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Summer Internship Project

The Cliff Front Panel Evaluation and Redesign

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Adventure Fitness Equipments

- •First Product: the-Cliff
- •Simulates rock climbing at any indoor location.
- Various Intensities









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Phase 1: Redesign the current front panel's Graphics and human interface flow without any addition of hardware or change in position of hardware.

Phase 2: Redesign the front panel's Graphics and human interface flow with minimal hardware changes and add new features.

Phase 3: Conceptualize from scratch a new versatile feature-rich cost-effective human interface for the CLIFF.



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User Study at Gym

Focus: What do the trainers explain about operating the machine when the member is using the machine for the first time?

Method: Contextual inquiry (formed a master-apprentice model)

Focus: What information do they look for from the interface? How do they judge their progress?

Method: Contextual inquiry

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Findings from User Study at Gym

- •Once shown how to operate, user must be able to operate the machine.
- •The number of steps to be remembered must be very less.
- •User observes only those information displays (Time / Distance / speed / Calories etc.) which suits his/her aim.
- •The display information motivates users.
- •Trainers motivate members to stretch their limits

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- User must be able to easily remember the procedure to make desired settings and start the machine.
- User must be able to spend more time on exercise and spend less time with the interface to make desired operations.
- User must be able to do the desired exercise on the cliff.
- User must be motivated from time to time to push his/her limits.

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Time elapsed,
Time left,
Time of each segment
(for prog. mode)

Height climbed, Height left, Countdown before start.



Calories burnt, Calories left, Weight

Heart Rate limit, Current Heart Rate.

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- Not just Muscles but mind is also involved.
- It is very tough to operate the Panel with precision while climbing.





