

Concept Review Follow Up

- Handlebar swivel mechanism
 - if handlebars are tilted to a steep angle the handlebars are not swiveling in the same plane as a real bike
 - Solution: Pivoting handlebars proved to be an undesirable feature causing too much instability. If used, swivel point will be placed above the hinge angle adjustment.***
- Handlebar swivel mechanism
 - need a stop that prevents handlebars from swiveling too far
 - Solution: Pivoting handlebars proved to be an undesirable feature causing too much instability. If used, pivot mechanism will have tabs/hard stops.***
- Tilt mechanism for handlebars
 - find one-handed device to adjust the tilt
 - Solution: Rotary hinge with cable release manufactured by Adjustable Locking Tech.***
- Friction pedal exerciser
 - life span of pedal mechanism (make it interchangeable)
 - Solution: Company (Carex) claims pedal exerciser has a lifetime warranty.***
- Base support legs
 - Legs are a trip hazard to PT, standing platform suggested
 - Solution: Anti-fatigue mat to have cut out around back support legs.***
- Hand/foot restraint that can be easily disengaged
 - Velcro gloves
 - Velcro strap mount
 - Button release
 - Solution: Rubber pedal straps on foot, patient able to pull foot out if necessary. Hand straps to be attached to handlebar by Velcro to enable rip-away.***
- Protecting steel from corrosion
 - Solution: Powder coating/paint/rust preventative coating.***
- Door Knob - torsion spring concept
 - Forces needed
 - Non-linear?
 - Solution: Concept was determined to be unfeasible as load bearing requirement meant Torsion Springs would be too long.***

- Research possibility of using a coil over shock that is pre-compressed as our spring mechanism.
-Allows it to be easily replaced
Solution: Manual preload adjustment of coil over shock was determined to be undesirable to customer.
- Create a “hybrid” (combination) of concepts that we have already created.
Solution: The combination of Torsion Spring and Pulley system was determined to be unfeasible as load bearing requirement meant Torsion Springs would be too long.
- Shock Concept
-Install bushing/bearing at bottom of worm gear to help support and reduce wear at piston end.
-Force needed to adjust spring compression.
Solution: Manual preload adjustment was determined to be undesirable to customer.
- Pulley Concept
-Dual Winch to eliminate pulling at angle.
Solution: Manual preload adjustment was determined to be undesirable to customer. Two electrical winches would exceed budget constraints. Single winch concept involving pulleys was proven to be feasible.
- Feedback System
-Pick a sensor and begin design of high risk audio concept.
Solution: Inclinometer sensor chosen. Preliminary piece by simulations begun.
- Feedback System
-Test bike angle range on current PT patients.
Solution: It was determined that modeling range of tilt would be more accurate than using angle sensor on patients using current non-tilting stationary bike. Design will accommodate an overestimated tilt range. Calibration of tilt angles will be done during testing of final built concept.