



## Recent Trends in Aerodynamic Performance Developments of Automobile Vehicles: A Review

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**Abstract:** Today aerodynamics of automobile engineering plays a vital in both industry and as well as in research labs. The performance of any automobile vehicle purely depends on its internal and external aerodynamics. To accomplish better performance in the field of automobile engines all the aerodynamics factors must satisfy the design requirements. This review article emphasis more on two broad categories one is heavy good vehicles and second one is lighter vehicles. Both the classification required different aerodynamic shapes and design requirement. Therefore, further this article focuses into more on reduction of drag on vehicle, vehicle aerodynamic instabilities and its possible solutions, design optimization of vehicles which involve finding out the areas that need improvement in the existing designs and looking at some new concept designs. Further to the upcoming researchers this paper also helps in providing the information on recent trends in aerodynamic performance developments of automobile vehicles.

**Keywords:** Aerodynamics, Automobiles, Road vehicles, Drag reduction, Instability.

### INTRODUCTION

Due to the non-streamline body shape of heavy vehicles, aerodynamic drag is larger compared to smaller vehicles; hence reduction of aerodynamic drag on commercial vehicles is to be achieved to increase fuel efficiency [1]. The aerodynamic drag generated from the under-body flow of a heavy vehicle also has to be studied in order to reduce the total drag on the vehicle [2]. The fuel expenses are of a concern for the heavy vehicles [3]. The commercial vehicles (heavy vehicles) do not undergo changes in design as frequent as the light motor vehicles do hence development of add-on parts has to be done [4]. The use of aerodynamic deflector on trucks can improve drag reduction [5]. Truck head design was taken in to consideration to cause a reduction in aerodynamic resistance and reduce the fuel consumption, since 60% of fuel consumption occurs because of overcoming the aerodynamic drag at 80 km/h [6]. The pattern of flow going downstream of the rear of a tractor-trailer model affected by the placement of the vane type vortex generator (VG) has been studied to see if it affects the drag [7][8][9]. The convoy rolling of trucks has a significant effect on aerodynamic resistances; the study has been made to see the effects of convoy rolling of truck by considering the distance between the trucks [10]. When it comes to light vehicles (cars), the drag can be reduced in several ways: By the use of a rear spoiler the aerodynamic drag on a hatchback model is reduced in order to obtain higher fuel economy and streamlined drag execution [11][12][13]. The attack angle of the rear wing of a car plays an important role in drag reduction [14][15]. The effects of under body, front and rear wings of an open wheel race car have been studied to generate down-force without increasing its aerodynamic drag [16]. The effects of diffusers on production of drag was studied [17]. The effects of removing and adding individual parts are observed with respect to drag and down-force [18]. The effects of wheels on an open wheel race car are observed with respect to production of drag and lift [19]. The effects of side mirrors are studied to observe the hindrance caused by it [20]. Cars have aerodynamically evolved to produce less CD (up to 0.3) compared to the older cars. For further reduction of drag, the drag caused by the flow through engine room has to be reduced [21]. Air jet wheel deflector framework was effectively acquainted with decrease vehicle streamlined drag [22]. Grooved tires and slick tires were distinguished as far as drag coefficient as well as pressure conveyance is concerned [23]. For the safety of vehicles and its passengers the instability caused due to the action of wind is to be studied. In heavy vehicles there is a major safety issue concerned with rollover, which is mainly caused due to crosswinds [24]. The aerodynamic loads acting on the vehicle which is affected by the surrounding infrastructure like flat ground, embankment, single and double viaduct for upward and downward wind and for a trailed unit, has been studied, because the surrounding contributes to the instability of

the vehicle [21]. The moving vehicle procedure was set up to see the effects of crosswind on a heavy vehicle [22]. For a car, the usage of a rear spoiler helps in reducing turbulence at the rear and increases down-force [11][12]. Race car deceleration is also as important as acceleration because of the need for better handling around the corners, the braking ability of the car can be improved using the rear wing and drag formed while steering [14]. The F1 car rear wing needs to generate enough downforce when entering a corner without having a significant increase in aerodynamic drag to keep the car stable [15]. The effects of under body, front and rear wings of an open wheel race car on generation of down force without increasing its aerodynamic drag were studied [16]. The wake area behind the car causes a positive lift causing instability [17]. Each part and each change will affect the drag and down force [18]. The coefficient of lift is affected by the wheels of the race car [19]. The streamlined qualities impact the aspects of fuel economy and the guiding dependability of a fast moving vehicle [23]. When the diffuser point builds, the under-body stream and particularly the wake change extraordinarily and the weight change correspondingly [26]. At a specific height of spoiler, the attack angle for wind impact has an effect on the drag and lift value [27]. A relative investigation of the streamlined attributes was made for the body of a Formula SA race car utilizing FLUENT between the states of being without the wing bundle and being with the wing bundle under various angles of attack [28]. A two-dimensional CFD evaluation has been performed on the airfoil profiles of the front wing with and without ground impact and back wings (detached) of a Formula Mazda race car for different attack angles [29]. In order to find out the issues in the current designs of the vehicles, theory revealing that a mean drag reduction can be achieved by manipulating wake flow fluctuations was presented [30]. Some quantitative data are provided to study the flow around the articulated Lorries since there is a lack of quantitative data [31]. The effects on the body of a vehicle while cornering had been studied to improve its aerodynamic characteristics [32]. To find out the area which needs the most attention while designing to reduce the drag on a vehicle is studied using a 2 man bobsleigh [33]. Using different LES (Large eddy simulations) models large scale turbulent flow structures are shown [34]. Due to increase in global warming, the designers are required to design vehicles in such a way that aerodynamic drag is reduced and hence there will be fewer emissions. By using a boxfish design, the vehicles will also take inspiration from the designs that have been in nature for so many years (biomimicry) [35]. The impact of a car's tail on its streamlined execution has enabled the designer to propose a new design for the tail [36]. A prototype car called "Horas Mesin USU" was designed with a goal to achieve the best aerodynamic qualities [37]. The change in drag after the expansion of wind screen was shown [38]. This paper contains a review on recent trends in aerodynamic performance developments of automobiles; the vehicles studied in this paper are heavy goods vehicles and light vehicles which are cars. The paper is divided into three main key areas: a) Reduction of drag, b) Instability caused due to the aerodynamic effects, and c) Design optimization.

