

Cargo Glider

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Competition Objective

Middle School: 6th, 7th-8th

Students will design and construct a glider with a payload of 2 ping pong balls that, when launched , flies through the air, goes over an obstacle and lands the farthest (longest distance).

High School: 9th-10th, 11th-12th

Students will design and construct a glider with a payload of 4 ping pong balls that, when launched, flies through the air, goes over an obstacle and lands on a target (accuracy).

Engineering Lab Book due with this project.

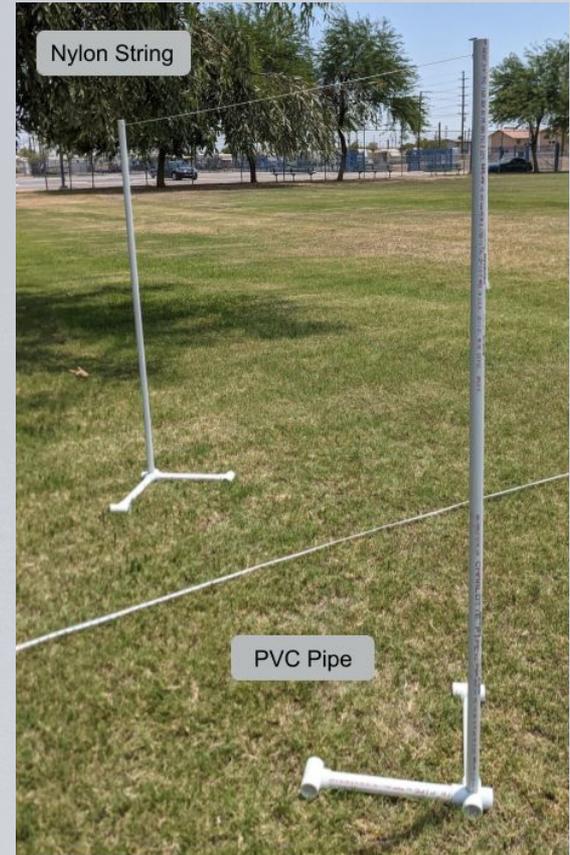
Materials

Any materials are allowed.

Exceptions:

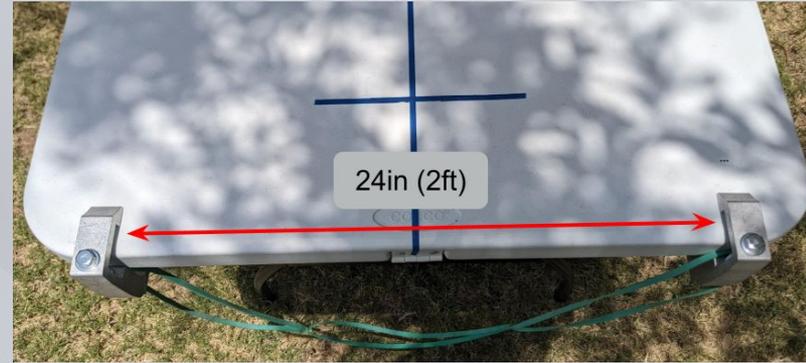
- Hazardous materials
- Remote control devices of any kind
- Additional power sources (i.e. thrust, lift or stored energy that assists dynamic flight)

Obstacle



The glider **MUST** fly over the 5-foot obstacle and **MUST** stay within the 10-foot width of the obstacle. For gliders that go outside this boundary, the launch is considered a **MISTRIAL**

