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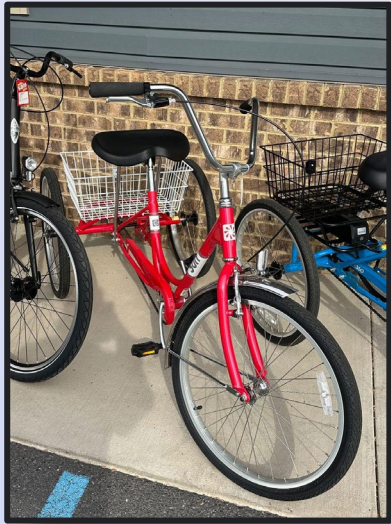
FINAL PRESENTATION &  
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# Introductions



# Mechanical/Frame (I)



Purchased Used Trike

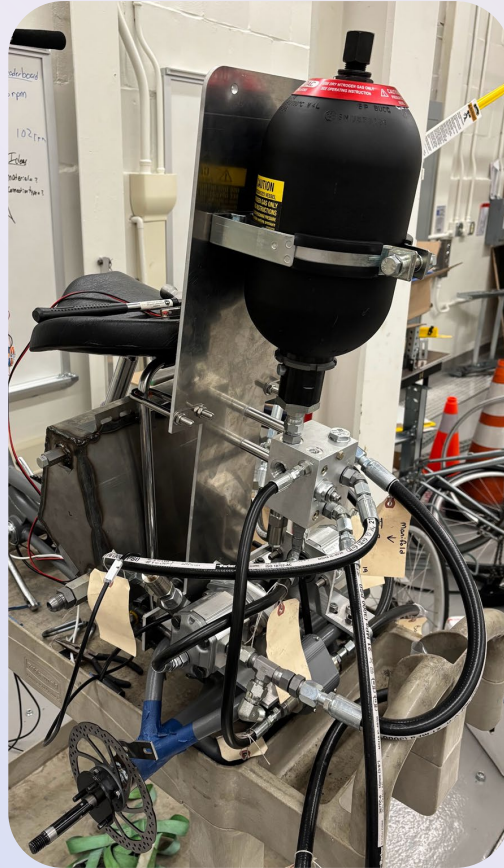


Final CAD Model

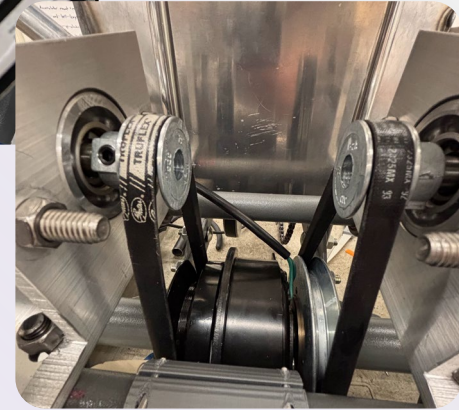
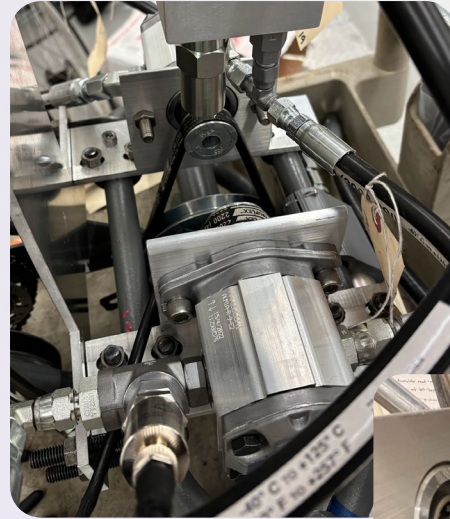
# Mechanical/Frame (II)



