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redesign of school amenities:  
**sanitation**



# Background, introduction and objective

Why sanitation in schools?

- sanitation equipment and hygiene tend to get a lesser priority in schools.
- analyse the role of sanitation in schools and
- design sanitaryware for schoolchildren.**

Initial project brief: To re-design sanitation facilities for schools in India.

# Sanitation in schools

## Schools in India

- Varied
- Diverse
- Lot of load- students



School boys

## Why this project

- Interest in sanitaryware
- Personal experience (KV's, Govt. schools)
- Children
- Mass-application



Essential aspects of the project.  
The central gray area represents the zone of work.

# What Product

**To redesign one or more of the following;**

Washbasin, **Urinal**, WC, Faucet, fixtures, Combination

**Why;**

- Frequency of use
- Needed in large numbers\*
- Gender specific design
- Unique product interaction in schools(explained later)

**SSHE: School sanitation, Health and Hygiene, MoHRD**

- Comprehensive guide
- Start to finish

The project initially involved the whole range of school amenities, and getting feedback. It was found that, the whole are]rey to orvemr

\*- 1 per 20 boys and 1 male teacher [source SSHE- A Technical note series, 2008]

# Schoolkids

## School boys

### Typical behavior in schools:

- Very energetic
- Hyperactive

## Tentative Design criterias for product

# Understanding the problem

# information collection

## **From people (exercises/ meetings):**

- 3.1\_Creativity sessions(common age group, mixed)<sup>2</sup>
- 3.2\_Focus group discussions(teachers, students)<sup>2</sup>
- 3.3\_Interviews- staff, parents
- 3.4\_Photo study - school, existing products
- 3.5\_Written feedback- Parents

## **From books:**

- 3.6\_School Sanitation and Hygiene(MoHRD)
- The Bathroom(Alexander Kira)

## **From the internet**

### **(Study of current scenario- synchronic analysis):**

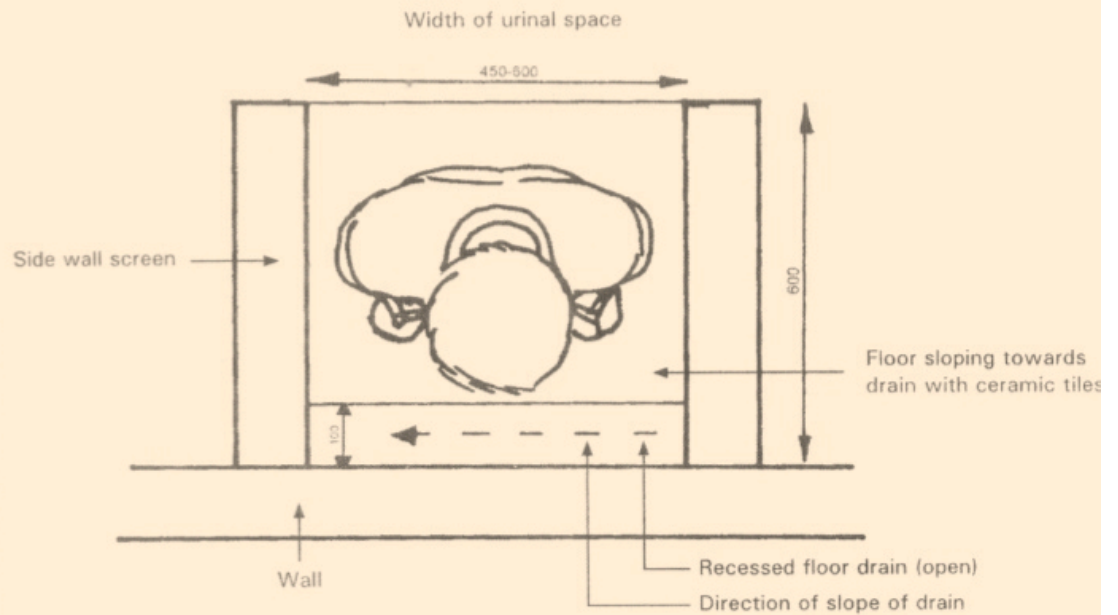
- 3.7\_School toilets, Urinals

## **Technology :**

- 3.8\_Flushless urinals, Material study, Auto flushing







- Urinal design for boys needs a wall with *impervious surface like ceramic tiles* for urinating while standing and a properly sloped impervious floor towards the drain that carries the urine.
- The width shown here (450 to 600mm) is for children (450mm) and adult teachers (600mm). Hence while providing urinals, to economize, while most urinals may be 450mm wide, at least one urinal to be 600mm wide.
- The depth of 600mm shown is applicable for all urinals.
- The open drain to be 100mm wide so that it can be cleaned periodically.



pictures were taken on the morning of 09<sup>th</sup> Aug '09 between 1000 to 1100 hrs.

# \_issues discussed

School benches : cramped, no space for bags, instrument of nuisance, vandalism

Sanitation : too many users, subject to abuse, dirty, difficult to clean

Classroom smells : (proximity to toilet), safety issues, security

Desks : too small, no space to keep books, Mica desks, need storage space

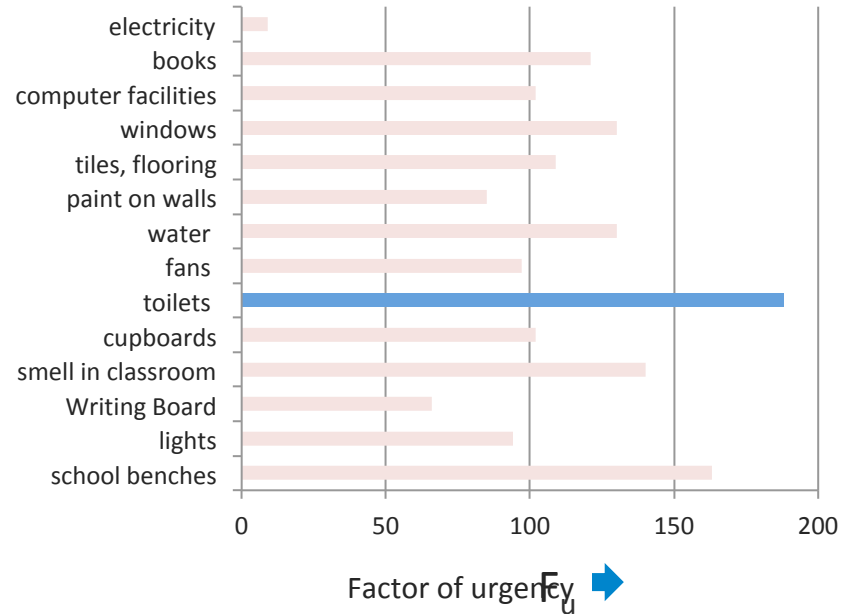
Storage space : lockers for every student, pigeon holes

