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Shape Optimization PRO V5 FIE

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DESIGN

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Implementation

FIE – Shape Optimization

The analysis was an experiment aimed at the application of the topological optimization in a molded and validated component with the use of the additive manufacturing process. The engineering application explores possible strategies to reduce material consumption by optimizing the design of robotic elements.



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For the purposes of this analysis, it was considered a component responsible for the fixation and integration between electronic components of the VEX Robotics Platform. The work is divided into three phases.

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Processes Mechanical Engineering Analysis



Utilizing key mechanical design features in search of high throughput in manufacturing.

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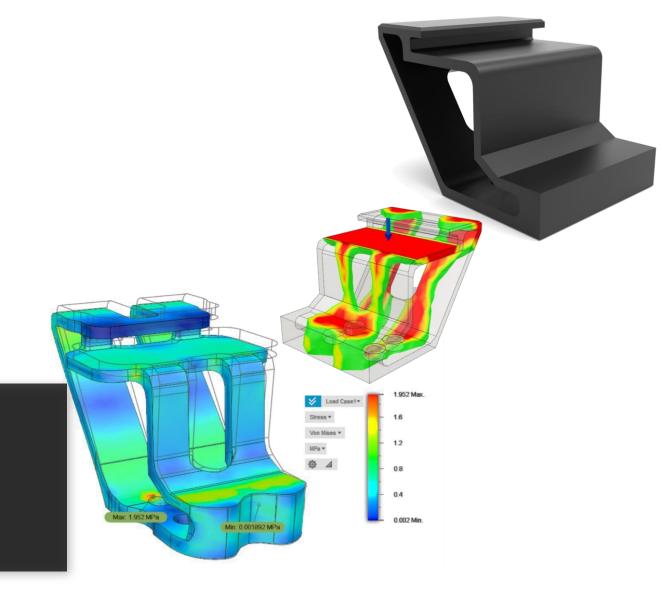
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The first phase involved designing the structural element. The second step was to develop strategies for the implementation of topology optimization by analyzing the use of material and its reduction. The last step involved creating the best modeling strategy from the results collected from the optimization simulation, thus redesigning a new component for the additive manufacturing process.



TOPOLOGICAL OPTIMIZATION

To optimize the distribution of material on the creation of the new component, the excess material is digitally sculpted using the Fusion 360 software optimization simulation. The software is used to calculate the topology with the constraints and criteria implemented by the engineer responsible for the development of the product.



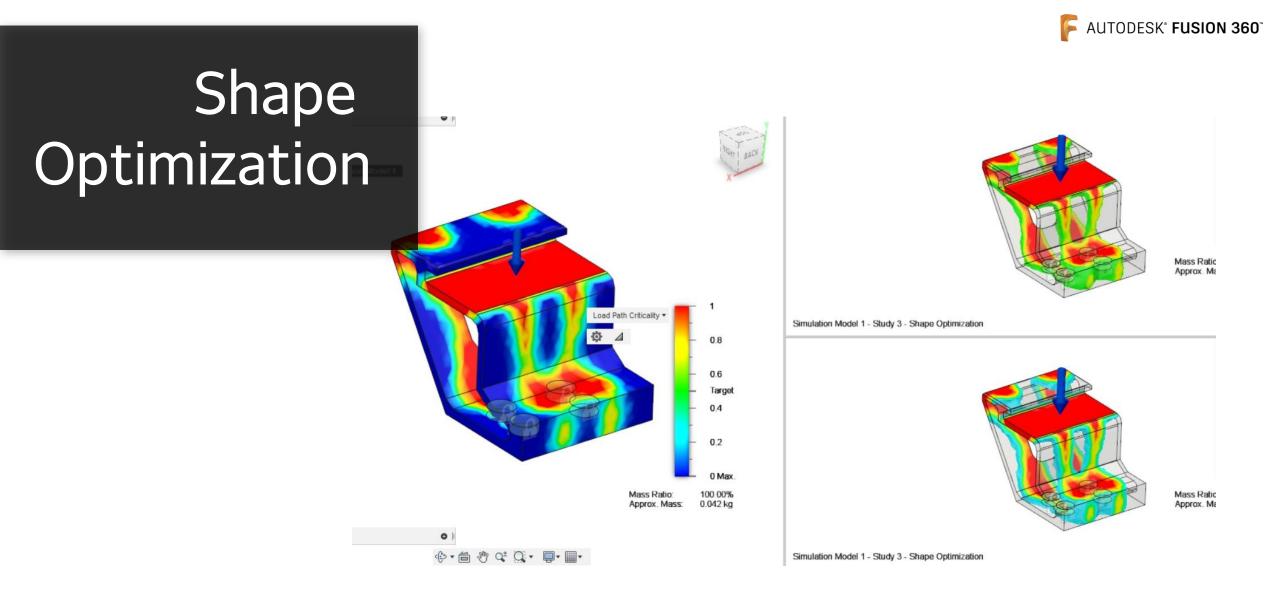
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First validated version of component



