Steps of the Engineering Design Process



- 1. Identify the need or problem
- 2. Research the need or problem
 - Examine the current state of the issue and current solutions
 - Explore other options via the Internet, library, interviews, etc.
- 3. Develop possible solution(s)
 - Brainstorm possible solution(s)
 - Draw on mathematics and science
 - Articulate the possible solution(s) in two and three dimensions
 - Refine the possible solution(s)
- 4. Select the best possible solution(s)
 - Determine which solution(s) best meet(s) the original need or solve(s) the original problem
- 5. Construct a prototype
 - Model the selected solution(s) in two and three dimensions
- 6. Test and evaluate the solution(s)
 - Does it work?
 - Does it meet the original design constraints?
- 7. Communicate the solution(s)
 - Make an engineering presentation that includes a discussion of how the solution(s) best meet(s) the initial need or the problem
 - Discuss societal impact and tradeoffs of the solution(s)
- 8. Redesign
 - Overhaul the solution(s) based on information gathered during the tests and presentation