



# Payload Separation System

## Concept Generation and Selection

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# In Review

## (Payload Separation System)

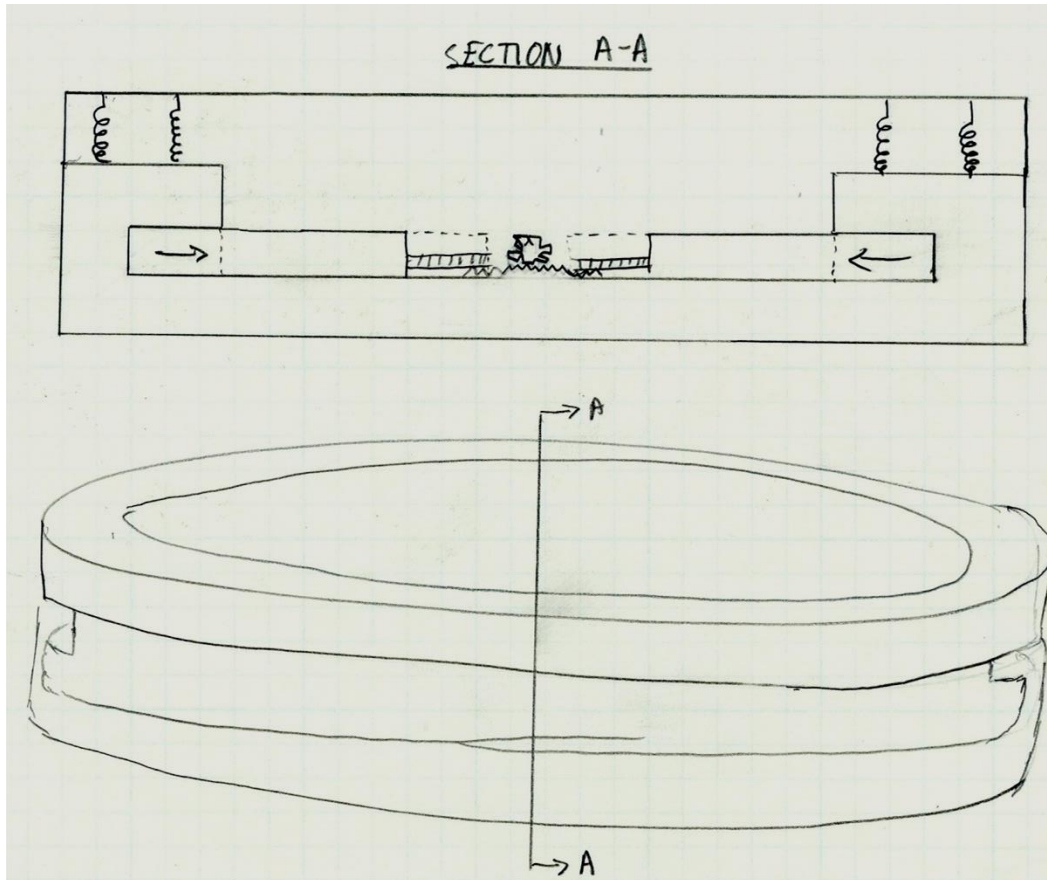
- ▶ Problem Statement:
  - Design, analyze, build, and test a less expensive payload separation system that delivers payloads into orbit with minimal shock to the payload.
- ▶ Client:
  - Orbital Sciences Corporation
    - Mary Rogers: Electronic Packaging and Actuators Manager
    - Stakeholders: Companies/Agencies whom contract with Orbital Sciences

