

Force Balance Example - Step By Step

This example is taken from a case study <u>The Speed Triangle - Momentum</u>, <u>Energy, and PCM Data</u> by Charlie Greear, David Thornburg, and Lee DeChant published in COLLISION magazine, Volume 6, Issue #1, page 48.

In this collision, a Ford Mustang was racing a Subaru Impreza WRX, and ended up T-boning a 1987 Chevrolet Caprice. There are no side impact tests for the Chevrolet Caprice in the NHTSA Crash Test database, so the authors chose to use a Force-Balance approach to derive the Stiffness values for the Caprice. This example



SPEED TRIANG

shows how the Force Balance module in the 2011 version of 4N6XPRT StifCalcs[®] can be used to quickly and easily perform the calculations with the added bonus of obtaining the KE Equivalent Speed, delta-v, and Closing speed based strictly upon the damage to each vehicle.

The Bullet vehicle in this case was a 2006 Ford Mustang. Using the 4N6XPRT StifCalcs® BASIC SEARCH, we click on 2006 - FORD - MUSTANG

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Clicking the SEND ALL VALUES TO FORCE BALANCE imports the A-B Stiffness values to the Force Balance module. Before continuing with the Force Balance example, lets quickly examine the crush measurements to be used.

The Authors of the article showed the following crush profiles, and used 10 equally spaced crush measurements for their Force Balance Calculation. The profiles and the Force Balance results were as follows:



When you examine the two Crush Profiles, you can see the following:

Caprice Profile - The profile from C3 to C5 and from C7 to C10 is essentially a straight line in each case. Therefore while the inclusion of the C4 and the C8 & C9 measurements are in line with crush measurement protocol, they are in essence meaningless measurements as far as the average crush for the Caprice is concerned.

Mustang Profile - The red dotted line overlaying the Authors Crush Profile illustrates the crush profile described by the 10 equally spaced crush measurements. In this instance, by using equally spaced crush measurements, a number of "critical points" of the profile are missed, most significantly between C1 and C2. This in turn affects the average crush depth that is used for calculating the force applied to the Mustang to create its damage.

The problems noted for both profiles are NOT a "fault" of the Authors, but ARE a problem which is inherent with a protocol that requires equal spacing between measurements.

When you compare the crush profiles used by the Authors with the NON-EQUAL spacing crush measurements used in 4N6XPRT StifCalcs® for this same Force Balance example, you can see that in the case of the Caprice the same profile can be depicted with fewer measurements, and in the case of the Mustang profile, the measurements more closely mirror the actual crush profile of the vehicle.



Continuing with the Force Balance example, you can see that after entering the vehicles from the AS Lite, and entering the Crush Profile for both vehicles (for this example the NON-EQUAL spacing was used, but EQUAL SPACING is also permitted within the module, and is, in fact, the default), all that is left to do is print and review the results. Sample output can be seen on the next page.



The Authors found that the Mustang had a speed of 54-62 mph at impact with the Caprice. Compare this speed range with the Closing Speed calculated FROM DAMAGE ONLY by the Force Balance module, concentrating on the values between the **Average** and **Average - 1 Std Deviation** (56-63 mph) that were derived from the four NHTSA frontal crash tests on Ford Mustangs. Be sure to also compare the calculated Average Crush for each vehicle and the derived A-B values for the Caprice, which would then be used in a CRASH 3 analysis to further refine your opinions.

4N6XPRT StifCalcs[®] FORCE BALANCE OUTPUT

Non-Equal Spacing Crush Profile Stiffness Values calculated using MAXIMUM CRUSH from NHTSA Crash Test Database

STEMS Serial Number: 10R-030201SC02301 Registered Owner: 4N6XPRT SYSTE	Average Force Force Damage Force Force Closing Force KE Force Closing Force Results viations 291.4 72.1 47537.39 86890.65 27.1 26.0 49.4 Aug - 2 Std. Deviations Aug - 2 Std. Deviations Aug - 2 Std. Deviations Aug - 1 Std. Deviations Aug + 1 Std. Deviations Aug + 2 Std. Deviations Maximum Damag	Index Image Image <th< th=""><th>Neight (pounds): 3300 PDOF Lever Arm Distance (inches): 0.00 Curb Weight (pounds): Neight (pounds): 255 Yaw Moment of Inertia (Ib-ft-sec2) 2455.65 Occupant + Cargo Weight (pounds): Neight (pounds): 3555 Yaw Moment of Inertia (Ib-ft-sec2) 2455.65 Total Weight (pounds):</th></th<>	Neight (pounds): 3300 PDOF Lever Arm Distance (inches): 0.00 Curb Weight (pounds): Neight (pounds): 255 Yaw Moment of Inertia (Ib-ft-sec2) 2455.65 Occupant + Cargo Weight (pounds): Neight (pounds): 3555 Yaw Moment of Inertia (Ib-ft-sec2) 2455.65 Total Weight (pounds):
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Available Test Results Front Impact Test Summary

