



# Payload Separation System

## Progress Report

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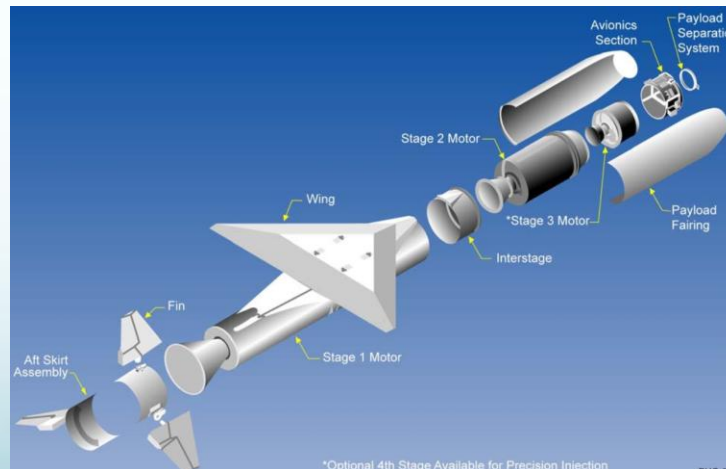


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# Review

- 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

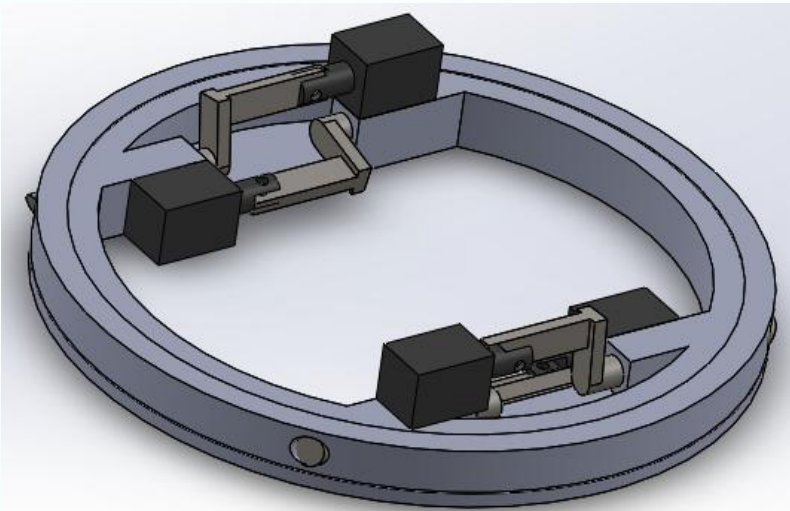


# Design Manufacturing

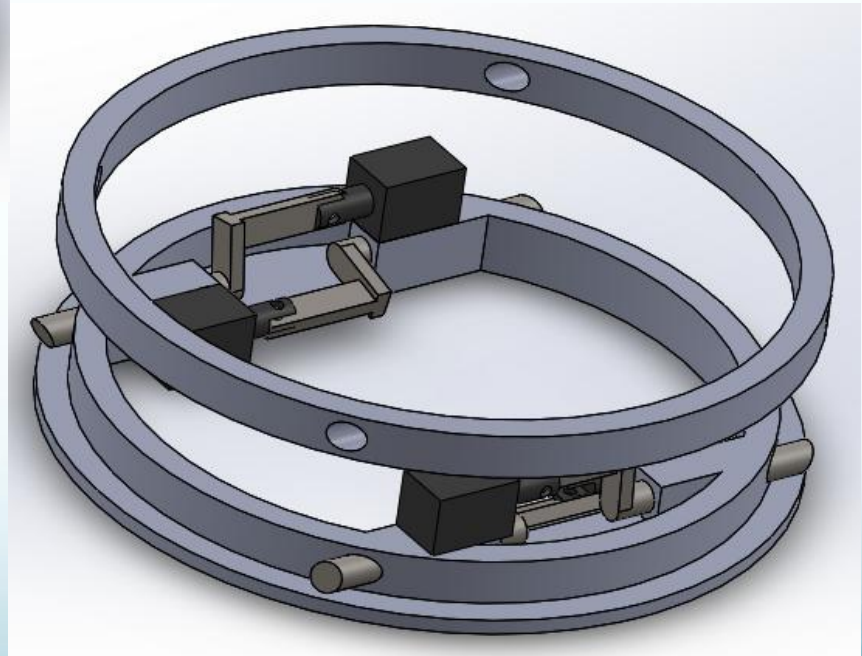
Components to be Manufactured	Team Members
Payload Ring (PR)	Jason, Alen, Ben
Rocket Ring (RR)	Kate, Mark, Matt
Keys	Jason, Alen, Ben
Solenoid (+mounting)	Mark, Matt
Springs/Magnets (+mounting)	Kate

