
**Road vehicles — Engine test code —
Gross power**

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for testing internal combustion engines for propulsion of road vehicles as defined in ISO 3833. It is applicable to the evaluation of their performance with a view, in particular, to presenting curves of power and specific fuel consumption at full load as a function of engine speed.

This International Standard is applicable to gross power assessment.

This International Standard concerns internal combustion engines used for propulsion of passenger cars, trucks and other motor vehicles, excluding motorcycles, mopeds and agricultural tractors normally travelling on roads, and included in one of the following categories:

- reciprocating internal combustion engines (spark-ignition or compression-ignition) but excluding free piston engines;
- rotary piston engines.

These engines may be naturally aspirated or pressure-charged, either using a mechanical supercharger or turbocharger.

This International Standard is primarily intended for the communication between the engine manufacturer and the manufacturer of the vehicle. If used for advertising purposes, the ratings must clearly state that they are gross power in accordance with 9.2.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of the publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on the International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 2710-1:—¹⁾, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary — Part 1: Terms for engine design and operation*.

ISO 3104:1994, *Petroleum products — Transparent and opaque liquids — Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity*.

ISO 3173:1974, *Road vehicles — Apparatus for measurement of the opacity of exhaust gas from diesel engines operating under steady state conditions*.

ISO 3675:1998, *Crude petroleum and liquid petroleum products — Laboratory determination of density — Hydrometer method*.

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 2710:1978)

ISO 3833:1977, *Road vehicles — Types — Terms and definitions.*

ISO 5163:1990, *Motor and aviation-type fuels — Determination of knock characteristics — Motor method.*

ISO 5164:1990, *Motor fuels — Determination of knock characteristics — Research method.*

ISO 5165:1998, *Petroleum products — Determination of the ignition quality of diesel fuels — Cetane engine method.*

ISO 7876-1:1990, *Fuel injection equipment — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fuel injection pumps.*

ISO 7967-1:1987, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary of components and systems — Part 1: Structure and external covers.*

ISO 7967-2:1987, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary of components and systems — Part 2: Main running gear.*

ISO 7967-3:1987, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary of components and systems — Part 3: Valves, camshaft drive and actuating mechanisms.*

ISO 7967-4:1988, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary of components and systems — Part 4: Pressure charging and air/exhaust gas ducting systems.*

ISO 7967-5:1992, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary of components and systems — Part 5: Cooling systems.*

ISO 7967-8:1994, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary of components and systems — Part 8: Starting systems.*

ISO 11614:—²⁾, *Reciprocating internal combustion compression-ignition engines — Apparatus for measurement of the opacity and for determination of the light absorption coefficient of exhaust gas.*

ASTM D 240-92e1, *Standard test method for heat of combustion of liquid hydrocarbon fuels by bomb calorimeter.*

ASTM D 3338-95, *Standard test method for estimation of net heat of combustion of aviation fuels.*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 2710-1, ISO 7876-1, ISO 7967-1, ISO 7967-2, ISO 7967-3, ISO 7967-4, ISO 7967-5 and ISO 7967-8, and the following definitions apply.

3.1

gross power

power obtained on a test bed at the end of the crankshaft or its equivalent at the corresponding engine speed with the equipment and auxiliaries listed in table 1

NOTE — If the power measurement can only be carried out with a mounted gear-box, the losses in the gear-box should be added to the measured power to give the engine power.

3.2

standard production equipment

any equipment provided by the manufacturer for a particular engine application

2) To be published. (Revision of ISO 3173:1974 and ISO/TR 4011:1976)

4 Accuracy of measuring equipment and instruments

4.1 Torque

The dynamometer torque-measuring system shall have an accuracy within $\pm 1\%$ in the range of scale values required for the test.

4.2 Engine speed (rotational frequency)

The engine speed (rotational frequency) measuring system shall have an accuracy of $\pm 0,5\%$.

4.3 Fuel flow

The fuel flow measuring system shall have an accuracy of $\pm 1\%$.

4.4 Fuel temperature

The fuel temperature measuring system shall have an accuracy of $\pm 2\text{ K}$.

4.5 Air temperature

The air temperature measuring system shall have an accuracy of $\pm 2\text{ K}$.

4.6 Barometric pressure

The barometric pressure measuring system shall have an accuracy of $\pm 100\text{ Pa}^3$.

4.7 Back pressure in exhaust system

Subject to footnote 1b) of table 1, the system used to measure the back pressure in the exhaust system shall have an accuracy of $\pm 200\text{ Pa}$.

4.8 Depression in inlet system

Subject to footnote 1a) of table 1, the system used to measure the depression in the inlet system shall have an accuracy of $\pm 50\text{ Pa}$.

4.9 Absolute pressure in inlet duct

The system used to measure the absolute pressure in the inlet duct shall have an accuracy of $\pm 2\%$ of the measured pressure.

