

Sensor Integration in BS VI Exhaust after Treatment System for Automobiles

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Abstract - The demanding regulatory requirement mandates the need for new engine-management system and its integration with exhaust-treatment technologies strategy. Different types of sensors play vital role on the engine out and the efficient performance of the exhaust after treatment system. Location, geometry and the orientation of the sensor installation is discussed in detail. The sensitivity of the sensor with the HEGO index guidelines provide the required signal without the noise interference. The impact of various particles such as conductive water particles and engine particulates are implemented during the design of exhaust after treatment system. This improves the life expectancy, accuracy level of sensing of the sensors. Advancement of gas sensor technology over the past few decades has led to significant progress in pollution control and thereby environmental protection.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Environmental awareness and emission legislation have made it necessary to achieve cleaner exhaust gases from gasoline and diesel engines. Additional systems are needed to reduce hazardous components from exhaust gas. The performance of these systems depends highly on sensors and controls. Reducing emissions like Hydrocarbons (HC), oxides of carbon (CO_x), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and particulate matters (PM) in diesel and gasoline engines will become one of the greatest developmental challenges for the future. The primary goal of the future is to maintain the engines as a propulsion source with highest fuel economy.

To resolve this challenges EATS sensors are introduced in the exhaust system to measure those emissions, temperature, pressure from the exhaust stream and give it as an input for the ECU from those inputs we easy introduce the next successful step and resolve those emissions Either in the way of introducing catalyzes or the chemical injection to the exhaust stream.

To succeed those complexity sensors having some limitations, it needs to withstand high temperature and vibration without affecting its measuring efficiency because it's very sensitive so we have to know about the importance in the types of sensors used nowadays in field of exhaust and also handling, defects, design, packaging (1-4).

II. EMISSION REGULATIONS

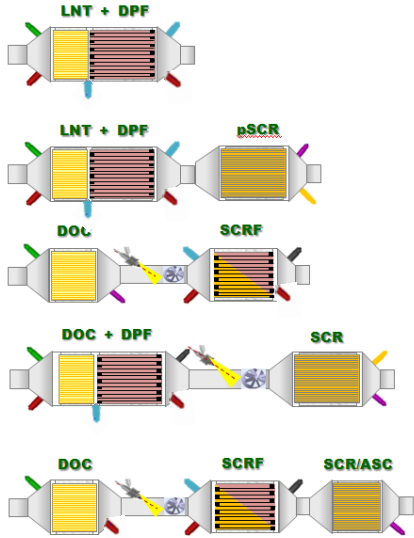
According to our norms latest revision shown as in the table 1 emission must reduced and screened properly to protect our environment.

TABLE 1

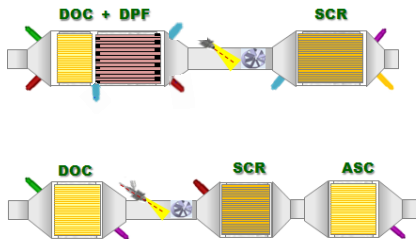
Stage	Year	CO	HC	HC + NOx	NOx	PM	PN
		g/km					
Gasoline Vehicles		Diesel Vehicles					
	1991	14.3	2.0	-	-	-	-
		17.3	2.7	-	-	-	-
	1996	8.68	-	3.00	-	-	-
		5.0	-	2.0	-	-	-
	1998	4.34	-	1.50	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
India 2000	2000	2.72	-	0.97	-	-	-
		2.72	-	0.97	-	0.14	-
BS II	2005	2.2	-	0.5	-	-	-
		1.0	-	0.7	-	0.08	-
BS III	2010	2.3	0.20	-	0.15	-	-
		0.64	-	0.56	0.50	0.05	-
BS IV	2010	1.0	0.10	-	0.08	-	-
		0.50	-	0.30	0.25	0.025	-
BS V	n/a ^b	1.0	0.10 ^d	-	0.06	0.0045 ^e	-
		0.50	-	0.23	0.180	0.0045	6.0x10 ¹¹
BS VI	2020	1.0	0.10 ^d	-	0.06	0.0045 ^e	6.0x10 ^{11e}
		0.50	-	0.17	0.080	0.0045	6.0x10 ¹¹

In view of the increasingly strict laws for emissions from motor vehicles and other sources of pollutants, the need for a new generation cost effective and reliable gas sensors has become a high priority in the survey list. Such sensors must be able to provide a stable and unambiguous signal in harsh environment.

