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Project Description

This project seeks to design, engineer, and test a safe and reliable drag racing vehicle that is both innovative and unique from a Mechanical Engineering standpoint. Each team member was responsible for an individual component of the project, which is showcased below.

Engine Mounting Goals

- Design engine mounting plates capable of withstanding 700ft-lb of torque
- Minimum factor of safety (FOS) of 2.5

Engine Mounting Plates

- Aluminum 6061 T6 0.25" Thickness
- Minimum FOS = 2.7213

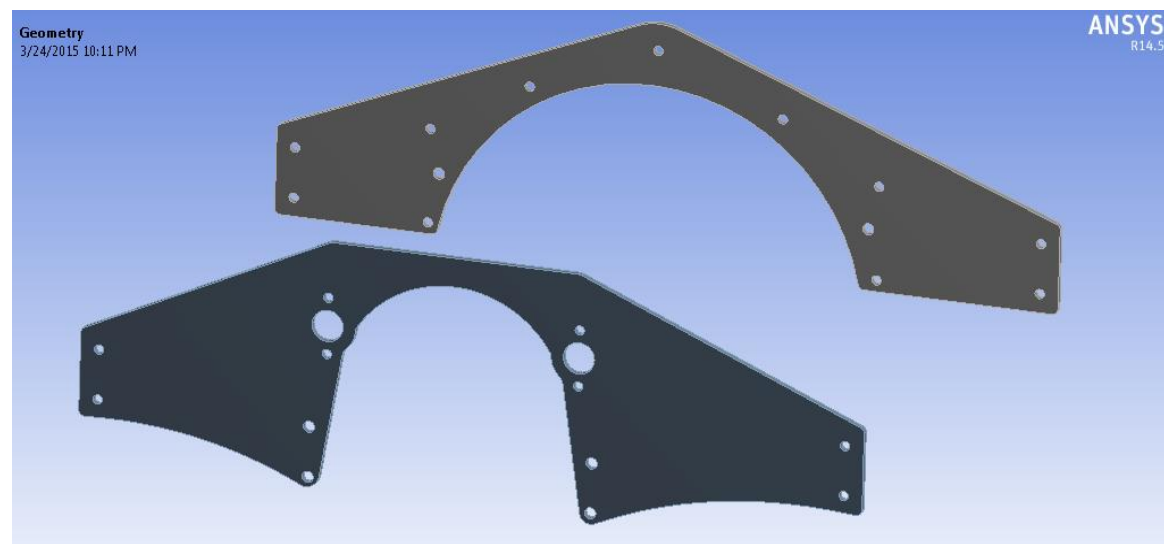


Figure: Motor Plate and Mid-Plate

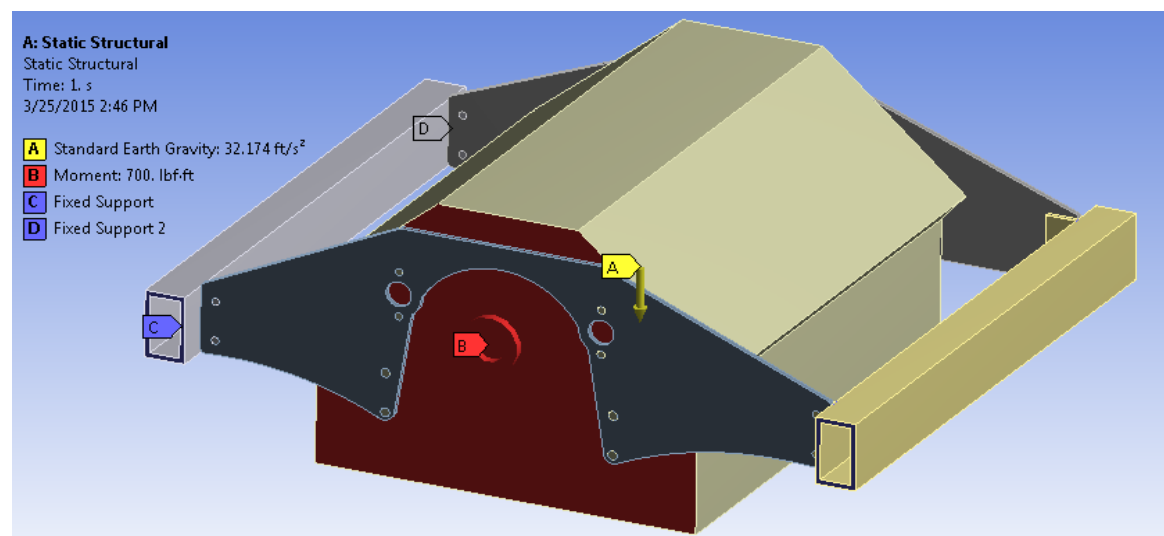


