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Design for X
ME – 2110
Creative Decisions and Design

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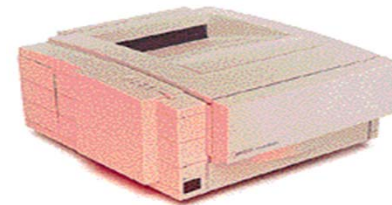
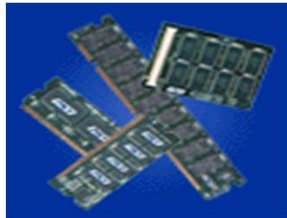
Design for X (DFX)

- ❖ Design for Manufacture



Design for X (DFX)

❖ Design for Assembly



Design for X (DFX)

- ❖ Design for Environment
- ❖ Design for Maintenance



Top view yellow

- ❖ Design for Disassembly



Interior and instrument panel



Rear view in yellow with hatch and doors open



Design for Assembly

- ❖ Methods consists of a design review by
 - Design and development personnel
 - Production personnel
- ❖ The technique imposes
 - Discipline
 - Objectiveness
- ❖ The technique imposes
 - Exciting rivalries
 - Defensive postures within an organization

Aspects of Design for Assembly

- ❖ DFA is applicable to
 - Products consisting of 20 -200 parts
 - Mainly for mechanical parts (not electronics)
 - Dimensions lie between those of watches and cars
- ❖ No specialized knowledge of the means of production is needed
- ❖ Requires 1-2 days to perform for a product
- ❖ Average 30% improvement in the assembly cost
- ❖ Can be performed in the various stages in the design process and repeated

Design for Assembly (Criteria)

- ❖ Execution of assembly operations
 - Storing
 - Handling
 - Identifying
 - Picking-Up
 - Moving
 - Positioning
 - Orientating
 - Aligning
 - Joining
 - Adjusting
 - Securing
 - Inspecting

Design for Assembly (Criteria)

- ❖ Standardization of assembly operations
- ❖ Possible use of existing assembly equipment and tools
- ❖ Possible use of standard assembly tools



Design for Assembly (Criteria)

- ❖ Number of operations in overall assembly
- ❖ Favorable sequence (preassembly, parallel assembly)



Design for Assembly (Criteria)

- ❖ Possibility of automation
- ❖ Freedom from possible assembly errors
- ❖ Avoidance of damage to components
- ❖ Avoidance of special training of the assembly staff



Design for Assembly (Criteria)

- ❖ Maintenance of safe working conditions
- ❖ Observance of ergonomic standards

Questions Raised during DFA

- ❖ Is it possible, in principle, to eliminate the part of process?
 - Must the part move more than than elasticity of the material allows?
 - Are there inherently different material needs
 - Can the product be assembled if the part is integrated with another part?
- ❖ What does it cost to bring the part from the packaging to the place of assemble and give it the correct spatial orientation and position required for being assembled?
- ❖ What does it cost to carry out the actual assembly of the part?

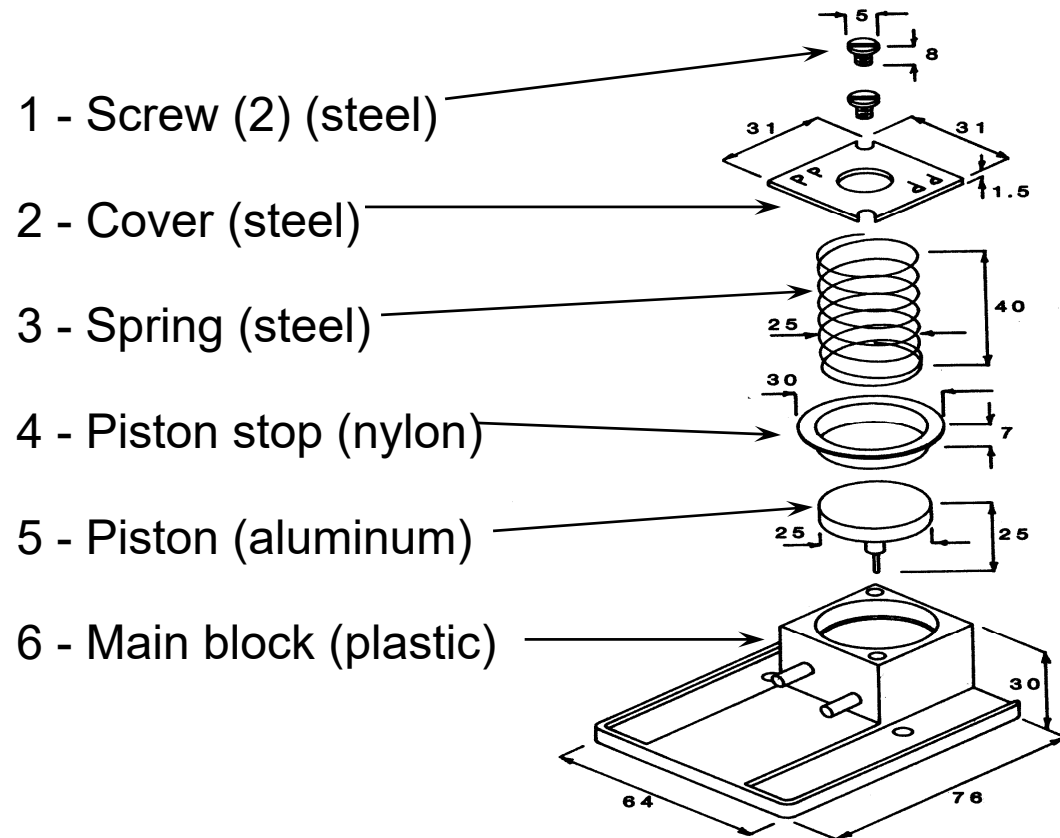
Design for Assembly Guidelines

- ❖ During the operation of the product, does the part move relative to all other parts already assembled?
 - Only gross motions should be considered
 - Small motions that can be accomplished by elastic hinges, for example, are not sufficient for a positive answer.
- ❖ Must the part be of a different material than, or be isolated from all other parts already assembled?
 - Only fundamental reasons concerned with material properties are acceptable.
- ❖ Must the part be separate from all other parts already assembled to ensure that necessary assembly or disassembly of other separate parts is possible?

