

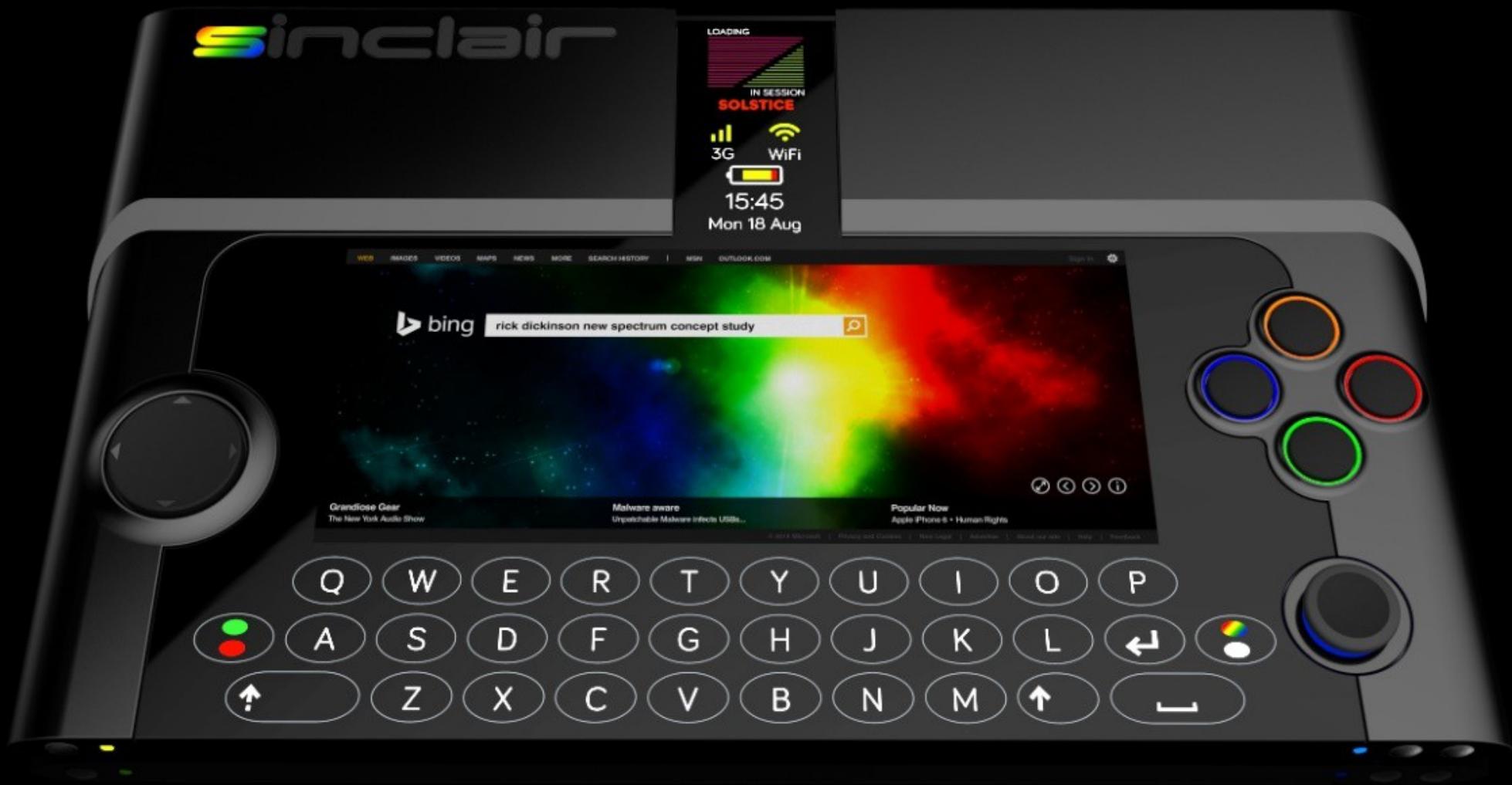
**Sinclair**  
**ZX Spectrum Next**

EDIT

PEAK

A reference point for the Spectrum next –

A study into how the Spectrum might be today, assuming uninterrupted evolution and survival of Sinclair Research











- What is RETRO –
- Why re-create a successful product from the past?
- The specification - what to change and what to keep, and why?
- What are the driving forces – technology, logic, emotion?
- A solution from the period?
- A solution of today?
- Which spectrum version?







.....and the industrial design 'roots' of the Spectrum plus & 128k?



.....a true industrial design evolution of the original Spectrum did not occur!

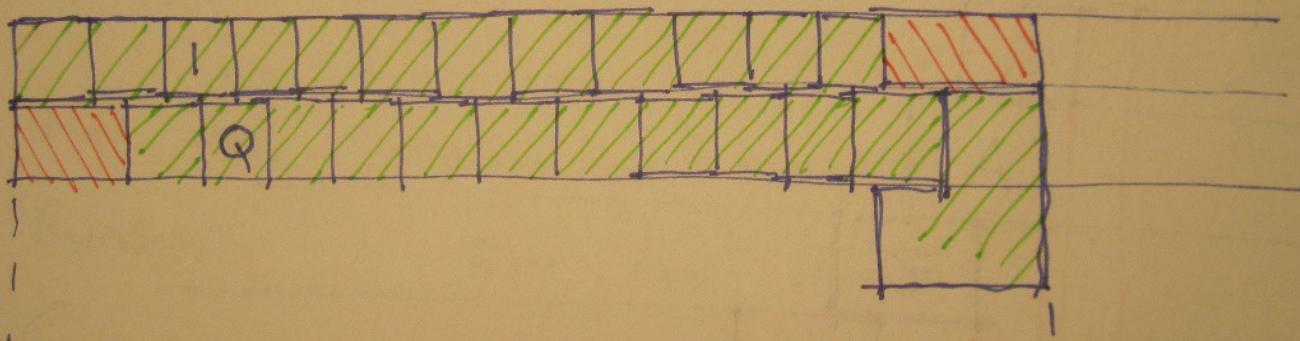
- Corporate convenience
- Lack of development time to market
- Existing massive tooling investment

.....Spectrum next.....?

The first item to design, as always:

- The keyboard.
- technology, layout, size shape and thickness, aesthetics.

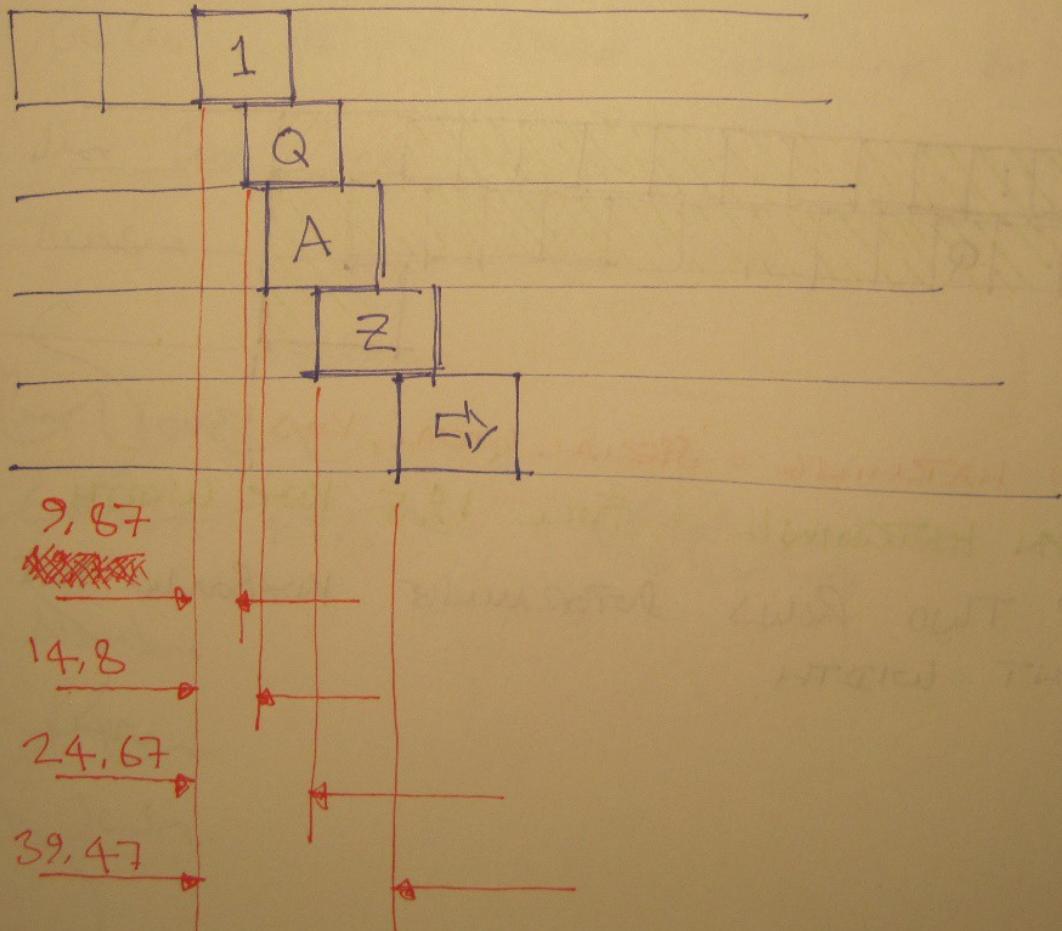
## ZX + Keyboard Foot print / PROFILE

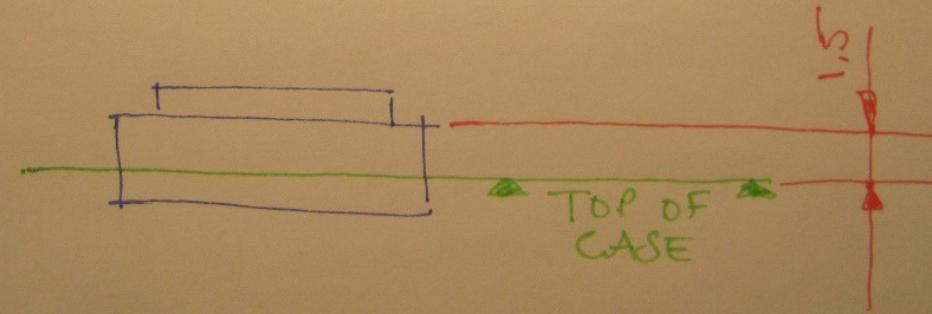
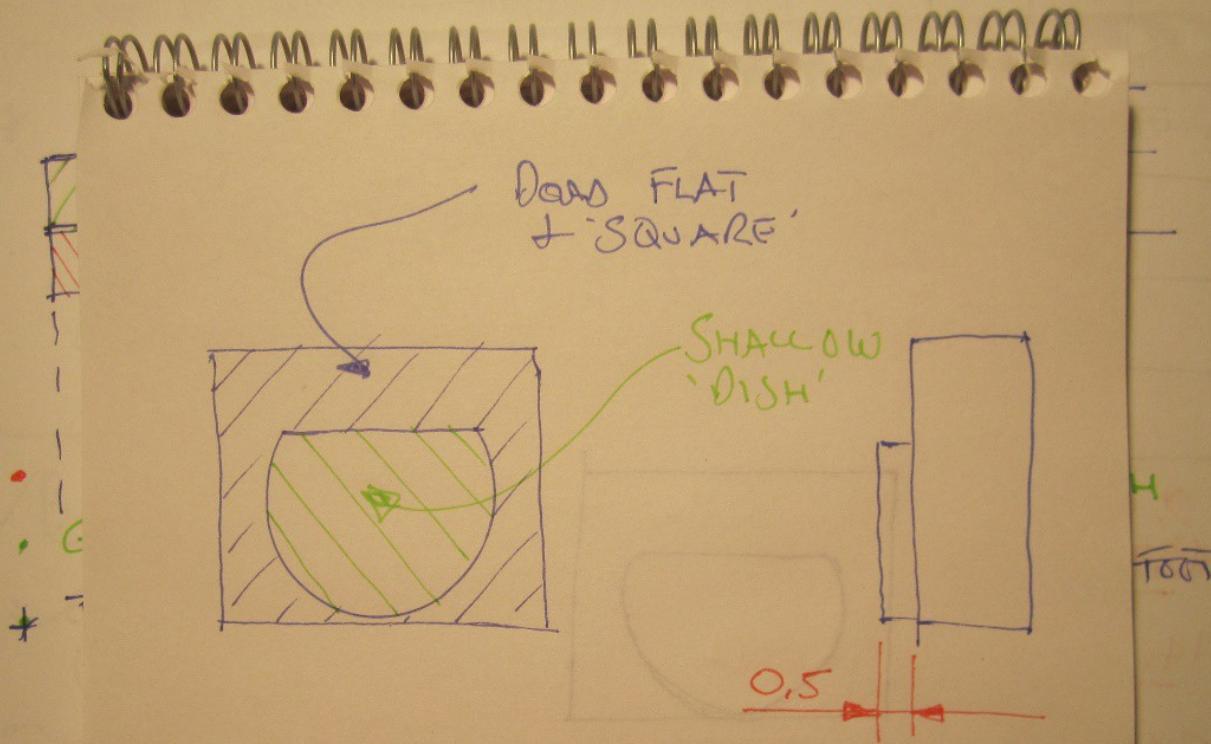


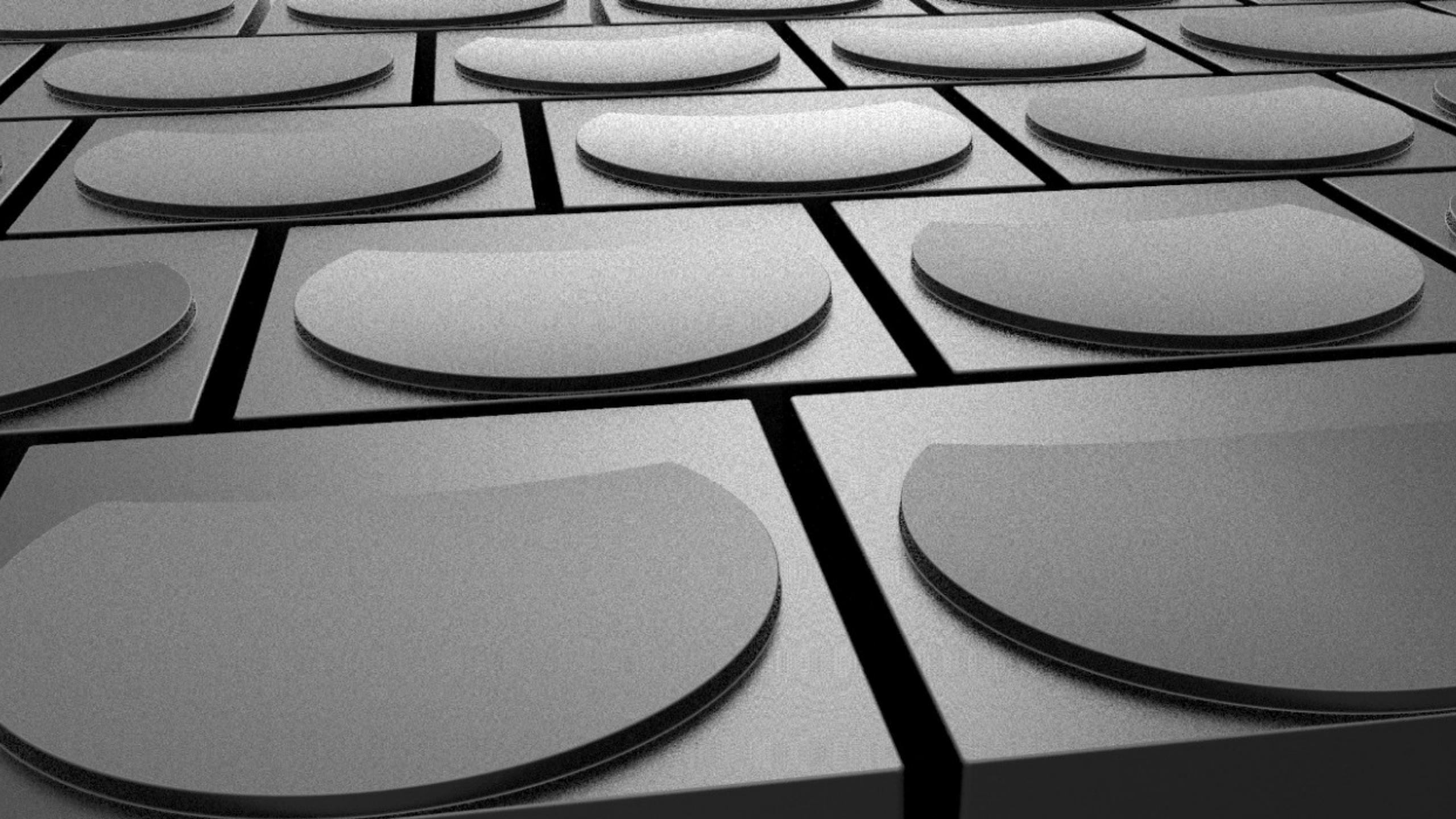
- Red Hatching = SPECIAL WIDTH, KUS!
- Green Hatching = FULL 19.5 KEY WIDTH
- \* TOP TWO ROWS DETERMINING Keyboard FOOT WIDTH.

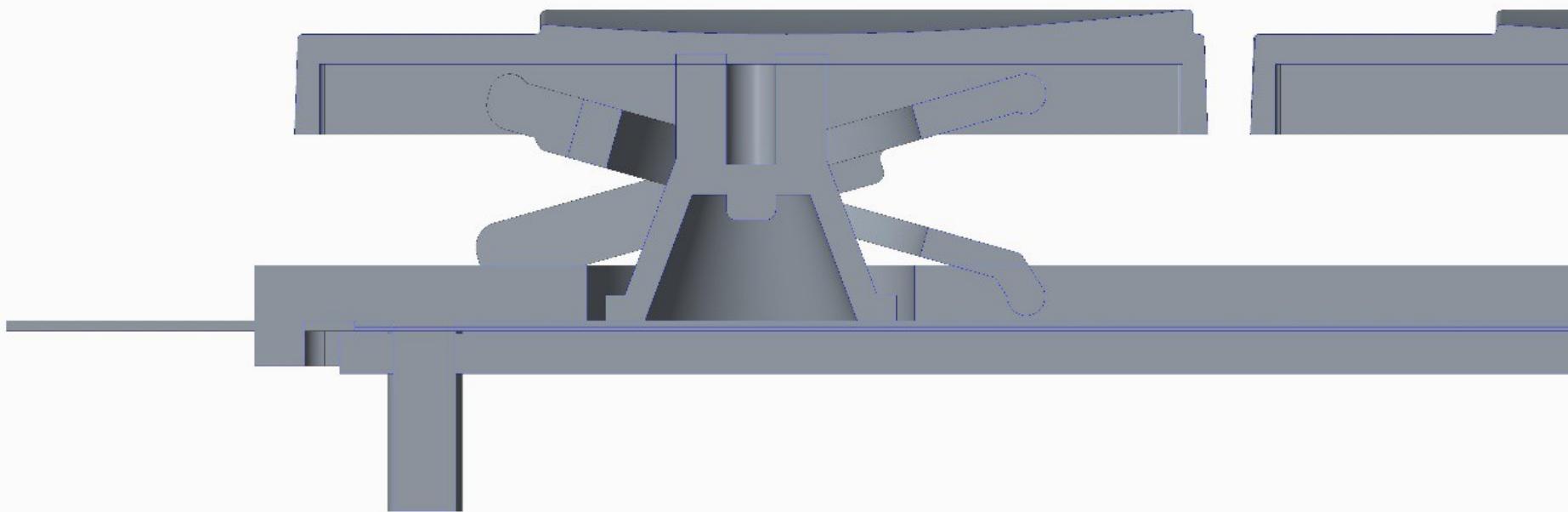
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## Z+ QWERTY PITCH DATUM.

