

# Analysis and Comparison of Carbon Graphite Piston over Aluminum Alloy 4032 Piston of Four Stroke 100cc bike (Hero Splendor) Engine.

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**Abstract**— This paper describes the stress distribution, displacement and thermal stresses of aluminum alloy piston and carbon graphite piston by using finite element Analysis (FEA) .The parameters used for the simulation are operating gas pressure, temperature and material properties of pistons. The specifications used for the study of these pistons belong to four stroke 100cc hero bike engine. This paper illustrates the procedure for analytical design of aluminum alloy piston and carbon graphite piston using specifications of four stroke 100cc hero bike engine. The results predict the maximum stress and critical region on aluminum alloy piston and carbon graphite piston using FEA. It is important to locate the critical area of concentrated stress for appropriate modifications. The CAD model of the pistons was drawn by using Solidworks (Feature module) and Simulation module was used to mesh the pistons, Static and couple field analysis.

**Keywords**—IC engine piston, carbon graphite piston analysis, stress analysis on piston, strain, displacement, analysis on aluminum alloy piston.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Piston is a cylindrical member which is placed inside cylinder and on the combustion gases exerts pressure. It is

made up of cast iron or aluminum alloy. In an engine, its purpose is to transfer force from expanding gas in the cylinder to the crankshaft via a piston rod and/or connecting rod. It is the moving component that is contained by a cylinder and is made gas-tight by piston rings. It absorbs the side thrust resulting from obliquity of the connecting rod. It also dissipates the large amount of heat generated by the combustion gases from the combustion chamber to the cylinder wall. In some engines, the piston also acts as a valve by covering and uncovering ports in the cylinder wall.

## II. FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

Finite element analysis is a computer based numerical technique for calculating the strength and behavior of engineering structures. It can be used to calculate deflection, stress, vibration, buckling behavior and many other phenomena. It can analyze elastic deformation or “permanently bent out of shape” deformation. The computer is required because of the astronomical number of calculations needed to analyze a large structure. The power and low cost of modern computers has made finite element analysis available to many disciplines and companies.

With the rapid advancement of technology, the complexity of the problem to be dealt by

a design engineer is also increasing. This scenario demand speedy, efficient and optimal design from an engineer. To keep pace with the development and ensure better output, the engineer today resorting to numerical methods. For problems involving complex shapes, material properties and complicated boundary conditions, it is difficult and in many cases interactive to obtain analytical solutions. Numerical methods provide approximate but acceptable solutions to such problems.

Finite element analysis is one of such numerical procedure for analyzing and solving wide range of complex engineering problems (may be structural, heat conduction, flow field...) which are complicated to be solved satisfactorily by any of the available classical analytical methods. The computer intervention is the backbone of the procedure since it involves the solution of many simultaneous algebraic equations, which can be solved easily by the computer. Actually Finite Element Method was originated as a method of stress analysis. But today the applications are numerous. Now days, each and every design is developed through Finite Element Analysis. The numerous applications include the fields of Heat transfer, Fluid flow, Lubrication. Electric and Magnetic fields, Seepage and other flow problems. The various areas of applications include design of buildings and

bridges, electric motors, heat engines, aircraft structures, space crafts etc. With the advances in Interactive CAD systems complex problems can be modeled with relative ease. Several alternative configurations can be tried out on a computer before the prototype is built.

### III METHODOLOGY OF PROPOSED WORK

The methodology of this work is based upon information collected and processed the study and research phase. The technique to be applied for the design of piston are as follows:

- ❖ Data gathering of recent development in IC engine piston.
- ❖ Reverse engineering this piston, and calculated dimensions were measured and reproduced as a 3-D model in Solidworks software, and analyzed in Solidworks Simulation.
- ❖ Selection of Material from software's library
- ❖ Meshing of Piston.
- ❖ Applying Boundary conditions.
- ❖ Result calculation.
- ❖ Comparing Total deformation and Max. Von misses stress in Static analysis.

