Knob Handler



Team Yellow B

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Objective

To aid those with limited strength and/or dexterity in gripping...

- Door knobs
- Jar lids
- Sink faucets
- Etc.

Customer Needs

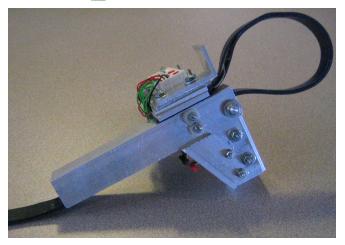
Flexible

Portable

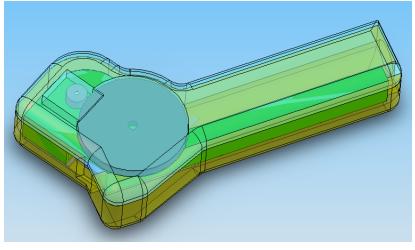
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"Invisible"

Purpose of Mockup



- Sketch Model
 - Function over form



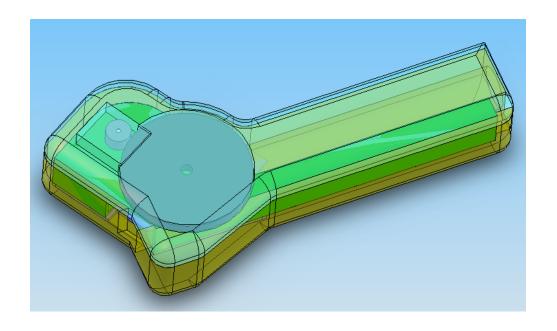
- Mockup Model
 - Form over function

Critical Requirements

Compactness

Form

Low cost



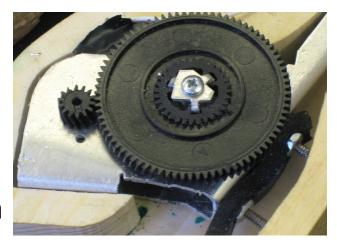
Compactness

Actuator

- Miniature DC motor or linear actuator
- Measured torque-speed curves
- Design Selection: Mitsumi R 142021 DC Motor

Drivetrain

- Gears or leadscrew
- Estimated gear reduction
- Benchmarking
- Leadscrew model
- Design Selection: Spur gear drivetrain



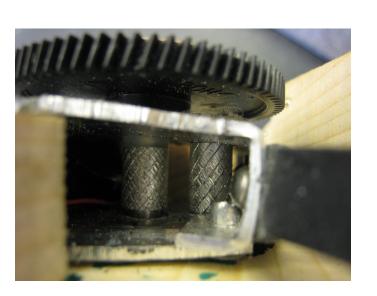
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- User Interface
 - Ergonomic
 - Easy to handle buttons
 - Design Selection:Momentary switches
- Weight
 - Minimal

Challenges

- Drivetrain
 - Rollers were unreliable
 - Too far off peak power
 - Too many batteries
- Size
 - Device is "large and bulky looking" according to one customer
- Electronics
 - Can short out battery



Future Iterations

- Continue to reduce size
 - Fewer batteries
- Improve drivetrain
 - Tooth belt or timing belt
- Safety
 - Torque limiters
 - Clutches
- Reduce weight
 - Injection molded plastic
- Ensure balance