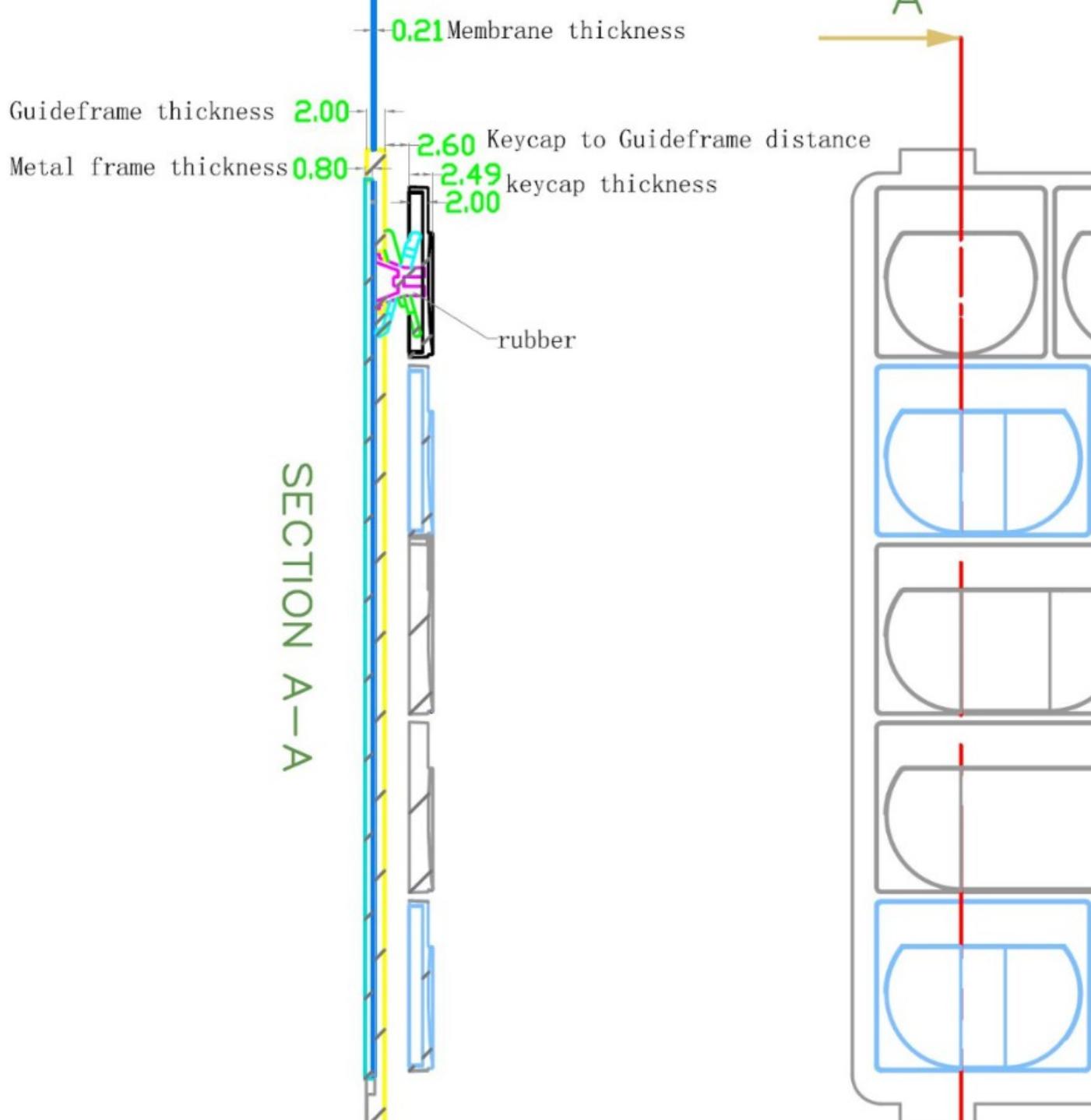


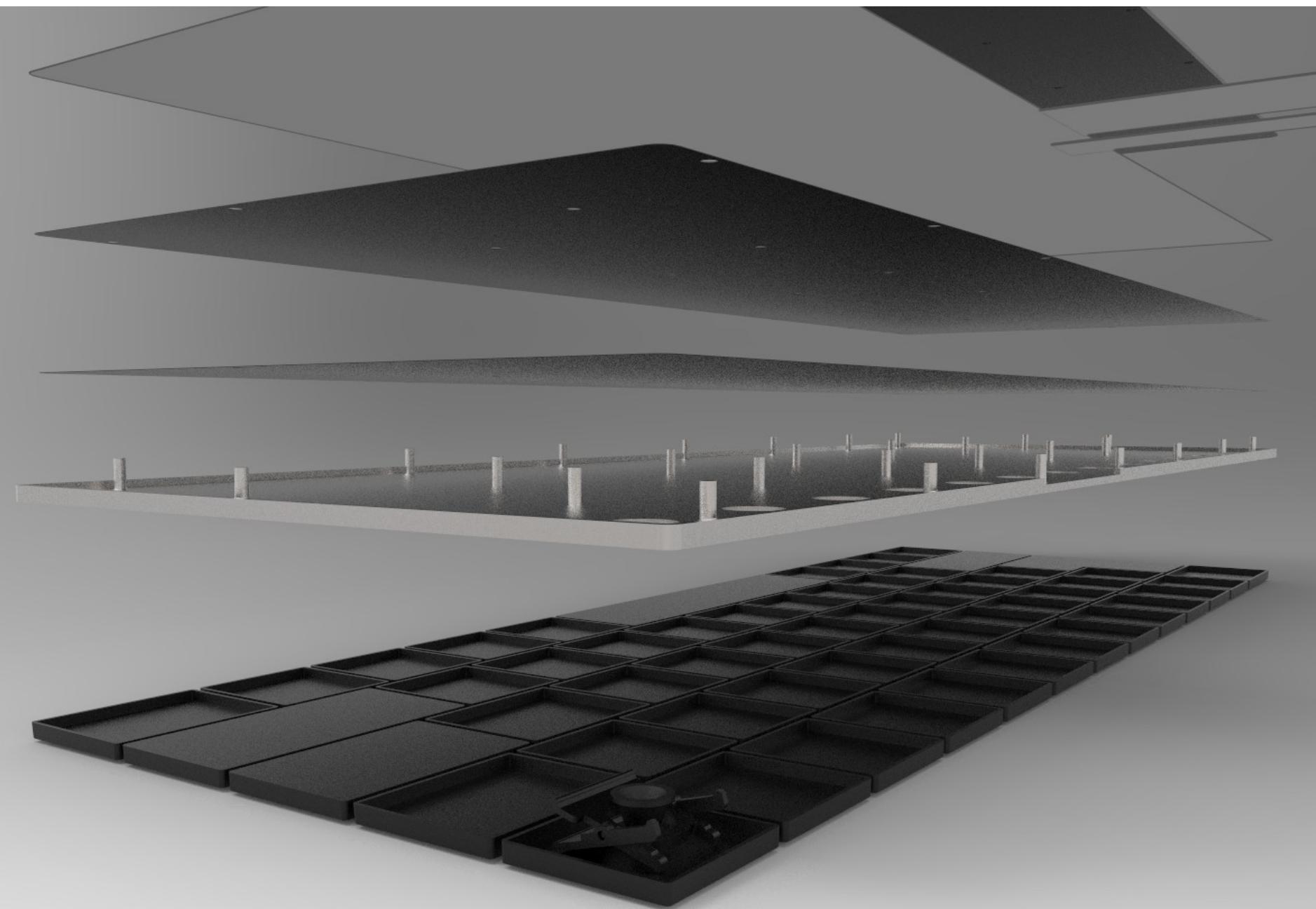






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TRUE VIDEO	INV VIDEO	BLUE DEF FN	RED FN	MAGENTA LINE	GREEN OPEN #	CYAN CLOSE #	YELLOW MOVE	WHITE ERASE	POINT	CAT	BLACK FORMAT	
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		Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	
EXTEND MODE	EDIT	READ ~	RESTR	DATA \	{ SGN FOR TO	} ABS GOTO THEN	SQR CIRCLE GOSUB ↑	VAL VAL\$ LOAD	LEN SCRNS LIST -	USR ATTR LET =		ENTER
		A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	K		
CAPS SHIFT	CAPS LOCK	LN BEEP COPY :	EXP INK CLEAR £	LPRINT PAPER CONT ?	LLIST FLASH CLS /	BIN BRIGHT BORDER *	INKEY\$ OVER BORDER	PI INVERS PAUSE	.		CAPS SHIFT	
		Z	X	C	V	B	N	M				
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- New bespoke PCB design?
- Use 'old' spectrum PCB?
- Connector technology evolution conundrum old and new

.....The fundamental form of the product is driven by these choices

- The thinnest possible solution – a primary Sinclair design objective



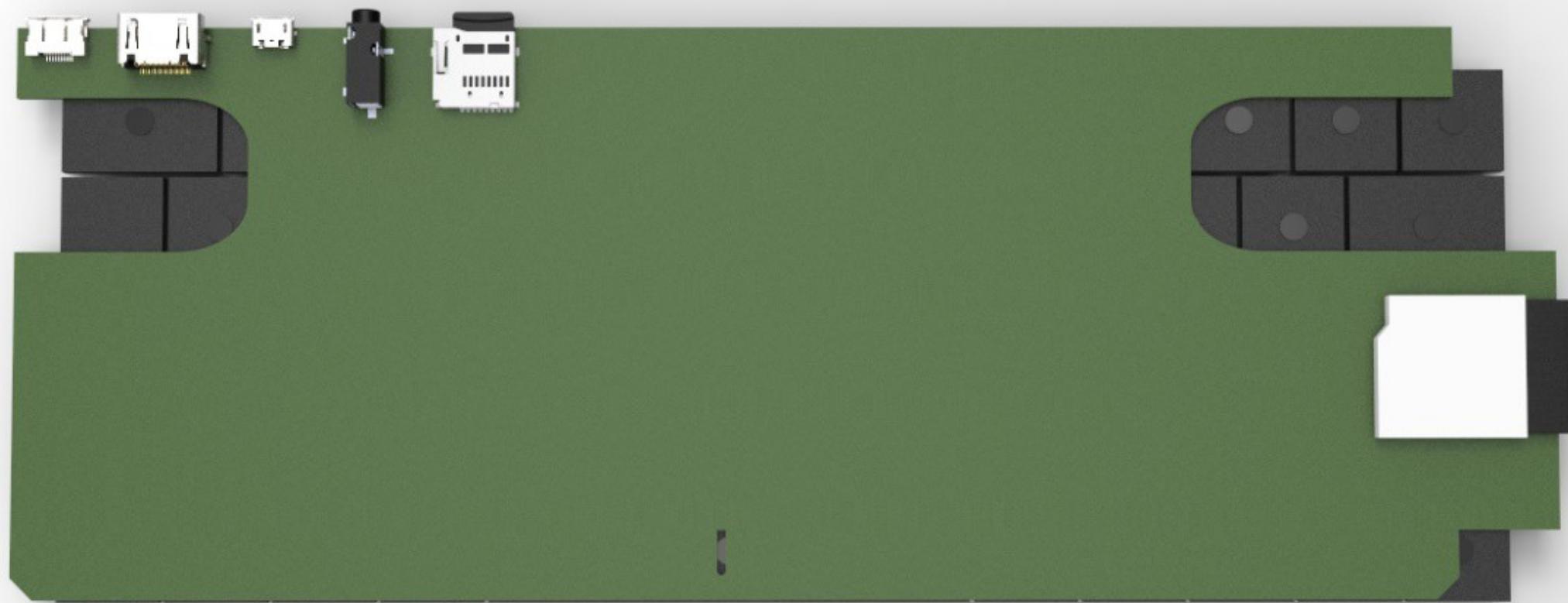




- Minimum foot print – another Sinclair design ingredient





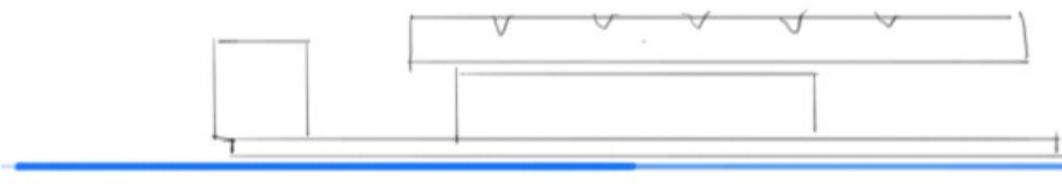




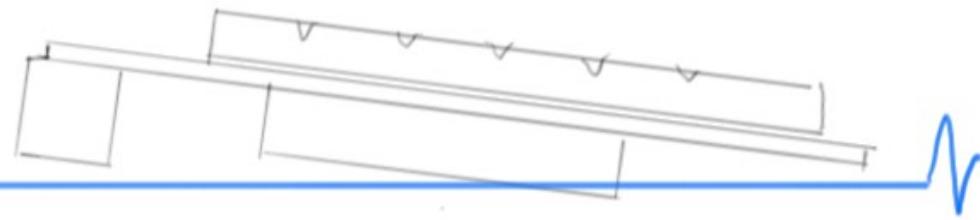


- Disguising thickness - the wedge and PCB inversion

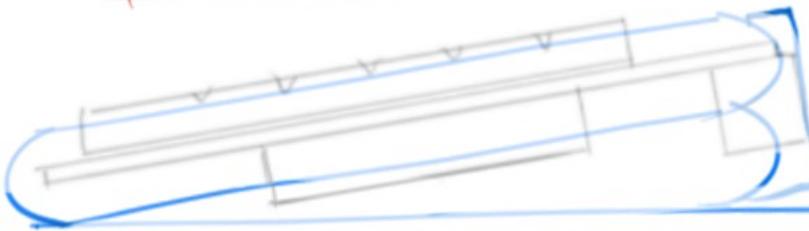
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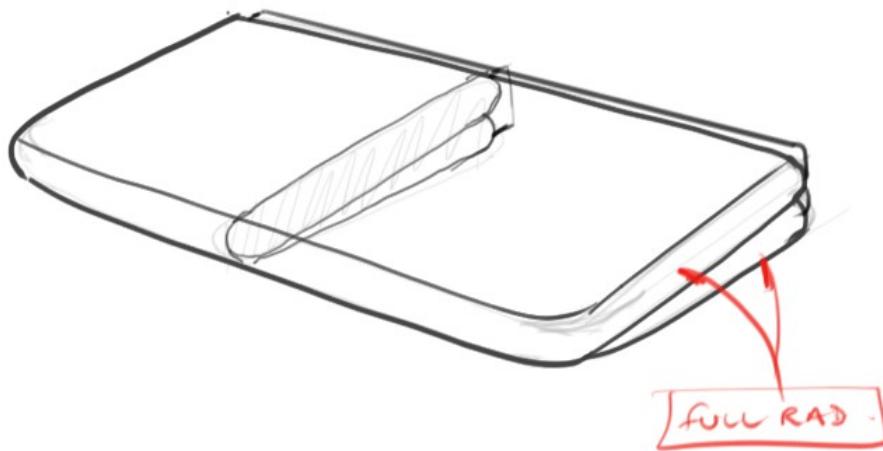
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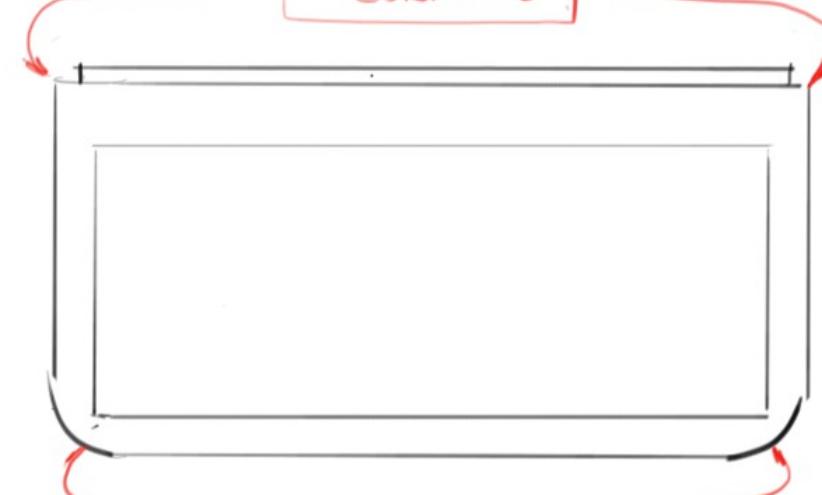
SHARP CORNERS



