



Payload Separation System

Engineering Analysis

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Overview

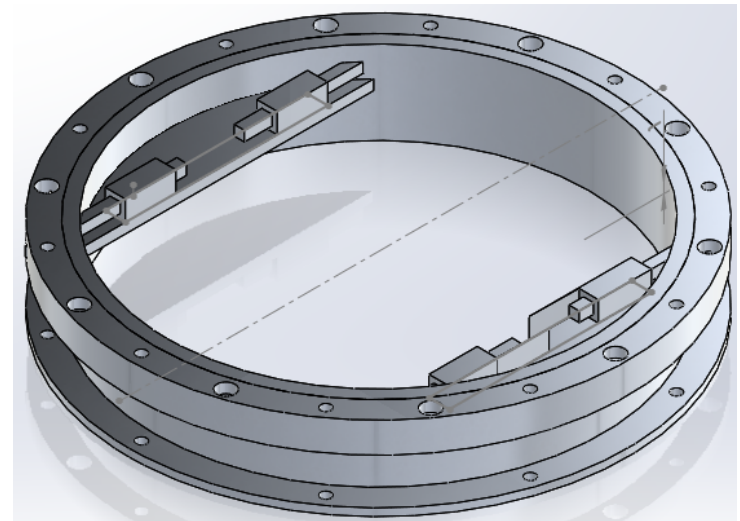
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Payload Separation System

- ▶ 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

Isometric View:

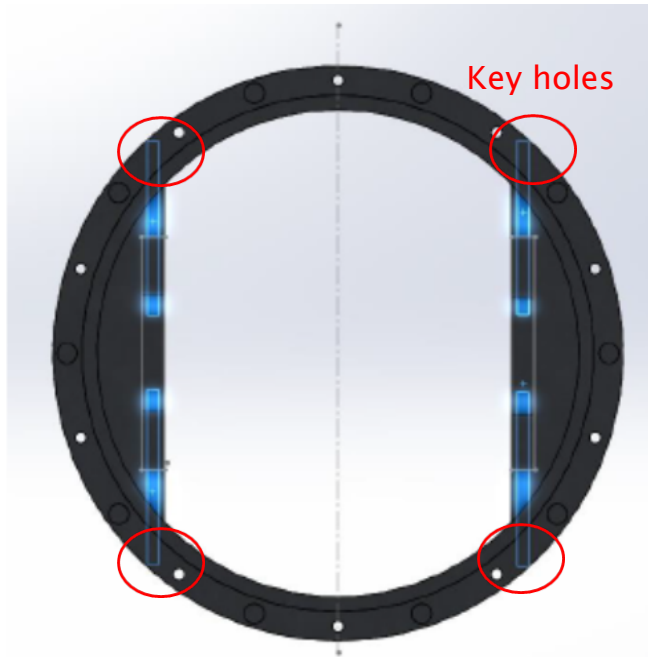


Separated Payload Side View:

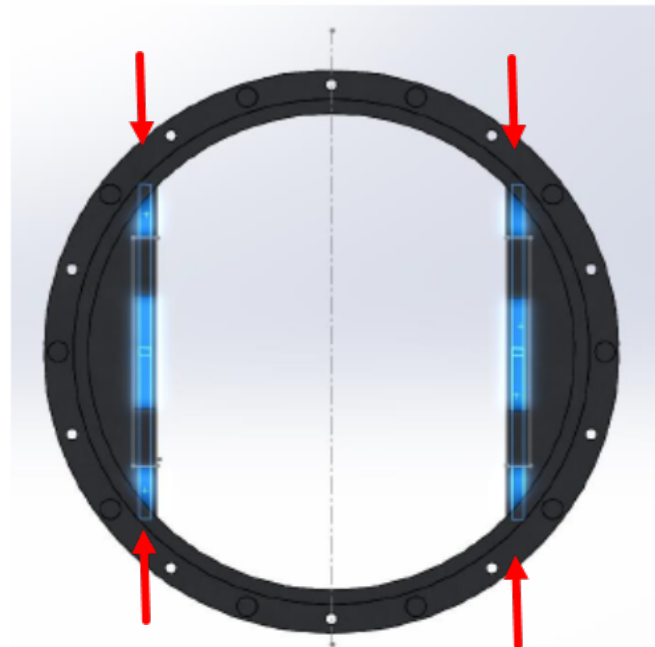


Top Down View

Fully Engaged



After Separation



Side View

Final Design consists of four keys that lock the payload to the rocket.

