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Chapter 6

Failures Resulting from Static Loading

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Failure Examples

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^(a) Fig. 6.1 (a) Failure of a truck drive-shaft spline due to corrosion fatigue. (b) Direct end view of failure.

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Fig. 6.2 Fatigue failure of an automotive cooling fan due to vibrations caused by a defective water pump.

Fig. 6.3 Typical failure of a stamped steel alternator bracket after about 40000 km. The failure was probably due to residual stresses caused by the cold-forming operation. The high failure rate prompted the manufacturer to redesign the bracket as a die casting. Copyright © The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Permission required for reproduction or display.



Fig. 6.4 Failure of an automotive drag link. The failure occured after about 225000 km. Fortunately the car was in park and against a curb.



Fig. 6.5 Impact failure of a lawnmower blade driver hub. The blade impacted a surveying pipe marker.

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Fig. 6.6 Failure of an overhead-pulley retaining bolt on a weightlifting machine. A manufacturing error caused a gap that forced the bolt to take the entire moment load.

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Fig. 6.7 Failure of an interior die-cast cardoor handle. Failure occured about every 72000 km. Probable causes were the electroplating material, stress concentration, the long lever arm required to operate a "sticky" door-release mechanism, and the high actuation forces.





Fig. 6.8 Chain test fixture that failed in one cycle. To alleviate complaints of excessive wear, the manufacturer decided to case-harden the material. (a) Two halves showing fracture; this is an excellent example of brittle fracture initiated by stress concentration. (b) Enlarged view of one portion to show cracks induced by stress concentration at the support-pin holes.



Fig. 6.9 Automotive rocker-arm articulation-joint fatigue failure

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Fig. 6.10 Valve-spring failure caused by spring surge in an oversped engine. The fractures exhibit the classic 45° shear failure.



Fig. 6.11 Brittle fracture of a rock washer in one-half cycle. The washer failed when it was installed.



Fig. 6.12 Fatigue failure of a die-cast residence door bumper. This bumper is installed on the door hinge to prevent the doorknob from impacting the wall.

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Fig. 6.13 A gear failure from a 5.6-kW American-made outboard motor. The large gear has a 47.6 mm outside diameter and had 21 teeth; 6 are broken. The pinion had 14 teeth; all are broken. Failure occured when the propeller struck a steel auger placed in the lake bottom as an anchorage. The owner had replaced the shear pin with a substitute pin.

Need for Static Failure Theories

• Uniaxial stress element (e.g. tension test)

$$n = \frac{Strength}{Stress} = \frac{S}{\sigma}$$

- Multi-axial stress element
 - One strength, multiple stresses



Hypotheses of Failure : Ductile Materials

Maximum-Shear-Stress (Tresca or Guest) Hypothesis

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Fig. 6.15 The maximum-shear-stress (MSS) hypothesis for biaxial stresses.

Strain Energy Hypothesis



(a) Triaxial stresses

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(b) Hydrostatic component

(c) Distortional component

Fig. 6.16 (a) Element with triaxial stresses; this element undergoes both volume change and angular distorsion. (b) Element under hydrostatic tension undergoes only volume change. (c) Element has angular distorsion without volume change.

$$u = \frac{1}{2E} \left[\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1) \right]$$

$$u_{\nu} = \frac{1 - 2\nu}{6E} \Big[\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 + 2\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + 2\sigma_2 \sigma_3 + 2\sigma_3 \sigma_1 \Big]$$

$$u_{d} = \frac{1+\nu}{3E} \left[\frac{(\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{2})^{2} + (\sigma_{2} - \sigma_{3})^{2} + (\sigma_{3} - \sigma_{1})^{2}}{2} \right]$$

Distorsion Energy Hypothesis (von Mises, Shear Energy, or Octahedral Shear Stress Hypothesis)



Fig. 6.17 The distorsion-energy (DE) theory for biaxial stress states.

Fig. 6.23 Experimental data superposed on failure hypothesis.

$$\left[\frac{\left(\sigma_{x}-\sigma_{y}\right)^{2}+\left(\sigma_{y}-\sigma_{z}\right)^{2}+\left(\sigma_{z}-\sigma_{x}\right)^{2}+6\left(\tau_{xy}^{2}+\tau_{yz}^{2}+\tau_{zx}^{2}\right)}{2}\right]^{1/2} \leq S_{y}$$

Hypotheses of Failure : Brittle Materials

Maximum-Normal-Stress (Rankine) Hypothesis

Maximum-normal-stress hypothesis states that failure occurs whenever one of the three principal stresses equals or exceeds the strength.

 $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$ $n\sigma_1 = S_t$ or $n\sigma_3 = -S_c$

Modifications of the Mohr Hypothesis

Mod. II-Mohr



Fig. 6.27 Biaxial fracture data of gray cast iron compared with various failure data.

Fig. 6.29 Aplot of experimental data points obtained from tests on cast iron.



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Fig. 6.30 Models describe data, and data criticize models.