

Vita

Kenneth (Ken) P. Kramp was born on April 17, 1973 in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where his parents still live today. Ken graduated in 1991 from Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, Maryland and went on to Virginia Tech to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at Virginia Tech, Ken gained valuable Cooperative Education experience by working 5 semesters for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (N.I.S.T.) in the Heat Transfer Group. In May 1996, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. After graduating, Ken decided to stay at Virginia Tech to pursue a Masters in mechanical engineering. In the fall of 1996, he joined the Advanced Vehicle Dynamics Lab (AVDL) to pursue his interest in dynamics. During the summer of 1997, he obtained valuable experience while working at the Association of American Railroads, Transportation Technology Center, Inc., in Pueblo, Colorado. In June 1998, he earned his Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering and went on to work for the Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI), of the Association of American Railroads, in Pueblo, Colorado.