

## CORNU<sub>n</sub>PEELEED: A SAFE AND EFFICIENT WAY TO PEEL CORN

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### ABSTRACT

Corn peeling is a common task in many kitchens. However, the traditional methods of corn peeling can be time-consuming and dangerous. Knives and other sharp tools can cause injuries, and the process of twisting the corn cob can be tiring. The current methods of corn peeling have several drawbacks. They are: Time-consuming: It can take a long time to peel a corn cob by hand. Dangerous: Knives and other sharp tools can cause injuries. Tiring: Twisting the corn cob can be tiring, especially for people with arthritis or other hand problems. The objective of this project is to design and fabricate a new corn peeler that addresses the drawbacks of the current methods. The new corn peeler should be: Quicker: It should take less time to peel a corn cob with the new corn peeler. Safer: The new corn peeler should not pose a risk of injury. Less tiring: The new corn peeler should not be tiring to use. The new corn peeler was designed and fabricated using SolidWorks. The corn peeler is made of three main parts: the body, the handle, and the container. The body of the corn peeler has a sharp blade that is used to cut the corn kernels from the cob. The handle of the corn peeler is used to grip the corn peeler and twist it. The container of the corn peeler collects the corn kernels as they are cut. The new corn peeler was tested on a variety of corn cobs. The results of the testing showed that the new corn peeler was able to peel corn cobs quickly, safely, and without tiring the user. The new corn peeler is a significant improvement over the current methods of corn peeling. It is quicker, safer, and less tiring to use. The new corn peeler is a valuable tool for people who cook with corn on a regular basis. In addition to the above, here are some other benefits of the new corn peeler: It is easier to use than traditional corn peelers. It is more efficient, meaning that it can peel more corn cobs in a shorter amount of time. It is less likely to damage the corn kernels, resulting in a better-quality product. Overall, the new corn peeler is a valuable tool that can make corn peeling easier, safer, and more efficient.

**Keywords:** Safe Corn peeler, Corn kernel, Blade, Efficient corn peeler

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Malaysia produces around 80,000 MT of corn every year, with the main corn-producing states being Perak, Johor, and Sarawak. The average corn yield in Malaysia is around 7.3 MT per hectare, and the main corn varieties grown are sweet corn, grain corn, and popcorn. The major corn consumers in Malaysia are the poultry, livestock, and food processing industries, and the country imports around 3.7 million MT of corn every year [1-3]. A corn peeler can help businesses in a number of ways, including, Increased productivity: A corn peeler can help businesses to peel corn more quickly and easily, which can lead to increased productivity. This is especially important for businesses that process large amounts of corn, such as food processing companies and restaurants. Improved quality: A corn peeler can help to improve the quality of peeled corn by removing the outer layer of the corn cob, which can be tough and fibrous. This can make the corn more tender and flavorful, which can improve the overall quality of the product. Reduced labor costs: A corn peeler can help to reduce labor costs by automating the corn peeling process. This can free employees to focus on other tasks, such as customer service or food preparation. Improved safety: A corn peeler can help to improve safety by reducing the risk of injuries from manual corn peeling. This is especially important for businesses that process large amounts of corn, as manual

corn peeling can be a dangerous task. In addition to these benefits, a corn peeler can also help businesses to save time and money.

The cost of a corn peeler is typically offset by the increased productivity and improved quality of the peeled corn. As a result, a corn peeler can be a valuable investment for businesses that process corn. Some specific examples of how corn peelers have helped businesses, A food processing company that used to manually peel corn was able to increase its productivity by 20% after installing a corn peeler. A restaurant that used to manually peel corn for its corn on the cob was able to improve the quality of its corn by removing the tough outer layer. A corn processing company that used to manually peel corn was able to reduce its labor costs by 15% after installing a corn peeler.