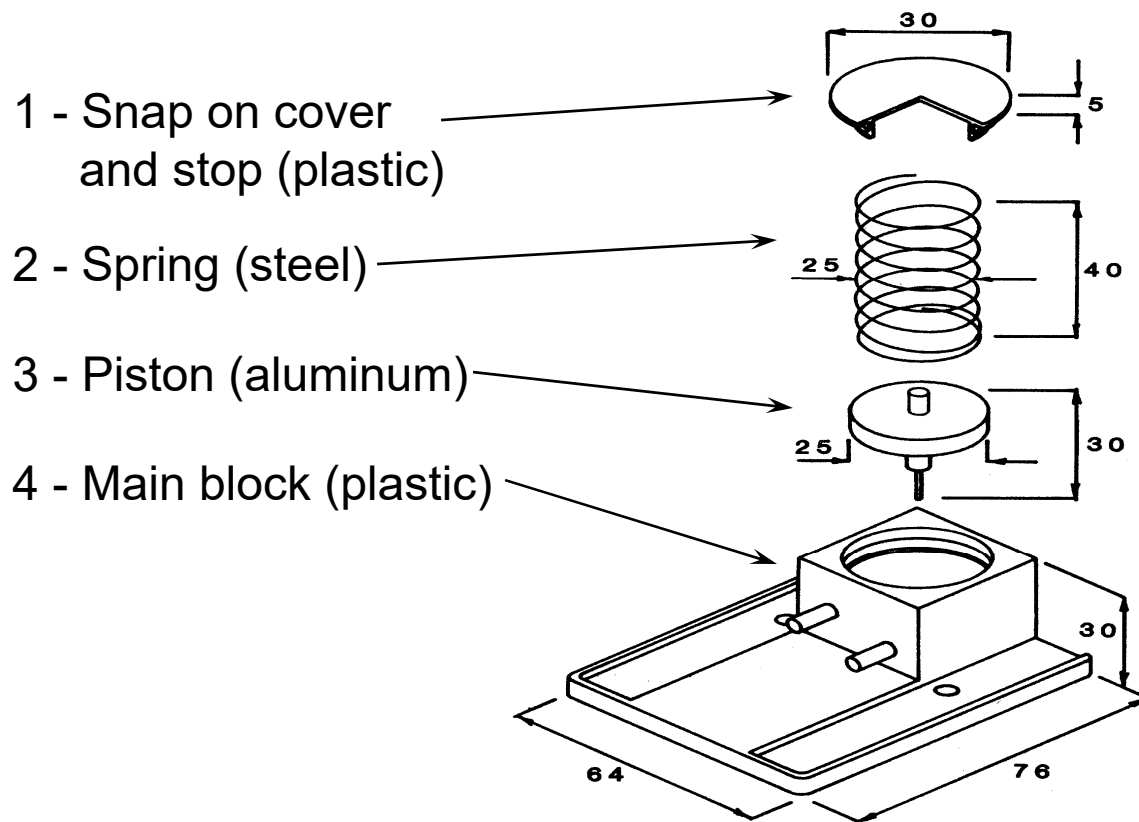
Design for Assembly Worksheet

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Name of Assembly
Part I.D. Number	Number of times the operation is carried out consecutively	Two-digit manual handling code	Manual handling time per part	Two-manual insertion code	Manual insertion time per part	Operation time (sec) (2)*[(4) + (6)]	Operation cost (¢) 0.4 * (7)	Figures for theoretical minimum parts Estimation	
TM = Total manual assembly time CM = Total cost of manual assembly NM = Theoretical minimum number of parts						TM	CM	NM	$design\ efficiency = \frac{(3) * NM}{TM} =$

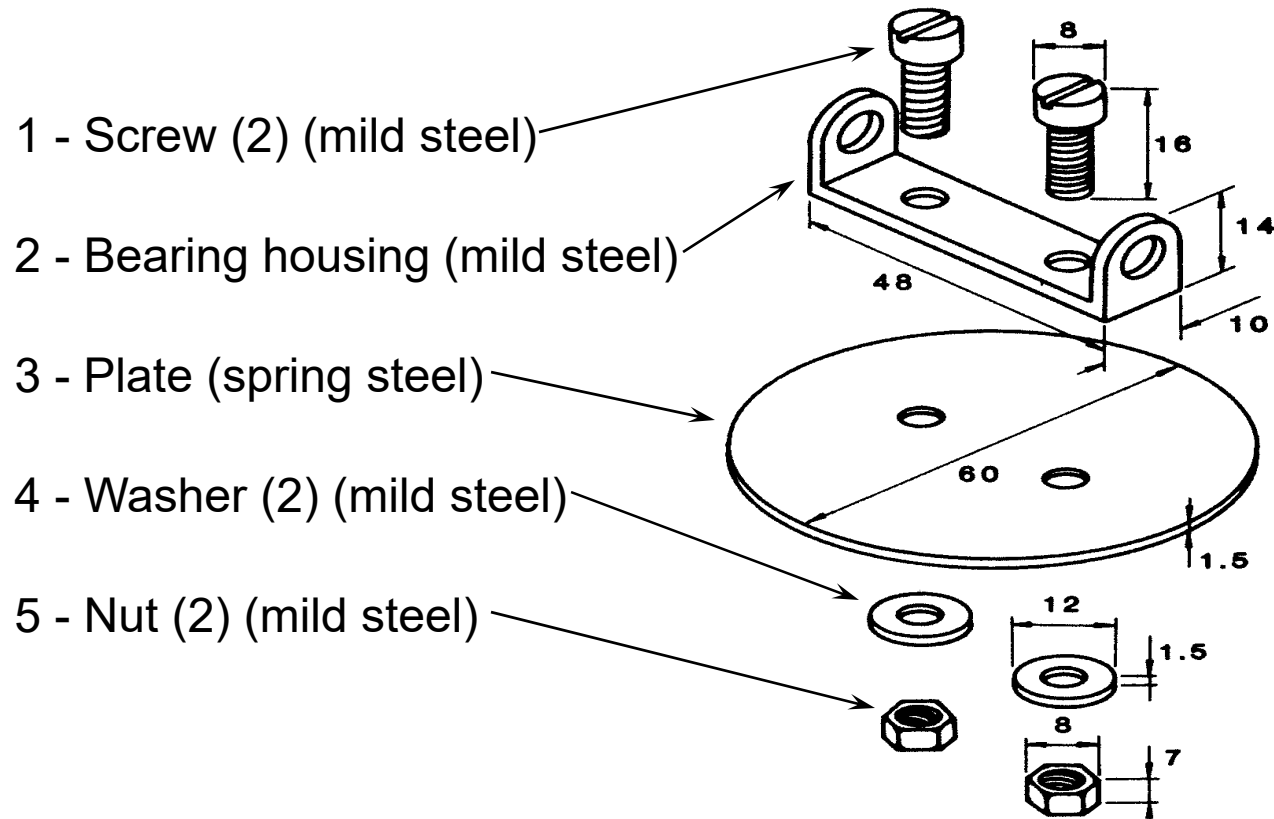
Pneumatic Piston Sub-Assembly



Redesigned Pneumatic Piston



Diaphragm Assembly



Worksheet for Diaphragm Assembly

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Required rate of assembly, FR (per minute)	30	
Part I.D. Number	Number of times the operation is carried out consecutively	Five-digit automatic handling code	Orienting Efficiency (OE)	Relative Feeder Cost (CR=FC+DC)	Maximum Basic Feed Rate (FM)	Difficulty Rating for Automatic Handling (DF)	Cost of automatic handling per part (CF = 0.03*DF)	Two-digit automatic insertion code	Relative work head cost, WC	Difficulty for automatic insertion, DI	Cost of automatic insertion per part (CI = 0.06*DI)	Operation cost (2)*[(8) + (12)]*(¢)	Figures for theoretical minimum parts Estimation	Name of Assembly		
5	2	10000	0.70	1	131	2	0.06	00	1	2	0.12	0.36	1	nut		
4	2	00000	0.70	1	88	2	0.06	00	1	2	0.12	0.36	0	washer		
3	1	00800	Manual assembly required										3.42	1	plate	
2	1	72500	0.25	1	7.8	7.7	0.23	08	2	4	0.24	0.47	0	bearing housing		
1	2	21000	0.90	1	84	2	0.06	39	1.8	3.6	0.22	0.56	0	screw		

Column 6

$$FM = 1500 \left(\frac{OE}{Y} \right)$$

$Y = \text{Part Size}$

Column 7

$$DF = \left(\frac{60}{FR} \right) CR, FR < FM$$

$$DF = \left(\frac{60}{FR} \right) CR, FR \geq FM$$

Column 11

$$DI = \left(\frac{60}{FR} \right) WC, FR < 60$$

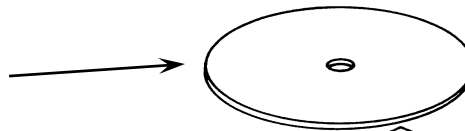
$$DI = WC, FR \geq 60$$

5.17	2	
CA	NM	

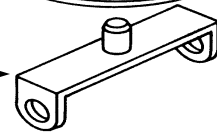
Redesign Diaphragm Assembly

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1	1	00000	0.7	1	17.5	3.43	0.10	00	1	2	0.12	0.22	1	plate	
								91	0.9	1.8	0.11	0.11	0	Separation fastening operation	
												0.57	2		
												CA	NM		

