

Review Article

Experimental Analysis of Different Composition in Hybrid Composite Material for Propeller Shaft: A Review

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Abstract

This paper presents the review of the studies carried out on the replacement of conventional two-piece metallic drive shaft by one-piece hybrid composite material drive shaft. Use of advanced composite material has remarkable achievement in many fields including aviation, marine, automobile engineering, medical area, prosthetics and sport, in terms of improved fatigue, corrosion resistance, high specific strength and specific modulus and reduction in weight. Replacement of steel drive shaft by composite material is very important. The conventional drive shafts are made in two pieces for reducing the bending natural frequency, whereas the hybrid composite shafts can be made as single-piece shafts, thus reducing the overall weight.

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A. Introduction

Due to the necessities of low weight and high strength materials, it is required to find out the suitable substitute with low cost. The composites are the most commonly used reinforcements to improve mechanical performance of ceramics, metals and polymers. The matrix phase materials are generally continuous. In alloy, constituents are soluble in each other and property of constituent are changed.

1. Materials can be classified as:

Isotropic material: Isotropic materials have the same material properties in all directions, and normal loads create only normal strains. A material is isotropic if the properties are independent of direction within the material

Anisotropic material: They have different material properties in all directions at a point in the body. There are no material planes of symmetry, and normal loads create both normal strains and shear strains.

Orthotropic Material: They have three mutually perpendicular axes of symmetry, and a load applied parallel to these axes produces only normal strains. However, loads that are not applied parallel to these axes produce both normal and shear strains. Therefore, orthotropic mechanical properties are a function of

orientation. The stiffness of a composite panel will often depend upon the orientation of the applied forces and moments. Panel stiffness is also dependent on the design of the panel. In contrast, isotropic materials (e.g. Aluminum or Steel) have the same stiffness regardless of the directional orientation of the applied forces and moments. While, composite materials have different properties in different directions. The relationship between forces, moments and strains for an isotropic material can be described with the following material properties: Young's Modulus, the Shear Modulus and the Poisson's ratio, in relatively simple mathematical relationships. For the anisotropic material, it requires the mathematics of a second order tensor and up to 21 material property constants. For the special case of orthogonal isotropy, there are three different material property constants for each of Young's Modulus, Shear Modulus and Poisson's ratio a total of 9 constants to describe the relationship between forces/moments and strains/curvatures.

When the length of steel drive shaft is beyond 1500 mm, it is manufactured in two pieces to increase the fundamental natural frequency, which is inversely proportional to the square length and proportional to the square root of specific modulus. A drive shaft of composites offers excellent vibration damping, cabin comfort, reduction of wear on drive train components and increasing tires traction. In addition, the use of one piece torque tube reduces assembly time, inventory cost, maintenance, and part complexity.

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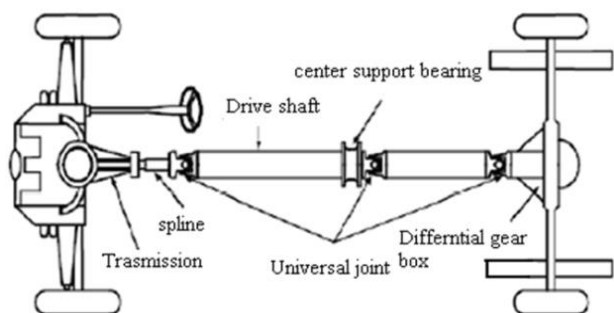


Fig.1 Conventional two-piece steel drive shaft for a rear wheel drive vehicle

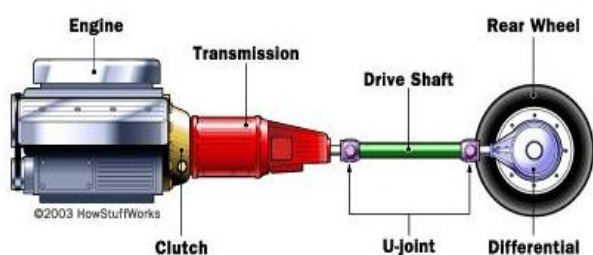


Fig.2 Advanced one piece composite drive shaft for rear wheel drive vehicle.

