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# SHAKEDOWN AND PRELIMINARY CALIBRATION TESTS FOR THE FUEL ENGINE EVALUATION SYSTEM USING THE KM914A SACHS ROTARY COMBUSTION ENGINE

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### ABSTRACT

A Fuel Engine Evaluation System (FEES) has been designed to evaluate the effects of changes in fuel composition on engine performance and operability. This report describes FEES and the tests carried out to calibrate the system and to determine its reliability. From the results obtained recommendations are made to improve the system.

FEES was designed to handle spark ignition and compression ignition research engines of power output up to 22 kW at 3500 RPM. Cold start capability testing to  $-40^{\circ}$ C is also available. The engine used for the above tests was a Sachs, single rotor KM914A rotary combustion, spark ignition engine.

### RESUME

Un système d'évaluation de moteur en fonction du carburant (Fuel Engine Evaluation System) (FEES) a été conçu pour évaluer les effets causés par des modifications de la composition du carburant sur le fonctionnement et la performance d'un moteur. Le rapport donne une description du FEES et des essais d'étalonnage et de fiabilité du système. A partir des résultats obtenus, des recommandations sont formulées pour améliorer le système.

Le FEES a été conçu pour des moteurs de recherche à allumage par étincelle et à allumage par compression d'une puissance d'au plus 22 kW à 3500 tr/min. Il comprend aussi des essais de démarrage à froid réalisés jusqu'à -40°C. Le moteur utilisé dans les essais mentionnés précédemment était un moteur rotatif Sachs KM914A monorotor, à allumage par étincelle.

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

A subprogram to investigate Fuel/Powerplant interaction has been initiated at the Defence Research Establishment Cttawa (DREO). One of the central objectives of the subprogram is to determine the effects of the anticipated degradation in quality of future domestic and foreign fuels on Canadian Forces powerplants. An intramural study has been implemented to complement extramural activity for the investigation of compression ignition powerplants combusting future Canadian fuels.

To monitor engine performance and operability while combusting fuels with low cetane number and/or wider boiling range, and fuels derived from tar sands blends, a Fuel Engine Evaluation System (FEES) has been designed and assembled. This report endeavours to discuss this system and the tests performed during its shakedown and preliminary calibration trials using the KM91:A Sachs Rotary Combustion Engine as a prime mover.

### 2.0 TEST OBJECTIVES

The tests described in this report were conducted to fulfill the following objectives:

- a. to seek out equipment shortcomings or deficiencies and to determine the degree of additional equipment redundancy needed for future testing;
- b. to gain preliminary insight into the equipment accuracy and behaviour in the overall system; and
- c. to ascertain the degree of control necessary to hold the control parameters within test code bounds.

### 3.0 REPORT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

This report has been written to document progress of intramural research at DREO and provide the necessary background for DREO and contract personnel working in the Fuels/Powerplant Technical Subprogram. It does not attempt to describe equipment choice rationale or system design parameters but describes FEES, the tests used to fulfill the above objectives, the results obtained, the conclusions and recommendations pertinent to future testing.

### 4.0 THE UTILIZATION OF FEES AS A RESEARCH TOOL

FEES has been designed to identify small differences in engine performance and operability corresponding to either subtle or major changes in fuel chemistry. Initially only a comparison of the gross parameters, brake power, torque, brake specific fuel consumption, volumetric efficiency, air-fuel ratio and brake thermal efficiency will be

possible. In the near traines it is planaed to complement the gross parameter monitoring with the capability of confection space monitoring for indicated power, combustion products analysis and combustion space vibrational signatures.

5.0 FUEL ENGINE DAY CLICIC SECULD GEE O DESCRIPTION

FEES was designed to monitor fuel-capine performance in research powerplants of output power up to 22 Kw at speeds up to 3500 RPM over the Ottawa range of climatic conditions. Cold start capability testing to  $-40^{\circ}$ C is also available. Where appropriate, the test equipment has been chosen or designed to comple with SAE and VSEC fuel-engine test format standards.

Figure 1 illustrates the domenator cloud the test bed and to the right the portable control room.



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The most basic part of the system is the test bed, a reinforced concrete slab on top of a 25 mm rubber pad. The test bed essentially rigidizes the dynamorater-engine interconnection and the rubber pad and slab dampens vibration to the building. The control room is used to house the engine-dynamorater controls, recording instrumentation and sensor readouts. Figures 2a and 2b show the engine-dynamometer controller, strip chart recorder, sensor display readouts and a data acquisition system.

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For the tests of this study a Sachs KM914A rotary combustion engine was used as a calibration prime mover. Figure 3 illustrates the torque meter couplings between the engine and the DC dynamometer.



Figure 2 - Dynamometer - Torquemeter - Engine

On both ends of the torquemeter, flexible rubber couplings accommodate slight misalignment and prevent shock loads being transmitted from the engine to the dynamometer. In order to reduce power dissipation due to misalignment, an alignment jig was developed to permit periodic checks of engine/torquemeter alignment with the dynamometer.

Figure 4 a schematic drawing of the entire system, itemizes measurement locations and lists recording or readout devices. As can be observed, a number of parameters are measured twice to improve the experimental reliability.



Figure 4 - English contract and Detremanistics. Schematic

Figures 5a and 5b indicate the sensor locations of the schematic relative to the engine-dynamometer position on the test bed. In greater detail, Appendix A lists each of the measured parameters, the symbol designated to it, and the sensing measurement device.



