

Collaborator interview

1. Can you tell me about the kinds of auto parts you export and where they are used?

- Exports parts like engine mounting, hangers, shackles, spring pin. They are used in trucks and cars, tractors of brands like volvo, freightliner, mack, mercedes benz, toyota. Their company exports mostly suspension parts

2. Which parts do you think are the most technically complex or visually interesting?

- All have different types of complexity and are difficult to classify like that. Visually all parts have different types of hoops and circles and different patterns that need to be followed according to the other parts surrounding it.

3. What kind of detailing or structural elements do manufacturers focus on when designing these parts?

- When designing parts the main elements to be focused on are choosing the right materials which are the most important, feasibility, and functionality.

4. Do different countries request different designs or variations in parts?

- The parts don't vary according to different countries, as the parts exported are specifically for automobiles, and so they have a common standard which is to be followed all across. However, for different models, the same parts might be designed differently and hence they usually only change according to the model they are to be used in.

5. I noticed in your pamphlets that many parts have strong lines, curves, and textures, are those shapes functional or also aesthetic in any way?

- They serve both purposes. While most of them are for functional purposes, some of the textures on top of the parts are only for design reasons.