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Abstract

Braking systems are the backbone of road safety in any automobile, as they directly influence the driver's ability to prevent accidents and respond to unexpected situations. A failure in the braking mechanism—whether due to hydraulic issues, mechanical wear, or other system-level malfunctions—can result in catastrophic consequences. In many regions, especially in developing countries like India, regular inspection and monitoring of brake systems is often neglected, and vehicles continue to operate without any real-time indication of brake failure. This project addresses this serious safety concern by introducing a simple yet effective **Automobile Brake Failure Indicator** system.

The aim of this project is to provide a low-cost, real-time brake failure detection mechanism that immediately alerts the driver when the braking system fails to engage or generate the necessary braking pressure. This ensures timely action and helps in preventing potential collisions. Unlike modern vehicles that come equipped with electronic braking diagnostics, most budget or older vehicles lack any built-in alert system to notify the driver of such failures. This project is especially beneficial for such vehicles, including motorcycles, cars, buses, and transport trucks, that operate in urban as well as rural environments.

The proposed system is designed using basic electronic components that can detect discrepancies in brake pedal activity and corresponding mechanical response. When the driver presses the brake pedal, the system evaluates whether the expected mechanical or hydraulic feedback occurs. If a failure is identified—such as no pressure being generated or the brake system not engaging—the system immediately activates a visual indicator (LED) and an audio buzzer to alert the driver. This helps in preventing accidents due to unnoticed failures and supports proactive vehicle maintenance.

What sets this project apart is its affordability, simplicity, and ease of implementation. It does not require major modifications to existing brake systems and can be integrated into conventional vehicles with minimal effort. It promotes a safety-first approach by encouraging early detection of faults and preventing brake-related accidents before they occur. This is particularly important in the Indian transportation sector, where safety standards are improving but still lag in lower-cost vehicle segments.

In conclusion, the **Automobile Brake Failure Indicator** provides a practical and efficient solution to a critical road safety issue. By combining affordability with functionality, the system ensures that drivers are made instantly aware of brake malfunctions, allowing them to take preventive measures. Its potential impact on reducing road accidents makes it an essential safety enhancement, especially in cost-sensitive markets with high vehicle density.

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SW : Switch

R : Resistor

C : Capacitor

LED : Light Emitting Diode

PZ : Piezzo Buzzer

D : Diode

1. Introduction

In the automotive industry, safety remains the highest priority for both vehicle manufacturers and users. Among all vehicle safety systems, the braking system is arguably the most essential, as it directly controls the vehicle's ability to decelerate and stop under different driving conditions. A properly functioning brake system ensures not only the safety of the driver and passengers but also of pedestrians and other road users. However, brake failures continue to be a major cause of road accidents, especially in countries like India where vehicle maintenance is not always performed regularly, and older vehicles remain in use for extended periods.

Brake failure can result from a variety of issues, including hydraulic pressure loss, air entry into brake lines, wear and tear of mechanical components, low brake fluid levels, or damage to the master or slave cylinders. Most of these problems occur gradually over time and often go unnoticed until a critical failure occurs—usually during a moment when the brakes are urgently needed. In many such cases, the driver realizes the fault only after it's too late, leading to potentially fatal consequences.

Modern high-end vehicles sometimes incorporate electronic diagnostic systems that can detect and display brake-related faults on the dashboard. However, a majority of vehicles on the road today, especially in semi-urban and rural areas, lack such advanced features. These vehicles continue to rely on conventional mechanical or hydraulic braking systems, with no built-in method to notify the driver in case of brake failure. This creates a significant safety gap that can be life-threatening.

The project titled **“Automobile Brake Failure Indicator”** has been conceptualized and developed to address this pressing issue. It is a low-cost, easily implementable solution that can monitor the brake system's operation and alert the driver immediately in case of failure. Using basic electronic components such as comparators, sensors, buzzers, and indicators, the system continuously checks for the correct functioning of the brake mechanism. In the event of a malfunction—such as when the brake pedal is pressed but the braking action is not triggered—the system activates both a visual and an audio alarm.

This system has the potential to be retrofitted into existing vehicles without significant modifications. Its design ensures wide compatibility and is targeted especially at affordable, older, and commercial vehicles. The implementation of such a system not only enhances vehicle safety but also promotes preventive maintenance by making drivers more aware of system health. Given the growing number of vehicles on Indian roads and the importance of reducing accident rates, the Brake Failure Indicator is both a practical and impactful safety enhancement for real-world driving conditions.