Rear Disc Brake Mount

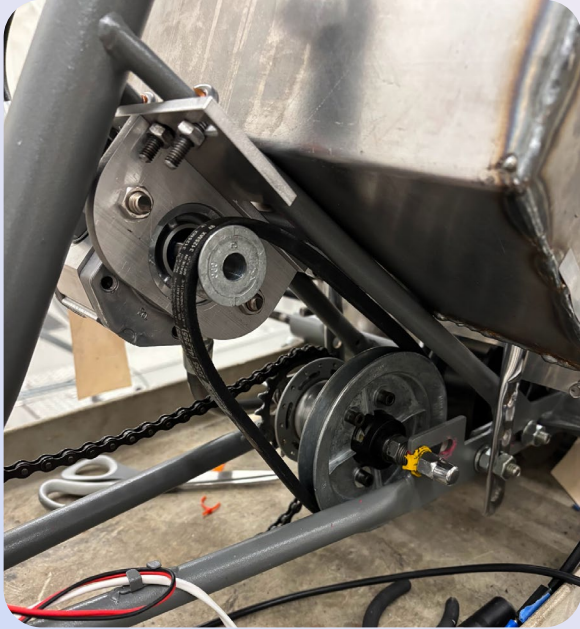


Accumulator + Manifold Mount



Motor Mounts and Rear Axle Alignment

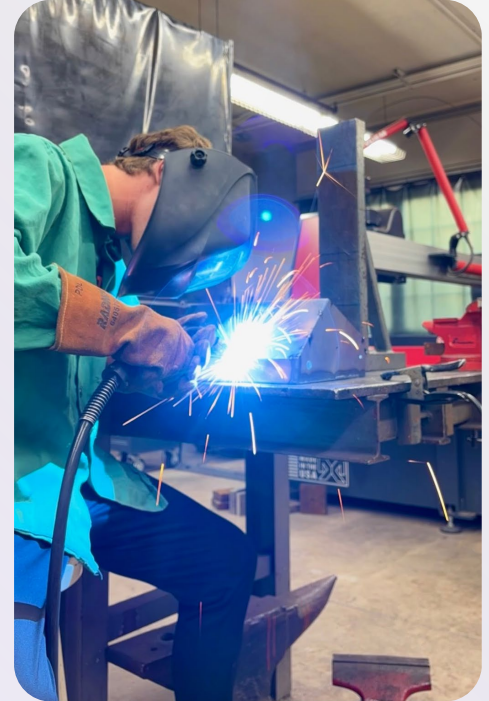
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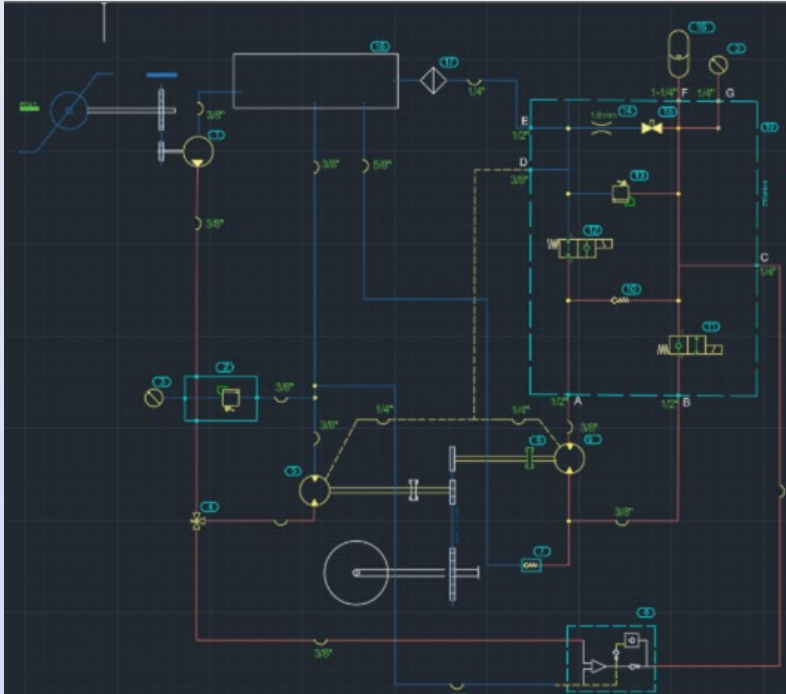
Internal Gear Hub, Pump Mount,  
and Alignments