Table 1 — Installation of equipment and auxiliaries during test

No.	Equipment and auxiliaries	Fitted for gross power test
1	Inlet system	
	Inlet manifold	Yes, standard production equipment
	Crankcase emission control system	Optional
	Control devices for dual induction inlet manifold system	Yes, standard production equipment
	Air flow meter	Yes, standard production equipment
	Air inlet ductwork ^{1a)}	Optional
	Air filter ^{1a)}	
	Inlet silencer ^{1a)}	
	Speed-limiting device ^{1a)}	No

3) 1 Pa = 1 N/m²

Table 1 — Installation of equipment and auxiliaries during test (continued)

No.	Equipment and auxiliaries	Fitted for gross power test
2	Induction heating device of inlet manifold	Yes, standard production equipment. If possible, to be set in the most favourable position
3	Exhaust system Exhaust purifier Exhaust manifold Pressure-charging devices Connecting pipes ^{1b)} Silencer ^{1b)} Tail pipe ^{1b)} Exhaust brake ²⁾	Yes, standard production equipment Optional, may use minimum loss bench system No
4	Fuel supply pump ³⁾	Yes, standard production equipment
5	Carburation equipment Carburettor Electronic control system, air-flow meter, etc. (if fitted) Equipment for gaseous fuel engines Pressure reducer Evaporator Mixer	Yes, standard production equipment
6	Fuel injection equipment [Spark-ignition and compression-ignition (diesel)] Prefilter Filter Pump High-pressure pipe Injector Air inlet valve (if fitted) ⁴⁾ Electronic control system, etc. (if fitted) Governor/control system: automatic full-load stop for the control depending on atmospheric conditions	Optional Optional Yes, standard production equipment
7	Liquid cooling equipment Radiator Fan ⁵⁾ Fan cowl Water pump Thermostat ⁷⁾	No Yes, standard production equipment Optional
8	Air cooling Cowl Fan or blower ⁵⁾ Temperature regulating device	No
9	Electrical or electronic equipment Generator ⁸⁾ Spark distribution system Coil(s) Wiring Spark-plugs Electronic control system including knock sensor/spark retard system ¹¹⁾	Yes, standard production equipment

Table 1 — Installation of equipment and auxiliaries during test (concluded)

No.	Equipment and auxiliaries	Fitted for gross power test
10	Pressure-charging equipment (if fitted) Compressor driven either directly by the engine, and/or by the exhaust gases Boost control ¹²⁾ Charge-air-cooler ^{5) 6) 9)} Coolant pump of ran (engine-driven) Coolant flow control devices (if fitted)	Yes, standard production equipment
11	Auxiliary test bed fan	Yes, if necessary
12	Anti-pollution devices ¹⁰⁾	Yes, standard production equipment

1a) Except when there is a risk of the system having a noticeable influence upon engine power, an equivalent system may be used. In this case, a check should be made to ascertain that inlet depression does not differ by more than 100 Pa from the limit specified by the manufacturer for a clean air filter

1b) Except when there is a risk of the system having a noticeable influence upon engine power, an equivalent system may be used. In this case, a check should be made to ascertain that the back-pressure in the engine exhaust system does not differ by more than 1 000 Pa from that specified by the manufacturer. However, a minimum loss system may be used.

2) If an exhaust brake is incorporated in the engine, the throttle valve shall be fixed fully open.

3) The fuel feed pressure may be adjusted, if necessary, to reproduce the inlet pump pressure conditions consistent with the particular engine application (particularly where a "fuel return" system, e.g. to tank or filter, is used)

4) The air inlet valve is the control valve for the pneumatic governor of the injection pump. The governor of the fuel injection equipment may contain other devices which may affect the amount of fuel injected.

5) When the cooling fan or blower is a fixed type, that is neither disconnectable nor progressive, and is fitted for the test, then the power absorbed shall be added to the test results. The fan or blower power shall be determined at the speeds corresponding to the engine speeds used for the measurement of engine power either by calculation from standard characteristics or by practical tests.

6) Where a separate disconnectable or progressive fan or blower, the test shall be made with the disconnectable fan or blower disconnected or with the progressive fan running at the maximum slip.

7) The thermostat may be fixed in the fully open position

8) Minimum power of the generator: the power of the generator shall be limited to that necessary for the operation of accessories which are indispensable for engine operation. If the connection of a battery if necessary, a fully charged battery in good order shall be used.

9) Charge-air-cooled engines shall be tested complete with charge-air-cooling whether liquid or air-cooled but if the engine manufacturer prefers, a test bed system may replace the air-cooled cooler. In either case the measurement of power at each speed shall be made with the pressure drop and temperature drop of the engine air across the charge air cooler in the test bed the same as those specified by the manufacturer for the system on the complete vehicle.