2. Objectives and Motivation

2.1. Objectives

The key objectives of this project include:

1. **Design and Implement Real-Time Brake Failure Detection:** Develop a simple and effective system for detecting brake system malfunctions in real time.
2. **Immediate Alerts for Fault Detection:** Alert the driver promptly through LED indicators and a buzzer when a fault is detected in the brake system.
3. **Accident Prevention:** Minimize accidents caused by unnoticed brake failures by ensuring the driver is immediately made aware of any malfunctions.
4. **Low-Cost, Reliable, and Easy Installation:** Create a cost-effective and reliable solution that can be easily installed in a wide range of vehicles, especially those with hydraulic braking systems.
5. **Encourage Preventive Maintenance:** Promote early awareness of braking issues and encourage vehicle owners to engage in preventive maintenance practices.

2.2. Motivation

The project is motivated by the growing number of road accidents caused by brake failures, particularly in areas where vehicles are poorly maintained or safety systems are not prioritized. In countries like India, where many vehicles are aging and access to advanced diagnostics is limited, brake failures often go unnoticed until the problem reaches a critical stage. This lack of awareness can result in dangerous accidents, especially during emergency situations.

By providing an affordable, simple-to-implement brake failure indicator system, this project aims to bridge the gap in vehicle safety and encourage early intervention, thereby reducing the risk of accidents. The project's focus on accessibility, affordability, and ease of installation ensures that vehicle owners can easily adopt this safety system, ultimately contributing to better road safety and saving lives.

Moreover, the increasing reliance on older vehicles, particularly in developing countries, means that many vehicles lack modern diagnostic and safety technologies. With the brake failure indicator system, this project provides a proactive solution that addresses the gaps in vehicle safety by offering real-time monitoring and immediate alerts.

3. Circuit Description

The Automobile Brake Failure Indicator circuit is designed to monitor the brake system's condition in real-time, providing immediate alerts to the driver in case of a malfunction. The core components of this system include the CA3140 operational amplifier (IC2), the NE555 timer IC (IC3), and various passive components such as resistors, capacitors, and diodes. The circuit operates by detecting changes in the brake switch's voltage, which reflects the hydraulic pressure in the brake system. A drop in pressure, indicating a potential failure, triggers the system to alert the driver through visual and auditory signals.

3.1. Components Used

Component	Description/Value
Resistors	¼ watt, 5% carbon
R1	1 K Ω
R2, R3, R9	10 K Ω
R5, R8	470 Ω
R6	470 K Ω
R7	100 K Ω
Capacitors	
C1, C7	1000 μ F/25V (Electrolytic Capacitor)
C2	0.02 μ F (Ceramic Disc)
C3, C4	10 μ F/25V (Electrolytic Capacitor)
C5	0.01 μ F (Ceramic Disc)
C6	100 μ F/25V (Electrolytic Capacitor)
Semiconductors	
IC1, IC4	LM7812 (12V Series Voltage Regulator IC)
IC2	CA3140 (\Op-Amp IC)
IC3	NE555 Timer IC
D1, D2	1N4007 (Rectifier Diode)
LED1	5mm Red Colour LED
LED2	5mm Green Colour LED

