Design and Manufacturing of Twin Lobe Roots Blower using steel shaft

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1.ABSTRACT:

Present paper is based on Manufacturing of twin lobe roots blower using steel shaft. The current rotor is as casted with S.G. iron material. After wearing of shaft the entire rotor needs to be replaced. Further due to stringent requirement of design with S.G. iron rotor , the shaft diameter is very large causing use of heavy ball as well as roller bearings .All these conditions leads to increase in cost and delay in production activity.
In new design we are planning to introduce steel shaft as against existing as cast S.G.Iron shaft Hence ,it is necessary to ensure two things .First , the shaft should withstand with the existing twisting as well as bending stress and secondly, the centre line matching of machined lobe and shaft. .Here it is necessary to ensure the proper molding of steel in S.G. iron.
This types of blower are used in various purpose such as such as pneumatic conveying, aeration in Effluent Treatment Plant, cement plants, water treatment plant for filter back wash, aquaculture aeration etc .
In this design stage includes the design of steel diameter, after diameter is decide, then selection of ball as well as roller bearing. This design is base on the ASME standards. For the analysis purpose, ANSYS software is used. For the modeling of steel shaft with lobe the SOLID EDGE is used.

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2. INTRODUCTION:

Twin lobe or tri lobe blowers fall under this category. They have higher efficiency at moderate compression ratios and
are most efficient in the compression ratios of 1.1 to 1.2.They are used where constant flow rate at varying discharge pressures .These are generally available for capacities 10 $m^{3/}$ hr to 10000 $m^{3/}$ hr for pressures up to 1 Kg/ cm^2 in single stage construction. [1]
The twin lobe rotor belongs to the category of positive displacement blower. They consists of a pair of involute shaped lobes/ rotors rotating inside a oval shaped casing, closed at ends by side plates. One end is a driving lobe which is driven by the external power source, while the

driven gear is driven by a pair of timed spur gears. Both the lobes thus rotate at equal speed and in opposite direction. As the rotor rotates, the air is drawn inside the inlet side of the cylinder and forced out against the outlet side against system Pressure. [2]

With each revolution four such volumes are thus displaced. The air which is thus forced out is not allowed to come back due to the small internal clearance within the internals of the machine except a very small amount called as 'slip''. There is no change in the volume of the air within the machine but it merely displaces the air from suction end to the discharge end against the discharge system resistance i.e. no compression takes place in the machine .Since the lobe run within the machine with finite clearances, no internal lubrication is required. The air thus delivered is 100% oil free. These blowers delivers practically constant flow rate independent of the discharge pressure conditions. The flow rate depends largely on the operating speed. Due to these constructional features it has following distinct characteristics.[2]
1. The flow is depending on the operating speed.
2. The input power is totally depend upon the pressure across the machine.
3. The suction and discharge pressure are determined by the system conditions.
4. The temperature rise of the discharged air is largely dependent on the differential pressures across it.

3. Advancement for Steel Shaft: -

The manufacturing stage involves mainly manufacturing of rotor, lobe, housings, sleeves, end cap, gear covers etc. Initially the drawings of parts to be manufactured are prepared in 3D modeling software Solid Edge V20 and 2D drafting in Auto Cad as well as in Solid Edge. These drawings are used to prepare the process sheets as well as tooling drawings, quality plans etc.[3]
3.1 Rotor & Lobe: -
In order to create swept volume per revolution this item is used.The rotor is manufactured as stub shafts .The two shafts are manufactured on S.P.M. The holes in

the rotor are provided for positive fastening of rotor to the lobe.

3.2 Housing:-
To hold the rotor subassembly this part is used with the help of bearing. There are two types of housings in a blower assembly viz. BB housing and RB housing.BB housing supports Ball bearing and RB housing supports Roller bearing. Both housings and Case forms an airtight assembly.

3.3 CASE:-
This create working chamber & work as a spacer between two housings. Case is a central part of blower. On its one side RB housing is fastened and on another side BB housing is fastened. There are fins provided on the case outer periphery for effective heat transfer. [3]

3.4 Gear Cover:-
The gear cover acts as a housing for the pair of spur gears. It also acts as a sump for oil which is used for lubrication of the gear.