RADS  
OR  
SHARP  
CORNERS



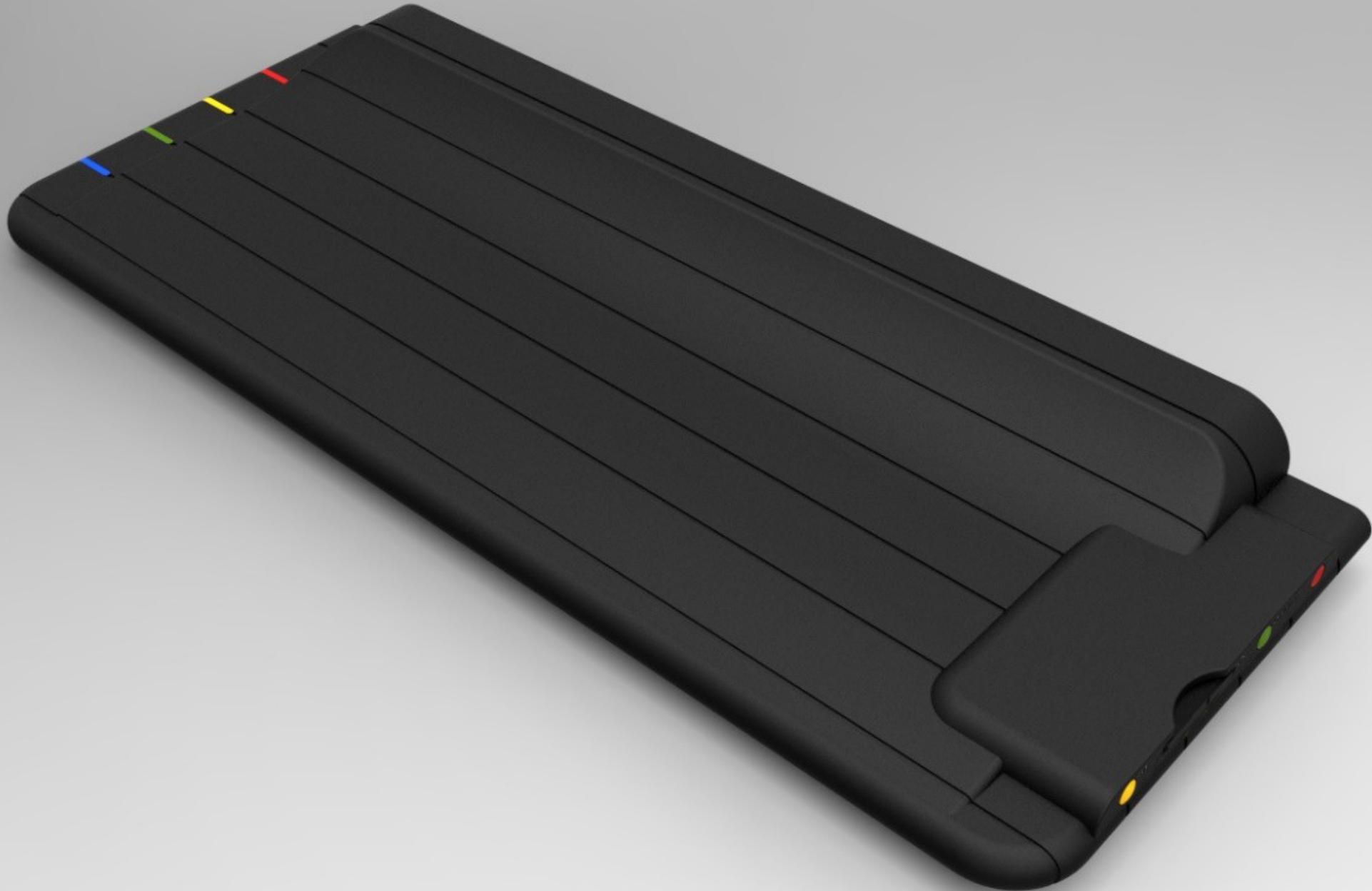
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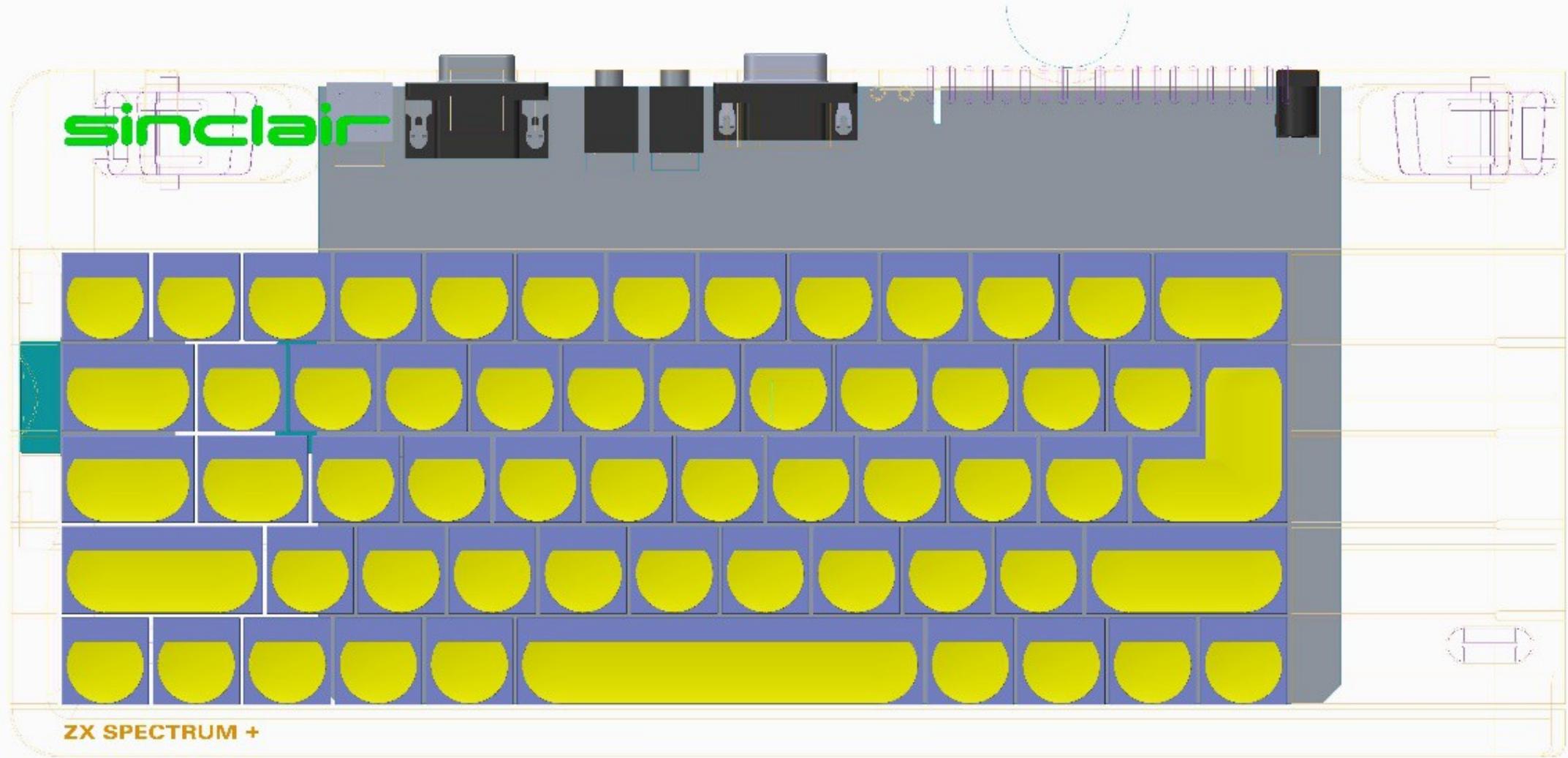
- Wedge variant





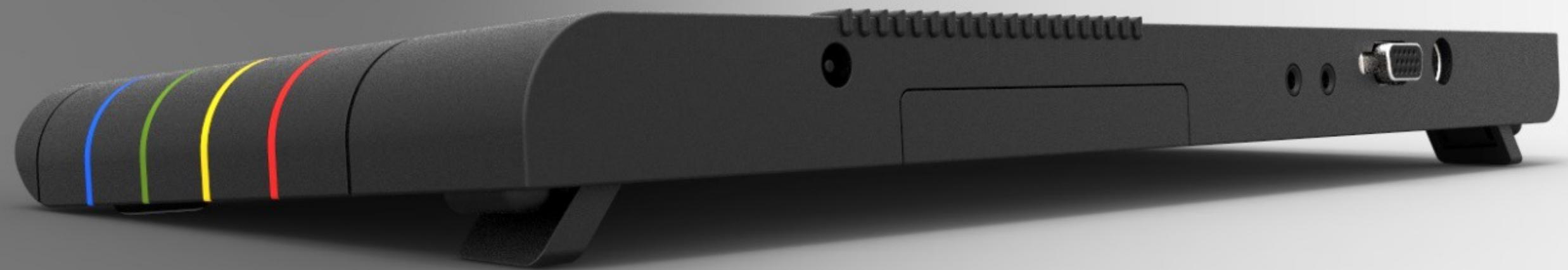


- Using the original Spectrum PCB











- Down selection



















**ZX SPECTRUM +**

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INV  
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BLUE  
DEF FN



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RED  
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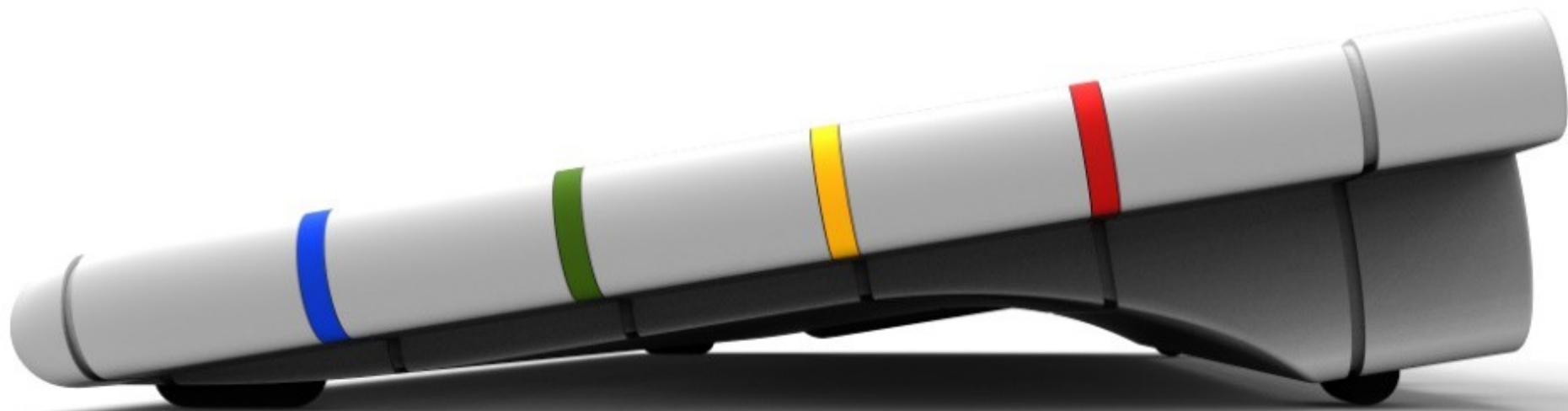


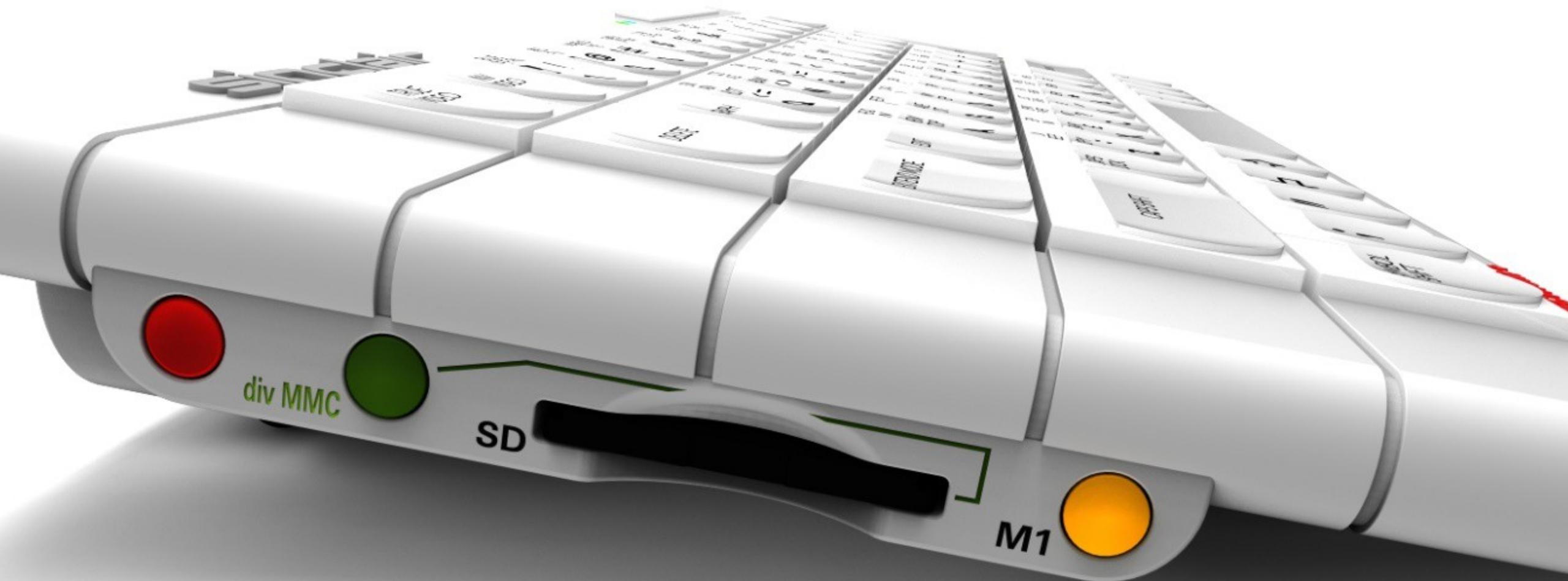
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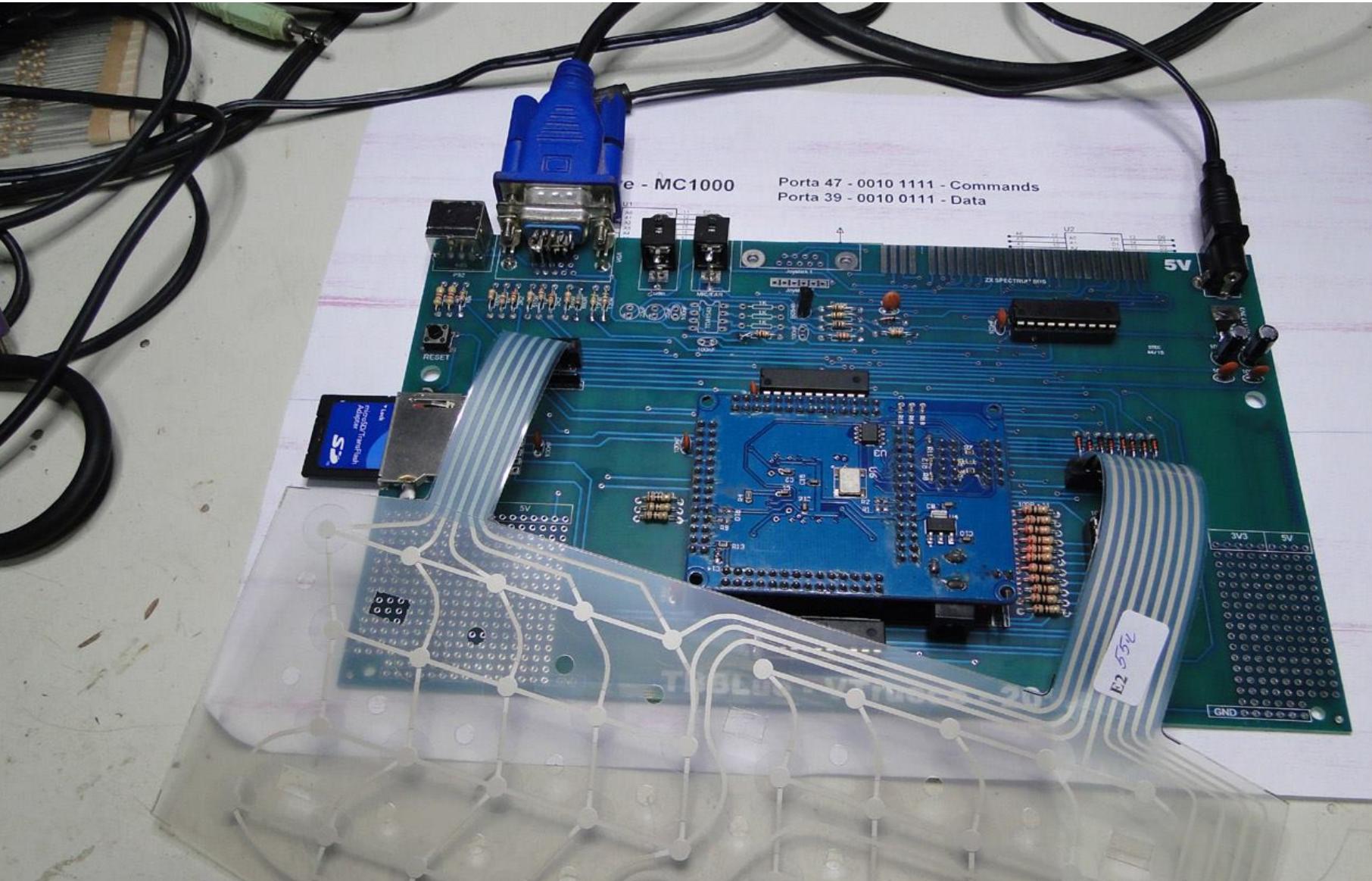


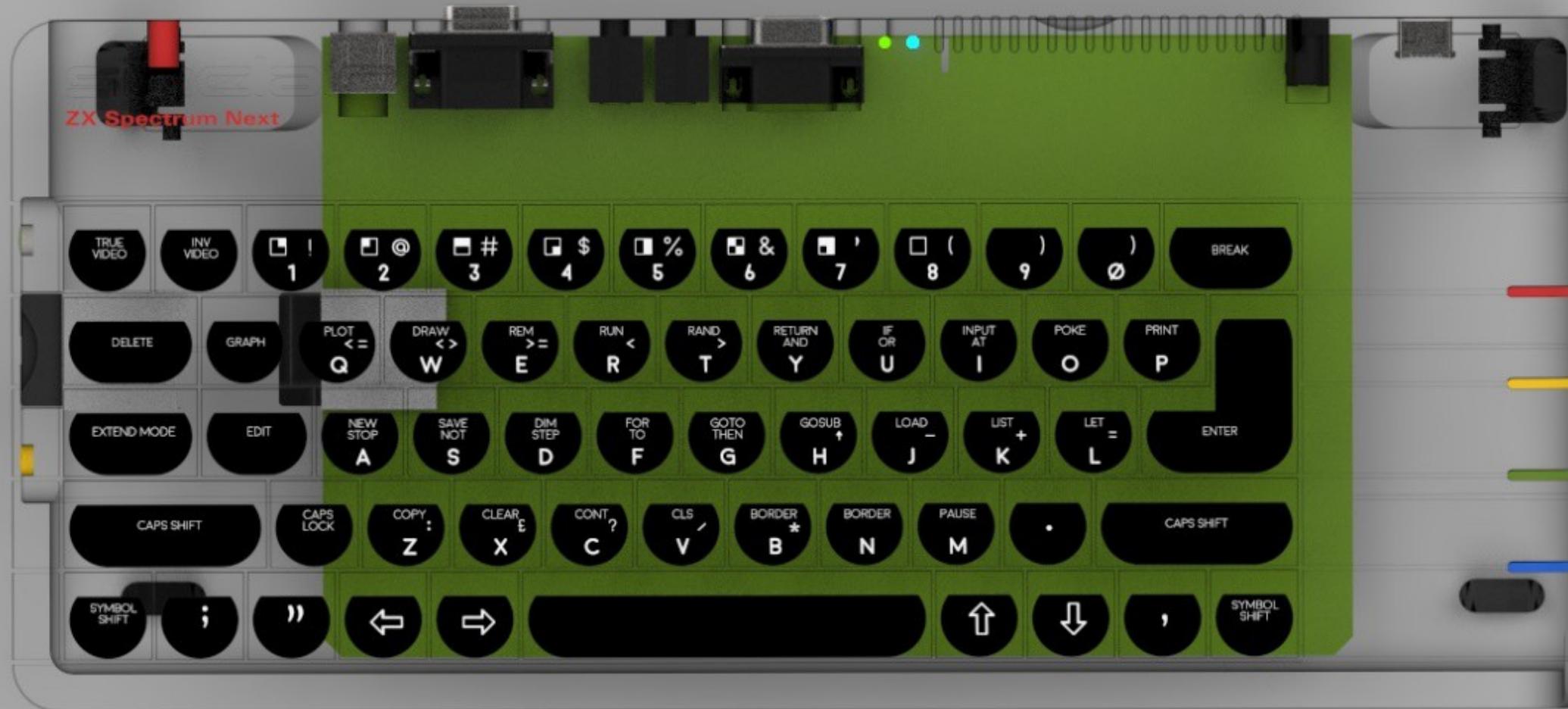


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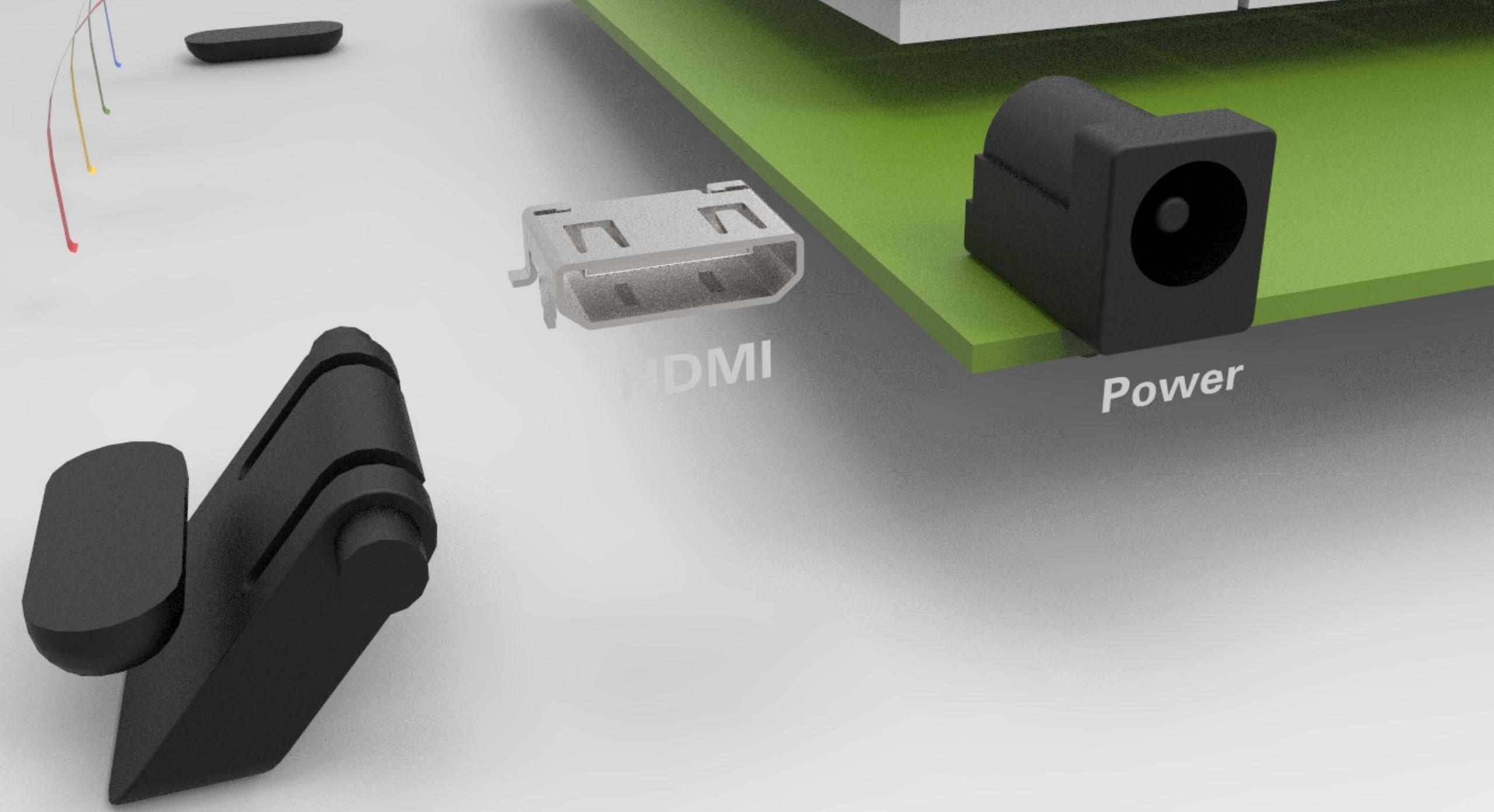


