Investigation Effect of Spring Back on Bending Test of (DP590) Dual Phase Steel

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Abstract: The use of advanced high strength steels as a metal in sheet metal forming in automotive industry currently has been increased where Advanced High Strength Steel (AHSS) especially Dual Phase (DP590) Steels have gained a great attention due to a combination of high strength and good formability. However, one of the major constraints in forming AHSS is the occurrence of high spring back caused by elastic relaxation after loading, which causes illness-fitting in part assembly and geometric deviation of the intended design. Spring back is the main problem of defect that occurs at sheet metal after the bending process which creates problems for the parts during the assembly. This paper presents an investigation the effect of spring back on bending test of Dual Phase Steel (DP590). Punch travel and thickness are among factors affecting the spring back behavior. Various parameter value; punch radius (5mm), die radius (5mm), die gap (70mm), thickness of specimen 1mm and 2mm, punch travel/stroke (25%, 50%, 75%, 100%) from 20 mm depth, punch speed (2mm/min) and Orientation of sheet cutting, which is in rolling (00°), diagonal (45°) and transverse (90°). From the analysis of V-bending test punch travel, thickness and orientation of sheet cutting are significant factor that affecting the spring back phenomena. The result form this experiment could be useful for design engineers and manufacturing engineers to make improvement of predict the spring back behavior and also to understanding the material properties of AHSS in order to eliminate spring back and achieve good final product.

Key words: DP590, Dual Phase Steel, Spring Back, Bending Test, Punch Travel, Orientation of Sheet

INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, popularity of lightweight material such as Advanced High Strength Steel (AHSS) greatly increases because of their characteristic and mechanical properties. In the automotive industry, demand of lightweight material, especially AHSS increase in order to produce a transport with higher fuel efficiency. Usually, AHSS used to make products such as the car components, body panels of a car, and the part of suspension. There a lot types of AHSS with different characteristic and properties such as Dual-phase Steel (DP), High Strength Low Alloy (HSLA) and etc.

Dual Phase Steel (DP) is one common lightweight material that’s being used in automotive fabrication due to their best feature in physical and metallurgical properties compare to High Strength Low Alloy (HSLA). However, because of AHSS has better in strength, the formability and ductility become lower. Because of that the applications of AHSS become limited in automotive industry due to the problem of spring back [1]. Spring back is one of major defect that occur when the material has undergoes bending process, where the force bending has been release, the material try to return to original shape due to elastic recovery [2-4].

In the 1970, Dual-Phase Steel has been developed [5]. DP steels contains some alloy such as silicon or manganese [6]. The terms Dual Phase are because DP contains a ferrite matrix and a second phase of martensite [7]. Figure 1 indicates the schematic structure and microstructure of DP steel.

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There are two reasons that can lead to the spring back phenomena. The first reason is about the displacement of molecules within the material. The second reason is stress and strain [8]. When the material is bent, the inner region of the bend is compressed while the outer region is stretched and thus the molecular density is greater on the inside of the bend than on the outer surface. The reason the material return to its flat position is due to the tensile force that is greater than the compressive forces on the outside of the bend [9] which shown in figure 2.

**Theory of Spring back:** Basically, to measure the spring back, we need to refer to the theory of bending. The equation below shows how to calculate the angle of spring back.

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\Delta \theta = \theta_i - \theta_f
\]

- $\Delta \theta$ = angle of spring back
- $\theta_i$ = angle of loading
- $\theta_f$ = angle of unloading

The Figure 3 below shows how to measure the bending angle of V-bending during loading and unloading.

**EXPERIMENT**

**Material preparation:** In this investigation, the material that has chosen is Dual-Phase Steel (DP590), one of steel that categories on Advance High Strength Steel. There are two thicknesses that used in this project, first is 1mm and second are 2mm. DP590 Steel has been cut based on rolling direction in rolling (0°), diagonal (45°) and transverse (90°). Tensile properties frequently are included material specifications to ensure quality. Tensile properties often are used to predict the behavior of a material under forms of loading than uniaxial tensions. The purpose of tensile testing in investigating spring back is to determine true stress-strain graph. Strain hardening, yield stress and elastic modulus are affected in spring back. The amount of spring back is depending on the ratio of yield stress to elastic modulus.
Figure 3: (a) angle during loading $\theta_i$, and (b) angle during unloading $\theta_f$.[11]

**Bending Test.**

The specimen size of DP590 steel for Bending Test is 130mm x 30mm x thickness based on rolling direction 0°, 45° and 90°. There will be 3 specimens for each rolling direction 0°, 45° and 90°. The total for each thickness of specimen is 9 specimens for 1mm and 9 specimens for 2mm. The total will be 18 specimens. The specimens will be undergoes cold V-bending test based on parameter that in Table 1.