The sub-scale model is half the original 24" diameter and all analyses are altered accordingly

# Final Design



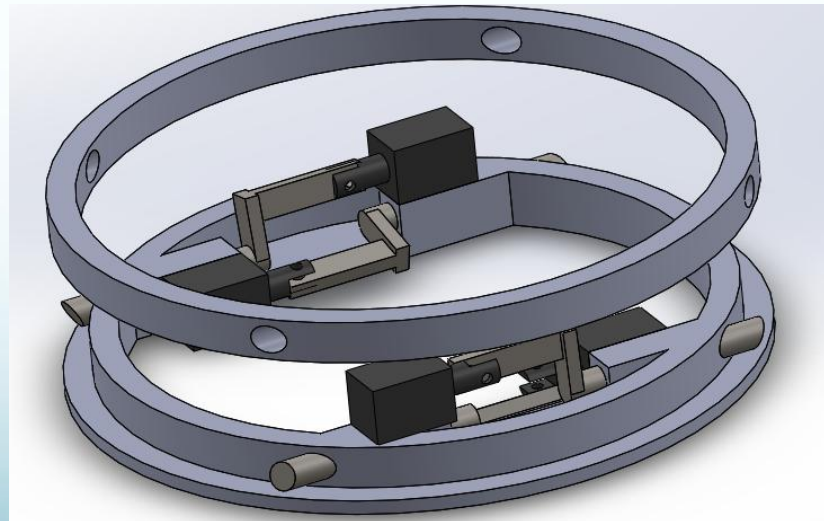
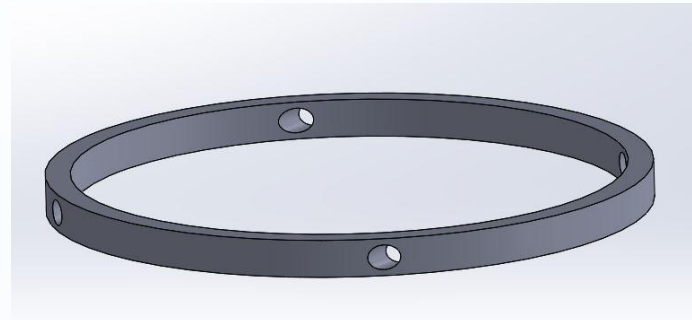
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After Separation

