

# Composite Stand-Up Paddleboard



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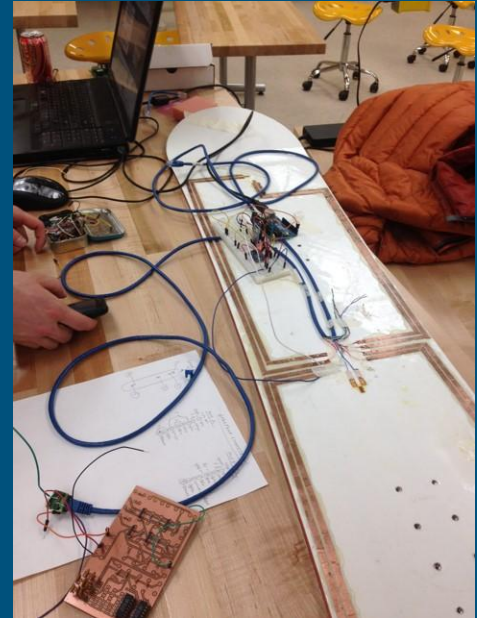
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- Since 2006
- Wake, Snow, Skate Teams
- Maximize performance of boards
- Design new, creative products



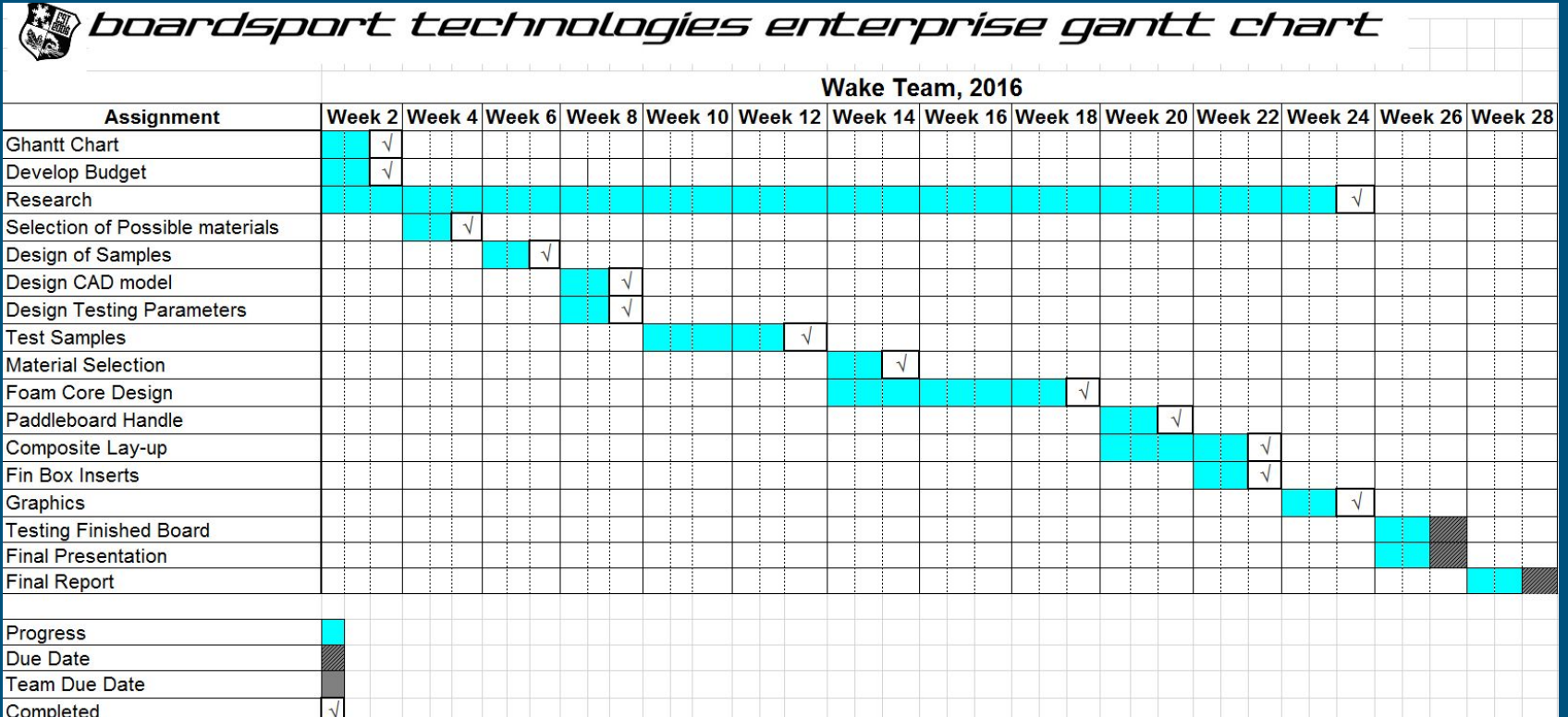
# Project Objectives

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To create a stand-up paddleboard (SUP) that improves performance while minimizing cost.

