Abstract: Press working may be defined as a chip less manufacturing process by which various components are manufactured from sheet metal. This process is also termed as cold stamping. The ram is equipped with a suitable punch and a die block is attached to the bed. A stamping is produced by the downward stroke of the ram when the punch moves towards and into the die block. Various processes like blanking, coining, drawing, punching etc. are performed on the press machine.

Conventional press machine takes more time for loading and unloading of job and for this reason we are transforming from manual ejection system into an automatic ejection system. Considering the current situations there is a need for developing an affordable and simple mechanism for the ejection of workpiece as small scales industry their turnover is totally depended on the quantity of products manufactured. So there is a need for creating a project which would both increase the production and also increase the revenue. This project includes designing a unique system which is simple and affordable to assemble with minimum maintenance. We in this project have designed a mechanical way of ejection of job after press machining. As mechanical engineer our main objective is to optimize the production time, thus making impetus in the production. Our project mainly targets in reducing the production time. It also ensures less human intervention at the machining process. The project of automated ejection system helps to tackle the total production time occurring in the industries. The main ideology of the project is to reduce this non-productive time. We have designed a mechanical way of ejection of job after press machining. It also ensures less human intervention at the machining process. This project of automated ejection system helps to reduce the idle time and also acts as a safety device.

Keywords— press machine, ejection, reduce non-productive time, power press, Ejection system, spring action

I. INTRODUCTION

Sheet metal industry is the global leading manufacturing industries and has great impetus to emerging economy. Manufacturing operations like bending, punching, blanking, coining and drawing are used for manufacturing components from sheet metal. Press working may be defined as, a manufacturing process by which various components are made from sheet metal. This process is also termed as cold stamping. The press machine has ram which is equipped with suitable punch/punches and a die block is attached to the bed. Depending upon the thickness of the sheet metal and the total force required different capacity of press machine are used. Historically, metal was shaped by hand using a hammer. Later, larger hammers were constructed to press more metal at once, or to press thicker materials. Often a smith would employ a helper or apprentice to swing the sledgehammer while the smith concentrated on positioning the workpiece. Adding windmill or steam power yielded still larger hammers such as steam hammers. Drop hammers utilize an electric motor to lift the hammer, which then falls by gravity onto the work. Most modern machine presses use a combination of electric motors and hydraulics to achieve the necessary pressure. Along with the evolution of presses came the evolution of the dies used within them. Hammers were the tool of choice for any Blacksmith, until the turning point in 1784 when a man called James Watt (a Scottish inventor and Mechanical Engineer) described the Steam Hammer. James Watt had a keen interest in steam engines and the mechanics behind it, and his invention of the steam condenser helped other engineers evolve this principle into other industries. Eventually the steam hammer was built in 1840 based on a design by British Inventor James Nasmyth, which was revolutionary and a turning point in manufacturing with steel.

Different press machine are classified based on the source of power are:

A. Fly press
B. Power press
C. Hydraulic press

We have observed the various press currently used in industries for manufacturing of various sheet metal components. There are various ejection systems present for the workpiece ejection. The main obstacles that are faced during use of these machineries are either they use bulky setup or have huge machines for ejection of the workpiece. Large investment is also required in getting the
desired output. Moreover operators or technician perspective the safety measurements also play a keen role for the production process. Press machines used in industries has few flaws in safety while operation. This will create a lot of problem to the operators who have the higher risk to have an accident. This matter creates a lot of problem and at the same time the operators or technician has the higher risk to have an accident in industries. During the production stages the operators tends to get lethargic during the working hours which results in lowering the production and often can cause accidents.

II. METHODOLOGY

A. Ejection using links
In this system the workpiece would have been ejected by the connected links. The main link is L-shaped where the L-shaped would allow easy ejection of the workpiece. This main link connected to the upper fixed portion. It is free to rotate about the pivot point. A small link is connected to the movable part. Another link is connected to this small link and the main link. It is pivoted at the small link. When the press would have gone up the link would have ejected the workpiece and when the press goes down the link would have been retracted to avoid clashing with the press die.

