# Industrial Design

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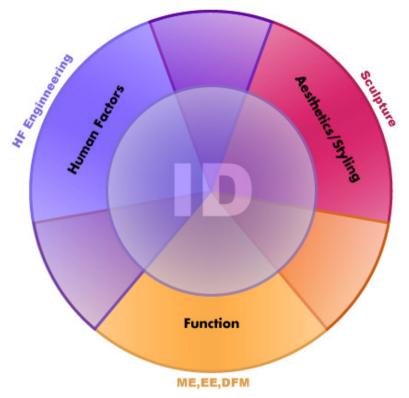




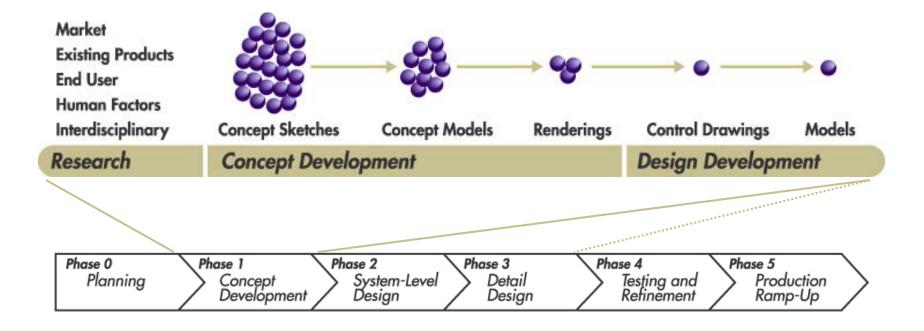


## What is Industrial Design?

- Mission: Enhance the user's experience
  - Form / Aesthetics
  - Simplified Functionality
  - Improved Human Factors
  - Spirit wow factor,novel, cool, hip, etc.

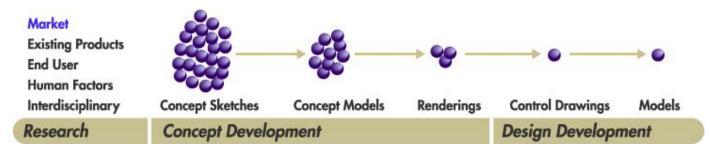


## The Industrial Design Process



#### Research - Market

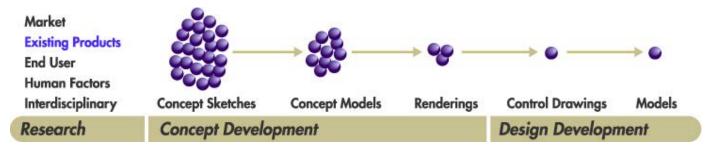
- Demographics
  - Who uses it
  - Who buys it
  - Who experiences it
- Social and cultural factors
  - Barbies or Harleys
- Aesthetic parameters
  - Current vocabulary
  - Trends
- Environmental factors
  - Responsible materials
  - DFR



### Research - Existing Products

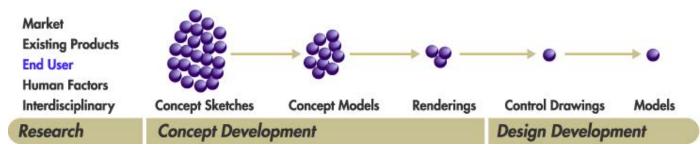
- Reverse engineering
  - Aesthetics
  - Functional behaviors
  - Mechanical features
  - Materials
  - Manufacturing processes
- Product positioning
  - Features and pricing





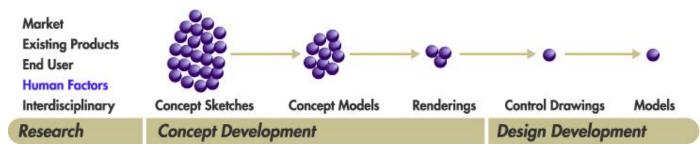
#### Research - End User

- Environment
  - Physical
  - Psychological
- Observation of Use
  - Features actually used and their hierarchy
  - Misuse
  - Time-motion study
- Create Dialog with User
  - Ask for ongoing feedback
  - Visit them frequently



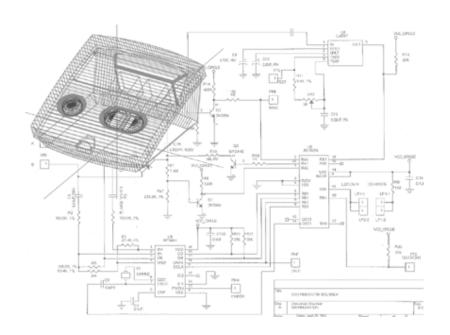
#### Research - Human Factors

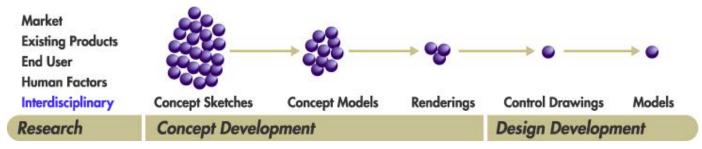
- Ergonomics
  - Physical interface
  - GUI
  - Tactile feedback
- Intuitive Use
  - Form communicates function
  - Product graphics
  - Icons and visual consistencies



## Research - Interdisciplinary Integration

- Mechanical requirements
  - Product architecture
  - Component envelopes
- Electrical requirements
  - RF or EMR constraints
  - Thermal constraints
- Manufacturing requirements
  - Cost
  - Preferred processes





