

R.E.P.T.I.L.E KING

(Rehabilitative Elliptical Personal Trainer
for Increased Limb Exercise)



Figure 1. Full assembly of the R.E.P.T.I.L.E. King

Abstract:

The R.E.P.T.I.L.E King safely provides continuous support for the user with a very simple design. This design is cheaper than other designs because it takes advantage of OTS parts and uses existing structural I-beams for overhead mounting support. The user is lifted from their wheelchair and placed onto a mobile bench. Using a dolly-assist, the trainer can easily move the elliptical into place under the bench. The user can then comfortably strap into the trainer boots before being lifted to a full vertical position and the bench being easily rolled out of the way. An AC motor connected to an AC drive maintains necessary torque for the user while also providing the high rotation speeds necessary to account for the more sensitively tuned oscillatory offset. Motor operation is controlled by a user-friendly tablet application that is always within reach, mounted to the elliptical.

Narrative Summary:

The R.E.P.T.I.L.E KING will utilize ceiling and wall mounted I-Beams. A rehabilitative assistant will help the user equip the harness. A carabiner connected to the back of the harness will be attached to a load cell to calculate mechanical force applied on the motor from the weight of the user. The load cell connects to a galvanized cable that hangs from the I-beam-mounted motor. A fall safety strap will run between two outer I-beams with a dual pulley system and attach to the front of the harness. An AC controller and drive will be configured to the AC motor to control positioning and speed. The user will be raised to a height of 4 feet and a wooden bench on wheels will be pushed underneath the suspended participant. The assistant will use a hand truck to push the elliptical underneath the bench and user. Once properly strapped in, the motor will continue to run and reduce any slack in the cable. Once the user is fully suspended, the bench will be pushed away from the elliptical. The participant will use a tablet mounted to the elliptical to control the elliptical and motor. The driver will automatically adjust for the participant's weight offset. Once the participant is ready to end the exercise, the tablet will be used to turn off the elliptical, and the bench will be wheeled behind the user to comfortably unstrap from the elliptical. The user will be suspended again, the wheelchair will replace the bench, and the motor will slowly lower the user into the wheelchair. Finally, the carabiners will detach from the harness and the harness can be removed.

