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Lo2 Clients & Customers

NEEDS OF THE CLIENT
There will be some non-negotiables that the client needs to see involved in the design

- Corporate Branding – e.g. what colours or logos do they use
- Target Audience – who are the company focused on already

DISCUSSION BETWEEN CLIENT AND DESIGNER
The discussion meeting is the engineers chance to explore the brief and work out what the client requires.

- What is possible – in terms of cost or technologies
- What can be done within budget
- Essential features – what the product MUST do/ have
- Desirable Features – what the product COULD do/ have
- Timeframes – how long is available to design and develop

Investigating the design context

There are areas that can be researched to find out more about the product requirements:

- Focus groups – talking to the likely customer
- Surveys – getting general information from the public
- Needs of target market – a product that fills a gap
- Changing consumer trends – a “must have” item

Lo2 Specification Requirements

- aesthetics – how they might require it to look
- ergonomics – suitability for human sizes e.g. hand size, height, weight, finger length
- anthropometrics – Physical sizes/ measurements recorded and used to design ergonomic products
- Function – the purpose of a product e.g. a television displays programmes
- Features – the additions that make the product unique e.g. remote, controls, etc.

Lo1 Manufacturing

REQUIREMENTS

- Materials availability/supply chain
- Ease of manufacture – Processes that are easy to do and quickly produce accurate repeatable results in a very few stages e.g. Injection moulding, scale of production:

MASS: expensive set up, cheap in high volume
Batch: Allows regular changes in features, colour etc.
One off: Costly, allows total customisation

Tolerances – how accurate it must be:
High: can be inaccurate, less wasted products, less accurate machines
Low: Lot of wasted products, expensive machinery, very accurate

maintenance – how easy it is to maintain/repair

EASE OF MANUFACTURE
Specification points covering how easy it needs to be to make and assemble:

- Standard components – using pre made components e.g. screws
- pre-manufactured components- using premade parts e.g. speakers
- design for manufacturing assembly (DFMA) – Less stages, less parts, standard components
- design for disassembly –to repair or if it must be recycled or reused
- manufacturing processes – If a certain process must be used; injection moulding is a popular choice as it is repeatable, accurate, fast and produces less waste

Regulations

REGULATIONS

- Copyright – Protecting a piece of creative work, eg a drawing by LAW
- patents – a protected design IDEA by LAW
- registered designs & trademarks – images/logos associated with the company protected BY LAW

SAFEGUARDS

- British Standards – Are guides to ensure QUALITY
- European Conformity (EC) – are guides to ensure SAFETY

Iconic Products

INSPIRATIONAL / ICONIC PRODUCTS
Some products are so popular they set an expectation. E.g. the minimalist design and easy use of the iPod influenced the design of many other electronic gadgets.

Lo2 Sustainability

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
Environmental considerations about the products effect on the environment. There is also pressure to be ethical and socially responsible

- Renewable energy sources – made products cost resources, energy and pollution
- Materials that are replaceable – materials that are plentiful/materials that regrow or replenish
- Recycled- Using materials from reclaimed sources
- Recyclable – Enabling a product to be recyclable – through material choice or disassembly

LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS
Product life cycle affects how well a product is designed and how long it is required to work.

- Lifespan – how long a product is intended to be used
- Lifecycle – including what happens to it afterwards
- Planned Obsolescence – A product designed on purpose to become outdated or unusable after time

New Technologies

- Market Pull – a need or gap needs filling – the customer wants something new e.g. longer battery life on mobile phones
- Technological Push – new technologies allow new ways of doing something – e.g. facial recognition or AR

IMPROVEMENTS IN MATERIALS
Engineering often creates new materials that create opportunities for better products. E.g. Recently carbon fibre has offered better products in some areas.

NEW PRODUCTION PROCESSES
Engineering often creates new ways of making that allow a product to be better or made cheaper. E.g. Recently 3D printing has created new opportunities.

