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Portable Wind Turbine

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Overview

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Project Scope and Objectives

- Objective: create lightweight, portable wind turbine that is easy to assemble and disassemble so that inexperienced operators may use the device.
- Revised Objectives/Constraints
 1. Operate in wind speeds of 4 m/s (~9 mph) at an approximate height of 2m
 2. Lightweight (80 lb max)
 3. Easy to assemble and disassemble
 4. Prototype (Budget of \$2,000)
 5. Power output of 5W

Turbine Body - Design

- Design modeled in Creo Parametric
- FEA Analysis
- RISA 3D

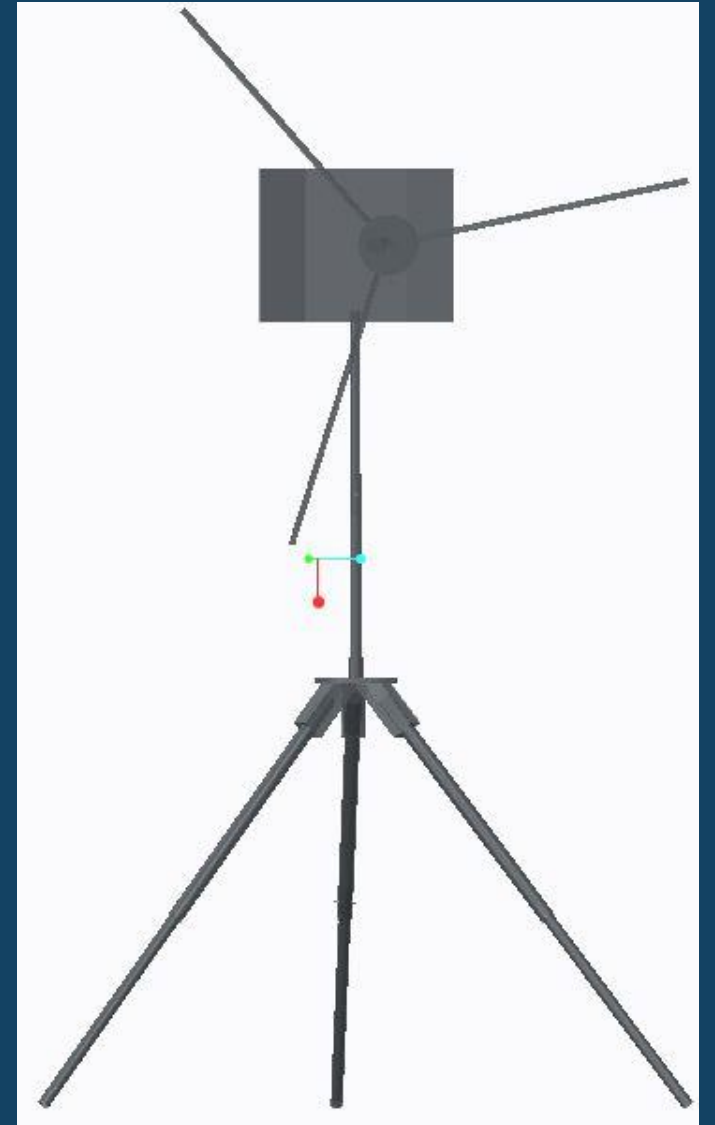


Figure 1. Turbine Base Design

Turbine Body- Design Cont.

- Telescoping Legs
 - To accommodate for sloped surface
 - Clamps
 - Testing
- Plate connecting legs and neck
- All Terrain Feet
 - Screwed into bottom of legs

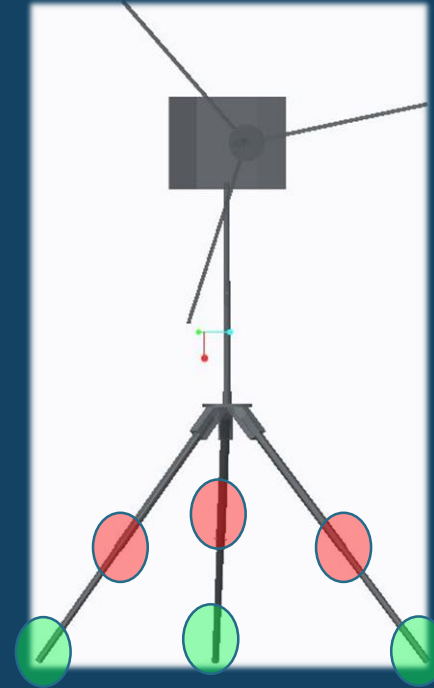


Figure 2. Part location



Figure 3. Tube Clamp



Figure 4. Base Feet

Turbine Body - Calculations

- Determined maximum angle of legs
 - 55.44 degrees
 - Chose 50 degrees
- Failure Calculations
 - Bending and Axial Stress
 - 11.93 ksi with a factor of safety of 2.93
 - Buckling
 - Negligible
 - Shear
 - Negligible