Miscellaneous	
SW1	Ignition Switch
SW2	Brake Switch
PZ1	Piezo Buzzer

Table 1: Components used in the circuit

3.2. Pin diagrams

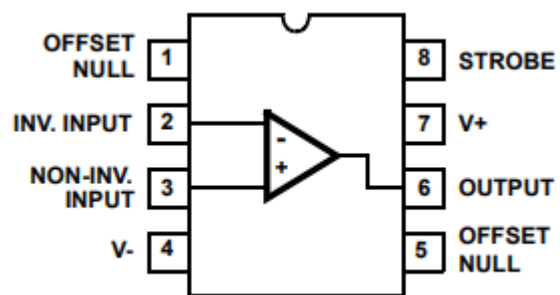


Figure 1: Pin diagram of CA3140 IC

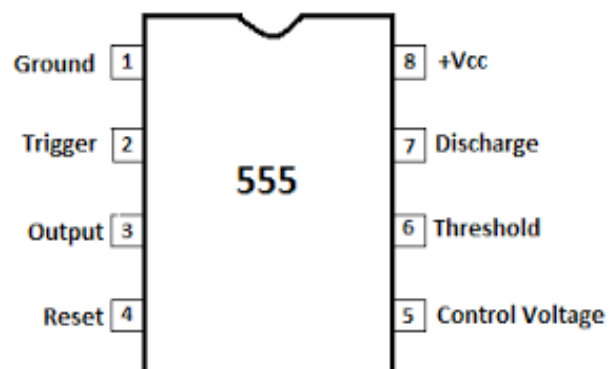


Figure 2: Pin diagram of 555 Timer IC



Figure 3: Pin diagram of 7812 IC

3.3. Circuit Description

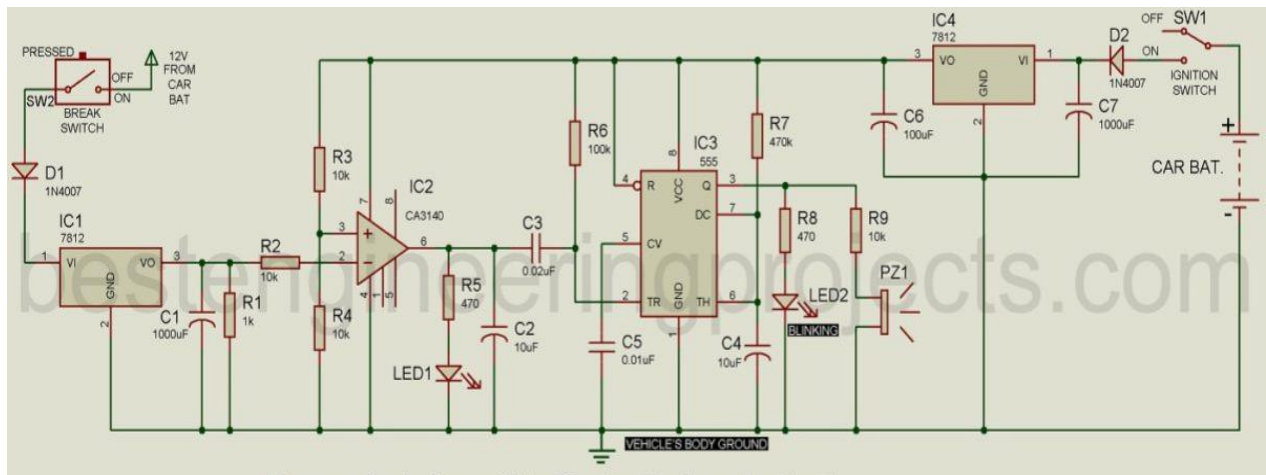


Figure 4: Circuit Diagram

3.3.1. Brake Status Detection using Operational Amplifier:

- **Power Supply Regulation:**
 - **IC1 and IC4 (7812 Voltage Regulator):** These voltage regulators ensure a stable 12V output from the car's 12V battery, supplying power to various parts of the circuit.
- **Reverse Polarity Protection:**
 - **Diode D1:** Prevents damage from reverse polarity by allowing current to flow in the correct direction only.

- **Brake Switch (SW2):**
 - The brake pedal switch (SW2) is pressed when the brake pedal is activated, completing the circuit and supplying voltage to the comparator (operational amplifier).
- **Operational Amplifier (IC2):**
 - **Function:** The operational amplifier compares the input signal from the brake switch with a reference voltage set by resistors R1 and R2.
 - **Normal Operation:** When the brake light circuit is functional (i.e., the brake system is working properly), the operational amplifier's output is high, causing LED1 to glow.
 - **Failure Detection:** If the brake light circuit is faulty, the input signal will be absent or incorrect, causing the operational amplifier's output to go low.
- **LED1:**
 - **Indication:** When the operational amplifier detects functional brake system (high output), LED1 glows, indicating normal operation.

