

# **Impact of Ethanol-Diesel Blend on Engine Performance and Exhaust Emissions on a Non-Road Engine Application**

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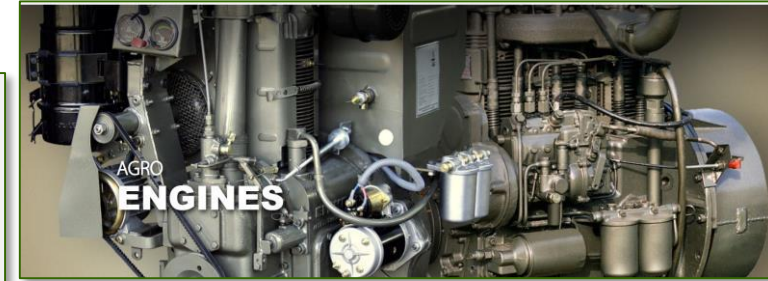
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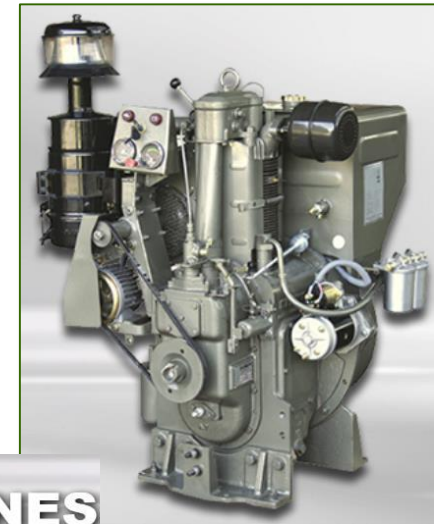
## Tractors



## Power Generators



## Agro Engines



## Industrial Engines

# Quality Certifications:



ISO 9001:2015



ISO 14001:2015



ISO 45001:2018



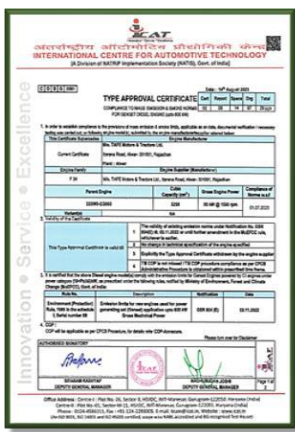
# Latest Emission Upgrade:



Single Cylinder series  
7.5, 10 & 15 kVA



Air cooled series  
25, 30 & 35 kVA



Water cooled series  
40, 45 & 60 kVA



## ❑ Ethanol Blend

## ❑ Key Observations:

- Impact on the Performance
- Impact Emissions
- Impact on Engine Life

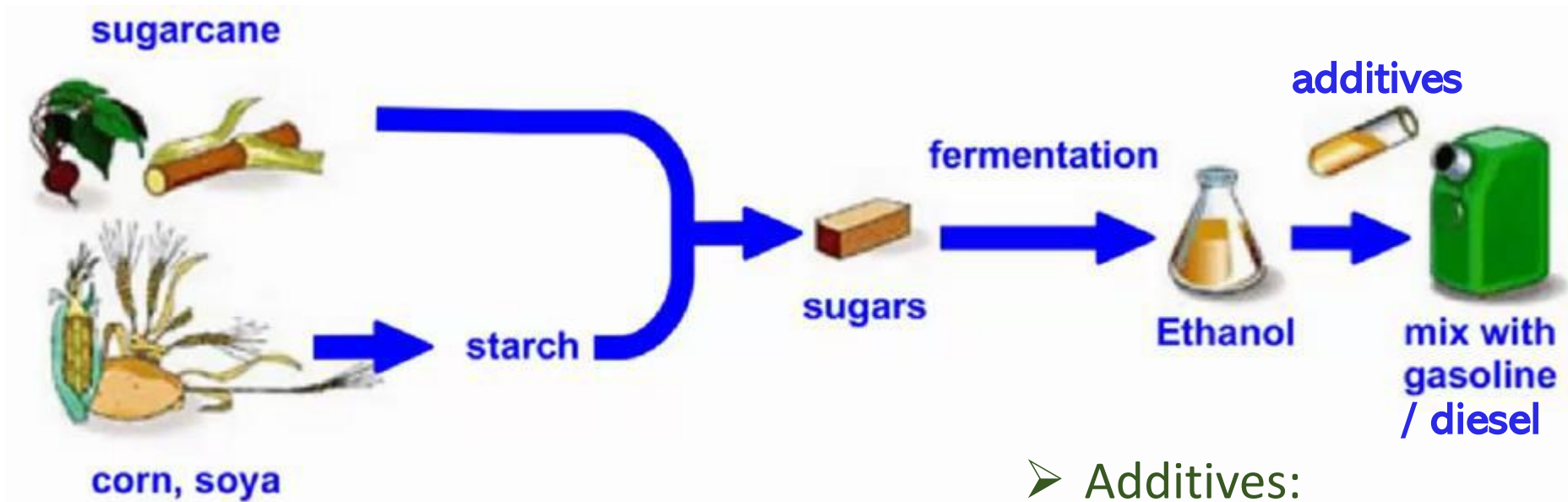
## ❑ Modifications on Engine Applications



