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Design and Simulation of a Motor Mount of an Automotive Power Glove Box

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Abstract: ***The integration of technology into automotive interiors has led to the development of advanced features aimed at enhancing user experience and convenience. One such innovation is the automotive power glove box, which incorporates a motorized mechanism for automated opening and closing. This research paper presents the design and simulation of a motor mount for an automotive power glove box. The glove box, a crucial component in modern vehicles, provides storage and accessibility for essential items. The integration of a motorized mechanism enhances user convenience. The study involves mechanical analysis, technical considerations, design calculations, and simulations to ensure optimal performance and reliability. Various aspects of the motor mount design, including material selection, structural integrity, and dynamic behavior, are addressed. This paper offers a comprehensive overview of the design process, supported by relevant details, data, diagrams, and charts.***

I. INTRODUCTION

The modern automotive industry is witnessing a rapid influx of technologies that aim to enhance the driving experience and convenience for users. Among these advancements, the integration of automated mechanisms within the vehicle interior is gaining traction. An emerging feature is the motorized glove box, which offers automated opening and closing through the use of an electric motor. This paper addresses the engineering challenges associated with designing a motor mount system for an automotive power glove box.

Automotive glove boxes come in various types and designs to cater to different needs and preferences.

Here are four common types:

1) Conventional Glove Box: This is the standard type of glove box found in most vehicles. It is a compartment located on the passenger side of the dashboard. It usually opens downward and provides a storage space for small items such as vehicle documents, sunglasses, gloves, and other personal belongings.
2) Cooling Glove Box: Some vehicles feature a cooling glove box that includes a cooling function to keep items inside chilled. This is particularly useful for storing beverages, snacks, or medication that require a lower temperature than the cabin.
3) Lockable Glove Box: Lockable glove boxes offer an added layer of security for valuable items. These glove boxes come with a lock mechanism, often requiring a key or a code to access the contents. This type of glove box is useful for keeping sensitive items safe, especially when the vehicle is parked in public places.
4) Illuminated Glove Box: An illuminated glove box features a light source inside the compartment that turns on when the glove box is opened. This provides better visibility and makes it easier to find items in low-light conditions, such as at night.



Figure 1. Manual Glove box

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Figure 2. Powered Glove box

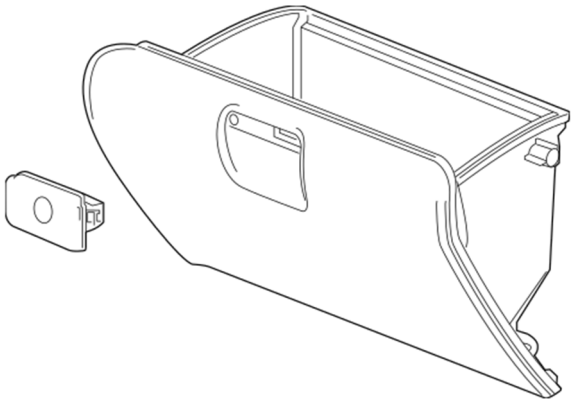


Figure 3. glove box

A. Design Objective

The objective of this project is to design and simulate a motor mount for an automotive power glove box. The power glove box is an innovative feature in modern vehicles that allows users to open and close the glove box compartment using a motorized mechanism, enhancing convenience and user experience.

B. Design Considerations

1) *Functional Requirements:* The motor mount must securely hold the motor in place while allowing for the required movement to open and close the glove box. It should also dampen vibrations and ensure smooth operation.
2) *Structural Integrity:* The motor mount design should ensure sufficient strength and rigidity to withstand the forces and vibrations generated during the glove box operation and vehicle movement.
3) *Vibration Damping:* Incorporate vibration damping elements or features to minimize the transfer of vibrations from the motor to the vehicle's interior.
4) *Motor Selection:* Choosing an appropriate motor based on torque requirements and speed for glove box operation.
5) *Mounting Location:* Determining the optimal position for the motor within the glove box structure.
6) *Space Constraints:* The motor mount should be designed to fit within the available space in the glove box area without interfering with other components.
7) *Material Selection:* Selecting materials with sufficient strength, durability, and weight considerations.
8) *Thermal Management:* Preventing motor overheating by implementing suitable cooling mechanisms.

