

# Danfoss Turbocor Magnet Insertion Process



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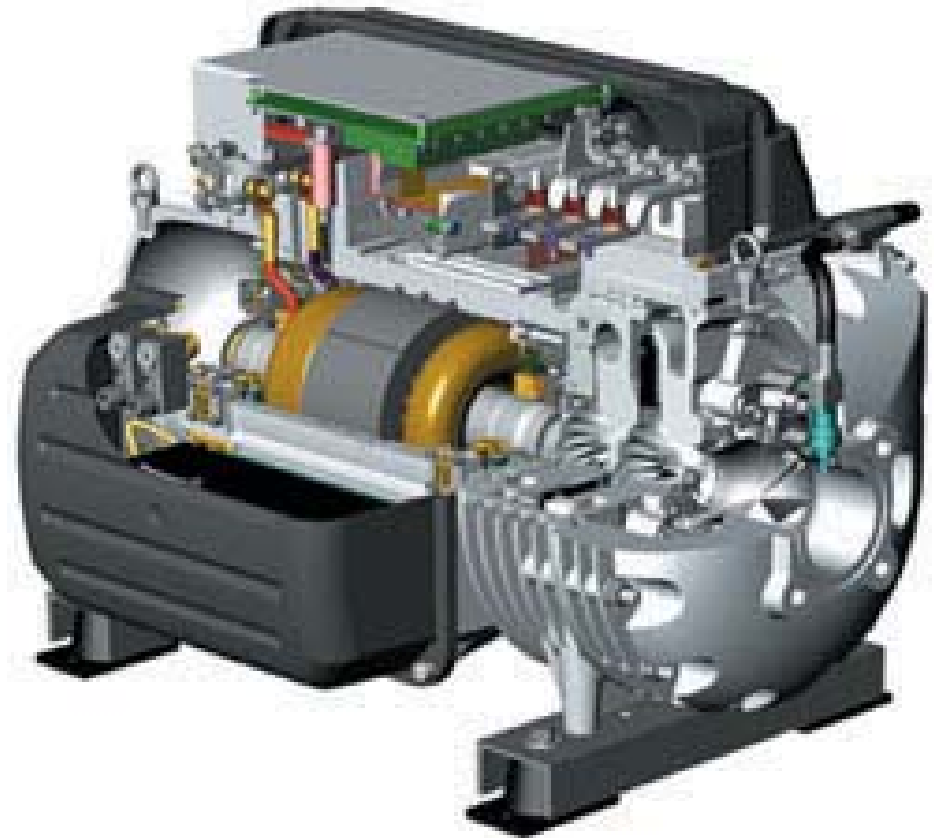
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## Background

- Pioneer and world leader of the oil-free centrifugal compressor
- World's most efficient commercial refrigerant compressors
- World's first totally oil-free compressor
  - Magnetic bearings result in a levitated rotating shaft



# Bearings and Magnet Overview

- The three different bearings are named:
  - Big
  - Small
  - Twin
- Used in different model compressors designed for specific applications and operations
- Two different magnets used in the bearing's design:
  - The shorter magnet is used on the "big" and "twin" bearings
  - The longer magnet is used on the "small" bearing
  - The red dot is to identify the orientation of the magnet



## “Big”



- Largest bearing outer diameter (6.37 inches)
- 12 magnets in 6 pairs
  - 6 spacer regions separating magnets
- Magnets pairs are separated evenly by 60 degrees
- 4 coolant holes
- Uses short magnet design



