

**Rear Car Differential**

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## List of Nomenclature

|             |                                                                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $b$         | Contact half-width                                                        |
| $b_w$       | Operating tooth width (in.)                                               |
| $b_{wF1,2}$ | Operating tooth width (in.)                                               |
| $C_{f1,2}$  | Surface condition factor                                                  |
| $C_{H1,2}$  | Hardness ratio factor                                                     |
| $C_p$       | Pinion proportion factor                                                  |
| $d_1$       | Diameter 1 (in.)                                                          |
| $d_2$       | Diameter 2 (in.)                                                          |
| $d_{w1}$    | Pitch diameter (in.)                                                      |
| $E_1$       | Elastic modulus 1 (ksi)                                                   |
| $E_2$       | Elastic modulus 2 (ksi)                                                   |
| $F$         | Applied force (N)                                                         |
| $F_t$       | Tangential Force ( $lb_f$ )                                               |
| $I$         | Contact length of cylinders (Hertzian contact analysis)                   |
| $I$         | Geometry factor for pitting resistance (safety factor of contact fatigue) |
| $J_{1,2}$   | Geometry factor for bending strength                                      |
| $K_{B1,2}$  | Rim thickness factor                                                      |
| $K_{m1,2}$  | Load distribution factor                                                  |
| $K_o$       | Overload factor                                                           |
| $K_R$       | Reliability factor                                                        |
| $K_{S1,2}$  | Stress cycle factor for pitting resistance                                |
| $K_T$       | Temperature factor                                                        |
| $K_v$       | Size factor                                                               |
| $P_{max}$   | Maximum pressure (PSI)                                                    |
| $P_t$       | Tangential diametral pitch ( $in^{-1}$ )                                  |
| $S_{ac}$    | Allowable Contact Stress (Pa)                                             |
| $S_{at1,2}$ | Allowable Bending Stress (Pa)                                             |
| $S_{F1,2}$  | Safety factor of bending fatigue                                          |

|             |                                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| $S_{H1,2}$  | Safety factor of contact fatigue           |
| $\nu_1$     | Poisson's ratio 1                          |
| $\nu_2$     | Poisson's ratio 2                          |
| $Y_{A1,2}$  | Alternating factor                         |
| $Y_{N1,2}$  | Stress cycle factor for bending strengths  |
| $Z$         | Depth below the surface (in.)              |
| $Z_{N1,2}$  | Stress cycle factor for pitting resistance |
| $\pi$       | Pi                                         |
| $\sigma_x$  | Principal stress                           |
| $\sigma_y$  | Principal stress                           |
| $\sigma_z$  | Principal stress                           |
| $\tau_{xz}$ | Shear stress                               |
| $\tau_{yz}$ | Shear stress                               |

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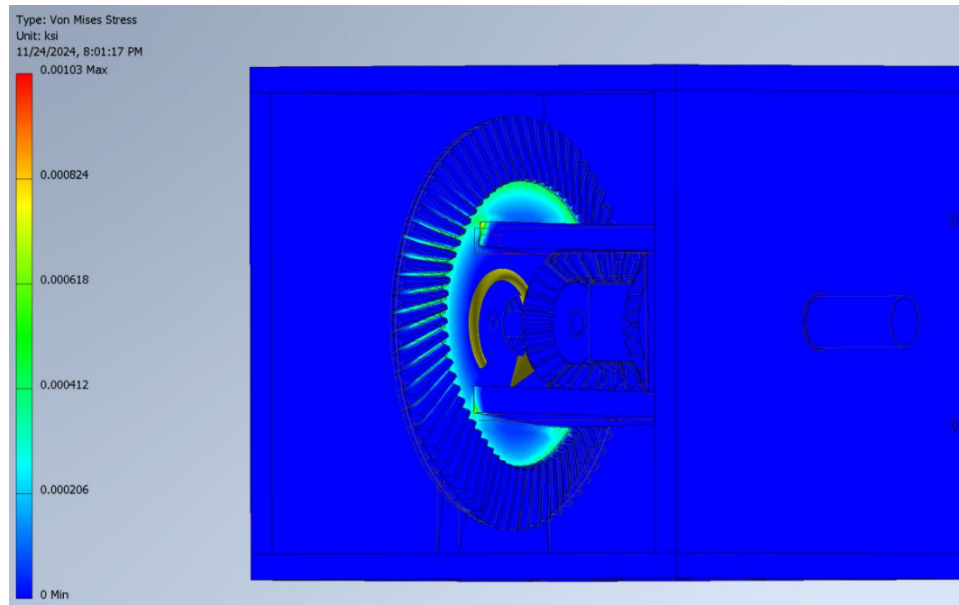
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## Abstract

This lab focused on designing and building a small-scale functional model of a rear car differential to understand its mechanical operation and real-world application. The model was constructed using aluminum shafts for durability, 3D-printed gears for customizable design and lightweight properties, and a plywood case for accessible and sturdy housing. This scaled-down version mimics the functionality of a full-sized differential, which is essential in vehicles for distributing torque and allowing wheels to rotate at different speeds during turns. The report outlines the steps taken in the design, fabrication, and assembly process, as well as an analysis of the model's performance and key observations.

## Theory

The rear car differential is a critical component in automotive design that allows the drive wheels to spin at different speeds. This functionality is achieved by a set of spider gears which can immediately adjust the speed of the wheels just by the restive forces experienced in the axles. When designing the gear sets for the differential a few parameters had to be named. Specifically, how fast the assembly would spin, and the maximum power input to the system. With this the team picked arbitrary values, The maximum power input was decided to be 0.1 horsepower, and the rotational speed was decided to be 100RPM. Using the Inventor design accelerator, the team was able to input all necessary design parameters for all gear sets allowing inventor to generate all gear sets. The team then performed all the inventor calculations using ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04 to calculate all possible values that could be used in the design process. The team then performed Hertzian contact calculations to evaluate the maximum shear stress that the designed teeth would experience to further determine whether the design was adequate. After the calculations it was confirmed that the designed gears would work. The team carried on with the design process going through a multitude of iterations. Once a design was settled upon a Von-mises stress analysis was performed. The stress analysis would further confirm the structural soundness of the assembly (Figure 1). The team set multiple design goals. These beings make a working differential, create 3 shafts out of aluminum instead of 3D printing them, and finally make the case out of plywood to limit the costs.



**Figure 1.** Stress Analysis of Final Assembly.

## Equipment

1. 3D Printer (Stratasys F170)
2. Band Saw (Metal Mizer 2018)
3. Belt Sander-Grinder
4. Double Column Height Dial Gauge
5. Lathe
6. Milling Machine
7. Table Saw

## Procedure

### Inventor

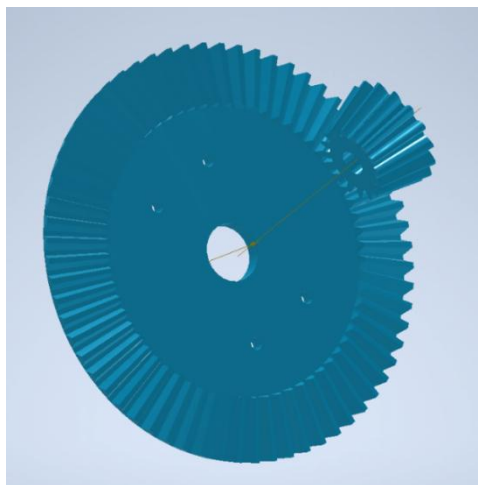
#### Ring Gear and Pinion Gear

1. Open the Inventor design accelerator and select bevel gears.
2. Input your desired parameters.
3. Modify your material properties for the appropriate material.
4. Check that your parameters will produce adequate gears by using the calculations tab.
5. In the calculations tab change the standard to ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04.

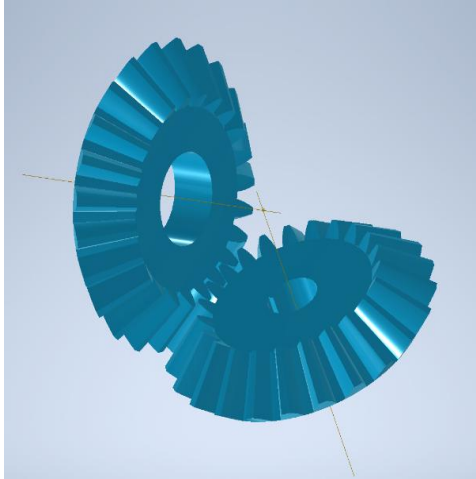
6. Make any necessary modifications to the generated gears such as adding holes (Figures 2, 3).
7. Save as a .STL file
8. Use the 3D printing software to print the parts at 50% infill
9. Perform any necessary finishing work will depend on the quality of print

## **Spider Gears**

1. Open the Inventor design accelerator and select bevel gears.
2. Input your desired parameters.
3. Modify your material properties for the appropriate material.
4. Check that your parameters will produce adequate gears by using the calculations tab.
5. In the calculations tab change the standard to ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04.
6. Make any necessary modifications to the generated gears such as adding holes or keys (Figure 2, 3).
7. Save as a .STL file
8. Use the 3D printing software to print the parts at 50% infill
9. Perform any necessary finishing work will depend on the quality of print
10. Press fit the “Self-Aligning Dry-Running Flanged Sleeve Bearings” into the center hole of the non-keyed spider gear (Figure 4).