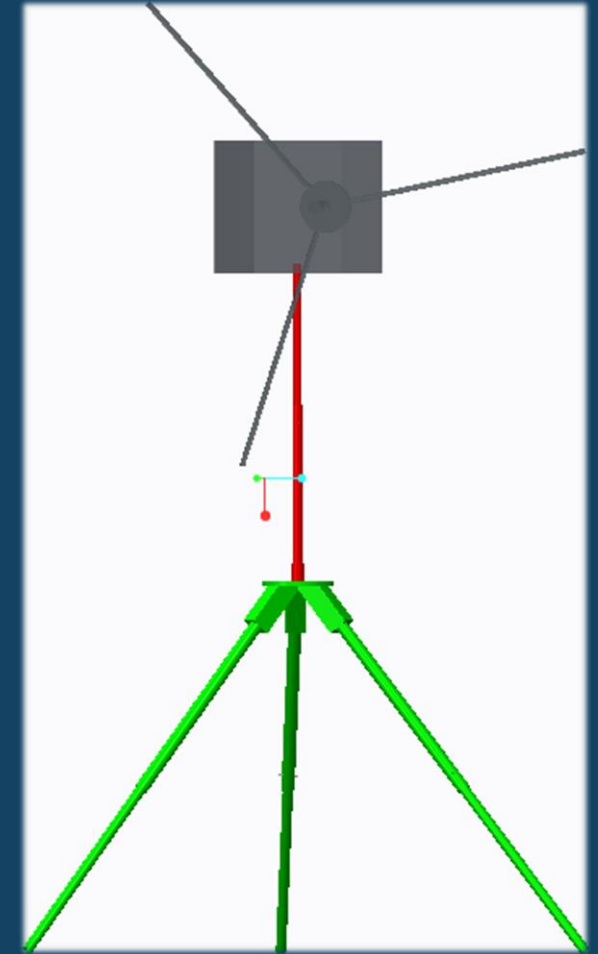


Figure 5. Turbine Base

Turbine Body - Calculations

- Overturning wind speed
 - 9.26 m/s (20.8 mph)
 - 6.55 m/s (14.7 mph)
- "Bump" Displacement
 - 15.5 inches at center of nacelle

Base – Nacelle Connection

- Must allow easy assembly/disassembly
 - Minimize/eliminate tools required
- Selected Steering Wheel Quick Release