2. Advanced polymer composites

These polymers include epoxy, phenolic, acrylic, urethane, and polyamide. Each polymer has its advantages and drawbacks in its use:

- 1) Polyesters: The advantages are low cost and the ability to be made translucent; drawbacks include service temperatures below 170°F (77°C), brittleness, and high shrinkage of as much as 8% during curing.
- 2) Phenolic: The advantages are low cost and high mechanical strength; drawbacks include high void content.
- 3) Epoxies: The advantages are high mechanical strength and good adherence to metals and glasses; drawbacks are high cost and difficulty in processing.
- 4) Epoxy: Epoxy resins are the most commonly used resins. They are low molecular weight organic liquids containing epoxide groups. Epoxide has three members in its ring: one oxygen and two carbon atoms. The reaction of epichlorohydrin with phenols or aromatic amines makes most epoxies. Hardeners, plasticizers, and fillers are also added to produce epoxies with a wide range of properties of viscosity, impact, degradation, etc.

Table1 Properties of Epoxy

Sr. No.	Properties	Epoxy	Units
1.	Specific gravity	1.28	-
2.	Young's modulus	3.792	GPa
3.	Ultimate tensile strength	82.74	MPa

Although epoxy is costlier than other polymer matrices, it is the most popular PMC matrix. More than two-thirds of the polymer matrices used in aerospace applications is epoxy based. The main reasons why epoxy is the most used polymer matrix material are:

- High strength.
- Low viscosity and low flow rates, which allow good wetting of fibers and prevent misalignment of fibers during processing.
- Low volatility during cure.
- Low shrink rates, which reduce the tendency of gaining large shear stresses of the bond between epoxy and its reinforcement.
- Available in more than 20 grades to meet specific property and processing requirements.

B. Literature Review

Following is the literature review of some papers giving more information about their contribution in composite field for replacement of metallic drive shaft. Some of the researchers doing their work in hybrid composite material in automobile area.

Prajitsen Damle, *et.al* Study of replacement of conventional two-piece steel drive shafts with one-piece automotive hybrid aluminum/composite drive shaft & was developed with a new manufacturing method, in which a carbon fiber epoxy composite layer was co-cured on the inner surface of an aluminum tube rather than wrapping on the outer surface to prevent the composite layer from being damaged by external impact and absorption of moisture. Replacing composite structures with conventional metallic structures has many advantages because of higher specific stiffness and higher specific strength, fatigue life, wear resistance and corrosion resistance.

Harshal Bankar, *et.al* In metallic drive shaft by a composite drive shaft. The following materials can be chosen Steel, Boron/Epoxy Composite, Kevlar/Epoxy Composite, Aluminum-Glass/Epoxy Hybrid, and Carbon-Glass/Epoxy Hybrid. The analysis was carried out for three different ply orientations of the composites in order to suggest the most suitable ply orientation of the material that would give the maximum weight reduction while conforming to the stringent design parameters of passenger cars and light commercial vehicle.

Dai Gil Lee, *et.al* A carbon fiber epoxy composite layer was co-cured on the inner surface of an aluminum tube rather than wrapping on the outer surface to prevent the composite layer from being

damaged by external impact and absorption of moisture. The optimal stacking sequence of the composite layer was determined considering the thermal residual stresses of interface between the aluminum tube and the composite layer calculated by finite element analysis. Press fitting method for the joining of the aluminum/composite tube and steel yokes was devised to improve reliability and to reduce manufacturing cost, compared to other joining methods such as adhesively bonded, bolted or riveted and welded joints. Protrusion shapes on the inner surface of steel yoke were created to increase the torque capability of the press fitted joint. From experimental results, it was found that the developed one-piece automotive hybrid aluminum/composite drive shaft had 75% mass reduction, 160% increase in torque capability compared with a conventional two-piece steel drive shaft. It also had 9390 rpm of natural frequency which was higher than the design specification of 9200 rpm.

R.Srinivasa Moorthy, *et.al* Aim of this work is to replace the conventional steel driveshaft of automobiles with an appropriate composite driveshaft. The conventional drive shafts are made in two pieces for reducing the bending natural frequency, whereas the composite shafts can be made as single-piece shafts, thus reducing the overall weight. Carbon/Epoxy and Kevlar/Epoxy composites were designed and analyzed for their appropriateness in terms of torsional strength, bending natural frequency and torsional buckling by comparing them with the conventional steel driveshaft under the same grounds of design constraints and the best-suited composite was recommended. Light has been thrown upon the aspects like mass saving, number of plies and ply distribution.

Sunil Mangsetty, *et.al* Composite materials have been used in automotive components because of their properties such as low weight, high specific stiffness, corrosion free, ability to produce complex shapes, high specific strength and high impact energy absorption etc. As the automotive drive shaft is a very important component of vehicle. The modeling of the drive shaft assembly was done using CATIA software. In present work an attempt has been to estimate deflection, stresses under subjected loads & natural frequencies using FEA.

