



Exoskeletons

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Who am I?



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Who is Ekso Bionics?

- Ekso Bionics[®] develops technology to enhance human mobility, strength, and endurance.
 - Lower extremity exoskeletons for military & medical
 - Upper extremity Ekso Vest for industrial applications
 - ZeroG arm for industrial applications



Industrial applications

Medical Applications

Current Exos

- EksoGT, Ekso Bionics
- ReWalk 6.0, ReWalk Robotics
- Indego, Parker Hannifin
- Rex, Rex Bionics

FDA approved



Diagnoses



- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stroke

- Multiple Sclerosis
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Parkinsons
- Etc.

Benefits



- Gait Training
 - Repetitive stepping
 - Varied assistance
 - Balance training
- Long-Term Use?
 - Bone Density?
 - Bowel & Bladder Function?
 - Pain?
 - Circulation?
 - Emotions?

Designing an Exoskeleton

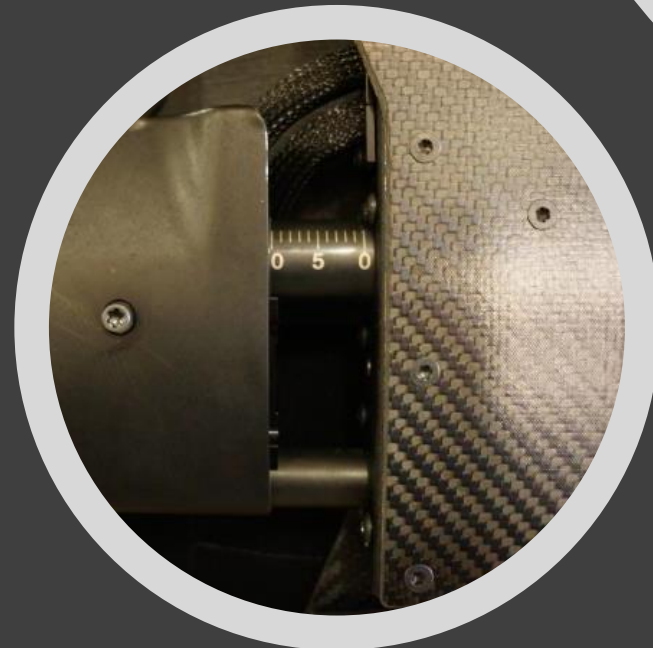
Brainstorm



- What would you consider when designing an exoskeleton for gait rehabilitation to be used in a rehab center?
- What features are important?
- How do you figure out if your design works?

Size Adjustment

- Exoskeletons must adjust to fit their user
- Fit is critical for maintaining comfort and safety
- Fast and accurate adjustments needed in clinical setting



Padding & Fit Kit

- Elimination of pressure points
- Ensure that the user stays aligned with the device



Donning & Doffing



User must be able to get in/out of the device safely and easily

Safety- Fail Safe

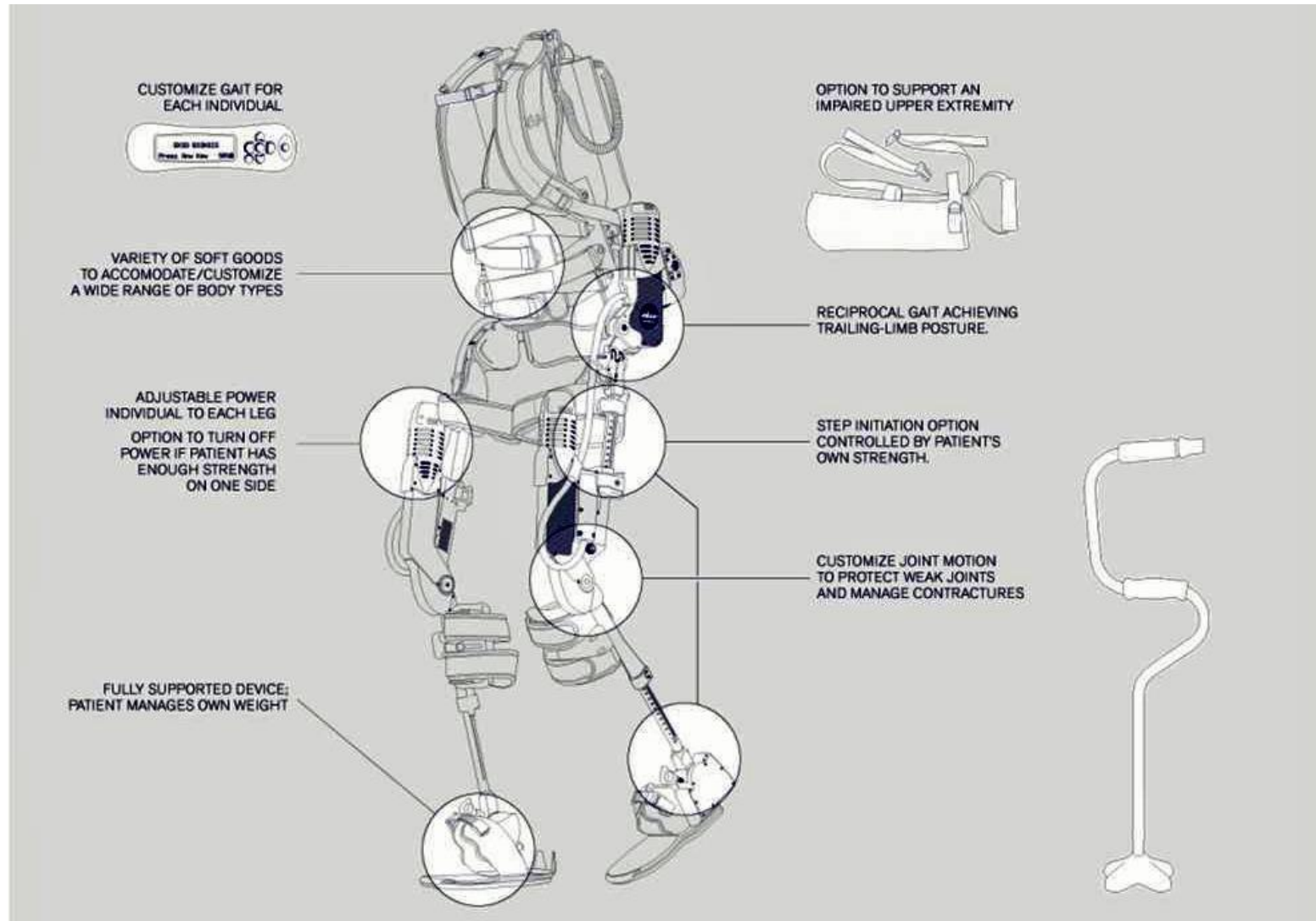
- Hard stops & soft stops
- Adjustable settings for SW Joint limits
- Normally-on brakes

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Other Features



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