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# The Mobula Ray – Dare to Dive

The Underwater Propulsion Device for Leisurely Divers

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### **Features**

### **Performance**

- 2 hours underwater on one charge
- Average speed of 2 kph
- Up to 15m depth
- Operation temperature range 5-50°C

### **Functionality**

- Twin motor and propeller systems
- Rechargeable lithium Ion Batteries (18650)
- Fits two devices in standard hand luggage

### **Ergonomics & Recyclability**

- Hard handle case is wrapped with a textured flexible TPE
- Propellers placed laterally
- Easy disassembly and replacement of parts

### **Price**

- Initial price evaluation: ~£150
- Sold at ~£180
- Profit margin: ~ 20%

# Figure 1: Overall Design

# Casing

- · Fully recyclable LLDPE casing with modular design
- · Battery module within the handle for convenient charging
- Waterproof- protecting electronics and transmission
- Streamlined design reducing drag (drag force = 17.3 N)

# **Power Transmission**

- Batteries provide 180 W
- Motor operates at maximum efficiency (67%)
- Transmission with gear ratio of 1:11.9
- Propeller accelerates the water providing thrust.

Figure 2: Power Transmission Design



Figure 3: Sectioned View of Casing

## **Failure Mitigation**

- Low stress on the casing from operating pressure (Safety Factor =
- · Low stress from the bending moments and torsion on transmission shafts (Safety Factor = 13.1)
- Low fatigue stress of transmission shafts (Safety Factor = 11.6)

## **Materials & Manufacturing**

AISI 1015 cold-formed carbon steel for the shafts

Linear Low Density Polyethylene for the casing with these properties:

- · Excellent for injection moulding
- Excellent durability in fresh/salt water
- Low density (918 kg/m3)
- Water absorption of 0.005% gain in weight after 24 hours
- Injection moulding for production of 25,000 units
- Constant thickness of 6 mm to allow plastic material to cool evenly

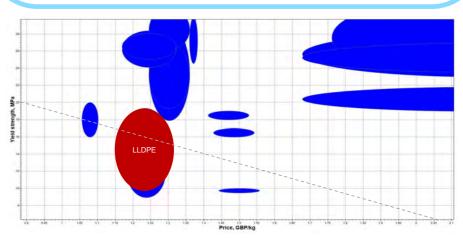


Figure 4: Yield Stength vs. Price for injection moulded plastics –Index filters materials

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