

# **Individual Analytical Analysis**

**Capstone Team  
Off-Road Bumper**



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## Introduction

The purpose of this analysis is to determine which carbon steel would be the leading material that the off-road bumper team will use for the final production. The carbon steels will be tested on their maximum stress, factor of safety, in two different positions. Situation one will be where all four edges are fixed and force will be applied on one face of the part. Situation two will be the same thing as the first scenario but only be fixed on two edges. Each testing will then be converted into the correct carbon steel type that the team agreed upon: Low, medium, and high carbon steel. Results from this analysis will either confirm or deny the steel type the team selected the best to meet the requirements of yield strength, modulus of toughness, and limit of elasticity.

## Experimental Method

To start the individual analysis there needs to be a type of benchmark to properly evaluate the different types of carbon steel that would best be suitable for the final production of the bumper. The plan is to create a small but probable layout of the clients driving off-road and hit a simple object and then do another run of hitting a more resistant object. After creating the distance of the accident, finding the average speed of off-roads, and average weight of each car the force acting upon the bumper is achieved. Once the force is found, creating a simulation of how the metal will react depending on the location could give a rough analysis of the stress and deformation that each material might experience. SimulationXpress should provide the results of the maximum shear the part can take until failure is reached. We can also make a shear and moment graph based on the reactions the metal part is experiencing during the simulation. The main focus is to find the possible force the material might encounter as a bumper and how will that after effect look like with each carbon steel type.

## Collision Force Analysis

There are three types of collisions: vehicle collision, human collision, and internal collision. In order to find the crash force a bumper will undergo the vehicle collision is our primarily focus when finding the force. The equation that will be used to find the force acting for both cars is Newton's Second Law by finding the mass of each car and the total acceleration. To the correct acceleration the average speed of driving off-road, 15 MPH, was used to find the first velocity of the cars. After getting the reaction of the car slowing down after hitting the object the second velocity was calculated. Multiplying the found acceleration with the mass of the car the forces per car was found. A summary of the calculations executed is detailed below.

$V_1 = 6.7\text{m/s}$  - Initial Velocity

$V_2 = 6.26\text{m/s}$  - Final Velocity

$t = .3\text{s}$  - Time

$m_C$  = Mass of Dr. Carson's car

$m_D$  = Mass of Mr. David's car

$a$  = Acceleration

$F$  = Force

$$m_C = 6694\text{lb} \frac{1\text{kg}}{2.2\text{lb}} = 3,042.7\text{kg}$$

[Eqn. 1]

$$m_D = 4290lb \frac{1kg}{2.2lb} = 1,950kg \quad [\text{Eqn. 2}]$$

$$a_1 = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t} = -1.5m/s^2 \quad [\text{Eqn. 3}]$$

$$F_C = ma = 4,564.05N \quad [\text{Eqn. 4}]$$

$$F_D = ma = 2,925N \quad [\text{Eqn. 5}]$$

With Dr. Carson car weighting being 6,694lb [2] and Mr. David's car weighting is 1,950lb [3], neglecting the difference in time recovery, the force of contact for each car is found. Reference Appendix A for a detailed summary calculation of both scenarios.

### **Simulation Analysis**

All simulation that were performed was done on SolidWorks 2022, by using the tool SimulationXpress the user is able to test designs on the computer instead spending money and time to get field tests. The program simulates the wanted test by allowing the user to put restraints and select a specific location to apply the force on the CAD design. Once all the required inputs are filled and the design has the respective material make-up the simulations show the safety levels and critical areas at various regions. With the saved time and money this simulation offers, it will allow the team to re-evaluation the design and make the bumper more well balanced if required.

For the individual analysis the simulation was used to confirm the tester's expectations on the metals behavior between two situations that the bumper might experience. With the focus of the carbon steel types being tested for their durability and maximum strength, the actual model of the bumper will not be used during the testing. The testing shown below is a part that was created based on the agreed thickness for both clients' bumper and average length of what the center portion of the bumper would be. The first situation is having all four edges of the part being restrained or fixed in the designated coordinates. Either face of the part will experience the approximate force the client would have if the bumper would slam into a wild animal or rock. The program ran the scenario and reconstructed the part if the force was constantly applied until failure was achieved. The final result of the part came out to be similar to a dent that a piece of metal would form if something was thrown right in the middle, which was the aimed damage type. To get a visualible image of run one reference to figure 1 and figure 2.

