

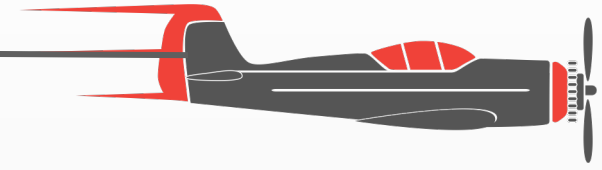
# Team 508

## SAE Aero Design:

# Geometric Integration

EML 4551C

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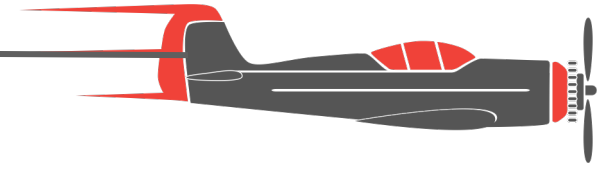


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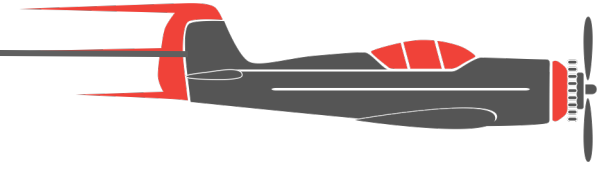
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# Project Objective

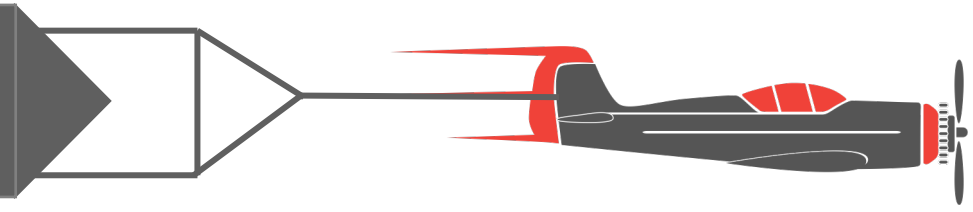


- The objective of this project is to design and manufacture a 3D printed remote control airplane within the rules of the SAE Aero Design Competition
- It will be able to take off, complete the needed flight path, and land while carrying the required cargo



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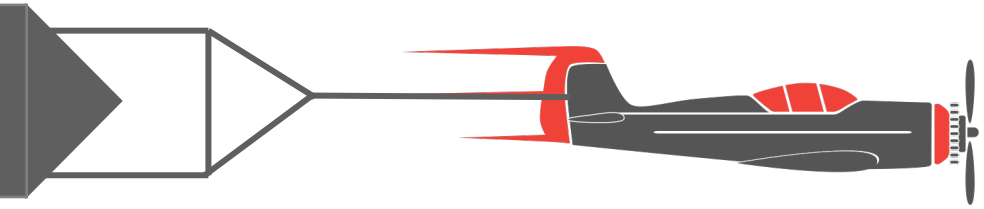
# Project Brief Summary



- Structure of the plane is primarily 3D printed
- Innovative construction methods will be used
- Two team are assigned to this project
  - Team 507 is in charge of aero propulsions
  - Team 508 oversees geometrics

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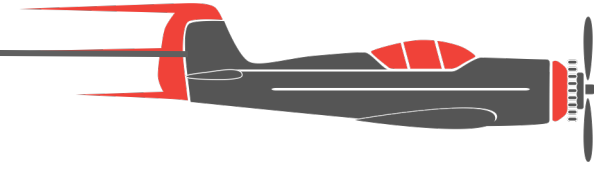
# Background



- SAE hosts an annual RC airplane competition
- The team will compete in the Regular Class Competition
- Scoring is based on the plane's uniqueness and ability to complete the standardized flight pattern

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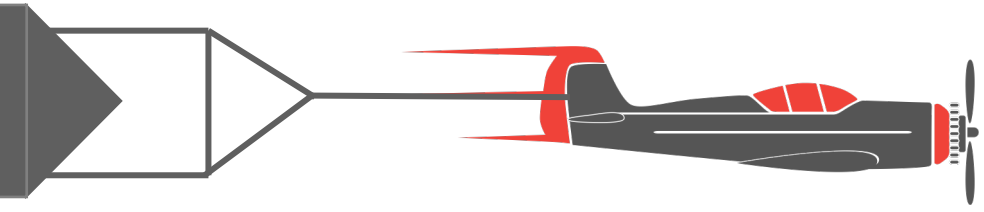


- The college has entered the competition for multiple years
- Teams in the past have been the only ones with a plane made using additive manufacturing



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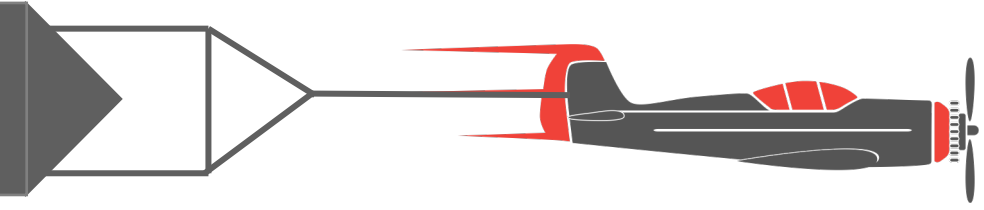


- The plane passes competition inspection
- Project costs stay within the given budget
- At least 80% of the plane's weight is from 3D printed material
- The plane can securely hold a size 5 soccer ball and a one pound box weight
- The plane can be firmly assembled and easily taken apart