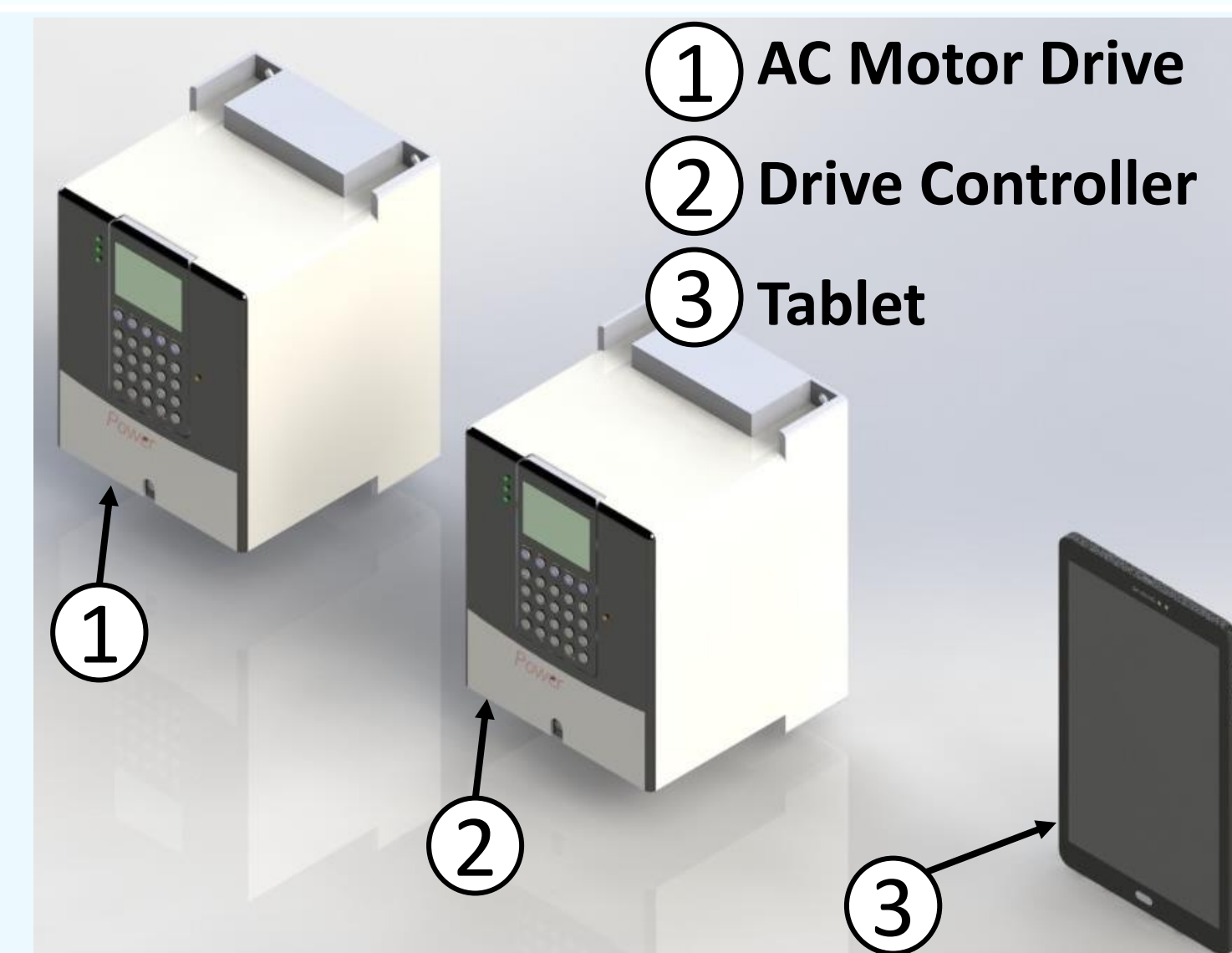