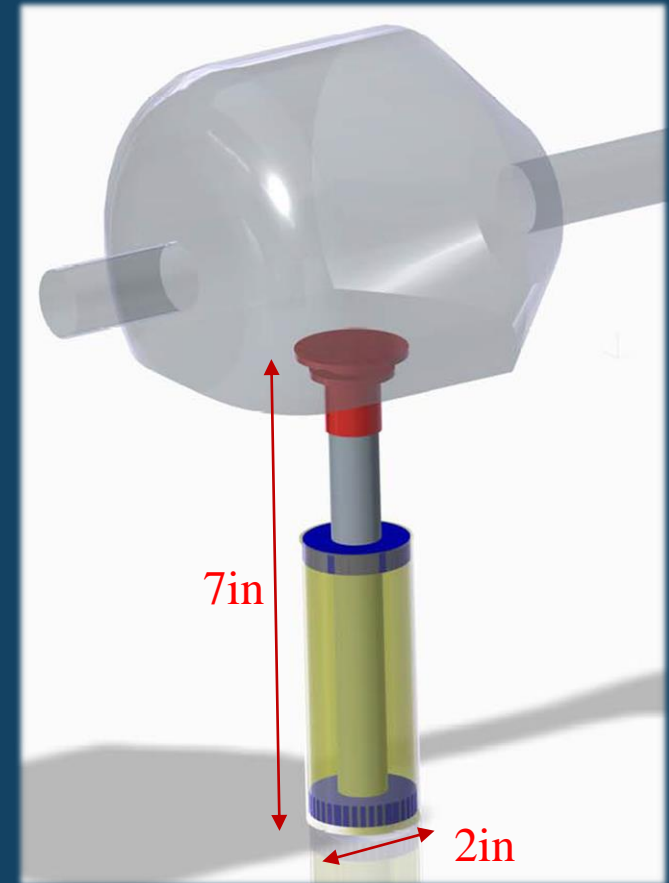


Figure 6. Joining of Nacelle and Base

Electrical Components

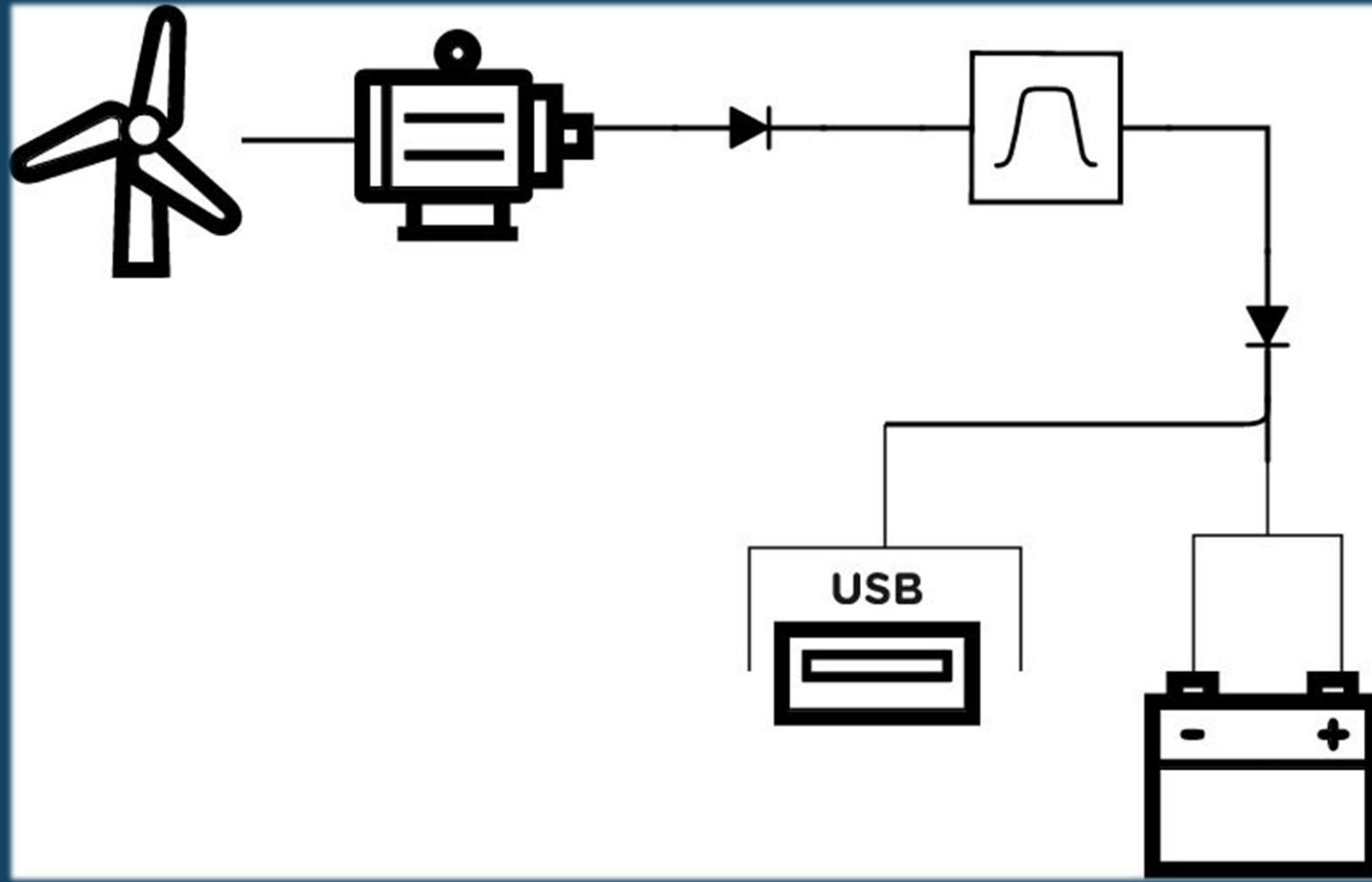


Figure 7. Electrical Schematic

Electrical Components - Generator

- Selected WindBlue Power DC-540
 - Permanent Magnet Alternator
 - Designed for low wind
 - Ordered - \$239.00