## REDUCTION OF DRAG

### In heavy vehicles

A scale model of a truck was used in a wind tunnel to determine the reduction of drag when different external attachments were used. Aerodynamic drag ( $D$ ) is dependent on the frontal area projected ( $A$ ), coefficient of drag  $C_D$ , speed of vehicle  $V$  and density of air  $\rho$ . The formula is given as:  $D = 1/2 ( C_D \rho V^2 A )$ . Tests were conducted with different wind speeds and different yaw angles, the sensor measured all 3 forces (drag, lift and side forces) and 3 moments (yaw, pitch and roll) simultaneously. The general range of  $C_D$  is 0.5 to 0.9, the baseline model has the most  $C_D$  and the model with side skirts, front skirts and the gap between tractor unit and trailer unit filled, had the lowest  $C_D$ . The authors considered these methods by looking at papers like [39]–[41]. The experiments conducted show that, a maximum of 26% reduction in drag can be achieved by using external attachments [1]. The aerodynamic drag generated from the under-body flow of a heavy vehicle was studied using wind tunnel and CFD methods. The obtained values were compared with Ahmed body [42]. Details regarding streamline flow around vehicles can be found in [43]. A 15-ton truck and 40 foot trailer were the two models used for testing. A model fitted with normal side skirts is referred to as the standard, different types of flaps at different angles and a new type of design of side skirt with additional inclined flap panels to smoothen the under body flow are studied. For the models without skirts, both models showed uniform drag coefficient. For the model with the flap inclination, at 45 degree there was max drag reduction that is 5.3% and 4.7% for 15-ton truck and 40 foot trailer respectively compared to the normal skirting. The skirting with inner panel folded, at an angle of 60 degree, the drag reduction was huge compared to the models without a skirt that is 5.1% and 5.0% respectively. From LES it is found that drag reduction of the flap-type side skirt is 5.4%, it almost is in

agreement with the experimental value obtained from wind tunnel [2]. To improve the fuel efficiency of the truck three methods were studied: energy management, adaptive aerodynamics and Human Machine Interface (HMI). The author has referred papers such as [44], [45]. The truck used here is a long haul tractor attached to a semi-trailer, the engine present is modified and fitted with number of electrically controlled actuators, like radiator shutter, electrical fans, electrical water pump, additional generator, controllable thermostat and electrohydraulic power steering servo. The truck is also fitted with controllable aerodynamic devices that are involved with its aerodynamics and fuel consumption (FC). The total fuel consumption was less than that of a normal truck after with the usage of the combined system. The CFD tests show that fuel saving can be improved up to 0.3-1.5% by using side deflectors. Controllable radiator shutter gives 0.3% and a controllable roof deflector gives 0-2% potential gain [3]. To study the effects of different shapes of flaps attached at the rear top of the vehicle that contribute to the drag reduction without the need of new design, the experiment was done. A similar experiment was done before [46]. The studies were conducted with respect to Ahmed body [47]. The CFD analyses were conducted in Star CCM+. The flaps used were having same width as the truck body but were tested for different lengths and mounting angles, the flap were tested with same length and surface areas respectively for all the different shaped flaps. Even perforated flaps were tested with different perforation diameters. The flap shapes used were Elliptic, Rectangular and Triangular. The angle of 50° was found out to be the best angle of mount for the flap. The elliptical shaped flap had the most drag reduction compared to the rectangular and triangular shaped flaps for all different lengths tried out. Maximum drag reduction of 11.1% was found using an elliptical flap over the baseline model. Even in the case of perforated flaps elliptical flaps gave the most drag reduction, for the biggest perforation diameter used [4].

Hence the vehicles with most of the surface area covered can have less aerodynamic drag and will be more fuel efficient, which will also reduce emissions [1]. In LES flow structures suggest that, drag through the combined effects of reduced vertical activities, stream wise momentum loss, turbulent kinetic energy, and pressure difference between the upstream and downstream of rear wheels are reduced by flap-type sideskirt, however this paper only studied the under-body flow and its drag reduction [2]. The CFD tests show that fuel saving can be improved by using side deflectors, controllable radiator shutter and a controllable roof deflector [3]. The new elliptical design of rear flaps performed better than the standard designs that are commercially in use as of now, the elliptical flap resulted in symmetric pressure distribution in the wake which in turn reduces the drag [4]. These papers studied the effect of drag reduction by using different kinds of sideskirts, flaps and different external attachments that involved completely covering up the space that are open on a heavy goods vehicle. Out of these studies the maximum drag reduction was seen in [1], because they had covered up the maximum area where there were gaps on the vehicle, but the practicality of covering up most of the gaps is yet to be seen. In Asian subcontinent especially in Bangladesh and Pakistan, most of the truck deflectors are not designed to be aerodynamically efficient but are made only for the aesthetic appeal. The authors studied the drag generated by these deflectors and compared it to a baseline model, and also compared it to an aerodynamically efficient deflector. The author had considered some tests like [48] to conduct this experiment. The streamlined deflector produced 13% less drag compared to baseline model. Whereas the traditional deflectors from Bangladesh showed an increase in drag up to 33% and the Pakistani version increased it up to 56% [5]. Three models of trucks were tested in the study by using solid works flow simulation: 1) truck without fairing 2) truck with an old design of fairing 3) truck with a new design of fairing (old design fairing located 500mm forward). The models were taken with reference to some papers including [49], [50]. The experiment tried to determine the optimal allocation of the fairing on top of the truck. The pressure contours showed that the model 3 had the least pressure acting on its carriage, the pressure on glass window of model 3 was reduced by 75.45 Pa as compared to model 1. The pressure on the hood decreased by 5.53 Pa for model 2 compared to model 1, while it increased by 1.94 Pa for model 3. From velocity contours it was seen that model 3 almost completely streamlines the flow near the separation of tractor and trailer part when compared to model 1 and model 2. The model 3 also had the least aerodynamic force and coefficient of drag acting on it as compared to model 1 and 2 [6].

