



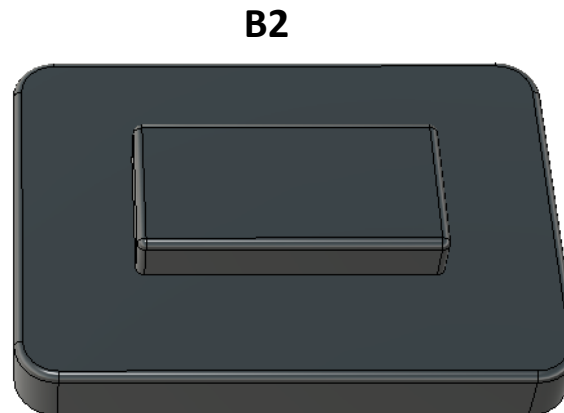
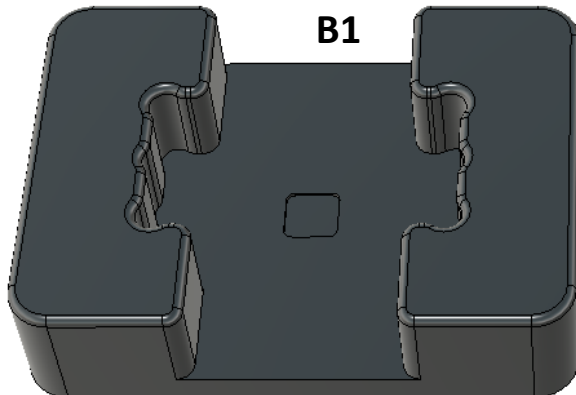
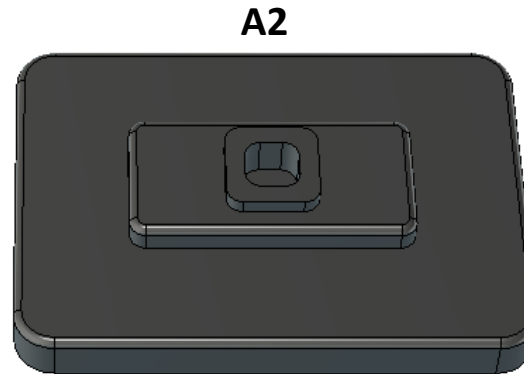
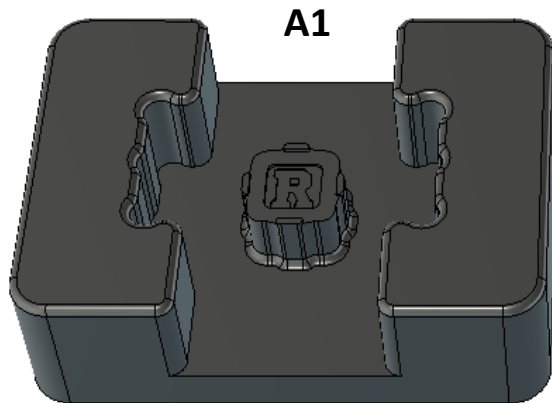
Rochester Membrane Integration Assembly

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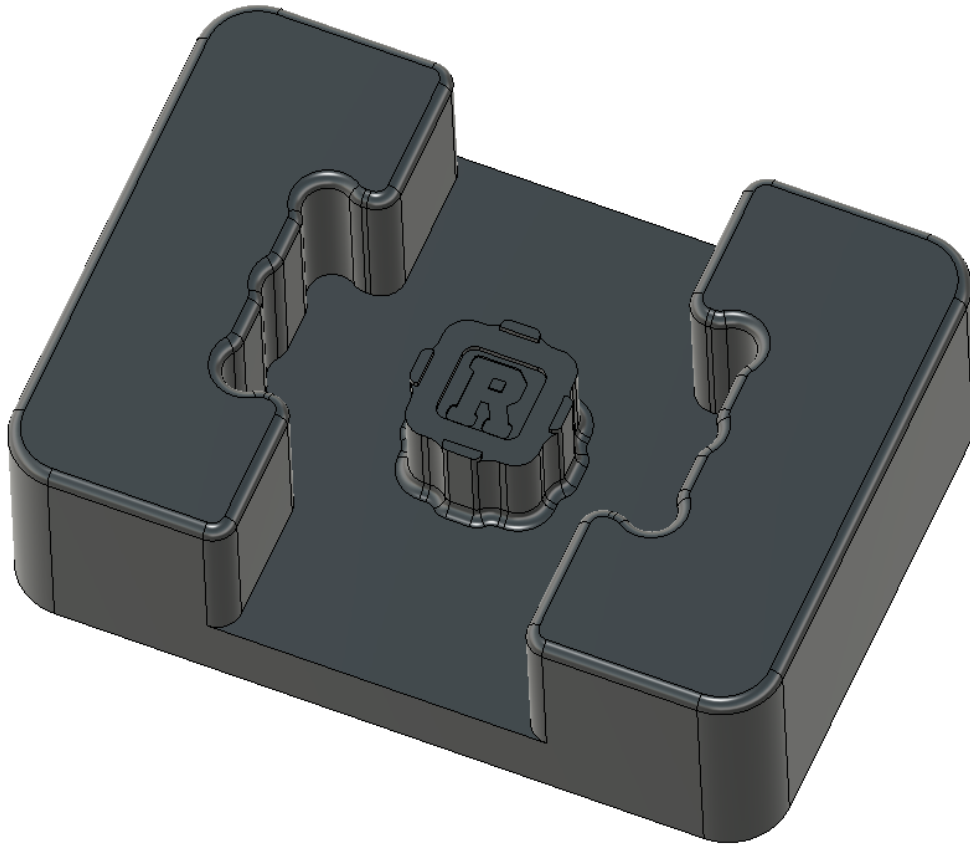
Overview

