Comparative particle characterisation of modern gasoline and diesel passenger cars at different chamber temperatures

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Cold start effect

In Europe, about 50% of the trips using a passenger car are typically shorter than 3 km, which is close to the warm up distance of the three-way catalyst

[Kyriakis and André, 1998 / Laurikko, 1998]

«Comprehensive particle characterization of modern gasoline and diesel passenger cars» [Urs Mathis et al. (submitted)]

Experimental set-up was according to the project «PARTICULATES»



Experimental

Particle emission in the exhaust

Five modern EURO 3 passenger car

- 2 gasoline passenger car (port-injection)
- 1 gasoline passenger car (direct-injection)
- 1 diesel passenger car without DPF
- 1 diesel passenger car with DPF

Real world driving cycle

IUFC15 : Inrets 15x urban fluid court

Three different chamber temperatures

-20 °C / -7 °C / +23 °C



Experimental set-up



ageing chamber (additional residence time) 7

- Impactor for mass measurement at the wet line 8
- 9 Secondary diluter at the wet line
- 10 Diffusion charger
- 11 CPC
- 12 porous tube diluter

Sampling method

From the tailpipe porous tube diluter [prototype, Dekati Ltd]

- Mass flow controller for dilution air
- secondary diluter at dry air
- thermodesorber

Set-up according to

« PARTICULATES »



Real world test cycle (IUFC15)





cold start particle number emissions





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Total particle number concentration (CPC)





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Particle number size distribution (ELPI)







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Conclusion I

- The **two gasoline vehicles with port-injection** emitted the main portion of particle emission in the first part of the IUFC15 driving cycle.
- The **diesel vehicle with DPF** emitted the main portion of particle emission in the first part of the IUFC15 driving cycle.
- The **diesel vehicle without DPF** hardly showed cold start effect regarding the emission of particles.
- The **gasoline vehicles with direct-injection** emitted moderate cold start emissions of particles.



Conclusion II

- A increase of cold start particle emission was found when decreasing the chamber temperature.
- The chamber temperature had no significant effect on the particle emissions as soon as the engine was warmed up.
- No nucleation mode particles were observed at subzero chamber temperatures.
- The shape of the particle number size distributions measured by the ELPI was only affected for the two **gasoline vehicle with port-injection** during high emissions of particles in the cold start phase.



Thank you for your attention

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