# Ethanol Blend

➤ Ethanol Blend = Fossil Fuel (Gasoline or Diesel) + Ethanol + Additive

~ 10 – 95 %
< ~ 85%
< ~ 2.5%



- Additives:
- Stabilizer / Binder,
  - Cetane improver,
  - Corrosion inhibitor and
  - Lubricity improver



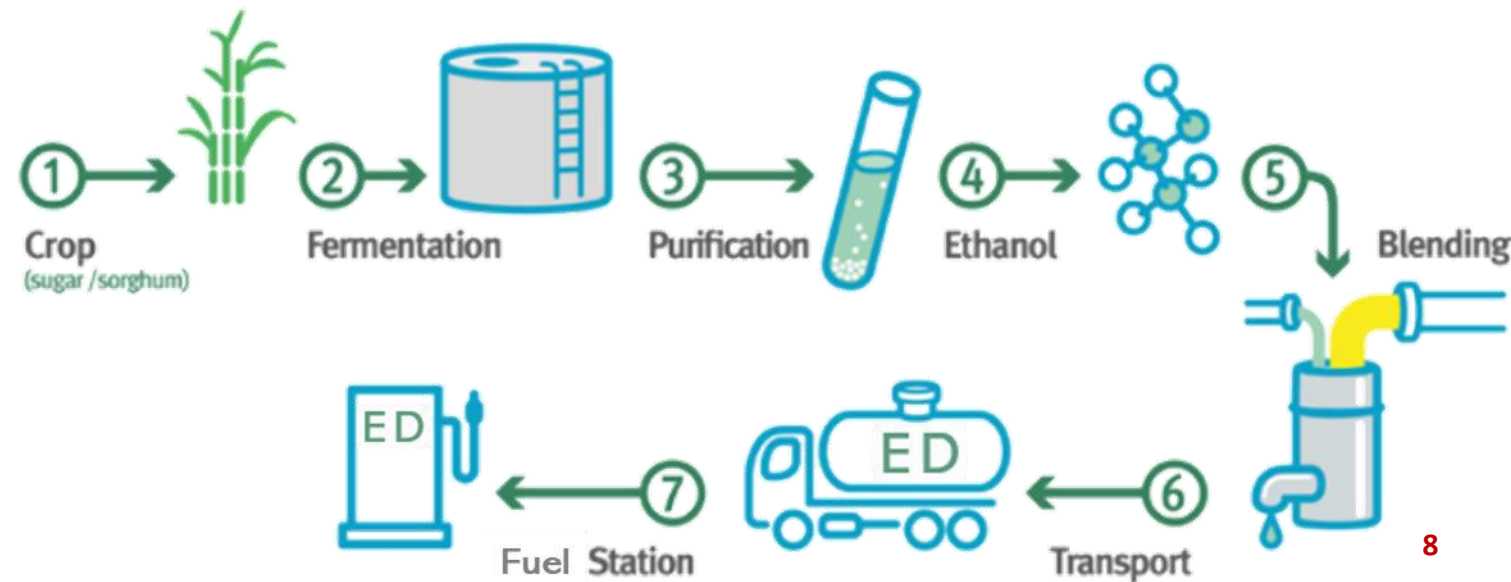
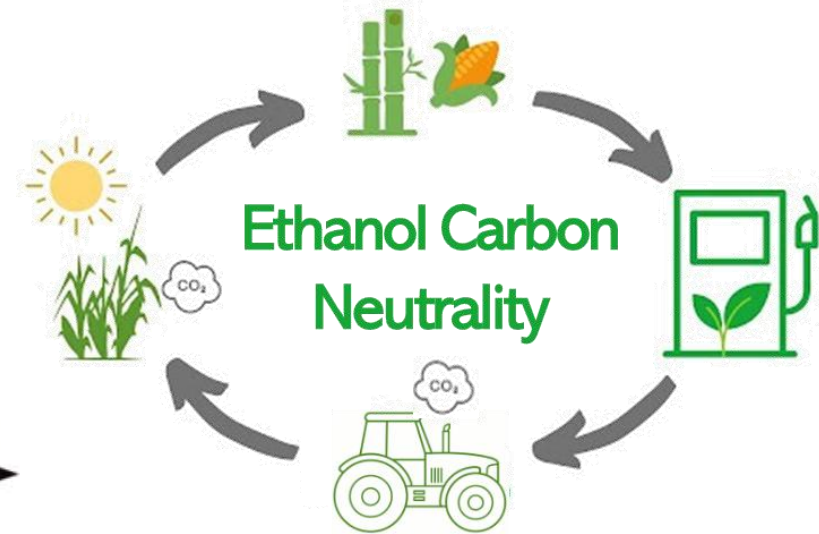
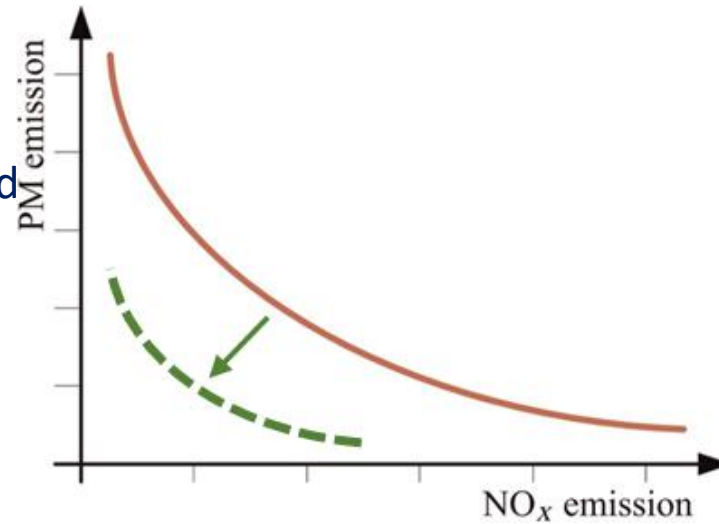
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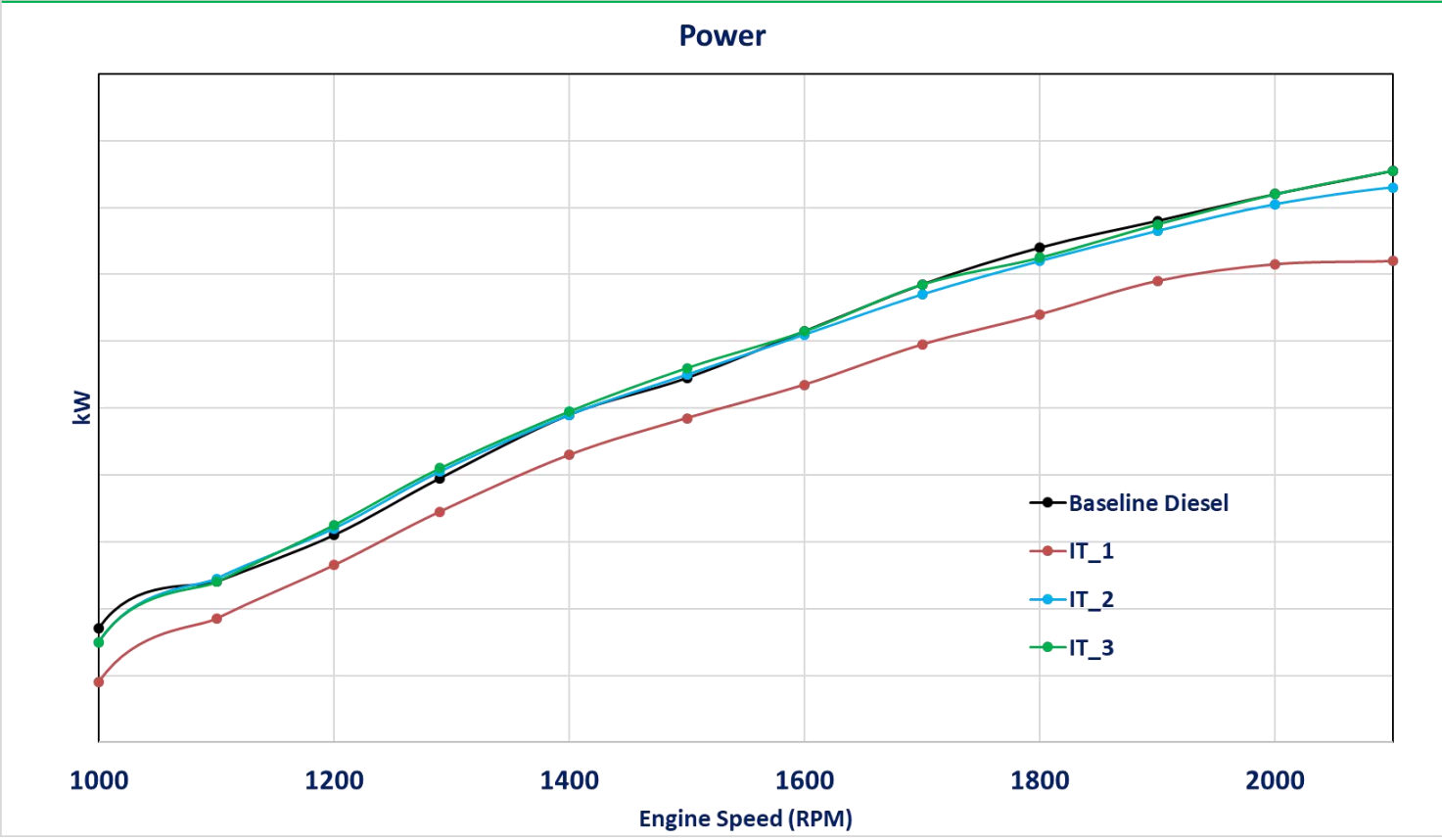
# Ethanol Blend

