

Analysis of Mechanical Behavior of Composite Material Carbon Fiber using Structural Strength Analysis on Shock Absorber using ANSYS Structural

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ABSTRACT

In this investigation article, we expected to get the information on mechanical conduct of composite material carbon fiber utilizing a 3D model of shock absorber. For this reason we have concentrated such a large number of creators to get the boundaries which influence the exhibition of shock absorber. We found that components and boundaries, for example, Coil material of shock absorber Construction and size of the shock absorber, Mechanical properties of shock absorber, Optimization strategies for shock absorber suspension framework, Innovative plan of shock absorber are the boundaries which can be advanced for improving aftereffects of auxiliary execution upgrade of shock absorber. Following the survey procedure we demonstrated a 3d math of shock absorber in CATIA V5 and performed auxiliary investigation on ANSYS 14.0. we discovered by arrangement of the examination that carbon fiber is reasonable for assembling of shock absorber since we got less complete twisting for carbon fiber when contrasted and the ordinary material of shock absorber for example spring steel. The estimations of stresses and strains were seen as ideal also. These all added to expand the basic execution of shock absorber by utilizing composite material carbon fiber.

KEYWORDS: Mechanical behavior, Composites Materials, Structural Analysis, Shock Absorber, ANSYS structural

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1. INTRODUCTION

Shock absorbers are used in conjunction with cushions and springs. An automobile shock absorber contains spring-loaded check valves and orifices to control the flow of oil through an internal piston. In a vehicle, shock absorbers reduce the effect of traveling over rough ground, leading to improved ride quality and vehicle handling. While shock absorbers serve the purpose of limiting excessive suspension movement, their intended sole purpose is to damp spring oscillations. Shock absorbers use valving of oil and gasses to absorb excess energy from the springs. Spring rates are chosen by the manufacturer based on the weight of the vehicle, loaded and unloaded. Some people use shocks to modify spring rates but this is not the correct use. Along with hysteresis in the tire itself, they damp the energy stored in the motion of the unsprung weight up and down. Effective wheel bounce damping may require tuning shocks to an optimal resistance.

Spring-based shock absorbers commonly use coil springs or leaf springs, though torsion bars are used in torsional shocks as well. Ideal springs alone, however, are not shock absorbers, as springs only store and do not dissipate or absorb energy. Vehicles typically employ both hydraulic shock absorbers and springs or torsion bars. In

this combination, "shock absorber" refers specifically to the hydraulic piston that absorbs and dissipates vibration. Now, composite suspension systems are used mainly in 2 wheelers and also leaf spring are made up of composite material in 4 wheelers.[1]