The experiment concluded that by employing an aerodynamically designed deflector the drag can be reduced and fuel can be saved [5]. It was concluded that if the entire vehicle structure is in a streamlined shape the aerodynamic resistance will reduce, and the best location for the placement of the fairing was determined to be the new position with comparison to other models [6]. Hence it is shown that the use of aerodynamic front fairings or deflectors could easily reduce aerodynamic drag on the vehicle, but lack of knowledge about aerodynamics may result in increase of drag. There are other methods that can reduce the drag of the vehicle like the usage of vortex generators. The authors have studied the pattern of flow downstream of the rear of a 1:20 scale tractor-

trailer model affected by the placement of the vane type vortex generator (VG). The study was done using counter rotating backward facing vane type VG of two sizes VG1 and VG2 respectively and were placed in two locations on top of the trailer, one near the front and other near the end. For the experiment to be proceeded in this way the author has referred to papers such as [51], [52]. The gap between tractor and trailer was minimal. The experiments were done using a closed loop low speed wind tunnel and the model was placed on a false floor. From the smoke visualization tests it was clear that for all the arrangements the flow separation was obtained downstream in the rear end of the trailer. The flow was highly downward in the case of the vane which was bigger (VG2) and placed near the front of the trailer. When compared to a baseline model the models having VG could decrease the recirculation area behind the trailer, it was better for VG2. It was found that when the VG was placed in the front area of the trailer the distance and time available for the mixing of flow between the boundary layer and free-stream increases. Thus at the rear end of trailer the downstream flow pattern is changed. The size of the recirculating region was reduced for models with VG when compared to the baseline models. When VG2 was installed in the front 12.9% reduction of wake vortex was found, but when it was placed in the rear reduction was found to be only 5.8% [7]. An investigation of the likelihood to utilize plasma vortex generator actuators for drag decrease on trucks had been brought out by using wind tunnel where the actuators have been set on the A-pillar with reference to works such as [53], [54]. The principle objective was to perceive how the actuators can be utilized to diminish the drag when the truck goes with a yaw point with regard to the relative breeze speed. The wind tunnel tests demonstrate that drag decrease is conceivable and at a 9 degree angle a decrease of up to 20% in drag can be accomplished. As far as the control coefficient it demonstrates that likewise a net drag decrease is conceivable, that is, in the event that the penalty control utilization of the actuators are considered [8]. The drag on the tractor trailer model was decreased using two types of vortex generators, which are air tabs and vortex generators commonly used on aircraft wings. Two models were tested a single vehicle and two vehicle with convoy rolling distance on a highway. The vortex generators were placed on top and sides of the trailing edge. With the use of air tabs a drag reduction of 1.29% was obtained for single vehicle on a highway and a net reduction of drag of 4.98% was obtained for both the vehicles was obtained when two vehicle with a convoy distance was simulated. The aircraft VG increased the drag on the vehicle by 0.65% and 0.105% for single and two vehicles in convoy respectively [9].

From the two methods used it was clear that both the wake region and the flow reversal strength could be reduced using the bigger vane vortex generator at the front of the trailer unit with a square back [7]. The examination in [8] should have been taken with some alert as the Reynolds number in the wind tunnel is lesser than for full scale, the outcomes are empowering. Work needs to be done with respect to actual size model and also different designs for the actuators [8]. The expansion in drag with the expansion of aircraft vortex generators could be credited to the stature of the vortex generators off the trailer's surface. They could have broadened too far into the limit layer, refuting the advantage of prompting vortices noticeable all around running off the trailer's surface. The drag increment could likewise be because of space between the vehicles in convoy [9]. Hence the vane type vortex showed better reduction of drag when placed in the front side of the trailer, compared to other VGs used.

The convoy rolling of trucks has a significant effect on aerodynamic resistance, the authors have studied the effects of convoy rolling of truck by considering the distance between the trucks. The analysis was done using ANSYS, four truck models were placed behind each other at a distance of 3 meters as it is considered as the safe distance in real traffic scenario. From vector analysis plotted at  $y=0$  plane determined that the first truck had the highest drag compared to the trucks that followed, but the wake structure between the first and second truck was different compared to the other trucks, showing that the second truck had more advantage compared to the others. The entire convoy is also covered in a stream of air thus reducing drag. From streamline analysis it could be seen that wake was similar for all trucks which could be improved using external attachments that improve the aerodynamic properties. It was also found that the turbulence on the second truck was higher compared to the rest. From the plot of surface pressure, it was clear that the first truck had the highest pressure acting on its frontal area, the second one had a 75% reduction in pressure and the following trucks had further reduction in pressure but were not very significant. By conducting analysis on the pressure borders, it was found out that the areas in the front of the cab and back side of the cab need improvement. The disadvantage here could be that there might not be enough direct air available (for the truck that follows) to enter the heat exchanger hence the heat exchanger system might have to be optimized, but there is reduction of aerodynamic resistance as well, which will cause the engine to work more easily [10]. The experiment is concluded with results that show that there is significant reduction of aerodynamic reduction for trucks in convoy, except for the leading truck [10]. Additional work can be done to determine the perfect convoy distance and the proper height of the aircraft vortex generator and the size of these vortex generator used should be properly determined [9].

## Inlightvehicles

By the usage of a rear spoiler the aerodynamic drag on a hatchback model is reduced in order to obtain higher fuel economy. A air-flow at rear was compared to [55]. The car is tested with and without a rear spoiler and the results are discussed. The test was conducted in a subsonic suction type wind tunnel. The scaled model of the car is placed in the wind tunnel. It was found that the car with spoiler had lower pressure variation compared to car without spoiler. It was also found that the car with spoiler had lesser drag force. The coefficient of pressure will be very effective for car with spoiler at high speeds [11]. The RANS-based CFD re-enactments have been conveyed up to research the impact of back roof top spoiler on the streamlined drag execution of an improved hatchback. The outcomes demonstrate that the basic strip-type spoiler could have a valuable impact from  $0^\circ$  to  $5^\circ$  angle of pitch the results were compared to Ahmed body [56]. After this range, the  $C_d$  is found to increment with bigger angle of pitch. The spoiler depends on two primary systems to lessen streamlined drag: 1) by keeping the wind current from quickening at the main edge of the inclination segment, 2) by keeping the arrangement of longitudinal vortices from forming, along the edge of the inclination area. The present outcomes were gotten from stationary re-enactments in which the movement of the vehicle body has not been considered. Movement of vehicle body is normal in real world scenario, and could change the tendency point of the spoiler when the movement mode is of pitching [12]. The author took into consideration papers such as [57], [58]. Using wind tunnel experimentation the aerodynamic characteristics of a race car wing is tested and later the values obtained are compared with the values obtained from CFD simulation. Some values were obtained in experiments such as [59], [60]. All the 3 momentum and all 3 forces are found out. The pressure and drag on wing is found out in wind tunnel and compared with CFD analysis found with STAR-CCM the average relative error is found to be 4%. When the sideslip angle is fixed, there is no correlation among aerodynamic force and moment coefficient and speed. When the speed is fixed, with the increase of sideslip angle, aerodynamic force and torque coefficients showed a certain change regulation [13].