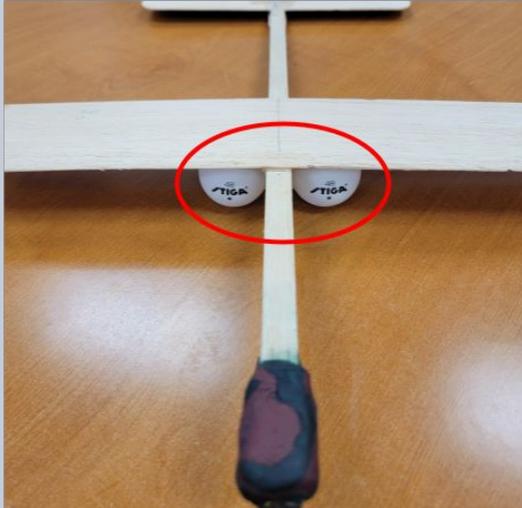
Launcher



Cargo Glider Payload- One Star Rated

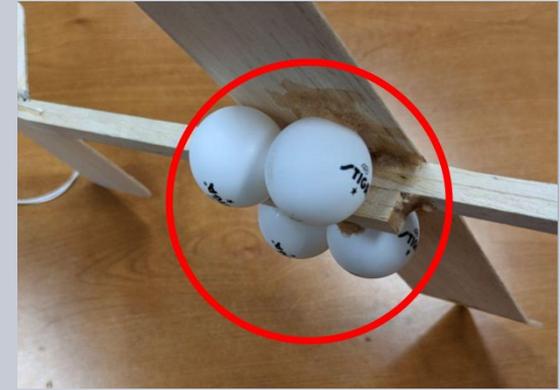
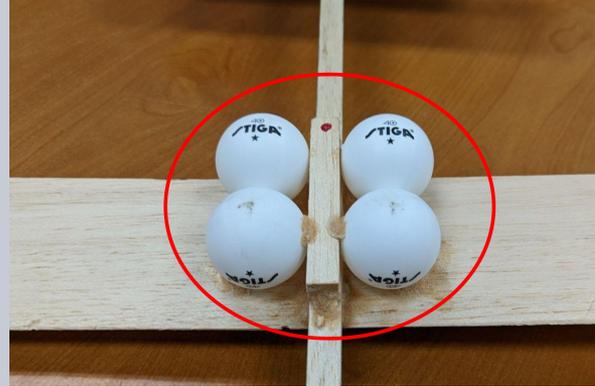
6th, 7th-8th

2 Ping Pong Balls



9th-10, 11th-12th

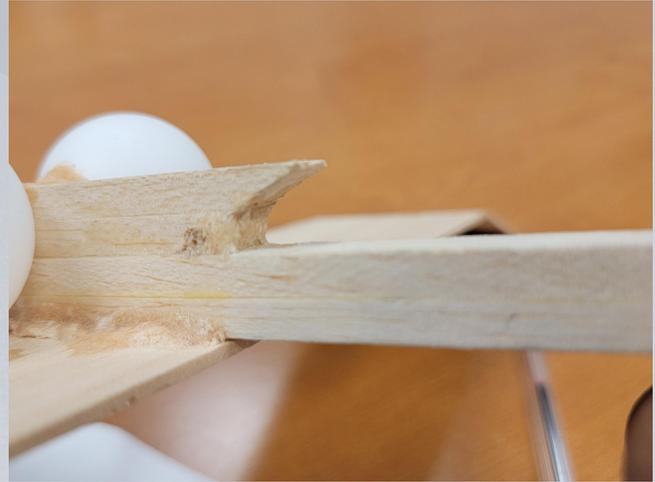
4 Ping Pong Balls



Teams cannot change the shape of the ping pong ball in anyway, that includes crushing, cutting, drilling, etc. Balls may be glued.



Launching Hook



The glider **MUST** contain an easily identifiable, prominent feature on the fuselage that adapts and connects with the launcher adapter. The adaptation **MUST** be identified by a red dot.

Changes to the rules

1. The distance from the table to the obstacle has increased from 11.5ft to 17ft
2. High School: Target has changed from 23ft to 34ft from the table to compensate the distance from the obstacle.
3. The number of ping pong balls has decreased.
 - a. High School: 4
 - b. Middle School: 2
4. Support for the folding table has been made to prevent it from moving while launching.
5. Rubber Band usage has changed to better reflect the rubber band's limit
 - a. 16 to 70 with 15 stretches before testing.
6. Adapter to the rubber band has been made to ease launching of the glider.

Obstacle Distance Change

1. Obstacle Distance has changed from 11.5 ft to 17ft
Most planes did not go over the obstacle at the distance of 11.5ft due to the glider having a small angle of incidence. Pushing the obstacle back will make it easier for the gliders to go over



Support for Launcher



Support for Launcher

1. Hard Surface Alternative



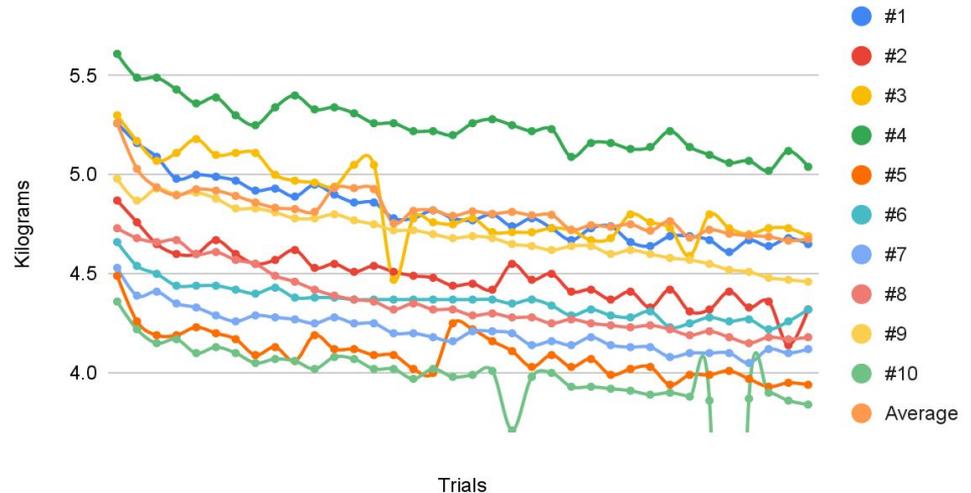
Rubber Band Usage

After testing the rubber band, we concluded that we can increase the original 16 pulls(21-22 rules to replace rubber band) up to 70 pulls with an initial 15 pulls before use.

