

# Manufacturing Automation

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# Introduction

- **Unison Industries**

- Subsidiary of GE
- Special in electrical components for jet engines, ignition systems and generators
- 80% of jet engines are installed with ignition systems produced by Unison Industries

- **Capacitor Manufacturing Automation**

- Making a manual process automated in order to reduce assembly time

# Needs Statement

- The project requires an automated system to be developed in order to assemble the capacitors. The capacitors consist of the following parts:
  - 4 individual capacitor sections that become stacked together
  - A layer of tape and insulator paper between each section
  - Electrical tabs for connections
  - Lead wires
- Insulation material wrapped around the assembly

# Goal Statement

- Design and develop an automated process in order to improve the manufacturing and assembly of the ignition exciter

# Objectives

- Gain ergonomic benefits
- Reduce labor time by 50%
- Improve the assembly time of the ignition exciter through some level of automation
- Create a more economical process
- Design and develop working prototype machinery to most efficiently manufacture the ignition exciters
- Design a method to check all three dimensions at once
- Stacking of individual sections to start assembly
- Soldering together electrical tabs from each section, and attaching lead wires by soldering
- Wrapping assembly in insulation material – 2 types, 2 directions

# Background Research

- Capacitors store energy as an electrostatic field
- Options for slow, medium or high assembly lines
  - This project will likely use a medium or high speed assembly line
- Also options of fully automatic versus semi automatic
  - Fully automatic requires no operator
  - Semi automatic requires some use of the operator