Monsoons : raincoats, umbrellas, need drying area

OHP : for every class

White Board Mathematical (geometrical) instruments

Teaching Aids : maps, globe, models for science manual



Shows a picture of a washbasin in the particular school, used for study. The unit is constructed on site and is very crudely built. The dimensions are completely inappropriate for use and the essential features like a slope towards the back, placement of drain and faucets does not adhere to any standards.

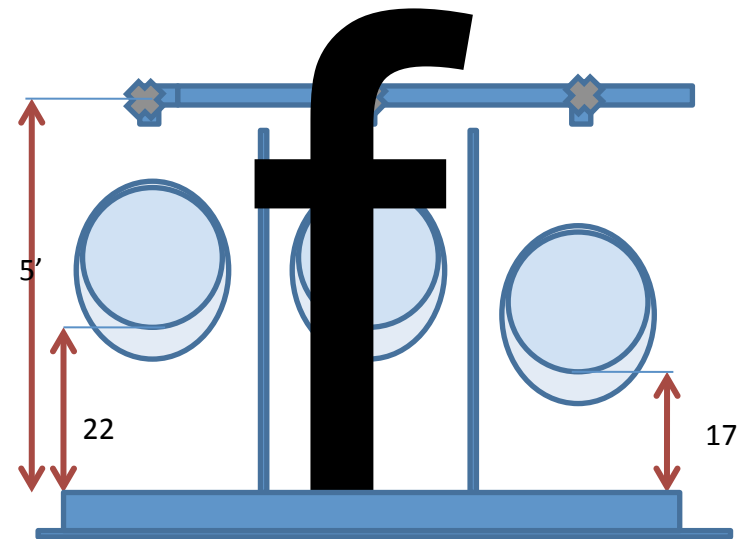
2- the picture shows the cleaner filling water for washing the toilet. He must stand in the awkward square(which, by itself is difficult to clean) and haul the water from that point in a separate bucket.

3- the platform on which the student is supposed to stand while using the washbasin is highly incorrect

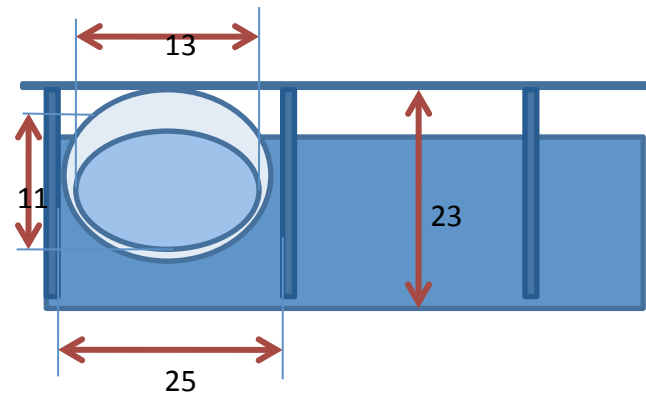
4- Urinals absent, Waste accumulation in gaps between tiles, Odour generated as a result, cleaning problems. Flushing system absent.



# FRONT ELEVATION



All  
dimensions  
in inches



# \_sanitation

## \_students

- .need more toilets
- .unclean
- .tiles are slippery, always dirty
- .broken tiles, fixtures
- .taps are loosely mounted/  
leak/too tight
- .don't like touching anything
- .drinking water system is dirty, U/S
- .placement of basin
- .bad odor, smell
- .water gets over
- .operating the tap
- .cubicles need hooks
- Toilet seats are dirty
- .latch on cubicle door is dirty/ too tight

## \_teachers

- .too many users
- .subject to abuse
- .always dirty
- .difficult to clean
- .safety issues, girl's needs
- .dull/gloomy feel

## \_staff

- .tiles difficult to clean
- .maintenance impossible during school hours
- .bad lighting

## \_why KV?

Government organization – funding, admin, resources  
Largest chain [981 schools nationally]  
Self experience  
Standardized nationwide – operations, infrastructure

## \_project scope

### \_Concepts

Modularity  
alternate materials  
Ease of installation  
Factory fitted/  
maintained  
Vandal proof, safety  
issues  
Long-lasting  
Changing attitude  
towards sanitation  
saving water  
India specific solution  
Removing

dependency on  
mason/contractor/  
architect

### \_Products

washbasin  
urinal, WC  
faucet, fixtures  
combination  
?

## \_tentative project brief

### To design sanitation facilities for schools (KV's)

#### \_Issues to be addressed

Ease of installation  
Ease of maintenance  
Proper student-toilet ratio(modular)  
Vandal proof, safety issues

# Current situation of urinals in schools

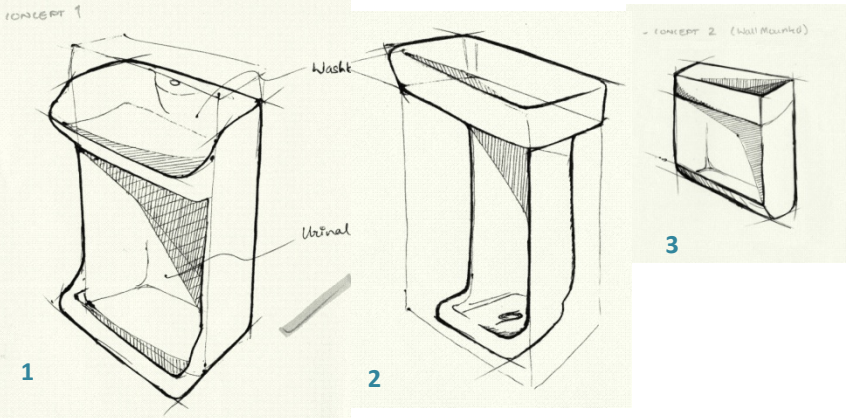
product	remarks			Selected/ not
WC	How is it diff from home?			
urinal	maximum usage(gender specific product)- <b>Awesome!</b>			
wash basin	Too complicated			
faucets	too wide a range, no schools specific issues			
cubicle doors	<b>trivial</b>			
drinking water dispensers(DWD)	separate entity, low priority			