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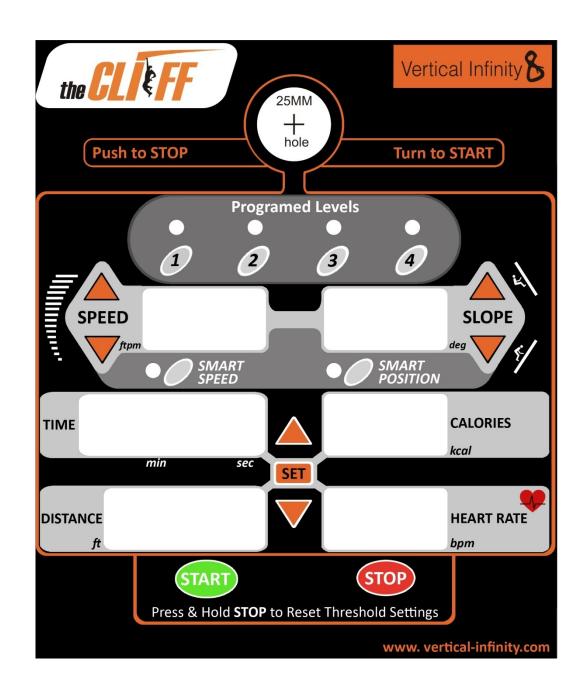
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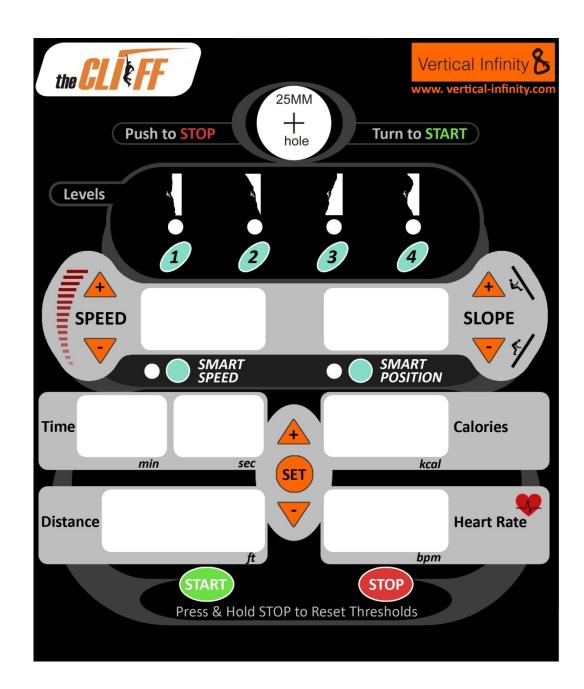
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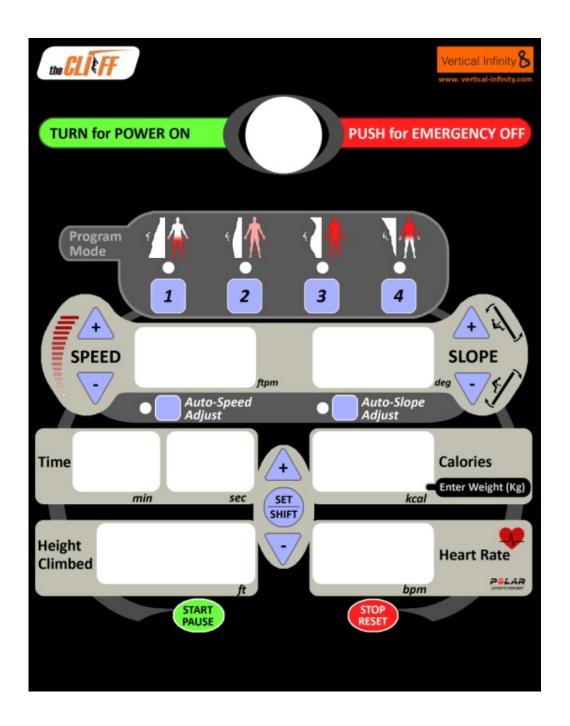
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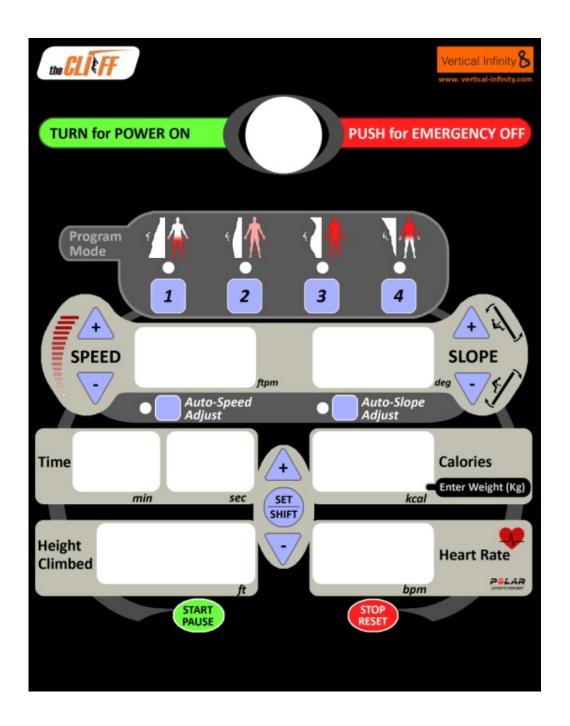
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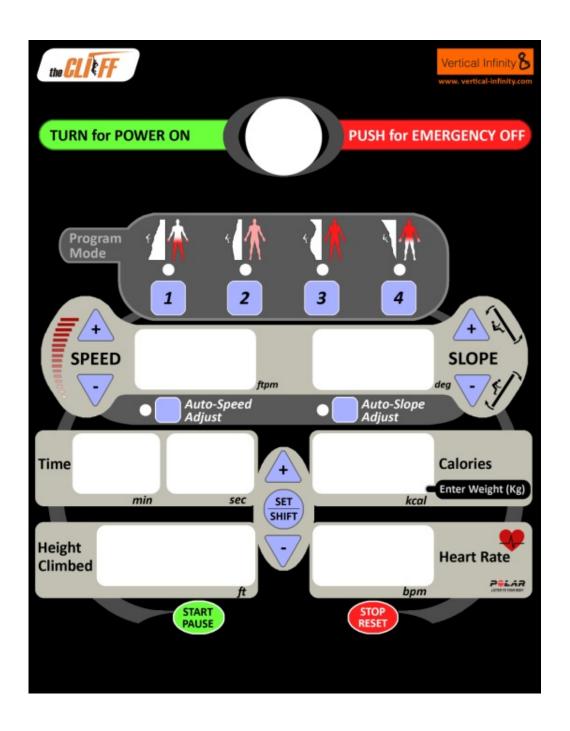
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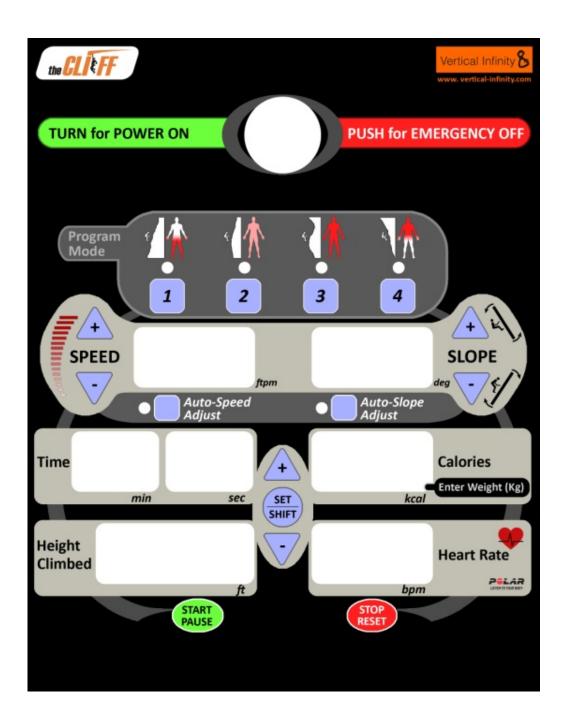
