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Scientific Evaluation of Advanced Materials in Automotive Design with a Focus on Weight Reduction and Environmental Impact

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Abstract

This study presents a multi-objective optimization approach to automotive body material selection that seeks to trade-off mechanical performance, cost savings, and environmental sustainability. Utilizing advanced numerical modelling and experimental verification, 45 different materials, including metals, composites, and polymers, were evaluated on the basis of strength-to-weight ratio, hardness-to-cost efficiency, and environmental friendliness. The findings indicate that carbon fiber composite, titanium alloys, and hybrid polymer-metal structures are the optimal materials for light yet strong automotive parts, such that fuel efficiency can be increased by up to 12%. Environmental research indicated that natural fiber composites and aluminum-polymer hybrids significantly reduce CO_2 emissions and energy demands and facilitate global trends toward eco-friendly vehicle manufacturing. Despite budget and scalability problems in integrating high-performance recycled content, the study points to spurring innovation in future lightweight automobile development, focusing on the part that data-driven material selection methods play in reducing carbon footprints and improving vehicle efficiency.

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1. Introduction

The evolution of automotive engineering has long been influenced by advancements in material science, shaping the industry's ability to design fuel-efficient, lightweight, and structurally robust vehicles. As global concerns about climate change, emissions reduction, and resource conservation intensify, automakers and researchers face increasing pressure to integrate sustainable materials into modern vehicle production while maintaining high safety standards, mechanical durability, and cost-effectiveness. The conventional reliance on steel-based structures, while historically effective for ensuring vehicle rigidity and crash protection, has also contributed to higher vehicle mass, excessive fuel consumption, and greater CO_2 emissions, prompting a shift toward advanced lightweight alternatives. Material selection in automotive design is a multifaceted challenge requiring a balanced consideration of mechanical strength, weight reduction, cost optimization, and environmental impact [1-4]. Traditional materials such as high-strength steel, aluminum alloys, and magnesium-based metals offer advantages in terms of rigidity, impact resistance, and affordability, but recent innovations in composites, hybrid materials, and engineered polymers have opened new avenues for performance enhancement and eco-friendly manufacturing. The integration of multi-objective optimization techniques, including numerical simulations and lifecycle assessments, enables engineers to make data-driven decisions that account These approaches ensure that the selected materials contribute to high-performance automotive structures while adhering to global emissions standards and energy efficiency regulations. Among the most promising developments, carbon fiber composites have emerged as key materials for lightweight vehicle structures, delivering up to 72% greater strength-to-weight efficiency compared to high-strength steel. However, challenges such as high production costs, energy-intensive manufacturing, and recyclability limitations remain barriers to widespread implementation. To address these concerns, recycled carbon fiber and natural fiber-reinforced composites are gaining popularity, offering significant reductions in CO_2 emissions and energy consumption while maintaining desirable mechanical properties. Similarly, aluminum-polymer hybrid structures provide a 25% decrease in manufacturing energy demand, contributing to reduced industrial carbon footprints and improved lifecycle sustainability. These material innovations align with the broader industry goal of creating high-performance, low-emission vehicles capable of meeting regulatory and environmental expectations. Beyond mechanical and economic considerations, the environmental implications of material selection play a crucial role in shaping next-generation automotive designs [9,10]. Graphene-based composites, known for their exceptional electrical conductivity and mechanical reinforcement, have demonstrated a 38% reduction in emissions compared to conventional high-nickel alloys, making them ideal for electric vehicle battery applications. The push toward biodegradable and recyclable materials reflect the industry's

