External Elbow Fixator

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External Elbow Fixator Design

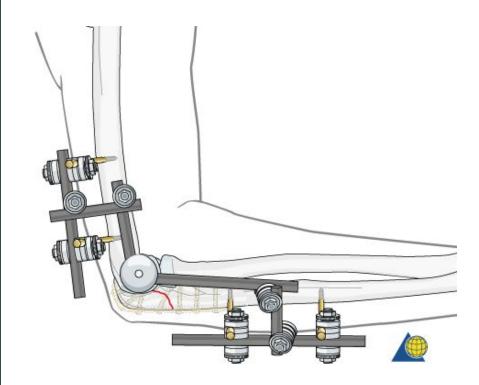


Fig. 1. External Fixation for Elbow Fracture

What is our design for?

A fracture or dislocation of the elbow requires external fixation because it relieves the forces on the area The fixation has to allow the elbow joint to move rotationally while keeping the humerus, radius & ulna stable

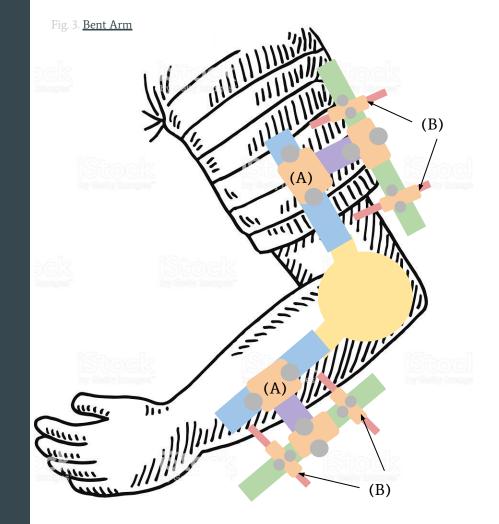
Fig. 2. <u>Distal Humerus Break</u>

Printed Parts

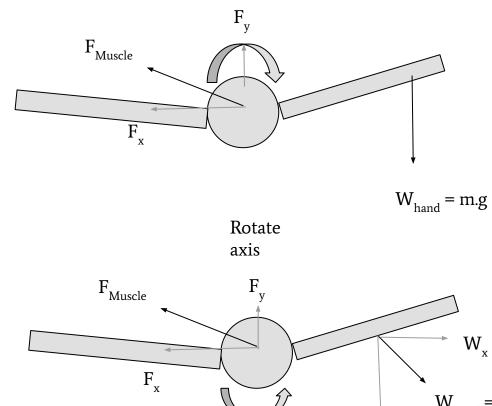
- → Clamp (A) connect the rods together (x4)
- → Clamp (B) connect the rods to the Schanz screw (x4)
- \rightarrow Ball and socket joint (x1)

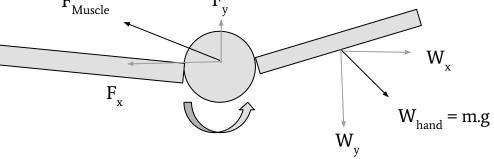
Off the Shelf Parts

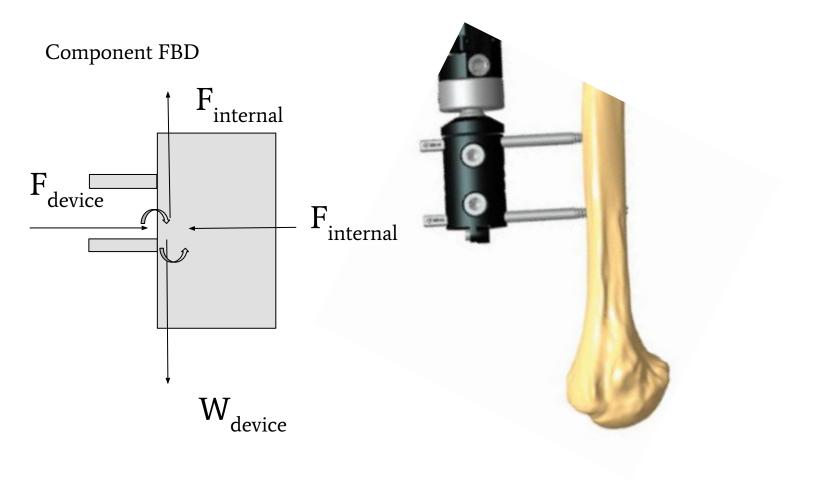
- \rightarrow 11mm x 400mm Solid Metal Rod (x2)
- \rightarrow 11mm x 100mm Solid Metal Rod (x2)
- \rightarrow 4mm x 100mm Schanz Screw (x4)
- → M4 x 0.7mm Screw (x12)