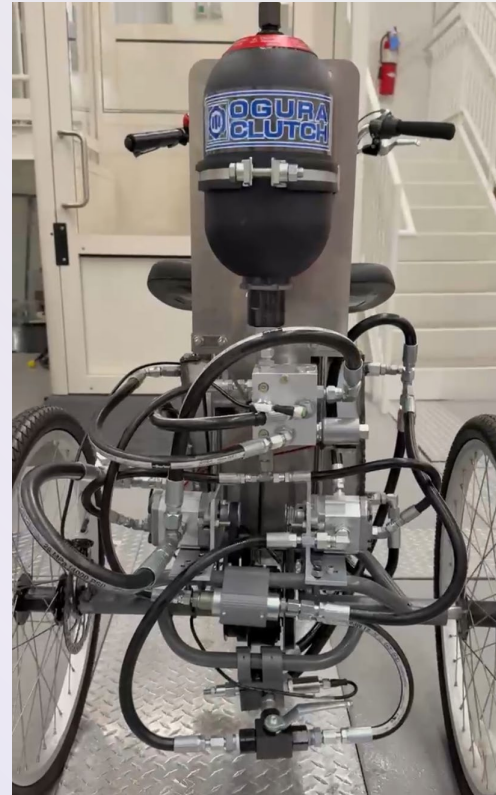
2 gal. Reservoir Manufacturing



# Hydraulics (I) System Implementation

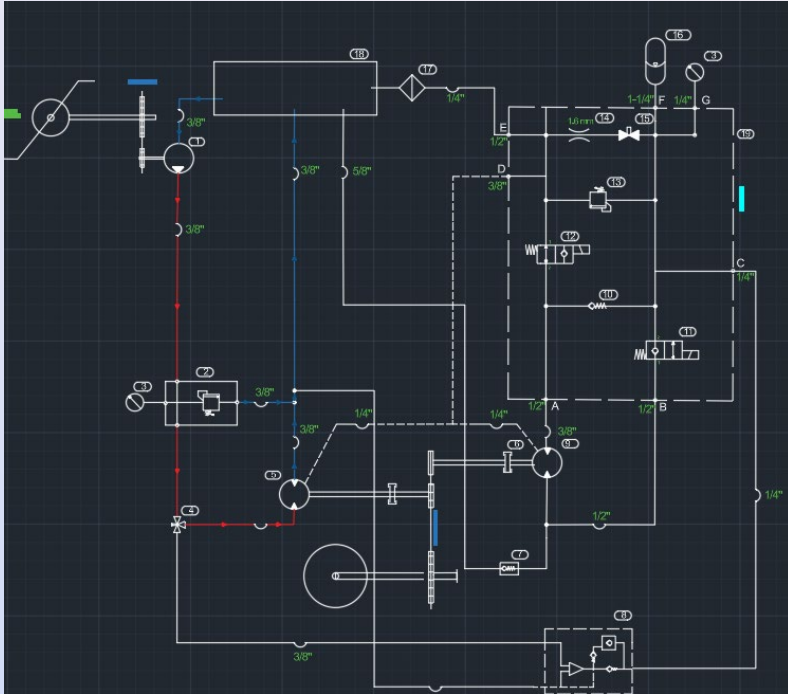


Hydraulic Schematic

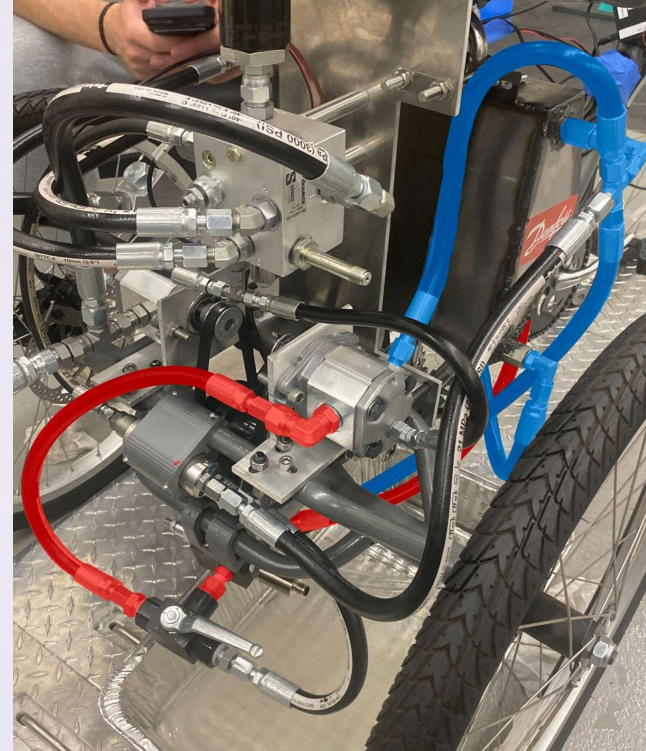


Implemented Hydraulic System

# Hydraulics (II) Direct Drive

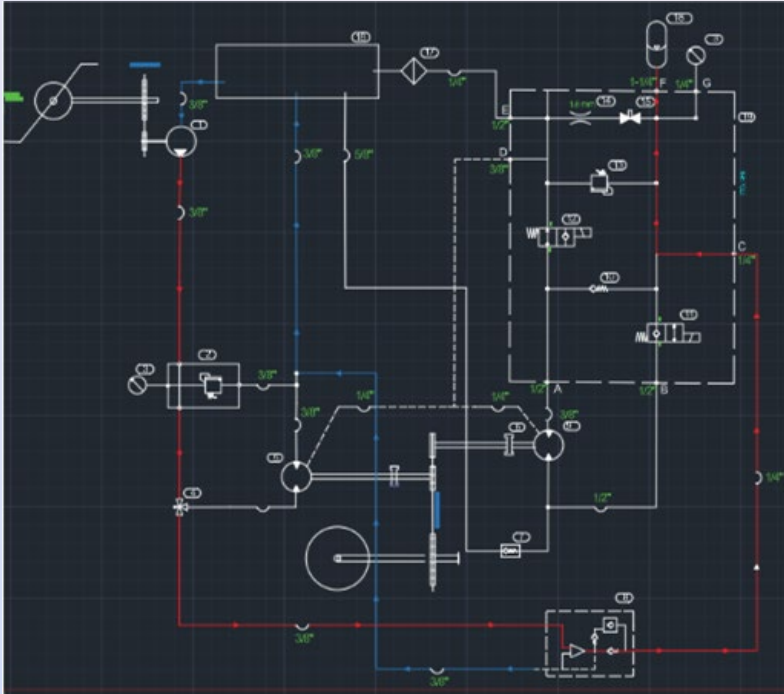


Flow path in Hydraulic Schematic



Flow path in Hydraulic System

# Hydraulics (III) Accumulator Charging

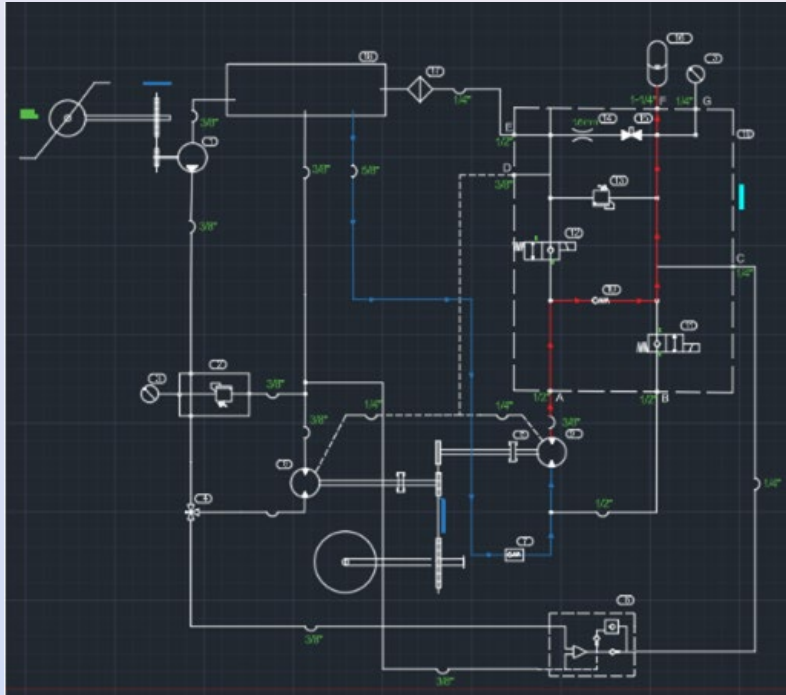


Flow path in Hydraulic Schematic



Flow path in Hydraulic System

# Hydraulics (IV) Regenerative Braking

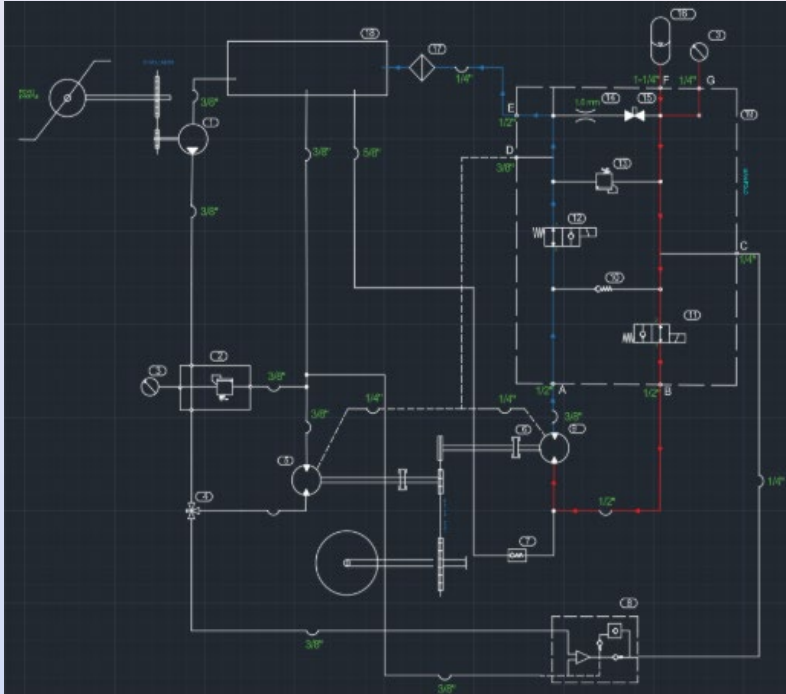