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		Average (AVG)		369.6	130.1	530.2	192.0	24.9
		Minimum	(MIN)		328.4	100.7	517.3	136.9	21.1
		Maximum (MAX)		419.3	169.3	548.7	265.7	28.2
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C5 (inches) 14.61	8.96	122.93	6.87	844.49	40.22	4944.68
C6 (inches) 12.83	11.40	150.88	6.62	998 75	62.76	9468 89
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C9 (inches) 18.34	4.72	96.03	10.21	980.01	40.20	3860.10
C10 (inches) 22.35						
Average Crush (inches):	16.82					

2006 FORD MUSTANG - Front Impact

Results	A	В	Average Force (pounds)	Damage Energy (ft*lbs)	KE Speed (mph)	Delta V (mph)	Closing Speed (MPH)
Minimum	328.4	100.7	63904.32	112883.12	30.9	29.6	56.3
Avg - 2 Std. Deviations	291.4	72.1	47532.85	86890.65	27.1	25.9	49.1
Avg - 1 Std. Deviations	330.5	101.1	64183.30	113415.68	30.9	29.7	56.4
Average	369.6	130.1	80833.75	140116.83	34.4	33.1	62.9
Avg + 1 Std. Deviations	408.7	159.1	97484.21	166897.80	37.5	36.2	68.8
Avg + 2 Std. Deviations	447.8	188.1	114134.66	193721.66	40.4	39.1	74.2
Maximum	419.3	169.3	103240.96	176008.06	38.5	37.2	70.7
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Area of Damage (i	nches²):	1063.22					

1987 CHEVROLET CAPRICE - Side Impact

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C2 (inches) 14.73	3.48	56.71	8.17	463.44	5.28	299.17
C3 (inches) 17.86	2.82	52.25	9.27	484.35	7.07	369.28
C4 (inches) 19.20	7.62	156.21	10.26	1603.30	26.75	4178.70
C5 (inches) 21.80	7.40	153.81	10.40	1599.73	33.24	5112.58
C6 (inches) 19.77	9.36	155.56	8.41	1308.21	51.18	7962.40
C7 (inches) 13.47	9.36	98.94	5.42	535.99	60.41	5976.87
C8 (inches) 7.67	9.36	50.31	2.85	143.42	69.53	3498.25
C9 (inches) 3.08	9.36	14.41	1.03	14.80	78.00	1124.32
C10 (inches) 0.00						
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Minimum	137.8	125.8	63904.32	85211.22	25.4 26	5.7 32.1
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Avg - 1 Std. Deviations	138.1	126.4	64183.30	85574.17	25.5 26	5.7 32.2
Average	155.8	160.8	80833.75	107210.79	28.5 29	9.8 36.3
Avg + 1 Std. Deviations	171.7	195.4	97484.21	128806.50	31.3 32	2.6 40.0
Avg + 2 Std. Deviations	186.4	230.1	114134.66	150371.43	33.8 35	5.1 43.5
Maximum	176.9	207.4	103240.96	136265.48	32.2 33	3.5 41.3
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Area of Damage (in	ches²):	924.10				

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6184	2008 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE	5.0	16.1	35.0	408.2	151.8	548.7	206.7	30.4
6352	2007 FORD MUSTANG TWO DOOR COUPE	5.0	8.4	24.8	486.9	228.4	519.2	358.3	29.1
		Average	(AVG)		419.9	168.2	530.2	248.8	28.2
		Minimum	(MIN)		383.5	137.3	517.3	186.6	24.1
		Maximum	(MAX)		486.9	228.4	548.7	358.3	30.4
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Curb Weight (pou	nds): 330	<u>10</u>	PDOF Leve	er Arm Distance	(inches):	0.00
Total Weight (pou	nds): 355	5	Yaw Mom	nent of Inertia (lb-ft-sec²)	2455.65
5 (11)						
Angle Coll Force to Normal (degr	rees): 0 .	.0	"Known" St	ifness Values	٨	в
No Damage Speed (r	nph): 5 .	.0		Average	419.9	168.2
Energy Crush Depth (inc	hes): 16.8	32		Minimum	383.5	137.3
Damage Length (inc	hes): 63.	2				
Duninge Length (inc				Maximum [486.9	228.4
Crush Profile Measurem	ents: 1	.0	Std.	Devation	45.9	40.9
	Unequal		Zone	Area	Zone	Area
	Spacing	Zone Area	Depth(x)	Depth(x)	Depth(y)	Depth(y)
	(inches)	(inches ²)	(inches)	(inches ²)	(inches)	(inches ²)
C1 (inches) 25.99	7.17	179.32	12.51	2243.57	3.54	634.47
C2 (inches) 24.03						
(3 (inches) 731	1.63	25.54	8.58	219.11	2.30	58.75
	10.26	123.27	6.31	778.42	26.32	3244.52
C4 (inches) 16.72	4.07	63.76	7 84	500 13	14 20	905 30
C5 (inches) 14.61			7.04			
C(inches) 13.93	8.96	122.93	6.87	844.49	40.22	4944.68
	11.40	150.88	6.62	998.75	62.76	9468.89
C7 (inches) 13.64	6.84	128.83	9.66	1244.04	44 77	5768 35
C8 (inches) 24.03			5.00			5700.55
C9 (inches) 18.34	8.15	1/2.66	10.66	1839.87	60.94	10522.21
C10 (inches) 22.35	4.72	96.03	10.21	980.01	40.20	3860.10
	16.82					
	10.02					