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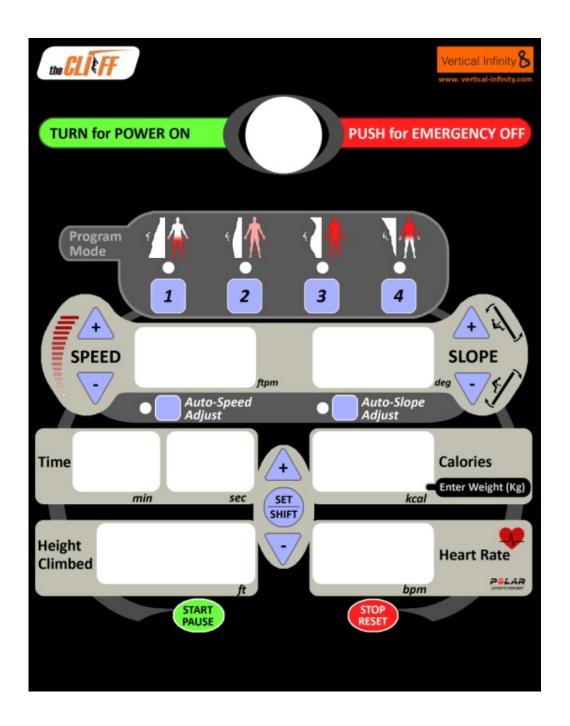
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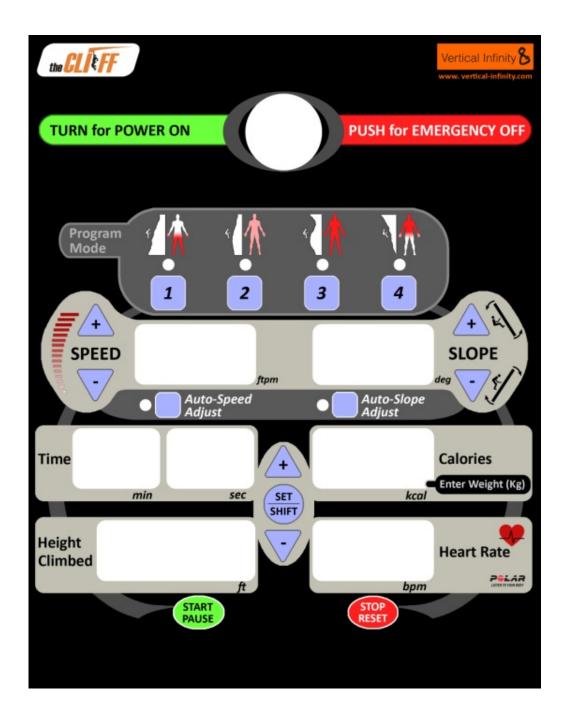
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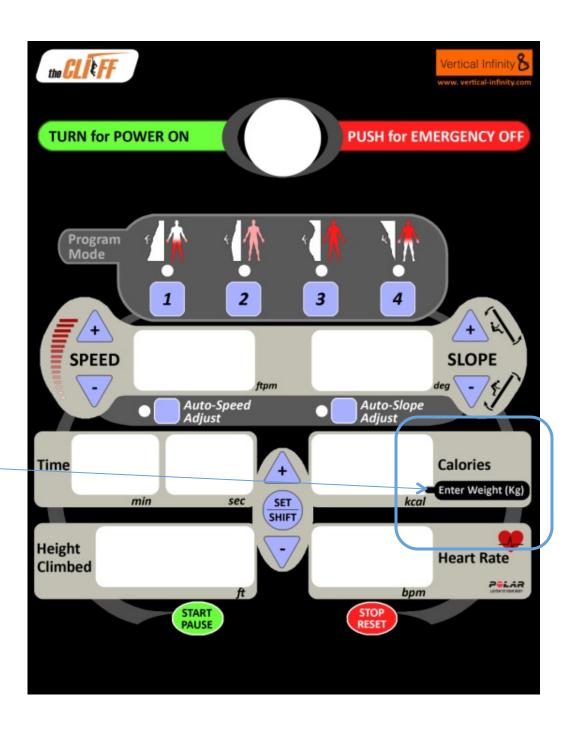
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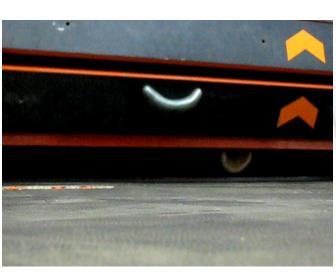
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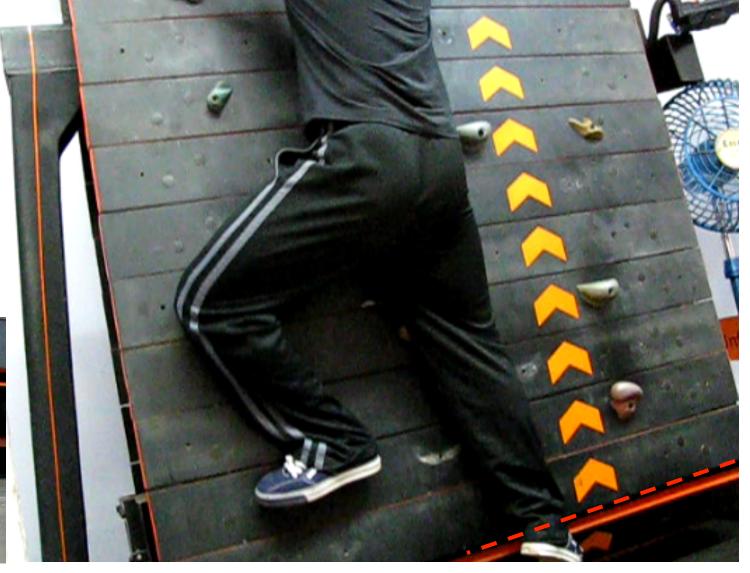
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Safety Sensor