# Issues with urinal

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Source of Information</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Possible solutions</b>
<b>Repulsive</b>	Student, Parents, self-observation	Unclean, big, bulky form, smells	Unclean-Regular cleaning, easy-to-clean, easy-to-reach surfaces Form- compact, proportional to kids' body sizes Smell- reduce inside surface area
<b>Outside, top surface unclean</b>	self-observation	Surfaces difficult-to-reach, -to-clean. Fixtures, Plumbing makes things harder to clean	Make all surfaces easy to reach, to clean.
<b>Surfaces difficult-to-reach, -to-clean</b>	Cleaning staff, Self	Little space left in urinal cubicle	Smaller, compact urinal. Less volume
<b>Big, intimidating</b>	Parent's accounts	Urinal size too big, inside surface too open	Smaller, friendly-looking urinals
<b>Not suitable for Children</b>	Dull, uninviting,	Bad flushing system,	Child-friendly
<b>Manual Flushing is a put-off</b>	Parents, Students	Flush handle/ faucet is dirty, location is unsuitable. It is also a separate <i>post-act</i> activity and calls for courtesy and patience in the user.	Automatic flush

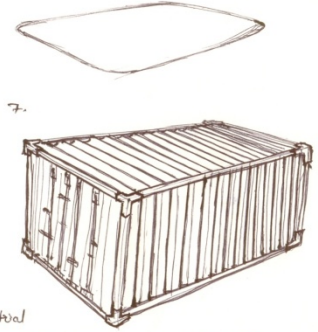
ideation

\_urinal+washbasin

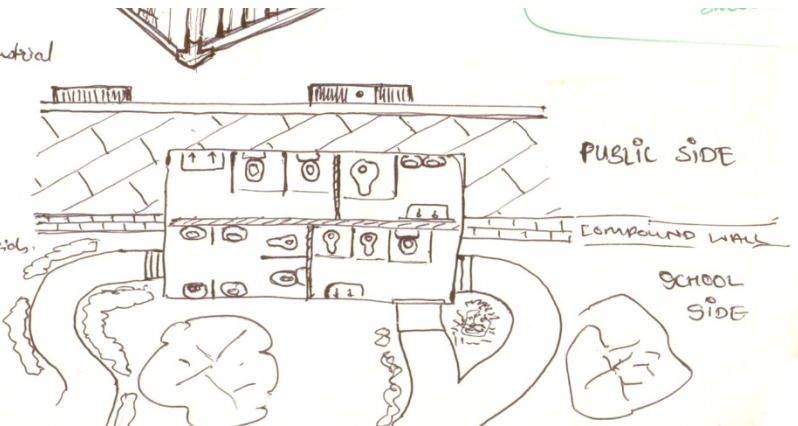


\_installable temp. toilet

- \_mobile infrastructure. Material re-use
- \_bi-annual industrial maintenance
- \_open to atmosphere, loss of pressure



- Bi-annual industrial cleaning
- Promote public sanitation
- Inculcate civic sense in school kids.



concepts

## 6.1\_Concept 1

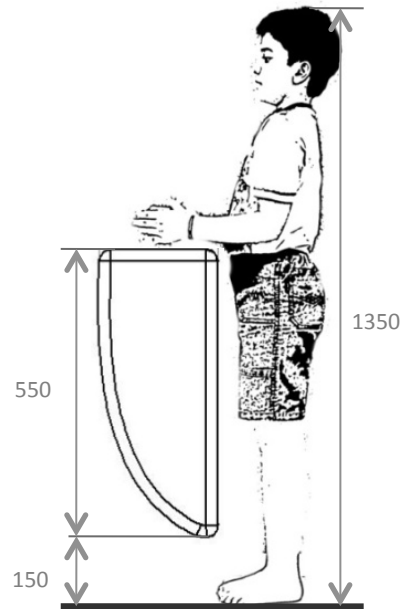
**The Aim-** To reduce splash from the inside surface of urinal

**The premise-** Splash can be controlled by limiting the striking angle of the stream to a small value.

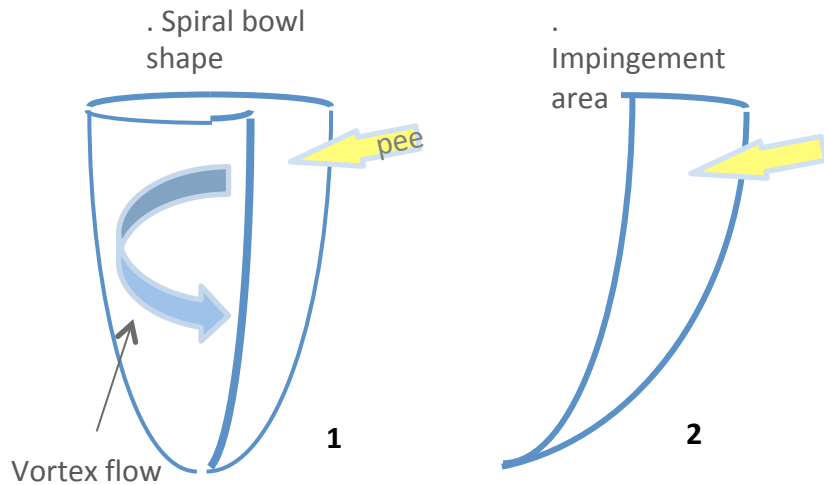
**The solution-** by providing a form that has a circular shape, it is ensured that the urine always strikes the surface tangentially(see fig).

