A Study on Strength of Brake Calipers using Different Engineering Materials through Finite Element Methodology

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ABSTRACT

A disc brake caliper slows or stops the rotation of a wheel. When a car is braked, its momentum is converted into mechanical energy, which is eventually dissipated as heat. In this investigation, the contact pressure distributions at the disc interfaces are analyzed using a detailed three-dimensional finite element model of a real automobile disc brake. The brake-disc FE models are built in ANSYS 17.0, a simulation package based on the finite element method (FEM). A disc brake system's modeling at various levels and contact pressure distribution simulations are also investigated. It covers the Contact analysis and heat analysis Finite Element Method techniques used in the automotive sector. Investigation is done into how the contact pressure distribution and angular velocity affect disc brakes. We use a variety of materials, including structural steel, aluminum alloy, titanium alloy, and carbon fiber composites, in our project. Finally, after comparing different materials and performing tests to determine their maximum and minimum stresses and deformations, we have discovered that carbon fiber is the best material available due to its durability and light weight.

Keywords: Structural Steel, Aluminium Alloy, Titanium Alloy, Carbon fiber, Stresses, Deformation, CATIA, ANSYS, Disc brake caliper

1. Introduction

In the present developing car showcase the opposition for better execution vehicle in developing massively. The dashing fans included will clearly know the significance of a decent stopping mechanism for wellbeing as well as for remaining aggressive. As we know about the way that races are prevailed upon part of a moment in this way the limit of the stopping mechanism to back off rapidly at turns or corners is critical. High braking efficiency is essential for racing brakes. The manufacturer of racing car brakes isn't very concerned about cushion wear or cost. Initially, cars were fitted with drum brakes. This proposal's primary emphasis is not on passenger-vehicle technology, but on the stock-car racing business, namely NASCAR. Like other competitive series, such as Formula 1, NASCAR is an impressive subset. "Stock Car" refers to factory-built racing cars that are identical to production cars in every way except for their outside side profile. The chassis of a real race car is built to perform a specific task. The racing car's undercarriage is of the full-tube design, in contrast to the single-body design used in commercial cars. The primary capacity of slowing mechanism is to decelerate a vehicle including halting. Brakes are a vitality retaining component

that proselytes vehicle development into warm while ceasing the revolution of wheels. A commonplace vehicle slowing mechanism is appeared in figure 1.
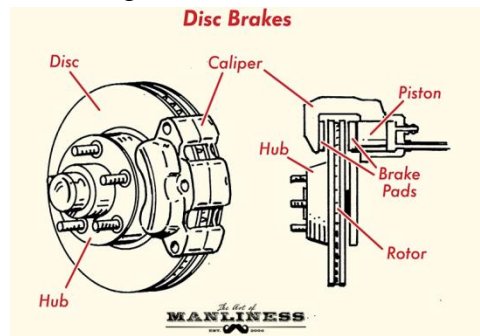

Figure 1 Vehicle braking system

The brake pedal receives the driver's full force, which is amplified by the control booster. Brake fluid is pressurized in an ace barrel when the brake pedal is depressed; this fluid is designed for use in extreme situations and is often a silicone-based DOT5 formulation. Each wheel has a chamber or caliper that receives the braking liquid's water-powered force and uses it to press contact material onto the drum or rotor. When the grinding material makes contact with the rotating drum or rotor, the rotating portion will slow down and eventually halt.

This present paper deals with the strength analysis of brake calipers of vehicles using structural steel, aluminum alloy, carbon fiber and titanium alloy. The study revealed that the carbon fiber has minimum level of stress of 25.49 MPa while Aluminum alloys exhibited the minimum level of deformation of 0.059 mm.

