

Engine & Drivetrain

2018 WPI Formula SAE Design Team





Engine

2015 Yamaha WR450F

- 1 Cylinder, 449 cc
- Durable, Compact, & Lightweight
- Stock Piston and Camshafts
- Integrated 5 Speed Transmission
- YFZ450R Slipper Clutch
 - Smooths Downshifts
 - Reduces Engine Braking When Off Throttle
- FMF Q4 Exhaust Silencer w/ Stock Header

Road Speed vs. Engine RPM, Per Gear (36:13 Final Drive) Gear 1 Gear 2 Gear 3 Gear 4 Gear 5 Gear 5 Engine RPM

Drivetrain

Chain Drive

- 520 Chain Standard Easy to Find Parts
 - YFZ450R Rear Sprocket
 - WR450F Drive Sprocket
- Drexler Limited Slip Differential & Half-Shafts

		ATV Front Differential		Taylor Formula SAE Differential		Drexler Formula SAE Differential	
Criterion	Weight	Score	Total	Score	Total	Score	Total
Cost	5	9	45	4	20	2	10
Adjustability	8	2	16	5	40	10	80
Weight	7	4	28	8	56	8	56
Simplicity	8	1	8	5	40	8	64
Lead time	3	8	24	6	18	8	24
Total			121		172		234

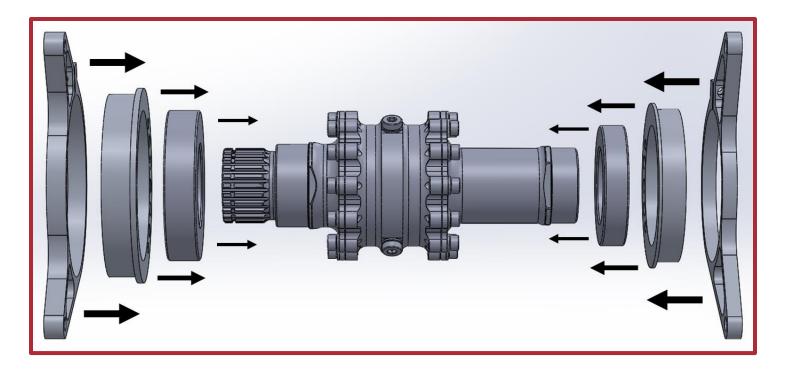
- 36:13 Final Drive Versatility
 - 65 mph in 3rd, 4th, or 5th Gear
 - Fewer Gear Shifts Required

