

IPRO 324: Power Measurement for Performance Bicycles

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Statement of the Problem

Power measurement for cyclists

- Accurate
- Low cost
- Project goals
 - Working prototype
 - Durable encasement
- Target market
 - Performance cyclists
 - Casual cyclists for general fitness



Goals of the Project

Proposed solution

- Torque measurement using strain gauges
- Crankset attachment

Impact on end user/target market

- Affordable power measurement
- Accurate power measurement for all cyclists
- Current solutions
 - Pedal systems
 - Rear hub
 - Chain vibration



Organization of the Team

Mechanical

- Design and build case
- Dynamic lab test
- Road test

Electrical/Programming

- Redesign circuit
- Rewrite code
- Establish wireless communication

Research

- Order parts
- Analyze market
- Prepare deliverables and documentation

Progress Toward Goals

Work accomplished to date

- Rewrote code
- Designed casing
- Established ANT+ wireless communication
- Restructured team



Major Obstacles Encountered

Biggest challenges to date

- Dynamic testing
- ANT+ programming
- Team building
- Ethical dilemmas
 - Existing patents
- Changes in goals
 - Concurrent testing
 - Circuit redesign



Anticipated Major Challenges

Challenges

- Creating fully operable circuit
- Ensuring accurate measurement
- Alternative paths
 - Rely more on manufactured components



Needs/Questions/Requests

Request

- Take our survey
- Questions?