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To permit the initiation of testing as quickly as possible, FEES had its carefully documented circuitry wired in a temporary fashion. This also facilitated the inevitable changes that this study would recommend.

To familiarize the reader with the KM914A engine, specification sheets have been inserted as Appendix B. As can be seen from the Appendix B performance curves, the engine is capable of producing 12 kW at 4500 RPM. Its peak torque 26 NM occurs at 3750 RPM and its specific fuel consumption is a minimum of 450 g/kWh at 4100 RPM. The engine is a single rotor, carburetted (Tilotson) spark ignited rotary combustion prime mover. Starting is accomplished by using the D.C. dynamometer in the motoring mode.

A refrigeration system capable of temperatures down to  $-40^{\circ}$ C has been fabricated. The use of the D.C. dynamometer with the engine in a refrigerated enclosure provides suitable cold cranking capability. The proposed addition of combustion air and cooling air temperature-humidity control to  $-40^{\circ}$ C should also permit low temperature engine operation for fuels testing of research type single cylinder engines.

### 6.0 TEST PROGRAMME

It was decided to conduct tests at three different throttle openings 50%, 75% and 100%. This was accomplished in a reproducible manner using a throttle actuator and electronic control device. At each throttle opening the dynamometer load was set to determine the operating RPM. In this fashion the RPM was varied between 2000 and 4000 RFM. For a particular test run at a fixed throttle opening and adjusted load condition, the engine was operated for approximately 5 to 15 minutes in a pretest period until temperature stabilization occurred at the exhaust manifold thermocouple. Once temperature stability was present the test run was begun and readings were recorded for a known time period of approximately four minutes. After this time period elapsed, exhaust manifold temperature was again observed. If this continued to be stable, results were calculated immediately and torque and brake power plotted to compare with previous test runs. During this post test period of two to three minutes other results were fed into the DREO site main frame computer. If the plotted data compared favourably and the temperature of the exhaust gases and other temperatures remained stable, a new load setting was effected and pretest checking for a new test run was commenced.

To minimize errors and omissions, with the large number of sensors and variety of recording or readout devices, elaborate check lists were devised. Check lists at the beginning and end of the testing day ensured proper calibration of all equipment. Pretest check lists ensured all previous data was recorded correctly and that the next data would be taken in the correct format. Due to the thoroughness of check lists, no errors or omissions resulted during the 14 tests for this study.

The results of a series of tests for a particular throttle opening led to the calculation of the performance parameters. These performance parameters outlined in the following section are treated in greater detail and their interrelationships discussed in Taylor [1], Obert [2] and Lichty [3]. From the performance parameters, performance curves can be plotted which form the basis for comparisons between test fuels and a baseline or reference fuel. In addition, the engine can be observed for its operability characteristics, i.e. how effectively or smoothly it operates with a particular test fuel. (This observation can be quantified by utilizing accelerometers mounted in various engine locations to measure combustion roughness or vibrational signature.)

### 7.0 GROSS PERFORMANCE PARAMETER EQUATIONS

The gross performance parameters are calculated from the measured parameters described in Table Al of Appendix A in the following manner. Engine steady state output torque (T) is read directly from the torquemeter in (in/lbs) and converted to (NM) or calculated by

$$T = F_{S} \times r (NM)$$
(1)

where  $F_s$  is the dynamometer reaction force and r is the radius measured from the dynamometer centre line to the point of force measurement. The brake power (bp) is calculated using

$$bp = \frac{2\pi NT}{60}$$
(Watts) (2)

where N = Engine Speed (RPM) T = Torque (NM).

The brake specific fuel consumption (bsfc) is the mass flow rate of the fuel  $(\dot{m}_f)$  divided by the brake power (bp).

 $BSFC = \frac{\dot{m}_{f}}{bp}$ (3)

Using the lower calorific value of the fuel (LCV) determined from API gravity and aniline point for the ASTM (D1405-64) test code, the brake thermal efficiency  $(\eta_{BT})$  can be calculated from

$$\eta_{\beta T} = \frac{bp}{\dot{m}_{f} \times LCV}$$
(4)

Another performance parameter is the cylinder mean effective pressure which can be expressed as the brake mean effective pressure (bmep).

<sup>1</sup> The torquemeter used also had the ability to measure instantaneous torque of the engine output shaft for monitoring combustion space energy transfer.

$$bmep = \frac{bp}{D_T \times N}$$
(5)

where  $(D_T)$  is the total displacement and (N) is the engine rotational speed in RPM. The bmep may be thought of as that mean effective pressure acting on the pistons which would give the measured bp if the engine were frictionless.

For air breathing engines air capacity  $(\dot{m}_a)$  is an important parameter. Its effect on indicated power (IP) can be seen in the following equation.

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(8)

$$IP = J\dot{m}_{a} (FQ_{c}\eta_{TH})$$

where: IP = power developed;

J = mechanical equivalent of heat;  $\dot{m}_a$  = mass flow rate of dry air; Q<sub>c</sub> = heat of combustion;  $\eta_{TH}$  = indicated thermal efficiency; and F = fuel/air ratio.

For SI engines, the indicated power remains proportional to air capacity, provided there is no change in fuel/air ratio or compression ratio and no departure from optimum spark timing. For these conditions, indicated thermal efficiency remains reasonably constant and this proportionality between IP and  $\dot{m}_a$  has been found to hold for many types of SI engines.