Figure 8. Digital Tachometer



Figure 9. DC-540 PMA Generator

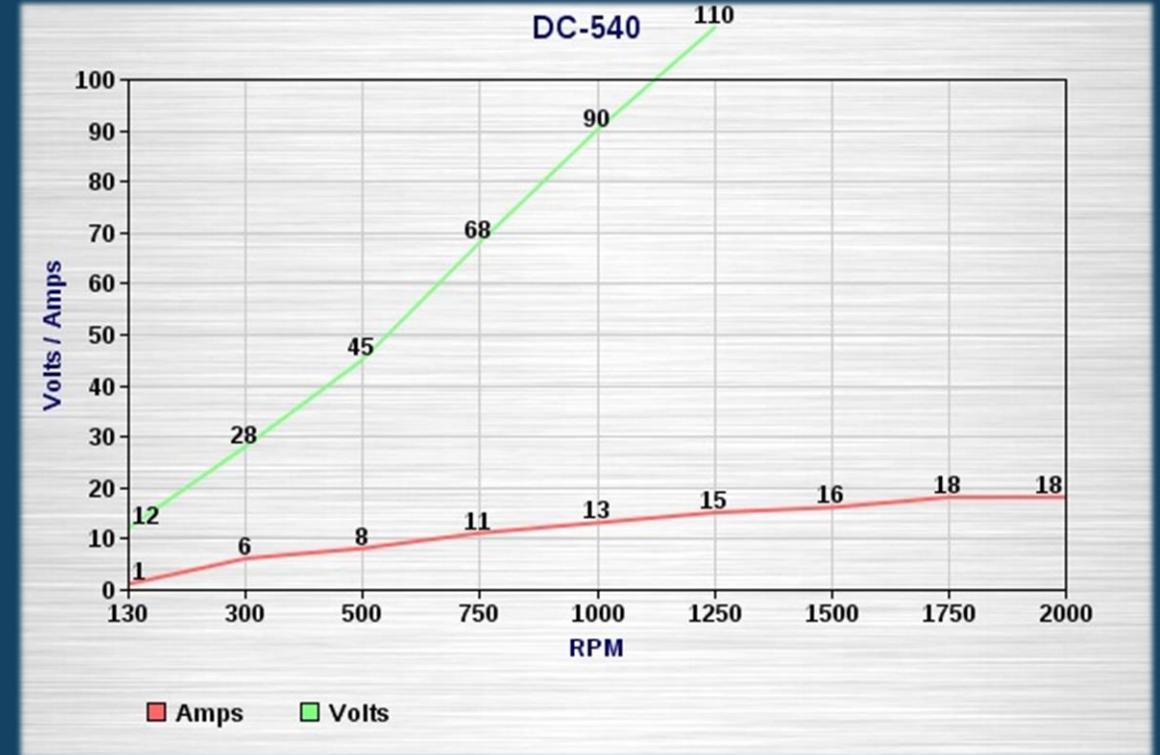


Figure 10. DC-540 PMA RPM vs Volts and Amps

Blade Connection

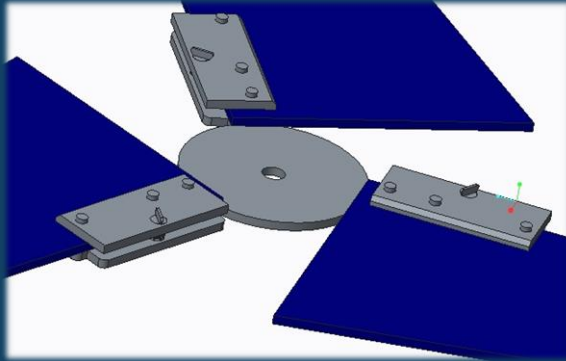


Figure 11. Pressure Clamps

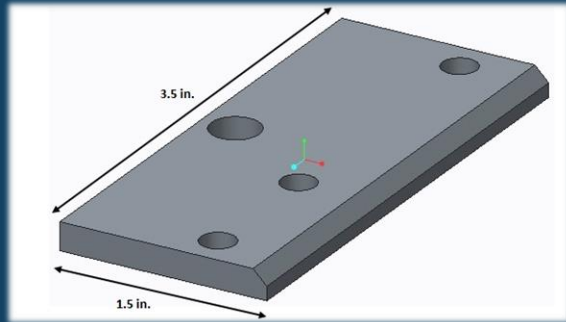


Figure 12. One side of clamp

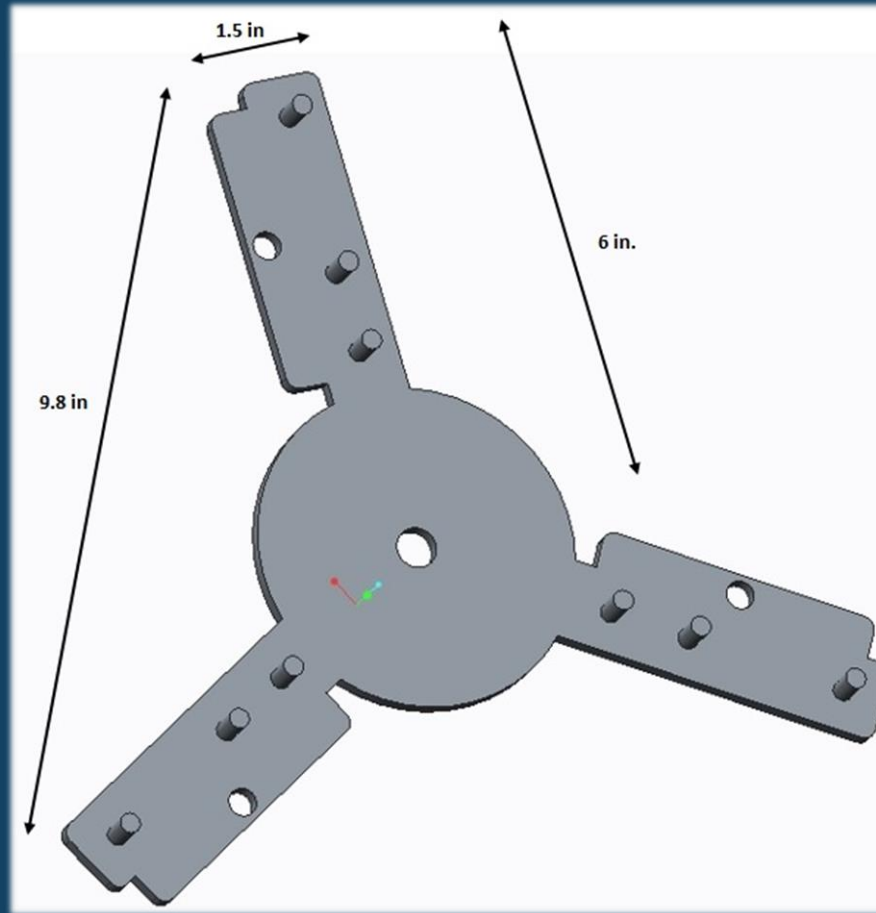


Figure 13. Clamp hub

- No tools needed