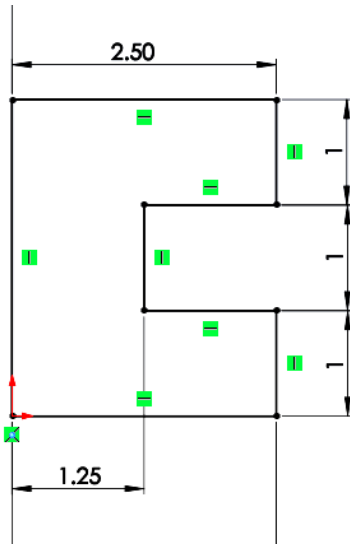
A servo motor for each key will rotate pulling each key inward simultaneously

Once the keys reach their final resting position the payload will be released from the rocket.

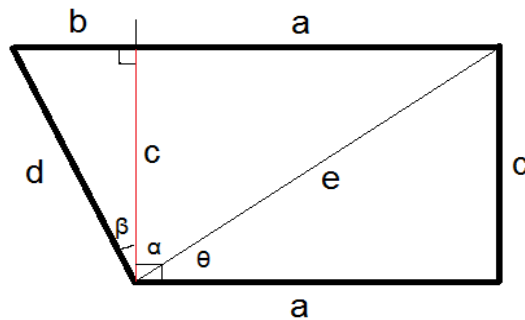


Dimensions of Key and Payload Ring

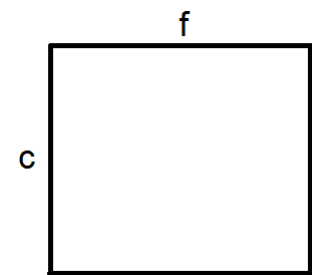
Section cut



Top



Front



e [m]	a [m]	θ [rads]	θ [Deg]	α [Deg]	β [Deg]
0.0125	0.0075	0.927	53.1	36.8	50.1
d [m]	β [rad]	b [m]			
0.0156	0.874	0.011			

c [m] (thickness)	f [m] (width)
0.01	0.0156

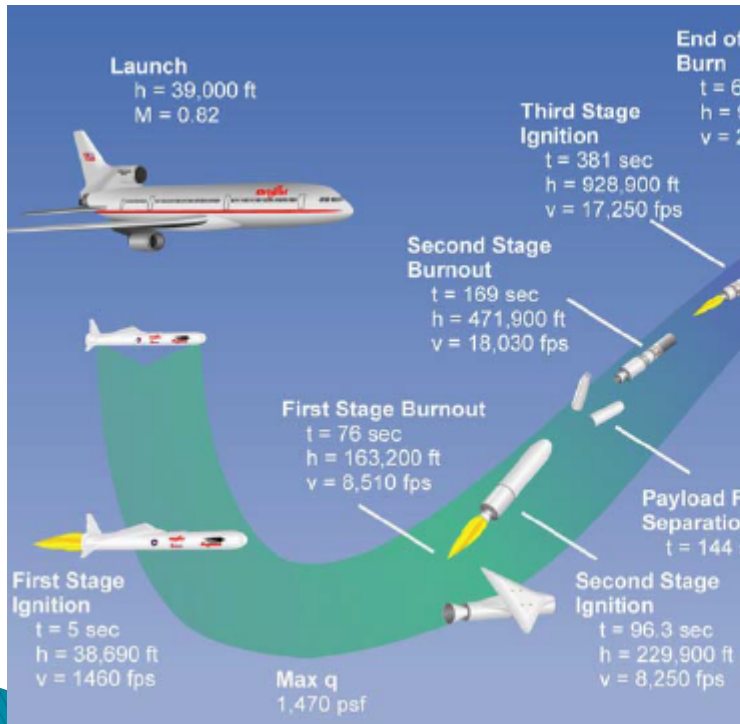
t [m] (ring wall thickness)	0.0125
r [m] (ring lip thickness)	0.025

Failure Due to Shear Forces on Keys

▶ Note: $Q = 0$ once left earth's atmosphere

▶ $Q_{\downarrow max} = 1/2 \rho V^2$

- ρ = local air density [m^3/kg]
- V = vehicles velocity [m/s]



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Q_{max} [N/m^2]	Q_{max} per Key [N/m^2]
70383.6	17595.9
Top Surface Area of Key [m^2]	Cross Sectional Area [m^2]
0.000134867	0.000156
Force due to Q_{max} [N]	Force due to $M_{payload}$ [N]
2.37	6169.21
Shear Modulus [Pa]	Shear Modulus Failure [Pa]
5.93×10^7	3.31×10^8
Factor of Safety	
5.58	

The 7075 Aluminum keys will not fail due to shear force caused by the first stage ignition process.

Kick-Off Jets

Compressed CO₂ will propel the payload away from the rocket.