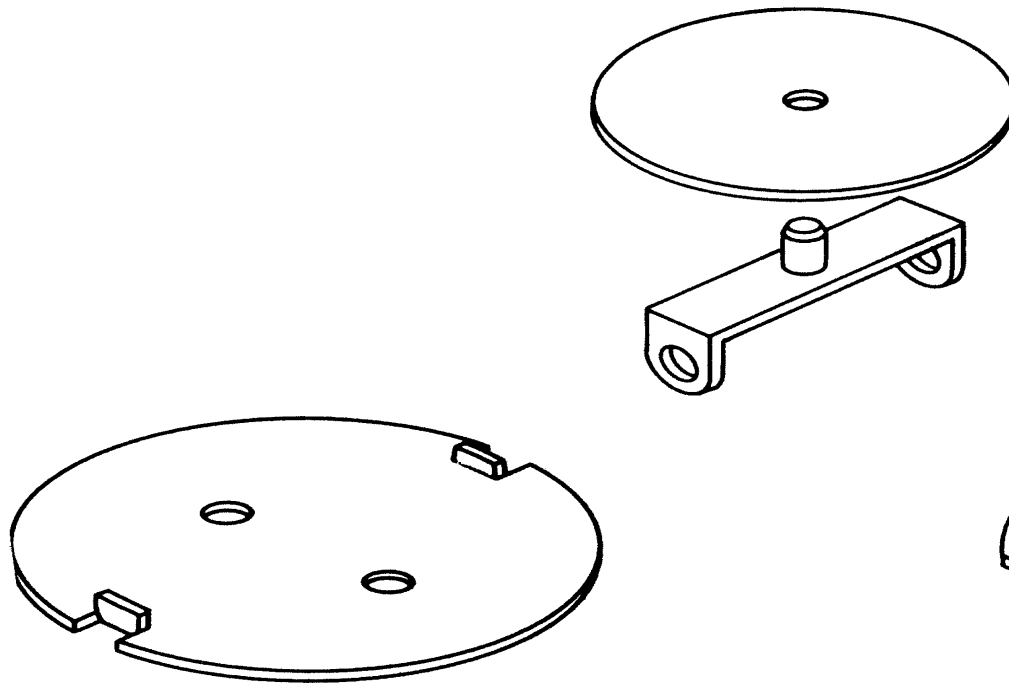
1 - Plate (spring steel)



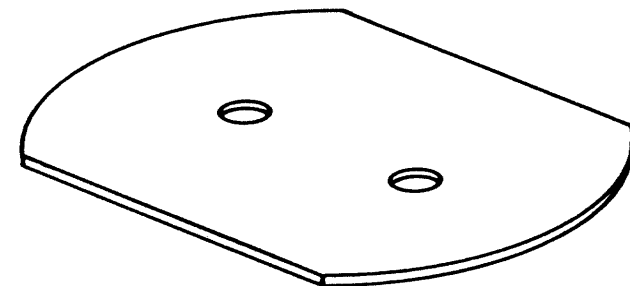
2 - Bearing housing (plastic)



Redesign of Plate



Redesign of plate with shear bent tabs to define orientation

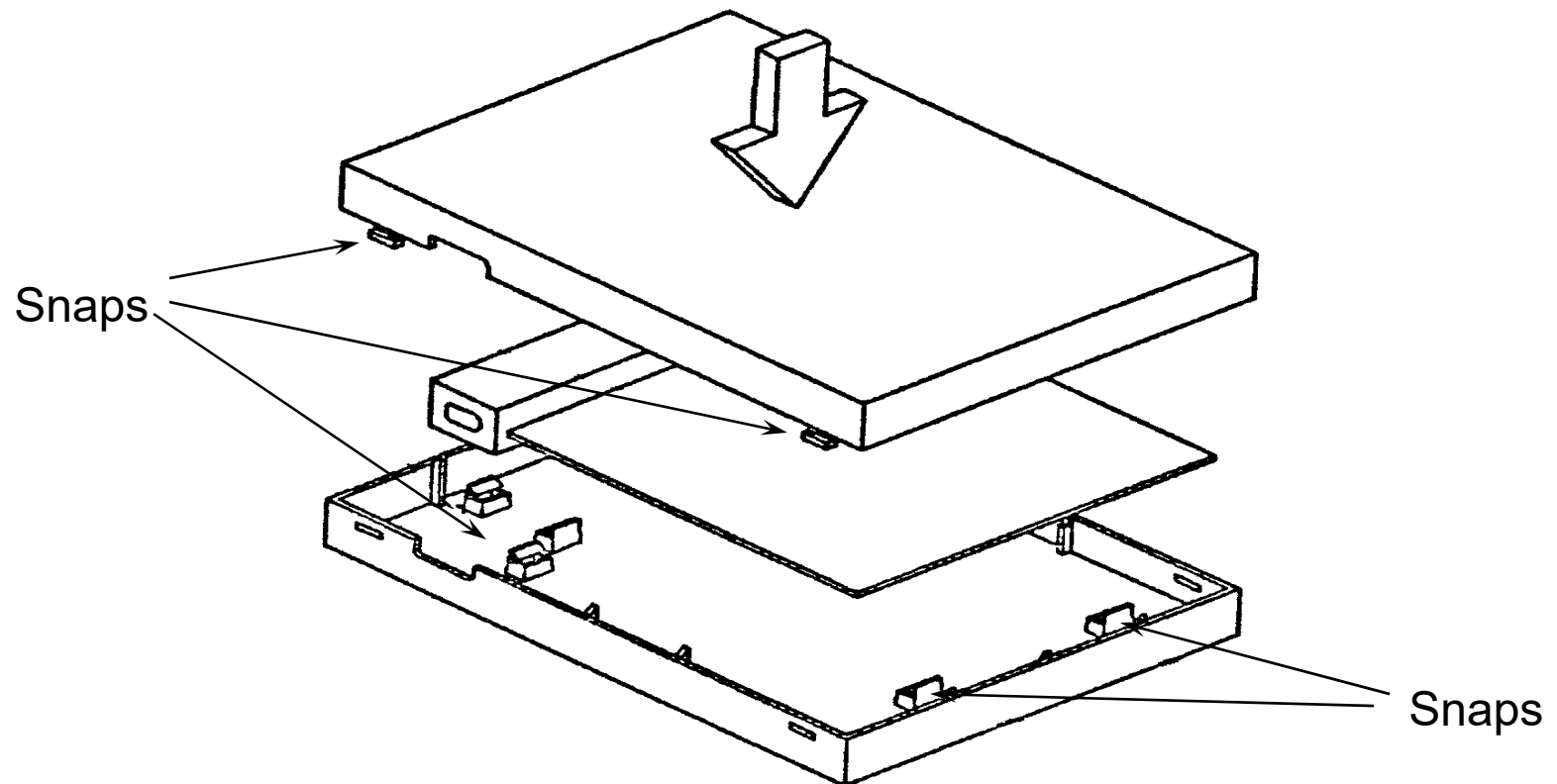


Redesign of plate to be cropped from strip

Design for Automated Assembly (Concepts)

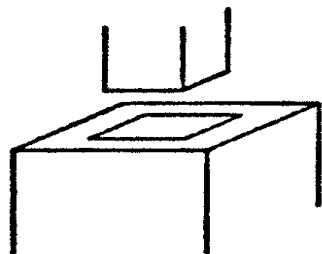
- ❖ Layered design
 - Clamshell base
 - Sequential assembly
 - Uni-directional
- ❖ Self-alignment
 - Chamfer/countersink
 - Posts/locating stops
- ❖ Combine detail parts
 - Screws & washers
 - Plastic moldings
 - Castings
- ❖ Symmetry
- ❖ Direct drive systems
 - Helical or gear vs. Belt/pulley
- ❖ Common fasteners
 - Minimize screws
 - Snap fasteners
- ❖ Minimize springs
 - Molded
 - Compression coil
 - Extensive coil
- ❖ Minimize cables
 - Integrated packaging
 - Solid connectors

