Fea Analysis Experimental Investigation Of Composite Leaf Spring

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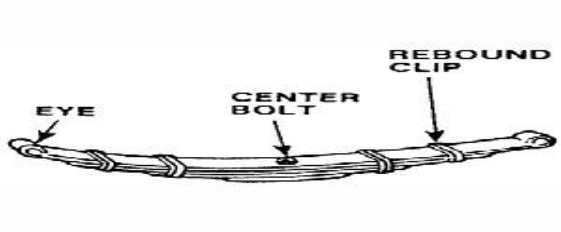
Abstract- *The subject gives a short look on the appropriateness of composite leaf spring on vehicles and their benefits. Endeavors have been made to lessen the expense of composite leaf spring to that of steel leaf spring. The accomplishment of weight decrease with satisfactory improvement of mechanical properties has made composite a very trade material for convectional steel. Material and assembling process are chosen upon on the expense and strength factor. The plan strategy is chosen based on mass production. From the similar venture, it is seen that the composite leaf spring are higher and more prudent than convectional leaf spring.*

Keywords- steel leaf spring, composite, epoxy, aluminum powder, composite leaf spring

I. INTRODUCTION

To monitor regular assets and conserve energy, weight decrease has been the principal focal point of vehicle producers in the current situation. Weight decrease can be accomplished essentially by the presentation of better material, plan improvement and better assembling processes. The suspension leaf spring is one of the possible things for weight decrease in autos as it represents 10% - 20% of the un sprung weight. This accomplishes the vehicle with additional eco-friendliness and further developed riding characteristics. Initially called covered or carriage spring, leaf spring is a basic type of spring, usually utilized for the Suspension in wheeled vehicles. It is additionally perhaps the most seasoned type of springing, tracing all the way back to bygone eras. A benefit of a leaf spring over a helical spring is that the finish of the leaf spring might be directed along an unequivocal way. The presentation of composite materials was made it conceivable to decrease the heaviness of leaf spring with practically no decrease on load conveying limit and solidness. Since, the composite materials have more versatile strain energy capacity limit and high solidarity to weight proportion as contrasted and those of steel, multi-leaf steel springs are being supplanted by mono-leaf composite springs. The composite material proposition open doors for significant weight saving yet not necessarily be financially savvy over their steel counterparts. The leaf spring ought to retain the upward vibrations and effects because of street abnormalities through varieties in the spring redirection so the potential Energy is put away in spring as strain energy and afterward delivered gradually. Along these lines, expanding the energy stockpiling ability of a leaf spring guarantees a more consistent suspension framework. As indicated by the examinations made a material with greatest strength and least modulus of flexibility in the longitudinal heading is the most reasonable material for a leaf spring. Luckily, composites have these qualities. Exhaustion disappointment is the prevalent method of in-administration disappointment of many car parts. This is because of the way that the auto parts are exposed to assortment of weakness loads like shocks caused because of street anomalies followed by the street wheels, the unexpected burdens because of the wheel going over the knocks and so on. The leaf springs are more impacted because of weakness loads, as they are separated of the unstrung mass of the auto.

LEAF SPRINGS



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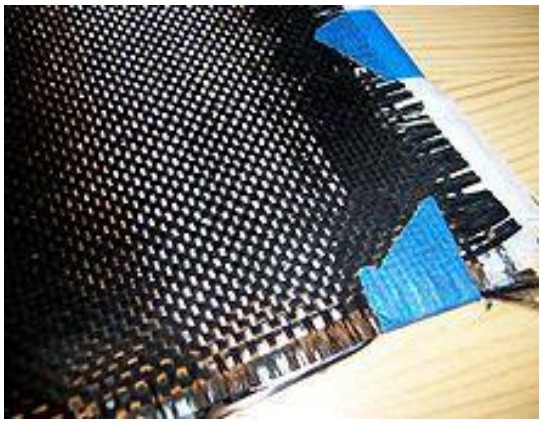
II. IDENTIFY, RESEARCHAND COLLECT IDEA

COMPOSITE MATERIALS

Composite materials, frequently abbreviated to composites or called organization materials, are designed or normally happening materials produced using at least two constituent materials with altogether unique physical or compound properties which stay discrete and particular at the naturally visible or minute scale inside the completed construction. Composites it is the quickest developing "materials" market fragment. Outdoor supplies, Aircraft, vehicle, shipbuilding, Boeing 777, circle brake cushions, which comprise of hard earthenware particles implanted in delicate metal lattice, in shower slows down and baths which are made of fiber glass are a couple of models. Impersonation stone and refined marble sinks and ledges are likewise generally utilized. The most exceptional models perform regularly on shuttle in requesting



MATERIALS SELECTION

Materials comprise almost 60%-70% of the vehicle cost and add to the quality and the presentation of the vehicle. Indeed, even a limited quantity in weight decrease of the vehicle, may have a more extensive monetary effect. Composite materials are demonstrated as appropriate substitutes for steel regarding weight decrease of the vehicle. Consequently, the composite material has been chosen for leaf spring plan.