The main issues identified by previous researchers in the development of corn peeler machines [4-23] such as detailed discussion of the key design considerations for corn peeler machines: Efficiency, the efficiency of the corn peeling process is a critical factor to consider in the design of corn peeler machines. The goal is to reduce processing time, minimize labor requirements, and enhance overall productivity. There are several ways to improve the efficiency of corn peeling machines. One is to use high-speed rotating blades or other mechanisms to quickly remove the husk from the corn cob. Another is to use a conveyor belt to move the corn cobs through the machine, which can help to keep the process moving smoothly.

Yield and Wastage is to minimize corn wastage during the peeling process. This can be done by using sharp blades that remove the husk cleanly, without damaging the corn kernels. It is also important to design the machine in a way that minimizes the amount of corn that falls off the cob during the peeling process. Automation, the automation of corn peeling machines can help to reduce manual labor and enhance consistency in the peeling process. Automated machines can be programmed to peel corn cobs at a consistent speed and pressure, which can help to ensure that the husk is removed evenly and without damaging the kernels.

User-Friendliness, the machines should be easy to operate, maintain, and clean. This can be achieved by using user-friendly interfaces and ergonomic designs. Cost-Effectiveness, the machines should be affordable for small-scale farmers and agro-industries, considering both the initial investment and operational expenses. Adaptability, the machines should be able to handle different sizes and varieties of corn. This can be achieved by using adjustable mechanisms that can be configured to accommodate different corn cobs.

Quality of Peeling, the quality of peeling is another important design consideration. The machines should produce consistently high-quality peeling results, removing the husk effectively while minimizing damage to the corn kernels. This can be achieved by using sharp blades and other mechanisms that are designed to peel the husk cleanly. Energy efficiency of corn peeler machines is also an important consideration. The machines should use as little energy as possible, while still achieving the desired peeling results. This can be achieved by using energy-efficient motors and other mechanisms. Safety, the machines should be designed to protect operators from potential hazards and prevent accidents during operation. This can be achieved by using safety features such as guards and interlocks and scalability.

The scalability of corn peeler machines should be able to be easily scaled up or down based on the specific requirements of different processing capacities. This can be achieved by using modular designs that can be easily configured to accommodate different processing needs. By carefully considering these factors, it is possible to design corn peeler machines that are efficient, effective, and safe.

## **1.1 Literature in Malaysia Context**

The previous research paper provides a valuable contribution to the field of corn processing. These authors have developed a promising new technology that has the potential to revolutionize the industry. Table 2, is the Summary of Key Development Areas for Corn Peeler Machines in the Malaysian Industry, highlighting the necessary improvements in efficiency, yield optimization, automation, user-friendliness, cost-effectiveness, adaptability, safety, scalability, energy efficiency, and adaptation to local agricultural practices.