### Features;

- Curved shape to reduce splash back
- Unique form



Above dimensions in mm



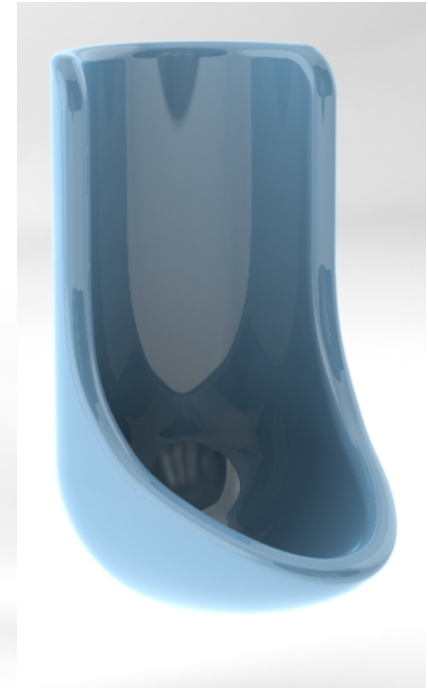
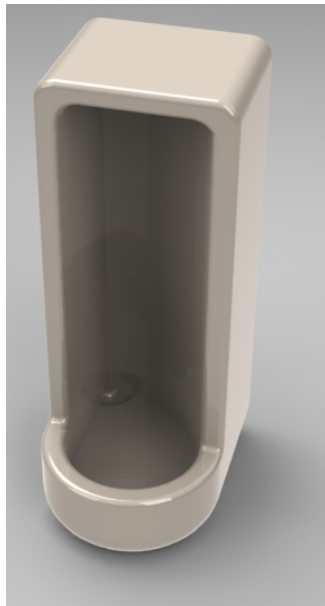
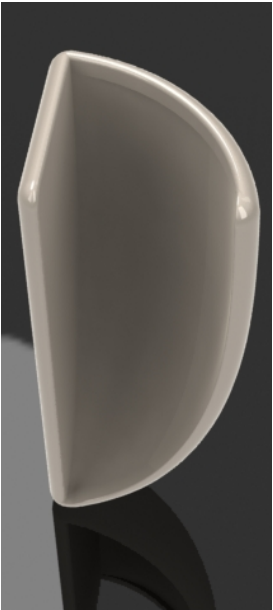
**Advantages:**  
Splash control  
Elegant form

**Disadvantages:**  
No pan at front.

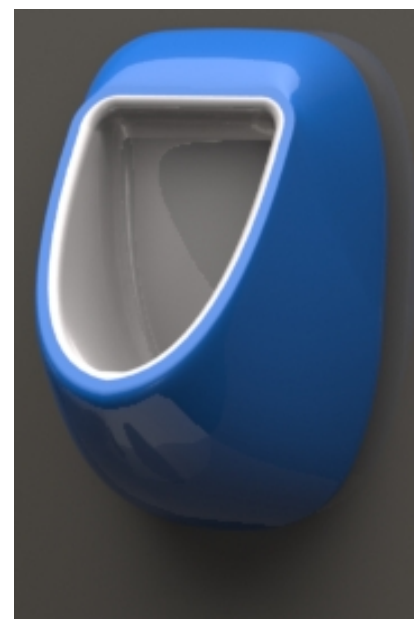
# Concept 1 & 2

# Concept 3 & 4

# roundup



# Final concept



# \_Compact urinals

“..reasonable reduction in size.. and better ergonomics. .”

## Advantages

### •Ergonomics:

- Better access- can come closer
- Reduced chances of spillage/ splashing
- Reduced demands for stream control on part of the user
- Reduced splash(form dependent)

### •Efficiency/ Saving:

- Smaller volume= less material
- Lesser space consumed in room
- Lesser surface area= less flush water needed

Washbrook FloWise™ Pint Urinal System



DURAVIT-Starck

Starck 3 - Urinal | DURAVIT



Steward Waterless



# Rig pictures

1. Deciding dimensions of frame
2. Front face options , side view options

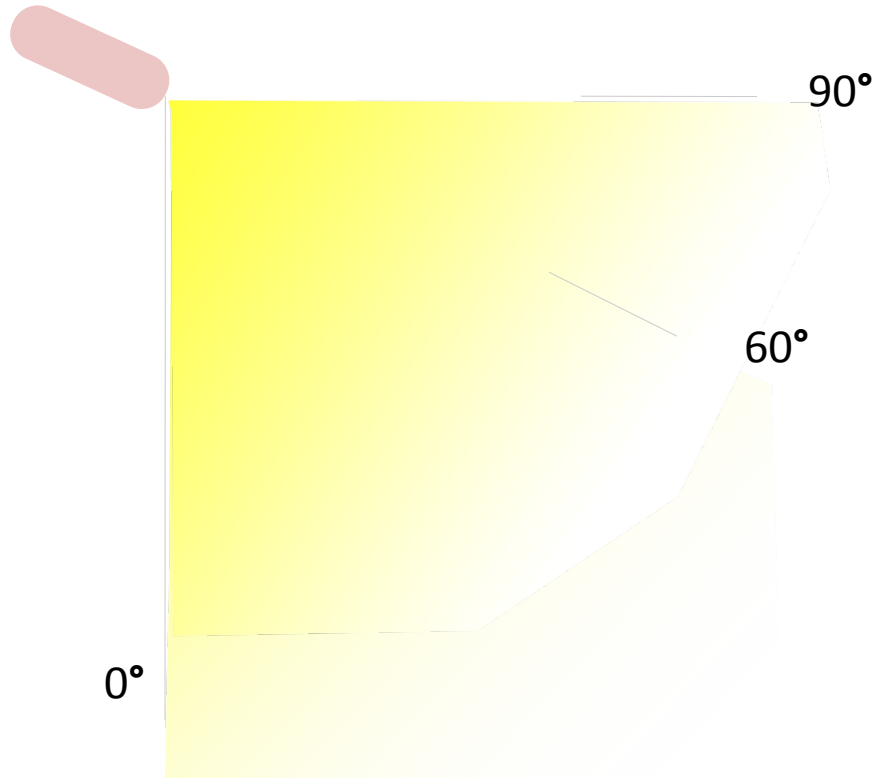


# **Deciding dimensions (and form): (ergonomics)**

## **Depth and inside surfaces**

- **Pee angle story: dick-urine path(top and side) give Kira reference**
- **Show counter surfaces (15 and 30 degrees), show strike angle and rebound paths**
- **Tell about process in mind(deep drawn or slip casting, and avoidance of undercuts)**
- **Then speak about splash-proofness and show final form**