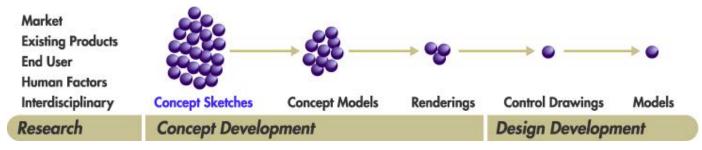
## Concept Development - Sketches

#### Benefits

- Fast and iterative
- Synthesize the research
- Functional and aesthetic conceptualization

- Pen, marker, colored pencil
- Trace, white paper, newsprint





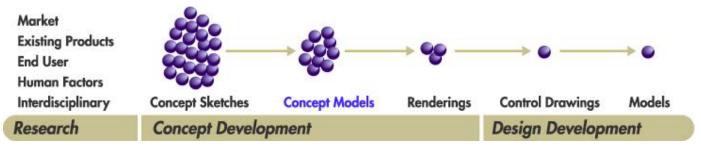
### Concept Development - Form Models

#### Benefits

- Fast and iterative
- Ergonomic evaluation
- Form evaluation

- Foamboard insulation,
  Foamcore
- Found objects, existing parts
- Pine strapping, bricks
- Hot glue, double stick tape, sheet rock screws

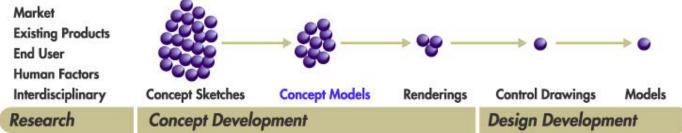




## Concept Development - Ergonomic Models

- Human Factor Studies
  - Height
  - Weight
  - Articulating parts





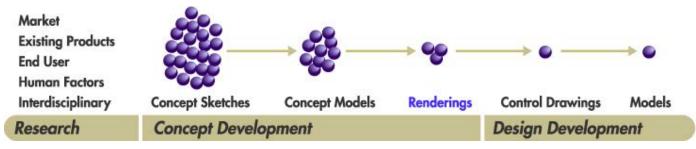
## Concept Development - Renderings

#### Benefits

- Styling subtleties
- Product Graphics
- Can be used as a sales tool and in focus groups

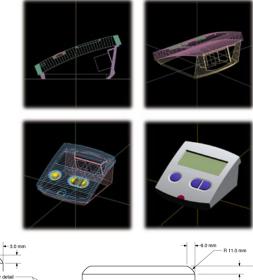
- Markers and bond
- Colored pencil
- 2D illustration programs
- 3D rendering programs

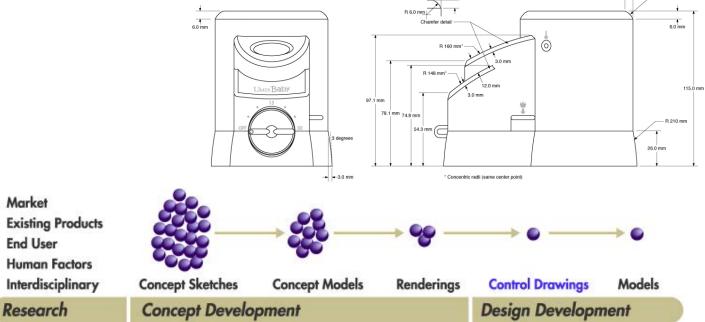




## Design Development - Control Drawings

- Benefits
  - Communicates ID downstream
- Techniques
  - Classic drafting tools
  - Dimensioned 2D computer drawings
  - 3D files IGS, STL





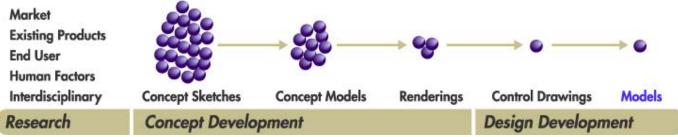
## Design Development - Hard Models

#### Benefits

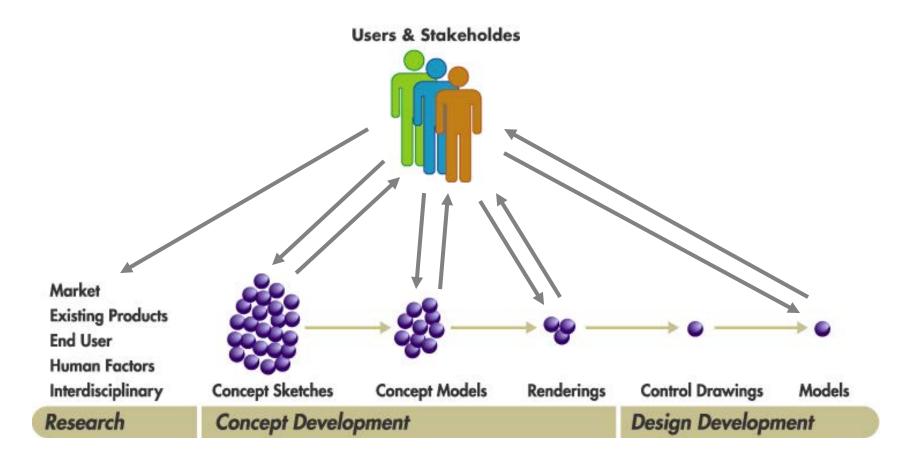
- Represents final aesthetic and function
- Not necessarily a prototype

- Rapid prototyping processes
- Rubber molds
- Hand building and milling
- Spray paint
- Dry transfers





#### User Feedback



## What is a Successful Design?

- Completely committed to a particular human need (or market)
  - Function
  - Form
  - Ergonomics
  - Emotion
- Must be honest
- Cannot completely fail on any one attribute

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