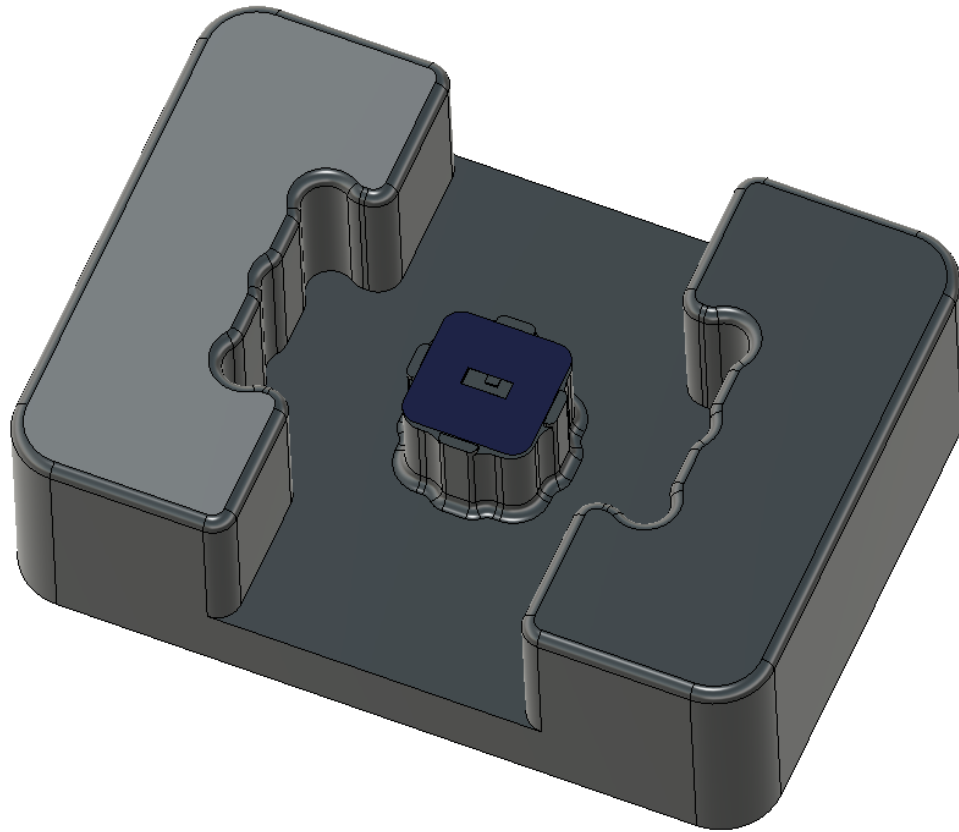


- 2 assembly fixtures with 2 parts each (see images to left)
- Components are placed on the 1 fixture (A1 or B1) then bonded using the 2 fixture (A2 or B2)
- Fixture A is used to bond the membrane chip to component 1
- Fixture B is used to bond component 1 to component 2 after bonding the membrane chip
- Assemble in clean environment, clear of dust, or in cell culture hood

Step A1

- **Start with Fixture A1 (FA1)**





Step A2

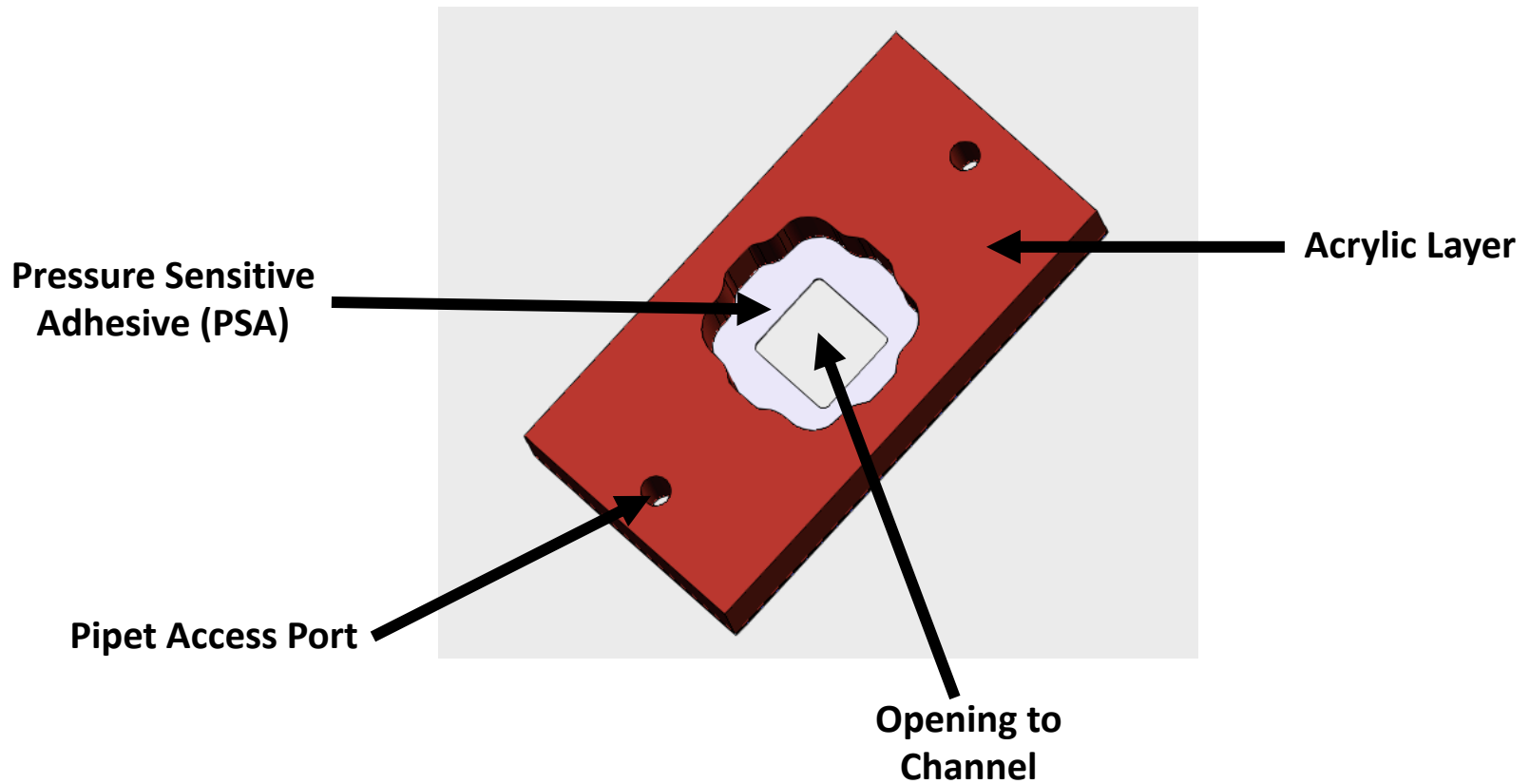
- Place the membrane chip onto the center section of FA1
- Ensure it is sitting flat – This is the most important step to prevent the chip from breaking!