**Figure 2.** Ring and Pinion assembly



**Figure 3.** Spider Gear Assembly



**Figure 4.** Press fitting the bearings into the gears

### **Journals and Journal Caps**

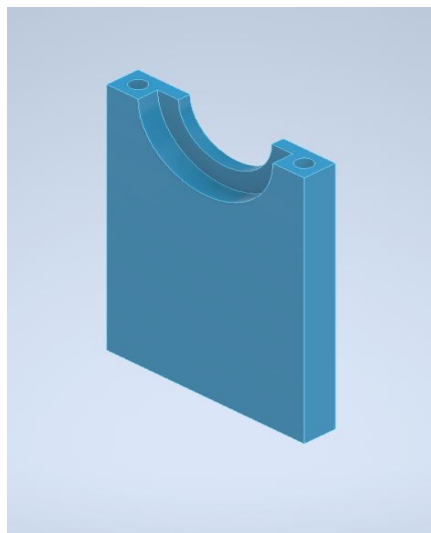
1. Design a journal for the roller to roll in. The journal should be at least 0.500-inch larger than the roller diameter.
2. Design a cap that will enclose the roller and stop it from slipping out of the assembly.
3. Use the inventor threaded hole tool to create  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 threads 1.250-inch deep to secure the cap to the journal and holes on the bottom of the journal.
4. Save as a .STL file.
5. Use the 3D printing software to print the parts.
6. Remove the support material from the print.
7. Test that the printed holes can fit the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 bolts.

## **Rollers**

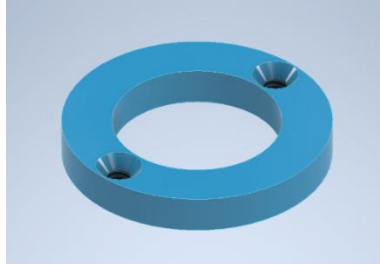
1. Create a cylinder that can accommodate two 0.250-inch wooden dowels with an inner diameter larger enough for a 0.500-inch shaft to pass through. The outer diameter must be large enough for 0.250-inch holes to fit between the outside and inside perimeter of the cylinder (Figure 7)
2. Make the cylinder 0.500-inch long
3. Save as a .STL file
4. Use the 3D printing software to print the parts
5. Remove the support material from the print



**Figure 5.** Journal Cap



**Figure 6.** Journal



**Figure 7. Roller**

### **3D-Model**

1. Create an assembly of all the parts in inventor.
2. Complete a Von-Mises Stress analysis on the assembly.
3. Analyze the stress analysis and determine if any modifications need to be made.

### **Shafts**

#### **Spider Gear Connecting shaft**

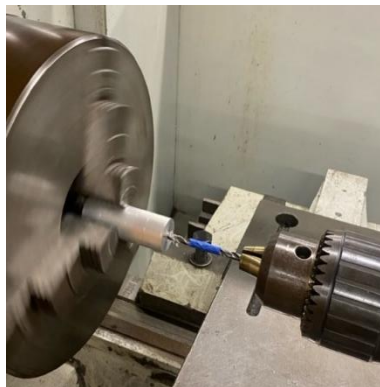
1. Cut Aluminum round stock at 3 inches on band saw.
2. Reduce length to 2.742 inch. on lathe (Figure 8, 9).
3. Using a #7 drill bit, create a 0.500-inch. deep hole centered onto one face of the shaft (Figure 10)
4. Create a 1/4-20 thread. Using a taper, plug, and bottom tap respectively (Figure 11).
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 on the other side of the shaft.
6. Use double height column gage to mark at 0.609-inch from edge of shaft, this will be depth of reduced diameter.
7. Reduce diameter of shaft to 0.500-inch on lathe (Figure 12).
8. Chamfer edge of reduced diameter (Figure 13).
9. Repeat steps 6-8 to the other side of the shaft.



**Figure 8.** Reducing length of spider gear shaft



**Figure 9.** Final length of spider gear shaft



**Figure 10.** Creating center hole for threads



**Figure 11.** Threading spider gear shaft hole



**Figure 12.** Reducing diameter of spider gear shaft



**Figure 13.** Adding chamfer to reduced diameter

## **Pinion shaft**

1. Cut Aluminum round stock to approximately 5.125-inch on the band saw
2. Reduce length to 5-inch on lathe (Figure 14).
3. Use double height column gage to mark at 2.300-inch from edge of shaft, this will be depth of reduced diameter.
4. Reduce diameter to 0.500-inch using the lathe (Figure 15)
5. Chamfer edge of reduced diameter (Figure 16).
6. Use double height column gage to measure 1.210-inch from edge to mark how long keyway will be (Figure 17).
7. Using 7/64-inch endmill to create keyway at depth of 0.055-inch (Figure 18) on the milling machine.



**Figure 14.** Final length of pinion shaft



**Figure 15.** Reducing diameter of pinion shaft



**Figure 16.** Adding chamfer to pinion shaft



**Figure 17.** Marking where keyway will end



**Figure 18.** End milling keyway into pinion shaft

### **Spider gear side shaft**

1. Cut Aluminum round stock to approximately 6-1/8 inches on band saw
2. Reduce length to 6 inches on lathe.

3. Use double height column gage to mark at 3.983 inches from edge of shaft, this will be length of reduced diameter.
4. Reduce diameter to 0.50 inches using the lathe (Figure 19).
5. Chamfer edge of reduced diameter (Figure 20).
6. Use double height column gage to measure 0.50 inches from edge to mark how long keyway will be.
7. Using 7/64-inch endmill to create keyway at depth of 0.055 inch using milling machine on reduced diameter (Figure 21).



**Figure 19.** Reducing diameter of spider gear side shaft



**Figure 20.** Adding chamfer to spider gear side shaft



**Figure 21.** Adding keyway on spider gear side shaft

### **Ring gear side shaft**

1. Cut the Aluminum round stock to approximately 6.125-inch using the band saw (Figure 22).
2. Reduce length of shaft on lathe to 5.970-inch.
3. Use the double height column gage to mark at 4.330-inch from edge of shaft, this will be length of reduced diameter.
4. Reduce the diameter of shaft to 0.500-inch.
5. Use double height column gage to measure 0.500-inch from the edge of the reduced diameter side to mark how long keyway will be.
6. Using a 7/64-inch endmill to create the keyway at a depth of 0.055-inch using the milling machine on reduced diameter (Figure 23).
7. Completed ring gear side shaft (Figure 24).



**Figure 22.** Cutting shaft using bandsaw



**Figure 23.** Adding keyway on ring gear side shaft



**Figure 24.** Ring gear side shaft

## Carrier

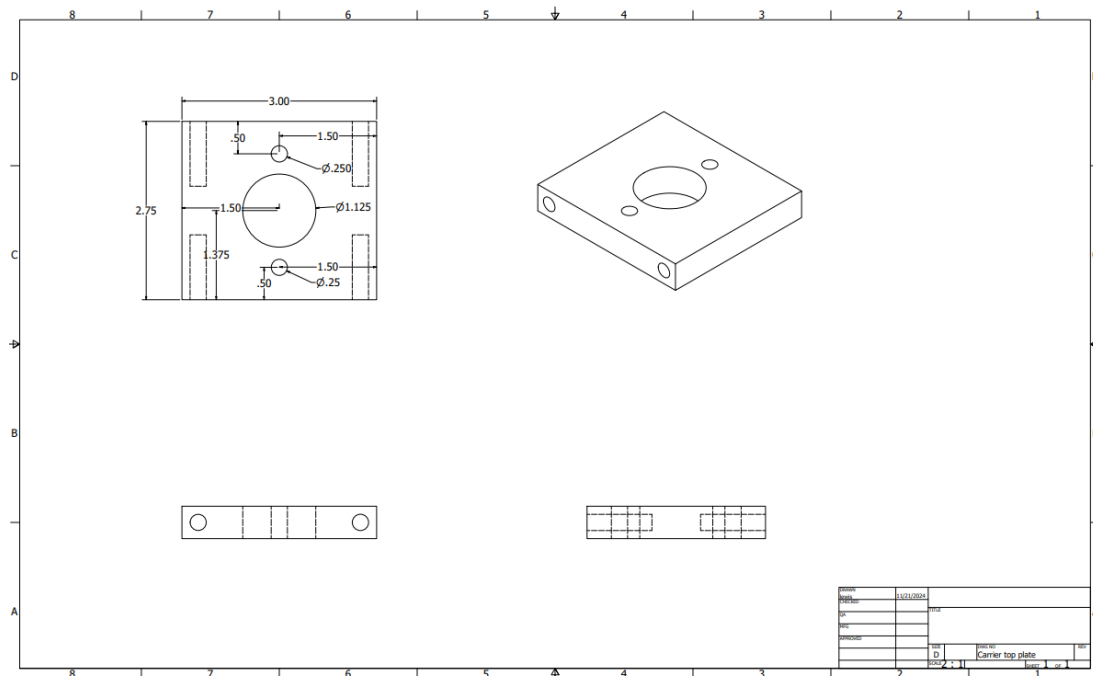
### Top Plate

1. Cut 0.500-inch plywood into a 2.750-inch by 3-inch rectangle using a table saw
2. Drill a 1.125-inch diameter hole through the center
3. Drill a 0.250-inch diameter hole 0.875-inch from center above and below the center hole.

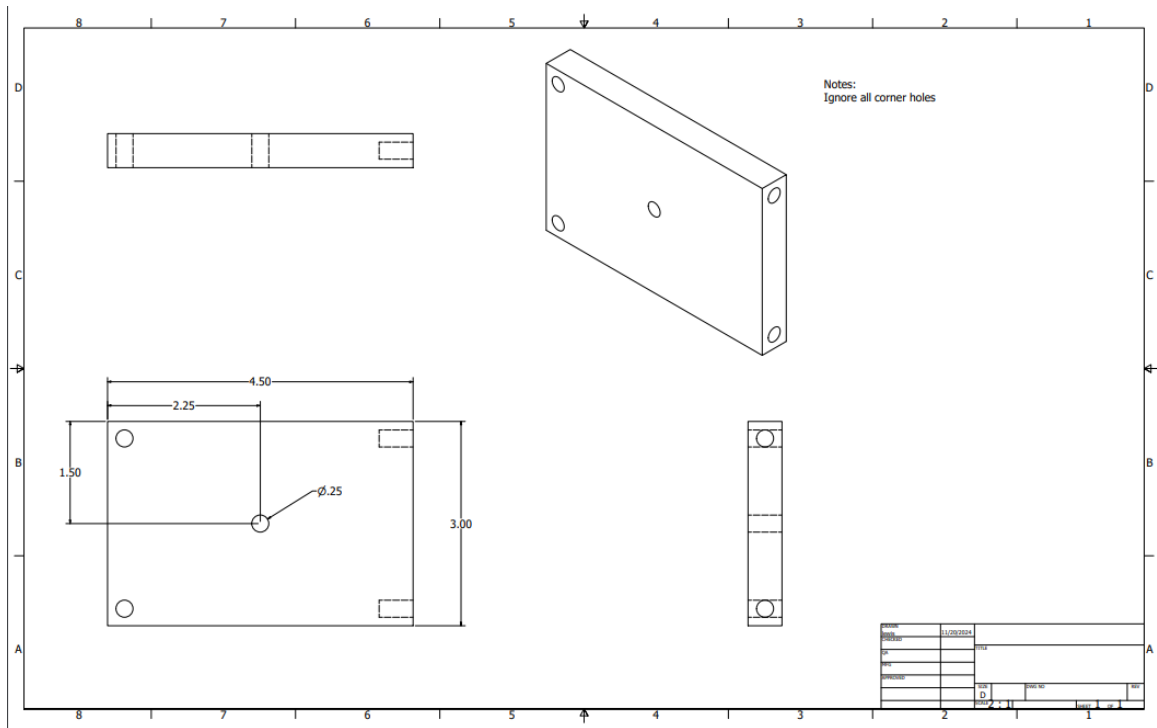
These holes are 1.500 inches away from the 2.75-inch-long sides of the part (Figure 25).