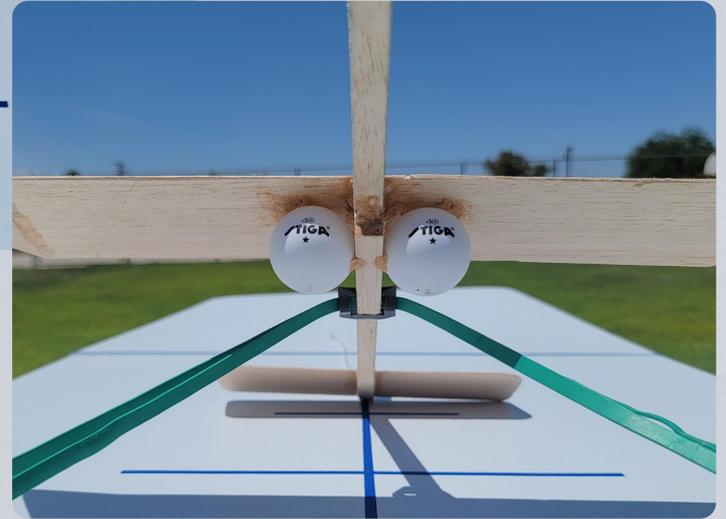
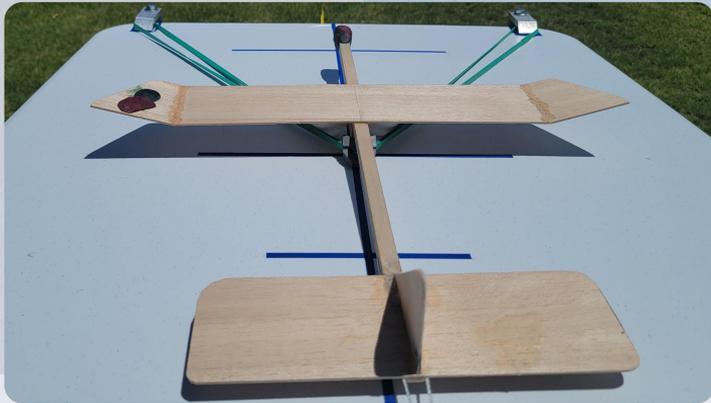
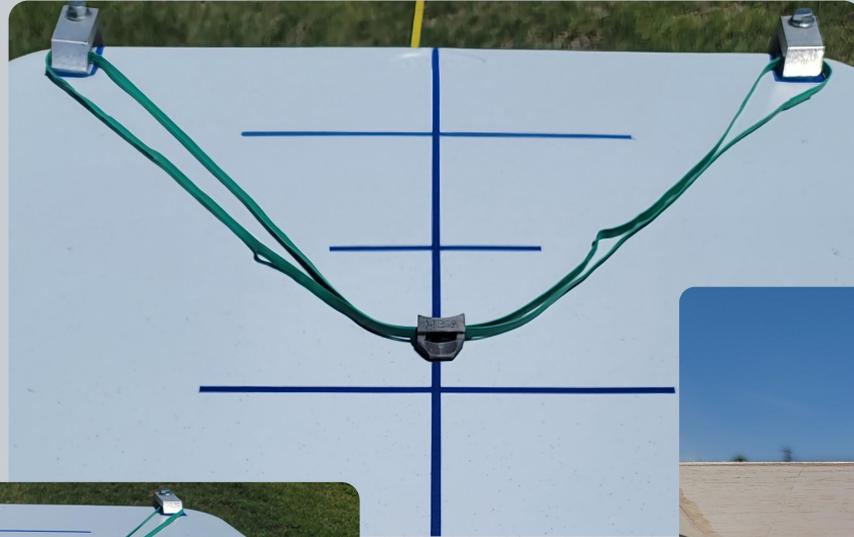
We tested 10 rubber bands in the launching set up with a pull scale. Every test was conducted on a brand new rubber band and as depicted on the graph almost every rubber band plateaus after 15 pulls giving us up to 70 launches before the rubber band needs to be changed.