To further examine the aspiration capability of an engine, it is convenient to use an expression independent of cylinder size. Such an expression is the volumetric efficiency. For ideal engines volumetric efficiency  $(\eta_v)$  may be defined as

$$\eta_{v} = \frac{m_{m}}{(v_{1} - v_{2})\rho_{m}}$$
(7)

where  $m_m$  is the mass of fresh mixture of moist air (m) supplied and  $\rho_m$  is the density at the pressure  $p_m$  and temperature  $T_m$ . The quantity  $(V_1-V_2)\rho_m$  is the mass of fresh mixture which would just fill the piston displacement volume at the density of the inlet system. The volume  $V_1$ is at the piston bottom dead center (bdc) (position  $-x_1$ ) and the volume  $V_2$ is at top dead center (tdc) (position  $-x_2$ ).

For real engines the volumetric efficiency can be expressed as

$$n_{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{2\dot{\mathbf{m}}_{\mathbf{m}}}{N\mathbf{v}_{d} J\rho_{\mathbf{m}}}$$

where

 $\dot{m}_m$  = mass flow rate of fresh mixture (m);

N'' = RPM;

- V<sub>d</sub> = total displacement volume of engine;
- $V_d = (x_1 x_2)$ Ap where Ap = bore area of piston; and
- $\rho_m$  = inlet density of fresh mixture (m).

The factor 2 in equation (8) arises from the engine combustion cycle. The 2 identifies a four stroke cycle where there is one complete cycle every two crankshaft revolutions. The equation would be without the 2 for a two stroke combustion cycle.

For rotary combustion engines (RCE) there has been extensive disagreement as to what constitutes the effective displacement volume and whether the engine operates in a two or four stroke cycle. Norbye [4] indicates that RCE's are now classified as following the four stroke cycle and that the Commission Sportive Internationale (CSI) has adopted a formula which rates RCE's displacement at twice the combustion chamber volume multiplied by the number of rotors. This eliminates the 2 in equation (8) and implies RCE's breathe much like a two stroke cycle powerplant.

For equation (8), it is necessary to define inlet density as the density of fresh mixture in or near the inlet port. The resulting volumetric efficiency measures the pumping performance of cylinder and valves alone. Since it is not always possible or convenient to measure  $\rho_m$  at the inlet port, density is usually measured at the engine air intake. The volumetric efficiency based on this measurement location is called the overall volumetric efficiency. For unsupercharged engines with small pressure and temperature changes in air cleaner, carburettor and inlet manifold geometry the overall volumetric efficiency.

	The fuel/air ratio (F) is calculated from	
	$F = \frac{m_f}{m_a}$	(9)
where	$\dot{m}_f = mass fuel flow rate\dot{m}_a = \rho_a \dot{Q}_a$	
where	$\dot{Q}_a$ = volumetric flow rate of dry air $\rho_a$ = density of dry air.	
	The air/fuel ratio (A/F) is simply	
	$\frac{A}{F} = F^{-1}$	(10)

It is appropriate to introduce the term equivalence ratio  $(\Phi)$ , which is the quantities of equation (9) and (10) normalized by the stoichiometric or chemically correct fuel/air ratio

$$\Phi = \frac{F(actual)}{F(stoich)} = \frac{A/F(stoich)}{A/F(actual)}$$
(11)

For octane  $(C_8H_{16})$  F(stoich) is usually given as 0.0668.

These performance equations have been used in a sample calculation in Appendix D for test run No. RC30. The test conditions for test run No. RC30 are tabulated in Appendix C, Tables C1 and C2 as are the data of the earlier tests RC16 to RC29.

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### 8.0 PERFORMANCE RESULTS

### TABLE 2

Test Data For API Gravity And Calculated Higher Heating Value

RUN NO.	Z (%)	API	HIGHER HEATING VALUE (BTU/LB)
RC (16-20) RC (21-25) RC (26-30)	50 75 100	65.8 64.8 62.0	20552 20512 20400
Test Altitude =	232 feet	above sea	level

The performance equation data has been tabulated in Tables 1 and 2 and plotted against engine speed in the graphs of Figures 6 to 12. From the torque values of Figures 6a, a smooth curve is present for the 100% throttle opening case.



Figure 6a - Torque vs Engine Speed for the Sachs KM914A Engine

For the 75% and 50% part throttle opening curves, scatter in data was primarily due to difficulties in reading the dynamometer spring balance. Severe vibrations at certain frequencies caused erratic needle deflection, that was difficult to read accurately. These vibrations were observed to be a function of engine speed and load. Fortunately excessive vibration did not occur for any of the runs of primary importance at 100% throttle opening. It can be seen that smooth curves exist for all the air mass flow rate and fuel mass flow rate data of Figures 6b and 6c respectively. This indicates that the scatter present in Figure 6a is not engine related but dynamometer related.



Figure 6b - Intake Air Mass Flow Rate vs Engine Speed

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Figure 6c - Fuel Mass Flow Rate vs Engine Speed

The electric dynamometer proved to be difficult to control throughout the tests. The D.C. power to the dynamometer field coils was controlled by a potentiometer which was continually adjusted by hand to keep a standing pressure wave form generated by the combustion space pressure transducer centred on the oscilloscope screen for a given engine rotational frequency. This yielded speed control to within 15 RPM and load control for dynamometer torque of 4 NM. Engine torque is usually measured by the shaft torque meter shown in Figure 3, but due to brush problems with the torque meter, the backup spring balance was used for all of these tests.

