

Project Report On

“Structural and Fatigue Life Evaluation of an Engine Mount through CAD and FEA”

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1. Introduction

In any automobile, the engine mount is one of the most important parts that connects the engine with the chassis. Apart from holding the engine in place, it also absorbs vibrations and reduces the shocks transmitted to the vehicle body. Since the mount experiences continuous cyclic loads during operation, it is likely to fail due to fatigue if not designed properly.

In this project, I first designed an engine mount in SolidWorks to create the 3D model. The model was then imported into ANSYS Workbench, where I carried out both structural and fatigue analysis. The idea was to check whether the design can withstand real-world loading conditions and to estimate its life span under repeated loading.

2. CAD Modelling in SolidWorks

The geometry of the engine mount was created in SolidWorks. The design included proper fillets and mounting holes to resemble an actual component. The finished CAD model had the following parameters:

- X dimension: 67.6 mm
- Y dimension: 108 mm
- Z dimension: 34.4 mm
- Volume: $1.21 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$
- Mass: 0.095 kg

After completing the design, the model was exported in a neutral format and imported into ANSYS for analysis.

3. Analysis in ANSYS

Material Properties

Structural Steel was chosen as the material:

- Density: 7850 kg/m^3
- Young's Modulus: 200 GPa
- Poisson's Ratio: 0.3
- Yield Strength: 250 MPa
- Ultimate Strength: 460 MPa

Meshing

The part was meshed with quadratic elements:

- ~29,600 nodes
- ~14,600 elements
- Element size close to 6.6 mm

Boundary Conditions

- Mounting faces were fixed supports

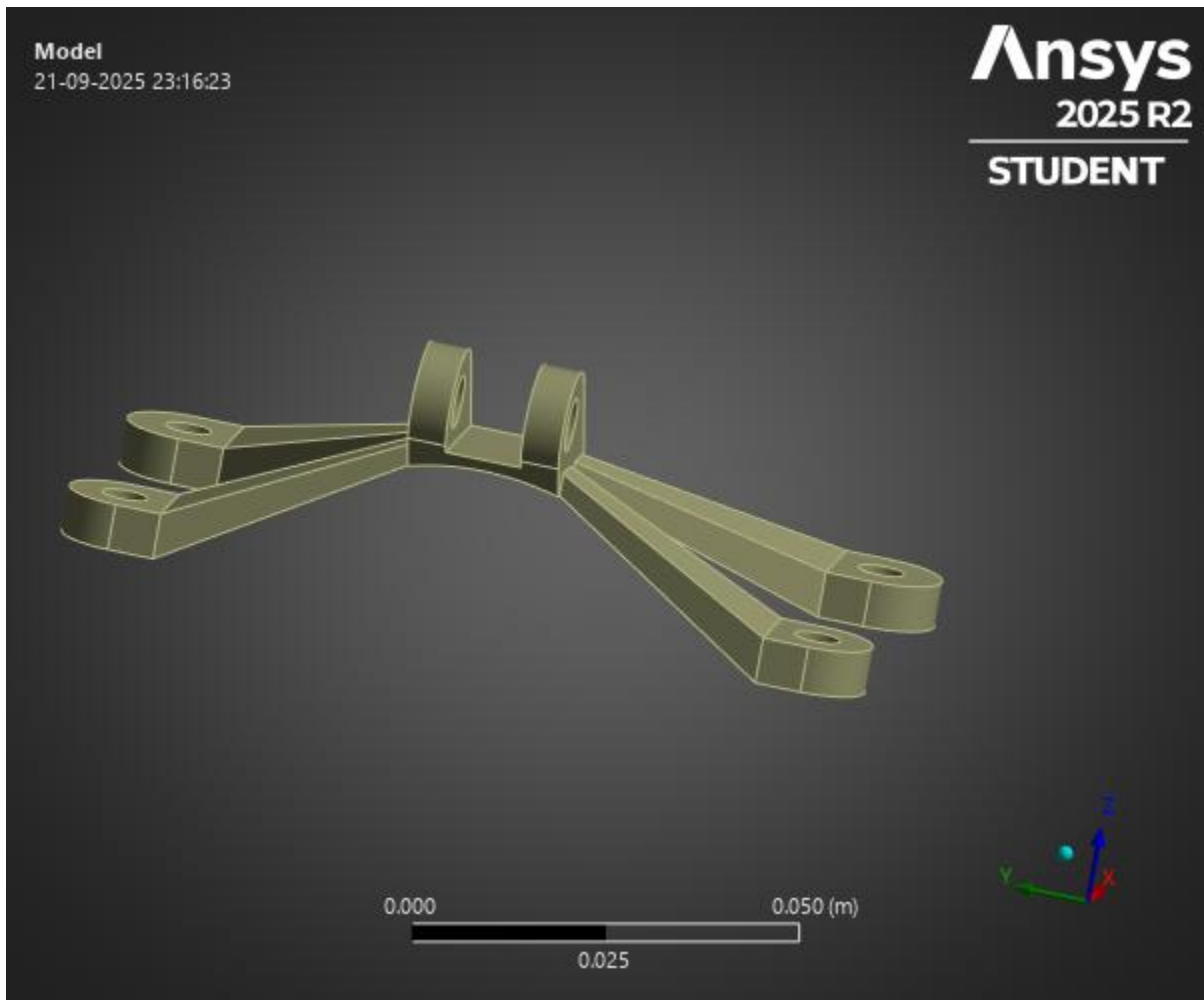
- A force of 10,000 N was applied to simulate the load from the engine
- Analysis included both static stress and fatigue life prediction using the Stress-Life method

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Units

TABLE 1

Unit System	Metric (m, kg, N, s, V, A) Degrees rad/s Celsius
Angle	Degrees
Rotational Velocity	rad/s
Temperature	Celsius

Model (A4)

TABLE 2

Model (A4) > Geometry Imports

Object Name	<i>Geometry Imports</i>
State	Solved

TABLE 3

Model (A4) > Geometry Imports > Geometry Import (A3)

Object Name	<i>Geometry Import (A3)</i>
State	Solved
Definition	
Source	C:\Users\grite\Downloads\Engine mount fatigue_files\dp0\SYS\DM\SYS.dsco
Type	Discovery
Basic Geometry Options	
Solid Bodies	Yes
Surface Bodies	Yes
Line Bodies	Yes
Parameters	Independent
Parameter Key	
Attributes	Yes
Attribute Key	
Named Selections	Yes
Named Selection Key	
Material Properties	No
Advanced Geometry Options	
Use Associativity	Yes
Coordinate Systems	Yes
Coordinate System Key	
Reader Mode Saves Updated File	No
Use Instances	Yes
Smart CAD Update	Yes
Compare Parts On Update	No