For a race car deceleration is also as important as acceleration because of the need for better handling around the corners, the braking ability of the car can be improved using the rear wing and drag formed while steering. NITK Racing Formula Student Car used a mechanical actuator to convert the translator motion of brake pedal to rotatory motion of the aerofoil blade on the wing. Various attack angles were used to find the best medication for the rear wing aerofoil. The difference between coefficient of drag of the initial aerofoil design and modified design were observed.  $C_D = 2 \sin^2 \alpha$  using this it was found that sufficient drag was obtained while varying the angle  $\alpha$  from 30 to 80 degree, the maximum drag can be estimated using  $C_{D,max} = (1.994 - 5.4375)y/c$ , where  $y$  is the aerofoil thickness measured at the leading edge when  $x/c \leq 0.0125$ ,  $x$  is the distance from the leading edge on the chord line and  $c$  is the chord length [14]. For this experiment some references were from [61]. The author used a 2D model in FLUENT to investigate air flow around the F1 wing using  $k-\epsilon$ ,  $k-\omega$  and  $k-\omega$  models. A speed of 43 m/s was used in order as it is the average speed at which an F1 car enters the corners. The wings were made of main plane and flap wing. The rear wing generates high down-force if the angle of attack is high, which also increases the drag on aerofoil. 12 models including 3 different thicknesses for the flap wing, with the closing at 10 mm and opening at 50 mm when Drag Reduction System (DRS) was activated was considered with big and short flap wings. In DRS flap wing opens and closes when the driver activates it. As there is lack of experimental data on the rear wing of F1 car only single aerofoil was considered for validation. A book produced by director of NASA was used to compare the numerical data obtained with their experimental data. Using the 3 turbulence model the test was conducted for attack angle of  $0^\circ$ . It was observed that  $k-\omega$  was most accurate for prediction of separation bubble formation, growth and reattachments; hence it was used for all cases. It was found out that the drag produced by the rear wing consisting of main and flap wing, decreases with increase of the thickness of aerofoil. From the results, the big flaps used in the wing produced greater down-force with comparison to small flaps but when DRS was used small flaps have the tendency of increasing the speed of the car by reducing drag force. Hence it was concluded that short flaps are better for a F1 car in a circuit where there are higher number of straight lines [15]. The authors studied the effects of underbody, front and rear wings of an open wheel race car on generation of down-force without increasing its aerodynamic drag. The steady viscous flow is assumed and Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations along with the standard SST ( $k-\omega$ ) turbulence model are used for simulation. Four models were used for computational simulations: A) car with a flat under-body, B) car equipped with rear diffuser in the end of the under-body, C) car equipped with diffuser at the end of under-body, and front and rear wings made of 2 elements D) is equipped with diffuser at the end of under-body, and front and rear wings made of 3 elements. The diffuser employed creates favourable down-force without affecting drag, while the front and rear wings produced down-force with increase in drag. The effects of drag were similar for both C and D, which shows that for a given angle of incidence and same overall chord length, the number of elements,

does not make a significant effect. With respect to the lift-to-drag ratio  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  preferred, but model D is preferred over C because 3 elements are of less volume compared to 2 elements and hence weighs less. After the model D was selected as the favourable model for an open wheel race car the flow around the rear wing is studied using wool tufts and computational analysis, it is found that both the techniques agree with each other [16][62]. Using the flow around the car by employing CFD analysis (Ansys 14.5) a car of production model was studied, the car was also studied with diffusers at different angles and the model which was optimum was selected. The accuracy of the CFD solver was found by testing a test case Ahmed body, the  $C_D$  values agreed with the one found in the wind tunnel test. After the test the car model employed was found to have the same values of  $C_D$  and  $C_L$ . The car model then was tested with an addition of rear diffusers at different angles. After the test was completed the angle of  $8^\circ$  was found to be the best angle, because it decreased the  $C_L$  (-0.01968) with a negligible increase in  $C_D$  (+0.0019). For angles greater than  $8^\circ$  even though  $C_L$  decreased the  $C_D$  values also significantly increased [17].

Improvement of the formula SAE first prototype race car which belongs to the University of Perugia was done using wind tunnel and CFD analysis. The streamline characteristics of a formula SAE car can be referred from [63],[64]. The first phase of the study was limited to only the nose part of the car, the purpose of this phase is to find out if the drag in experimental and numerical analysis agree with each other. These two phases compare two open wheel race cars only numerically; the two cars used are RB11.1\_A and RB11.1\_B. The wind tunnel at the University of Perugia is a closed loop configuration. A full scale vehicle nose was used, test runs were of 75 seconds each and were conducted using 3 setups: rising speed ramp, regime, decreasing speed ramp. The CFD analysis was conducted in steady state using incompressible model since  $k-\omega$  is one of the best turbulent models it is used here. The wind tunnel value of coefficient of drag obtained for the phase one is 0.46 and CFD value is 0.43. For phase two after comparing the numerical analysis by removing and adding individual parts, it is observed that each part and each change will affect the drag and downforce [18]. ARTeC's EMO-C car is a formula type car with fenders on the rear tyres, the drag coefficient and airflow around the body is found out using CFD and wind tunnel experiments. The EMO-C car is a car with blended wheel body concept meaning it is a combination of formula type cars and urban cars, but it has a very small front area compared to urban cars, it is a car built for a race of maximum fuel efficiency, hence even low speed aerodynamics is considered. For the CFD analysis FLUENT is used at speed of 13.9 m/s. A car model is created in CATIA and pre-processed for discretization of control volume, using GAMBIT. Inviscid flow is used at atmospheric pressure, the drag coefficient without tire is 0.312 and with tire is 0.42. For wind tunnel experimental 1/10<sup>th</sup> scale model is used at 10-30 m/s, the wind tunnel is equipped with 3 component balance, the drag coefficient was found to be 0.48. The value obtained from CFD is less than the wind tunnel value this is because CFD did not take in to consideration the skin friction. 25.7 % of profile drag coefficient is due to the tires, without tires there will be reduction in drag coefficient. Aerodynamic drag comes into consideration for not more than 20% of overall power of the engine while at an average speed of 40 kmph [19]. The assessment of streamlined stream consequences for side mirror shape for a normal car utilizing ANSYS Fluent CFD programming is studied. From the pressure coefficient examination on side view mirror outlines results are assessed to break down the unstable powers that become the reasons for the vibrations to surface of the mirror and picture obscuring. The vibration additionally causes drag powers that expand the general drag coefficient, with a presumption of bringing about higher fuel utilization and exhaust discharge. Three types of side view mirror configurations were researched with two speeds of 17 m/s and 33 m/s. Type 1 was dependent on a semi-circle shape while type 2 was dependent on a sharp end with triangular shape and the type 3 was finished by consolidating rectangular shape with triangular edges. Results demonstrate that the half-circle configuration demonstrates to be the best type with the least change in drag and pressure coefficient [20].