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# Key Goals: Flight Mission

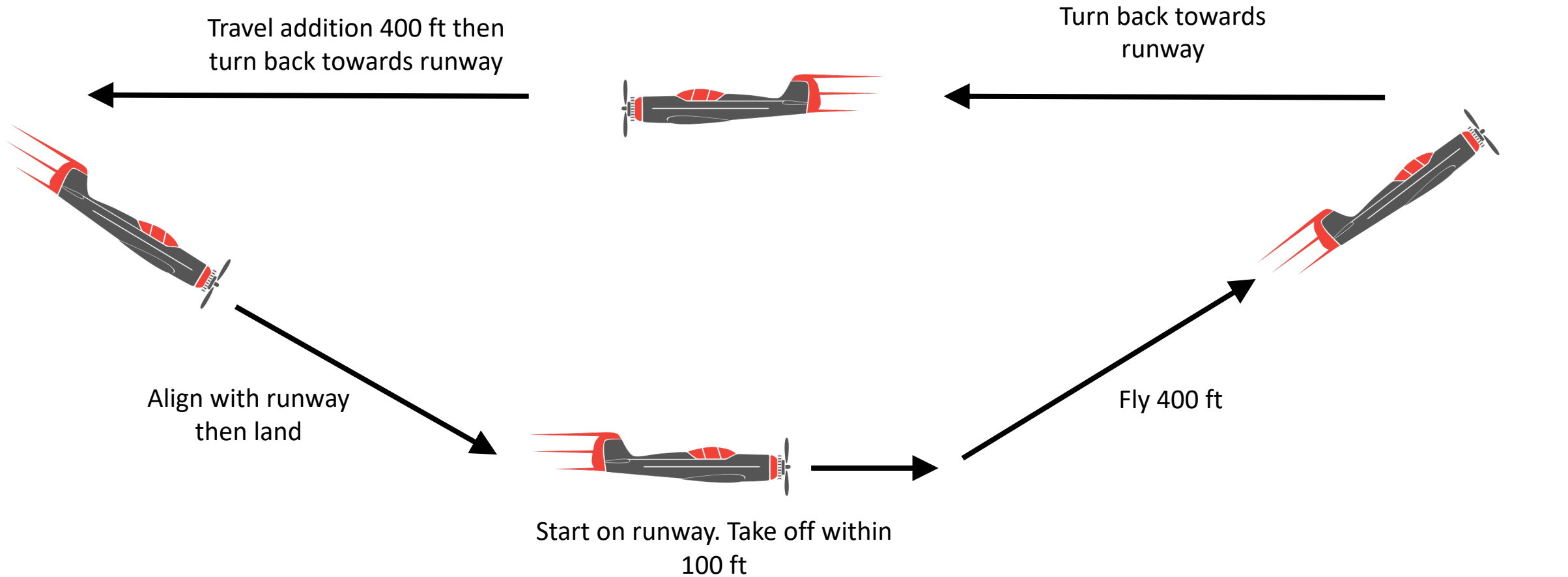


- An appointed RC pilot can fly the plane without issue
- The plane can fly in wind speeds of 45 knots
- The cargo can be unloaded in under one minute
- The plane can complete the required flight path



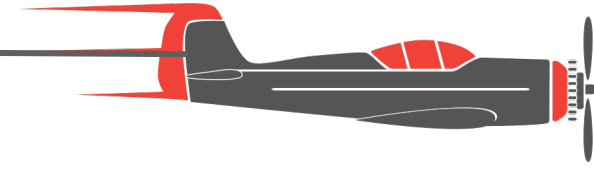
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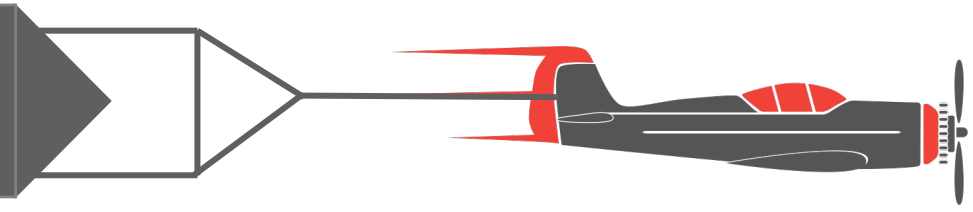


- The team can have multiple flight attempts if:
  - The team's time hasn't expired (two minutes)
  - Bouncing occurred within the 100 ft take-off distance
- Second attempt is not allowed if bouncing happens past 100 ft



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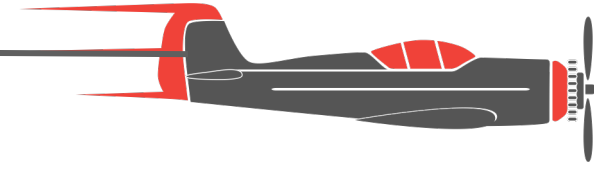
# Assumptions



- The plane will fly under spring inland Florida weather conditions
- Some parts of the plane must be purchased or borrowed
- The plane will be printed in multiple parts
- The plane must fly while carrying the cargo

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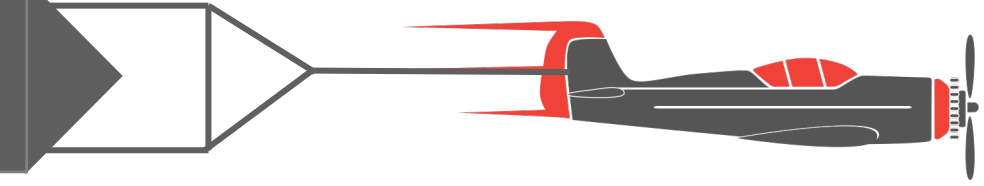
# Customer Needs



- Customer Needs were pulled from two sources:
  - Dr. McConomy
    - Construction Requirements
  - SAE Aero Design Competition Rule Book
    - General Aircraft Requirements
    - Geometric Design Requirements
    - Materials Requirements
    - Flight mission Requirements

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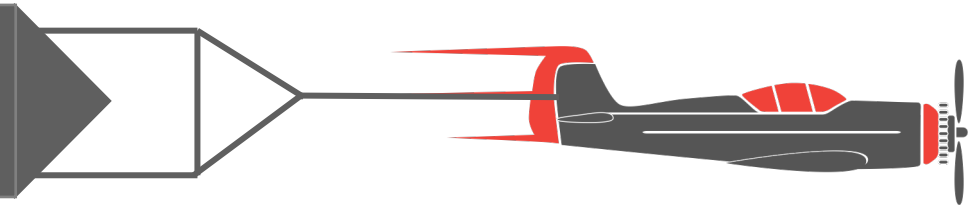
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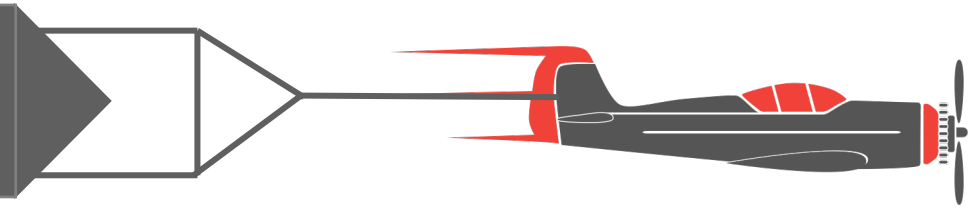
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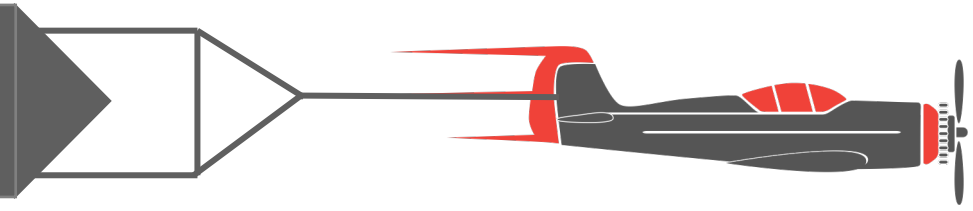