### Side Plate

1. Cut 0.500-inch plywood into a 4.5 inch by 3-inch rectangle using a table saw
2. Drill a .25-inch diameter hole 2.25 inches from the 3-inch-long side, and 1.500-inch from the 4.5-inch side.
3. On the 3-inch by 0.5-inch side, using the height gage mark a location 0.25-inch from the top and another on the bottom side.
4. Drill a 0.250-inch hole on those marks using a smaller bit at least 7/64-inch in diameter to create a pilot hole. Then use a 0.250-inch drill bit to make the final hole (Figure 26).
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 to create a second identical plate



**Figure 25.** Top Plate Dimensions



**Figure 26. Side Plate Dimensions**

## **Assembly**

1. On both side plates, insert 0.25-inch wooden dowels covered in wood glue into the 0.25-inch holes. Use a mallet to tamp them in.
2. The dowels should be protruding from the plate, insert the protruding dowels into the appropriate holes on the ring gear. Do this for both plates
3. Once inserted if the dowels protrude through the ring gear, go to the sander and sand down the dowels until flush with the back face of the ring gear.
4. Take the 3D printed rollers and press dowels through the two holes.
5. Press the protruding dowels into the holes on the top plate. Again, if the dowels protrude sand them down until they are flush with the plate.
6. Insert the top plate in between the two side plates, the roller should be visible when looking at it from the top down.
7. Using finishing nails, hammer the top plate into place. Use at least 1 nail for each corner and be careful not to split the plywood.
8. Set aside and let the wood glue dry

9. Take the spider gear connecting shaft and the spider gears with the sleeve bearings and slide the gears onto the shaft. The teeth of the gears should be facing each other (Figure 27).
10. Slide this shaft into the center of the carrier aligning the bolt holes with the holes on the side plate.
11. Once inserted fasten the bolts into the carrier securing the spider gear shaft.
12. With the remaining roller, insert the dowels into the only remaining holes on the ring gear. The roller should be on the back face of the ring gear.
13. Check all dimensions on the assembled carrier.
14. If dimensions are not the expected size, make the necessary adjustments to meet design specifications. Whether that is shimming the plates or sanding any surfaces.
15. Sand the back fact of the ring gear until smooth.



**Figure 27.** Assembled Spider Gear Shaft



**Figure 28.** Assembled Carrier

## **Case**

### **Back Plate**

1. Cut 0.500-inch plywood into a 9-inch square using a table saw
2. Cut a 1.125-inch diameter hole 3.226-inch from one side, and 4.5inch from the adjacent side.

### **Outer Casing – Side Plate**

1. Cut 0.500-inch plywood into a 9-inch by 10-inch rectangle using a table saw
2. Using the heigh gage mark lines from the middle of all sides.
3. Mark the intersection of these lines. That is the center of the plate
4. Drill a 1.125-inch diameter hole into the plate for a center hole
5. Repeat steps 1-4 to make a second side plate.

### **Outer Casing – Bottom Plate**

1. Cut 0.500-inch plywood into a 10-inch by 10-inch plate using a table saw
2. Using the height gage measure 3.665-inch up from a side and make a mark across the plate. Rotate the plate 180 degrees and repeat

3. Rotate the plate to one of the adjacent sides and make a line 2.344 inch above the side. Again, rotate the plate 180 degrees and make the same mark.
4. Mark the intersections on the plate using a sharpie.
5. Using a 0.25-inch drill bit, drill a hole on each marked intersection through the plate.

## **Final Assembly**

1. Starting with the bottom plate, fasten both journals to the bottom plate using the ¼-20 bolts.
2. Check that the journals are level to each other, and one is not taller than the other. If so tighten or loosen some of the bolts until level.
3. Rest the assembled carrier onto the journals the rollers should slot onto the journals.
4. Roll the carrier assembly to make sure there is no rubbing or friction. If there is friction sand down any areas that are causing interference.
5. Once rolling smooth fast the journal caps to secure the assembled carrier.
6. Using finished nails, nail the side plates to the left and right side of the carrier. Those are the sides with the rollers.
7. Test the concentric tolerances by running a shaft through the hole of the side plate into the carrier.
8. Nail the back plate onto the bottom plate it does not matter which side as long as the hole of the back plate aligns with the teeth on the ring gear.
9. Using wood glue, glue the plastic bearings into the holes of all three plates.
10. Once glue has dried, insert all shafts into their appropriate holes. Pinion shaft on the back plate. Ring gear shaft on the ring gear side, and the remaining shaft goes into the last hole.
11. Press the gears onto the shafts aligning the keys by hand and make sure the gears mesh.  
(Figure 29, 30)
12. Check and see if all shafts spin appropriately



**Figure 29.** Assembled Differential



**Figure 30.** Top-down View of Assembled Differential

## Data

### Place of experiment: RFEB 114

**Table 1:** Length of Aluminum round stocks using calipers

|                              | Initial length (inches) | Final length (inches) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ring gear side shaft         | 6.174                   | 5.973                 |
| Spider gear side shaft       | 6.121                   | 6.007                 |
| Pinion shaft                 | 5.197                   | 5.000                 |
| Spider gear connecting shaft | 2.864                   | 2.742                 |

**Table 2:** Diameter of Aluminum round stocks using calipers

|                              | Initial length (inches) | Final length (inches) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ring gear side shaft         | 1.000                   | 0.504                 |
| Spider gear side shaft       | 1.005                   | 0.499                 |
| Pinion shaft                 | 1.003                   | 0.507                 |
| Spider gear connecting shaft | 1.000                   | 0.49                  |

**Table 3:** Design parameters for the ring and pinion gear

The screenshot displays the 'Bevel Gears Component Generator' software interface. It features two tabs: 'Design' and 'Calculation'. The 'Design' tab is active, showing various input fields for gear parameters.

**Common Parameters:**

- Gear Ratio: 0.2500 ul
- Facewidth: 1.22834646 in
- Pressure Angle: 20.0000 deg
- Helix Angle: 0.00000000 deg
- Diametral Pitch: 8 ul/in
- Shaft Angle: 90 deg
- Unit Correction Distribution: Custom

**Gear1 Parameters:**

- Component: Cylindrical Face
- Number of Teeth: 64 ul
- Unit Correction: 0.00000000 ul
- Tangential Displacement: 0.0000 ul

**Gear2 Parameters:**

- Component: Cylindrical Face
- Number of Teeth: 16 ul
- Unit Correction: -0.0000 ul
- Tangential Displacement: -0.0000 ul

**Input Type and Size Type:**

- Input Type: ☒ Number of Teeth
- Size Type: ☒ Diametral Pitch

**Unit Tooth Sizes:**

- Gear 1: ☐ Gear 2
- Addendum:  $a^*$  1.0000 ul
- Clearance:  $c^*$  0.2000 ul
- Root Fillet:  $r_f^*$  0.3000 ul

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Table 4: Design parameters for the spider gears

Bevel Gears Component Generator

Design

Calculation

Common

Gear Ratio

1.0000 ul

Facewidth

0.59055118 in

Pressure Angle

20.0000 deg

Helix Angle

0.00000000 deg

Diametral Pitch

9 ul/in

Shaft Angle

90 deg

Unit Correction Distribution

Custom

Preview...

