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and power output must meet the engine speed and torque accuracy requirements shown in Table 2 in Appendix A of this subpart. The dynamometer must be capable of performing the test cycle described in § 90.410.

(b) *Dynamometer calibration accuracy.*

(1) The dynamometer test stand and other instruments for measurement of power output must meet the calibration frequency shown in Table 2 in Appendix A of this subpart.

(2) A minimum of three calibration weights for each range used is required. The weights must be equally spaced and traceable to within 0.5 percent of National Institute for Standards and Testing (NIST) weights. Laboratories located in foreign countries may certify calibration weights to local government bureau standards.

§ 90.306 **Dynamometer torque cell calibration.**

(a)(1) Any lever arm used to convert a weight or a force through a distance into a torque must be used in a horizontal position for horizontal shaft dynamometers (\pm five degrees). For vertical shaft dynamometers, a pulley system may be used to convert the dynamometer's horizontal loading into the vertical plane.

(2) Calculate the indicated torque (IT) for each calibration weight to be used by:

$$IT = \text{Moment Arm (meters)} \times \text{Calibration Weight (Newtons)}$$

(3) Attach each calibration weight specified in § 90.305(b)(2) to the moment arm at the calibration distance determined in paragraph (a)(2) of this section. Record the power measurement equipment response (N-m) to each weight.

(4) Compare the torque value measured to the calculated torque.

(5) The measured torque must be within two percent of the calculated torque.

(6) If the measured torque is not within two percent of the calculated torque, adjust or repair the system. Repeat steps in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this section with the adjusted or repaired system.

(b) Option. A master load-cell or transfer standard may be used to verify the torque measurement system.

(1) The master load-cell and read out system must be calibrated using weights specified in § 90.305(b)(2).

(2) Attach the master load-cell and loading system.

(3) Load the dynamometer to a minimum of three equally spaced torque values as indicated by the master load-cell for each in-use range used.

(4) The in-use torque measurement must be within two percent of the torque measured by the master system for each load used.

(5) If the in-use torque is not within two percent of the master torque, adjust or repair the system. Repeat steps in paragraphs (b)(2) through (b)(4) of this section with the adjusted or repaired system.

(c) Calibrated resistors may not be used for engine flywheel torque transducer calibration, but may be used to span the transducer prior to engine testing.

(d) Other engine dynamometer system calibrations such as speed are performed as specified by the dynamometer manufacturer or as dictated by good engineering practice.

§ 90.307 **Engine cooling system.**

An engine cooling system is required with sufficient capacity to maintain the engine at normal operating temperatures as prescribed by the engine manufacturer. Auxiliary fan(s) may be used to maintain sufficient engine cooling during engine dynamometer operation.

§ 90.308 **Lubricating oil and test fuels.**

(a) *Lubricating oil.* Use the engine lubricating oil which meets the engine manufacturer's specifications for a particular engine and intended usage.

(1) Manufacturers must use engine lubricants representative of commercially available engine lubricants.

(2) For 2-stroke engines, the fuel/oil mixture ratio must be that which is recommended by the manufacturer.

(b) *Test Fuels—Certification.* (1) The manufacturer must use gasoline having the specifications, or substantially equivalent specifications approved by the Administrator, as specified in Table 3 in Appendix A of this subpart

for exhaust emission testing of gasoline fueled engines. As an option, manufacturers may use the fuel specified in § 86.1313-94(a) of this chapter for gasoline fueled engines.

(2) Alternative fuels, such as natural gas, propane, and methanol, used for exhaust emission testing and service accumulation of alternative fuel spark-ignition engines must be representative of commercially available alternative fuels.

(i) The manufacturer shall recommend the alternative fuel to be used for certification testing and engine service accumulation in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(ii) The Administrator shall determine the alternative fuel to be used for testing and engine service accumulation, taking into consideration the alternative fuel recommended by the manufacturer.

(3) Other fuels may be used for testing provided:

(i) They are commercially viable;

(ii) Information acceptable to the Administrator is provided to show that only the designated fuel would be used in customer service; and

(iii) Fuel specifications are approved in writing by the Administrator prior to the start of testing.

(c) *Test fuels—service accumulation and aging.* Unleaded gasoline representative of commercial gasoline generally available through retail outlets must be used in service accumulation and aging for gasoline-fueled spark-ignition engines. As an alternative, the certification test fuels specified under paragraph (b) of this section may be used for engine service accumulation and aging. Leaded fuel may not be used during service accumulation or aging.

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§ 90.309 Engine intake air temperature measurement.

(a) The measurement location must be within 10 cm of the engine intake system (i.e., the air cleaner, for most engines.)

(b) The temperature measurements must be accurate to within ± 2 °C.

§ 90.310 Engine intake air humidity measurement.

This section refers to engines which are supplied with intake air other than the ambient air in the test cell (i.e., air which has been pumped directly to the engine air intake system). For engines which use ambient test cell air for the engine intake air, the ambient test cell humidity measurement may be used.

(a) *Humidity conditioned air supply.* Air that has had its absolute humidity altered is considered humidity-conditioned air. For this type of intake air supply, the humidity measurements must be made within the intake air supply system and after the humidity conditioning has taken place.

(b) *Unconditioned air supply.* Humidity measurements in unconditioned intake air supply systems must be made in the intake air stream entering the supply system. Alternatively, the humidity measurements can be measured within the intake air supply stream.

§ 90.311 Test conditions.

(a) *General requirements.* (1) Ambient temperature levels encountered by the test engine throughout the test sequence may not be less than 20 °C or more than 30 °C. All engines must be installed on the test bed at their design installation angle to prevent abnormal fuel distribution.

(2) Calculate all volumes and volumetric flow rates at standard conditions for temperature and pressure, and use these conditions consistently throughout all calculations. Standard conditions for temperature and pressure are 25 °C and 101.3 kPa.

(b) *Engine test conditions.* Measure the absolute temperature (designated as T and expressed in Kelvin) of the engine air at the inlet to the engine and the dry atmospheric pressure (designated as p_s and expressed in kPa), and determine the parameter f according to the following provisions for naturally aspirated engines:

$$f = \frac{99}{p_s} \times \left(\frac{T}{298} \right)^{0.7}$$

For a certification test to be recognized as valid, the parameter f shall be