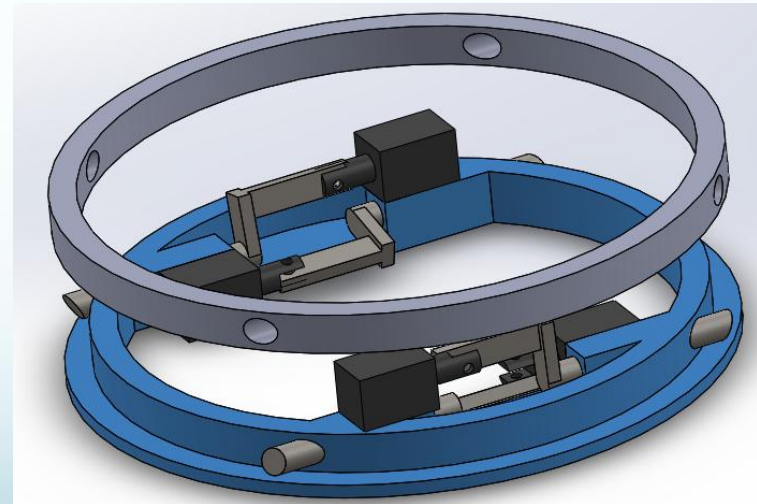
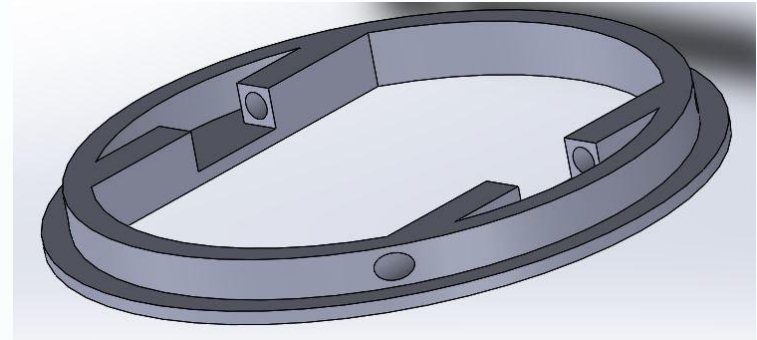
# Payload Ring

- Begin with 12" x 12" x 1" Al
- Drill 10 adaptor holes
- Inner diameter with CNC end mill
- Outer diameter with CNC end mill



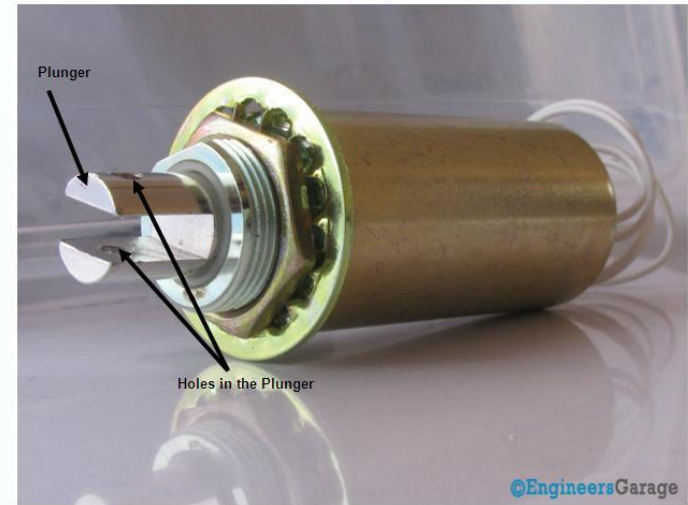
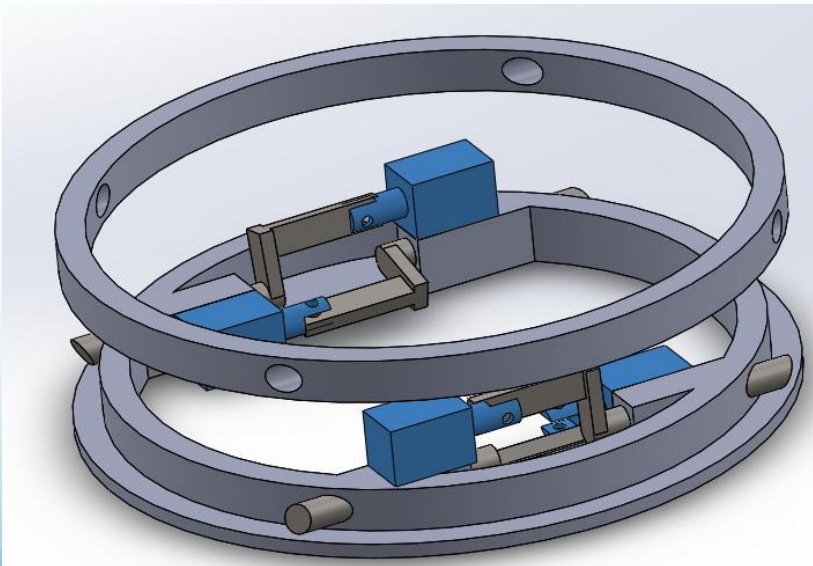
# Rocket Ring

