

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPOSITE DRIVETRAIN  
DIFFERENTIAL CASING FOR FORMULA STUDENT RACE CAR

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## ABSTRACT

The main goal of this project is to design and fabricate a composite drive train differential casing for formula student race car. The main problem of this project is to test whether the Glass Fiber Reinforced Plastic ( GFRP ) is suitable enough to be used as the material of the product. Aiming to achieve this goal, several techniques were carried out with method. In the first phase, literature review regarding the material has been carried out. Concept design of the differential case, load calculation for the design and composite material were presented in this report. Manufacturing process also will be explained in this report. The conclusion of this project is to have a completed concept design with its final product of the composite drive train differential casing given with its proven load calculation.

## ABSTRAK

Objektif utama projek ini ialah untuk merkabentuk pelindung komposit gear kebezaan pada kereta lumba formula pelajar. Masalah utama yang perlu dititikberatkan ialah untuk menguji samada bahan komposit sesuai untuk dijadikan sebagai material binaan untuk pelindung gear kebezaan pada kereta lumba Formula Pelajar. Untuk mencapai matlamat ini, terdapat beberapa teknik yang telah dilakukan. Kajian ilmiah mengenai bahan Komposit polimer gentian kaca telah dilakukan. Beberapa konsep rekabentuk berkenaan rekabentuk juga telah dilakukan. Seterusnya, pengiraan daya terhadap kekuatan dan ketahanan terhadap rekabentuk produk juga dilakukan. Proses pembuatan rekabentuk juga ditunjukkan di dalam projek ini. Secara kesimpulannya, di akhir projek ini akan dikeluarkan rekabentuk serta produk penuh pelindung komposit gear kebezaan pada kereta lumba Formula Pelajar berserta pengiraan daya untuk rekabentuk bahan berkenaan.

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**LIST OF SYMBOLS**

$\tau$  = Shear Stress

$P = V$  = Shear Force

$A$  = Area

$A_b$  = Reduced Area

$t$  = Thickness

$d$  = Diameter

$P_b$  = Bearing Force

$\sigma_b$  = Bearing Stress

$M$  = Moment

$F_r$  = Friction force

$r$  = Radius

$E_{11}$  = Modulus young

$G_{12}$  = Tensile modulus

$V_{21}$  = Poisson ratio

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

Formula student race car is using rear wheel drive for its transmission. In formula student race car, drive train differential gear plays an important role in rear drive wheel transmission. The function of the gear differential is to allow the rear wheels rolling with different rate of speed when its moving in straight line and cornering on the road. A casing for the drive train differential casing of the car is needed in case to protect the gear parts and its oil from damage.

#### 1.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the project are:

- i. To produce a composite drive train differential casing for Formula Student Race Car
- ii. To reduce the component weight on the existing Formula Student race car.