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measurement —**

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for different engine applications**

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- revision of particle number emission evaluation;
- addition of electrical equipment in the auxiliary table;

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Introduction

In comparison with engines for on-road applications, engines for non-road use are made in a much wider range of power output and configuration and are used in a great number of different applications.

The objective of this document is to rationalize the test procedures for non-road engines in order to simplify and make more cost effective the drafting of legislation, the development of engine specifications and the certification of engines to control gaseous and particulate emissions.

This document embraces three concepts in order to achieve the objectives.

The first principle is to group applications with similar engine operating characteristics in order to reduce the number of test cycles to a minimum, but ensure that the test cycles are representative of actual engine operation.

The second principle is to express the emissions results on the basis of brake power as defined in ISO 8178-1. This ensures that alternative engine applications do not result in a multiplicity of tests.

The third principle is the incorporation of an engine family concept in which engines with similar emission characteristics and of similar design may be represented by the highest emitting engine within the group.

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Part 4: Steady-state and transient test cycles for different engine applications

1 Scope

This document specifies the test cycles, the test procedures and the evaluation of gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions from reciprocating internal combustion (RIC) engines coupled to a dynamometer. With certain restrictions, this document can also be used for measurements at site. The tests are carried out under steady-state and transient operation using test cycles which are representative of given applications.

This document is applicable to RIC engines for mobile, transportable and stationary use, excluding engines for on-road transport of passengers and goods. It can be applied to engines for non-road use, e.g. for earth-moving machines, generating sets and for other applications. For engines used in machinery covered by additional requirements (e.g. occupational health and safety regulations, regulations for power plants), additional test conditions and special evaluation methods can apply.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8178-1:2020, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement — Part 1: Test-bed measurement of gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions*

ISO 8178-5, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement — Part 5: Test fuels*

ASTM E29–06b, *Standard Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

adjustment factors

additive (upward adjustment factor and downward adjustment factor) or multiplicative factors to be used for engines equipped with emission controls, that are regenerated on an infrequent (periodic) basis

3.2

applicable emission limit

emission limit to which an engine is subject

3.3

aqueous condensation

precipitation of water-containing constituents from a gas phase to a liquid phase

Note 1 to entry: Aqueous condensation is a function of humidity, pressure, temperature, and concentrations of other constituents such as sulphuric acid. These parameters vary as a function of engine intake-air humidity, dilution-air humidity, engine air-to-fuel ratio, and fuel composition — including the amount of hydrogen and sulphur in the fuel.

3.4

atmospheric pressure

wet, absolute, atmospheric static pressure

Note 1 to entry: If the atmospheric pressure is measured in a duct, negligible pressure losses shall be ensured between the atmosphere and the measurement location, and changes in the duct's static pressure resulting from the flow shall be accounted for.

3.5

calibration

process of setting a measurement system's response so that its output agrees with a range of reference signals

Note 1 to entry: Contrast with *verification* (3.78).

3.6

calibration gas

purified gas mixture used to calibrate gas analysers meeting the specifications of ISO 8178-1:2020, 9.2

Note 1 to entry: Calibration gases and *span gases* (3.65) are qualitatively the same, but differ in terms of their primary function. Various performance *verification* (3.78) checks for gas analysers and sample handling components might refer to either calibration gases or span gases.

3.7

certification

process of obtaining a certificate of conformity

3.8

compression ignition engine

CI engine

engine that works on the compression-ignition principle

3.9

constant-speed engine

engine whose *type approval* (3.76) or *certification* (3.7) is limited to *constant-speed operation* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: Engines whose constant-speed *governor* (3.29) function is removed or disabled are no longer constant-speed engines.

3.10

constant-speed operation

engine operation with a *governor* (3.29) that automatically controls the *operator demand* (3.47) to maintain engine speed, even under changing load

Note 1 to entry: Governors do not always maintain speed exactly constant. Typically, speed can decrease 0,1 % to 10 % below the speed at zero load, such that the minimum speed occurs near the engine's point of *maximum power* (3.39).

