

Thermal Forming & Cooling



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DYNAFORM 5.8 Training Tutorial

1. Import the mesh and create a new setup
2. Define blank part and structural material
3. Define tools and position
4. Define thermal parameters
 - Thermal materials for blank and tools
 - Thermal Boundary
 - Thermal Contact
 - Thermal Control
5. Define forming process
6. Add a cooling stage
7. Define tools and position for cooling
8. Define thermal parameters for cooling
9. Define cooling process
10. Submit the job
11. View the result

Note: 1. The input value of the parameters should convert to the unit in the GUI.
2. The unit in the input deck is:
MM, TON, SEC, N, K

I. Import the mesh and create a new setup

1. Click the menu **File/Import**: select the *thermal_case01.dat* file. (Figure 1).
2. Click the menu **AutoSetup/Sheet Forming**. (Figure 2).
3. Define the new simulation as illustrated in Figure 3.
4. Click **OK** to continue.

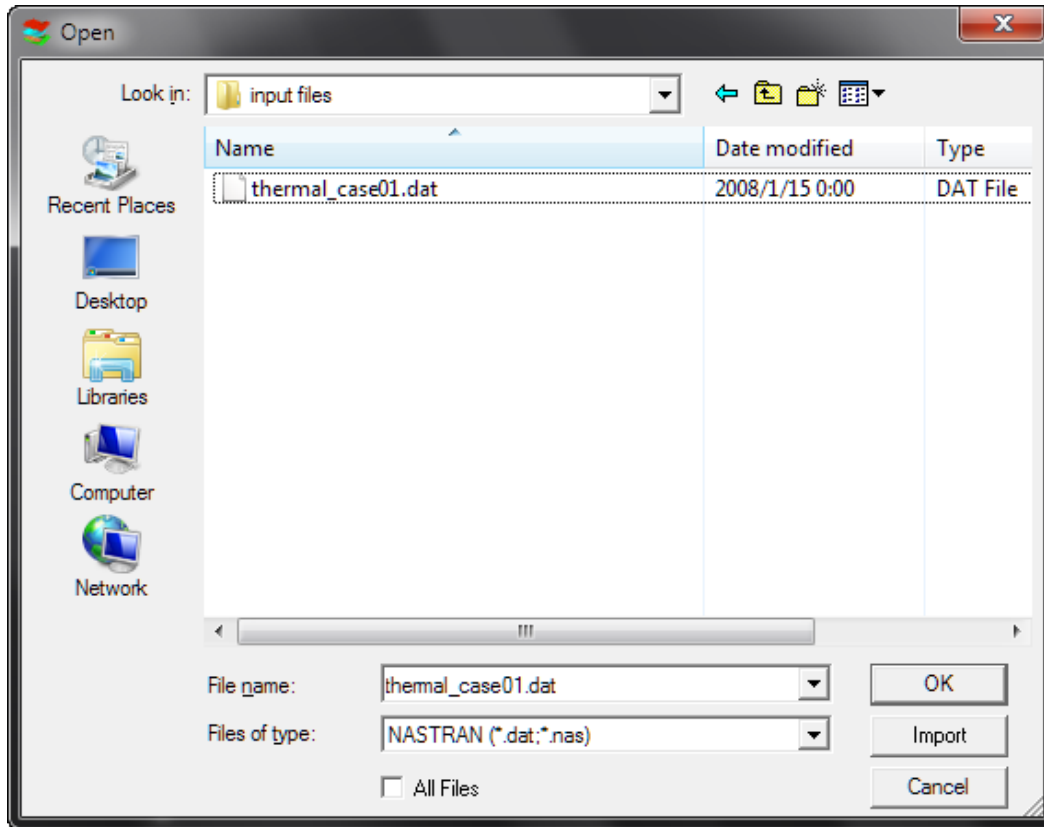


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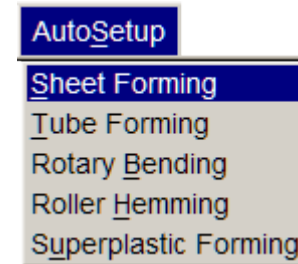


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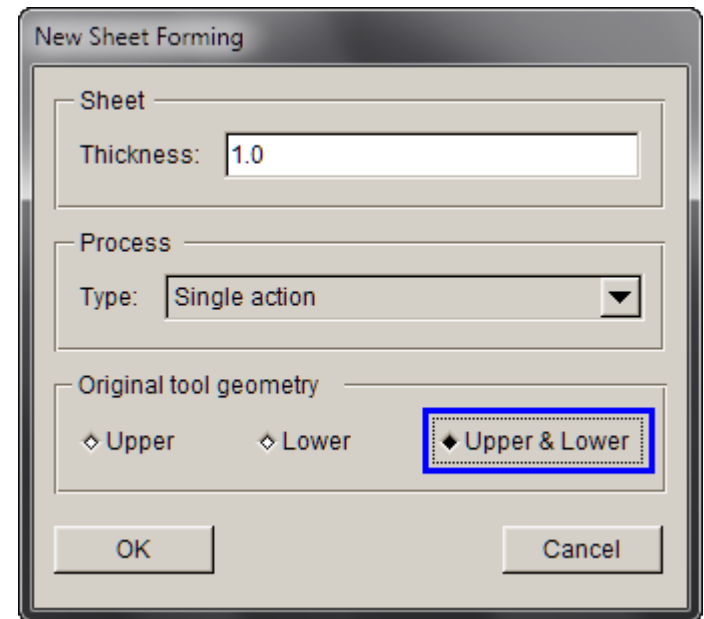


Figure 3

1. Keep the **General** property default.
2. Click **Blank** illustrated in Figure 4.
3. Click **Define Geometry** button to display the **Blank generator** dialog box.
4. Click **Add Part...** (Figure 5).
5. Select part **P0000001**.
6. Click **OK** to define it as the blank part (Figure 6).
7. Click **Exit** button (Figure 5).

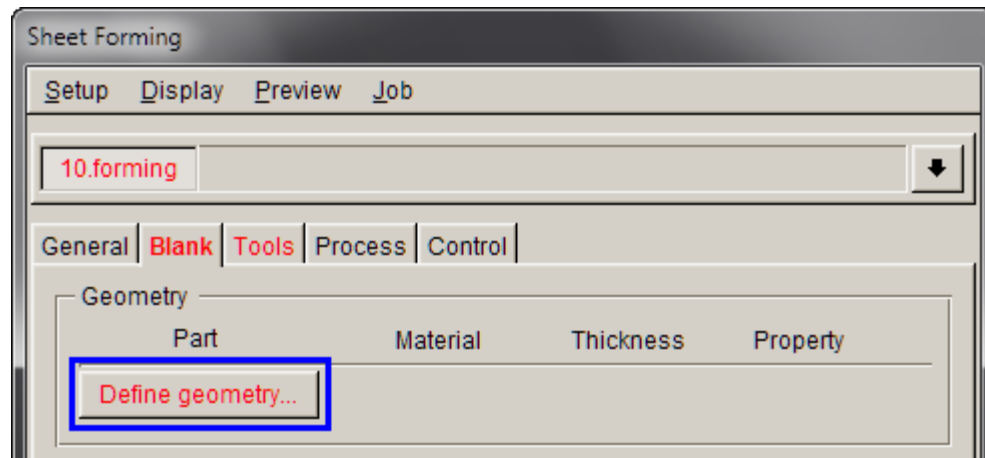


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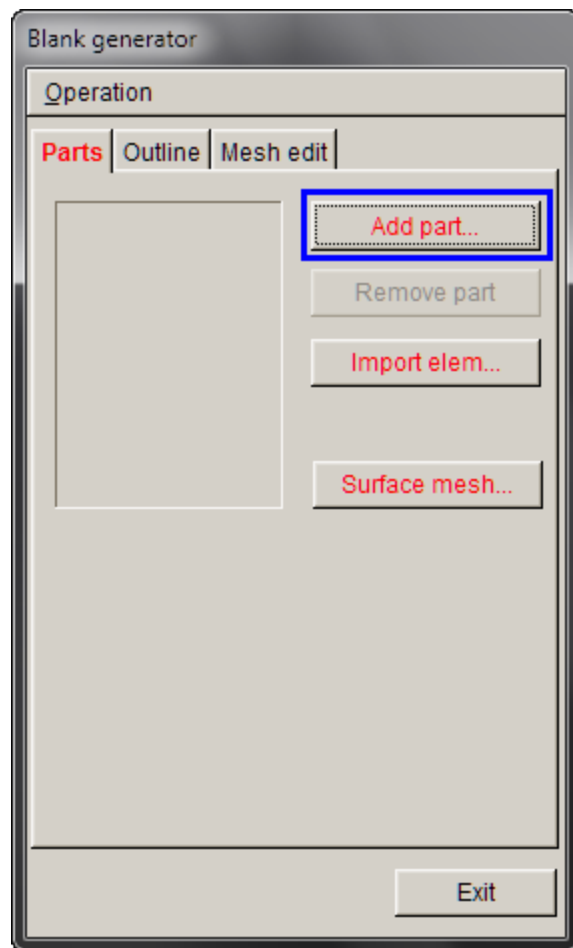


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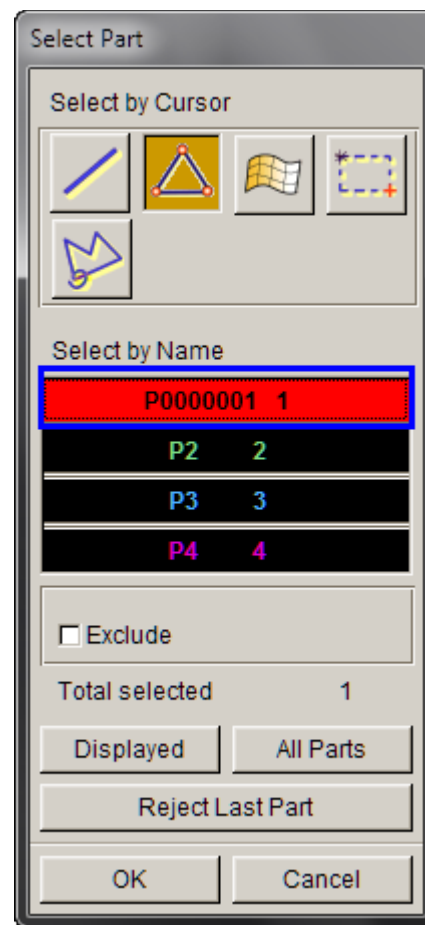


Figure 6

1. Click the button below Property (Figure 7) .
2. Define the element formulation as **16.Fully Integrated** (Figure 8).

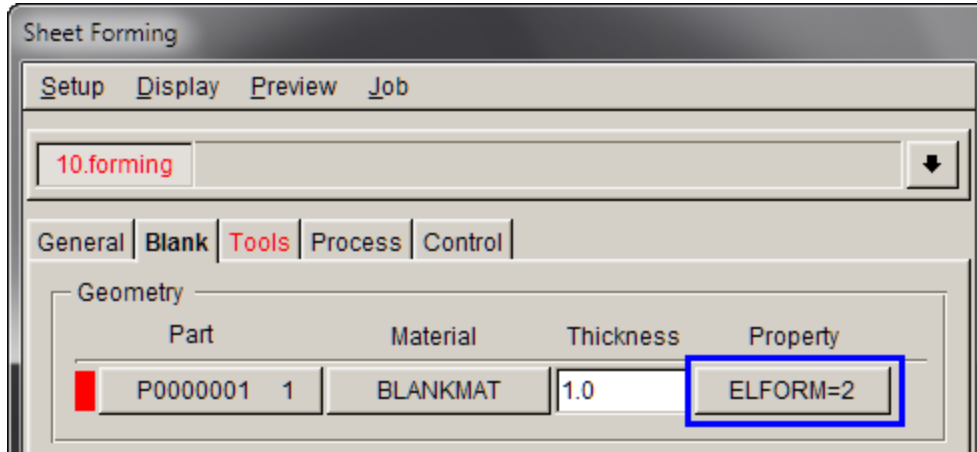


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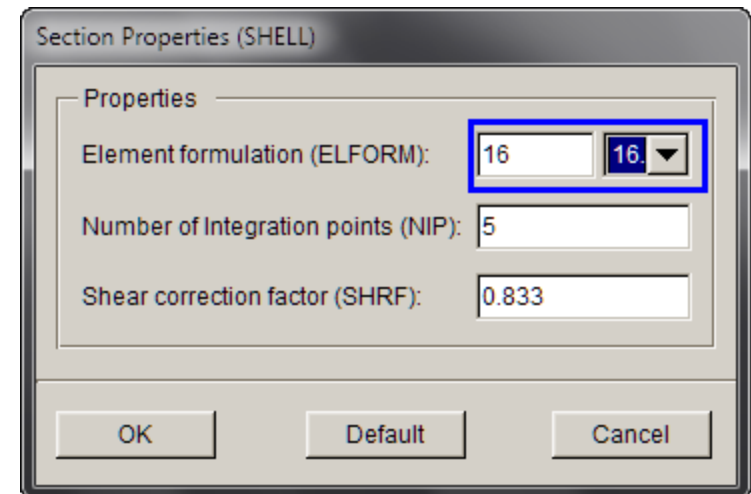


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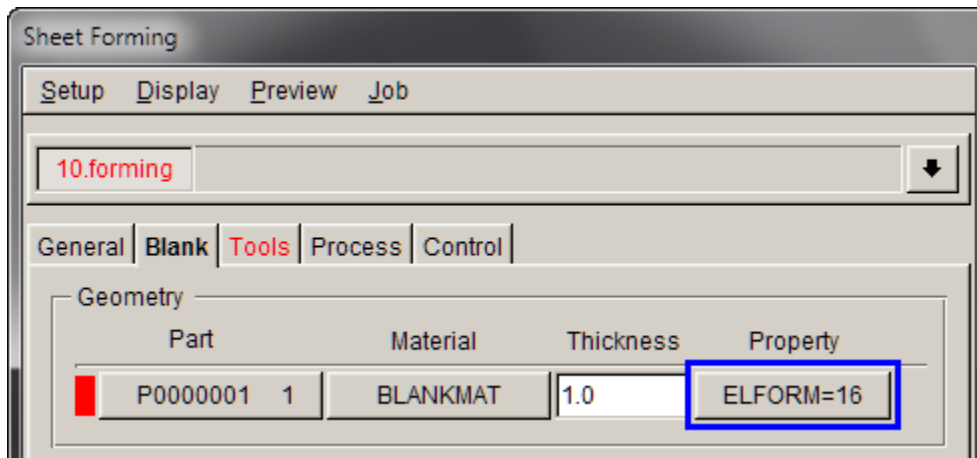


Figure 9

IV. Define blank structural material

1. Click the button below **Material** to define the structural material model (Figure 10).
2. Select the model **106*MAT_ELASTIC_VISCOPLASTIC_THERMAL** (Figure 11).
3. Material parameters dialog box is illustrated in Figure 12.

