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# Design and Analysis of Stair Climbing Trolley

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**Abstract:** We are mainly designing a stair climbing trolley so as to reduce or bring ease of physical labour for some of the hard labour sectors in economy like construction sector.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The project is about designing and fabricating a new product of trolley that has multifunction. The vehicle is designed in such a way that it has a tri wheel frame on each side. They are set in a triangular frame pattern. This thesis focuses on the maximum ergonomically beneficial to human beings. The present project related to load carrying equipment of a type that is manually operated by moving upward and downward on flight of stairs. Load carrier is a wheeled mechanism device, and is generally used to carry loads. It is used to reduce human efforts. Load carrier at its inception was a hand truck.

### A. Need For Stair Climber Trolley

Lifting heavy objects to upper stores or lifting patients to upper levels from the ground are not painless jobs, especially where there are no lifting facilities (elevator, conveyor, etc.). Moreover, most of the buildings are structurally congested and do not have elevators or escalators. This project can introduce a new option for the transportation of loads over the stairs. The stair climbing hand trolley can play an important role in those areas to lift loads over a short height[5].

### B. Design Objectives

- 1) To The design of trolley is designed in CATIA VS software of three different models and also for tri star frame.
- 2) To carry out The static structural analysis is carried on them by considering various factors which are as follow-
  - a) Design
  - b) Material
  - c) Load

### C. Advantages Of Modified Design

- 1) Easy Vertical Transportation
- 2) Smart Approach
- 3) Material Transport in Buildings
- 4) More number of items is carry at a time
- 5) Less effect to carry goods
- 6) More economical and hence affordable by common
- 7) Compared to other wheel load carriers, the effort required is less in this type.
- 8) This load carrier makes it possible to move unit loads cost effectively, safely and ergonomically [5].

### D. Applications of Trolley

- 1) It can be used in transportation of luggage from one floor to another on stairs in shopping malls [3].
- 2) It can be used in buildings under construction [5].
- 3) This mechanism can be used as a stair climbing mechanism for wheelchairs [4].
- 4) It can be used for material handling [5].

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Purpose of Research The purpose of this research is toward increasing the autonomy of person's reliant on mobility assistive devices, and to reduce the load on care workers in providing such mobility. The objective of this thesis was to design and test a consumer-grade hand truck capable of climbing stairs.

Several designs were conceived that would allow a non industrial hand truck to travel over stairs, curbs, or uneven terrains while putting minimal strain on the user. To produce a successful product, these other design options must be examined more closely. Future work on this product should involve design and construction of other prototypes which use different stair-climbing strategies. The project aims to develop a mechanism for easy transportation of heavy load over stairs. The need for such a system has been raised from day to day in our society. Using this vehicle the labor cost can be reduced as well as large amounts of load can be transferred uniformly With less

### III. EXPERIMENTATION

Trolley is equipment used to move heavy loads from one place to another. It can reduce the human burden in their daily lives. Trolleys are often used by those who organize and stock merchandise in retail stores restock. When used properly, trolleys can protect people from having back injuries and other health problems that can result from lifting and carrying heavy loads from up and down the stairs.

The mechanical design of the stair climbing trolley has been developed considering suitable material. Low-cost available material helps to reduce cost of production easily. The trolley and frame design methodology has been outlined. Steps for design process include:

#### A. Material For Trolley Frame

There are many materials available in the market which will be suitable for trolley frames as well as tri star frames. But the need of both parts are different as material of trolley frame selected must have more load bear capacity, easily weldable, easily available in market with affordable prices, easily machined in lathe, shaper or milling machine while need of tri star frame material is different. So we selected the following materials which can fulfill all the above conditions [29],[30].

Properties	Value or AISI 1020	Value Mild steel
Ultimate Strength Tensile	20 MPa	40 MPa
Yield Strength Tensile	50 MPa	70 MPa
Poisson Ratio	.29	.303
Density	.87 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	.85 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Young's Modulus	05 GPa	00 GPa

#### Material for Tri-star wheel frame

There are many materials available in the market which will be suitable for trolley frames as well as for tri star frames. But the needs of both parts are different as material of the tri star frame selected must have shock bearing capacity, good machinability, good corrosion resistance, resistance to scratching and high tensile strength. So we selected the following materials which can fulfill all the above conditions [33],[34],[35].

Selected materials for tri star frame are as follows:

- i. Stainless Steel Grade 304
- ii. Polymethyl Methacrylate
- iii. Polyurethane

properties	Stainless Steel Grade 304	MMA	Polyurethane
Ultimate strength Tensile	12 MPa	5 MPa	18 MPa

field strength ensile	05 MPa	17.5 MPa	-250 MPa
enslty	g/cm*	I . 18 g/cm3	1.125
oung's modulus	193 GPa	855MPa	.8-1.1 GPa

**B. Components**

Tri star wheel stair climbing trolley consists of trolley frame, tri star frame, wheel and bearing as the major components.

**1) Trolley frame**



**2) Tri star frame**



**3) Wheels**

**4) Bearing**



**IV. MACHINING OPERATION**

**A. Cutting Operation**

In our design of trolley, cutting is carried on various parts which are as follows

**1) In trolley frame**

For cutting the MS pipe into various dimensions according to a trolley frame. For this purpose, hand cutter and workshop cutter are used as per dimension of design.

**2) In Tristar frame**

For cutting the stainless steel grade 304 plate into a tri star frame.

For this purpose, Plasma arc cutting, Flame cutting such as oxy-acetylene arc used. 3. In base plate of trolley frame- Slots are made on base plate for the weight reduction of a trolley frame Cutting is done equidistantly on the base plate by Flame cutting.