![Ejection using links](image)

B. Ejection using air blower
In this ejection system the workpiece would have been ejected using an air blower. The sensor would send the signal to the blower to blow out the workpiece after the work is completed and the workpiece would be collected in the collector bin.

1) After the above two mechanism where studied various problems were found. The problems that were identified are:
   a) The links could get engaged with the upper moving press and this could cause accidents.
   b) The metal clips that were manufactured were slightly heavy and hence normal air blowers could not be used.
   c) The air blower would have required an extra compressor and this would have increased both the initial cost and maintenance cost.

On solving the above problems a new mechanism was designed and was found to be feasible with the requirements. The mechanism is stated below:

C. Ejection using wedge
In this mechanism the entire ejection takes place by the wedging action. Two wedges slide over each other and produces a to and fro motion. The spring is connected to the bottom wedge for bringing the bottom wedge to its original position.
D. Design of Individual component

1) Wedge: A wedge is a triangular shaped tool, and is a portable inclined plane, and one of the six classical simple machines. It can be used to separate two objects or portions of an object, lift up an object, or hold an object in place. Following assumptions are made:

2) Thickness of chamfer on the sliding part of wedge is \( t_1 = 3 \text{ mm} \). It is given because it is better than the line contact and it prevents the design failure.

3) Thickness of upper part of wedge is \( t = 30 \text{ mm} \).

4) Larger height of wedge is \( l_2 = 135 \text{ mm} \).

5) Step I: Selection of material

a) The wedges are subjected to tensile force due to its own weight therefore yield strength is the criteria for selection of material for the wedge.

b) The wedges are also subjected to compressive and bending stresses therefore strength is also the criteria of material selection for the wedge.

c) On strength basis the material for two wedges is selected as mild steel.

d) Mild steel is selected as it is easy to manufacture and it can sustain the force for bending the workpiece.

6) Mild steel is easily available material and cost is less as compared to other material.

6) Step II: Calculating the dimension

Fig. 2 Ejection using wedge

Fig. 3 Wedge design
Assuming \( t = 30 \) mm
Since ejector leg is to be moved 8 cm backward to prevent collision of upper die with ejector leg. 
Assuming \( l_2 = 135 \) mm
Since ram to base die height (h) is 180 mm and ram travelling is 50 mm 
\[ h = l_2 + s = 180 \text{ mm} \]
\[ l_2 = 135 \text{ mm} \]
Since height of lower die is 20 mm 
\[ \tan \theta = \frac{20}{20} \]
\[ \therefore \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{20}{20} \right) = 56.30^\circ \]
\[ \therefore l_1 = l_2 - 2 = 135 - 2 = 115 \text{ mm} \]

7) Step III: Design of the wedge 
All the dimension of the wedge are calculated and the design is shown in Fig. 4

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**Spring** A spring is an elastic object used to store mechanical energy. Springs are usually made out of spring steel. There are a large number of spring designs in everyday usage the term often refers to coil springs. We are using spring to help ejector leg to push the workpiece. Springs stores ram forces and push back the ejector into original position.

Before starting the design following are the assumptions made:
Diameter of spring \( D = 30 \) mm
Diameter of spring wire \( d = 3 \) mm

- **a) Step I: Selection of material**
The springs are subjected to tensile force therefore yield strength is the criteria for selection of material for the spring. 
The springs are also subjected to torsional and shear stresses therefore strength is also the criteria of material selection for the spring. On strength basis the material for spring is selected as stainless steel of grade 302.