# Process technicalities



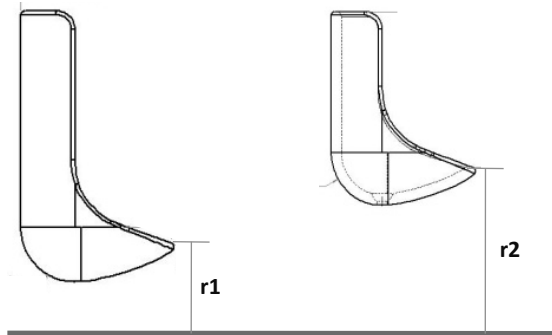
**“In the course of normal urination, the angle formed by the maximum trajectory rarely exceeds 60 degrees from the vertical (with the notable exception of small boys)..\*”**

**Hence range considered= 0 to 90 degrees.**

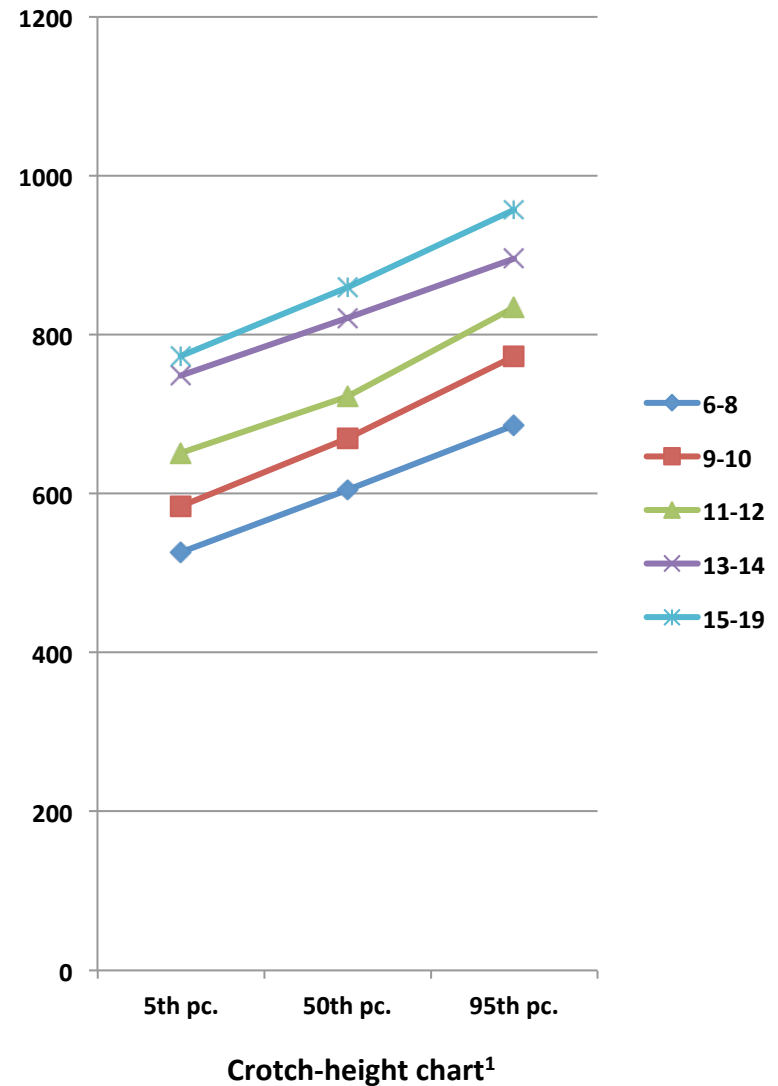
# \_Mounting height for urinal

“*mounting-height* - height of the lowermost point of the urinal bowl rim, (shown in diagram)”

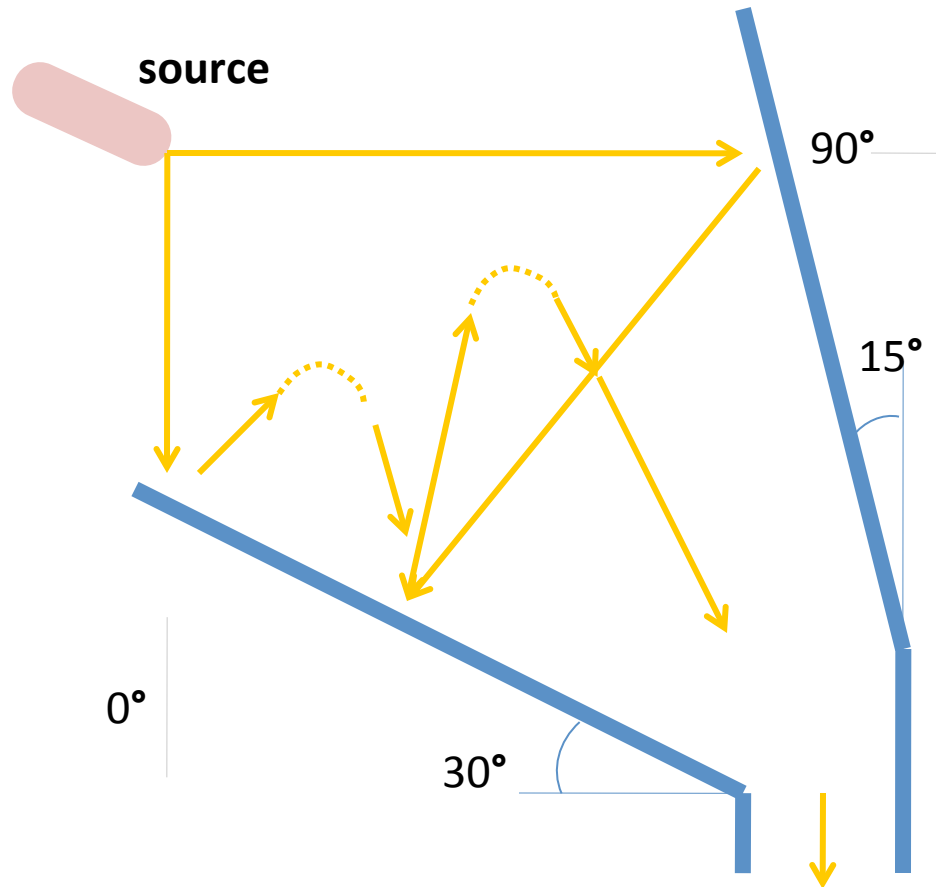
- very diverse range of body-sizes,
- need different mounting heights for the urinal
- that it is easily accessed by all