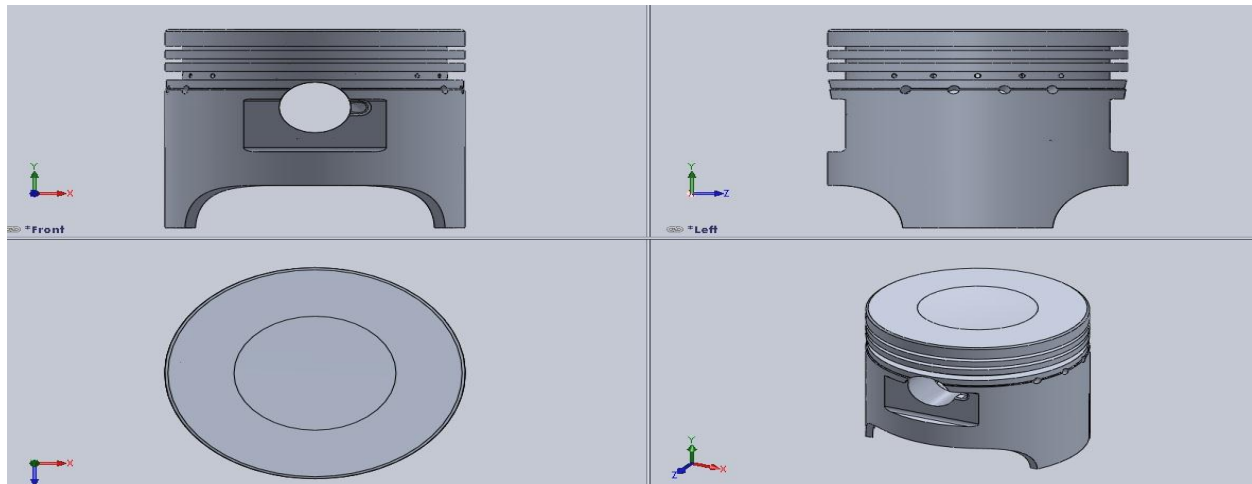
### IV ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS

<i>Type</i>	Air cooled, 4 - stroke single cylinder OHC
<i>Displacement</i>	97.2 cc
<i>Max. Power</i>	6.15kW (8.36 Ps) @8000 rpm
<i>Max. Torque</i>	0.82kg - m (8.05 N-m) @5000 rpm

Max. Speed	87 Kmph
Bore x Stroke	50.0 mm x 49.5 mm
Carburetor	Side Draft , Variable Venturi Type with TCIS
Compression Ratio	9.9 : 1
Starting	Kick / Self Start
Ignition	DC - Digital CDI
Oil Grade	SAE 10 W 30 SJ Grade , JASO MA Grade
Air Filtration	Dry , Pleated Paper Filter
Fuel System	Carburetor
Fuel Metering	Carburetion

*V Reverse Engineering the Aluminum Alloy Piston:*

With the help of vernier caliper the dimensions of the model piston were measured. By using this measurement 3D model of the piston were drawn using Solidworks modeling software.

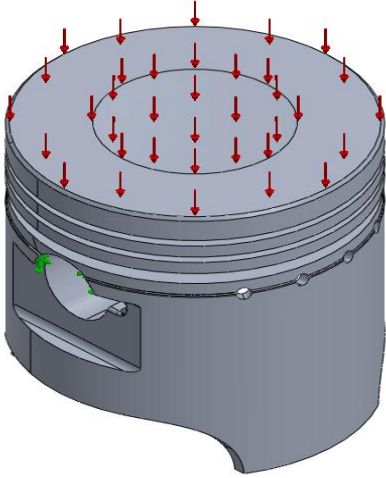


**VI. BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AND LOADS**

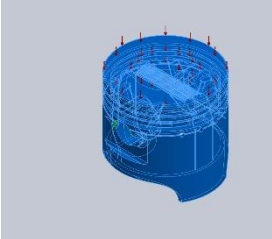
- (i) Maximum gas pressure at top surface of the piston 5MPa
- (ii) Temperature at Top surface of the piston 400°C
- (iii) Piston pin holes are fixed .