- **b) Step II: Selection of factor of safety**
In stress analysis of spring the effect of stress concentration is neglected. The springs are subjected to cyclic loading. Therefore to account this effect a factor of safety of 2.5 is assumed in the present design.

c) Step III: Calculating permissible stresses

Allowable tensile stress \( [\sigma_{yt}] = \frac{[\sigma_{ut}]}{F.O.S} \)
\[
[\sigma_{yt}] = \frac{291 \times 10^6}{2.5} = 1164.4 \text{ N/mm}^2
\]
By Maximum shear stress theory
\[
[\sigma_s] = 0.577 \times [\sigma_t]
\]
Allowable shear stress \( [\sigma_s] = 0.577 \times [\sigma_t] \)
\[
= 671.85 \text{ N/mm}^2
\]

d) Step IV: Calculating the dimension

The dimension of the spring is calculated by following procedure.

Calculating spring index \( C \):
\[
C = \frac{D}{d} = \frac{30}{3} = 10
\]
Calculation of allowable static load
\[
[\tau] = \frac{8 x F x D x k}{(\pi x d^2)}
\]
Where \( [\tau] \) = Permissible Shear Stress
\( F \) = Static load
\( D \) = diameter of spring
\( k \) = Wahl stress factor
Assume \( k = 1 \)
\( d \) = diameter of spring wire
\[
[\tau] = \frac{8 x 30 x 30 x 1}{3.14 x 3^2}
\]
\[ \therefore F = 237.45 \text{ N} \]
Calculating Force exerted on metal clip
The bending force for round tool shape for bending of the metal clip is given by:
\[ F = \pi x D x t x \sigma_s \]
Where, \( D \) = Diameter of clip
\( t \) = thickness of clip
\( \sigma_s \) = Shear stress of the material

The material of the metal clip is 304L Stainless steel
The ultimate yield stress in the metal clip is:
\[ \sigma_{yt} = 172,368 \text{ N/mm}^2 \]
Considering a Factor of safety of 2 as it is a static loading
The permissible tensile stress is:
\[
[\sigma_y] = \frac{[\sigma_{yt}]}{F.O.S}
\]
\[ \sigma_y = \frac{172,368}{2} \]
= 86.18 N/mm²

By Maximum shear stress theory
\[ \tau_a = 0.577 \times \tau_1 \]
\[ = 0.5 \times 86.18 \text{ N/mm}² \]
The thickness of the metal clip is \( t = 1.5 \text{ mm} \)

Therefore the force exerted on the metal clip is given by:
\[
F = \pi x D x t x \tau_a
\]
\[= \pi \times 30 \times 1.5 \times 0.5 \times 86.18 \]
\[= 1483.5 \text{ N} \]

Calculating force exerted on spring

By condition of equilibrium
\[ \Sigma F_x = 0 \]
\[-N + \mu N \cos (90- \theta) + R = 0 \]
\[ \therefore R = N - \mu N \cos (90- \theta) \]
\[ \Sigma F_y = 0 \]
\[ N \sin \theta - F + \mu N \cos (90- \theta) = 0 \]
\[ N \sin 56.30 - 1370.6 + 0.9 \times N \cos (90- 56.30) = 0 \]
\[ N = 905.23 \text{ N} \]
\[ R = N - \mu N \cos (90- \theta) \]
\[ = 905.23 - 0.9 \times 905.23 \cos (90-56.30) \]
\[ = 228.379 \text{ N} \]
R < F = 237.5N
Since the force acting on spring is less than the max allowable force
∴ Design is safe

e) Calculating Spring Stiffness

\[ K = \frac{F}{\delta} \]

Where, \( K \) = Spring stiffness
\( F \) = Force acting on spring
\( \delta \) = Deflection in spring

Since thickness of wedge is 3cm
∴ \( \delta = 3 \text{ cm} \)
\[ = 228.379 / (30) \]
\[ = 7.6 \text{ N/mm} \]

f) Calculating Solid length (Ls)

\[ L_s = d \times n + 2d \]

Where, \( d \) = spring wire diameter
\( n \) = number of turns
\[ = 3 \times 8 + 2 \times 3 \]
\[ = 30 \text{ mm} \]

g) Calculating Free length:

\[ L_f = P \times n + 2d \]