II. METHODOLOGY

1) *Requirements Analysis:* Understand the functional requirements of the power glove box mechanism and the motor specifications. Define the range of movement, force requirements, and operational constraints.
2) *Conceptual Design:* Generate multiple conceptual designs for the motor mount, considering various factors such as placement, attachment points, and potential mechanisms for movement.

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3) *Detailed Design:* Select the most promising conceptual design and create a detailed design that includes precise dimensions, attachment points, material selection, and potential features for vibration damping.
4) *Finite Element Analysis (FEA):* Utilize FEA software to simulate the motor mount's structural behavior under various loads and operating conditions. Validate the design's structural integrity and identify potential stress points.
5) *Vibration Analysis:* Perform vibration analysis using FEA to evaluate the transfer of vibrations from the motor to the vehicle's interior. Optimize the design to minimize vibration transmission.
6) *Prototyping:* Create a physical prototype of the motor mount using rapid prototyping techniques or traditional manufacturing methods. Verify the fit and functionality of the prototype.
7) *Testing and Validation:* Test the motor mount prototype in controlled conditions that mimic real-world glove box operation and vehicle vibrations. Collect data on performance, durability, and any potential issues.
8) *Iterative Refinement:* Based on the testing results, iterate and refine the design as needed. Address any identified weaknesses, improve vibration damping, and optimize the design for manufacturability.

A. Design Calculations

1) Load Analysis

The load analysis involves determining the maximum load the motor mount will experience during operation. This load includes the weight of the glove box and its contents.

2) Static Load Calculation

Assuming the glove box weighs 10 kg and its contents weigh 5 kg, the static load can be calculated as follows:
Static Load = Weight of Glove Box + Weight of Contents
Static Load = 10 kg + 5 kg = 15 kg

3) Dynamic Load Calculation

The dynamic load takes into account the forces generated due to acceleration, deceleration, and road conditions. Assuming a conservative dynamic load factor of 1.5, the dynamic load can be calculated:
Dynamic Load = Dynamic Load Factor * Static Load
Dynamic Load = 1.5 * 15 kg = 22.5 kg

4) Selection of Material

Let's assume steel is chosen as the material for the motor mount due to its strength and durability. The yield strength of steel is typically around 250 MPa.

5) Stress Calculation

The stress on the motor mount can be calculated using the formula:
Stress = Load / Area

Assuming a rectangular cross-section for the mount with dimensions of 100 mm x 50 mm and a height of 5 mm:
Area = Length x Width
Area = 100 mm x 50 mm = 5000 mm^2 = 0.005 m^2

Stress = Dynamic Load / Area
Stress = 22.5 kg * 9.81 m/s^2 / 0.005 m^2 = 44190 N / 0.005 m^2 = 8838000 N/m^2 = 8.84 MPa

6) Factor of Safety

To ensure the safety and reliability of the motor mount, a factor of safety is applied. Let's assume a factor of safety of 3.

Allowable Stress = Yield Strength / Factor of Safety
Allowable Stress = 250 MPa / 3 = 83.33 MPa
Since the calculated stress (8.84 MPa) is well below the allowable stress, the motor mount design is considered safe.

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B. Simulation and Modeling

Finite Element Analysis (FEA) is used to evaluate the structural behavior of a motor mount system design. The process involves subjecting the system to diverse mechanical loads and conditions to predict its response. FEA reveals stress distribution, deformation, and potential failure points, aiding design optimization.

Motor mount design starts with a detailed CAD model representing the glove box system's geometry and components. Various materials, including metals and plastics, balance strength and weight. This CAD model serves as the foundation for subsequent simulations.

Dynamic simulations replicate real motor operation, studying motor mount behavior during startup, operation, and shutdown. Parameters like acceleration, vibrations, and deceleration are analyzed to ensure the motor mount withstands these forces.

Thermal analysis predicts temperature distribution during motor operation to prevent adverse impacts on the motor mount's structural integrity. Material selection employs advanced materials like strong alloys and composites to maintain mechanical properties while reducing weight. Structural analysis confirms load-bearing capacity and compliance with safety standards.