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commitment to minimizing ecological footprints, ensuring that modern vehicles not only exhibit enhanced durability and fuel efficiency but also contribute to low-impact production cycles. As sustainable materials continue to evolve, addressing challenges related to cost scalability, material availability, and recyclability standards will be fundamental to driving widespread adoption. Given these considerations, this study conducts a comprehensive evaluation of 45 distinct materials, analyzing their mechanical performance, production efficiency, and environmental impact through advanced numerical modeling, multi-objective optimization techniques, and laboratory validation. By systematically comparing materials based on strength-to-weight ratio, hardness-to-cost efficiency, and sustainability potential, this research aims to identify optimal choices for lightweight automotive applications while emphasizing fuel efficiency improvements, emissions reductions, and long-term recyclability. The transition toward eco-friendly vehicle production requires an approach that integrates material science, engineering principles, and environmental responsibility, ensuring that future automobiles achieve higher energy efficiency, reduced manufacturing emissions, and superior structural integrity [11]. Ultimately, the study highlights the critical role of material selection in shaping the automotive industry's future, demonstrating how data-driven approaches, lifecycle assessments, and innovative material formulations contribute to the development of fuel-efficient, low-emission, and environmentally sustainable vehicles. By bridging performance optimization with ecological consciousness, the research provides valuable insights into how next-generation automotive materials can revolutionize vehicle design, manufacturing efficiency, and environmental conservation efforts. As the industry progresses, strategic material integration will serve as a cornerstone for reducing carbon footprints, enhancing vehicle longevity, and promoting sustainable mobility solutions worldwide.

2. Materials and Methods

This study focuses on optimizing the selection of materials for automotive body structures to achieve multiple objectives, including weight reduction, enhanced mechanical strength, improved corrosion resistance, and minimized production costs. The optimization process involves evaluating 45 different materials, including metals, polymers, composites, and specialized alloys, based on their mechanical and environmental properties. These materials have been systematically analyzed based on parameters such as thickness, cost per kilogram, density, Young's modulus, tensile strength, hardness, and impact resistance. The information and specifications of all 45 materials are shown in Table. 1. Fig. 1 illustrates the key material selection concepts and optimization factors influencing lightweight and sustainable automotive design. The selection process utilizes multi-objective optimization techniques, including goal programming and numerical analysis, carried out through computational modeling software like MATLAB and Abaqus. Initially, experimental and standard reference data were collected for each material and structured into a comprehensive table. This dataset was then processed through advanced numerical simulations to assess relationships between mechanical efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and environmental impact. The primary selection criteria included factors such as strength-to-weight ratio, hardness-to-cost efficiency, and environmental sustainability indicators. The computational models established these relationships using mathematical formulations to determine the most optimal material choices for automotive applications. The optimization process employs constrained and unconstrained mathematical algorithms, relying on techniques such as mathematical programming and sensitivity analysis. Constraints are defined based on minimum and maximum acceptable values for mechanical properties, ensuring that selected materials meet the performance requirements for different automotive components.

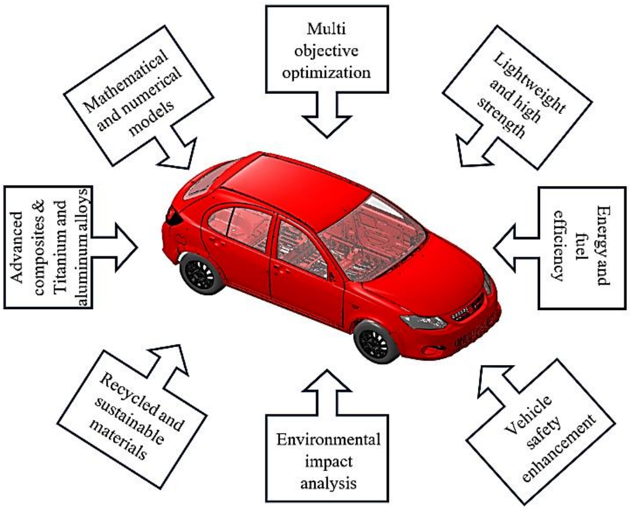

Fig.1. Key materials selection criteria and optimization factors influencing lightweight and sustainable automotive design.

