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ABSTRACT

The whiteboard is the best writing medium during teaching across the world. At present, it is seen that almost everything is automated. The automation system can reduce the human effort and make any arrangement easier. Even the evolution of the writing board had made its user's life easier, yet there are still problems arise to the use of it. During the attempt of cleaning the whiteboard, educators sometimes get their hands and outfit dirty, which may disturb the lesson. Besides that, cleaning the whiteboard consumes time as the educators have to clean the same spot several times. Therefore, this project aims to design a automate whiteboard cleaner, which is objected to coming up with a simple design and effective automated whiteboard cleaner. and to reduce the time consumed to clean the whiteboard. The overall process of this project can be seen in the flow chart. The progress starts by reviewing the literature on the automated whiteboard cleaner to gain ideas for the design. Four conceptual design is made and the best is chosen from the Pugh Concept Selection with the highest final score among the four concepts that meet the customer requirement and engineering characteristic. Next, the project's components is been drawn by using Catia V5 and to ensure that the components of the Automated White Board Cleaner perform perfectly without any failure, analysis and simulation has been carried out to the components. Finally, the detail design of the project with the combination and assembly of all part and components was generated by using Catia V5.

ABSTRAK

Papan tulis adalah media penulisan terbaik semasa mengajar di seluruh dunia. Pada masa ini, nampaknya hampir semuanya automatik. Sistem automasi mempunyai keupayaan untuk mengurangkan usaha manusia dan membuat pengaturan lebih mudah. Bahkan evolusi papan tulis menjadikan kehidupan penggunaanya lebih mudah, namun masih ada masalah yang timbul kerana penggunaannya. Untuk usaha membersihkan papan putih, pendidik mesti mengatasinya dengan mengotorkan tangan mereka dan kadang-kadang pada pakaian mereka, yang mungkin mengganggu pelajaran. Selain itu, membersihkan papan putih memakan masa kerana pendidik harus membersihkan tempat yang sama beberapa kali. Oleh itu, tujuan projek ini adalah untuk merancang pembersih papan putih automatik, yang keberatan untuk hadir dengan reka bentuk ringkas dan pembersih papan tulis automatik yang berkesan dan untuk mengurangkan masa yang diperlukan untuk membersihkan papan putih. Proses keseluruhan projek ini dapat dilihat dalam carta alir. Kemajuan dimulakan dengan meninjau literatur mengenai pembersih papan putih automatik. Empat reka bentuk konseptual dibuat dan yang terbaik dipilih dari Pemilihan Konsep Pugh dengan skor akhir tertinggi di antara empat konsep yang memenuhi kehendak pelanggan dan ciri kejuruteraan. Seterusnya, komponen projek dilukis dengan menggunakan Catia V5 dan untuk memastikan bahawa komponen Automatic White Board Cleaner berfungsi dengan sempurna tanpa sebarang kegagalan, analisis dan simulasi telah dilakukan terhadap komponen tersebut. Akhirnya, reka bentuk terperinci projek dengan gabungan dan pemasangan semua bahagian dan komponen dihasilkan dengan menggunakan Catia V5.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CAD	Computer Aided Design
ABS	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene
HOQ	House Of Quality
PM	Pugh Matrix
CATIA	Computer Aided Three Dimensional Interactive Application
RM	Ringgit Malaysia
BOM	Bill Of Material
CRs	Customer Requirements
ECs	Engineering Characteristics
QDF	Quality Function Development
PDS	Product Design Specification

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

A man living in the cave early in the civilization used the wall of the cave as the writing medium. They used the wall to capture various memories or the story of their own culture and daily activities. Over the long haul and an acculturated society was being framed the situation started to change. Individuals started to utilize a major cut of the wood piece as the board and coal as the pen medium in the middle age. But it was not so comfortable, and it became nasty.

From that point forward, the writing board had been presented. It's only a dark canvas where chalk is utilized as the pen medium. Chalk is a composite of calcium carbonate and it would appear like a stick. It was agreeable however it makes dust during cleaning the board utilizing the duster. A duster is a gadget which is utilized to wipe the works from the board. Despite that, the board has not lost its ubiquity as in present time and it's being utilized broadly over the world. But it is a whiteboard which is the modified version of the blackboard. Here, man uses a marker pen for writing, and they use a piece of cloth or foam as a duster. Now, the whiteboard is the best writing medium during teaching across the world. At present, it is seen that almost everything is automated. The automation system has the capacity to reduce the human effort and to make any arrangement easier.

1.2 Problem Statement

Information is passing by writing on the whiteboard used by educators around the world. Even the evolution of the writing board had made its user's life easier, yet there are still problems arise to the use of it. To the attempt of cleaning the whiteboard, educators must handle it by getting their hands dirty and sometimes to their clothes. This causes the flow of teaching being disturbed as they must continuously keep their hands clean.