- Similar to Payload Ring
- Drill key holes into Al block
- End mill the inner surface with one CNC run
  - Key housing
  - Base plate
- End mill outer diameter keeping lip
- Cut shallow recess for spring or magnets



# Solenoid

- Steel keys will be secured to the plunger
- Solenoid will be secured to base plate

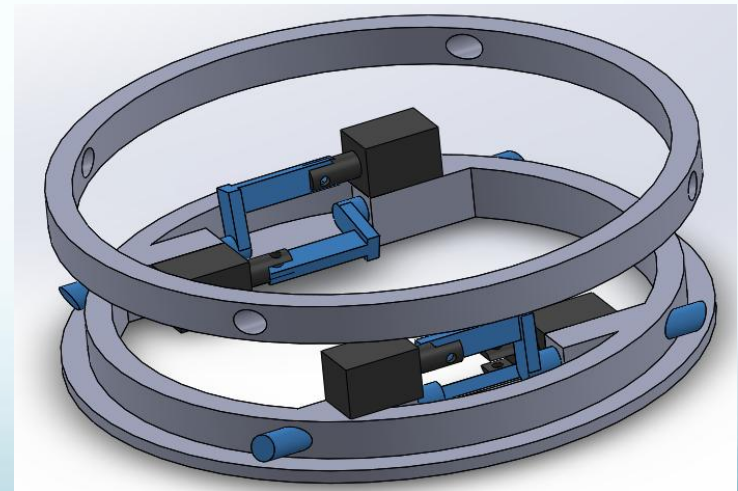
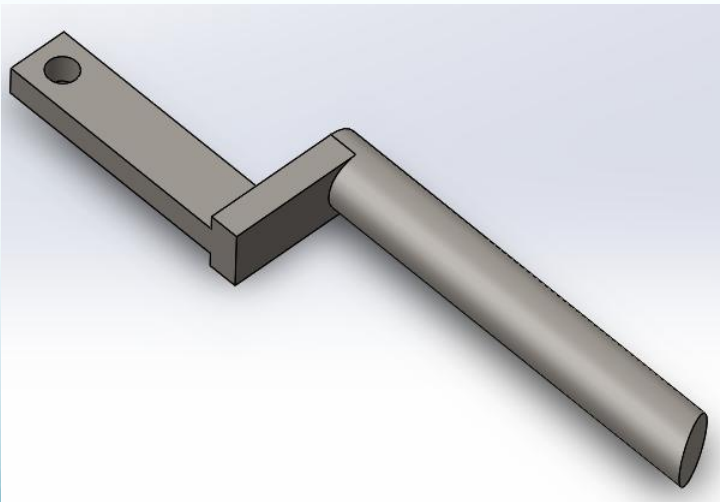


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# Manufacturing Keys

- Round 0.5" dia. steel stock
- Mill male tab to one end
- Drill hole in to tab for solenoid attachment
- Cut diagonal edge to fit into 0.5" hole



# Metallic Mesh Kickoff Springs

- 3 Kick off Springs placed symmetrically along the lip of the rocket ring
- Will be purchased
- The springs will sit in the recessed holes on the lip of the rocket ring