Motor placement within the glove box is assessed through kinematic simulations to optimize positioning for minimal stress and optimal performance**.**

Experimental validation involves creating and testing physical prototypes under real conditions. Tests assess motor torque, speed, and power consumption, validating the design against simulation results**.**

III. MOTOR MOUNTING PROCEDURE FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE POWER GLOVE BOX

The motor mount is a crucial component in the assembly of an automotive power glove box. It ensures proper alignment, stability, and secure attachment of the motor within the glove box mechanism. This guide outlines the step-by-step process to effectively mount a motor in an automotive power glove box.

A. Tools and Materials Needed

1) Automotive power glove box assembly
2) Motor
3) Mounting bracket or plate
4) Bolts, nuts, and washers (appropriate size and strength)
5) Wrenches and sockets
6) Screwdriver
7) Locking compound (threadlocker)
8) Torque wrench
9) Measuring tape or ruler
10) Safety equipment (gloves, safety glasses)

B. Procedure

1) Preparation

a) Ensure the work area is well-lit and clean.
b) Organize all required tools and materials.
c) Familiarize yourself with the motor and mounting bracket specifications.
d) Wear appropriate safety gear.

2) Positioning the Motor

a) Identify the designated motor mounting location within the glove box assembly.
b) Ensure the motor's shaft aligns properly with the intended moving components.

3) Attaching the Mounting Bracket

a) If the motor doesn't come with an integrated mounting bracket, align the bracket's holes with the motor's mounting holes.
b) Securely fasten the mounting bracket to the motor using appropriate bolts, nuts, and washers. Ensure proper torque specifications according to the manufacturer's guidelines.
c) Apply thread locker to the bolts to prevent loosening due to vibrations.

4) *Positioning the Motor Assembly*
a) Hold the motor assembly in position within the glove box assembly, aligning the mounting bracket holes with the corresponding holes in the glove box.

5) *Marking and Drilling Holes*
a) Mark the mounting hole positions on the glove box using a pencil or marker through the mounting bracket holes as guides.
b) Carefully remove the motor assembly and set it aside.

6) *Drilling Holes*
a) Use an appropriate drill bit size to create holes in the marked positions on the glove box.
b) Ensure the holes are clean and free of burrs.

7) *Installing the Motor*
a) Position the motor assembly back onto the glove box, aligning the mounting bracket holes with the drilled holes.
b) Insert bolts through the holes from the inside of the glove box.
c) Place washers and nuts on the opposite side of the glove box and tighten them securely.

8) *Tightening and Torquing*
a) Gradually tighten the nuts using a wrench or socket, ensuring even pressure on all sides.
b) Use a torque wrench to achieve the recommended torque settings specified by the motor manufacturer.

9) *Final Checks*
a) Ensure the motor is securely attached and doesn't have excessive play.
b) Confirm that the motor's movement is unobstructed and aligns with other components.

10) *Testing*
a) Test the motor within the glove box to ensure proper functionality.
b) Verify that the motor's movement is smooth and consistent.

Note: Properly mounting the motor within an automotive power glove box is essential for reliable operation. Following this step-by-step procedure, along with adhering to manufacturer specifications and safety guidelines, ensures a secure and functional motor assembly that contributes to the overall performance of the glove box mechanism.

IV. RESULTS

The simulation results are presented through diagrams and charts depicting stress distribution, deformation, and temperature variations. Discussions cover the implications of the results on the motor mount's performance, potential improvements, and optimization opportunities.

V. SUMMARY

In conclusion, the design and simulation of a motor mount for an automotive power glove box proved to be a success. The project achieved its primary goal of creating a motor mount system that is robust, efficient, and capable of withstanding the demanding conditions of automotive applications. The simulation results provided valuable insights into the behaviour of the motor mount under different scenarios, validating its performance in terms of structural integrity, vibration damping, and load handling.

The successful implementation of this motor mount design contributes to the advancement of automotive technology by enhancing the functionality and reliability of power glove boxes. The results of this project can serve as a foundation for further optimizations and refinements in motor mount designs for similar applications.