If this sensor is cut, then the machine will go into pause mode





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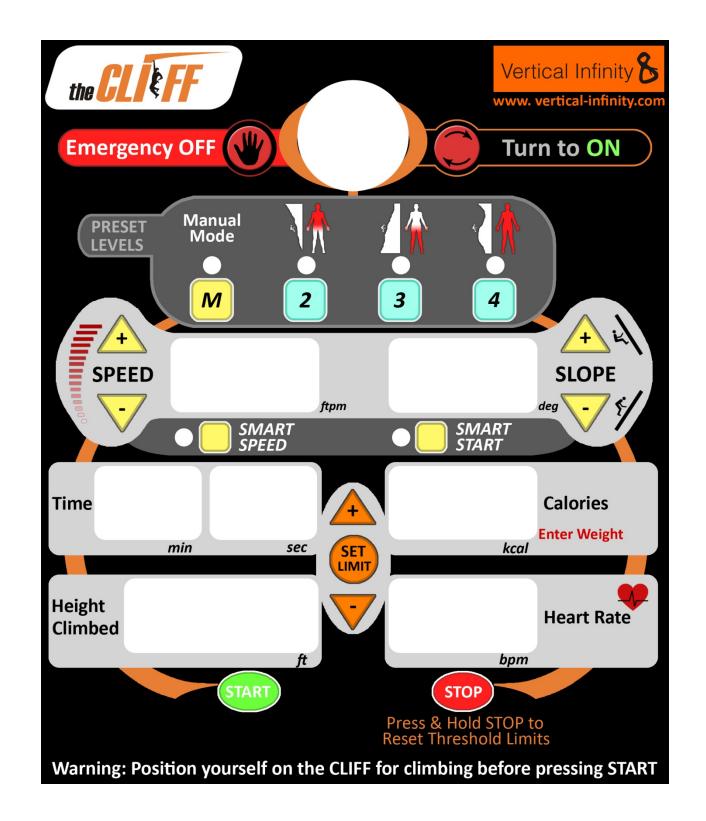
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Interface flow