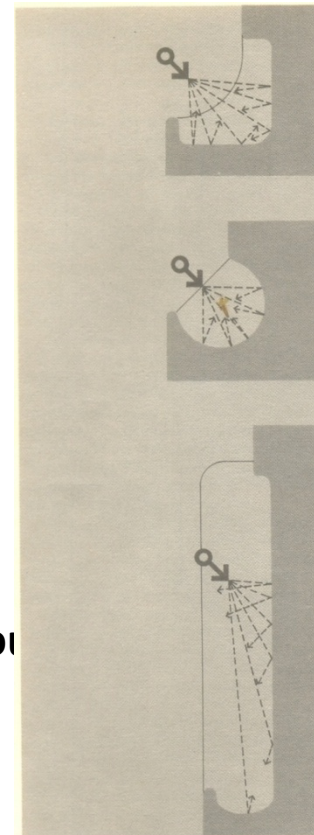
r1, r2 =“Rim” height [Mounting height parameter for urinals]



# Urinal bowl ergonomics 1 (side)

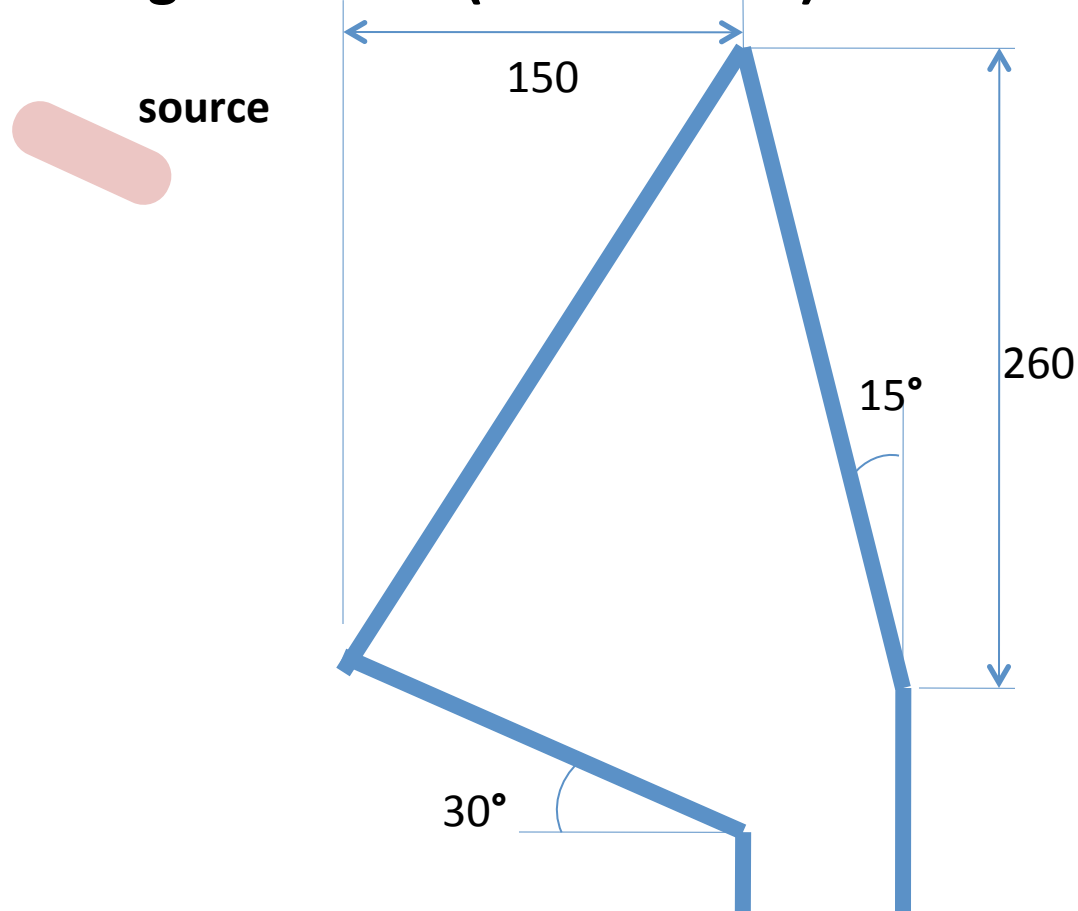


: the fig on the right are scans from the same book. Image 1 and 2 show the various sectional possibilities for a men's urinal and the "splash" controlling ability in each of them.



