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BACKGROUND

Our client, a Navy veteran, lost approximately half of an inch past the center knuckle of his right index finger. We created a prosthetic finger for him that helps him more easily perform tasks, increasing the quality of his life.

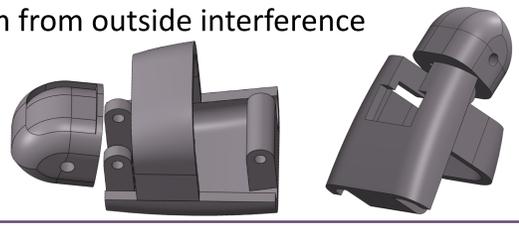


KEY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Create a trade-show ready prototype
- ✓ Lifting capacity of 8lbf
- ✓ Range of motion of 145°
- ✓ Ability to wear comfortably for 5 hours
- ✓ Perform and withstand day-to-day activities
- ✓ Actuation initiated by the bending of the base knuckle

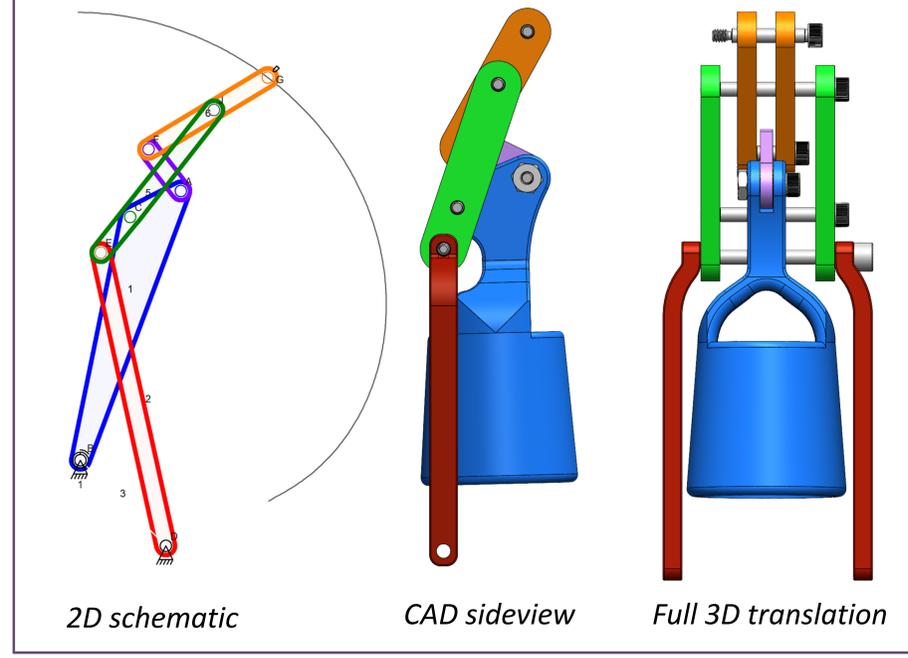
HOUSING

- Protects linkage system from outside interference
- Helps prevent binding
- Grip indentation
- 3D printed Onyx™



