FTC CAD/3D Printing INTRO TO COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN

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Make the object I describe. (This is all the info you will get!)

- Make a square shaped flat plate.
- ▶ Make a cube about ¼ the dimensions of the flat plate.
- ▶ Put the cube on top of the plate.
- ► Make a second plate with:
 - ▶ Width slightly greater than the cube.
 - Length slightly less than the cube.
- Place the second plate on top of the first plate.
- ▶ Show off the result!

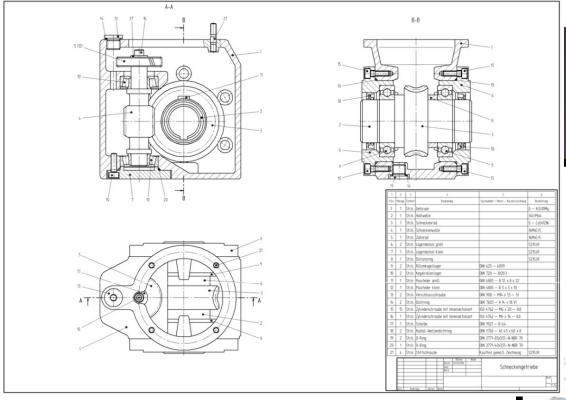
I have an object....



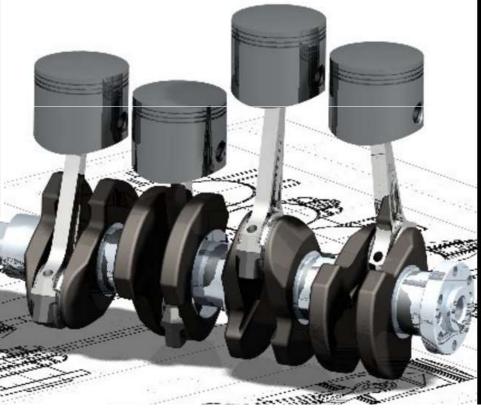
Figure 1 - A Machined Block.

What info is important to describe this machined block?

- Dimensions
- Materials
- Finish (ie: polished, rough,...)
- Coloring
- Special instructions (welding, glue,...)



Drawing vs. model



CAD Software

Commercial (market leaders)

- Autodesk AutoCAD
- Autodesk Inventor
- Dassault CATIA
- Dassault SolidWorks
- Kubotek KeyCreator
- Siemens NX
- · Siemens Solid Edge
- PTC Pro/ENGINEER (now renamed Creo)

Commercial (other)

- IronCAD
- Medusa
- ProgeCAD
- SpaceClaim
- Rhinoceros 3D
- VariCAD
- VectorWorks
- Cobalt

• Onshape (cloud-based CAD)

Free and open source

- 123D
- LibreCAD
- FreeCAD
- BRL-CAD
- OpenSCAD
- NanoCAD
- QCad
- OnShape

CAD Kernels

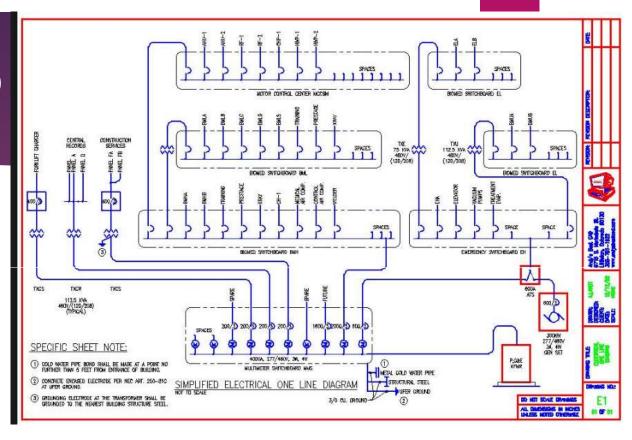
- Parasolid by Siemens
- ACIS by Spatial
- KCM by Kubotek
- ShapeManager by Autodesk
- Open CASCADE
- C3D by C3D Labs

FTC CAD – Computer Aided Design

- Three good options
 - Autodesk Fusion 360
 - ▶ https://www.autodesk.com/products/fusion-360/overview
 - ▶ PTC Creo official sponsor of FTC.
 - ▶ http://www.ptc.com/academic-program/products/free-software
 - ▶ PTC gives grants to some teams demonstrating Creo use in prior seasons.
 - Autodesk Inventor
 - ▶ http://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/inventor-professional
 - ►LOTS of free on-line training resources (ie: YouTube, etc.) both from Autodesk and teachers/professors.
- Great addition to your FTC engineering notebook.
- CAD models can be downloaded to a 3d printer for a custom created part.

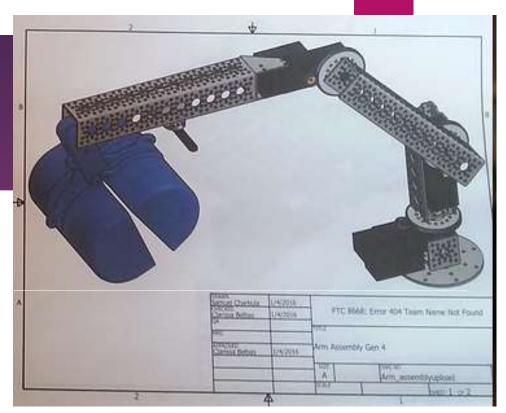
Autodesk AutoCAD

- ► AutoCAD 2 dimensional drawings
 - "Jack of all trades" mechanical, piping, electrical, etc.
 - Lots of functionality but can be difficult to find what you want amidst the complexity (unless you are a super user)



Autodesk Inventor

- ▶ Inventor 3 dimensional models
 - Very focused on mechanical design. So very easy to create 3D mechanical models.
 - Not so great for other functions such as electrical schematics, etc.
 - ► Can animate your creations with simple motions to simulate the functionality.
 - ► Can "render" the materials so they look more realistic – almost like a photo.



Autodesk – other packages

- ► Fusion 360 cloud based collaboration create/modify your model in an on-line environment
- ► A360 cloud based collaboration view, share, comment online. Available as an app for your phone or device to view drawings, models, etc.

Links

- ▶ PTC Download http://www.ptc.com/academic-program/products/free-software
- ► FIRST Blog Team used PTC Creo to 3d print tank tread http://firsttechchallenge.blogspot.com/p/3d-printing-for-first-teams-from-ptc.html
- http://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/inventor-professional

Goals for this workshop

- Introduction to Autodesk Inventor and 3D printing.
 - Create a simple 3d part (keychain)
 - ▶ Download and prep the part for printing on a 3d printer. Begin the print.
 - ▶ Create a more complicated 3D part (gusset).
 - ▶ Create an even more complicated 3D part.
 - ▶ Making engineering drawings from your model.
 - ▶ Connecting parts to make an assembly. (FTC CAD kit of parts).
 - ▶ Assemble the simple FTC pushbot chassis or your robot "wannabe".
 - ▶ Maybe Wed morning: 3d printing examples, tips, and tidbits