2. Literature Review

Pravin Mohan and Sudheendra S. Patel [2022. In what follows, we examine a disc braking system's theoretical layout. Compared to drum brakes, disc brakes provide superior stopping power, a more straightforward design, less weight, and less susceptibility to water interference. The concept design set sought to lessen thermal deformation at high operating temperatures and boost caliper strength without significantly increasing the caliper's weight. Titanium's hardness makes it impractical to employ the mono block construction of a traditionally machined caliper, therefore this study instead attempts to construct a brake caliper out of separate components that are then joined into a whole. To save future machining expenses, the titanium utilized in the pieces was cut from flat slabs. Since titanium has a greater mass density, special care was taken to reduce the new braking system's weight to a minimum throughout its development. For specified loads, the present brake caliper was evaluated, and replacement materials were proposed. Displacements, strains, and heat impacts were all analyzed. Pressure and tangential loads were applied to the novel modular caliper, and the resulting displacements, deformations, stresses, and temperature effects were investigated. Muhamad Anuwar Jusoh, Abd Rahim Abu Bakar, and S. Arvin Rao [2021]. The squealing of brakes has persisted as a significant Noise, Vibration, and Harshness (NSH) obstacle in the improvement of braking systems. The car industry has been fretting about this for ten years. Many strategies for preventing and mitigating brake squeal have been offered by brake researchers in an effort to counteract and lessen the scream produced by brake discs. In this research, we look at how well restricted layer dampers (CLD) work in suppressing disc brake squeal. By causing shear deformations in the viscoelastic materials, CLD effectively dampens the brake squeal sound. Using the brake test dynamometer and CLD, we ran two separate sets of braking tests. We employed both a three-layer CLD and a four-layer CLD, both of which are restricted layer dampers. The squeaking was tested using a braking noise test equipment developed in accordance with the international standard method SAE J2521. The results show that a CLD configuration with four layers is more effective than one with three. Maximum noise reduction of 11.3 dB was achieved by a CLD constructed of nitrile butadiene rubber, silicone rubber, and mild steel in the 5 bar to 30 bar hydraulic pressure range and the 50oC to 200oC temperature range. This concludes that the CLD approach is an efficient means of decreasing brake squeal noise.
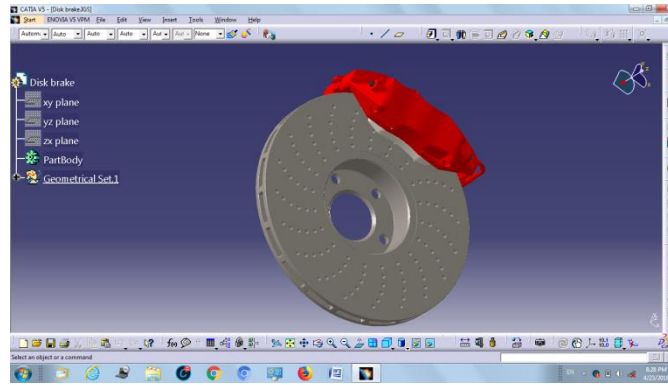
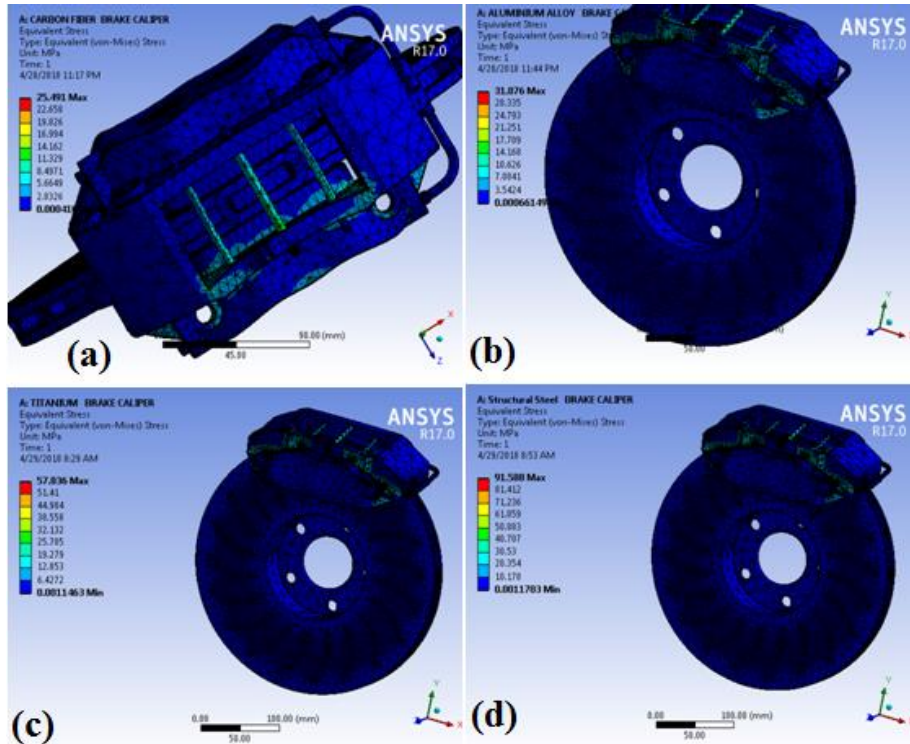## 3. Modeling and Simulation

