

Concept Development: Drive System & Power Requirements

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1. Determine the Optimum Drive System

Description	Symbol	Variable Name	VALUE	UNITS
Vehicle/Hill Parameters:				
Mass	m	mass	2.12	kg
Wheelbase	L	L	0.35	m
CoM distance from Rear Wheel	L_c	Lc	0.25	m
CoM Height from ground	h_c	hc	0.09	m
Force (weight)	F_{mg}	Fmg	20.80	N
Normal Wheel Forces and Tipping Angle:				
Incline Angle (Hill)	θ	theta	12.00	deg
Normal Force on Both Front Wheels	N_f	Nf	13.42	N
Normal Force on Both Rear Wheels	N_r	Nr	6.92	N
CoM Tipping Height	h_{max}	hmax	1.18	m
Tipping Angle	θ_{max}	theta_tip	70.20	deg
Minimum Required Friction Coefficient:				
Minimum Friction Coefficient for FWD	μ_f	mu_f	0.32	-
Minimum Friction Coefficient for RWD	μ_r	mu_r	0.62	-
Minimum Friction Coefficient for AWD	μ_{awd}	mu_awd	0.21	-
CoM distance for $\mu_f = \mu_r$	Lc-equal	Lc-eq	0.19	m
Optimum Drive System - FWD or RWD:				
		FWD		
Check which has the lowest required friction coefficient (FWD or RWD): μ_f or μ_r				

2. Friction Coefficients

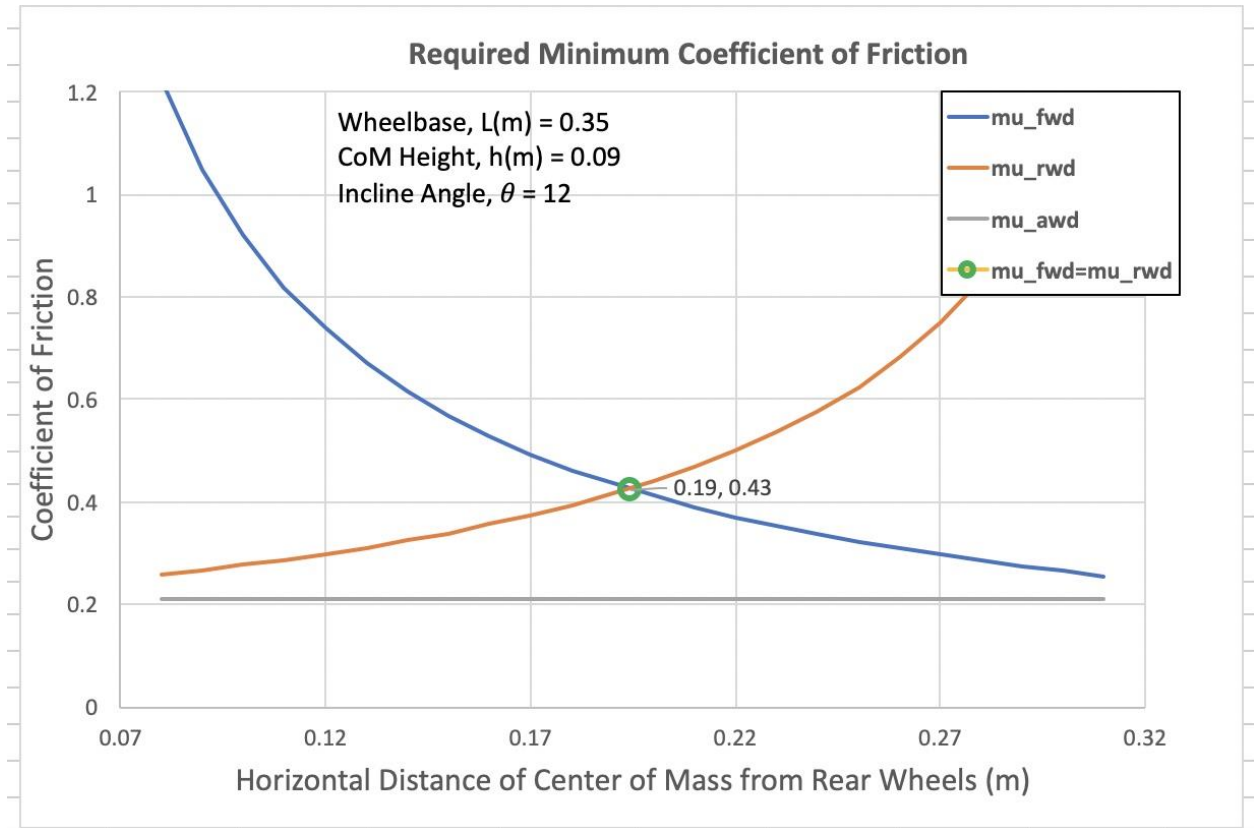


Figure 1: Comparison of minimum required friction coefficients for AWD, FWD, and RWD systems, as a function of distance of CoM from rear wheels.

3. Estimate Minimum Torque and Power to Move Uphill

Minimum required Tractive Force for estimated μ:				
Friction coefficient at $\mu_t = \mu_r$ from your μ-graph (Fig.1)	μ_W	mu_W	0.425	
Rolling friction coefficient	μ_{ROL}	mu_rol	0.003	-
Front Wheel Drive Tractive Force (Traction)	F_{TF}	F_Tf	0.0403	N
Rear Wheel Drive Tractive Force (Traction)	F_{TR}	F_Tr	0.0208	N
All Wheel Drive Tractive Force (Traction)	F_{Tawd}	F_Tawd	0.0610	N
Minimum required Wheel Torque based on Tractive Force:				
Front Wheel Diameter	D_{fw}	Diam_fw	0.05	m
Rear Wheel Diameter	D_{rw}	Diam_rw	0.025	m
Front Wheel Torque	T_{fw}	T_Fw	0.00101	N-m
Rear Wheel Torque	T_{rw}	T_Rw	0.000260	N-m
All Wheel Torque	T_{aw}	T_Aw	0.001144	N-m
Propulsion Power based on Tractive Force:				
Drive System Efficiency	η	eta	0.7	-
RMS Velocity up the ramp	V_{rms}	v_rms	0.2	m/s
FWD Power	P_{FWD}	P_FWD	0.00564	W
RWD Power	P_{RWD}	P_RWD	0.00291	W
AWD Power	P_{AWD}	P_AWD	0.00961	W
Checking Propulsion Power using Weight Distribution on Wheels (β):				
Fraction of weight on Front wheel	β_f	betaf	0.660	-
Fraction of weight on Rear wheel	β_r	betar	0.340	-
FWD Propulsion Power based on Weight Distrib. (β):	$P_{\beta-FWD}$	P_b-FWD	0.00372	W
RWD Propulsion Power based on Weight Distrib. (β):	$P_{\beta-RWD}$	P_b-RWD	0.000990	W
AWD Propulsion Power based on Weight Distrib. (β):	$P_{\beta-AWD}$	P_b-AWD	0.00859	W