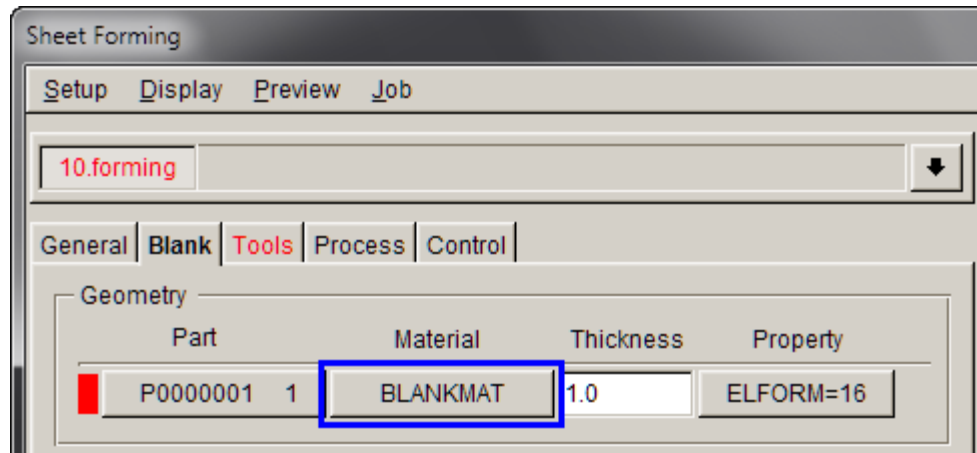


Figure 10

IV. Define blank structural material

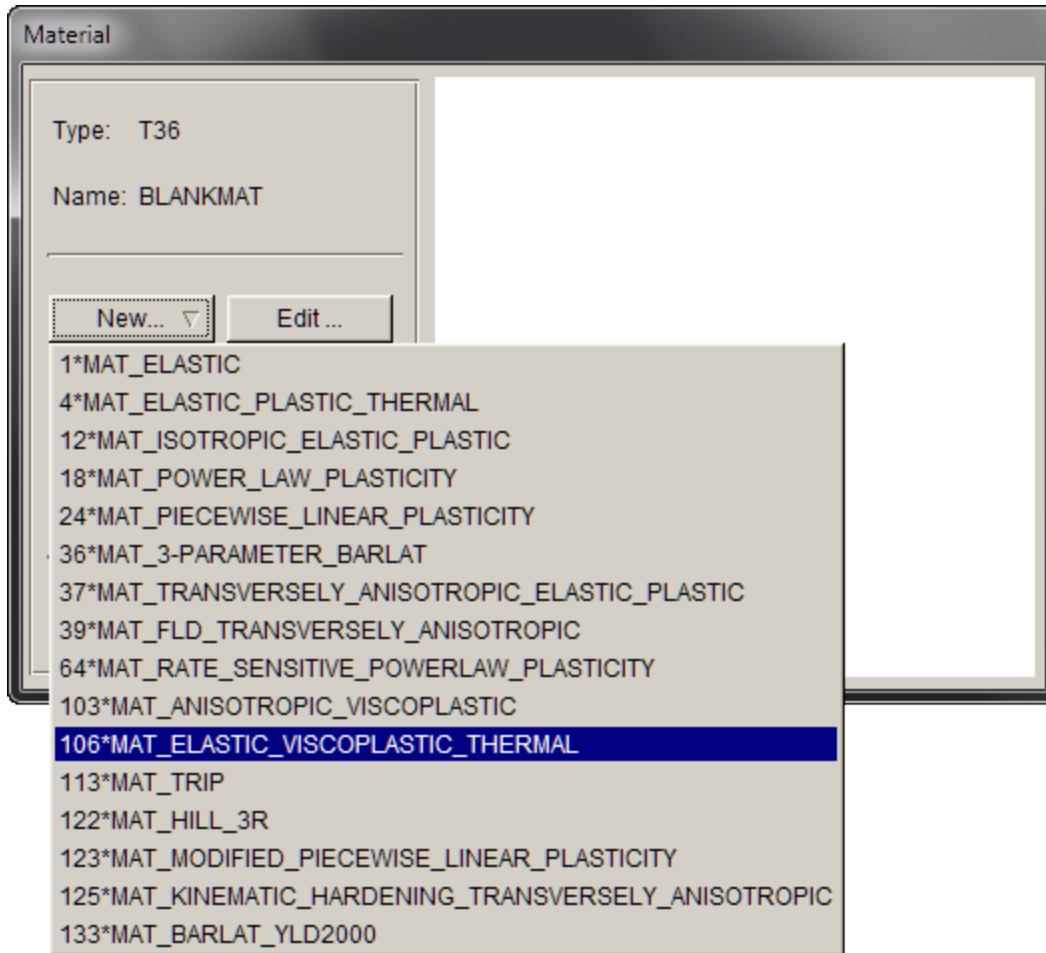


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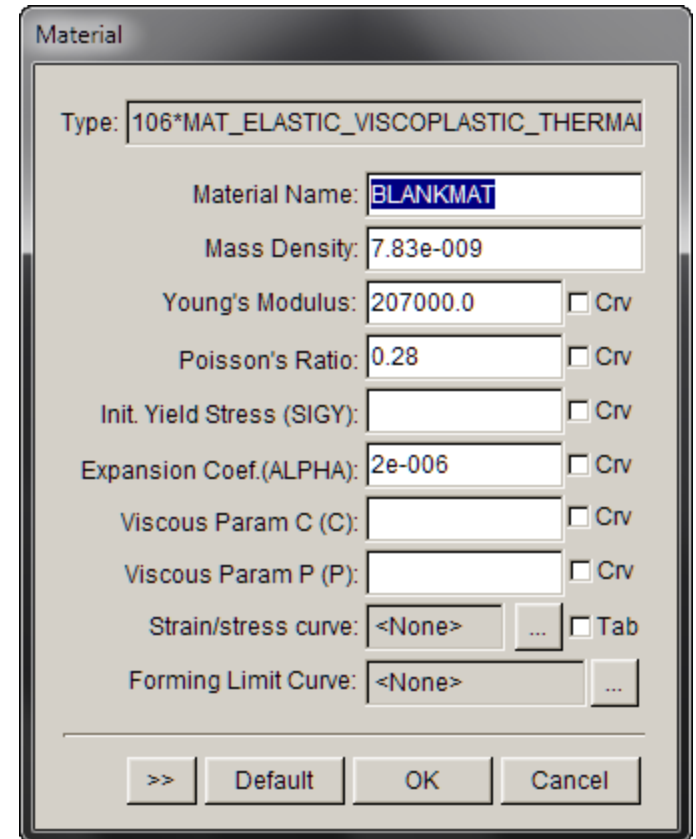


Figure 12

Note: Structural Material Model For Thermal Forming

- *MAT_ELASTIC_PLASTIC_THERMAL (#4)
- *MAT_ORTHOTROPIC_THERMAL (#21)
 - Linearly elastic material
 - Orthotropic temperature dependent coefficients
- *MAT_ELASTIC_VISCOPLASTIC_THERMAL (#106)
(The #106 is defined in this case)

4. Toggle on switch illustrated in Figure 13.
- Load Curve defining Young's modulus as function of temperature.
 - Load Curve defining Poisson's ratio as function of temperature.
 - Load Curve defining the coefficient of thermal expansion as function of temperature.
 - Load Curve for scaling the viscous material parameter C as a function of temperature.
 - Load Curve for scaling the viscous material parameter P as a function of temperature.
 - Load Curve ID. Once Tab is toggled on, the user needs to define a table for effective stress versus effective plastic strain.

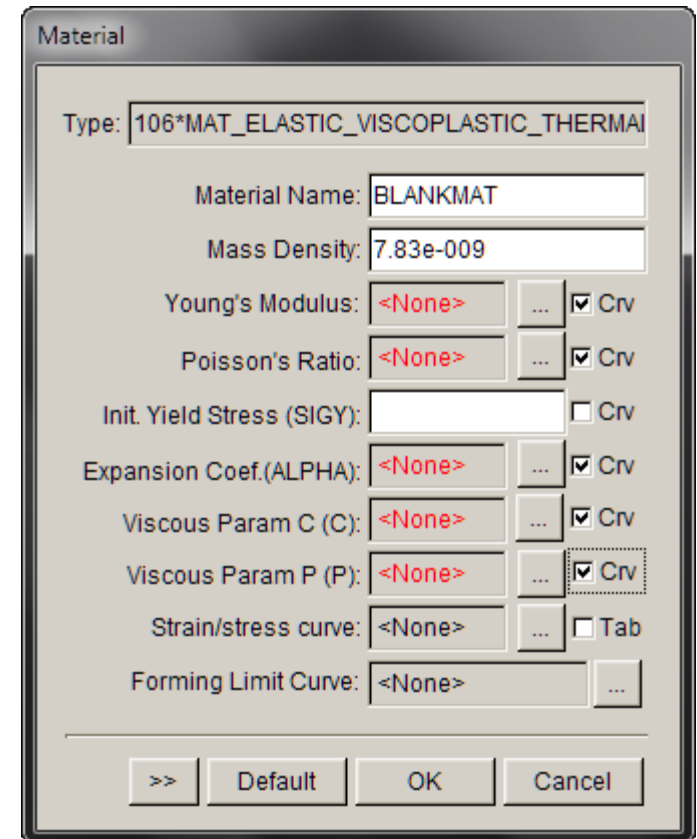


Figure 13

IV. Define blank structural material

5. Click the Young's Modulus button illustrated in Figure 14.
6. The dialog box illustrated in Figure 15 pops up. Click **Import** button in Figure 15.
7. Select the file: **LCE-Young.cur**.
8. Click **OK**.

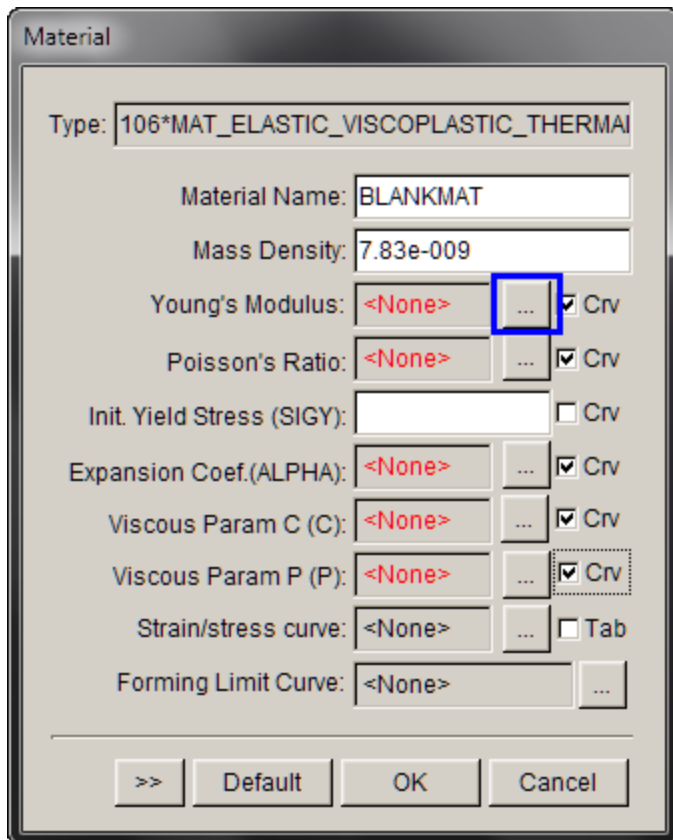


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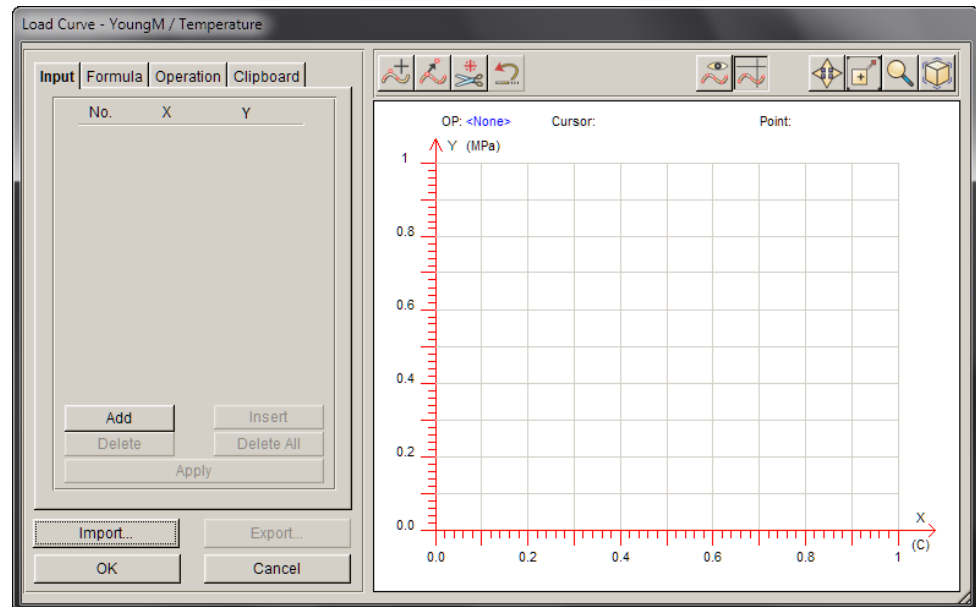


Figure 15

IV. Define blank structural material

9. The imported curve illustrated in Figure 16.

10. Click **OK** to accept the curve illustrated in Figure 17.

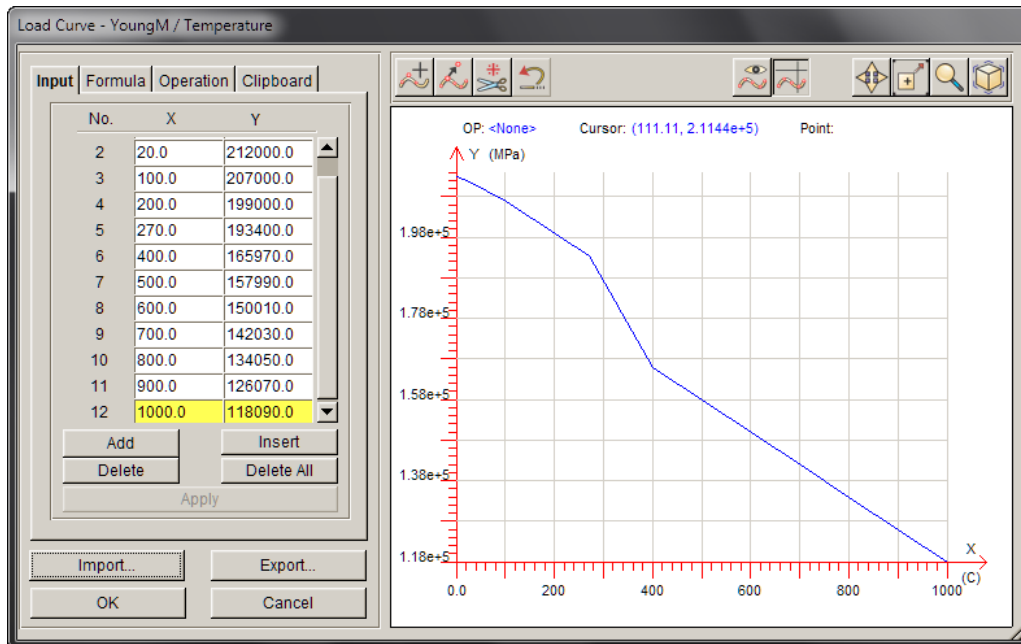


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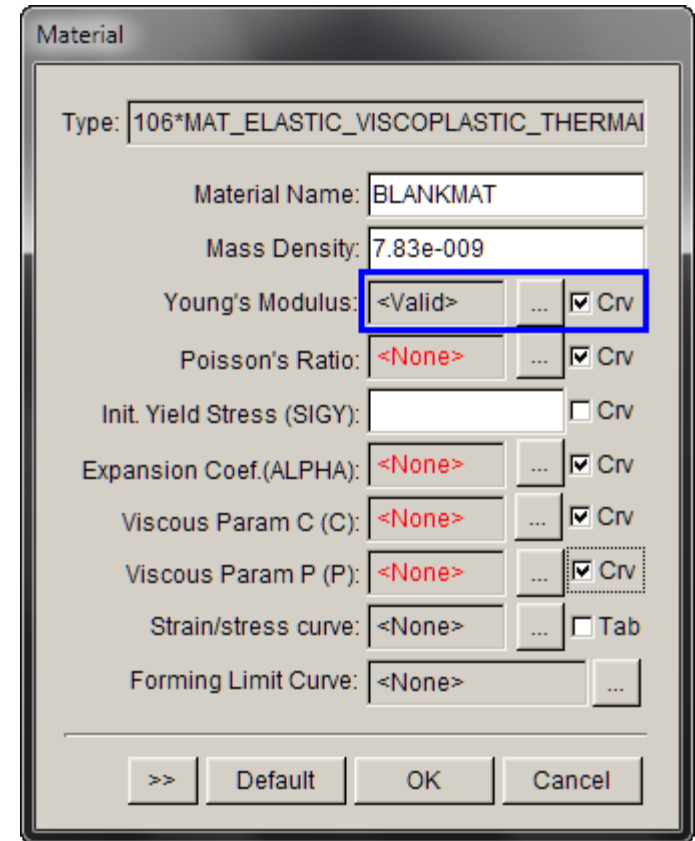


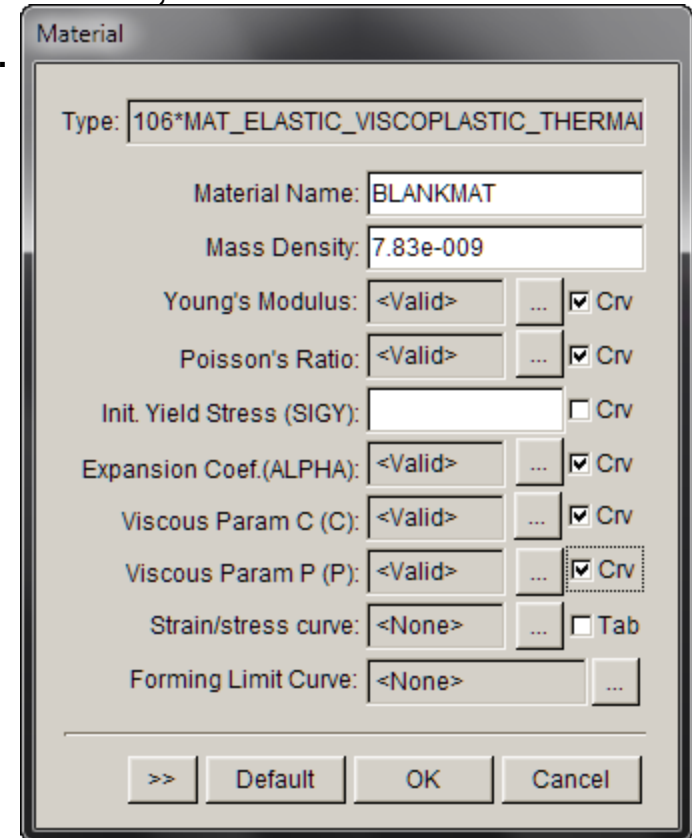
Figure 17

IV. Define blank structural material

11. Refer to the above steps (step 5-step 8) to import the following curves:

- Select **LCPR-Poisson.cur** as Poisson's Ratio;
- Select **LCALPHA-Expansion.cur** as Expansion Coef. (ALPHA);
- Select **LCC-C-scaled.cur** as the Viscous Param.C;
- Select **LCC-P.cur** as the Viscous Param.P.