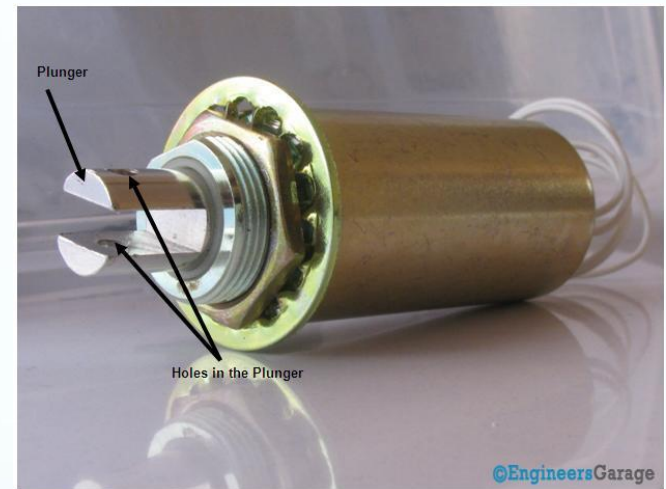


# Engineering Analysis Alterations

- Solenoid Analysis
- Shear Force on cylindrical Keys
- Metallic Mesh Kickoff Springs OR Magnets

# Solenoid Analysis

- Solenoid requirements:
  - DC Power
  - 1" minimum stroke
  - Overall dimensions  $< 1" \times 1" \times 2"$
  - Pull force  $> 14 \text{ N}$
  - Easily mountable

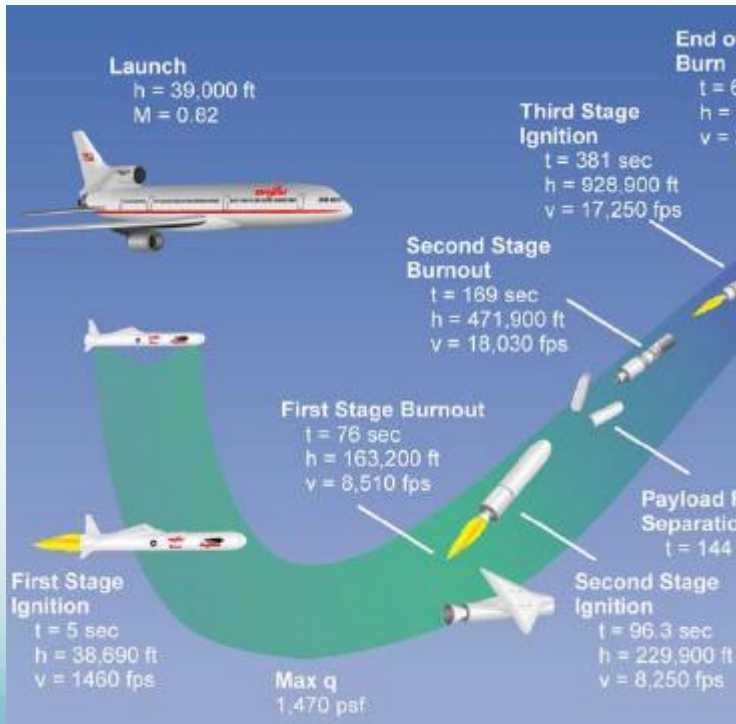


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# Failure Due to Shear Forces on Keys

- Note:  $Q = 0$  once left earths atmosphere

- $Q_{max} = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$ 
  - $\rho$  = local air density [ $m^3/kg$ ]
  - $V$  = vehicles velocity [ $m/s$ ]



<http://www.orbital.com/>

$Q_{max}$  [ $N/m^2$ ]  
70383.6

$Q_{max}$  per Key [ $N/m^2$ ]  
17595.9

Top Surface Area of Key [ $m^2$ ]  
0.000507

Cross Sectional Area [ $m^2$ ]  
0.000127

Force due to  $Q_{max}$  [ $N$ ]  
8.91

Force due to  $M_{payload}$  [ $N$ ]  
6169.21

Shear Strength [ $Pa$ ]  
 $4.88 \times 10^7$

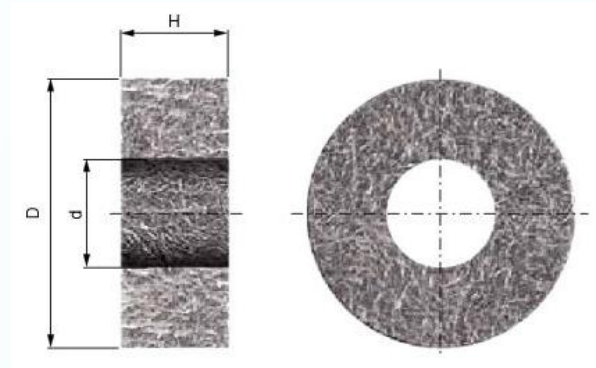
Shear Strength Failure [ $Pa$ ]  
 $215 \times 10^6$

