F-104 Wing Structure Design Using FEA

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Lockheed F-104 Starfighter in flight (Only tip tanks are attached)



Finite element model of the F-104 Starfighter wing showing final materials, thicknesses, and root constraints







Static von Mises stress contour in the Titanium components at 8g wing loading



Stress contour of starboard wing at 8g wing load- isometric view



Stress contour of starboard wing at 8g wing load - top view



Stress contour of starboard wing at 8g wing load - bottom view







Mode #3 of the tip + mid-span tanks configuration (28.78 Hz, wing torsion)















Mode #3 of the no tanks configuration (125.70 Hz, wing torsion)