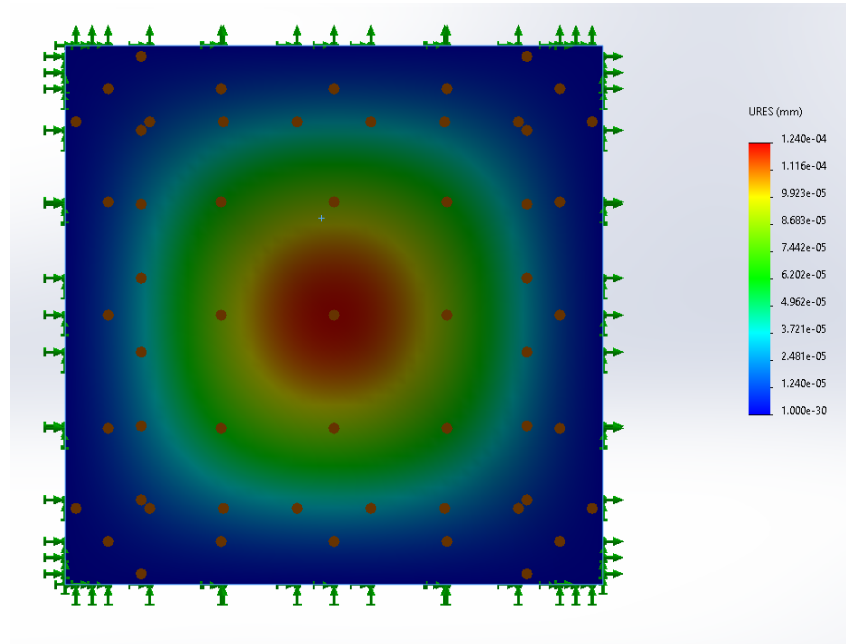


Figure 1: Front view of displacement with four restraints.

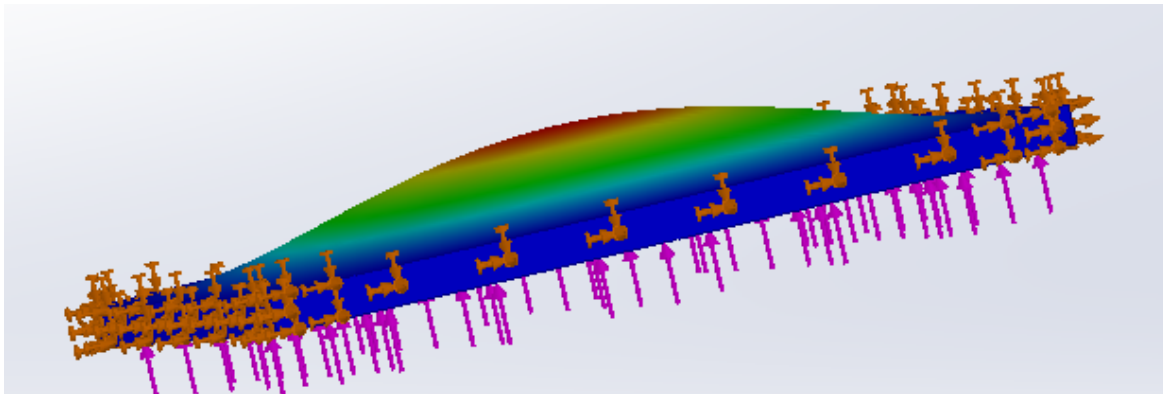


Figure 2: Side view of displacement with four restraints.

Situation two used the same design and set-up as situation one with the exception that instead of four fixed edges the part only had two fixed edges that were parallel to each other. The same amount of force was applied to either side of the faces. The goal for this test run was to simulate what the long portions of the bumper would experience when there is a force acting on it. Similar to if the car suddenly hits a pit hole, caught on an object that elevated the car, or bumping into an immovable object. After the reconstruction of the part, the displacement that showed in figure 3 and 4 is the expected outcome.