Factor of Safety  
4.41

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

# Metallic Mesh Kickoff Springs

- Material: AISI 304 Stainless Steel
- Temperature range:  $-90^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+400^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Rocket Ring Lip:  $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- Max Load of damped spring: 500 N
- Max Payload (300lb): 1334.47 N
  - Need 3 springs
- Static Deflection: 5.5 mm
- Weight: 7 g



<http://www.weforma.com/fileadmin/pdf/1213/Weforma-Metal-Cushions-12-13.pdf>



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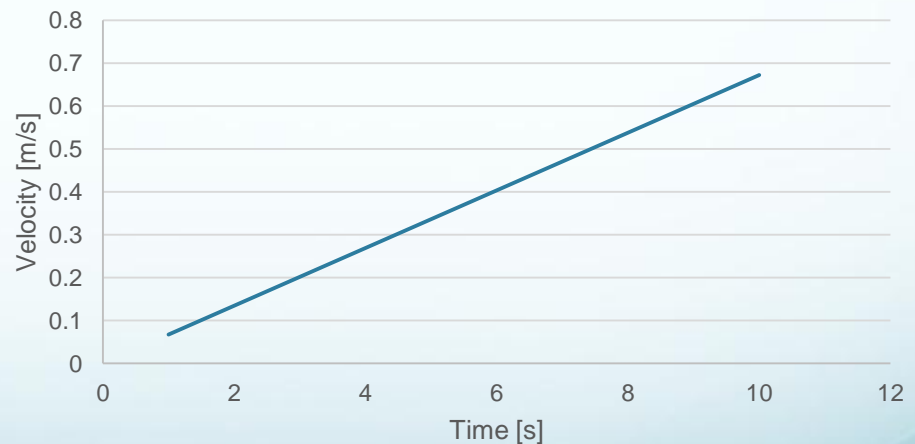
<b>D [mm]</b>
22
<b>d [mm]</b>
6.3
<b>H [mm]</b>
15.5

# Metallic Kickoff Springs Continued

- Natural Frequency ( $f_n$ ): 15 – 20 Hz
- Stiffness per damped spring (k): 110.54 N/m
- Mass of payload: 600 lb = 272.15 kg

<b>[Hz]</b>	<b>[rad/s]</b>	<b>m [kg]</b>	<b>k [N/m]</b>
20	125.7	45.36	716283.2 4
<b><math>\zeta</math> [ul]</b>	<b>[Ns/m]</b>	<b>c [Ns/m]</b>	<b>x [m]</b>
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<b>F [N]</b>	<b>V [m/s]</b>	<b>a [m/s<sup>2</sup>]</b>	
3939.56	0.69	0.067	

Separation Velocity vs. Time



# Neodymium Magnets

- Easy to manufacture into rings
- Allows for no gap between rings
- Up to 7lb force per 0.5” magnet



<http://buymagnets.com/product/46/Neodymium-Magnet-Disc-Grade-N30-Nickel-Plated/>



# P.S.S. Testing

- Two Situations that need to be Tested:
  1. Prove keys can withstand max dynamic pressure (Q)
  2. Prove complete separation of a 600lb load with minimal shock
- Possible Testing Environments:
  - Submerge in Water
    - Pros: Reduces gravity
    - Cons: Solenoids aren't waterproof
  - Hang from a spring
  - Use a liquid more dense than water
  - Free fall
- Future Challenges:
  - Load 300lb?
  - Absence of Gravity