Analysis Type	3-D
Mixed Import Resolution	None
Import Facet Quality	Source
Clean Bodies On Import	No
Stitch Surfaces On Import	None
Decompose Disjoint Geometry	Yes
Enclosure and Symmetry Processing	Yes

Geometry

TABLE 4
Model (A4) > Geometry

Object Name	<i>Geometry</i>
State	Fully Defined
Definition	
Source	C:\Users\grite\Downloads\Engine mount fatigue_files\dp0\SYS\DM\SYS.dsco
Type	Discovery
Length Unit	Meters
Element Control	Program Controlled
Display Style	Body Color
Bounding Box	
Length X	6.7604e-002 m
Length Y	0.10803 m
Length Z	3.4408e-002 m
Properties	
Volume	1.2123e-005 m ³

Mass	9.5169e-002 kg
Scale Factor Value	1.
Statistics	
Bodies	1
Active Bodies	1
Nodes	29636
Elements	14667
Mesh Metric	None
Update Options	
Assign Default Material	No
Basic Geometry Options	
Solid Bodies	Yes
Surface Bodies	Yes
Line Bodies	Yes
Parameters	Independent
Parameter Key	
Attributes	Yes
Attribute Key	
Named Selections	Yes
Named Selection Key	
Material Properties	No
Advanced Geometry Options	
Use Associativity	Yes
Coordinate Systems	Yes
Coordinate System Key	

Reader Mode Saves Updated File	No
Use Instances	Yes
Smart CAD Update	Yes
Compare Parts On Update	No
Analysis Type	3-D
Mixed Import Resolution	None
Import Facet Quality	Source
Clean Bodies On Import	No
Stitch Surfaces On Import	None
Decompose Disjoint Geometry	Yes
ID_GeometryPrefProcessPhysicsDefinition	No
Enclosure and Symmetry Processing	Yes

TABLE 5
Model (A4) > Geometry > Parts

Object Name	<i>Default\Default</i>
State	Meshed
Graphics Properties	
Visible	Yes
Transparency	1
Definition	
Suppressed	No
Stiffness Behavior	Flexible
Coordinate System	Default Coordinate System
Reference Temperature	By Environment
Treatment	None
Material	

Assignment	Structural Steel
Nonlinear Effects	Yes
Thermal Strain Effects	Yes
Bounding Box	
Length X	6.7604e-002 m
Length Y	0.10803 m
Length Z	3.4408e-002 m
Properties	
Volume	1.2123e-005 m³
Mass	9.5169e-002 kg
Centroid X	-3.3279e-002 m
Centroid Y	-1.0204e-002 m
Centroid Z	-6.8375e-003 m
Moment of Inertia Ip1	1.1031e-004 kg·m²
Moment of Inertia Ip2	5.0875e-005 kg·m²
Moment of Inertia Ip3	1.5056e-004 kg·m²
Statistics	
Nodes	29636
Elements	14667
Mesh Metric	None
CAD Attributes	
PartTolerance:	0.00000001
Color:143.149.175	

TABLE 6
Model (A4) > Materials

Object Name	<i>Materials</i>
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State	Fully Defined
Statistics	
Materials	1
Material Assignments	0

Coordinate Systems

TABLE 7
Model (A4) > Coordinate Systems > Coordinate System

Object Name	<i>Global Coordinate System</i>
State	Fully Defined
Definition	
Type	Cartesian
Coordinate System ID	0.
Origin	
Origin X	0. m
Origin Y	0. m
Origin Z	0. m
Directional Vectors	
X Axis Data	[1. 0. 0.]
Y Axis Data	[0. 1. 0.]
Z Axis Data	[0. 0. 1.]
Transfer Properties	
Source	
Read Only	No

Connections

TABLE 8
Model (A4) > Connections

Object Name	<i>Connections</i>
State	Fully Defined
Auto Detection	
Generate Automatic Connection On Refresh	Yes
Transparency	
Enabled	Yes
Statistics	
Contacts	0
Active Contacts	0
Joints	0
Active Joints	0
Beams	0
Active Beams	0
Bearings	0
Active Bearings	0
Springs	0
Active Springs	0
Body Interactions	0
Active Body Interactions	0

TABLE 9
Model (A4) > Connections > Contacts

Object Name	<i>Contacts</i>
State	Fully Defined
Definition	
Connection Type	Contact
Scope	

Scoping Method	Geometry Selection
Geometry	All Bodies
Auto Detection	
Tolerance Type	Slider
Tolerance Slider	0.
Tolerance Value	3.3001e-004 m
Use Range	No
Face/Face	Yes
Face-Face Angle Tolerance	75. °
Face Overlap Tolerance	Off
Cylindrical Faces	Include
Face/Edge	No
Edge/Edge	No
Priority	Include All
Group By	Bodies
Search Across	Bodies
Statistics	
Connections	0
Active Connections	0

Mesh

TABLE 10
Model (A4) > Mesh

Object Name	<i>Mesh</i>
State	Solved
Display	
Display Style	Use Geometry Setting

Defaults	
Physics Preference	Mechanical
Element Order	Program Controlled
Element Size	Default (6.6002e-003 m)
Sizing	
Use Adaptive Sizing	No
Growth Rate	Default (1.85)
Max Size	Default (1.32e-002 m)
Mesh Defeaturing	Yes
Defeature Size	Default (3.3001e-005 m)
Capture Curvature	No
Capture Proximity	No
Bounding Box Diagonal	0.132 m
Average Surface Area	1.7113e-004 m ²
Minimum Edge Length	9.8662e-004 m
Quality	
Check Mesh Quality	Yes, Errors
Error Limits	Aggressive Mechanical
Target Element Quality	Default (5.e-002)
Smoothing	Medium
Mesh Metric	None
Inflation	
Use Automatic Inflation	None
Inflation Option	Smooth Transition
Transition Ratio	0.272

Maximum Layers	2
Growth Rate	1.2
Inflation Algorithm	Pre
Inflation Element Type	Wedges
View Advanced Options	No
Advanced	
Number of CPUs for Parallel Part Meshing	Program Controlled
Straight Sided Elements	No
Rigid Body Behavior	Dimensionally Reduced
Triangle Surface Mesher	Program Controlled
Topology Checking	Yes
Pinch Tolerance	Default (5.9401e-005 m)
Generate Pinch on Refresh	No
Auto-Map Fillets	No
Automatic Methods	
Sheet Body Method	Prime Quad Dominant
Sweepable Body Method	Sweep
Statistics	
Nodes	29636
Elements	14667
Show Detailed Statistics	No