The result is shown in Figure 18.



IV. Define blank structural material

1. Click the button left to **Tab** illustrated in Figure 19.
2. The **Table** pops up. Click **Add** in Figure 20.
3. Click **None** in Figure 21.

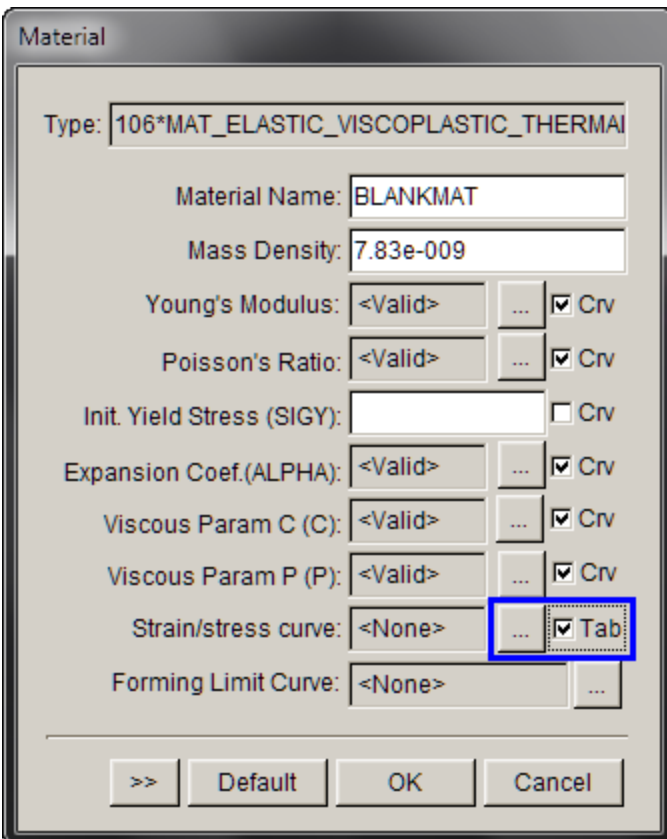


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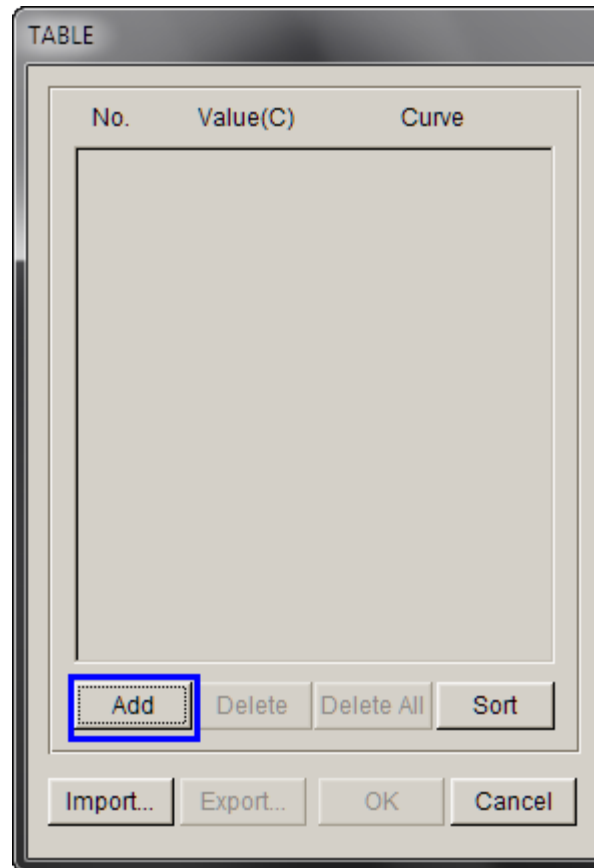


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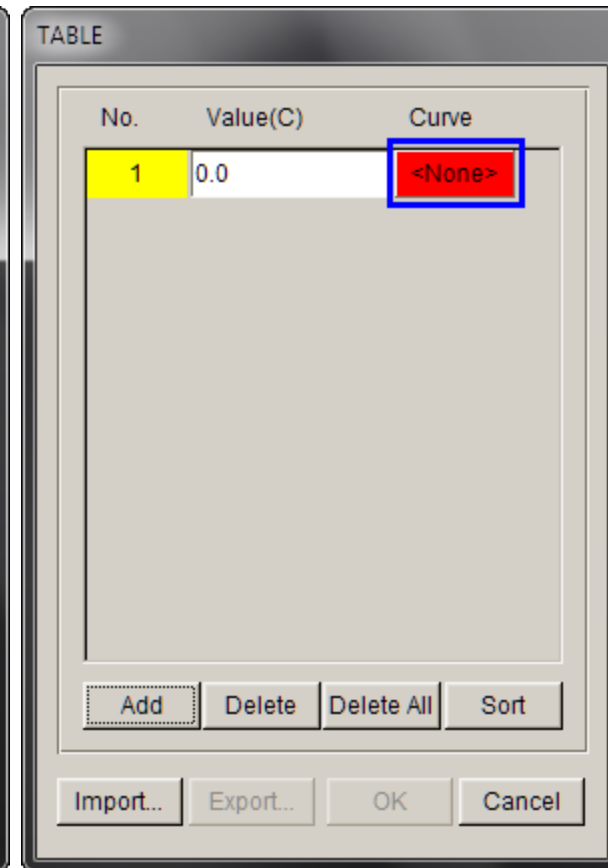


Figure 21

IV. Define blank structural material

4. Click **Import...** to select the stress/strain curve at 0 degree. (Figure 22).
5. Select **OD.cur**.
6. Click **OK**.

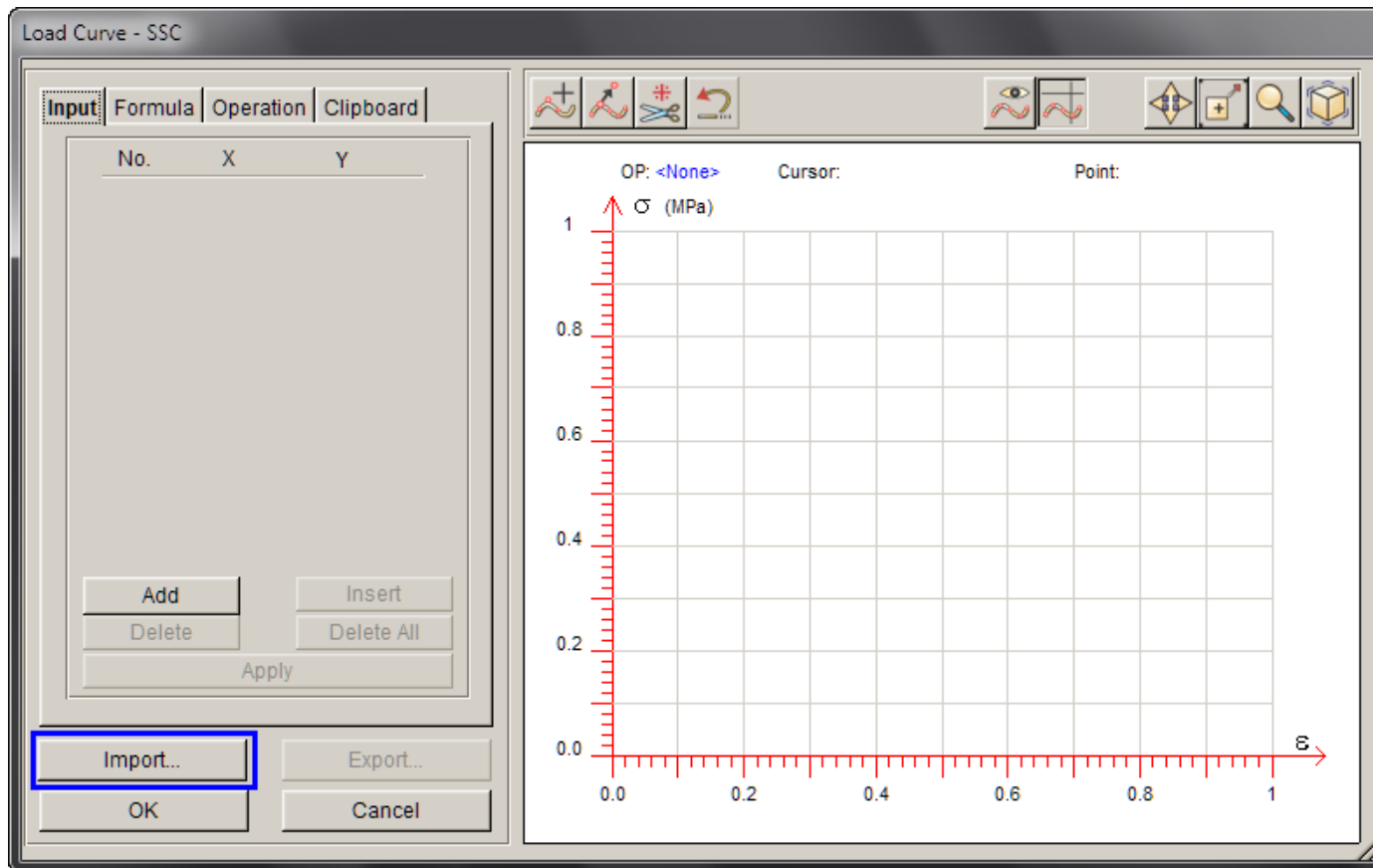


Figure 22

IV. Define blank structural material

7. The stress/strain curve at 0 degree is imported. The result is shown in Figure 23.
8. Then Click **OK** to accept the result. The first curve definition is displayed with **valid**. See Figure 24.

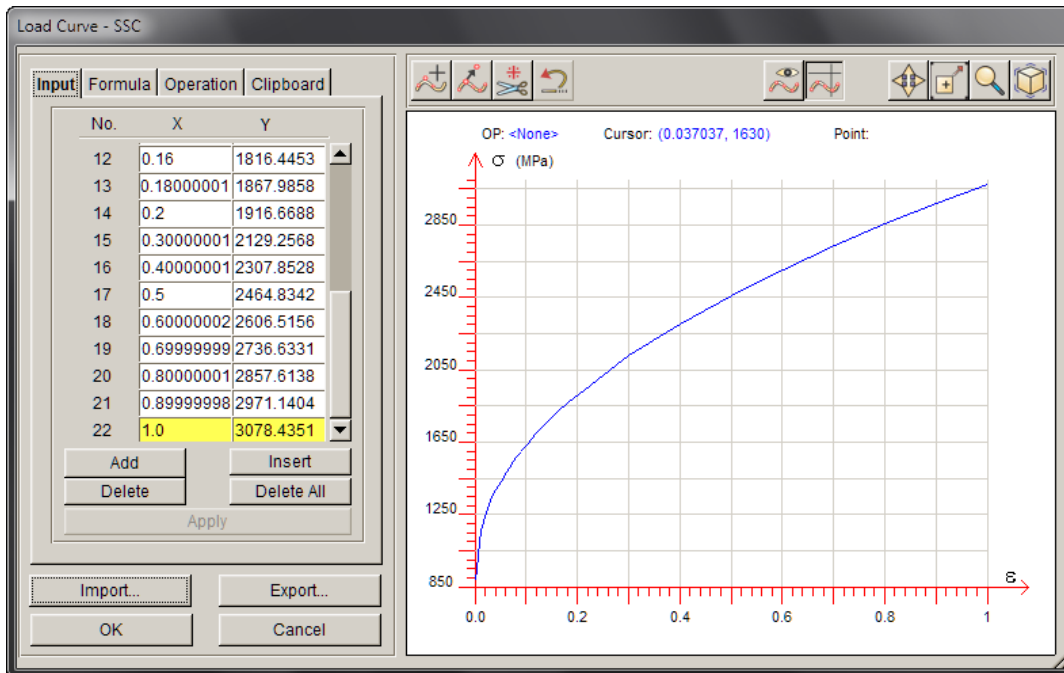


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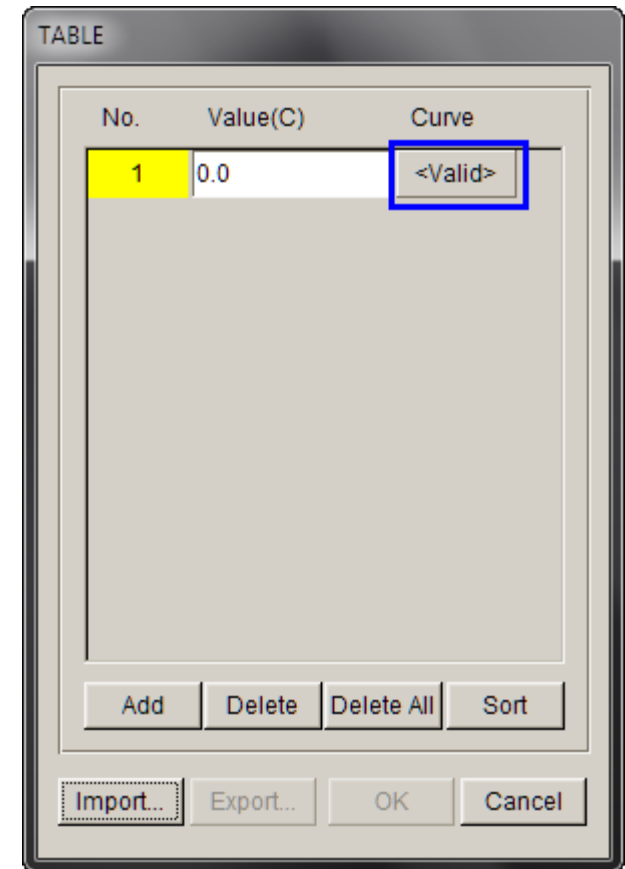


Figure 24

9. Repeat the above steps (step 1-step 8) to complete the table.

- 100D.cur
- 200D.cur
- 300D.cur
- 400D.cur
- 500D.cur
- 600D.cur
- 700D.cur
- 800D.cur
- 900D.cur
- 1000D.cur

The result is shown in Figure 25.