# House of Quality

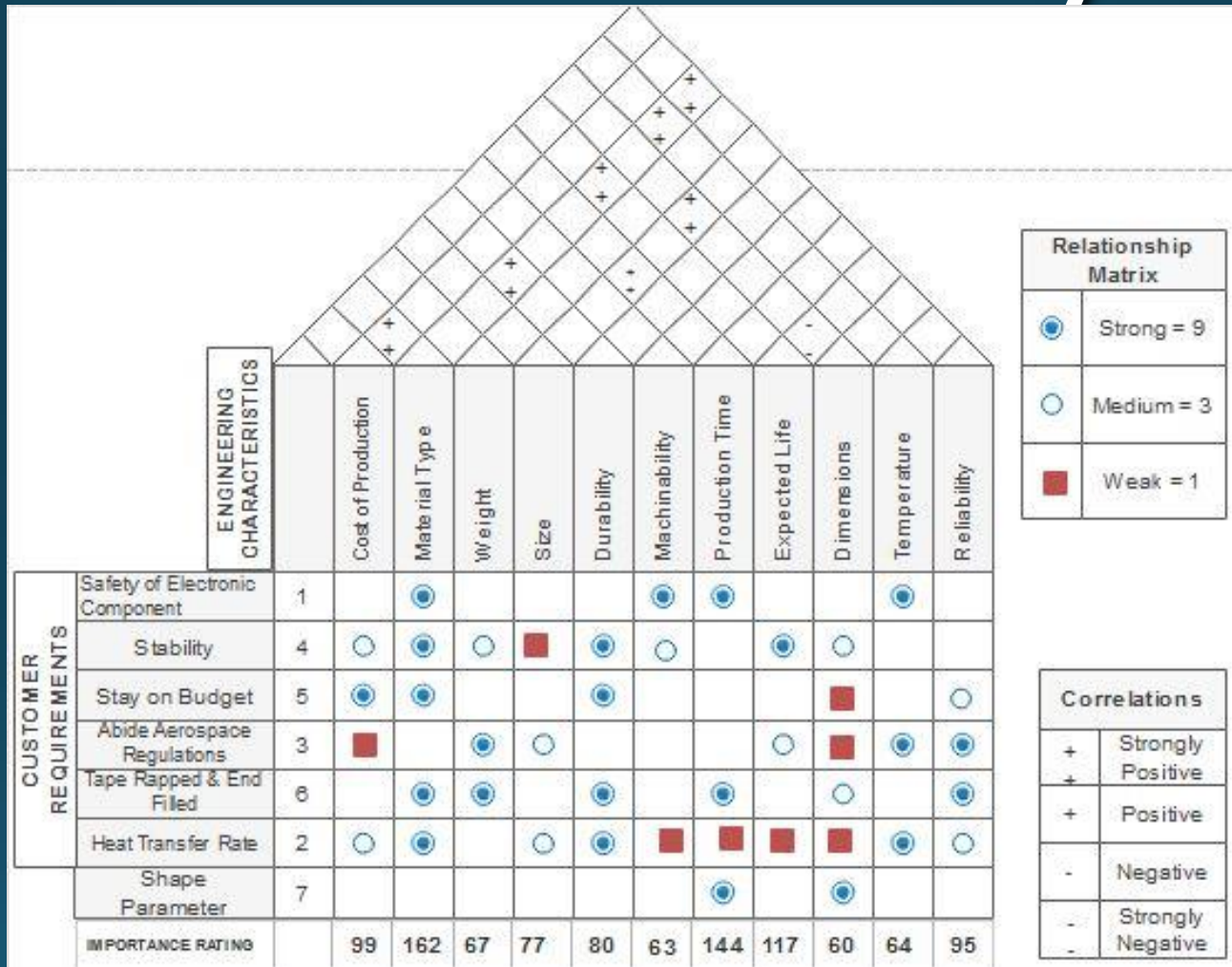


Table 1: HOQ

# Constraints

- Machinery built must be both practical and economical
- The process and machinery created must comply with any applicable safety regulations
- Project must be completed by the end of the Spring 2017 semester



# Project Planning

- Trip to Jacksonville, Fl for tour of plant
- Have initial web design completed by October 21st
- Have the final design of prototype completed by December 2016
- Start to build and test prototype early Spring 2017 semester