Gear1

Component

Cylindrical Face

Number of Teeth

23.00000000 ul

Unit Correction

0.00000000 ul

Tangential Displacement

0.0000 ul

Gear2

Component

Cylindrical Face

Number of Teeth

23.00000000 ul

Unit Correction

-0.0000 ul

Tangential Displacement

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Size Type

☐ Module

☒ Diametral Pitch

Unit Tooth Sizes

Gear 1

a\*

1.0000 ul

c\*

0.2000 ul

r<sub>f</sub>\*

0.3000 ul

Gear 2

a\*

1.0000 ul

c\*

0.2000 ul

r<sub>f</sub>\*

0.3000 ul

Table 5: Common parameters for the ring and pinion gear

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### Common Parameters

|                                     |               |             |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Gear Ratio                          | $i$           | 0.2500 ul   |
| Tangential Diametral Pitch          | $P_{et}$      | 8.000 ul/in |
| Helix Angle                         | $\beta$       | 0.0000 deg  |
| Tangential Pressure Angle           | $\alpha_t$    | 20.0000 deg |
| Shaft Angle                         | $\Sigma$      | 90.0000 deg |
| Normal Pressure Angle at End        | $\alpha_{ne}$ | 20.0000 deg |
| Contact Ratio                       | $\varepsilon$ | 1.7109 ul   |
| Limit Deviation of Axis Parallelity | $f_x$         | 0.00051 in  |
| Limit Deviation of Axis Parallelity | $f_y$         | 0.00026 in  |
| Virtual Gear Ratio                  | $i_v$         | 16.000 ul   |
| Equivalent Center Distance          | $a_v$         | 15.398 in   |
| Virtual Center Distance             | $a_n$         | 15.398 in   |
| Pitch Cone Radius                   | $R_e$         | 4.123 in    |
| Pitch Cone Radius in Middle Plane   | $R_m$         | 3.623 in    |

**Table 6:** Loads experienced by the ring and pinion gear

### Loads

|                            |          | Gear 1           | Gear 2           |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Power                      | $P$      | 0.100 hp         | 0.098 hp         |
| Speed                      | $n$      | 100.00 rpm       | 400.00 rpm       |
| Torque                     | $T$      | 5.252 lbforce ft | 1.287 lbforce ft |
| Efficiency                 | $\eta$   | 0.980 ul         |                  |
| Tangential Force           | $F_t$    | 17.931 lbforce   |                  |
| Normal Force               | $F_n$    | 19.082 lbforce   |                  |
| Radial Force (direction 1) | $F_{r1}$ | 1.583 lbforce    | 6.331 lbforce    |
| Radial Force (direction 2) | $F_{r2}$ | 1.583 lbforce    | 6.331 lbforce    |
| Axial Force (direction 1)  | $F_{a1}$ | 6.331 lbforce    | 1.583 lbforce    |
| Axial Force (direction 2)  | $F_{a2}$ | 6.331 lbforce    | 1.583 lbforce    |
| Circumferential Speed      | $v$      | 3.067 fps        |                  |
| Resonance Speed            | $n_{E1}$ | 8532.753 rpm     |                  |

**Table 7:** Material properties of the ring and pinion gear

## Material

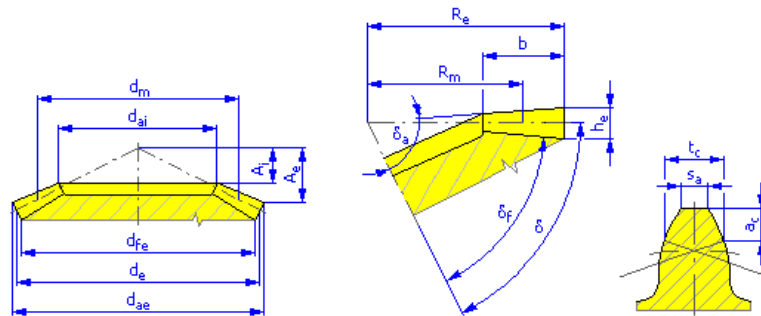
|                           |          | Gear 1        | Gear 2        |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
|                           |          | User material | User material |
| Ultimate Tensile Strength | $S_u$    | 85300 psi     | 101500 psi    |
| Yield Strength            | $S_y$    | 45500 psi     | 49300 psi     |
| Modulus of Elasticity     | E        | 380000 psi    | 380000 psi    |
| Poisson's Ratio           | $\mu$    | 0.400 ul      | 0.400 ul      |
| Allowable Bending Stress  | $s_{at}$ | 5500.0 psi    | 5500.0 psi    |
| Allowable Contact Stress  | $s_{ac}$ | 7500.0 psi    | 7500.0 psi    |
| Hardness in Tooth Core    | JHV      | 210 ul        | 210 ul        |
| Type of Treatment         | type     | 0 ul          | 2 ul          |

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**Table 8:** Ring and pinion gear dimensions

## Gears

|                                  |            | Gear 1      | Gear 2      |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Type of model                    |            | Component   | Component   |
| Number of Teeth                  | $z$        | 64 ul       | 16 ul       |
| Unit Correction                  | $x$        | 0.0000 ul   | -0.0000 ul  |
| Tangential Displacement          | $x_t$      | 0.0000 ul   | -0.0000 ul  |
| Pitch Diameter at End            | $d_e$      | 8.000 in    | 2.000 in    |
| Pitch Diameter in Middle Plane   | $d_m$      | 7.030 in    | 1.757 in    |
| Outside Diameter at End          | $d_{ae}$   | 8.061 in    | 2.240 in    |
| Outside Diameter at Small End    | $d_{ai}$   | 6.106 in    | 1.697 in    |
| Root Diameter at End             | $d_{fe}$   | 7.927 in    | 1.709 in    |
| Vertex Distance                  | $A_e$      | 0.879 in    | 3.970 in    |
| Vertex Distance at Small End     | $A_i$      | 0.666 in    | 3.007 in    |
| Pitch Cone Angle                 | $\delta$   | 75.9638 deg | 14.0362 deg |
| Outside Cone Angle               | $\delta_a$ | 77.7003 deg | 15.7551 deg |
| Root Cone Angle                  | $\delta_f$ | 73.8802 deg | 11.9527 deg |
| Facewidth                        | $b$        | 1.000 in    |             |
| Facewidth Ratio                  | $b_r$      | 0.2425 ul   |             |
| Addendum                         | $a^*$      | 1.0000 ul   | 1.0000 ul   |
| Clearance                        | $c^*$      | 0.2000 ul   | 0.2000 ul   |
| Root Fillet                      | $r_f^*$    | 0.3000 ul   | 0.3000 ul   |
| Whole Depth of Tooth             | $h_e$      | 0.275 in    | 0.274 in    |
| Tooth Thickness at End           | $s_e$      | 0.196 in    | 0.196 in    |
| Chordal Thickness                | $t_c$      | 0.173 in    | 0.173 in    |
| Chordal Addendum                 | $a_c$      | 0.093 in    | 0.092 in    |
| Limit Deviation of Helix Angle   | $F_\beta$  | 0.00051 in  | 0.00043 in  |
| Limit Circumferential Run-out    | $F_r$      | 0.00110 in  | 0.00067 in  |
| Limit Deviation of Axial Pitch   | $f_{pt}$   | 0.00035 in  | 0.00030 in  |
| Limit Deviation of Basic Pitch   | $f_{pb}$   | 0.00033 in  | 0.00028 in  |
| Equivalent Number of Teeth       | $z_v$      | 263.879 ul  | 16.492 ul   |
| Equivalent Pitch Diameter        | $d_v$      | 28.985 in   | 1.812 in    |
| Equivalent Outside Diameter      | $d_{va}$   | 29.205 in   | 2.029 in    |
| Equivalent Base Circle Diameter  | $d_{vb}$   | 27.237 in   | 1.702 in    |
| Unit Correction without Tapering | $x_z$      | -6.9273 ul  | 0.5525 ul   |
| Unit Correction without Undercut | $x_p$      | -14.4314 ul | 0.0380 ul   |
| Unit Correction Allowed Undercut | $x_d$      | -14.5985 ul | -0.1291 ul  |
| Addendum Truncation              | $k$        | 0.0000 ul   | 0.0102 ul   |
| Unit Outside Tooth Thickness     | $s_a$      | 0.8288 ul   | 0.6824 ul   |



**Table 9:** ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04 calculations for ring and pinion gear

## Strength Calculation

### Factors of Additional Load

|                                  |          |                                         |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Overload Factor                  | $K_o$    | 1.200 ul                                |          |
| Dynamic Factor                   | $K_v$    | 1.035 ul                                |          |
| Size Factor                      | $K_s$    | 1.000 ul                                | 1.000 ul |
| Reliability Factor               | $K_R$    | 1.000 ul                                |          |
| Temperature Factor               | $k_t$    | 1.000 ul                                |          |
| Load Distribution Factor         | $K_m$    | 1.173 ul                                | 1.173 ul |
| Lead Correction Factor           | $C_{mc}$ | 1.000 ul                                | 1.000 ul |
| Mesh Alignment Correction Factor | $C_e$    | 1.000 ul                                |          |
| Pinion Proportion Modifier       | $C_{pm}$ | 1.000 ul                                |          |
| Mesh Alignment Factor            | $C_{ma}$ | Commercial Enclosed Gear Units (0.1427) |          |

### Factors for Contact

|                          |       |            |          |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|----------|
| Surface Condition Factor | $C_f$ | 1.000 ul   | 1.000 ul |
| Stress Cycle Factor      | $Z_N$ | 1.472 ul   | 1.402 ul |
| Hardness Ratio Factor    | $C_H$ | 1.000 ul   | 1.000 ul |
| Elastic Factor           | $C_p$ | 268.326 ul |          |
| Geometry Factor          | $I$   | 0.117 ul   |          |

### Factors for Bending

|                        |       |          |          |
|------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Reverse Loading Factor | $Y_a$ | 1.000 ul | 1.000 ul |
| Rim Thickness Factor   | $K_B$ | 1.000 ul | 1.000 ul |
| Stress Cycle Factor    | $Y_N$ | 1.731 ul | 1.545 ul |
| Geometry Factor        | $J$   | 0.300 ul | 0.300 ul |

### Results

|                                      |          |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Factor of Safety from Pitting        | $k_f$    | 3.644 ul  | 3.469 ul  |
| Factor of Safety from Tooth Breakage | $k_n$    | 12.010 ul | 10.720 ul |
| Check Calculation                    | Positive |           |           |