As our main aim is to provide High factor of safety to the part, lower weight and cost of the material is also considered while selection of material.

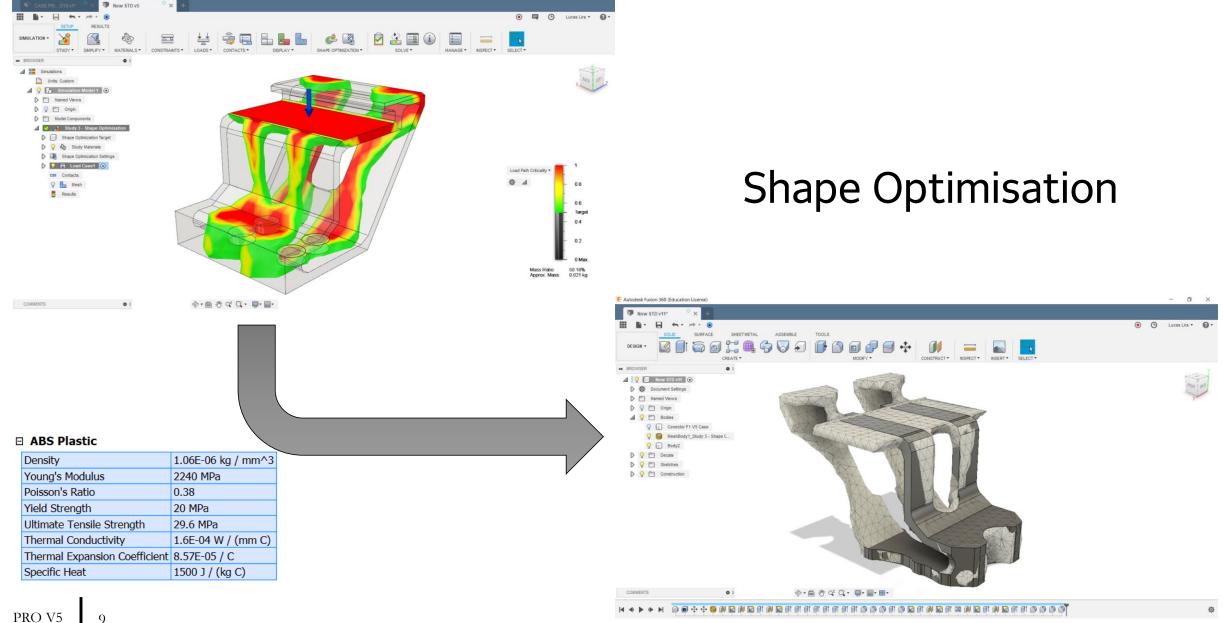


Shape optimization- This optimization is carried out to change inner/outer shape of an object. It gives an object a particular shape depending upon the stress generated in a particular area. It takes out the material from the area where minimum amount of stress is generated. In that case the material is removed from the outer boundaries where the stresses are minimum. By doing this the weight of the object reduces without actually reducing the factor of safety.

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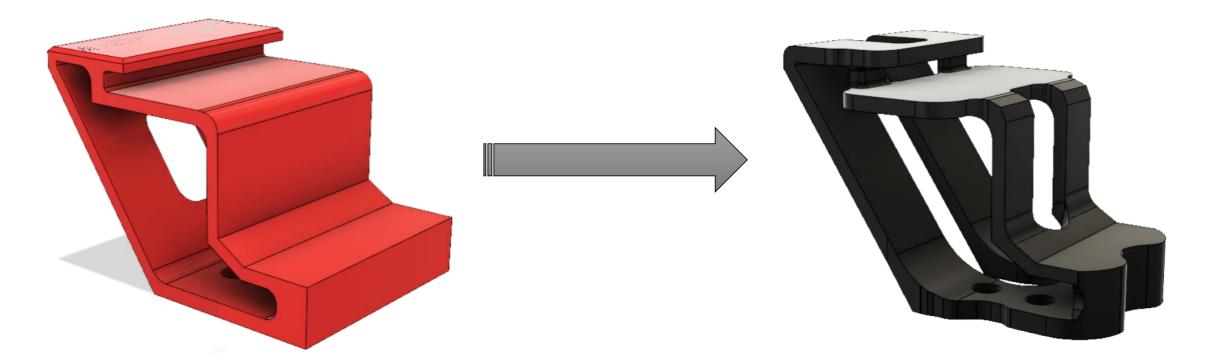
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Mechanical Engineering Analysis **FIE - Optimization**