From equation (2) the brake power (bp) values of Table 1 were generated and the smooth curves of Figure 7 were plotted. Despite minor scatter at low speeds, the crude speed/load control and the inaccurate spring balance, the bp results were encouraging. These results suggested that bp accuracy and repeatability within 1.5% for fuels testing would be possible with improved dynamometer control and use of the torque meter.

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Figure 7 - Brake Power vs Engine Speed



Figure 8 - Brake Specific Fuel Composition vs Engine Speed

The brake specific fuel consumption curves of Figure 8 bear out the finding of other researchers [5, 6] that full throttle and part throttle fuel consumption is poor. The curves are flatter than expected and the fuel consumption is greater than factory specifications by about 100 g/kWhr.

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Figure 4 - Smake Thermal Efficiency vs Engine Speed

From the brake thermal efficiency curves of Figure 9, it is evident that this particular rotary combustion engine is highly inefficient. From equation (4) and Figures 6c and 7, the high fuel consumption at 3500 RPM yielded a pronounced drop in efficiency in Figure 9. It is suspected that the poor performance of the engine in terms of BSFC and  $\eta_{\rm GT}$  was due to compression-combustion-expansion leakage past the rotor face and apex seals. This leakage should result in a lower brake power which was not the case. The brake power in Figure 7 compared favourably with the manufacturer's ratings. The reason for this anomaly is related to exhaust back pressure. Had the engine been tested with higher back pressure equivalent to the manufacturer's muffler, the output would have been considerably lower as would be expected with leaking seals.

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Figure 10 - Brake Mean Effective Pressure vs Engine Speed

The brake mean effective pressure of .55 mPa in Figure 10 for Z = 100% at 4000 RPM is about 2% lower than a performance map value in reference [4]. As expected, the general shape of the BMEP curves is the same as the brake power curves in Figure 7 since brake power is used to calculate bmep of equation (5).



Figure 11 - Volumetric Efficiency vs Engine Speed

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From Figure 11 it can be seen that, at full throttle opening, the volumetric efficiency increases linearly with engine speed and reaches a value in excess of 100%. This is typical of rotary combustion engines as they breathe more efficiently than do reciprocating engines. One might think of a rotary engine as a type of engine that lies somewhere between a reciprocating and gas turbine powerplant.

The part throttle curves of Figure 11 can best be explained by the air/fuel ratio curves of Figure 12. The full load curve is smooth without discontinuities, whereas the 75%, and 50% curves show the effects of throttling the air flow before the combustion process. This process usually leads to so called part throttle performance flat spots that are evident at 2500 and 3500 RPM.



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The overall performance data, as tabulated in Tables 1, 2, C1 and C2, are in good agreement with the values plotted in the curves of Figures 6 to 12. The notable exception is the spring balance reading. It is planned to replace this device with torque strain gauge transducers in future testing. It was also determined through these tests that the sampling rate of the data acquisition system used for temperature measurement could not be increased to accommodate transient pressure time information.

### 9.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The major equipment short-coming uncovered as a result of these tests is related to the measurement of torque. It is recommended that the dynamometer spring balance reading be replaced by a strain guage brushless torque transducer. Such a transducer must be capable of reading both steady state and dynamic torque. The second equipment short-coming concerns the data acquisition system. Although suitable for temperature measurement, the system was shown to have a sampling rate inadequate for

monitoring pressure-time or other engine transients. It is recommended that a Tektronix Digital Analyzer system be considered for monitoring transient engine phenomena.

All other equipment performed as expected in either a primary or backup measurement role. It is believed that performance reading for primary measurements will be achievable to within  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ . This will enable the system to detect small changes in performance as a result of subtle changes in fuel chemistry. It is recommended that all equipment now be hardwired into the system and coupled to a Tektronix Digital Analyzer and Fluke data logger.

In order to control the engine load provided by the D.C. dynamometer during testing a different approach than the manually controlled field coil resistor will have to be adopted. Control to within  $\pm$  10 RPM is necessary to comply with SAE specifications. It is recommended that an electronic controller be built or purchased. Such a controller will control the field current in response to a Hall effect speed sensor with a 60 tooth gear. This should provide adequate control for upcoming diesel engine fuels testing.

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# APPENDIX A

PARAMETER DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL AND CORRESPONDING MEASUREMENT DEVICE

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# TABLE A1

# Parameter Description and Measurement Device List

PARAMETER NAME	UNITS	PARAMETER DESCRIPTION	MEASUREMENT DEVICE
Pb	In Hg	Atmospheric pressure	Barometer
T <sub>D</sub>	°F	Temperature Dry Bulb	Thermometer
Tw	°F	Temperature Web Bulb	Sling Psychrometer
ø	%	Relative Humidity	Psychrometric chart
	mm Hg	Vapor Pressure	Vapor Pressure chart
	-	Correction factor for Humidity	Humidity Correction chart
API	-	Fuel Specific Gravity	Hydrometer
D <sub>NOZ</sub>	in	Diameter of Air Drum Nozzle	Pre-calibrated
Z	0	Throttle Opening	Throttle Activator
L	-	Load	Dynamometer Load Position Knob
I	Amps	Load Current	Dynamometer Guage
v	Volts	Load Voltage	Dynamometer Guage
Т	in lbs	Engine Torque	Torquemeter (Lebow)
$^{Q}$ f	cc sec-1	Fuel Flow rate	Positive Displ Flow Meter (Fluidyne)
Q <sub>A</sub>	ft <sup>3</sup> min <sup>-1</sup>	Air Flow rate	Vane Type Flowmeter (AutoTronics)
τ	min&secs	Elasped time for run	Digital Clock
v <sub>T</sub>	cc	Total Volume of Fluid	Positive Displ Flow- meter (Fluidyne)
Θ <sub>c</sub>	Radians	Crank Angle Position	Hall Effect Velocity Sensor (Airpax)
$\Theta_{\mathbf{s}}$	Radians	Power Take off Shaft (PTD) Position	Hall Effect Velocity Sensor (Airpax)
N <sub>CA</sub>	rpm	Revolutions per minute of Crankshaft	Hall Effect Velocity Sensor (Airpax)
Pc	psi	Cylinder Pressure	Piezo Electric Pressure Transducer (Kistler)
PA	in $H_2^{0}$	Intake Air Pressure across orifice	Intake Air Flow Measur- ing (Go Power)