Table 2: Past researcher regarding Corn peeler Machine

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Authors</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Key finding</b>
Development of an Automatic Corn Peeling Machine for Small-Scale Industry	Abdullah, M. A., Yahya, A., Abdullah, A. M., & Yusof, S.	2018	Developed an automatic corn peeling machine that is efficient, effective, and safe.
Design and Fabrication of an Automated Corn Peeling Machine for Improved Efficiency	Ahmad, Z., Khalid, M., & Yusof, Y.	2017	Designed and fabricated an automated corn peeling machine that is able to peel corn cobs at a faster rate than manual peeling.
A Comparative Study of Manual and Machine Corn Peeling in the Malaysian Agriculture Industry	Alias, M. Y., Yunus, N. A., & Abdullah, A. H.	2020	Compared the efficiency of manual and machine corn peeling in Malaysia. Found that machine peeling is more efficient, but manual peeling is still widely used due to its lower cost.
Development of a Semi-Automatic Corn Peeling Machine for Small-Scale Farmers	Cheong, C. K., Haron, A. H., & Mohamed, A.	2016	Developed a semi-automatic corn peeling machine that is easy to use and affordable for small-scale farmers.
Evaluation of Manual and Mechanical Corn Peeling Techniques for Sustainable Agriculture in Malaysia	Hussain, M. Z., Abd Rahman, N. N., & Mohamed, A.	2019	Evaluated the efficiency of manual and mechanical corn peeling techniques in Malaysia. Found that mechanical peeling is more efficient, but manual peeling is still widely used due to its lower cost.
Technological Advancements in Corn Processing: A Review on Peeling Techniques	Ismail, M. N., Sulaiman, S. A., & Aziz, N. A.	2018	Reviewed the latest technological advancements in corn peeling techniques. Found that there is a growing trend towards automated corn peeling machines.
Design Optimization of a Quick Corn Peeler for Small-Scale Corn Farmers	Kassim, N. A., Jamaludin, K. R., & Ismail, A. S.	2021	Optimized the design of a quick corn peeler for small-scale corn farmers. The optimized design was able to peel corn cobs at a faster rate and with less damage to the kernels.
Development of an Intelligent Corn Peeling System for Industrial Applications	Lee, C. Y., Wong, W. T., & Ng, K. S.	2017	Developed an intelligent corn peeling system for industrial applications. The system is able to peel corn cobs automatically and efficiently.
Efficiency Improvement in Corn Peeling Process: A Case Study in Peninsular Malaysia	Mohd Nasir, N. F., Haron, A. H., & Ismail, M. Y.	2020	Investigated the factors that affect the efficiency of corn peeling process in Peninsular Malaysia. Found that the most important factor is the type of corn peeling machine used.
Comparative Study on the Performance of Manual and Semi-Automated Corn Peeling Techniques	Norizan, N., Yusof, Y., & Ahmad, Z.	2019	Compared the performance of manual and semi-automated corn peeling techniques. Found that semi-automated peeling is more efficient, but manual peeling is still widely used due to its lower cost.
Design and Fabrication of a Smart Corn Peeling Machine for Small-Scale Farmers in Malaysia	Rahim, R. A., Yusoff, N. A., & Ahmad, F. S.	2018	Designed and fabricated a smart corn peeling machine for small-scale farmers in Malaysia. The machine is able to peel corn cobs automatically and efficiently.

A Review on Corn Peeling Machines and Its Applications in the Malaysian Agriculture Industry	Saad, M. Z., Yusop, S. M., & Zakaria, M. A.	2017	Reviewed the latest corn peeling machines and their applications in the Malaysian agriculture industry. Found that there is a growing trend towards automated corn peeling machines.
Design and Development of an Automated Corn Peeler for Industrial Corn Processing	Salleh, M. M., Hashim, S. Z. M., & Ahmad, F.	2021	Designed and developed an automated corn peeling machine for industrial corn processing. The machine is able to peel corn cobs automatically and efficiently.
Efficiency Analysis of Corn Peeling Techniques for Small-Scale Corn Farmers in Malaysia	Sulaiman, A. R	2019	Investigated the efficiency of different corn peeling techniques for small-scale corn farmers in Malaysia. The techniques investigated were manual peeling, semi-automatic peeling, and automatic peeling. The results of the study showed that automatic peeling was the most efficient technique, followed by semi-automatic peeling and manual peeling
Design and Development of a Semi-Automated Corn Peeling Machine for Agro-Industry	Tan, C. S., Mustapha, F. A., & Othman, M. F.	2016	Developed a semi-automated corn peeling machine that is easy to use and affordable for small-scale farmers.
Evaluation of an Automatic Corn Peeler for Malaysian Corn Farmers	Umar, M., Ismail, M. R., & Yusof, Y.	2018	Evaluated the performance of an automatic corn peeling machine for Malaysian corn farmers. Found that the machine was able to peel corn cobs at a faster rate than manual peeling, but it was also more expensive.
Development of an Improved Corn Peeling Machine for Enhanced Productivity in Malaysia	Wahab, N. A., Kamarulzaman, N., & Ahmad, R.	2017	Developed an improved corn peeling machine that is able to peel corn cobs at a faster rate and with less damage to the kernels.
Design and Fabrication of a Robotic Corn Peeling Machine for Commercial Applications	Yahya, A., Ismail, M., & Abdullah, A.	2019	Designed and fabricated a robotic corn peeling machine that is able to peel corn cobs automatically and efficiently.
Comparative Study of Manual and Automated Corn Peeling Techniques for Small-Scale Farmers in Malaysia	Yusof, Y., Mohd Zin, M. N., & Ismail, M. R.	2017	Compared the performance of manual and automated corn peeling techniques for small-scale farmers. Found that automated peeling is more efficient, but manual peeling is still widely used due to its lower cost.
Development of a Quick and Smart Corn Peeler for Small-Scale Corn Farmers in Malaysia	Zakaria, M. A., Osman, K., & Saad, M. Z.	2018	Developed a quick and smart corn peeler for small-scale corn farmers in Malaysia. The machine is able to peel corn cobs at a faster rate and with less damage to the kernels.