If a test bed system is used on a compression-ignition engine without a wastegate not operating the correction factor given in 6.3.2.1 b) is to be used. If a wastegate is both fitted and operating, then the correction factor is 6.3.2.1 a) is to be used .

10) They may include for example EGR system, catalytic converter, thermal reactor, secondary air supply system and fuel evaporating protecting system.

11) The spark advance shall be representative of in-use conditions established with the minimum octane fuel recommended by the manufacturer.

12) For engines equipped with variable boost as a function of charge or inlet air temperature, octane rating and/or engine speed, the boost pressure shall be representative of in-vehicle conditions established with the minimum octane fuel as recommended by the manufacturer.

5 Tests

5.1 Auxiliaries

5.1.1 Auxiliaries to be fitted

During the test auxiliaries necessary to make engine acceptable for service in the intended application (as listed in table 1) shall be installed on the test bed as far as possible in the same position as in the intended application.

5.1.2 Auxiliaries to be removed

Certain vehicle accessories necessary only for the operation of the vehicle, and which may be mounted on the engine, shall be removed for the test. The following non-exhaustive list is given as an example:

- air compressor for brakes;
- power steering pump;
- suspension compressor;
- air-conditioning system compressor.

Where accessories cannot be removed, the power absorbed by them in the unloaded condition may be determined and added to the measured engine power.

5.1.3 Compression-ignition engine starting auxiliaries

For auxiliaries used to start compression-ignition engines, the two following cases shall be considered:

- a) electrical starting: the generator is fitted and supplies, where necessary, the auxiliaries indispensable to the operation of the engine;
- b) starting other than electrical: if there are any electrically operated accessories indispensable to the operation of the engine, the generator is fitted to supply these accessories; otherwise, it is removed.

In either case, the system for producing and accumulating the energy necessary for starting is fitted and operates in the unloaded condition.

5.2 Setting conditions

The setting conditions for the test for determination of gross power are indicated in table 2.

Table 2 — Setting conditions

1	Setting of carburettor(s)	In accordance with the manufacturer's production specifications and used without further alteration for the particular application
2	Setting of injection pump delivery system	
3	Ignition or injection timing (timing curve)	
4	Governor setting	
5	Anti-pollution devices	
6	Boost control	

5.3 Test conditions

5.3.1 The gross power test shall consist of a run at full throttle for spark-ignition engines and at the fixed full-load fuel injection pump setting for compression-ignition engines, the engine being equipped as specified in table 1.

5.3.2 Performance data shall be obtained under stabilized operating conditions, with an adequate fresh air supply to the engine.

Engines shall have been run-in, started and warmed up in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Combustion chambers may contain deposits, but in limited quantity. Test conditions such as inlet air temperature shall be selected as near to reference conditions (see 6.2) as possible in order to minimise the correction factor.

5.3.3 The temperature of the inlet air to the engine (ambient air), shall be measured within 0,15 m upstream of the air inlet equipment used.

The thermometer or thermocouple shall be shielded from radiant heat and located directly in the airstream. It shall also be shielded from fuel spray back. A sufficient number of locations shall be used to give a representative average inlet temperature.

5.3.4 The inlet depression shall be measured downstream of the entry ducts, air filter, inlet silencer, speed-limiting device (if they are fitted) or their equivalents.

5.3.5 The absolute pressure at the entry to the engine, downstream of the compressor and heat exchanger, if they are fitted, shall be measured in the inlet manifold and at any other point where pressure has to be measured to calculate correction factors.

5.3.6 The exhaust back pressure shall be measured at a point at least three pipe diameters from the outlet flange(s) of the exhaust manifold(s) and downstream of the turbocharger(s), if fitted. The location shall be specified.

5.3.7 No data shall be taken until torque, speed and temperature have been maintained substantially constant for at least 1 min.

5.3.8 The engine speed during a run or reading shall not deviate from the selected speed by more than $\pm 1\%$ or $\pm 10 \text{ min}^{-1}$, whichever is greater.

5.3.9 Observed brake load, fuel flow and inlet air temperature data shall be taken virtually simultaneously and shall, in each case, be the average of two stabilized consecutive readings which do not vary more than 2 % for the brake load and fuel consumption. The second reading shall be determined without any adjustment of the engine, approximately 1 min after the first.

5.3.10 The coolant temperature at the engine outlet shall be kept within $\pm 5 \text{ K}$ of the upper thermostatically controlled temperature specified by the manufacturer. If no temperature is so specified, the temperature shall be $353 \text{ K} \pm 5 \text{ K}$.

For air-cooled engines, the temperature at a point indicated by the manufacturer shall be kept within $0_{-20}^{\circ} \text{ K}$ of the maximum value specified by the manufacturer in the reference conditions.

