

STEAM FABRIKANIUM, Maker's Asylum 10- 14th February

INTRODUCTION

Starting off : A wheelchair attachment to convert a normal wheelchair to a power wheelchair.

Target segment : People who use the wheelchair and have body strength as well.

Limitations : To target a wide market segment and make a power wheelchair affordable to most sections of society.

DESIGN BRIEF

To design a universal, and cost-effective power attachment to convert a normal wheelchair to an automated power wheelchair.

It should be light, detachable, easy to use, durable and universal.

USER STUDY

4 wheelchair users. 4 interviews.

From the interviews we concluded that 3 out of 4 preferred to use manual direction. The 4th interview was a girl with muscular dystrophy and hence depended on a joystick.

We were looking at two different categories of disability and had to narrow down to a more specific target segment.





RESEARCH TIMELINE





MISSION 1 - MECHANISM

Steps:

- Disassemble the scooter.
- Prepare metal rod harness on the wheelchair.
- Attach the scooter to the wheelchair.

Product specifications:

- 12 V 3550rpm Dc motor
- 12 V Dc battery-8 Ah
- Chain drive system
- Braking system
- Wheel







-Brake system-



– 12V 3550rpm DC motor

Chain drive system



-Wheel-



12V DC battery 8 Ah

MISSION 2 - ELECTRONICS

Specifications-

- Arduino (for controlling speed of motor)
- Female to male wires
- L239n motor driver (for controlling motor current)
- Spdt switch (for motion control)
- Potentiometer(10k ohm)
- Battery (24v,9AH)



