TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE FOR FATIGUE STRENGTH EVALUATION OF STEERING WHEELS SKELETON

Goal of the project

- Interconnection of the expertise of the project team from Politehnica University Timișoara with the quality assurance requirements of TRW Company for the steering wheels.
- Transfer of knowledge regarding the static and dynamic characterization of Magnesium alloys.
- Intensification of the cooperation between Politehnica University Timișoara and TRW Company for understanding of mechanical behavior and for the implementation of a methodology to assess the durability of steering wheel skeletons.

Short description of the project

The project propose a transfer of knowledge from the experts from Politehnica University Timișoara in order to implement the methodology to determine the fatigue strength of steering wheel skeleton.

Project implemented by:

Politehnica University Timișoara and
TRW AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY SYSTEMS SRL (Economic partner)

Implementation period

30/09/2016-29/09/2018

Main activities

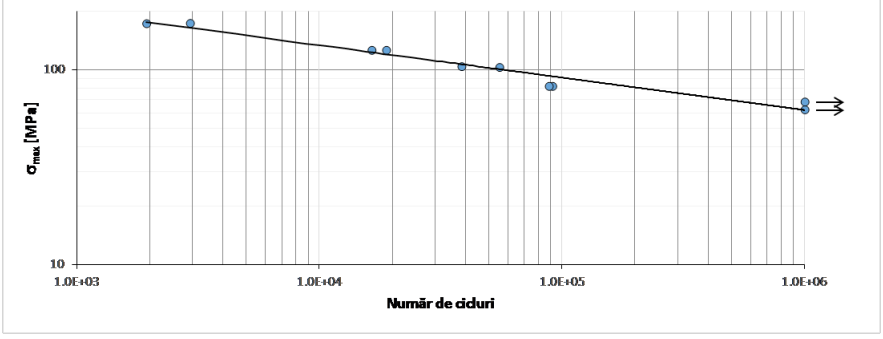
- Interconnection of the expertise of the project team from Politehnica University Timișoara with the quality assurance requirements of TRW Company for the steering wheels.
- Mechanical characterization and determination of static and dynamic properties of Magnesium alloys used for steering wheels.
- Elaboration of material models for Magnesium alloy AM50. Numerical estimation of durability of steering wheel skeletons.
- Practical training of master students from Politehnica University Timișoara on modern equipment of TRW company.

Results

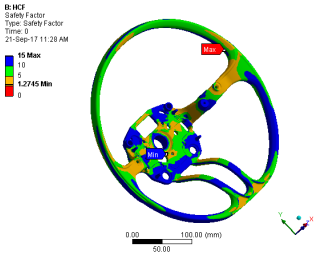
The TRW company will implement a methodology to evaluate the fatigue strength for the steering wheels skeleton made of Magnesium alloys and will be able to perform in-house tests at the Timișoara branch.

After the project implementation the TRW company will receive a methodology to assess the static and dynamic characteristics of Magnesium alloys. Also, will be developed the methodology to assess the fatigue strength of steering wheels skeletons. Very important results are represented by fatigue curves for Magnesium alloy, which could be useful in the design stage to perform numerical durability studies.

Participation at two international conferences ARTENS - Sibiu 2016 and ICSID - Dubrovnik 2016. Publication of the paper FATIGUE ANALYSIS OF MAGNESIUM ALLOYS COMPONENTS FOR CAR INDUSTRY, Authors L. Marsavina, L. Rusu, D. Serban, R. Negru, A. Cernescu, ACTA UIVERSITATIS CIBINIENSIS – TECHNICAL SERIES Vol. LXIX 2017, p. 47-51



Fatigue curve on tensile loading for AM50 Magnesium alloy



Safety factor under fatigue loading

Applicability and transferability of the results:

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