Trench-Up or Trench-Down

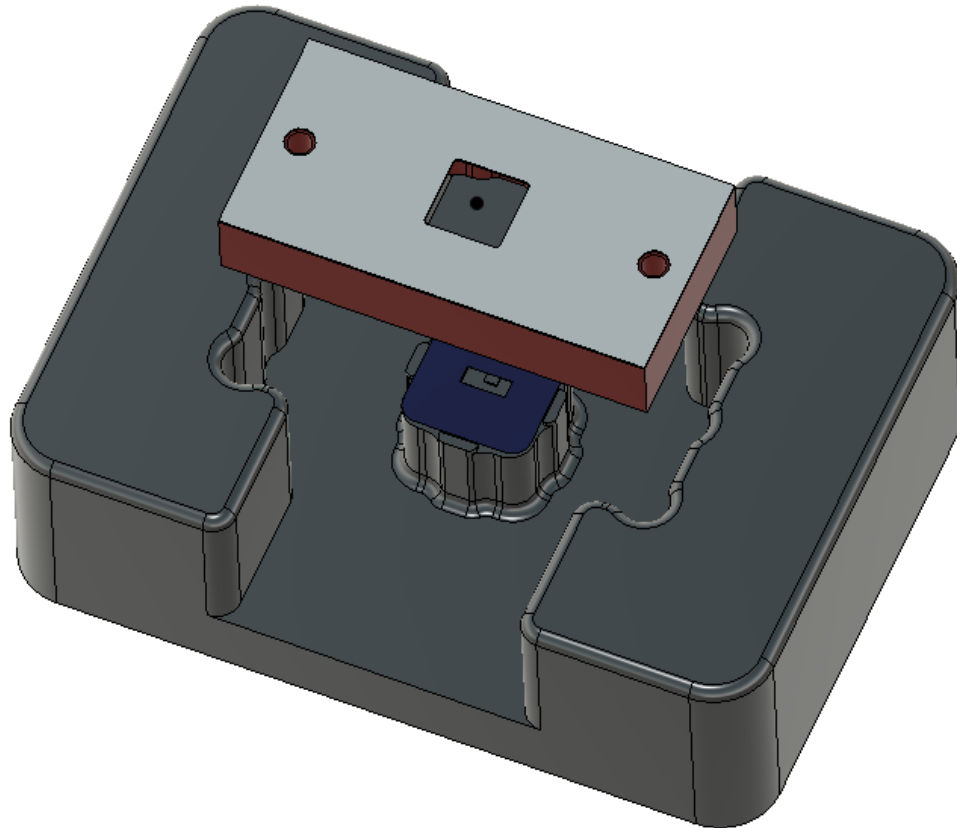
- Ensure the flat face of the membrane is facing up and the trench is facing down for Trench-Up devices.
- Ensure the flat face of the membrane is facing down and the trench is facing up for Trench-Down devices.
- There is a cutout below the membrane it will not break



Component 1

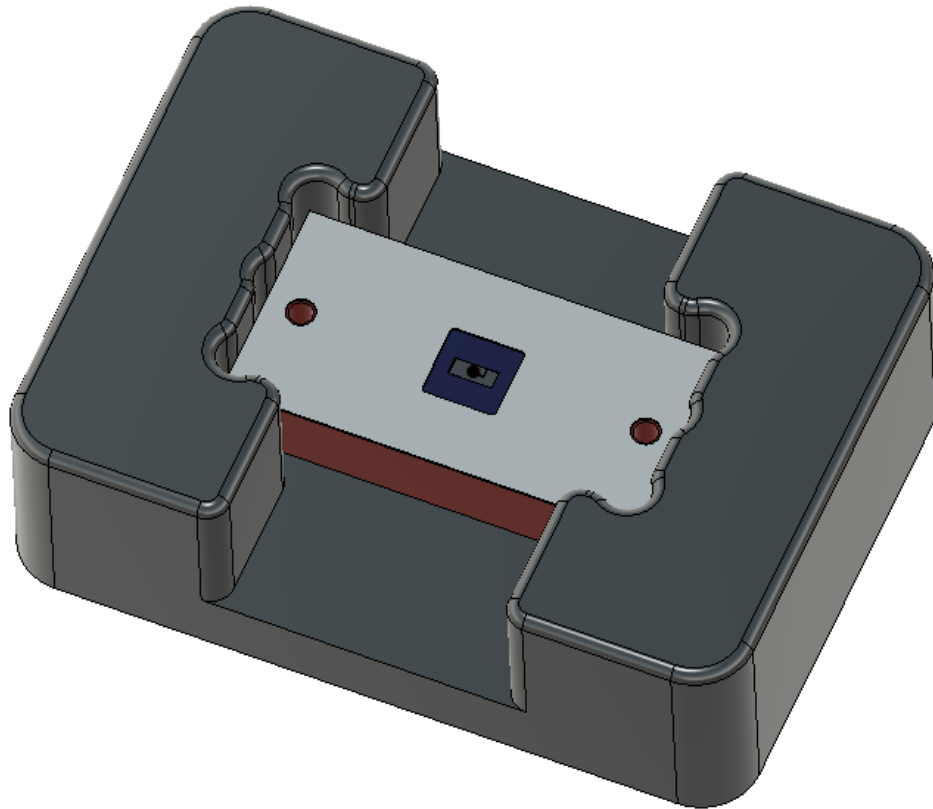


Step A3



- Remove the protective masks (blue, each side) from component 1 and prepare to place it in FA1
- Be sure not to remove pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) layer with protective mask
 - This layer is much stiffer than the protective mask
- If protective mask looks burned, wipe with EtOH prior to removing. If it crumbles onto the component, wipe off from component with EtOH

Step A4

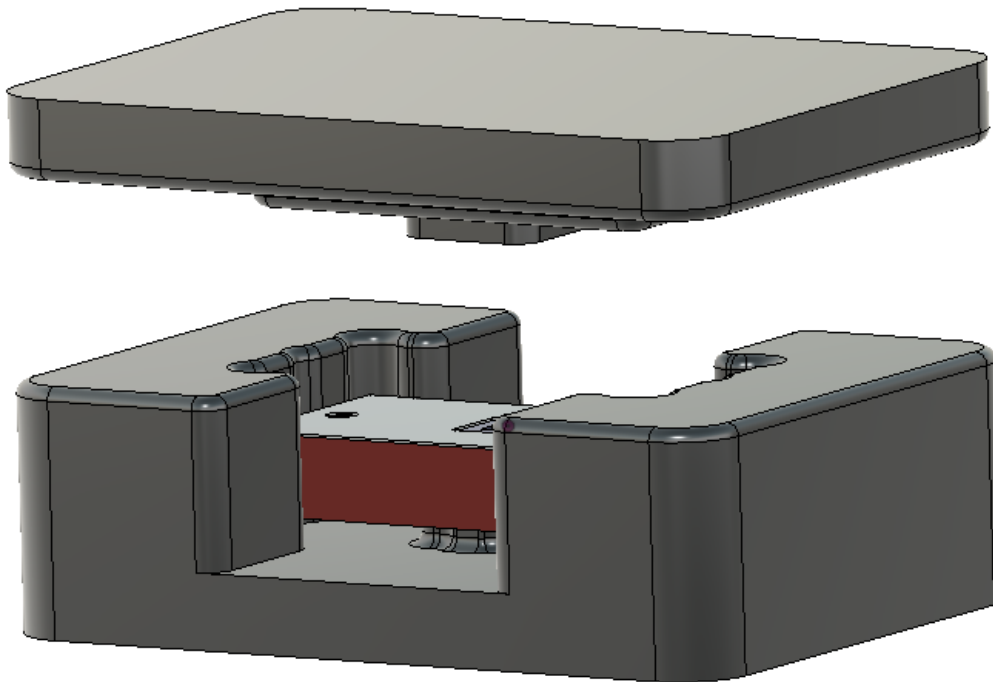


- **Press component 1 down into the fixture until you feel it touch the membrane**