10. Click **OK** to accept the table.

11. Click **OK** to accept the stress/strain definition. (Figure 26).

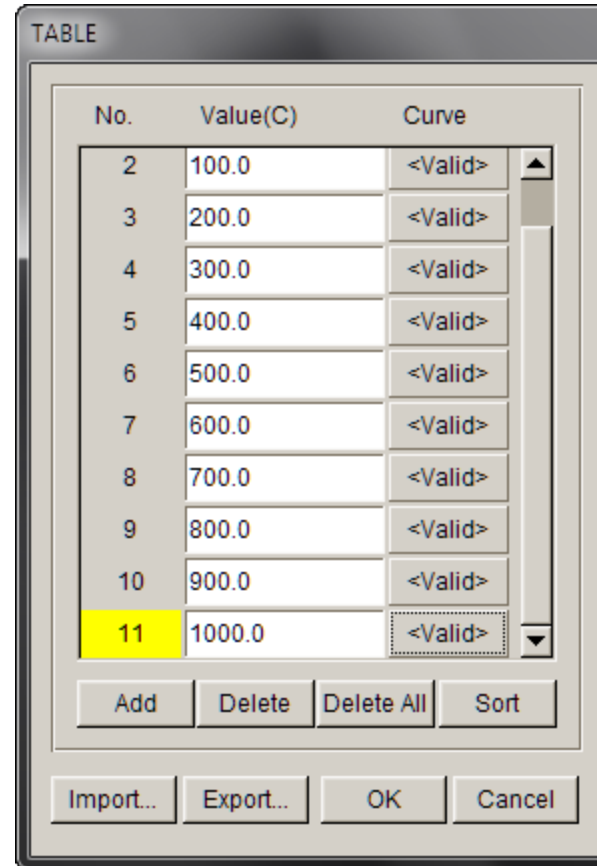


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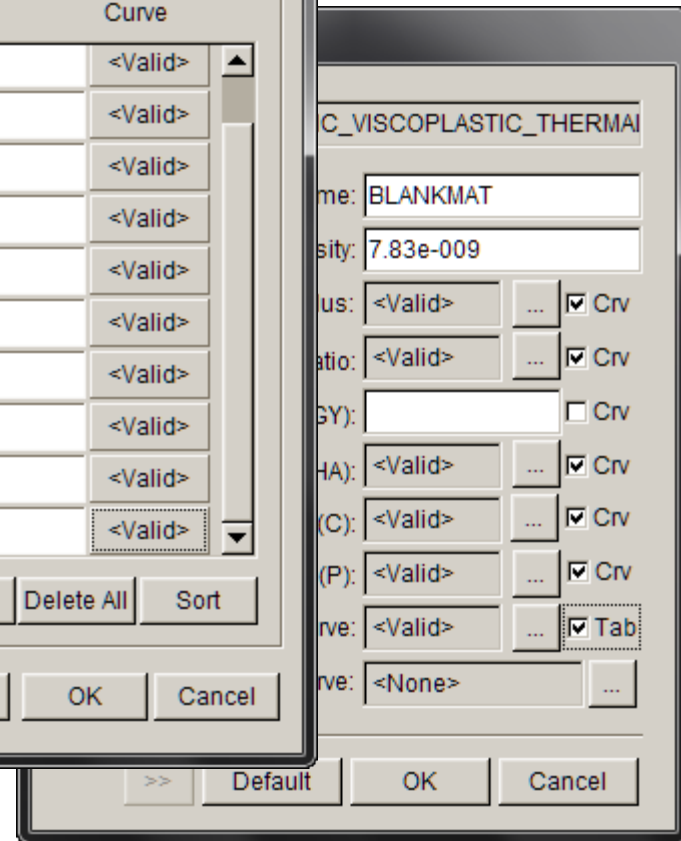


Figure 26

V. Define the symmetry plane

1. Only toggle on the blank part. And switch it to the top view.
2. Click **Define...** (Figure 27).
3. The dialog box pops up (Figure 28). Select the **Quarter Symmetry**.
4. Select the labeled node (Figure 29) in the display screen. Then all nodes on the symmetry plane are selected automatically.
5. Click **Exit** in Figure 28 to accept the result.

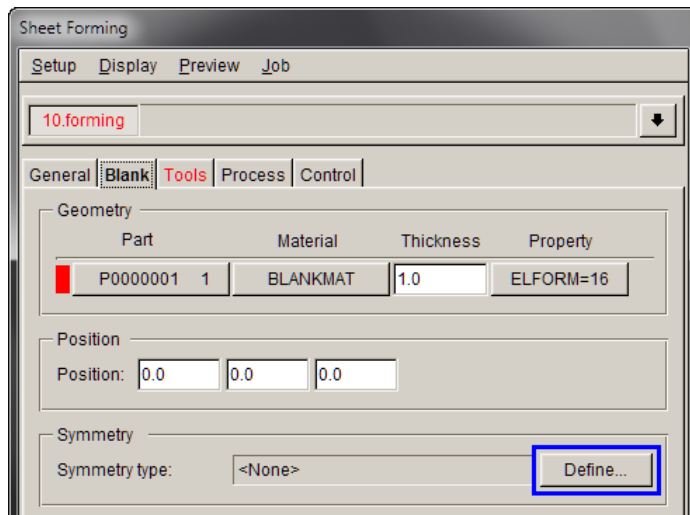


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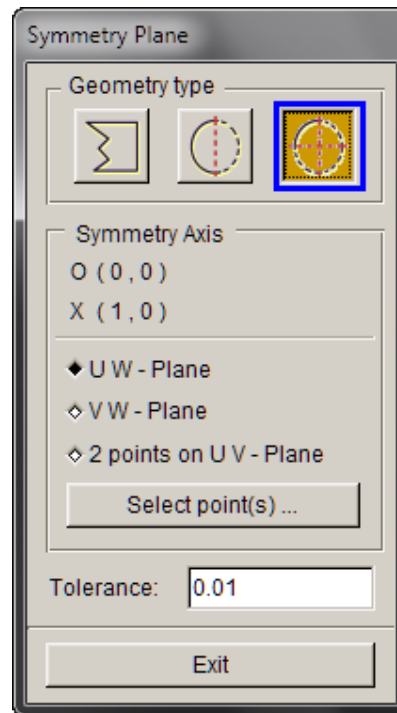


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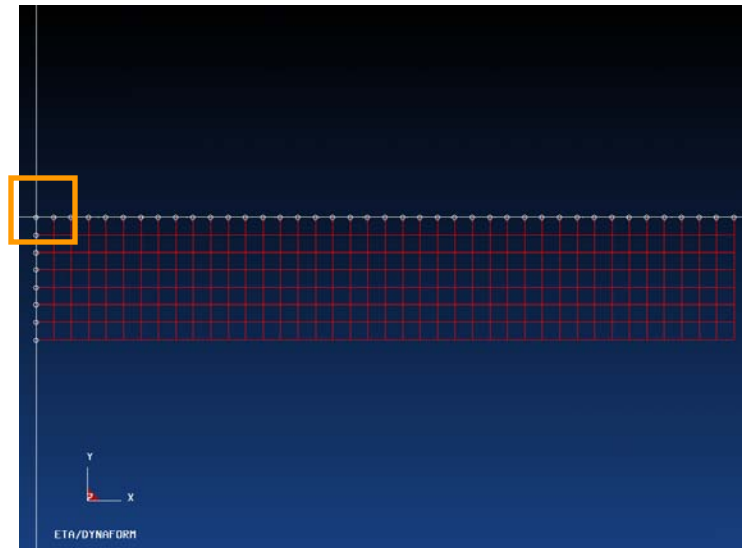


Figure 29

1. Click **Tools** to define tools. (Figure 30).
2. Click **Define Geometry...**
3. Click **Define Tool** icon in **Tool Preparation** dialog box. (Figure 31).
4. Click **Add Part...** . See Figure 32.
5. Select part **p3** and click **OK**. (Figure 33).
6. Click **Exit** to accept the selected part. (Figure 34).
7. Click **Exit** to exit the **Tool Preparation** dialog box.
8. Repeat steps 1-7 to define punch (**p2**) and binder (**p4**).
9. Click **Exit** to exit the **Tool Preparation** dialog box.

(Note: define **Friction Coefficient** as **0.4**).

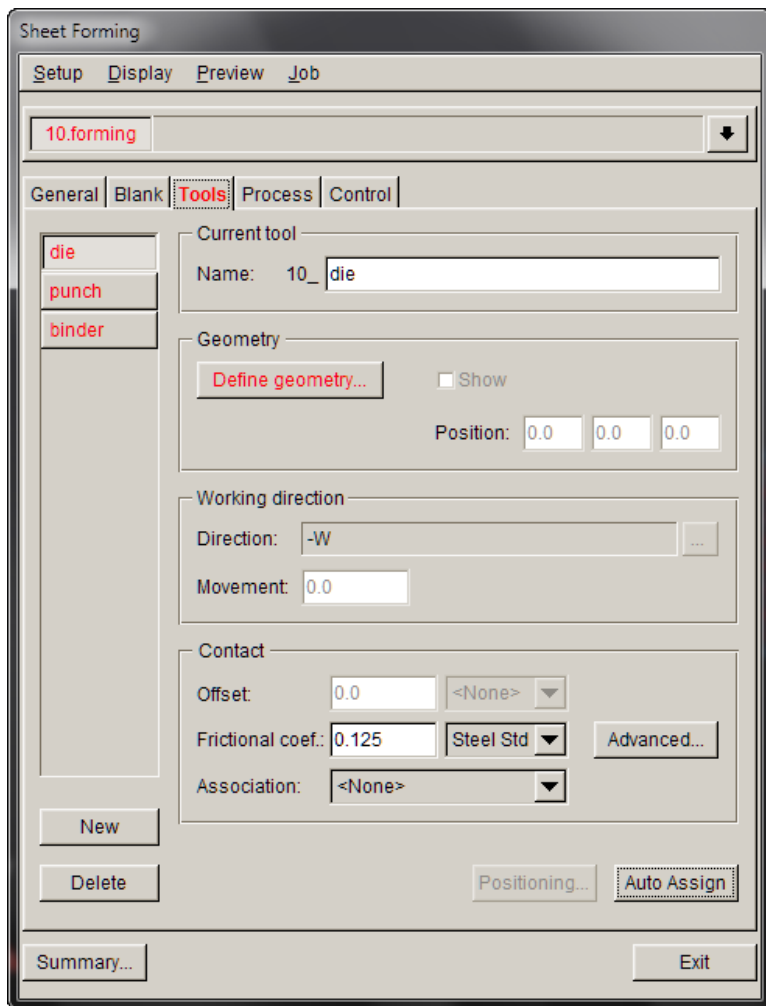


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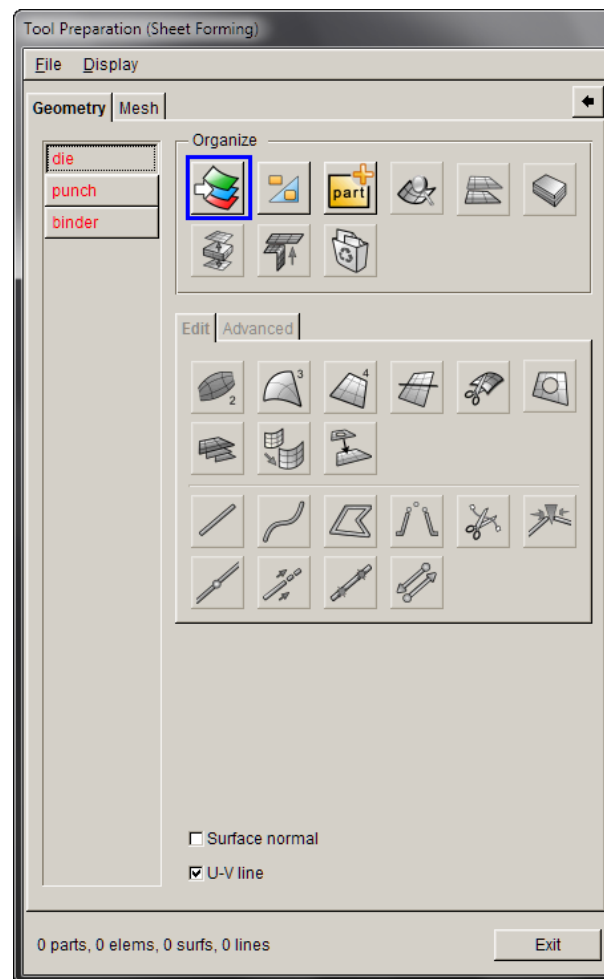


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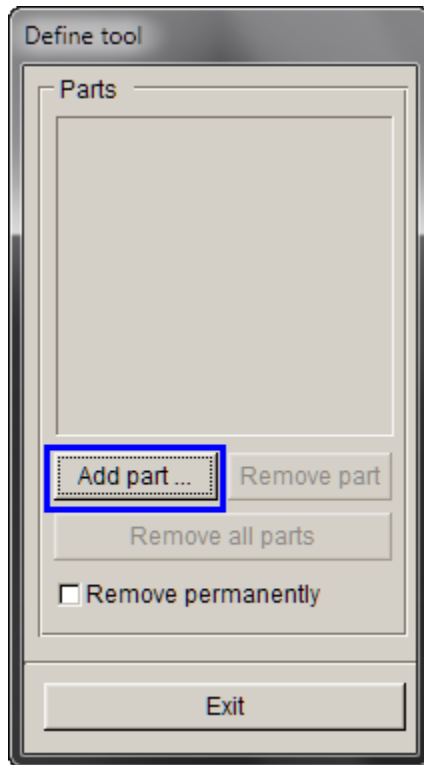


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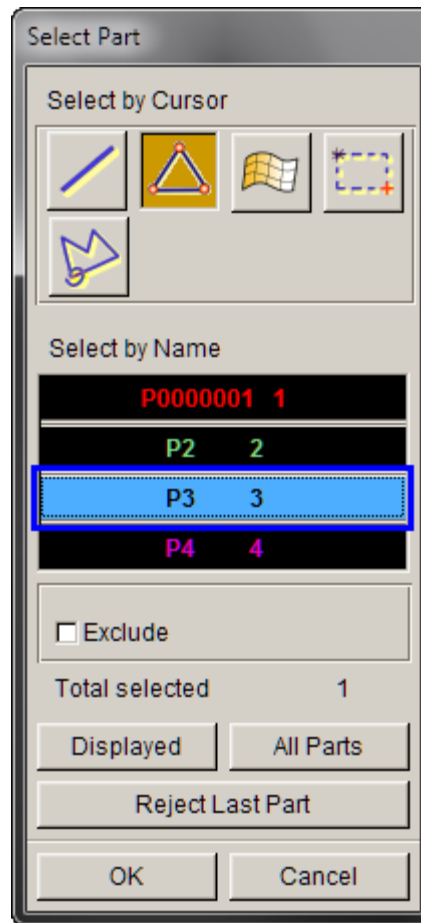


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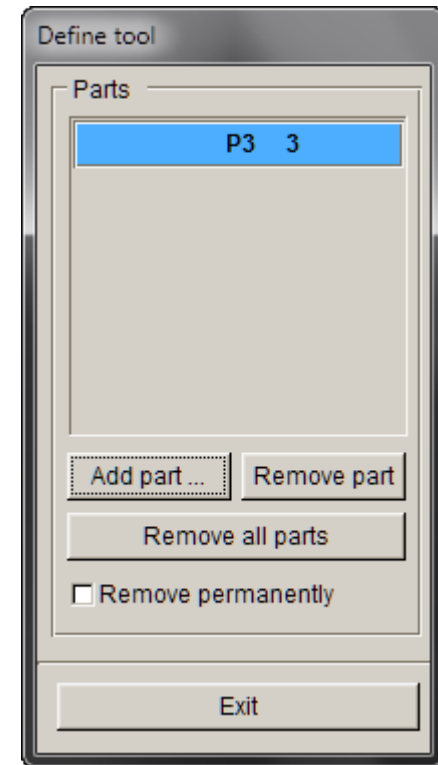


Figure 34

1. Click **General** on the Sheet forming GUI.
2. Toggle on **Coupled thermal structural analysis** option.
3. A tab named **Thermal** is displayed (Figure 35).