VII. Report of static analysis on aluminum alloy piston where 5 MPa pressure applied on the top of the piston head as below:

Model Information



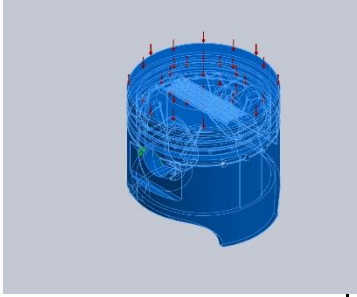
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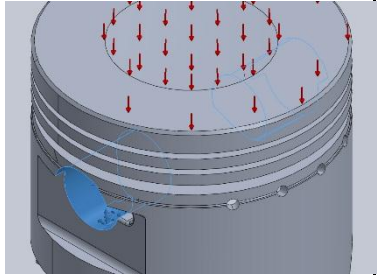
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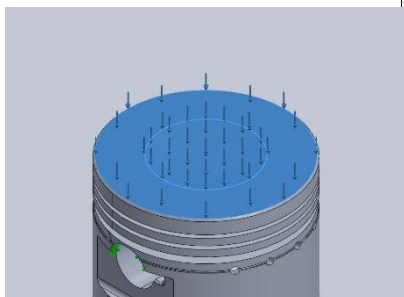
<b>Unit system:</b>	SI (MKS)
<b>Length/Displacement</b>	mm
<b>Temperature</b>	Kelvin
<b>Angular velocity</b>	Rad/sec
<b>Pressure/Stress</b>	N/m <sup>2</sup>

### Material Properties

Model Reference	Properties	Components
	<p><b>Name:</b> 4032-T6  <b>Model type:</b> Linear Elastic            Isotropic  <b>Default failure criterion:</b> Unknown  <b>Yield strength:</b> 3.15e+008 N/m<sup>2</sup>  <b>Tensile strength:</b> 3.8e+008 N/m<sup>2</sup>  <b>Elastic modulus:</b> 7.9e+010 N/m<sup>2</sup>  <b>Poisson's ratio:</b> 0.34  <b>Mass density:</b> 2680 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  <b>Shear modulus:</b> 2.6e+010 N/m<sup>2</sup>  <b>Thermal expansion coefficient:</b> 1.9e-005 /Kelvin</p>	SolidBody 1(LPattern2)(Piston 100cc_Hero Splendor)
Curve Data:N/A		

Loads and Fixtures

Fixture name	Fixture Image	Fixture Details		
Fixed-1		<b>Entities:</b> 2 face(s) <b>Type:</b> Fixed Geometry		
<b>Resultant Forces</b>				
<b>Components</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>Resultant</b>
Reaction force(N)	0.595554	9425.86	-0.991531	9425.86
Reaction Moment(NM)	0	0	0	0

Load name	Load Image	Load Details
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Mesh Information

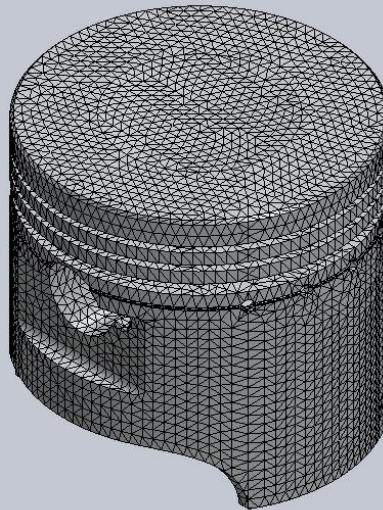
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<b>Tolerance</b>	0.0752336 mm