Over the years passenger cars have aerodynamically evolved to produce less  $C_D$  (up to 0.3) compared to the older cars. For further reduction of drag, the inner flow drag of cars is considered. The drag within the engine room contributes to about 10% of total aerodynamic drag. The car was tested on the large-scale low-speed wind tunnel of Tokai University with moving belt ground for 6 types of inlet grill openings including a no opening grill arranged in 12 different positions. The engine was loaded in lengthwise and widthwise, it was also tested with and without the placement of a radiator, hence a total of 48 flow patterns were tested. The tests concluded that with the increase in inlet opening size the drag and the front lift increased but the rear lift decreased for the models without radiators. For model equipped with radiator the drag increases with increase of height of inlet but the effects of position of opening is minute, front lift increases with decrease in inlet opening height, the rear lift becomes less considerable. Hence the drag and lift depends on the height of inlet opening, but the drag is also majorly affected by engine arrangement and also the positioning of the inlet [21].

Airjetwheeldeflector framework was effectively acquainted with decrease vehiclestreamlined drag. The framework is situated before the haggle air flyopposite to the free stream bearing in understanding with vehicle drivingvelocity. Thisairstreamactslikeanairshadewhichdecreasesthestreamlined drag by avoiding the free stream far from the tire. It wasillustratedthatastheairflyspeedexpands,thedevelopmentofstagnationweight was deferred at the tire surface which results in the tire dragdecrease. Moreover,itwasfoundthatmassstreamratetothewheelhouseis altogether lessened which results in drag decrease as the air fly speedincrements. A parametric report for the air fly diverter framework bychangingairflyspeeduncoveredthatdragdecreaseof6.4%wasaccomplished when the fly speed was indistinguishable to vehicle drivingrate. This framework can be utilized not just for the drag decrease yet

inadditionimprovingbrakecoolingexecutionbytiltingtheimpingjetheadingtothebrakecaliper[22].Themostvitalcontrastsbetweenstreamaround the grooved tires and slick tires were distinguished as far as dragcoefficientaswellasweightconveyance.Exactinvestigationoftwomethodologiesutilizedforwheelreproductionunmistakablydemonstrated that the utilization of Multiple Reference Frame displayfundamentally enhances the exactness of numerical model. Distinction indragcoefficientbetweennumerical examinationandanalysisforslicktirecanbeassociatedwithweightdropclosetothe regionofcontactbetweenthegrounds.Samepropensitycanbewatchedfortirewithnotches,anyway flying impact related with slick tire is in charge of greater weightdrop and as a ramification for greater profile opposition. Those

wonderswereclarifiedbyInstituteofTurbomachineryatLodzUniversityofTechnologyinparticipationwithPSA Peugeot CitroendependentonPeugeot207body.Consequencesofnumerical examinationswereconfirmedinPSAwindtunnel [23].In cars the drag can be reduced using several external add-on elementssuch as spoilers, aerodynamic shaped mirrors, diffusers and so on. Theusageofarearspoilerhelpinreducingturbulenceattherearandincreases down-force [11]–[16]. The attackangle is a very importantfactor as after certain angles they can increase drag instead of decreasingit as seen above. Spoilers with actuators can give the best result as it cancreateexcessdown-forceonlywhenrequired[14],[15].Whereasdiffusers are better used for lift management rather than decreasing drag[17]. Table.1comparesdifferentmethodsofdragreduction.

**TABLE1.** Comparingthedifferentmethodsusedbydifferentpaperstoreduceaerodynamicdrag

Vehicle type	Description	Advantages	Limitations	Remarks
semi-trailer truck[1][3]	Use of side-skirts and different fairings	Drag was reduced	Complex nature of design	The real size model has to be tested
Truck-trailer [2][7][9]	Different side skirts. Different types of VGs	Maximum drag reduction for 45o inclined skirt. VG reduces drag.	ground clearance is reduced	The VG position and design must accurate
truck[4]–[6]	Differenttypesofflapsandfairingsaretested	Elliptical flaps andaerodynamic deflectorsplaced forward,reduced drag	Testsdonewerelimited	Dragreductionispossible byusingthesemethods
Hatchback car[11][12]	Dragreductionbyrearspoiler	Thespoiler reduceddrag	Properanglemustbemaintainedforthespoiler	Spoilerscanbothcreate andreducedrag
Racecar[13]–[19]	characteristicsofthewing,diffuserandunderbody weretested	Modelequipped withfront and rear wing anddiffuserhadthebestresult	angleofattackmustbevariedtoadopttothesituation	Actuatedwingsadaptto requiredsituations
Passenger car[20][21]	Designofsideviewmirrorsandengine roomflow	Semi-circleshapemirrorswerebest.	Testswere limited.10% dragcanbefromengineroom	Moremirrorshapesandengine layouts canbetested
truck[4]–[6]	Differenttypesofflapsandfairingsaretested	Elliptical flaps andaerodynamic deflectorsplaced forward,reduced	Testsdonewerelimited	Dragreductionispossible byusingthesemethods