4. DESIGN OF STEEL SHAFT:
It is necessary to have design related basic information about various components of blower before attempting to design steel shaft. The design of steel shaft is based on the ASME standards.For the design of shaft we know the various data for calculation.

4.1 Data available for steel shaft:
Input data used for designing the steel shaft is as follows.
(a) Model Name:- SR069
Material- C45
Sut= Ultimate tensile Strength= 630 N/mm2
Syt= Yield tensile strength   =380 N/mm2
Shaft Power   =44 Kw
Gear pitch circle diameter   =117 mm
Motor pulley diameter d_1=315 mm
Blower pulley diameter d_2= 190 mm
Maximum speed of the rotor N = 3500 rpm
Swept Vol :- 6.9 lit./rev.
Air Flow:- $1250 - 1330$ m3/hr
Max.   Pressure:-   1035 m bar(Continuous/ Intermittent)

4.2 Design procedure for steel shaft: [3]
The following procedure is followed to design steel shaft.

4.2.1 Torque at blower shaft:-
$$Mt = \frac{60 \times 10^6 \times KW}{2\pi N)}$$
$$= 120109.19 \, N - mm$$
$$\approx 120 \times 10^3 \, N - mm$$

4.2.2 Calculation for permissible shear stress

According to A.S.M.E. code,
$\tau d = 0.3 \, (Syt)$
$\quad = 0.18 \, (Sut)$ $\}$ Whichever is minimum.
$\tau d = 0.3(380)$
$\quad = 114 \, N/mm2$
$\tau d = 0.18(630)$
$\quad = 113.4$

4.2.3 Calculation for Power transmitted: [4]
$$KW = \frac{(T1-T2)xv}{1000} \qquad --------------- (1)$$
$$Also, v = \frac{\pi d2N}{60 \times 1000}$$
$$v = \frac{3.14 \times 190 \times 3500}{60 \times 1000}$$
$$v = 34.80 \, m/s$$

42.4 Now for Vee belts: [4]
Assume, $\beta = 200 = $ Groove angle
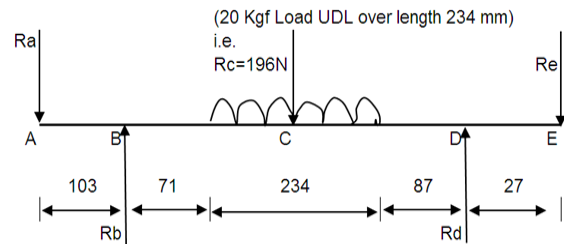$\quad\quad\quad \mu = 0.25 = $ Coefficient of friction
Angle of contact for blower pulley is,
$$\alpha_s = 180 - 2\sin - 1\{\frac{d1-d2}{2C}\}$$
$$= 167.80 \times (\pi/180)$$
$$= 2.92 \, c$$

4.2.5 Calculation for Shear force and bending moment's diagram: [6]
A) **Vertical Plane:-**

Let,
Considering equilibrium for vertical forces,
$$\sum V = 0$$
$$-RA + RB - RC + RD - RE = 0$$
$$-353 + RB - 196 + RD - 811.50 = 0$$
$$RB + RD = 1360.5 \qquad -------------------$$
(4)
Now, considering equilibrium of moments at B,
$$\sum MB = 0$$
$$-36359 + 36848 - RD \times 392 + 340018.5 = 0$$
$$RD = 868.641 \qquad --------------------$$
(5)
Now Bending moments at various positions are as follow-
Bending moments at A $= 0$
Bending moments at B $= -353 \times 103$
$$= -36359 \, N - mm$$
Bending moments at C $= -102723 + 92469.492$
$$= -10253.50 \, N - mm$$

Bending moments at D $= -174735 + 19280.872 -$ 39984

$$= -21910.28\ N - mm$$

Bending moments at E = -184266 + 206088.921 – 68208 + 23453.30

B) Horizontal Plane:-
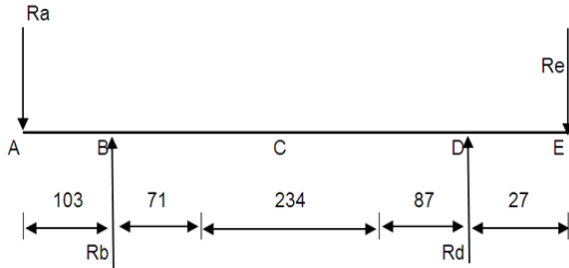
$$\sum V = 0$$
$$- (T1 + T2) + RB + RD - Pt = 0$$