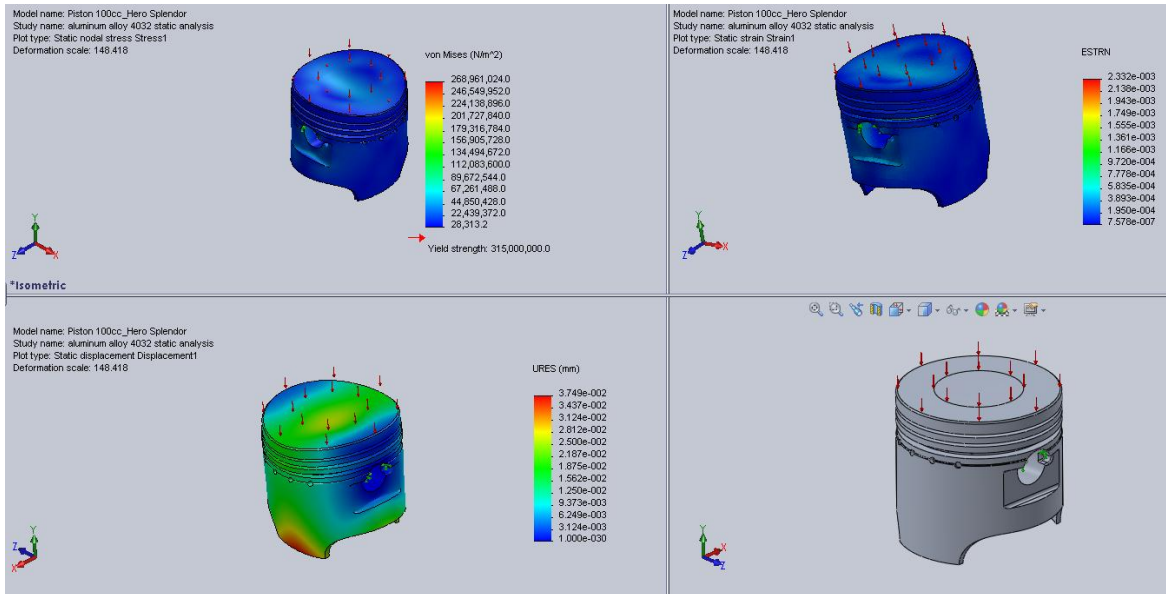
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### Mesh Information - Details

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<b>Maximum Aspect Ratio</b>	167.85
<b>% of elements with Aspect Ratio &lt; 3</b>	90.8
<b>% of elements with Aspect Ratio &gt; 10</b>	0.39
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Model name: Piston 100cc\_Hero Splendor  
Study name: aluminum alloy 4032 static analysis  
Mesh type: Solid mesh

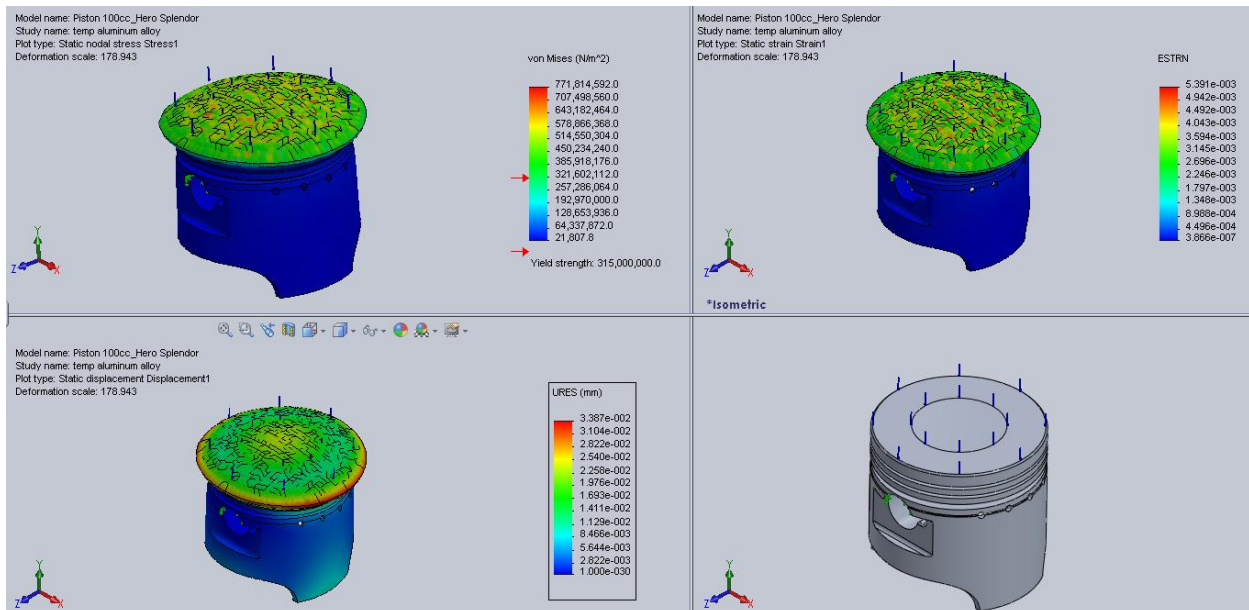




Study (I)

