Separation Connector Improvement



Progress Update Presentation

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Project Overview

Original Separation Connection



Problem Statement

 The goal for this project is to design and prototype a perfectly reliable, inexpensive, and easily manufacturable separation connector

Constraints

- No greater than 25% larger than current design
- Weigh less than or equal to the current design
- Material cannot out-gas in a vacuum
- Must not de-mate prematurely
- Male end of the connector must remain unchanged

Final Design -Cross-Sectional View-



Final Design -Exploded View-



Final Design Components

- Coupling
- Male end
- Female end
- Leash ring
- Leash cord
- Ball bearing collar
- Springs
- Ball bearings
- Pressure plate

Final Design Materials

- Aluminum 6061 T6 for Coupling and Female End-Manufactured by Create Tech Enterprise
- Stainless Steel Ball Bearings
- Stainless Steel Compression Springs

Final Design Animation







Manufacturing

- Ball Bearings Supplied from Bal-Tec of Micro Surface Engineering Inc.
- Springs Supplied from Century Spring Corp.
- Rapid Prototyping
 o 3-D Printing
- Machining-Final Prototype

 Create Tech Enterprises-CNC Lathe

Gantt Chart



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