

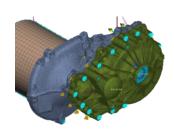
Development of lightweight gearbox housing

Objective:

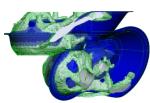
Development of an innovative lightweight gearbox housing made from fiber-reinforced plastic with significant weight savings

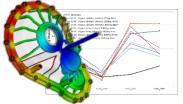
Implementation:

- 3D scan of the previous housing
- CAE-based analysis of the component specifications using the scanned 3D data and relevant load cases of the vehicle in question
- Creation of the performance specifications based on the analysis of the mechanical requirements and requirements of conventional gearboxes
- Methodical selection of the materials system in combination with the strengthening technology to be used
- 3D FE-based topology, shape and ply drop optimization for the materials system selected: organo sheet with short-fiber reinforced, injection-molded ribs
- Injection-molding simulation to identify the fill level and material orientation, for example, with subsequent FE stiffness analysis with regard to wave drift/wheelset displacement
- Development, construction and manufacture of the gearbox housing by the ARRK Group
- Testing the materials quality achieved and component characteristics
- Optimization of manufacture and construction











Result:

Organo-sheet gearbox housing with a weight saving of 30% offering the same performance as conventional gearboxes

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