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## INSTABILITY CAUSED DUE TO AERODYNAMIC EFFECTS

### In heavy vehicles

When it comes to heavy vehicles crosswind which causes rollover is a big risk to the passengers in it [24], [25]. With respect to a heavy vehicle in flat ground scenario, at a high yaw angle the effect of flow and mean turbulent conditions were made clear. The simulated vertical wind speeds control the moment of roll and lateral forces. At the windward roof edge the vertical component of the flow is mainly affected at its detachment point, which moves upward when suction over the roof top increases, which leads to bigger upward directed vertical force. Detail regarding crosswind effect can be found in [65]–[69]. The trends of lateral force and roll moment admittance functions are found to be similar, that is with the increase of non-dimensional frequency from  $0 \rightarrow \infty$  they decreased from  $1 \rightarrow 0$ . The admittance function with respect to vertical force is 1 at 0 non dimensional frequency and maximum with unit non dimensional frequency. Vertical force is independent of the pressure on the lateral surface but the main influence for it is the pressure distribution underneath and on the top of the vehicle. With respect to heavy vehicle moving in a scenario other than flat ground, which are embankment, single and double viaduct for upward and downward wind and for tractor trailer with a trailed unit, for all yaw angles, the flat ground is having the least effect of rollover. Highest risk of rollover was found to be for single viaduct at larger yaw angles ( $\alpha > 50^\circ$ ) and at small yaw angles for embankment and double viaduct scenarios. On viaduct and embankment, the lateral aerodynamic force acting on the vehicle decreases from upward to downward wind flow position as well as roll moment, for high yaw angle. A considerable difference was found in yaw moment of viaduct and embankment scenarios, the amplitude of both remains same but are in opposite signs [24]. The moving vehicle procedure was set up and approved utilizing the experiment of two prisms in relative movement under crosswind activity and contrasting the numerical wind tunnel results and the trial ones of a comparable case introduced in the writing. Asymmetry in the side power and yaw moment variety near the pinnacle is available due to the non-symmetrical geometry of the genuine truck. The horizontal speedup of the crosswind initiated by the pinnacle corners results in the lateral force and the yaw moment serving as the vehicle methodologies and leaves the pinnacle wake, while a 30% decrease in the side force happens when the vehicle is amid the wake [25]. After comparing the different types of trailers, the smooth surface of tank was having lower lateral forces. The trailers with larger areas on sides on which the wind acts the most had higher risk of rollover, they were found to have very high points of force acting on it. The yaw moment is mainly affected by the length of the vehicle [24]. The lateral force admittance function is mainly influenced by the side area of the vehicle on which wind is acting [24], [25]. If the side area on which the wind is acting on is large the amplitudes of the lateral force admittance function will be smaller [24].

### In light vehicles

The usage of a rear spoiler on a hatchback car helped in reducing turbulence at the rear and increases down-force [11]. The RANS-based CFD re-enactments have been conveyed to research the impact of back roof top spoiler on the streamlined drag execution of an improved hatchback show. The outcomes demonstrate that the basic strip-type spoiler could have a valuable impact from  $0^\circ$  to  $5^\circ$  angle of pitch [12]. The rear wing of a formula type race car should produce high down-force for stability around the corners, but it should not increase the drag when going in a straight line, this is achieved by using actuators, best angle for the aerofoil when in a straight line was dependent on the design of the wing, the best angle for maximum stopping force was when the wing was perpendicular to flow of wind [14], [15]. The open wheel race car equipped with front and rear wings and a diffuser performed much better than a car equipped with none of them as well as car with only front or rear wing or diffuser [16]. The car models were tested with an addition of rear diffusers at different angles. After the test was completed the angle of  $8^\circ$  was found to be the best angle, because it decreased the  $C_L$  (-0.01968) with a negligible increase in  $C_D$  (+ 0.0019) compared to the car model without a diffuser, for angles greater than  $8^\circ$  the  $C_D$  values increased. The wake area behind the car can contribute largely to the positive lift, hence the wake area behind the car was reduced and the air was directed upwards, hence reduced lift and increased down-force was found with the employment of rear diffuser [17]. By removing and adding individual parts, it is observed that each part and each change will affect the drag and down force [18].



**TABLE2.**Comparingthemethodsusedtocontroltheaerodynamicinstability

Vehicle type	Description	Advantages	Limitations	Remarks
Truck[24][25]	Effects of crosswind which causes rollover	Smooth windward surface can reduce the chances of rollover	The surrounding effect of the force acting on the vehicles	vehicle design has to be improved to avoid rollover
Hatchback car[11][12]	Using spoiler to create down-force	Angle of 0 to 5 degrees create high down-force	If the attack angle is too high it can create drag	Down force should
Race car[14] – [19],[28],[29]	The wing, diffuser and underbody were tested	80 to 160 degree attack angle provided enough down-force	Further increase in angle can also increase drag. The tire produced lift	Actuated spoiler creates drag when required and reduces when not required
Passenger car[17][26],[27]	The effects of a rear diffuser and spoiler on air flow were studied	Angle of 80 of diffuser had sufficient down-force. Spoiler of 120 inclination was ideal	Beyond 80 angle of diffuser the drag increases. The 120 spoiler increases CD	The lift can be reduced but it should not increase the drag

The lift caused by the tires were tested and the lift coefficient without tyre is = -0.053 and with tyre is 0.339 [19]. The under-body backside diffuser is one of critical streamlined extra gadgets. The impact of the angle of diffuser was examined with the absence of these separator and the end plate. The technique for CFD was embraced to consider the streamlined qualities of an improved vehicle with an alternated diffuser edge individually. The diffuser point was set to 0°, 3°, 6°, 9.8° and 12° separately. The initial model had a diffuser point set at 9.8°. The results showed that when the diffuser point builds, the under-body stream and particularly the wake change extraordinarily and the weight change correspondingly; thus for the car, the aggregate streamlined drag coefficients diminishes first and after that in increments, while the aggregate streamlined lift coefficients diminish [26]. At a specific height of spoiler, the spoiler that has a little attack angle for wind impact gives higher drag value. This is because of the way that with a little attack angle, the spoiler would make a little reflow zone behind the backside of the travelling vehicle. The wind stream behind the vehicle is diverted by the back spoilers and increments the down force of the vehicle. The spoiler with inclination of 12 degree demonstrates the most ideal case, however it makes 1.56% additional CD than the spoiler with angle of inclination of 4 degree. Least CL is kept up in the model which is a fundamental necessity for better handling of high velocity vehicle [27].