TABLE 11
Model (A4) > Mesh > Mesh Controls

Object Name	Body Sizing	Automatic Method	Refinement
State	Fully Defined		
Scope			

Scoping Method	Geometry Selection		
Geometry	1 Body		18 Faces
Definition			
Suppressed	No		
Type	Element Size		
Element Size	Default (6.6002e-003 m)		
Method		Automatic	
Element Order		Quadratic	
Refinement			3
Advanced			
Defeature Size	Default (3.3001e-005 m)		
Behavior	Soft		
Growth Rate	Default (1.85)		
Capture Curvature	No		
Capture Proximity	No		

Static Structural (A5)

TABLE 12
Model (A4) > Analysis

Object Name	<i>Static Structural (A5)</i>
State	Solved
Definition	
Physics Type	Structural
Analysis Type	Static Structural
Solver Target	Mechanical APDL
Options	
Environment Temperature	22. °C

Generate Input Only	No
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TABLE 13
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Analysis Settings

Object Name	<i>Analysis Settings</i>
State	Fully Defined
Step Controls	
Number Of Steps	1.
Current Step Number	1.
Step End Time	1. s
Auto Time Stepping	Program Controlled
Solver Controls	
Solver Type	Program Controlled
Weak Springs	Off
Solver Pivot Checking	Program Controlled
Large Deflection	Off
Inertia Relief	Off
Quasi-Static Solution	Off
Rotordynamics Controls	
Coriolis Effect	Off
Restart Controls	
Generate Restart Points	Program Controlled
Retain Files After Full Solve	No
Combine Restart Files	Program Controlled
Nonlinear Controls	
Newton-Raphson Option	Program Controlled
Force Convergence	Program Controlled

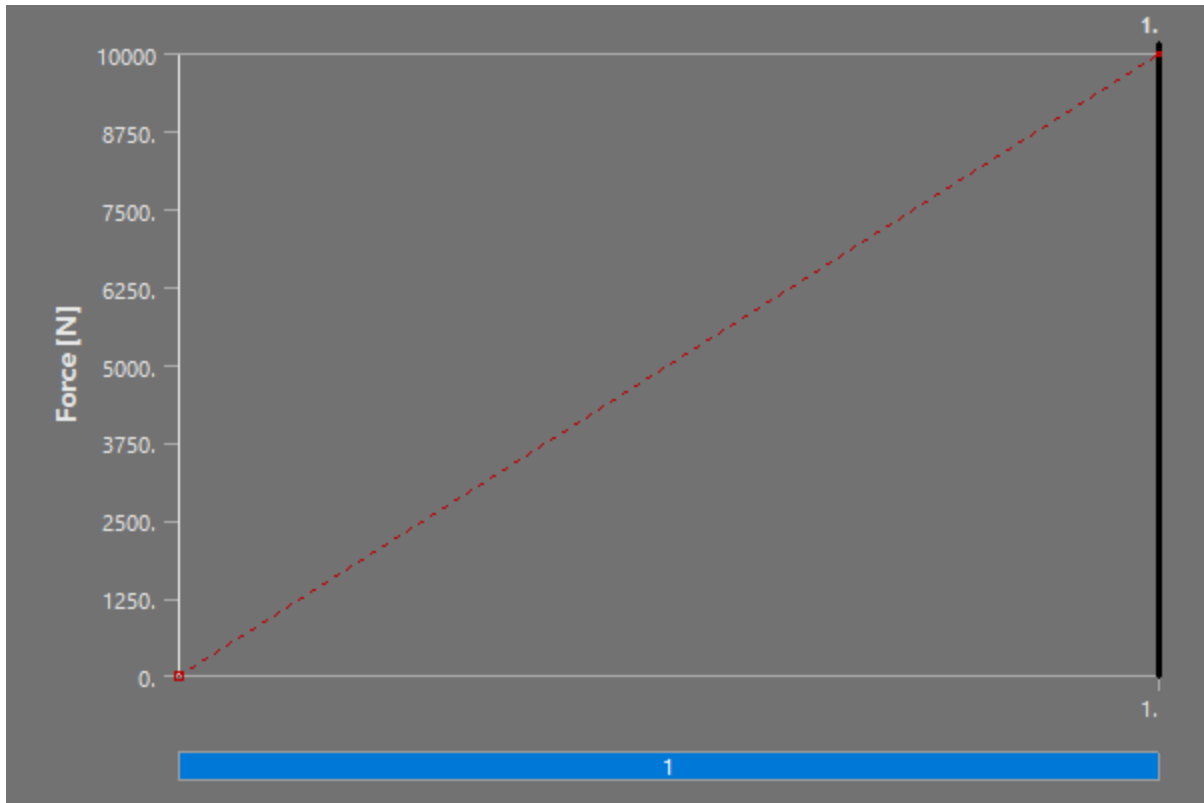
Moment Convergence	Program Controlled
Displacement Convergence	Program Controlled
Rotation Convergence	Program Controlled
Line Search	Program Controlled
Stabilization	Program Controlled
Advanced	
Inverse Option	No
Contact Split (DMP)	Program Controlled
Output Controls	
Output Selection	None
Stress	Yes
Back Stress	No
Strain	Yes
Contact Data	Yes
Nonlinear Data	No
Nodal Forces	No
Volume and Energy	Yes
Euler Angles	Yes
General Miscellaneous	No
Contact Miscellaneous	No
Store Results At	All Time Points
Result File Compression	Program Controlled
Analysis Data Management	
Solver Files Directory	C:\Users\grite\Downloads\Engine mount fatigue_files\dp0\SYS\MECH\
Future Analysis	None

Scratch Solver Files Directory	
Save MAPDL db	No
Contact Summary	Program Controlled
Delete Unneeded Files	Yes
Nonlinear Solution	No
Solver Units	Active System
Solver Unit System	mks

TABLE 14
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Loads

Object Name	Force	Fixed Support
State	Fully Defined	
Scope		
Scoping Method	Geometry Selection	
Geometry	2 Faces	4 Faces
Definition		
Type	Force	Fixed Support
Define By	Vector	
Applied By	Surface Effect	
Magnitude	10000 N (ramped)	
Direction	Defined	
Suppressed	No	

FIGURE 1
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Force



Solution (A6)

TABLE 15
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution

Object Name	<i>Solution (A6)</i>
State	Solved
Adaptive Mesh Refinement	
Max Refinement Loops	1.
Refinement Depth	2.
Information	
Status	Done
MAPDL Elapsed Time	22. s
MAPDL Memory Used	300. MB
MAPDL Result File Size	9.5625 MB
Post Processing	

Beam Section Results	No
On Demand Stress/Strain	No

TABLE 16
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Solution Information

Object Name	<i>Solution Information</i>
State	Solved
Solution Information	
Solution Output	Solver Output
Newton-Raphson Residuals	0
Identify Element Violations	0
Update Interval	2.5 s
Display Points	All
FE Connection Visibility	
Activate Visibility	Yes
Display	All FE Connectors
Draw Connections Attached To	All Nodes
Line Color	Connection Type
Visible on Results	No
Line Thickness	Single
Display Type	Lines