RB + RD $= 3654.75\ N$ --------------------
(6)

Now, considering equilibrium of moments at B,
$$\sum MB = 0$$
$$- (1603.75) \times 103 - RD \times 392 + 2051 \times 419 = 0$$
$$RD = 1770.87\ N$$

From equation (6),

RB $= 1883.87\ N$

Bending moments at B $= -165186.25\ N - mm$

Bending moments at C $= -466691.25 + 354167.56$
$$= -112523.69\ N - mm$$

Bending moments at D $= -793856.25 + 738477.04$
$$= -55379.21\ N - mm$$

Bending moments at E $= 0$

4.3 Calculations for rotor diameter: [3]

Assuming minor shocks i.e. load applied suddenly,

$$Kb = 1.75\ 7\ \&\ Kt = 1.25.$$

$$d = \sqrt[3]{\left[\frac{16}{\pi \times \tau} \times \sqrt[2]{(Kb \times Mb)^2 + (Kt \times Mt)^2} \right]}$$

d=

$$\sqrt[3]{\left[\frac{16}{\pi \times 85} \times \sqrt[2]{(1.757 \times 169140.39)^2 + (1.25 \times)^{2120 \times 103}} \right]}$$

d = 27.08mm

After diameter is selected as factor of safety as 1.5. Then for the analysis purpose ANSYS software is used. For that purpose we select the material as C45. For that material, select the Youngs Modulus as 0.27-0.30. Possions ratio as 190-200 GPA. For that analysis, we select the boundary condition.

4.4:- Stress analysis of shaft

The analysis of shaft is carried out in the Finite element analysis software named ANSYS.The actual load conditions are worked out .The boundary conditions are given. By using the ANSYS software, meshing of shaft is done[12].
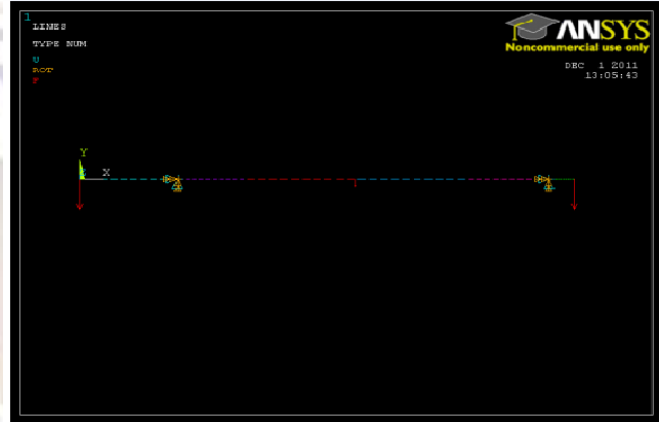
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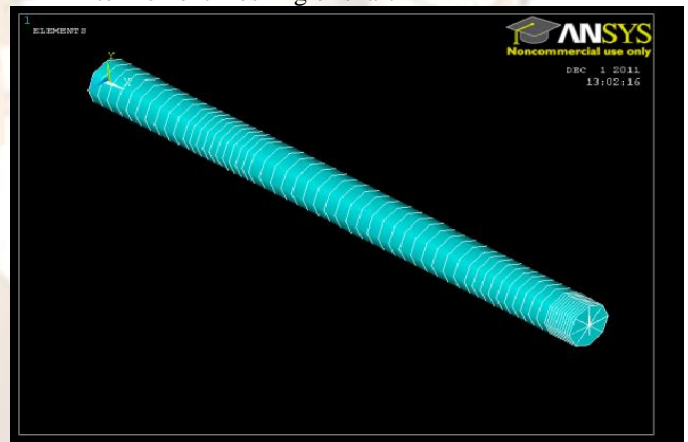
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Youngs Modulus-Y-190-200 GPa.

Possions ratio - 0.27-0.30.