2. Geometry

The figure shown below is a 3d model of shock absorber made with -

- Case1) Spring Steel
- Case2) Carbon Fiber

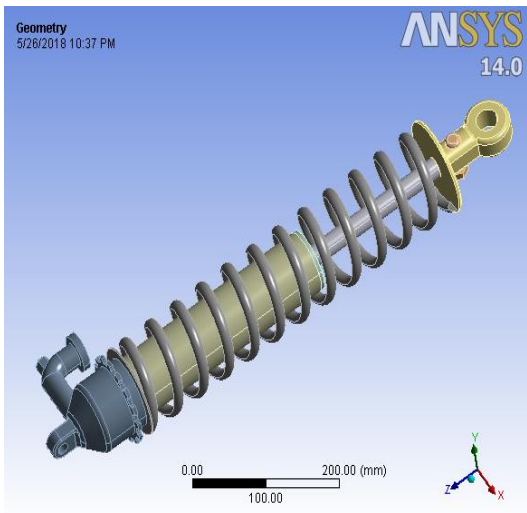


Fig.2.1 3D Geometry of shock absorber

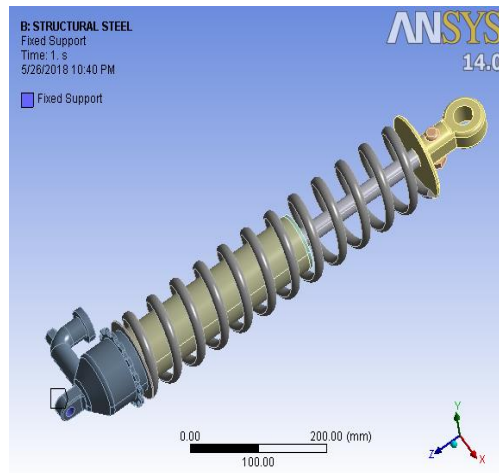


Fig.4.1) Fixed support at bottom end

The figure shown below shows the application of 1200N tensile force at the top end

3. Meshing

The figure shown below shows the meshing of shock absorber geometry made with

- Case1) Spring Steel
- Case2) Carbon Fiber

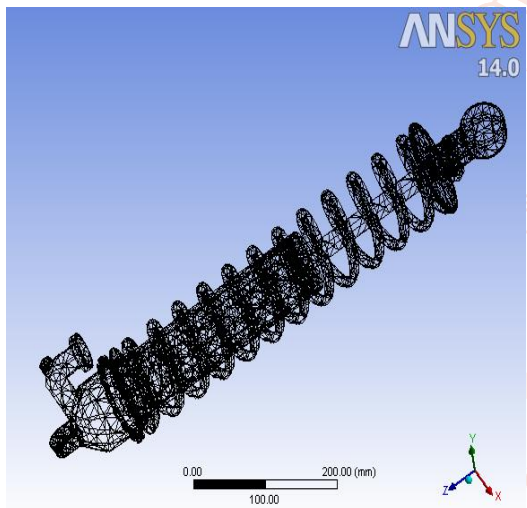


Fig.3.1) Wireframe Meshing of Shock Absorber

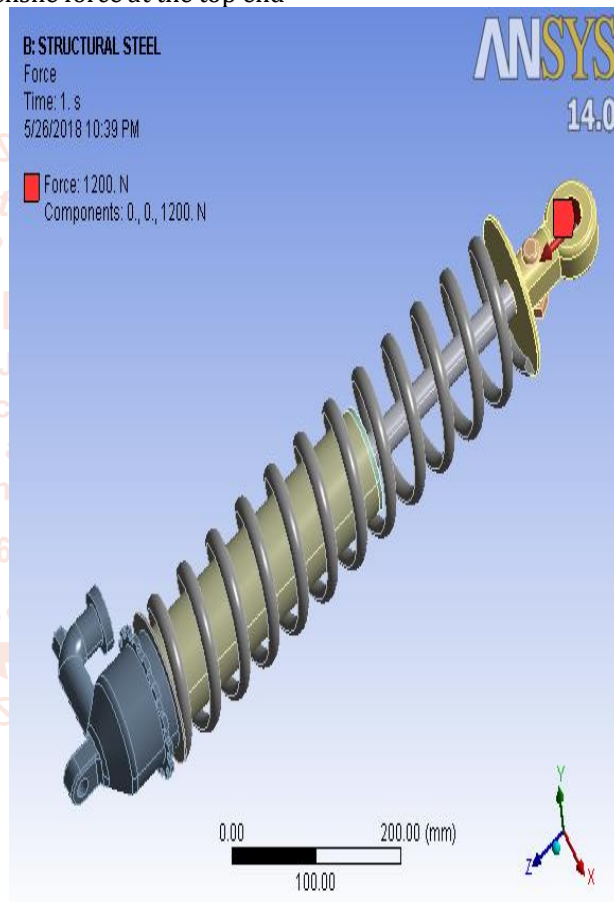


Fig.4.2) Tensile force at top end

4. Solver setup

The following figures show the setup for solution in the Ansys 14.0.

- Case1) Spring Steel
- Case2) Carbon Fiber

The figure shown below shows the fixed support applied at bottom end.

