

# Braking System of Go-Kart

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**Abstract:** This report documents the process and methodology to produce a low cost go-kart which is comfortable, vulnerable, durable and complete in all aspects by modeling it with CAD software. The feasibility of the go-kart design was examined through FMEA, Cost report. The team focuses on a technically sound vehicle which is backed by a profound design and good manufacturing practices. The report explains approach, reasons, selecting criteria and expected working of the vehicle parameters. The procedural way of explanation is used for different parts of the vehicle, which starts from approach with the help of known facts, then the design and calculation procedure has been explained. The best way known had been use to go on to the final result of all parameters.

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## I. DESIGN METHODOLOGY

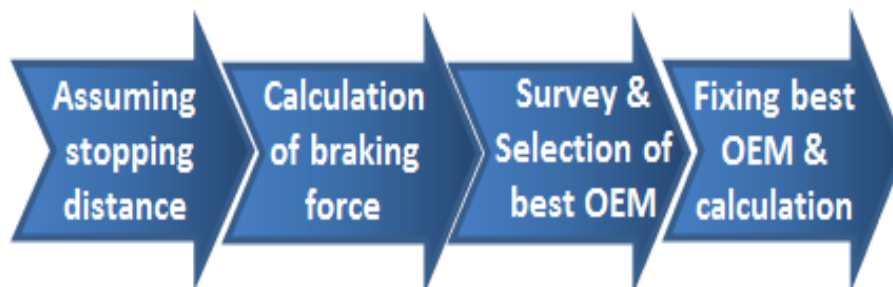


Fig. 1. Design methodology of brakes

## II. INTRODUCTION

A brake is a device by means of which artificial frictional resistance is applied to a moving machine member, in order to retard or stop the motion of machine.

Brakes are generally applied to rotating axles or wheels but may also take other forms such as surface of a moving fluid (flaps developed into water or air). Some vehicles used combination of braking mechanism, such as drag racing car's with both wheel brakes and a parachute, or airplanes with both wheel brakes and drag flaps rise into the air during landing. Most brakes commonly use friction between two surfaces press together to convert the kinetic energy of the moving object into heat, through other methods of energy conversion may be employed.

## III. BRAKING SYSTEM

### A. Goals

- To design a braking system that is simple and ensures safety of the driver.
- To design a braking system which takes least time to bring the vehicle to stop

### B. Selection of brakes

We are using disc brake for rear wheel considering the respective advantages, availability, and their limitations. The following reasons support the selection of disc brakes for the front and rear wheels.

- Disk brake contributes for reduction in overall weight of the vehicle.
- More braking torque needs to be generated by the Rear brake even after weight transfer, because the single brake has to manage the braking torque requirement of the entire rear driveshaft

1) Brake Caliper: For achieving a better braking efficiency and to improve the vehicle braking effect we have opted to use double piston single calipers for all rear wheels

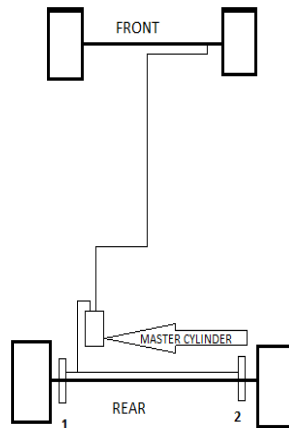


Fig. 2. Layout of braking circuit

#### IV. CALCULATIONS

##### A. Required Calculations

Where

Height of centre of gravity = 1.01746m

$h = 0.08824\text{m}$

Let us assume the static weight distribution ratio be 40:60

Stopping distance = 2 m

1) Gross weight  $t = g \times \text{weight of vehicle}$

$$= 9.81 \times 140$$

$$= 1373.4$$

2) Brake line pressure (P)

$$= \text{force on brakes} / \text{area of master cylinder}$$

$$= 4 \times 350 / 0.785 \times (0.01)^2$$

$$= 17.83 \text{ MPa}$$

3) Clamping force

$$= \text{Brake line pressure} \times \text{area of caliper piston} \times 2$$

$$= 17.8343 \times 0.785 \times (25.4 \times 10^{-3})^2 \times 2$$

$$= 18064.6825 \text{ Nm}$$

4) Rotating force

$$= CF \times \text{no of caliper piston} \times \text{coefficient of friction}$$