# Gantt Chart

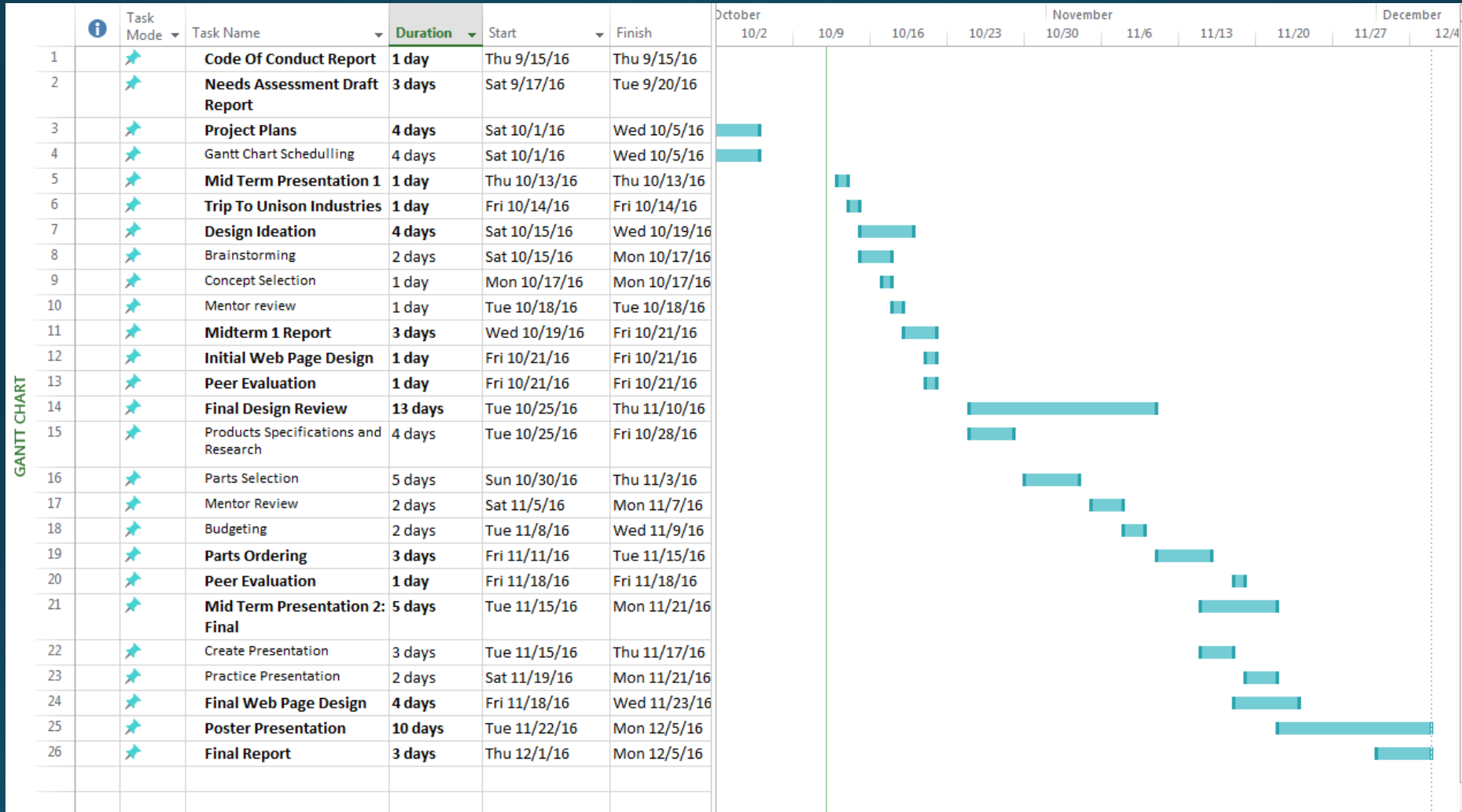


Table 2: Gantt Chart

# Product Specs

- 4 individual sections
  - Layer of insulation paper and double sided tape in between
- Electrical tabs soldered together
- Insulation material wrapped around whole thing
- Dimensions:  
4.25"H x 2.6"L x 1.38"W

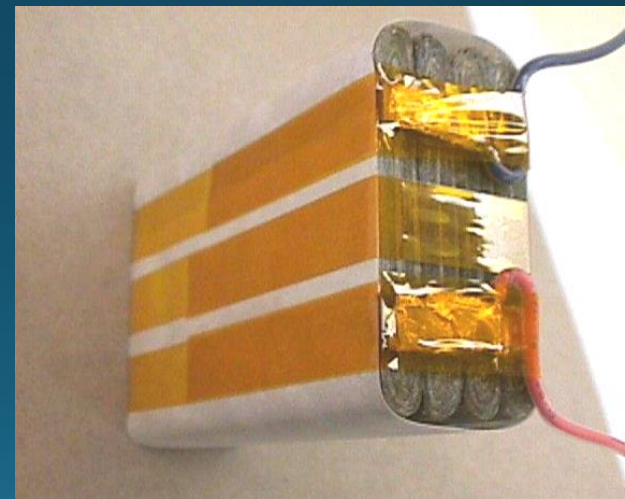


Figure 1: Assembly wrapped with insulation material

# Steps for Design

- 1) Break down assembly process into individual steps
- 2) Examine amount of time for each step
  - a) Discuss potential ways to reduce time for each time
- 3) Create scoring system to assess the different methods and chose best option
- 4) Ensure that overall assembly time has been reduced from 27 minutes to 15 minutes

