

Design and Development of Crop Harvester

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ABSTRACT- Mechanical cotton cutters, i.e. strippers and pickers are commercially available, but these cannot be used for cotton harvesting from varieties presently grown in India due to design constraints and ergonomic practices. Higher initial cost and field capacity make cotton harvesters unsuitable and unaffordable for small and medium farms. Hence, a comprehensive review of cotton harvesting mechanisms developed till date was carried out. The mechanical cotton picker is a machine that automates cotton harvesting in a way that reduces harvest time and maximizes efficiency. To develop a mechanical cotton picker with the intent on replacing manual worker. The first pickers were only capable of harvesting one row of cotton at a time, but were still able to replace up to forty hand laborers.

Keywords- Braking, Microcontroller, Sensor, Automatic, Vehicle, petrol engine, cutting blade

I. INTRODUCTION

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II. - PROBLEMSTATEMENT

observed that there is shortage of labor available for agriculture. Because of this shortage the farmers have transitioned to using harvesters Cutting crop manually using labourbut this method is very time lengthy and time consuming. The harvestings are available for purchase but because of their high costs, they are not affordable. However, agriculture groups make these available for rent on an hourly basis. But the small holding farm owners generally do not require the full-featured combine harvestings. Thus, there is a need for a smaller and efficient combine harvesting which would be more accessible and also considerably cheaper

- 1) Design should be 'Simple' to operate and 'Safe'.
- 2) It should have 'Low Cost of Maintenance'.
- 3) It should require Less Man Power.

Selection of engine

$$P=12\text{watt}$$

$$X=0.15\text{m}=150\text{mm} \quad N=100\text{ rpm}$$

Torque required to drive the alternator shaft

$$P = \frac{2\pi NT}{60}$$

$$12 = \frac{2\pi \times 100 \times T}{60}$$

$$T=1.15\text{N-M}$$

1. Shaft design:-

Material selection :-

Selection of blade

Specification

Outer diameter – 180mm

Inner diameter – 65mm

Speed – 7500 rpm

Cutting force-

The force required for cutting the corn is calculated as follows,

$$F_c = S \times t \times l$$

Where,

$$F_c = \text{cutting force } S = \text{shear strength of corn} = \frac{S_{ut}}{FOS} = \frac{15}{2} =$$

7.5 Mpa

t = thickness of corn to be cut (for one inch diameter stem) =

25mm

Then,

$$F_c = 7.5 \times 25 \times 2 = 375 \times 10^{-3} = 0.375 \text{ nm}$$

$$T_c = F_c \times \text{radial distance}$$

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Fig. Catia Model

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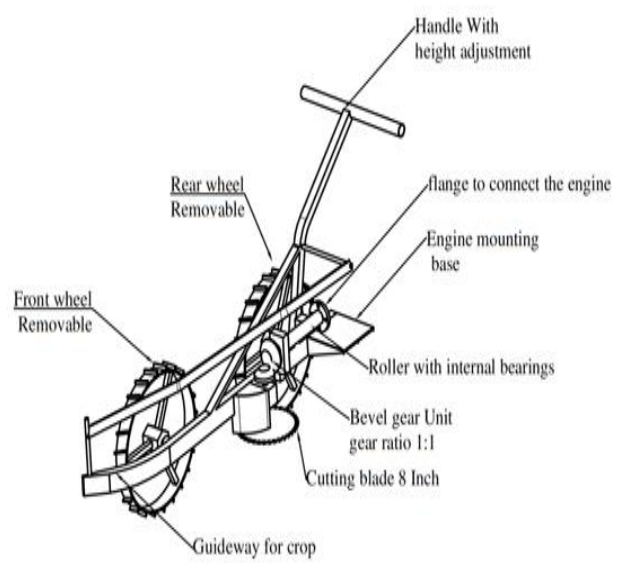
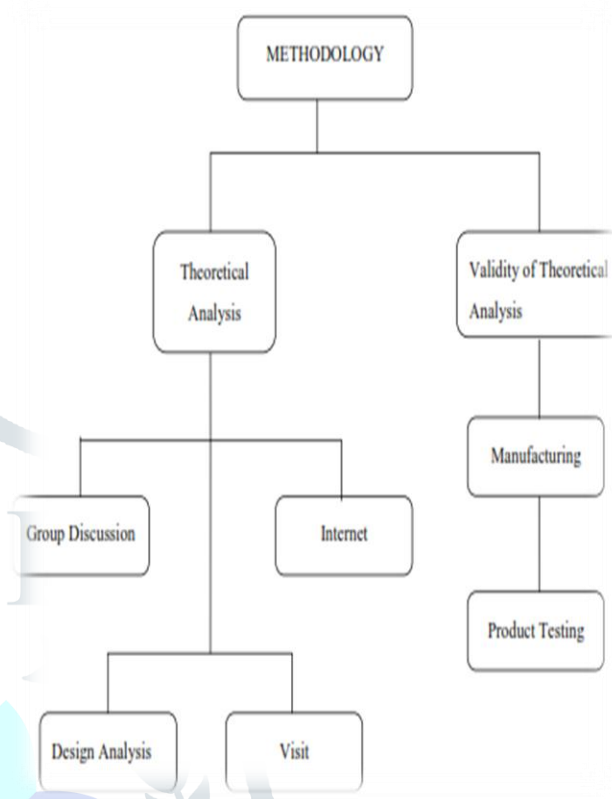
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Tc=0.03375	T=25	12
Fc=0.375	0.75	13

III. METHODOLOGY



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