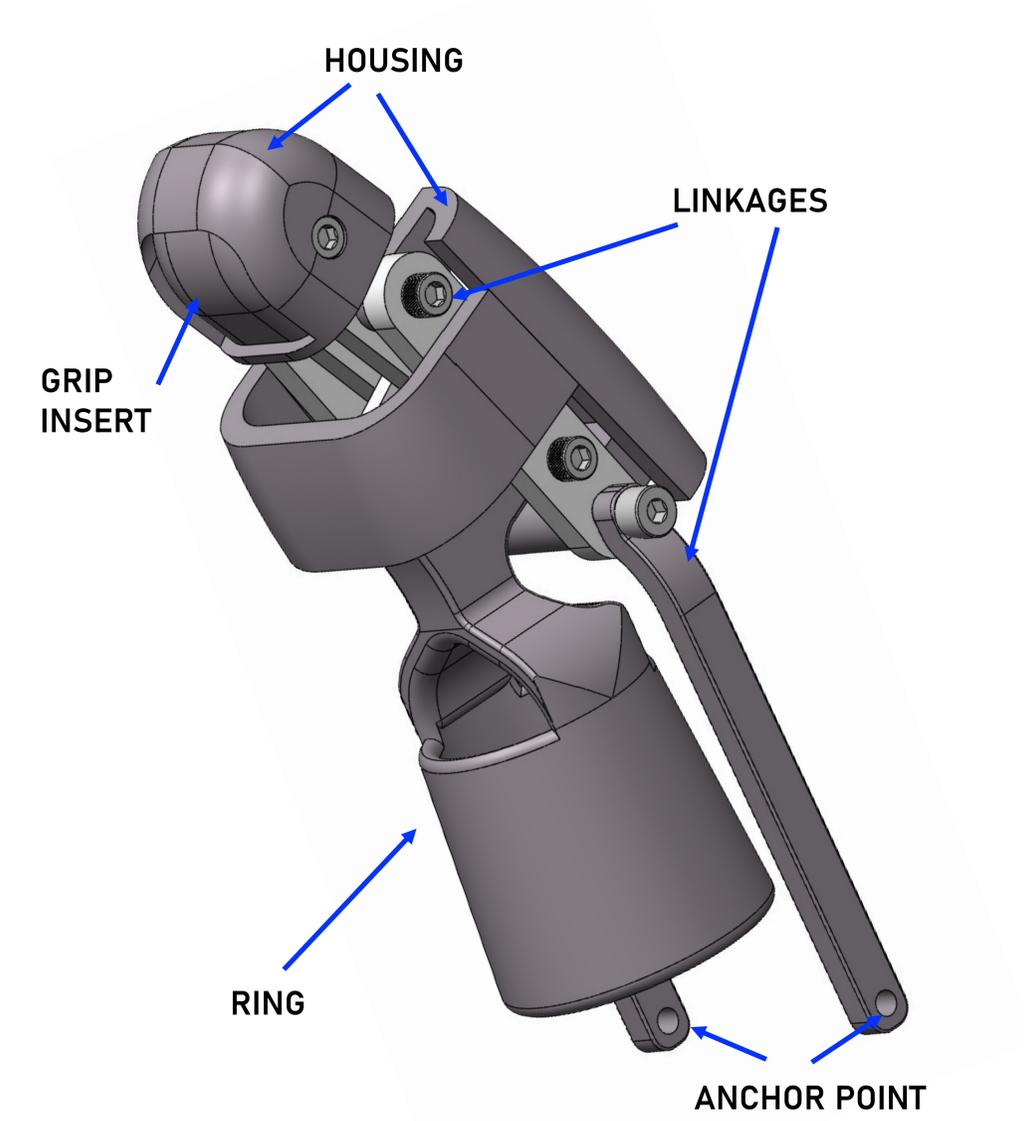
LINKAGE SYSTEM

- Linkage system of rigid bars and pinned joints
- Seven bar system designed to mimic finger motion
- Waterjet out of Aluminum 6061



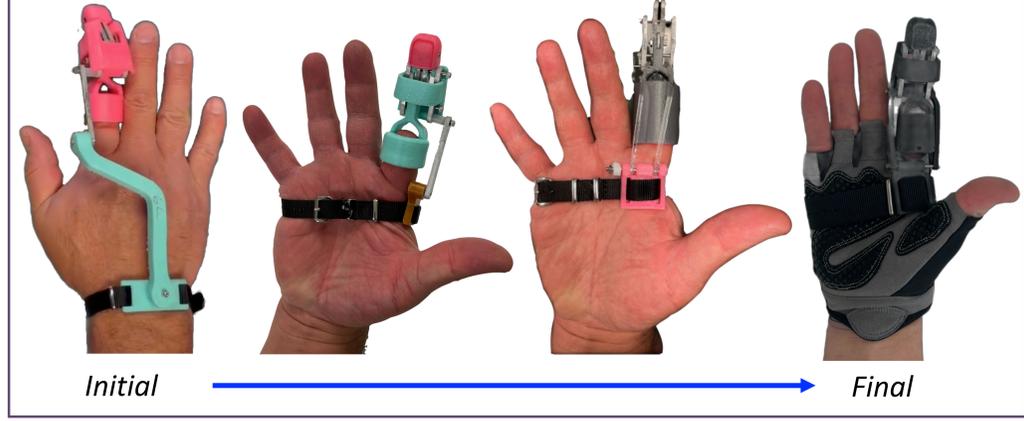
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"This is the best grip I have had since 1972" - V²



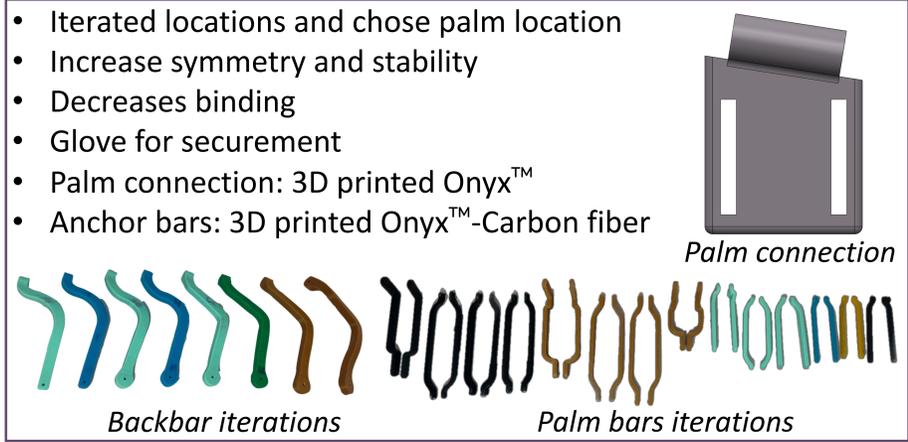
MAIN ITERATIONS

Over a 9-month design cycle we created many iterations resulting in more than 100 prototyped parts, shown here are the 3 versions that show the biggest changes and our final design:



HAND STRAP

- Iterated locations and chose palm location
- Increase symmetry and stability
- Decreases binding
- Glove for securement
- Palm connection: 3D printed Onyx™
- Anchor bars: 3D printed Onyx™-Carbon fiber



RING

- Silicon insert and receptacle
- Secures prosthetic to finger
- Provides actuation point
- 3D printed Onyx™



USER TESTING

- Box and Blocks
- (Denham, et. al., 2019, Journal of Prosthetics and Orthotics)
- Everyday Object Handling by Inspection
- Strength Verification
- Fitting