- Thumb screws reduce parts
- Waterjet and welding

Blade Connection (Chosen Design)

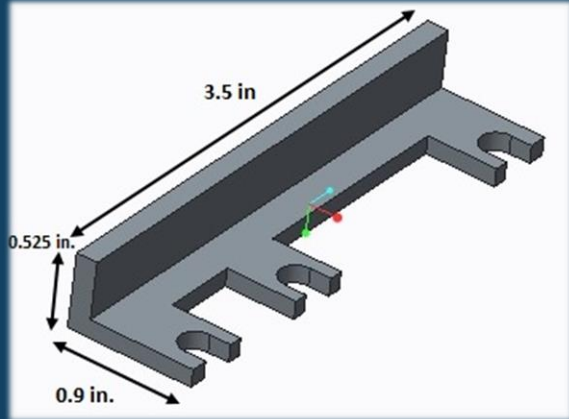


Figure 14. Tri-clip

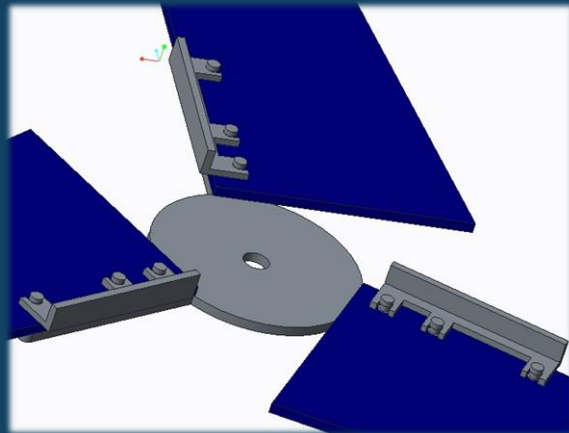


Figure 15. Clip design

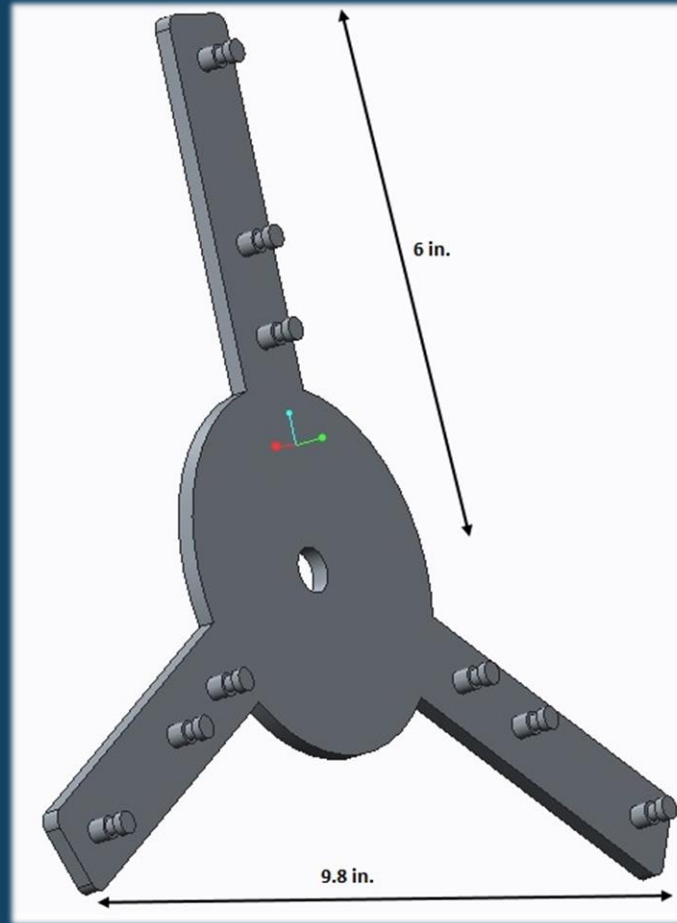


Figure 16. Clip hub

- Flexible, durable 1095 Spring Steel
- Variation of “e-clip”
- Groove and clip secure blade
- Cyclic loading tests, for failure.

