Internal Combustion Engine 1

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Examples

Example 1

• Isooctane C₈H₁₈ is supplied to a four-cylinder spark-ignition engine at a rate of 2 g/s. Calculate the air flow rate required for stoichiometric combustion. If the engine operates at 1500 rev/min, estimate the mass of fuel and air entering each cylinder per cycle. The engine has a displaced volume of 2.4 liters. Determine the volumetric efficiency and calculate the power output, assuming a fuel conversion efficiency of 0.3.

- Fuel is Isooctane C_8H_{18}
- k = 4 number of cylinder
- $m_f = 2 \ g/sec = 0.002 \ kg/sec$
- $V_d = 2.4 \ liters = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} m^3$

For stoichiometric combustion

$$C_aH_b + (a + \frac{b}{4})(O_2 + 3.76N_2) \rightarrow aCO_2 + \frac{b}{2}H_2O + 3.76(a + \frac{b}{2})N_2$$

• a = 8 and b = 8

$$C_8H_{18} + 12.5(O_2 + 3.76N_2) \rightarrow 8CO_2 + 9H_2O + 47N_2$$

$$(m_f)_{stoic} = n_f \times M_f$$
 and $(m_a)_{stoic} = n_a \times M_a$

- $(m_f)_{stoic} = 1 \times (8(12) + 18(1.008)) = 144.144 \text{ kg}$
- $(m_a)_{stoic} = 12.5 \times (32 + 3.76(28)) = 1716 \text{ kg}$

$$(A/F)_{stoic} = \frac{(m_a)_{stoic}}{(m_f)_{stoic}} = \frac{1716}{114.144} = 15.03$$

To determine the actual air mass $(m_a)_{act}$ for a stoichiometric Air-Fuel ratio, we can use $(A/F)_{stoic}$.

$$(A/F)_{stoic} = rac{(m_a)_{act}}{(m_f)_{act}} = rac{(m_a)_{act}}{0.002} = 15.03$$
 $(m_a)_{act} = 0.03006 \; kg/sec$

To find volume efficiency we use the following formula:

$$\eta_{ extsf{v}} = rac{ extsf{\emph{V}}_{a ext{ per cylce}}}{ extsf{\emph{\emph{V}}}_{d}}$$

$$V_a = rac{m_a}{
ho_a} \Rightarrow V_{a \; per \; cylce} = rac{V_a}{cycle/sec}$$

$$ho_{
m at~25^{\circ}~and~1~atm}=1.184~kg/m^{3}$$

$$V_a = \frac{0.03006}{1.184} = 0.0254 \ m^3/sec$$

To find $V_{a\ per\ cycle}$ we need to convert N from rpm to cycle/sec, assuming a 4-stroke engine:

No. of cycles per min.
$$=\frac{N}{2}=\frac{1500}{2}=750~cycle/min$$

No. of cycles per sec. $=\frac{\text{No. of cycles per min.}}{60}=\frac{750}{60}=12.5~cycle/sec$
 $V_{a~per~cylce}=\frac{0.0254}{12.5}=2.032\times 10^{-3}~m^3/cycle$
 $\eta_{v}=\frac{2.032\times 10^{-3}}{0.0024}=84.7\%$

$$\eta_f = \frac{P_{out}}{m_f \times Q_{HV}}$$

If
$$\eta_f = 0.3$$

$$0.3 = \frac{P_{out}}{0.002 \times 44300}$$

$$P_{out} = 26.58 \text{ kW}$$

Example 2

The molar composition of dry exhaust gas of a Propane-fueled SI engine (C_3H_8) is given below (water was removed before the measurement). Calculate the equivalence ratio and then perform the exhaust gas analysis.

- $CO_2 = 10.8\%$
- $O_2 = 4.5\%$
- CO = 0%
- $H_2 = 0\%$

$$C_3H_8 + 5(O_2 + 3.76N_2) \rightarrow 3CO_2 + 4H_2O + 18.8N_2$$

Mass of fuel

$$12 \times 3 + 8 \times 1 = 44 \text{ kg}$$

Mass of air

$$5(16 \times 2 + 14 \times 2 \times 3.76) = 686.4 \ kg$$

Stoichiometric air-fuel ratio

$$(A/F)_{stoic} = \frac{686.4}{44} = 15.6$$

To determine the actual Air-Fuel mass ratio A/F, consider the following reaction:

$$aC_3H_8 + b(O_2 + 3.76N_2) \rightarrow 0.108CO_2 + 0.045O_2 + c \times 3.76N_2$$

Balancing the elements:

Carbon balance:	3a = 0.108	a = 0.036
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Oxygen balance:
$$b = 0.108 + 0.045$$
 $b = 0.153$

Nitrogen balance:
$$3.76 \times b = 3.76 \times c$$
 $c = 0.153$

$$0.036C_3H_8 + 0.158(O_2 + 3.76N_2) \rightarrow 0.108CO_2 + 0.045O_2 + 0.575N_2$$

Mass of fuel

$$0.036 \times 12 \times 3 + 0.036 \times 8 \times 1 = 1.584 \ kg$$

Mass of air

$$0.158(16 \times 2 + 14 \times 2 \times 3.76) = 21.69 \ kg$$

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• Equivalence Ratio

$$\phi = \frac{(A/F)_{stoic}}{(A/F)_{act}} = \frac{15.6}{13.7} = 1.14$$

• Exhaust Gas Analysis:

Total No. of moles of product = 0.108 + 0.045 + 0.575 = 0.728

• Dry Analysis:

$$CO_2\% = rac{0.108}{0.728} = 14.84\%$$
 $O_2\% = rac{0.045}{0.728} = 6.18\%$
 $N_2\% = rac{0.575}{0.728} = 78.98\%$

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