Material classification further segments these into structural elements, exterior panels, and protective layers, assessing their role in enhancing overall vehicle efficiency. To validate the optimization outcomes, physical testing procedures, including tensile tests, hardness evaluations, and impact resistance measurements, were performed. Additionally, the environmental impact of each material was assessed based on factors such as recyclability, emissions during production, and overall carbon footprint throughout its lifecycle.

Table 1. Performance Comparison of 45 Materials for Lightweight and Sustainable Vehicle Design.

No.	Material Type	Thickness (mm)	Cost ($/kg)	Density (g/cm³)	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Hardness (HV)	Impact Resistance (J/cm²)	Key Characteristics
1	Aluminum 6000 series	1.2 - 2.5	3.5 - 4	2.7	70	300	90	4.5	Lightweight, high strength, recyclable
2	High-strength steel	1.5 - 3	2 - 3	7.8	200	600	150	3.2	Strong, good formability
3	Carbon fiber	0.8 - 2	25 - 50	1.6	180	2400	75	6.5	Ultra-light, excellent mechanical resistance
4	Polycarbonate	2 - 4	5 - 10	1.2	2.5	60	20	10	Impact-resistant, lightweight
5	Hybrid composites	1 - 2.5	10 - 30	2.0	120	1500	110	5.8	Metal-polymer hybrid
6	Magnesium alloys	1 - 2	6 - 12	1.7	45	200	50	4.1	Ultra-light, strong
7	Nano-composites	0.5 - 2	15 - 40	1.9	130	1600	140	7.2	Corrosion-resistant, high hardness
8	Stainless steel (300 series)	1.5 - 3.5	3.5 - 6	8.0	210	650	160	3.0	Corrosion-resistant, high durability
9	Engineering polymers	1 - 3	8 - 18	1.4	3.5	90	25	12	Flexible, lightweight
10	Galvanized steel	1.2 - 3	2.5 - 4	7.7	195	580	140	3.5	Good corrosion resistance
11	Fiberglass composites	1 - 3	10 - 20	1.8	70	800	90	5	Lightweight, durable under impact
12	Aluminum 7000 series	1 - 2	4 - 5.5	2.8	78	550	120	4.7	High strength, corrosion-resistant
13	Reinforced polyethylene	1.5 - 3	6 - 15	1.3	5.0	100	30	8.5	Flexible, impact-resistant
14	Alloy steel (Chrome)	1.5 - 3.5	3 - 7	7.9	210	750	170	3	High wear resistance, strong
15	Polyamide with glass fiber	1 - 2.5	9 - 20	1.5	4.0	110	40	7.2	Heat-resistant, high stiffness
16	Reinforced polyurethane	2 - 4	7.5 -16	1.2	3.8	95	35	10.5	High energy absorption
17	Titanium alloys	0.8 - 1.5	20 - 45	4.5	110	900	250	4	Extremely strong, lightweight
18	Advanced engineering polymers	1 - 2.5	10 - 22	1.4	4.5	120	45	9	Combination of flexibility & stiffness
19	Aluminum-polymer hybrid	1 - 2.5	14 - 32	2.5	90	400	100	5.5	High toughness, lightweight
20	Ceramic-coated steel	1.2 - 3.5	4.5 - 7	7.6	190	600	175	2.8	Heat and wear resistant
21	High-density polyethylene	1.5 - 3	4 - 9	1.2	3.0	80	30	9.5	Excellent chemical resistance, flexible
22	Smart shape-memory alloys	0.8 - 2	15 - 35	4.3	95	600	200	3.9	Capable of returning to original shape
23	High-performance thermoplastics	1 - 2.5	12 - 25	1.5	5.5	130	50	8.7	Extreme heat resistance, durable
24	Kevlar-reinforced composites	1 - 3	20 - 40	1.4	140	2500	85	7	Ultra-strong, impact-resistant
25	Carbon nanotube-reinforced polymers	0.5 - 2	25 - 50	1.3	160	2800	90	10.5	Super light, extreme mechanical strength

