

# Baja Frame **SAE UC 2015**

#### Frame Design Goals:

To improve the chassis geometry and strength in different scenarios by impact analysis per action suspension system, rollover, frontal and side impacts. To reduce weight by varying diameter and thickness of the corresponding tubing of side members and reinforcements.



### **Material Selection:**

- Primary Members: AISI 4130, OD 1,25" x 0,065" Wall Tickness.
- Secondary Members: AISI 4130, OD 1,00" x 0,065 and 0,049" Wall Tickness.
- Other Members: AISI 4130, OD 0,875" x 0,035" Wall Tickness. AISI 4130, OD 0,75" x 0,049" Wall Tickness.

**Comparison:** 



A) Frame: BAJA SAE UC 2014

Weight: 40 kg B) Frame: BAJA SAE UC 2015

Weight: 28 kg **Total Reduction Porcent** (%): 15%





Side Impact

Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 346,8 MPa

FDS: 1.3



Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 387,4 MPa



SIM Node Impact Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 372,4 MPa FDS: 1.2



**Finite Element Analysis** 

#### Roll Over

Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength : 187,9 MPa FDS: 2,3



<u>Front Susp Impact</u>

Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 184,0 MPa FDS: 2.5



Firewall Impact Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 237,5 MPa

FDS: 1,9

**USM Impact** Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 206,4 MPa FDS: 2,2





<u>Rear Susp Impact</u> Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 370,0 MPa FDS: 1.2

> Front Impact Charge Applied: 5000 N Max Strength: 162,4 MPa FDS: 2,8

## Suspension

#### **Suspension Design Goals:**

To design a variable suspension system, static and dynamic, that will allow an efficient vehicle configuration to improve its performance. To implement a rear suspension system of the unequal A-Arm type that will allow the variation of the static and dynamic toe in order to improve the maneuverability of the vehicle in close curves.

#### **Finite Element Analysis**









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#### Front Lower A Arm Front Upper A Arm Front Hub FDS





#### Rear Upper A Arm



**Rear Upright** 

#### Rear Hub Displacement



#### Rear Hub Max Strength

#### **Components Assembly**

#### Suspension Assembly



Front Suspension Components



# Rear Suspension Components

#### Suspension Graphs



# Steering

#### **Steering Design Goals**

- Lowering turn radius based on Ackerman Criteria.
- To improve prototype's maneuverability by reducing steering wheel's angle, manufacturing a new steering box.

#### **Finite Element Analysis**



Steering Arm - flexion



Spindle Max Strength



Displace



FDS

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Knuckle Design & Kingpin angle

## Ackerman Criteria



Suspension & Steering Parts Assembly

# Transmission and Brakes

#### Transmission design goals:

- To optimize the transmission system as compared to previous prototypes, a gear transmission was designed.
- To establish a transmission ratio that would allow the maximum engine torque and to increase acceleration capabilities.



65th Gear



65th Gear Max Strength



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Transmision Case – Max Strength

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Gearbox parts



Transmission Assembly



In Shaft - Deformation

#### Brakes design goals:

Shaft – pinion displacement

- To increase the braking pressure, still using the same pumps and calipers as the previous prototype.
- To design disks adjusted to the required measures and with a geometry according to an efficient thermal distribution.







Pedal Assembly W/ Components

# Ergonomys, Safety & Controls

#### **Ergonomics and safety design goals:**

To design a seat focused on improving –on track- driver's comfort. Improving vehicle's Aerodynamics focused on body work.

#### Controls

To obtain remote information and in real time of the parameters of the prototype (RPM, speed, fuel level and acceleration) to determine the dynamic status of the prototype performance. This information can be saved for reference. An ECU, an OBD communication and an integrated ELM327 model will be used in order to visualize the program parameters already existing and commercially available.



Baja SAE UC Seat



Body Guards



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Body guards & Chassis Assembly