**Table 10:** Common parameters for the spider gears

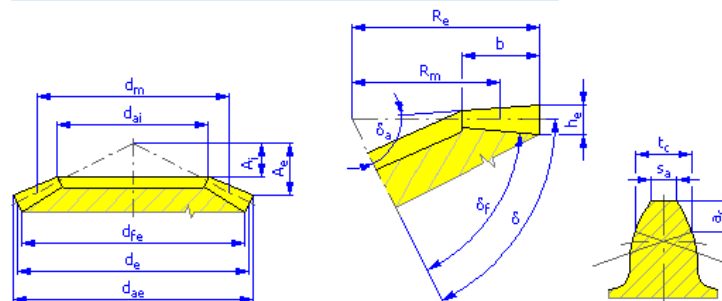
## Common Parameters

|                                     |               |             |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Gear Ratio                          | $i$           | 1.0000 ul   |
| Tangential Diametral Pitch          | $P_{et}$      | 9.000 ul/in |
| Helix Angle                         | $\beta$       | 0.0000 deg  |
| Tangential Pressure Angle           | $\alpha_t$    | 20.0000 deg |
| Shaft Angle                         | $\Sigma$      | 90.0000 deg |
| Normal Pressure Angle at End        | $\alpha_{ne}$ | 20.0000 deg |
| Contact Ratio                       | $\varepsilon$ | 1.6712 ul   |
| Limit Deviation of Axis Parallelity | $f_x$         | 0.00043 in  |
| Limit Deviation of Axis Parallelity | $f_y$         | 0.00022 in  |
| Virtual Gear Ratio                  | $i_v$         | 1.000 ul    |
| Equivalent Center Distance          | $a_v$         | 2.894 in    |
| Virtual Center Distance             | $a_n$         | 2.894 in    |
| Pitch Cone Radius                   | $R_e$         | 1.807 in    |
| Pitch Cone Radius in Middle Plane   | $R_m$         | 1.447 in    |

**Table 11:** Spider gear dimensions

## Gears

|                                  |            | Gear 1      | Gear 2      |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Type of model                    |            | Component   | Component   |
| Number of Teeth                  | $z$        | 23 ul       | 23 ul       |
| Unit Correction                  | $x$        | 0.0000 ul   | -0.0000 ul  |
| Tangential Displacement          | $x_t$      | 0.0000 ul   | -0.0000 ul  |
| Pitch Diameter at End            | $d_e$      | 2.556 in    | 2.556 in    |
| Pitch Diameter in Middle Plane   | $d_m$      | 2.046 in    | 2.046 in    |
| Outside Diameter at End          | $d_{ae}$   | 2.713 in    | 2.713 in    |
| Outside Diameter at Small End    | $d_{ai}$   | 1.631 in    | 1.631 in    |
| Root Diameter at End             | $d_{fe}$   | 2.367 in    | 2.367 in    |
| Vertex Distance                  | $A_e$      | 1.199 in    | 1.199 in    |
| Vertex Distance at Small End     | $A_i$      | 0.721 in    | 0.721 in    |
| Pitch Cone Angle                 | $\delta$   | 45.0000 deg | 45.0000 deg |
| Outside Cone Angle               | $\delta_a$ | 48.5185 deg | 48.5185 deg |
| Root Cone Angle                  | $\delta_f$ | 40.7801 deg | 40.7801 deg |
| Facewidth                        | $b$        | 0.720 in    |             |
| Facewidth Ratio                  | $b_r$      | 0.3987 ul   |             |
| Addendum                         | $a^*$      | 1.0000 ul   | 1.0000 ul   |
| Clearance                        | $c^*$      | 0.2000 ul   | 0.2000 ul   |
| Root Fillet                      | $r_f^*$    | 0.3000 ul   | 0.3000 ul   |
| Whole Depth of Tooth             | $h_e$      | 0.244 in    | 0.244 in    |
| Tooth Thickness at End           | $s_e$      | 0.175 in    | 0.175 in    |
| Chordal Thickness                | $t_c$      | 0.154 in    | 0.154 in    |
| Chordal Addendum                 | $a_c$      | 0.083 in    | 0.083 in    |
| Limit Deviation of Helix Angle   | $F_\beta$  | 0.00043 in  | 0.00043 in  |
| Limit Circumferential Run-out    | $F_r$      | 0.00083 in  | 0.00083 in  |
| Limit Deviation of Axial Pitch   | $f_{pt}$   | 0.00033 in  | 0.00033 in  |
| Limit Deviation of Basic Pitch   | $f_{pb}$   | 0.00031 in  | 0.00031 in  |
| Equivalent Number of Teeth       | $z_v$      | 32.527 ul   | 32.527 ul   |
| Equivalent Pitch Diameter        | $d_v$      | 2.894 in    | 2.894 in    |
| Equivalent Outside Diameter      | $d_{va}$   | 3.072 in    | 3.072 in    |
| Equivalent Base Circle Diameter  | $d_{vb}$   | 2.719 in    | 2.719 in    |
| Unit Correction without Tapering | $x_z$      | 0.0524 ul   | 0.0524 ul   |
| Unit Correction without Undercut | $x_p$      | -0.8999 ul  | -0.8999 ul  |
| Unit Correction Allowed Undercut | $x_d$      | -1.0670 ul  | -1.0670 ul  |
| Addendum Truncation              | $k$        | 0.0000 ul   | 0.0000 ul   |
| Unit Outside Tooth Thickness     | $s_a$      | 0.7445 ul   | 0.7445 ul   |



## ▣ Loads

|                            |          | Gear 1           | Gear 2           |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Power                      | P        | 0.100 hp         | 0.098 hp         |
| Speed                      | n        | 100.00 rpm       | 100.00 rpm       |
| Torque                     | T        | 5.252 lbforce ft | 5.147 lbforce ft |
| Efficiency                 | $\eta$   | 0.980 ul         |                  |
| Tangential Force           | $F_t$    | 61.605 lbforce   |                  |
| Normal Force               | $F_n$    | 65.559 lbforce   |                  |
| Radial Force (direction 1) | $F_{r1}$ | 15.855 lbforce   | 15.855 lbforce   |
| Radial Force (direction 2) | $F_{r2}$ | 15.855 lbforce   | 15.855 lbforce   |
| Axial Force (direction 1)  | $F_{a1}$ | 15.855 lbforce   | 15.855 lbforce   |
| Axial Force (direction 2)  | $F_{a2}$ | 15.855 lbforce   | 15.855 lbforce   |
| Circumferential Speed      | v        | 0.893 fps        |                  |
| Resonance Speed            | $n_{E1}$ | 27707.136 rpm    |                  |

## ▣ Material

|                                       |                 | Gear 1        | Gear 2        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       |                 | User material | User material |
| Ultimate Tensile Strength             | $S_u$           | 85300 psi     | 101500 psi    |
| Yield Strength                        | $S_y$           | 45500 psi     | 49300 psi     |
| Modulus of Elasticity                 | E               | 380000 psi    | 380000 psi    |
| Poisson's Ratio                       | $\mu$           | 0.400 ul      | 0.400 ul      |
| Bending Fatigue Limit                 | $\sigma_{Flim}$ | 52200.0 psi   | 51100.0 psi   |
| Contact Fatigue Limit                 | $\sigma_{Hlim}$ | 60900.0 psi   | 165300.0 psi  |
| Hardness in Tooth Core                | JHV             | 210 ul        | 210 ul        |
| Hardness in Tooth Side                | VHV             | 600 ul        | 600 ul        |
| Base Number of Load Cycles in Bending | $N_{Flim}$      | 3000000 ul    | 3000000 ul    |
| Base Number of Load Cycles in Contact | $N_{Hlim}$      | 50000000 ul   | 100000000 ul  |
| Wöhler Curve Exponent for Bending     | $q_F$           | 6.0 ul        | 6.0 ul        |
| Wöhler Curve Exponent for Contact     | $q_H$           | 10.0 ul       | 10.0 ul       |
| Type of Treatment                     | type            | 0 ul          | 2 ul          |

**Table 12: ANSI/AGMA 2004-D04 spider gear calculations**

☐ **Strength Calculation**

☐ **Factors of Additional Load**

|                             |               |          |          |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Application Factor          | $K_A$         | 1.200 ul |          |
| Dynamic Factor              | $K_{Hv}$      | 1.007 ul | 1.007 ul |
| Face Load Factor            | $K_{H\beta}$  | 1.012 ul | 1.009 ul |
| Transverse Load Factor      | $K_{H\alpha}$ | 1.000 ul | 1.000 ul |
| One-time Overloading Factor | $K_{AS}$      | 1.000 ul |          |

☐ **Factors for Contact**

|                                  |              |           |          |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Elasticity Factor                | $Z_E$        | 22.280 ul |          |
| Zone Factor                      | $Z_H$        | 2.495 ul  |          |
| Contact Ratio Factor             | $Z_\epsilon$ | 0.881 ul  |          |
| Bevel Gear Factor                | $Z_k$        | 0.850 ul  |          |
| Single Pair Tooth Contact Factor | $Z_B$        | 1.004 ul  | 1.004 ul |
| Life Factor                      | $Z_N$        | 1.600 ul  | 1.600 ul |
| Lubricant Factor                 | $Z_L$        | 0.937 ul  |          |
| Roughness Factor                 | $Z_R$        | 1.000 ul  |          |
| Speed Factor                     | $Z_V$        | 0.878 ul  |          |
| Helix Angle Factor               | $Z_\beta$    | 1.000 ul  |          |
| Size Factor                      | $Z_X$        | 1.000 ul  | 1.000 ul |

☐ **Factors for Bending**

|                                    |              |          |          |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Form Factor                        | $Y_{Fa}$     | 2.499 ul | 2.499 ul |
| Stress Correction Factor           | $Y_{Sa}$     | 1.702 ul | 1.702 ul |
| Teeth with Grinding Notches Factor | $Y_{Sag}$    | 1.000 ul | 1.000 ul |
| Helix Angle Factor                 | $Y_\beta$    | 1.000 ul |          |
| Contact Ratio Factor               | $Y_\epsilon$ | 0.699 ul |          |
| Bevel Gear Factor                  | $Y_k$        | 1.000 ul |          |
| Alternating Load Factor            | $Y_A$        | 1.000 ul | 1.000 ul |
| Production Technology Factor       | $Y_T$        | 1.000 ul | 1.000 ul |
| Life Factor                        | $Y_N$        | 2.500 ul | 2.500 ul |
| Notch Sensitivity Factor           | $Y_\delta$   | 1.226 ul | 1.210 ul |
| Size Factor                        | $Y_X$        | 1.000 ul | 1.000 ul |
| Tooth Root Surface Factor          | $Y_R$        | 1.000 ul |          |