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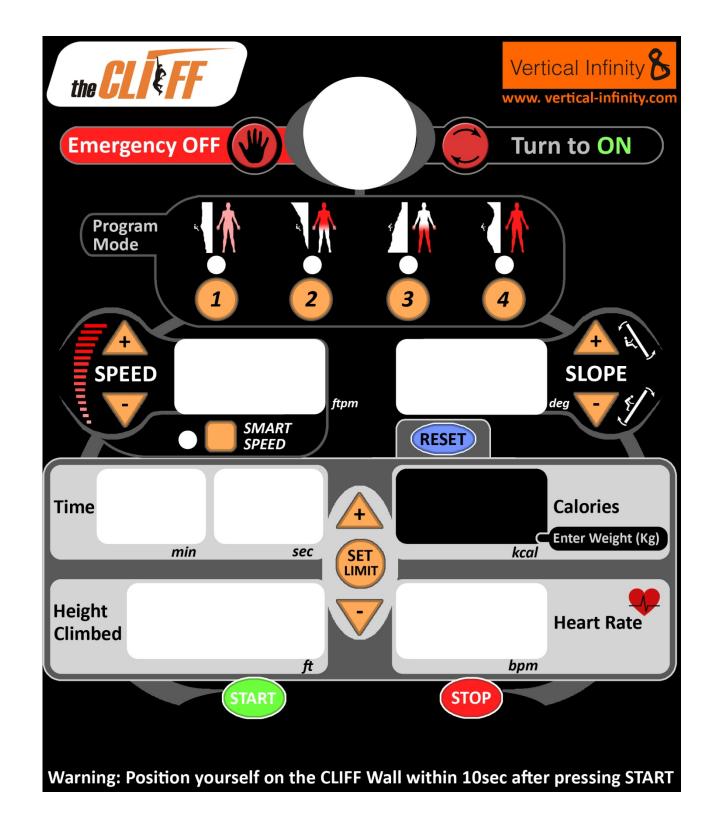
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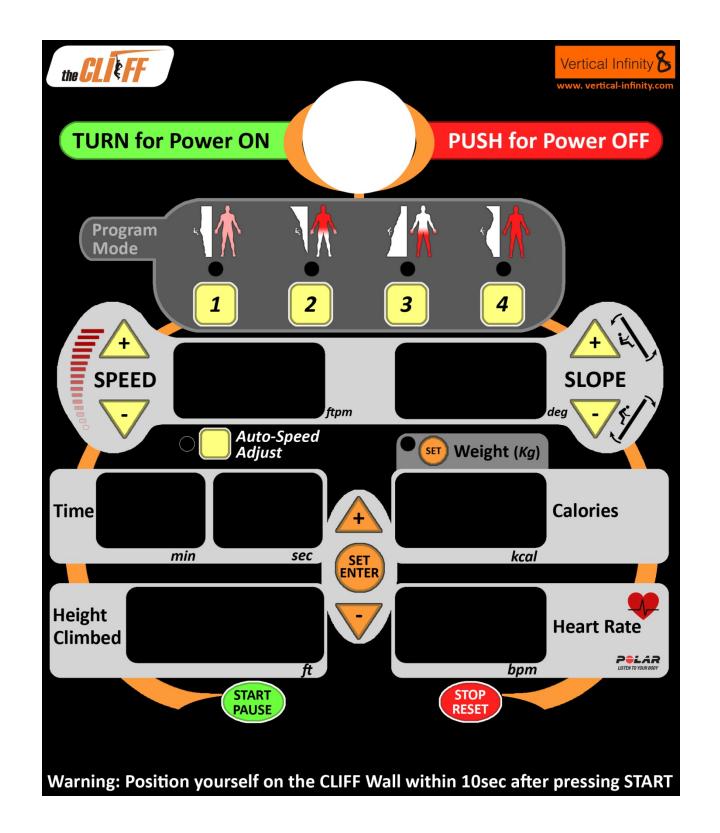
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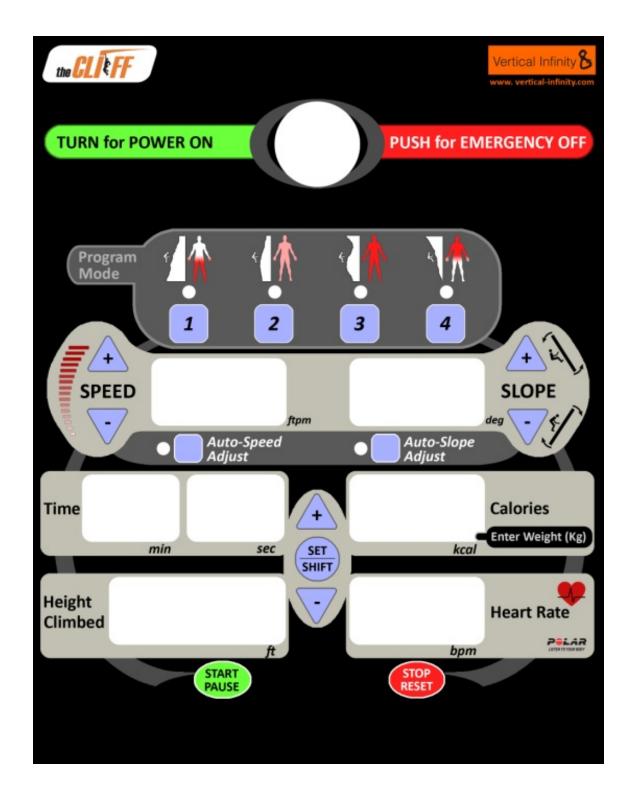
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The Interface was demonstrated to Mr. Perreira from Tristar to reprogram the current panel.

Mr. Perreira had manufactured the electronics and programmed the front panel.