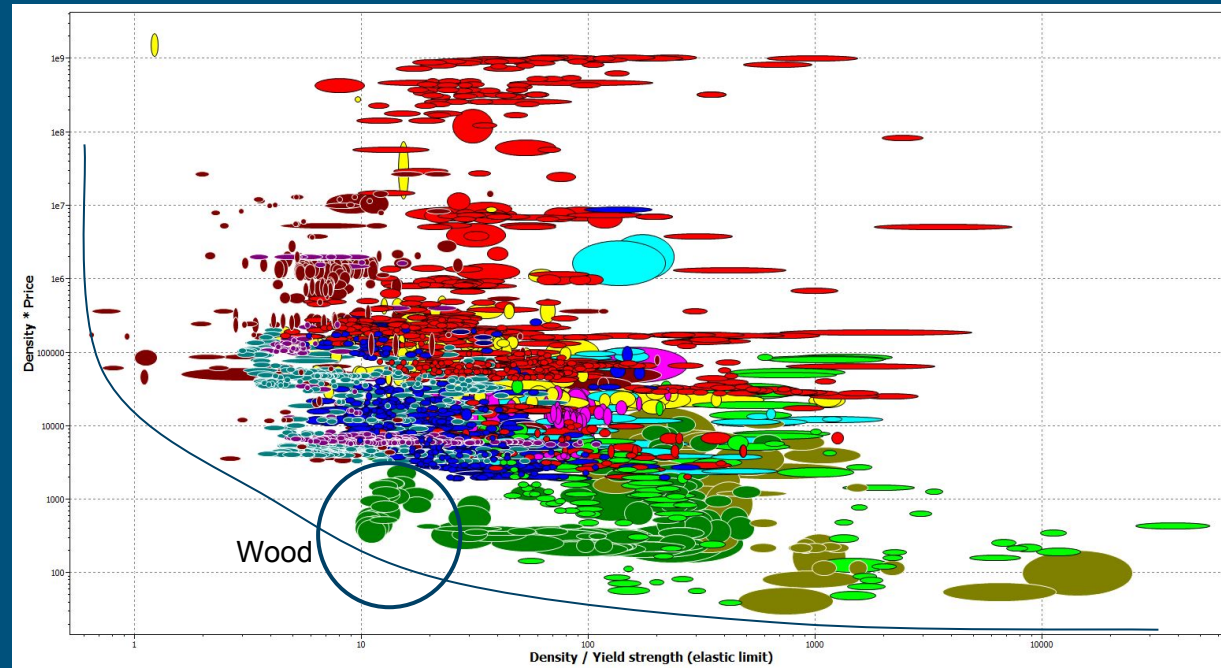
- Performance is defined as:
  - Maximize stability
  - Maximize speed
  - Minimize weight
  - Maximize strength