TABLE 17
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tools

Object Name	<i>Fatigue Tool</i>
State	Solved
Domain	
Domain Type	Time

Materials	
Fatigue Strength Factor (Kf)	1.
Loading	
Type	Fully Reversed
Scale Factor	1.
Definition	
Display Time	End Time
Options	
Analysis Type	Stress Life
Mean Stress Theory	Soderberg
Stress Component	Equivalent (von-Mises)
Life Units	
Units Name	cycles
1 cycle is equal to	1. cycles

FIGURE 2
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool

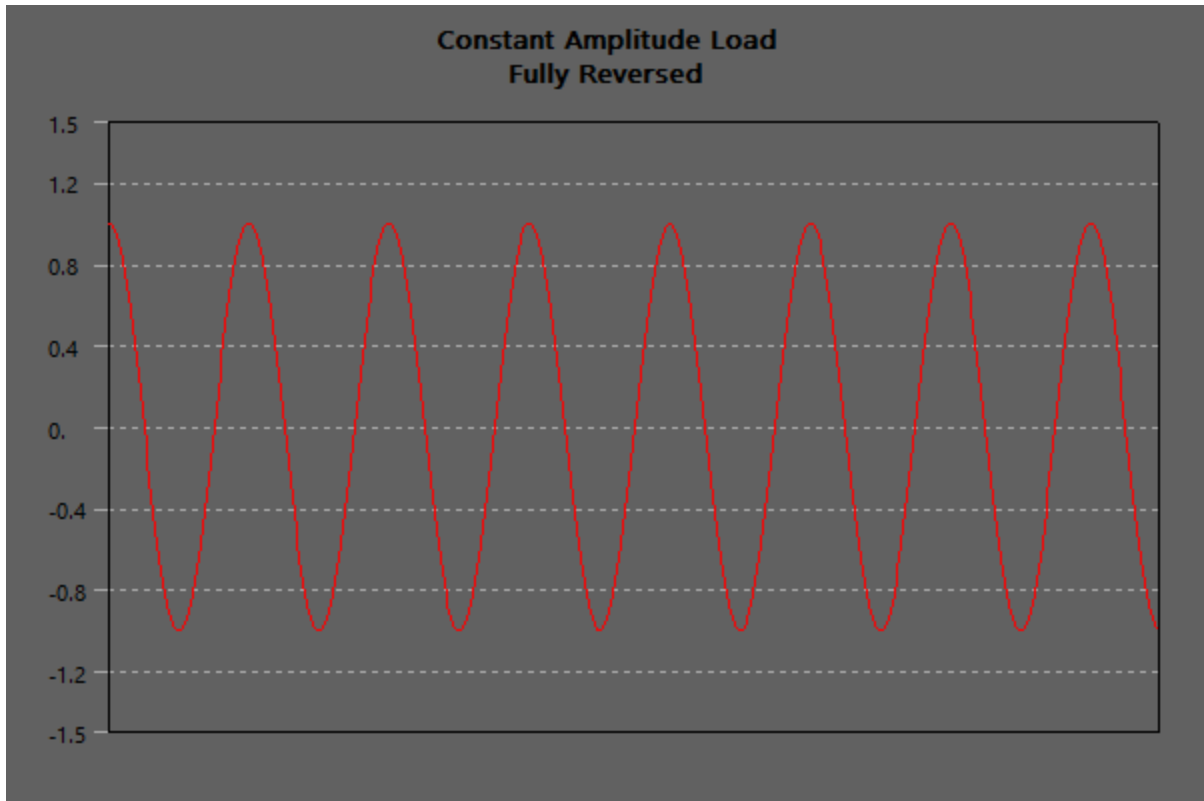


FIGURE 3
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool

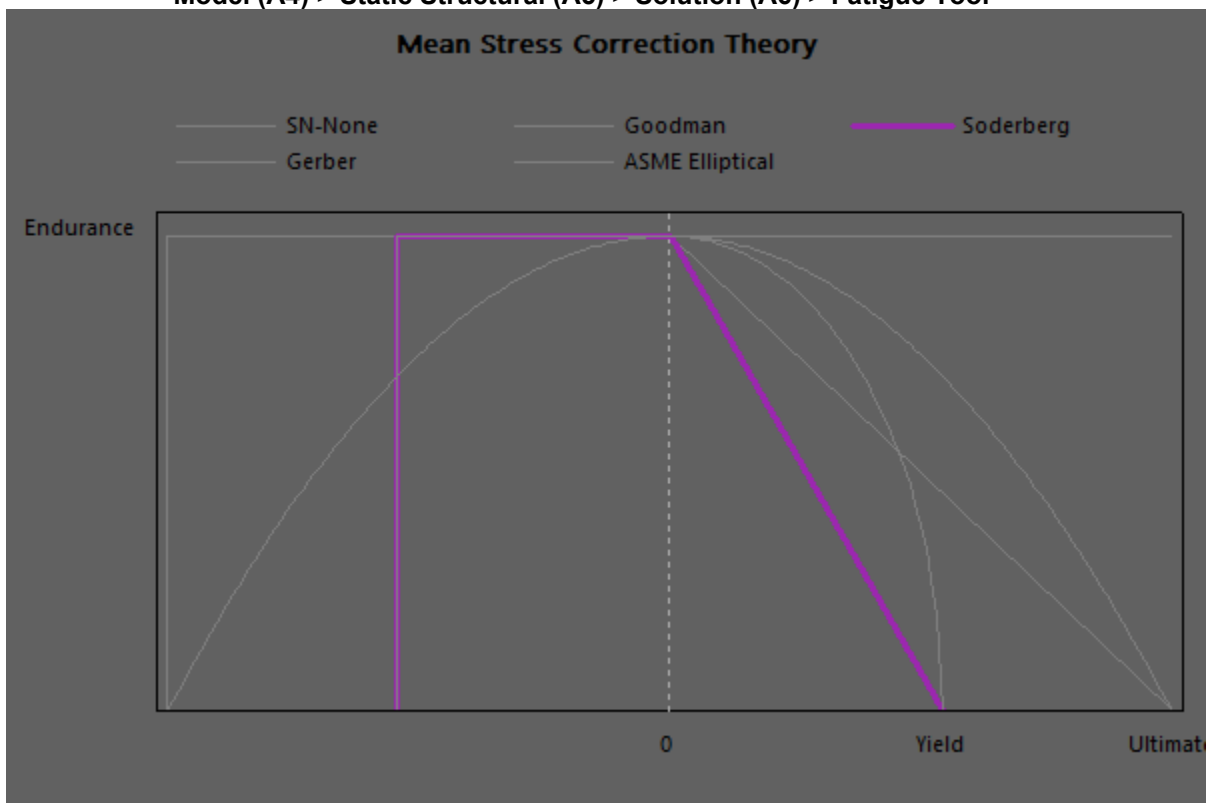


TABLE 18
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Results

Object Name	Life	Safety Factor	Equivalent Alternating Stress	Damage
State	Solved			
Scope				
Scoping Method	Geometry Selection			
Geometry	All Bodies			
Definition				
Type	Life	Safety Factor	Equivalent Alternating Stress	Damage
Identifier				
Suppressed	No			
Design Life		1.e+009 cycles		1.e+009 cycles
Results				
Minimum	18.648 cycles	2.9266e-002	67768 Pa	
Minimum Occurs On	Default\Default			
Maximum			2.9454e+009 Pa	5.3626e+007
Average			1.7713e+008 Pa	
Maximum Occurs On			Default\Default	