Here we found the result of static analysis where pressure of 5MPa has applied on the top of the piston head in study (I)

VIII. Result of static analysis on aluminum alloy piston where temperature at top surface of the piston is 400°C as below-

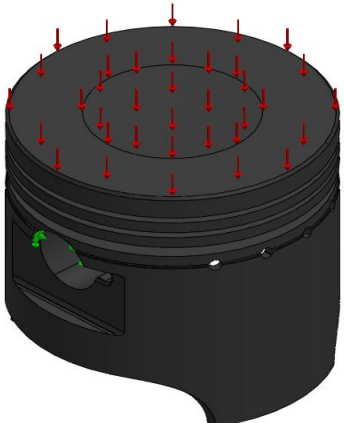


Study (II)

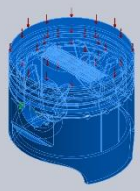


IX . Now, we compared aluminum alloy material with C-Graphite, where the boundary conditions are same as previous studies as 5 MPa pressure applied on the top surface of the c-graphite piston , the report of the static analysis on C-Graphite piston can be find as below-

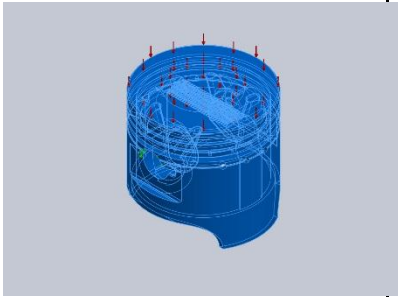
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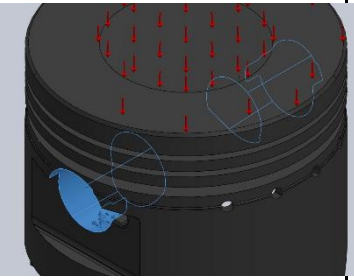
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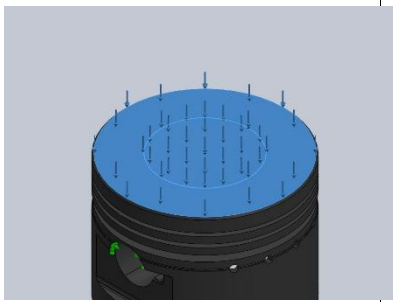
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Pattern2 	Solid Body	Mass:0.0609817 kg Volume:2.7224e-005 m <sup>3</sup> Density:2240 kg/m <sup>3</sup> Weight:0.59762 N	Default Aug 09 16:08:19 2017

