

Points to consider-

1. What is the objective?
 - a) i.e. What do you want to improve, solve or create?
2. What are the optimum designs?
 - a) i.e. What is the design criteria?
 - Electric conductivity
 - Ease of use
 - Corrosion resistant
 - Strength
 - Ductility
 - b) Heat conductivity
 - Spring-like
 - Malleable
 - Color
 - Ease of forming
 - Ease of machining
3. What is the "use" environment?
 - a) Corrosive
 - b) Cold
 - c) Hot
 - d) Room temperature
 - e) Wet
 - f) Dry
4. How will it be fabricated?
 - a) One piece
 - b) Many pieces put together
 - c) How will it be assembled?
 - Mechanical
 - Braze
 - Weld
5. How will it be used?
 - a) Singular- Alone
 - b) As part of something
 - c) Corrosion potential due to dissimilar materials

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6. What is its life cycle?
7. Estimate cost of raw materials.
8. Estimate cost to fabricate.
9. Analyze industrial hygiene and environmental factors
 - a) Toxicity of materials used
 - b) Toxicity of materials used in processing
 - i.e. Lubricants
 - Cleaners
 - C) In what manner will it ultimately be disposed?
10. What are the resource commitments to produce:
 - a) Water
 - b) Air
 - c) Heat
 - d) Electricity