FIGURE 4
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Life

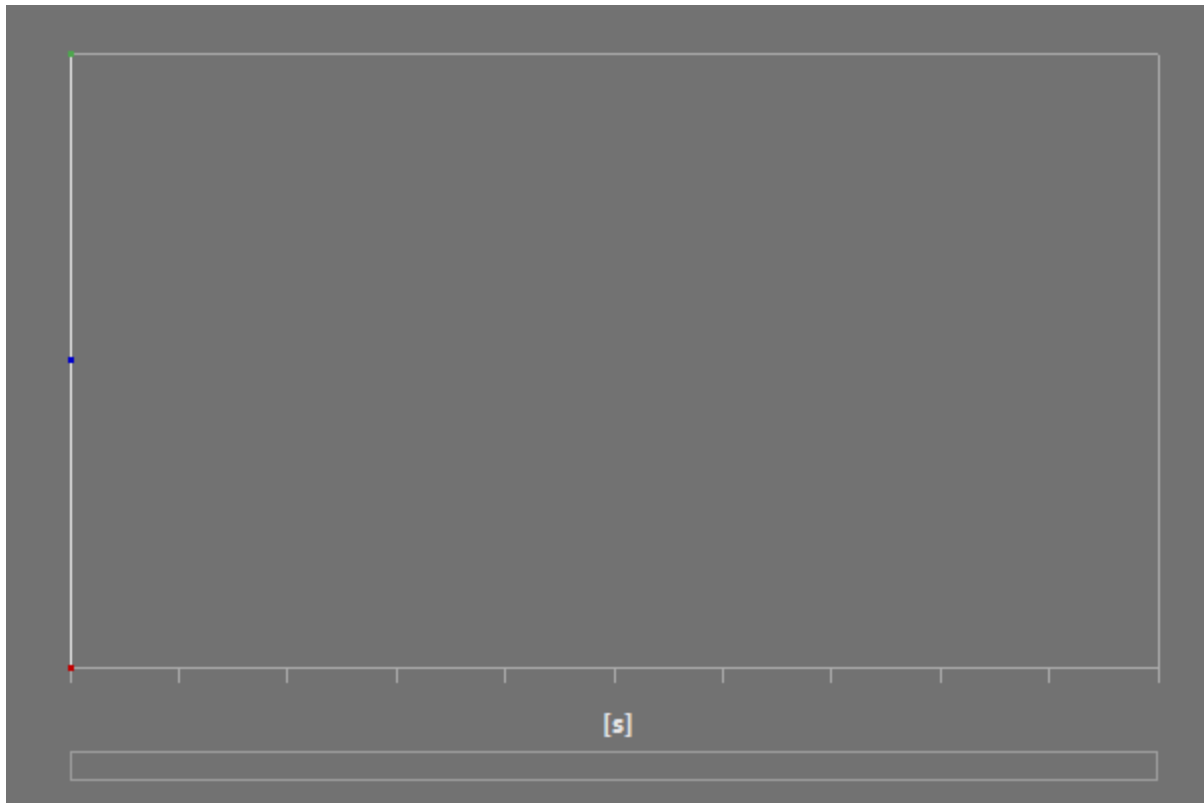


TABLE 19
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Life

Time [s]	Minimum	Maximum	Average
1.	18.648	1.e+006	5.0005e+005

FIGURE 5
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Safety Factor

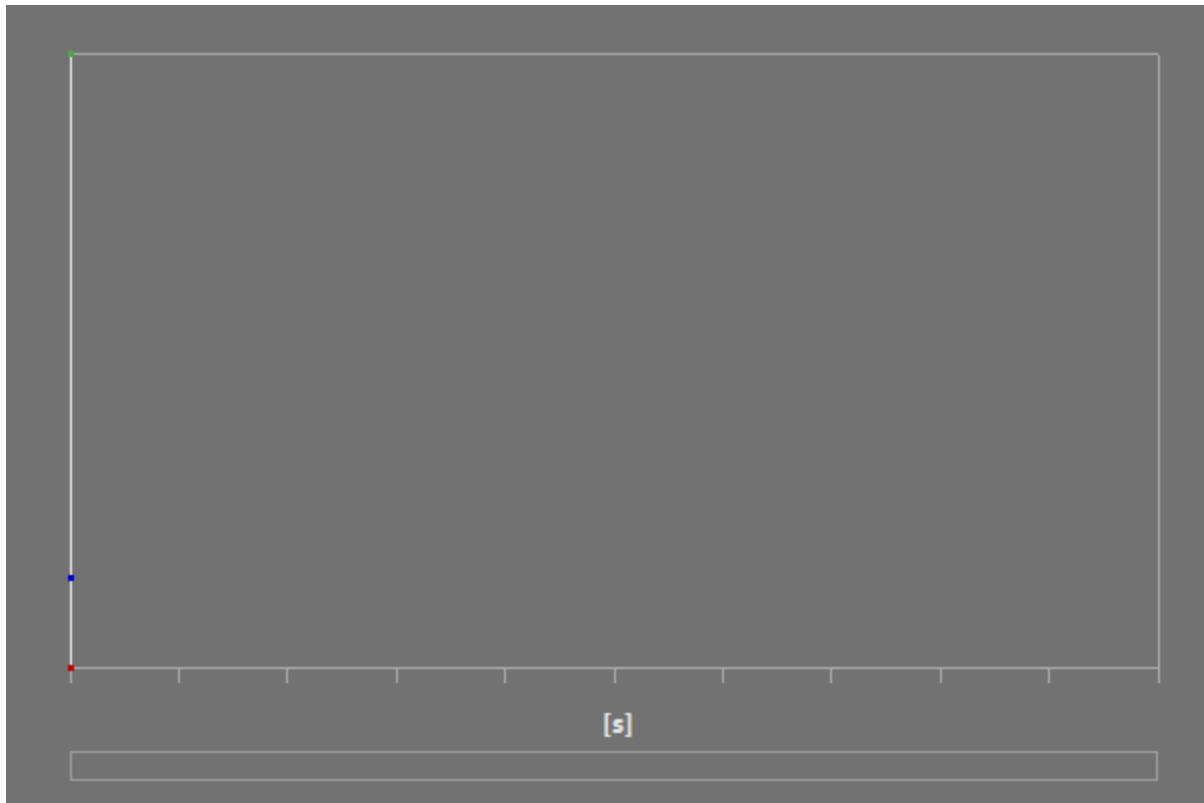


TABLE 20

Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Safety Factor

Time [s]	Minimum	Maximum	Average
1.	2.9266e-002	15.	2.2194

FIGURE 6

Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Equivalent Alternating Stress