3.3.2. Alarm Indication using NE555 Timer in Monostable Mode:

- **Failure Detection Trigger:**
 - When the operational amplifier detects a fault (low output), it triggers the NE555 timer (IC3), which is configured in monostable mode.
- **NE555 Timer (IC3):**
 - **Monostable Mode:** The NE555 timer, in monostable mode, generates a single pulse of a fixed duration when triggered by the comparator output. This pulse is used to activate the alarm system.
 - **Pulse Duration:** The duration of the pulse is determined by the external resistor and capacitor connected to the NE555 timer, which ensures the alarm is activated for a brief but sufficient time to alert the driver.
- **LED2 and Buzzer (PZ1):**
 - The pulse from the NE555 timer causes LED2 to blink, signalling a brake system failure.
 - Simultaneously, the piezo buzzer (PZ1) sounds, alerting the driver audibly to the fault in the braking system.

3.4. Power Supply Circuit

A variable power supply is essential for testing and powering electronic circuits with different voltage requirements. The circuit shown uses a 7805 voltage regulator IC to provide a stable 5V output. By adjusting a resistor network, the output voltage can be slightly varied. This setup is ideal for low-current applications that require a regulated and noise-free power supply. The circuit converts 230V AC mains to a DC voltage using a transformer and rectifier.

LM7805 Pinout

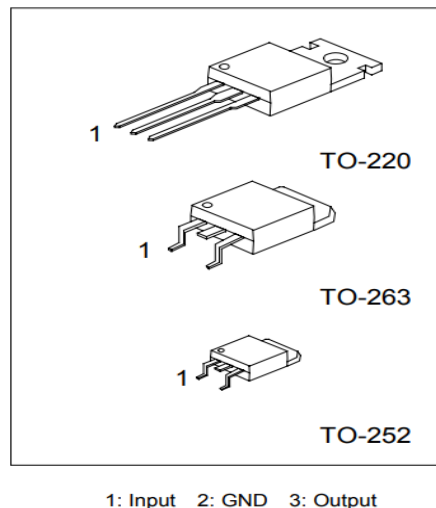


Figure 5: Pin diagram of 7805 IC

3.4.1. Circuit Diagram

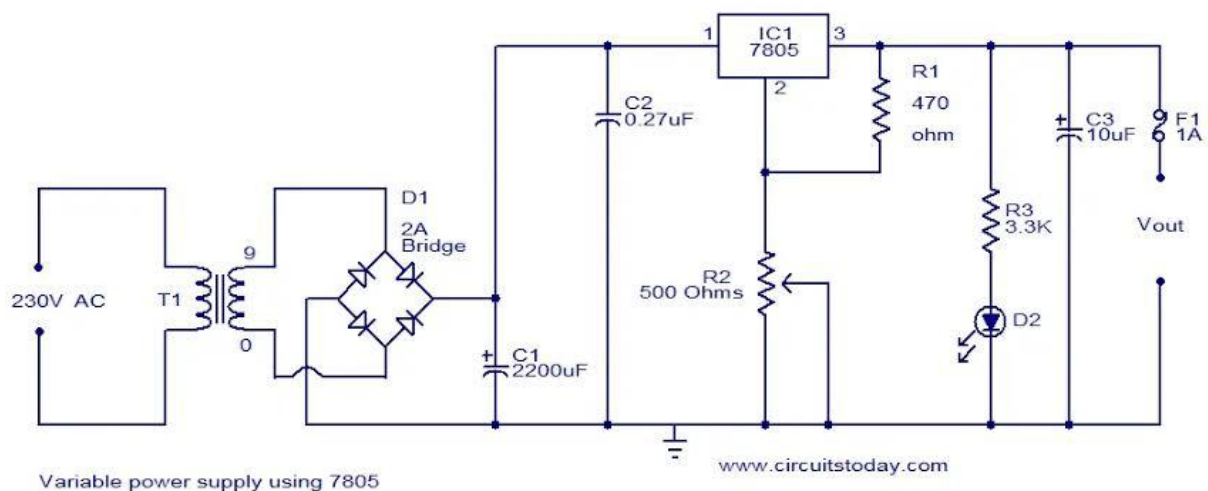


Figure 6: Power supply circuit diagram

- **Hardware Components**

S.no	Component	Value	Qty
1.	Voltage regulator IC	7805 IC	1
2.	Stepdown Transformer	230V to 16V 2A 50Hz,	1
3.	Bridge Rectifier Diode	2A	4
4.	Capacitors (C1, C2, C3)	2200 μ F, 0,27 μ F, 10 μ F	3
5.	Resistors (R1, R2, R3)	470 Ω , 500 Ω , 3.3K Ω	3
6.	LED D2	_____	1
7.	Fuse F1	1A	1