3.11**continuous regeneration**

regeneration (3.59) process of an *exhaust after-treatment system* (3.22) that occurs either in a sustained manner or at least once over the applicable *transient test cycle* (3.75) or ramped-modal cycle; in contrast to *infrequent (periodic) regeneration* (3.33)

3.12**conversion efficiency of non-methane cutter****conversion efficiency of NMC**

E

efficiency of the conversion of an NMC that is used for the removal of the *non-methane hydrocarbons* (3.44) from the sample gas by oxidizing all *hydrocarbons* (3.30) except methane

Note 1 to entry: Ideally, the conversion for methane is 0 % ($E_{\text{CH}_4} = 0$) and for the other hydrocarbons represented by ethane 100 % ($E_{\text{C}_2\text{H}_6} = 100$ %). For the accurate measurement of NMHC (3.44), the two efficiencies shall be determined and used for the calculation of the NMHC emission mass flow rate for methane and ethane. Contrast with *penetration fraction* (3.52).

3.13**delay time**

difference in time between the change of the component to be measured at the reference point and a system response of 10 % of the final reading (t_{10}) with the sampling *probe* (3.54) being defined as the reference point

Note 1 to entry: For the gaseous components, this is the transport time of the measured component from the sampling probe to the detector (see Figure 1).

3.14**deNO_x system**

exhaust after-treatment system (3.22) designed to reduce emissions of *oxides of nitrogen (NO_x)* (3.48)

EXAMPLE Passive and active lean NO_x catalysts, NO_x adsorbers and selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems.

3.15**dew point**

measure of humidity stated as the equilibrium temperature at which water condenses under a given pressure from moist air with a given absolute humidity

Note 1 to entry: Dew point is specified as a temperature in °C or K, and is valid only for the pressure at which it is measured.

3.16**drift**

difference between a zero or *calibration* (3.5) signal and the respective value reported by a measurement instrument immediately after it was used in an emission test, as long as the instrument was *zeroed* (3.79) and *spanned* (3.64) just before the test

3.17**dual-fuel engine**

engine system that is designed to simultaneously operate with *liquid fuel* (3.36) and a *gaseous fuel* (3.26), both fuels being metered separately, where the consumed amount of one of the fuels relative to the other one may vary depending on the operation

3.18**emission-control system**

device, system, or element of design that controls or reduces the emissions of regulated pollutants from an engine

3.19

engine family

manufacturers grouping of engines which, through their design as defined in ISO 8178-7, have similar exhaust emission characteristics

Note 1 to entry: All members of the family shall comply with the *applicable emission limit* (3.2) values.

3.20

engine governed speed

engine operating speed when it is controlled by the installed *governor* (3.29)

3.21

engine type

category of engines which do not differ in essential engine characteristics

3.22

exhaust after-treatment system

catalyst, particulate filter, *deNO_x system* (3.14), combined deNO_x particulate filter or any other emission-reducing device that is installed downstream of the engine

Note 1 to entry: This definition excludes *exhaust-gas recirculation (EGR)* (3.23) and turbochargers, which are considered an integral part of the engine.

3.23

exhaust-gas recirculation

EGR

technology that reduces emissions by routing exhaust gases that had been exhausted from the combustion chamber(s) back into the engine to be mixed with incoming air before or during combustion

Note 1 to entry: The use of valve timing to increase the amount of residual exhaust gas in the combustion chamber(s) that is mixed with incoming air before or during combustion is not considered exhaust-gas recirculation for the purposes of this document.

3.24

full flow dilution

method of mixing the exhaust gas flow with dilution air prior to separating a fraction of the diluted exhaust gas flow for analysis

3.25

gas energy ratio

GER

value of the energy content (for a *dual-fuel engine* (3.17)) of the *gaseous fuel* (3.26) divided by the energy content of both fuels (liquid and gaseous), the energy content of the fuels being defined as the lower heating value

3.26

gaseous fuel

fuel which is wholly gaseous at standard ambient conditions

Note 1 to entry: Ambient temperature 298 K (25 °C), absolute ambient pressure 101,3 kPa.