# Updated QFD

Scale 1, 3, 6, 9 (best)	Objectives	Customer Weights	Engineering Requirements			
			1. Minimum Tolerances	2. Cost	3. Part Count	4. Lead Time
1.	Separate Payload	9	9	9	3	
2.	No Debris	9			6	
3.	Minimal Shock	6		9	1	
4.	Structural Capabilities	9	6	6		
5.	No Re-contact	9		3		
6.	Light Weight	6		6	9	1
7.	Fit Pegasus Dimensional Constraints	9	9	1	3	3
8.	Ease of Assembly	3	9	6	9	1
9.	Special Tools to Assemble	3	9	9		9
10.	Mass Added to Payload	9			1	
11.	Mass of Entire System	9		3		
		<b>Raw Score</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>63</b>
		<b>Relative Weight [%]</b>	<b>31.03%</b>	<b>38.28%</b>	<b>23.45%</b>	<b>7.24%</b>
		<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>+/- mm</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>ul*</b>	<b>min</b>
		<b>*ul = unitless</b>				

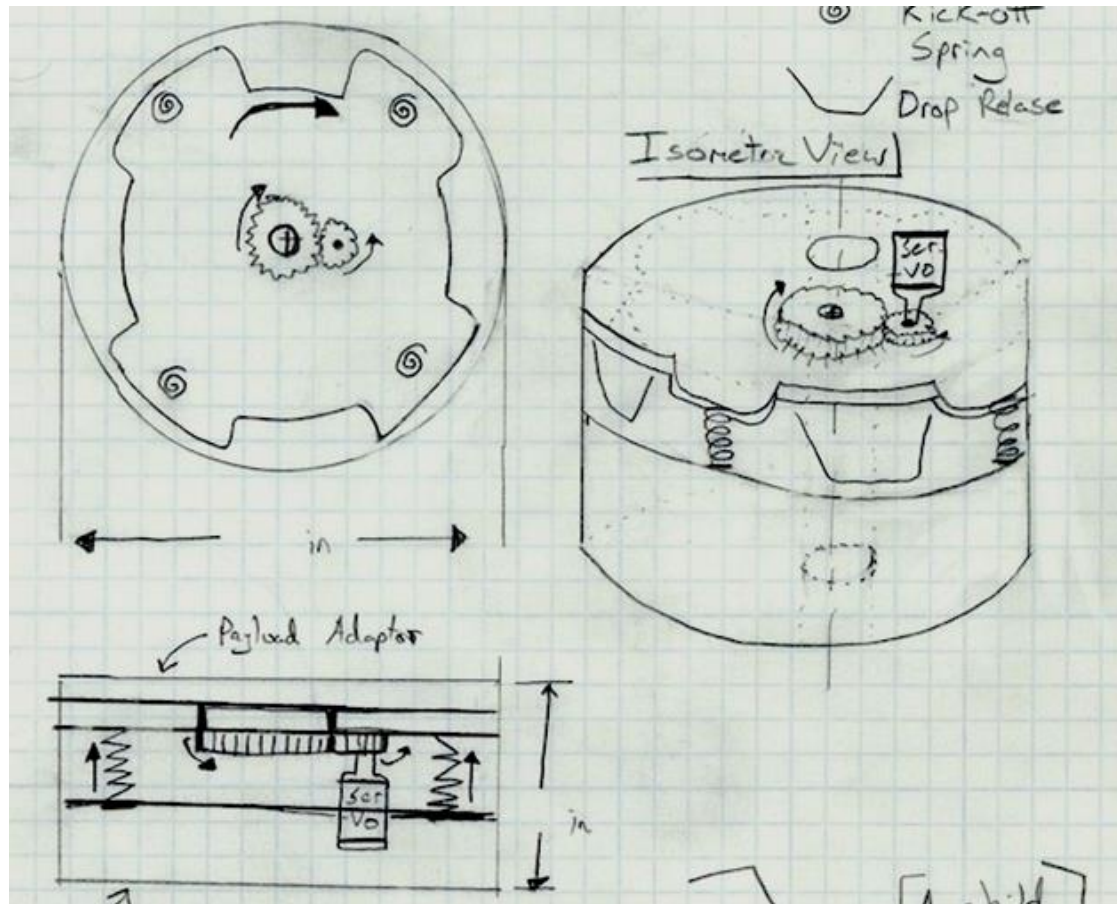
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# Design Concept 1: Interlock