# Timeline



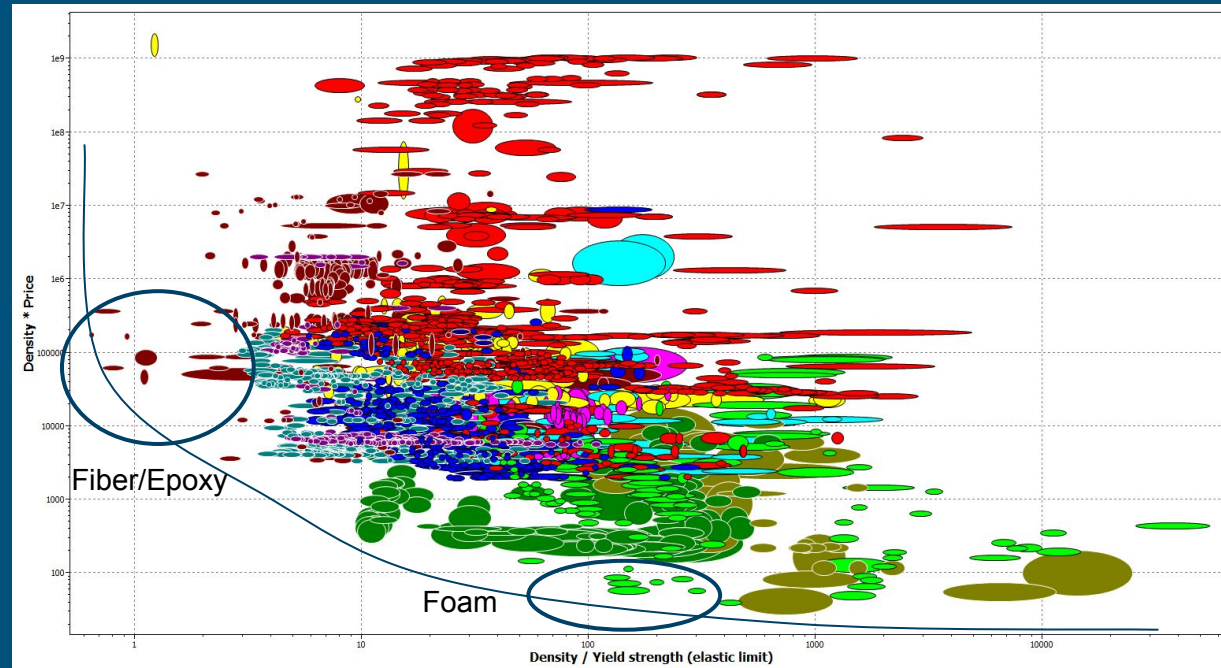
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  - Foam/Fiber
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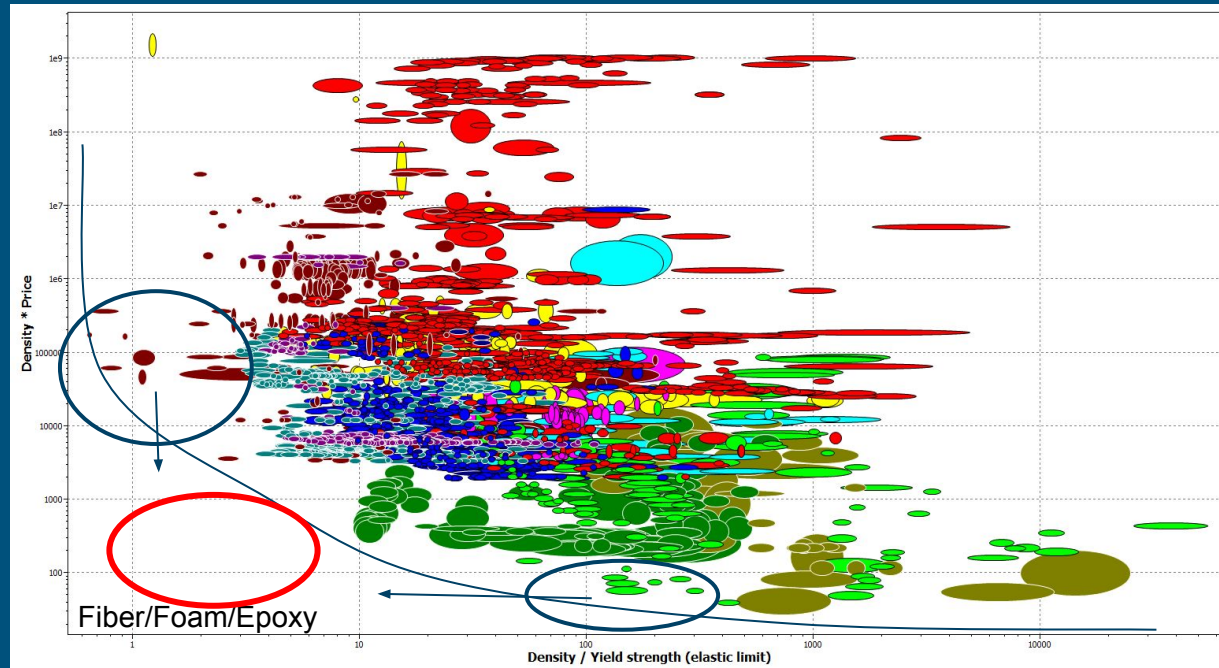
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# Material Selection