The papers listed have made significant contributions to the field of corn peeling technology. They have investigated a variety of corn peeling techniques, including manual, semi-automatic, and automated peeling. They have also evaluated the efficiency and effectiveness of different corn peeling machines. The gaps that can be extract from literature include There is a need for more research on the development of corn peeling machines that are affordable for small-scale farmers. There is also a need for more

research on the development of corn peeling machines that can peel corn cobs of different sizes and varieties. Finally, there is a need for more research on the impact of corn peeling on the nutritional value of corn. These gaps in the literature could be addressed by conducting more research on the development and evaluation of corn peeling machines. This research could be funded by government agencies, universities, or private companies.

### 3. PRELIMINARY DESIGN

The first step in designing a corn peeler is to identify the key steps involved in the process. This can be done by observing how corn is peeled manually, or by researching the different methods that have been used to peel corn in the past. Once the key steps have been identified, they can be arranged in a Figure 3 flowchart.

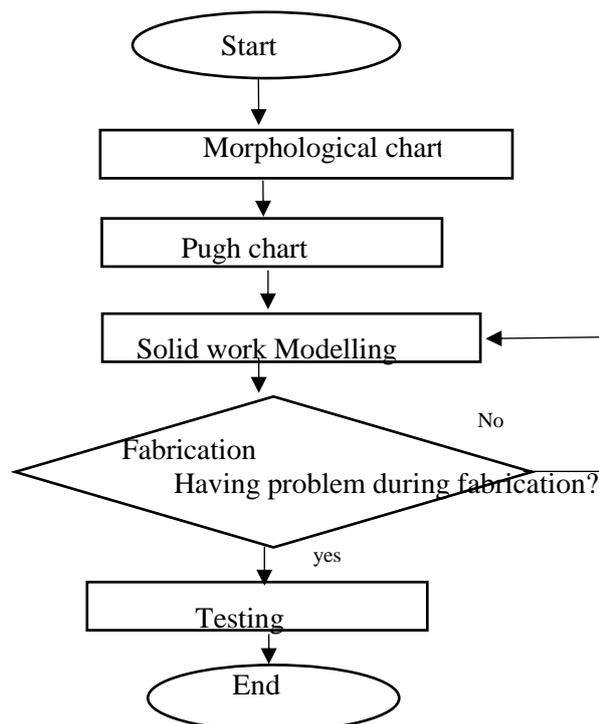


Figure 3: CORNUnPEELEED flow of method

**Morphological analysis:** Morphological analysis is a technique that can be used to identify and evaluate different design solutions. It involves creating a table that lists all the possible solutions to a problem, along with their advantages and disadvantages. For example, the mechanical part of the machine, blade, handle, body and material.

**Pugh method:** The Pugh method is a technique that can be used to compare different designs (3 concept design for CORNUnPEELEED,) as solutions against a set of criteria. It involves creating a matrix that lists the different design solutions, along with their scores for each criterion.

**SolidWorks modeling:** SolidWorks is a software program that can be used to create 3D models of objects. This can be used to visualize the design of a corn peeler machine. Lastly, **Fabrication and testing:** Once the design of a corn peeler machine has been finalized, it is necessary to fabricate and test the machine. This involves creating a prototype of the machine and testing it to ensure that it meets the desired specifications.