## ➤ Why Ethanol Blend?

- In India, ethanol is largely derived from **sugarcane** via a fermentation process. Since it is a **plant-based fuel**, ethanol is considered **renewable**.
- Ethanol is **high in oxygen** content, engines using ethanol blends combust fuel more efficiency. Hence, this process will also help **reduce** the country's **carbon footprint**.
- Easy to handle in comparison with pressurised gaseous fuel
- Helps to **reduce import bill / trade deficit**
- Reduction in **emissions** – both NO<sub>x</sub> and PM
- No need to make additional **eco-system** for handling as gasoline blend is already implemented.

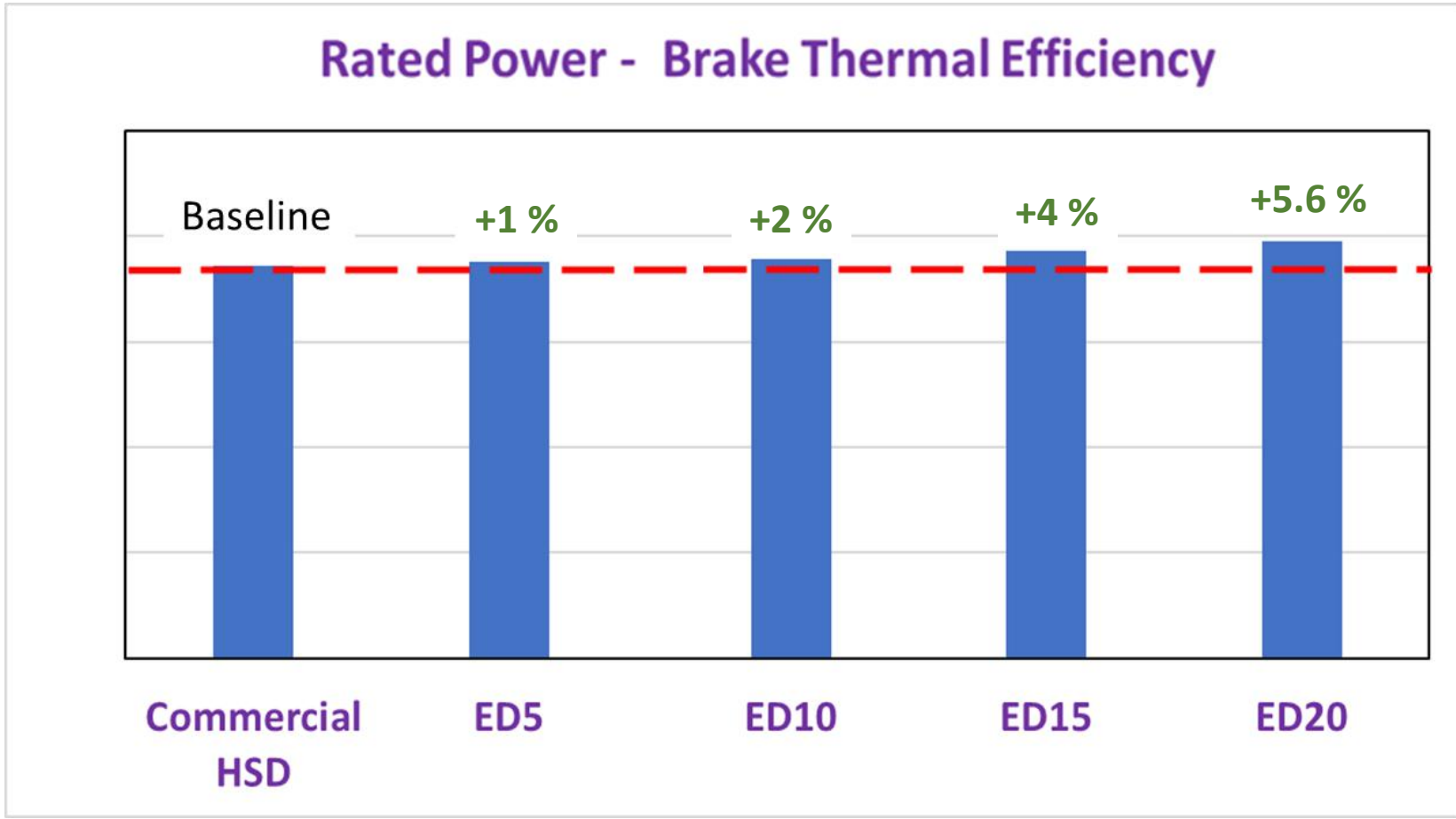






- Reduction in engine power / torque characteristics observed when switching from diesel to ethanol blend
- Re-calibration required to restore the power and torque characteristics

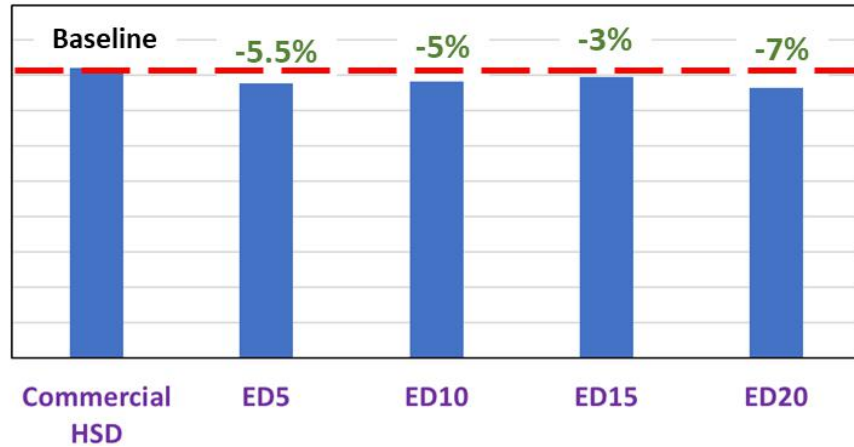
**The ethanol-diesel performance can be retained by the re-calibration of the fuel system**



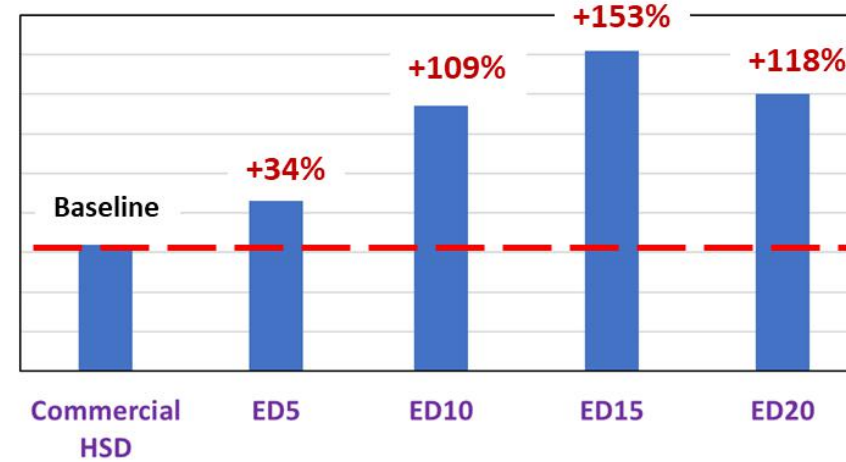
**Ethanol blend improves the overall thermal efficiency**