Assume:

- Payload + Payload ring = 600lb
- PSS + Avionics section + stage 3 motor = 600lb
 - (Note: Total mass = 1200lb,
Acceleration of 1 section = 50% of Net acceleration)

20 oz CO₂ Tank

- 20 oz = 0.5667 kg
- Height 27 cm
- Diameter 8 cm

Release Time

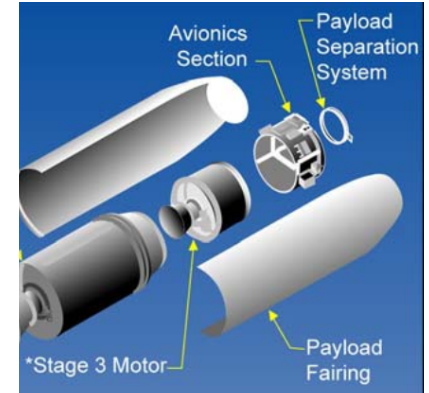
- 8.63 s

Mass flow rate

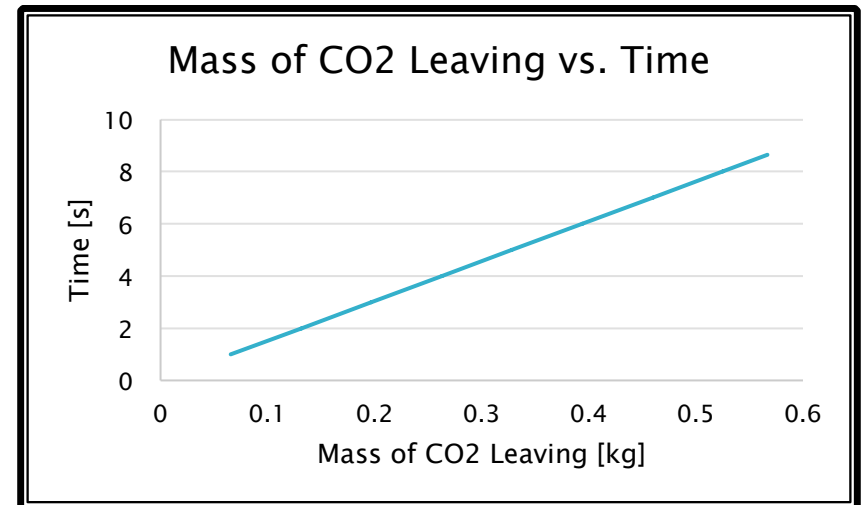
- 0.0657 kg/s



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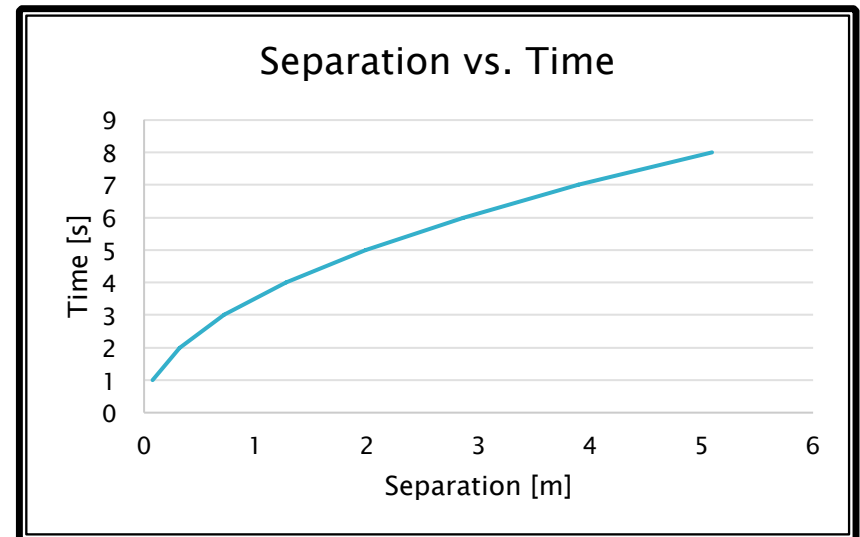
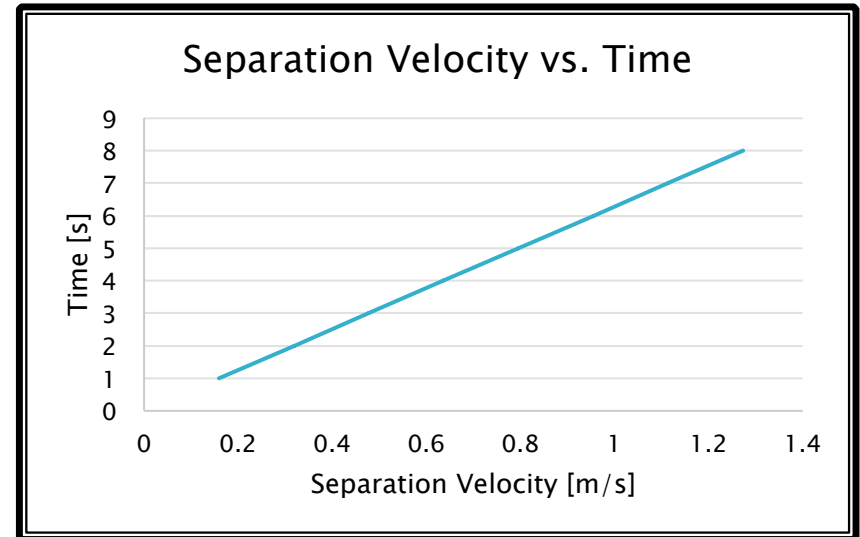