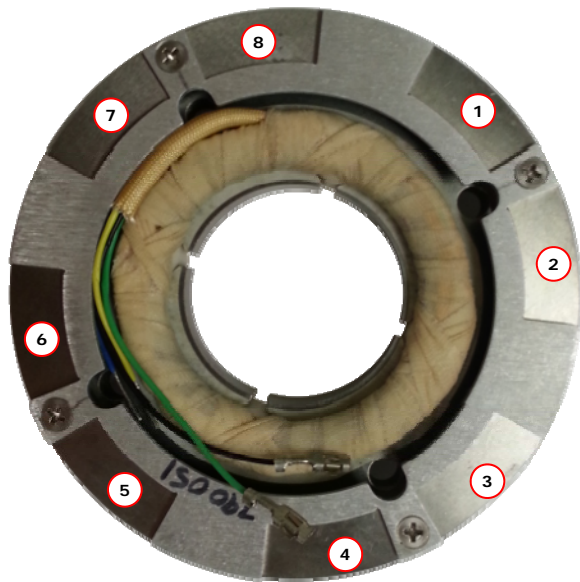
## "Small"



- Bearing outer diameter (5.38 inches)
- 8 magnets in 4 pairs
  - 4 spacer regions separating magnets
- Magnets pairs are separated evenly by 90 degrees
- 4 coolant holes
- Uses long magnet design



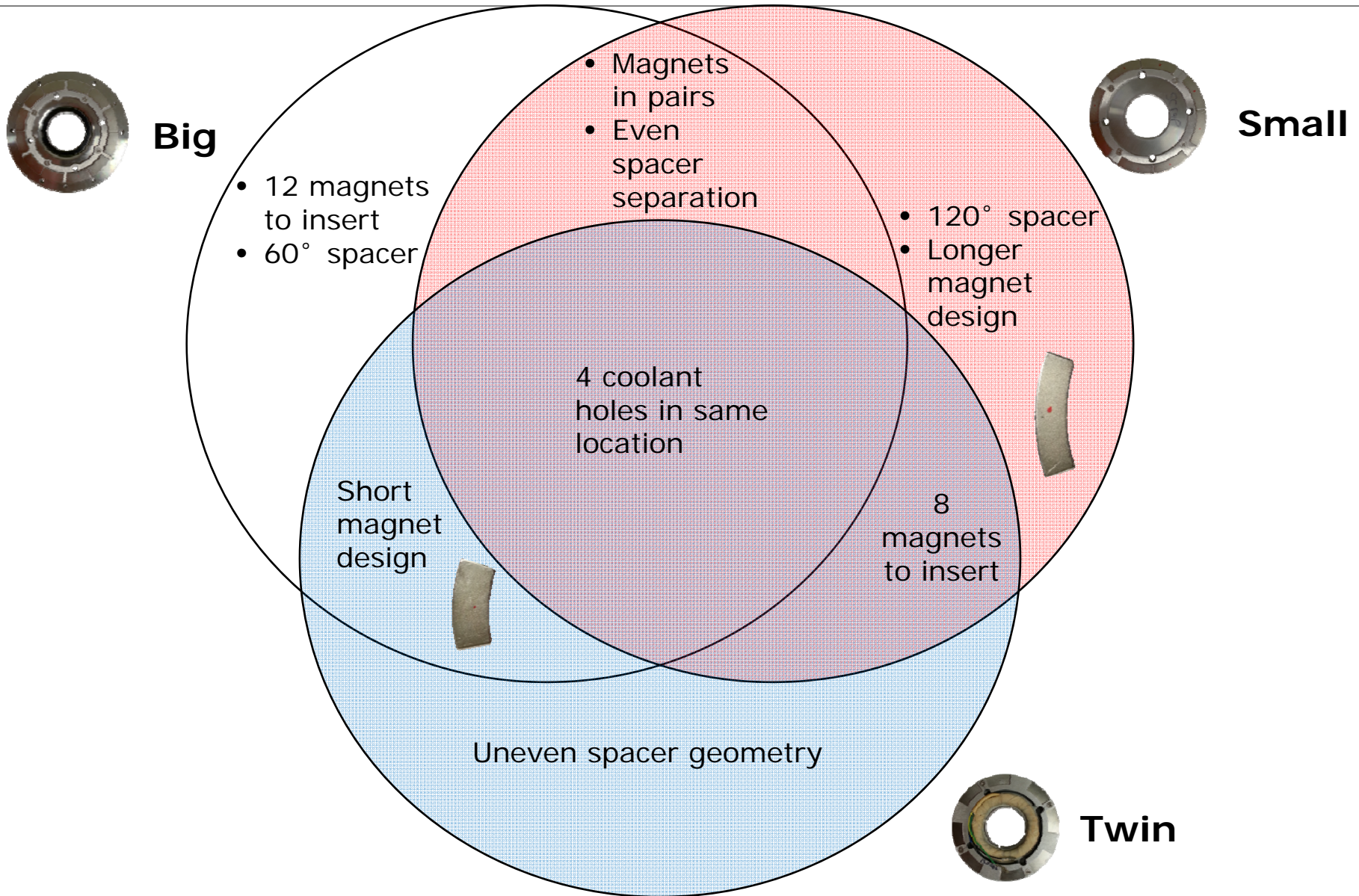
## “Twin”



