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DPF-Safety and Quality by systematic Inspection & Maintenance

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DPF are made by porous ceramics and operate in a hostile environment at High Temperatures and Vibrations



Filtration is brilliant - 65 DPF VERT tested 25 % > 99.8 % within size range 20-300 nm



Success is proven: PN and BC monitoring at a very busy motorway crossing in Switzerland although traffic increased by 30 %



But for IRAN this is New Technology and contains Risk Elements

and hence the need for Inspection, Maintenance and Control













Ceramic Particle Filter Systems require careful shock absorbing canning and insulation



Origin of Failures: Local Temperature Peaks during Regenerations (SOUTCE IBIDEN)



Small failures can be repaired filtration efficiency is deteriorating even with small cracks





Mechanical Problems to be Expected ?

No Insulation !

→ Heat Radiation to
 Engine, Aggregates,
 Cables, Rubber Hoses,
 Plastic elements,
 Coloured Surfaces



No Vibration-Decoupling angainst an Engine Aerea where 30- 50 g is a normal Vibration Level

No Decoupling against Vibration and Thermal Expansion

DOC might be covered by soot or poisoned which inhibits regeneration









Ash is perfectly filtered but Ash Deposits can plug Particle Filter Cells

•mica •cordierite



•17th ETH-Conference on Combustion Generated Nanoparticles

Too late - No Cleaning possible anymore !



Engine Problems e.g. by Nozzle-Deposits

can lead to production of much more soot and thereby become a risk for the DPF

light



strong



middle



very strong



Sulfur in Iranian Diesel Fuels can produce acids and inhibit regeneration

These Reactions are accelerated if Pt is used as catalyst

 $2 \text{ SO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \leftrightarrows 2 \text{ SO}_3$ $\text{SO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrows \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$



Fuel sulfur influence has been thoroughly investigated for Iran and in Iran by AQCC / Sharif and only Sulfur tolerant DPF should be used

Aftertreatment masks the Engine

 \rightarrow tailpipe control alone might be misleading



→ Engine-Out emission control is important for Engine protection and preventive maintenance

Trouble Shooting List available



VERT Association

Indication of Malfunction	Diagnosis	Cause	Remedy
Back-pressure indica- tion frozen	DLA	Sensor connection or pipes are blocked, iced or leaking	Clean pipes and connections; rectify leaks
		Pressure sensor defective	Sensor test with compressed air at 500 mbar
Back-pressure high, does not return to zero	DLA	Connection or pipes are blocked, ev. condensation	Clean pipes and connections; rectify leaks
when inoperative			Fit condensate trap
		Pressure sensor defective	Sensor test with compressed air at 500 mbar
- Ignition frequency		Exhaust pipe leakage	Repair flange leakage
- Whistling		Inlet and/or exhaust system leakage	Repair leakage or cracked inlet/exhaust pipe
- Rattling, more when idling		Loose parts (filter element)	Repair loose filter element
- Low frequency dro- ning noise		Engine/exhaust connection not dammed (vibration not decoupled)	Improve filter vibration isolation from engine; insert bellows

 See also by ASA Lesson learned in Tehran DPF retrofit project

Dec 2016, Inspection Workshop, Hossein Izanloo

How to avoid failures ?

Contraction of the second system with the second se

Respect existing experience:
DPF Specification VERT
Testing Standard SN 277206
Installation acc. to VERT rules

VERT Approval is a Must never accept non-certified DPF



How to avoid failures ?

Respect safety in operation
design elements for safety
build-in on-board control OBD (electronic remote control)
respect visibility, surface temperature

Each DPF must have a certified Control

DPF®-Checi

Electronic Datalogging



Sensors for Backpressure and Temperatures



Alarm Indicator at the Drivers Seat

or remotely controlled

Anzeige von Messwerten der ECU, z. B.

- Gegendruck
- Temperaturen
- Betriebsspannung
- Drehzahl
- Kraftstofftankinhalt
- Additivtankentnahmemenge

Auslesemöglichkeit aktive Fehlerliste

Warnung des Fahrers bei

- Zu hohem Gegendruck (VERT)
- Additivreserve ...



How to avoid failures ?

3.

Perform Regular Maintenance of all emission relevant elements and functions of the engine and the emission control system must become a routine

Automatic Cleaning Machines available •hermetically closed •2-stage process •success control





How to avoid failures ?

Emission Measurement must become part of maintenance

Opacity-Measurement is outdated "blind" for ultrafine particles < 400 nm → Particle counting is needed



Handheld Instruments are available

Classic CPC condensation nucleus counter



Measurement at low idle – simple, fast Correlates perfectly to test cycle



• PN • PM

Even small failures can be detected by PN at low idle and repaired



How to avoid failures ?

and the authority: Perform Periodic Inspection and random Control by Police

5.

Supervision Test – On-road / On-site (road police)

- Identification of the vehicle
- Measurement of PN at low idle
- If the limit of e.g. 250'000 #/cm³
 is exceeded:



operator of the vehicle is obliged to a regular engine and DPF system maintenance and retest by a PTI station

Maintenance and Inspection must be documented Document at the vehicle Example Switzerland

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CARB investigated 587 trucks (OE and Retrofit) for engine and DPF problems (report May 2015)

As discussed in Section 3, staff conducted 621 roadside truck inspections, 587 of which were trucks equipped with PM filters. The resulting sample of paired truck inspections and operator surveys was representative of the California fleet. Appendix V provides a table showing the number of trucks inspected by body type relative to statistical sample targets.

Based on responses from truck operators, about 2 percent (11 of 587 trucks) reported a past problem with the PM filter on their truck that required service to resolve the



Summary: How to avoid Failures

- Use only VERT-certified filters
- Evaluate vehicle operation
- Design installation carefully
- Install datalogger and alarms
- profer remote download
- Set alarms to max 200 mbar
- Training (mechanics & management
- Acceptance test of each retrofit
- Control emission once a Year
- Maintenance (engine + DPF)
- Inspection at PTI and road controls
- be proud cleaning the air of your environment

The Bus Fleet of Berlin (1200 vehicles) respecting these rules has 1-2 failures per year – 0.1 %

BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINE DIESEL PARTICLE FILTERS



Systems for all Diesel Engines / Tips for Selection, Installation and Operation

