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## Development of Top Nozzle Holddown Spring for 17x17 Next Generation Fuel Assembly

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Abstract

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Two conceptual holddown spring designs were developed for 17x17 Next Generation Fuel(NGF) top nozzle. One spring pack concept uses three 0.175 inch thick leaves. The other uses four 0.155 inch thick leaves. The room temperature elastic-plastic properties of each spring pack are calculated using the elastic-plastic model derived from classic beam theory and the exiting spring characteristics test. The stress analysis and spring characteristics of each spring pack are also analyzed using FEM(ANSYS 5.7) to verify the elastic-plastic model. The results of the elastic-plastic model have a good agreement to the results of finite element analysis. It is concluded that the 3-leaf 0.175 inch spring pack concept and 4-leaf 0.155 inch spring pack concept are both viable candidates for 17x17 NGF. A series of load-deflection tests will be used to verify the elastic-plastic model.



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(1), (2), (3) (4)

$$K = \frac{nEwt^3 F}{4L^3 R} \tag{1}$$

(2) (3)

(5) (6)

$$P_{y} = \frac{nwt^{2}\boldsymbol{S}_{y}}{6L}$$
(2)

$$\boldsymbol{d}_{y} = \frac{2L^2 \boldsymbol{R} \boldsymbol{s}_{y}}{3EtF} \tag{3}$$

$$P = K\boldsymbol{d} \qquad \left(\boldsymbol{d} \le \boldsymbol{d}_{y}\right) \tag{4}$$

$$P = P_{y} + K \left( \boldsymbol{d} - \boldsymbol{d}_{y} \right) - 1.8 \left[ \frac{\left( \boldsymbol{d} - \boldsymbol{d}_{y} \right)}{2.5 \boldsymbol{d}_{y}} \right]^{3/2} \qquad \left( \boldsymbol{d}_{y} \le \boldsymbol{d} \le 3.5 \boldsymbol{d}_{y} \right)$$
(5)

$$P = 1.7P_{y} \qquad \left(3.5\ddot{a}_{y} \le \ddot{a}\right) \tag{6}$$

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d	=	Deflection, inch	Р	=	Load, lbs
$\boldsymbol{d}_{y}$	=	Yield Deflection, inch	$P_{y}$	=	Yield Load, lbs
Ē	=	Modulus of Elasticity	R	=	Thickness Taper Ratio
F	=	Tail Fixity Factor(= .92)	$\boldsymbol{s}_{v}$	=	Yield Stress, psi
K	=	Elastic Stiffness, lbs/inch	t	=	Leaf Thickness, inch
L	=	Moment Arm, inch	W	=	Leaf Width, inch
n	=	Number of Leaves			

					1	,	2.0 inch	3-leaf
	740 lbs, 4-leaf		750 lbs					
•	3-leaf	(K)	611 lbs/inch	4-leaf		554 lbs/inch	3-leaf	
Κ	4-leaf				4-leaf			

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	Thick 3-leaf	4-leaf	가		



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3.4 가 4 . 3-leaf 605 lbs/inch

775 lbs . 4-leaf 549 lbs/inch 804 lbs . , 3-leaf 4-leaf 205 ksi 200

4-leaf ksi . 4.

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Items	Thick 3-Leaf	4-Leaf
Number of Leaves per Spring Pack, N	3	4
Leaf Thickness, Inches	0.175	0.155
Leaf Width, inches	0.750	0.750
Top Leaf Free Height, inches	2.555	2.655
Top Leaf Length, inches	5.317	5.317
Top Leaf Tip Inside Radius, inch	0.215	0.212
Bottom Leaf Tail Length, inch	0.865	0.895
Taper Ratio	2:1	2:1

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Parameter	CF3	Inconel 718
Young' s Modulus, psi	$2.89 \times 10^{7}$	$2.9 \times 10^{7}$
Poisson Ratio	0.263	0.294
Yield Strength, psi	$25 \times 10^{3}$	$150 \times 10^{3}$
Ultimate Strength, psi	$65 \times 10^{3}$	$195 \times 10^{3}$





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