Flow path in Hydraulic Schematic



Flow path in Hydraulic System

# Hydraulics (V) Accumulator Discharging

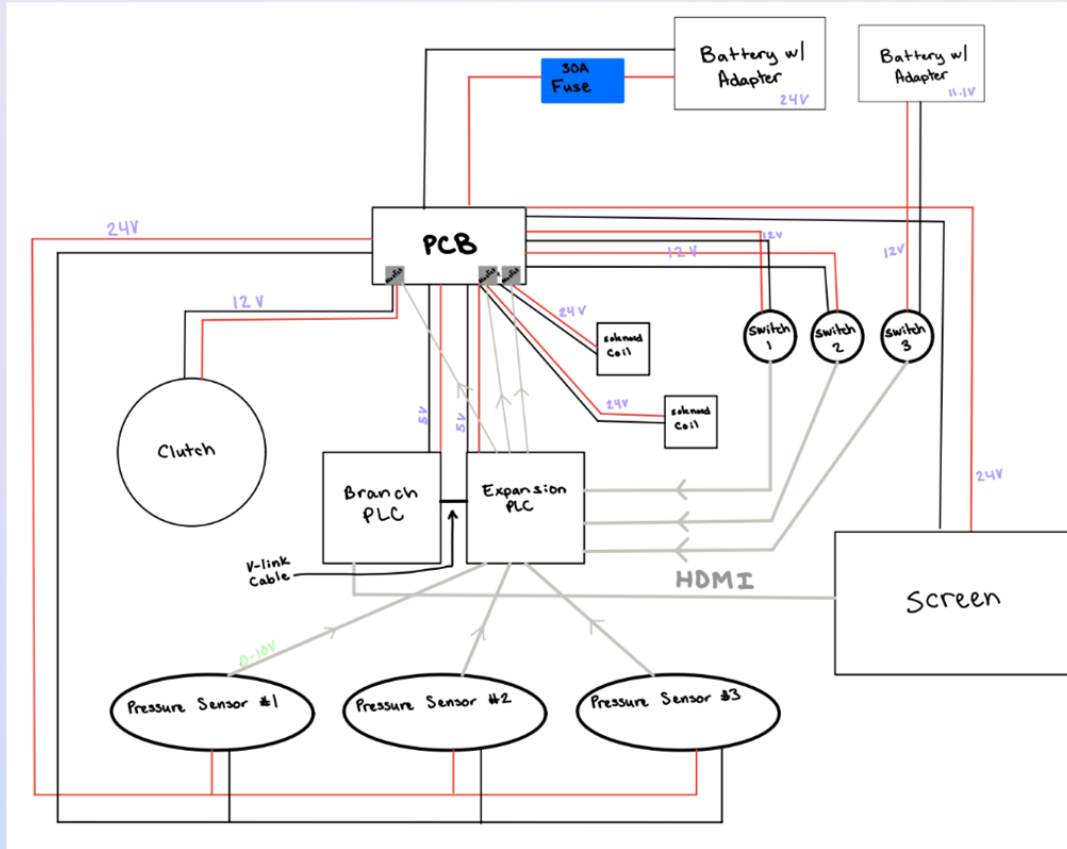


Flow path in Hydraulic Schematic



Flow path in Hydraulic System

# Electronics (I)



## System Highlights

### CENTRAL PCB

- Manages multiple supply voltages
- Consolidates and organizes wiring

### SENSORS

- Pressure sensors for real-time display
- HDMI interface for main screen

### CONTROL

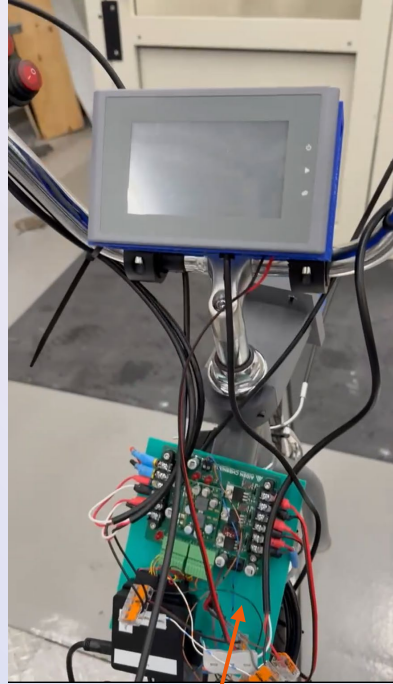
- Switches for drive modes
- Integration with PLC expansion