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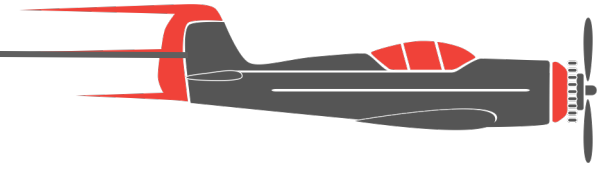
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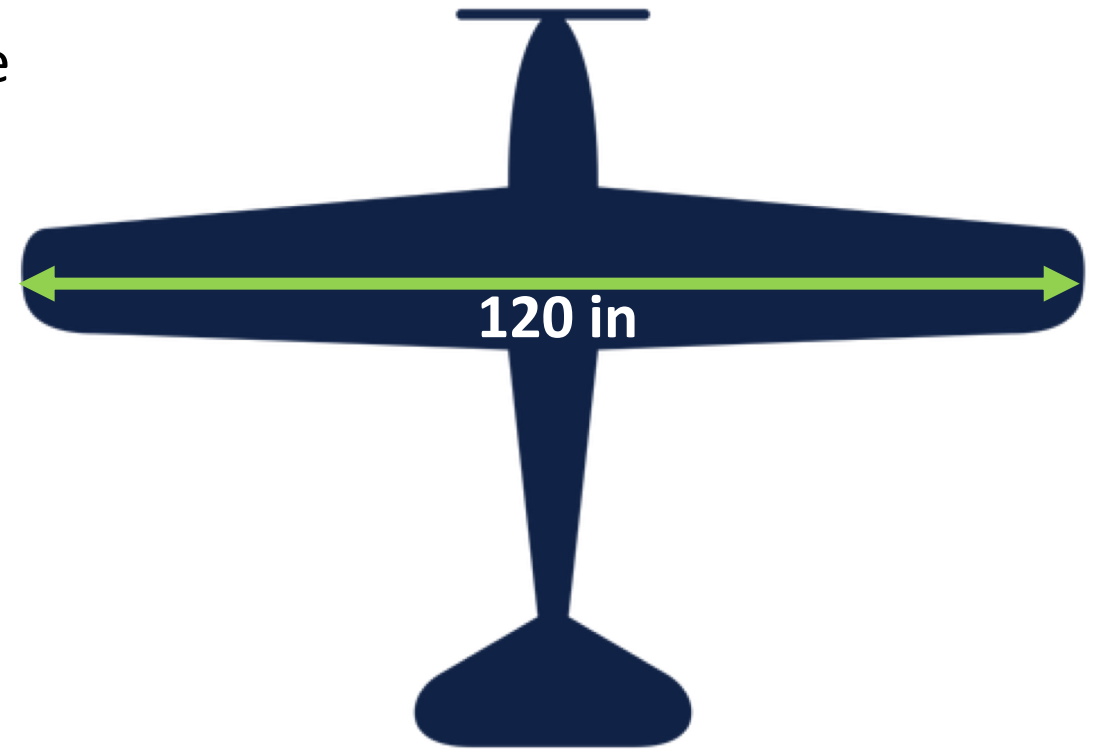
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# General Aircraft Requirements



- Identification
  - Team and aircraft identification is visible from all angles
- Dimensional requirements
  - Must not exceed 55 pounds
  - Wingspan of no larger than 120 inches
- Safety requirements
  - There will be a safety nut for the propeller



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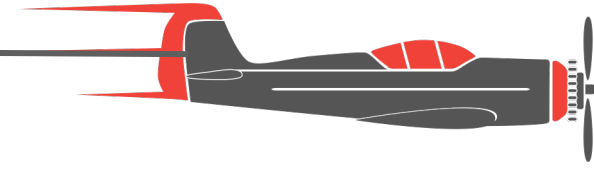
# Geometric Design Requirements

- The aircraft must have a ground steering mechanism
  - Not dependent on flight control mechanism
- The cargo must be fully enclosed within the aircraft
- The aircraft must be functioning with or without cargo
  - Must account for a change in the center of gravity



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# Materials Requirements

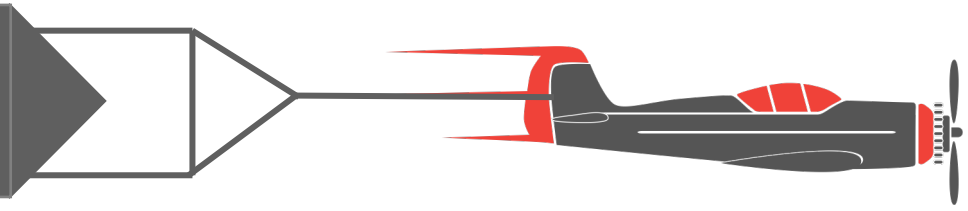


- Propeller
  - The propeller cannot be made of metal
- Aircraft construction
  - FRP composites and lead are prohibited.
  - Rubber bands may not be used
- Cargo
  - Must be secured by means other than:
    - Rubber bands, tape, Velcro, strictly friction

