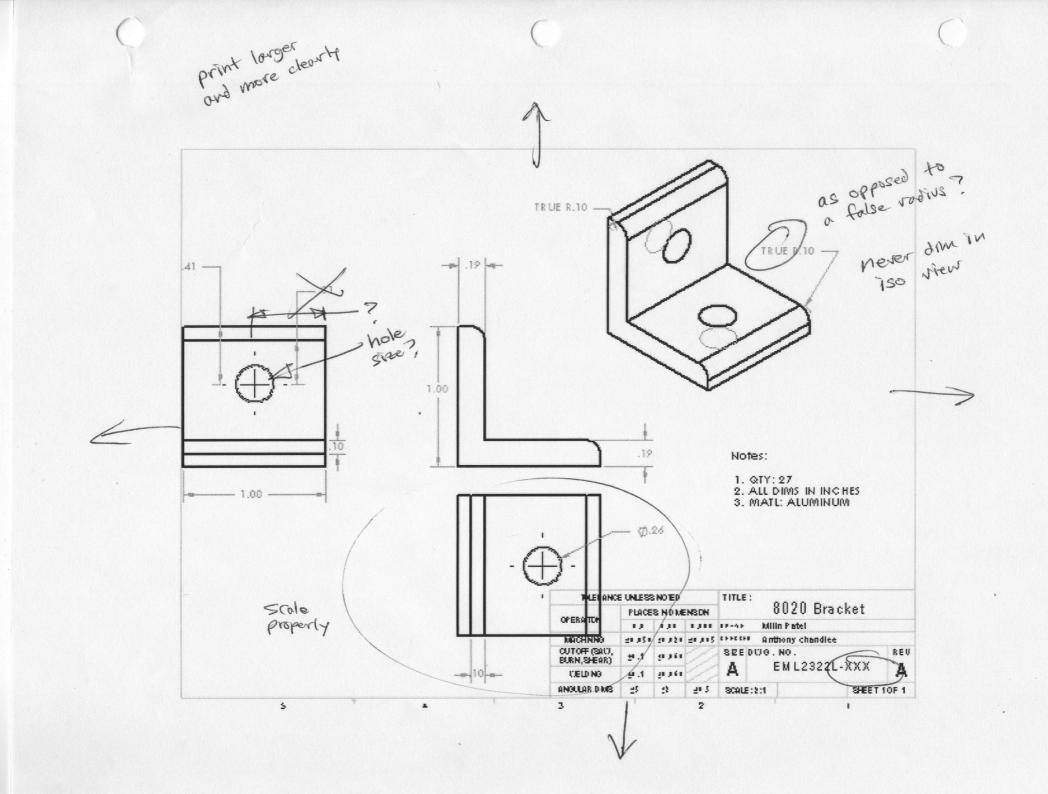




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