Turbine Blades (Cont.)

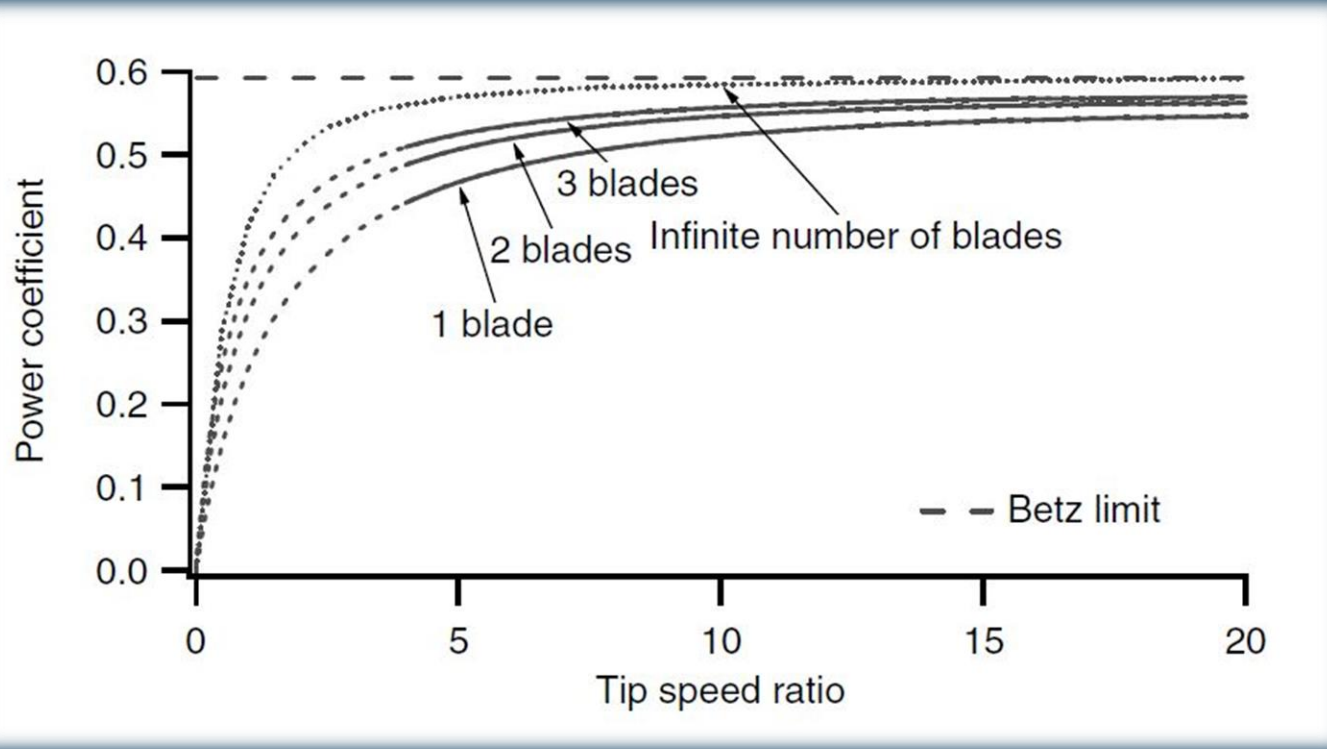


Figure 17. Power coefficient vs. TSR

$$\text{Tip Speed Ratio (TSR)} = \frac{\omega * R}{V_w}$$

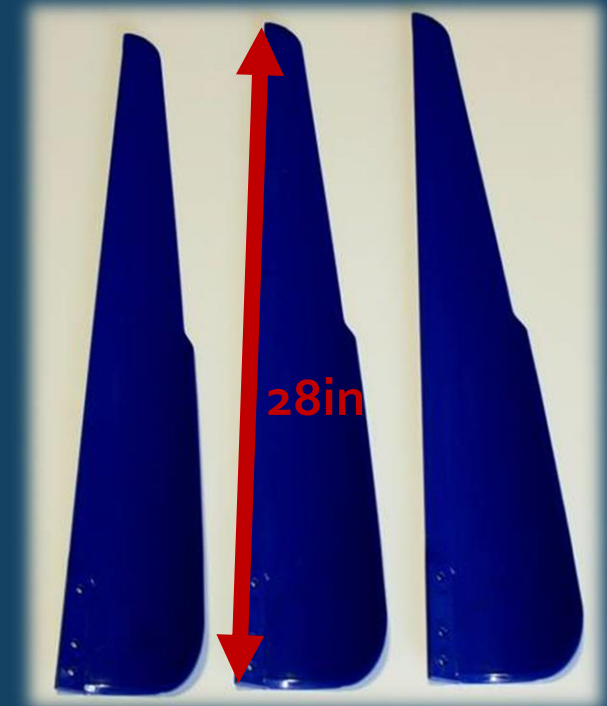
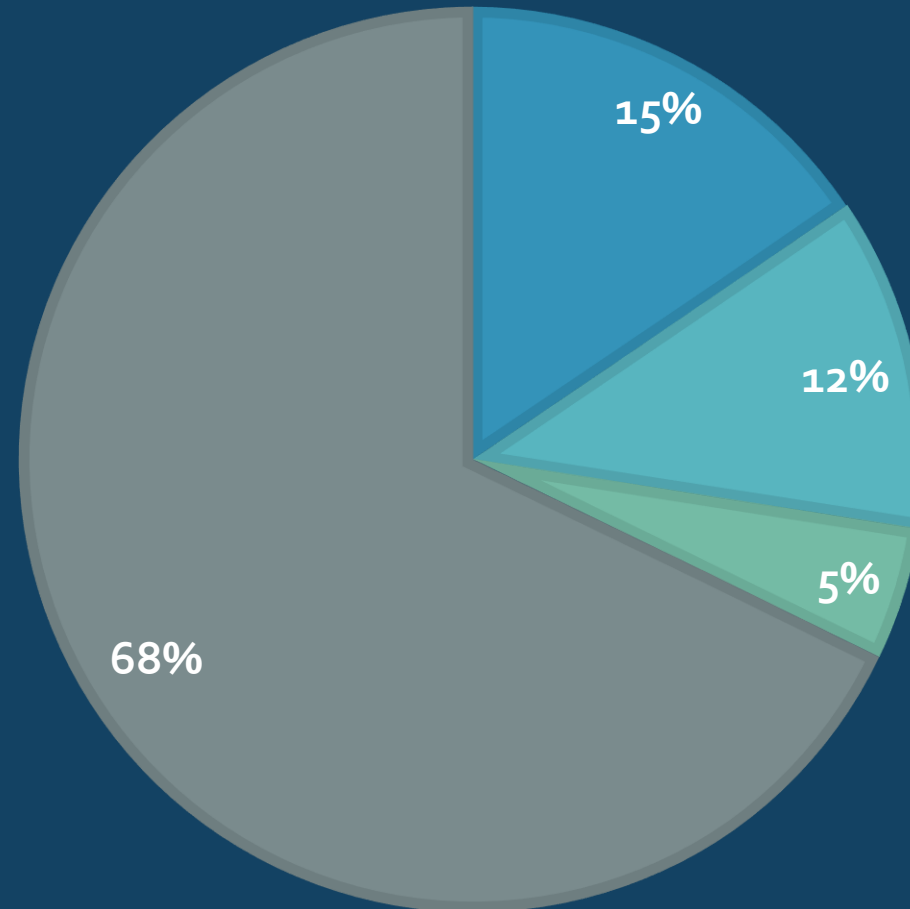


Figure 18. Selected blades.

Budget

PORTABLE WIND TURBINE BUDGET

■ Body ■ Electrical ■ Nacelle ■ Remaining



Moving Forward

- Electrical System
 - Test Generator Power Output
 - Final Selection of Parts
 - Charge Controller
 - Battery
- Base
 - Clamp Testing
 - Fabrication and Assembly of Parts
- Nacelle
 - Nacelle casing



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Questions?

Appendix

Calculations

Overturning Equations

- $W_{Min} = \frac{2F_W H}{L \sin \phi}$

- $F_W = \frac{W_T L \sin \phi}{2H}$

- If $W_T = 30lb$ and the over turning axis is the minimum distance,
 - $F_W = 6.55 \frac{m}{s}$ (14.7 mph)
- If $W_T = 30lb$ and the over turning axis is over the extended foot,
 - $F_W = 9.26 \frac{m}{s}$ (20.8 mph)

Maximum Angle of Legs (Phi)

To still account for a 15 degree slope and have 28 inch leg segments

- 2 axis that could require slop adjustment
 - A. 2 legs parallel on slope with one extended away
 - Maximum angle: 55.44 degrees
 - B. 1 leg on slope with other 2 legs extended away
 - Maximum angle: 60.45 degrees
- Neither calculation accounted for the additional leg length caused by:
 - Need for welded piece to exceed 2"
 - Right now accounting for complete overlap. Will not be.
 - Feet adding to the 56 inch leg length
- Additional leg length causes slightly lower maximum angles of legs
 - Since the adjustable part remains constant at 26 inches.
- Max angle if actual leg length increases 2 inches to 56 inches:
 - A. 53.80 degrees
 - B. 59.13 degrees
- Conservatively, choose 50 degrees
 - Tripods on the market use 30 degrees as their angle.