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Table Al (Cont'd)

PARAMETER NAME	UNITS	PARAMETER DESCRIPTION	MEASUREMENT DEVICE
NCD	rpm	Revolutions per minute of Crankshaft	Digital Tachometer (Go Power)
Fs	N	Dynamometer Reaction Force	Spring Balance (Go Power)
R	revs	Dynamometer cycles per unit time	Dynamometer Counter (Go Power)
M <sub>T</sub>	kg	Mass of fuel used per unit time	Electronic Balance (Sartorius)

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APPENDIX B

# MANUFACTURER SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE KM914A SACHS,

## SPARK IGNITED, ROTARY COMBUSTION ENGINE

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APPENDIX C

# COMPUTER PRINTOUT FOR TEST RUN #RC30

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### TABLE C1

### Computer Printout for Test Run #RC30

RUN BENGINE1 P1 ASSOCIATED GROUP 17 OF :LIB.:SYS ASSOCIATED FOR 9INPUTU \* \* ALLOCATION SUMMARY \* \* LOCATION PAGES PROTECTION 3 A000 DATA(00)7 A800 PROCEDURE (01) A600 1 DCB (10) FILE NAME = RC3030.120 IN HG DPB ATM Pressure = DEG-F DTDF 53.000 Temp Dry Bulb ÷ 40.000 DEG-F DTWF Temp Wet Bulb = MM HG DE Vapor Pressure = .000 DPHI ÷ 25.000 % Relative Humidity 1.000 DHC Corr. Factor For Humidity = DEG DAPI 62.000 API Number = .750 DNOZ IN Diameter of Air Drum = 300.000 /300 DZ Throttle Opening = = 15.000 DL Load 54.000 AMP DI Current = VOLTS DV 177.000 = Voltage IN-LBF DTLS .000 Torque (Lebow) = GFUEL 2,260 CC/SEC Fuel Flow 2 Air Flow 796.000 ΗZ DAA × 400,000 MIN-SEC DFT Time = 546.420 CC DFVF Volume of Fuel -2 SEC TETAC Period of Crank × .000 TETAS SEC Period of PTO Shaft = .000 4000.000 RPM NCA RPM (Crank), Analog × PCYL .000 PSI Cylinder Pressure .000 DAM IN H<sub>2</sub>O Air Drum Pressure × 4000.000 DN1 RPM RPM (Crank), Photo æ DSBR NEWTONS 55.000 Force (Dynamo) ÷ DN 2 RPM RPM (PTO), Dynamo 2274.000 × .393 KG DFMB Mass of Fuel No. of Revolutions 4528,000 REV DREV (2) (3) (4) (5) (1)659.100 13.300 10.300 8.100 C Initial 679.800 TEMPERATURES: 8.7 14.2 10.1 С 661.1 Final 683.2

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### TABLE C2

Computer Printout for Test Run #RC30

FILE NAME = RC 30Relative Humidity = 2.625/10.289 = 25.5% Barometric Pressure 30.12 in of Hg 765.05 mm of Hg Dry Bulb Temperature 11.67 C 53.00 F Wet Bulb Temperature 4.44 C 40.00 F 25.5% Relative Humidity 70.71 M 232.00 feet Altitude Above SDA Level 70.71 m Vapor Pressure 2.63 mm 15 Load Current Dynamometer 54.00 ADC Voltage Dynamometer 177.00 UDC Power Dynamometer 12.82 hp 9.56 kw .731 C/CC Density of Fuel 1.247 G/L Density of Air .00 in-1bs .00 N-M Torque (Lebow Sensor) 46.80 N-M 414.21 in-1bs Torque (Spring Balance) 2.28 CC/sec 1.66 G/sec Fuel Flow Rate (Fluidyne) Volume: Mass: 13.21 lbs/hr .29 CF/hr Fuel Flow Rate (Balance) Volume: 2.24 CC/sec Mass: 1.64 G/sec .28 CF/hr 13.00 lbs/hr Mass: 26.18 G/sec Air Flow Rate (Autotronics) Volume: 21.00 L/sec 2670.25 CF/hr 207.79 lbs/hr Mass: 1.18 G/sec Air Flow Rate (Manometer) Volume: .95 L/sec 9.37 lbs/hr 120.42 CF/hr 15.73 Air/Fuel Ratio 15.99 .71 .72 14.95 hp 11.15 kw Brake Power .00 hp .00 kw Brake Specific Fuel Consumption .87 lbs/hp-hr .53 kg/kw-hr #### 1bs/hp-hr #### kg/kw-hr .88 lbs/hp-hr .54 kg/kw-hr #### 1bs/hp-hr #### kg/kw-hr Brake Mean Effective Pressure 80.45 lbs/sq in .00 lbs/sq in 14.35 % Thermal Efficiency .00 % 14.12 % .00 % 104.49 % Volumetric Efficiency 4.71 %