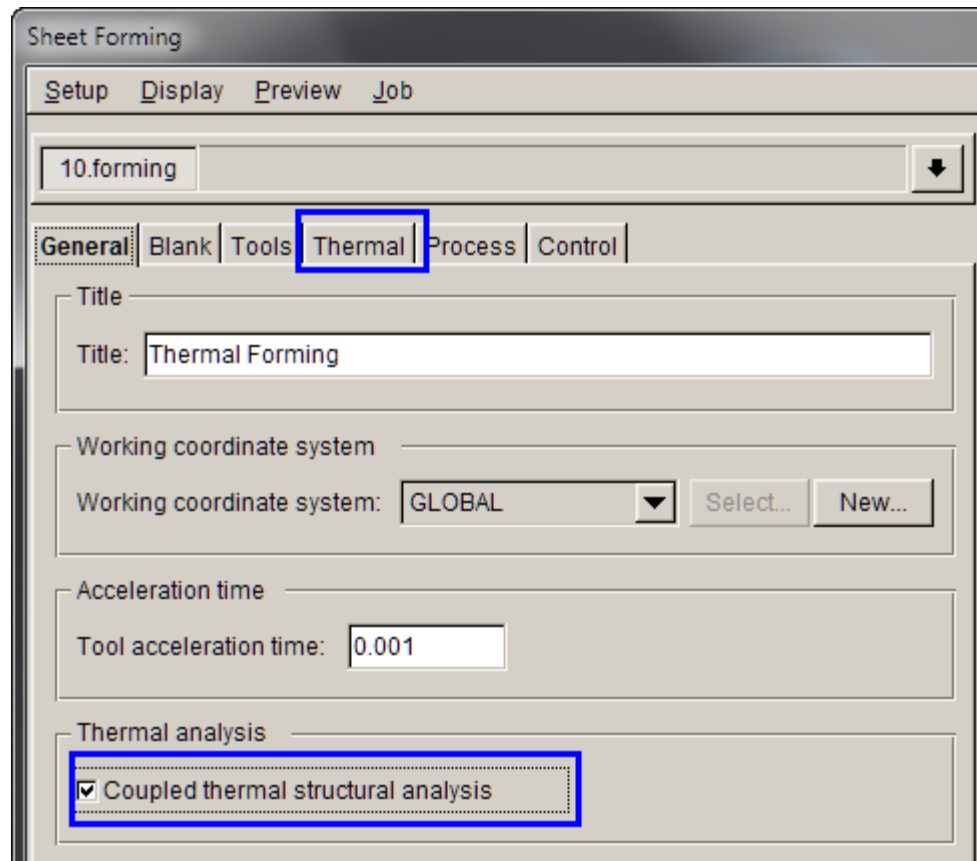


Figure 35

Thermal material type:

*MAT_THERMAL_ISOTROPIC

*MAT_THERMAL_ORTHOTROPIC

MAT_THERMAL_ISOTROPIC_TD

*MAT_THERMAL_ORTHOTROPIC_TD

*MAT_THERMAL_ISOTROPIC_PHASE_CHANGE

MAT_THERMAL_ISOTROPIC_TD_LC

MAT_ADD_THERMAL_EXPANSION

1. Click **Blank** on the **Thermal** analysis tab.
2. Define the blank thermal material and select ***MAT_THERMAL_ISOTROPIC_TD_LC**. (Figure 36).
3. Use Thermal Density default (same as structure density).
4. Click **...** to define Heat Capacity. (Figure 37).
5. Click **Import...** to import the heat capacity curve. (Figure 38).

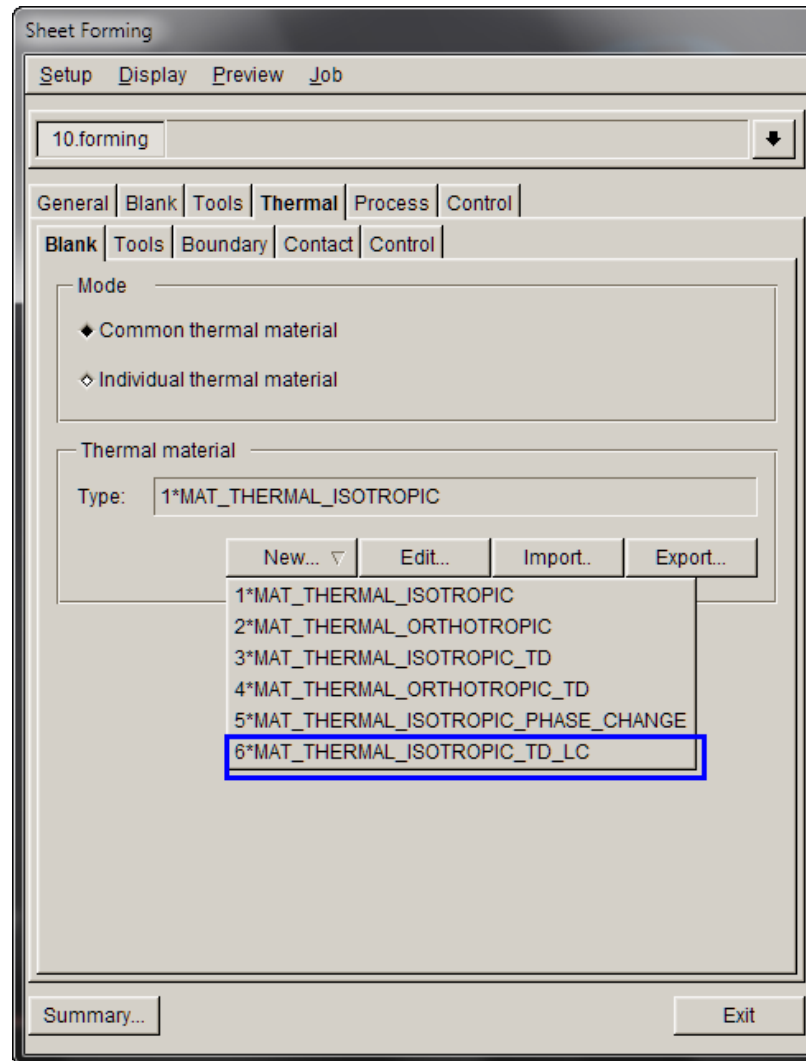


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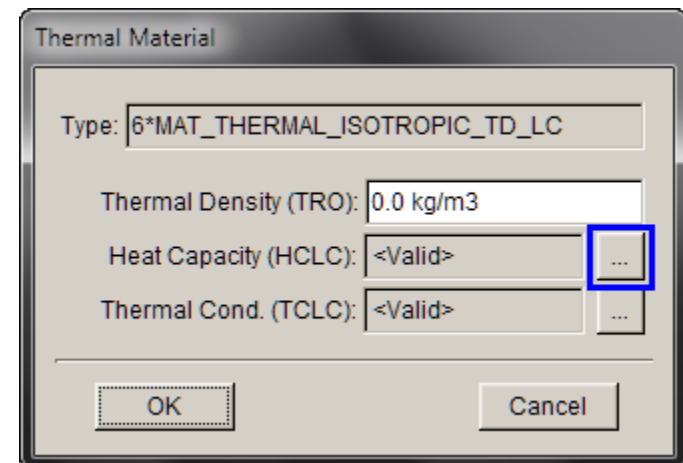


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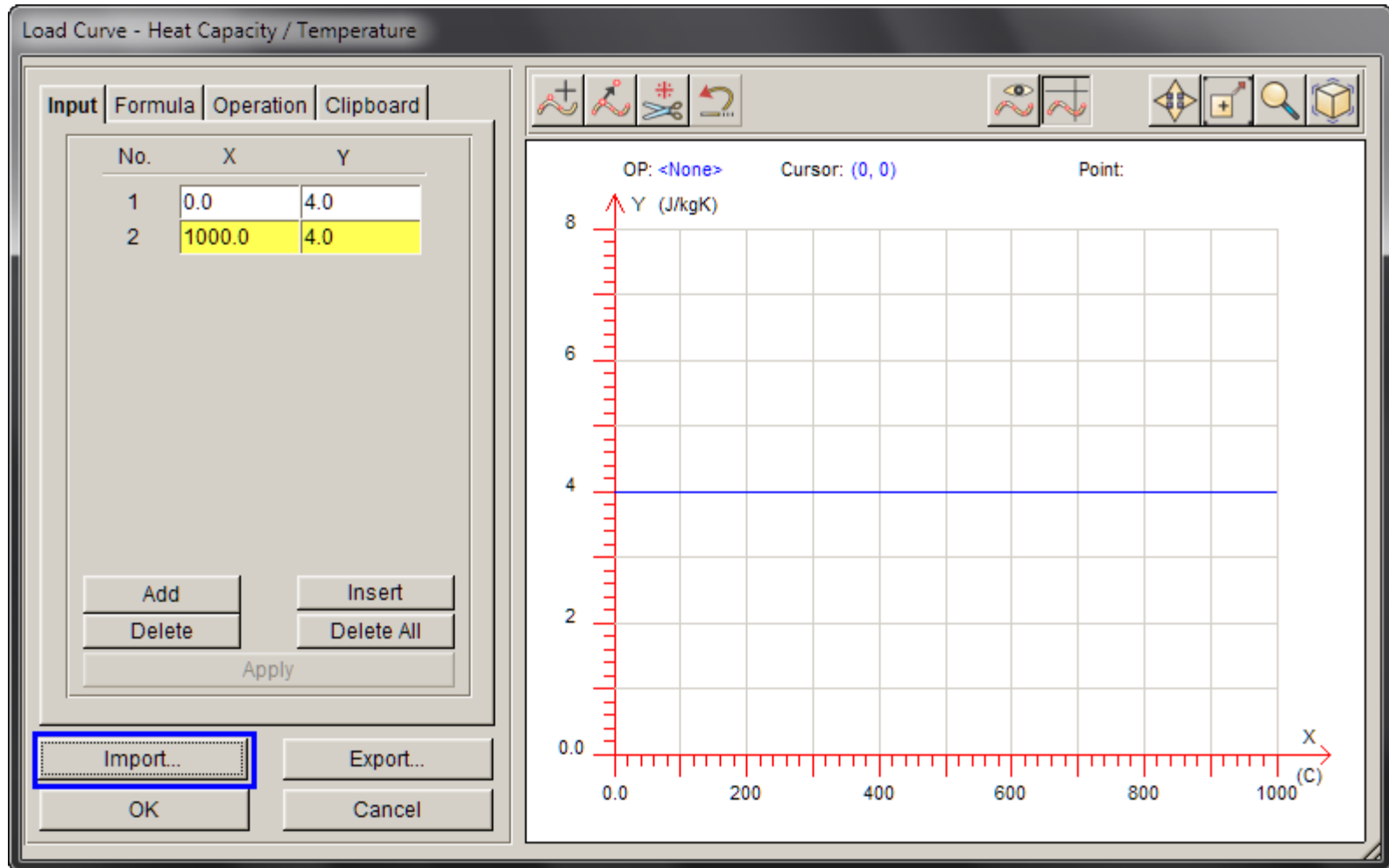


Figure 38

6. Select **HCLC-heat-capacity.cur**.
7. Click **OK** to accept the curve.
8. The file is imported. (Figure 39). (The unit of heat capacity here is **J/kgK**.)
9. Click **OK** to accept the operation.

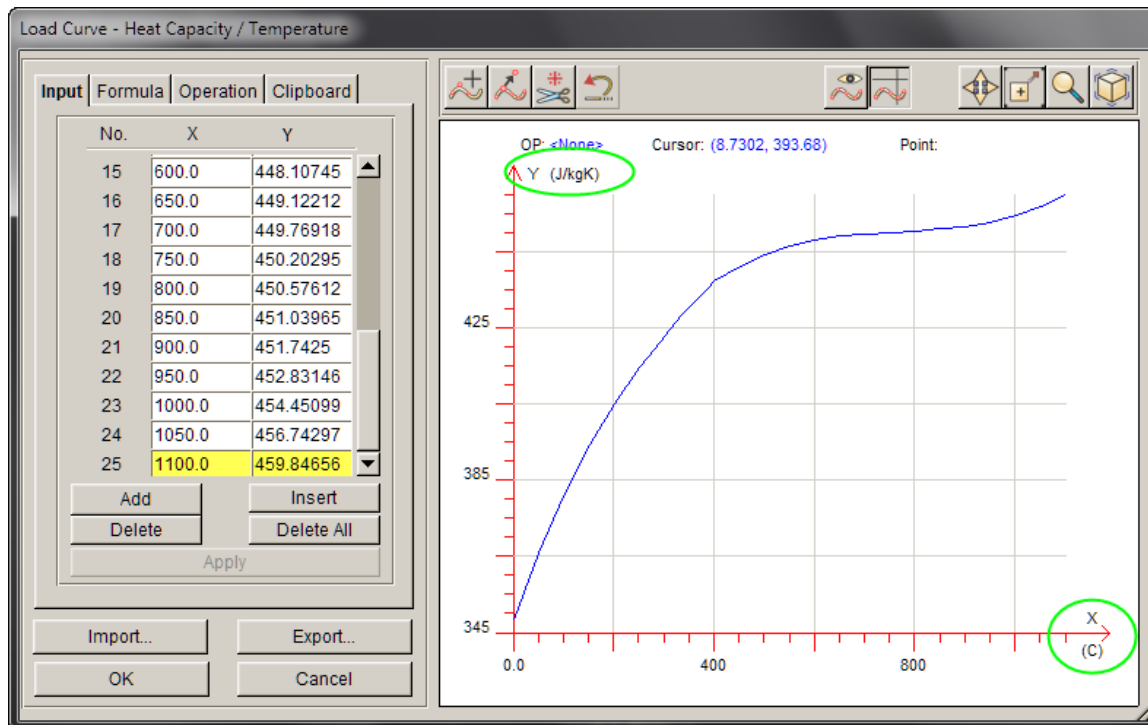


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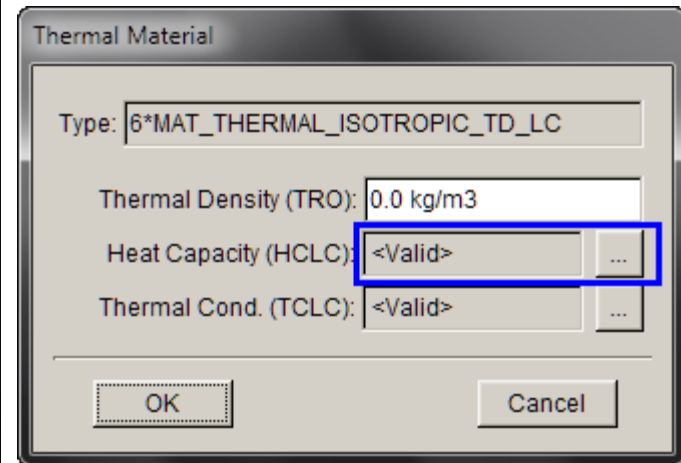


Figure 40

10. Repeat steps 4-9 to select **TCLC-conductivity-scaled.cur** as blank thermal conductivity curve. (Figure 41).
11. The result is shown in Figure 42.

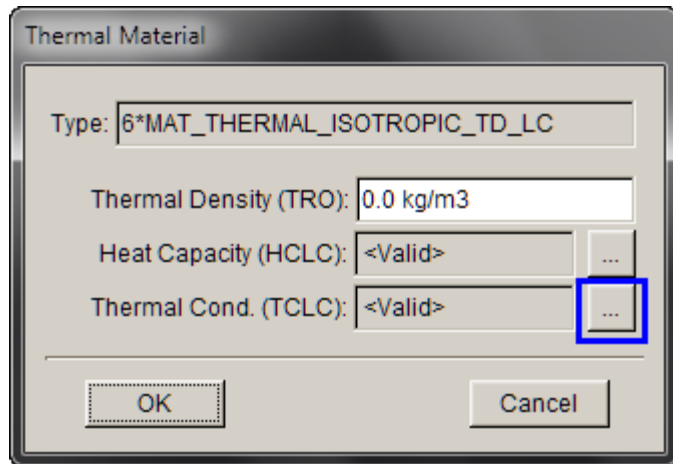


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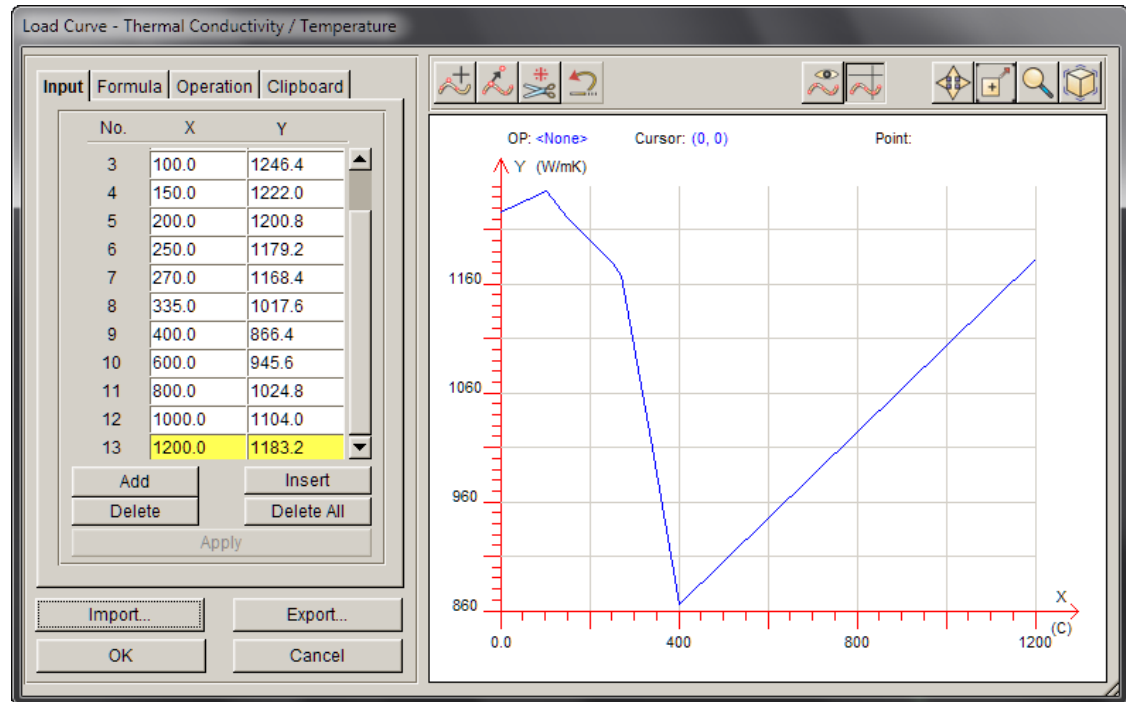


Figure 42

12. Refer to the above steps to define the tools thermal material.

- HCLC-heat-capacity-tools.cur
- TCLC-conductivity-tool-scaled.cur

The result is shown in Figure 43.