Table 4.1) Details of Material Properties

properties→ material name↓	Density (g/cm ³)	Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)	Poisson ratio	Tensile Strength(MPa)
Spring Steel	7.85	200	0.3	460
Carbon Fibre	1.8	230	0.3	4900

Table 4.2) details of loads and supports

Object Name	Fixed Support	Force
State	Fully Defined	
Scope		
Scoping Method	Geometry Selection	
Geometry	1 Face	

Definition		
Type	Fixed Support	Force
Suppressed		No
Define By		Components
Coordinate System		Global Coordinate System
X Component		0. N (ramped)
Y Component		1200 N (ramped)
Z Component		0. N (ramped)

5. Results

The figures shown below are the contour graph of results of analysis for equivalent stress (Von -Mises) and total deformation

➤ **Case1) spring steel**

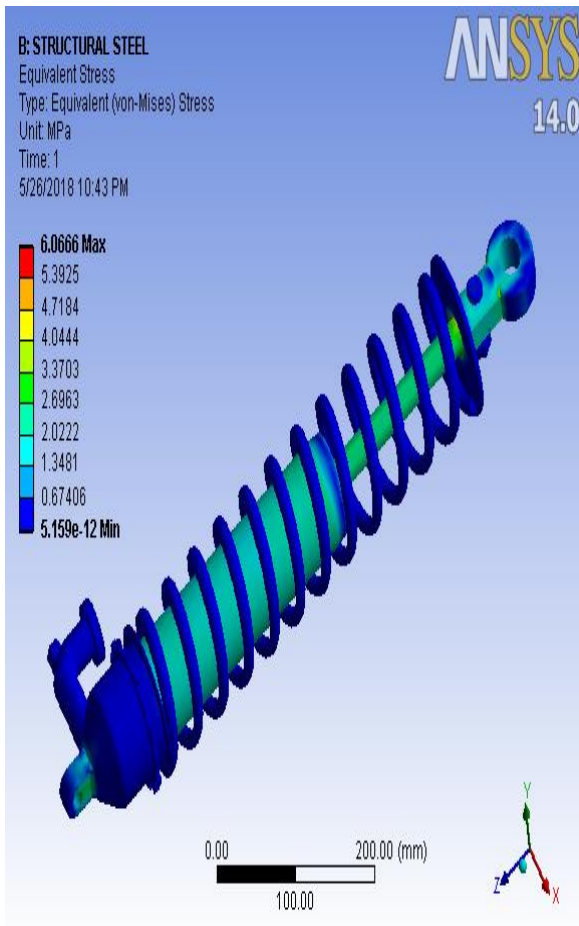


Fig.5.1) Equivalent stress for spring steel

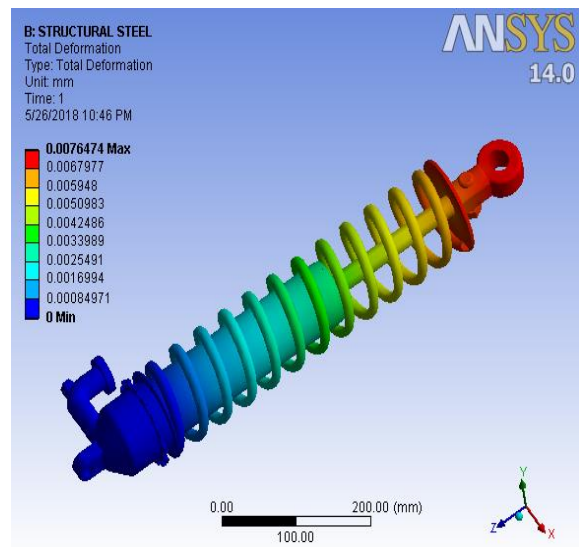


Fig.5.2) Total Deformation for spring steel

➤ **Case3) Carbon fiber**

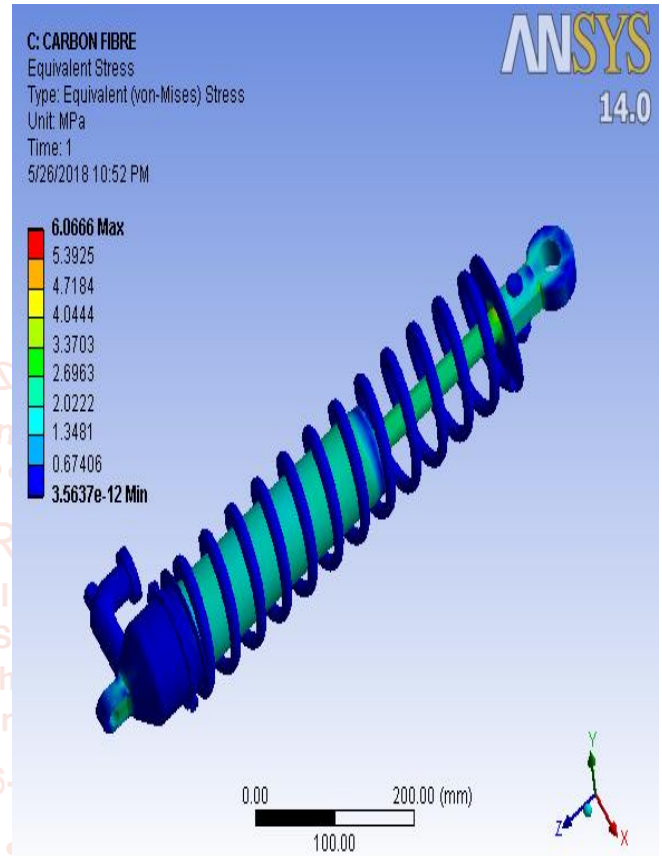


Fig.5.5) Equivalent stress for Carbon Fiber

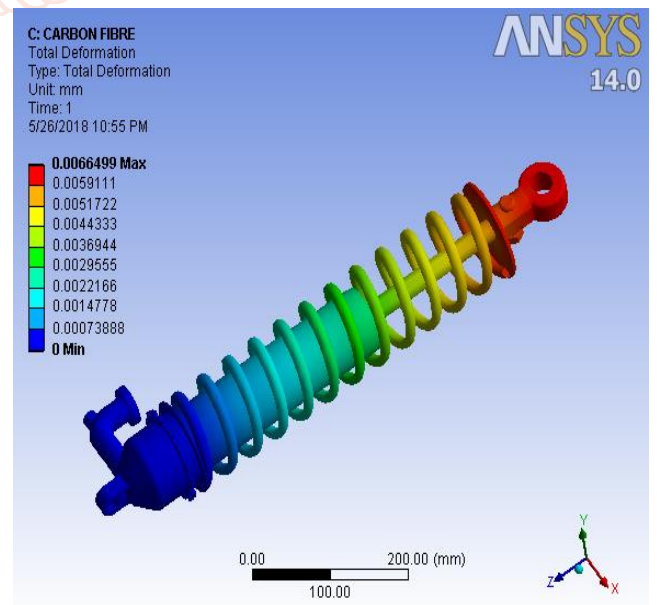


Fig.5.6) Total Deformation for carbon fiber

Table 5.1) solution results of all the materials for equivalent stress von mises and total deformation

Name of material→ solution↓	Spring steel	Beryllium	Carbon fiber
Equivalent stress (MPa)	6.0666	6.3783	6.0666
Total deformation(mm)	0.0076474	0.0051135	0.0066499

Conclusion

The structural performance of shock absorber was analyzed by a comparative study using conventional material of shock absorber i.e. spring steel and materials which is namely as beryllium and carbon fiber. The structural analysis was done using ANSYS fluent 14.0. It is concluded that composite materials carbon fiber and beryllium have lower value of total deformation when compared to conventional material of shock absorber which leads to high structural strength of shock absorber. It is also concluded that the values of equivalent stresses and equivalent strains are also optimum for carbon fiber and beryllium. So the enhancement of structural strength of shock absorber is achieved using carbon fiber and beryllium.

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