☐ **Results**

|                                      |           |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Factor of Safety from Pitting        | $S_H$     | 15.755 ul | 42.763 ul |
| Factor of Safety from Tooth Breakage | $S_F$     | 45.909 ul | 44.391 ul |
| Static Safety in Contact             | $S_{Hst}$ | 25.039 ul | 27.130 ul |
| Static Safety in Bending             | $S_{Fst}$ | 93.653 ul | 91.679 ul |
| Check Calculation                    | Positive  |           |           |

## Sample Calculation

Hertzian contact analysis for cylindrical contact.

$$b = \sqrt{\frac{2F}{\pi l} \cdot \frac{\frac{(1 - \nu_1^2)}{E_1} + \frac{(1 - \nu_2^2)}{E_2}}{\frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2}}} \quad (1)$$

$$b = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 100}{\pi \cdot 0.5906} \cdot \frac{\frac{(1 - 0.4^2)}{326.3} + \frac{(1 - 0.4^2)}{326.3}}{\frac{1}{0.173} + \frac{1}{0.173}}}$$

$$2b = 0.0014$$

$$P_{max} = \frac{2F}{\pi \cdot b \cdot l} \quad (2)$$

$$P_{max} = \frac{2F}{\pi \cdot b \cdot l}$$

$$P_{max} = \frac{2 \cdot 100lb_f}{\pi \cdot 0.007 \cdot 0.5922}$$

$$P_{max} = 15537.3 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\sigma_x = 2\nu P_{max} \left[ \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{z^2}{b^2}\right)} - \left|\frac{z}{b}\right| \right] \quad (3)$$

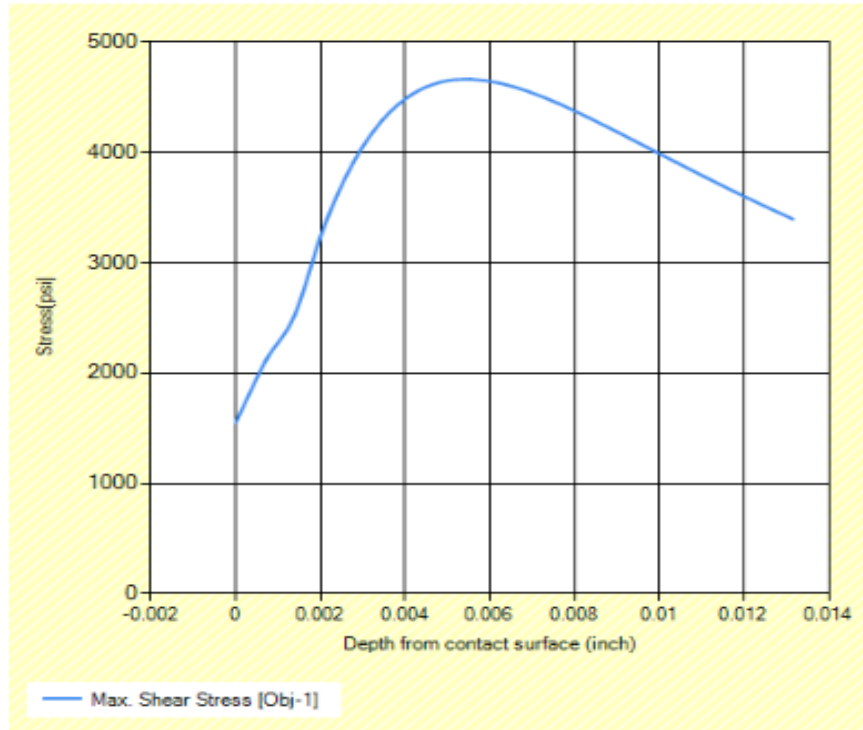
$$\sigma_y = -P_{max} \left[ \frac{1 + 2 \cdot \frac{z^2}{b^2}}{\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{z^2}{b^2}\right)}} - 2 \left|\frac{z}{b}\right| \right] \quad (4)$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{-P_{max}}{\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{z^2}{b^2}\right)}} \quad (5)$$

$$\tau_{xz} = \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_z}{2} \quad (6)$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_z}{2} \quad (7)$$

Equations 3-7 can be used to make a graph and interpolate maximum shear stress. (Figure 31)



**Figure 31.** Graph of Stress Versus Depth of Contact Surface.

Find the maximum point on this graph results in a maximum shear stress of 4665.6 PSI at a depth of 0.005 inches

All further calculations were performed in Inventor. Inventor can perform calculations from a variety of standards. The standard in which all calculations were performed was ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04. These calculations are for determining the pitting resistance and bending strength of helical involute gears.

#### Safety factor of contact fatigue

$$S_{H1,2} = \frac{s_{ac} \cdot Z_{N1,2} \cdot C_{H1,2}}{C_p \cdot K_T \cdot K_R \cdot \sqrt{F_t \cdot K_o \cdot K_v \cdot K_{s1,2} \cdot \frac{K_{m1,2}}{d_{m1} \cdot b_w} \cdot \frac{C_{f1,2}}{I}}}$$

**Figure 32.** Safety factor of contact fatigue formula

### Safety factor of bending fatigue

$$S_{F1,2} = \frac{S_{at1,2} \cdot Y_{N1,2} \cdot Y_{A1,2}}{K_T \cdot K_R \cdot F_t \cdot K_o \cdot K_v \cdot K_{s1,2} \cdot \frac{P_t}{b_{wF1,2}} \cdot \frac{K_{m1,2} \cdot K_{B1,2}}{J_{1,2}}}$$

**Figure 33.** Safety factor of bending fatigue formula

## Discussion and Analysis

The calculated values obtained from the Hertzian contact calculations are not comparable to the calculations performed by Inventor, as Inventor measures different parameters of the system. Inventor bases the calculations from ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04 which calculates the safety factor of contact fatigue, and the safety factor of bending fatigue. These two parameters are important as they define the lifetime of the gear sets. While the Hertzian calculations will only provide a graph plotting the maximum stress a tooth can withstand. The Hertzian calculation provided a maximum stress of 15500 PSI that the gear teeth can withstand. The gears will never experience those types of stresses for the team's use case. The gears were not the main issue when designing the differential. The geometric tolerances were an unforeseen issue as we are inexperienced with designing assemblies like this. The spider gears that were mounted onto axles would prove to be difficult. The lack of geometric tolerance caused the shafts to not be perfectly aligned with the carrier, causing the shafts to deflect due to the irregular gear contact. While deflection is an issue the differential did still function and was able to spin the shafts at different speeds. Another issue was using plywood as a case material. Plywood being an amorphous material proved difficult to use fasteners with. This is what prompted the decision to use nails and dowels, as it would minimize any splitting or splintering of the wood. Even with using those fasteners the team still had issues with the plywood splitting even when nailing the small finishing nails. Observing other parts of the assembly, the 3D printed parts proved to be the best part about the assembly, as their easy manufacturing and precise tolerances were paramount to manufacturing quality gears.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

We were able to construct a small-scale functional model of a rear car differential using rudimentary materials with surprisingly tight tolerances. We created the shaft by utilizing the

lathe and the milling machine, created inventor drawings of the gears and utilized the 3D printer to print them, and we created a wooden casing by cutting and assembling plywood plates. The final product was able to perform its function at 0.1 horsepower. A recommendation for repeating the process would be the use of a material different than plywood for the casings and supports. 3D printing the pieces would remove the error from cutting holes for the shafts and would allow for the ability to integrate supports for the shafts into the outer walls to prevent the shafts from dipping. Another recommendation would be to increase the hole sizes for the loose fits in the Inventor drawings to allow for more room and less chance for shaft contact. These changes would allow for a smaller, tighter casing with added supports and would remove some excess friction caused by poor gear contact due to shafts dipping.