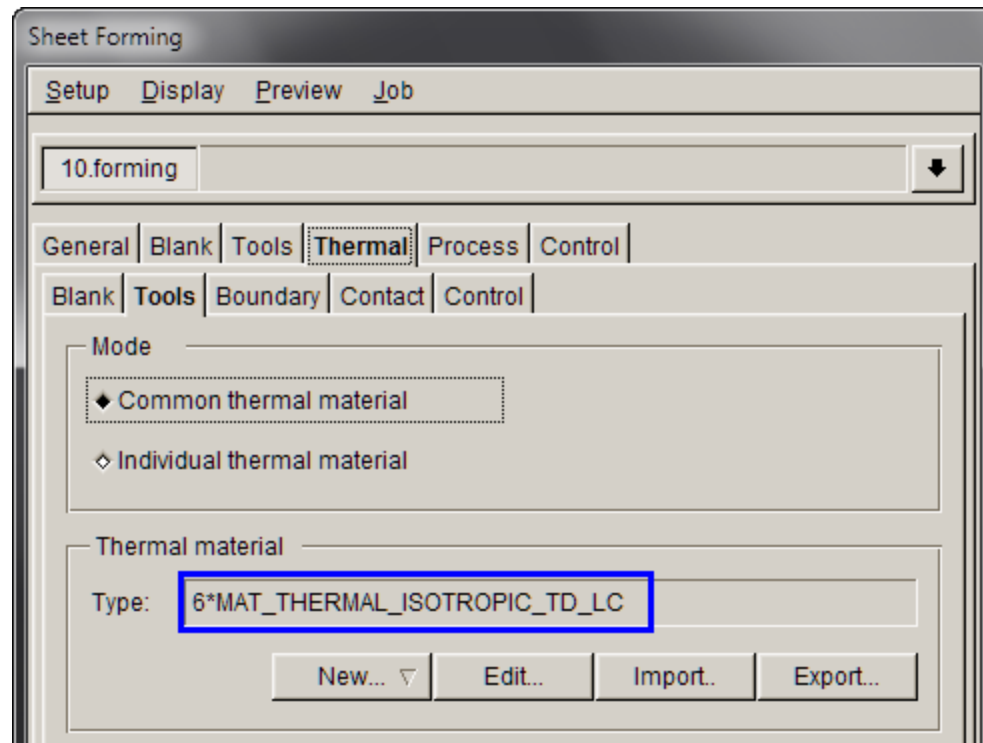


Figure 43

IX. Define thermal boundary

1. Keep the initial blank temperature and tools temperature as default (800 and 50).
 2. Keep the Radiation factor as default (0.8*SBC and $SBC=5.67E-11$).
 3. Keep the Heat transfer coefficient as default (5W/m2K).
- Please see Figure 44.

The screenshot displays the 'Sheet Forming' software interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Setup', 'Display', 'Preview', and 'Job'. Below these is a dropdown menu showing '10.forming'. The main interface is divided into several sections: 'General', 'Blank', 'Tools', 'Thermal', 'Process', and 'Control'. The 'Thermal' section is currently active, and within it, the 'Boundary' sub-section is selected. This sub-section contains three main areas: 'Temperature', 'Radiation', and 'Convection'. In the 'Temperature' section, the 'Initial temperature of blank' is set to 800.0 C and the 'Initial temperature of tools' is set to 50.0 C. In the 'Radiation' section, the 'Radiation factor' is checked and set to 0.8 SBC, and the 'Curve multiplier' is unchecked. In the 'Convection' section, the 'Heat transfer coef.' is checked and set to 5.0 W/m2K, and the 'Curve multiplier' is unchecked. The 'Heat transfer coef.' field is highlighted with a dashed border.

Figure 44

1. Define Thermal Conductivity as 40W/mK ;
2. Define Radiation factor as $7.6*\text{SBC}$;
3. Define Heat Transfer Coefficient as $20\text{W/m}^2\text{K}$;
4. Min. gap is 0.001mm and Max.gap is 0.5mm .
5. Select **Two Way** contact.
6. Toggle on **Thermal boundary conditions are off when parts are in contact**.
7. The definition is shown in Figure 45.

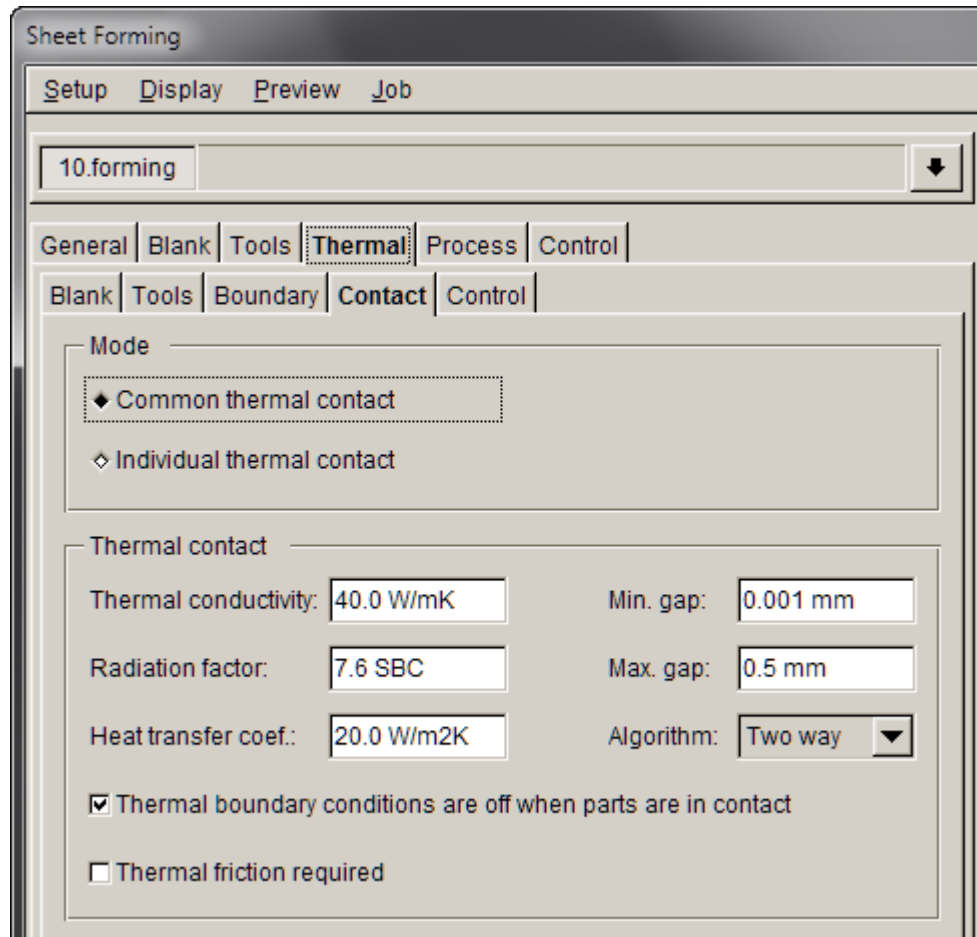


Figure 45

1. Define Thermal analysis type: **1** (0, Steady state analysis; 1, transient analysis.) Please see Figure 46.
2. Define Thermal problem type: **1** (Nonlinear problem with material properties evaluated gauss point temperature).
3. Click **Advanced** to define all parameters illustrated in Figure 47.

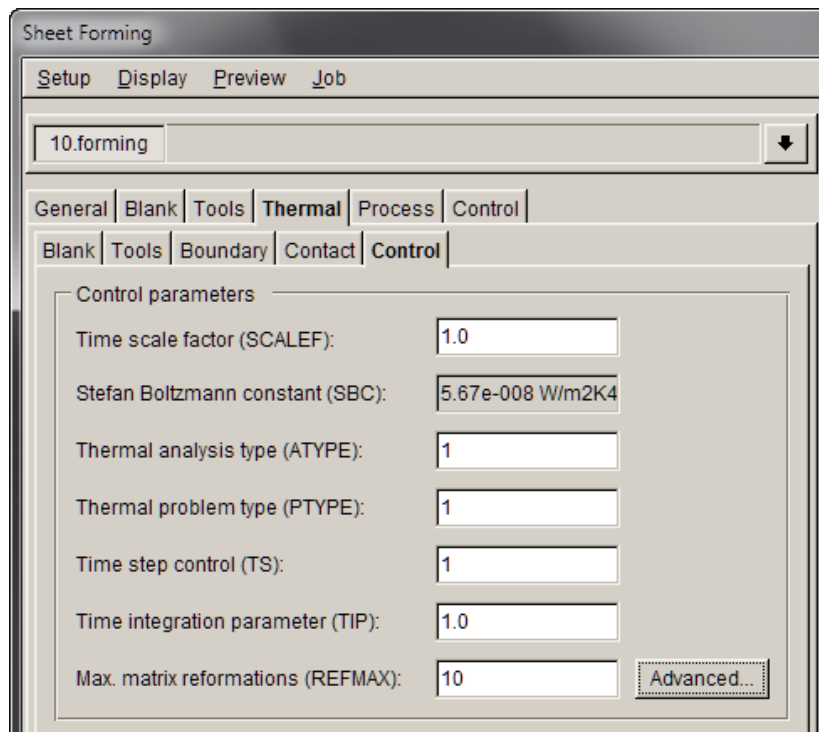


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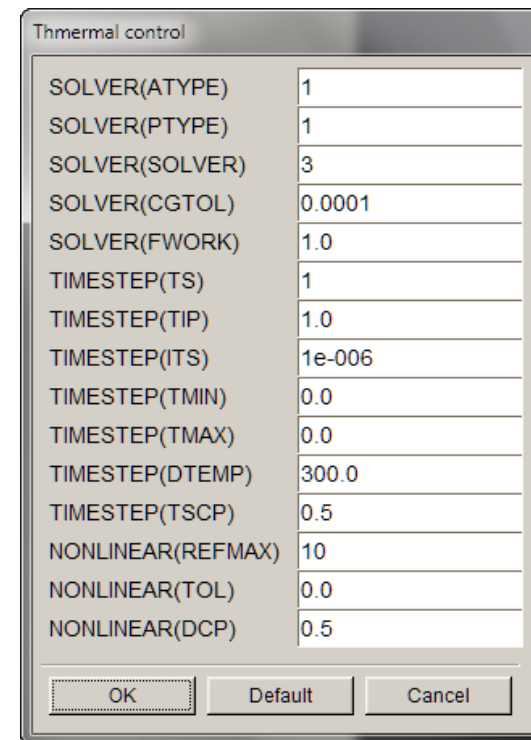


Figure 47

1. Click **Process** in Figure 48.
2. Select velocity curve as **Sinu.W-H**. And Keep **Closing** step default (Figure 48).
3. Drawing step is defined as illustrated in Figure 49.

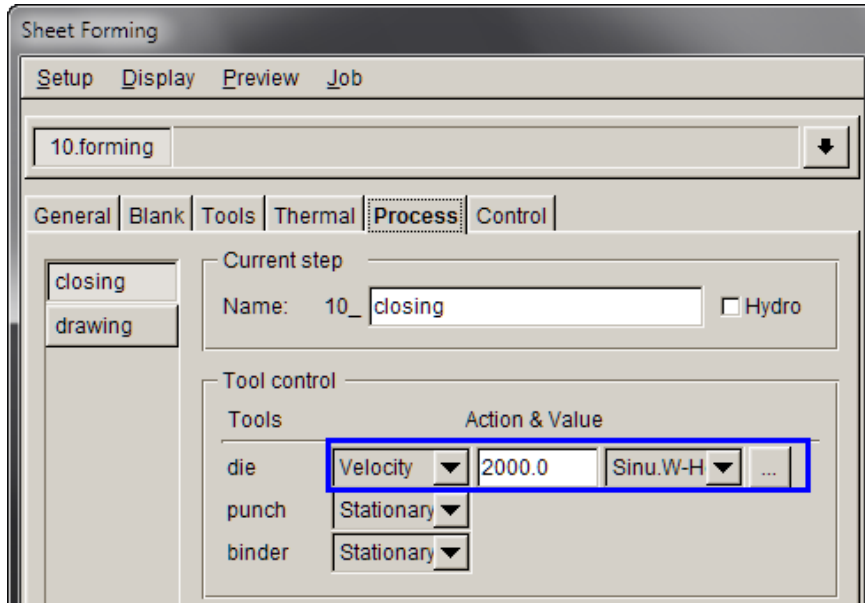


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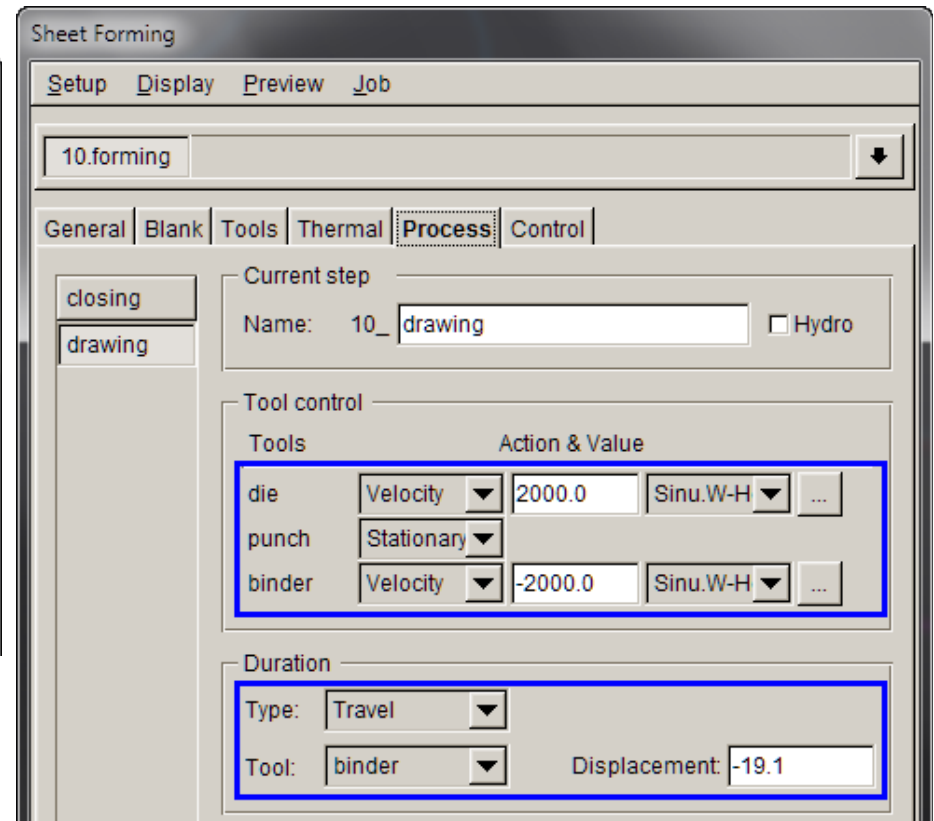