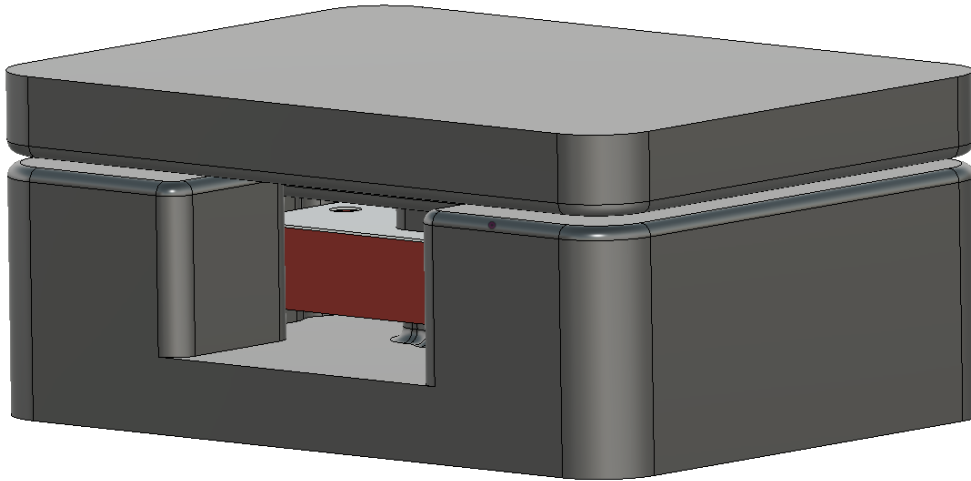


Step A5

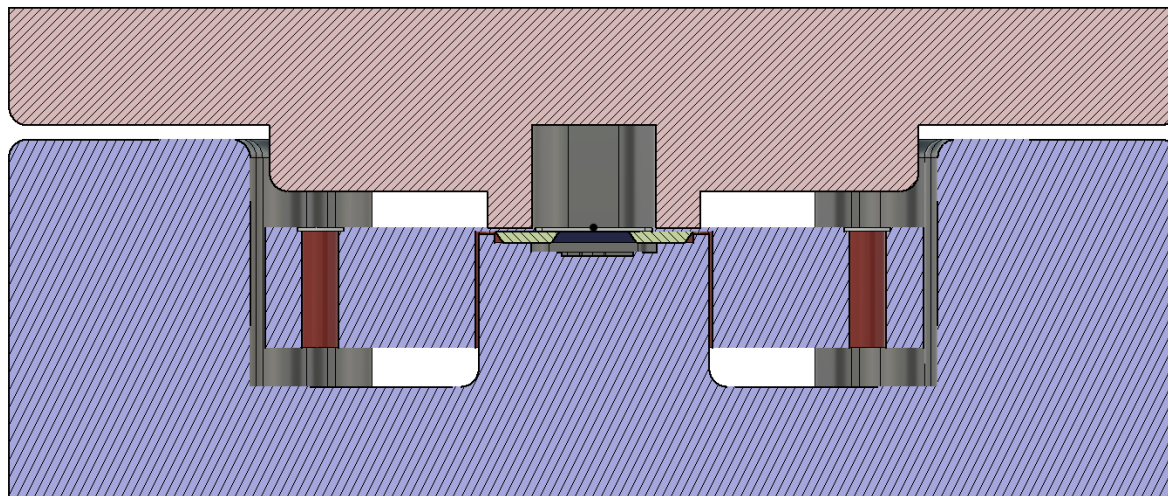
- **Prepare to press Fixture A2 (FA2) onto FA1**

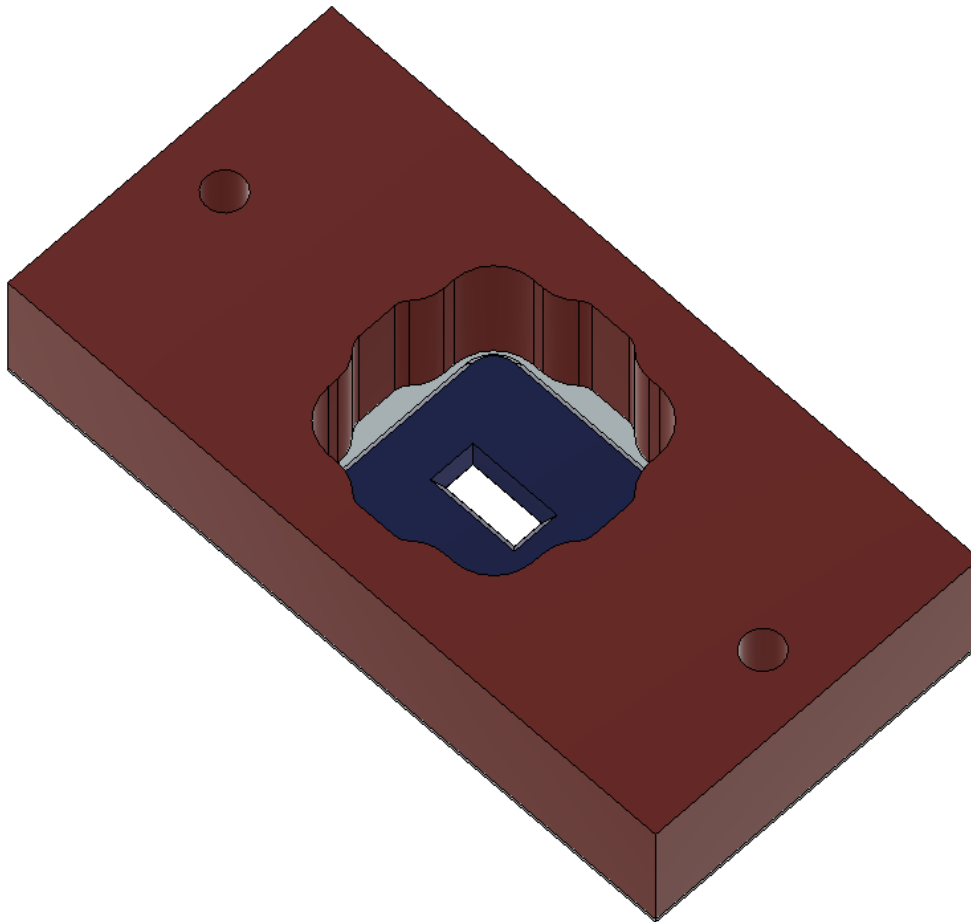


Step A6



- Press FA2 into FA1
- Apply firm pressure
- Apply pressure onto different corners of FA2 to roll the contact point around

