

Gasoline Ethanol Blends on Performance and Emission in Gasoline Engine

S. Vanangamudi, S. Prabhakar, C. Thamocharan and R. Anbazhagan

Department of Automobile Engineering,
BIST, Bharath University, Selaiyur, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India

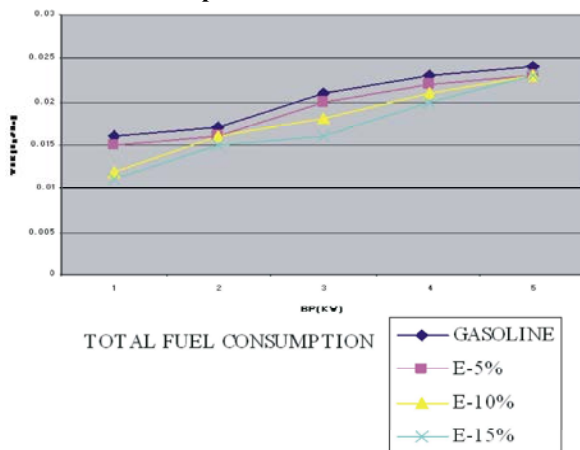
Abstract: The research is about gasoline and ethanol blend. The emissions from gasoline engine are seriously threaten the environment and are considered one of the major sources of air pollution. Different methods are investigated to reduce the emissions. One such method is blending ethanol in gasoline, most of the emissions are formed due to incomplete combustion of fuel due to lack of oxygen in combustion, gasoline has no oxygen content, as Oxygen for combustion is derived from the intake air, additional oxygen is supplied through ethanol blended in gasoline as ethanol.

Key words: The research is about gasoline and ethanol blend, is blending ethanol in gasoline, combustion is derived from the intake air, contain oxygen in molecular.

INTRODUCTION

Gasoline engine provide the major power source for transportation and contribute to the prosperity of the world wide economy. The emissions from gasoline engines also seriously threaten the environment and are considered one of major sources of air pollution. The pollutants emitted from gasoline engines are confirmed to cause the ecological environmental problems such as the ozone layer destruction, enhancement of the green house effect and acid rain. Emissions from gasoline engine impact on human beings [1].

Total fuel consumption:



CONCLUSION

- Combustion duration increases for ethanol and gasoline blends.
- Fuel consumption increases for the ethanol and gasoline blends.

Future Work:

- Introducing ethanol injection either in manifold or directly into cylinder.
- Introducing E-85.
- Introducing flexible fuel vehicle system.

Literature Survey: Gasoline does not have any oxygen content in molecular structure by blending ethanol in gasoline additional oxygen is supplied and there by reduces emissions. As ethanol having higher octane number it reduces knocking in engine [2-9].

- Abdel-Rahman and Osman, increase of ethanol content increases the octane number, but decreases the heating value. The 10% addition of ethanol had the most obvious effect on increasing the octane number.
- Bata *et al.*, different blend rates of ethanol-gasoline fuels in engines can reduce the CO and HC emissions

Corresponding Author: S. Vanangamudi, Department of Automobile Engineering, BIST, Bharath University, Selaiyur, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India.

to some degree. The reduction of CO emission is apparently caused by the wide flammability and oxygenated characteristic of ethanol [10-15].

