



Modeling Fracture in Z-Pinned Composite Co-Cured Laminates Using Smeared Properties and Cohesive Elements in DYNA3D

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