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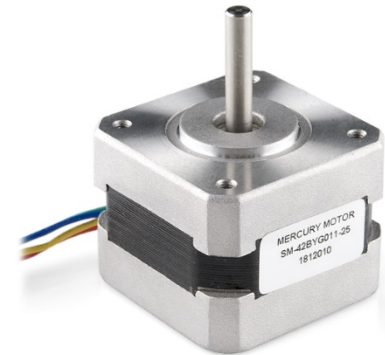
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Density CO₂ [kg/m³]	
1.98	
Pressure [psi]	Pressure [Pa]
1000	6894757.29
Nozzle Dia. [m]	Nozzle A [m²]
0.004	1.26 E-05
Velocity of System [m/s]	Velocity Exit [m/s]
24550	2639.02
Mass Flow Rate [kg/s]	Thrust [N]
0.0657	173.3
Mass of Total System [lb]	Mass of Total System [kg]
1200	544.3
Net Acceleration [m/s²]	Accel. of Each System [m/s²]
0.318	0.159



Servo Motor Assembly

- ▶ Horizontal forces found to be negligible, due to the fact that there will be constant velocity and little gravitational force.
- ▶ Therefore the most reliable stepper motor will be chosen for this system.



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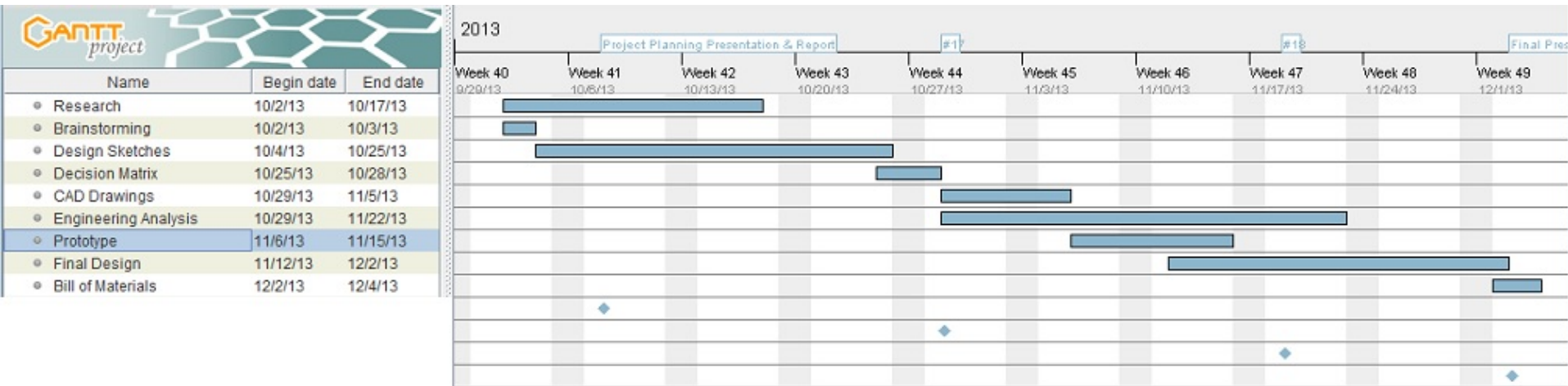
Improvements

- ▶ Make payload ring flush with rocket ring
 - Keys will only have one shear direction



- ▶ Back ups
 - Existing PSS
 - Double up current PSS
 - Marmon Clamp
 - Exploding Bolt

Gantt Chart



Conclusion

- ▶ We are designing a Payload Separation System for Orbital Sciences and Mary Rogers is our contact.
- ▶ The final design has been drawn in SolidWorks.
- ▶ The team analyzed the payload separation system and confirmed that the material chosen will not fail under the given takeoff conditions.
- ▶ Springs have been changed to kick off jets.
- ▶ The final design is tentative and will be changed as further analysis is confirmed.

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