A relative investigation of the streamlined attributes was made for the body of a Formula SA race car utilizing FLUENT between the states of being without the wing bundle and being with the wing bundle under various angle of attack: 1) Without the wings, the static weight of the front body, the front piece of the tires and the driver's chest and head is the most astounding. There are enormous vortexes behind the driver creates a great deal of negative weight. 2) With the wings, the wings can give huge down-force which can enhance the car's execution in the Dynamic Events. At the point when the angle of attack of the back wing is 8°, it can supply 65% down-force. It can give a hypothetical premise and specialized parameter for the streamlined development planning and enhancement of cars [28]. The front wing appears to build up a bigger net down-force when stream is re-enacted with ground impact. The outcomes demonstrate that there is a slight increment in the CL of around 20% from 0° to 12° attack angle. Also, there is a checked diminishing in CL around 45%, which may demonstrate that between 12° and 16° attack angle there is a potential for a "slow down" condition with their-

foil. Additionally, the Cd for this wing demonstrates a consistent increment to around half until the 12° attack angle is met, after which the estimation of the coefficient of lift turns out to be moderately steady [29]. The designs for the air-foil were also taken from [70][71]. In cars the instability caused is mainly due to the positive lift created; this can be stabilized by creating negative lift (down-force) [11], [12], [14]–[19], [26]–[29]. The down forces can be created by using rear diffusers [16],[17],[26], rear spoilers [11],[12],[14]–[16],[27]–[29], front spoiler [16],[19],[29]. The techniques used by race cars can also be implemented on to the passenger cars up to a certain extent, but the cost of production may turn out to be impractical. Table.2 compares different methods to control instability.

## DESIGN OPTIMIZATION

### Design features that require improvement

To develop new designs the areas that need to be improved on the existing design of the vehicle and methods suitable for analysis must be found out. Theory revealing that a mean drag reduction can be achieved by manipulating wake flow fluctuations was presented. In blunt bluff bodies, due to the blunt rear face there is wake behind the body, creating pressure drop compared to the front. Using linear feedback control, the mean pressure on the base of the body required to obtain drag reductions should be increased. To obtain the relationship between mean drag and flow fluctuations a bluff body in a control volume with incompressible flow is considered. The use of feedback loop control made the D-shaped body achieve better results in terms of achieving better attenuation of base pressure fluctuation and increasing mean base pressure. The control strategy is based on body mounted sensing and actuation only and hence can be used on moving bluff bodies [30]. Some ideas regarding streamline flow around heavy vehicles can be obtained from [72], [73]. To study the flow around the articulated Lorriesthere is a lack of quantitative data, hence this study tried to investigate and find out some quantitative data. [74], [75] have been referred to get a clearer idea on aerodynamic characteristics of a heavy vehicle. From Surface oil flow visualisation it was observed that in front of the tractor there is a stagnation zone, and due to the sharp front edge of the trailer there is presence of small separation bubbles, hence, at the back side of the trailer a minimal downwards pointing shear layer and a large counter-clockwise rotating wake vortex had appeared, it concluded that two sides of the articulated lorry model had symmetrical flow pattern, a huge span wise flow separation was found at beginning of tractor model, at the rear end a pair of counter rotating vortices is found due to a region of low pressure wake. From the two-component particle image velocimetry measurements we can conclude that a stagnation point is in front of the tractor model, second stagnation point is in the front edge of trailer, a separation bubble was found in front of the tractor model, large counter-clockwise rotating wake vortex was found at the rear end of the trailer. The instantaneous streamwise flow patterns solved through two component particle image velocimetry measurements tells that there are two streamline vortices formed in the wake region [31]. The change of aerodynamic effects on the body of a vehicle while cornering when compared to it travelling on a straight path was studied using Wall-resolved Large Eddy Simulations, on a Ahmed body with a 25° slant back at the rear top (Ahmed body [47]). The curvature of the path of vehicle traveling through a corner is inversely proportional to the radius. When the radius of the corner was 5L (L is length of the vehicle) there was an increase in drag coefficient by 19.2% as compared to when travelling in a straight line and for larger radius it decreased. Also for the 5L cornering radius because of the thickness of the outboard side boundary layer the maximum increase in the viscous drag value was by 8.3%. The rear face of the body contributes greatly for the increase in drag, due to the change in the wake structure which results in decreased flow over the surface. Since there was higher pressure on outboard side and the pressure on the inboard side was lower there was a negative side force acting towards the centre of rotation. There was an increase in angle of vortex formed in the C-pillar across the slant back face, which caused an increase in vertical extension of pressure deficit [32]. The aerodynamics flow of a standard 2-man bobsleigh is studied in a wind tunnel experiment using a 50% scale model. The model was first done in CATIA and then a real model was made using high-density polyurethane foam. The bobsleigh was placed in the RMIT wind tunnel 50 mm above the ground using a special mount, a multi axis force sensor was used. The test was conducted with varying speed from 30 km/h to 130 km/h, with an increment of 10 km/h at zero yaw angles. The drag force D was converted to coefficient of drag CD using:  $CD = D / (0.5 \rho V^2 A)$  and Reynolds number  $Re = \rho V L / \mu$ . To understand the flow behaviour around the bobsleigh two methods were used, for high speeds the wool tufts were cut into 40 mm pieces and attached on surface of bobsleigh, and air flow was measured, for low wind speeds smoke visualization was conducted. The experimentally obtained value of  $CD = 0.289$  without the crew, runner and carries; with the crew it could be around 0.314. Flow visualization indicates that the design of the rear bumper is not very effective in reducing CD as compared to the front nose and the side curvature design [33].

### New concept designs

By using a boxfish design, the vehicles will also take inspiration from the designs that have been in nature for so many years (biomimicry). Over the years the designs of cars have continually evolved to reduce the coefficient of drag due to air, however there is still scope for improvements if some changes are done, but these changes should not affect other performance parameters such as cooling etc., hence experimental and computational methods are used to study the aerodynamics of boxfish design. The Ostraciidae fish family have the body geometries which are desirable to design a vehicle, especially yellow boxfish due to its simple box geometry. The experiment conducted used RMIT wind tunnel, with closed return circuit and rectangular cross-section. A Styrofoam model of the boxfish was connected with a 6 component sensor (JR3). A CAD model prepared in CATIA was used in CFX