Figure: Motor Plate and Mid-Plate Analysis Setup

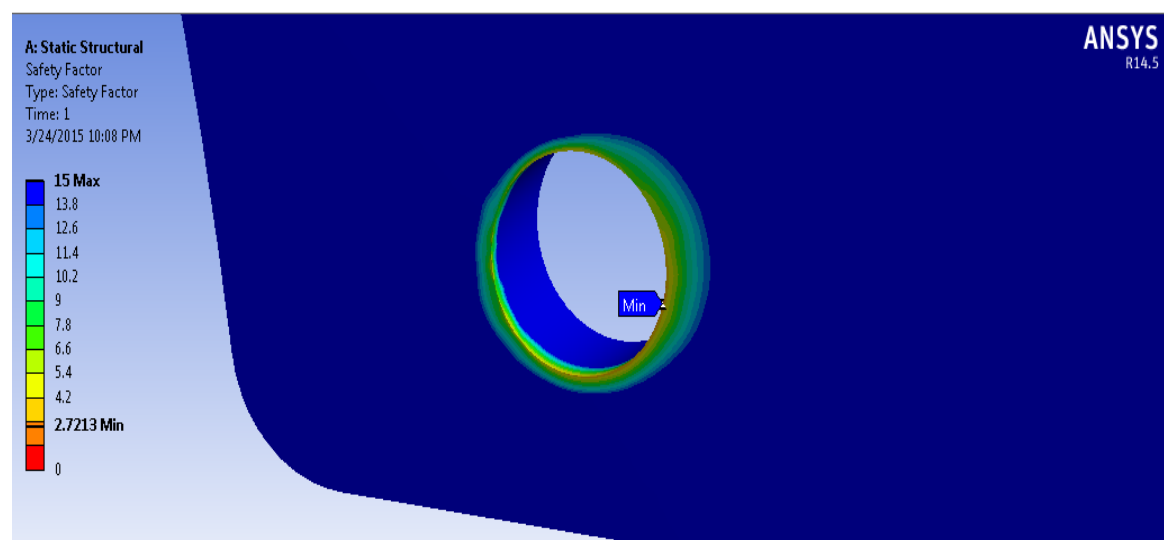


Figure: Motor Plate and Mid-Plate Analysis Results

Powertrain Goals

- Design a carburetor spacer that distributes air evenly to each cylinder with a standard deviation less than 0.400%
- Produce at least 600 horsepower and 550ft-lb torque

Engine Specifications

- Displacement: 476 cubic inches
 - Compression Ratio: 13:1
 - Fuel Octane Rating: 110
 - Max Horsepower*: 728 @6500rpm
 - Max Torque*: 665ft-lb @5000rpm
- *estimated using computer dyno software



Figure: Assembled Engine

Intake Spacer Design and Analysis

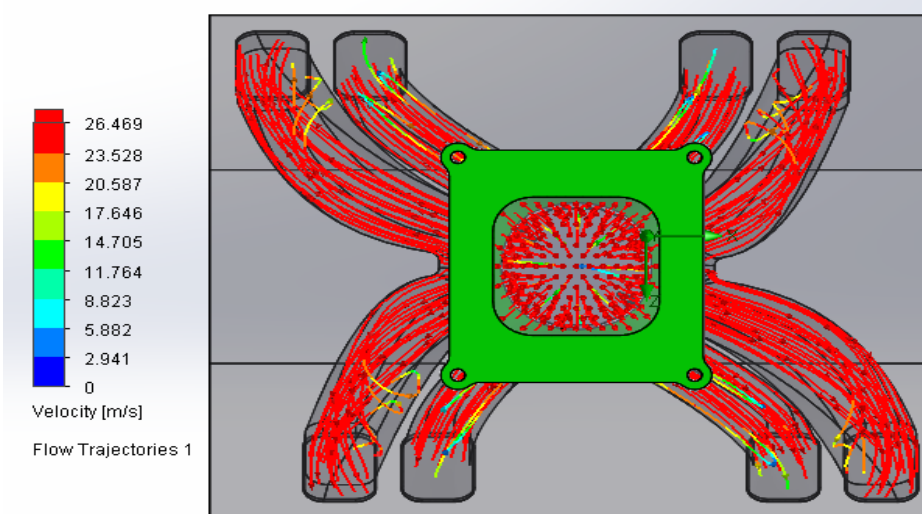
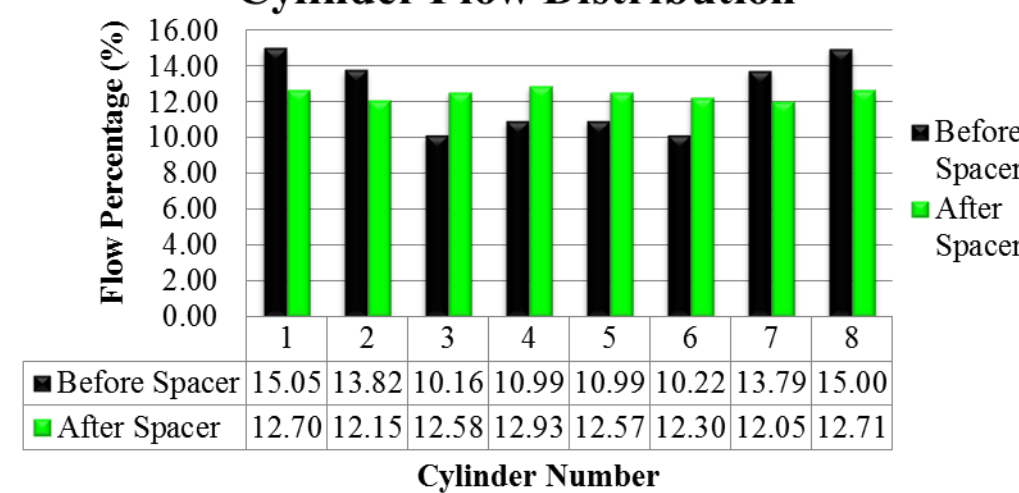


