

Factors Affecting Lifespan of Primary Screen and it's Solution in Sand Screener

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Abstract - Sand screening machine is a machine designed to separate the particles according to their mesh size with the help of different level of separating screens. Efficiency of vibrating screen basically depends on various factors such as amplitude of vibration, material loading, screen material. We have developed a conceptual model of a inclined vibrating screen to remove heavy stones (greater than 60 mm) and capable to increase the life span of primary screen which is damaged by impact load of raw material. So Outcome carried away by simulation with modelling software NX 9.0 and analysis software NX Nastran is as per requisite result.

Key Words: sand screening and washing process, primary screen, vibration, NX Nastran.



Fig.1 Primary Screen

1. INTRODUCTION

Firstly raw sand coming directly from river bed gets unloaded inside the hopper having capacity of 40 tone. There is vibro-feeder under hopper which help in feeding raw sand from hopper to conveyor belt. Raw sand gets into primary screen. Primary screen is having size of 6 mm steel grid is fitted , also having two 5 hp motor which helps in producing vibrations in primary screen and due to which sand having size less than 6 mm is sorted and oversized material is taken out.

1.1 SAND SCREENING AND ITS NEED

Sand screening is the method for separating comparatively larger sand particle and other unnecessary impurities present in the sand which is dug from river bank. Screening is the requisite process. It is required that Gravels and pebbles are removed from the sand. Due to screening of sand, we can give good strength to the concrete and improve quality of sand.

As per constructional requirement in concrete, there is no content of clay. Due to clay content, quality and strength of concrete is weak.

Foreign body contamination is unnecessary material that differs from the sand going over and through the screen. It can be anything ranging from grass, tree twigs, clay, and metal slag to other mineral types and composition. This contamination occurs when there is a hole in the screen mesh or a foreign material's mineralogy or chemical composition differs from the sand.

1.2 MECHANISM FOR SCREENING

In this mechanism vibrating equipment is a shaker or a series of shakers as to where the eccentric motor connected via belt pulley transmission to rotating shaft causes the whole structure to shake. Due to amplitude of vibration, material is up and down and due to inclination material moves forward. Four springs are situated below the structure to where there is vibration and shock absorption as the structure returns to the middle state.

1.3 PARTS

- Hopper:- Hopper can be used for storage and inlet for raw sand.
- Screening mesh:- Screening mesh is provide for screening the sand having size according as per requirement.
- Spring:- Spring is used for prescribed motion causing the mass to vibrate.
- Motor:- electric motor is used for provide rotation to the shaft at a certain RPM.

- Shaft :- Shaft rotates according to motor and helps to transmit this motion to screening net.

Ultimate tensile strength :- 1090 N/mm²
 Modulus of rigidity :- 81370 N/mm²

2. PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

We had visited company and see their machine of sand screening system. As the raw sand coming from the river does not have any fixed particular size. It is having large sized material with it. When the material is taken from hopper to primary screener which is at certain height through a conveyor belt. The raw sand impacts directly on primary screen which is made from 1 mm diameter wire of stainless steel (SS) and mesh size 6 mm . Due to this direct impact, it damages the primary screen & leads to frequent changing of primary screen. So, it leads to more maintenance as well as it becomes time consuming too & during those hours plants needs to be shuted off. All the production based industries wanted low production cost and high work rate which is not fulfill.



Fig 2. Heavy stones in primary screener

3. DESIGN AND CALCULATION

The design with detail things including dimension done with NX 9.0. we need durable , impact shock resistant , abrasive . So the cost of design is reduced and fabrication is easy.

Design of Spring :-

From, V.B.Bhandari DDB

Material :- cold drawn steel wire

- Wire diameter :-

$$\tau = K \left(\frac{8PC}{\pi d^2} \right)$$

$$d = 13.89 \text{ mm} \approx 14 \text{ mm}$$

- Number of active coils

$$\delta = \frac{8PD^3N}{Gd^4}$$

$$N = 2.63 \approx 3$$

It is assumed that the spring has square and ground ends . the number of inactive coils is two. therefore,

Total no. coils $N_t = N + 2 = 3 + 2 = 5$ coils

- Free length of spring

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Free length} &= \text{Solid length} + \text{total axial gap} + d \\ &= 70 + 2 + 29.57 \\ &= 101.57 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

- Required spring rate

$$K = \frac{P_1 - P_2}{\delta}$$

$$K = 275 \text{ N/mm}$$

- Actual spring rate

$$K = \frac{Gd^4}{8D^3N}$$

$$K = 219.75 \text{ N/mm}$$

- Pitch of coil

$$\text{pitch of coil} = \frac{\text{free length}}{N_t - 1}$$

$$= 25.39 \text{ mm}$$

Spring specifications :-

Wire diameter	14mm
Mean coil diameter	84mm
Number of active coil	3
Total number of coils	5
Solid length of the spring	70mm
Free length of spring	101.57mm
Pitch of the coil	25.39mm
Required spring rate	275N/mm

(stiffness)			
Actual (stiffness)	spring	rate	219N/mm

Design for shaft

Power = 2.2 kW
Speed= 332 rpm

$$P = \frac{2 \times \pi \times N \times T}{60}$$

$$T = 63.3 \text{ N/mm}$$

Diameter of pulley of motor $D_1 = 80 \text{ mm}$
Diameter of pulley of shaft $D_2=200 \text{ mm}$