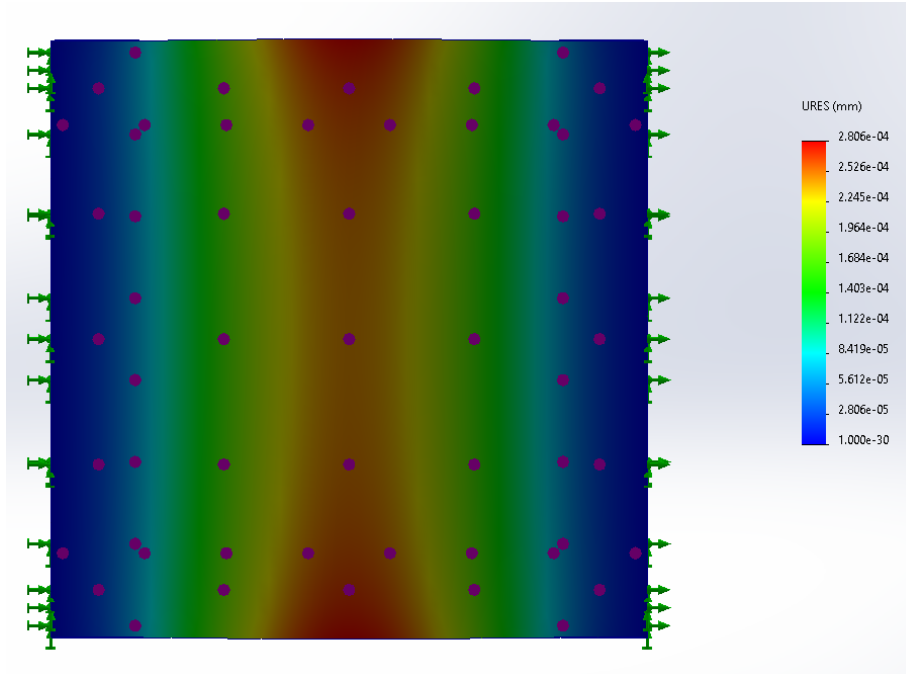


Figure 3: Front view of displacement acting with two restraints.

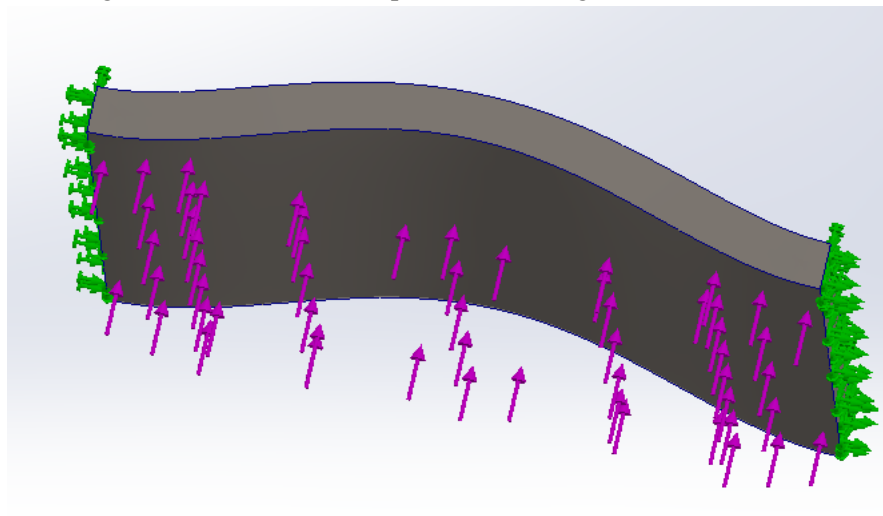


Figure 4: Top view of displacement with two restraints.