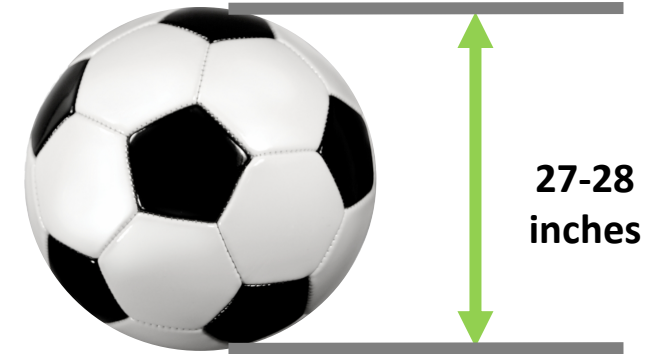


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# Flight Mission Requirements

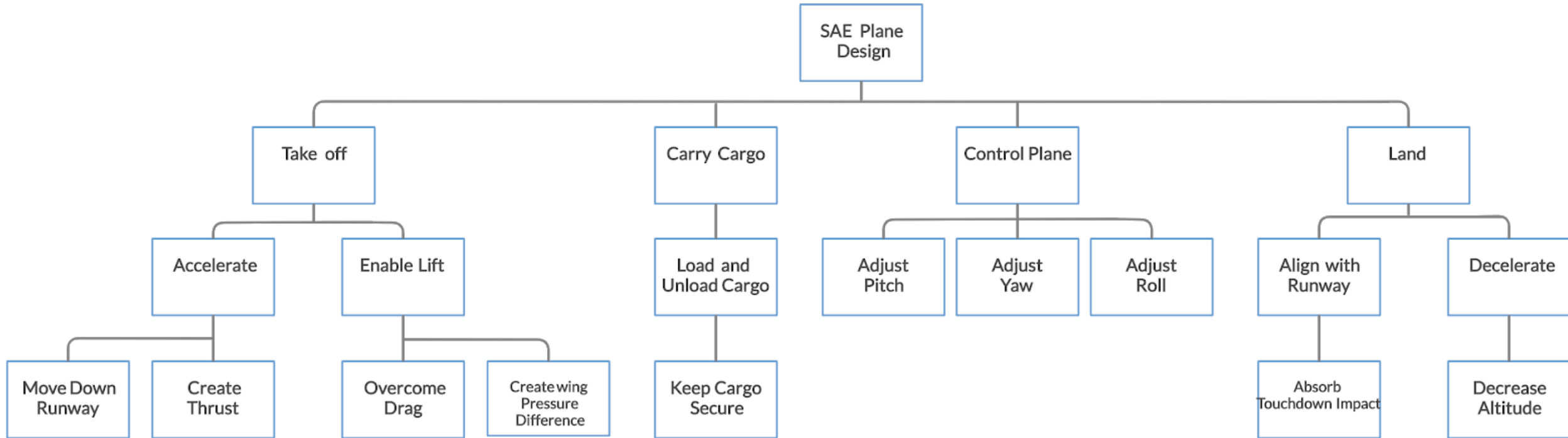
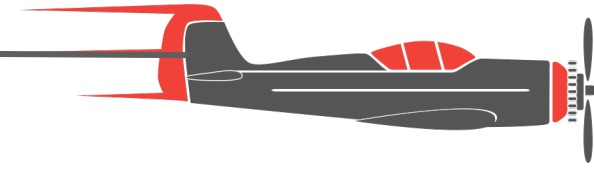


- Take off
  - The plane has two minutes and a 100 ft runway to achieve flight
  - One team member can assist the pilot
- A predetermined flight path must be completed
- Cargo
  - A size 5 soccer ball and a one pound box cargo will be loaded into the aircraft
  - The cargo must be unloaded within a minute