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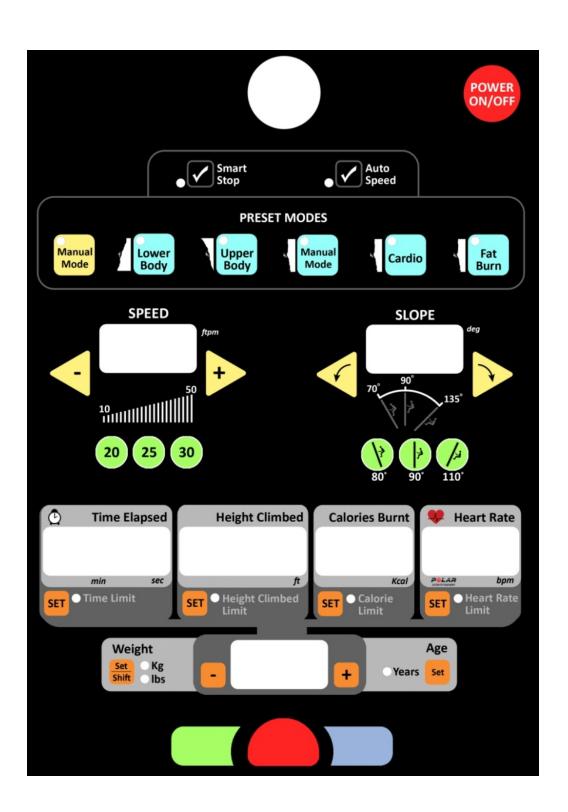
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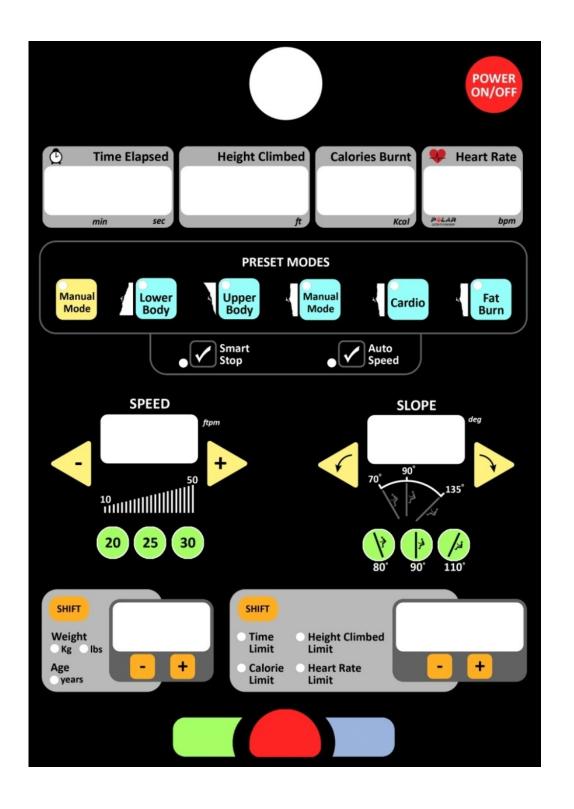
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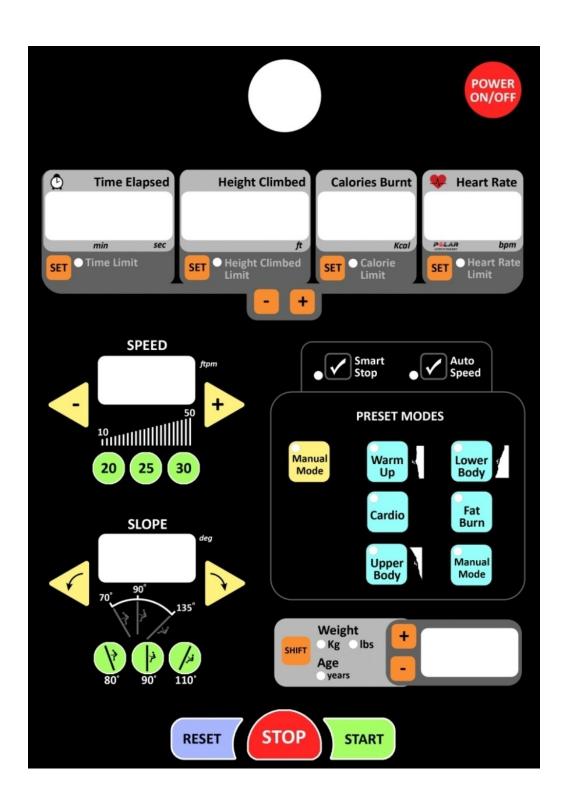
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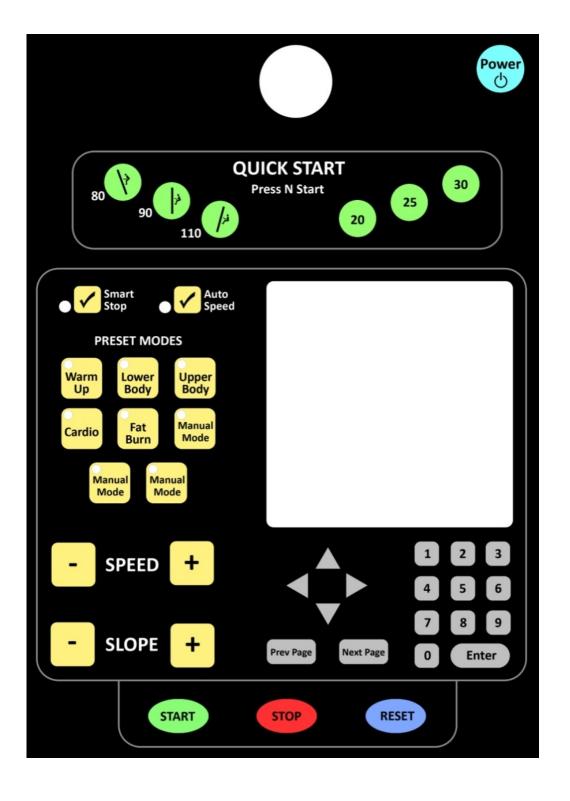
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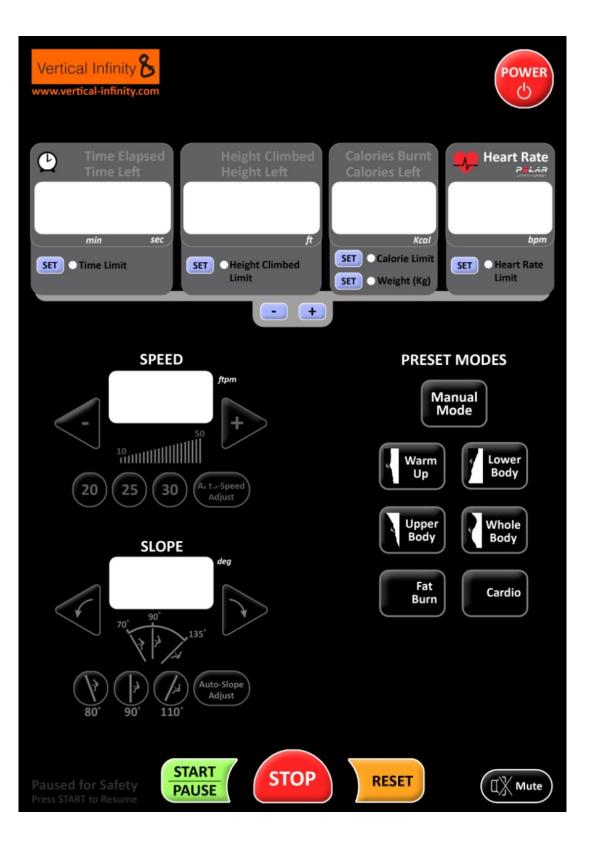
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This graphic was shown to Mr. Mayuresh, Sales Executive from Protolab, Mahape to approve the design for manufacturing of the front panel circuit board with embedded backlights and tactile switches.