Where, \( d \) = spring wire diameter
\( n \) = number of turns
\[ = 22.8 \times 8 + 2 \times 3 \]
\[ = 188.4 \text{ mm} \]
\[ = 190 \text{ mm} \]

h) Calculating pitch of spring

\[ \text{Pitch of coil} = \frac{\text{Free length}}{N_t - 1} \]
\[ = \frac{188.4}{8} \]
\[ = 20 \text{ mm} \]

i) Step V: Design of the spring
8) **Bottom assembly** Bottom assembly is the main frame of our project and its design is of prime importance. It consists of a number of components and their design is as follows.

   a) **Step I: Selection of material**: The wedges are subjected to tensile force due to its own weight therefore yield strength compressive and bending stresses is the criteria for selection of material for the wedge. Therefore mild steel is selected as a material of two wedges on basis of strength required. Mild steel is easy to manufacture and cost is less as compared to other material. Mild steel is easily available material.

   b) **Step II: Calculating the dimension**

   **Ejector leg lower part**

   Length of ejector leg lower part, \( l_1 = 25 \text{ mm} \) Distance between die is 30 mm giving 2.5 mm clearance on both side to avoid direct contact with walls.

   \[ \therefore \] Width of ejector leg lower part, \( b_1 = 95 \text{ mm} \)

   \( b_1 \) is decided 95 mm because for pushing the workpiece outside the TABLE ejector leg have to go up to the centre of the TABLE.

   **Ejector leg upper part**

   Length of ejector leg upper part, \( l_2 = 102 \text{ mm} \)

   As the length between the guide plate is 104 mm because 2 guide plate have to placed and total width is of 220 mm therefore we decided the \( l_2 = 102 \text{ mm} \)

   Width of ejector leg upper part, \( b_2 = 30 \text{ mm} \)

   When ram moves downward direction ejector leg moves to backward direction for proper motion of ejector leg \( b_2 = 30 \text{ mm} \).

9) **Guide plate**
Length of guide plate, \( l_g = 60 \text{ mm} \)
Width of guide plate, \( b_g = 30 \text{ mm} \)
Length of guide plate is decided because total length is 15 cm and because 2 guide plates have to be placed and total width is 220 mm

10) Upper cover plate
Length of upper cover plate, \( l_u = 175 \text{ mm} \)
Because total length between centers of guide plate is 17.5 cm therefore length cover plate is decided
Width of upper cover plate, \( b_u = 30 \text{ mm} \)
Width is decided because ejector moves backward up to 50 mm

11) Back spring support
Length of back spring support plate, \( l_b = 150 \text{ mm} \)
Width of back spring support plate, \( b_b = 25 \text{ mm} \)
Length and width of back plate is decided for giving the support to the spring to restore there force proper and moves to original position.

12) Main base plate
Length of main plate, \( L = 150 \text{ mm} \)
Width of main plate, \( B = 220 \text{ mm} \)

Step III: Dimension of Bottom assembly

\[ \text{Fig. 7 Dimension of assembly} \]

\[ E. \quad 3D \text{Modelling Of The Ejector System} \]
A- Back Plate
B- Spring
C- Supporting Plate
D- Ejector Leg  
E- Guide Plate  
F- Upper Wedge

Fig. 8 3D Modelling Of The Ejector System

F. Project Implementation
After the above procedures are followed the final project is completely fabricated and is now functional. The following are the actual images of the implemented project.

Fig. 9 Bottom part of the System

The above Fig. 9 shows the bottom part of the system which consists of the ejector leg connected with the spring. The spring is supported with the help of the back plate. The guides are provided to prevent derailing of the ejector leg. A bolt is provided to prevent the buckling of spring.
The Fig. 10 shows the top part of the system. This consists of two wedges connected with the plate which is mounted on the upper die.