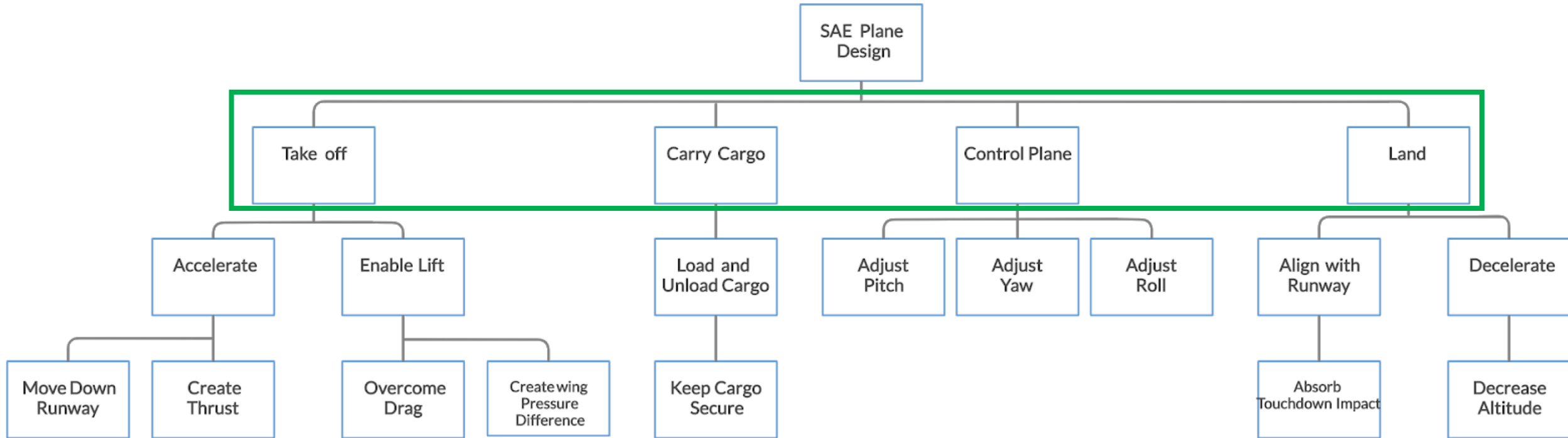
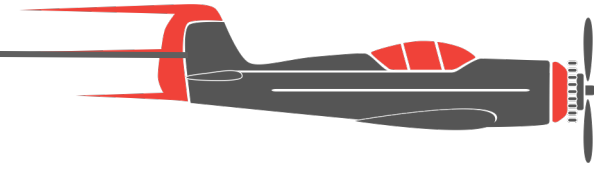
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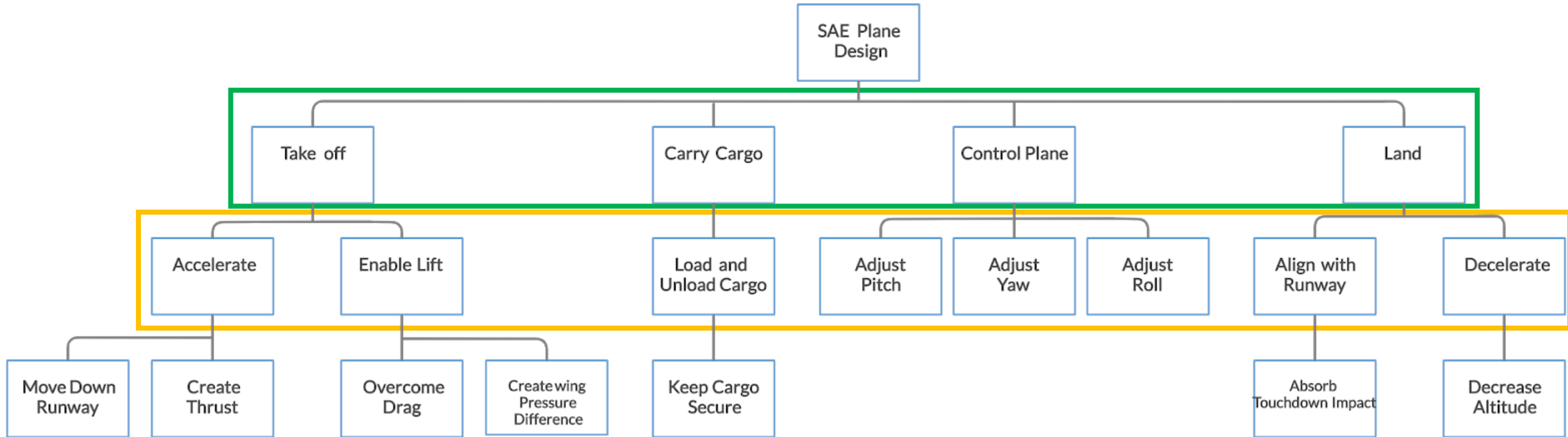
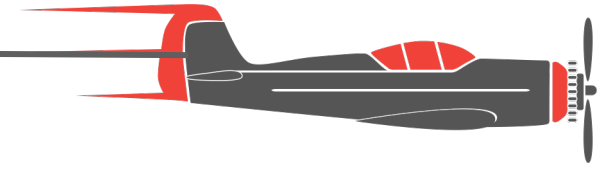
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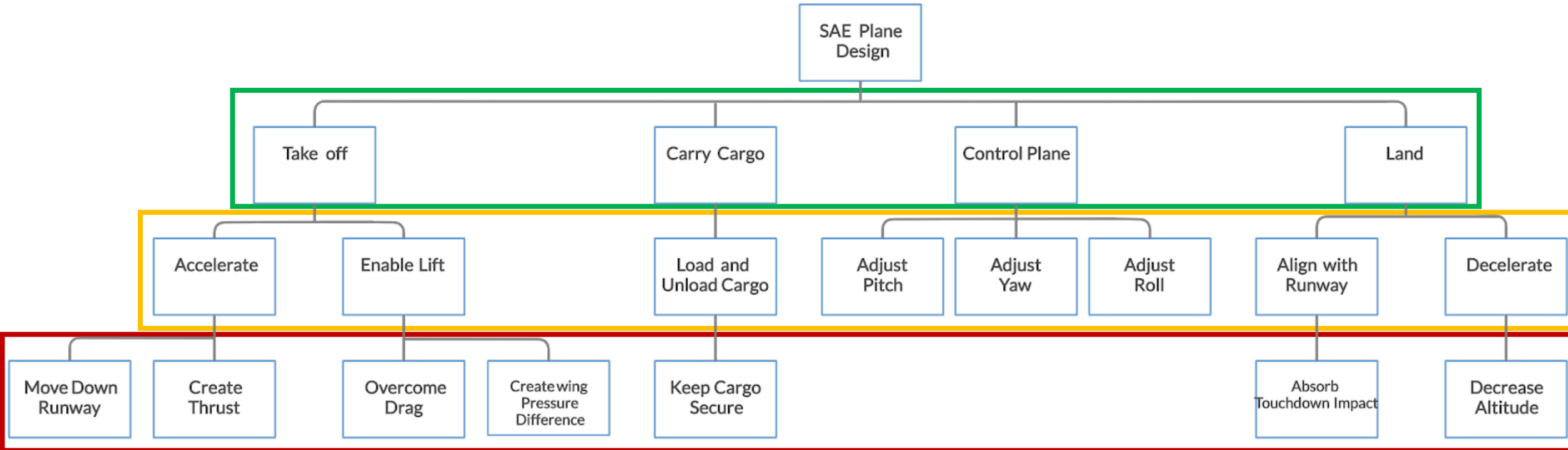
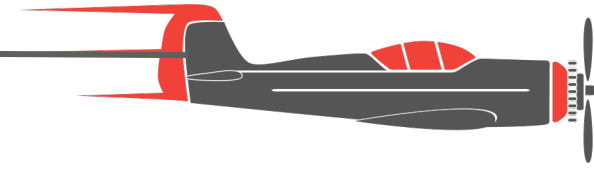
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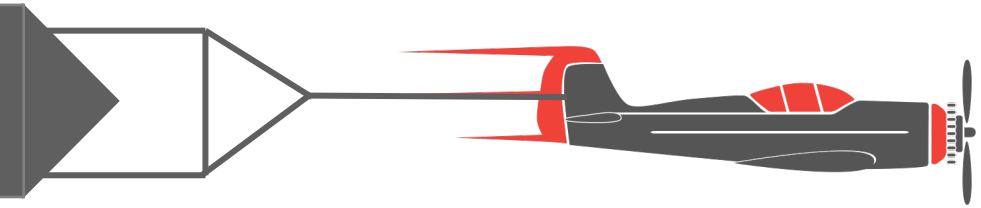