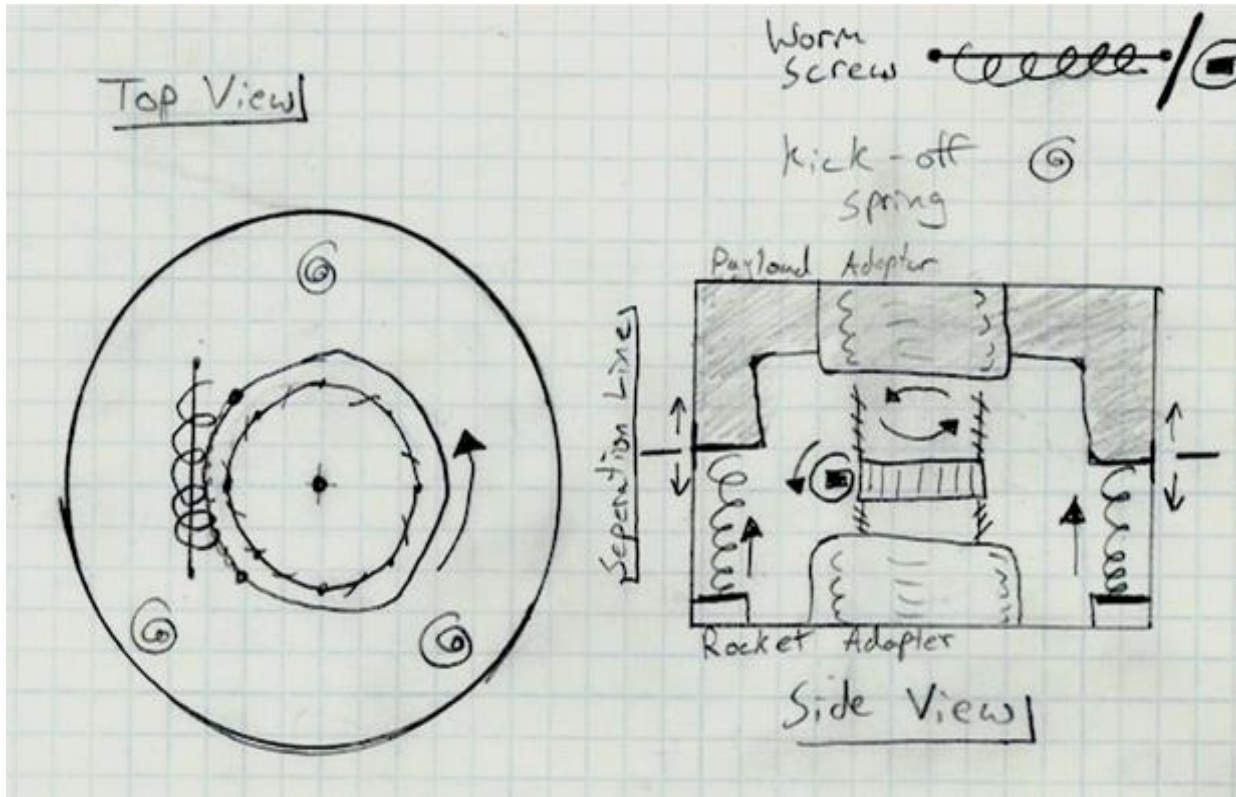
- Motor driven panels
- Spring loaded

# Design Concept 2: Blender



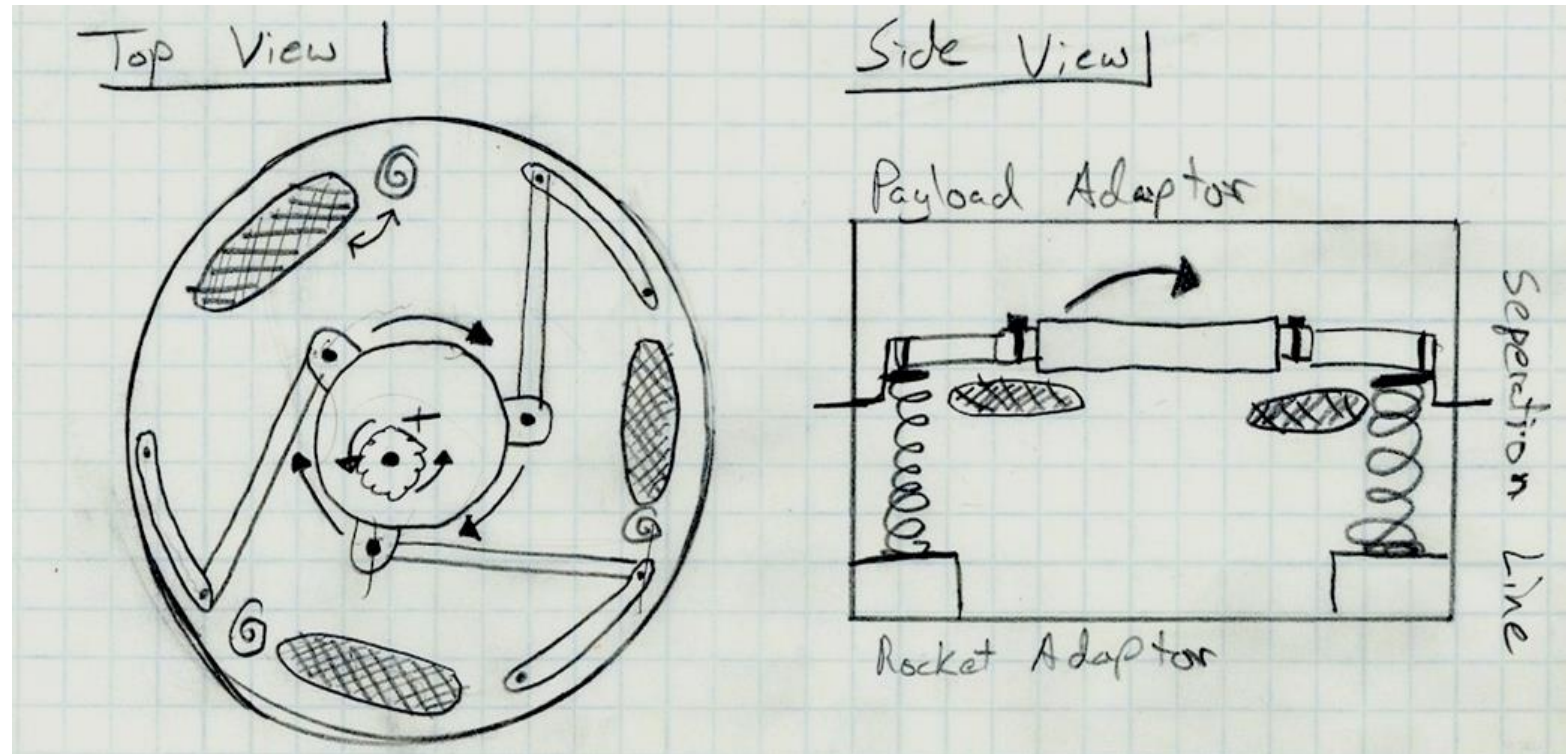
- A four toothed gear rotates via servo
- Once gears in position, springs are free to separate payload

# Design Concept 3: The Worm



- Two sided worm bolt holds the payload to the rocket
- Worm bolt rotates until threads are free of payload
- Preloaded springs separate payload from launch vehicle