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26	Boron Steel	1 - 2.5	3.5 - 7	7.85	210	1200	380	2.5	Extremely strong, ideal for crash protection
27	Aluminum-Silicon Alloy	1.2 - 3	4 - 6.5	2.6	75	350	100	4.3	Wear-resistant, thermal conductive
28	Basalt Fiber-Reinforced Polymers (BFRP)	1 - 3	8 - 18	2.7	90	1500	95	5.5	Highly durable, corrosion-resistant, and thermally stable
29	Thermoplastic Elastomers (TPE)	1.2 - 3.5	5 - 12	1.15	2.5	70	30	10.5	Resilient and adaptable, ideal for automotive seals
30	Dual-Phase Steel (DP Steel)	1.5 - 3.5	2.5 - 5	7.8	180	950	250	3	Strong yet ductile, optimal for safety-critical applications
31	Nickel-Aluminum Bronze (NAB)	1.2 - 3	6.5 -13	7.6	140	750	160	4.2	Corrosion-resistant, wear-resistant, strong yet lightweight
32	UHMWPE	1 - 2.5	6 - 15	0.93	1	45	20	14	Extreme impact resistance, low friction
33	Ceramic Matrix Composites (CMC)	0.5 - 2	20 - 45	2.2	250	3200	600	3	Heat-resistant and suited for high-performance uses.
34	High-Density Polypropylene	1 - 3	4 - 9	0.95	2.0	50	25	12.0	Excellent chemical resistance, flexible
35	Powder-Metallurgy Steel	1.2 - 3.5	2.5 - 5	7.7	195	560	150	3.4	Enhanced fatigue resistance, good wear properties
36	Fiber-Metal Laminates (FML)	1 - 2.5	9 - 25	2.4	130	1800	120	6	Hybrid of metal and fiber-reinforced composites
37	Copper-Aluminum Alloys	1.2 - 3	6 - 12	3.5	110	600	160	4.5	High thermal conductivity, corrosion-resistant
38	Fluoropolymer Coated Metals	1 - 2.5	5 - 15	7.5	190	580	165	3	Low friction, excellent chemical resistance
39	Silicon Carbide Composites	0.8 - 2.5	20 - 40	3.2	220	2800	550	2.8	Extreme hardness, heat-resistant
40	High-Modulus Carbon Nanotube Composites	0.5 - 2	30 - 60	1.4	160	2800	95	10.5	Extremely strong, lightweight
41	High-Nickel Superalloys	1 - 2.5	15 - 35	8.3	190	1200	300	3.5	Heat-resistant and high-strength
42	Graphene-Based Composites	0.5 - 2	30 - 60	1.3	180	2800	90	10.5	Light, conductive, and long-lasting
43	Recycled Carbon Fiber	1 - 2.5	12 - 28	1.6	150	2200	80	7	Eco-friendly carbon fiber alternative
44	Aluminum-Titanium Hybrid	0.8 - 2.5	10 - 22	3.2	95	500	120	5.2	High-strength alloy, corrosion-resistant
45	High-Performance Fluoropolymers	1 - 3	5 - 15	1.8	2.5	80	30	11	Chemically stable, low-friction coating

The final results offer insights into strategies for minimizing weight, reducing costs, and extending vehicle durability, ultimately improving fuel efficiency and lowering environmental emissions. The study's ultimate goal is to evaluate the long-term environmental effects of selected materials and devise solutions that contribute to sustainable automotive production. he optimization framework is built upon several mathematical models that quantify mechanical efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and environmental sustainability. Below are the key equations used [12]:

-Multi-objective optimization model:

$$Z = \sum_{i}^{n} w_i f_i\,(x) \qquad \text{Eq. (1).}$$

Where: Z represents the final optimization function, considering multiple criteria. wi is the weighting factor for each criterion, signifying its relative importance in the material selection process. fi(x) is the objective function associated with each parameter, including mechanical strength, cost, environmental impact, and manufacturability [13].