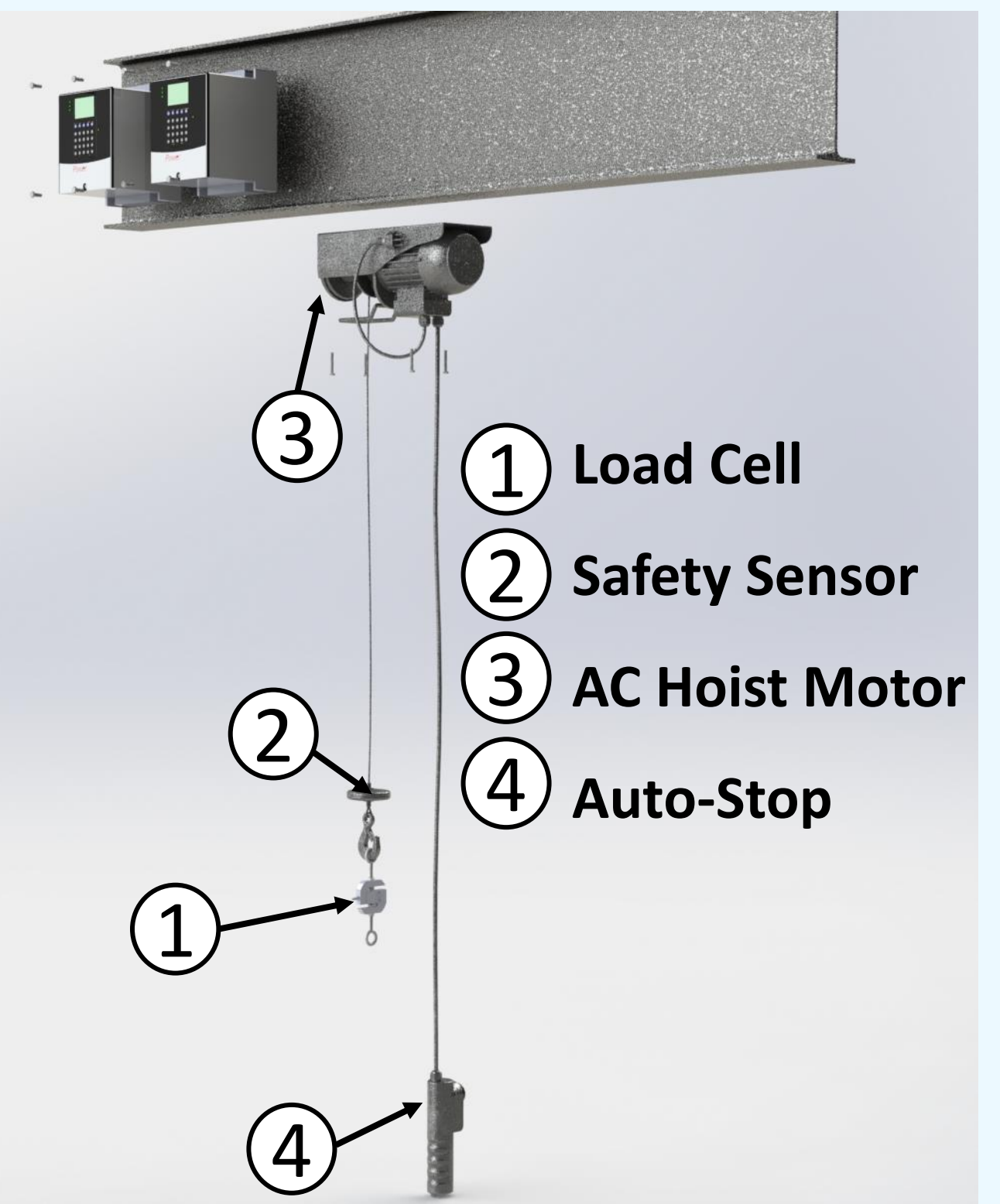