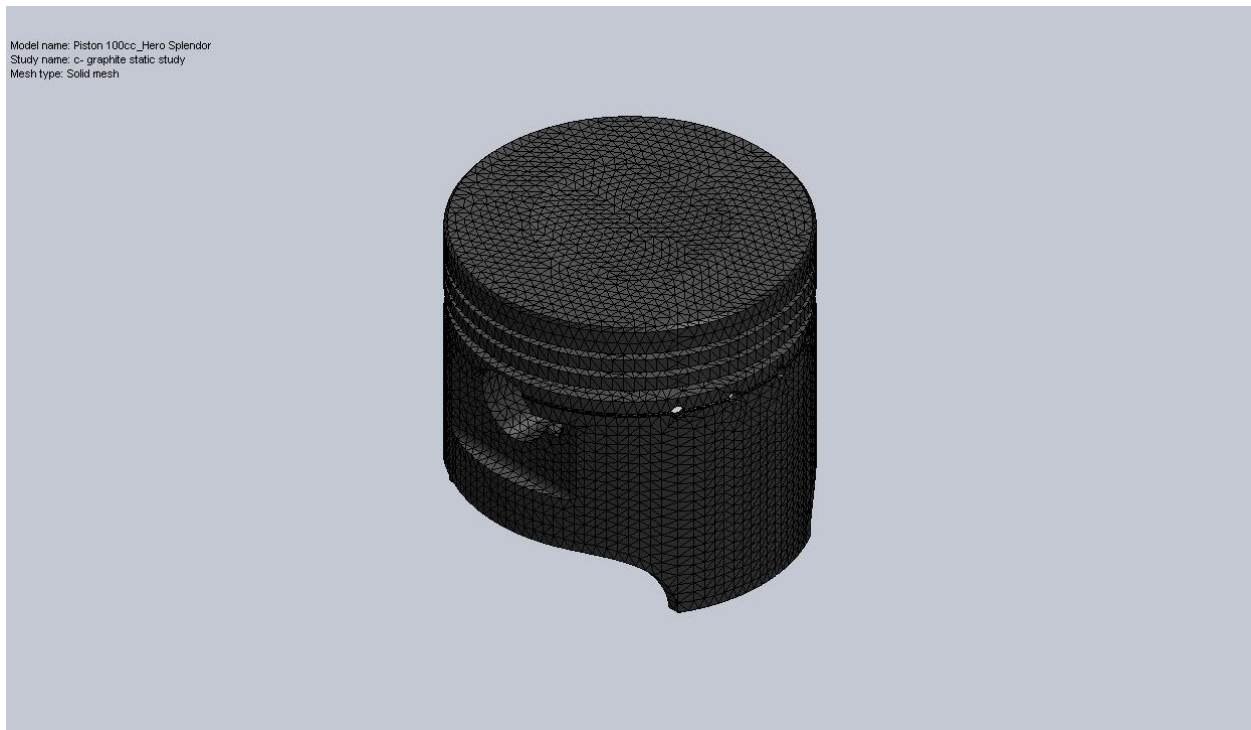
Material Properties

Model Reference	Properties	Components
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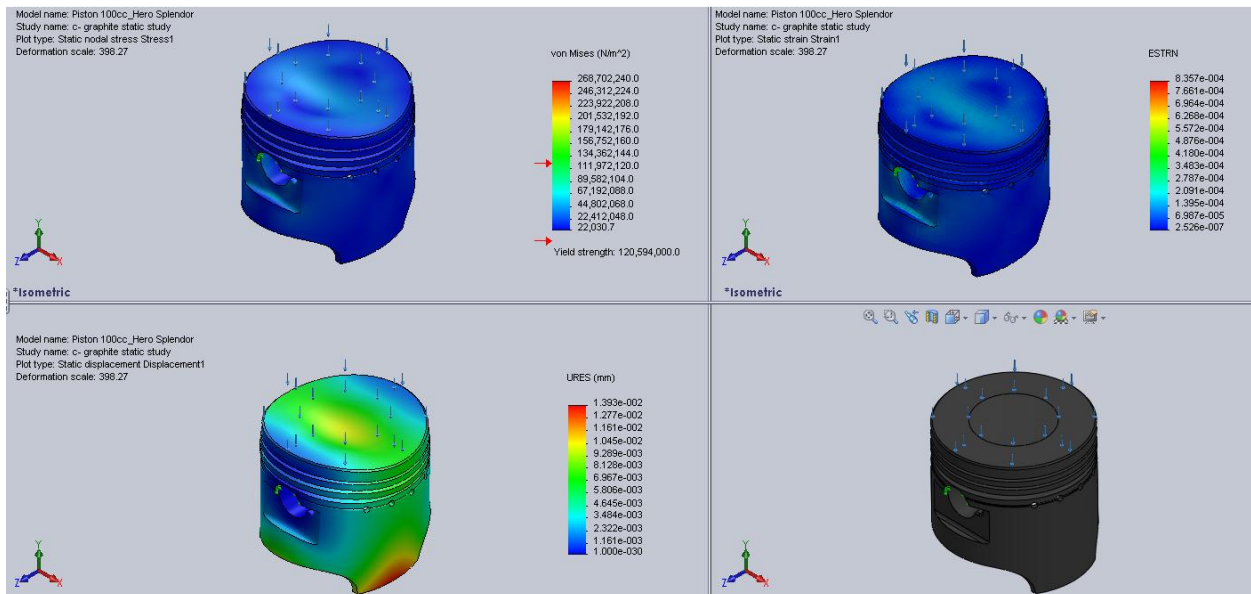
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<b>Resultant Forces</b>				
<b>Components</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>Resultant</b>
<b>Reaction force(N)</b>	-0.201809	9428.71	1.45164	9428.71
<b>Reaction Moment(N·m)</b>	0	0	0	0