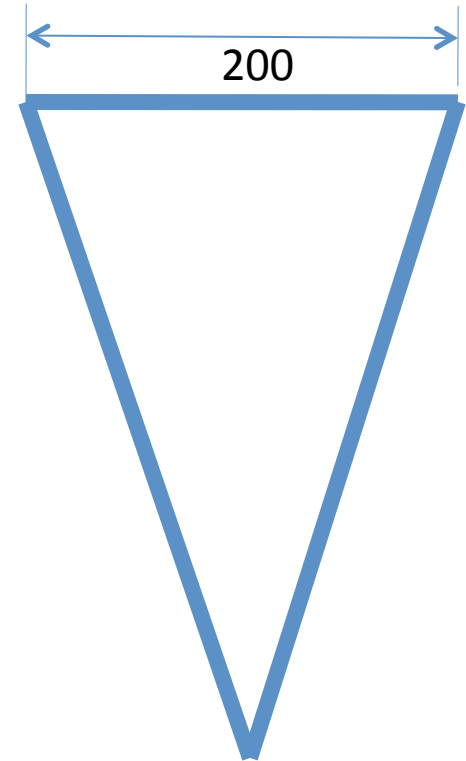
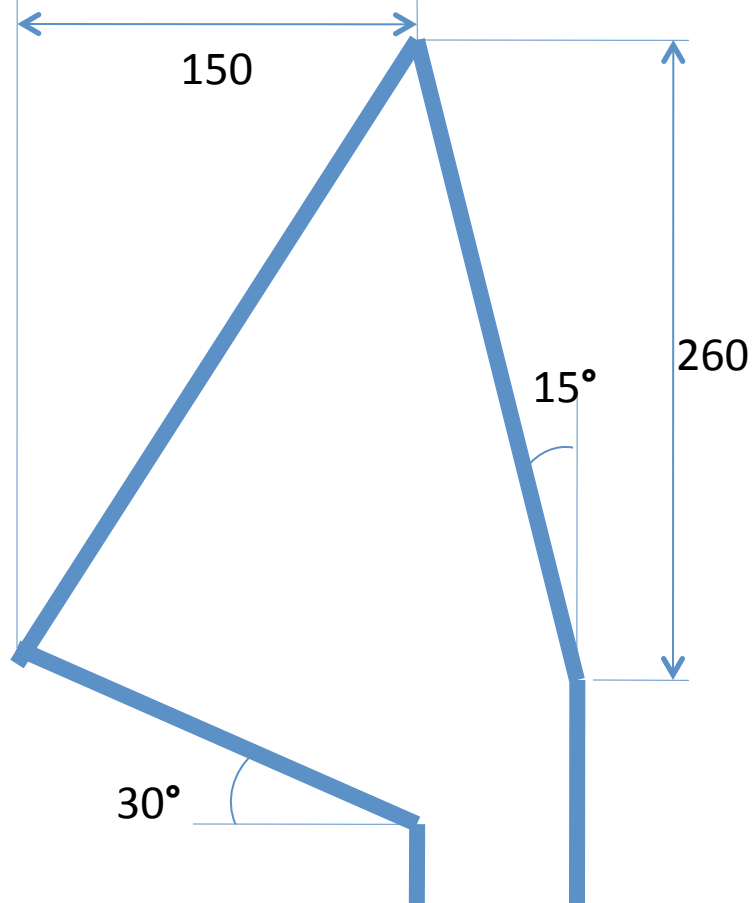
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- The angles deduced from this method are 15° and 30°

## Urinal bowl ergonomics 2 (side & front)



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## Urinal bowl ergonomics 2 (front)



- 260 mm. is the height difference between the two mounting heights
- The depth is kept at 150 mm.

# Flushing

- the second part of the process.
- In schools (as all public places), ppl. don't like to flush.
- Malfunctioning flushes make urinal unclean, unhygienic, and sometimes, waste a lot of water, if broken
- Auto-flushing, or sensor-operated flushes offer an excellent solution to both problems
- Needed badly in schools
- Reasons:
  - Flush tap is either too high, awkwardly mounted or dirty\*
  - Manual flushing requires operator to either open the tap before the act and close it after, or wait for adequate water to flow, post-operation(courtesy flush). Both activities are disliked by kids.
  - Kids are always in a hurry. Hardly ever use the flush
- Hence Auto-flush is necessary in a school toilet.

# Product development

- It was observed that the quality of masonry and general installation work was poor.
  - In order to ensure proper functioning of the product, it is proposed to integrate the auto-flush and urinal bowl in 1 unit
  - This can be achieved in the foll. Ways;
- 
- [show casing go from just on top to rim to full covering]
  - From full steel to semi plastic to steel and plastic
  - Then speak about advantages of having a casing

# Flexibility in design

[Materials, etc.]

- First considered fully in plastic. Then in steel and plastic, ceramic and plastic, fully in ceramic, enamelware and plastic, etc
- in The same form can be implemented in a number of material possibilities.  
(ceramic, steel, enamelware and plastic)
- This can be achieved in the foll. Ways;

# Design justification/ validation

- AF: cant put in walls as masonry is bad.
- Wish to make a single industry manufactured unit
- Bottom drain vs. side drain- fine for both
- Maintenance- none.

