

# Structure Design and Impact Safety Analysis of Mini Baja

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## ABSTRACT

Mini Baja is an international collegiate design competition sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). The Mini Baja is a special kind of four-wheeled vehicle used for recreational and exploration purpose. It is designed for off road usage and for endurance of a rough terrain. This thesis was aim to develop the design of a frame which is safe, ergonomic and has the lower possible weight. At first, a Mini Baja which is a rugged, single seat, off road recreational vehicle, is designed and build according 2010 Baja SAE Rules. And then the crash simulations are performed by using the LS-DYNA3D finite element code. The simulated models obtained here have potential for evaluating vehicle crash safety and guiding the development of safety technologies. In order to verify the adaptability of the ECE R94 and ECE R32 in a frontal-impact and rear-impact test, the dynamic response and injury of occupants and vehicle crashes are analyzed. Moreover, with regard to rear-impact safety, Mini Baja is assessed to pass the technical inspection according to the review of the test result and rules. Based on the outcome of the research, it is hoped that the result is able to be taken as a reference to the future design of Mini Baja.

Keywords : SAE Mini Baja、LS-DYNA3D、ECE R94、ECE R32

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