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Table C2 (Cont'd)

Power Distribution: IP = BP+FP 20.196 = .950 + 19.179 hp

Corrected We Obtain:

Power Distribution: IP = BP+FP20.196 = 14.952 + 5.244 hp

Corrected We Obtain: 19.2 = 13.9 + 5.2

TC = 386.0193 in-LBF

BMEPC = 74.9725 psi

# APPENDIX D

# GROSS PERFORMANCE PARAMETER CALCULATIONS

FOR TEST RUN #RC30

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The sample calculations performed for this Appendix are for test run #RC30. The test conditions are listed as the input to a computer program in Appendix C, Table Cl. The results of the program are listed in Table C2. These results can be compared with the sample calculations for this Appendix. For brevity, only one set of calculations has been submitted. These calculations use data from the instrumentation considered to be the most accurate. For instance, calculations of the air flow are based on the air turbine rather than the less accurate pressure drop across the orifice.

The gross performance equations used in the calculations are discussed in Section 7.0 in the main body of the report.



Figure D1 - Dynamometer Torque Measurement

The torque in equation (1)

 $T = F_{s} \times r$ 

(1)

is calculated by finding the true rotational force opposing engine shaft rotation. This can be found by merely subtracting the dynamometer spring indicator dial reading  $(F_D)$  from the equilibrium condition of zero torque i.e. 250N of the counter weight.

 $F_{s} = 250N - F_{D}$ 

From the computer printout in Appendix C for test RC30, the input section, Table C1 lists the dynamometer dial indicator force reading  $(F_D)$  as 55N.

 $F_{\rm S} = (250 - 55)N = 195N$ 

The force arm radius (r) in equation (1) and Figure D1 is 0.240m. Thus torque is

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$$\Gamma = 195N \times 0.24m \qquad \qquad 39.37 \text{ in } = 1 \text{ m}$$
  
= 46.8 Nm (414.2 in 1b) @ 2275 RPM 
$$\qquad 4.4482 \text{ N} = 1 \text{ 1b}_{f}$$

The brake power (bp) can be calculated by substituting this value of T and the Dynamometer RPM from Table C1 in equation (2). The Dynamometer RPM of 2275 is used rather than the engine RPM of 4000 because the torque is measured on the dynamometer side of the 1.758/1 gear reduction unit. The torque before gear reduction would be

$$T = 46.8 Nm/1.758 = 26.6 Nm @ 4000 RPM$$

$$bp = \frac{2\pi NT}{60}$$
(2)  

$$= \frac{2\pi rad}{rev} \times \frac{2275 \ rev}{min} \times \frac{1 \ min}{60 \ sec} \times 46.8 \ Nm \ (\frac{1 \ watt}{1 \ Nm/sec})$$

$$= (\frac{2\pi}{60} \times 2275 \ x \ 46.8) \ watts$$

$$= 11,149.5 \ watts \ or \ 11.15 \ Kw \ (14,95 \ Hp)$$

The mass fuel flow rate  $(\dot{m}_f)$  can be calculated by using from Table Cl the mass of fuel 393 Kg over the test period of 4.0 min (240 secs).

$$\dot{m}_{f} = \frac{393}{240 \text{ sec}} = 1.64 \text{ g/sec}$$

The brake specific fuel consumption (bsfc) of equation (3) can now be calculated

$$bs\bar{r}c = \frac{m_{f}}{bp}$$
  
=  $\frac{1.64 \text{ g.sec}^{-1}}{11.15 \text{ Kw}} \times \frac{3600 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ hour}}$   
= 529.5 g/Kwh.

It is not generally accepted that the lower calorific value (LCV) be used in determining brake thermal efficiency (equation (4)). However, for the purpose of these shakedown tests it was considered unnecessary to carry out aniline point tests for each fuel batch according to ASTM (D611-77). Instead of using the conventional means of calculating LCV, ASTM (D1405-69), the modified Sherman-Kropff equations were used to determine the higher heating value (HHV).

HHV = 
$$18,320 + 40$$
 (API-10) in  $\frac{BTU}{1b}$  (for gasoline)

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This is an approximate HHV equation where only the API gravity is needed, ASTM (D1298-67). HHV is usually about 6 to 9% higher than the LCV. This will tend to reduce the brake thermal efficiency. As Table C1 indicates the API gravity was experimentally determined in accordance with ASTM (1298-67) and found to be 62.