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Ergonomics

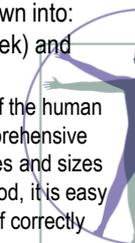
The word "**ergonomics**" can be broken down into:
- "ergon" (meaning "work" in Greek)
- Work- on the patterns of economics

Ergonomics is the process of designing or arranging workplaces, products and systems so that they fit the people who use them.

Anthropometrics

The word "**anthropometrics**" can be broken down into:
- "anthropos" (meaning "human" in Greek) and
- "metron" (meaning "measure").

This is the Measurement of the physical properties of the human body. Anthropometric data are obtained from a comprehensive anthropometric survey to understand the body shapes and sizes in a certain population. Once analysed and understood, it is easy to develop a sizing system that enables production of correctly sized clothing for the population under consideration.



ACCESS Fm Questions to consider when analysing a product

Aesthetics

Does the product look good?
Does it make good use of colour and features?
What has inspired its appearance? (E.g. is it organic? Is it industrial?)

Cost

What is the estimated cost of the product?
What is the retail price?
What is the relationship between the two?
Is the product affordable?
Does it offer value for money?
What is the product's cost in relation to the incomes of potential buyers/users?

Safety

How has the designer considered safety issues in the product's design?
Think about the ways it is being used and how different parts have been joined together.
Are there any risk assessment issues in relation to the use of the product?

Size

Are the product's proportions appropriate for its use?
If you increased or decreased the products size, would it look or function better?

Customer

Who is the product designed for?
How and where would they use it?
What affect will it have on their lives and relationships?
Will it add value?
How is the product promoted to attract customers?
Has the designer considered how people will interact with the product?
Does the product target a particular age group or sector of people?
What assumptions have been made about the potential buyers/users?

Environment

What is the product's impact on the environment?
What happens to the product after use?
How long will it last?
What factors limit/lengthen its life span?
Can it be repaired? Can parts be replaced?
How easily can it be recycled?
Who would pay for the cost of recycling?

Function

Does the product do the job it was intended to do?
How does it work?
How easy is it to use?
What affects will using it have, including those beyond intended use and user?

Material

What materials are used to make the product and why?
Would another type of material work better?
What impact could the designer's choice of material have on the environment?
Where do the materials and other resources needed for production come from?
Are they likely to run out?

Smart Materials

Smart Materials react to changes in their environment. They can be grouped by how they react to their environment.

- They respond to:
- Heat
 - Light
 - Moisture
 - Electric/ magnetic



An example of a smart material can be seen in military uniforms- **Photochromic dyes** are used in the uniforms which sense and react to light by changing colour, increasing the camouflage

Iconic Products

What makes a design iconic?



- A design that sets a bench mark for others to follow.
- A ground breaking design, in terms of its technology or manufacturing techniques used during its production.
- A design that improves on the past.
- A design that sets new standards in terms of quality, functions/features or style.
- A design that stands the test of time, remaining popular despite the passing of years.
- A design that stays in the memory of those who see/use it.
- A design that is often recognised immediately by consumers.
- A design that inspires other designers.
- Sets a trend.
- A design that is innovative.
- A design that is aesthetically pleasing.
- A design that is often emulated/copied by other designers.
- A design that has its place in history, or even helps change history.



DFD

DFD (Design for Disassembly).
Disassemble means to take something apart/ to pieces.

DFD is the process of designing products so that they **can** be easily, cost-effectively and rapidly taken apart at the end of the **product's** life so that components **can** be reused and/or recycled.



The 6 R's

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Rethink
- Refuse
- Repair



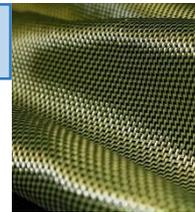
Modern Materials

Modern materials have been developed through the invention of new or improved manufacturing and production processes.

They are designed to improve performance.

Kevlar is an example of a modern material- It was designed to be extremely strong, yet lightweight. It is flame and chemical resistant and five times stronger than steel of the same weight. Kevlar is used for bullet proof vests.

Nomex is a flame- resistant material and used by fire fighters. It was developed in the 1960's by DuPont.