The load conditions and boundary conditions of the shaft are as follow.
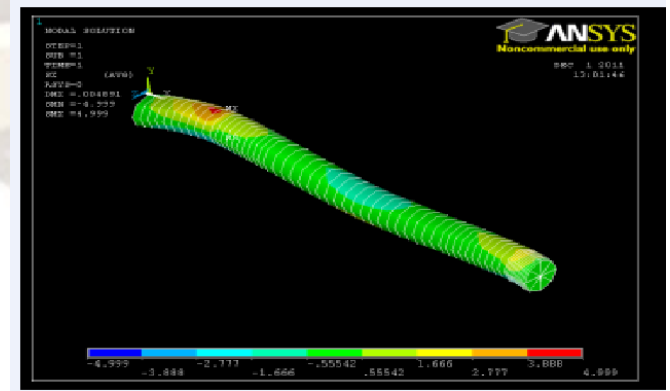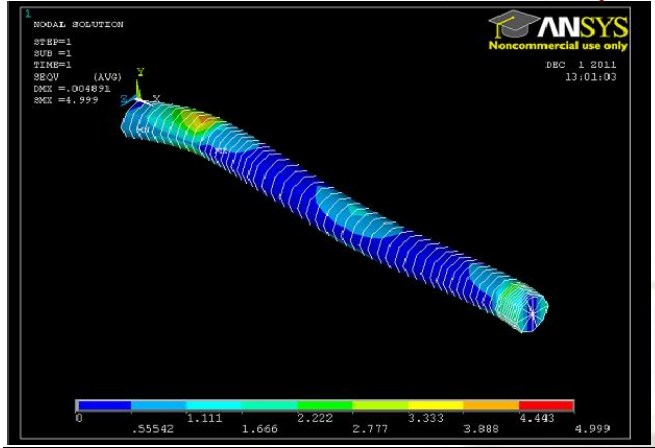
Boundary Conditions of shaft

Finite Element meshing of shaft

Principal Stress Analysis

Von Mises Stress

4.5 Bearing details-[9]

Bearing Type=Cylindrical Roller bearing.
Bearing inner diameter= 45 mm
Bearing outer diameter= 100mm
Bearing width= 25
Bearing number= N309 ECP
Dynamic load capacity= 1, 12,000 N
Static load capacity= 1, 00,000N
Limiting speed= 8500 RPM

4.6 Calculation for the length of belt:

$$\text{Length of belt 'L'} = 2C + \pi\frac{(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)2}{4C}$$
$$= 2\text{x}588 + \pi\frac{(315+190)}{2} + \frac{(315-190)2}{4\text{x}588}$$
$$= 1975.89 \text{ mm}$$

5. Comparison of Old and New blower:-

To increase the productivity, reduce cost and to enhance the quality of rotor machining, it is planning to change the material of rotor from S.G. Iron (FG 600) to steel viz. C45, En 8. Constraints in existing method-The current rotor is as casted with S.G. iron material. After wearing of shaft the entire rotor needs to be replaced. Further due to stringent requirement of design with S.G. iron rotor, the shaft diameter is very large causing use of heavy ball as well as roller bearings. Rotor lobe is machined with integral shaft. No manufacturing flexibility. When rotor shaft worn out, entire rotor lobe assembly needs to be replaced.

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6. TESTING PARAMETER:-

Testing parameter of blower consist of various parameter such as noise ,vibration, power consumption , air flow, pressure rise and temp. Rise. Blower performance is monitored with respect to this parameter. After monitor performance of blower observation are as below such as noise = 95 DBA, Vibration=10 mm max, power consumption=45 KW, Air flow=1146.47 Cub.m/hr, pressure rise=1000 milibar, temp. Rise=115°C.

7. CONCLUSION:-

The design of shaft is done by using standard practice. By considering existing geometry limitations and theoretical results the factor of safety taken as 1.5.The shaft diameter of the steel shaft is 42mm. Shaft power is 44 KW.

The analysis of shaft is carried out in the Finite element analysis software named ANSYS. The actual load conditions are worked out.

Design modification of shaft gives rise to change in the design of housings, sleeves, bearings etc.

Rotor lobe and shaft can be separately machined which gives greater manufacturing flexibility. When rotor shaft wears out, only worned shaft can be replaced and same lobe can be utilized.

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