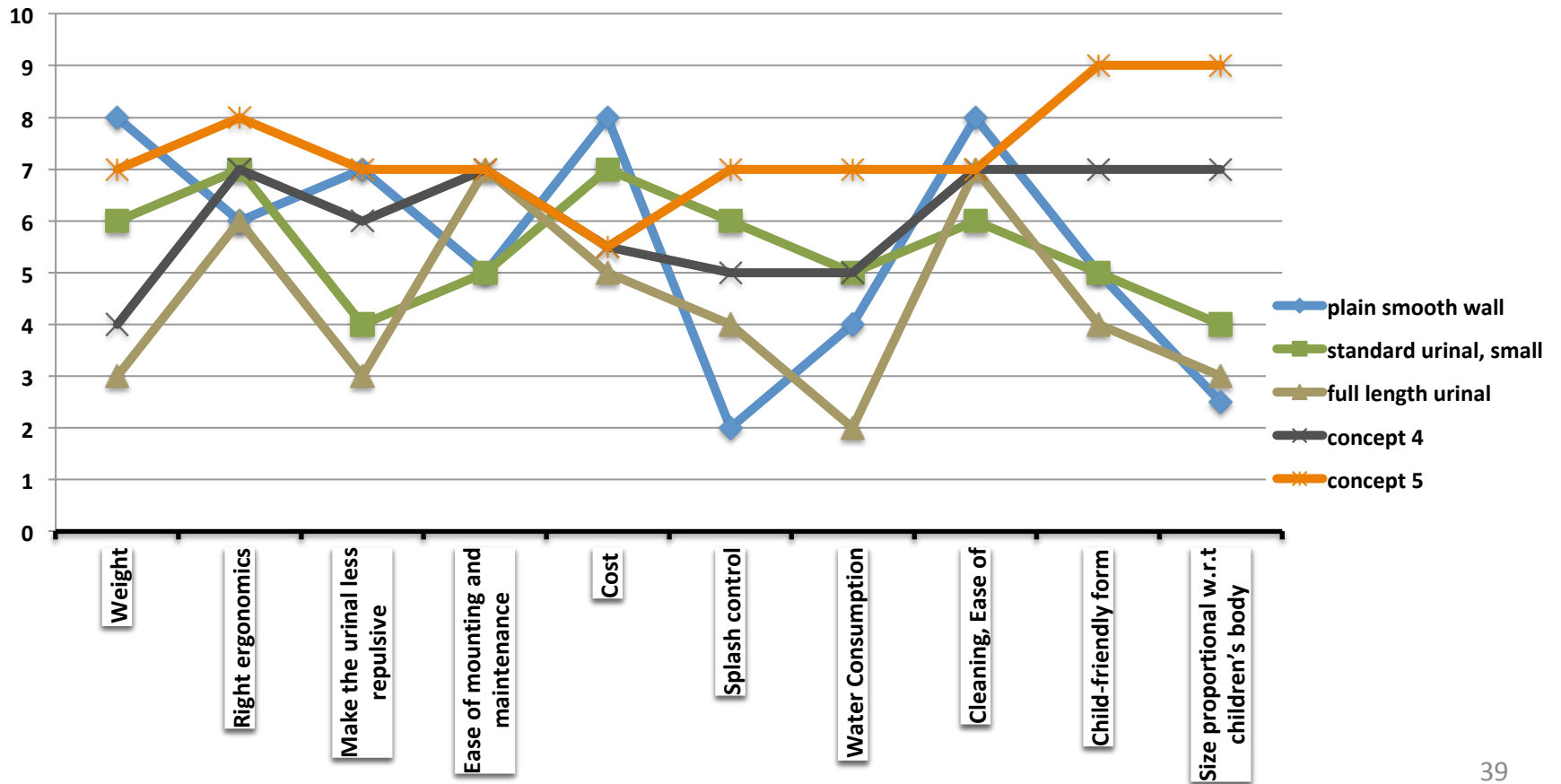
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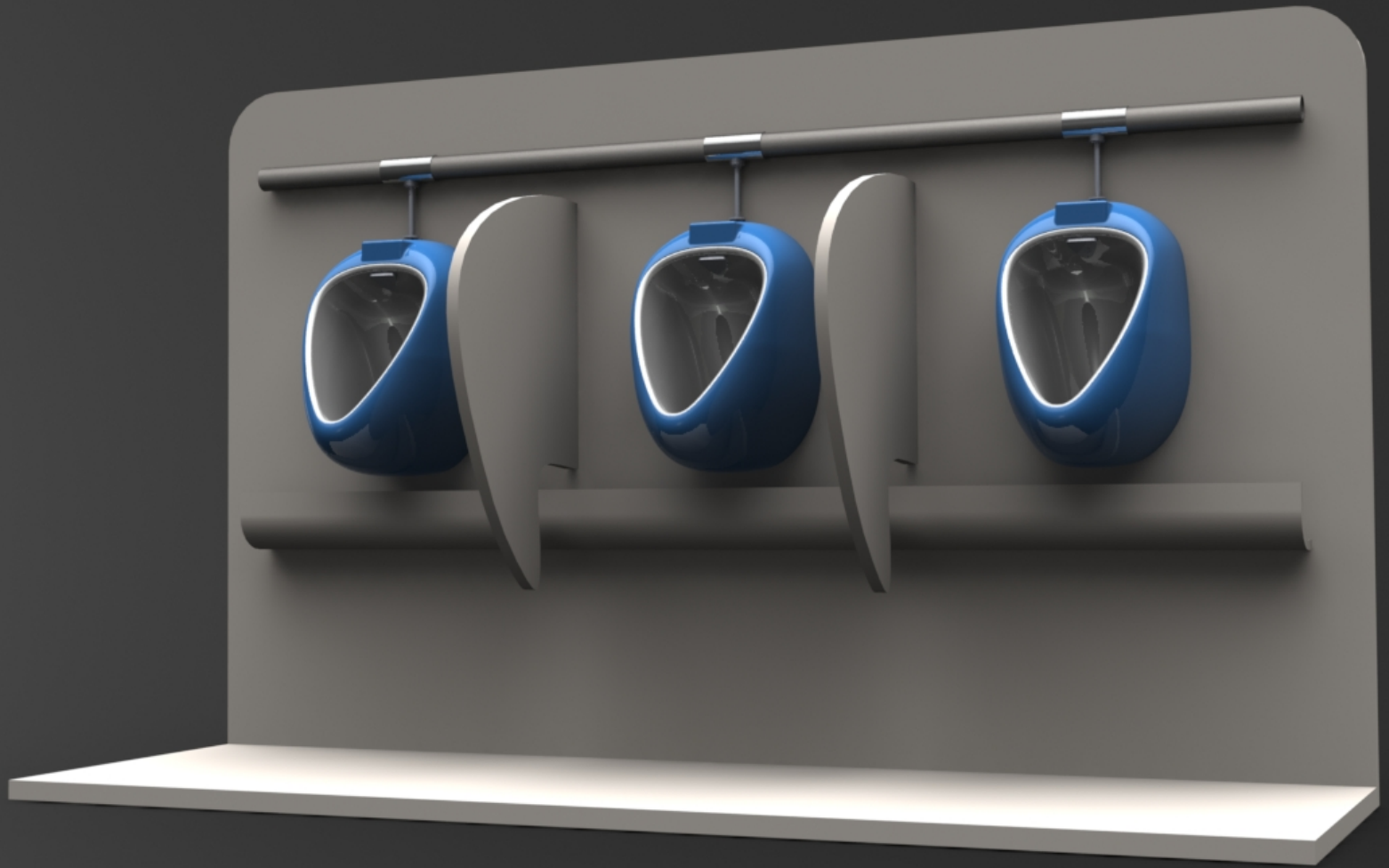
- Tabulate
- Write list of parts, volume, sp wt, weight, cost/kg and cost of material, plus manufacturing costs and other overheads etc.

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# 8.1\_EVALUATION

## Product Analysis and Comparison





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