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### INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECTS OF TERNARY DIESEL-ADDITIVES BLENDS ON VCR DIESEL ENGINE

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#### Abstract

This study investigates the effects of diesel- n-butanol- nitromethane replacing conventional diesel fuels to enable clean combustion of a modern CI engine. The engine experiments are conducted with diesel- n-butanol- nitromethane blends to examine the combustion characteristics of CI engine. Many research works have been done out to improve combustion by different methods. Out of those, the use of alternative fuels and additives seems to be a potential solution to improve combustion in the current scenario. n-butanol and nitromethane were selected as additives to diesel by literature review, physical and chemical properties, availability in the market and their cost. In the first phase, experiments were performed to optimize n-butanol-diesel blend on an existing engine, and in the second phase, nitromethane was blended in the optimum n-butanol-diesel blend. A single cylinder four stroke, water cooled engine (Kirloskar TV1) has been used for experimentation. The results of performance for NM-n-butanol-diesel blends have been drawn and analyzed. An increment of 9.81% in BTE has been observed in comparison to diesel at rated power.

Keywords: Diesel, n-butanol, nitromethane, Performance.

#### INTRODUCTION

Diesel engines are major contributors in transportation automobile and agriculture sector at present all over the world [1]. One major area of research related to this field is alternative fuels for enhancing the performance. In addition to this, use of additives with diesel is the current issue of research. Alcohols and oxygenated additives present such options with their suitability for blending in diesel for existing engines [2-4]. The blending of alcohol increases the availability of oxygen in the combustion chamber due to which combustion characteristics improve. In this research work, n-butanol (B) and nitromethane (NM) were blended with diesel successively to improve the performance [5-7]. n-butanol (C4H9OH) was chosen as an additive with diesel due to its higher heating value, higher cetane number, good miscibility with diesel and being less hydrophilic in comparison to methanol and ethanol. Nitromethane (CH3NO2) was taken as a nitrogenated additive to improve oxygen content and performance of n-butanol diesel blend. The oxygen content of nitromethane is fairly high, and the higher presence of oxygen in its molecular structure provides better combustion efficiency [8-10]. The baseline data was generated with diesel on normal settings of the engine specified by the manufacturer. By baseline experiments with diesel, 18.5:1 compression ratio, 210 bar injection pressure and 23° before top dead centre (btdc) injection timing were used as optimum engine parameters. After selection of suitable engine parameters, tests were conducted for optimization of blended fuel for performance and emissions. The properties of fuel and additives are shown in Table 1 [10-16].

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