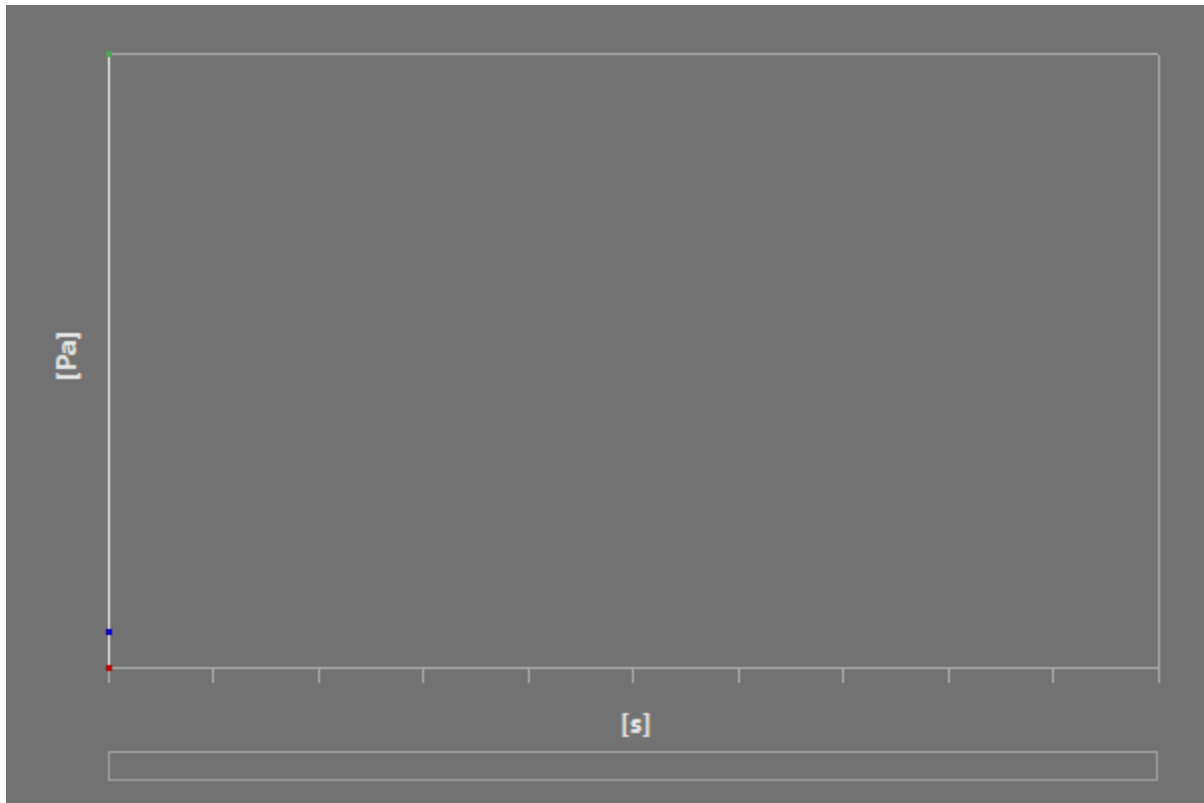


TABLE 21
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Equivalent Alternating Stress