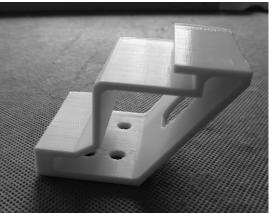


Component Physical Properties

Component in your first validation version.

Physical Material	ABS Plastic
Area	2.442E+04 mm^2
Density	0.001 g / mm^3
Mass	41.481 g
Volume	3.913E+04 mm^3
Appearance	Plastic - Glossy





Component Physical Properties

Features analyzed after engineering optimization application and construction of a new product with Fusion 360 software data.

Mass Reduction	in:
% 36,366047	

Physical Material ABS Plastic		
Area	1.733E+04 mm^2	
Density	0.001 g / mm^3	
Mass	26.396 g	
Volume	2.490E+04 mm^3	
Appearance	Plastic - Glossy	



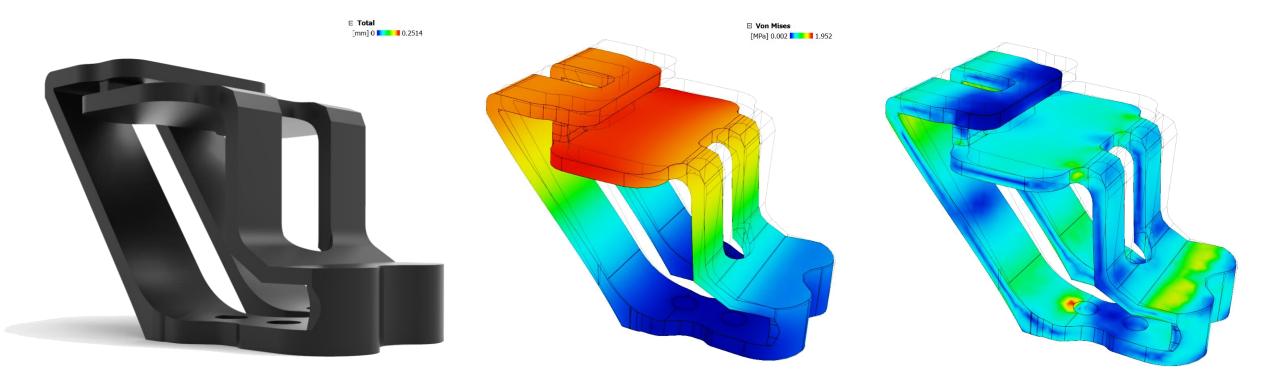


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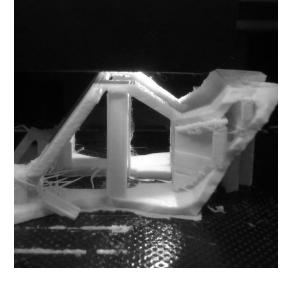




Manufacturing Process - Post Analysis

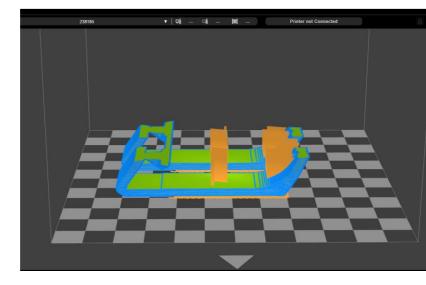
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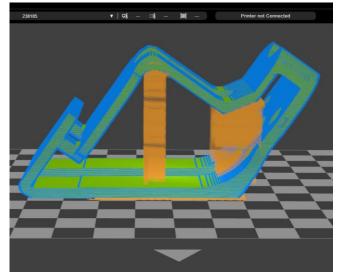