# Design Concept 4: Tangent Spoke

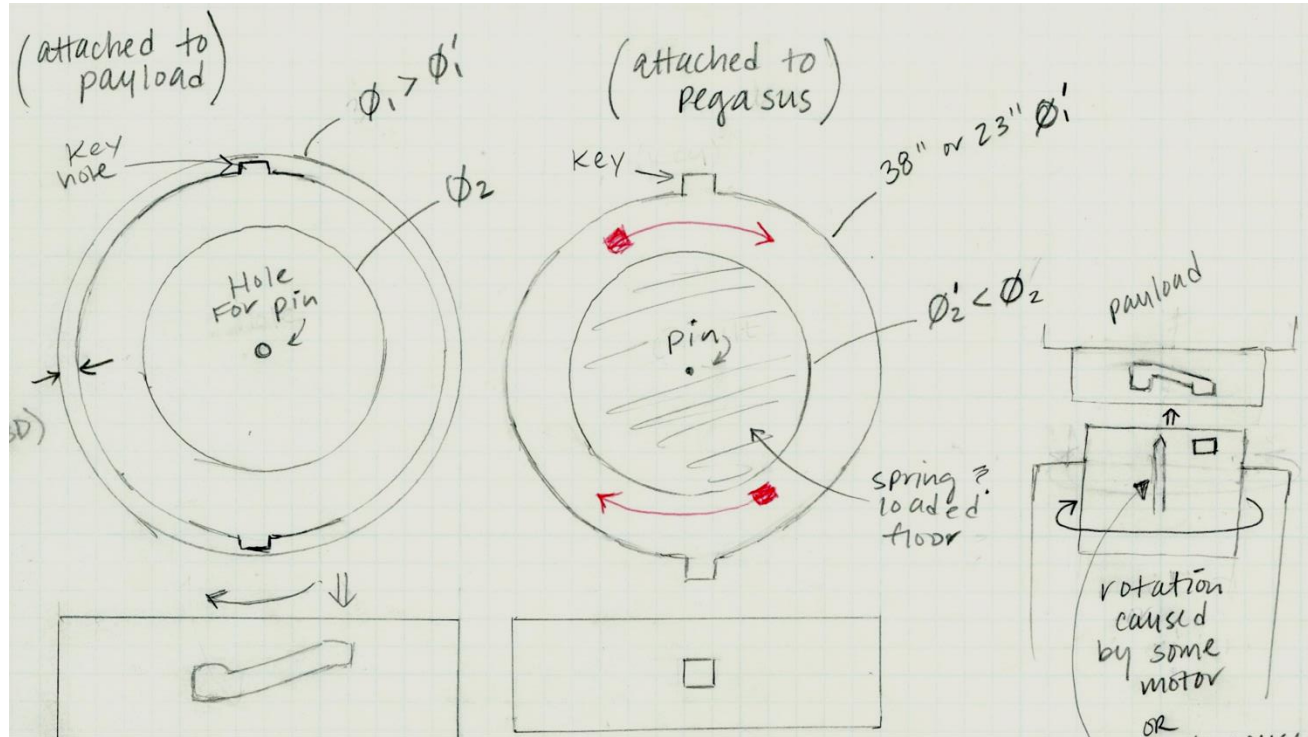


- Servo motor turns center shaft
- Spokes travel along slots until the plate has rotated in position for the springs to separate payload

