
Introduction

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Biographical notes: Peijun Xu joined Commercial Vehicle Group as a Chief Engineer for global development and evaluation in March 2008. Prior to that, he was a product development engineer on modelling, simulation and testing of vehicle dynamics and durability from July 2000 to February 2008. Prior to joining Chrysler, he conducted automotive research and development at Carleton University, University of Illinois at Chicago and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation. He earned his PhD in Automotive Engineering from Jilin University of Technology in China. He is a member of the SAE Materials Modelling and Testing Committee and served as a co-organiser for 'Loads Simulation and Analysis in Automotive Engineering' of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 SAE World Congress.

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In a progressively competitive business environment, there are various challenges for automotive manufactures to reduce product development time and cost, where the durability and ride comfort performances of vehicles are the primary concerns. Computer modelling, proving ground and laboratory testing have been playing important roles in fast design validation, optimisation and upstream modification. Therefore, companies can bring their new durable, reliable and well performing vehicles to the market quickly.

The confidence of analytical simulation for durability and ride comfort performances vastly relies on the accuracy of vehicle model and road load inputs to vehicle. It is thus significant to address various issues in both analytical and experimental simulations and testing.

This Special Issue focuses on new research and development techniques and their applications in vehicle durability road loads and ride dynamics.