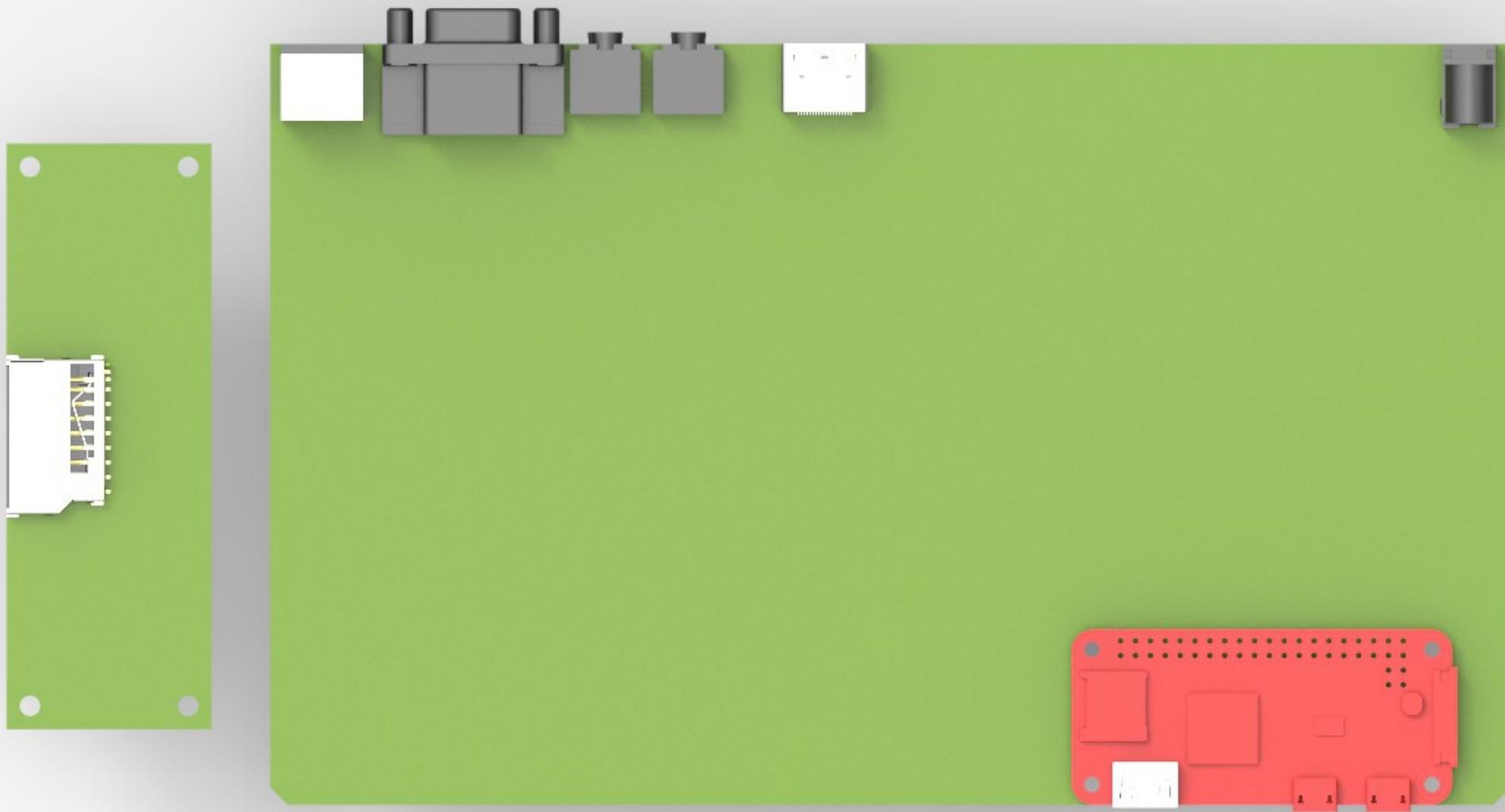
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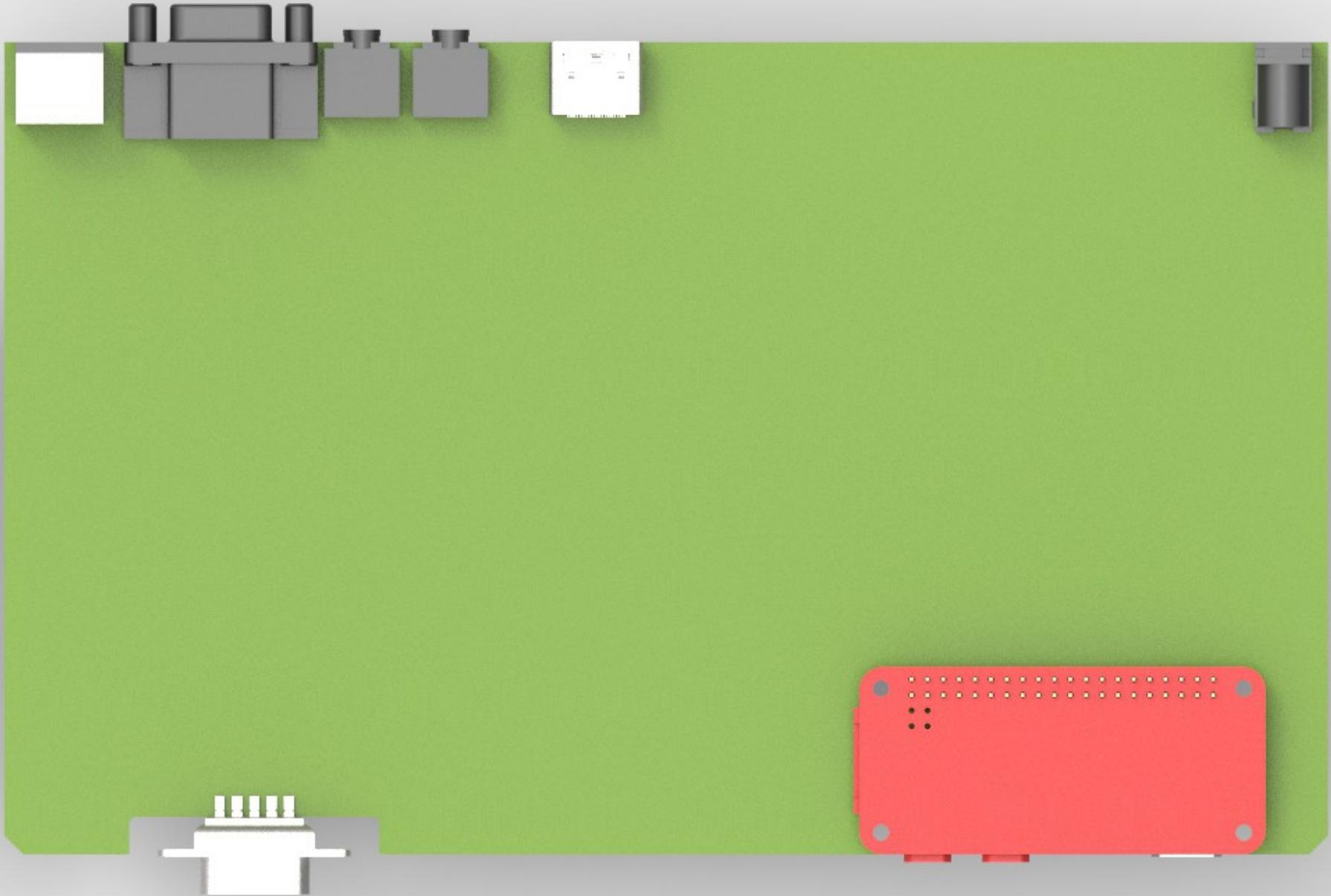
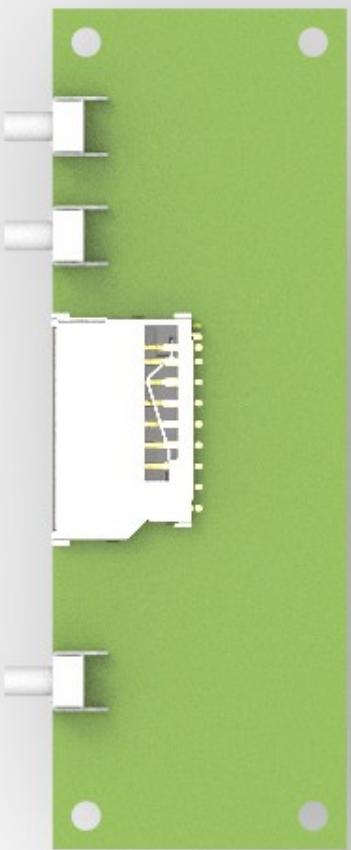