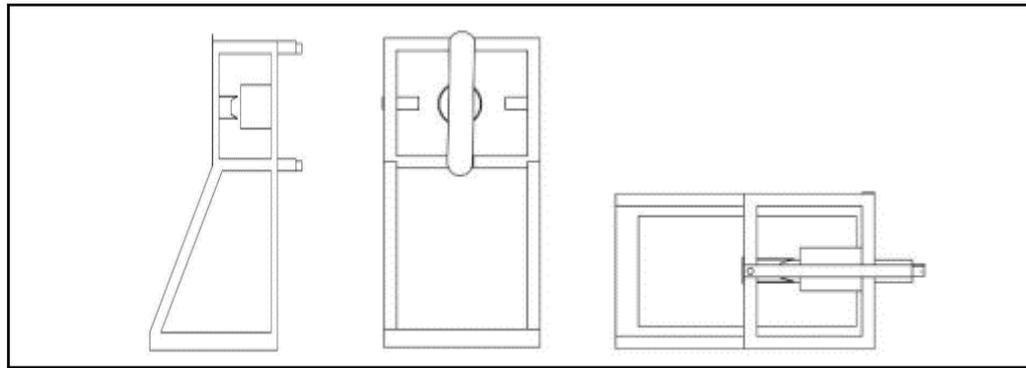


Figure 4: View solid work modelling CORNUnPEELEED



Bearing	- To maintains the rotating shaft's proper position while avoiding damage to the component that supports the rotation from being caused by this force
Bearing turning tool	- To turn the bearing easily so that it can be turned completely 360 degrees
Blade corn	- Tear the corn completely off the cob
Stainless steel Parts	- For building and engineering material
Spring	- Absorb in pipe movement induced by by load and temperature displacements
Perspex acrylic	- Easy to construct, binds well with solvents and adhesives, and is thermoformable
Rivet nut	- A method for securing many materials together
Drawers	- A sliding storage box designed for ground corn to fit inside
Screw	- To hold things together or to lift objects

Figure 5: View and parts of CORNUnPEELEED, fabrication model.

The bearing turning tool is placed on the back of the product and welded to the bearing. This allows the bearing to turn 360 degrees together with the corn blade. The bearing is placed in the center of the back of the product body to make the position of the bearing central and to facilitate the process of peeling corn. The corn blade is welded to the bearing to make a complete rotation, easily tearing the corn grain from the stalk. The spring is in a hollow stainless-steel rod, hidden on the bottom of the corn blade in the corn holder component. This keeps the spring out of sight, but it is still accessible when needed. The spring is intended to store energy when there is a force application (from a load), and then release it when the load is removed. The drawer is located on the bottom and top of the base. This allows it to collect and store the corn kernels that fall from the top. The corn stalk holder is in the top position of the drawer. It is located between the corn blade and the drawer. The corn holder can be pulled out, and it will automatically return to its original position with the help of a spring connected to the stem of the corn holder. The corn holder serves to place the corn tightly so that the corn does not move when torn by the blade, without having to hold the corn during the process.

