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ABSTRACT

Composite thin cylindrical shells are most widely used structural forms in Aerospace and Missile applications. In designing efficient and optimized shell structure, they become increasingly sensitive to buckling. It is well known that the experimental display is mainly attributed to geometrical imperfection like damage in the structure, or ovality or local thinning of material etc.

In Missile and Airframe, the composite cylindrical shell structure is generally provided with cutouts for accessing internal components during integration. The cutouts invariably reduce the strength of the composite cylindrical shell and more specifically the buckling load. It has been a design practice to improve strength by addition of Reinforcement around cutout. The cutout not only introduces stress concentration but also significantly reduce buckling load.

Results from a numerical study of the response of thin-walled compression-loaded quasi-isotropic laminated composite cylindrical shells with unreinforced and reinforced square cutouts are presented. The effects of cutout reinforcement orthotropy and size, on the linear response of the shells are described. The results indicate that a local buckling and deformation occurs in the shell near the cutouts are described when subjected to compression load. Interlaminar and Intralaminar failure occurs on the near the free edge of the cutouts.

In general, reinforcement around a cutout in a compression-loaded shell is shown to retard or eliminate the local buckling response, Interlaminar, intralaminar and failure near the cutout and increase the buckling load and decrease the deformation of the shell. To eliminate the Interlaminar and Intralaminar failure by change in material properties of Graphite/Epoxy tape unidirectional property.