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# Take-Off



**Accelerate**

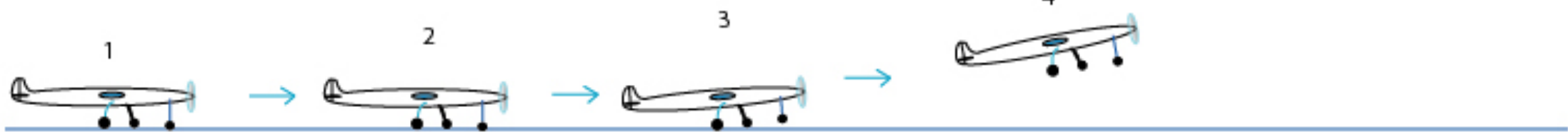
**Produce Lift**

**Wing pressure  
Difference**

**Create  
Thrust**

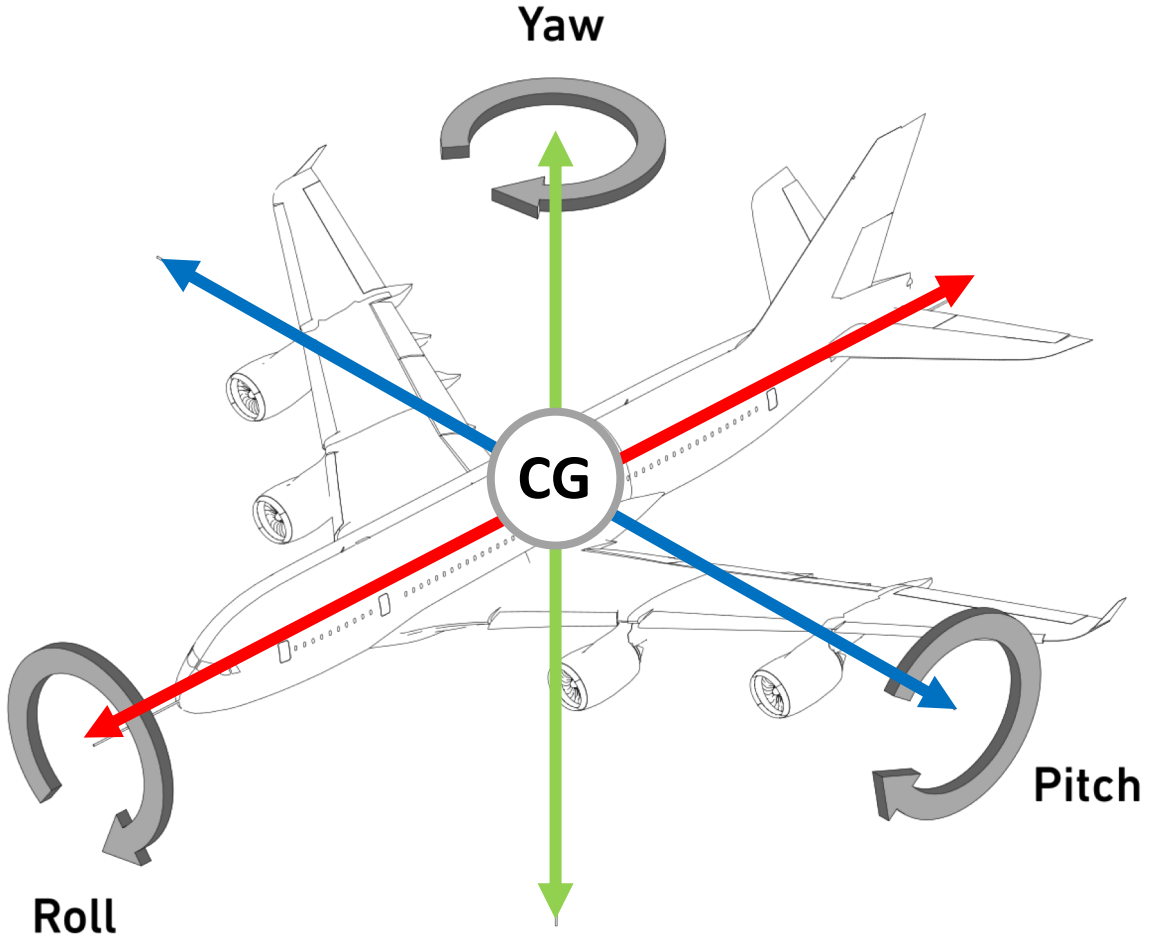
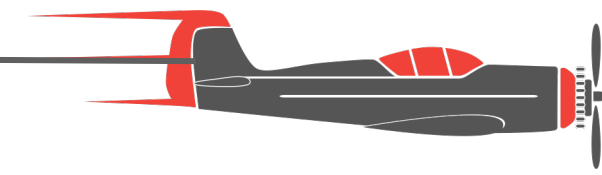
**Move down  
the runway**

**Overcome  
Drag**



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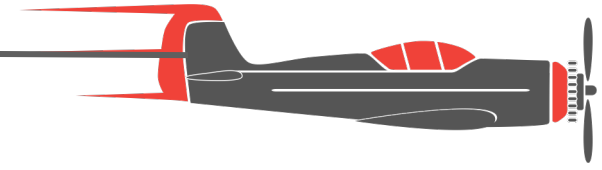
# Aircraft Control



- Control of the aircraft is governed rotation about 3 axes:
  - **Roll axis:** Orients aircraft's horizontal position in the air
  - **Pitch axis:** Orients aircraft's vertical position in the air
  - **Yaw axis:** Orients aircraft's horizontal position in the air

