
SIMULATION AND ENGINEERING ANALYSIS OF A BUS BODY FRAMEWORK DESIGN BY MEANS OF APM WINMACHINE

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Abstract

The article deals with the question whether Russian computer-aided design systems are competitive when solving contemporary engineering problems. Investigating this meant creating a computer simulation of a bus body framework and performing a strength analysis of the design as subjected to static and dynamic loads. We ran our simulations using APM WinMachine, a Russian computer-aided design system, which is a fully fledged counterpart to non-Russian software packages (such as Autodesk, Dassault Systems, Siemens PLM Software), capable of replacing them. The article presents the basics of bus body design. We describe the tools we used for computations, including the finite element method. We suggest an algorithm for selecting structural materials. The article also presents the results of our computations.

Keywords

Bus body, bus, design optimisation, finite element method, static analysis, dynamic analysis, APM WinMachine, APM Structure3D, computer simulation, engineering analysis

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