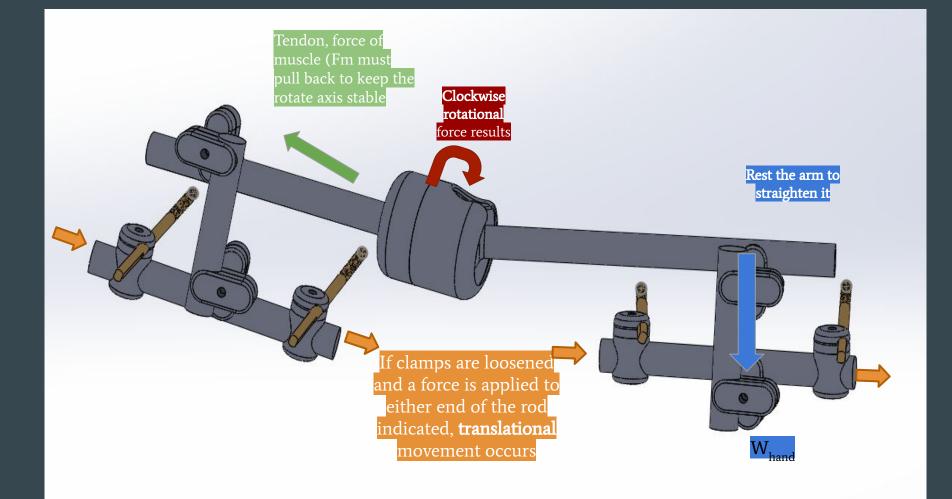


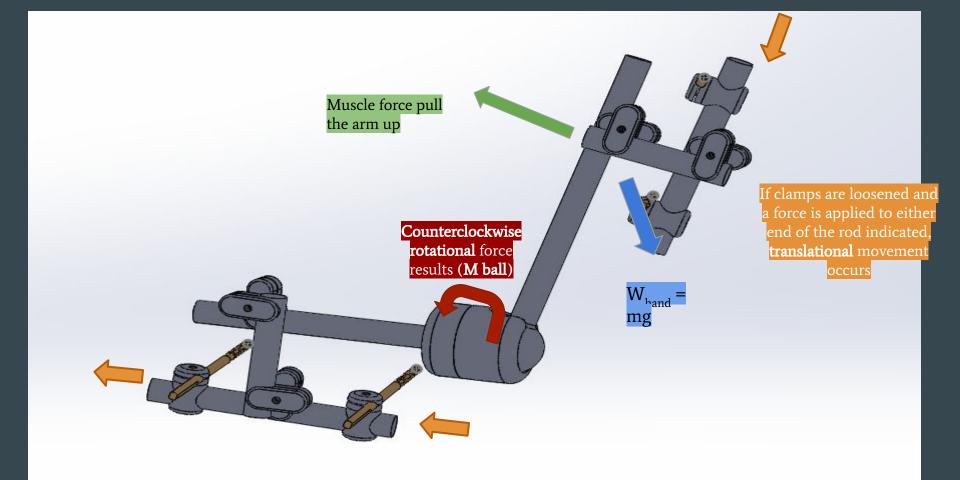
Component FBD





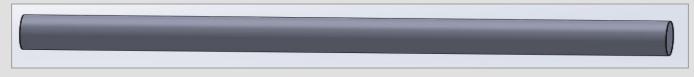






Basic components

Rods:





Schanz screw:





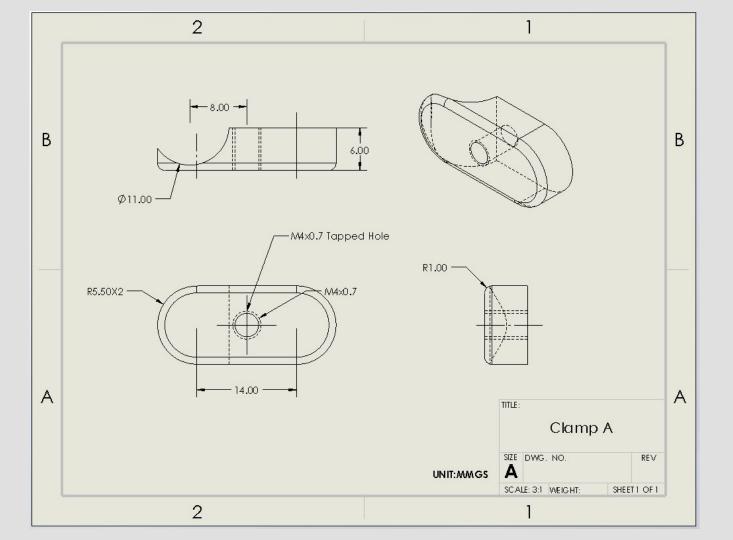


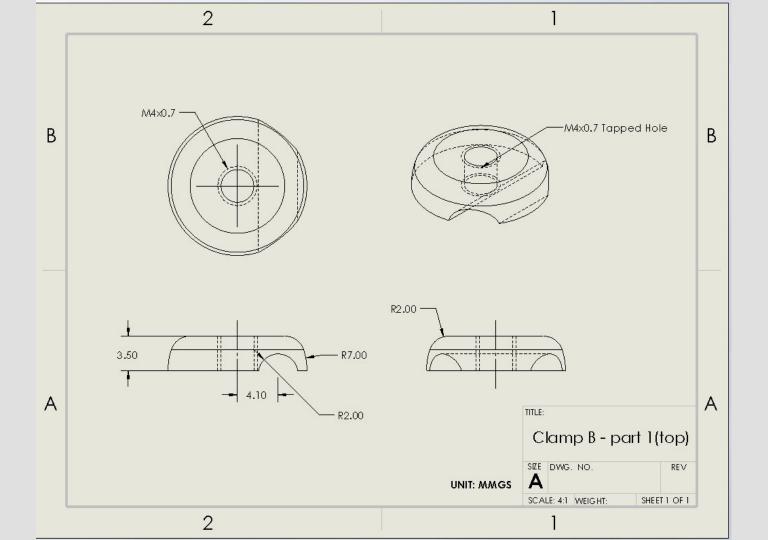
Clamp A (connect the rods together)

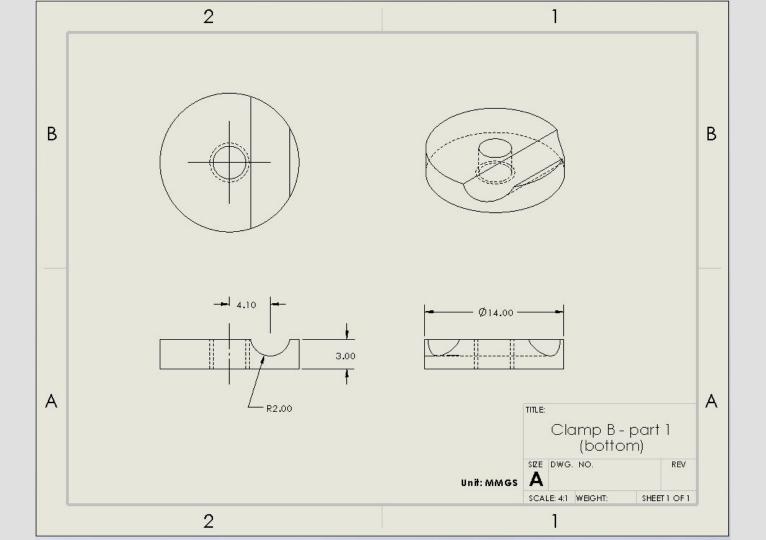
Clamp B (connect the rods to the Schanz screw)