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# Carrying Cargo

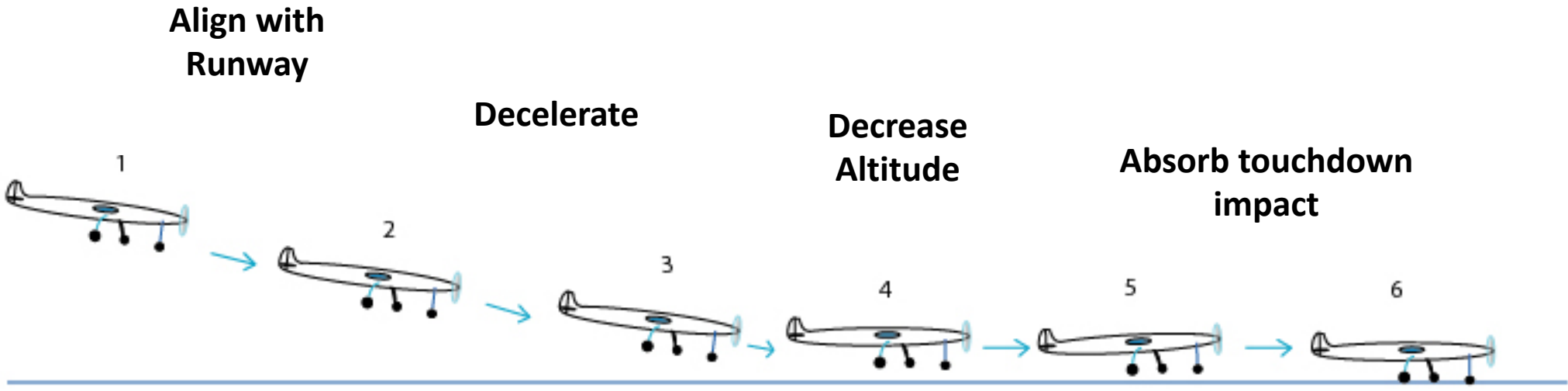
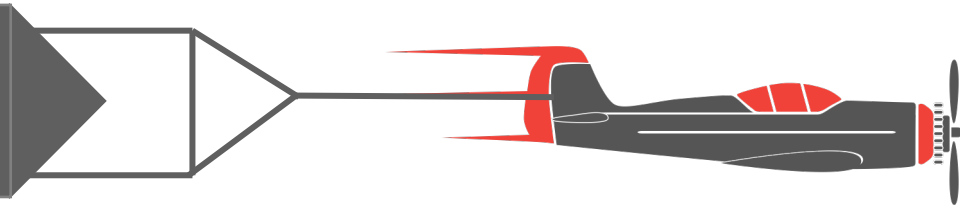


- Load Cargo
  - 1 Size 5 soccer ball
  - 1 pound box cargo
- Secure Cargo
  - Easily accessible
- Unload all cargo in under one minute



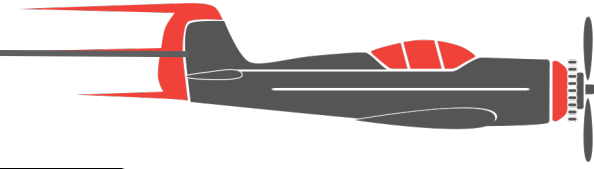
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# Landing



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# Analytical Hierarchy Chart

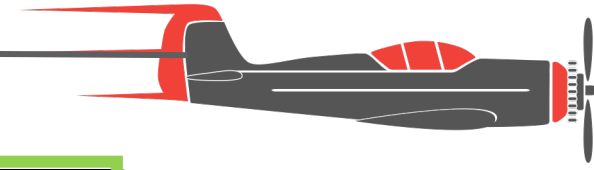


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  - Take-off - 4
  - Control Plane -1
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Create Wing Pressure Difference	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	X	X		X	1
Accelerate	2, 3, 4, 6, 8	X	X	X		1
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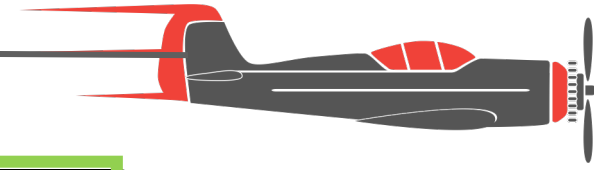


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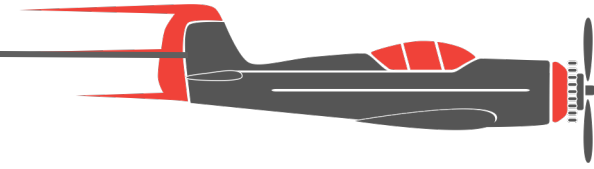
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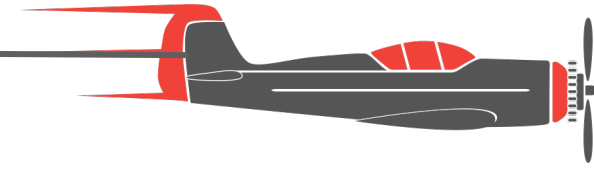


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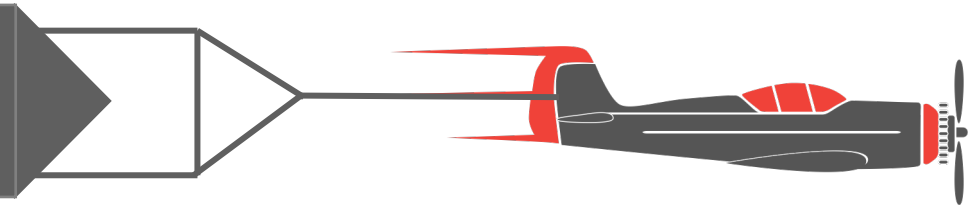