- Fiber Selection

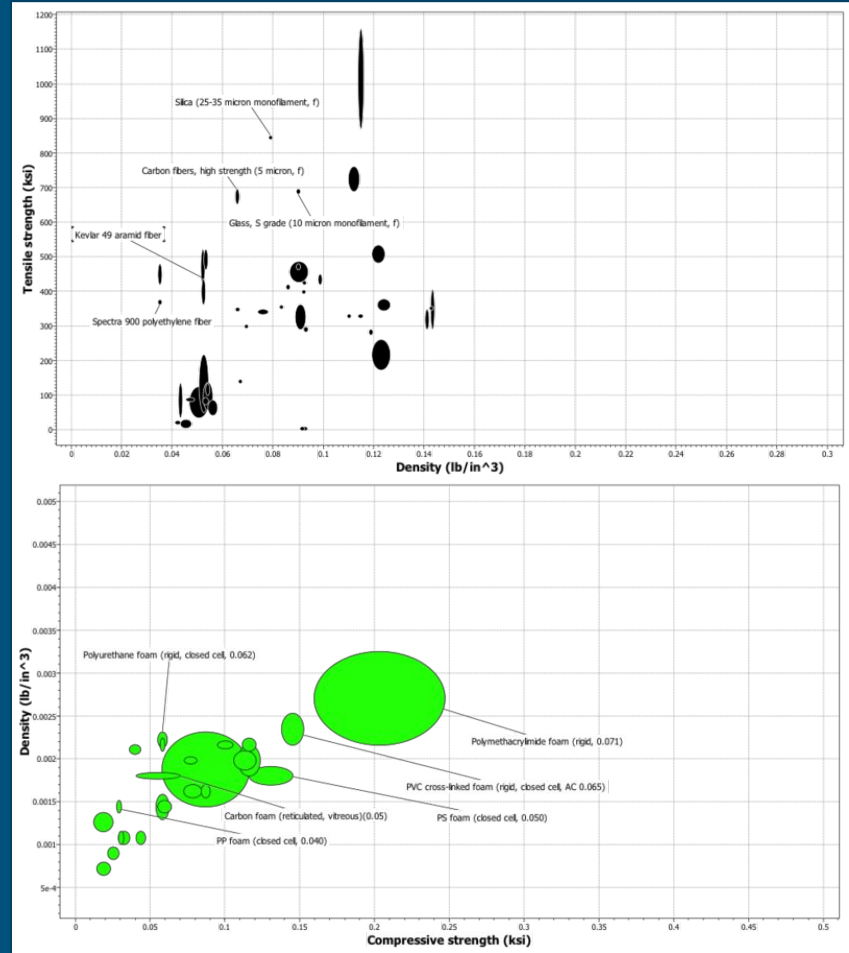
- Carbon Fiber
- E-Glass
- S-Glass

- Foam Selection

- Divinycell
- Expanded Polystyrene
- Polypropylene Foam

- Epoxy Choice

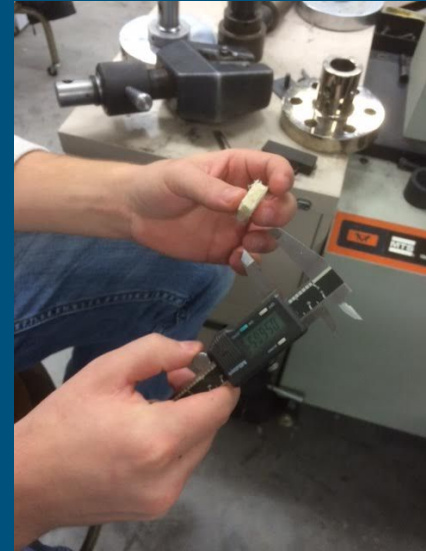
- Standard resin
- UV cure resin



# Material Testing

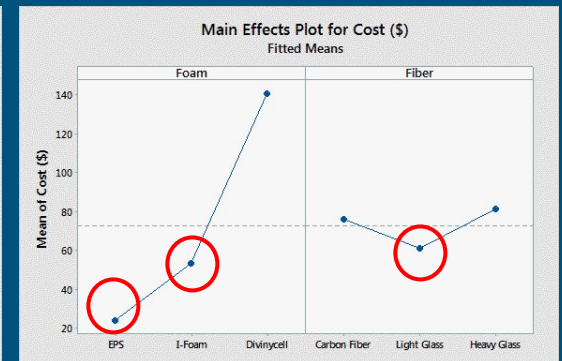
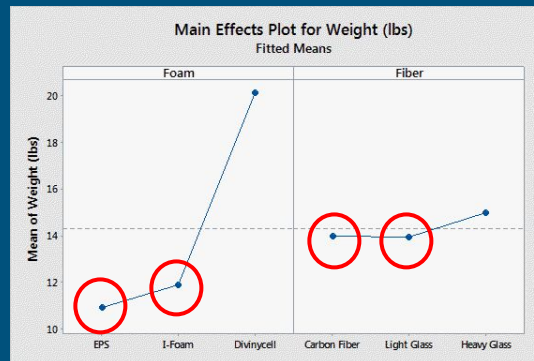
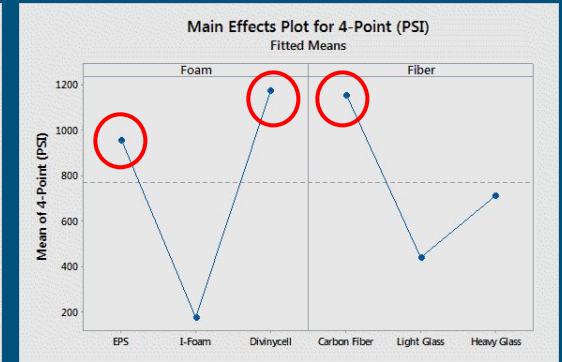
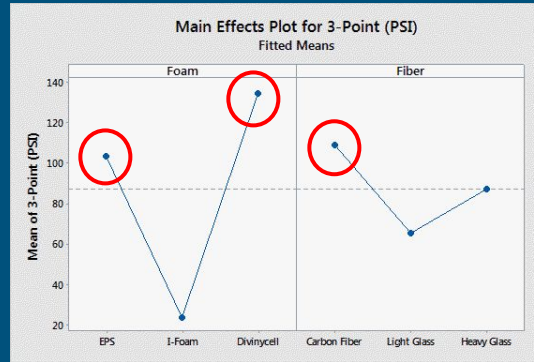
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- Full DOE
- ASTM D2344
  - Laminate strength
- ASTM D7264
  - Flexural strength
- Failure modes
  - Fracture of board
  - Delamination



# Data Analysis

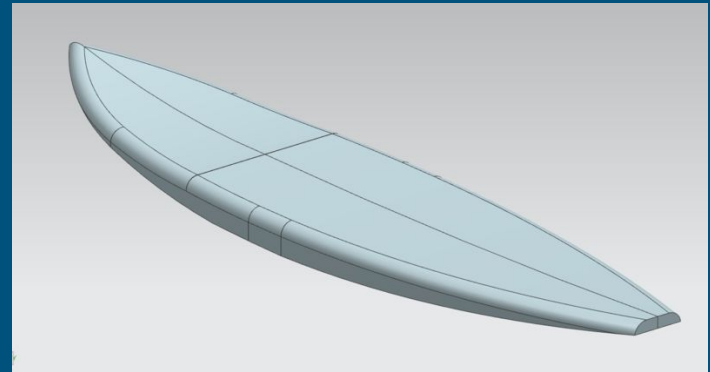
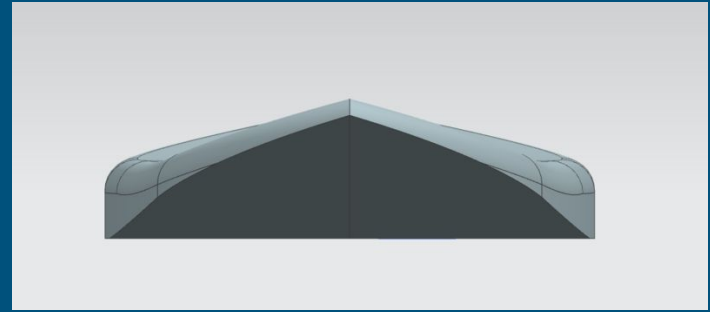
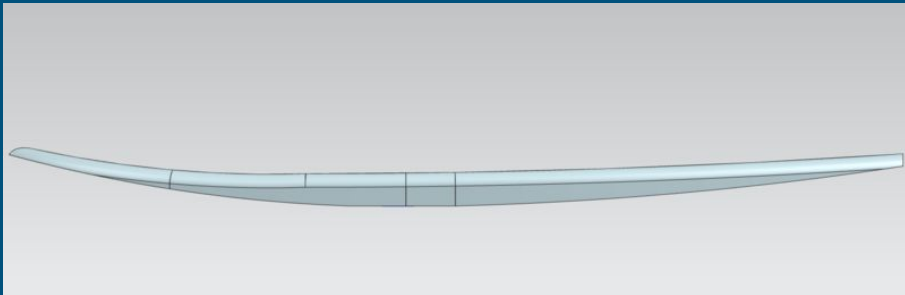
| Material        | Density                        | Yield or Compressive Strength | Images  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Carbon Fiber    | 0.0004637 lbs./in <sup>2</sup> | 580 ksi yield                 |  |
| E-Glass Light   | 0.0004409 lbs./in <sup>2</sup> | 268 ksi yield                 |  |
| E-Glass Heavy   | 0.0007874 lbs./in <sup>2</sup> | 592 ksi yield                 |  |
| EPS Foam        | 0.000795 lbs./in <sup>3</sup>  | 0.0232 ksi compressive        |  |
| Divinycell Foam | 0.00159 lbs./in <sup>3</sup>   | 0.0624 ksi compressive        |  |
| I-Foam          | 0.000880 lbs./in <sup>3</sup>  | Undetermined                  |  |
| PP Foam         | 0.00159 lbs./in <sup>3</sup>   | 0.0305 ksi compressive        | N/A   |