Rubber Band Stress Test



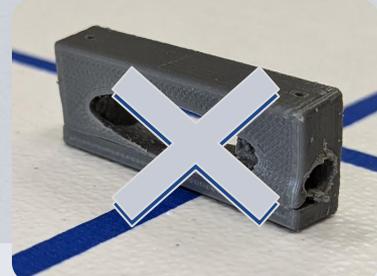
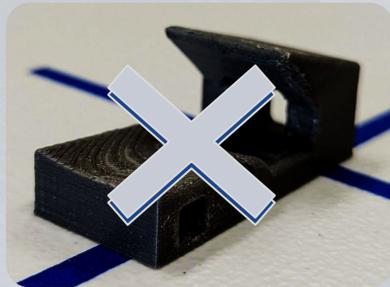
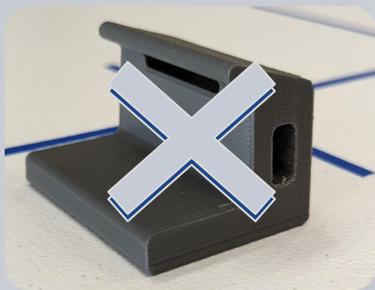
3-D Printed Launcher Adapter



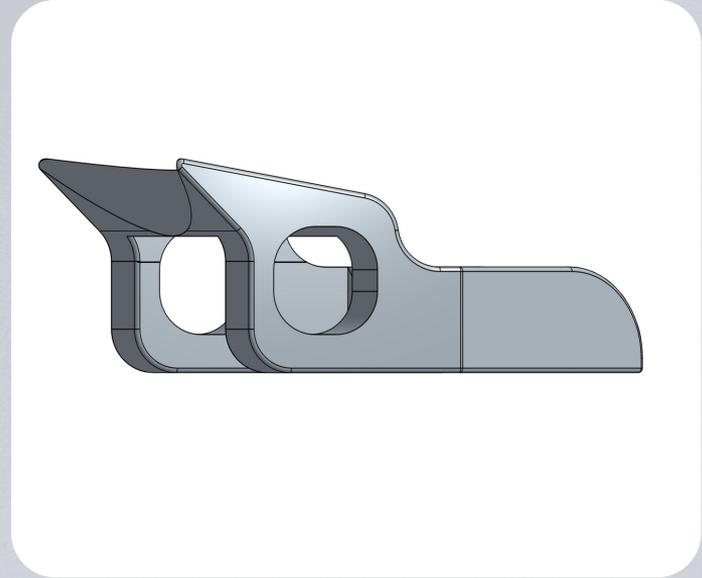
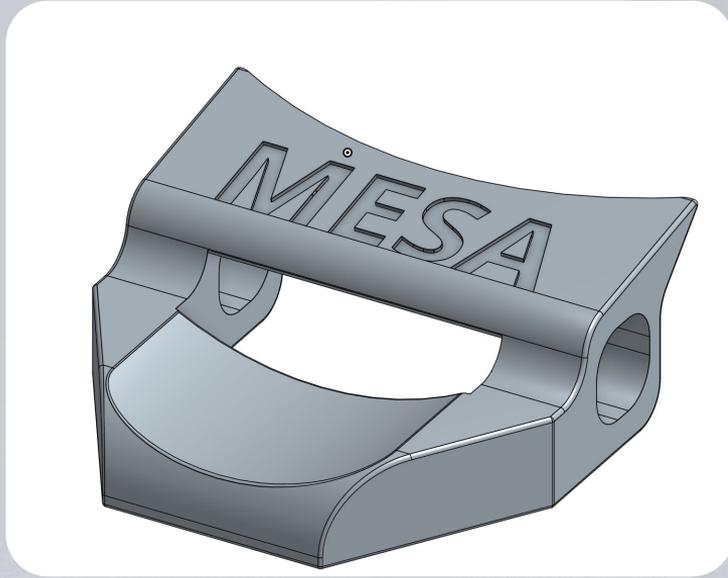
Launcher Adapter



Final
Product



.STL File Available to 3D Print



Competition Video

<https://youtu.be/OIkVFe5kBSQ>

Curriculum

<https://cole2.uonline.edu/courses/1410210>

How to build a Simple Glider

- https://youtu.be/UQlyWn_BM6k

Glider Concepts

<https://youtu.be/WOiKlzRIK7s>

Resources

- [Aerodynamic Forces](#)
- [Glide Angle](#)
- [Inclination Effects on Lift](#)
- [Shape Effects on Lift](#)
- [Aerodynamics Index](#)
- [Re- Living the Wright Way](#)

Questions

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Thank you!

Please take the Survey.....

<https://forms.gle/aLxGAejNtF9jikkq9>

Closing Ceremony is next: Must be present to win raffle prizes!!