- Bearing outer diameter (5.38 inches)
- 8 magnets
- Magnets are not separated evenly due to spacer geometry
- 4 coolant holes
- Uses short magnet design



# Bearing Compatibility



# Current Magnet Insertion Issues

- Existing automated assembly machine is not reliable
  - Control issues
  - Magnet spacer rejection causes jamming
  
- Currently assembled by hand by a technician
  - Ergonomic issues due to strong magnetic forces
    - High impacts cause magnets to fracture
  
  - Proper magnet placement
    - Magnet misalignment causes bearing assembly failure
  
  - Proper magnetic pole orientation
    - Improper orientation causes compressor to fail





# Project Path

- Reparation of existing automated machine
  - Pros: Safe & design has already been developed
  - Cons: Lots of electronics, controls, & sensors

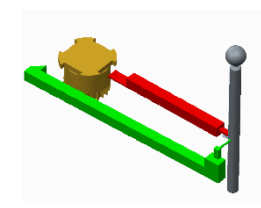
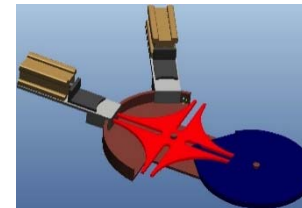
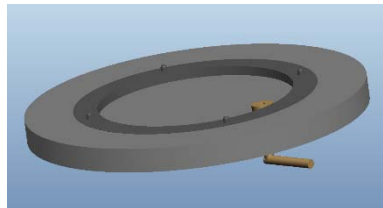
- Develop a simple insertion mechanism
  - Pros: New & improved
  - Cons: Requires new design & increases cost

- Develop a handheld tool to aid insertion process
  - Pros: Simple & cost effective
  - Cons: Little improvement

# Project Path

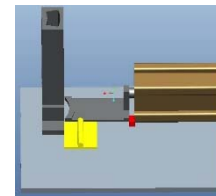
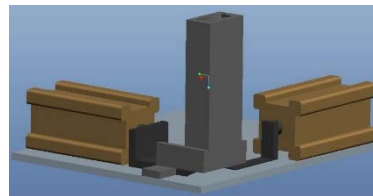
- Develop a simple insertion mechanism
- Two main issues with selected path:
  - 1. Rotating the bearings to specific magnet location.

- 3 models:



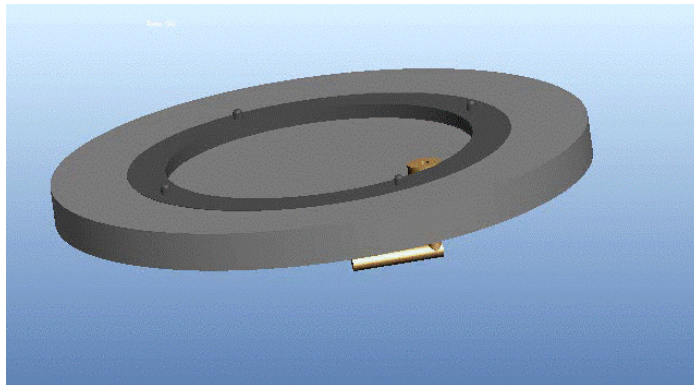
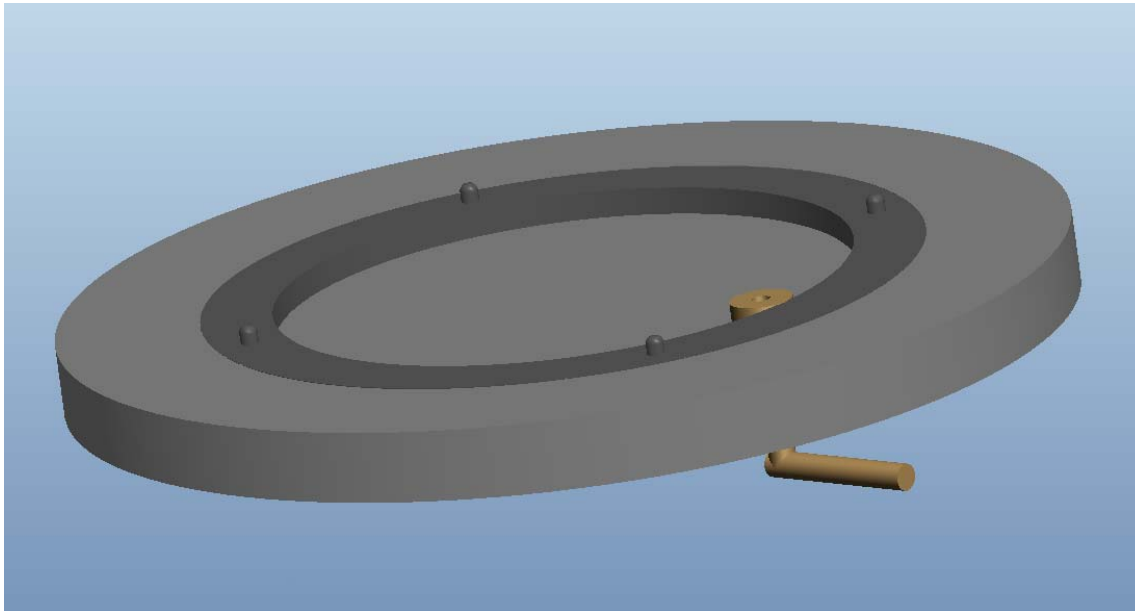
- 2. Inserting the magnets.

- 2 models:



# Rotary Indexing Prototype #1

## Internal Gear-set with Crank



### Pros:

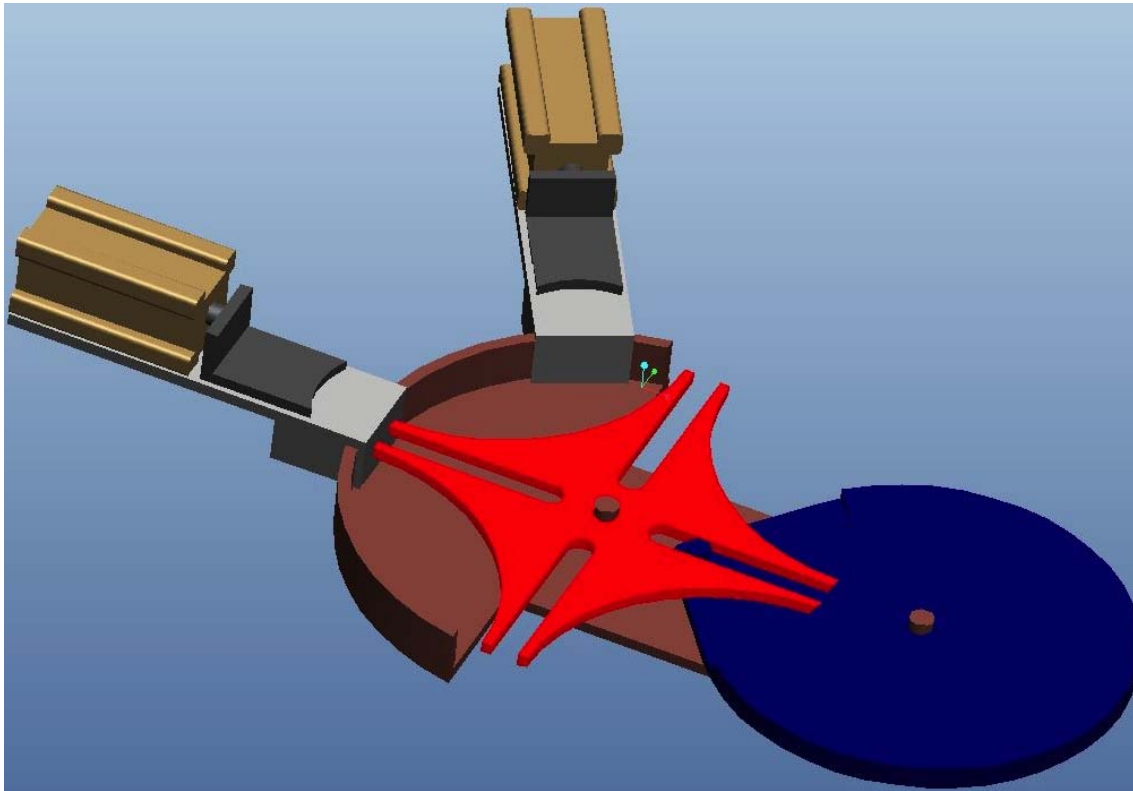
- Simple design
- Adaptable to all bearing sizes
- Possible conversion to an automated mechanism