Hargude N.V., *et.al* The Main aim of this work is to investigate either replacing steel structure of drive shaft for rear wheel drive passenger cars by composite structures such as carbon/Epoxy and Glass/Epoxy materials will be convenient or not. For finding out the suitability of composite structures for automotive drive shaft application the parameters such as, ply thickness, number of plies and stacking sequence are optimized for carbon/Epoxy and Glass/Epoxy shafts using Genetic Algorithm as an optimization tool with the objective of weight minimization of the composite shaft which is subjected to constraints such as torque transmission, torsional buckling load and fundamental

natural frequency. Carried out an investigation of maximum torque, buckling torque transmission and critical speed of composite drive shaft. The Main aim of this work was to investigate either replacing steel structure of drive shaft for rear wheel drive passenger cars by composite structures such as carbon/Epoxy and Glass/Epoxy materials will be convenient or not. For finding out the suitability of composite structures for automotive drive shaft application the parameters such as ply thickness, number of plies and stacking sequence are optimized for carbon/Epoxy and Glass/Epoxy shafts using Genetic Algorithm as an optimization tool with the objective of weight minimization of the composite shaft which is subjected to constraints such as torque transmission, torsional buckling load and fundamental natural frequency. In addition to the issue addressed in this paper optimization technique is used for thickness of ply, number of ply and stacking Sequence. This gives us direct reference for selection of above parameters to our dissertation work.

Parshuram D, *et.al* reduced the weight of automotive drive shaft with the utilization of composite material. The modeling of the drive shaft assembly was done using CATIA software. A shaft has to be designed to meet the stringent design requirements for automobiles. In automobiles the drive shaft is used for the transmission of motion from the engine to the differential. An automotive propeller shaft, or drive shaft, transmits power from the engine to differential gears of rear wheel-driving vehicle. In present work an attempt has been to estimate deflection, stresses under subjected loads & natural frequencies using FEA. From this paper FEA analysis study is referred for our project to find out natural frequency.

M.A. Badie, *et.al* This paper examines the effect of fiber orientation angles and stacking sequence on the torsional stiffness, natural frequency, buckling strength, fatigue life and failure modes of composite tubes. Finite element analysis (FEA) has been used to predict the fatigue life of composite drive shaft (CDS) using linear dynamic analysis for different stacking sequence. Experimental program on scaled woven fabric composite models was carried out to investigate the torsional stiffness. FEA results showed that the natural frequency increases with decreasing fiber orientation angles. The CDS has a reduction equal to 54.3% of its frequency when the orientation angle of carbon fibers at one layer, among other three glass ones, transformed from 0° to 90°. On the other hand, the critical buckling torque has a peak value at 90° and lowest at a range of 20–40° when the angle of one or two layers in a hybrid or all layers in non-hybrid changed similarly. Experimentally, composite tubes of fiber orientation angles of ±45° experience higher load carrying capacity and higher torsional stiffness. Specimens of carbon/epoxy or glass/epoxy composites with fiber orientation angles of ±45° show catastrophic failure mode. In a hybrid of both materials, [±45°] configuration influenced the failure mode.

Arun Ravi, *et.al* The weight reduction of the drive shaft can have a certain role in the general weight reduction of the vehicle and is a highly desirable goal, if it can be achieved without increase in cost and decrease in quality and reliability. It is possible to achieve design of composite drive shaft with less weight to increase the first natural frequency of the shaft and to decrease the bending stresses using various stacking sequences. By doing the same, maximize the torque transmission and torsional buckling capabilities are also maximized. This work deals with the replacement of a conventional steel drive shaft with High Strength Carbon drive shafts for an automobile application.

Brahmaiah, *et.al* In this paper an attempt is made to evaluate the suitability of composite material for the purpose of automotive drive shaft application. A Static and Dynamic analysis, composite shaft is analyzed using Finite Element Analysis Software for composites with the objective of minimizing the weight of the shaft, which is subjected to the constraints such as torque transmission, critical buckling torque capacity and also we are modifying the geometric shape to improve efficiency.

Narayana, *et.al* The advanced composite materials such as graphite, carbon, Kevlar and Glass with suitable resins are widely used because of their high specific strength and high specific modulus & fatigue strength. Advanced composite materials use ideally suited for long power driver shaft applications. The present work includes, analysis done on drive shaft of Toyota qualis with different composite materials and concludes that the use of composite materials for drive shaft would induce less amount of stress which additionally reduces the weight of the vehicle. CATIA V5R16 is the modeling package used to model the drive shaft assembly and ANSYS 11.0 is the analysis package used to carry out analysis.