A. Passenger vehicles



B. Commercial vehicle



- DOC** - Diesel Oxidation Catalyst
- DPF** - Diesel Particulate Filter
- CDPF** - Catalysed Diesel Particulate Filter
- SCR** - Selective Catalytic Reduction
- SCRf** - Selective Catalytic Reduction Filter
- LNT** - Lean NO_x Trap
- ASC** - Ammonia Slip Catalyst

III. TYPES OF EATS SENSOR

- Oxygen Sensor or lambda sensor
- Temperature Sensor
- Pressure Sensor

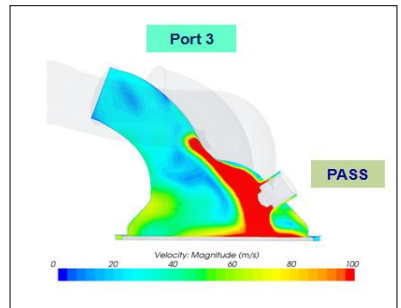
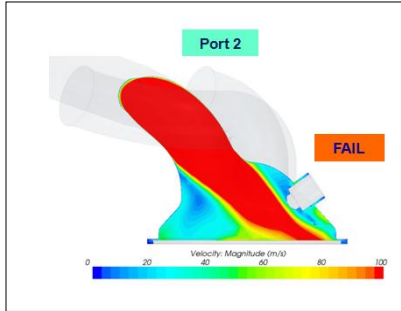
- Oxides of nitrogen sensor (NO_x)
- Particulate Matter(PM) or Soot Sensor
- Ammonia (NH₃) Sensor.

IV. OXYGEN SENSOR

Oxygen sensors or Lambda sensor are used measure the oxygen content in EATS. Oxygen sensors are working on the principle of electrochemical cell electrodes used are ceramic(Zirconium dioxide) membrane which is surrounded with the Platinum electrodes made of pores layer, Mid is vented with atmospheric air. When the exhaust stream exceeds the temperature of 750°C Zirconium dioxide(ZrO₂) undergoes mechanism which is producing mobile oxygen ions and acting itself as a electrolyte bridge . Platinum(Pt) electrodes allows the oxygen ion from the exhaust stream to cross over the electrodes then the difference between the exhaust and ambient oxygen ion is recorded. where the higher ions passed high potential difference recorded whether lower ion moved lower potential difference recorded according to that potential differences we identify whether the mixture is rich or lean. Where we simply identified an output voltage of 0.2V recorded which is Lean mixture. In case the maximum of voltage of 0.9V recorded that is rich mixture. And the idle point is approximated at 0.45V the mid of stoichiometric point. These are given as inputs to ECU to control the system operations.

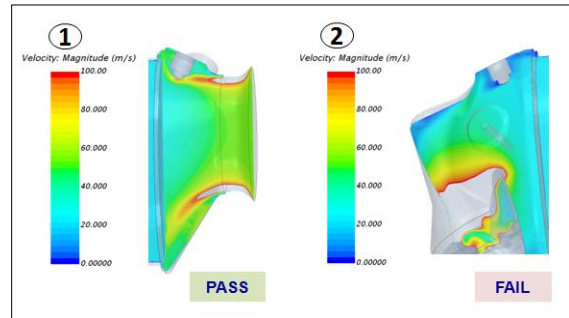
Oxygen sensors are mainly used to increase the fuel efficiency of the engine because the leading trend of selling the car with good mileage assistant and helps to avoid global warming by proper monitoring the level of mixture proportions by which oxides of carbon are screened. Incase High oxygen content in the exhaust gas indicates a lean mixture which leads to CO emission in higher. If it indicates Rich mixture we losses the fuel and results in mileage deficiency. In mountings Oxygen sensors are mounted on before DOC.

Sensors	Colour Codes
Lambda Sensor	Green
Soot Sensor	Brown
Temperature Sensor	Red
NO _x Sensor	Pink
Pressure Sensor	Cyan
NH ₃ Sensor	Yellow



The image shows the range of acceptable mounting positions. A vertical position can get too hot in confined spaces, so we recommend at least 15 degrees from the vertical. The horizontal position can cause condensation to drip onto the sensor, so at least 10 degrees from the horizontal axis.