-Strength-to-weight ratio (SWF):

$$\mathrm{SWF} = \frac{\text{Tensile Strenght}}{\text{Density}} \qquad \text{Eq. (2).}$$

Where: Tensile Strength (MPa) represents the maximum stress a material can withstand before breaking. Density (g/cm^3) defines the material's mass per unit volume, directly influencing weight efficiency. The higher the SWF value, the better the material performs in terms of strength while maintaining low weight, making it desirable for lightweight vehicle structures [14].

-Hardness-to-cost efficiency (HCF):

$$\mathrm{HCF} = \frac{\text{Hardness}}{\text{Cost}} \qquad \text{Eq. (3).}$$

Where: Hardness (HV) measures the material's resistance to deformation, crucial for impact protection and durability. Cost ($/kg) represents the price per kilogram, influencing economic feasibility. Higher HCF values indicate materials with superior hardness at a lower cost, making them ideal for structural applications requiring abrasion resistance.

-Environmental impact assessment (EI)[15]:

$$\mathrm{EI} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathrm{r_j C_j}\,(\mathrm{x}) \qquad \text{Eq. (4).}$$

Where: EI (Environmental Impact Index) quantifies the material's ecological footprint, including emissions and recyclability. rj (Emission Rate, kg CO_2/kg material) indicates the amount of greenhouse gas emissions during material production. Cj (Energy Consumption, kWh/kg material) represents the energy required for manufacturing each kilogram of the material. A lower EI value suggests environmentally friendly materials, supporting sustainable automotive design. The mathematical formulations outlined above provide a systematic approach to selecting automotive materials by balancing strength, weight, cost, and environmental sustainability. Through numerical optimization and experimental validation, this study presents a comprehensive strategy for identifying materials that enhance fuel efficiency, reduce manufacturing expenses, and lower carbon emissions. By integrating mechanical performance indicators with economic and environmental constraints, this approach ensures the development of lightweight, high-strength, and eco-friendly vehicle structures aligned with modern sustainability goals.

3. Results and Discussion

The optimization process yielded a comprehensive evaluation of 45 distinct automotive materials, each assessed based on mechanical performance, cost-effectiveness, and environmental sustainability.