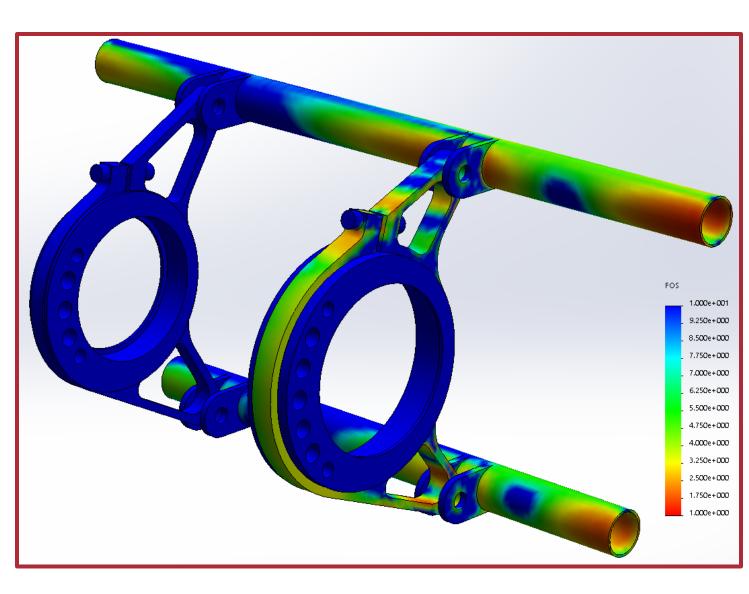
Differential Mounts

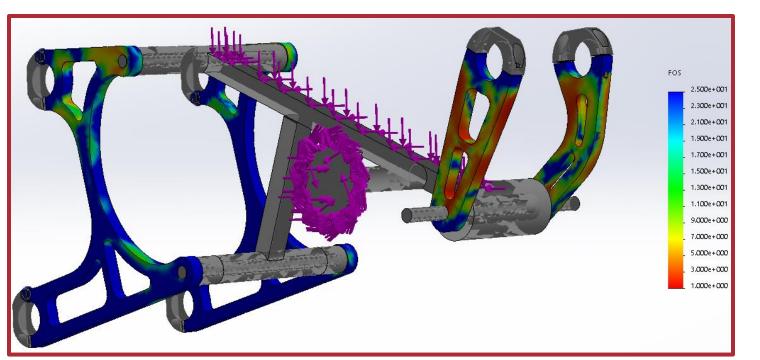
- Eccentric Cam Chain Tensioning 1 Link Range
 - Replaces Solid Mounts w/ Idler Pulley
 - Durability Improved, Weight Reduced
- Asymmetric Mounts Save Weight & Space
- Frame Tabs Simplify Install vs. Shaft Collars
- Horizontal Sandwich Assembly Stable
- FoS ≈ 2 for Engine Lockup SolidWorks FEA

Engine Mounts

- Simple Manufacturing Process
 - Water Jet 2D Profile, Only Drilling & Threading After
- Position Based on 3D Scan of Engine
- FoS ≈ 2 SolidWorks FEA







Air Intake

Research on Bellmouth & Restrictor Profiles

- Bellmouth Elliptical Profile
- 3.5% Higher Discharge Coefficient than simple radius
- "Best Bell" G. P. Blair & W. M. Cahoon
- Restrictor "De-Laval" Profile
 - Radius Inlet 16° Half-Angle, Conical Outlet 4° Half-Angle
 - Smaller Pressure Drop than "Bell" or "Venturi" Profiles
 - "Space Advantage Provided by De-Laval Nozzle and Bell Nozzle over Venturi" – O. N. Deshpande & N. L. Narappanawar

Developed Simulation Method to Test Designs

- Excel Sheet to Calculate Cylinder Pressure
 - Takes RPM, VE Guess & Cylinder/Valve Specs
 - Thermo. Equations & Cam Profiles Many Assumptions
 - Outputs Cylinder Pressure vs. Time
- SolidWorks Flow Simulation to Find VE
 - Air Filter as Static Pressure Boundary
 - Intake Valve Plane as Time-Dependent Boundary
 - Outputs Volumetric Flow Rate Data at Intake Valves
 - Numerically Integrate for Volumetric Efficiency
- Calibrate with 2016 Car Info
- 2016 Intake Plenum Model
- VE Table from Engine TuningCalibration Variable in Excel Sheet
- Iteration with Plenum Shape & Volume
- Cylindrical & Spherical from 1-10x Displacement
- Cylindrical Better than Spherical, 1x Best and 10x Worst
- Prototype Used for Initial Tuning, Modified for Final

Final Design & Materials

- Plenum Volume = Engine Displacement
 - Bellmouth at Air Filter Smoother Inlet Flow
 - 40mm Throttle Slower, Less Turbulent Flow at Blade
 - Bellmouth at Runner Reduce Effect of Resonance
 - Runner Shape/Length Set by Packaging in Frame

3D Printed PLA Plenum Body & Bellmouth

- Light Weight + Simple to Manufacture
- Epoxy Coating Improves Durability
- Even 10% Infill is Strong Enough
- Ribs Added to Improve Stiffness of Plenum

Aluminum Restrictor & Runner

- Durable and Dimensionally Stable
- Simpler Shapes, Harsher Applications

