Creating a Drone Chassis using Fusion 360 Generative Design

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Generative Design in Fusion 360
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Generative Design

Preparation

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Initial Bodies
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Modify the Bodies
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In this Hands-on Lab, we will design necessary part for Generative Design in Create Form Workspace.
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After we finished the modeling in Form workspace, we’ll use the Model workspace to modify the bodies to prepare for Generative Design Studies.
New Generative Design Study
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You can get information from GUIDE, there are detailed definitions of all steps for Generative Design.
Assignation of Preserve Geometries
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In Generative Design Study, it should be assigned Preserve Geometry that it allows adding Loads and Constraints.

Preserve Geometries also will appear in the final shape of the design.
Assignation of Obstacles Geometries
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It’s not obligatory to add Obstacle Geometry in Generative Design Study. But in many cases, it will help you when you need to assign empty spaces where material placed during the generation of outcomes.
Starting Shape
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In Generative Design Study, Starting Shape is an optional tool. You can assign it as initial shape.
Structural Constraints
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Objective Limits
In this hands-on lab, we would like to reach the lightest solution for Concept Drone Chassis. For this aim, you can easily choose the Minimize Mass as Objectives. In general, it’s proper to enter a value of 2 for Safety Factor on Limits.
Manufacturing & Choosing Materials
You can Select the Manufacturing Tool from Design Criteria. It specifies the manufacturing constraints for the design process. There are 5 different options available as Additive, Milling, 2-Axis Cutting, Die Casting and Unrestricted. In this hands-on lab, it will be chosen Additive manufacturing and unrestricted method, but, of course, you can try other methods for concept drone chassis.
Overhang Angle

You can see the different overhang angles for additive manufacturing. If it’s over the 45 Degrees or more, it will be harder to manufacture without adding support, so you can think about your 3D printer properties and chose the best value for you.
In this hands-on Lab, it will select two different materials as Plastic and Metal. But feel free to choose different materials for your cases.
Exploring Generative Design Outcomes
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Fusion 360 offers us a detailed Explore page which contains many outcomes. You can easily change the objective ranges from Outcome Filters and you will see only outcome thumbnails that you need for your necessary.
Details of the Scatter Plot View
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Design from Outcome
You can easily create 3D Design from your selected outcome iteration using CREATE > Design from Outcome
You can easily modify your selected outcome design from your Generative Design Study. At the beginning of the hand-out, we started creating a box, and now, that’s the result of the Hands-on Lab.