

The effect of fuel composition on particulate emissions from a highly boosted GDI engine – an evaluation of three particulate indices

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Background

- Boosted GDI increasing market penetration
- Fuel effects on PN
 - Dependent on mixture formation evaporative performance of fuel
 - Avoid wall wetting / pool fires
 - Many particle formation pathways pass through aromatic / PAH components





Background – particulate indices

- PM index (2010) Honda good correlation between fuel composition and PM
 - Unable to calculate PM index without detailed compositional breakdown of fuels
- PN index (2012) uses industry standard measurements
 - DVPE
 - Blending by volume
- Moriya index (2016)
 - Requires only distillation information

$$PM \ index = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[\frac{DBE_i + 1}{VP_i} \right] W_{ti}$$

$$DBE = \frac{2C^{\circ} - H^{\circ} + 2}{2}$$

$$PN \text{ index} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} [DBE_i + 1]V_i}{DVPE(kPa)}$$

Moriya index = $-0.0647 \times E170 - 0.0324 \times E130 + 9.92405$

Simplified Moriya index = $-0.0757 \times E150 + 7.8511$



Ultraboost engine

- Highly-boosted, heavily-downsized engine
- Torque curve and power output of the NA Jaguar Land Rover AJ133
 5.0L V8 engine
- 35% improvement in fuel economy / CO₂ target
- 60% downsizing (2.0 litre i4)
- Driveability of the original V8 to be maintained
- Operation on 95 RON pump gasoline



Turner et al. SAE 2014-01-1185

Туре	Inline 4 cylinder
Bore × Stroke	83 × 92 mm
Displacement	1991 cm ³
Valves per cylinder	2 intake, 2 exhaust
Compression ratio	9:1
Maximum fuel pressure	200 bar
Peak BMEP	35 bar
Peak cylinder pressure	150 bar

x 10⁶

(1/cm³)

dN/dlogd



Particulate measurements

• Cambustion DMS500





Sampling location

- Approx 3m downstream of exhaust manifold
- Water cooled exhaust manifold
- Downstream of backpressure valve and one silencer
- No catalyst

Sampling location -





Test points





Test fuels

- 10 fuels tested 3 "market", 7 "test"
- A-D deconvolved RON/MON matrix
- E/F High/Low laminar flame speed
- G Artificially boosted RON
- H minimum EN228 RON
- I "Winter" gasoline
- Base standard EN228

	Fuel	RON	MON	DVPE	FBP	E150	С	н	0	PN index*	PN index**	PM index	Moriya index***
		(-)	(-)	(kPa)	(°C)	(%)	(% m/m)	(% m/m)	(% m/m)	(1/kPa)	(1/kPa)	(1/kPa)	(%)
٢	Α	103.3	95	26.1	177	96	7.15	14.45	0.17	6.57	6.61	0.55	0.57
	В	101.4	88.8	68.0	176	95	6.40	11.17	0.11	3.97	3.99	1.01	0.68
	С	92.8	90.7	30.5	193	93	7.41	15.94	0.00	4.23	4.31	0.49	0.82
L	D	88.6	87.3	32.9	190	92	7.31	15.64	0.00	4.03	4.12	0.53	0.91
٢	E	95.1	82.2	28.7	138	98	6.68	12.38	0.00	10.41	10.41	0.99	0.44
L	F	104.2	92.6	23.3	139	98	6.94	12.46	0.00	11.14	11.14	1.04	0.42
C	G	111.6	101.2	57.4	192	98	7.10	11.80	0.00	5.69	5.69	1.00	0.44
	н	95.1	85.0	53.1	189	88	6.20	11.48	0.10	4.64	4.67	1.32	1.18
	1†	98.7	86.5	97.4	173	95	6.28	11.23	0.00	2.64	n/k	n/k	0.66
	Base	97	85.3	75.0	188	92	6.05	11.11	0.10	3.30	3.33	1.10	0.87

*Calculated from PIONA (ASTM D1319) analysis ** Calculated from DHA

*** Simplified Moriya index by Equation 5 + A DHA was unavailable for Fuel I



Test fuels – spread of indices

- PN index identical (~1%) from two calculations
- Little correlation between three indices









Results – Market fuels

• Trends from previous work followed

Variable	Effect on PN emissions
Engine load	Load 个 Particulates 个
Fuel injection pressure	P \uparrow Particulates \downarrow
EGR	EGR 个 Particulates 个
Inlet air temperature	T \uparrow Particulates \downarrow
Exhaust back pressure	Back pressure \uparrow Particulates \downarrow
λ (AFR)	$\lambda\downarrow$ Particulates \uparrow
Spark timing	Ignition \leftarrow Particulates \downarrow
Fuel injection timing	Injection $ ightarrow$ Particulates \downarrow



Results – Market fuels

- All fuels accumulation mode peak at ~30nm when boosted
- At part load Fuel I (high DVPE) lowest PN
- At 2000rpm / max BMEP fuel H highest PN
- Base fuel repeatable





Results – Test fuels

- Fuel G (artificially boosted RON) v high PN + v small d_p .
 - Atypical distillation curve
 - High THC emissions (& BSFC)
- Fuels B & F high PN B: high DVPE
- Fuels B&F "wide" accumulation mode (30-100 nm)





• PM index matches fairly well for all fuels (lower correlations than seen in literature)





• PN index does not match that well for all fuels





• Moriya index does not match well for all fuels





• PN index – market fuels



 Good(ish) correlations from PN index with market fuels – best at boosted conditions



• Moriya index – market fuels



 Good(ish) correlations from Moriya index with market fuels – best at boosted conditions



Conclusions

- PN emissions from 10 different test fuels
- Fuel composition remains important factor
- PM index good predictor of emissions at all test conditions
 - Heavy aromatics
- PN index & Moriya good for market fuels in this work
- All indices strongest correlations when boosted
- More complex index \rightarrow better match
 - DHA very useful
- Small (~30nm) accumulation mode particles seen from all fuels



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