**Table 1: Parameter of V-Bending Test**

| Process parameter | Level       |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Die radius (mm)   | 5           |
| Punch Radius (mm) | 5           |
| Die Gap (mm)      | 70          |
| Punch Velocity    | 2           |
| Size Specimen (mm)| 130 x 30    |
| Thickness (mm)    | 1 and 2     |
| Rolling Direction | 0°, 45°, 90°|
| Punch Travel      | 25%, 50%, 75%, 100% from 20 mm depth |

**Procedure Before, During and After Process V-Bending Test**

Rolling direction of material DP590 with 0°, 45° and 90° was determined. Specimen DP590 steel was cut using Hydraulic Cutter Machine. Size specimen 130mm x 30mm x thickness 1 mm and 2 mm. 9 pieces DP590 steel are cut for 1mm and 9 pieces for 2mm as shown in Figure 4. Total specimens DP590 steel are 18 pieces.

V-bending test was performed using Universal Testing Machine are shown in Figure 5. V-bending test was set using parameter refer to Table 1. Picture was taken during loading and unloading process V-bending to measure angle of spring back using camera.

Figure 6 shown the specimen DP590 has been done bending test. Data was recorded and generated using monitor that attach with Universal Testing System machine.
The angle of spring back was measured and calculated by using two methods. First method was using Electronic Digital Protractor (for unloading) as shown in Figure 7. Meanwhile, CATIA V5R20 CAD software was used for the second method to measure the spring back angle (for loading) as shown in Figure 8.

Data of angle of loading and unloading was tabulate. Spring back was calculating using that data and analysis was carried out.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

RESULT FOR BENDING TEST:

To obtain angle of loading and unloading two methods has been used. First method, the angle of unloading was measured manually by using Electronic Digital Protractor. Second method, the CAD software that is CATIA V5R20 was used to measure angle of loading. The result below had shown the angle of loading and unloading.

Result for Angle of V-Bending (unloading) (1mm) 00° as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Angle of V-Bending (unloading) using Electronic Digital Protractor.

| Punch loading | Specimen 1 | Specimen 2 | Specimen 3 | Mean |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| 0%            | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0  |
| 25%           | 155.7      | 155.9      | 155.8      | 155.8|
| 50%           | 129.2      | 129.1      | 129.3      | 129.2|
| 75%           | 107.1      | 107.2      | 107.3      | 107.2|
| 100%          | 90.5       | 90.6       | 90.7       | 90.6 |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (loading) (1mm) 00° as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Angle of V-Bending (loading) using CATIA V5R20 software.

| Sample       | Reading (Degree) |
|--------------|------------------|
| 0%           | 0.00             |
| 25%          | 140.36           |
| 50%          | 110.69           |
| 75%          | 86.48            |
| 100%         | 68.14            |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (unloading) DP590 (1mm) 45° as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Angle of V-Bending (unloading) using Electronic Digital Protractor.

| Punch loading | Specimen 1 | Specimen 2 | Specimen 3 | mean |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| 0%            | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0  |
| 25%           | 156.4      | 156.6      | 156.5      | 156.5|
| 50%           | 128.7      | 128.8      | 128.6      | 128.7|
| 75%           | 107.2      | 107.4      | 107.3      | 107.3|
| 100%          | 90.5       | 90.6       | 90.4       | 90.5 |
Result for Angle of V-Bending (loading) DP590 (1mm) 45° as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Angle of V-Bending (loading) using CATIA V5R20 software

| Sample DP590 (1mm) 45 degree |
|-------------------------------|
| Sample | Reading (Degree) |
| 0%    | 0.00             |
| 25%   | 139.71           |
| 50%   | 109.25           |
| 75%   | 86.06            |
| 100%  | 67.81            |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (unloading) DP590 (1mm) 90° as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Angle of V-Bending (unloading) using Electronic Digital Protractor