(version 14.5). Reynolds numbersensitivitytestandyawnangletestwereconductedundertwoturbulenceschemes (standard  $k-\omega$  and  $k-\epsilon$ ).  $k-\omega$  for most of the cases agreed withwind tunnel values, even though its less stable. From the flow featuresobtained it was seen that at the front, with very little flow separation theunique shape near the mouth region allowed transition into the back. Atthe rear due to the diffusion process from all sides CD is reduced from thepressure recovery of the fuel. The simplified model of the boxfish wasfoundtohaveadragcoefficientof0.073ataReynoldsnumbersequivalentto 100 km/h of inflow velocity. The boxfish design was found to be moreefficientatminimizingtheaerodynamicdrag[35].By utilizing the FLUENT programming and other numerical reproductiontechniques to think about the impact of a car's tail on its streamlinedexecution,andbreakingdownaltnatefactorsthatimpactacar'soutsidestream field, this strategy can viably give a reference of what models ofcars are perfect for model making for future wind tunnel tests. Upgradingvehicle tail configuration can enhance the dynamic execution of car, theenhancedcarmodel'sdragcoefficientwasfoundtobearound4.5%lowerthan the essential model, and the lift coefficient was around 41.6% lowerthanthefundamentalmodel,enhancingthamodel'sstreamlinedexecutionaltogether.Theaerodynamicperforman ceofavehicleisgreatlyinfluencedbythemirrorsandwheels.Withgroundclearancediminishing,the drag coefficient diminishes constantly; the lift coefficient expands first,andthatpointdiminishes,foralittlevehicle.Thebiggergroundclearanceimprovesvehicle probability[36].Aprototypecarcalled“HorasMesinUSU”plannedbyUniversityof SumateraUtaratotake partinthecontestofenergyefficiencywastested.In the outcomes, path-line, speed vector and weight appropriation areplotted. By utilizing the pressure appropriations, drag and lift coefficientsarecomputed.Withtheendgoaltomakeanexamination,thestreamlinedqualities of the present concept are contrasted with a production car“Ford-Fiesta”. The Horas Mesin USU had a drag coefficient of 0.29598 onan average and Ford-Fiesta had a drag coefficient of 0.24320. Then again,the found lift coefficients of the Horas Mesin USU and Ford-Fiesta are0.09485621and0.03192202respectivelyonanaverage.ThisrealityproposessthatFord-FiestahasasuperiorstreamlinedexecutionincorrelationwithHorasMesinUSU.Itisrecommendedtoperforminvestigation to enhance the streamlined execution of Horas Mesin USU[37].Theproposedtechniquesforthestreamliningofdragofthecarbyexpandingthefrontwindshieldpointandshap improvementdemonstrates that the second case give less drag additionally a superiorstreamlined trademark, and was affirmed by the 2D and 3D investigationof“BMW3series”vehiclewhichhasbeeneffectivelydoneonbotheexistingandoverhauleddemonstrate.Th eoutcomedemonstratesincredibleconcurrency with the wind-tunnel test result for the first model, while theoverhauled 3D show has better optimal design when contrasted with thecurrentmodel;thedragcoefficientwasdiminishedby8.85%.Thetallnessof the vehicle was lessened by 6.7 cm in the overhauled vehicle. From theCFD results, it is clear that just expanding the point between the frontwindshield andmotorhood withoutmodifyingtheouterstateofthevehicledoesnothaveamajorimpactontheestimationofthestreamlineddrag. While expanding the front windshield point and modifying the stateofthecarimpactsthestreamlineddragandmorestreamlinedwindcurrent[38].Table.3comparesnewdesigns.

**TABLE3.**Comparingnewdesignconcepts

Vehicle type	Description	Advantages	Limitations	Remarks
boxfishdesign[35]	Bio-mimicryofyellowboxfishofOstraciidaeifish family.	CD= 0.073at a Reynoldsnumbersequivalentto100km/hofinflow velocity.	Shapeofthevehicleisdifferentfromconventionalvehicles	The CDvalues are lesserthan the values of normalvehicles
Newtailshapeof car[36]	Upgradingthetail-shapeofthecartoimproveair flow	Dragwasreducedby4.5%andlift wasdecreased	Onlythetailshapehasbeenstudied	Otherpartsalsohavetobeperconsidered
HorasMesinUSU[37]	Thenewdesignwascomparedwithrespecttofordfiesta	The CD and CL were found to belesserthanfordfiesta	The fordfiestahad betteraerodynamic characteristics	The designfailedtobe better than anyproductioncar.

Car with expanded wind shield [38]	Expanding wind shield to study the aerodynamic effects	The drag coefficient was diminished by 8.85%.	expanding the front wind shield of the car impacts the streamlined drag and wind current	The change on the vehicle did not have any major impact.
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## CONCLUSIONS

This review on recent trend in aerodynamic performance developments in automobiles is built based on three key areas for heavy goods vehicles and light vehicles which are:

**Reduction of drag:** The non-streamline shape of the heavy vehicles causes a lot of aerodynamic drag to act on them, which causes several ill effects including reduced performance, increased emissions, and increased fuel consumption. From the papers it can be seen that the attempts to reduce drag on heavy vehicles have been done using several types of external add-on parts like skirts, front fairing, flaps, and vortex generators and so on. In [1] 26% reduction in drag can be achieved by using external attachments which involved covering up most of the gaps such as gap between tractor and trailer unit and also by using side skirts to cover up the space between the wheels and by using a front fairing to streamline the flow as much as possible. However this experiment was done on a scaled model so the actual size model may have slightly different values for reduction of drag. The ground clearance will also be reduced. From different types of vortex generators used the vane type of VG did perform better when the size was bigger and placed to the front end of the trailer. In cars it was seen that the attack angle of the spoiler plays an important role in either decreasing or increasing the coefficient of drag. The angle of attack is dependent on the shape of the aerofoil. The combination of different add-ons like front wing, diffusers, and rear wing all help in reduction of drag, and each part can either increase or decrease the drag.

**Instability caused due to the aerodynamic effects:** The main reason for instability of heavy vehicles are crosswinds acting on the side of the vehicles which may cause the vehicle to roll over, and these crosswind effects will also be dependent on the surrounding elements. The rollover is very high for the vehicles with larger surface areas on the side, and is lesser for the vehicles with rounder and smoother surface on the windward side. In cars the lift is the main reason for instability and difficulty in handling. The stability can be obtained by creating enough down-force. The down forces can be created by using rear diffusers, rear spoilers, and front spoiler and so on. The techniques used by race cars can also be implemented on the passenger cars up to a certain extent, but the cost of production may turn out to be impractical.

**Design optimization:** Many experiments have shown data to obtain the areas which require developments in terms of designs. The stagnation zones, high pressure areas, wake area, flow turbulence and streamline flow, and many other reaction to the air was found out. The box fish type of design inspired from box fish is a design capable of producing a lot of reduction in drag compared to the normal design of the vehicle. But using this kind of design might not be aesthetically appealing compared to the design trends for cars as of now. Improvement of the design can be done by optimizing only a certain portion of the vehicle. Proper measurements must be made before rendering a new design as it can perform lesser than the already existing designs.

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