Table 2: Components for Power supply

3.4.2 Working Explanation

The 230V AC input is stepped down to 9V AC by the transformer T1. This AC voltage is converted to pulsating DC by the bridge rectifier D1. The large filter capacitor C1 smooths the pulsating DC to produce a more stable voltage. This DC is then fed into the 7805 regulator IC (IC1), which outputs a regulated 5V DC. A potentiometer (R2) allows fine tuning of the output voltage slightly above 5V. Capacitors C2 and C3 help suppress voltage spikes and noise. The LED (D2) indicates the presence of output voltage, and fuse F1 provides overcurrent protection.

The 7805 IC ensures a constant voltage output even with fluctuations in the input. The LED also serves as a simple diagnostic tool to verify circuit functionality at a glance. The combination of C1 and the regulator greatly reduces ripples and ensures smooth DC output. This power supply is ideal for powering microcontrollers, sensors, and other low-voltage digital components during prototyping or lab work. It offers a cost-effective and reliable solution for small electronic projects. The overall design is simple, efficient, and easy to build even for beginners.

4. Working Principle

The Automobile Brake Failure Indicator project works on a simple yet effective principle—monitoring the voltage across the brake light switch to detect faults in the braking system and providing visual and audio feedback to the driver. The circuit uses two main ICs: an operational amplifier CA3140 (IC2) configured as a voltage comparator, and a 555 Timer (IC3) set up in monostable mode to generate a time-bound alarm signal.

4.1. Monitoring Brake Status using CA3140 Comparator (IC2)

At the heart of the detection unit is the CA3140 operational amplifier (IC2), which functions as a voltage comparator. Its role is to compare two voltage levels—one coming from the brake switch and the other a reference voltage—and based on this comparison, determine the status of the brake system.

- The non-inverting input (pin 3) of IC2 receives half the supply voltage (i.e., 6V if powered by a 12V source). This voltage is derived using a voltage divider formed by two equal resistors R3 and R4 (each 10kΩ).
- The inverting input (pin 2) of IC2 is connected to the brake switch (SW2) via diode D1, voltage regulator IC1 (7812), and resistor R2. This path monitors the voltage applied when the brake pedal is pressed.

When the brake pedal is not pressed, there is no significant voltage across the inverting input, which means $\text{pin } 2 < \text{pin } 3$. As a result, the output of the comparator (IC2) goes high, which turns on the red LED (LED1). This indicates that no braking action is currently happening.

4.2. Comparator Action When Brake is Applied

When the brake pedal is pressed, the brake switch (SW2) closes, and voltage is applied to pin 2 (inverting input) of IC2. If the brake light circuit is working correctly, this voltage becomes higher than the reference voltage at pin 3.

- Now, $\text{pin } 2 > \text{pin } 3$, causing the comparator output to go low.
- This falling edge of voltage at the output of IC2 is coupled through capacitor C2 to the trigger pin (pin 2) of the 555 timer (IC3).
- Resistor R1 is connected to IC2 to ensure input stability and avoid unwanted oscillations or fluctuations in voltage comparison.

4.3. Role of Power Supply and Filtering

The entire circuit is powered by the car's 12V battery, but to ensure consistent operation, especially for sensitive components like ICs, the power supply is regulated using IC1 and IC4 (7812 voltage regulators).

- These ICs provide a clean 12V regulated output.
- Capacitor C1, connected across the power line, smooths out any voltage ripples, ensuring that the comparator and timer operate reliably.

4.4. Alarm Generation using NE555 Timer in Monostable Mode (IC3)

The NE555 timer (IC3) is configured in monostable mode, which means it generates a single pulse of fixed duration whenever it is triggered by a low signal on its trigger pin.

- Resistor R7 and capacitor C4 are used to set the pulse width, which in this case is designed to be 1 second.
- This pulse drives the green LED (LED2) and the piezo buzzer (PZ1).

Before the brake is applied:

- The trigger pin of IC3 remains high due to pull-up resistor R6, preventing any unwanted activation of the timer.
- So, both the buzzer and the green LED remain off.