| Sample DP590 (1mm) 90 degree |
|-------------------------------|
| Punch loading | Specimen 1 | Specimen 2 | Specimen 3 | mean |
| 0%             | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0  |
| 25%            | 153.0      | 153.2      | 153.1      | 153.1 |
| 50%            | 123.8      | 123.7      | 123.6      | 123.7 |
| 75%            | 99.7       | 99.8       | 99.6       | 99.7  |
| 100%           | 82.0       | 81.9       | 82.1       | 82.0  |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (loading) DP590 (1mm) 90° as shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Angle of V-Bending (loading) using CATIA V5R20 software

| Sample DP590 (1mm) 90 degree |
|-------------------------------|
| Sample | Reading (Degree) |
| 0%    | 0.00             |
| 25%   | 140.56           |
| 50%   | 110.06           |
| 75%   | 86.05            |
| 100%  | 68.00            |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (loading) DP590 (2mm) 90° as shown in Table 8.

Table 8: Angle of V-Bending (unloading) using Electronic Digital Protractor.

| Sample DP590 (2mm) 90 degree |
|-------------------------------|
| Punch loading | Specimen 1 | Specimen 2 | Specimen 3 | mean |
| 0%             | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0  |
| 25%            | 153.0      | 153.2      | 153.1      | 153.1 |
| 50%            | 123.8      | 123.7      | 123.6      | 123.7 |
| 75%            | 99.7       | 99.8       | 99.6       | 99.7  |
| 100%           | 82.0       | 81.9       | 82.1       | 82.0  |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (loading) DP590 (2mm) 45° as shown in Table 9.

Table 9: Angle of V-Bending (loading) using CATIA V5R20 software

| Sample DP590 (2mm) 45 degree |
|-------------------------------|
| Punch loading | Specimen 1 | Specimen 2 | Specimen 3 | mean |
| 0%             | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0  |
| 25%            | 144.76     |            |            |      |
| 50%            | 113.75     |            |            |      |
| 75%            | 87.78      |            |            |      |
| 100%           | 69.02      |            |            |      |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (unloading) DP590 (2mm) 45° as shown in Table 10.

Table 10: Angle of V-Bending (unloading) using Electronic Digital Protractor.

| Sample DP590 (2mm) 45 degree |
|-------------------------------|
| Punch loading | Specimen 1 | Specimen 2 | Specimen 3 | mean |
| 0%             | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0  |
| 25%            | 153.0      | 153.1      | 153.2      | 153.1 |
| 50%            | 122.8      | 123.0      | 123.9      | 122.9 |
| 75%            | 99.1       | 98.6       | 99.0       | 98.9  |
| 100%           | 81.3       | 81.2       | 81.4       | 81.3  |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (loading) DP590 (2mm) 45° as shown in Table 11.
Table 11: Angle of V-Bending (loading) using CATIA V5R20 software

| Sample DP590 (2mm) 45 degree | Reading (Degree) |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 0%                          | 0.00             |
| 25%                         | 144.16           |
| 50%                         | 112.62           |
| 75%                         | 86.84            |
| 100%                        | 68.06            |

Result for Angle of V-Bending (unloading) DP590 (2mm) 90° as shown in Table 12.

Table 12: Angle of V-Bending (unloading) using Electronic Digital Protractor.

| Sample DP590 (2mm) 90 degree | Reading (Degree) |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Punch loading Specimen 1     | Specimen 2       |
| 0%                           | 0.00             |
| 25%                          | 152.13           |
| 50%                          | 123.14           |
| 75%                          | 99.44            |
| 100%                         | 81.50            |
| Specimen 3                   | mean             |
| 0%                           | 0.00             |
| 25%                          | 152.9            |
| 50%                          | 123.0            |
| 75%                          | 99.4             |
| 100%                         | 81.5             |

Table 13: Angle of V-Bending (loading) using CATIA V5R20 software

| Sample DP590 (2mm) 90 degree | Reading (Degree) |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 0%                           | 0.00             |
| 25%                          | 143.57           |
| 50%                          | 112.19           |
| 75%                          | 86.63            |
| 100%                         | 67.85            |

Result Angle of Spring back

The angle of spring back was obtain by using equation and was tabulate as shows in Table below.