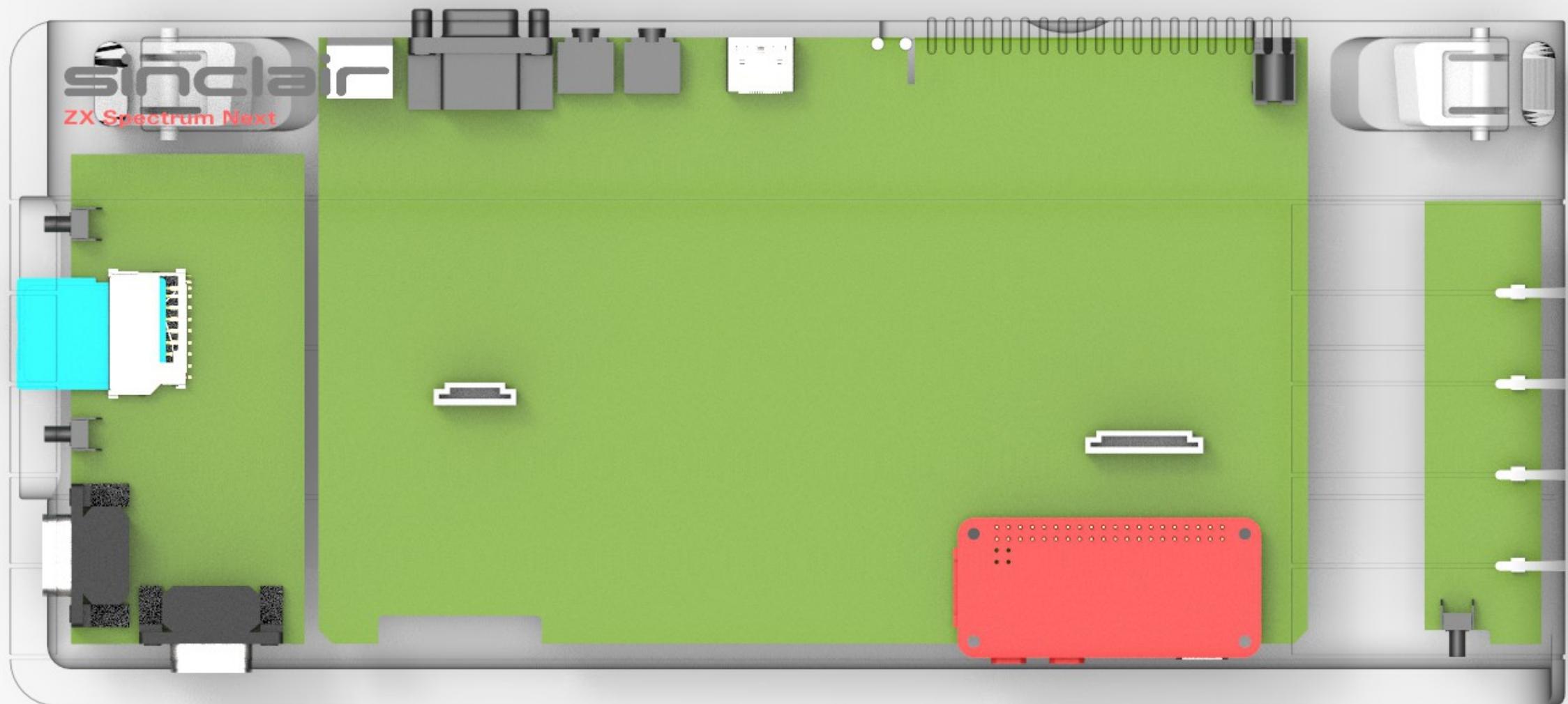


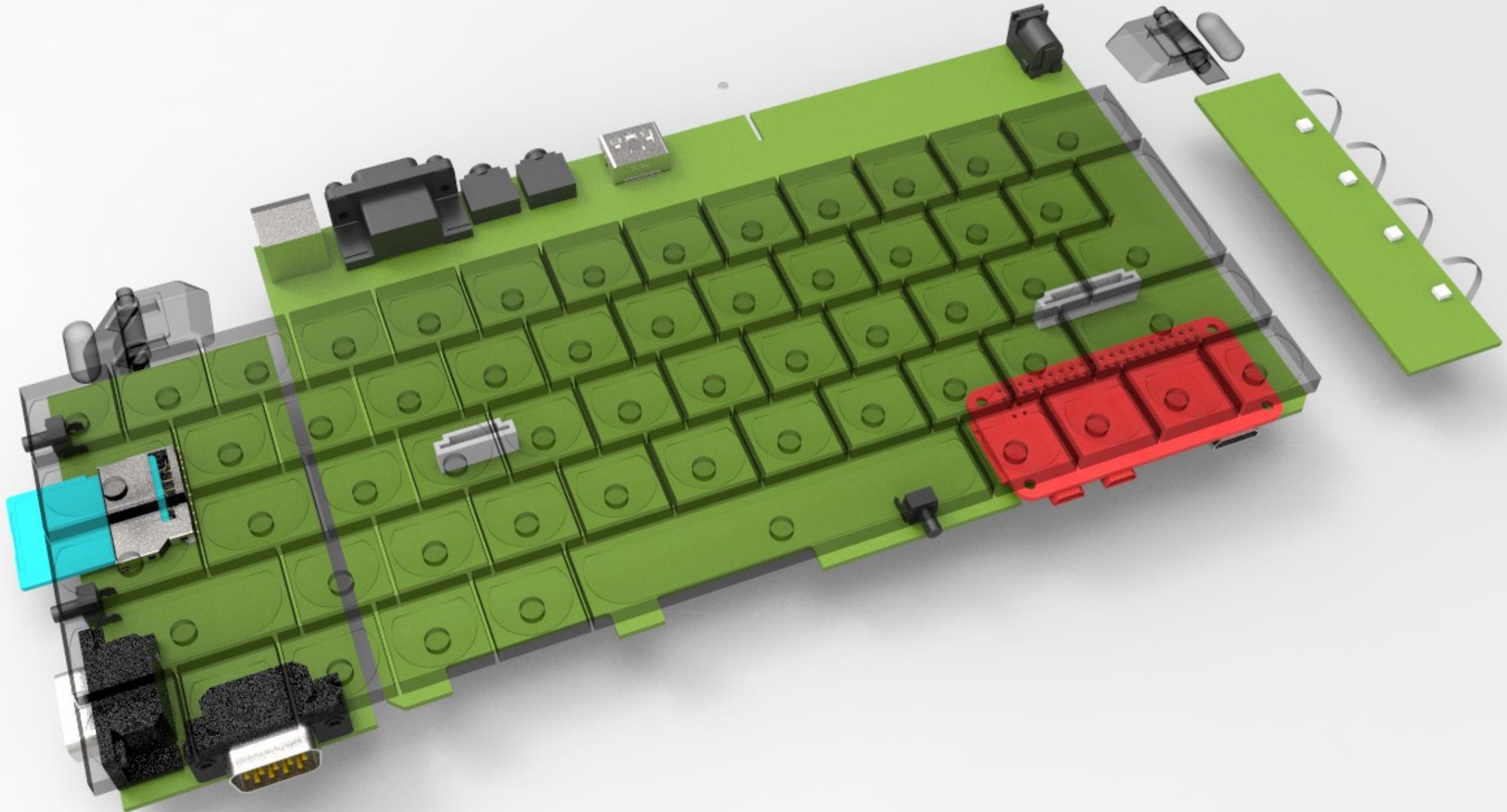


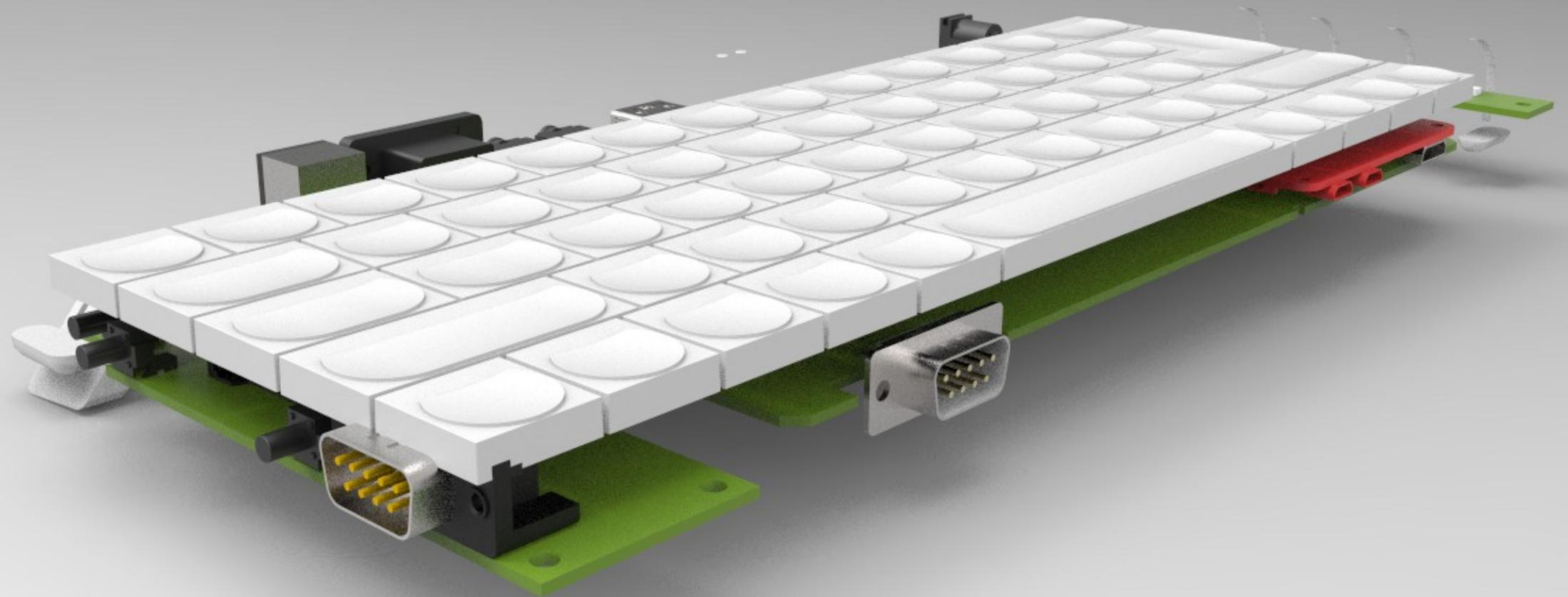


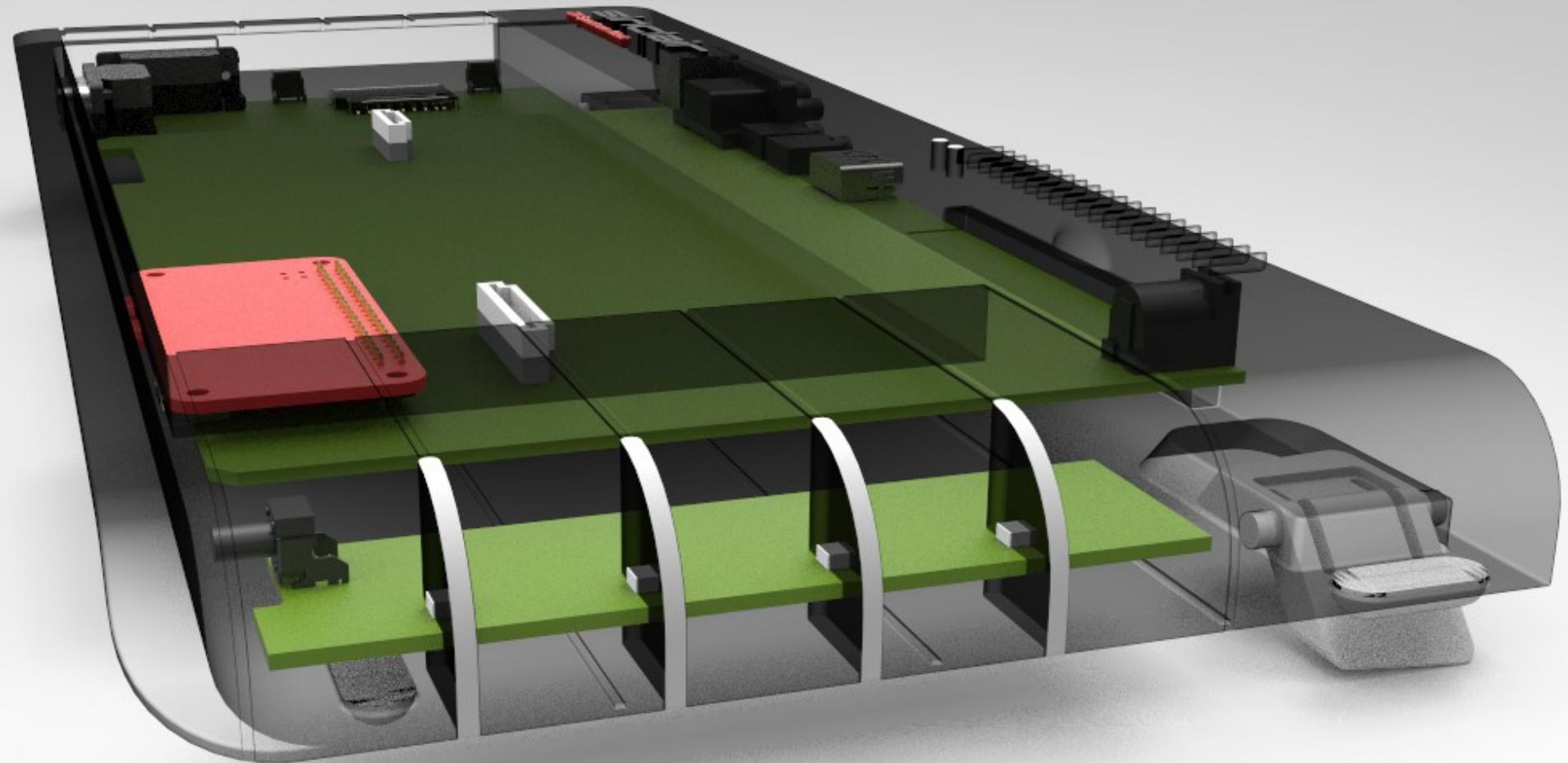


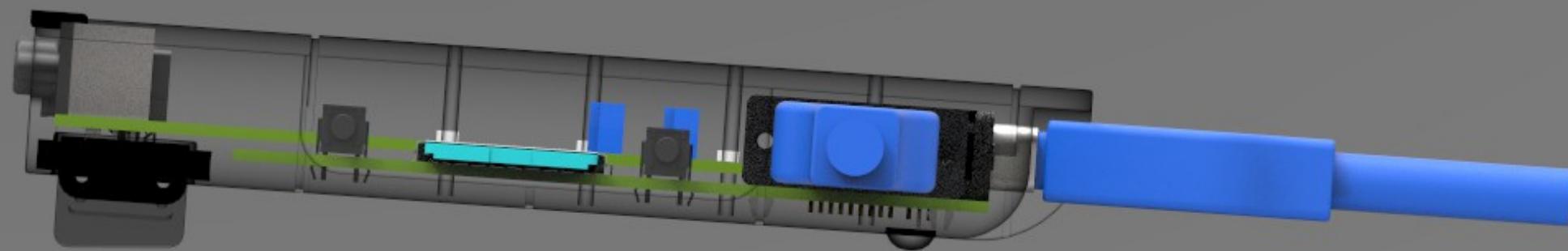


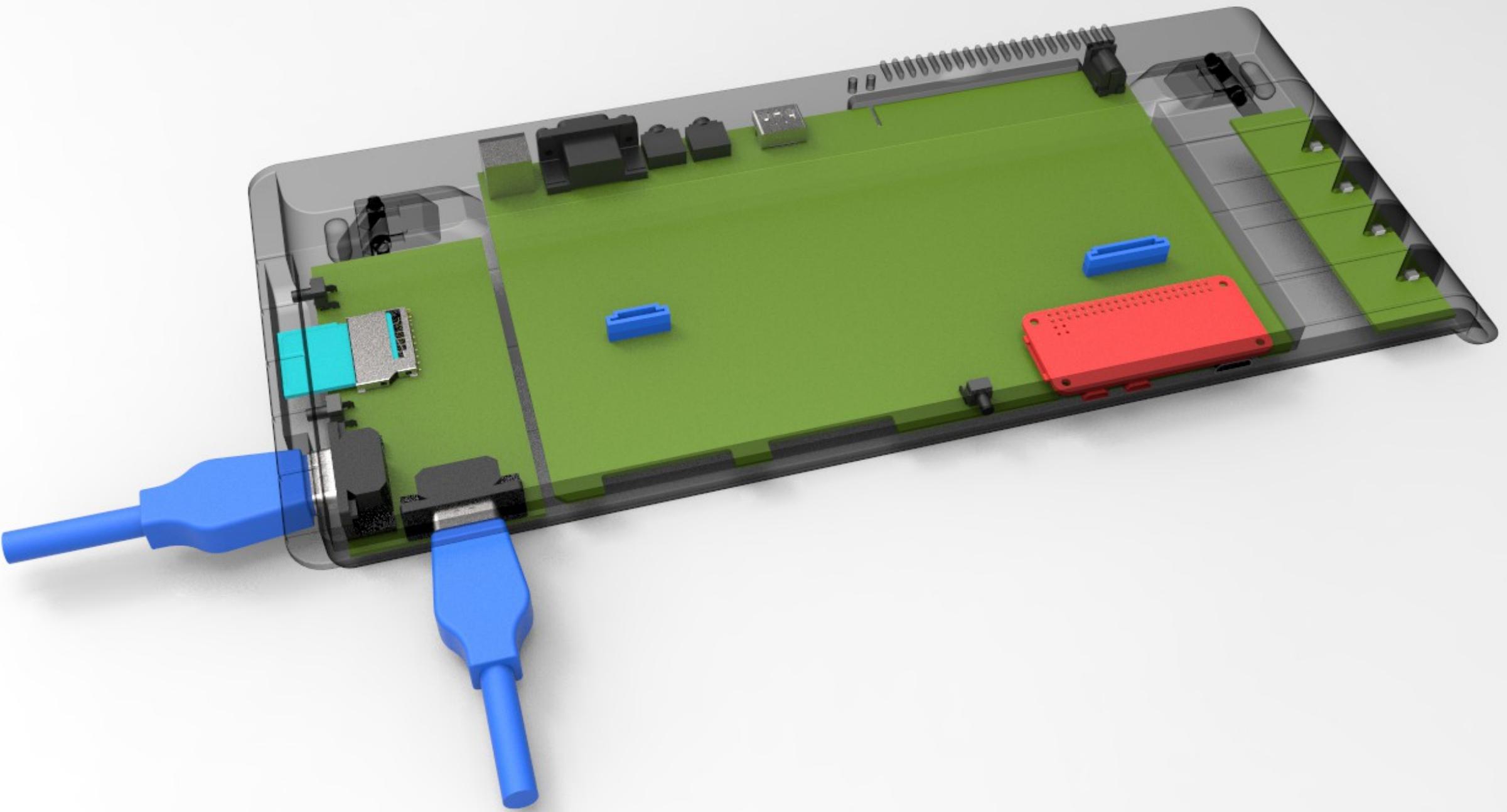


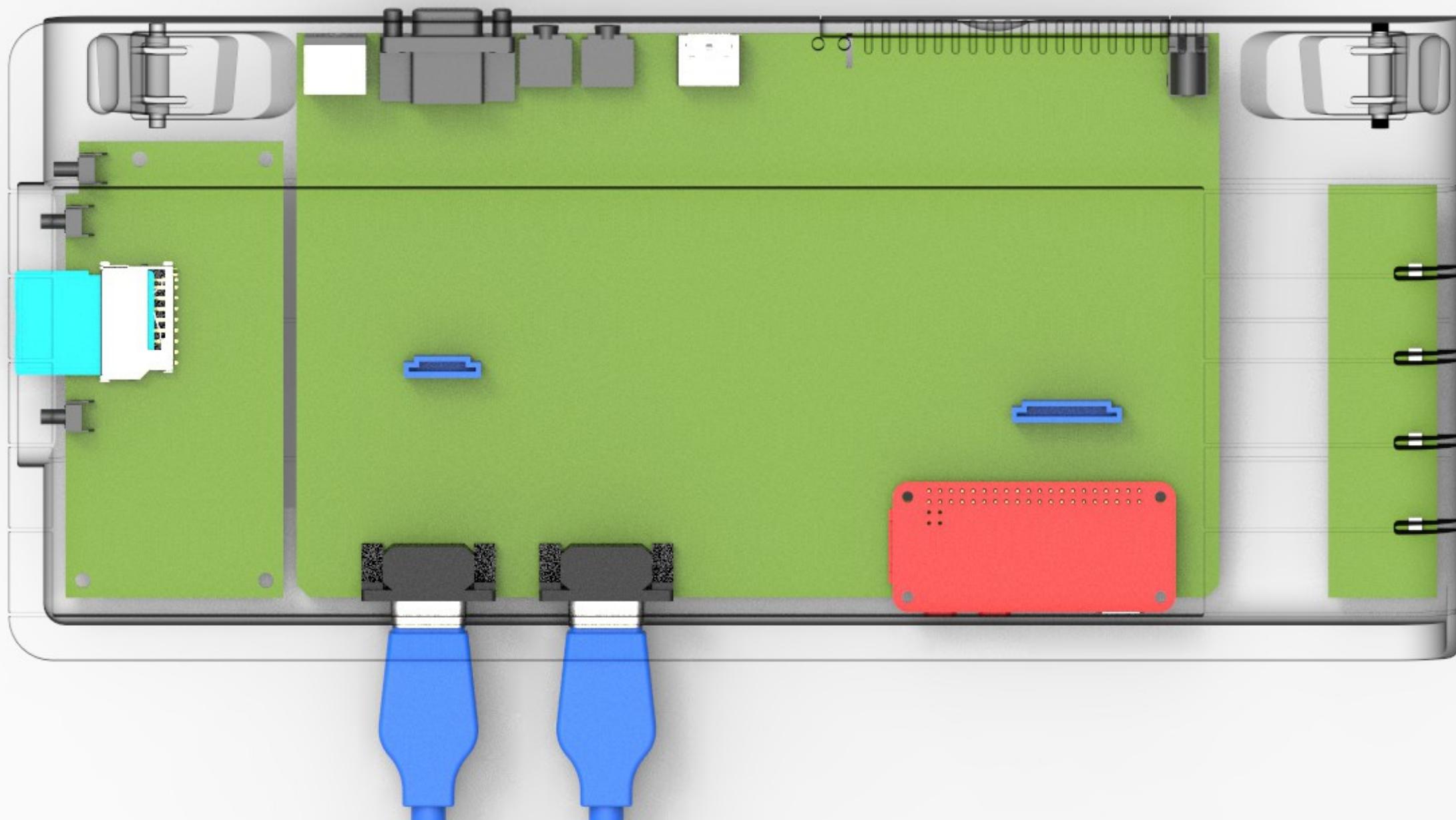


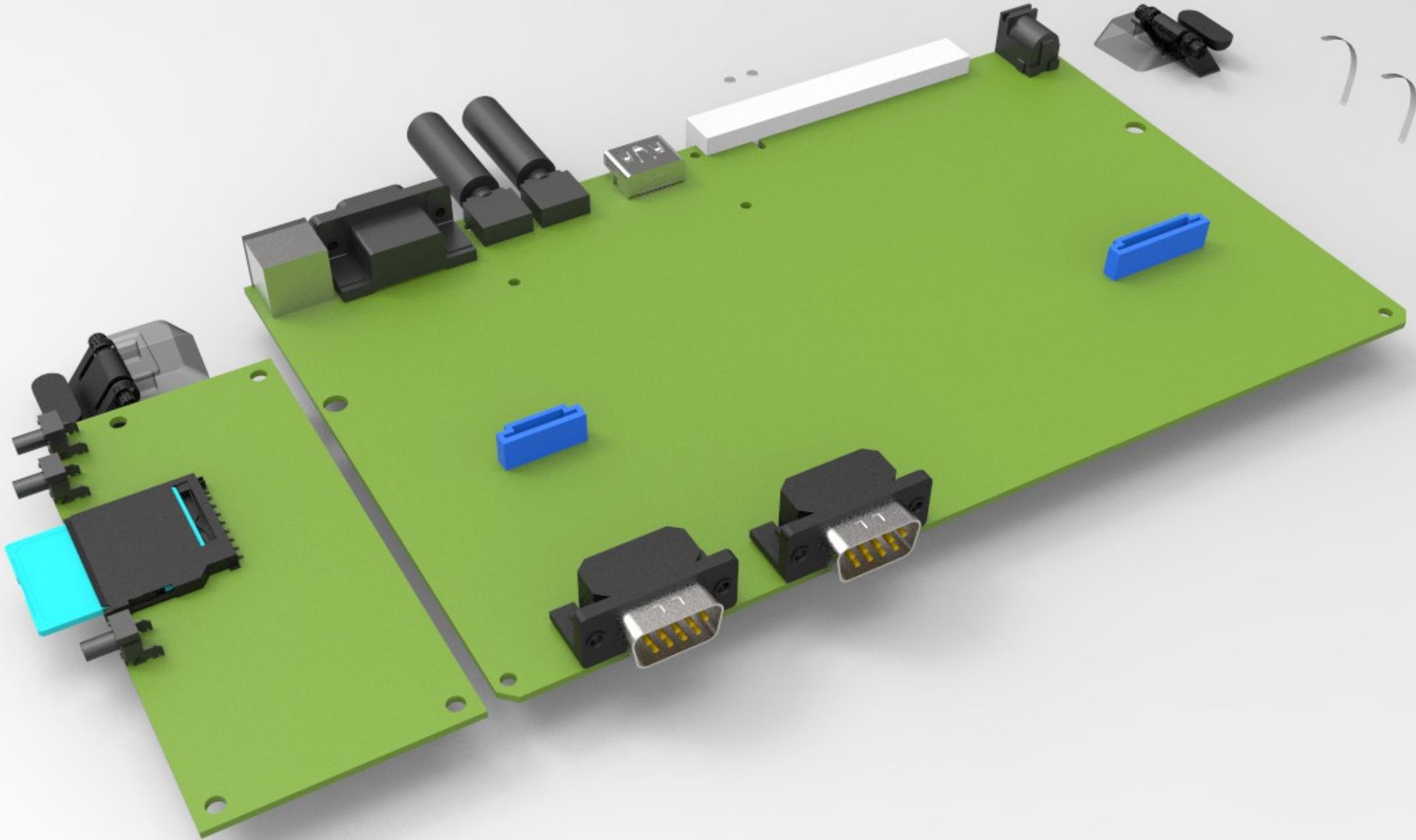


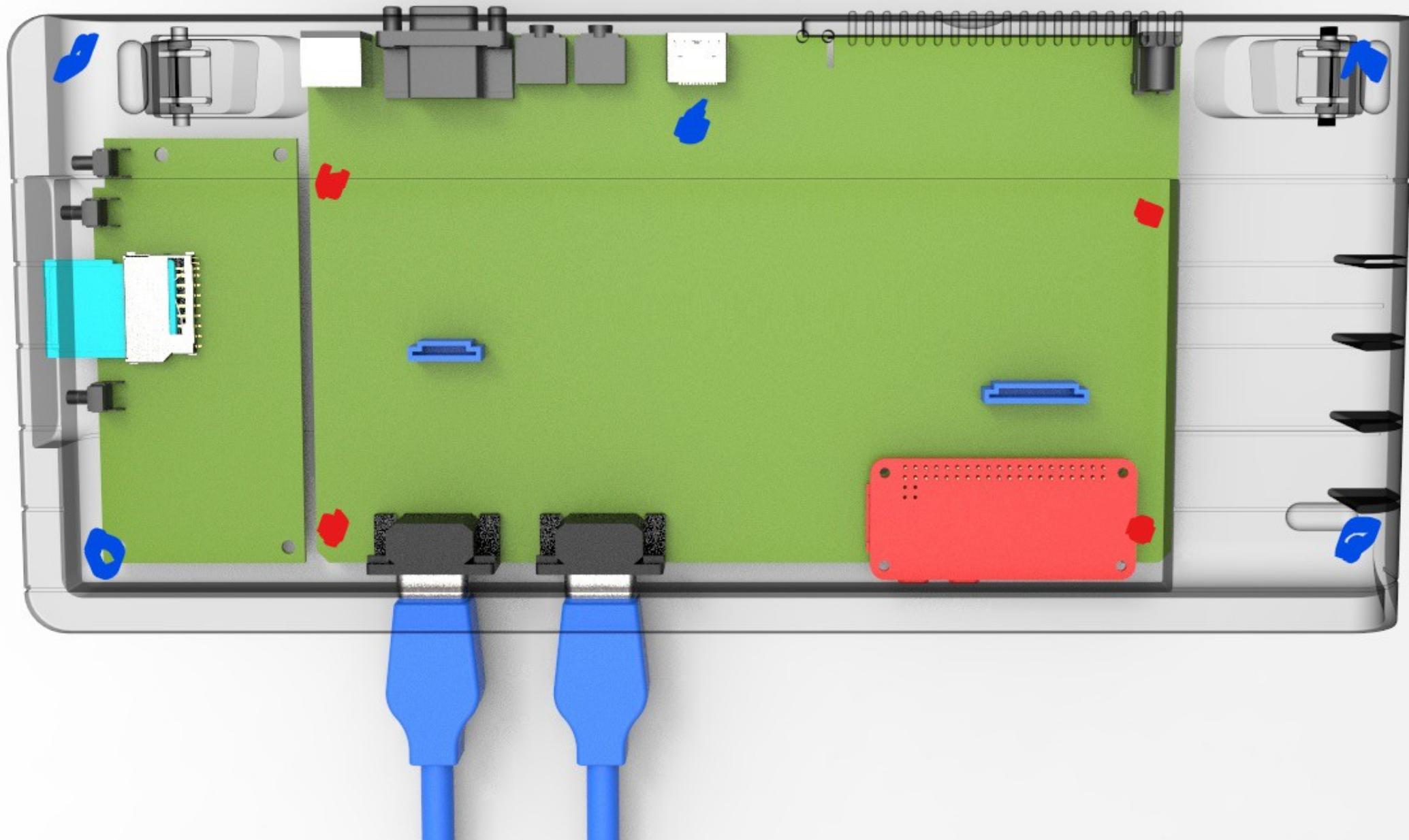