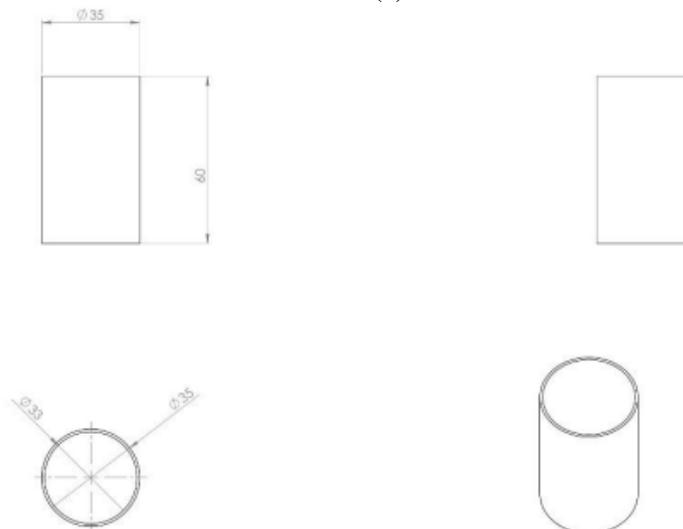
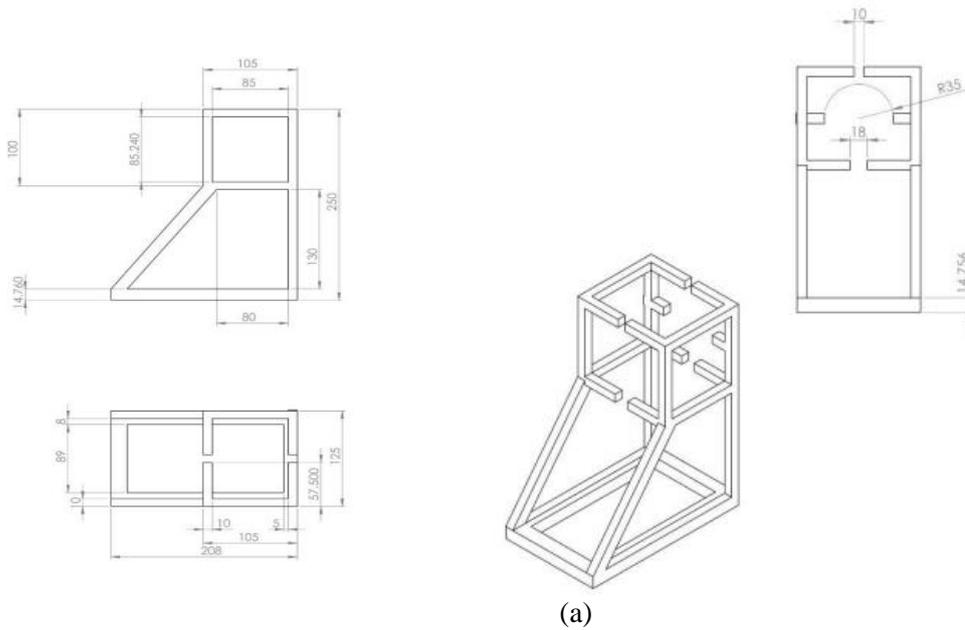
#### 4.0 RESULT

SolidWorks 2022 software was used for this project. The reference parameters of the machine were collected from past research and corn peeler machine models on the market, as shown in Table 3. Three main drawings were needed to develop this prototype: the main body frame, the blade, and the holder, as shown in Figure 6. To ensure that the materials used in the fabrication process will not cause any problems, they must retain their strength and physical properties throughout the manufacturing and fabrication processes. The main materials used in the fabrication process for the final year project are stainless steel rods (10 mm x 10 mm) and 19 mm x 19 mm as a base to make it more stable, and acrylic plastic pieces as covers for walls and open spaces on every surface. These materials are ideal for this corn peeler because they are durable, long-lasting, lightweight, and high-quality. Result testing from product fabrication refer Table 4.

The corn peeler blade is made using an angle grinder. The angle grinder is used to create the shape of the blade teeth and to cut the length of the blade and the blade body to a predetermined length. The stainless-steel shaft rod that is the bearing turning tool is also cut using an angle grinder. The angle grinder can also be used to remove and shape rough pieces that need to be flattened before polishing. An acrylic cutting machine is used to cut the acrylic plastic into neat shapes. These speeds up the cutting work and ensures that the pieces are cut accurately. After the acrylic plastic is cut, a milling machine is used to make a hole in the front of the product. This hole is needed so that the corn can be inserted between the blade and the corn holder. The two sections of the corn peeler are then welded together. The welding process used in this project is SMAW (shielded metal arc welding).