### Cons:

- Safety
- Large rotational input
- Actuator triggered by hand

# Rotary Indexing Prototype #2

## Dual Actuator Geneva Wheel



### Pros:

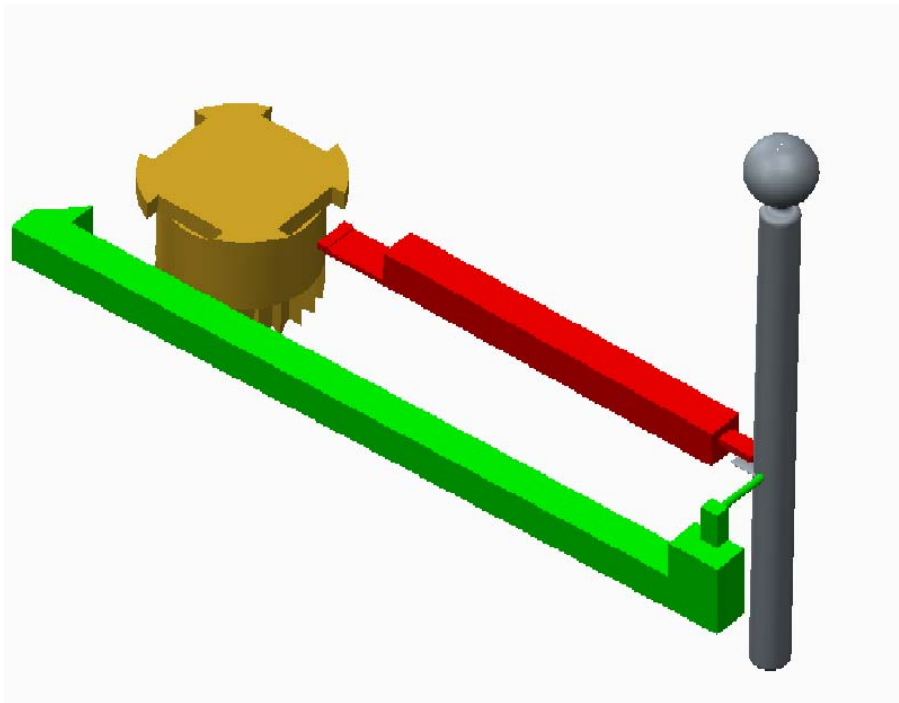
- Works for bearings with same number of magnets
- Simple design
- Possible conversion to an automated mechanism