Besides that, cleaning the whiteboard consumes time as the educators have to clean the same spot several times. This is due to the uneven force applied by them. Furthermore, cleaning the whiteboard needs proper material because the wrong one will not give a proper finishing, thus contributing to time-consuming. Therefore, this project aims to design a automate whiteboard cleaner.

1.3 Objective

The objectives of the project are as follow:

- I. To design a simple and effective automated whiteboard cleaner.
- II. To reduce the time required to clean the whiteboard.

1.4 Scope of Project

This project will be served as one of the advanced technologies in future and will be implemented in every college, school etc.

- I. Clean whiteboard automatically
- II. Reduce time taken to clean the whiteboard and to achieve a clean finishing

1.5 General Methodology

The action that needs to be carried out to accomplish the objectives in this project are listed below:

I. Literature review

Journals, articles or any material concerning the task will be checked on.

II. Conceptual design

Draw a suitable sketch that is selected as the final product.

III. Design using Catia V5 software

Outline the task utilizing any plan miscreant in 2D and 3D drawing model.

IV. Report writing

A report on this study will be written at the end of the project.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

In order to design an Automatic White Board Cleaner, research and studies on components and mechanisms of existing projects on whiteboard cleaning method are carried out. Besides that, the early invention of manual whiteboard cleaning is disused in this chapter. Mechanisms applied in existing projects on automatic whiteboard cleaner are used to generate ideas on designing a better version of an automatic whiteboard cleaner.

2.2 Design Type 1

The International Research Journal of Engineering and Technology (IRJET) had come up with a title of **Design and Fabrication of SmartBoard Cleaner**. This concept uses ATMEGA-328P Microcontroller, Rack & Pinion and L298N motor driver to come up with a partial cleaning mechanism. The electronic kit used is portable, light in weight, compact in size and Lead Screw is used for accuracy.

Working Principle

This device functions automatically where the duster is fixed vertically which slides over the two horizontal rods and forward, the backward motion of duster is provided by rack and pinion mechanism. In this device, the cleaning action of the

duster is controlled by the mobile application used. It is controlled by a microcontroller (Arduino Uno) which can be controlled up to a 10m range by using mobile. (Mohan Umbarkar et al., year 2019).

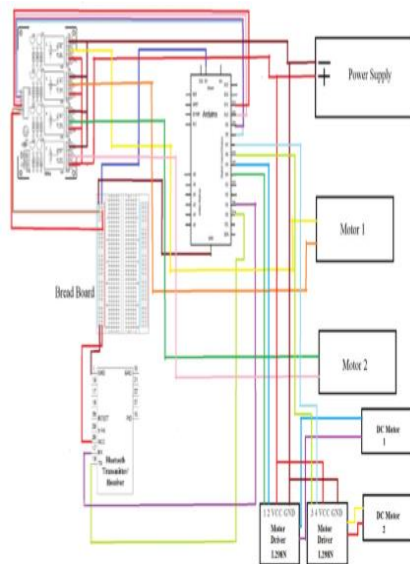
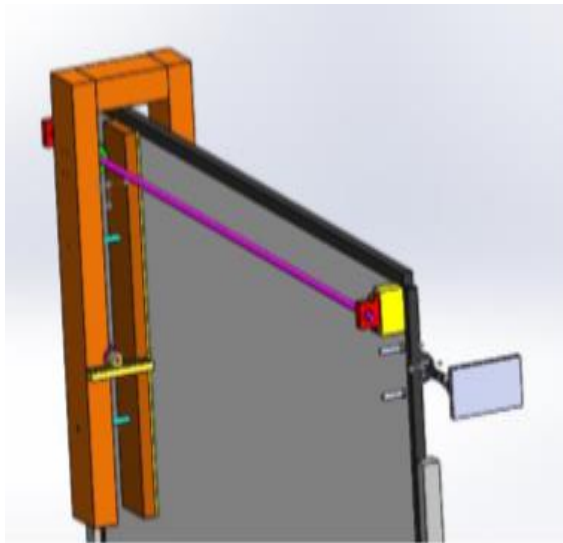


Figure 2.1: Front View and Circuit Diagram
. (Mohan Umbarkar et al., year 2019)

2.3 Design Type 2

(Mr Tumpala Uma Santhosh, et al, year 2016) **Design and Fabrication of an Automatic Black Board Cleaner**. A mechanism that can automatically detect the blackboard chalk stains, and erase the font, keep the blackboard clean. The duster includes a track structure to permit reciprocation of the duster laterally of an elongate blackboard frame. The chain which is connected to duster includes a drive motor to effect rotation of a drive duster positioned above the blackboard frame. The principal object of the present automatic blackboard duster is to provide an attachment for blackboards in the form of a power-driven erasing apparatus which can be set in operation by the throw of a switch, thus eliminating the drudgery of manually cleaning blackboards.

