

Technical Design Report Scoring Rubric

2026 International SeaPerch Challenge

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Scoring Guidelines:
Missing Components (0 points) Requirements missing does not meet minimum requirements.
BASIC (2 points) Meets <u>basic</u> requirements. Average. (60-75%)
SATISFACTORY (3 points) Meets all requirements with additional content. (85%) Above Average.
ROBUST (4 points) Exceeds requirements with additional content, material, formatting. Superior (95%)

TOTAL SCORE: _____

TEAM: _____

JUDGE: _____

1. Abstract	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Limited to ½ page	Exceeds page limit.		Within page limit.			
Report summarization	Does not summarize main points of the report.		Includes a basic overview of the report.		Includes a robust overview of the report.	
Unique ROV design and/or design process	No discussion of ROV design or process.		Basic overview of design and/or process with some focus on unique traits.		Robust discussion of unique design and process.	

TOTAL ABSTRACT SCORE (10 POINTS MAX (of 100)): _____

2. Task Overview	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Limited to ½ page	Exceeds page limit.		Within page limit.			
Overview of the competition tasks	No overview of competition tasks.		Basic overview of obstacle <u>or</u> mission course.		Robust discussion of all tasks for both courses.	
Design approach justification	No discussion of task influence on design.		Basic discussion of how tasks impacted design.		Robust, detailed discussion of design justification.	

TOTAL TASK OVERVIEW SCORE (10 POINTS MAX (of 100)): _____

3. Design Approach	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Limited to 2 pages	Exceeds page limit.		Within page limit.			
Team's approach to the engineering design process (EDP)	No overview of team approach to EDP.		Basic discussion of team's approach to EDP.		Robust discussion of team's strategy to EDP.	
Design iterations	No discussion of design iterations.		Basic discussion of design iterations.		Robust discussion and analysis of design iterations.	
Conceptual drawings and/or graphics	No drawings or graphics.		Includes graphic(s) with basic context within report.		Includes high-quality graphics with context and labels that enhance the report.	

Final design	No discussion of final design.		Basic discussion of final design features.		Robust discussion of final design features and decisions with supporting reasons.	
Novelty of ROV design or approach	No discussion of design or approach novelty.		Basic discussion of design or approach mentions novelty.		Robust discussion and analysis of novelty of ROV design and approach.	
Scientific and engineering terms	No engineering terms.		Includes 2-4 engineering terms.		Includes 5+ engineering terms in text that include context and enhance the section.	

TOTAL DESIGN APPROACH SCORE (26 POINTS MAX (of 100)):

4. Experimental Results	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Limited to 1 page	Exceeds page limit.		Within page limit.			
In-water and/or simulated testing overview	No discussion of testing.		Basic overview and/or discussion of testing conducted.		Robust discussion and analysis of testing models utilized.	
Impact of testing on subsequent designs	No discussion of testing impact on design.		Basic discussion of how multiple designs were impacted by testing.		Robust discussion and thorough analysis of testing impact on multiple design iterations.	
Test results	No test results included.		Basic discussion of test results.		Robust analysis of test results supported by graphs and charts.	

TOTAL EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS SCORE (14 POINTS MAX (of 100)):

5. Reflection & Next Steps	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Limited to 1 page	Exceeds page limit.		Within page limit.			
Reflection on the design process	No reflection on the design process.		Basic reflection on the design process.		Robust/thoughtful reflection & analysis of the design process.	
Next Steps	No discussion of next steps.		Basic discussion of next steps for ROV and/or team.		Robust overview of detailed future plans for ROV and team.	

TOTAL REFLECTION & NEXT STEPS SCORE (10 POINTS MAX (of 100)):

6. Acknowledgements	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Acknowledgement of support	Not included in report.				Supporters recognized in report.	

TOTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SCORE (4 POINTS MAX (of 100)):

7. References	0	1	2	3	4	Points
References follow APA format	Does not follow APA format.				Follows APA format.	
Includes references to support report	No references or citations.		2 references are cited in the report text.		At least 4 references are cited in the report text.	

TOTAL REFERENCES SCORE (8 POINTS MAX (of 100)):

8. Budget	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Includes itemized budget	Section not included in report.				Section included in report.	

TOTAL BUDGET SCORE (4 POINTS MAX (of 100)):

9. Writing Skills	0	1	2	3	4	Points
Organization and Readability	Report is inconsistent and difficult to follow. Organization severely impacts readability.		Report is easy to follow with some graphics. Each section includes organized discussion.		Report is concise, cohesive, easy to understand and supported by context and graphics.	
Spelling and Grammar	Significant spelling or grammatical errors (5+)		Several spelling or grammatical errors (2-3)		No spelling or grammatical errors.	

TOTAL WRITING SKILLS SCORE (8 POINTS MAX (of 100)):

10. Paper Format	0		3		6	Points
Follows all formatting guidelines: 5 pages max (excluding sections 6-7 and appendices) Page size: 8.5"x11" Margins ≥ 0.8 in. Times New Roman 12pt Single Spaced Header or Footer with team name and page # on all pages	Does not meet all formatting guidelines. Exceeds 5 pages.		Meets most formatting guidelines.		Meets all formatting guidelines.	

TOTAL PAPER FORMAT SCORE (6 POINTS MAX (of 100)):