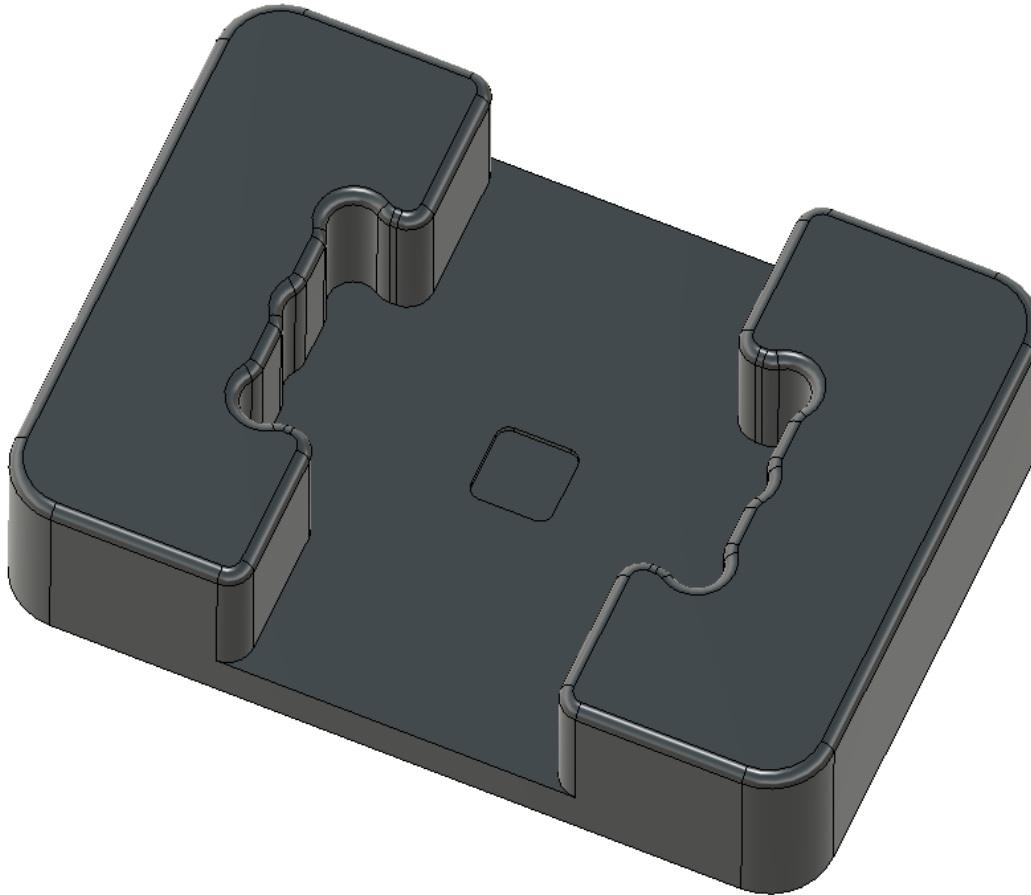




- **Remove FA2 from FA1**
- **Remove component 1 from FA1**
- **Inspect PSA for burnishing/wet out**