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# Design Concept 5: BNC



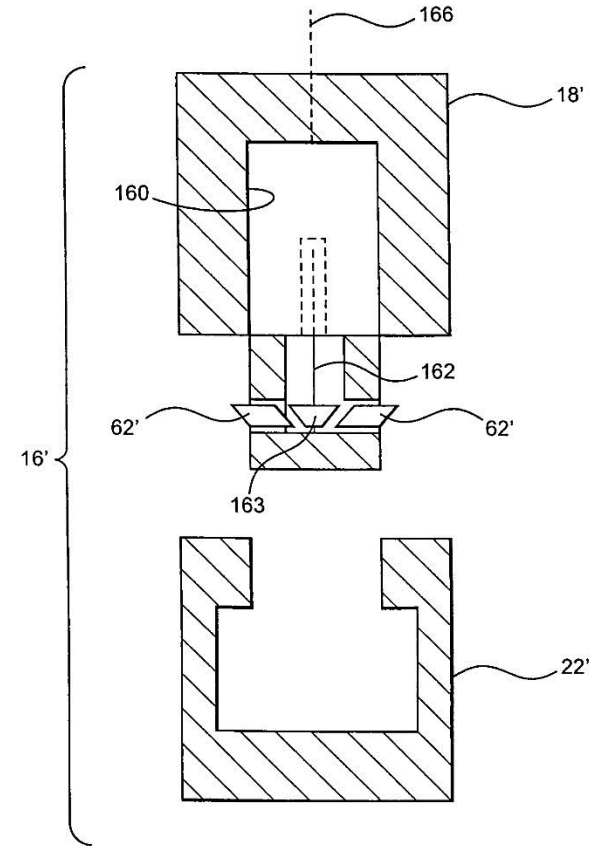
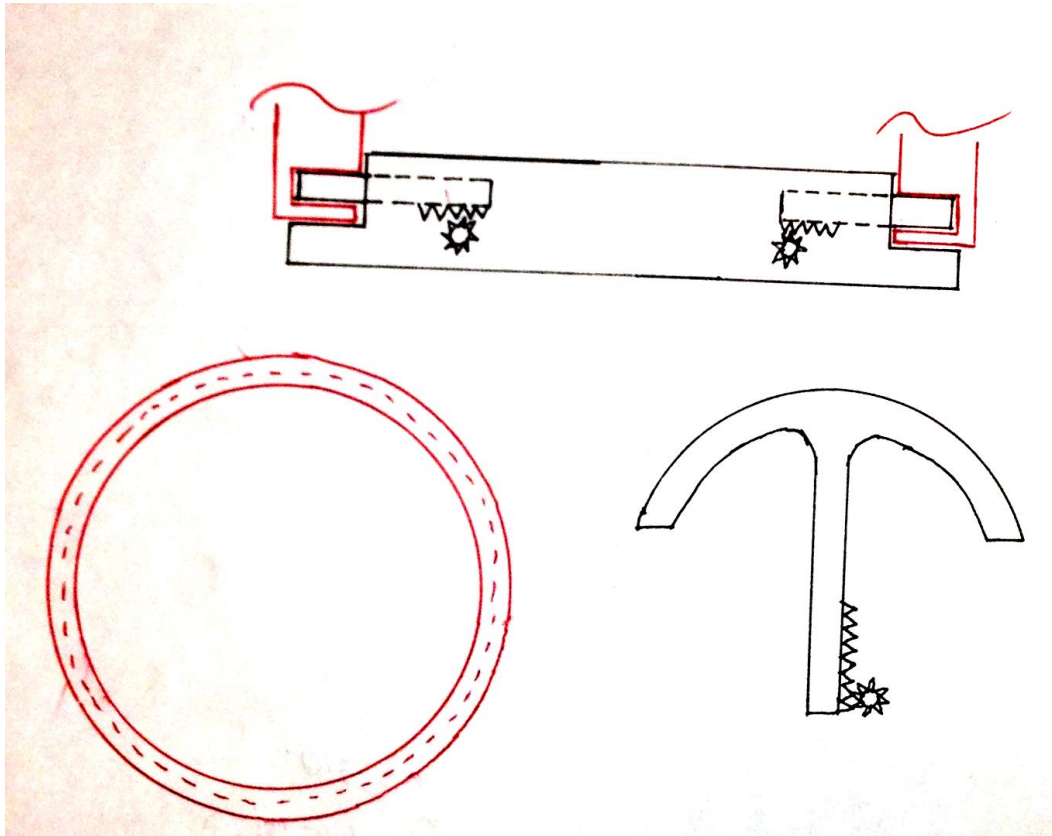
- Motor rotates inner cylinder releasing larger cylinder attached to the payload
- Preloaded springs under floor push away the payload