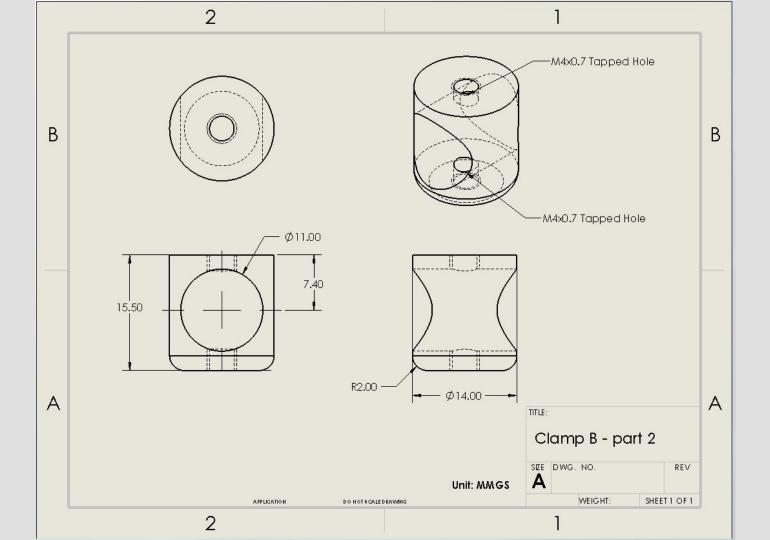
Ball and socket joint

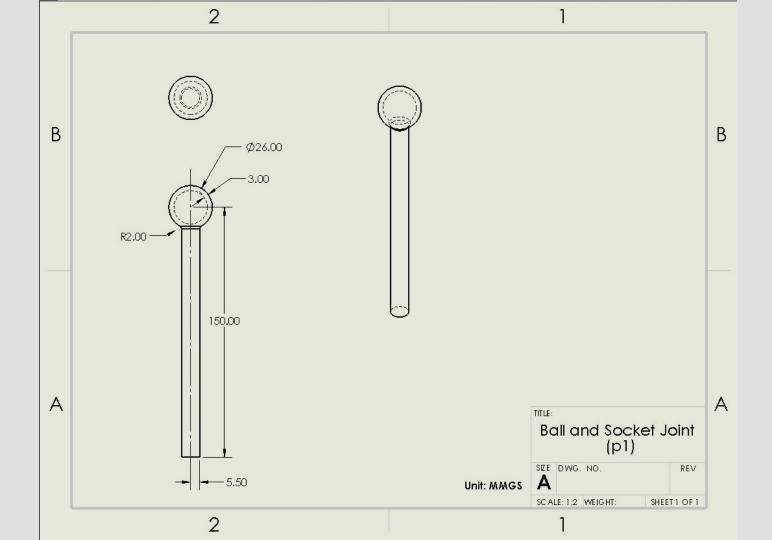


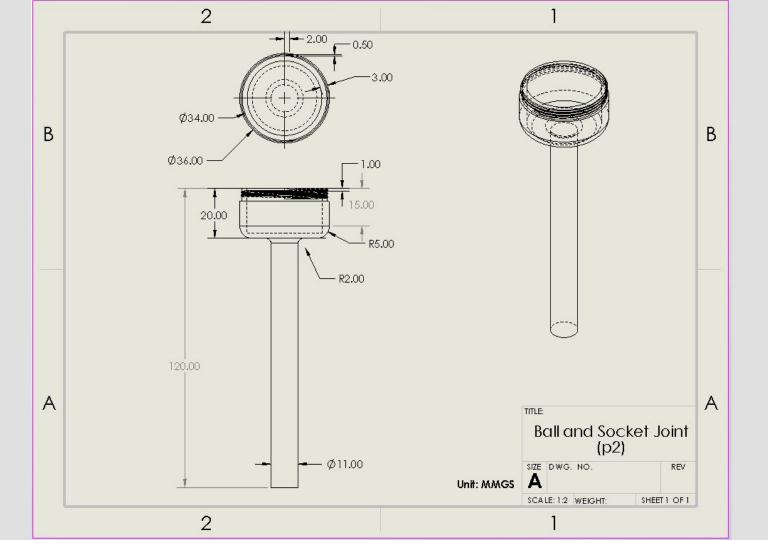


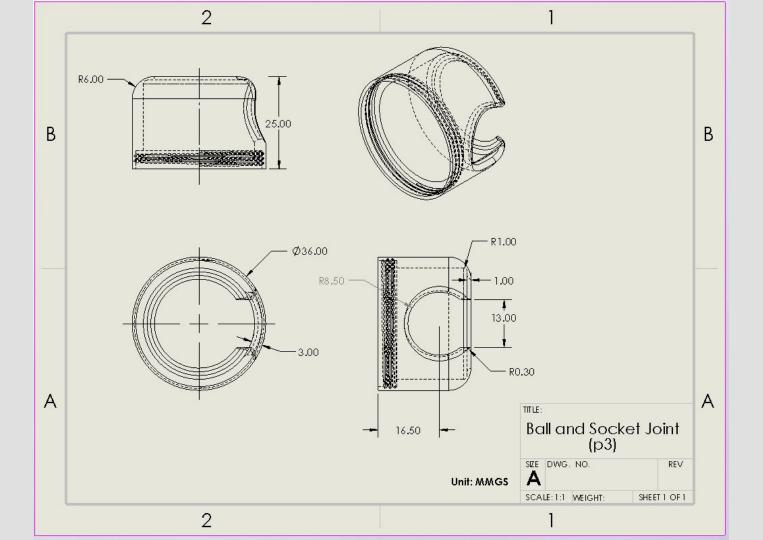








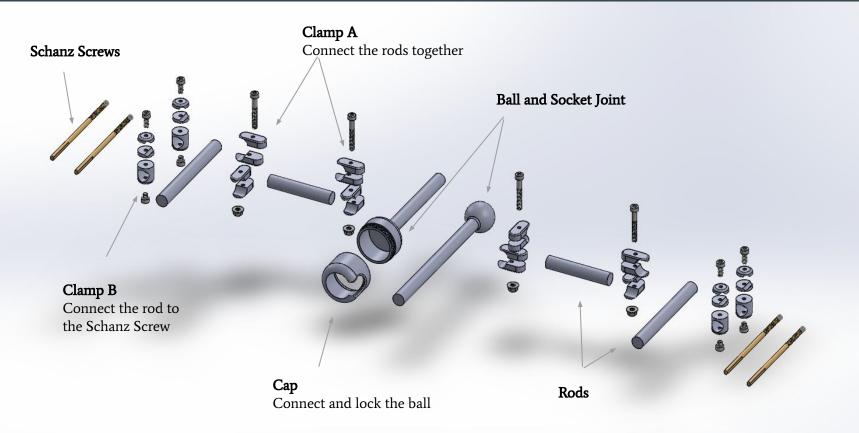




Steps for Assembly

1 -	- 2 -	- 3 -	- 4 -	- 5
Part Collection	Test Assembly 1	Alterations 1	Test Assembly 2	Final Assembly
Print out 1st round of clamps (adjusted w/ clearance tolerance) & submit budget sheet to be ordered.	Attach the rods to the ball and socket joint and then fit each designated clamp to its specified rod. Test the expected movement. Adjust printed measurements.	Reprint clamps if needed for a higher tolerance. Trim rod length for the bicep/forearm to be less intrusive.	Reattach the bicep/forearm rods to the ball and socket joint and realign newly printed clamps. Test the expected movement.	Realign the final printed clamps to their designated rods. The complete design is finished.

Unfinished Assembly Of Our Draft Design



Detailed Flow Chart