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\Delta \theta_{springback} = \theta_{unloading} - \theta_{loading}
\]

Table 14: The angle of spring back for sample (1mm) 00 degree

| Sample DP590 (1mm) 00 degree | Punch loading | Loading Angle (Degree) | Unloading | Spring back |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0%                           | 0.00          | 0.00                   | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| 25%                          | 140.36        | 155.80                 | 15.44     |             |
| 50%                          | 110.69        | 129.20                 | 18.51     |             |
| 75%                          | 86.48         | 107.20                 | 20.72     |             |
| 100%                         | 68.14         | 90.60                  | 22.46     |             |

Table 15: The angle of spring back for sample (1mm) 45 degree

| Sample DP590 (1mm) 45 degree | Punch loading | Loading Angle (Degree) | Unloading | Spring back |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0%                           | 0.00          | 0.00                   | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| 25%                          | 139.71        | 156.50                 | 16.79     |             |
| 50%                          | 109.25        | 128.70                 | 19.45     |             |
| 75%                          | 86.06         | 107.30                 | 21.24     |             |
| 100%                         | 67.81         | 90.50                  | 22.69     |             |

Table 16: The angle of spring back for sample (1mm) 90 degree

| Sample DP590 (1mm) 90 degree | Punch loading | Loading Angle (Degree) | Unloading | Spring back |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0%                           | 0.00          | 0.00                   | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| 25%                          | 140.56        | 158.50                 | 17.94     |             |
| 50%                          | 110.06        | 130.40                 | 20.34     |             |
| 75%                          | 86.05         | 108.10                 | 22.05     |             |
| 100%                         | 68.00         | 91.30                  | 23.30     |             |

Result Angle of Spring back for thickness 2mm DP590 steel for 0°, 45° and 90° as shown in Table 17 until 19.
Table 17: The angle of spring back for sample (2mm) 00 degree

| Punch loading | Loading Angle (Degree) | Unloading | Spring back |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0%            | 0.00                   | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| 25%           | 144.76                 | 153.10    | 8.34        |
| 50%           | 113.75                 | 123.70    | 9.95        |
| 75%           | 87.78                  | 99.70     | 11.92       |
| 100%          | 69.02                  | 82.00     | 12.98       |

Table 18: The angle of spring back for sample (2mm) 45 degree

| Punch loading | Loading Angle (Degree) | Unloading | Spring back |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0%            | 0.00                   | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| 25%           | 144.16                 | 153.10    | 8.94        |
| 50%           | 112.62                 | 122.90    | 10.28       |
| 75%           | 86.84                  | 98.90     | 12.06       |
| 100%          | 68.06                  | 81.30     | 13.24       |

Table 19: The angle of spring back for sample (2mm) 90 degree

| Punch loading | Loading Angle (Degree) | Unloading | Spring back |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0%            | 0.00                   | 0.00      | 0.00        |
| 25%           | 143.57                 | 152.90    | 9.33        |
| 50%           | 112.19                 | 123.10    | 10.91       |
| 75%           | 86.63                  | 99.40     | 12.77       |
| 100%          | 67.85                  | 81.50     | 13.65       |

Discussion

Effect of the various parameters on spring back was plotted at various punch travel on the graph and illustrated.

Effect of Punch Travel on Spring Back Angle

Figure 09 and Figure 10, shown the effect of punch travel on spring back. It was observed with the increase of punch travel from 25% to 100%, spring back was increasing for all thicknesses. It was also observed with the increase of DP590 steel thickness, spring back was increasing for all punch travels.

Effect of Orientation

From the observation on the graph also shown, the value of spring back was different when rolling direction was different at 0°, 45° and 90° orientations. The higher the angle of rolling direction the higher the spring back values will happen.
Effect of Thickness

The thickness material also influence to value of spring back. Figure 11 shows the influence of thickness to spring back. From the graph, when the thickness was increase the value of spring back also increase. In order to reduce the spring back the thickness, punch travel and rolling direction need to consider to better final product.

CONCLUSION

Based on the investigations effect of spring back on bending test of DP590 Dual Phase steel, following conclusions are drawn;
- In the case of bending along rolling direction, 90° orientation, spring back is more for DP590 Dual Phase Steel for each punch travel or band angle, as compare to bending across rolling direction, 0° and 45° orientation.
- Spring back is more in the case of DP590 Dual Phase Steel Sheet in thickness. Spring back increases with the increase of DP590 steel sheet thickness.
- With the increase of punch travel, bend angle increases, and with the increase of bend angle, spring back increases for DP590 Dual Phase Steel Sheet.

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