# Model Design

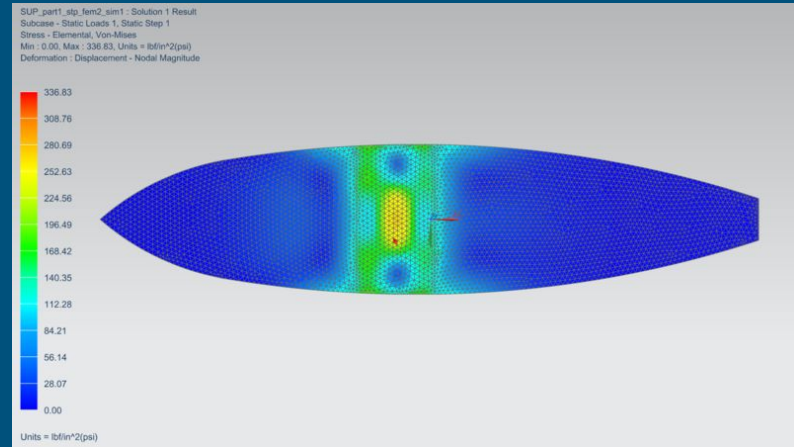
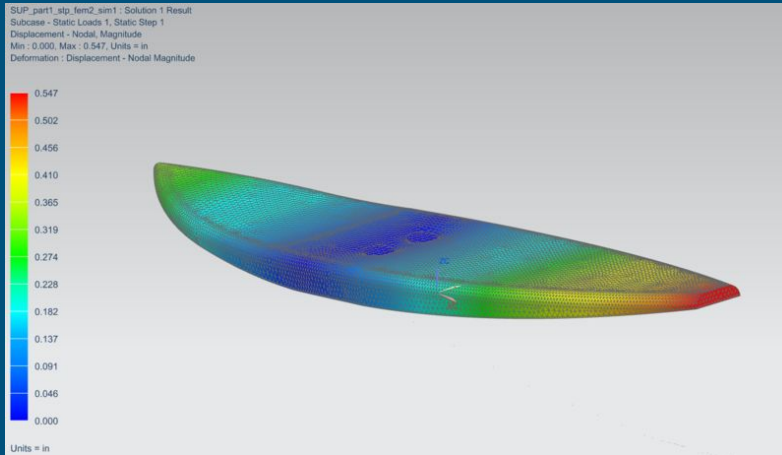
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- Hybrid hull shape
  - Planing
  - Displacement
- Increases speed (pointed tip)
- Increases stability (flat bottom)



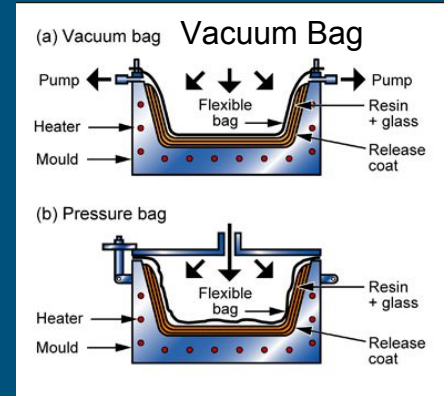
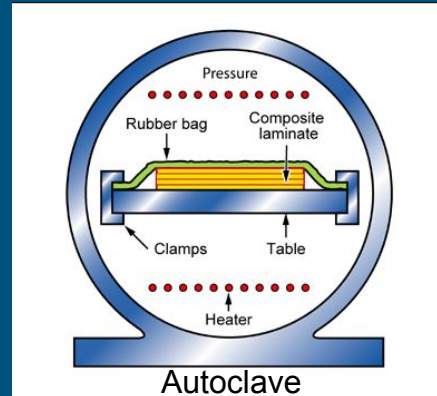
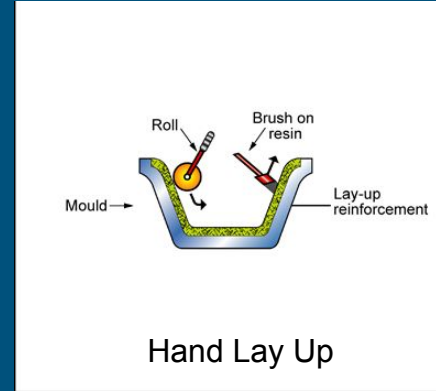
# Finite Element Analysis