### Stress Analysis

Using the acting forces found in the collision force analysis allows the next step finding the normal stress acting on the metal. With the way of the above analysis the normal force will be a form of tensile force acting in the center of the test part. By analyzing the normal stress distribution in each material type the team can identify which carbon steel we would like to go further that can experience excessive force but still be cost effective. Shown below is the normal force equation that was used to gather each situation's stress that would be experienced on the bumper.

$$\sigma = \frac{\Delta Force}{\Delta Area}$$

Since the simulation couldn't properly generate the three different types of carbon steel, researching the metals properties was required. Using MatWeb to collect the appropriate data that was needed to calculate the maximum force each metal could withstand and found each type's elastic modulus. The data that MatWeb showed gave a percentage of when how long the material could withstand until fracture, shown in table 4-6. All three types were properly converted based on the testing size, the formula that was used is provided below.

$$\Delta L = \varepsilon\% * \text{Width}$$

Using the provided elongation percentage and the width of the test part we were able to calculate each carbon steel type's possible lengthening. Table 1 lays out both clients' change in length when the test piece is experiencing force until failure point to meet.

Table 1: Elongation calculated values

Type	Elongation %	Carson's ΔL(in)	David's ΔL(in)
Low	48%	0.09	0.12
Medium	34.20%	0.0641	0.0855
High	30%	0.0563	0.075

### Carbon Metal Life Analysis

Knowing the low, medium, and high carbon steel factor of safety is important because the team wanted to make sure that the material could take a high impact force and still be usable afterwards. Since the main focus of this analysis section is figuring out the materials maximum force it can withstand and the factor safety, FS, the tables shown below are only reflecting Dr. Carson's analysis. For more information on both clients' analysis view appendix A. From figure 6-4 the ultimate tensile strength,  $TS_{ult}$ , is given for each carbon steel type. The ultimate tensile strength formula, as shown below, allows for the calculation of the maximum force that each part made of carbon steel can withstand.

$$TS_{ult} = \frac{F_{max}}{\text{Original Cross-Section Area}}$$

Multiplying the given tensile strength with the area of the test piece the values of how each steel type is reflected in table 2. The values that table 2 provides commonly reflects the science behind the carbon steel types. The low carbon steel contains less than .30% of carbon, medium contains an average between .30 to .60% carbon, and high carbon steel has more than .60% carbon steel. The level contents of carbon in steel provides a strengthening and hardness to the materials final production.

Table 2: Dr. Carson's Calculated Max Force

Type	Max Force (N)
Low	4,630.50
Medium	5,159.70
High	6,048

When evaluating the strength of each carbon steel it is important to consider the potential for failure under different types of loads. By calculating the factor of safety it allows the team to measure the material's ability to withstand a certain amount of stress being applied without it facturing. The collected values that are associated with table 3-6 present valuable information of all three carbon steel types.

Table 3: Calculated FS

Type	Factor of Safety
Low	1.01
Medium	1.1
High	1.3

## Conclusion

The result of this individual analysis will assist the team by layout which of the carbon steel would best fit the final material of the design. The high carbon steel is most desirable out of the three carbon steel because of the strength the material has and a higher factor of safety. Additionally, if the team wants a bumper that has a good strength to provide the car but also flexibility of absorbing the force the car will experience then medium carbon steel is the choice. After stating the top choices the best decision for the material of the bumper would depend on which client it is being made for. The High carbon steel will be best applied for Carson's bumper because the car has a well support beam built in the car. For Mr. David bumper the medium carbon steel would be the best choice because the amount of force it can take before failing and the car isn't as friendly to modifications. Attaching a full metal bumper could damage the car itself instead of absorbing the collision force. Overall, this analysis could be used as a guideline to find a new type of material if the team chooses not to go through with the carbon steel as the final material.