**B. Pipe Bending**

In our design, pipe bending is done On Various parts-  
Trolley frame-

- 1) Pipe bending is to be done near the handle.
- 2) For this purpose, a workshop bending device is used.

**C. Welding**

Welding process in our design-

- 1) It is a very important part of the fabrication process.
- 2) Welding decides the life of a trolley as good weld can last longer.
- 3) Welding is used to join all the Ms pipe members, base plate and axle to give the required trolley frame design.
- 4) For this purpose, Arc welding or TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) welding is used.

**D. Lathe Operation**

Lathe operation plays an important role for design of trolley frame and its functions are as follows-

- 1) Turning of bushes is to be done.
- 2) Drilling is used to drill the holes.

**E. Drilling**

In our design of trolley, cutting is carried on various parts which are as follows-  
In tri-star frame- Holes for various sizes can be drilled by drilling process.

- 1) Hole of 10 mm diameter is to be drilled to attach wheels to the tri star frame.
- 2) Hole of 47 mm diameter is to be drilled to connect the axle to the tri star frame with the help of bearing.

**F. Grinding**

Grinding operation is to be done for the fabrication of the trolley at various different parts and they are [50]-

- 1) Trolley frame- It can be used to make proper curvature for good welding.
- 2) Base plate of trolley- It is used to remove the material from the plate to make it thin.
- 3) Tri-star frame- It is used to remove the material at sharp cutting edges and also for providing the fillet and smooth curvatures.

**G. Finishing**

- 1) Finishing operation is to be done at the end when all the other options are completely done.
- 2) Sharp edges are converted into smooth edges and fillet can be made at required places.
- 3) Surface finishing of the trolley is to be done so that it should not harm the customer while carrying the load on it.

**S. PARAMETRIC CALCULATION: Analysis of Axle Load**

The Bending Equation for the Beam (Axle) is given by,

$$\frac{M}{I} = \frac{\sigma}{Y} = \frac{E}{R}$$

$$Y = \frac{D}{2} = \frac{0.025}{2} = 0.0125 \text{ m}$$

For Maximum Bending Moment,

By Considering Simply Supported Beam with Uniformly Distributed Load (UDL) , the Shear Force and Bending moment Diagram is shown in figure ,

As you can see from the Above BMI). the Bending Moment is maximum at the Centre of the beam by giving the maximum bending in the beam.

Therefore, Maximum Bending Moment for this  $w \times L \cdot \frac{1}{8}$   $981 \times 0.55^2$   
Beam can be given by,  $\frac{w \times L^2}{8} = \frac{981 \times 0.55^2}{8} = -37.364$

Nm

Practically, Maximum Bending Moment of the Beam is derived by Considering Factor of Safety (F.O.S) .

Resultant Maximum Bending Moment is calculated as,

$$M = \frac{M \cdot}{F.o.S} = \frac{37.364}{1.5} = 24.91 \text{ Nm}$$

Bending Stress of the Beam (Axle) is calculated as,

$$\sigma = \frac{Mxy}{I} = \frac{7.676 \times 0.0125}{40.56 \times 10^{-8}} = 40.56 \text{ MPa}$$

Converting the value of Bending Stress into MPa(N/mm<sup>2</sup>),

$$\sigma = 40.56 \text{ MPa}$$

Tri Star Wheel Design

The Distance Between the centre of Tri-Star wheel and the Centre of its wheel ( R ) is Derived as,

Force Applied to Pull the Trolley

Force required to pull the trolley is given by,

$$F = \frac{W \cdot x}{x} = 160.984 \text{ N}$$

The pulling force required to pull the trolley is 160.984 N.

Weight or Stair Climbing Trolley: Wt. of the trolley =

$$\{ \text{wt. of the trolley frame} \} + \{ \text{wt. of the Tristar frame} \} + \{ \text{wt. of the Nos} \} + \{ \text{wt. of the Bearings} \} + \{ \text{wt. of Hardware Accessories} \} \text{ (all in kg)}$$

$$= \{ 10 + x \cdot 4 \} + \{ 1.172 \}$$

(all in kg)

Wt. of the trolley = 31.5 Kg

The weight of the trolley comes to be 31.5 Kg, but considering the approximation of the values, we take the maximum weight of the trolley as 35 Kg.

6. COST ESTIMATION

Sr no	Parts	Quantity Of Material	Rate (Rs.)	Cost + Machining Cost
1	Trolley frame	10kg	70/kg	700+500=1200
2	Tri-Star frame	2kg	180/kg	360+740=1100
3	Wheel	6	150 each	900
4	Bearing	4	250 each	1000
5	Finishing Cost			300
6	Painting			300
7	Hardware Accessories			200
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5000/-</b>

## V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

After comparison it is concluded that —

- 1) For 850 N of load, mild steel gives optimum result than Carbon steel AISI 1020 material for the same load in static structural analysis.
- 2) Mild steel gives better result for 750N, 800N, 850N of load as compared to Carbon steel AISI 1020 in static structural analysis.
- 3) Thus after comparison it is concluded that model 3.3.1.3 of mild steel gives optimum design of trolley frame as it shows Very less deformation (O. 1 198mm) for 850N.

## VI. FUTURE SCOPE

- 1) Better wheels can be selected by analyzing the wheel contact is specific.
- 2) Internal braking system is used as an effective braking system.
- 3) The same mechanism can be used for wheelchairs providing a high head motor along with a more rigid structure is used.

## VII. CONCLUSION

The main aim of the project is stair climbing mechanism (or load carrier with decreasing effort

- 1) Doing better work with lessor effort has been the main objectives of human beings in any field. • The main project as a platform we try to present mechanized stair climbing load carriers with reduced effort.
- 2) Stair climbing mechanism in stair case load carrier which helps to carry the loads with help to carry the loads with staircase.
- 3) We completed the project to our best.
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