# Decision Matrix

	Weight	Interlock Solution 1	Blender Solution 2	The Worm Solution 3	Tangent Spoke Solution 4	BNC Solution 5
scale 1, 3, 6, 9 Best						
Part Count	6	6	9	3	1	9
Minimal Shock	9	3	3	6	1	1
Cost	6	6	3	1	3	6
Manufacturability	6	9	9	1	1	9
Debris	9	9	9	6	9	9
Separate Payload	9	9	3	9	6	9
Weight	3	6	1	6	6	3
Ease of Assembly	3	6	9	6	3	6
Structural Capability	9	6	6	6	6	6
Mass Added to Payload	9	9	1	3	9	1
Score		486	354	336	336	405

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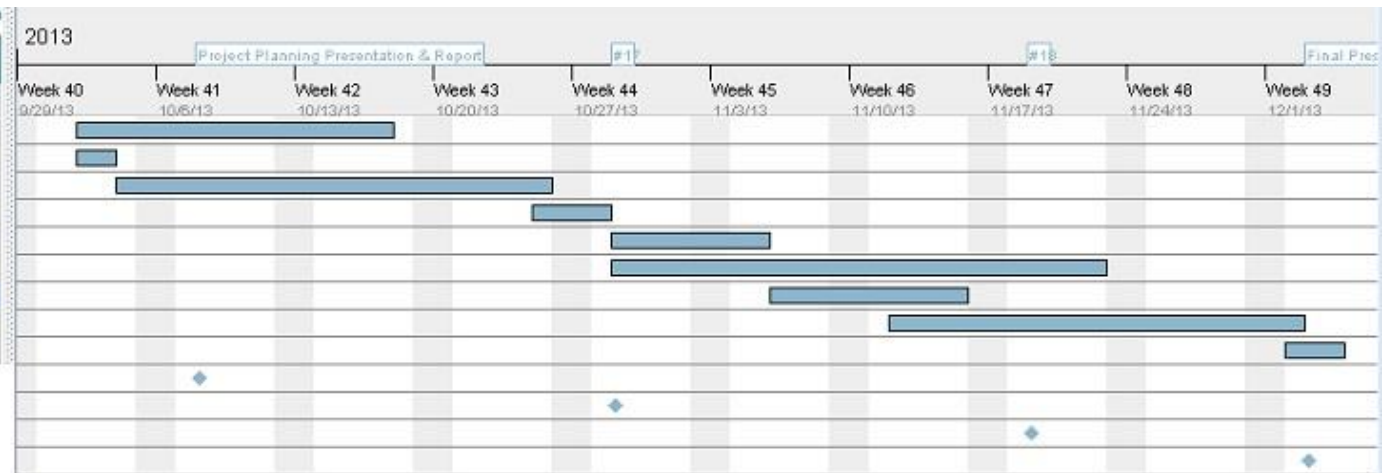
# Payload Separation System: Final Design



# Gantt Chart

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Name	Begin date	End date
• Research	10/2/13	10/17/13
• Brainstorming	10/2/13	10/3/13
• Design Sketches	10/4/13	10/25/13
• Decision Matrix	10/25/13	10/28/13
• CAD Drawings	10/29/13	11/5/13
• Engineering Analysis	10/29/13	11/22/13
• Prototype	11/6/13	11/15/13
• Final Design	11/12/13	12/2/13
• Bill of Materials	12/2/13	12/4/13



# Conclusion

- ▶ We are designing a Payload Separation System for Orbital Sciences and Mary Rogers is our contact.
- ▶ The QFD had been updated post meeting with Mary Rogers.
- ▶ The team created 5 initial design concepts and concluded on a final design using a decision matrix.
- ▶ The final design is tentative due to further analysis and complexity.

# References

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