Example of Layered Assembly



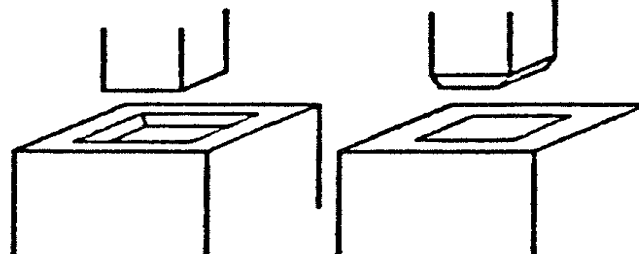
Compliance and Assembly

Avoid



No Chamfers

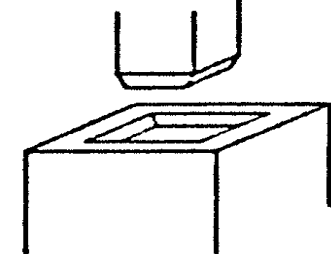
Better



Bottom Part
Chamfered

Bottom Part
Chamfered

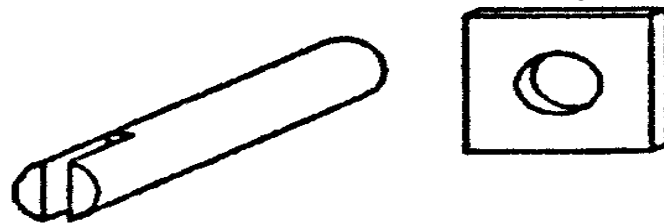
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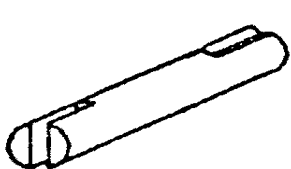
Both Parts
Chamfered

Self Alignment of Parts

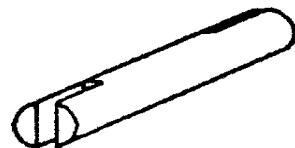
This part could be oriented in any direction



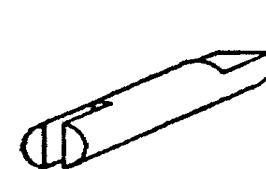
These parts can be oriented only one way



