Sheet Metal Forming: from Concept Development to Try-Out & Manufacturing of Assemblies

Simulate sheet metal forming and assembly of components, like doors and closures
ESI PAM-STAMP offers innovative tools to help engineers eliminate uncertainties before entering the physical try-out phase and predicts the perceived quality after the assembly process of the full component. It spans from quick iterations on the part design, through forming process engineering to try-out validation and high-precision assembly of closure panels. All of that allows you to recognize and correct as-built distortion, surface quality, and/or gap- & flush in assembly.

Manage the development of any stamped product and process
PAM-STAMP combines a process driven, easy-to-use, and intuitive Graphical User Interface (GUI), with a solver that delivers the highest accuracy. You can simulate the manufacturing of large flexible panels and high strength structural parts for automotive, and applications for the aerospace, electronics, and appliance industries. The solution offers realistic, accurate and predictive simulations of cold, warm, and hot sheet metal forming processes.

Remove any uncertainty from try-out testing
The latest material models in PAM-STAMP allow the definition of complex material behavior based on inputs available from tensile tests. A massive parallel solver allows for the usage of many cores and thus a very fine blank mesh resulting in no tool penetration, especially for large outer panels. There is no compromise necessary to model tools, physical beads, contact and friction. As a result, PAM-STAMP delivers an absolute accurate prediction of springback, thinning, splitting, compression, wrinkling, trim line location, surface defects and effects of die compensation.

"With the latest version of ESI PAM-STAMP 2017, considerable efficiency improvements have been achieved when working with complete line dies. Importing the geometry, setting up, and analyzing line die simulations has become as fast, easy and straightforward as when working with only one operation! It is a huge step forward and makes working with ESI’s sheet metal forming solution PAM-STAMP even more enjoyable and efficient."

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Key Applications & Processes

Accurate Springback, Die Compensation, and CAD Surface Reconstruction
Based on accurately computed springback, after drawing or following operations, PAM-STAMP can adjust the die face geometry of each affected die automatically and for as many loops as needed, until the desired tolerance is reached. After full die face compensation, the modified CAD surfaces can be quickly produced with high quality for transfer back to the CAD/CAM system.

Warm & Hot Forming
One of PAM-STAMP’s strengths is the modeling of warm and hot forming processes using Boron-alloyed steels, Titanium alloys, and high strength Aluminium grades, such as the 7000 series. Every step of the process is covered - heating of the blank, transport from the furnace to the die set, forming, in-die quenching, ambient cooling, and cooling channel design analysis, before producing physical tools. Evaluate and optimize various design criteria, like tool temperatures, quenching times and pressures, and cycle times for process outcomes like thickness, wrinkling and splitting, and phase transformations and final part strengths. You can go beyond the standard part to work with tailor-welded, tailor-rolled and patch blanks, which are supported through the streamlined workflow and dedicated process macros in the intuitive graphical interface.

Elastic Tool Deformation Analysis
Investigating springback is crucial during the process development cycle. The final deviation from nominal geometry should be minimized to ensure good assembly conditions later in the production process. To achieve the highest springback accuracy, PAM-STAMP’s solver is designed to efficiently combine deformable solid tools and classic stamping models to analyze the elastic tool deformations occurring during the forming process. Tool deflections can have dramatic influence on final springback results. Realistically modeled tool behavior in simulation provides accurate force distribution between the blank and tools. This is particularly needed to reliably validate stamping processes of high strength structural parts and large outer panels.

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