

The rising STAR of Texas

Sponsor Information





31 Degrees provides beverage dispensing machines and beverage product for customers.

•Special Events

•Louisiana State Fair, the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo, various music and margarita festivals.

•Longer-term partnerships

•Schlitterbahn, the Dallas Cowboys, Typhoon Texas, FC Dallas.

Project Background



- Up to 100,000 seat capacity venues.
- Up to 100 machines/tanks in over 80 locations. • 1-2 operators to manually check each supply



Project Purpose

Create a smart scale and dashboard system to:

- 1. Enable event workers to remotely monitor the volume, weight, temperature, and flavor of beverage at each dispensing machine;
- 2. Reduce manual inventory checks by operators;
- 3. Provide detailed product usage data to 31 Degrees and their customers.

MFGE Project Objectives

1. Design, prototype, and fabricate an enclosure to house the weight scale circuitry designed by EE sub-team, accounting for:

A. The interface to several types and sizes of storage tanks.

B. Visual access to a digital display.

C. Access to replace batteries.

D. Provide for stability on uneven surfaces.

E. Provide access to connect a quick-disconnect temperature probe. (Stretch Goal)

2. Design, prototype, and fabricate brackets to support fastening various electronic components, including load cells, within the enclosure.

M2.04 – 31 Degrees **Beverage Monitoring & Tracking Improvements**

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Scale Design

Scale Material Selection: .090" 5052-H32 Aluminum sheet metal

Final design features:

- Two versions: one for vertical tanks, one for horizontal tanks
- Upward-facing control panel
- Floating lid design
- Adjustable legs
- Battery port
- 3D printed internal parts



Pictured right: Control panel with all electrical components installed; engineered for both aesthetics and simplicity.

Fabrication



Units Two and Three were cut, machined and bent simultaneously to prove that mass production is feasible.

CAM files with toolpaths were created for both sizes of scales. These flat patterns were cut on the Torchmate 4400, a plasma cutter in IHM.





Pictured right: A top view of the scale after all internal parts were glued down. This is what our team gave the Electrical sub-team.

Load Cell Stand: raises load sensors to be in contact with lid, allowing all weight to rest on these four columns. Each can hold more than 250 pounds.



3D Print Designs

Filament Material Selection: 1.75 mm PETG filament



Internal Housing: keeps electrical components safe from any debris that does get into the scale.





Pictured left: Fully

at AT&T Stadium.

functional product. Met all

requirements on a field test

CAD model of horizontal

scale and product tank

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Battery Holder Bracket: located at its port for accessibility at any time without removing the tank.







Cost