- Max displacement of 0.5 in
  - Helps with cresting waves
- Max stress of 262 psi
  - Safety factor of 3.3



# Manufacturing Process Selection

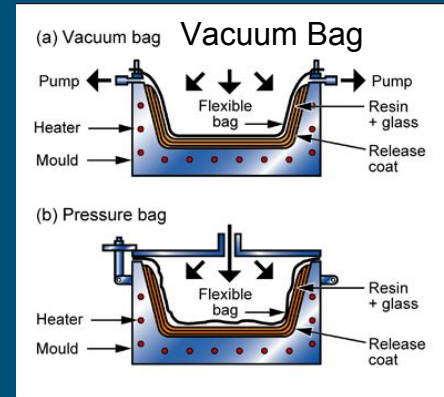
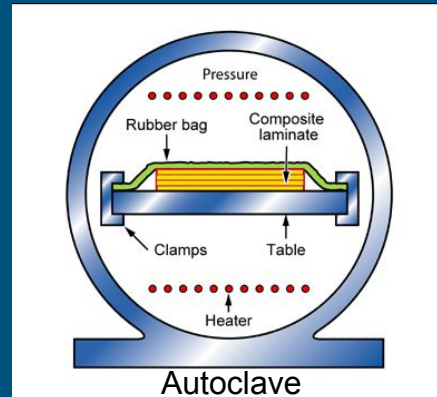
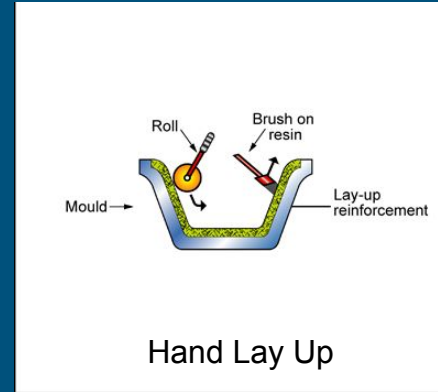
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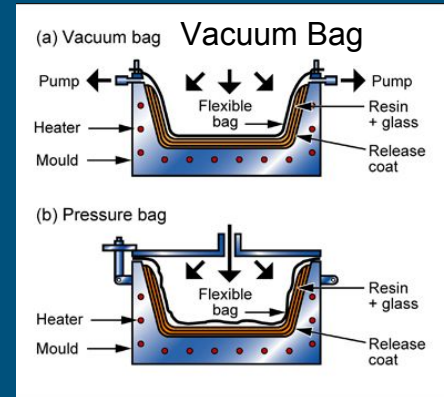
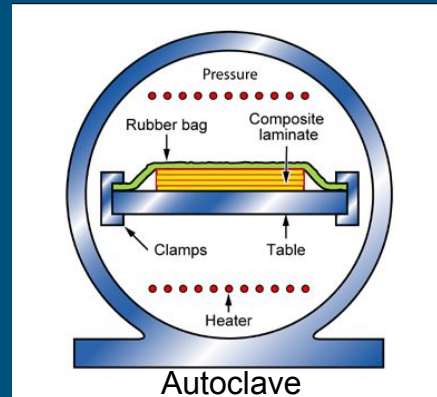
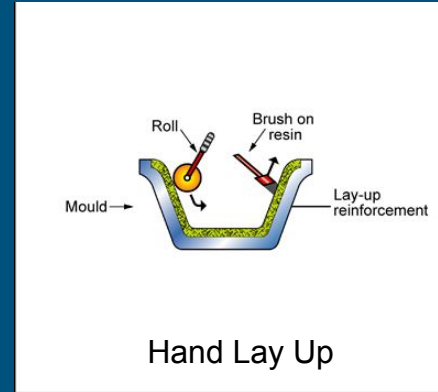
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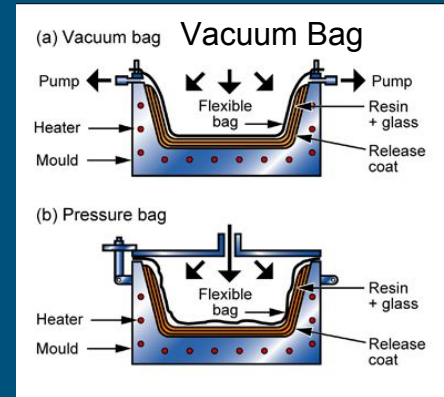
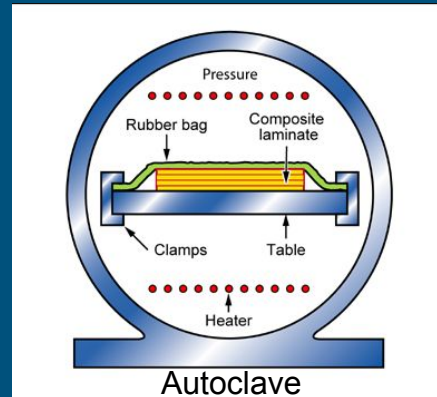
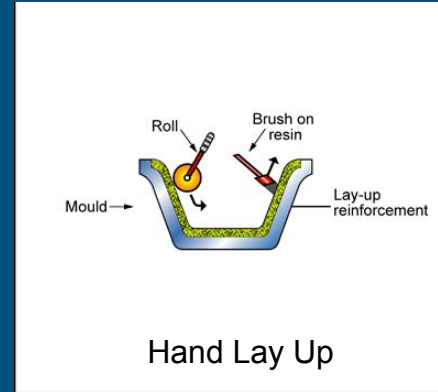
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# Construction