Mutasher This paper investigates the maximum torsion capacity of the hybrid aluminum/composite shaft for different winding angle, number of layers and stacking sequences. The hybrid shaft consists of aluminum tube wound outside by E-glass and carbon fibers/epoxy composite. The finite element method has been used to analyze the hybrid shaft under static torsion. ANSYS finite element software was used to perform the numerical analysis for the hybrid shaft. Full scale hybrid specimen was analyzed. Elasto-plastic properties were used for aluminum tube and linear elastic for composite materials. The results show that the static torque capacity is significantly affected by changing the winding angle, stacking sequences and number of layers. The maximum static torsion capacity of aluminum tube wound outside by six layers of carbon fiber/epoxy composite at winding angle of 295 N m. Good agreements was obtained between the finite element predictions and experimental results.

Mahmood M. Shokrieh *et.al* In this research the torsional stability of a composite drive shaft torsion is studied. Composite materials are considered as the suitable choice for manufacturing long drive shafts.

The applications of this kind of drive shafts are developed in various products such as cars, helicopters, cooling towers, etc. From the design point of view, local and global torsional instability of drive shafts limits the capability for them to transfer torque. After reviewing the closed form solution methods to calculate the buckling torque of composite drive shafts, a finite element analysis is performed to study their behavior. Furthermore, to evaluate the results obtained by the finite element method, a comparison with experimental and analytical results is presented. A case study of the effects of boundary conditions, fiber orientation and stacking sequence on the mechanical behavior of composite drive shafts is also performed. Finally, the reduction of the torsional natural frequency of a composite drive shaft due to an increase of applied torque is studied.

ErcanSevkat *et.al* In this study, the torsional behavior of hybrid composite shafts was examined by a combined experimental and numerical approach. Glass and carbon fiber reinforced hybrid shafts with three lay-up sequences were manufactured using filament winding technique. All three shafts had same amount of glass and carbon fiber. Angular velocities of 0.1_/min and 5_/min were used as torsion test speeds. The effect of torsional strain-rate and lay-up sequences on the response of hybrid shafts was studied. Torque-twisting angle changes were recorded. Test results revealed that changing angular velocities did not affect the torsional behavior of composite shafts significantly. However, three different lay-up sequences resulted in remarkably different torsional behavior. Torsional behavior of composite shafts was simulated using Finite Element software, Abaqus. The elastic orthotropic composite model was used for simulations. FE models were validated using experimental test results. Numerically and experimentally obtained results exhibited quite similar torsional behavior.

S. Misriet.*al* This paper investigates the synthetic fiber is of higher strength in composites and is a low cost material, but the problem is that it does not degrade in the environment. Studies on single yarn natural fiber have been reported, especially those concerned with improving its mechanical properties. This can be used for lower end applications such as furniture and automotive dash board to reduce the utilization of synthetic fiber. Continuous yarn fibers are required to increase the strength for engineering applications and filament winding is a method to produce aligned technical composites which have high fiber content. This paper presents an experimental and simulation studies to investigate the behavior of composite hollow shafts, with a specific focus on the maximum torsion capacity of the composite hollow shaft for different winding angles and aluminum reinforcement. The conventional filament winding machine was modified and added to a new resin bath mechanism in order to produce a new natural fiber composite hollow shaft using kenaf yarn fibre reinforced with unsaturated polyester resin. The

results show that the torsion capacity is significantly affected by changing the winding angle and the presence of aluminum in the static torque test capacity properties. The maximum static torsion capacity of kenaf yarn fibre reinforces unsaturated polyester composite shaft at a winding angle of 45° was higher strength than 90° orientation while the presence of aluminum enhanced the torsion property significantly. Finite element analysis (FEA) using Abacus software was carried out and showed a good agreement with the experimental results.

C. Result and Discussion

From above literature review, it is observed that both finite element analysis and experimental result were presented. Many researchers presented the effect of the stacking sequence, no of layers, angle orientation and volume fraction on the mechanical properties such as young modulus, shear modulus, Poisson's ratio, density etc. in composite hybrid material.

Many of researchers presented effect of stacking sequence, no of layers, angle orientation and volume fraction on the natural bending frequency, shear strength, critical speed etc.

Conclusion

The paper presented a literature review concerning the studies on effect of various changes in composite hybrid material such as layer thickness, number of layer, sequence of layer, angle orientation.

From the above literature review, it is observed that various tools such as ANSYS, FFT Analyzer test, torsional test, tensile and shear test of laminates can be tested effectively and validated by FEA as well as analytical and finally suggested the how better replacement of metallic drive shaft by hybrid composite material drive shaft.

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