Hole to accept
swaged part

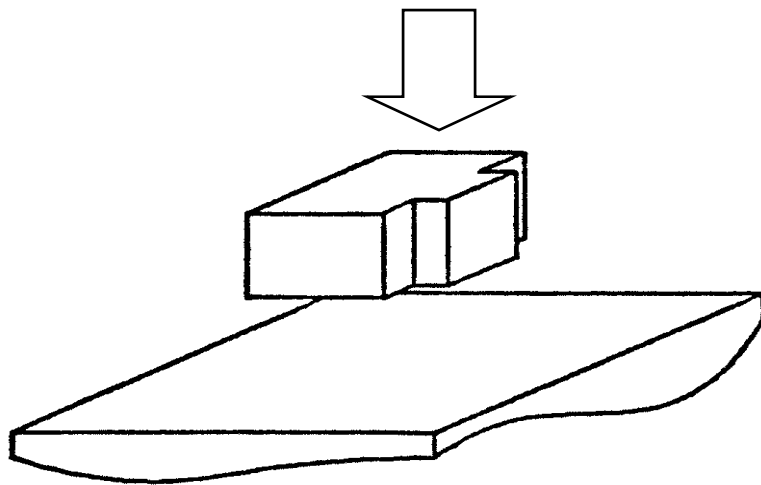


Hole to accept
notched part

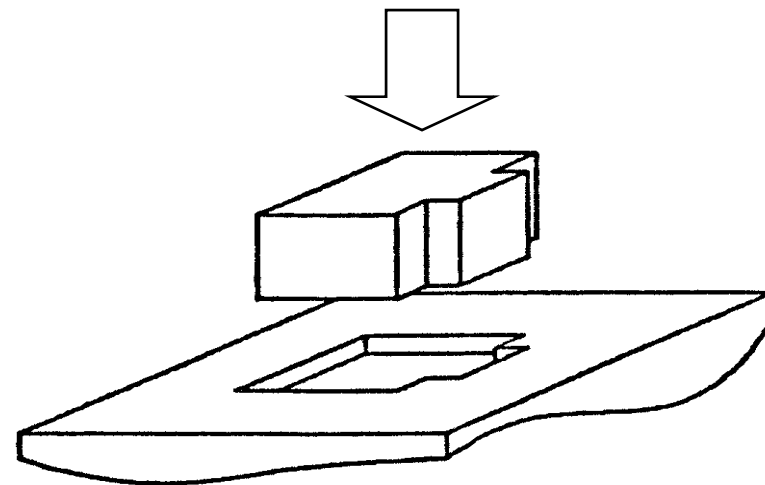


“D” shaped hole

Nesting of Parts

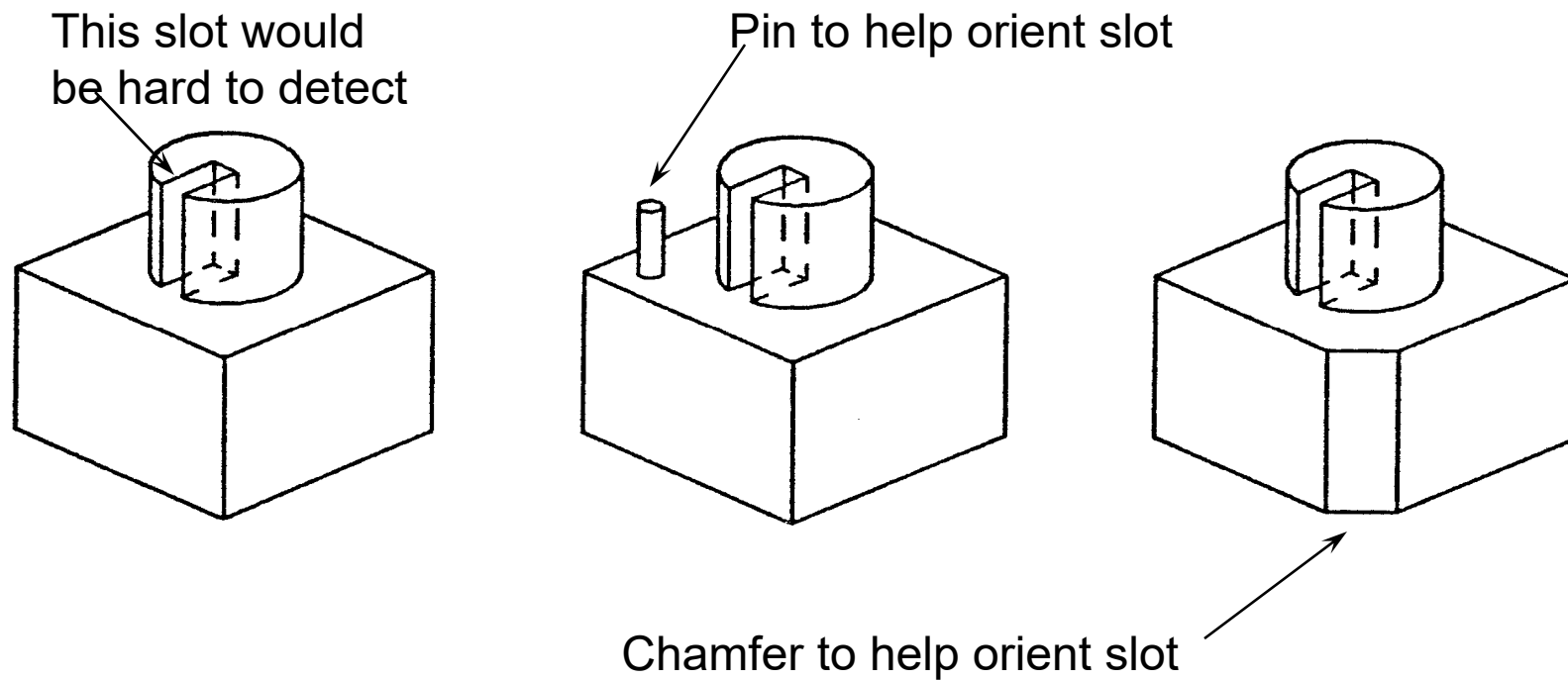


This part could be placed in any orientation and not be secured



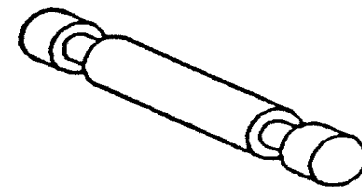
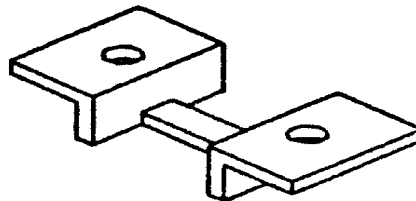
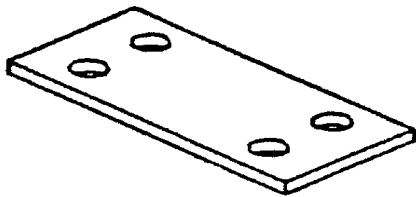
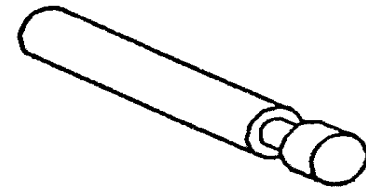
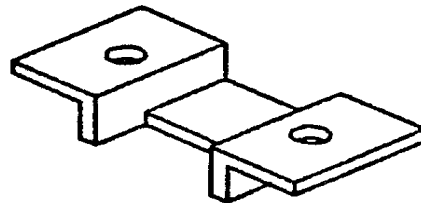
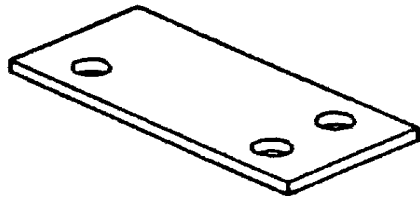
This part has a “nest” to orient and help it secure

Nonfunctional External Feature for Orientation



Symmetry

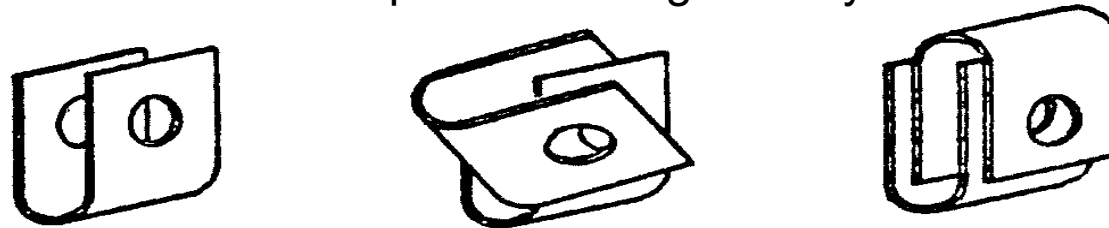
Orientation Required



Preferred

Tangling

These parts can tangle easily

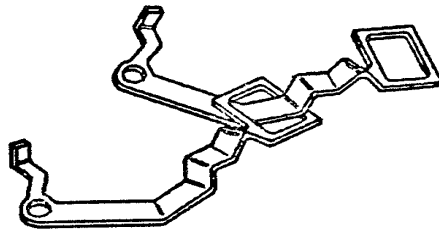


The same parts redesigned, will not tangle

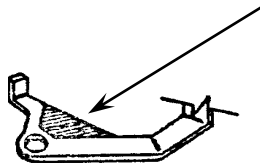


Tangling (continued)

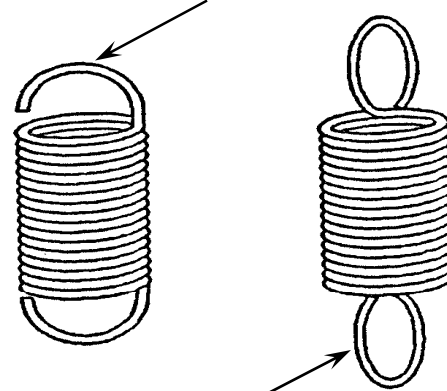
Parts that interconnect will not feed



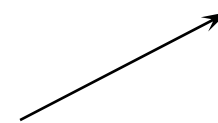
A fillet will keep the parts from interconnecting