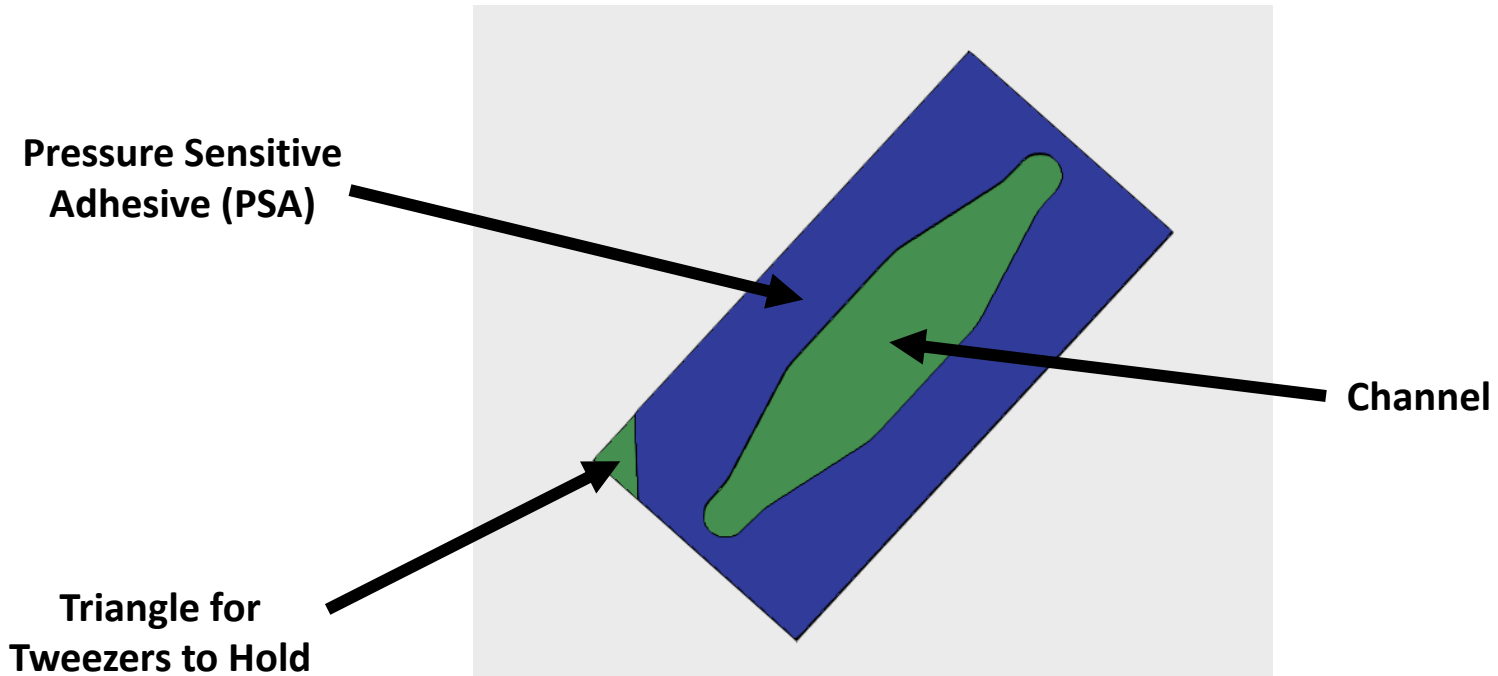
Step B1

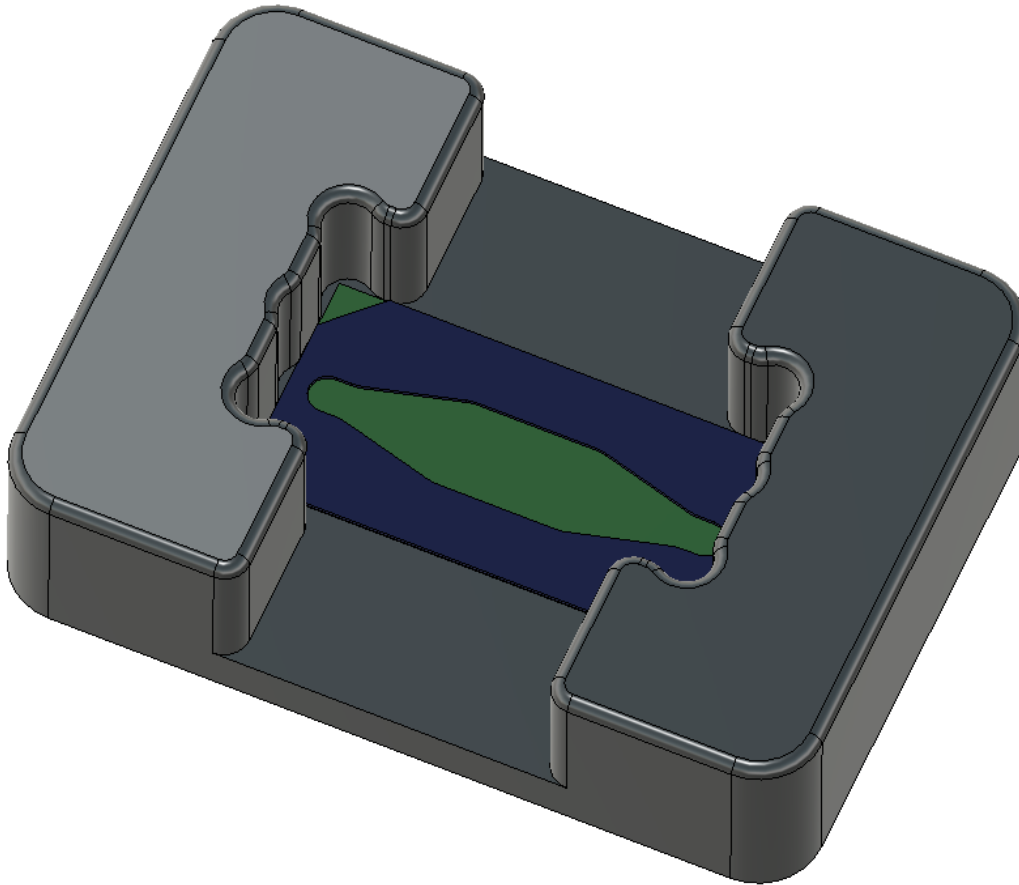
- **Start with Fixture B1 (FB1)**





Component 2

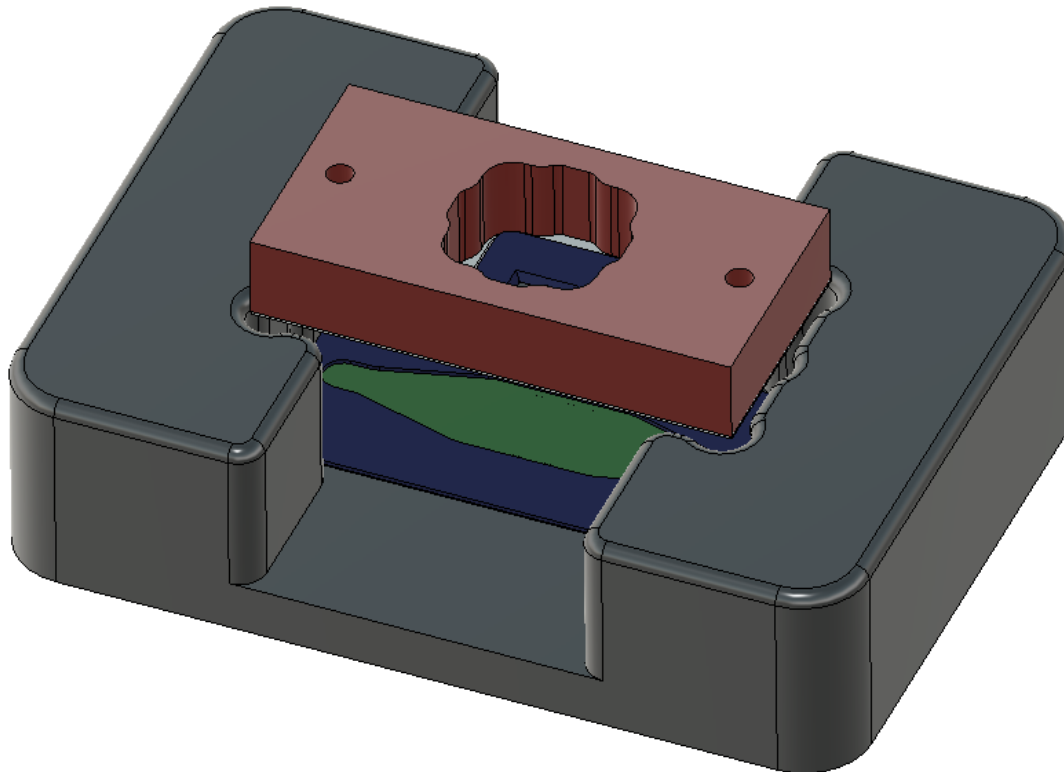




Step B2

- **Sheet format (more common):**
 - Remove component 2 from sheet
 - Remove the blue release liner (one side only, this is channel up)
- **Single format (less common):**
 - Remove thin blue protective layer from bottom side
 - Remove thick blue release liner from opposite side (this is channel up)
- **If release liner looks burned, wipe with EtOH prior to removing. If it crumbles onto the component, wipe off with EtOH**
- **Place component 2 into FB1**
- **Ensure exposed PSA, channel side is up (away from fixture)**