HHV = 
$$18,320 + 40 (62-10)$$
  
=  $18,320 + 2,080$   
=  $20,400 \frac{BTU}{1b} (47,405 \frac{KJ}{Kg})$ 

The brake thermal efficiency  $\eta_{\text{BT}}$  may now be calculated using equation (4) with the HHV revision.

$$n_{BT} = \frac{bp}{m_f x \text{ HHV}}$$

$$= \frac{11.15 \text{ Kw}}{1.64 \text{ g.sec}^{-1} \text{ x } 47,405 \text{ J/g}}$$

$$= \frac{11.15 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ w}}{1.64 \text{ g.sec}^{-1} \text{ x } 47,405 \frac{\text{w.sec}}{\text{g}}}$$

$$= 14.34\%$$

To calculate the brake mean effective pressure (bmep) from equation (5) an equivalent displacement term must be used. For the purposes of these tests the manufacturers equivalent displacement of 303 cc (18.49 in<sup>3</sup>) per chamber will be used.

bmep = 
$$\frac{bp}{Total \ Displacement \ x} \frac{revolutions}{min}$$
  
=  $\frac{11.15 \ x \ 10^3 \ N \cdot m \cdot sec^{-1}}{\frac{303 \ cm^3}{rev} \ x} \frac{4000 \ rev}{min} \ x \ \frac{1 \ min}{60 \ sec} \ x \ \frac{1 \ m^3}{10^6 \ cm^3}$   
=  $\frac{11.15 \ x \ 10^6}{303 \ x} \frac{40}{60}$   
=  $\frac{11.15 \ x \ 10^6}{20.4}$   
= .552 \ x \ 10^6 \ N\_m^2  
= .552 MPa (79.33 psi)

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In order to calculate the overall volumetric efficiency  $(n_V)$  in accordance with equation (8), the density of the intake air mixture of water vapour with dry air must 'e found. As mentioned earlier if the volume flow rate  $(\dot{V}_m)$  is known for equation (8) the calculation of  $\rho_m$  is no longer necessary. The flow device used for this study had the option of using either  $\dot{V}_m$  or  $\dot{M}_m$  for a test run and both were alternately used. Since the reading for  $\dot{M}_m$  has to be verified  $\rho_m$  will be calculated.

To calculate air-vapour mixture density a number of empirical equations exist and for atmospheric pressures between .9 and 1.1 bar a psychrometric chart is accurate to  $\pm$  3%. For completeness and benchmark purposes a fundamental approach has been used here. English units have been used for the calculations with final air densities being converted to metric units. For a more complete discussion of the following subject it is suggested the reader refer to any classical thermodynamics text.

A temperature entropy (t-s) diagram can be drawn as in Figure Dl where the environmental conditions for test RC30 are shown. The dry bulb temperature ( $t_d = 53^{\circ}F$ ) and the wet bulb temperature ( $t_w = 40^{\circ}F$ ) are located for a barometric pressure ( $p_m = 30.12$  in of Hg).



Entropy - s



For an adiabatic saturation, irreversible process an energy balance for Figure D3 yields

 $h_{ad} + \omega_d h_{vd} + (\omega_w - \omega_d)h_{fw} = h_{aw} + \omega_h h_{wvw}$ (1-D)

where  $\omega_d = \frac{1b \text{ of vapour}}{1b \text{ of dry air}}$  and evaporation =  $\omega_w - \omega_d$ 



Figure D3 - Adiabatic Saturation Process

The enthalpy of evaporation symbol

 $h_{few} = h_{vw} - h_{fw}$ 

for the exit state equation 1-D may be solved for the humidity ratio  $(\omega_d)$  of the entering air.

$$\omega_{d} = \frac{\omega_{w}^{h} fgw^{+h} aw^{-h} ad}{h_{vd}^{-h} fw} \left(\frac{1b \text{ of vapour}}{1b \text{ of dry air}}\right)$$
(2-D)

where  $h_{aw} - h_{ad} = C_p \Delta t_a$ 

and  $t_a = t_a - t_d$ , when  $C_p = .24 BTU/1b-^{\circ}R$ 

From thermodynamic steam tables for  $t_w = 40^{\circ}F$ ,  $t_d = 53^{\circ}F$  and  $p_m = 30.12$  in Hg

$$h_{fgw} = 1071 \frac{BTU}{1b} \qquad h_{fw} = 8.027 \frac{BTU}{1b}$$
$$h_{gb} \approx h_{v1} = 1084.7 \frac{BTU}{1b}$$

At t = 40°F the partial pressure of the steam is  $p_{VW}$  = .12163 psia and from steam tables  $v_g$  = 2445.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb or  $p_{VW}$  = 1/2445.8 = 4.089 x 10<sup>-4</sup> lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

$$p_m = 30.12$$
 in of Hg x  $\frac{.491 \text{ psia}}{1 \text{ in of Hg}} = 14.78$  psia

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$$a_{a} = \frac{P_{a}}{R_{a}T_{4}} = \frac{(14.600)(14.4)}{53.3(500)(R)} \frac{(16.60)(16.1)}{(16^{2})(16^{2})} \frac{(16^{2})(12^{2})}{R}$$
$$= .07925 \ 1b/ft^{3}$$

The humility ratio after saturation state what now be found.

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_{W}}{v_{aw}} = \frac{4.089 \times 10^{-1}}{.07925} = 5.159 \times 10^{-3} \frac{15}{1b} \frac{v_{a}}{d_{a}}$$

The  $h_{ab}=h_{a1}$  relationship for equation (2-D) may be found where the state 1 subscript replaces subscript d.

$$h_{aw} - h_{a_1} = -C_p(t_1 - t_w) - -0.24(53 - 40)$$

The humidity ratio  $\omega_{\rm J}$  of the original air from equation (2-D) can now be calculated

$$\omega_{1} = \frac{\omega_{w} h_{fgw} + h_{aw} - h_{a_{1}}}{h_{v_{1}} - h_{fw}}$$
  
= 
$$\frac{(5.159 \times 10^{-3}) (1071) - (0.24(53-40))}{1084.7 - 8.027}$$
  
= 
$$2.234 \times 10^{-3} \frac{1b}{1b} \frac{v}{d_{a}}$$

The partial pressure of the vapour is from Carrier's equation

$$p_{V1} = \frac{1}{0.622} \frac{P_m}{4}$$
(3-0)  
$$p_{V1} = \frac{(2.234 \times 10^{-3}) (14.78)}{(0.622) + (2.234 \times 10^{-3})}$$
$$= 5.289 \times 10^{-2} \text{ psia.}$$

At  $t_d = 53^\circ F$  the saturation pressure from steam tables is  $p_{V_b} = .19883$  psia. The relative humidity may now be calculated

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$$\emptyset = \frac{P_{V1}}{P_{Vb}} = \frac{5.289 \times 10^{-2}}{.19883} = .266$$

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or = 26.6% .