Design cycle: The **design cycle** is a series of tools used by designers to help them create and evaluate solutions in response to **design** problems. The **design cycle** can have many sections, but in its simplest form it is – Investigate, Plan, **Design**, Create & Evaluate

User Needs: They are the things people **need** from a product or service to do something

Ergonomics and anthropometrics: **Anthropometrics** is the study of body measurements and statistical data concerning the sizes and shapes of the population. **Ergonomics** is the relationship between a product and its users. ... User group, posture, clearance, reach and strength are all important factors in **anthropometrics** and **ergonomics**

Product Safety: **Product safety** is the ability of a **product** to be **safe** for intended use, as determined when evaluated against a set of established rules.

Design briefs: A design brief is a document for a design project developed by a person or team in consultation with the client/customer. They outline the deliverables and scope of the project including any products or works, timing and budget

Manufacturing: Manufacturing is the production of products for use or sale, using labor and machines, tools, and chemical or biological processing or formulation.

Durability: **Durability** is the ability of a physical product to remain functional, without requiring excessive maintenance or repair, when faced with the challenges of normal operation over its design lifetime.

Tolerance: Engineering tolerance is the permissible limit or limits of variation in: a physical dimension; a measured value or physical property of a material, manufactured object, system, or service

Manufacturing considerations: In engineering design, selection of materials and processing of materials into finished components are closely related to one another. The major objective of DFM is to ensure that the product and the **manufacturing** processes are designed together .

standard and pre manufactured components

Disassembly: is to take something apart, like an old car motor

Regulations : On the other hand, **regulations** refer to the directives or statute enforced by law, in a particular country.

Copyright: The exclusive and assignable legal right, given to the originator for a fixed number of years, to print, publish, perform, film, or record literary, artistic, or musical material

Trademark:A trademark is a type of intellectual property consisting of a recognizable sign, design, or expression which identifies products or services of a particular source from those of others, although trademarks used to identify services are usually called service marks

CE : European conformity: CE marking is a certification mark that indicates **conformity** with health, safety, and environmental protection standards for products sold within the **European** Economic Area (EEA). ... The CE marking is the manufacturer's declaration that the product meets **EU** standards for health, safety, and environmental protection.

BSI: British standard: A **British standard** is a minimum **standard** that a product must be manufactured in accordance with before it is recognised by the relevant authorities as a quality product. Insurance companies will specify for example that all external wooden doors on domestic properties are fitted with a **British Standard** deadlock.

Market pull and push: **Push marketing** means you are trying to promote a specific product to an audience you find relevant. **Pull marketing** implies that you implement a strategy that will draw consumers towards your products – often creating loyal customers or followers.

Cultural and fashion trends

Lion mark: The Lion Mark is a British consumer symbol developed in 1988 by British Toy & Hobby Association and used to identify toys denoted as safe and of high quality. It represents a red and white lion face in a triangle with a yellow background and green borders

Iconic Design: **Iconic design** is something recognisable and memorable, and comes in many forms. Just like the DeLorean, **iconic design** is something recognisable and memorable. It comes in many forms such as architecture, branding, typography, automobiles, industrial **design**, and popular culture

Sustainability: meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In addition to natural resources, we also need social and economic resources

Renewable Energy: Renewable energy is energy that is collected from renewable resources, which are naturally replenished on a human timescale, such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

non renewable energy: A non-renewable resource is a natural resource that cannot be readily replaced by natural means at a quick enough pace to keep up with consumption. An example is carbon-based fossil fuel. The original organic matter, with the aid of heat and pressure, becomes a fuel such as oil or gas.

End of life: In the context of manufacturing and product lifecycles, is the final stages of a product's existence. The particular **concerns of end-of-life** depend on the product in question and whether the perspective is that of the manufacturer or the user

Environmental pressures: Indicators of **environmental pressure** reflect the impact of human activities on the **environment, environmental pressure; environmental** impact) that leads to the appearance of **environmental** problems.

DFMA: DFMA stands for Design for Manufacture and Assembly. DFMA is the combination of two methodologies; Design for Manufacture, which means the design for ease of manufacture of the parts that will form a product, and Design for Assembly, which means the design of the product for ease of assembly.