Fig. 10 Top part of the system

Fig. 11 Detailed view of the system
G. Construction and Working
An ejector leg is connected to a spring having stiffness $k=7.6$ N/mm. On both sides of the ejector leg guide plates are connected which is used to prevent the leg from deviating. The guide plate is fastened to the base plate with the help of fasteners of size M8. A screw is inserted in between the spring to avoid buckling of the spring due to continuous effect. Upper cover plate is connected to the top of the entire assembly to provide extra rigidity. Two wedge slots are cut on the ejector leg where the leg will be pressed back using the upper wedge. This entire assembly is connected with the lower die so as to prevent any alteration to the press machine. The upper assembly consists of only two wedges which are mounted on the upper movable die.
The ejector leg is connected to the spring which in turn is connected to the back plate. When the ram comes down for the power stroke the upper wedge connected to the ram also comes down along with the ram. The upper wedge gets in contact with the slot cutting of the lower ejector leg. The downward force of the upper wedge forces the ejector leg to go in backward direction. This action compresses the spring and the spring stores the energy. When the ram moves back to its original position the spring which has stored the spring energy releases and pushes the ejector leg back to the original position. An extra protruding part is provided in front of the ejector leg which is used to push the workpiece after the operation is performed. This process continues in the cycle and the workpiece is ejected continuously.

III. RESULTS
The data that were collected are formulated into TABLEs and graph and are compared with the system with manual loading and automatic loading. The two different results are recorded and TABLE.

A. Production graph
The production graph has lead time on its x-axis and products on its y-axis. This graph will show the relationship between the products and the time.

B. Profit graph
The production graph has profit on its x-axis and months on its y-axis. This graph will show the relationship between the profit and revenue earned per month.
C. Production chart

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Fig. 13 illustrates the graph that are plotted to evaluate the production in each of the cases so as to make necessary comparison.

![Production Graph Image](image-url)

From the graph it was observed that the system with an ejection system showed slightly higher value of production as compared to the system without the ejection system.

B. Revenue chart

The revenue earned in the month of January and February before the installation of ejection system is recorded and shown in TABLE 3

The revenue earned in the month of January and February before the installation of ejection system is recorded and shown in TABLE 4

![Revenue Graph Image](image-url)
From the graph it was observed that the system with an ejection system showed slightly higher value of revenue generation as compared to the system without the ejection system.

IV. CONCLUSIONS
Press machine mostly does not come with the automated parts ejection mechanism. Nowadays machine lead time plays a vital role in the production of the industries. Different processes in the press machine already has its lead time of loading and unloading time of the job, increasing it would drastically hampers the total time of production.

The fully automatic ejection system available in the market is costly and has a high maintenance cost. The hydraulic piston arrangement consists of the pump which requires constant maintenance. The hydraulic oil in the system need to be isolated from the surrounding else it can get contaminated and would damage the entire system badly.

The project aim is to reduce the nonproductive time of loading and unloading of job. We have designed a mechanical way of ejection of job after press machining thus making impetus in the production. Our project mainly targets in reducing the lead time. It also ensures less human intervention at the machining process. With using simple and easy to fabricate able materials the maintenance of the overall setup is low. Since there are minimal moving parts, lubrication cost is also less making the desired setup to have higher longevity. The overall safety of the workers is also considered as the primary parameter while designing the mechanism.

By the implementation of the ejection system in the industry, manufacturing lead time has been subsequently reduced by huge amount. Thus the project challenge given to us by industry is successfully engineered from the initial stage of designing, analysis.
and fabrication of the system. The ejection system will be a great boon for the small and medium scale industries. Since industries engaged with the working of the press machine and sheet metal majorly faces the problems associated with the production viz. less work force, human tendency of laziness etc. causing huge loss for the industry. As these industries also faces the problem of capital crisis. The ejection system developed by us will be more helpful.

The proposed ejection system mechanism solves these issues since this system requires lesser space and low investment which suits the condition for every small scale industry. Use of this mechanism will therefore be very supportive to industries and will increase its throughputs and consequently the profit associated with the production.

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