E. Results



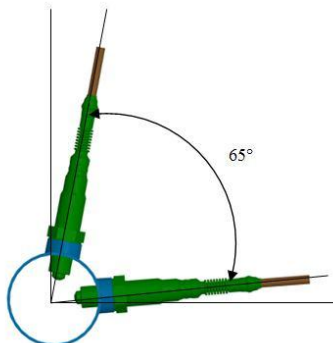
Oxygen Sensor Placed at the location and the results are shown below.

HEGO Index	Measured	Target
	0.742	< 1.5

From the HEGO analysis port 1&3 are passed our condition. While we looking port 2 velocity magnitude crossed our conditions which makes the sensor to improper functioning due to random and peak fluctuations.

D. Sensor Placement

Locate a position for the oxygen sensor. The header collector makes a good location for mounting. It is recommended that you have at least 2 to 3 feet of pipe after the sensor or it may not read accurately at light loads. If your vehicle has catalytic converters, the oxygen sensor must be located between the engine and the catalytic converters.



Oxygen Sensor	HEGO Index						
	Location	Vmax (m/s)	Vmin (m/s)	Vmean (m/s)	Measured	Target	Remarks
1	Before DOC	100	50	70	0.714	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	86	45	60	0.683	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	35	23	22	0.545	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	13.8	6	9	0.866	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	45	27	31	0.580	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	53	18	29	1.206	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	27	7	14	1.428	< 1.4	FAIL
1	Before DOC	42	21.3	26.5	0.781	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	39	17	20	1.100	< 1.4	PASS
1	Before DOC	23	8.9	14.6	0.965	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	40	2	20	1.900	< 1.4	FAIL
2	After DOC	8.8	3.3	5	1.100	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	26.3	14.7	19	0.610	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	2.6	1.03	1.7	0.923	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	23	11	12	1	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	35	21	17	0.823	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	12.7	6	7.4	0.905	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	19.4	12	14	0.528	< 1.4	PASS
2	After DOC	6.2	4.2	1.4	1.428	< 1.4	FAIL
2	After DOC	9.1	3	3.6	1.694	< 1.4	FAIL

HEGO index of the oxygen sensor finalized the position of the sensor in case of the HI index doesn't meet the requirements then the sensor leads to misbehave in working functions.

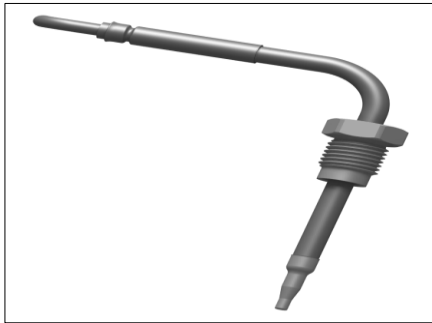
V. TEMPERATURE SENSOR

Temperature sensors are working on the principle of Positive Temperature Gradient or Negative Temperature Gradient. Temperature sensors are used as a warning system, to warn the catalytic converter temperature above the safe limit of 750oC (1380oF). Temperature sensors are also used to monitor catalyst functioning, usually two sensors will be fitted, with one before the catalyst and one after to monitor the temperature rise over the catalytic converter core. For every 1% of CO in the exhaust gas stream the exhaust gas temperature will rise by 100°C.

Mostly Electrical temperature Sensors are used on the field of exhaust systems and its types are

- Thermistor.
- Resistive Thermometer.
- Silicon bandgap temperature sensor.
- Thermocouple.

Temperature Sensor



A. Thermistor

Thermistor made of semiconductor, cheap, durable and reliable device. Its working is simple when the temperature change resistivity of the material changes from that we measure the recorded value of temperature. Where the Negative Temperature Co-efficient defines resistance decreases according to temperature rises. Where temperature increases resistance decreases means that is Positive Temperature Gradient.

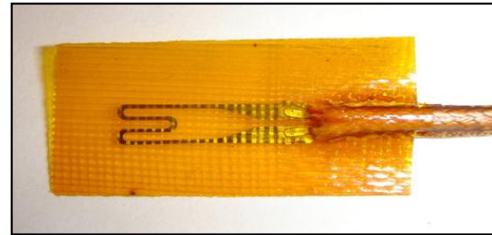
B. Resistance Thermometer

Resistance thermometers are higher accuracy device replaced the thermocouple in applications below 600°C. Made of fine wire wrapped with ceramic or glass wools.

Working as that temperature increases resistivity of the material changes according to value of resistivity temperature has been shown by the control unit. It's also known as Resistance Temperature Detectors.