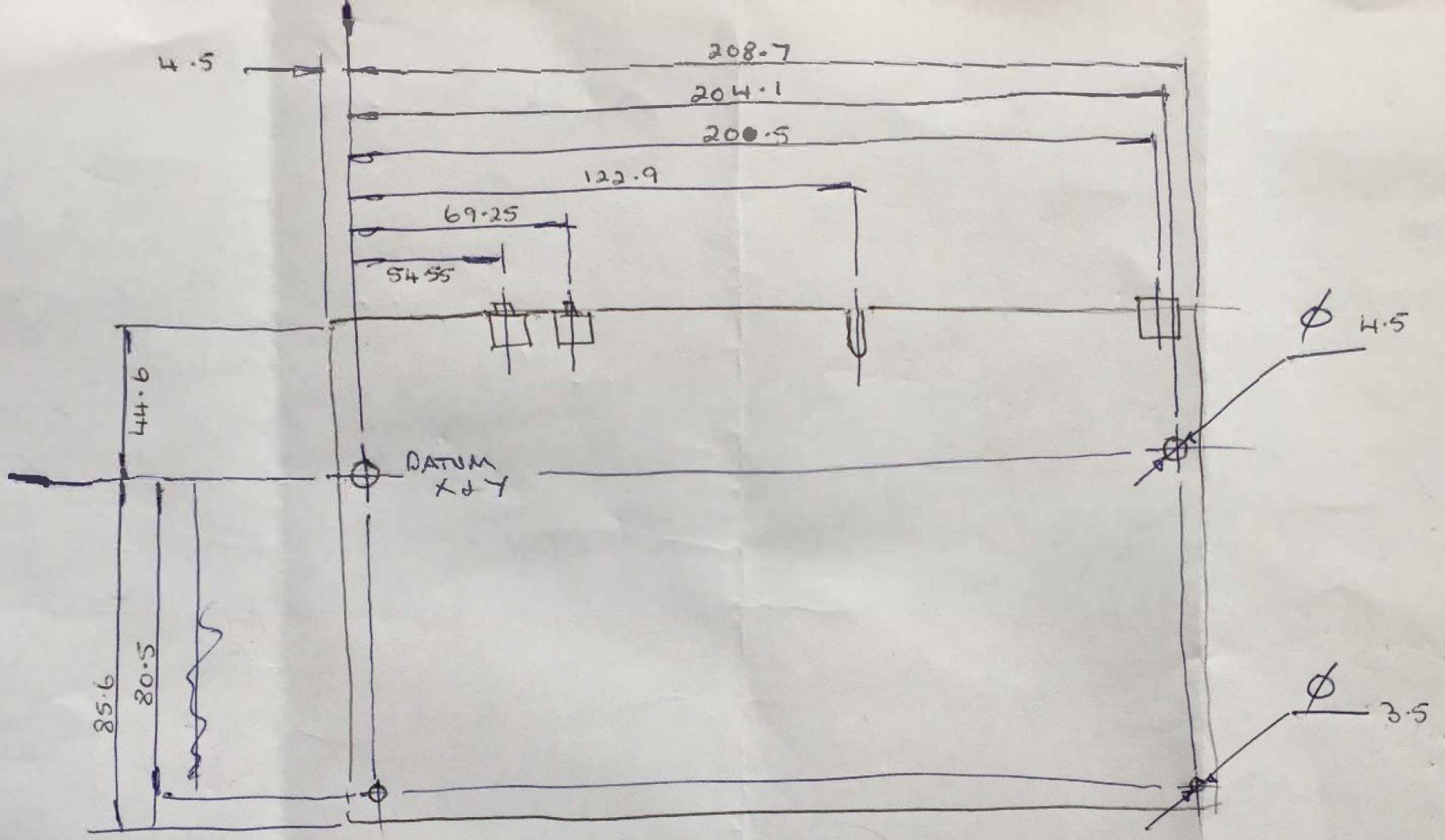




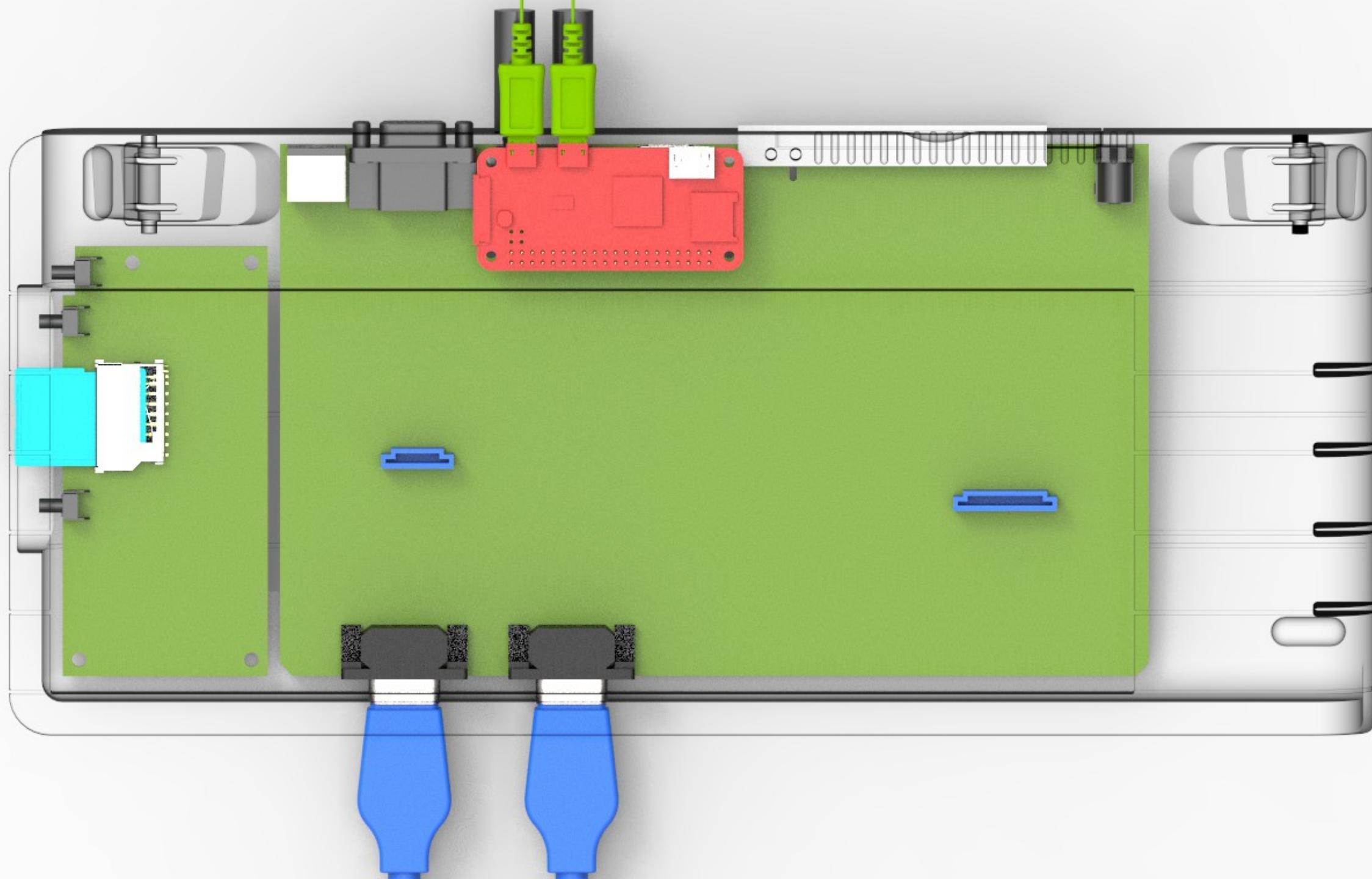


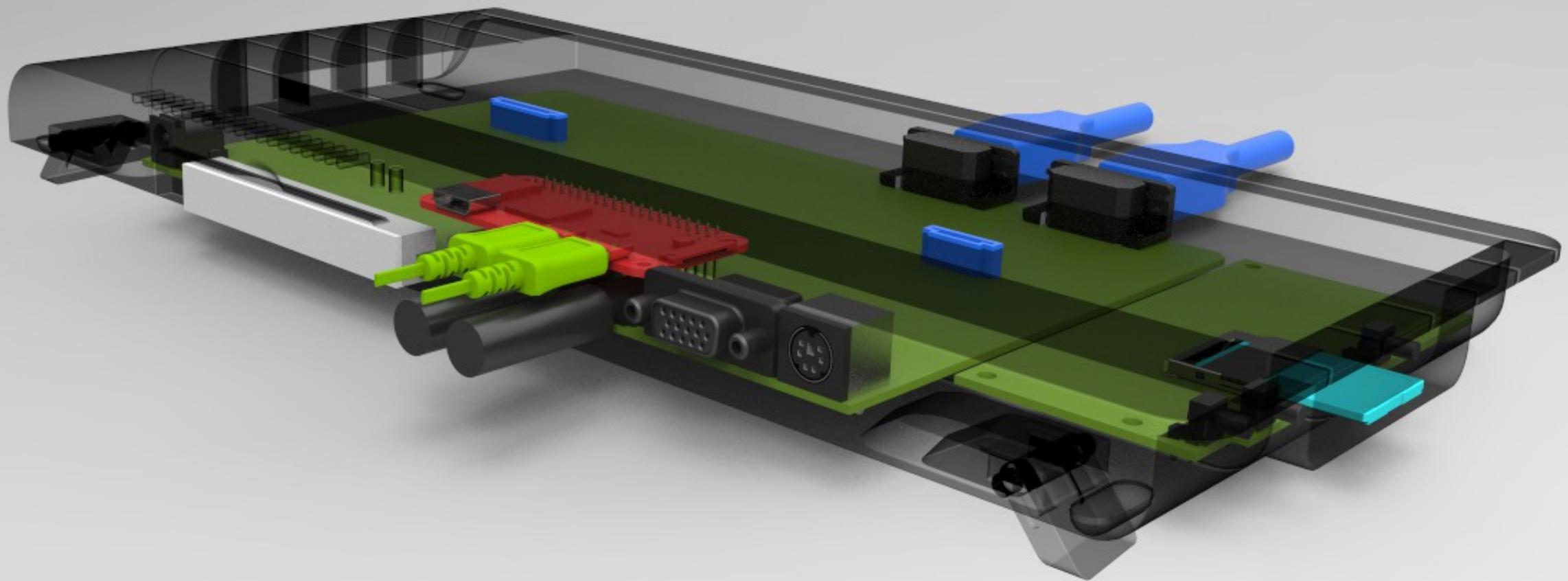


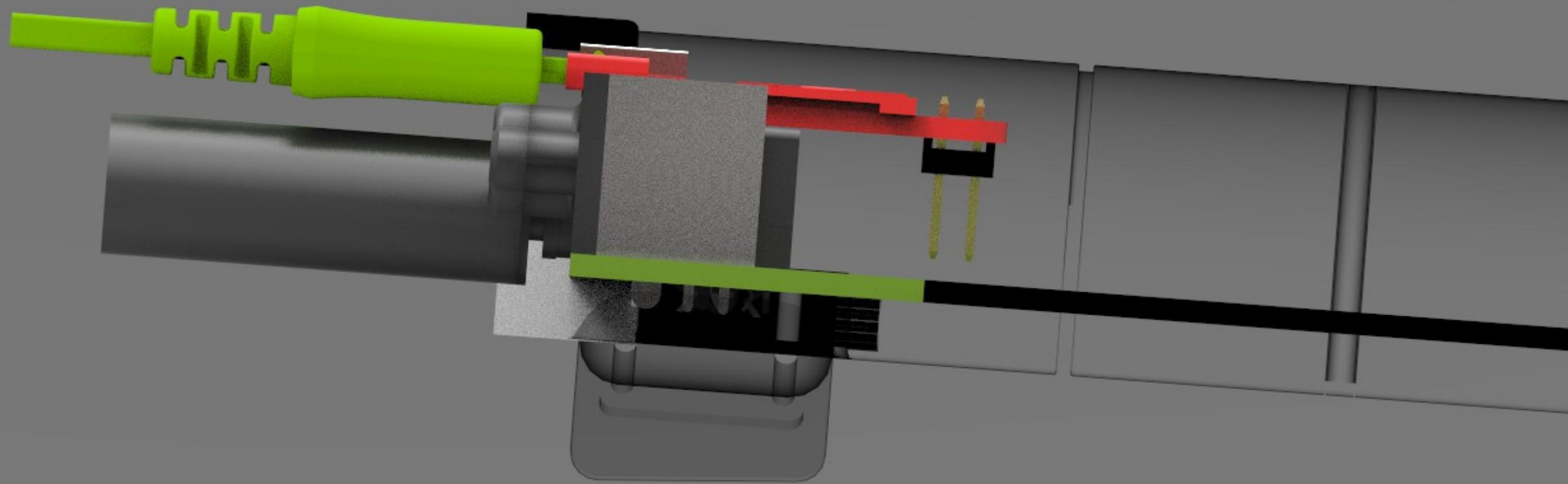


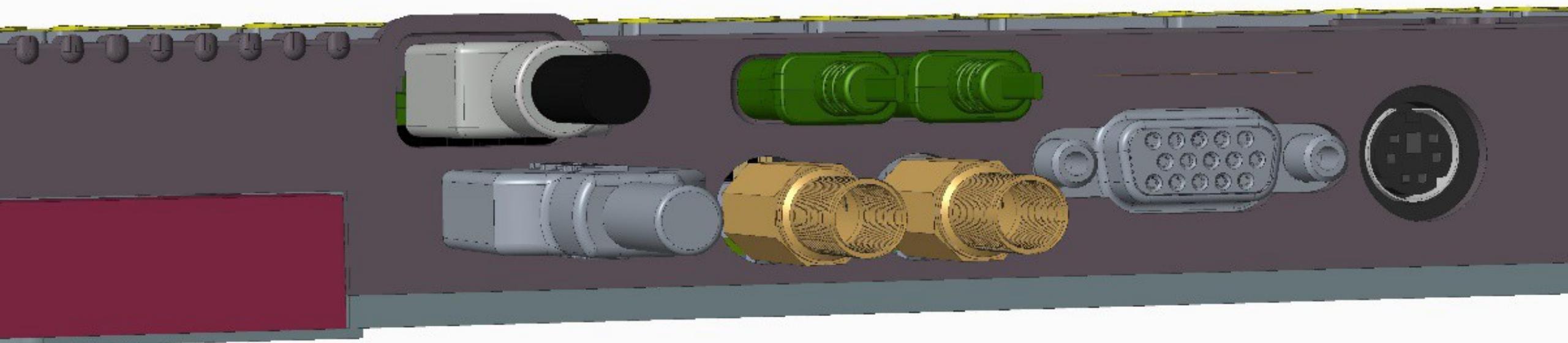


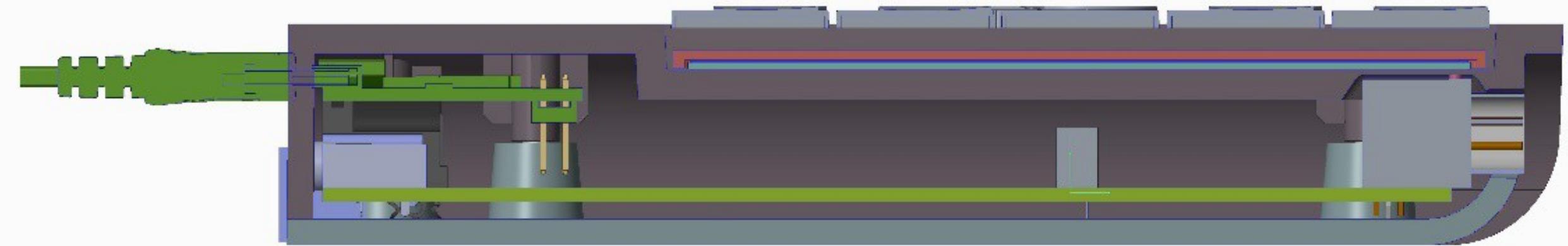
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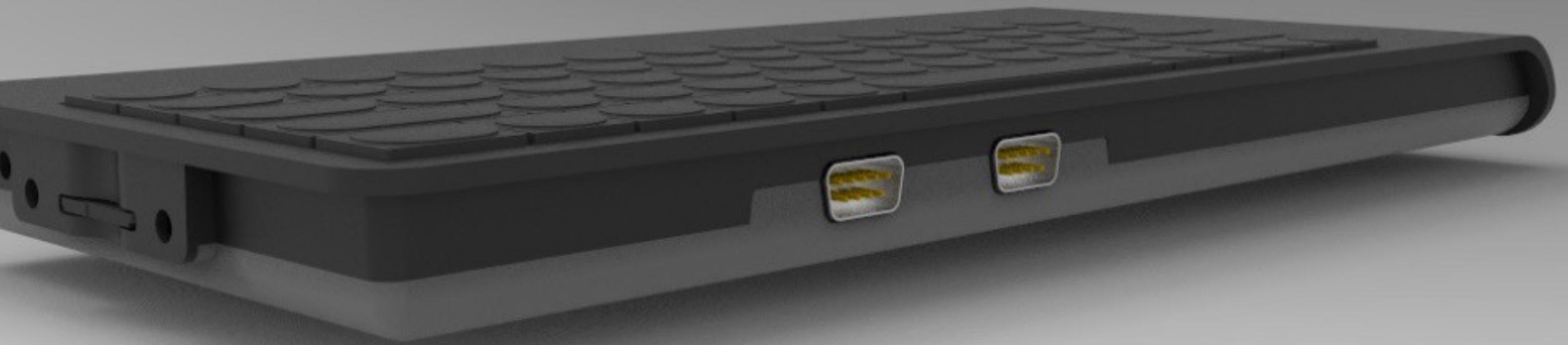