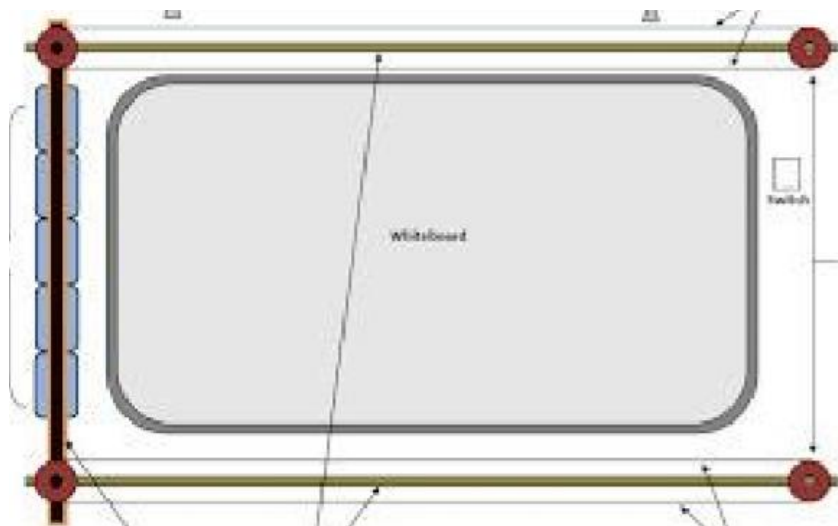


Figure 2.2: Front View of the Black Board
(Mr. Tumpala Uma Santhosh, et al, year 2016)

Working Principle

In the working of automatic blackboard duster, as the power is supplied to the motor, the shaft starts rotating. A gearbox is connected to the motor shaft is connected by another gear. Thus, movement of these gears rotates the wheel axil by which both the upper and lower wheels start rotating. By the rotation of these shafts, the wheels which are mounted on these guideways in horizontal direction start to rotate as well. A duster which is mounted on this wheel starts reciprocating left and right, thus clean the board. A switch is provided for the left and right motion. (Mr Tumpala Uma Santhosh, et al, year 2016)

2.4 Design Type 3

Design and Development of Board Cleaning System. This project works on combined principles of mechanical and electronics where rack and pinion mechanism are used for cleaning the blackboard and whiteboard with the help of the DC geared motors for rotation and limit switch to stop the motion.

Working Principle

The motors will drive the pinions which will convert the rotary motion of pinions into linear motion on the rack carrying the connecting strip with duster attached to it by bearing arrangement. DPDT switch and limit switch are also going to play a minor role in this system for stopping the pinion and rotating one gear clockwise and another anti-clockwise. A small water sprinkler is used to spray the water on the blackboard. With the help of wiper motor, the pressure will be created for sprinkling the water on the blackboard. This will save energy, time and eliminate

the load on the motor. Toggle mechanism is used in the back connecting strip to adjust the clearance between pinion and rack. (Gaurav Gangurde, year 2016).

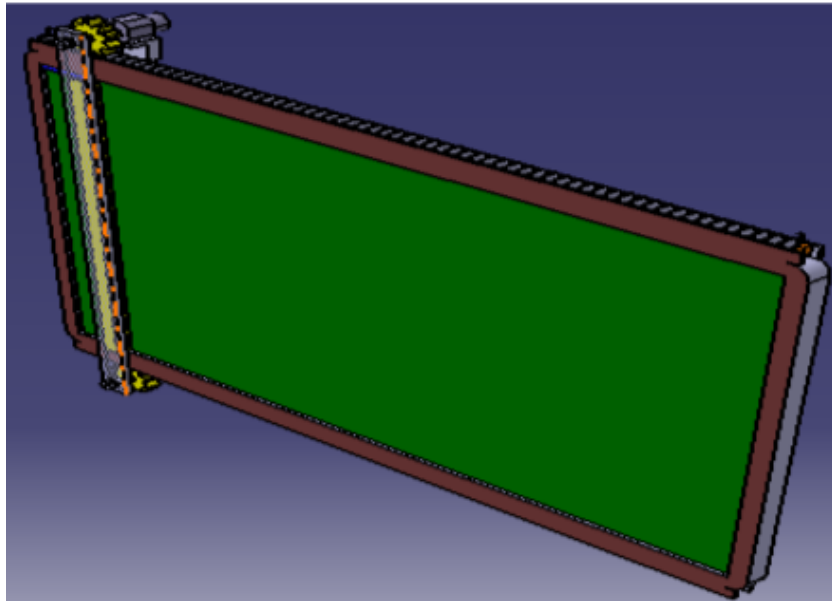


Figure 2.3:3D View of Blackboard Cleaning System
(Gaurav Gangurde, year 2016).

2.5 Design Type 4

Preliminary Design of an Automated White Board Cleaner. The automated whiteboard cleaner is a movable device; which is mostly made up of wood (plywood to be precise). The equipment is made up of a whiteboard frame, whiteboard duster, electric motor, sprocket, chain, duster and top cover. The motor to be used is a servo-motor which is to run at a relatively low speed.

Working Principle

By turning on the switch, the current is transmitted to a variable voltage supply which will decrease the amount of voltage going into the motor hence slowing