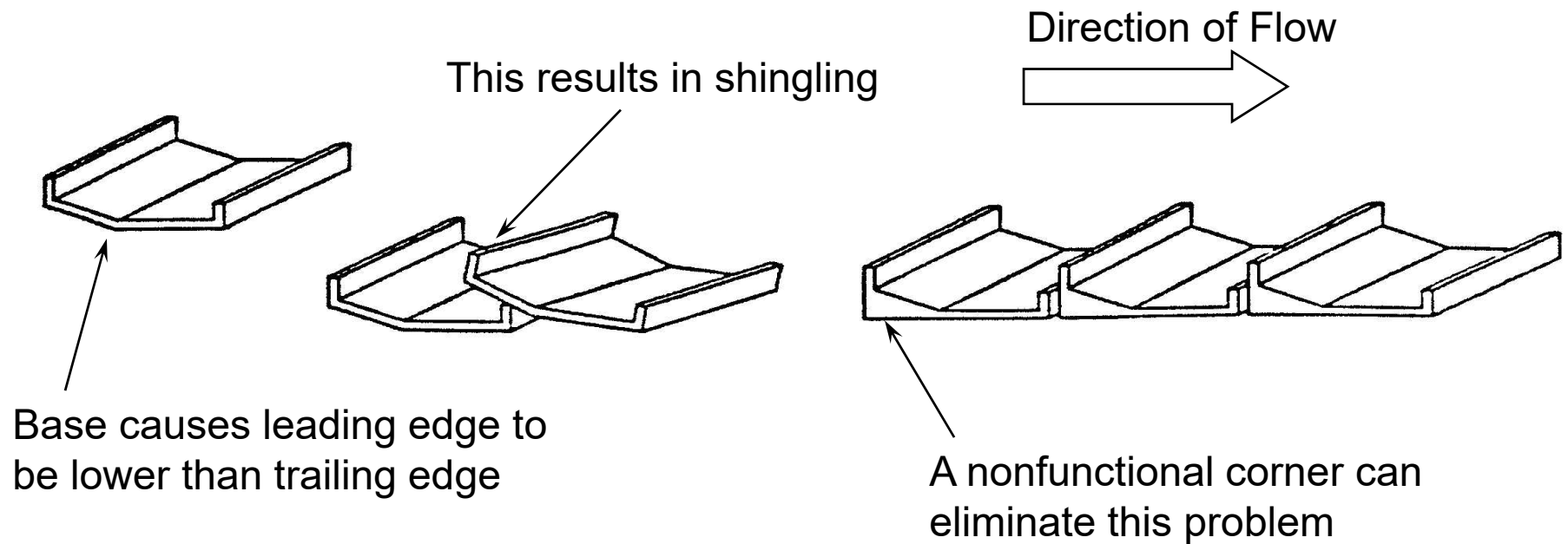
Springs with open loops will tangle



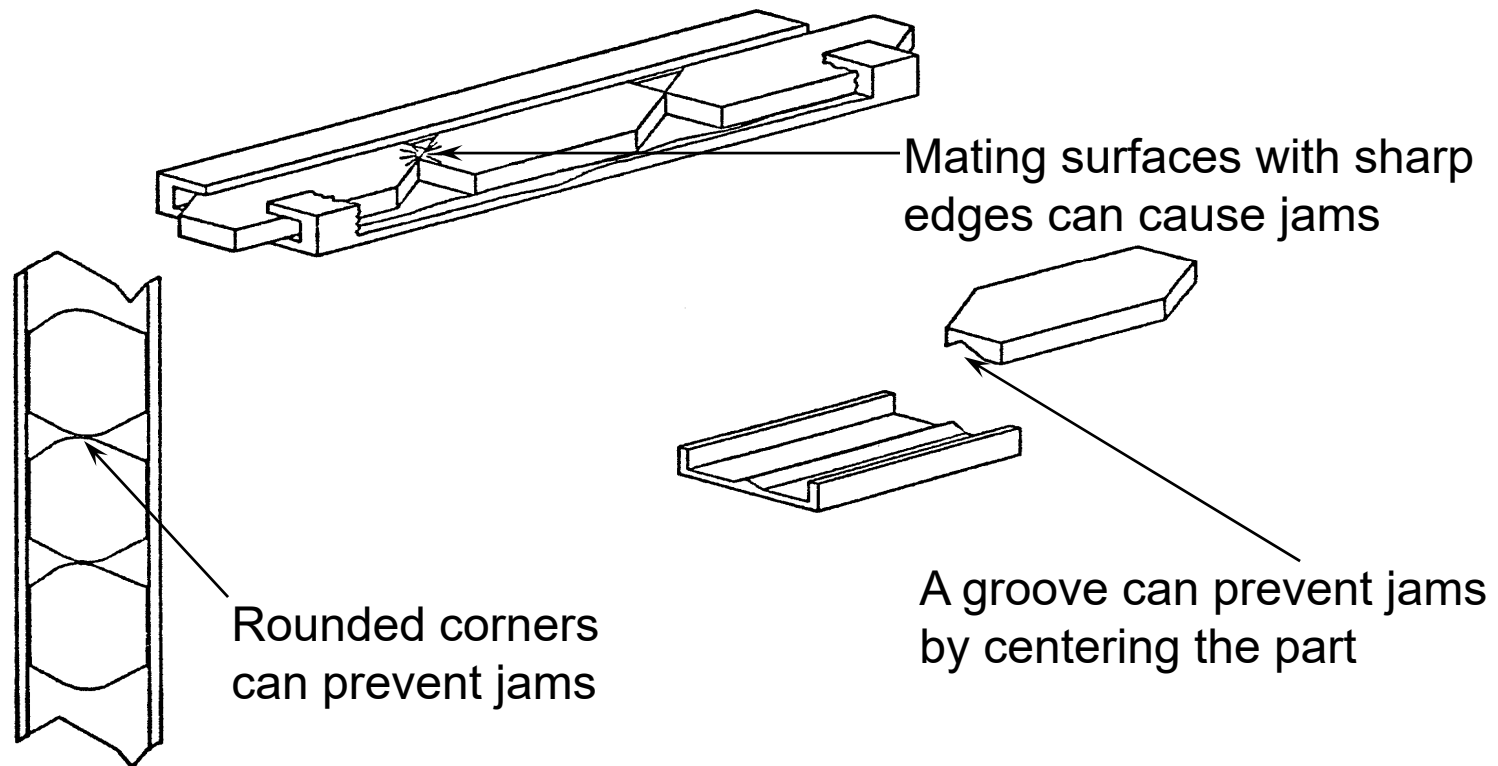
Springs with closed loops will not tangle



Methods to Avoid Jams (1 of 2)

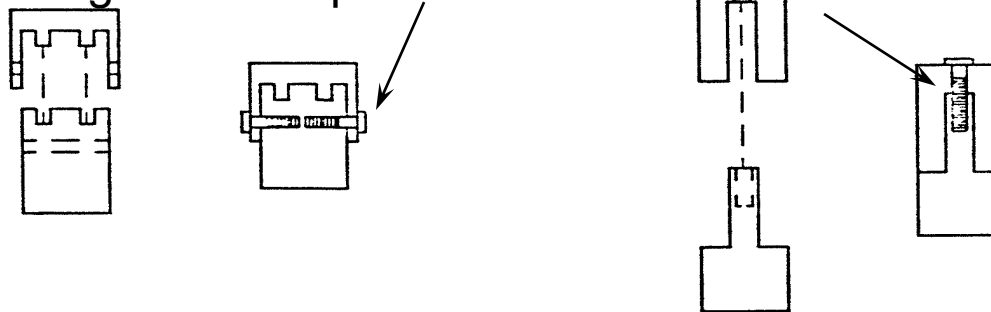


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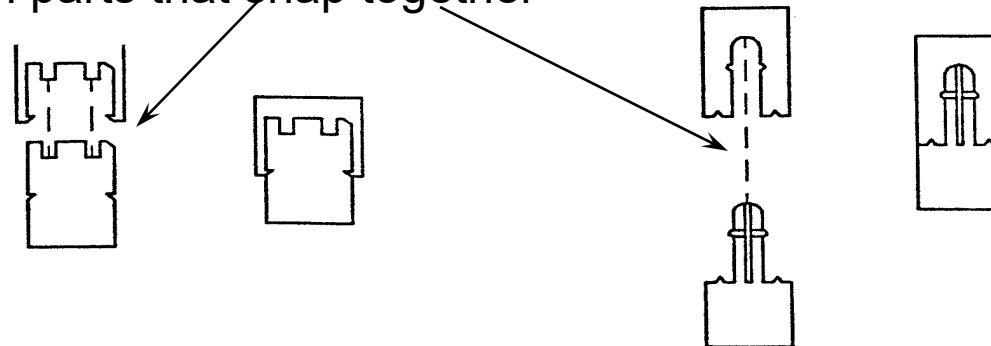