3.27

gaseous pollutants

exhaust gas emissions of carbon monoxide, *NO_x* (3.48), expressed in NO₂ equivalent, *hydrocarbons* (3.30)

Note 1 to entry: They are total hydrocarbons, *non-methane hydrocarbons* (3.44) and methane.

3.28

good engineering judgement

judgement made consistent with generally accepted scientific and engineering principles and available relevant information

3.29**governor**

device or control strategy that automatically controls engine speed or load that is not an over-speed limiter

3.30**hydrocarbon****HC**

hydrocarbon group on which the emission standards are based for each type of fuel and engine

EXAMPLE *THC* (3.73), *NMHC* (3.44) as applicable

3.31**high speed**

n_{hi}
highest engine speed where 70 % of the *maximum power* (3.39) occurs

3.32**idle speed**

engine speed declared by the manufacturer that conforms to the requirements of 7.2.4

3.33**infrequent regeneration****periodic regeneration**

regeneration (3.59) process of an *exhaust after-treatment system* (3.22) that occurs periodically in typically less than 100 hours of normal engine operation

Note 1 to entry: During cycles where regeneration occurs, emission standards may be exceeded.

3.34**intermediate speed**

engine speed declared by the manufacturer that conforms to the requirements of 7.2.3

3.35**linearity**

degree to which measured values agree with respective reference values quantified using a linear regression of pairs of measured values and reference values over a range of values expected or observed during testing

3.36**liquid fuel**

fuel which exists in the liquid state under standard ambient conditions (298 K, absolute ambient pressure 101,3 kPa)

3.37**low speed**

n_{lo}
lowest engine speed where 50 % of the *maximum power* (3.39) occurs

3.38**maximum no load speed**

engine speed at which an engine *governor* (3.29) function controls engine speed with *operator demand* (3.47) at maximum and with zero load applied

3.39**maximum power**

maximum power as designed by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in kW.

3.40

maximum test speed

engine speed determined from the curve of engine speed versus power according to [7.2.1](#)

3.41

maximum torque speed

engine speed at which the maximum torque is obtained from the engine, as designed by the manufacturer

3.42

mode

engine operating point characterized by a speed and a torque (or a power output)

3.43

mode length

time between leaving the speed and/or torque of the previous *mode* ([3.42](#)) or the preconditioning phase and the beginning of the following mode

Note 1 to entry: It includes the time during which speed and/or torque is being changed and the stabilization at the beginning of each mode.

3.44

non-methane hydrocarbons

NMHC

sum of all *hydrocarbon* ([3.30](#)) species except methane

3.45

normalized speed and torque

speed and torque values expressed as a percentage of a maximum value

3.46

open crankcase emissions

flow from an engine's crankcase that is emitted directly into the environment

Note 1 to entry: Crankcase emissions are not “open crankcase emissions” if the engine is designed to always route all crankcase emissions back into the engine (for example, through the intake system or an aftertreatment system) such that all the crankcase emissions, or their products, are emitted into the environment only through the engine exhaust system.

3.47

operator demand

engine operator's input to control engine output

Note 1 to entry: The “operator” may be a person (i.e. manual), or a *governor* ([3.29](#)) (i.e. automatic) that mechanically or electronically signals an input that demands engine output. Input may be from an accelerator pedal or signal, a throttle-control lever or signal, a fuel lever or signal, a speed lever or signal, or a governor setpoint or signal. Output means engine power, P , which is the product of engine speed, n , and engine torque, T .

3.48

oxides of nitrogen

NO_x

compounds containing only nitrogen and oxygen as measured by the *procedures* ([3.55](#)) specified in this document

Note 1 to entry: Oxides of nitrogen are expressed quantitatively as if the NO is in the form of NO₂, such that an effective molar mass is used for all oxides of nitrogen equivalent to that of NO₂.