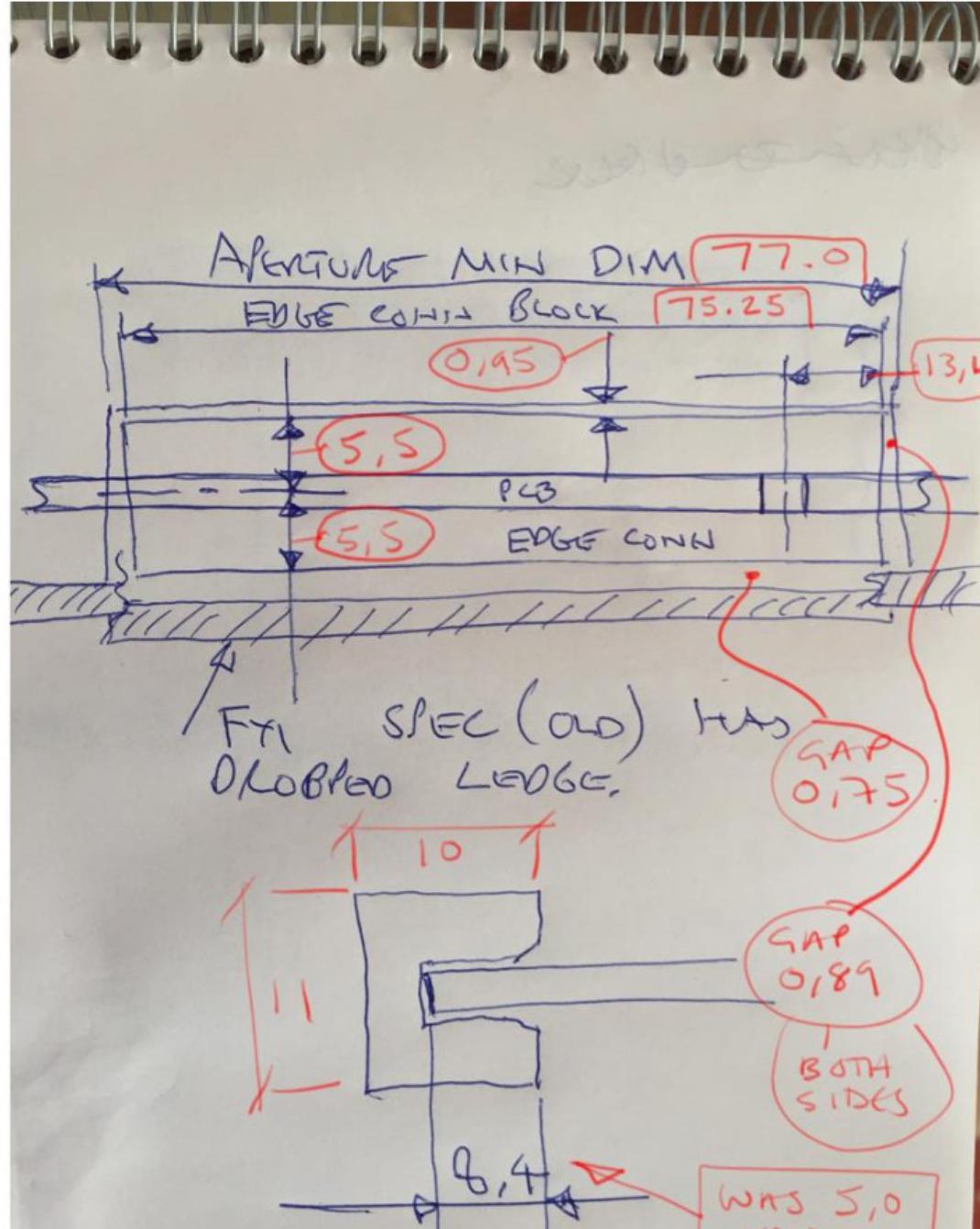




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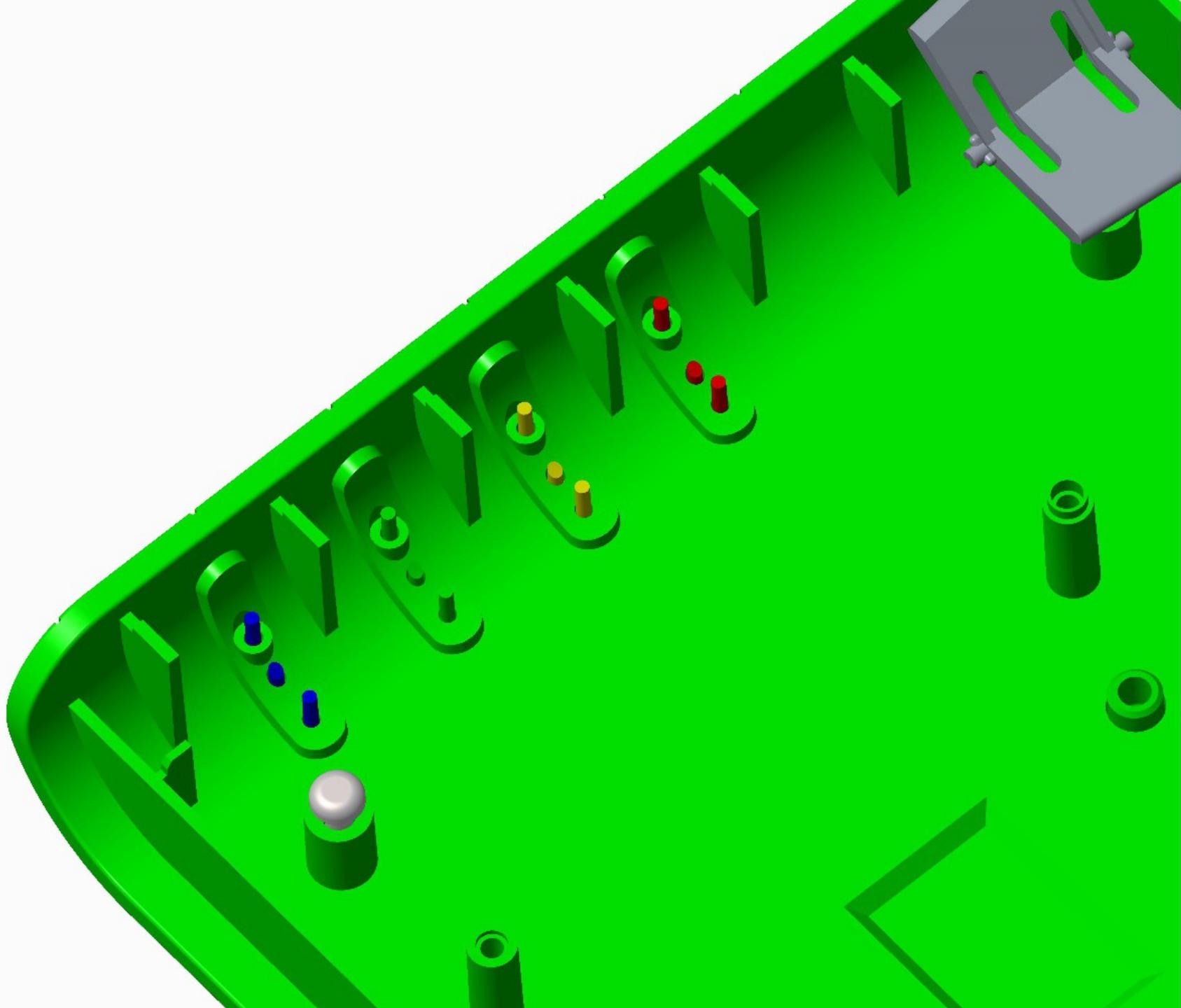