FIBRES SELECTION

The generally utilized filaments are carbon, glass, keviar, and so on. Among these, the glass fiber has been chosen in view of the expense component and strength. The sorts of glass strands are C-glass, S-glass and E-glass. The C-glass fiber is intended to give further developed surface finish.S-glass fiber is plan to give exceptionally high secluded, which is utilized especially in aerodynamic businesses. The E-glass fiber is a top notch glass, which is utilized as standard support fiber for every one of the current frameworks well agreeing with mechanical property prerequisites. Consequently, E-glass fiber was seen as suitable for this application

RESINS SELECTION

In a FRP leaf spring, the entomb laminar shear qualities is constrained by the network framework utilized. Since these are support filaments in the thickness bearing, fiber don't impact entomb laminar shear strength Thusly, the grid framework ought to have great entomb laminar shear strength qualities similarity to the chose support fiber. Numerous thermos set gums like polyester, vinyl ester, epoxy tar are being utilized for fiber support plastics (FRP) creation. Among these gum frameworks, epoxies show better bury laminar shear strength and great mechanical properties. Thus, epoxide is viewed as the best saps that would suit this application. Various grades of epoxy gums and hardener blends are classifieds, in view of the mechanical properties. Among these grades, the grade of epoxy pitch chose is Dobeckot 520 F and the grade of hardener utilized for this application is 758. Dobeckot 520 F is a dissolvable less epoxy tar.

PROPERTIES OF E-GLASS / EPOXY COMPOSITE

By thinking about the property variety in the tightened framework inappropriate holding and ill-advised relieving, and so on some steady of property estimation are decreased from determined values utilizing conditions.

DESIGN SELECTION

The leaf spring acts like a basically upheld pillar and the flexural examination is finished thinking about it as a just upheld shaft. The just upheld shaft is exposed to both twisting pressure and cross over shear pressure. Flexural inflexibility is a significant boundary in the leaf spring plan and test out to increment from two closures to the middle.

CONSTANT THICKNESS, VARYING WIDTH DESIGN

In this plan the thickness is kept steady over the whole length of the leaf spring while the width changes from a base at the two closures to a most extreme at the middle.

CONSTANT WIDTH, VARYING THICKNESS DESIGN

In this plan the width is kept consistent over the whole length of the leaf spring while the thickness fluctuates from a base at the two closures to a most extreme at the middle.

CONSTANT CROSS-SELECTION DESIGN

In this plan both thickness and width are changed all through the leaf spring with the end goal that the cross-segment region stays steady along the length of the leaf spring.

STATIC TEST

The spring is stacked from zero to the endorsed greatest diversion and back to nothing. The applied burden is estimated close to the middle brace area. The upward avoidance of the spring community is additionally estimated. The "'test readings are recorded at four places where the strain measures are fixed in genuine exploratory circumstances. The varieties of bowing pressure with load at area 1 to area 4 are displayed in the figure. The charts are drawn while applying the heap and delivering the heap.

FATIGUE TEST

A weariness examination is completed with the assistance of water powered exhaustion testing machine. The planned and manufactured composite leaf spring is mounted on testing machine and the breaking point switches are fixed at a range of 50 mm in the upward heading. This is the sufficiency of stacking cycle, which is significantly high abundancy. The recurrence of one cycle is 66 MHz, which is viewed as extremely low. This prompts high sufficiency low recurrence weakness test. During the test the worth of resist area 1 is recorded. The most extreme and least pressure values acquired at the primary pattern of the composite leaf spring are 299 MPa and 202 MPa separately. As the quantity of cycles continues expanding, the change in the pressure are proceeding to a specific level then, at that point, settling happens. Under this condition, the greatest and least working pressure values are viewed as 310 MPA and 208 MPa, individually. Since, the exhaustion (elasticity) of the composite material is considered as 900 MPa, the anxiety got from working pressure is 0.33, which is exceptionally low and safe. Because of high plentifulness and low recurrence weariness investigation, the exploratory examination doesn't give eventual outcomes in the brief time frame. The test is directed for 100 to finish 25,000 cycles. The varieties in feeling of anxiety are diminished to exceptionally low level after 25,000 cycles. It is seen from the weakness test that there is just an unimportant decrease in spring rate (1.5%) and no break commencement in the spring after 25,000 patterns of weariness stacking. Henceforth there is need to go for logical model for tracking down the excess number of patterns of weakness.