Maximum Angle of Legs (Phi) Equations

- A.
$$\frac{3 \times L \times \sin\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan \phi}{2}\right)\right) \times \tan \theta \times \sin(90 - \theta)}{\sin\left(90 + \theta - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan \phi}{2}\right)\right)} = \Delta L$$

- B.
$$\frac{3 \times L \times \sin(\phi) \times \tan \theta \times \sin(90 - \theta)}{\sin(90 + \theta - \phi)} = \Delta L$$

- Where all angles are in degrees, Theta is the slope, Phi is the angle of the legs from the vertical, L is the length of the legs, and Delta L is the length that the legs are able to adjust.

Failure of Members

- *Due to Stress*

- $\sigma = \sigma_{Axial} + \sigma_{Bending}$

- $\sigma_{Axial} = \frac{F}{A}$

- $\sigma_{Bending} = \frac{Mc}{I}$

- *Due to Buckling*

- $P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{k^2 L^2}$

- *Variables*

- $E_{alum} = 10,000 \text{ ksi}$ $\sigma_{y_{alum}} = 35 \text{ ksi}$

- $k_{neck} = 2.0$ $k_{leg} = 0.7$ $c = \frac{d_0}{2}$

- $L_{leg} = 26 \text{ inches}$ $L_{neck} = 26 \text{ inches}$

$$I_{pipe} = \left(\frac{\pi(d_0^4 - d_i^4)}{64} \right)$$

Failure of Legs Equations

- Stress:

- $\sigma_{legsroller} = \left(\frac{\left(W_T + 2FW \frac{H}{L \sin \phi} \right) L \sin \phi}{3} \frac{d_0}{2} \frac{64}{\pi(d_0^4 - d_i^4)} \right) + \left(\frac{4 \left(W_T + 2FW \frac{H}{L \sin \phi} \right) \cos \phi}{3\pi(d_0^2 - d_i^2)} \right)$

- $\sigma_{legspin} = \left(\frac{\left(F_W \cos \phi - \left(W_T + 2FW \frac{H}{L \sin \phi} \right) \sin \phi \right) L}{3} \frac{d_0}{2} \frac{64}{\pi(d_0^4 - d_i^4)} \right) + \left(\frac{4 \left(W_T + 2FW \frac{H}{L \sin \phi} \right) \cos \phi}{3\pi(d_0^2 - d_i^2)} \right)$

- Buckling:

- $W_{Max} = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi^2 EI}{k^2 L_{leg\ seg.}^2} \right) - \left(\frac{2FW}{3 \sin \phi} \right)}{3 \cos \phi}$

Failure of Neck Equations

- Bending

- $$\sigma_{Neck} = \left(\frac{(H-L \cos \phi) F_W \frac{d_0}{2}}{\left(\frac{\pi(d_0^4 - d_i^4)}{64} \right)} \right) + \left(\frac{4W_N}{\pi(d_0^2 - d_i^2)} \right)$$

- Buckling

- $$W_{Max} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{k^2 L_{neck}^2}$$

'Bump' Load

- Where the Nacelle is 'bumped' and is offset a distance.
 - Checked against overturning

$$W_{Min} = \frac{F_W \left(H \cos \theta + \frac{L}{2} \sin \phi \sin \theta \right)}{\left(\frac{L}{2} \sin \phi \cos \theta - H \sin \theta \right)}$$

$$F_{W_{Max}} = \frac{W_T \left(\frac{L}{2} \sin \phi \cos \theta - H \sin \theta \right)}{\left(H \cos \theta + \frac{L}{2} \sin \phi \sin \theta \right)}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{Offset Distance}}{H + \frac{L}{2} \sin \phi} \right)$$

- Maximum offset 'bump' distance under normal conditions:
 - 15.55 inches (at center of nacelle)
 - 8 inches was goal
 - Equivalent to having the turbine on a 9 degree sloped surface (max slope under normal conditions)

Shear Calculations

- $\tau = \frac{V}{A}$
- Due to Pins on Tube
 - Negligible
 - $\tau_{tube} = \frac{V}{d_0 L_{leg\ seg.}}$
- Due to Tube on Pins
 - Still Negligible, though significantly larger, depending on selected pin size.
 - $\tau_{pin} = \frac{V}{\left(\frac{\pi(d_0^2 - d_i^2)}{4}\right)}$