Load name	Load Image	Load Details
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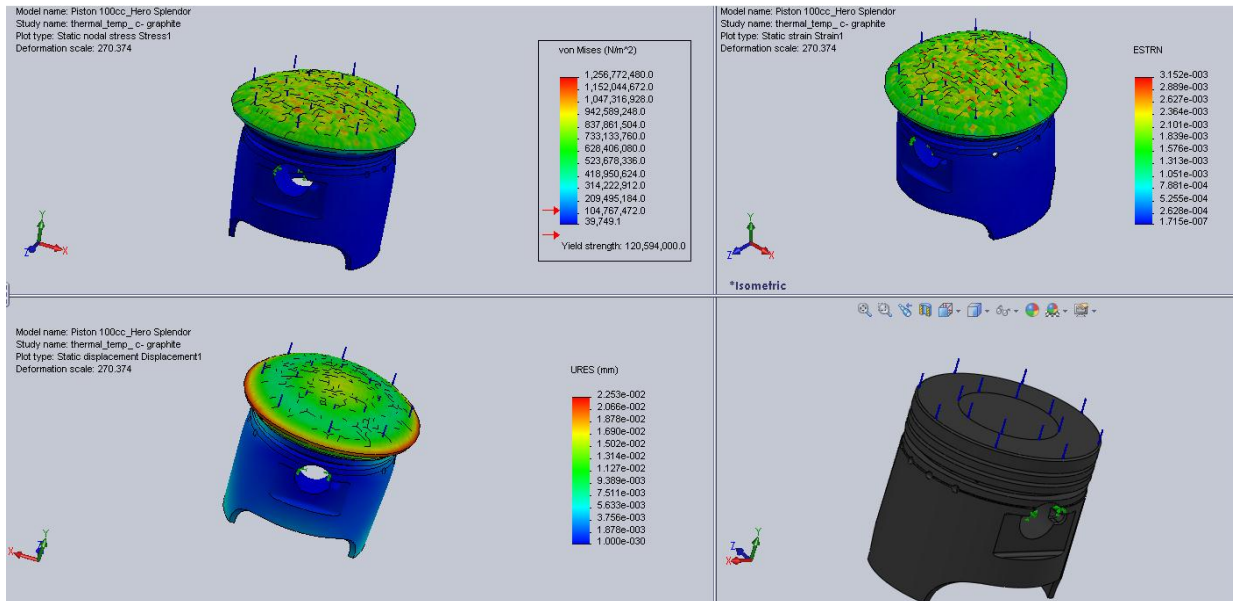


Meshed model



Study (III)

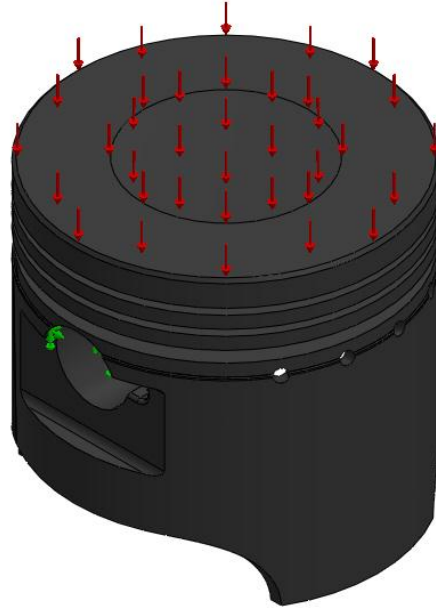
X. Result of static analysis on C- Graphite piston where temperature at top surface of the piston is 400°C



Study (IV)