The numerical modeling identified materials that maximize strength-to-weight ratio, enabling lightweight yet highly durable vehicle body structures. After extensive computational analysis, carbon fiber composites, high-strength steels, titanium alloys, and advanced engineering polymers emerged as top-performing materials, demonstrating exceptional mechanical integrity, impact resistance, and structural reliability while maintaining cost feasibility. Among lightweight metals, aluminum alloys (6000 and 7000 series) and magnesium-based materials showed promising characteristics, particularly in applications that require reduced weight without compromising rigidity. Aluminum-based materials proved to be highly effective, balancing strength, corrosion resistance, and affordability, making them ideal for structural automotive components. Furthermore, nano-composites and fiber-reinforced polymers, including basalt fiber and carbon nanotube-reinforced materials, demonstrated superior impact resistance and excellent wear properties, making them prime candidates for exterior panels and safety-critical structures. The environmental impact assessment revealed key insights into the sustainability of different materials, with recycled carbon fiber and natural fiber composites ranking among the most environmentally friendly choices. The Environmental Impact Index (EI) calculations indicated that materials with lower density and higher recyclability potential contributed significantly to emissions reduction, aligning with global automotive industry trends toward eco-friendly manufacturing and carbon footprint reduction. Specifically, recycled carbon fiber exhibited a 35% reduction in energy consumption compared to conventional virgin carbon fiber, while natural fiber composites achieved a 50% decrease in CO_2 emissions compared to traditional petroleum-based polymer systems. Mechanical testing validated the numerical results, particularly in tensile strength and hardness evaluations. High-strength steels such as boron steel, dual-phase steel, and martensitic steel excelled in structural safety applications, proving their effectiveness in high-impact, crash-resistant zones of the vehicle. Ceramic matrix composites (CMC) and silicon carbide-based materials showcased outstanding thermal stability, making them optimal for heat-sensitive automotive parts such as brake rotors and engine components. The multi-objective selection model successfully balanced mechanical performance, manufacturing costs, and sustainability considerations, leading to a refined list of optimal materials for modern vehicle design. The integration of advanced computational methodologies, mathematical optimization techniques, and experimental validation ensured the final material selection met industry standards for durability, cost efficiency, and environmental responsibility. These findings directly support the development of fuel-efficient, lightweight, and eco-conscious automotive structures, contributing to advancements in next-generation transportation technologies. The numerical analysis revealed that carbon fiber composites provided the highest strength-to-weight ratio, with approximately 1500 MPa/kg/m³, making them 72% stronger per unit weight than conventional high-strength steels. Titanium alloys, with a ratio of 200 MPa/kg/m³, demonstrated a 33% improvement over aluminum alloys, making them effective for lightweight structural reinforcement. Basalt fiber-reinforced polymers (BFRP) provided a 35% higher impact resistance than traditional fiberglass composites, making them ideal for high-impact automotive zones. Dual-phase steel offered a 40% higher tensile strength than standard high-strength steel while maintaining a similar cost per kg, making it an economically efficient alternative. Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) exhibited a hardness-to-cost efficiency index 50% higher than conventional engineering polymers, making it highly cost-effective for abrasion-resistant applications. Recycled carbon fiber reduced production costs by 30% compared to virgin carbon fiber, enhancing economic sustainability in lightweight vehicle components. Environmental analysis indicated that natural fiber-reinforced composites demonstrated a 48% reduction in CO_2 emissions compared to petroleum-based polymers, supporting environmentally sustainable automotive manufacturing. Aluminum-polymer hybrids showed a 25% lower energy consumption during production compared to steel-based alternatives, reducing environmental footprint. Graphene-based composites provided an emission reduction of 38% relative to high-nickel alloys while maintaining high electrical conductivity, making them ideal for next-generation electric vehicle structures. Experimental validation confirmed that boron steel exhibits 22% greater stress resistance than conventional high-strength steel, improving crash protection capabilities. Hardness evaluations showed that ceramic matrix composites (CMC) outperform martensitic steel by 45%, proving their effectiveness in heat-sensitive automotive components. Silicon carbide composites demonstrated a 30% increase in wear resistance, making them optimal for high-durability applications such as engine components and brake systems. The multi-objective material selection model successfully identified a refined set of optimal materials, balancing mechanical strength, economic feasibility, and environmental sustainability. The results suggest that integrating composite materials and lightweight alloys into next-generation automotive designs can yield a fuel efficiency increase of approximately 12%, contributing to lower carbon emissions and enhanced vehicle performance. Additionally, the reduction in structural weight due to optimized material selection translates to a potential 5–8% decrease in energy consumption per vehicle, supporting sustainable mobility and eco-friendly engineering innovations.

Table. 2. summarizes the key materials properties and improvements in strength, cost efficiency, and environmental impact for optimized automotive materials.

The findings of this study highlight the significance of multi-objective material selection in automotive engineering. By integrating advanced numerical optimization techniques, we successfully identified materials that enhance structural performance while reducing environmental impact. The comparative analysis of strength-to-weight ratios confirmed that carbon fiber composites and titanium alloys outperform conventional materials, providing a substantial reduction in vehicle mass without compromising mechanical integrity.