# Dimensional Check Design 1

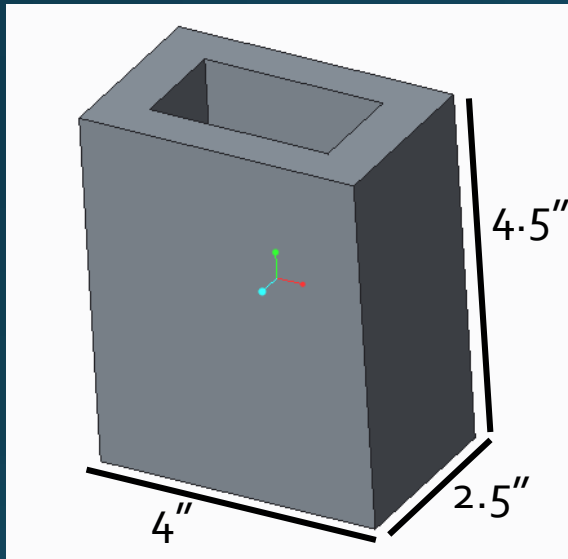


Figure 2: Gauge block with cut-out of the capacitor dimensions

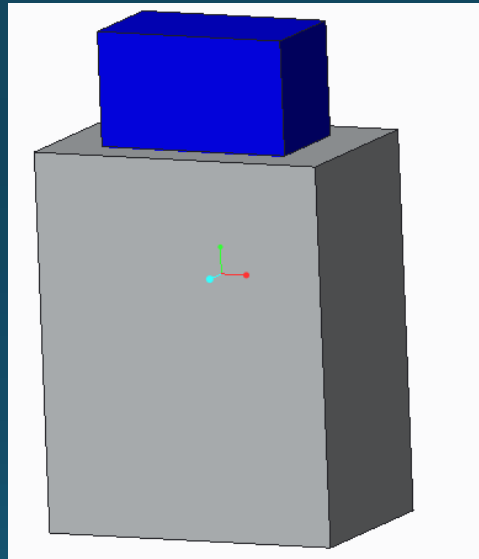


Figure 3: Capacitor sliding into gauge block

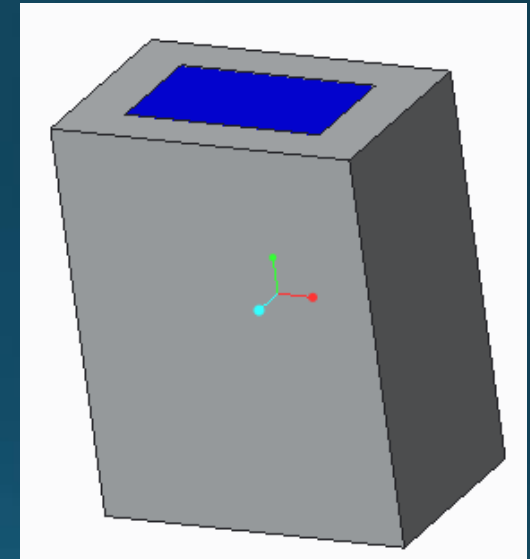


Figure 4: Capacitor fully in gauge block

# Dimensional Check Design 2

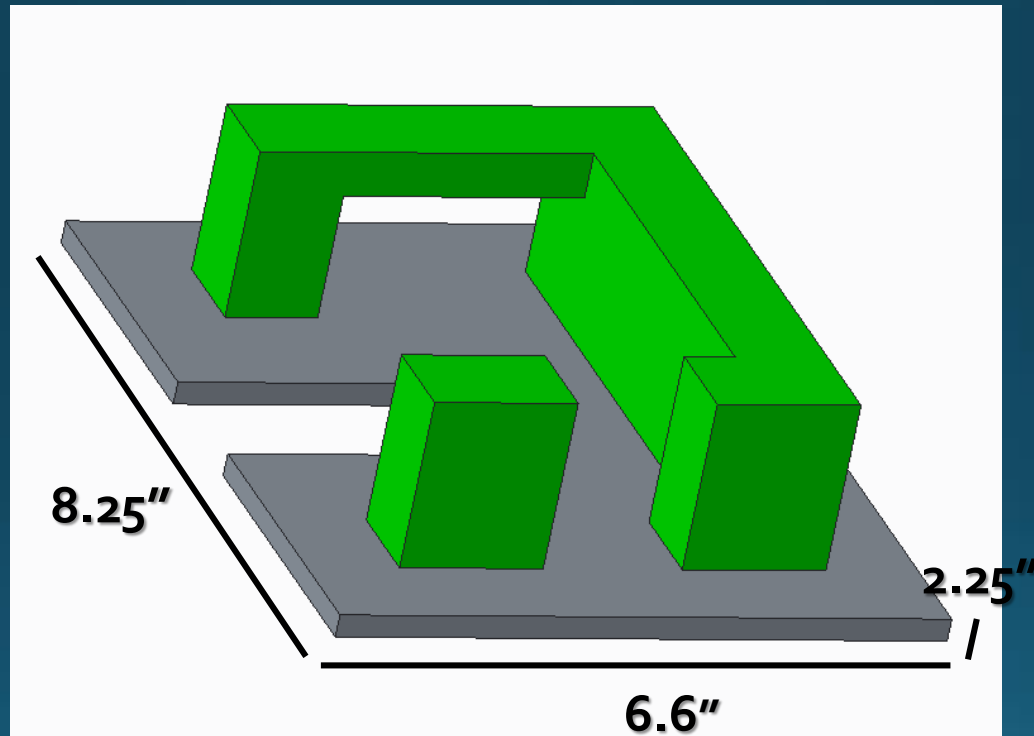


Figure 5: Gauge block without capacitor

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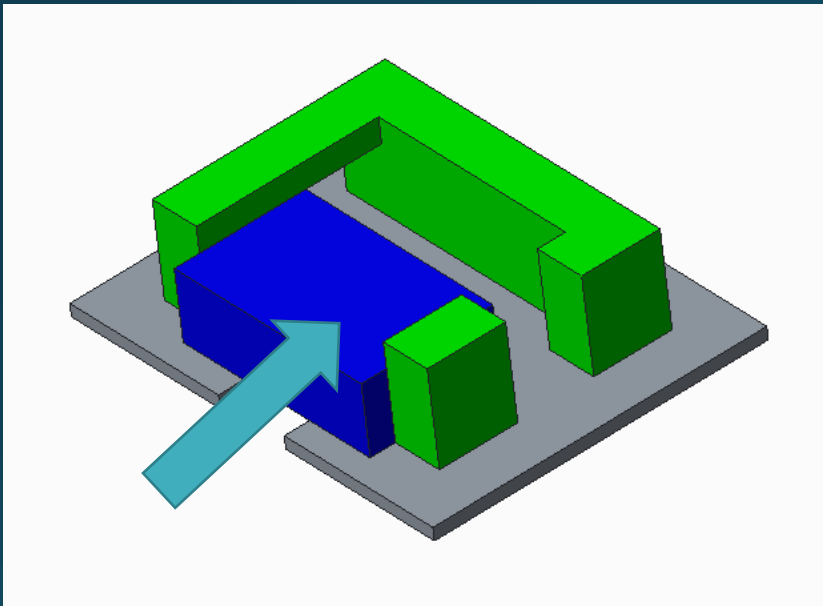


Figure 6: Capacitor sliding in to check height

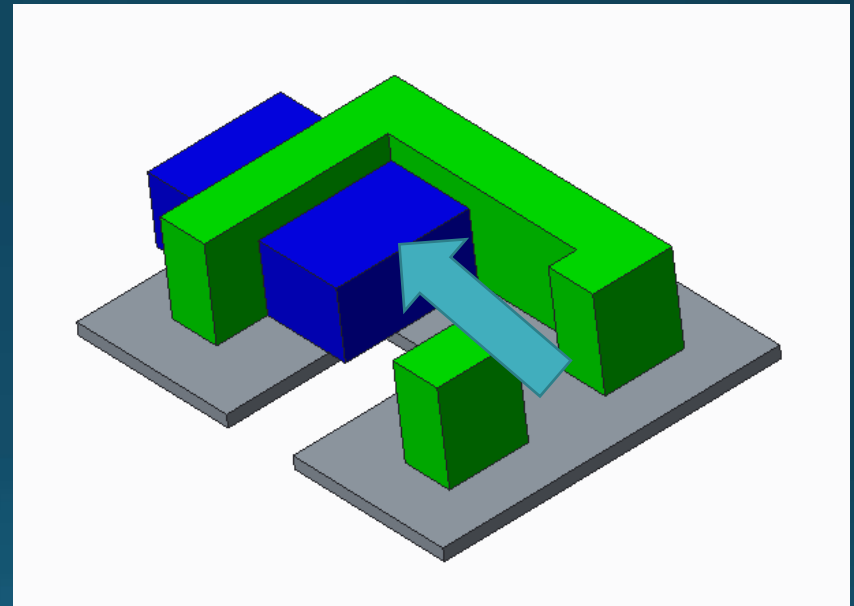


Figure 7: Capacitor sliding out to check width and length

# Pros and Cons of Dimensional Check 1

- **Pros**
  - Easily checks all 3 dimensions at once
  - Easy to manufacture
  - Small size
- **Cons**
  - Assembled part might be hard to get back out of the gauge



# Pros and Cons of Dimensional Check 2

- **Pros**
  - Easier to get part out of the gauge than Design 1
  - Has cut-outs to help guide capacitor
  - Base can be bolted to table
- **Cons**
  - Harder to manufacture than Design 1
  - 2 step process to check dimensions
  - Bigger base

# Conclusion and Future Steps

- Trip to Unison Industries in Jacksonville
- Determine the automation process to be used
- Create CAD drawings for prototype
- Purchase Prototype raw materials

# Questions?