Substitutes for Fasteners

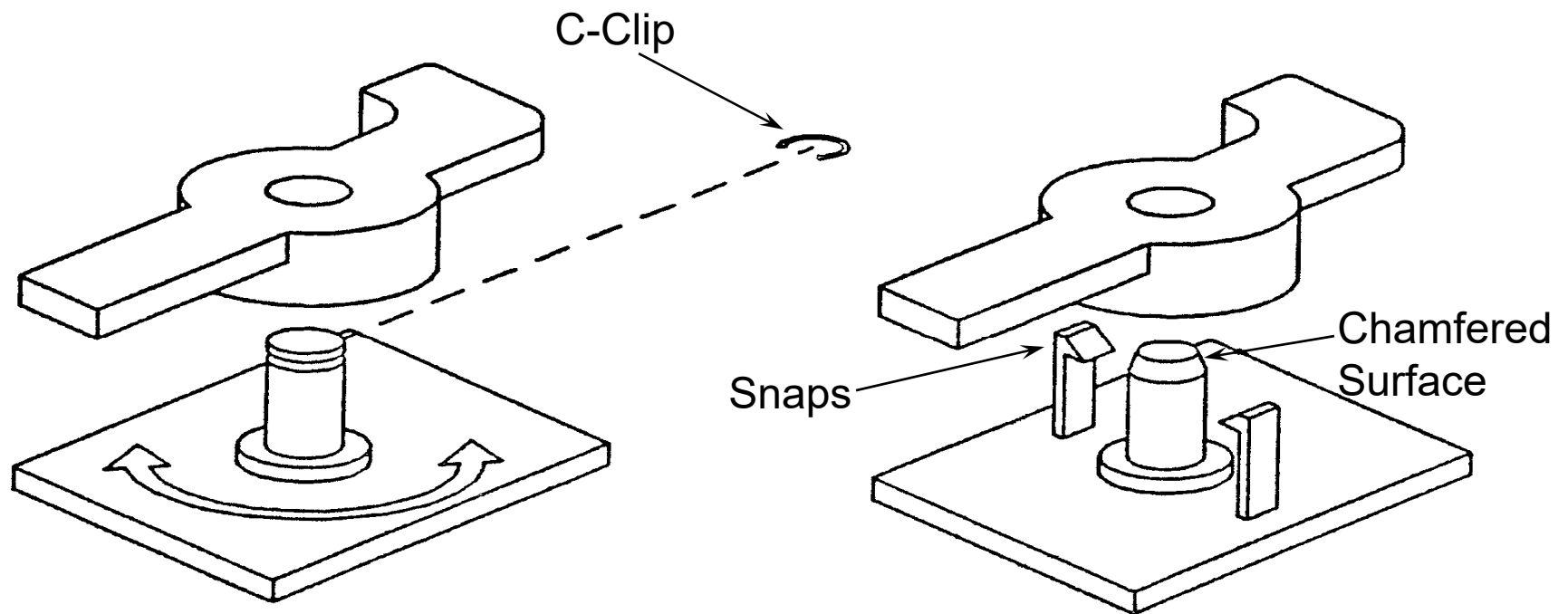
Avoid designs that require fasteners



Design parts that snap together

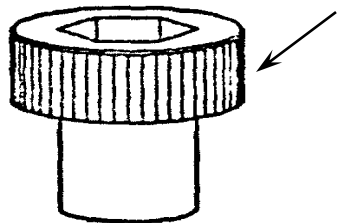


Joining Moving Parts without Fasteners

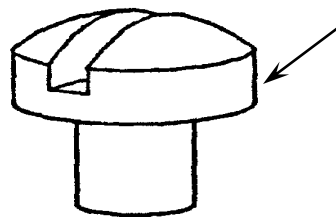


Fasteners

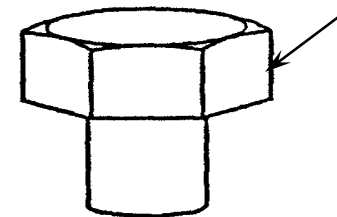
Preferred: Have flat vertical sides for vacuum pickup



Socket Head



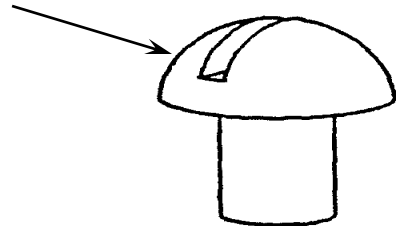
Fillister Head



Hex Head

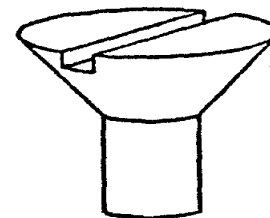
Avoid

Round Side



Round Head

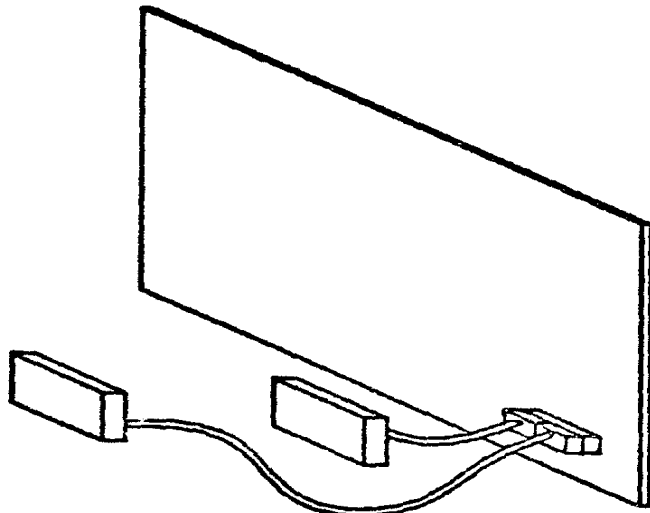
Slant Side



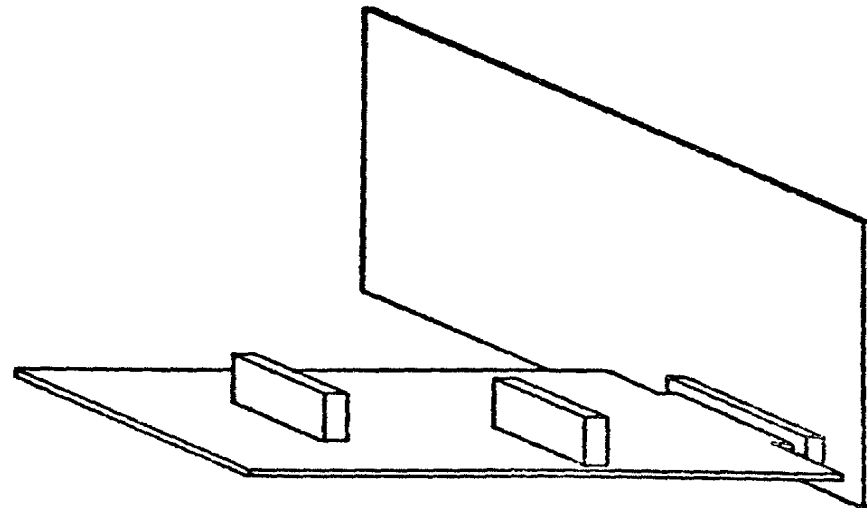
Flat Head

Cables and Connectors

Example of a slave circuit board



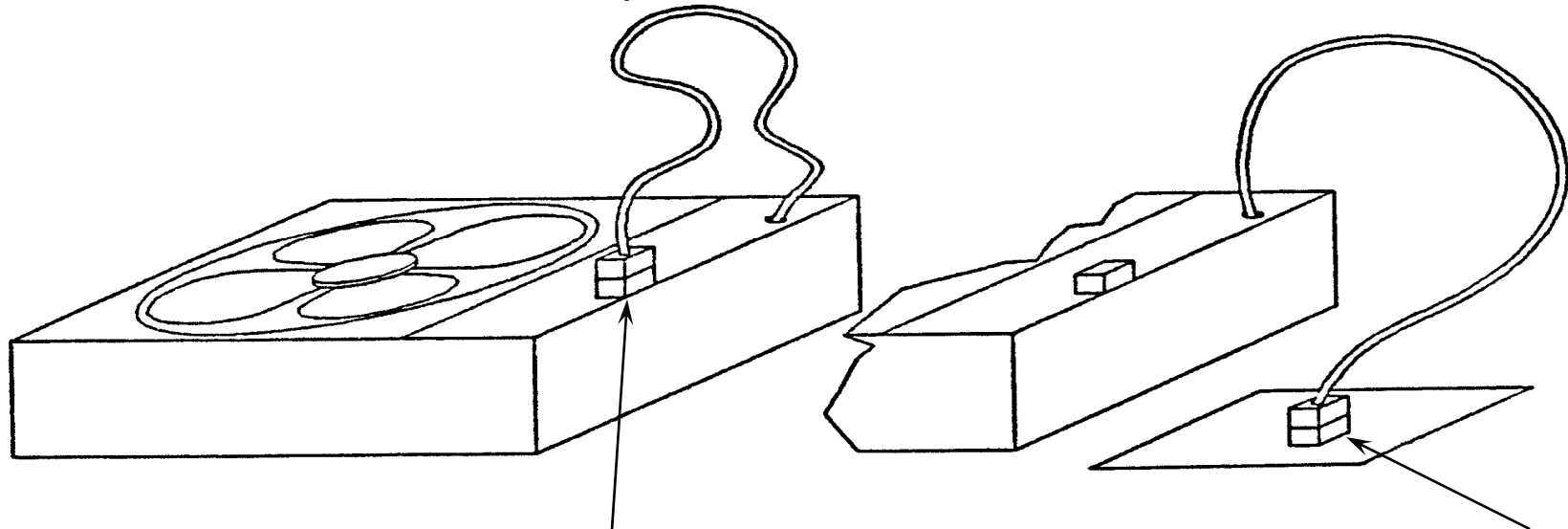
Avoid:
Components that are connected
with cables to circuit board