- Alexandrian and Schwalm, the stoichiometric air-fuel ratio has great influence on the CO emission. Using ethanol-gasoline blended fuel instead of gasoline alone, especially under fuel-rich conditions, can lower CO and NOX emissions [16]-[25].
- Alvydas Pikunas, Saugirdas Pukalskas & Juozas Grabys, when ethanol is added the heating value of the blended fuel decreases, while the octane number of the blended fuel increases. When ethanol-gasoline blended fuel is used, the engine power and specific fuel consumption of the engine slightly increase, CO & HC emission decreases and CO₂ emission increases because of the improved combustion [26-27].
- Bjorn Rehnlund, Atrax energi AB, blends up to 15% ethanol will not have any significant negative effects on the wear of the engine or vehicle performance. The emissions of benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene are slightly decreased with ethanol blends and for acetaldehyde and formaldehyde emissions there is a slight increase [28].
- Dr. Ranjit (Ron) Shau, the emissions of CO & HC are reduced in the presence of ethanol due to the presence of the oxygen atom in the fuel. Many of the toxics show expected to decrease, such as aldehydes in presence of ethanol, the aldehydes act as an ozone precursor and increase the smog-forming potential [29].
- James Bolluyt, ethanol having higher octane number and when blended with gasoline the octane number of the blend increases there by reducing the knocking of the engine. CO and HC emissions decrease in gasoline-ethanol blend. 10% ethanol cuts the amount of CO by 25%. A slight increase in CO₂, which causes global warming [30].
- Gary Z. Whitten, Ph.D., with ethanol blending in gasoline reduces PM, CO, Toxics and ozone formation with combustion chamber deposits there is an increase in CO, NOX and HC.

REFERENCES

1. Honda, Alliance, AIAM., 2001. Industry Low Sulfur Test Program, presented at ARB Workshop, 7/2001. Available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/gasoline/meeting/2001/071201AAPrtn.pdf>.
2. Bitting, W.H., G.P. Firmstone and C.T. Keller, 1994. Effects of Combustion Chamber Deposits on Tailpipe Emissions SAE, pp: 940-345.
3. Choate, P.J. and J.C. Edwards, 1993. Relationship Between Combustion Chamber Deposits, Fuel Composition and Combustion Chamber Deposit Structure SAE, pp: 932-812.
4. Carter, W.P.L., G. Tonnessen and G. Yarwood, 2003. Investigation of Reactivity Effects Using Existing Air Quality Models Report to the American Chemistry Council (available at <http://pah.cert.ucr.edu/~carter/RRWG/index.htm>).
5. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 1999. The Impact of a 10% Ethanol Blended Fuel on the Exhaust Emissions of Tier 0 and Tier 1 Light Duty Gasoline Vehicles at 35F.
6. Graskow, B.R., D.B. Kittelson, I.S. Abdul-Khalek, M.R. Ahmadi and J.E. Morris, 1998. Characterization of Exhaust Particulate Emissions from a Spark Ignition Engine SAE, pp: 980-528.
7. Griffin, R.J., D.R. Cocker and J.H. Seinfeld., 1999. Incremental Aerosol Reactivity: Application to Aromatic and Biogenic Hydrocarbons, Environmental Science & Technology, 33: 2403-2408.
8. Kirchstetter, T.W., B.C. Singer, R.A. Harley, G.R. Kendall and W. Chan, 1996. Impact of Oxygenated Gasoline Use on California Light-Duty Vehicle Emissions Environmental Science & Technology, 30: 661-670.
9. Mayotte, S.C., C.E. Lindhjem, V. Rao and M.S. Sklar, 1994. Reformulated Gasoline Effects on Exhaust Emissions: Phase I: Initial Investigation of Oxygenate, Volatility, Distillation and Sulfur Effects SAE, pp: 941-973.
10. Mulawa, P., S. Cadle, K. Knapp, R. Zweidinger, R. Snow, R. Lucas and J. Goldbach, 1997. Effect of Ambient Temperature and E-10 Fuel on Primary Exhaust Particulate Matter from Light Duty Vehicles, Environmental Science and Technology, 33: 1302-1307.
11. National Academy, 1999. Ozone-Forming Potential of Reformulated Gasoline, National Academy Press. OSTP 1997 Interagency Assessment of Oxygenated Fuels, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
12. Odum, J.R., T.P.W. Jungkamp, R.J. Griffin, R.C. Flagan and J.H. Seinfeld, 1997. The Atmospheric Aerosol-Forming Potential of Whole Gasoline Vapor Science, 276: 96-99.