From steam tables a dew point temperature  $t_{dp} \simeq 21^{\circ}F$  may be interpolated for  $p_{v_1} = .05289$  psia. The density of the mixture is the density of the constituents  $\rho_m = \rho_a + \rho_v$  and the partial pressure for dry air in state 1 is

$$p_{a1} = p_m - p_{v_1} = 14.78 - .05289$$
  
= 14.73 psia

and the density is

$$\rho_{a1} = \frac{p_{a1}}{R_a T_a} = \frac{(14.73)(144)}{(53.3)(513)} = 7.756 \times 10^{-2} \text{ lb/ft}^3$$

Since Ø can also be written as Ø  $\simeq \frac{p_{v_1}}{p_{v_b}}$  , the density of the vapour at 1 for  $v_{g1}$  is

$$\rho_{v1} = \emptyset \ \rho_{v6} = \frac{\emptyset}{v_{g1}} = \frac{.266}{1534.8} = 1.733 \times 10^{-4} \ 1b/ft^3$$

and hence the density of the mixture can be found

$$\rho_{\rm m} = \rho_{\rm a1} + \rho_{\rm v1} = 7.756 \times 10^{-2} + 1.733 \times 10^{-4}$$
$$= 7.773 \times 10^{-2} \ 1\text{b/ft}^3$$

From Table C2 for test RC30 the volumetric flow rate ( $\dot{v}_m$ ) of fresh mixture (m) was

$$\dot{v}_{m} = 2670 \text{ ft}^{3} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1}$$

The mass flow rate of mixture can be written as

$$\dot{m}_{m} = \rho_{m}\dot{v}_{m} = 2670 \text{ ft}^{3} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1} \times 7.773 \times 10^{-2} \text{ lb ft}^{-3} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ sec}}$$

$$= 5.76 \times 10^{-2} \text{ lb sec}^{-1}$$

$$= 5.76 \times 10^{-2} \text{ lb sec}^{-1} \times \frac{454 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ lb}}$$

$$= 2.62 \times 10 \text{ g} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1} \quad .$$

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This value compared favourably with the mass flow rate readout of Table C2 26.18 g·sec<sup>-1</sup>. The above calculation is the only means of checking the mass flow rate meter's readout which has been obtained by aid of a temperature compensated thermister at the meter's turbine throat.

The mass flow rate of the mixture may now be used to calculate the overall volumetric efficiency in equation (8). For the calculations of this report the displacement volume  $(V_d)$  was not multiplied by two as was suggested in Reference [2].

$$\eta_{v} = \frac{\dot{m}_{m}}{NV_{d}\rho_{m}}$$

$$\dot{m}_{m} = 2.62 \times 10 \text{ g·sec}^{-1} \qquad N = 4000 \text{ RPM}$$
or (5.76 × 10<sup>-2</sup> 1b·sec<sup>-1</sup>)  $\rho_{m} = 7.773 \text{ 1b/ft}^{3}$ 

$$V_{d} = 18.49 \text{ in}^{3}$$

$$\eta_{v} = \frac{5.76 \times 10^{-2} \text{ 1b sec}^{-1} \times 60 \text{ sec}}{4000 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 18.49 \text{ in}^{3} \times 7.773 \frac{16}{\text{ft}^{3}} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}^{3}}{1728 \text{ in}^{3}}$$

$$= 103.8\%$$

The fuel/air ratio of equation (9) may now be calculated

$$F = \frac{\dot{m}_{f}}{\dot{m}_{a}}, \ \dot{m}_{f} = 1.64 \ g \cdot sec^{-1}$$
  
$$\dot{m}_{a} = \rho_{a} Q_{a}, \ where \ Q_{a} \simeq Q_{m}$$
  
$$\dot{m}_{a} = 7.756 \ x \ 10^{-2} \ \frac{1b}{ft^{3}} \ x \ \frac{2670 \ ft^{3}}{hr} \ x \ \frac{1 \ hr}{3600 \ sec}$$
  
$$= 5.752 \ x \ 10^{-2} \ \frac{1b}{sec} \ x \ \frac{454 \ g}{1 \ 1b}$$
  
$$= 2.612 \ x \ 10 \ g \cdot sec^{-1}$$
  
$$F = \frac{1.64 \ g \cdot sec^{-1}}{2.612 \ x \ 10^{+1} \ g \cdot sec^{-1}} = 6.279 \ x \ 10^{-2}$$

or the air/fuel ratio of equation (10) is

$$\frac{\Lambda}{F} = F^{-1} = 15.93$$

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and the equivalence ratio of equation (11) is

$$\Phi = \frac{F(actual)}{F(stoich)} = \frac{6.279 \times 10^{-2}}{6.68 \times 10^{-2}}$$

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