Figure: Intake Spacer Flow Analysis

Cylinder Flow Distribution



Wheelie Bar System Goals

- Design a wheelie bar capable of supporting 3,000 lbs, preventing the worst case scenario, a roll over
- Minimum factor of safety (FOS) of 1.0

Wheelie Bar System

- Mild steel A36 0.25" Thickness
- Minimum FOS = 1.018

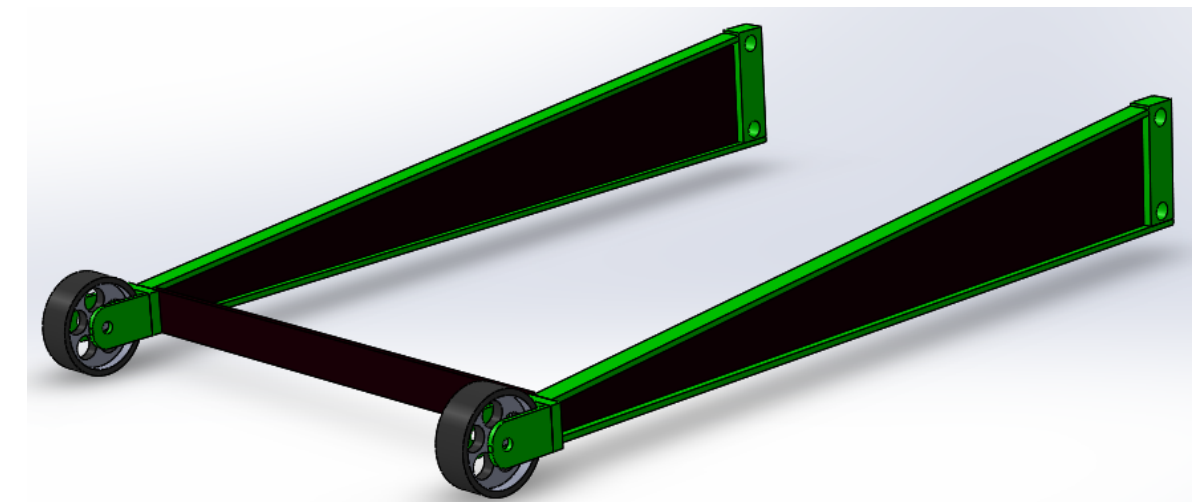


Figure: Wheelie Bar System

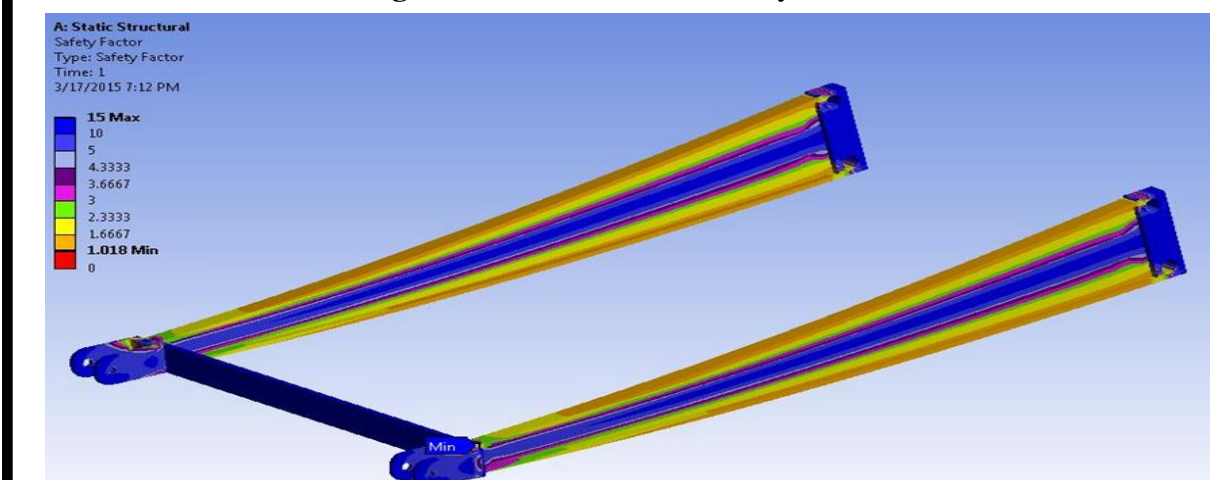


Figure: Wheelie Bar System Analysis Results

Autonomous Emergency Cutoff System

- Design an autonomous cutoff system that will eliminate power to the vehicle in the event of; a fire, an impact, or a throttle failure.