Figure 49

1. Click **Control** to define control parameters. See Figure 50.

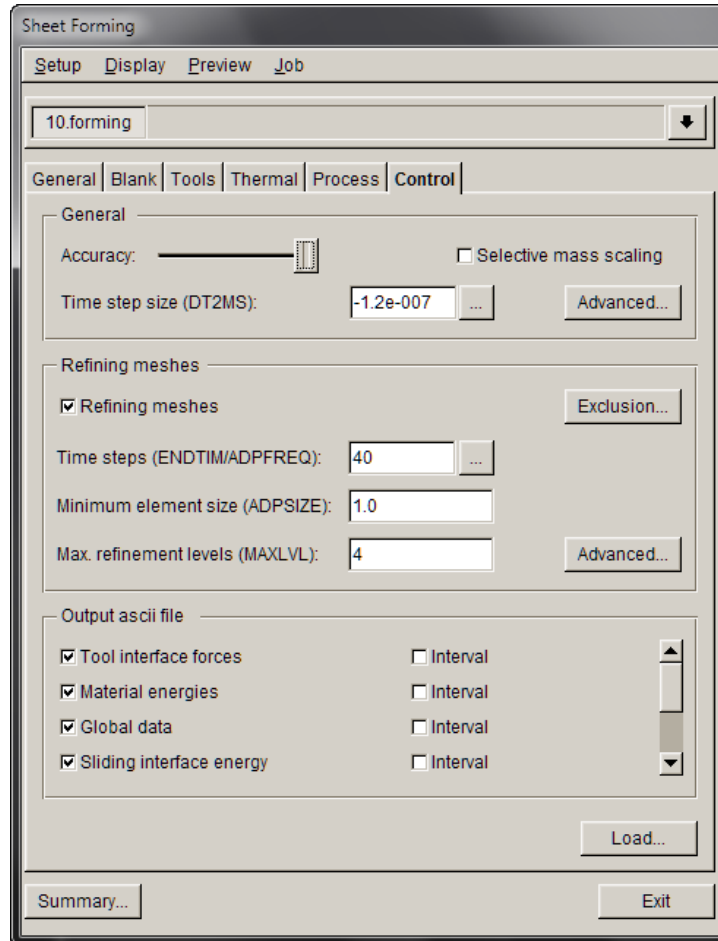


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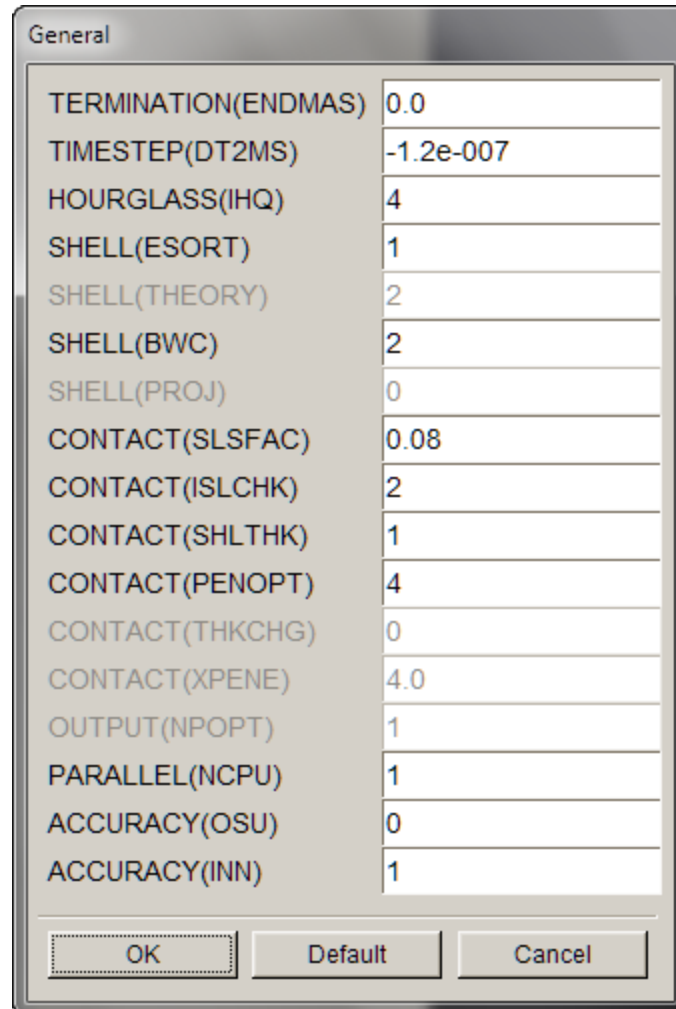


Figure 51

1. Click **New** to add a new stage. See Figure 52.
2. Select the type: **Cooling**. See Figure 53.

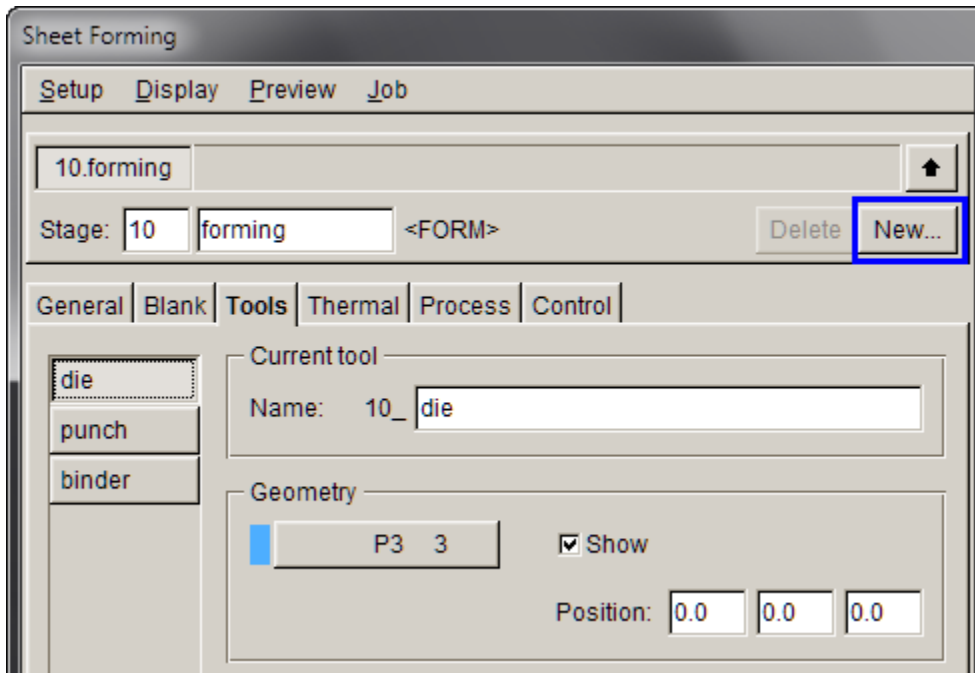


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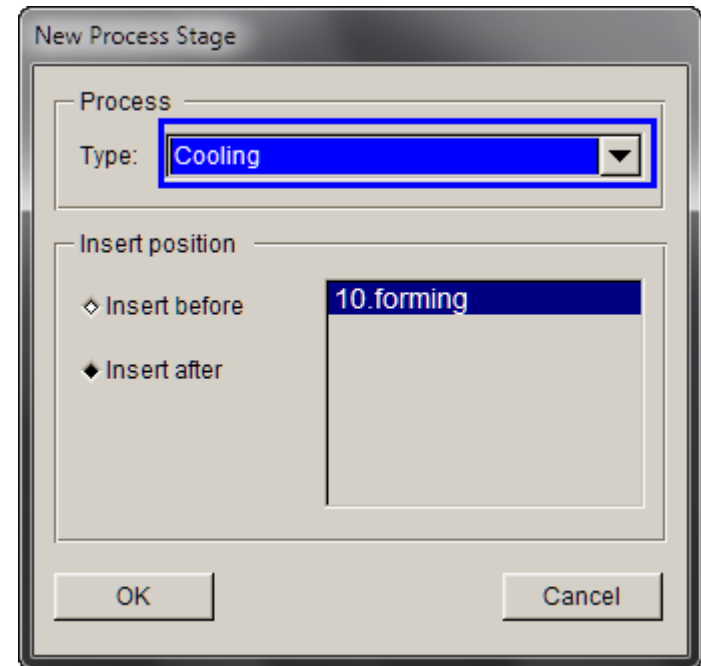


Figure 53

1. Click **New** to add tool: **punch**.
2. Click **Apply**.
3. Click **New** to add tool: **binder**.
4. Click **Apply**.

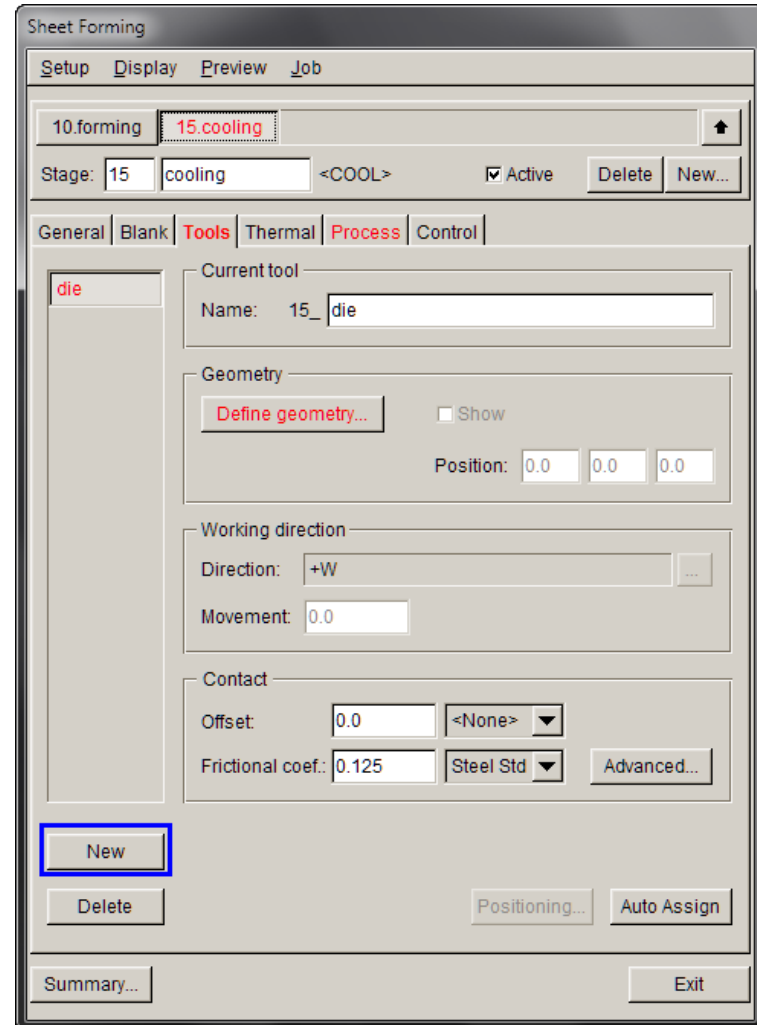


Figure 54

1. Click **Define Geometry...**
2. Select the tool from the list: **15_die**.
3. Click **Define Tool** icon in **Tool Preparation** dialog box. (Figure 55).
4. Click **Add Part...** . (Figure 56).
5. Select part **p3** and click **OK**. (Figure 57).
6. Click **Yes** to copy the selected part. (Figure 58).
7. Click **Exit**.
8. Repeat steps 2-7 to define **15_punch (P2)** and **15_binder (P4)**.
9. Click **Exit** to exit the **Tool Preparation** dialog box.

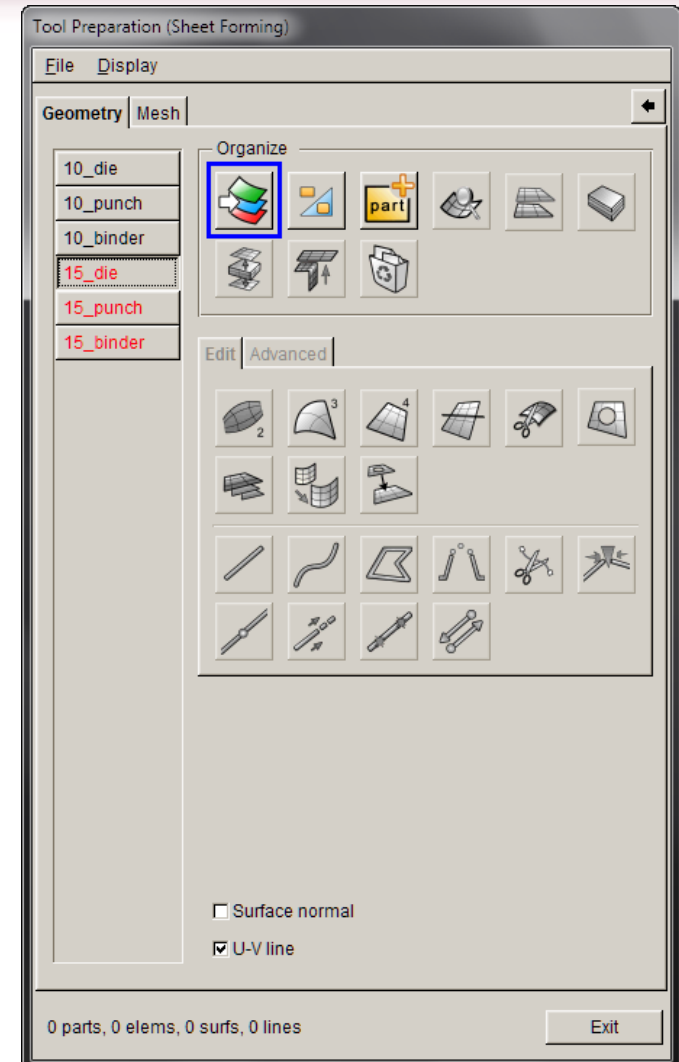


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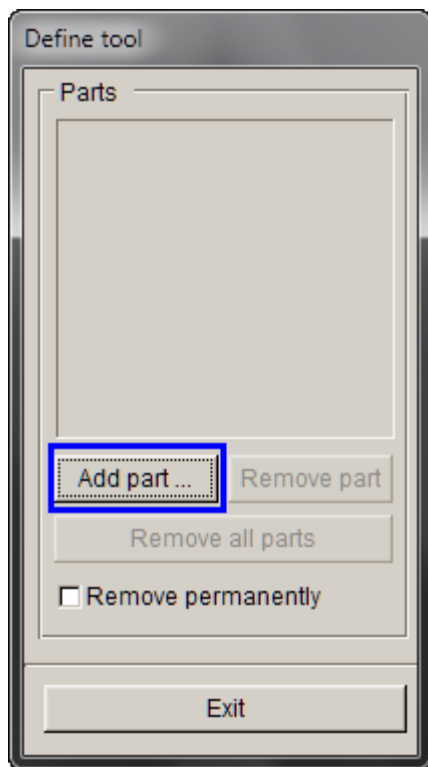


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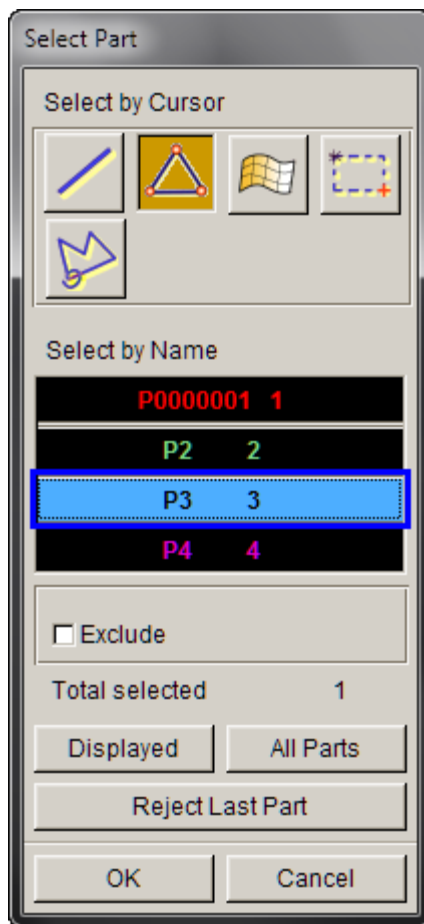


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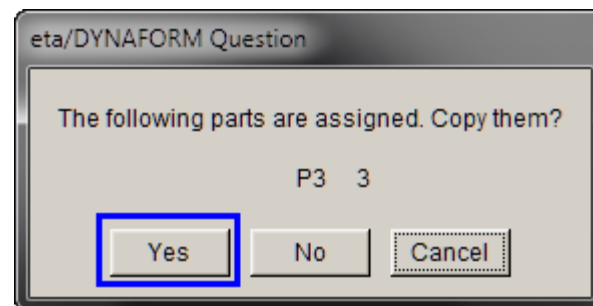


Figure 58

1. Click **Positioning...** to define the tools position.
2. Key in the movement of the tools. (Figure 59).
3. Click **OK** to exit.