Once the brake is applied and IC2 output goes low:

- The falling edge is passed via C2 to trigger IC3, which produces a high output for 1 second.
- During this time, the green LED turns on and the buzzer sounds, providing a clear audio-visual confirmation that the brake system is operational.

4.5. Fault Indication

If the brake light circuit is faulty (due to issues like a broken wire, blown bulb, or faulty brake switch), pressing the brake will not generate the required voltage at pin 2 of IC2. In that case:

- Pin 2 remains low, making $\text{pin 3} > \text{pin 2}$.
- The comparator output stays high, and thus the red LED remains on.
- Since no falling edge is detected, the 555 timer (IC3) does not get triggered.
- Therefore, no buzzer sound or green LED activation occurs.

This clearly indicates a brake failure and helps the driver take immediate action.

4.6. Summary of Operation

Condition	RED	GREEN	Buzzer	Status Indication
Brake Not Pressed (Normal)	ON	OFF	OFF	Idle, no braking
Brake Pressed (Brake OK)	OFF	ON	ON	Braking OK, Alert Active
Brake Pressed (Brake Failure)	ON	OFF	OFF	Braking OK, Alert Active

Table 3: Summary of the working

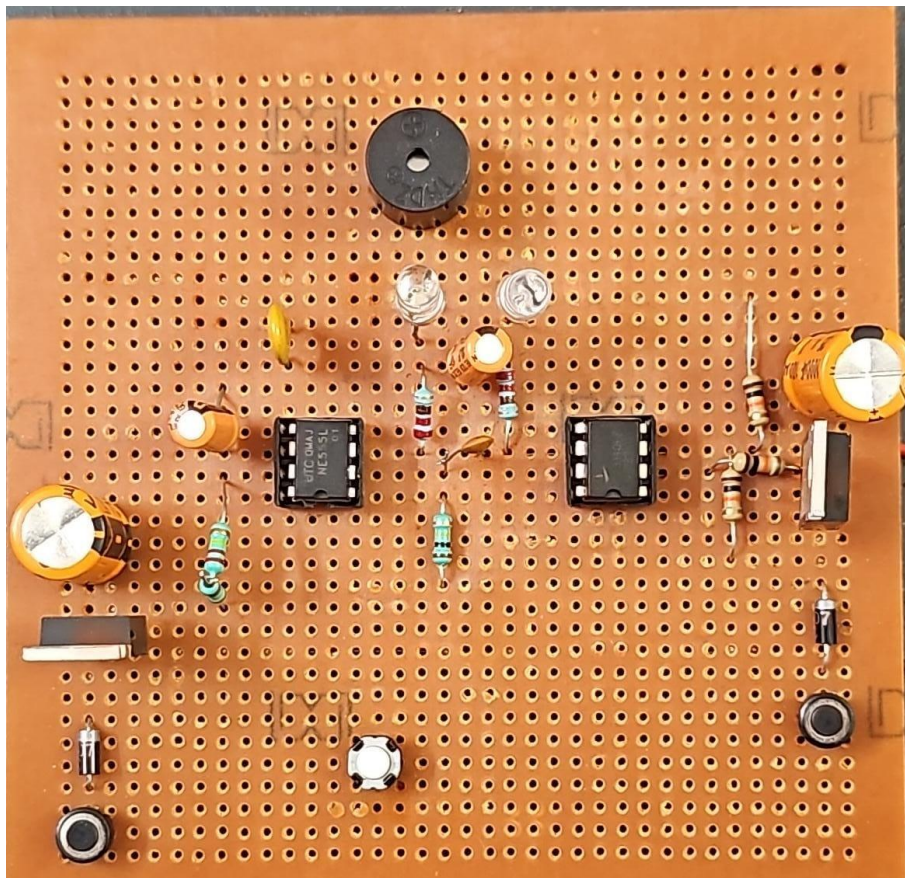


Figure 6: Implemented Circuit

4.7. Calculations

4.7.1. Reference Voltage at the non inverting terminal of Op-Amp

The reference voltage at the non inverting terminal of op-amp is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{ref}} &= \left(\frac{R_3}{R_3 + R_4} \right) V_{\text{cc}} \\ &= \left(\frac{10k}{10k + 10k} \right) \times 12 \\ &= 6 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