Time [s]	Minimum [Pa]	Maximum [Pa]	Average [Pa]
1.	67768	2.9454e+009	1.7713e+008

FIGURE 7
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Damage

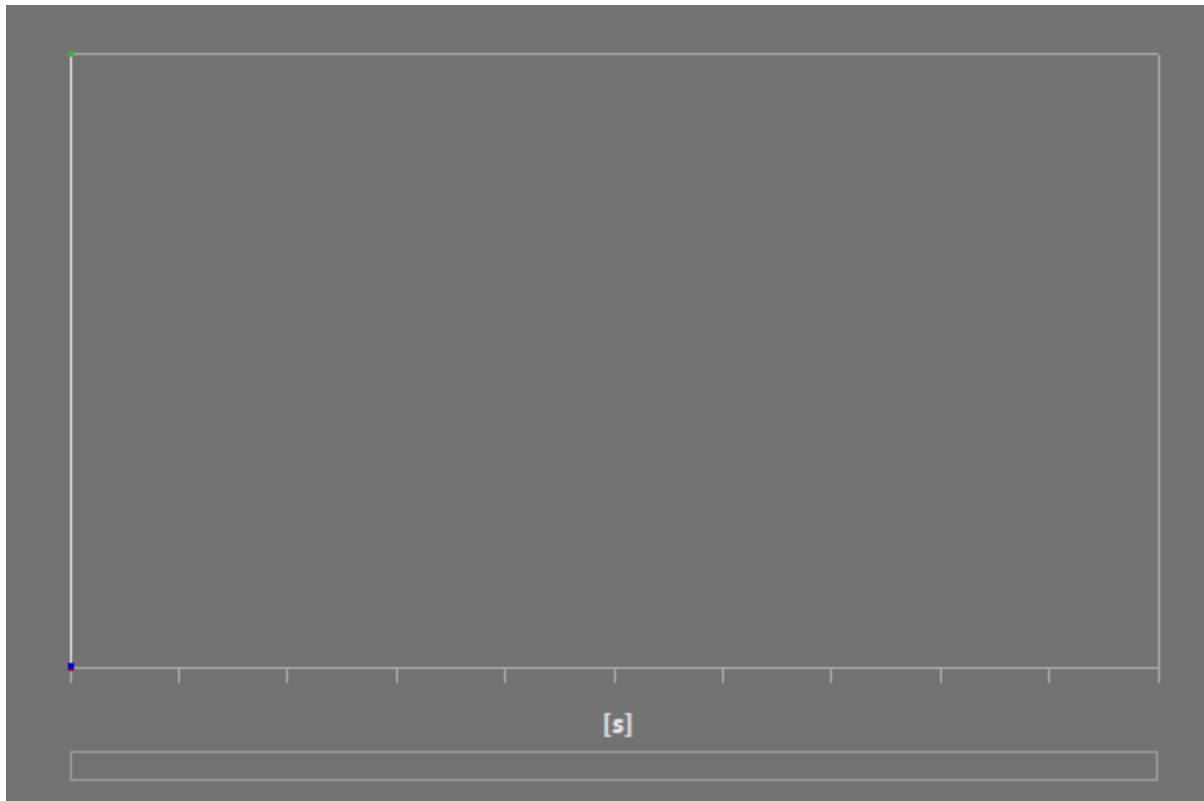


TABLE 22

Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Damage

Time [s]	Minimum	Maximum	Average
1.	1000.	5.3626e+007	2.1657e+005

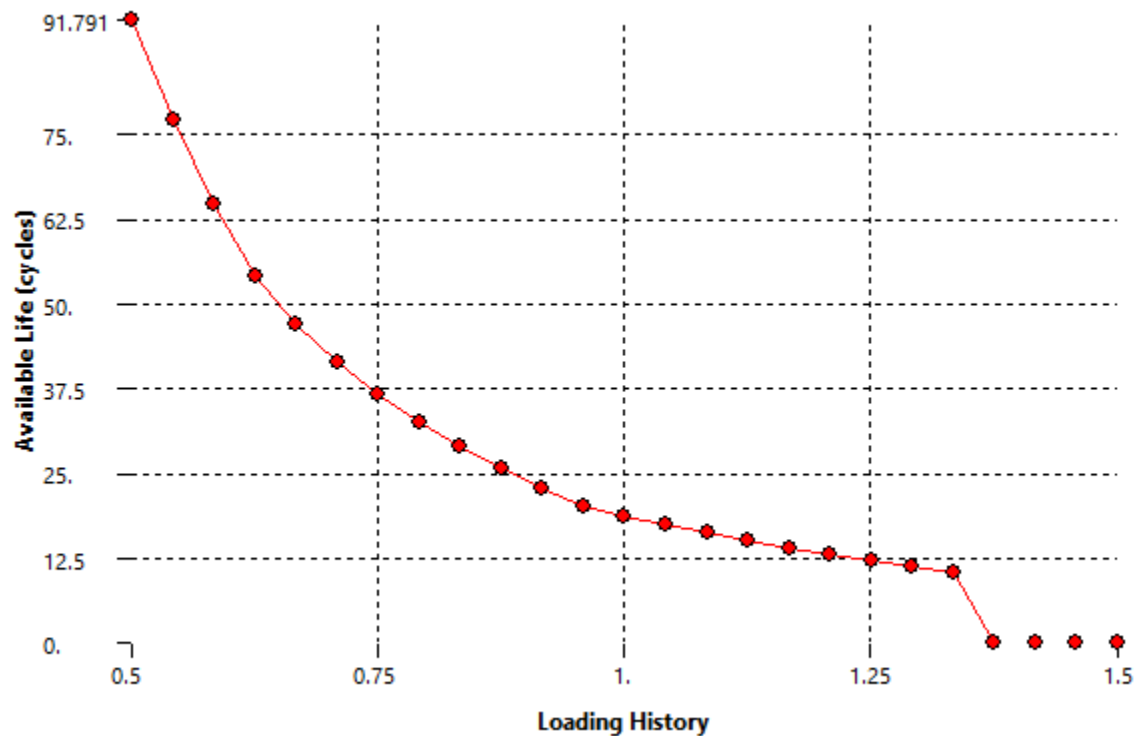
TABLE 23

Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Result Charts

Object Name	<i>Fatigue Sensitivity</i>
State	Solved
Scope	
Geometry	All Bodies
Definition	
Sensitivity For	Life
Suppressed	No
Options	

Lower Variation	50. %
Upper Variation	150. %
Number of Fill Points	25
Chart Viewing Style	Linear

FIGURE 8
Model (A4) > Static Structural (A5) > Solution (A6) > Fatigue Tool > Fatigue Sensitivity



Material Data

Structural Steel

TABLE 24
Structural Steel > Constants

Density	7850 kg m ⁻³
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	1.2e-005 C ⁻¹
Specific Heat	434 J kg ⁻¹ C ⁻¹
Thermal Conductivity	60.5 W m ⁻¹ C ⁻¹

Resistivity	1.7e-007 kg m ³ A ⁻² s ⁻³
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TABLE 25
Structural Steel > Color

Red	Green	Blue
132	139	179

TABLE 26
Structural Steel > Compressive Ultimate Strength

Compressive Ultimate Strength Pa
4.2e+008

TABLE 27
Structural Steel > Compressive Yield Strength

Compressive Yield Strength Pa
2.5e+008

TABLE 28
Structural Steel > Tensile Yield Strength

Tensile Yield Strength Pa
2.5e+008

TABLE 29
Structural Steel > Tensile Ultimate Strength

Tensile Ultimate Strength Pa
4.6e+008

TABLE 30
Structural Steel > Isotropic Secant Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

Zero-Thermal-Strain Reference Temperature C
22

TABLE 31
Structural Steel > S-N Curve

Alternating Stress Pa	Cycles	Mean Stress Pa
3.999e+009	10	0

2.827e+009	20	0
1.896e+009	50	0
1.413e+009	100	0
1.069e+009	200	0
4.41e+008	2000	0
2.62e+008	10000	0
2.14e+008	20000	0
1.38e+008	1.e+005	0
1.14e+008	2.e+005	0
8.62e+007	1.e+006	0

TABLE 32
Structural Steel > Strain-Life Parameters

Strength Coefficient Pa	Strength Exponent	Ductility Coefficient	Ductility Exponent	Cyclic Strength Coefficient Pa	Cyclic Strain Hardening Exponent
9.2e+008	-0.106	0.213	-0.47	1.e+009	0.2