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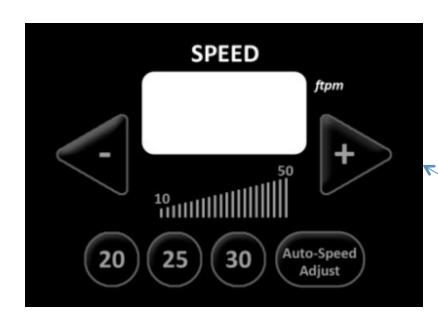
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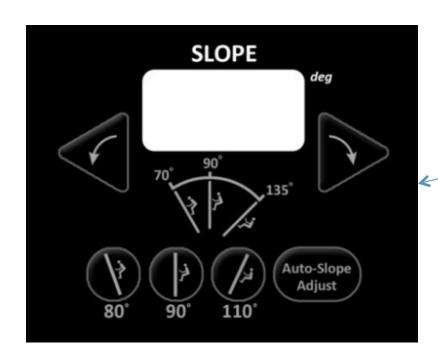
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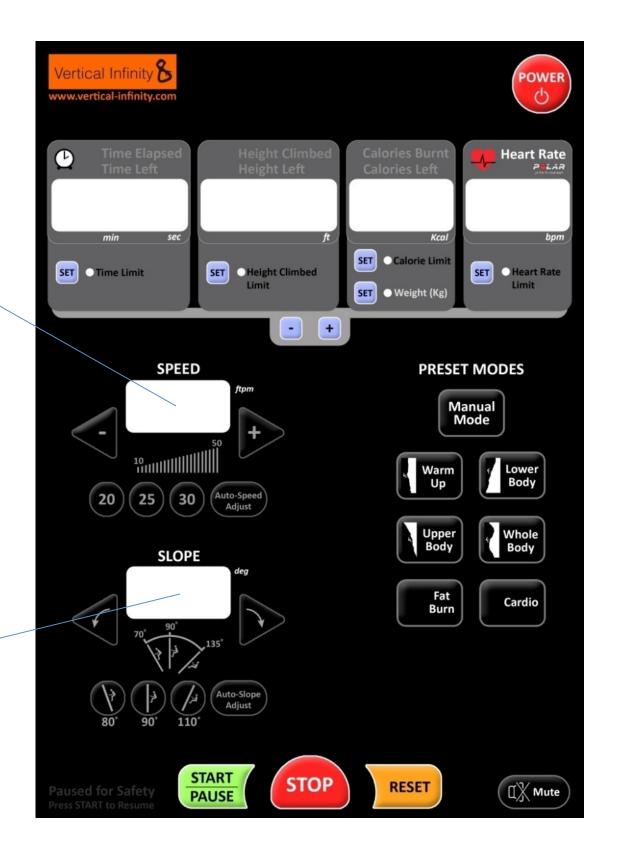
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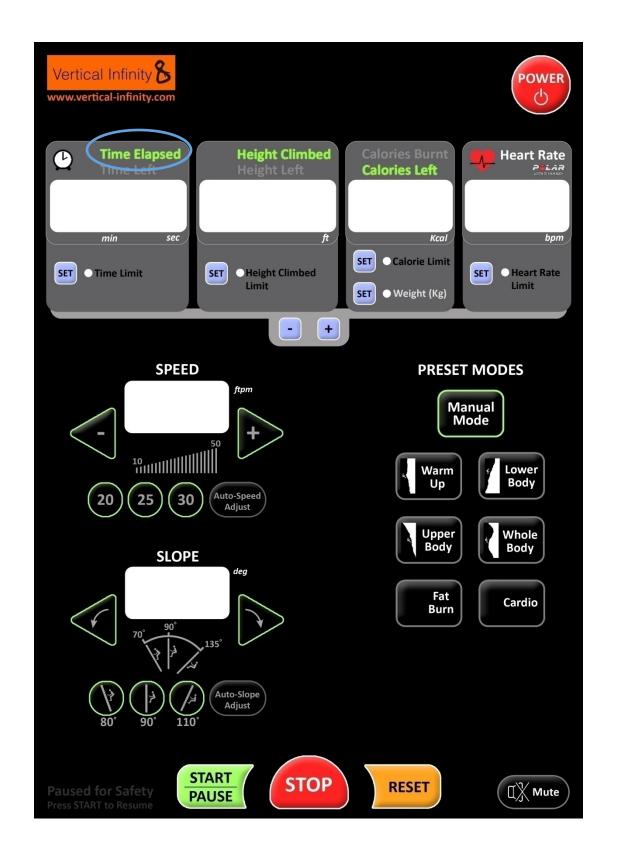
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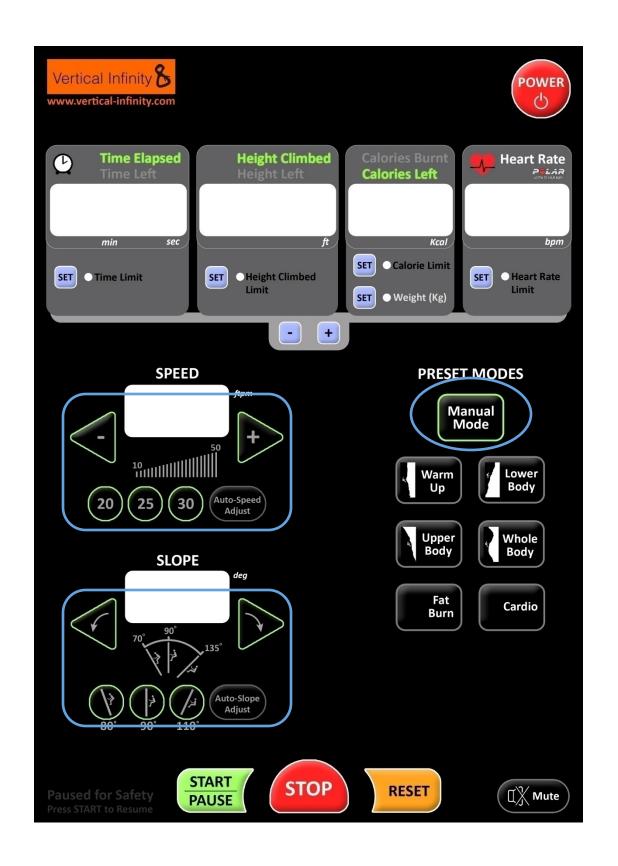
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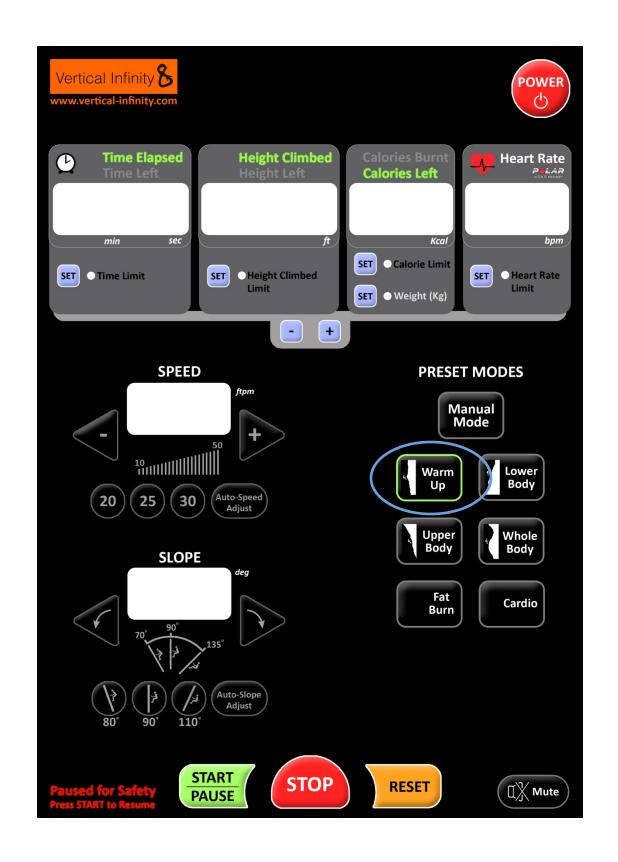
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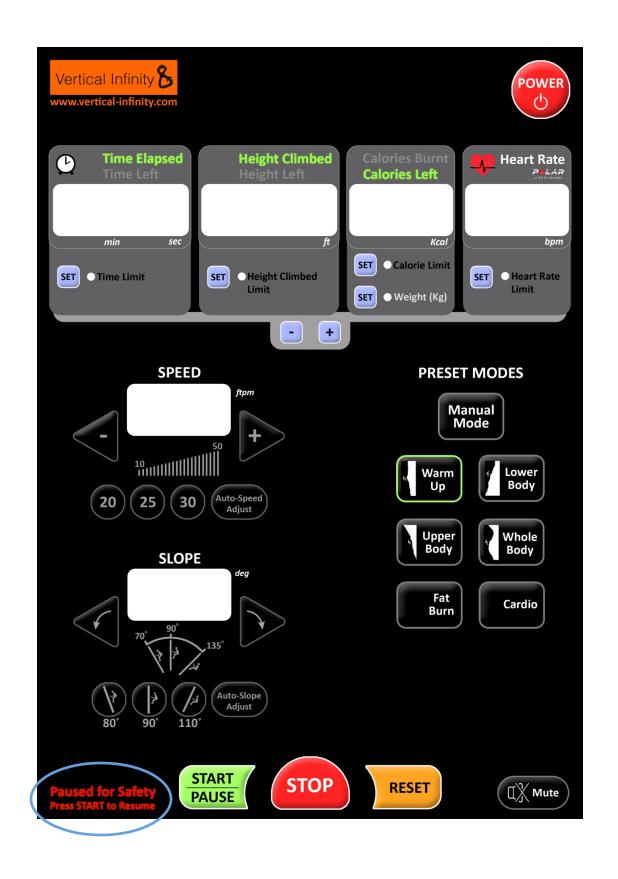
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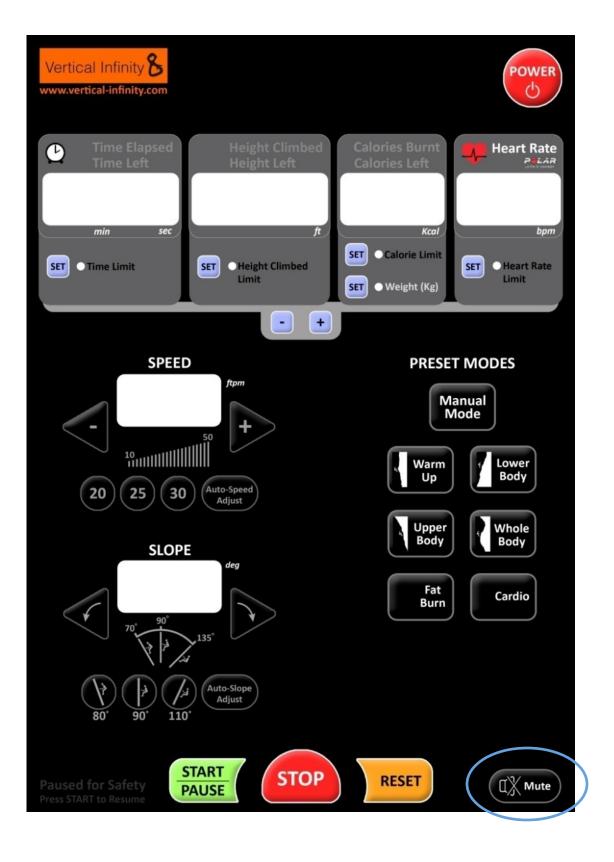
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- Audio feedback
 - Display Information
 - Motivation
 - Music for Entertainment