COMPARISION WITH STEEL LEAF SPRING

The goal of this study is to assess the appropriateness of a composite leaf spring in cars by thinking about cost-adequacy and strength. The examination between multi-leaf spring and mono-leaf composite spring is made for similar necessities and stacking conditions. The examination depends on four significant perspectives like weight, riding solace, cost and strength.

COMPARISON OF WEIGHT

The complete load of composite leaf spring is 4 Kg including the metal eye weight of 1 Kg. The heaviness of a convectional steel spring get together is around 15 Kg. Along these lines, around 70% of weight decrease is accomplished. Along these lines the target of decreasing the unstrung mass is accomplished to a bigger degree.

COMPARISION BASED ON RIGIDITY QUALITIES

Will further develop the riding quality. The suspension leaf contributes 10% - 20% of the unstrung mass. The heaviness of the composite leaf spring is 3.75 times not as much as steel leaf spring. Consequently the riding solace of an auto is expanded because of the substitution of the steel leaf spring by composite leaf spring. Nobody to the best of information has worked yet subjectively on how much improvement in mileage/lit of traveler vehicle happens and how much riding solace gets to the next level. Just subjective data is accessible on riding solace of vehicle regarding its unsprung mass. Steel spring is a multi-leaf spring and it's between leaf manufacture diminishes its riding quality. Yet, composite leaf spring is a mono-leaf spring and more conductive to riding characteristics.

COST COMPARISION

The expense assessment of composite leaf spring gives a reasonable monetary practicality of the item in contrast with that of a convectional leaf spring.

EXPERIEMNTAL WORKS

III. ANALYSIS PROCEDURE OF LEAF SPRING

Geometry:

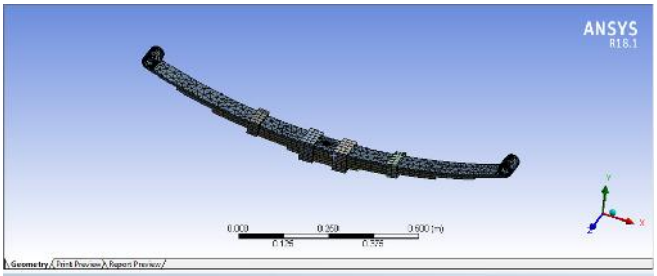
First generate the geometric model of the leaf spring from CATIA into ANSYS software.

Define materials:

Define a library of the materials for analysis in this analysis of the leaf spring, selected materials are steel & E-Glass fibre / Epoxy with aluminium powder. These materials can be selected from the engineering data available in ANSYS software

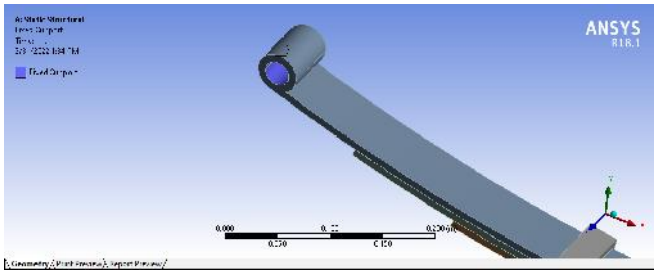
Generate Mesh:

Now generate the mesh this divides the drawing into finite number of pieces. It will show the number of nodes and elements present in the drawing after meshing is completed.

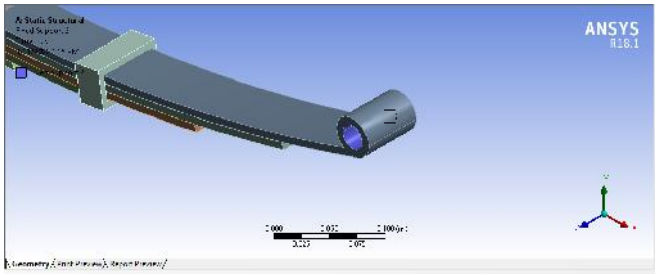


Apply boundary conditions:

Simply supported boundary conditions are considered for the leaf spring. In this case both the ends of the leaf spring are given fixed support and load on the leaf spring is applied at the bottom leaf in upward direction.