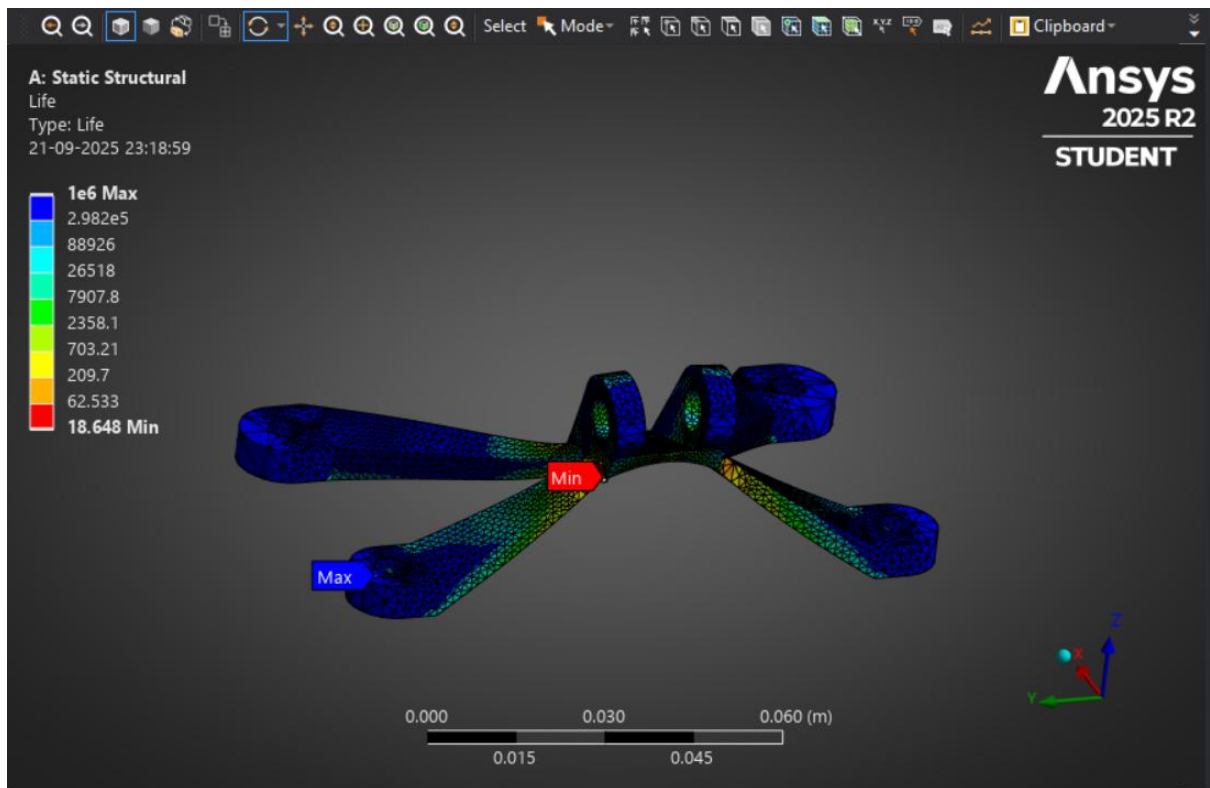
TABLE 33
Structural Steel > Isotropic Elasticity

Young's Modulus Pa	Poisson's Ratio	Bulk Modulus Pa	Shear Modulus Pa	Temperature C
2.e+011	0.3	1.6667e+011	7.6923e+010	

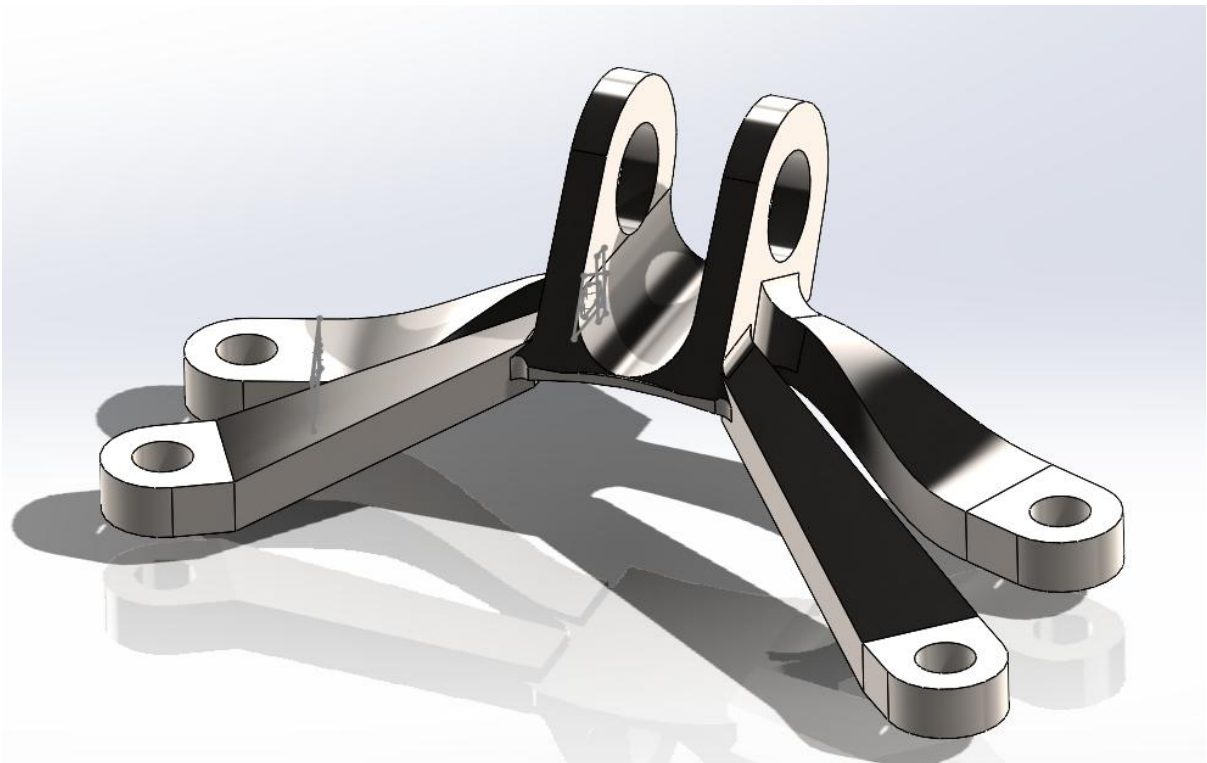
TABLE 34
Structural Steel > Isotropic Relative Permeability

Relative Permeability
10000

Simulation



CAD Model



4. Results

Structural Results

- Maximum stress: $\sim 2.94 \times 10^9$ Pa, concentrated near mounting holes and fillets.

Fatigue Life

- Minimum life: 18–20 cycles
- Maximum life: ~ 1 million cycles
- Average life: $\sim 5 \times 10^5$ cycles

Fatigue Safety Factor

- Minimum: ~ 0.03
- Maximum: ~ 15
- Average: ~ 2.2

5. Discussion

The results show that while most of the mount can survive millions of cycles, the weak spots around holes and fillets reduce its reliability. Stress concentrations are the main issue here.

Possible improvements include:

- Increasing fillet radii to reduce stress
- Using higher-strength alloys or composites
- Adding damping inserts
- Redesigning geometry to distribute load better

6. Conclusion

- The engine mount was successfully designed in SolidWorks and analyzed in ANSYS
- High stresses were observed at mounting points
- Fatigue life is uneven, with critical regions failing quickly under cyclic loads
- The design needs optimization for better reliability

This project shows how CAD design and simulation together can validate a design virtually before manufacturing.

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