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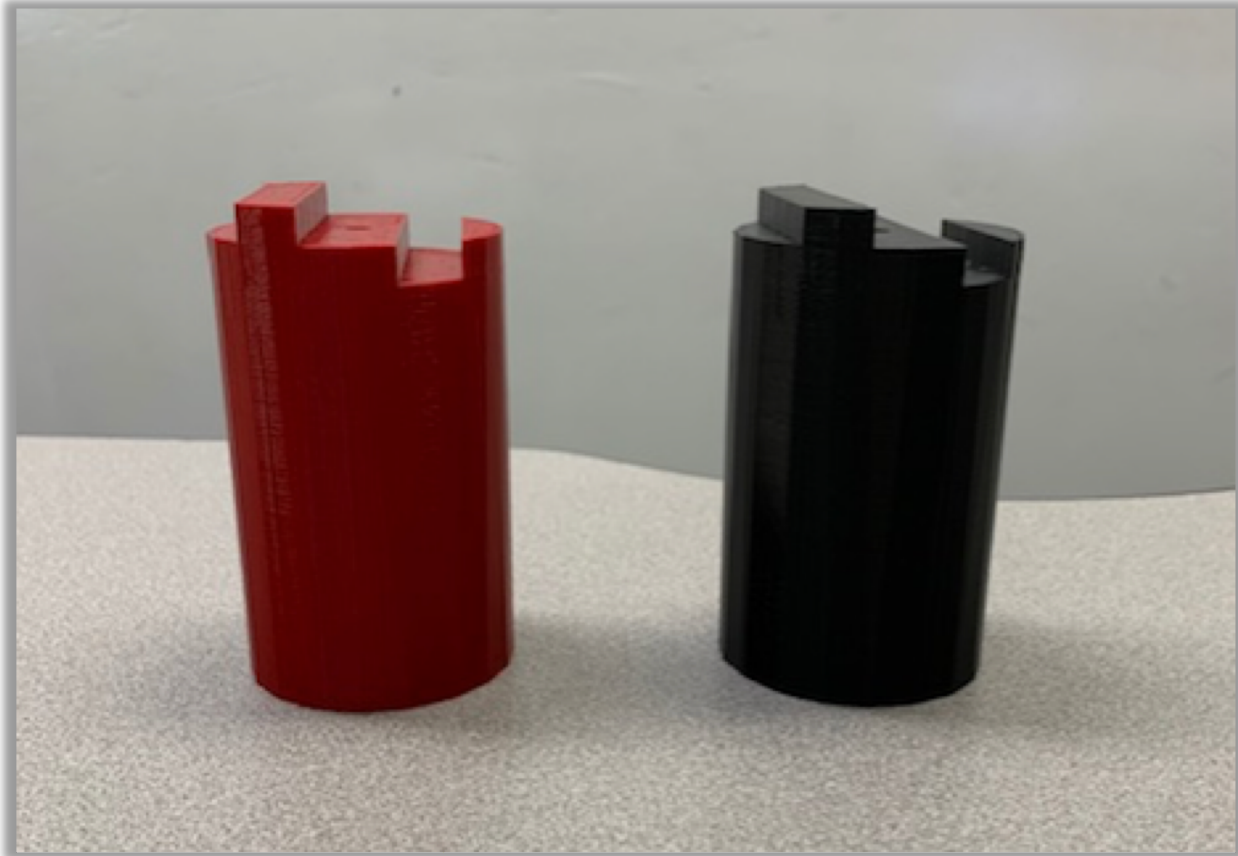
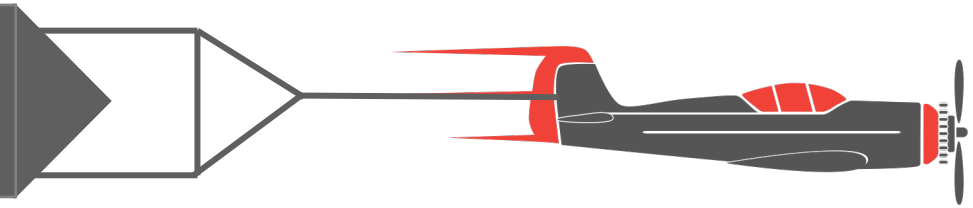
# Accomplishments



- Read and understand the SAE rulebook
- Studied last year's plane to see its pros and cons
- Holding meetings with Team 507 to discuss design concepts
- Contacted different filament companies for sponsorship
- Created plans for testing filament strengths
- Started a professional relationship with Seminole RC Club
- Analyzing innovate connection methods for modular parts

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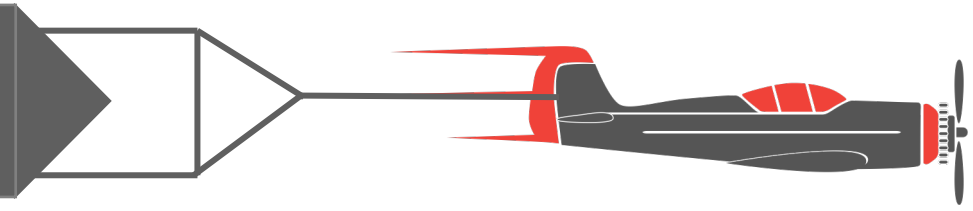
# Accomplishments



- Different woodworking techniques are being studied for connecting parts
- This will help reduce or eliminate the need for adhesives

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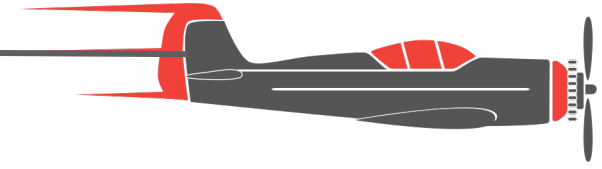
# Accomplishments



- Finger Joint
- Consists of complementing shafts and gaps that are pressed together
- Pins can be used
- Connects parallel and perpendicular parts

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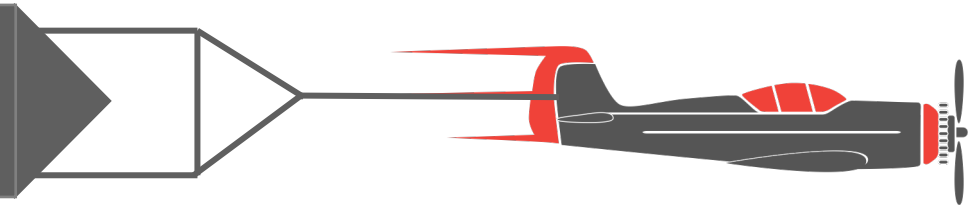
# Future Work



- Test filaments and choose the best one
- Determine the empty aircraft weight
- Pick the best modular connecting method(s)
- Learn any needed simulation software
- Work with Team 507 to finalize airfoil shape and size

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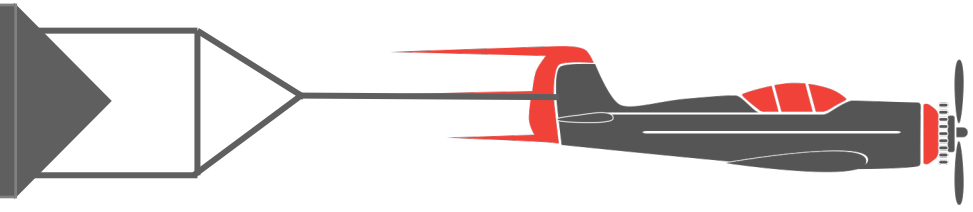
# Key Takeaways



1. The objective of the project is to design and 3D print an RC airplane to compete in the SAE Aero Design Competition
2. Sponsorship outside of FSGC is being pursued
3. Studies in material strength and connection methods are underway
4. Meetings with Team 507 are taking place to make design decisions
5. Last year's plane is being studied but not rebuilt

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