Figure 3. Full control system components, while the tablet connects wirelessly to the controller, this image shows that all components communicate with each other.

Weight Balance & Motor System:

- Motor is an AC Lift Electric Hoist Crane with 660 lb. capacity
- Motor includes a safety system that shuts off the motor if the rope touches an outside border, along with a stopper button that is accessible to the user and trainer
- The motor is attached to a spool with zinc-plated steel wire and a load cell

Figure 2. Assembly of the Motor Lifting system mounted to the middle I-beam including the AC motor drive and drive controller.

Control System:

- AC Controller will use an ethernet-enabled Compact Controller to communicate with the Tablet and a Low Voltage Variable Frequency Drive
- The driver will be configured with automatic safe torque off to ensure safety of PLD category 3, position control, and encoder feedback for weight offset adjustment.
- The tablet includes the interface used by the patient to adjust weight offset and controls



Figure 4. Hand Truck Figure 5. Mobile Bench

Translational Components:

- The mobile wooden bench provides the user with a comfortable way to strap on to the elliptical
- The bench is built with clearance to roll over the elliptical base
- Locks on the caster wheels will secure the bench
- The hand-truck provides the trainer an ergonomic way moving the elliptical with less effort. The elliptical is pushed under the wooden bench to allow the user to strap on.

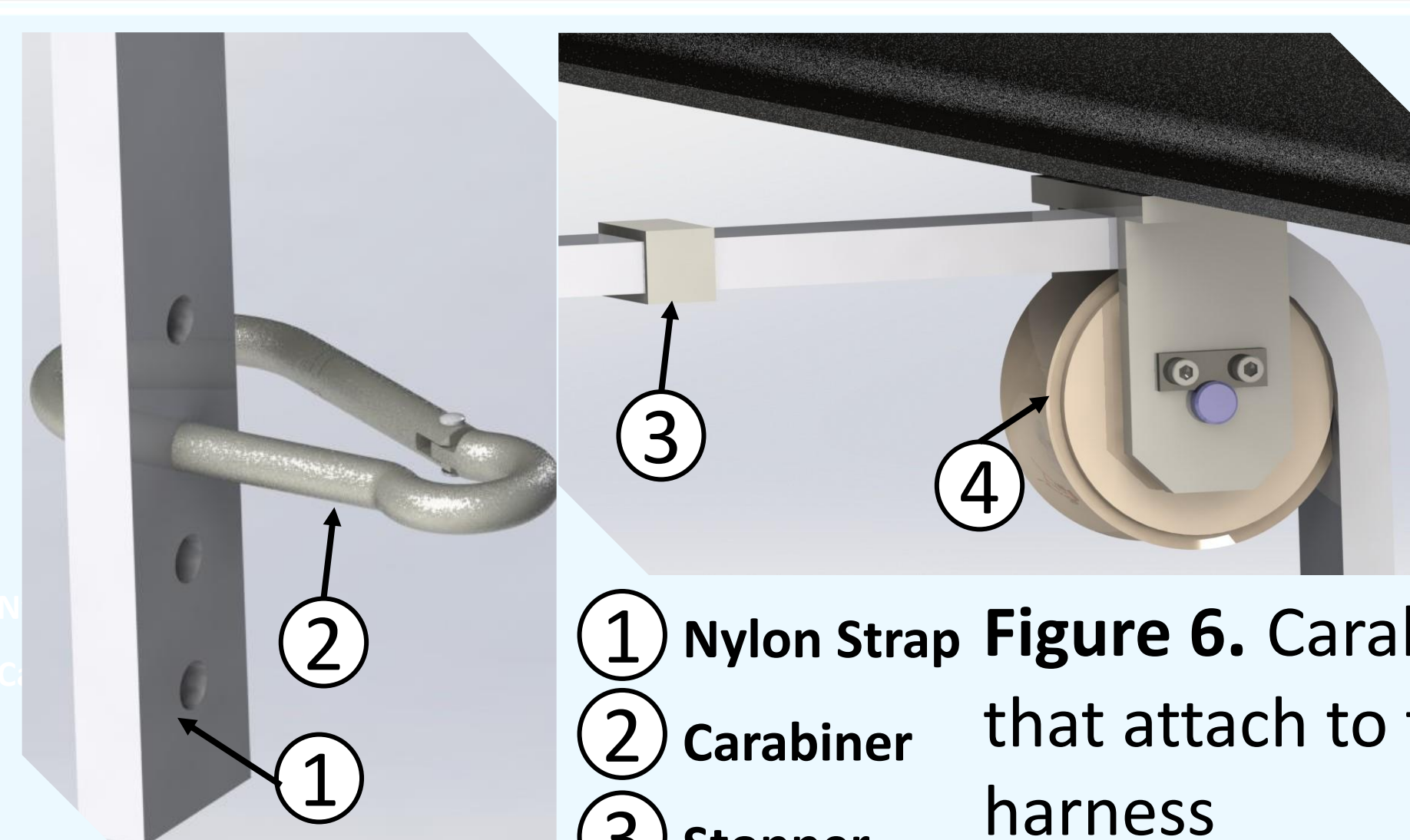


Figure 5. Pulley System showing rubber stopper

- ① Nylon Strap
- ② Carabiner
- ③ Stopper
- ④ Pulley
- ⑤ Harness



Figure 6. Carabiners that attach to the harness

Safety:

- One continuous strap attached by carabiners to both ends on the front side of the user provide the user with seamless motion
- Rubber stoppers are placed on the inside ends of the pulleys to prevent the user from moving too much to one side and therefore losing balance
- The straps have multiple attachment points on each side which will depend on the height of the user.
- Safe Torque Off (SIL2/PLD3) embedded Driver

Cost:

OTS Parts	\$3204.97
Raw Materials	\$37.31
Manufacturing and Labor	\$40.00
Energy Consumption (1 Year Est.)	\$260.00
Assembly Labor	\$33.28
TOTAL COST	\$3575.55

Design Specifications:

Lifting Speed	6.6 in/s
Footprint	5.27 x 5.75 ft
Weight	210.14 lbs
Motor	120 V/AC 10.7 A 1.676 HP
AC Controller	GuardLogix 5380
AC Drive	PowerFlex 525 2HP