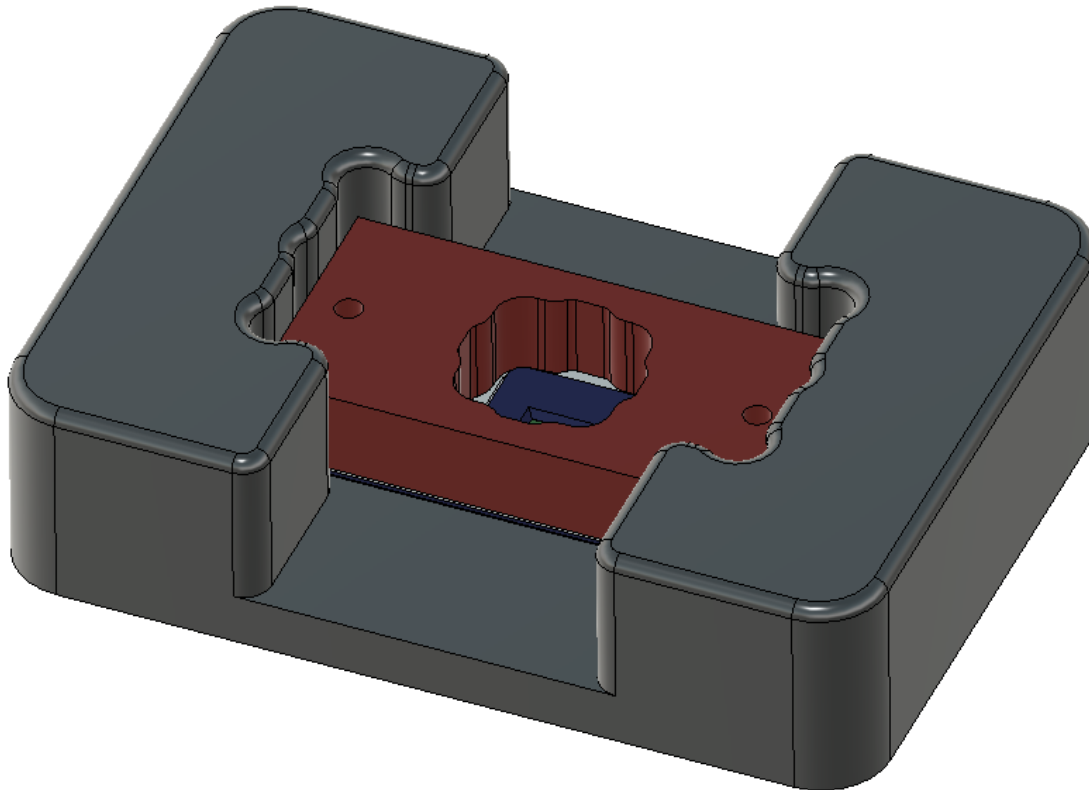
Step B3



- **Prepare to place component 1 into FB1**
- **Ensure the acrylic cutout is facing up**

Step B4

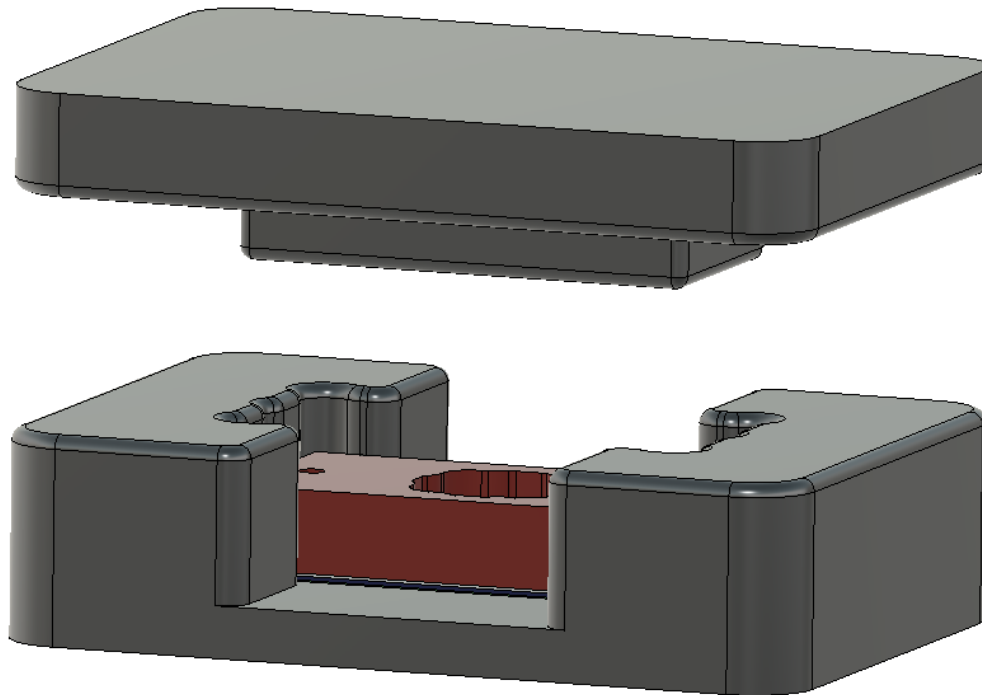
- **Press component 1 down onto component 2**