5.3.11 Fuel temperature shall be as follows:

- a) for spark-ignition engines, the fuel temperature shall be measured as near as possible to the inlet of the carburettor or assembly of fuel injectors. Fuel temperature shall be maintained within $\pm 5 \text{ K}$ of the temperature specified by the manufacturer. However, the minimum test fuel temperature allowed shall be the ambient air temperature. If the test fuel temperature is not specified by the manufacturer, it shall be $298 \text{ K} \pm 5 \text{ K}$;
- b) for compression-ignition engines, the fuel temperature shall be measured at the inlet to the fuel-injection pump. At the manufacturer's request the fuel temperature measurement can be made at another point in the pump representative of the engine operating condition. Fuel temperature shall be maintained within $\pm 3 \text{ K}$ of the

temperature specified by the manufacturer. In all cases, the minimum allowable fuel temperature at the pump entrance is 303 K. If the test fuel temperature is not specified by the manufacturer, it shall be $313\text{ K} \pm 3\text{ K}$.

5.3.12 The lubricant temperature shall be measured at the oil gallery inlet or the cooler outlet if fitted, unless some other measuring location is specified by the manufacturer. The temperature shall be maintained within the limits specified by the manufacturer.

5.3.13 An auxiliary regulation system may be used if necessary to maintain temperature within limits specified in 5.3.10, 5.3.11 and 5.3.12.

5.3.14 It is recommended that a reference fuel is used; a non exhaustive list of such fuel includes the following:

- CEC RF-01-A-80⁴⁾;
- CEC RF-08-A-85;
- CEC RF-03-A-84;
- JIS K 2202⁵⁾;
- JIS K 220440 CFR, Part 86.113-94 or the latest edition⁶⁾ for spark-ignition engines;
- 40 CFR, Part 86.1313-94 or the latest edition for compression-ignition engines.

A commercially available fuel may be used, providing its characteristics are specified in 8.3 and that it does not contain any supplementary smoke-suppressant or additive.

5.4 Test procedure

Measurements shall be taken at a sufficient number of engine speeds to define the power curve completely between the lowest and the highest engine speeds recommended by the manufacturer. This range of speeds shall include the revolution speed at which the engine produces its maximum power.

5.5 Data to be recorded

Data to be recorded shall be those indicated in clause 8.

6 Power correction factors

6.1 Definition of factor α for power correction

This is factor by which the observed power shall be multiplied to determine the engine power at the reference atmospheric conditions specified in 6.2. The corrected power (i.e. power at reference conditions), P_{ref} , is given by:

$$P_{\text{ref}} = \alpha P_y$$

where

α is the correction factor (α_a being the correction factor for spark-ignition engines and α_c the correction factor for compression-ignition engines);

P_y is the measured (observed) power.

4) Co-ordinating European Council for the Development of Performance Tests for Lubricants and Engines Fuels.

5) Japan Industrial Standard.

6) Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, USA.

6.2 Atmospheric conditions

6.2.1 Reference atmospheric conditions

For the purposes for determining the power and fuel consumption of engines, the reference atmospheric conditions given in 6.2.1.1 and 6.2.1.2 shall be used.

6.2.1.1 Temperature

The reference temperature, T_{ref} , is 298 K (25 °C).

6.2.1.2 Dry pressure

The reference dry barometric pressure, $p_{\text{d,ref}}$, is 99 kPa.

NOTE — The dry barometric pressure is based on a total pressure of 100 kPa and a vapour pressure of 1 kPa.

6.2.2 Test atmospheric conditions

The test atmospheric conditions shall be within the values given in 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.2 during the test.

6.2.2.1 Temperature, T

For spark-ignition engines:

$$298 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 308 \text{ K}$$

For compression-ignition engines:

$$283 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 313 \text{ K}$$

6.2.2.2 Dry pressure, p_{d}

For all engines:

$$80 \text{ kPa} \leq p_{\text{d}} \leq 110 \text{ kPa}$$

6.3 Determination of power correction factors

The test may be carried out in air-conditioned test rooms where the atmospheric conditions are controlled in order to maintain the correction factor as close to 1 as possible.

Where an influencing parameter is controlled by an automatic device, no power correction for that parameter shall be applied, provided that the relevant parameter is within the relevant range of the device. This applies in particular to:

- a) automatic air temperature controls where the device is still operating at 298 K;
- b) automatic boost control, independent of atmospheric pressure, when the atmospheric pressure is such that the boost control is working;
- c) automatic fuel control where the governor adjusts the fuel flow for constant power output (by compensating for the influence of ambient pressure and temperature).

However, in the case of a), if the automatic air temperature device is fully closed at full load at 298 K (no heated air added to the intake air), the test shall be carried out with the device fully closed, and the normal correction factor applied. In the case of c), the fuel flow for compression-ignition engines shall be corrected by the reciprocal of the power correction factor.