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PRO CASE CL 52.4 × 73.9 × 55.8 Printable with FD	mm Change unit	S	Qty: 1 Show bulk pricing	\$6.95
Manufacturability analysis 3D printing - FDM Passed checks Thin walls Manufacturability analysis Thin walls	Very good Very good		Selected material Standard PLA - FDM Show material description Infill - 6 options	Close 🔨
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	200 μm Color - 7 options White	~		
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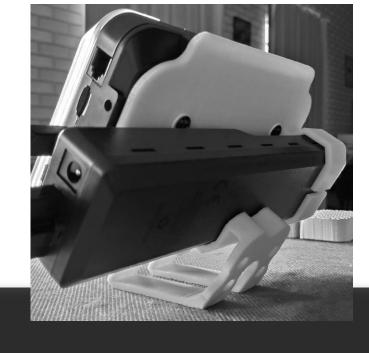
Cost reduction for unit component production at % 33.365292 after design optimization.

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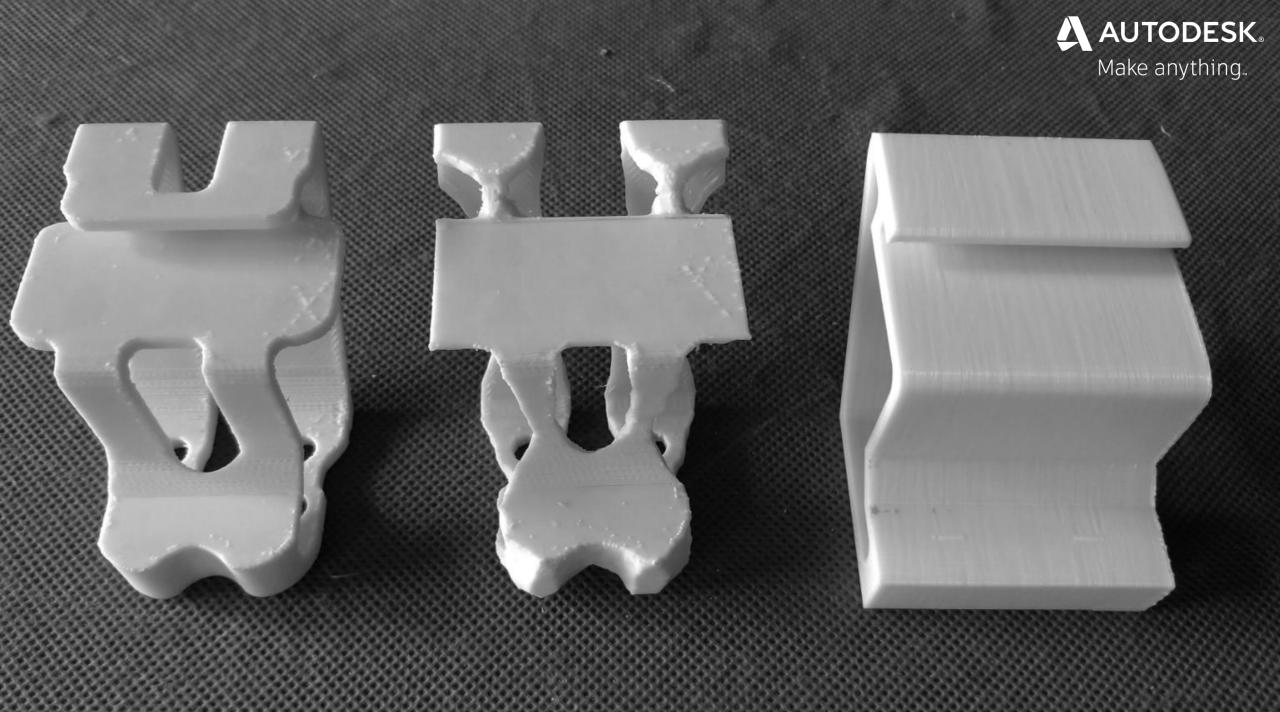


Product Deployment

This exercise was a step in the attempt to guide the discussion in the field of mechanical practice in the conservation of resources and the use of computer tools such as (Fusion 360) to produce components and efficiency projects. The processes used in this work can demonstrate the efficiency of the topological optimization application integrated with the Additive Manufacturing process. The activities developed can not only help reduce the material consumed but can also promote lighter components and also effectively reduce the cost of the project.

















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