- Speed of shaft $N = \frac{60 \times \omega}{2\pi}$

$$N = 332 \text{ rpm}$$

- Speed of motor N_1

$$\frac{N}{N_1} = \frac{D_1}{D_2}$$

$$N_1 = \frac{332 \times 200}{80}$$

$$N_1 = 830 \text{ rpm}$$

- Reduction ratio

$$\frac{830}{332} = 2.5$$

- Shear stress 84 MPa for plain carbon steel

$$T = \frac{\pi \times \tau \times D^3}{16}$$

$$D = 21.2 \approx 25 \text{ mm}$$

Calculation for shaft speed

Amplitude of forced vibration

$$X_{max} = \frac{F}{\sqrt{C^2 \omega^2 + (S - m\omega^2)^2}}$$

Here no damper, so $C=0$

We assume $X = 10 \text{ mm}$

$\delta = 20 \text{ mm}$

$m = 300 \text{ kg}$

$$X = \frac{F}{S - m\omega^2}$$

$$\omega = 34.76 \text{ rad/sec}$$

Inclination of vibrating screen

As per the theory of angle of repose

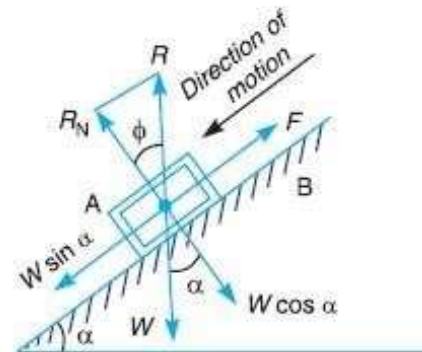


Fig 3. Angle of repose

$$\alpha = \phi$$

$$\tan \phi = \mu_s$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} 0.25$$

$$\alpha = 14$$

4. CAD MODEL AND ANALYSIS

CAD Model is the virtual prototype of the model. It gives us the enough information about the working criteria of the system.

List of the Components

1. Hopper
2. Screener
3. Helical spring
4. Shaft
5. Support

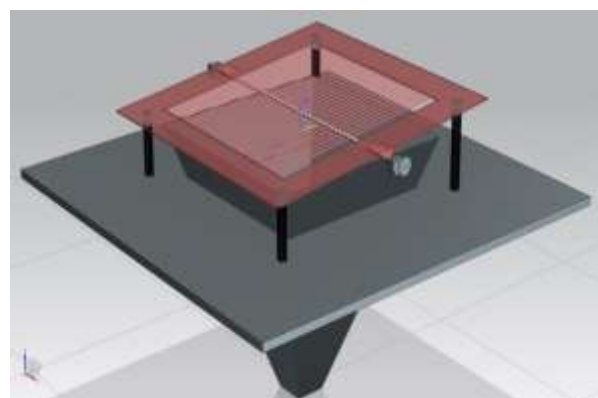


Fig4. CAD model of the assembly

We have created proposed cad model for our design is created with the help of NX 9.0 .

ANALYSIS :-

SPRING :-

Analysis type	Structural analysis
Load	2500 N
Solver	NX Nastran

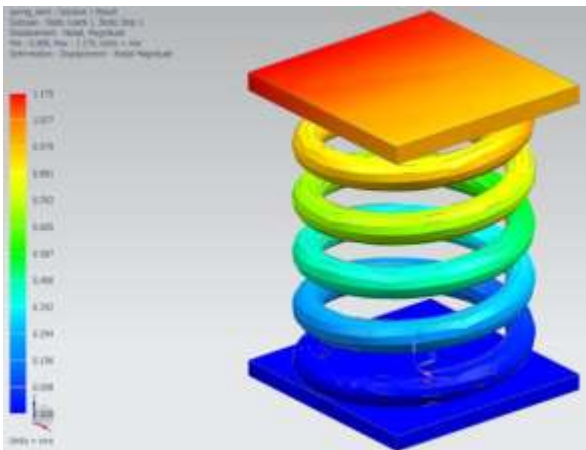


Fig 5. Structural analysis on spring

From the analysis results , we can conclude that the design of the spring for 2500 N is safe. Factor of Safety is 2.

SCREENER:-

Analysis type	Structural analysis
Load	10000 N
Solver	NX Nastran

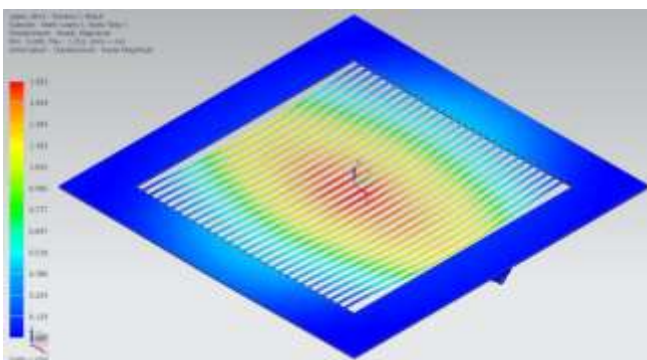


Fig. 6. Structural analysis on screener

From the analysis results , we can conclude that the design of the screener for 10000 N is safe. Factor of Safety is 2.

5. CONCLUSION

In this study, the primary screen mesh failure problem encountered by impact load due to large stones successfully addressed by applying inclined vibrating

screen.by removing large stone before primary screen , that increase the lifespan of the primary screener. The maintenance cost is also reduced. The quality of the sand after screening is uniform. Also the critical components were identified as namely a spring and screen. Both parts were designed by either theoretical method and then static structural analysis using NX Nastran , both parts were found to be safe as the actual stress induced by both methods was far below the allowable value.

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