13. Pokharel, S.S., G.A. Bishop and D.H. Stedman, 2001. On-Road Remote Sensing of Automobile Emissions in the Los Angeles Area: Year 2 Univ. of Denver final report to the Coordinating Research Council, Inc., available at www.crcao.com.
14. Price, R.J., J.P.T. Wilkinson, D.A.J. Jones and C. Morley, 1995. A Laboratory Simulation and Mechanism for the Fuel Dependence of SI Combustion Chamber Deposit Formation SAE, pp: 952-445.
15. Reuter, R.M., J.D. Benson, V.R. Burns, R.A. Gorse, A.M. Hochhauser, L.J. Painter, B.H. Rippon and J.A. Rutherford, 1992. Effects of Oxygenated Fuels and RVP on Automotive Emissions – The Auto/Oil Air Quality Improvement Research Program SAE, pp: 920-326.
16. Whitten, G.Z., 2001. Recent UAM Simulations on the Reactivity of Carbon Monoxide, for Renewable Fuels Association.
17. Whitten, G.Z., 1999. Potential Extra Air Quality Benefits from Oxygenates that are not Required to Meet Reformulated Gasoline Specifications, Paper presented at the 9th CRCON-Road Vehicle Emissions Workshop, San Diego, CA, pp: 19-21.
18. Whitten, G.Z. and J.P. Cohen, 1996. Regression Modeling of Oxyfuel Effects on Ambient CO Concentrations Systems Applications Report No. 96/78, available at www.epe.com/OMSWWW/fuels.html#oxyfuel.
19. Whitten, G.Z. and S.M. Greenfield, 1993. Photochemical Grid Modeling Study Comparing Air Quality Impacts of Ethanol and MTBE as Alternate Oxygenates in Reformulated Gasoline, presented at the Tenth International Symposium on Alcohol Fuels, Colorado Springs, Colorado (7–10 November), full text available as SAI Final Report No. 93/083 for the Council of Great Lakes Governors, Chicago, Illinois.
20. Furey, R.L. and K.L. Perry, 1991. Composition and reactivity of fuel vapor emissions from gasoline-oxygenate blends. SAE, pp: 912-429.
21. Coelho, E.P.D., C.W. Moles, A.C. Marco Santos, M. Barwick and P.M. Chiarelli, 1996. Fuel injection components developed for Brazilian fuels. SAE, pp: 962-350.
22. Naegeli, D.W., P.I. Lacey, M.J. Alger and D.L. Endicott, 1997. Surface corrosion in ethanol fuel pumps. SAE, pp: 971-648.
23. Gorse, Jr and R.A., 1992. The effects of methanol/gasoline blends on automobile emissions. SAE pp: 920-327.
24. Salih, F.M. and G.E. Andrews, 1992. The influence of gasoline/ethanol blends on emissions and fuel economy. SAE pp: 922-378, SAE Fuel and Lubricants Meeting.
25. Bureika G., 1997. Research on the feasibility to use the ethanol as transport machine fuel/ doctoral dissertation. Vilnius.
26. Palmer, F.H., 1986. Vehicle performance of gasoline containing oxygenates. International conference on petroleum based and automotive applications. Institution of Mechanical Engineers Conference Publications, MEP, London, UK, pp: 33-46.
27. Abdel-Rahman, A.A. and Osman, M.M., 1997. Experimental investigation on varying the compression ratio of SI engine working under different ethanol–gasoline fuel blends. International Journal of Energy Research, 21: 31-40.
28. Bata, R.M., A.C. Elrod and R.W. Rice,, 1989. Emissions from IC engines fueled with alcohol-gasoline blends: a literature review. Transactions of the ASME, 111: 424-431.
29. Alexandrian, M. and M. Schwalm, 1992. Comparison of ethanol and gasoline as automotive fuels. ASME papers 92-WA/ DE-15.
30. Rice, R.W., A.K. Sanyal, A.C. Elrod and R.M. Bata, 1991. Exhaust gas emissions of butanol, ethanol and methanol–gasoline blends. Journal of Engineering for Gas Turbine and Power, 113: 337-381.