# Key Observations: Impact on Emissions

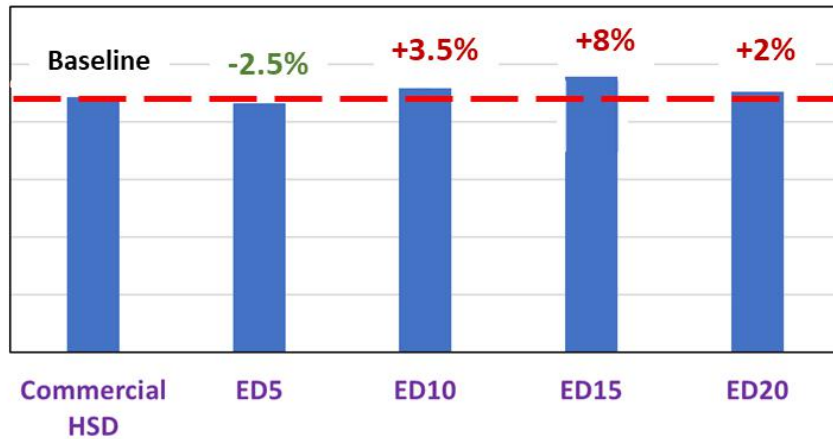
Cycle NOx (g/kWh)



Cycle THC (g/kWh)



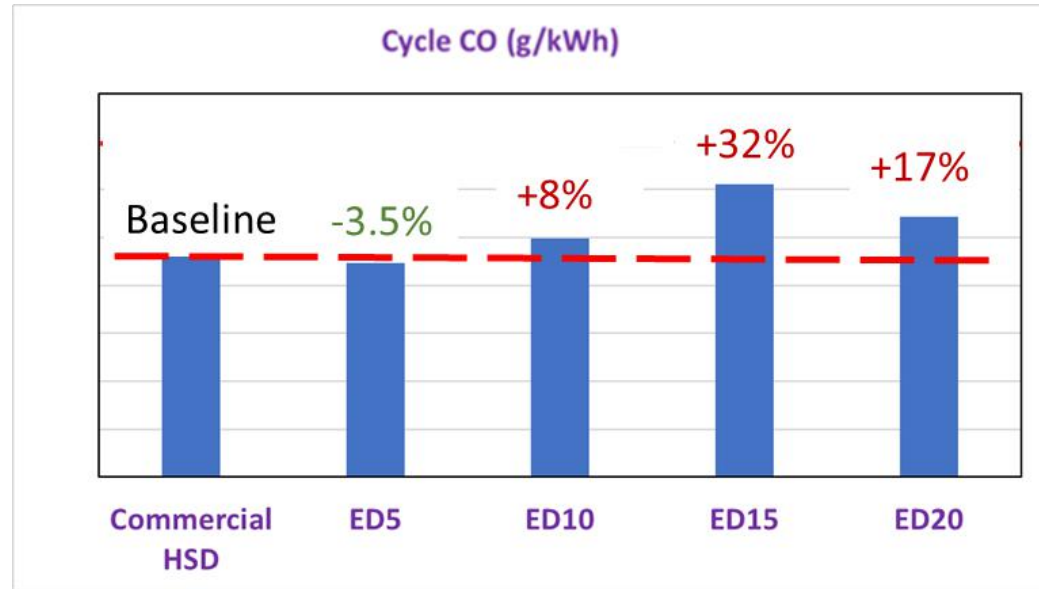
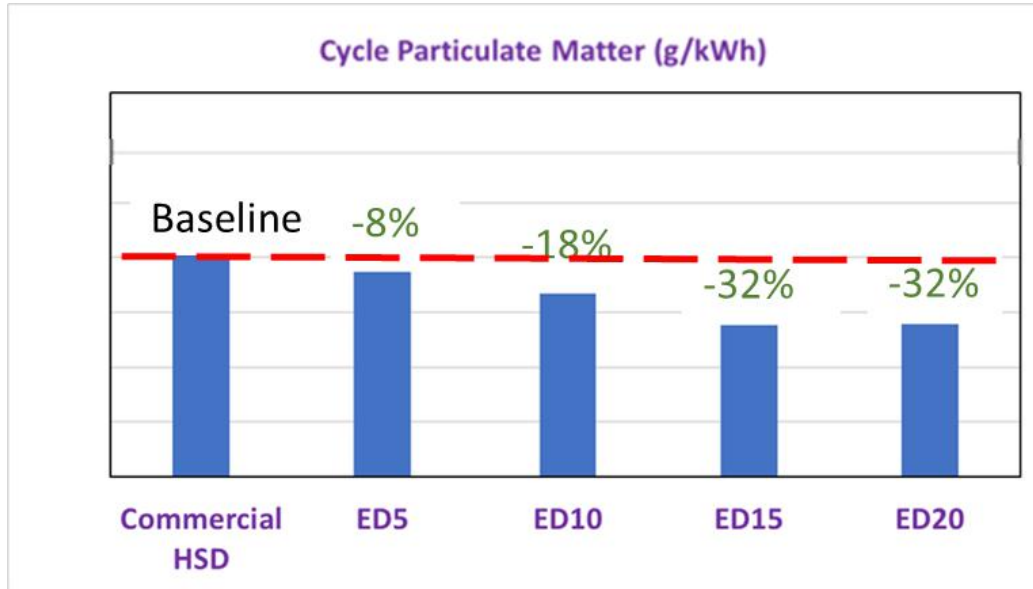
Cycle HC+NOx (g/kWh)