### Cons:

- Two linear actuators
- Cost
- Requires user to input preset conditions before use

# Rotary Indexing Prototype #3

## Indexing Lever Arm



### Pros:

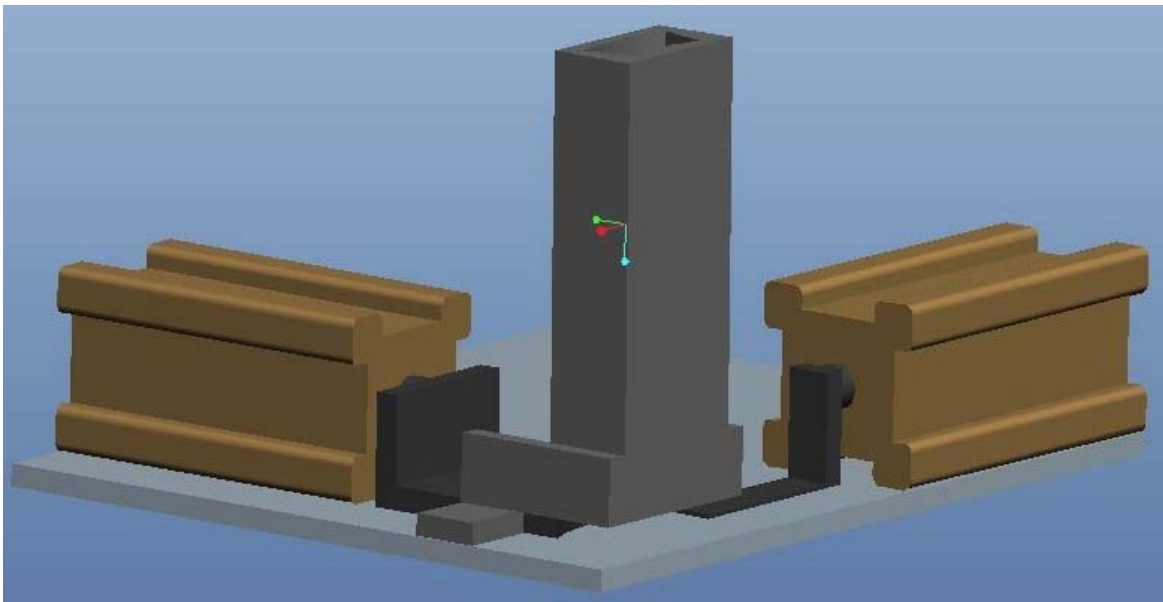
- Cost
- Simple design
- Single input
- Does not require any linear actuators

