



DESIGN ANALYSIS OF WORK HOLDING FIXTURE

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ABSTRACT

The design of a fixture is a highly complex and intuitive process, which require knowledge. Fixture design plays an important role at the setup planning phase. Proper fixture design is crucial for developing product quality in different terms of accuracy, surface finish and precision of the machined parts .In existing design the fixture set up is done manually, so the aim of this project is to replace with fixture to save time for loading and unloading of component. fixture provides the manufacturer for flexibility in holding forces and to optimize design for machine operation as well as process function ability.

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I. Introduction

Fixtures are the tool used to locate and hold the work piece in position during the manufacturing process. Fixtures are used to hold the parts firmly which are to be machined, it is used to produce the duplicate parts accurately. In order to produce parts with required accuracy and dimensions the parts must be firmly and accurately fixed to the fixtures. To do this, a fixture is designed and built to hold, support and locate the work piece to ensure that each work piece is machined within the specified limits. Set blocks, feeler or thickness gauges are used in the fixture to refer the work piece with the cutter tool.

A fixture should be securely fastened to the table of the machine upon which the work is to be done. Though largely used on milling machines, fixtures are also designed to hold the work for various operations on most of the standard machine tools. Fixtures vary in design based on the use of relatively simple tools to expensive or complicated devices. Fixture helps to simplify metalworking operations performed on special equipment's.

The fixture is a special tool for holding a work piece in proper position during manufacturing

operation. For supporting and clamping the work piece, device is provided. Frequent checking, positioning, individual marking and non-uniform quality in manufacturing process is eliminated by fixture. This increase productivity and reduce operation time. Fixture is widely used in the industry practical production because of feature and advantages. To locate and immobilize work pieces for machining, inspection, assembly and other operations fixtures are used. A fixture consists of a set of locators and clamps. Locators are used to determine the position and orientation of a work piece, whereas clamps exert clamping forces so that the work piece is pressed firmly against locators .Clamping has to be appropriately planned at the stage of machining fixture design.

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II. Problem identification

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Problem formulation Work piece is hold in to workspace holder and this all attachment fix in to the fixture plate. A rigid positioning of the work piece with least time takes place. Springs are design such a way to carry the pressure don't allow to deflect the work piece? Cam is used for mounting and unmounting purpose. Cam is fixed into frames slot. Base plate for rigid support to fixture. Two mesh bull gear are fitted to rotating purpose to take the advantages of rotation and increase the application of fixture. Fixed plate with centre attachment is provided to locking purpose. When fixture in use centre push in to the fixed plate hole so hole attachment is getting fix

This fixture used in vertical milling machine. Different electrode profiles are easily manufactured by using this fixture. Mounting, unmounting and lockating of work piece is very easy and than this electrode is used on electro discharge machine to manufacture moulds. Complicated mould profile are done with this process. Graphite or bronze material is used to manufacture electrode.

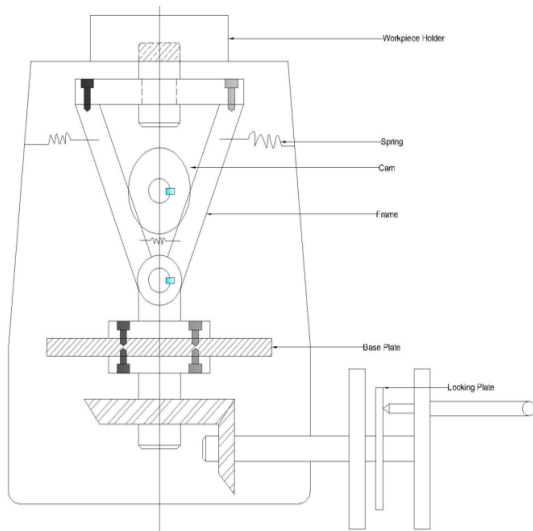


Fig 1: Concept Design Of Work Holding Fixture.

III. Objectives

- To easily mounting and un-mounting work piece.
- To rigidly holding and locating with less time consuming.
- Complicated profile machining by using vertical CNC milling machine.
- Design and Analysis of Spring for firmly holding the work piece.

- Design and Analysis of Bevel gear for providing rotary motion to hole assembly.
- Design of cam for work piece holding and relishing purpose.
- Make a better design with minimum costing.

IV. MODELING

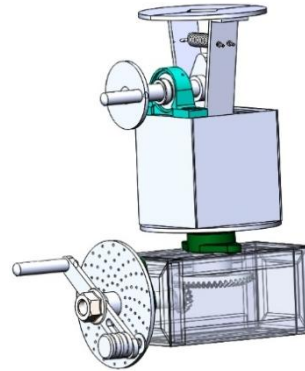


Fig 2:CAD Model.

V. ANALYSIS

Finite element analysis (FEA) is the modeling of products and systems in a virtual environment, for the purpose of finding and solving potential (or existing) structural or performance issues. FEA is the practical application of the finite element method (FEM), which is used by engineers and scientist to mathematically model and numerically solve very complex structural, fluid, and multiphysics problems. FEA software can be utilized in a wide range of industries, but is most commonly used in the aeronautical, biomechanical and automotive industries.