4.7.2. Time Delay calculation of 555 Timer

The time delay for 555 Timer in Monostable mode is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= 1.1 R C \\ \text{Here, } R_T &= 470 \text{ k}\Omega \\ C_{\text{eq}} &= 10 \text{ }\mu\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= 1.1 \times 470 \text{ k}\Omega \times 10 \text{ }\mu\text{F} \\ \tau &= 5.15 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

4.7.3. Output Voltage of Adjustable 7805 Configuration in Power supply

Using a potential divider:

$$V_{\text{out}} = V_{\text{reg}} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$$

By increasing R2, the output voltage Vout increases. This configuration is helpful when a slightly higher voltage than 5V is required, making the supply suitable for circuits that are tolerant to minor variations. Care should be taken to not exceed the 7805's maximum output current and thermal limits.

The output voltage of power supply ranges from 5V – 18V.

5. Advantages and Limitations

5.1. Advantages

- **Enhanced Safety:**

The primary advantage of the system is its ability to provide real-time detection of brake system failure. By alerting the driver visually (LED) and audibly (buzzer), it helps prevent potential accidents due to unnoticed brake malfunctions, thereby enhancing overall vehicle safety.

- **Simple and Cost-Effective Design:**

The circuit uses commonly available and inexpensive components like the 555 timer, CA3140 operational amplifier, and standard resistors and capacitors. This makes the system highly affordable and easy to reproduce without specialized components.

- **Compatibility with Existing Systems:**

The system is designed to work alongside conventional vehicle brake light circuits, making it easy to integrate into existing vehicles without the need for drastic modifications.

- **Efficient Fault Diagnosis:**

The system not only detects the application of brakes but also distinguishes between functional and faulty conditions. The immediate feedback through LED indicators and a buzzer helps drivers and technicians quickly diagnose and address issues.

- **Reliable Operation:**

The inclusion of regulated power supply using 7812 voltage regulators and filtering capacitors ensures stable operation across a range of vehicle conditions, protecting the circuit from voltage fluctuations and reverse polarity.

- **Monostable Timer Control:**

The NE555 timer in monostable mode ensures that the alarm signal is generated for a fixed time duration, avoiding continuous or false triggering and reducing distraction for the driver.

5.2. Limitations

- **Limited to Electrical Brake Failures:**
The system primarily monitors the electrical functionality of the brake light circuit. It cannot detect mechanical issues in the braking system, such as worn brake pads, fluid leaks, or hydraulic failures.
- **Single-Level Alert System:**
The system offers binary feedback—either the brake is functional, or it isn't. It does not provide gradation of fault severity or allow for error logging, which could be useful for advanced diagnostics.
- **Dependency on Brake Light Circuit Integrity:**
Since the circuit relies on voltage changes across the brake light switch, any wiring issue, loose connection, or corrosion in the brake light circuit could lead to false alarms or missed alerts.
- **No Data Storage or Remote Monitoring:**
The system does not include data logging or remote monitoring features, which could be beneficial for modern fleet management systems or for post-incident analysis.
- **Lack of Smart Integration:**
In an era of smart and connected vehicles, this system operates in isolation without integration with vehicle ECUs or mobile alerts, limiting its utility in more advanced automotive applications.
- **Manual Reset Not Included:**
Once triggered, there is no manual override or reset mechanism for the alert. This might become a concern if the system falsely detects a fault due to minor or temporary issues.

6. Applications

The following are some of the applications for the Automobile Brake Failure Indicator System:

1. **Passenger Vehicles (Cars, Vans, SUVs):**

The system can be installed in regular passenger vehicles to provide an early warning for brake circuit failures, helping reduce the risk of accidents and promoting timely maintenance.

2. **Commercial and Transport Vehicles (Buses, Trucks, Delivery Vans):**

In heavy and long-distance vehicles, brake failure can lead to severe consequences. Implementing this indicator helps fleet operators monitor vehicle health and ensure driver and passenger safety during transit.

3. **Public Transport Systems:**

For vehicles used in public transportation (city buses, school vans), this system ensures an additional layer of safety and helps authorities maintain better standards for vehicle roadworthiness.