### Cons:

- Each bearing requires a separate mechanism

# Inserting Mechanism Prototype #1

## Double Action Magnet Inserter



### Pros:

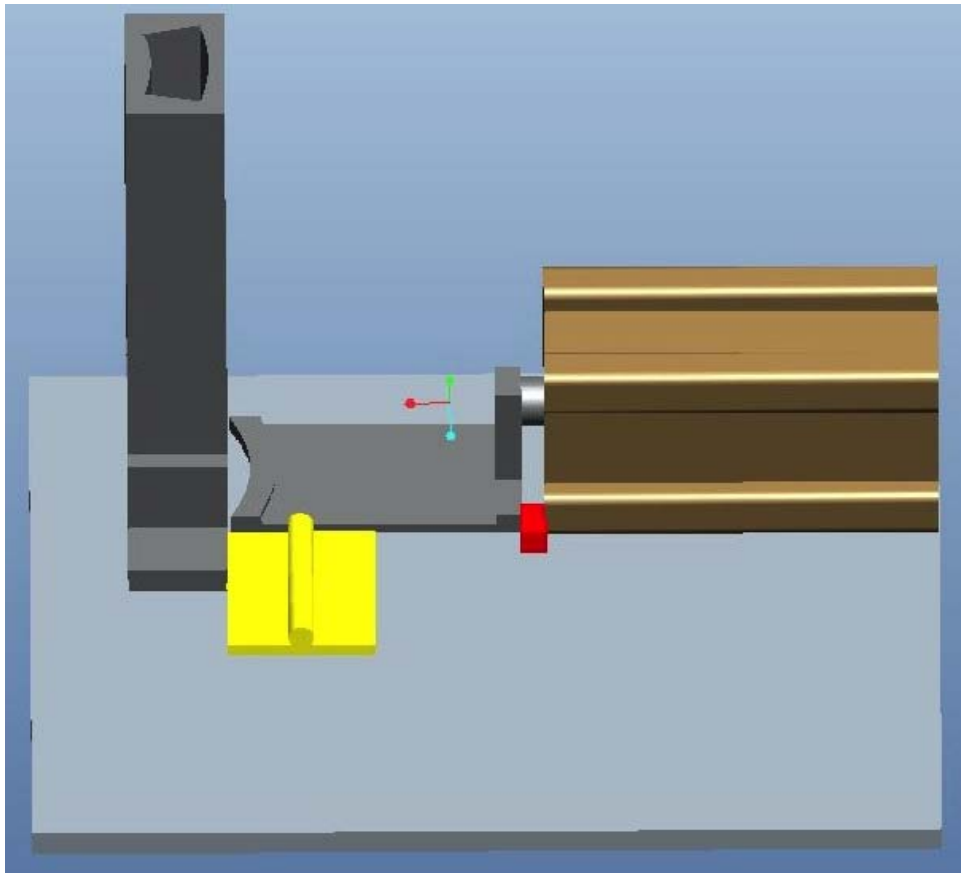
- Simple design
  - Used by existing faulty automated machine

### Cons:

- Two linear actuators
- Cost
- Size

# Inserting Mechanism Prototype #2

## Single Action Magnet Inserter



### Pros:

- Single linear actuator
- Compact

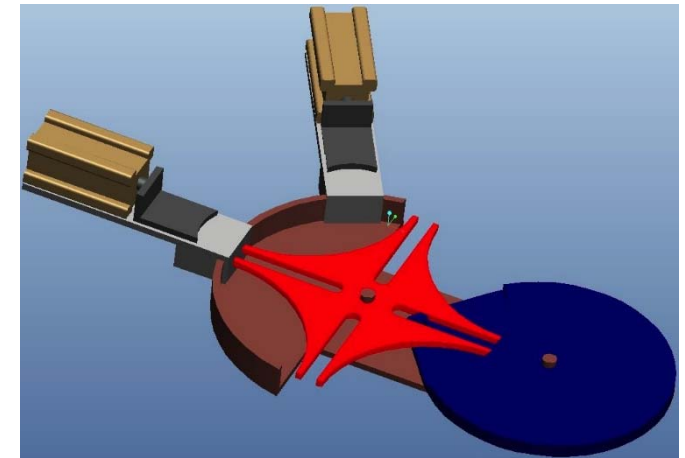
### Cons:

- Reliability

# Concept Selection

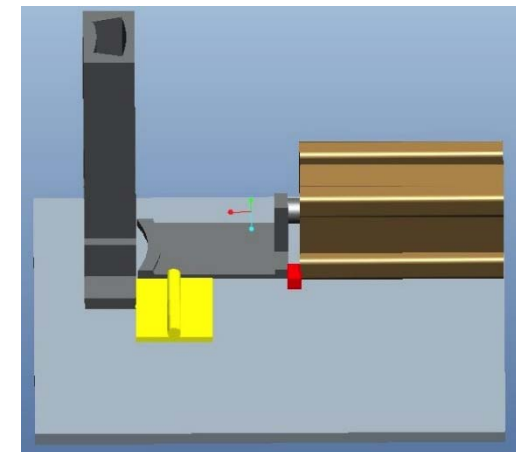
## ■ Rotary Indexing Mechanism

- Dual Actuator Geneva Wheel
  - Simple for technician to set up and run
  - Allows possibility to integrate switches for automation
  - Will have to design for changing Geneva wheels for each bearing