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Ideation

- Voice Input/output System
- Voice feedback
 - Display Information
 - Motivation
 - Music for Entertainment
- Voice recognition
 - •Stop
 - Pause
 - •Increase slope
 - Decrease slope
 - •Increase speed
 - Decrease speed







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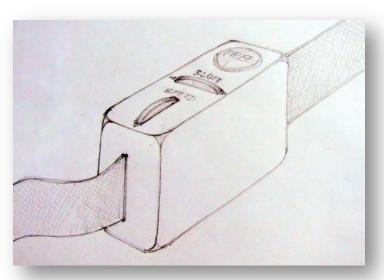
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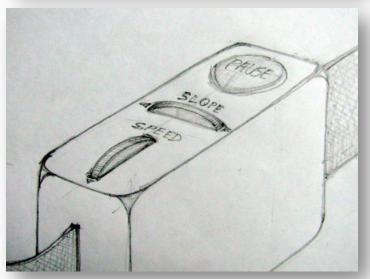
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•If Voice recognition couldn't be implemented then, a device could be belt around the waist of the climber



For Left handed as well as right handed person.



Controls for

- -Pause
- -Slope
- -Speed



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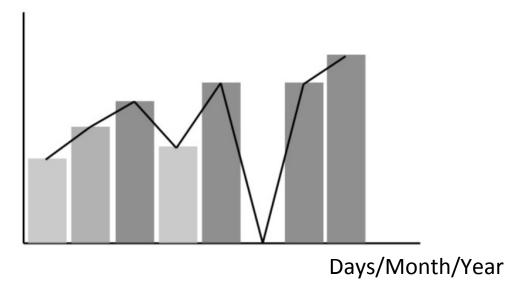
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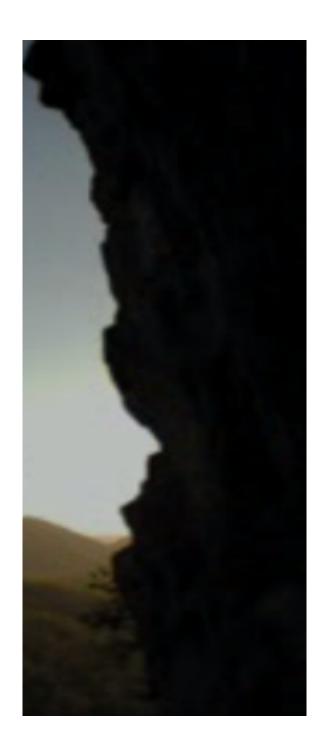
Touch Screen Based Control Panel

- User can create cliff of his/her choice
- •User can view data regarding exercise/fitness

Time/Calories Burnt/Height climbed/Heart rate



•A list of high Scorers could be displayed



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New Feature -Hold Challenge



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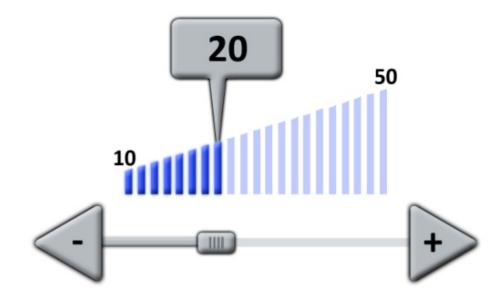
•Interactive Graphics could be used.

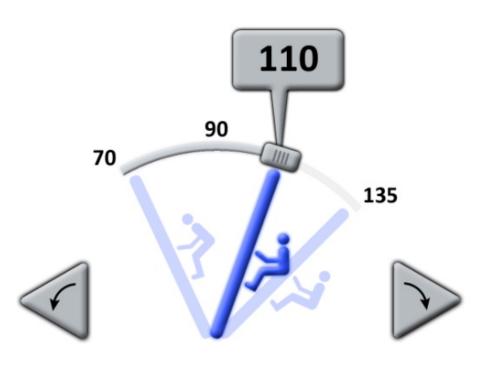
•Tour/Tutorial regarding how to operate the cliff could be provide.

•Lessons of climbing could be given. Climber could mimic the expert in video.

Instant help could be provided.

•New features/Interfaces could be downloaded from companies website.





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Phase 1:

1. Reprogramming of current front panel and user testing.

Phase 2:

- 1. Developing a prototype for the front panel for phase 2
- 2. Programming it for user testing.

Phase 3:

- 1. Conceptualizing a user Interface for touch screen panel.
- 2. Developing a prototype of the control unit which is to be belt on waist.
- 3. Finding an appropriate on shelf technology for voice recognition.

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