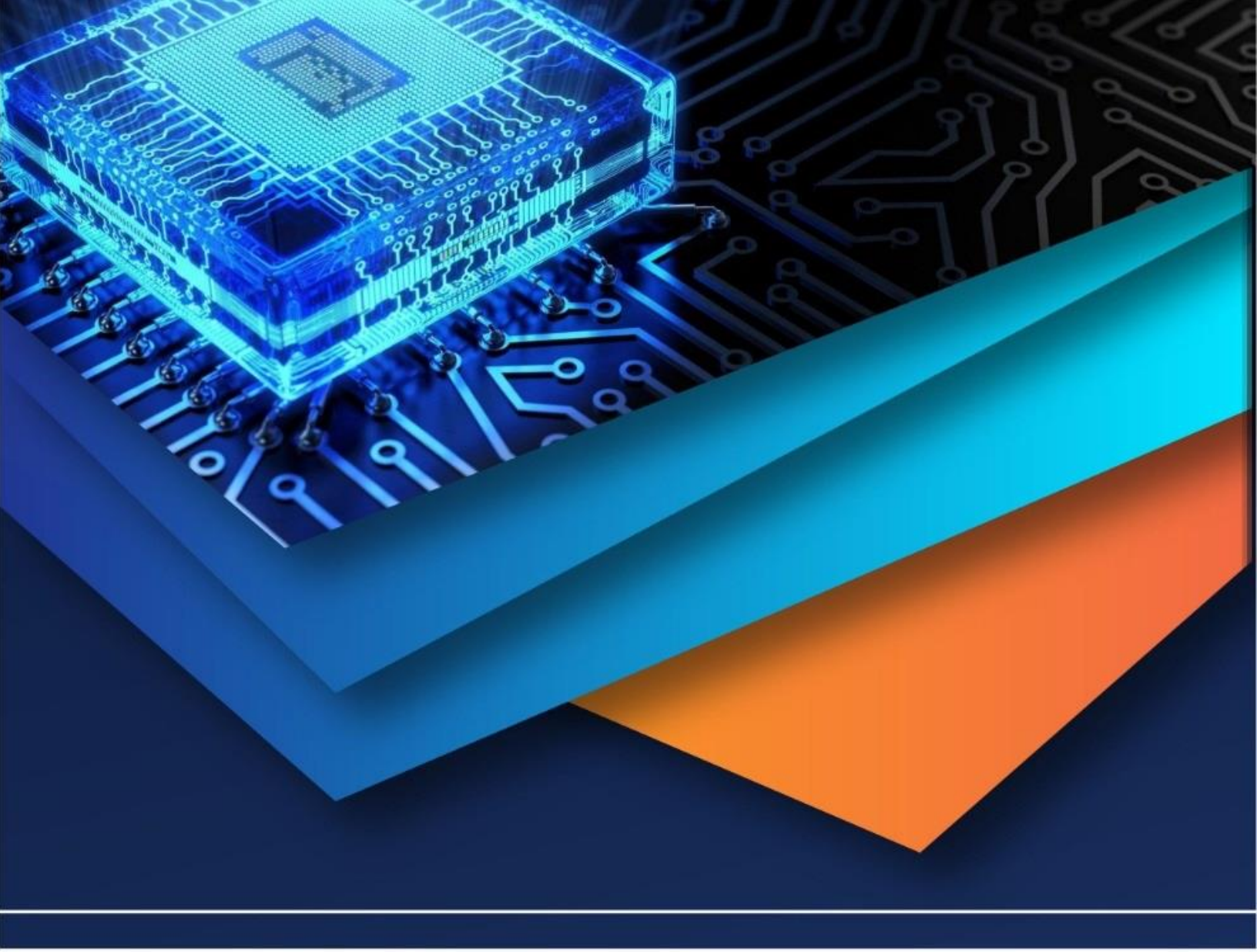
Overall, the combination of innovative design principles and thorough simulation analysis has resulted in a motor mount solution that meets the high standards of the automotive industry. This project exemplifies the importance of integrating engineering design with advanced simulation techniques to create solutions that are both practical and effective in real-world situations.

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