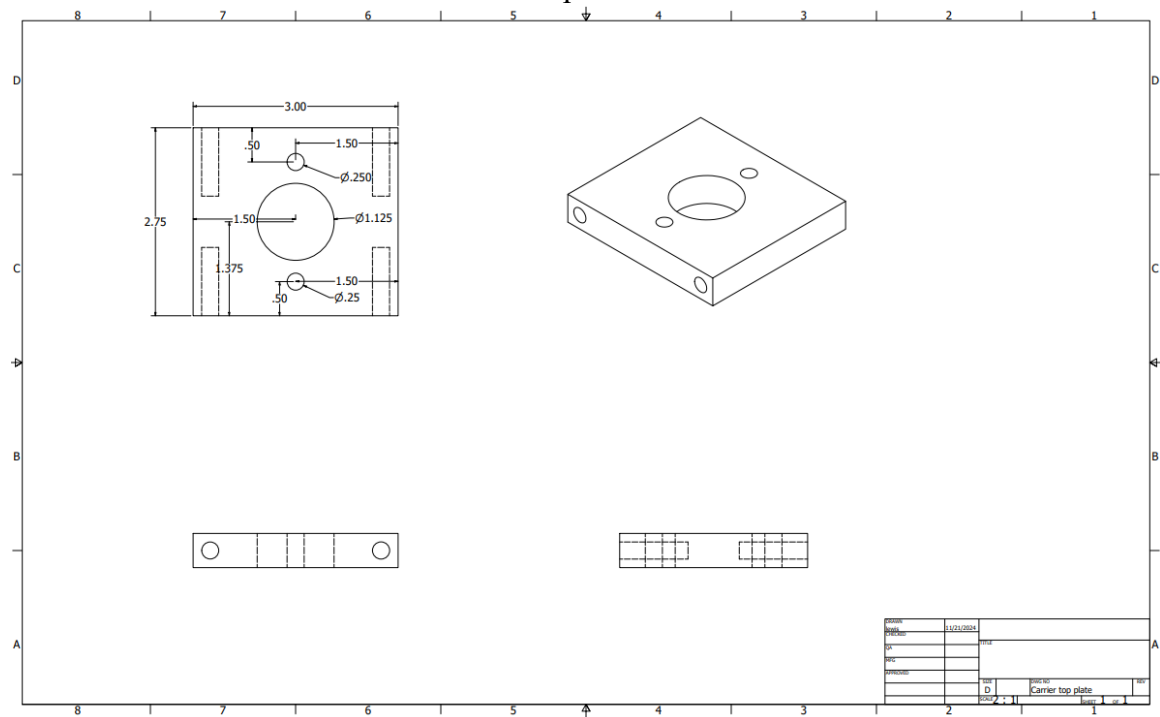
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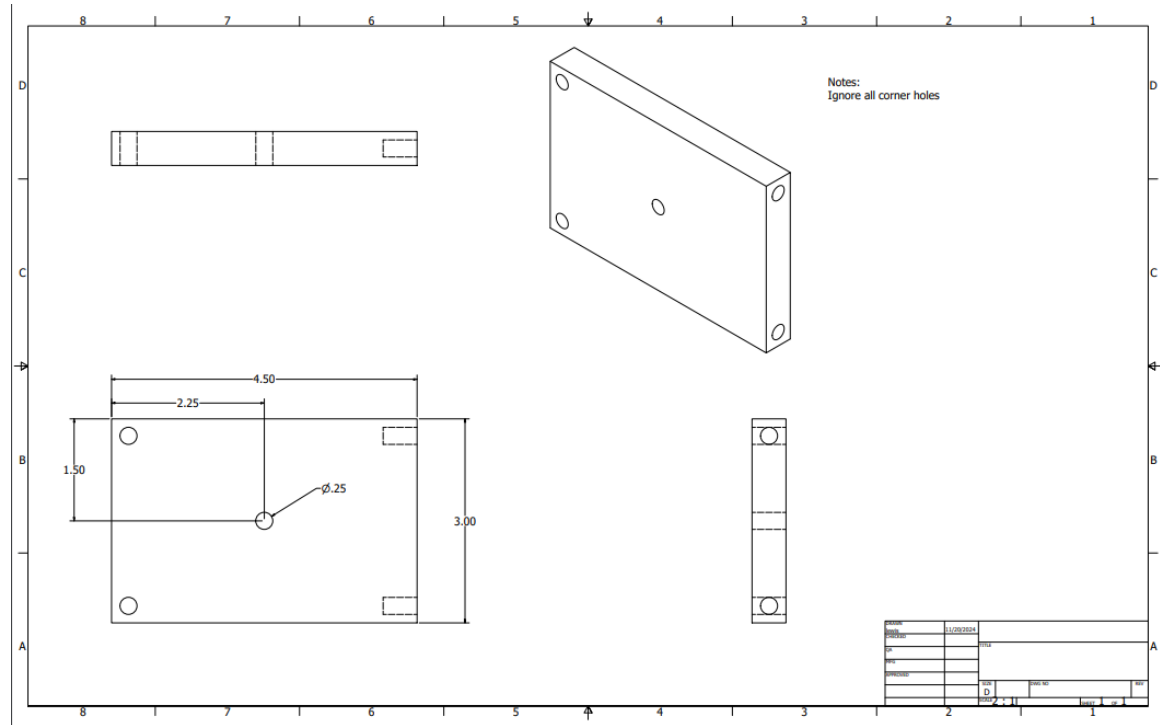
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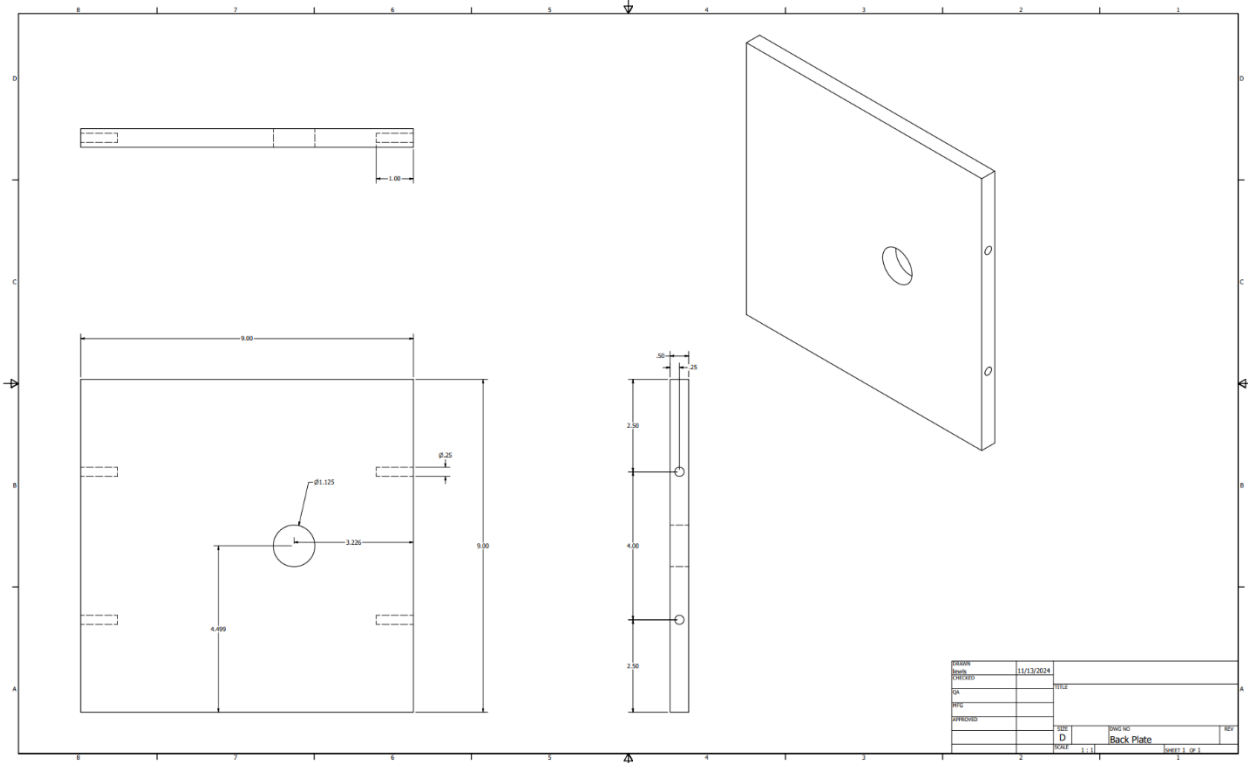
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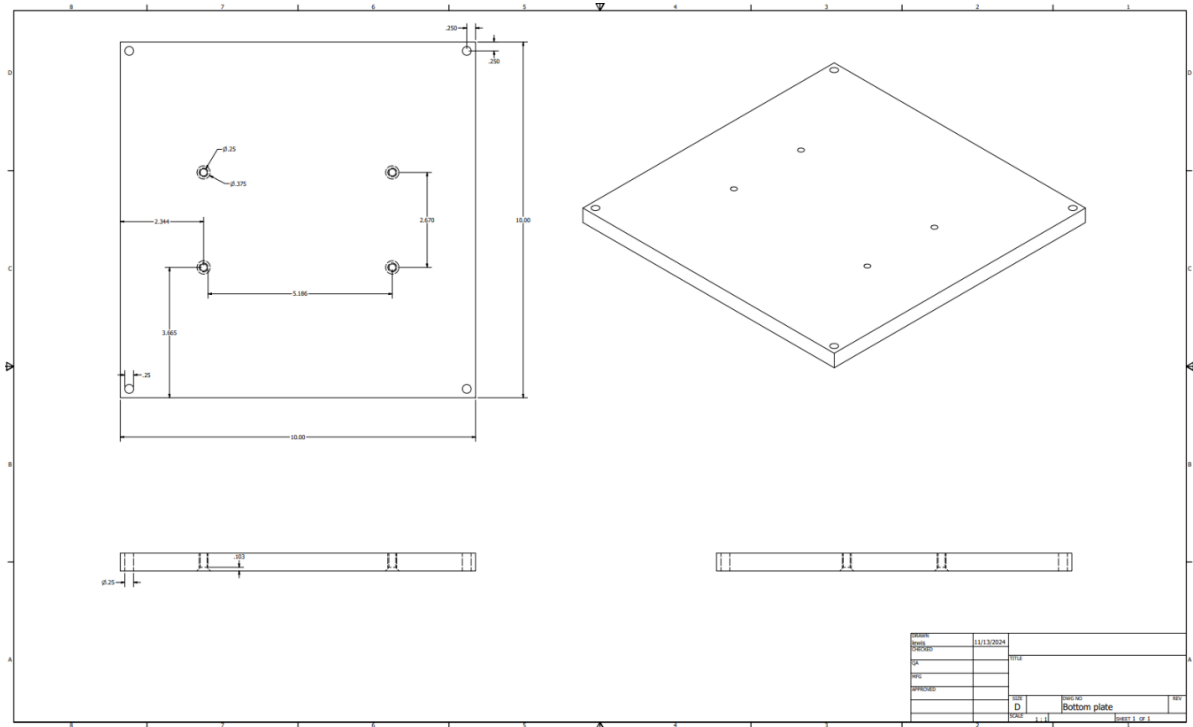
A-2: Carrier Side Plate Dimensions