## Appendix:

Table 4: High Carbon Steel Properties

Physical Properties	Metric	English
Density	0.451 - 8.26 g/cc	0.0163 - 0.298 lb/in <sup>3</sup>
Particle Size	6.70 - 12.0 μm	6.70 - 12.0 μm
Mechanical Properties	Metric	English
Hardness, Brinell	163 - 600	163 - 600
Hardness, Knoop	195 - 769	195 - 769
Hardness, Rockwell B	43.0 - 100	43.0 - 100
Hardness, Rockwell C	10.0 - 70.0	10.0 - 70.0
Hardness, Vickers	182 - 748	182 - 748
Tensile Strength, Ultimate	161 - 3200 MPa	23300 - 464000 psi
Tensile Strength, Yield	275 - 3340 MPa	39900 - 484000 psi
Elongation at Break	0.500 - 30.0 %	0.500 - 30.0 %
Reduction of Area	13.4 - 73.0 %	13.4 - 73.0 %
Modulus of Elasticity	13.8 - 235 GPa	2000 - 34100 ksi
Flexural Yield Strength	159 - 5130 MPa	23000 - 744000 psi
Compressive Yield Strength	1320 - 3100 MPa	191000 - 450000 psi
Bulk Modulus	160 GPa	23200 ksi
Poissons Ratio	0.280 - 0.313	0.280 - 0.313
Fracture Toughness	13.2 - 165 MPa-m <sup>1/2</sup>	12.0 - 150 ksi-in <sup>1/2</sup>
Machinability	10.0 - 125 %	10.0 - 125 %

Table 5: Medium Carbon Steel Properties


Physical Properties	Metric	English
Density	7.75 - 7.89 g/cc	0.280 - 0.285 lb/in <sup>3</sup>
Particle Size	6.70 - 12.0 μm	6.70 - 12.0 μm
Mechanical Properties	Metric	English
Hardness, Brinell	126 - 578	126 - 578
Hardness, Knoop	145 - 616	145 - 616
Hardness, Rockwell B	71.0 - 112	71.0 - 112
Hardness, Rockwell C	9.00 - 71.0	9.00 - 71.0
Hardness, Vickers	131 - 614	131 - 614
Tensile Strength, Ultimate	450 - 2730 MPa	65300 - 396000 psi
Tensile Strength, Yield	245 - 1740 MPa	35500 - 252000 psi
Elongation at Break	5.00 - 34.2 %	5.00 - 34.2 %
Reduction of Area	20.0 - 71.4 %	20.0 - 71.4 %
Modulus of Elasticity	187 - 213 GPa	27100 - 30900 ksi
Bulk Modulus	152 - 163 GPa	22000 - 23600 ksi
Poissons Ratio	0.280 - 0.300	0.280 - 0.300
Fatigue Strength	138 - 614 MPa	20000 - 89100 psi
Fracture Toughness	80.9 - 143 MPa-m <sup>1/2</sup>	73.7 - 130 ksi-in <sup>1/2</sup>
Machinability	40.0 - 80.0 %	40.0 - 80.0 %
Shear Modulus	72.0 - 82.0 GPa	10400 - 11900 ksi

Table 6: Low Carbon Steel Properties

Physical Properties	Metric	English
Density	2.85 - 8.08 g/cc	0.103 - 0.292 lb/in <sup>3</sup>
Mechanical Properties	Metric	English
Hardness, Brinell	86.0 - 550	86.0 - 550
Hardness, Knoop	103 - 682	103 - 682
Hardness, Rockwell B	30.0 - 105	30.0 - 105
Hardness, Rockwell C	10.0 - 64.0	10.0 - 64.0
Hardness, Vickers	22.0 - 661	22.0 - 661
Tensile Strength, Ultimate	241 - 2450 MPa	35000 - 355000 psi
Tensile Strength, Yield	140 - 2400 MPa	20300 - 347000 psi
Elongation at Break	3.00 - 48.0 %	3.00 - 48.0 %
Reduction of Area	15.4 - 75.0 %	15.4 - 75.0 %
Modulus of Elasticity	183 - 213 GPa	26500 - 30900 ksi
Compressive Yield Strength	152 - 1800 MPa	22000 - 260000 psi
Bulk Modulus	148 - 163 GPa	21500 - 23600 ksi
Poissons Ratio	0.250 - 0.300	0.250 - 0.300
Fatigue Strength	758 - 772 MPa	110000 - 112000 psi
Fracture Toughness	33.0 - 115 MPa-m <sup>1/2</sup>	30.0 - 105 ksi-in <sup>1/2</sup>
Machinability	50.0 - 160 %	50.0 - 160 %
Shear Modulus	70.0 - 80.0 GPa	10200 - 11600 ksi