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1. Machine foam blank



2. Apply carbon fiber



3. Apply fiberglass

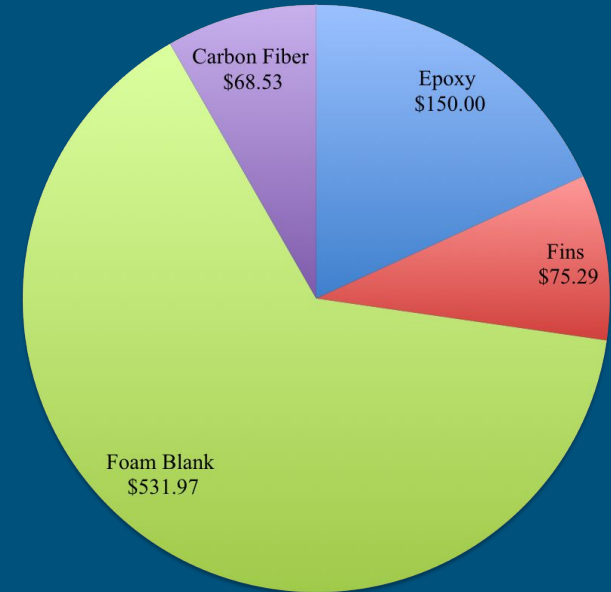


4. Attach fins

# Objective Verification

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- Final performance
  - Stability and Speed
    - Hybrid hull
  - Final Weight: 18 lbs, 10 lbs under goal
  - Design Strength: 180 lbs
    - Safety Factor: 3.3
    - ~600 lbs center load
- Final Cost
  - ~ \$825, \$500 under goal
  - Donated materials and 3D printed parts reduced cost



# Problems with Final Product

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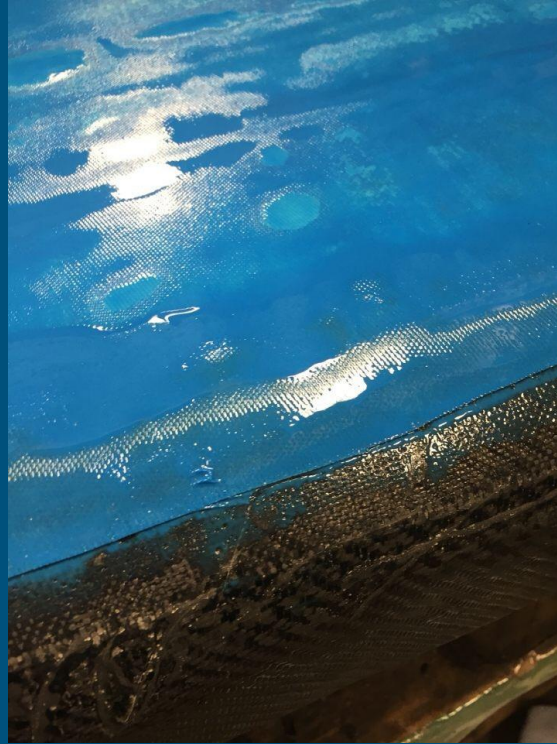
- Inexperience with hand lay up process
- Not enough sun for UV epoxy
- Storage



# Future Goals

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- Improve cut-lap process
- Purchase UV light bulb
- More epoxy testing
- More testing on paddleboard



# Questions?

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