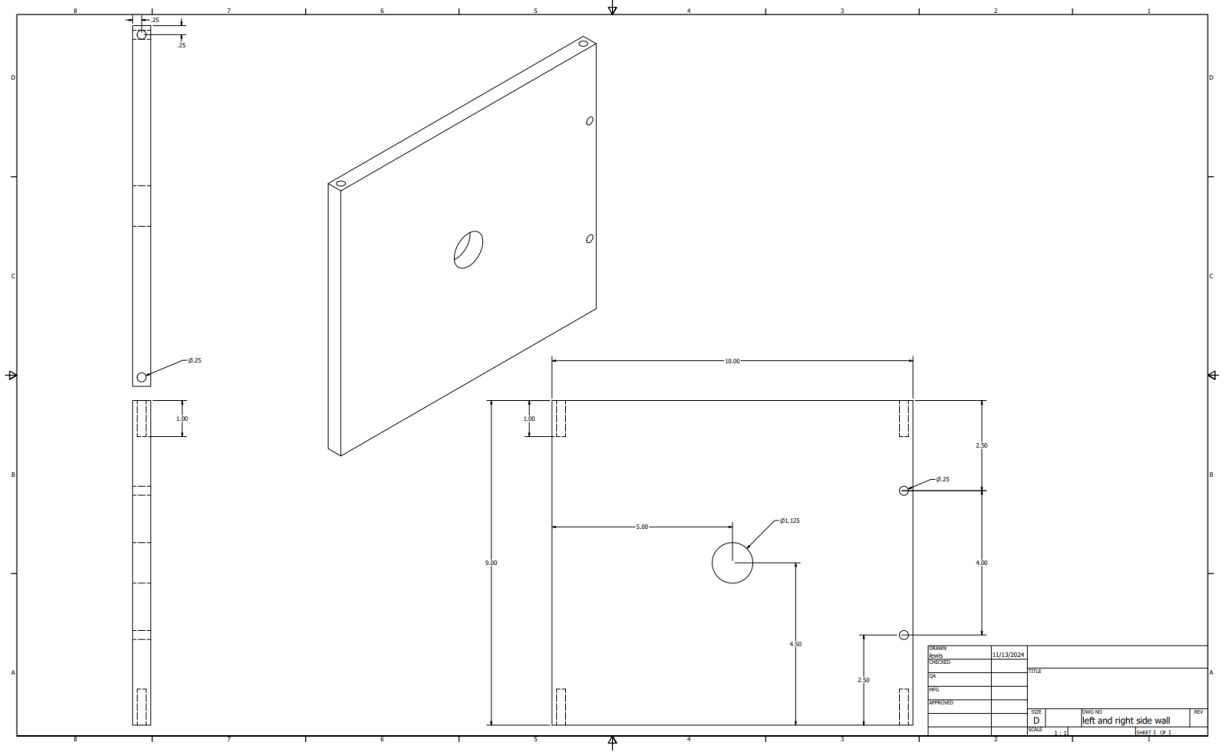
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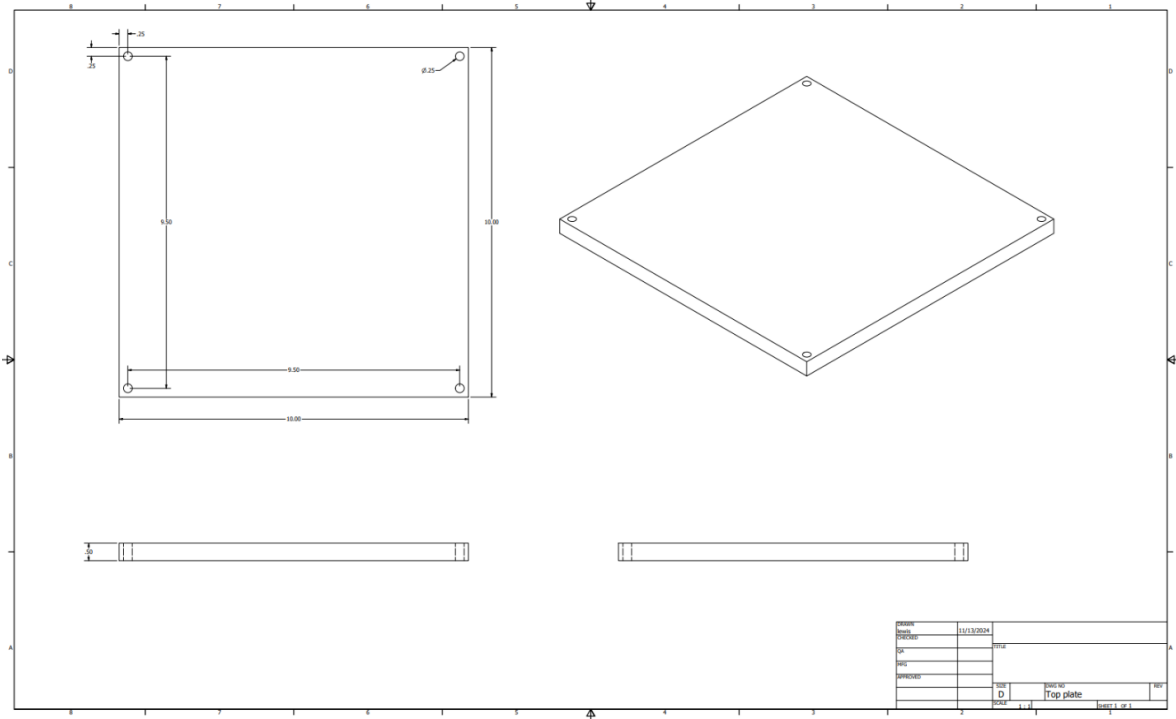
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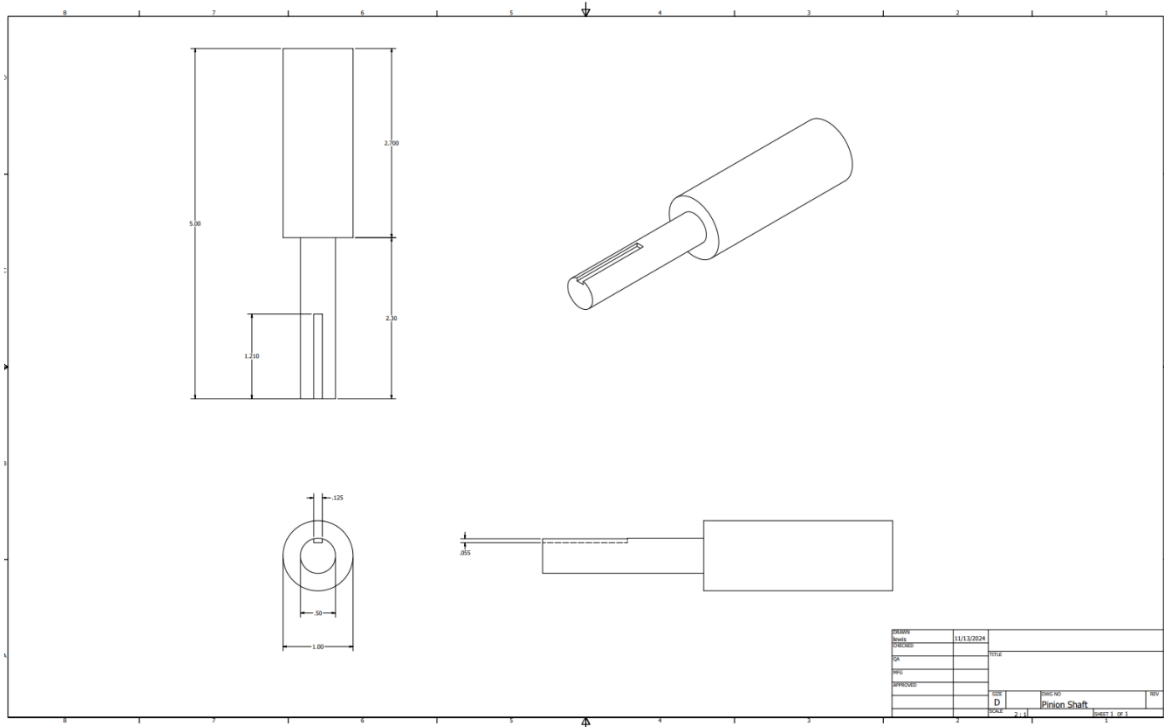
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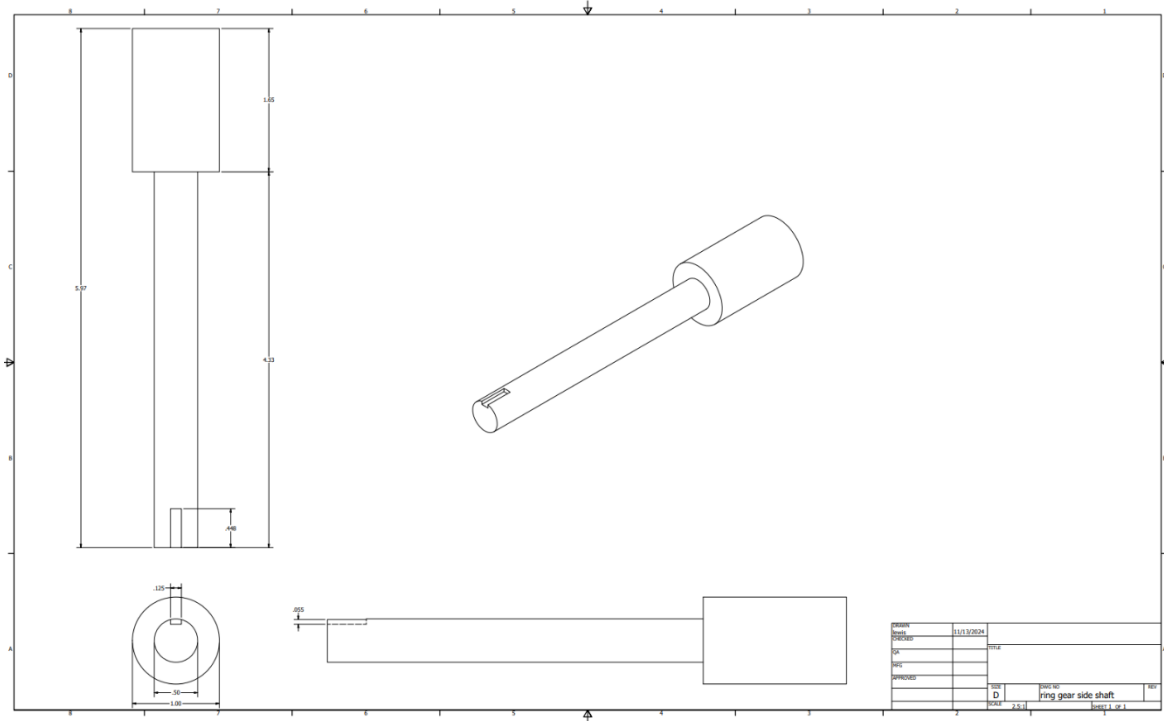
A-6: Case Top Plate Dimensions



### A-7: Pinion Shaft Dimensions



### A-8: Ring Gear Side Shaft Dimensions



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