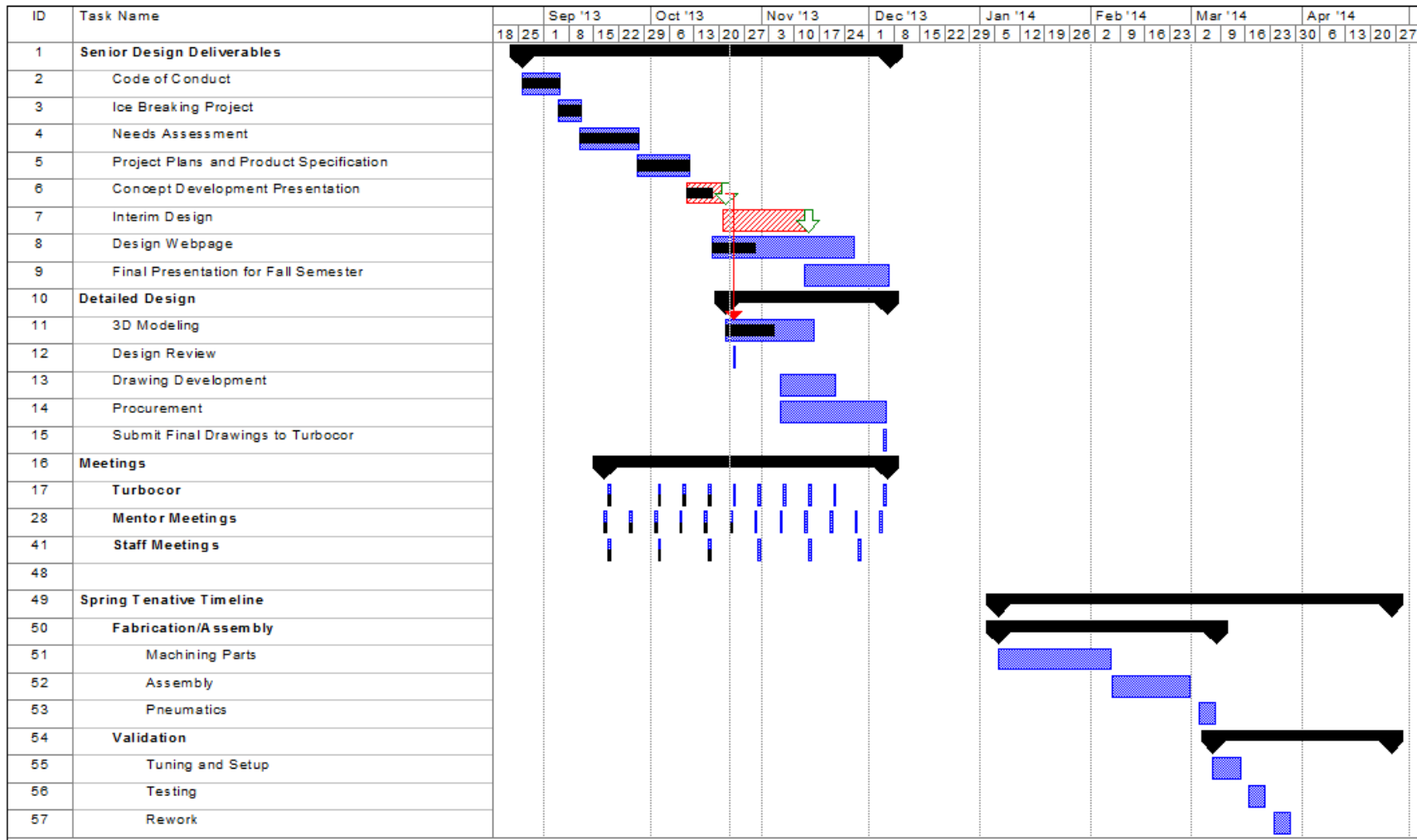
## ■ Magnet Inserting Mechanism

- Single Action Magnet Inserter was chosen
  - Lower cost
  - More compact





# Gantt Chart



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Questions?