# Bill of Materials

- For one 12" diameter Payload Separation System

<b>Material</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>
Stainless Steel Key 0.5" dia x 2' long	1	\$9.00
7075 Aluminium plate 24" x 48" x 1"	1	Donated
Solenoid	4	\$32.75
Nuts/ Bolts/ Misc.	TBD	\$50.00
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$190.00</b>

# Man Power Cost

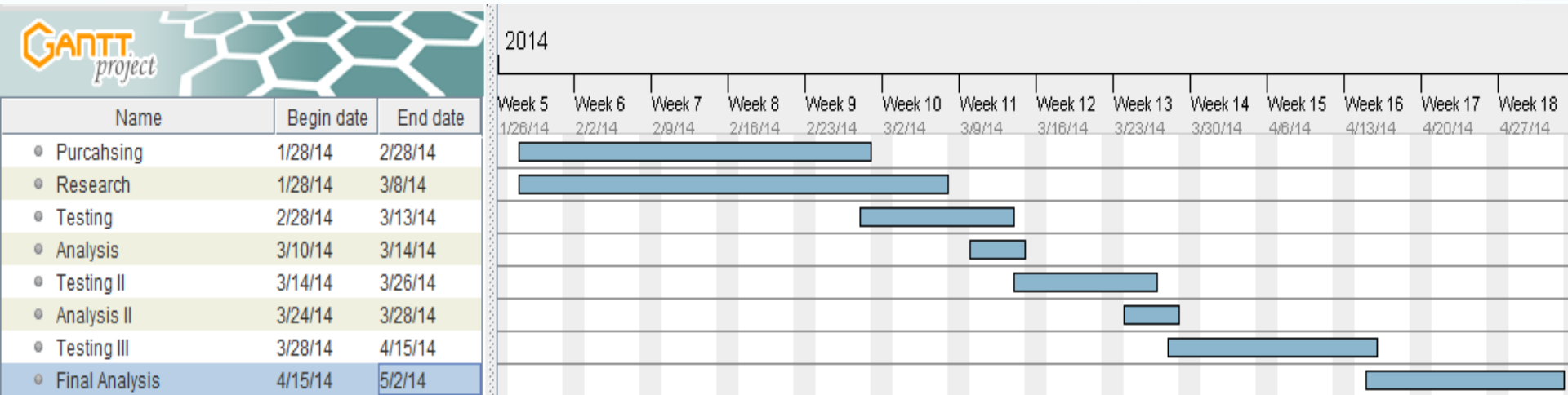
Team Members	Pay (\$/hr)	Rocket Ring Fabrication (hr)	Payload Ring Fabrication (hr)	Key Fabrication (hr)	Spring Assembly (hr)	Solenoid Assembly (hr)	Assembly (hr)	Total Hours
Matthew Mylan	20	10	4	2		3	1	20
Mark Majkrzak	20	10	4		2	3	1	20
Kate Prentice	20	10	4		2	3	1	20
Alen Younan	20		10	2	3		1	16
Ben Dirgo	20		10		3		2	15
Jason McCall	20		10	2	3		2	17
	Total Cost (\$)							<b>\$2,160</b>

# Manufacturing Costs

- All manufacturing will be in building 98C machine shop
- Part cost + man hours

	Pay (\$/hr)	Man Power (hr)	Part Cost (\$)	Manufacturing Cost (\$)
<b>RR</b>	20	30	donated	600
<b>PR</b>	20	42	donated	840
<b>Keys</b>	20	6	9	129
<b>Solenoids</b>	20	9	32.75	212.75
			<b>Total (\$)</b>	<b>1781.75</b>

# Gantt Chart: Spring 2014



# Conclusion

- Reviewed the problem statement, contact with Orbital, and client objectives
- Used SolidWorks models to effectively communicate the final Design
- Explained how the team will ultimately manufacture each component of the PSS
- Initial separation caused by retracting the four keys using four Solenoids and metallic mesh kickoff springs to completely separate
- Performed additional analysis due to alterations of the keys, solenoids, and springs
- Re-calculated and recorded manufacturing costs, a bill of materials, and man power cost
- Explained current and future plans using a Gantt Chart

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