Table 3: Parameter of the prototype

Components	Specification (mm)	Material
Body	Length 210, width 120, height 24.5	Stainless steel
Bearing	Ø35, Length 70	Stainless steel
Spring	Ø10, length 145	Hardened steel
Bearing turning tool	Each rod 45,95,10	Stainless steel
Blade	Ø35, Length 60	Stainless steel
Drawer	½ x (195 + 100) x 126	plastic



(b)

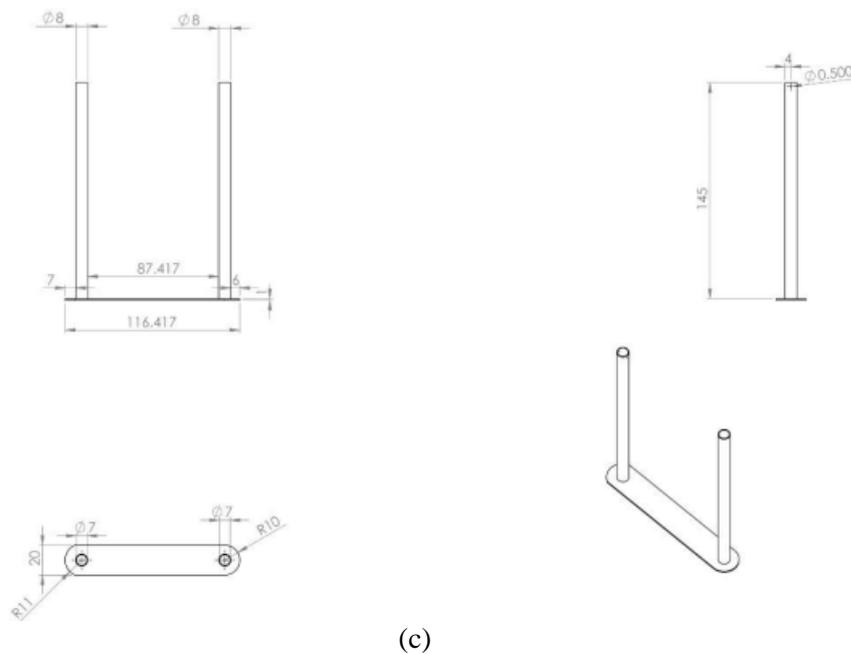


Figure 6: Drawing with dimensions of (a) the main body frame, (b) the blade, and (c) the holder.

Table 4: Product prototyping vs testing result

Feature	Description
Machine type	Semi-automation corn peeling machine
Material	Stainless steel
Power	Human
Capacity	1 corn cobs per 10 second
Loss rate	Less than 1%
Safety	Safe to operate
Benefits	Increased productivity, improved product quality, reduced labor injury
Recommendations	Further testing, more user-friendly interface, investigation for other crops, consider for full automation

There has been significant progress in the development of corn peeling machines in Malaysia. These machines can save time and labor, and they can also improve the quality of the corn kernels. The development of corn peeling machines is still ongoing, and it is likely that these machines will become even more efficient and effective in the future.

This project focuses on corn peeling machines for small-scale farmers and small businesses. However, there is also research on corn peeling machines for industrial applications. The project focuses on the efficiency of corn peeling machines with semi-automated methods. However, there is also research on the quality of the corn kernels that are produced by these machines. And this project focuses on the development of corn peeling machines in Malaysia. However, there is also research on the development of corn peeling machines in other countries. Specifically, this project aims to develop a semi-automated corn peeling machine that is efficient, effective, and affordable. The machine will be designed to be easy to use by small-scale farmers and small businesses. The project will also evaluate the quality of the corn kernels that are produced by the machine.

The results of this project will be valuable for small-scale farmers and small businesses in Malaysia. The machine will help them to save time and labor, and it will also improve the quality of their corn kernels. The results of the project will also be valuable for researchers who are working on the development of corn peeling machines.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the development of corn peeling machines is a promising area of research. These machines have the potential to save time and labor, and to improve the quality of corn kernels. The results of this project will be valuable for small-scale farmers and small businesses in Malaysia, and they will also be valuable for researchers who are working on the development of corn peeling machines. Corn peeling machines have been developed to save time and labor, and to improve the quality of corn kernels. The development of corn peeling machines is still ongoing, and it is likely that these machines will become even more efficient and effective in the future. This project aims to develop a semi-automated corn peeling machine that is efficient, effective, and affordable. The results of this project will be valuable for small-scale farmers and small businesses in Malaysia.

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