Figure 2 Calliper with disc on CATIA

Figure 3 Von-Misses stress distribution (a) Carbon Fibre (b) Aluminium alloy (c) Titanium alloy (d) Structural steel
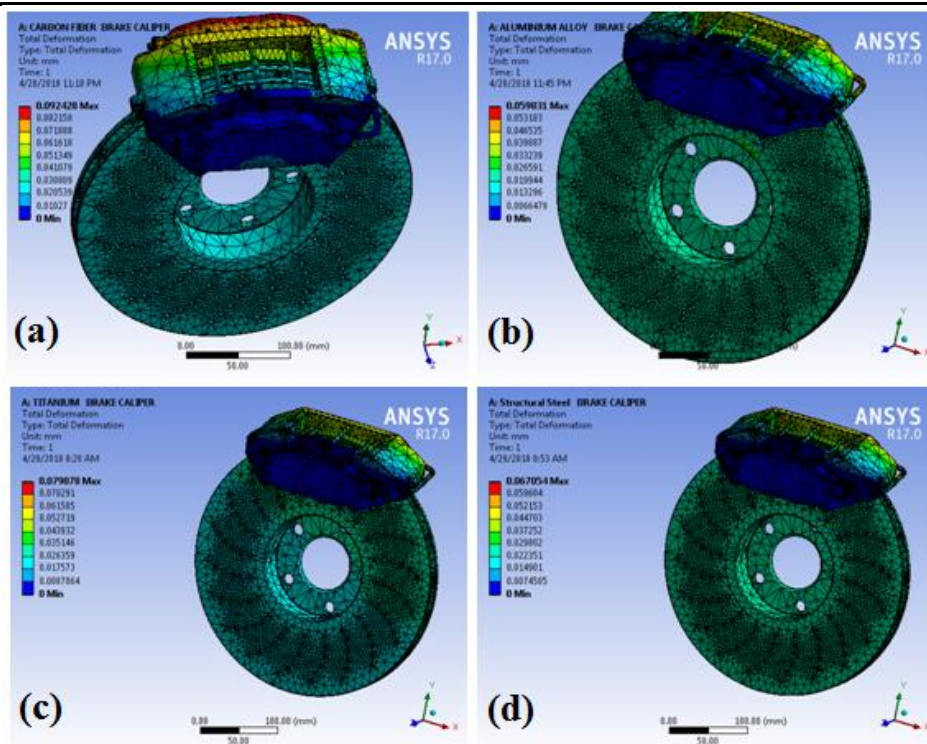
Figure 4 Deformation distribution (a) Carbon Fibre (b) Aluminium alloy (c) Titanium alloy (d) Structural steel

4. Result and Discussion

The highest von misses stress values for four distinct materials—including structure steel, titanium alloy, aluminum, and carbon fiber—are shown in the table above, with values of 91.5 MPa, 57.86 MPa, 31.87 MPa, and 25.49 MPa, respectively. Clearly, the stress values of carbon fiber materials are lower than those of other materials.

Maximum deformation values of 0.067 mm, 0.079 mm, 0.059 mm, and 0.092 mm were obtained for materials including structure steel, titanium alloy, aluminum, and carbon fiber, respectively. Carbon fiber materials, as can be seen here clearly, have a larger value of deformation than other materials, although this is desirable within a certain limit. Future designs may be made with confidence. This will allow us to recommend Carbon Fiber for brake caliper construction in the future. As a result of its light weight but sturdy construction.
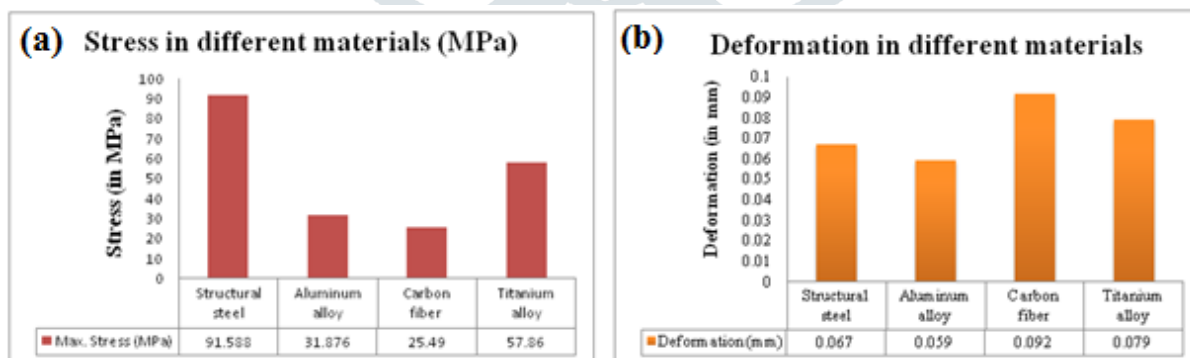

Figure 5 Graphical representation (a) Stress distribution (b) Deformation distribution

5. Concluding Remarks

1. One of the most important considerations in developing a braking system is the calculation of the braking force. The braking force produced must always be in excess of that which is needed to stop the vehicle.

2. We determine the piston diameter and number of pistons needed by calculating the clamping force needed. The design of the caliper body must also take into account assembly requirements and the available space.

3. Since the piston must retract once the necessary clamping force has been supplied, the seal groove shape is crucial to the caliper's functionality.

4. Carbon fiber exhibited the minimum level of stress of 25.49 MPa.

5. Aluminum alloys exhibited the minimum level of deformation of 0.059 mm.

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