DRAIN PAN WELDING JIG

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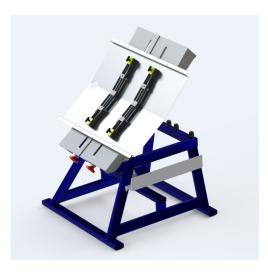


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OVERVIEW







Objective:

To redesign a jig that can be used on any size of drain pan and effectively align the drain pans for the welding process with repeatability and efficiency.



DESIGN PROBLEM







- Welders currently have to secure drain pans by hand or hand clamps
- Pans can warp easily due to an inconsistent loading force and become uneven
- Time, material, and money are wasted in the current process of making a drain pan
- An incorrectly welded drain pan cannot be used due to its poor quality of weld or alignment

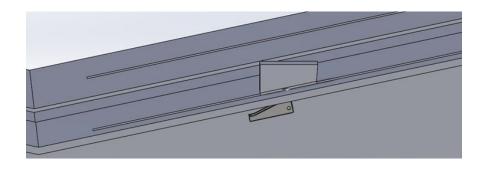


SPECIFIC FEEDBACK

- Design to eliminate warping
- Alignment from the edge flanges of the drain pan
- Avoid overhanging fixtures for the operator's ease of use
- Easily manipulatable clamping design



PRELIMINARY DESIGN



Free Floating Concept

- Cam lock friction mechanism
- Infinitely Adjustable
- Easy to manufacture

Discarded concept because:

- Difficult to access lever
- Prone to damage



Clamping

PRELIMINARY DESIGN

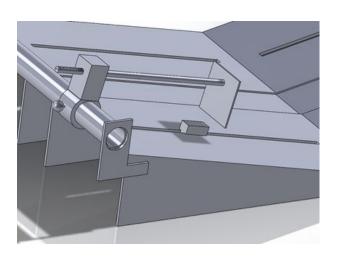
Spring Loaded Arm Concept

- Arm slides on track lengthwise along table
- Arm can raise and lower quickly to allow pan placement
- Arm is secured via spring system or ratchet operation
- Rotation can be locked by twisting knob on rear of pivot (set screw)

Discarded concept because:

- Didn't provide enough downforce to secure pans
- Lack of pressure on surface of pans would allow warping





Rotation

PRELIMINARY DESIGN





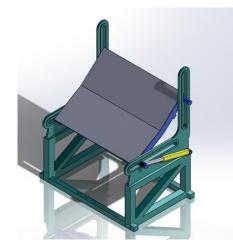
Rack and Pinion Concept

- Gas charged shocks for steady movement
- Pivot moved toward center of table to reduce moment arm

Discarded concept because:

ack and Pinion motor may have limited speed





Virtual Pivot Concept

- Can allow welding from many angles
- Frame can implement a locking feature for safety
- Multiple structures could be put in series

Discarded concept because:

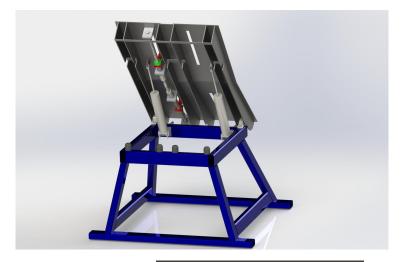
- Sides of pan may contact supports
- The pan realistically only needs to be vertical or horizontal

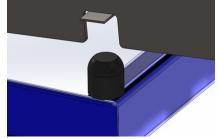
Rotation

DESIGN CHOICE

Rotation Design

- Decided to implement original pneumatic system
- Pre-existing damper remains attached to bottom of tabletop
- Pillow block bearings added to eliminate friction in the shaft
- Added four rubber bump stops to soften impact when lowering





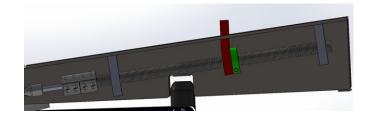


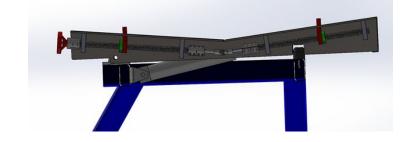
Alignment

DESIGN CHOICE

Lead Screw Design

- Lead screws rest in bearings attached under tabletop
- LH and RH collars fastened to alignment blocks
- Universal joint allows for symmetrical movement
- Screw thread is offset from exposed table, no welding slag issues
- Infinitely adjustable for various drain pan widths

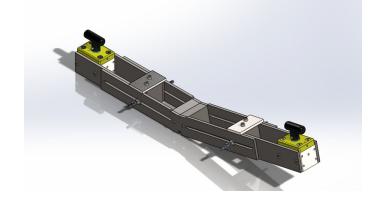






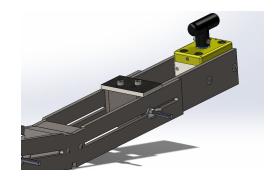
Clamping

DESIGN CHOICE



Magnetic Welding Clamp Design:

- Low profile
- Two 600 lb. welding magnets
- Frame provides force distribution
- Adjustable to accomodate all widths of drain pans





MANUFACTURING PROCESS

- Colmac Coil: Laser-cut pieces
- Facilities machine shop: Small machined blocks along with the welding of the tabletop
- Our design group: Extra machining on laser-cut pieces, small pieces of hardware and modifications to existing parts



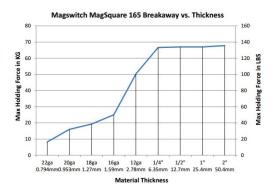


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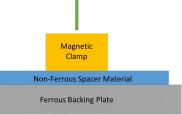
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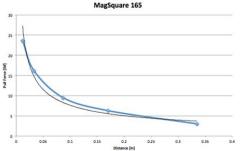


Distance

Thickness



Pull Force(lbf.)

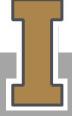




PHYSICAL DEMONSTRATION







FUTURE WORK

- Tertiary piston to aid initial rotation
- Damper to reduce upward impact force
- Upgrade to MagSquare 1000 to increase clamping force
- Side shelf for clamp storage



QUESTIONS