# Electronics (II)

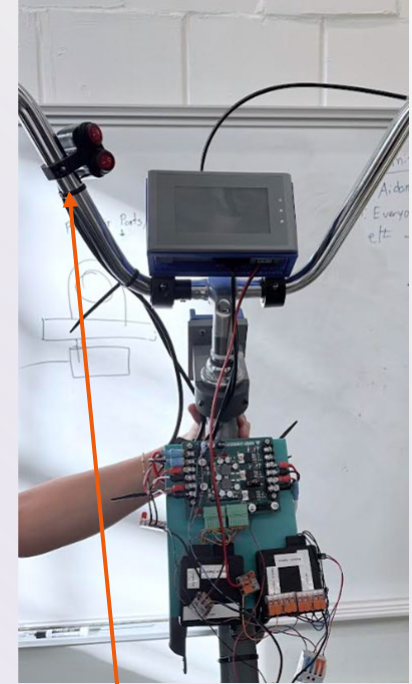
## Battery and Screen Mounts



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PCB



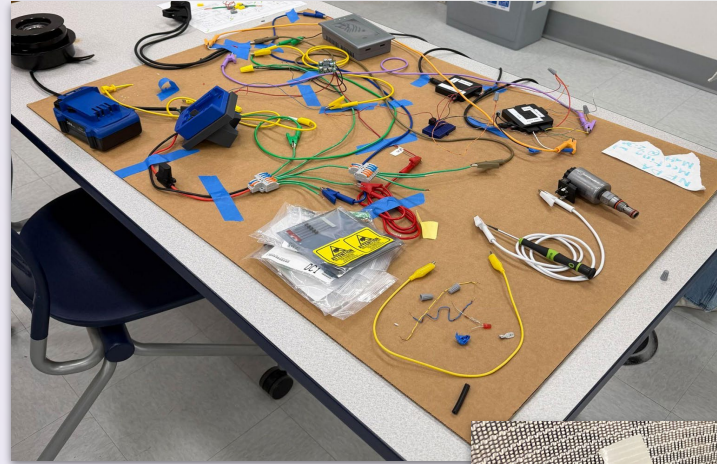
Final layout for PLC/PCB Mount



Handle Bar Switches

# Vehicle Testing

- Tested for leaks in manufactured components by sealing up ports and using compressed air with soapy water
- Independently tested each electrical component and ensured all connections are functioning properly with integrated circuit testing
- Tested mechanical power transmission through pedals and belts to ensure motors are sufficiently actuated
- Ensured two independently actuated brakes function properly



# Lessons Learned



- Order all crucial components before winter break to ensure everything arrives with time to spare
- Budget more time than anticipated for final testing
- Try to finalize hydraulic circuits and component layout early and stick to them
- When planning the project, organize tasks so that they don't require each step beforehand so that they can be worked on
- Order any additional components ahead of time so replacements are available in case of failure or short circuits

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