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Results	A	В	Average Force (pounds)	Damage Energy (ft*lbs)	KE Speed (mph)	Delta V (mph)	Closing Speed (MPH)
Minimum	383.5	137.3	85100.14	147193.21	35.2	33.9	64.5
Avg - 2 Std. Deviations	328.1	86.4	56293.71	101819.64	29.3	28.0	53.2
Avg - 1 Std. Deviations	374.0	127.3	79484.46	138383.89	34.2	32.9	62.5
Average	419.9	168.2	102675.21	175202.55	38.5	37.1	70.5
Avg + 1 Std. Deviations	465.8	209.1	125865.97	212126.34	42.3	40.9	77.7
Avg + 2 Std. Deviations	511.7	250.0	149056.72	249103.66	45.8	44.4	84.3
Maximum	486.9	228.4	136791.60	229514.54	44.0	42.6	80.9
Damage Centroid Depth (x)) (inches)	9.07			k²	3202.9	1
Damage Centroid Depth (y)) (inches)	37.06	E	ff. Mass Ratio (gamma)	1.0	0
Area of Damage (i	inches ²):	1063.22					

Curb Weight (pounds): 3775			PDOF Lever Arm Distance (inches):			0.00
Occupant + Cargo Weight (pounds): 175 Total Weight (pounds): 3950			Yaw Moment of Inertia (lb-ft-sec ²)			2862.50
Angle Coll Force to Normal (degr	ees): 0 .	.0				
No Damage Speed (n	ıph): 2 .	.0				
Energy Crush Depth (incl	hes): 11.0	0				
Damage Length (inc	hes): 84.	.0				
Crush Profile Measurem	ents: 1	0				
	Unequal Spacing (inches)	Zone Area (inches²)	Zone Depth(x) (inches)	Area Depth(x) (inches ²)	Zone Depth(y) (inches)	Area Depth(y) (inches ²)
	25.24	185.89	4.91	912.73	16.83	3127.95
C2 (inches) 14.73	3.48	56.71	8.17	463.44	5.28	299.17
C3 (inches) 17.86	2.82	52.25	9.27	484.35	7.07	369.28
C4 (inches) 19.20	7.62	156.21	10.26	1603.30	26.75	4178.70
C5 (inches) 21.80	7.40	153.81	10.40	1599.73	33.24	5112.58
C6 (inches) 19.77	9.36	155.56	8.41	1308.21	51.18	7962.40
C7 (inches) 13.47	9.36	98.94	5.42	535.99	60.41	5976.87
C8 (inches) 7.67	9.36	50.31	2.85	143.42	69.53	3498.25
C9 (inches) 3.08	9.36	14.41	1.03	14.80	78.00	1124.32
C10 (inches) 0.00						
Average Crush (inches):	11.00					
Results	٨	A R (Average Force	Damage Energy	KE Speed Delta	iV b) BSub
Minimum	160.0	169.7	85100 14			
	128.0	110 1	56203 71	75303 13	23.0 21	5 2 30 1
Avg - 2 Std. Deviations	154.4	158.0	79484 46	105459 13	28.3 20	
	176.4	206.2		135532.60	32.1 3	
Average \int	196.0	254.6		165550.46	35.5 30	5.8 45.7
Avg ± 2 Std Doviations Γ	213.0	303 2	49056 72	195527 54	38.5 4	
Avy + 2 Stu. Deviations [213.3	277 5		179677 70	36.0 20	
Damage Controid Donth (v)	(inches)	7.65	.50/ 91.00	1/30//./0		50.21
Damage Centroid Dopth (X)		34.25	Eff	Mass Datio (as	- <u>550</u>	1 00
Area of Damage (in		924.10	LII.			

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