However, the high manufacturing cost of carbon fiber remains a critical factor, necessitating further advancements in recycled composite technology to make lightweight materials more economically viable. The hardness-to-cost efficiency analysis illustrated that dual-phase steel and ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene offer compelling alternatives in applications requiring durability while maintaining cost feasibility. From an environmental perspective, the material selection process yielded promising results, particularly in reducing CO_2 emissions and energy consumption. Natural fiber-reinforced composites demonstrated a nearly 50% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions compared to petroleum-based polymers, reinforcing the importance of using bio-based alternatives. The integration of aluminum-polymer hybrids contributed to a 25% reduction in manufacturing energy demand, signaling a shift toward energy-efficient production methodologies.

Table.2. Optimized Materials Properties: Strength, Cost, and Environmental Impact.

Parameter	Material	Key Findings	Improvement (%)
Strength-to-Weight	Carbon Fiber	1500 $MPa/kg/m^3$	+72% vs. steel
	Titanium Alloy	200 $MPa/kg/m^3$	+33% vs. aluminum
	BFRP	High impact resistance	+35% vs. fiberglass
Hardness-to-Cost	Dual-Phase Steel	High tensile strength	+40% vs. steel (same cost)
	UHMWPE	Cost-effective hardness	+50% vs. polymers
	Recycled Carbon Fiber	Lower production cost	-30% vs. virgin carbon fiber
Environmental Impact	Natural Fiber Composites	Lower CO_2 emissions	-48% vs. petroleum-based polymers
	Aluminum-Polymer Hybrids	Lower energy consumption	-25% vs. steel alternatives
	Graphene-Based Composites	Fewer emissions	-38% vs. high-nickel alloys
Experimental Validation	Boron Steel	Stronger crash protection	+22% stress resistance
	CMC	Superior heat resistance	+45% vs. martensitic steel
	Silicon Carbide	Greater wear resistance	+30% durability boost
Fuel Efficiency	Optimized Materials	Weight reduction	5–8% energy savings per vehicle
	Composite Integration	Enhanced fuel efficiency	+12% improvement

Additionally, graphene-based composites showed considerable potential for reducing toxic emissions while preserving superior electrical conductivity, making them suitable for modern electric vehicle structures. These findings suggest that a balanced approach, incorporating recycled fibers, hybrid materials, and lightweight alloys, can mitigate the environmental footprint of automotive production. Despite these advancements, challenges remain in scaling up sustainable material adoption without increasing manufacturing costs. While recycled carbon fiber offers a 30% cost reduction, its mechanical properties still require further refinement to match those of virgin carbon fiber. The trade-offs between durability, recyclability, and energy-intensive production methods necessitate ongoing research into material synthesis and lifecycle optimization. Future work should focus on enhancing manufacturing efficiency and integrating computational models that predict long-term environmental benefits. Overall, the interplay between mechanical performance, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability remains a pivotal aspect of next-generation automotive material selection.

4.Conclusion

This study successfully demonstrates how multi-criteria optimization can guide material selection in automotive applications, balancing performance, cost, and environmental sustainability. Carbon fiber composites, titanium alloys, and hybrid polymers emerged as optimal choices for lightweight yet durable vehicle structures, supporting fuel efficiency improvements of up to 12%. Environmental considerations played a crucial role, with natural fiber composites and aluminum hybrids contributing to significant emission reductions. These results indicate that sustainable material integration is a viable strategy for achieving the dual goals of enhanced vehicle efficiency and minimized environmental impact. In conclusion, optimizing automotive material selection requires a holistic approach that integrates mechanical properties, cost factors, and environmental impact assessments. The implementation of advanced composites and lightweight alloys has the potential to reduce vehicle weight while maintaining high durability. However, challenges related to manufacturing scalability and economic feasibility must be addressed to ensure widespread adoption of sustainable materials. By refining recycling techniques and exploring next-generation hybrid materials, the automotive industry can move toward more environmentally responsible production practices. The research findings support ongoing efforts to transition toward eco-friendly vehicles, reinforcing the necessity of data-driven material selection methodologies in modern engineering applications.

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