## Appendix A: Stress analysis

	C=Carbon	D=David
$M_C = 66944 \frac{lb \cdot ft}{2.28} = 3,042.72 \text{ kg}$		$V_1 = 15 \text{ MPH} \rightarrow 6.7056 \text{ m/s}$
$M_D = 429010 \frac{lb \cdot ft}{2.28} = 1,950 \text{ kg}$		$V_2 = 14 \text{ MPH} \rightarrow 6.26 \text{ m/s}$
$a = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{t}$		$V_3 = 6.7 \text{ m/s}$
$a_1 = \frac{6.26 - 6.71}{.35} = -1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$		$V_4 = 7 \text{ MPH} \rightarrow 3.13 \text{ m/s}$
$a_2 = \frac{3.13 - 6.71}{1.25} = -2.98 \text{ m/s}^2$		
$F = m \cdot a$	$F_{C1} = 3042.7(-1.5) = 4,564.05 \text{ N}$	$F_{C2} = 9,067.24 \text{ N}$
	$F_{D1} = 1950(-1.5) = 2,925 \text{ N}$	$F_{D2} = 5,811 \text{ N}$
Normal stress		
$\sigma = \frac{\Delta F}{A}$		$A = 2(wL + hL + hw)$
$\sigma_{C1} = \frac{4564.05}{1.01} = 4,514.74 \text{ MPa}$	$A_C = 2(.1175(7) + 5(7) + (.15)(.1175)) = 74.5 \text{ in} \rightarrow 1.89 \text{ m}$	
$\sigma_{C2} = \frac{9067.25}{1.29} = 7,028.88 \text{ MPa}$	$A_D = 2(.25(7) + 5(7) + (.25)(.25)) = 76 \text{ in} \rightarrow 1.93 \text{ m}$	
$\sigma_{D1} = \frac{2925}{1.93} = 1,515.54 \text{ MPa}$		
$\sigma_{D2} = \frac{5811}{1.93} = 3,010.88 \text{ MPa}$		
Elongation %	Carbon	David
High = 30%	$E_H = .3(.1175) + .085 \text{ in} = 1.42 \text{ in}$	$E_H = .3(.25) = .075 \text{ in}$
Med = 34.2%	$E_M = .342(.1175) = .064 \text{ in}$	$E_M = .0855 \text{ in}$
Low = 48%	$E_L = .48(.1175) = .09 \text{ in}$	$E_L = .12 \text{ in}$
$T_{Shear} = \frac{F_{max}}{A}$	H: $F_{max} = 1.89(3200) = 6,048 \text{ N}$	$F_{max} = 6,776 \text{ N}$
	M: $F_{max} = 5,159.7 \text{ N}$	$F_{max} = 5,268.9 \text{ N}$
	L: $F_{max} = 4,630.5 \text{ N}$	$F_{max} = 4,728.5 \text{ N}$

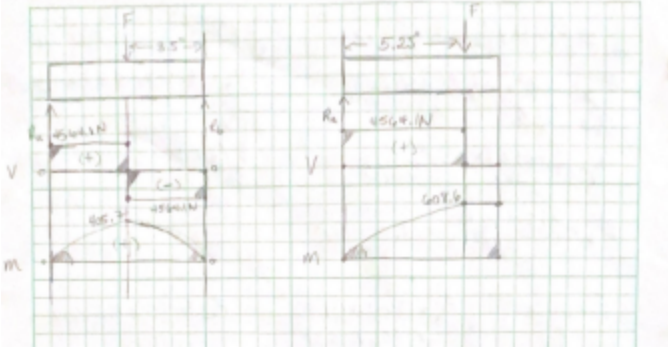
## Appendix B: Factor of Safety Analysis

$$FS = \frac{\sigma_{tensile}}{\sigma} = \frac{3200}{2414.84} = 1.3 - \text{High}$$

$$= \frac{2730}{244.74} = 1.1 - \text{med}$$

$$= \frac{2450}{2414.84} = 1.01 - \text{Low}$$

**Appendix C: Shear and Moment diagrams**



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