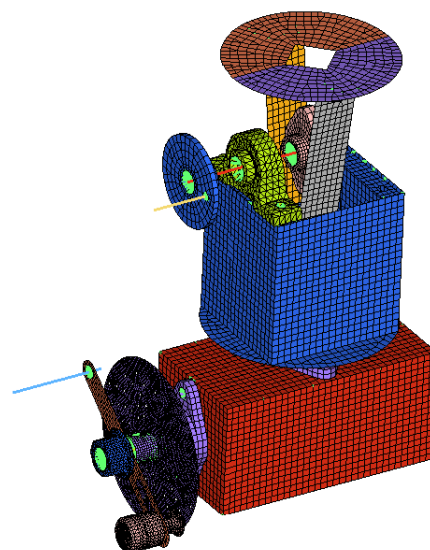


Fig 3:Mesh Model Isometric View.

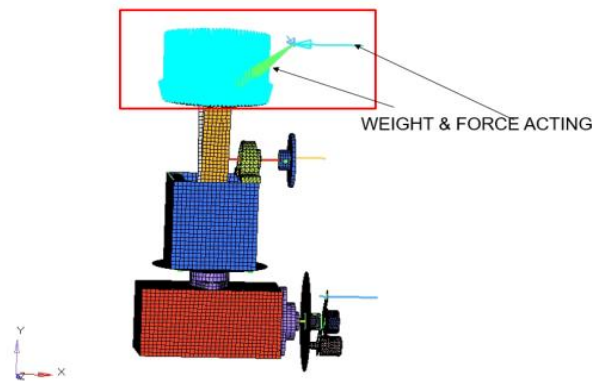


Fig 4: Static Structural Analysis

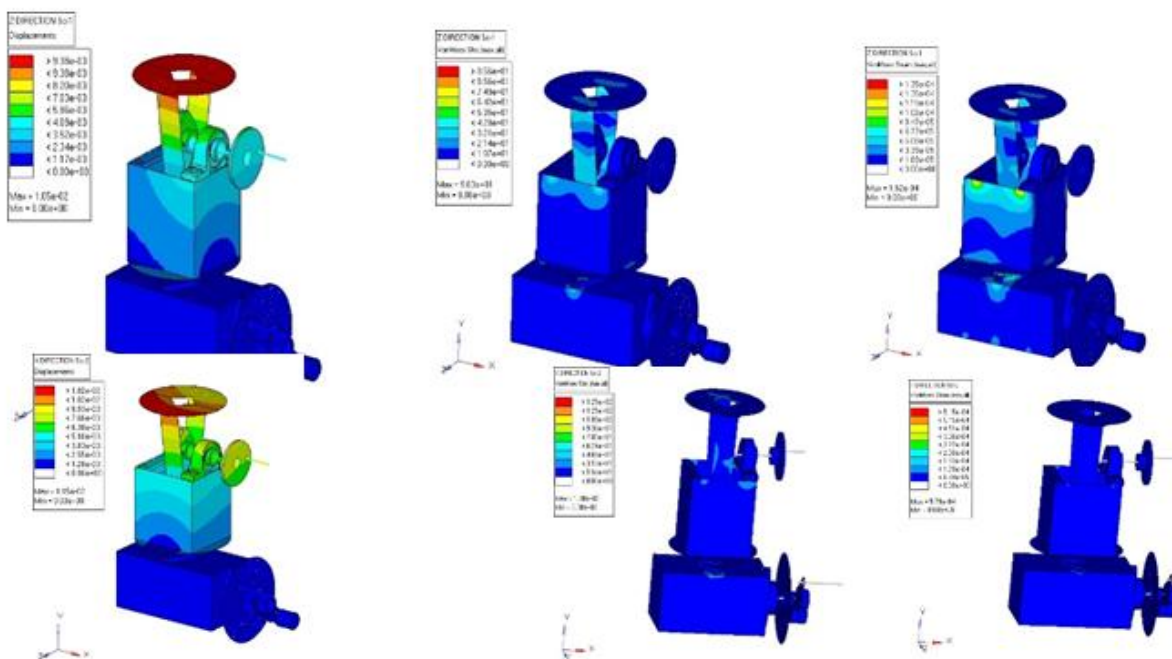


Fig 5: Model Analysis.

It reduces or sometimes eliminates the efforts of marking, measuring and setting of work piece on a machine and maintains the accuracy of performance. The work piece and tool are relatively located at their exact positions before the operation automatically within negligible time. So it reduces product cycle time. Variability of dimension in mass production is very low so manufacturing processes supported by use of jigs and fixtures maintain a consistent quality. Due to low variability in dimension assembly operation becomes easy, low rejection due to less defective production is observed. it reduces the production cycle time so increases production capacity. Simultaneously working by more than one tool on the same work piece is possible. The operating conditions like speed, feed rate and depth of cut can be set to higher values due to rigidity of clamping of work

piece by fixtures. Operators working become comfortable as his efforts in setting the work piece can be eliminated. Semi-skilled operators can be assigned the work so it saves the cost of manpower also. There is no need to examine the quality of produce provided that quality of employed fixtures is ensured.

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