4. **Emergency and Utility Vehicles (Ambulances, Fire Trucks):**

Brake reliability is critical in emergency response vehicles. The brake failure indicator adds an extra precaution to ensure that these vehicles can operate without unexpected brake issues.

5. **Older or Used Vehicles:**

Many older vehicles lack modern onboard diagnostics (OBD) systems. This project provides a low-cost safety upgrade for such vehicles to monitor and indicate potential brake failures.

6. **Automobile Workshops and Maintenance Centers:**

The system can be used as a diagnostic tool in service centres to quickly detect faults in a vehicle's brake light circuit before conducting a full brake system check.

7. **Driving Schools and Test Vehicles:**

Installing this system in training vehicles helps instructors monitor the condition of the brakes, ensuring safer learning environments for new drivers.

7. Future Works

The Automobile Brake Failure Indicator system, while effective in its current prototype stage, holds immense potential for future enhancements to improve vehicle safety and integrate with modern technologies.

The following directions are proposed for future work:

1. Integration with Internet of Things (IoT)

By integrating IoT modules (e.g., ESP8266 or GSM), real-time brake failure alerts can be sent to the driver's mobile device or a centralized server. This would be especially useful in commercial fleets for preventive maintenance and safety monitoring.

2. Predictive Maintenance using Machine Learning

With sufficient data collected from brake usage patterns and sensor readings, a machine learning model can be developed to predict potential brake failures before they occur. This proactive system would notify users about maintenance needs well in advance.

3. Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) Integration

The brake failure indicator can be combined with ADAS features such as automatic emergency braking (AEB). In case of detected failure, the system can initiate controlled deceleration using engine braking or alternative methods.

4. Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) Communication

In future autonomous or connected vehicle environments, the brake failure status can be communicated to nearby vehicles to prevent rear-end collisions, enhancing traffic safety.

5. Mobile App Interface

Developing a dedicated mobile application that syncs with the vehicle's brake status can provide real-time alerts, maintenance logs, and service reminders for the user.

6. Enhanced Sensor Network

Using more advanced and durable sensors (such as MEMS-based pressure sensors or infrared brake pad wear detectors) can increase accuracy and reliability, making the system suitable for commercial production.

8. Conclusion

The *Automobile Brake Failure Indicator* project successfully addresses a critical aspect of road safety by offering a reliable, cost-effective solution for real-time brake fault detection. In many regions, especially where vehicle maintenance is often neglected and advanced diagnostics are not widely used, the risk of brake failure-related accidents is significantly high. This system provides a proactive mechanism to detect such failures and immediately alert the driver using visual (LEDs) and auditory (buzzer) signals.

The circuit is based on simple yet effective components, such as the CA3140 op-amp used as a comparator and the NE555 timer IC configured in monostable mode. These components ensure accurate sensing and responsive signalling in the event of a brake system anomaly. The 7812 voltage regulators provide a stable power supply, while reverse polarity protection using diodes adds to the circuit's robustness and safety. The thoughtful use of passive components, like resistors and capacitors, fine-tunes the response time and signal clarity.

One of the most significant advantages of this project is its adaptability. The system can be integrated into a wide range of vehicles, including two-wheelers, passenger cars, and light commercial vehicles, without extensive modifications. Its compact design and low cost make it suitable even for older vehicles lacking modern electronic safety features. Moreover, the system encourages vehicle owners to practice preventive maintenance, as it draws immediate attention to issues that may otherwise go unnoticed.

From an educational perspective, this project also serves as a practical example of applying electronics in safety systems. It combines knowledge of analog signal processing, timer ICs, voltage regulation, and basic fault detection mechanisms. As such, it can be a valuable addition to academic curricula and engineering workshops.

In conclusion, the *Automobile Brake Failure Indicator* stands as an innovative, impactful project that not only enhances vehicular safety but also promotes awareness and responsibility among drivers. By ensuring that brake faults are identified before they escalate into accidents, the system holds the potential to save lives, reduce traffic mishaps, and contribute to a safer driving environment. Future enhancements could include wireless communication with dashboards or mobile devices, making the system even more versatile and aligned with modern automotive trends.

The primary advantage of the system is its ability to provide real-time detection of brake system failure. By alerting the driver visually (LED) and audibly (buzzer), it helps prevent potential accidents due to unnoticed brake malfunctions, thereby enhancing overall vehicle safety.

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