$$= 18064.6825 \times 2 \times 0.8$$

$$= 10838.6825 \text{ N}$$

5) Static weight on front axle

$$= (0.4 \times \text{vehicle weight})$$

$$= (0.4 \times 1372.94)$$

$$= 549.17 \text{ N}$$

6) Static weight on rear axle

$$= (0.6 \times \text{vehicle weight})$$

$$= (0.6 \times 1372.94)$$

$$= 823.76 \text{ N}$$

Let us take stopping distance as 2m.

From Newton's laws of motion

$$v^2 - u^2 = 2as$$

Where

V is velocity after braking =  $0 \text{ m/s}^2$

u is velocity before braking =  $32.77 \text{ m/s}^2$

(i.e., the maximum velocity of the vehicle)

7) Dynamic weight transfer

$$= (h \times wt \times \text{deceleration} / h \text{ c.o.g} \times 9.81)$$

$$= (0.08824 \times 1372.94 \times 73.15 / 1.01 \times 9.81)$$

$$= 903 \text{ N}$$

8) Dynamic weight on front axle:  
 = (static front weight + dynamic weight transfer)  
 = 549 + 903  
 = 1452N

9) Dynamic weight on one front wheel:  
 = (Dynamic weight on front axle / 2)  
 = 1452 / 2  
 = 726N

10) Dynamic weight on rear axle  
 = static rear weight + dynamic weight transfer  
 = (823.76 + 903)  
 = 1726.76N

11) Frictional force at each front wheel  
 = (0.4 x Dynamic weight on one front wheel)  
 = 0.4 x 726  
 = 290.4N

12) Frictional force at each rear wheel  
 = (0.6 x Dynamic weight on rear axle)  
 = 0.6 x 1726.76  
 = 1036.05N

**TABLE I CALCULATED VALUES RESULT**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Value</b>
Pedal effort	178 N
Adhesion factor of road	0.4
Coefficient of friction between brake pads and rotor	0.4
Stopping distance	2m
Stopping time	0.1893 sec

**B. Obtained Calculations**

The calculations are same for both front and rear wheel brakes, up to the brake line after master cylinder.

Estimated speed of the vehicle = 118Kmph

Estimated pedal effort of the driver = 178N

Mechanical advantage or pedal ratio = 4:1

Force acting on master cylinder

= (Estimated pedal effort of the driver x 4)  
 = 178 x 4  
 = 712N

Diameter of master cylinder = 0.75" = 19.05mm

Area of master cylinder = 285 mm<sup>2</sup>

Pressure acting on master cylinder = (force x area)  
 = 712 x 285  
 = 202920N/mm<sup>2</sup>

For Rear wheel (Disc Brake)

Area of piston in the calipers = 3086mm<sup>2</sup>

Pressure acting in the master cylinder = Pressure in the calipers.

Force acting on calipers = Pressure x area  
 = 202920 x 3086  
 = 626.211N/m<sup>2</sup>

Coefficient of friction between pad and rotor = 0.4

Friction force between disc and pad

= clamping force x coefficient of friction  
 = 1594.2550.4  
 = 637.702N

Effective radius of rear disc = 114.3 mm  
Torque developed = 11.4 N-m  
Effective rolling radius of rear wheel = 304.8 mm  
Braking force acting on single rear tire  
= (Torque / tire radius) = 6206.83  
Deceleration =  $Bf/m = 44.33$  m/s

TABLE II OBTAINED VALUES RESULT

Parameter	Value
Braking torque	1083.868 N
Braking force at rear	6206.83 N

The master cylinder piston diameter that was calculated is the maximum possible diameter that can be used for safe braking. The team decided to use a master cylinder with 10mm piston diameter as it can provide better braking force and is also commonly found on bikes.

### V. CONCLUSION

We calculated all the design parameters and analysed the brake layout, brake disc, etc. Thus after all the test and calculation we have concluded that our design is safe for fabrication.

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