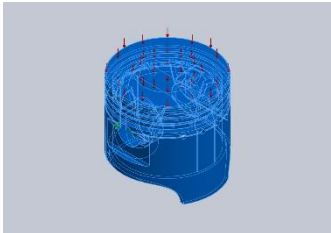
XI. Static analysis on c-graphite piston again with same boundary conditions , but, this time the thickness of 1mm has been added on the bottom side of the piston head, the result can be find as below-

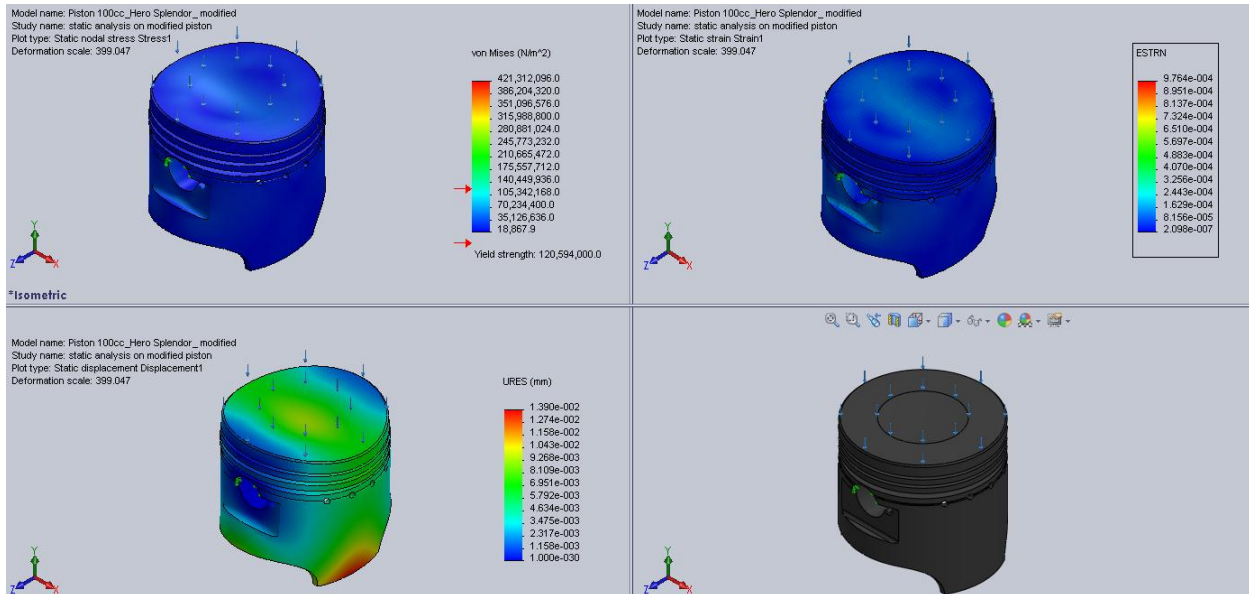
Model Information



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 Current Configuration: Default

**Solid Bodies**

Document Name and Reference	Treated As	Volumetric Properties	Document Path/Date Modified
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### Study (V)

#### Conclusion-

In the conclusion, according to above static analysis results on aluminum alloy piston (Study I) and c-graphite piston Study III, we found according to result that aluminum alloy piston is slightly strong than c-graphite, but the result we got after slightly changing the design of c-graphite piston by 1mm (addition in thickness) on the bottom side of piston head then the results found differ than previous results, here the results are better than aluminum alloy piston as shown in (study V).

On the other hand, when we analyzed both pistons (aluminum alloy & c-graphite) as study II & study IV, after applied the temperature of 400°C on the top of the piston head then the results came out in the favor of c-graphite piston.

Furthermore, we compared c-graphite with aluminum alloy then we found that C-

graphite material is lighter in weight than aluminum alloy according to volumetric properties, moreover, c-graphite piston has low coefficient of the thermal expansion as compare to aluminum alloy piston and another comparison result found is that thermal conductivity of c-graphite is much better than aluminum alloy. At last, according to above results c-graphite piston is better than aluminum alloy for IC engines.

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