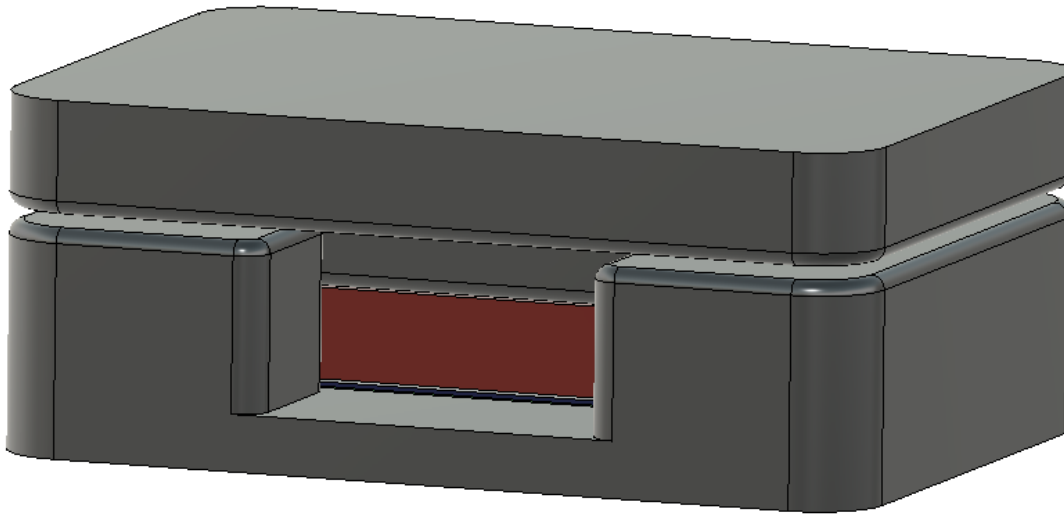


Step B5

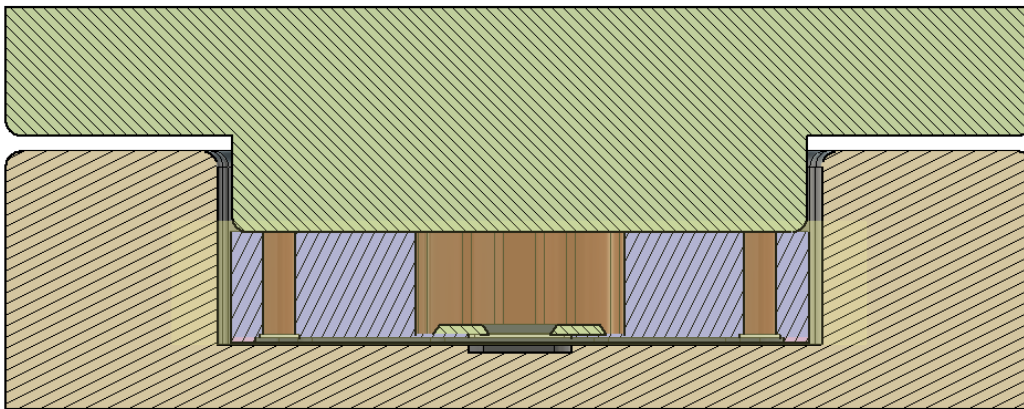
- **Prepare to insert Fixture B2 (FB2) into FB1**



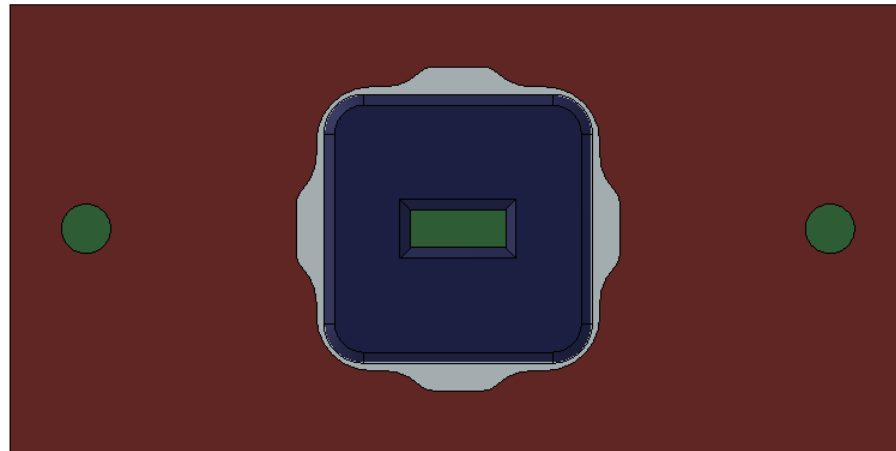
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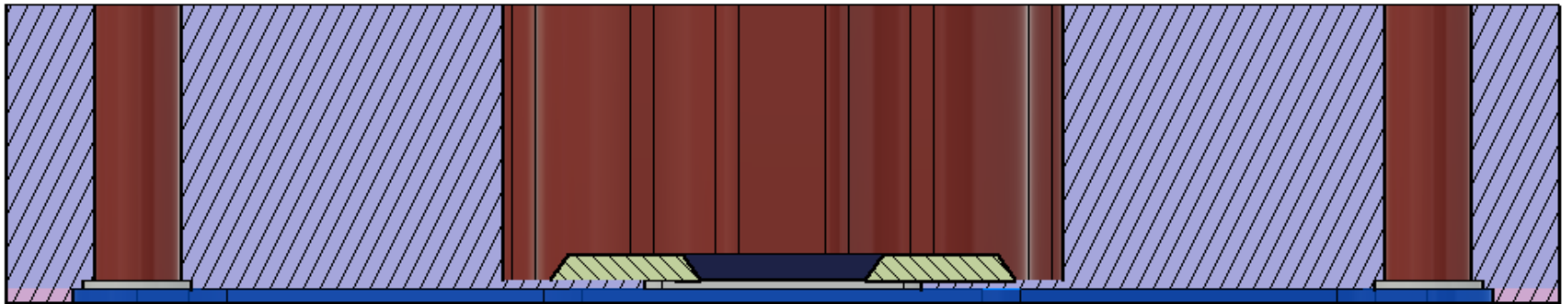
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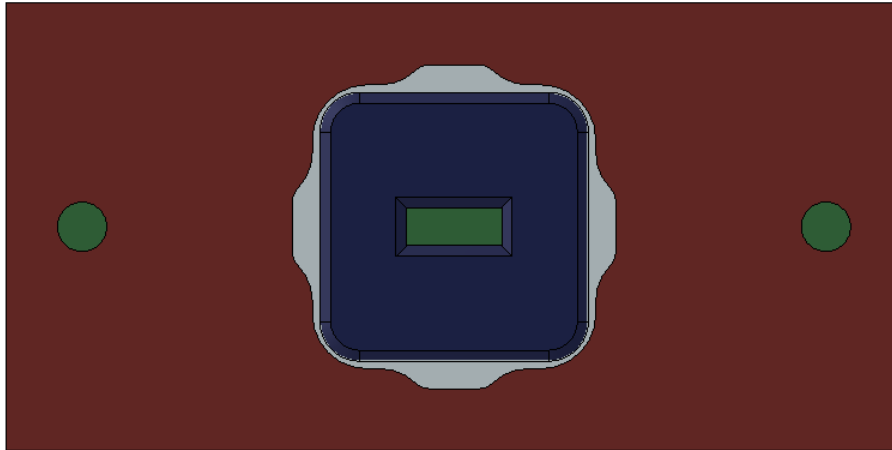
Step C1



- Remove FB2 from FB1
- Remove the finished part from FB1
- Inspect PSA for burnishing/wet out
- Push out air bubbles around channel if necessary



Working Dimensions



- **Surface Area of Top Well: 37 mm²**
- **Volume of Top Well: 100 μ l (can hold up to 115 μ l)**
- **Surface Area of Bottom Channel: 44.4 mm²**
- **Volume of Bottom Channel: 6.77 μ l**
- **Volume of Bottom Channel including Access Ports: 9.98 μ l (pipetting 20 μ l is easier to fully flush channel)**