- NOx observed reduced, THC increase is relatively high.
- Total (NOx + THC) remains in similar range.
- THC major increase constituents are aldehydes, ethanol vapour and ethylene

**Overall Cycle NOx + THC emissions remains in a similar band of Diesel fuel**

# Key Observations: Impact on Emissions



Impact on PM:

- Relatively shorter hydrocarbon chains
- Increased oxygen content

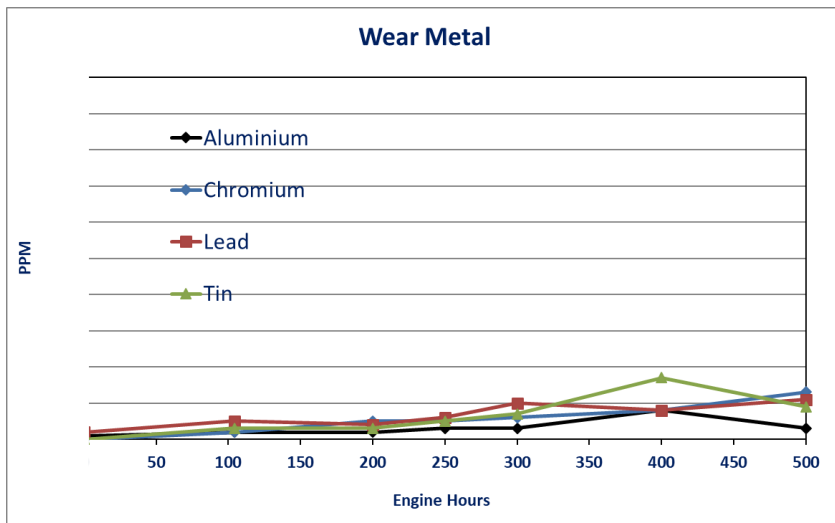
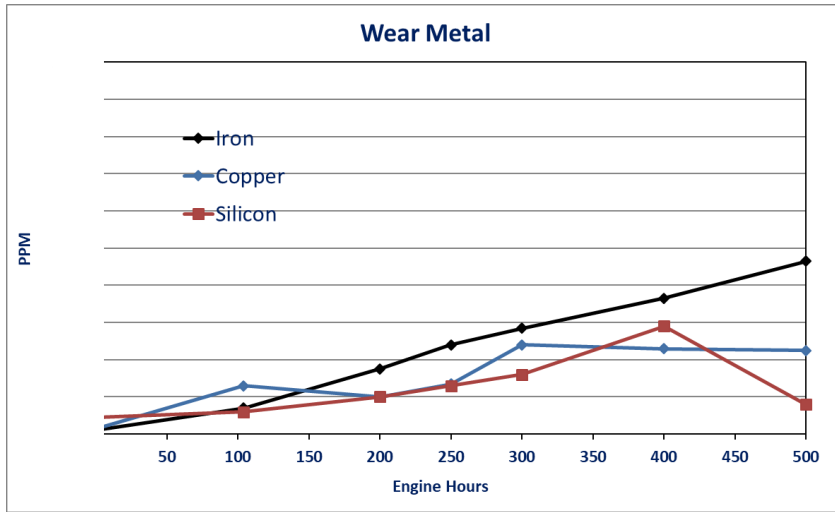
Impact on CO:

- Ignition delay (higher latent heat of vaporisation)
- Relatively prolonged Injection

