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TO  
INTEGRATION OF DESIGN WITH MANUFACTURE**

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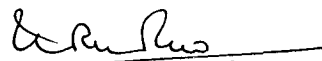
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## ABSTRACT

Many problems relating to the manufacture of a product can be traced back to the inappropriate design decisions. However, it is not realistic to expect the designer to anticipate all the manufacture-related problems and constraints while taking design decisions. The advent of intelligent CAD systems based on expert systems offers much scope for helping the designer in this respect. The thesis concerns the development of an expert system for bringing effective integration between design and manufacturing aspects in the process of designing.

The different classes of design activity have been examined and a "Design Process" has been formulated to encompass routine designing of specialized products such as gear-boxes. The basic issues relating design-manufacture interaction have been identified. These are material selection for component design, tolerance allocation, design for manufacture, and design for assembly. These issues have been considered in the development of the expert system EXDEM ( Expert System for Design and Manufacture).

Methodologies for material selection and tolerance allocation have been formulated and implemented on EXDEM. The process of checking the design from a check-list of rules and tailoring the designs for automatic assembly have also been implemented on the system.

A gearing design problem has been solved to exemplify the working of the expert system EXDEM.

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