Fixed support 1



Fixed support 2

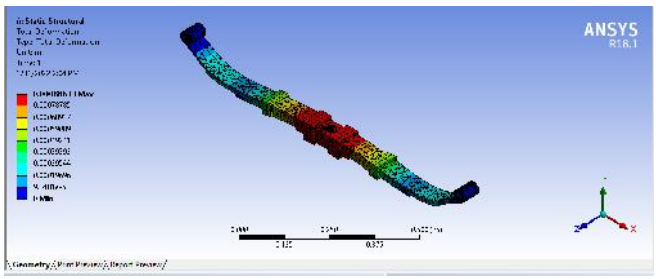
OBTAIN SOLUTION AND GENERATE RESULTS:

Now obtain the solution for the stress, deformation and elastic strain and generate the results

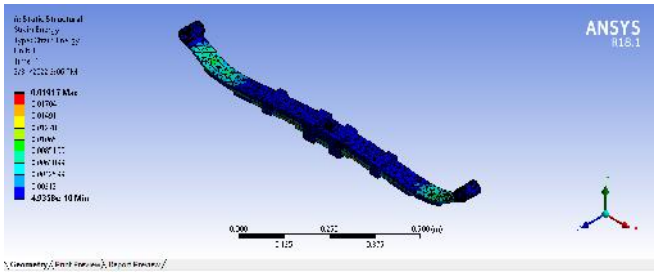
ANALYSIS OF LEAF SPRING:

Now lets us check the results obtained in ansys for stress, deformation, elastic strain and weight for the specified materials

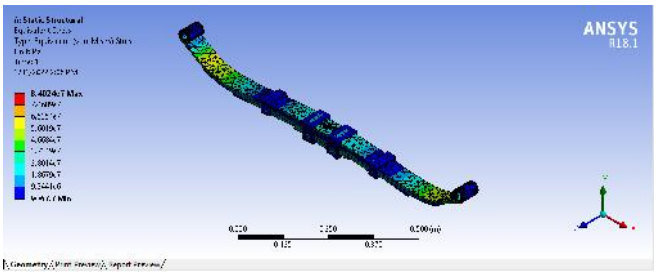
Total Deformation



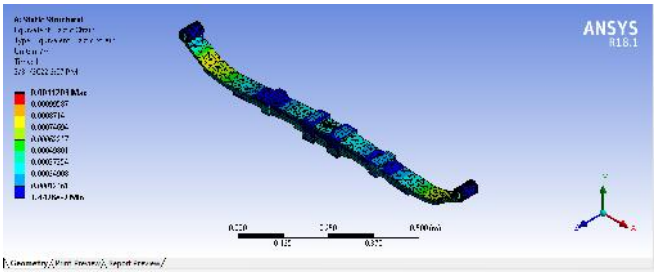
Strain Energy



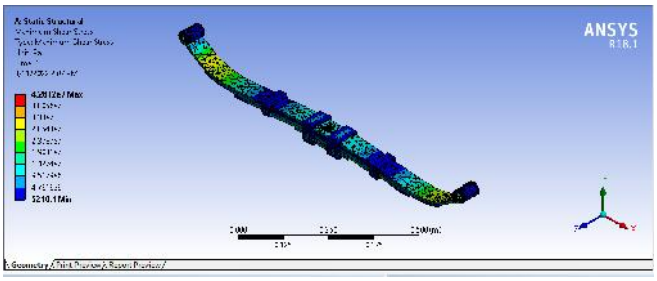
Equivalent Stress



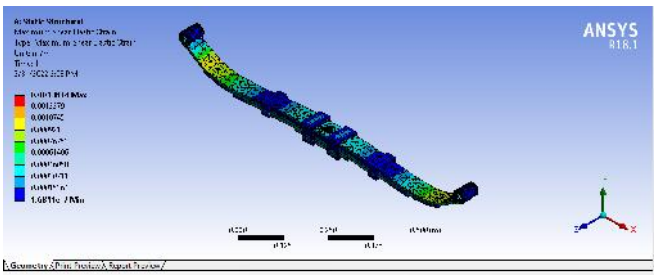
Equivalent Elastic Strain



Maximum Shear stress



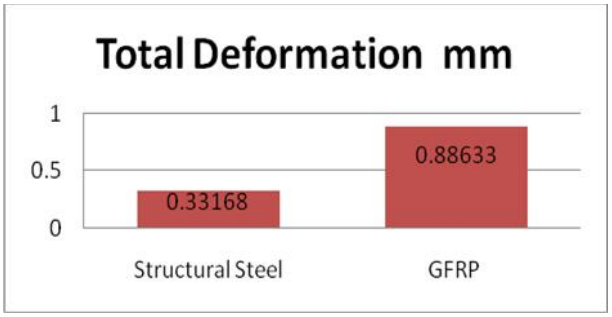
Maximum Shear Elastic Strain



Comparison result:

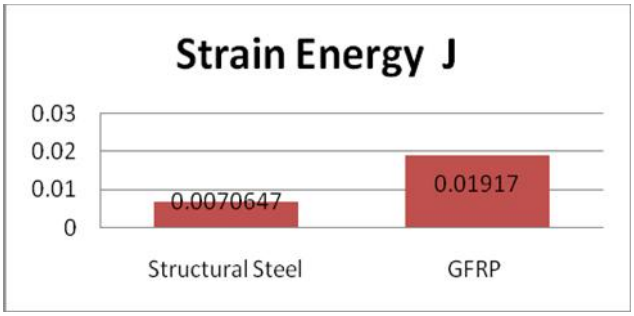
Total Deformation

Total Deformation mm for 10K N	
Structural Steel	0.33168
GFRP	0.88633



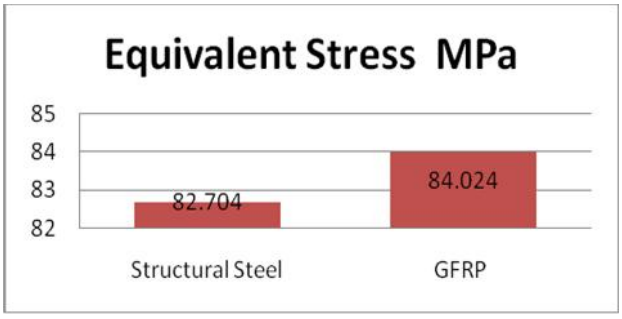
Strain Energy

Strain Energy J for 10K N	
Structural Steel	0.0070647
GFRP	0.01917



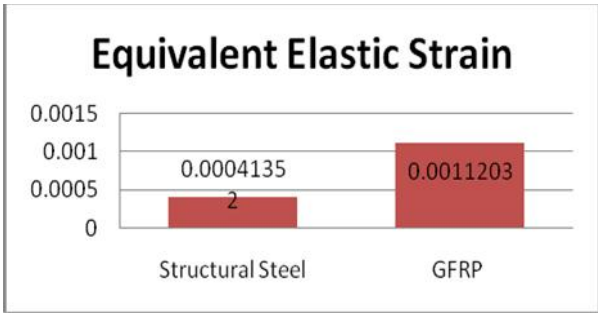
Equivalent Stress

Equivalent Stress MPa for 10K N	
Structural Steel	82.704
GFRP	84.024



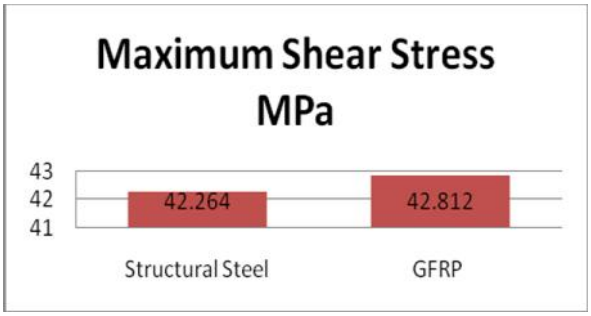
Equivalent Elastic Strain

Equivalent Elastic Strain for 10K N	
Structural Steel	0.00041352
GFRP	0.0011203



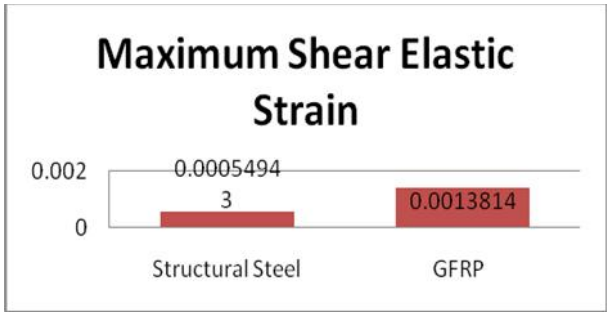
Maximum Shear Stress

Max Stress MPa for 10K N	
Structural Steel	42.264
GFRP	42.812



Maximum Shear Elastic Strain

Max Shear Elastic Strain for 10K N	
Structural Steel	0.00054943
GFRP	0.0013814



IV. CONCLUSION

The composite leaf spring is planned by steady cross-segment region strategy. The material distinguished and appropriate glues additionally chose. Overlay readiness according to the form and example's prerequisites. Led the elastic, pressure and effect test for the covered grasp overlay.. From the review it is seen that the composite leaf spring are lighter and more prudent than that of regular steel leaf jumps on comparative execution

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