Preferred:
Components that are plugged
on a slave circuit board

Cables and Connectors

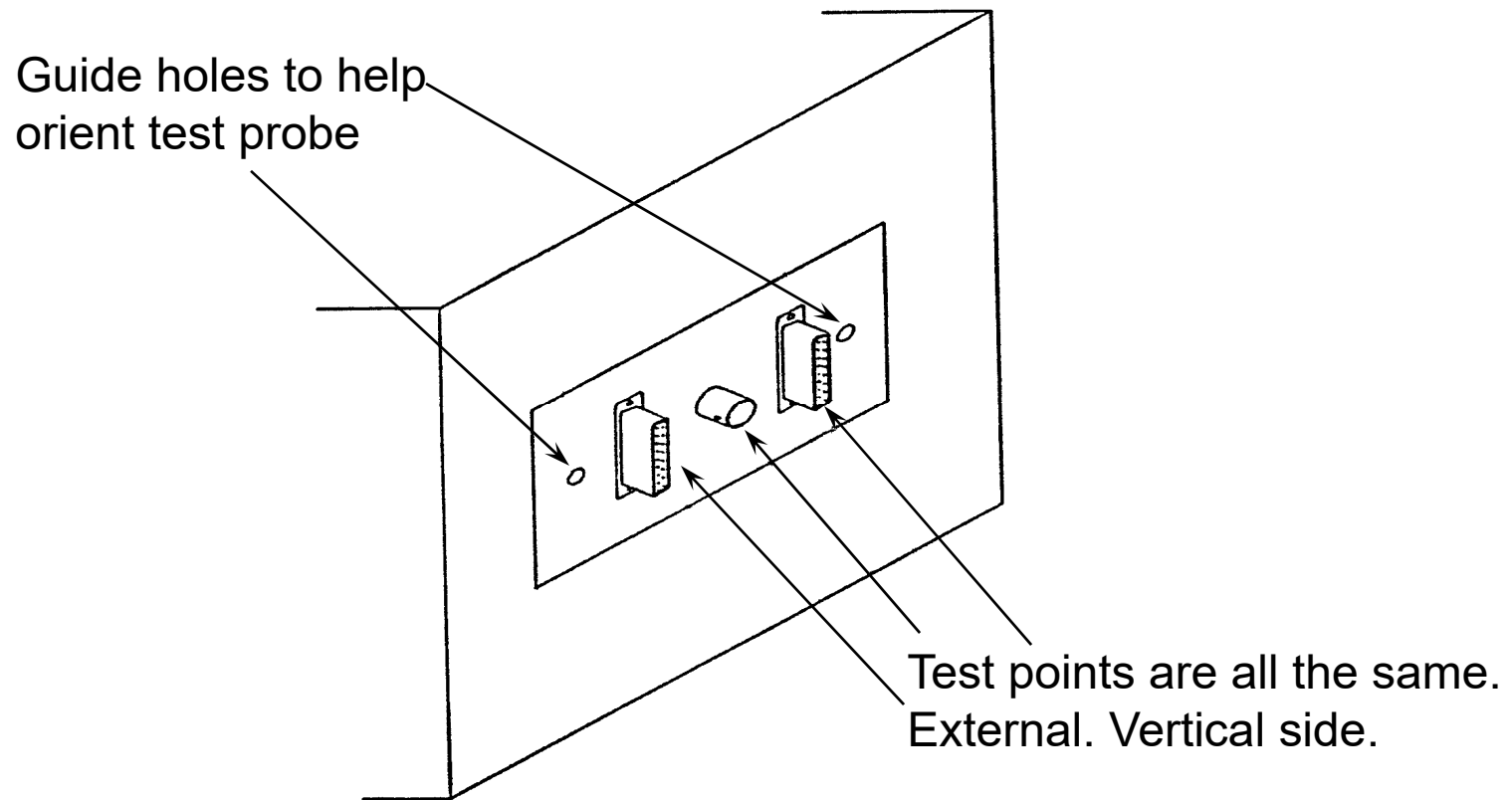
Example of a secured cable



If the use of a cable cannot be avoided.
Have the cable plugged into a dummy
connector to locate the cable end.

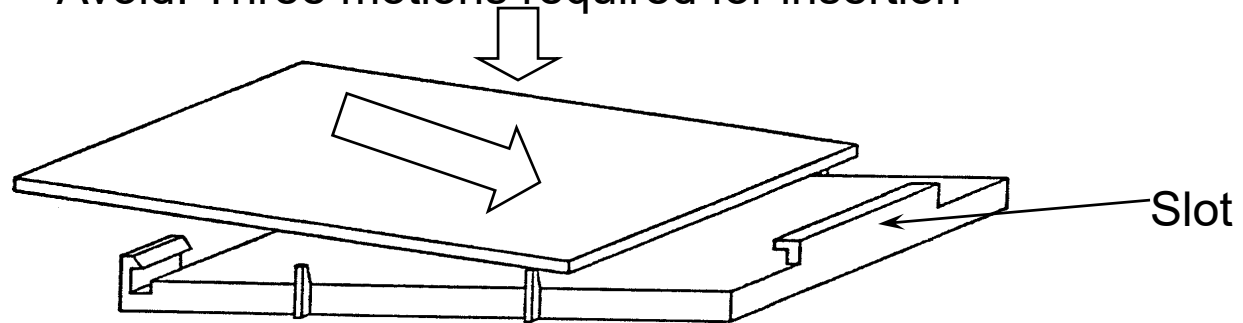
Then a robot can locate the
connector and plug it in.

External Test Points

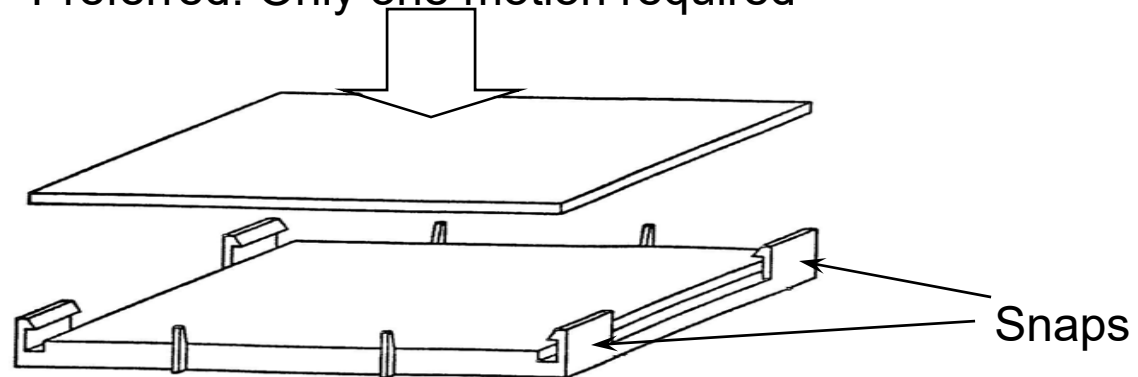


Motion and Design

Avoid: Three motions required for insertion



Preferred: Only one motion required



Design for 3D Printing

❖ Disperse the seams