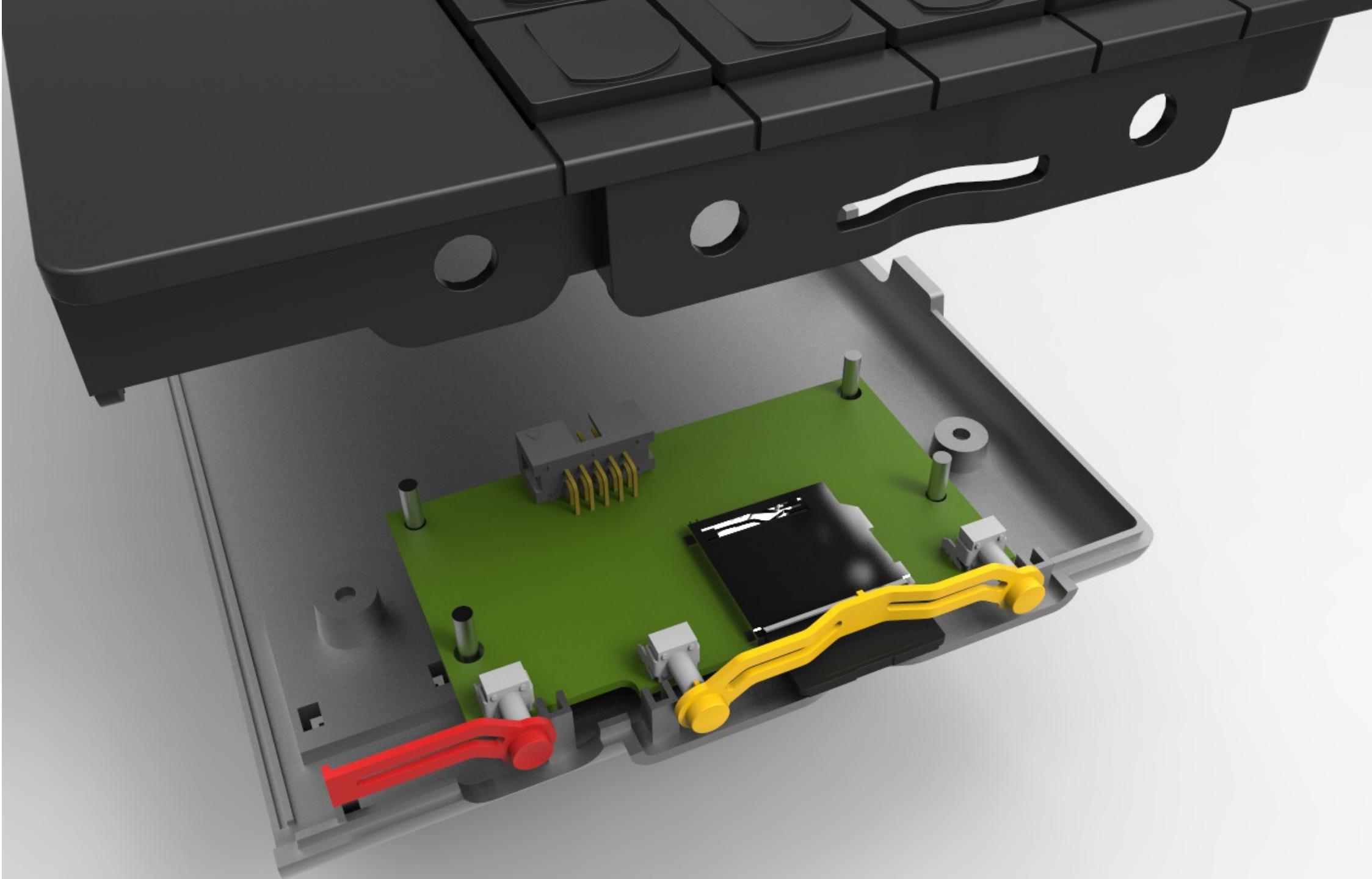


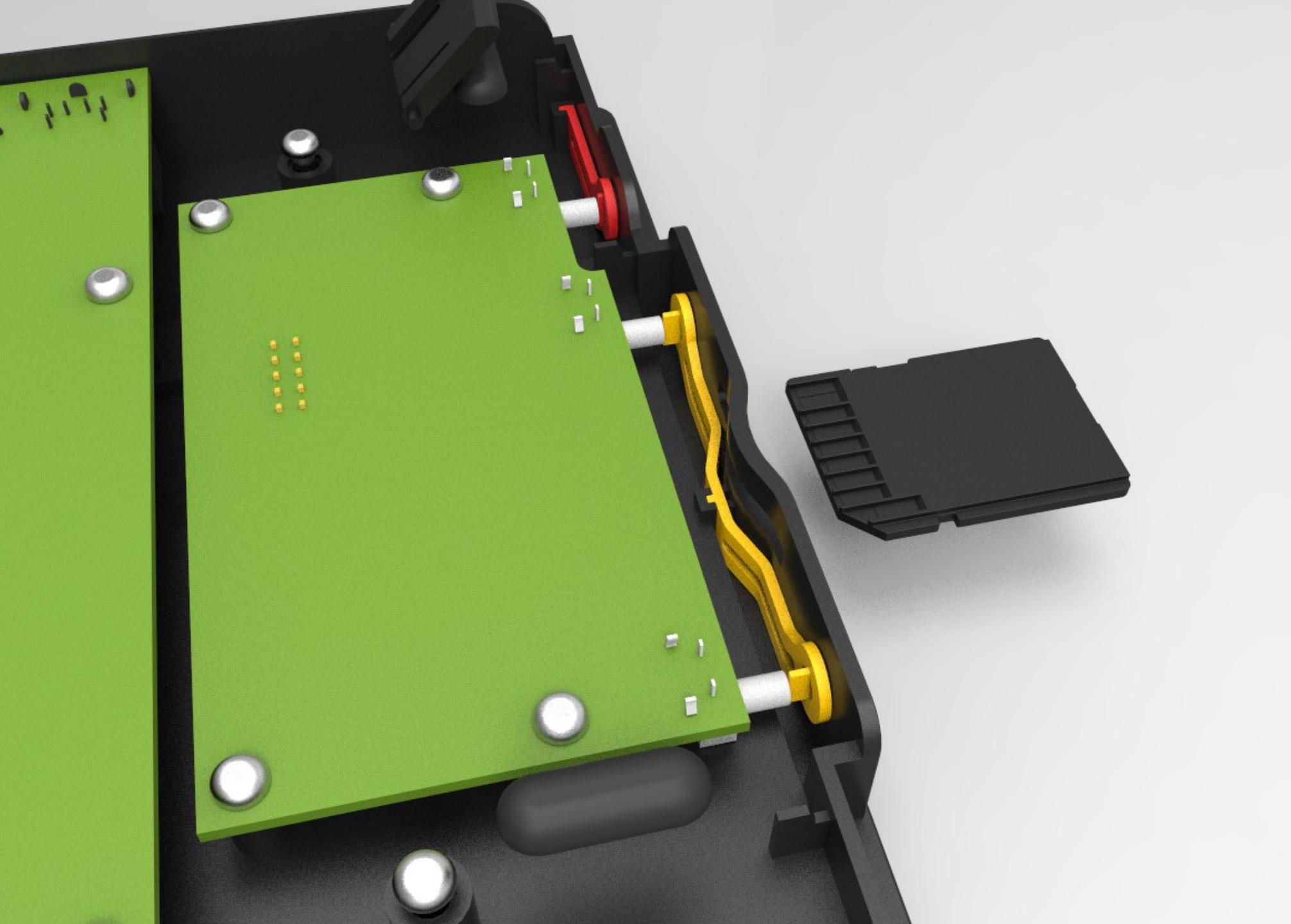


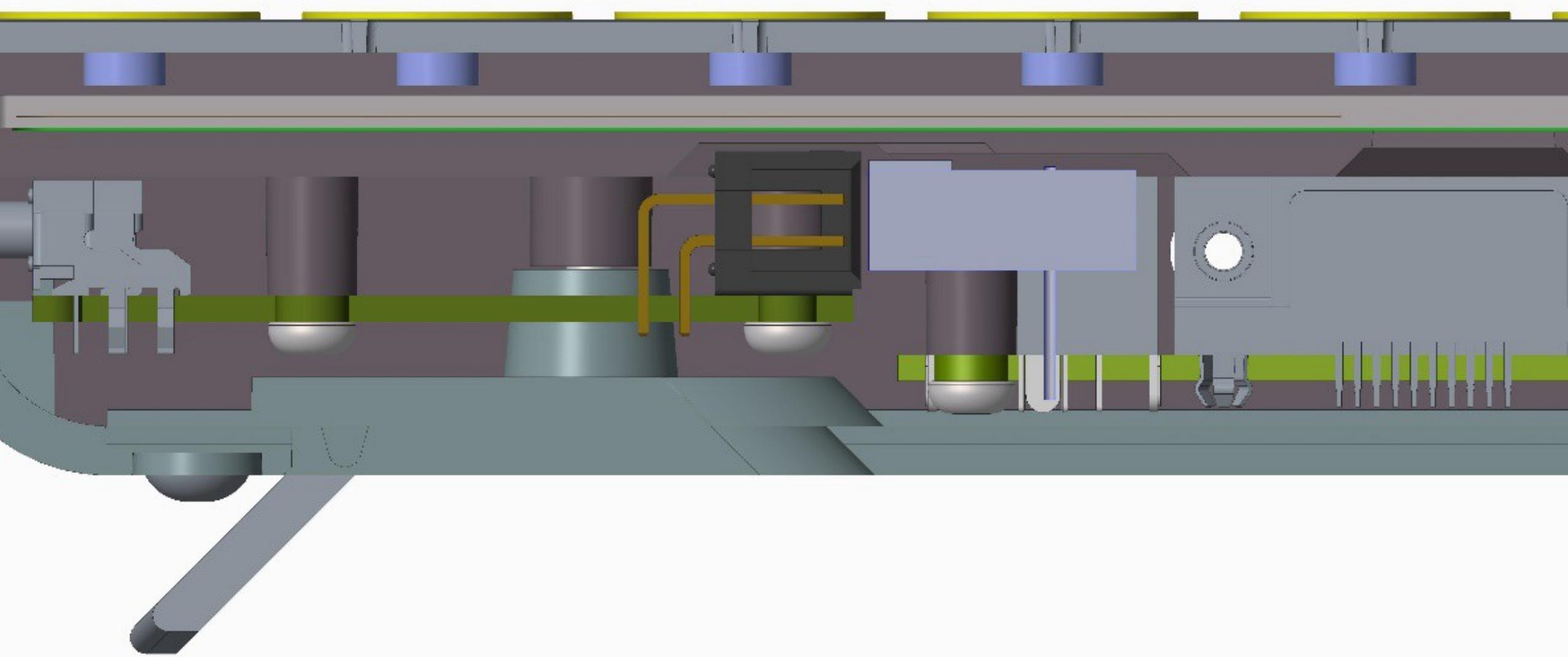




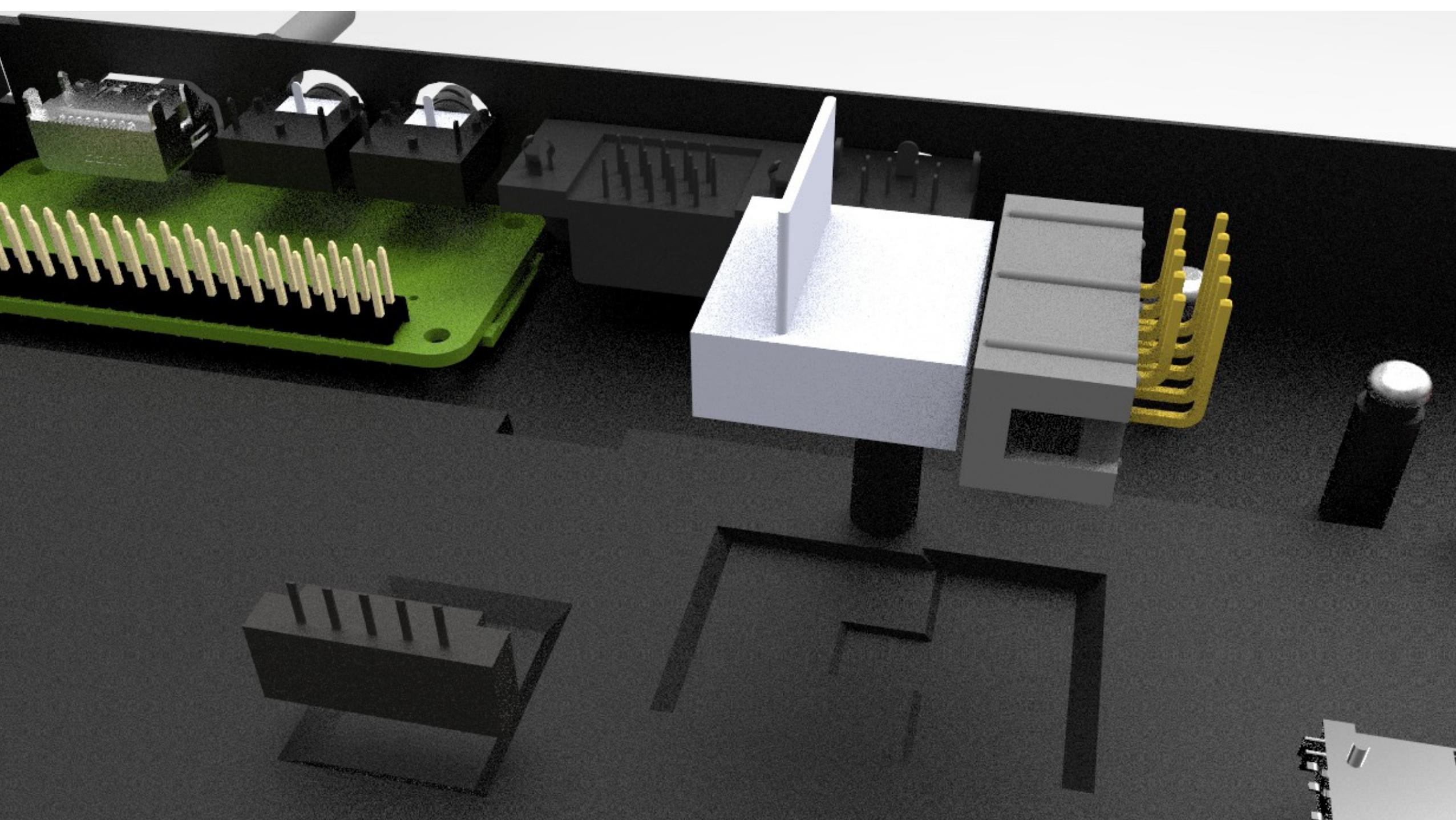


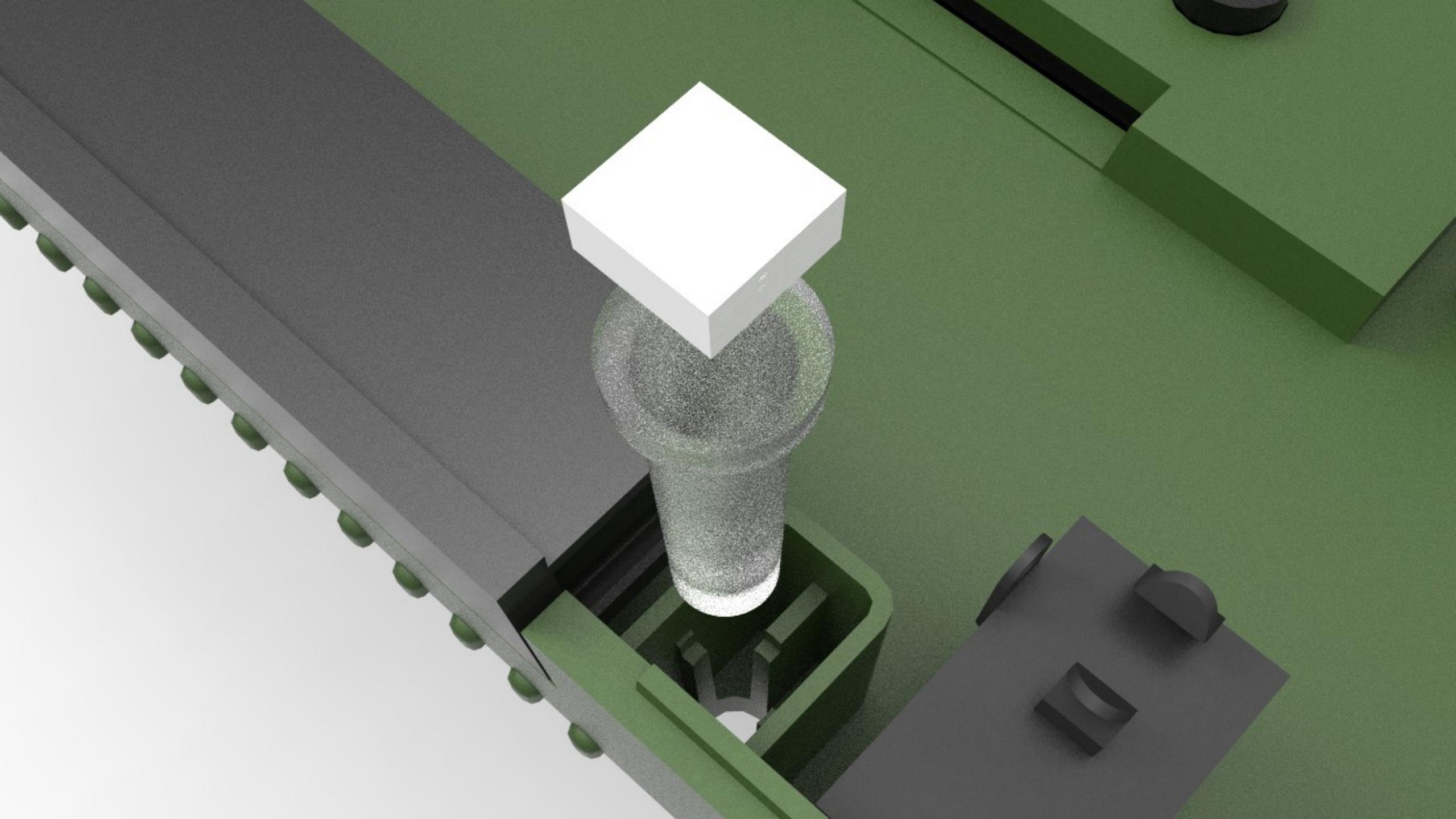


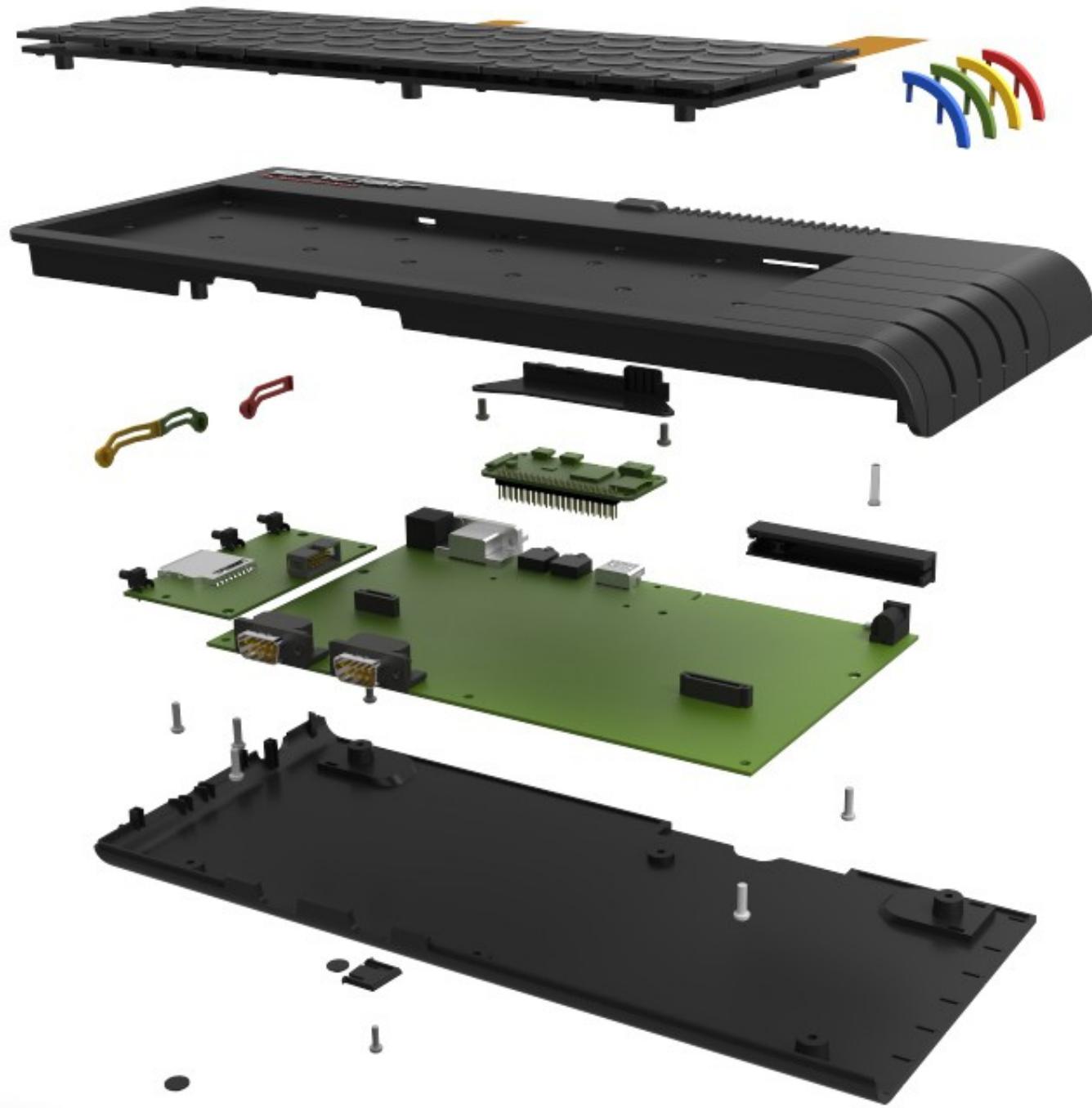


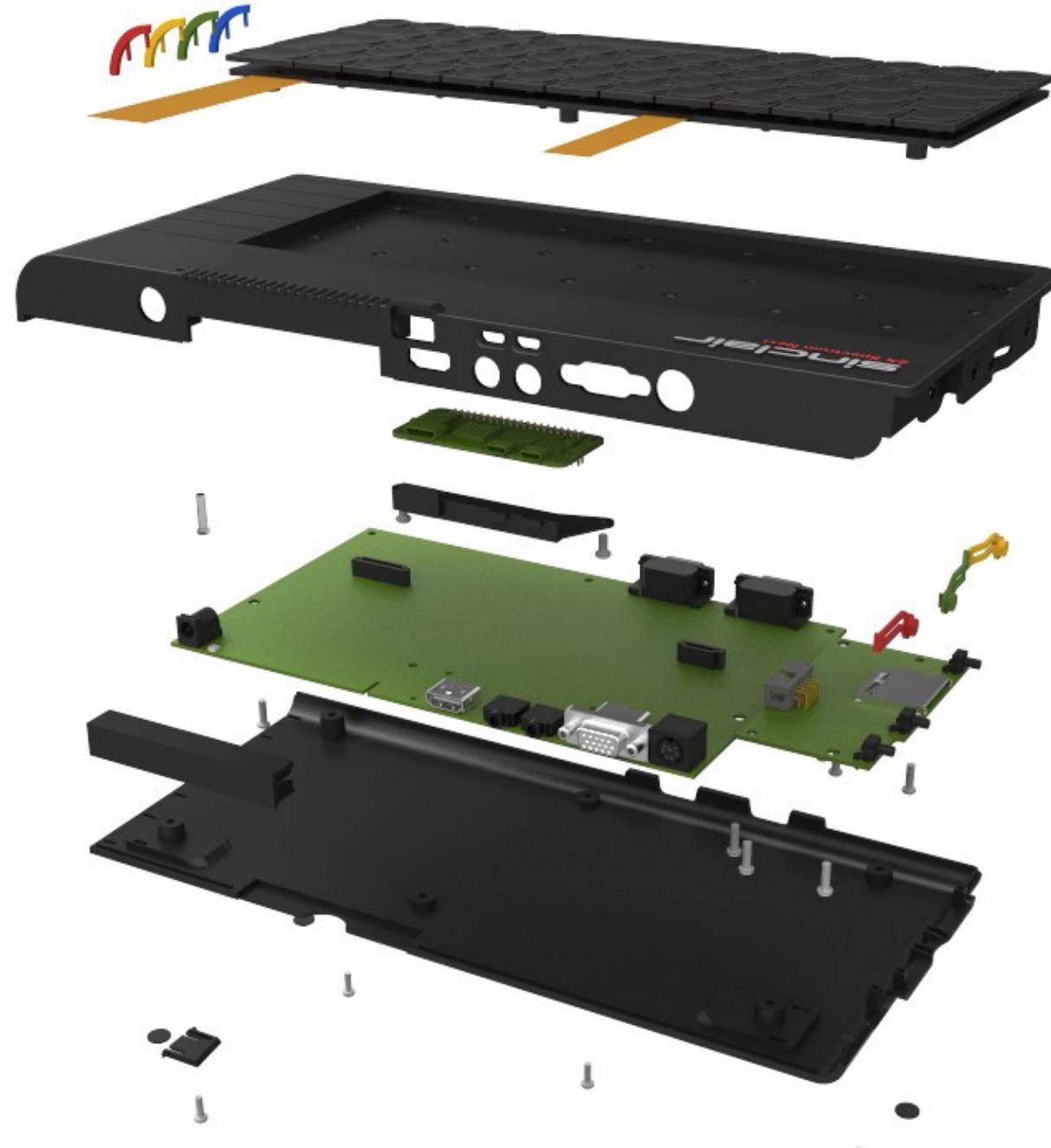


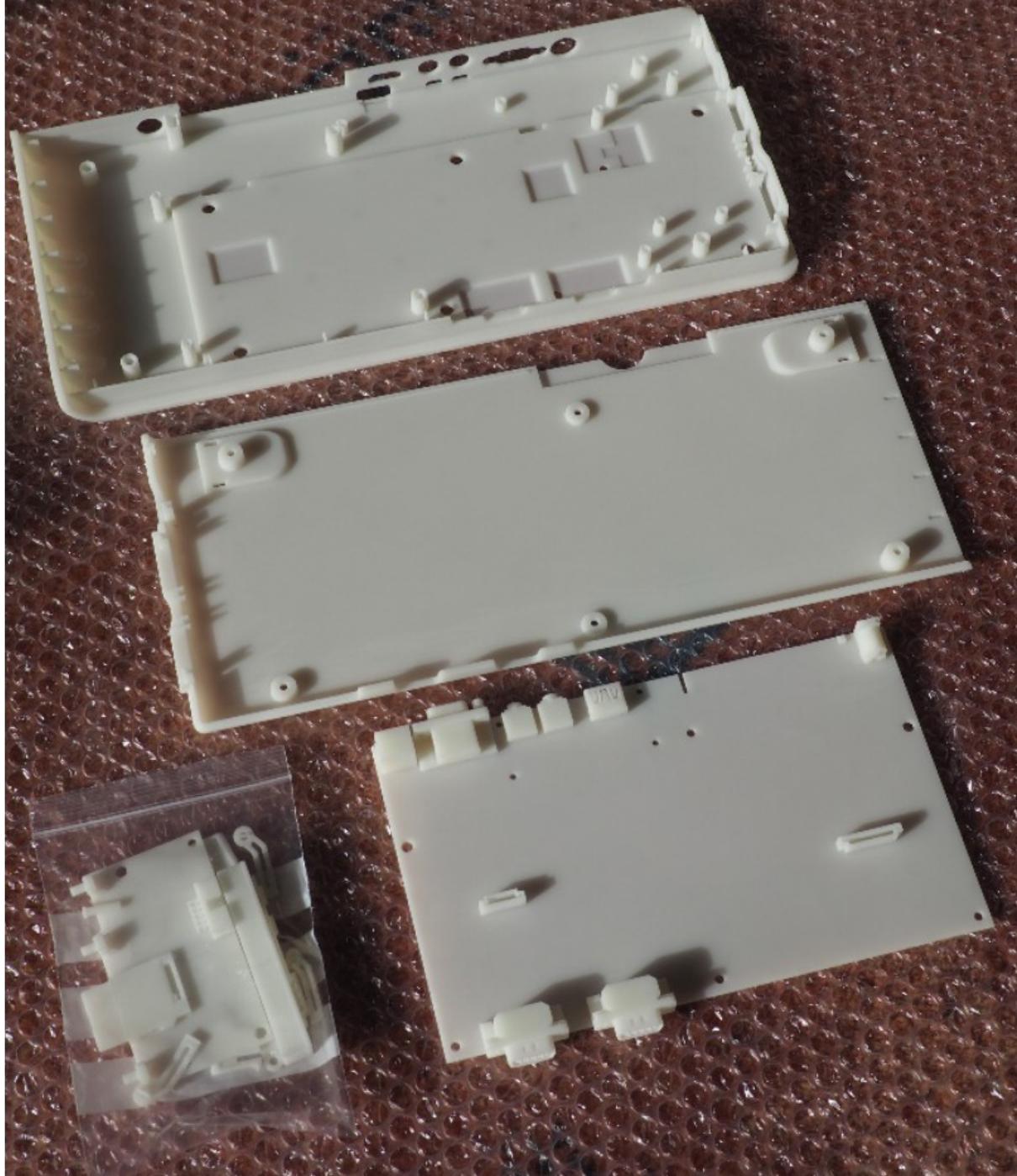
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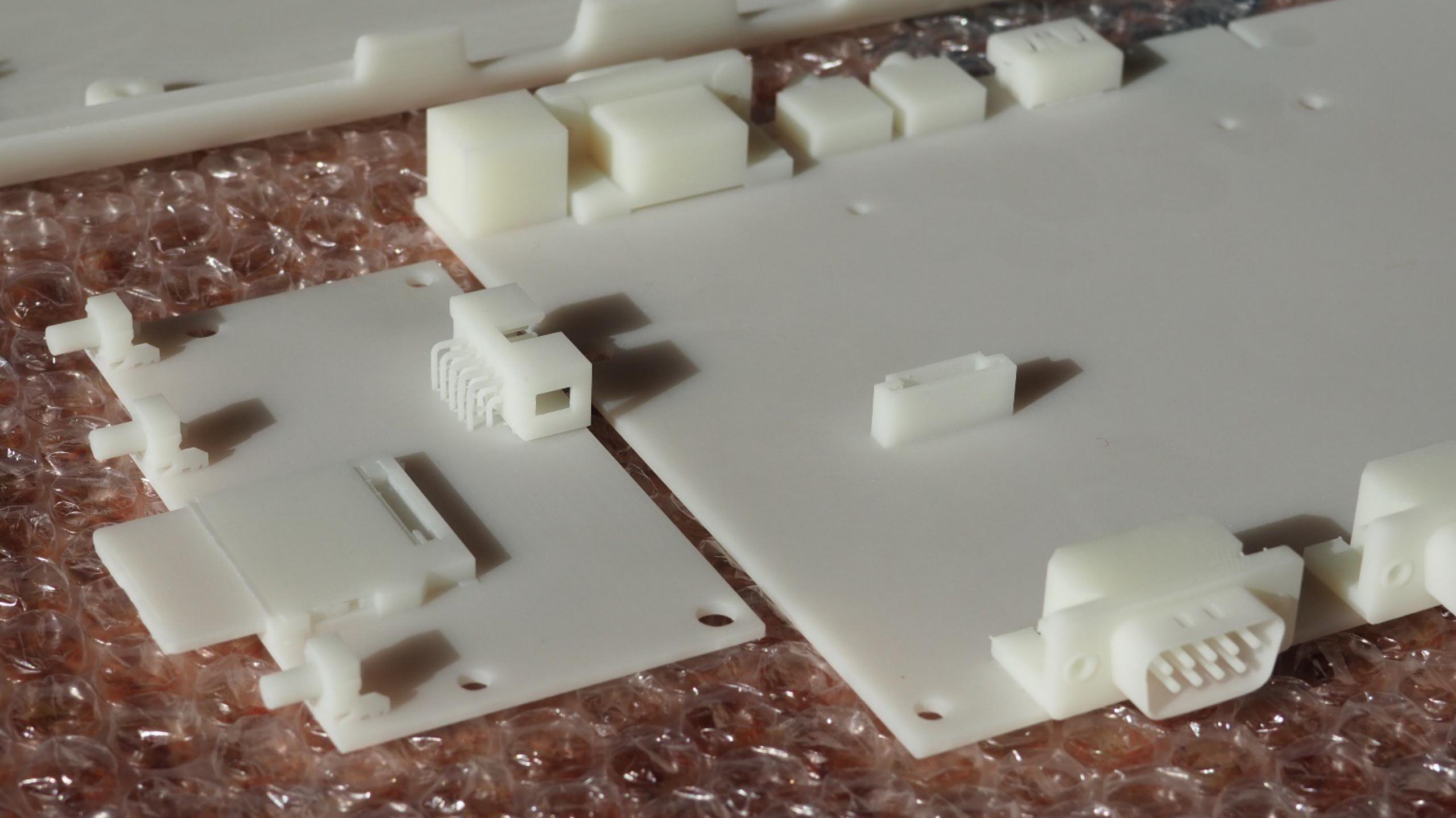














ZX Spectrum

WARBLS

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**Silencer**  
**ZX Spectrum Next**

BREAK

EDIT

BLUE  
DEF

The logo features the word "ZX" in a large, white, 3D-style font with a black outline, positioned on the left. To the right, the words "Spectrum Next" are written vertically in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font.