The image shows a 'Positioning' dialog box with three main sections: 'Blank', 'Tools', and 'Preference'. The 'Tools' section contains a table with columns for 'Name', 'Movement', and 'On'. The 'Movement' column values are -30.0, 0.0, and -19.1 for 'die', 'punch', and 'binder' respectively. The 'On' column contains '<None>' and a dropdown arrow for each tool. The 'Preference' section has three settings: 'Gap between blank and tool' (1.0, checked 'Auto'), 'Gap between tools' (0.0, unchecked 'In normal'), and 'Round off' (checked).

Name	Movement	On
die	-30.0	<None> ▼
punch	0.0	<None> ▼
binder	-19.1	<None> ▼

Blank
Position: 0.0

Tools

Preference
Gap between blank and tool: 1.0 Auto
Gap between tools: 0.0 In normal
 Round off

Reset OK Cancel

Figure 59

1. Define the thermal material, contact and control parameters same with the forming stage.

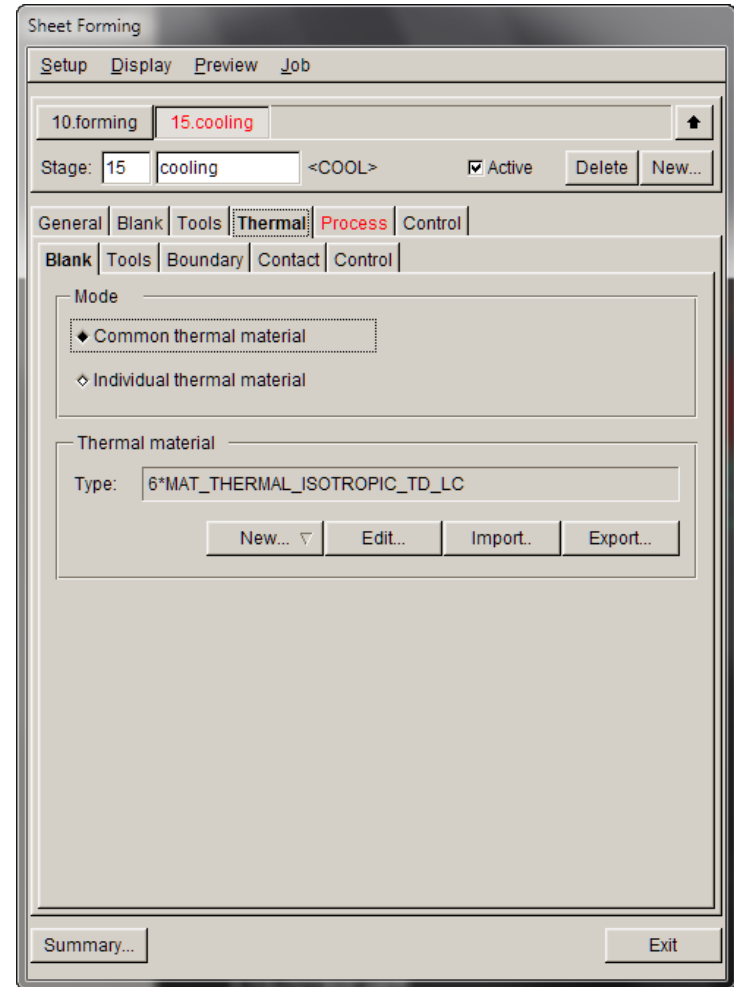


Figure 60

2. Toggle off **Radiation** and **Convection** option in cooling stage.

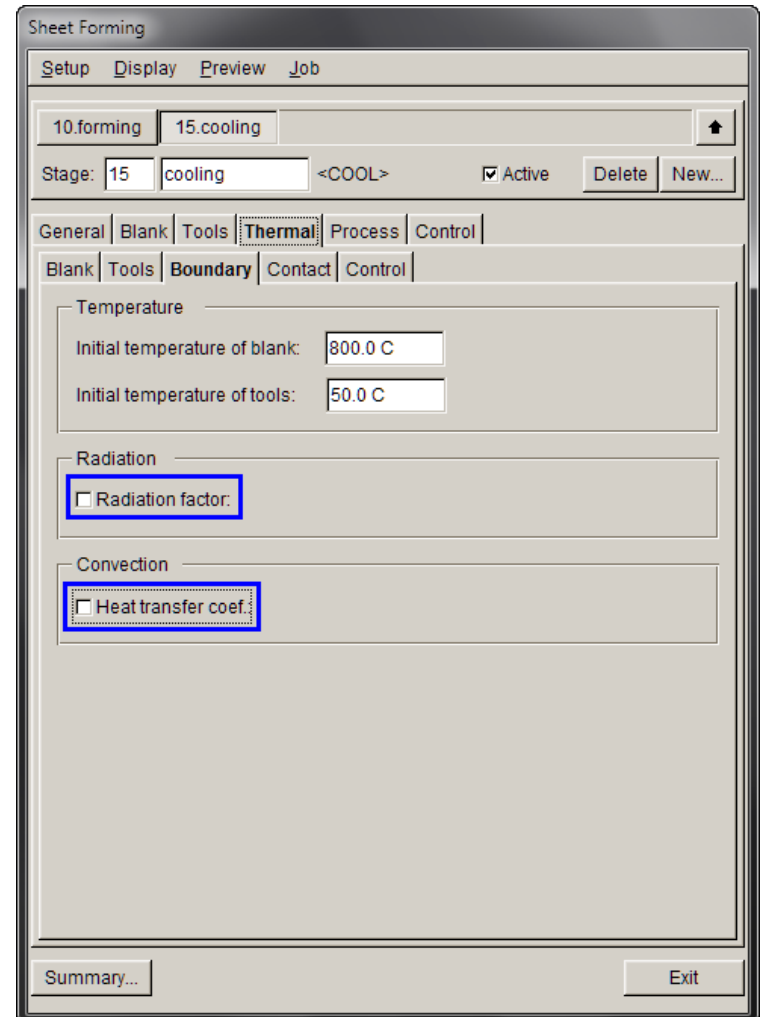


Figure 61

1. Click **Process** to define the process parameters.
2. Key in the duration time: **1**

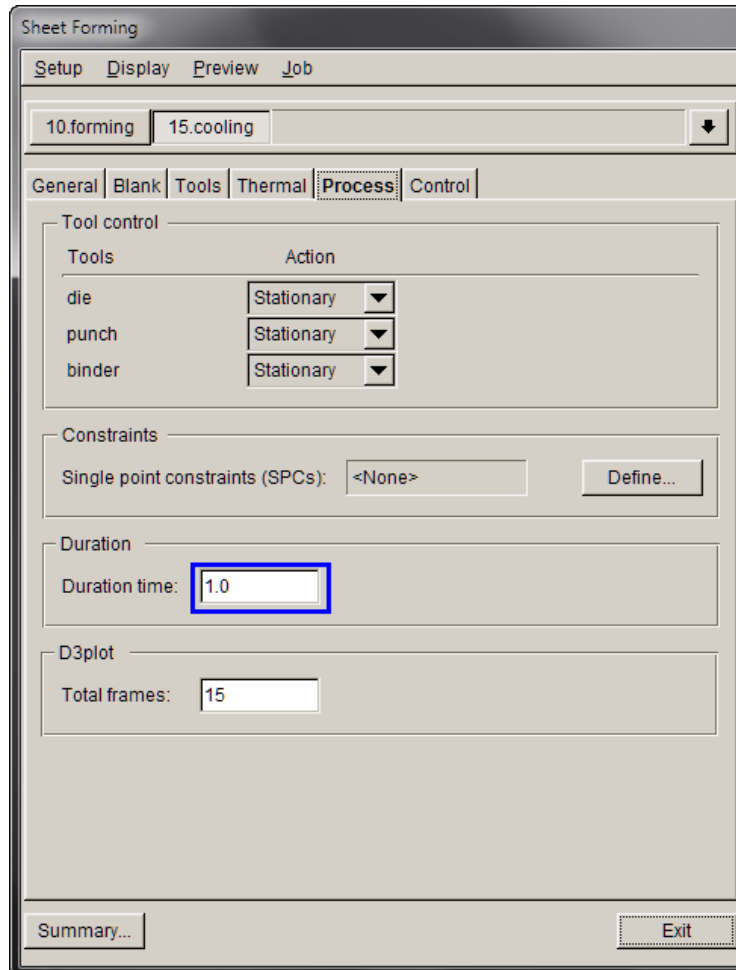


Figure 62

1. Click the menu **Job/Job Submitter** to submit the job.
2. The LS-DYNA solver starts automatically.

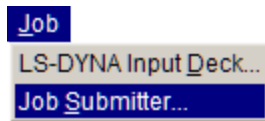


Figure 63

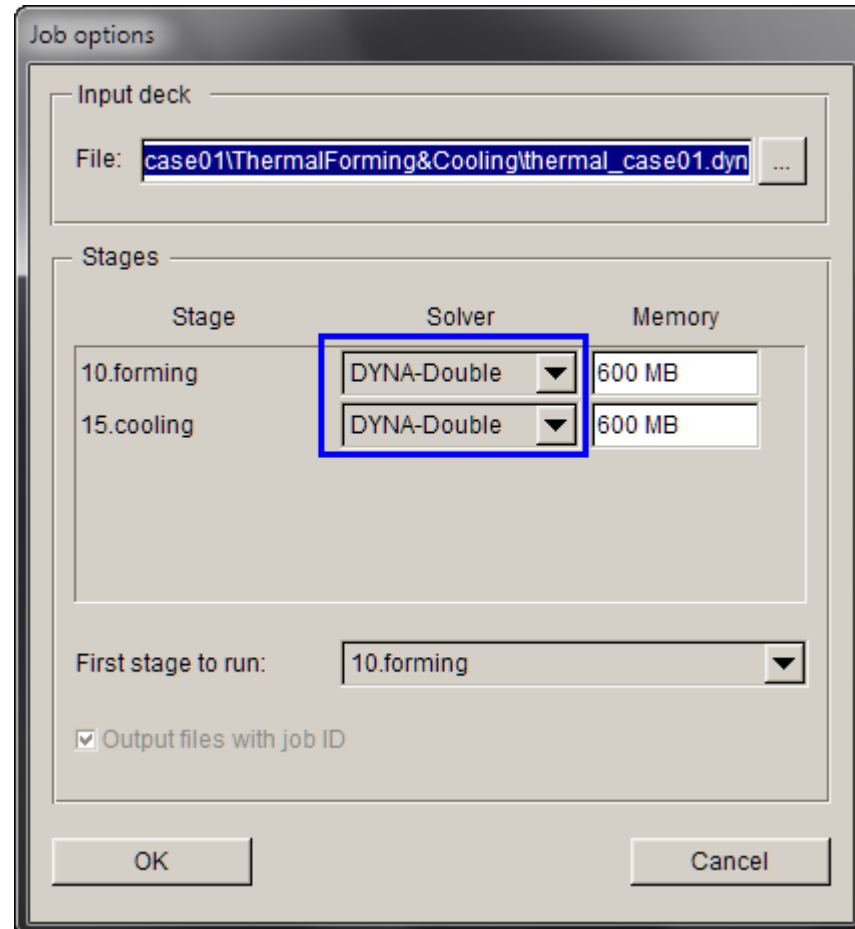



Figure 64

1. Click **eta/POST** from eta/DYNAFORM menu.
2. Open the result of thermal forming.
3. Click the menu: **Application->Show Blank Part Only**.
4. Click the contour icon  .
5. Select the Temperature as contour plot. (User can switch the temperature unit with Kelvin and Celsius).

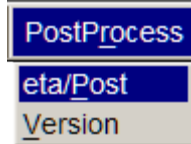


Figure 65

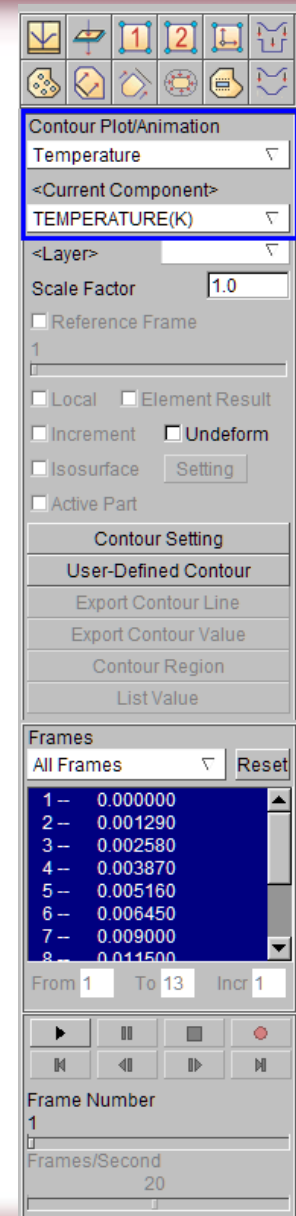


Figure 66

Temperature contour plot

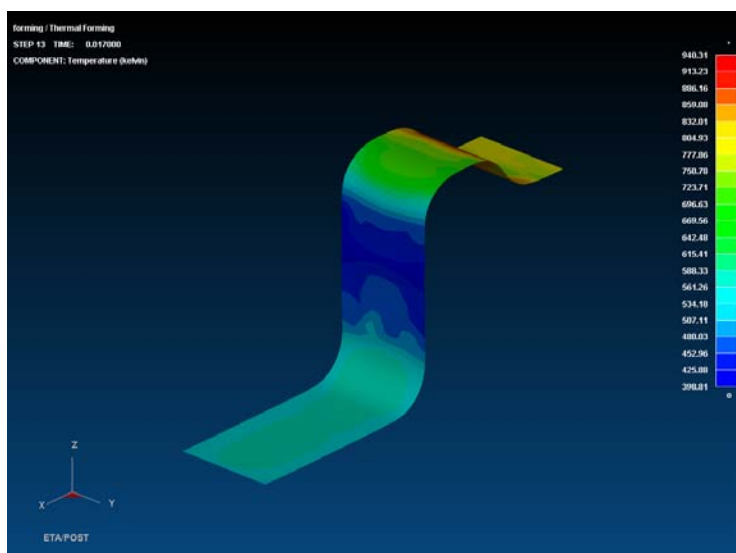


Figure 67

Last frame of forming

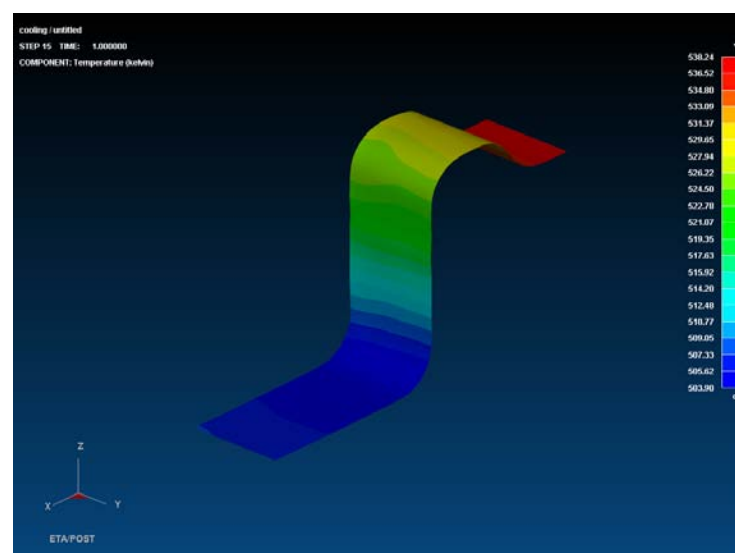


Figure 68

Last frame of cooling