**Ethanol blend indicates significant benefit in PM reduction**



# Key Observations: Impact on Engine Life

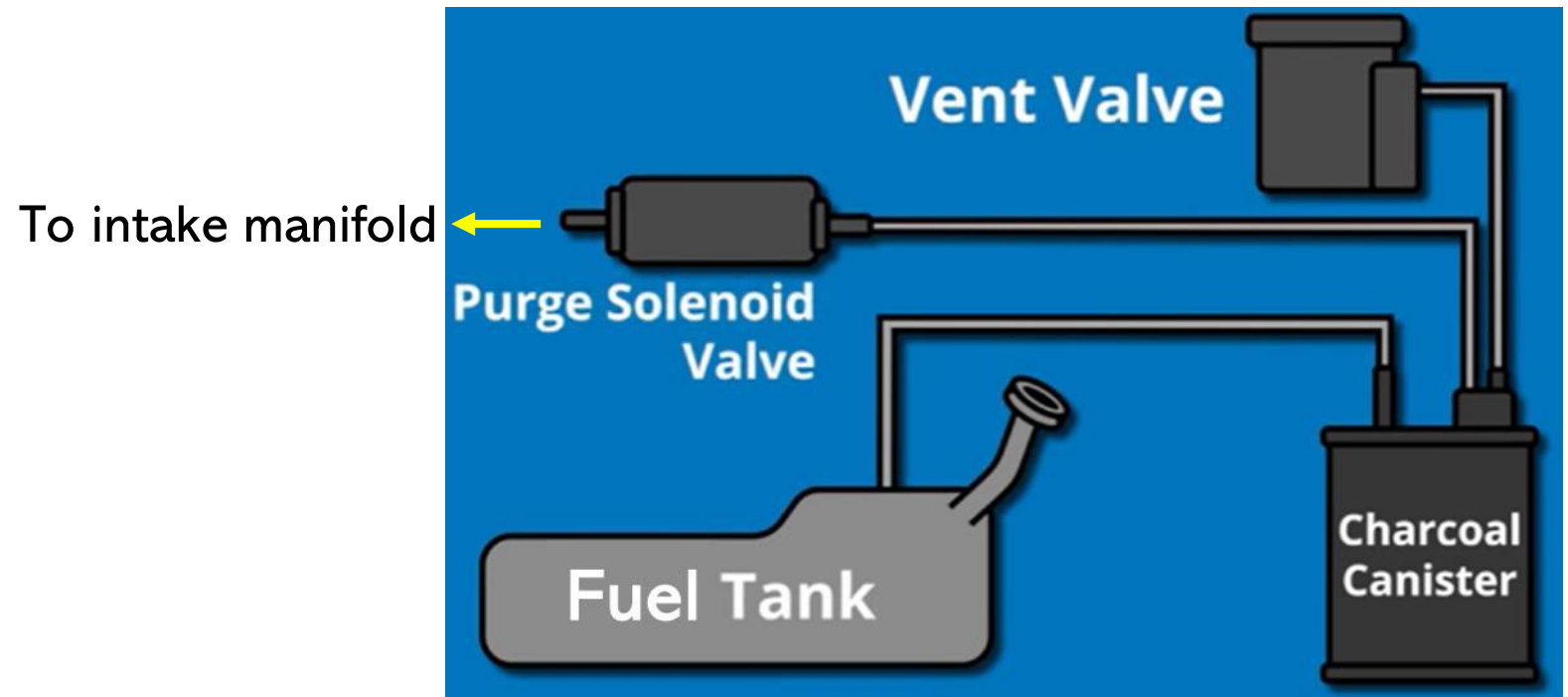


- TAN (Total Acid Number) and TBN (Total Base Number) are well within Lube-oil Discard limit
- Soot content in Lube-oil is well within acceptable limit
- Copper wear is a typical phenomenon with Ethanol during the initial part of running. However, it stabilized after 300 hrs.
- Bearing Metal Wear (Aluminium, Lead & Tin) is well within discard limit
- Crank and Gear Train Wear is well within limit (Fe from all parts & Cr-from piston rings)

**500 hrs of preliminary durability showed no critical deterioration**

## Modifications Required on Engine Applications

- Re-calibration of engine for performance & emission
- Charcoal Canister arrangement is necessary to prevent vapor accumulation and uncontrolled vapor escape from fuel tank
- Vapour outlet from Canister is typically passed into Intake manifold



- These observations are based on an off highway application engine test results.
- The ethanol-diesel performance can be retained by the re-calibration of the fuel system
- Ethanol blend indicates an improvement in overall thermal efficiency
- Overall off high way emission test cycle (NOx + THC) emissions remains in a similar band that of Diesel fuel.
- Ethanol blend indicates significant benefit in PM reduction
- Preliminary engine durability tests showed no critical deterioration

*Thank  
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