C. Silicon Bandgap Temperature Sensors

Like as the Thermometers, Here when the temperature increases valence electrons try to cross the bandgap, diode can be used as the temperature measurement device to amplify the producing potential in the device. Here also amount of temperature rises migration rises too.



D. Resistance Temperature Detectors:

Resistance temperature detectors or RTDs are based on the natural change in a metals resistance with temperature. The resistance of most metals increases over a limited temperature range in a reasonably linear way with temperature. For such a linear relationship.

$$R_t = R_0 (1 + \alpha t)$$

Where

R_t = Resistance at a temperature t (oC)

R_0 = Resistance at 0oC

α = Temperature coefficient of resistance

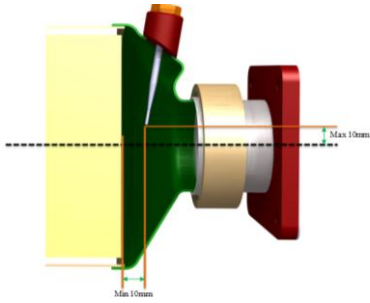
E. Thermocouple

Two dissimilar metals joined together at their ends. One end is placed in the hot end and another one placed in the cold end, a potential difference develops due to electromotive force which has been recorded. It's known as seeback effect. And also works with Peltier and Thompson effect. Welded two dissimilar metals to form a bimetallic junction that produces voltage which varies with temperature. For a vehicle application, a type K (chrome/Nickel-Alumel) or type R or S (Platinum-Rhodium) would be used for the various range of temperatures.

Thermocouples can be made with very little mass which allows for a fast response with changing temperature. In order for the sensor to minimize drift and be durable in a vehicle exhaust environment however, the thermocouple must be protected by a sheath and made thicker.

F. Sensor Positioning

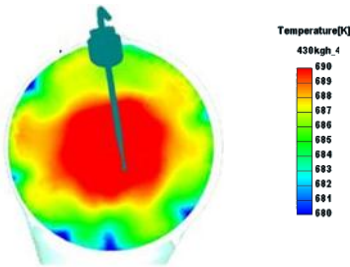
1. Protrusion of temperature sensor at T4 and T5 locations is to be considered minimum 30mm maximum 80mm from the sealing face of the boss.



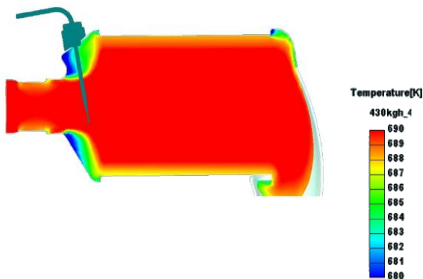
2. S1 & S2 Sensor axis should coincide with centre axis of substrate.

3. Distance between substrate and temperature sensor should minimum 10mm Radial and longitudinal cross sectional views are shown. In mountings temperature sensor are long and placed as per the requirements.

a) Radial Cross Sectional Plane S2



b) Longitudinal Cross Sectional Plane S1



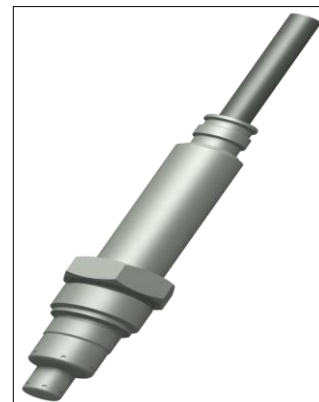
For the accurate readings sensors are placed mid of the requirement places. Analysis shown as, where the heat distributed along the surface. so that we have the sensor placement at the maximum temperature gradient areas.

VI. NOX SENSOR

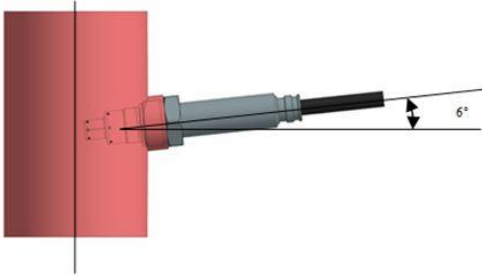
NOx sensors are extremely expensive and are generally only used when a compression ignition engine is fitted with a selective catalytic reduction converter (SCR), or a NOx trap / absorber in a feedback system. When fitted to an SCR system, there may be one or two sensors. When one sensor is fitted it will be pre-catalyst, when two are fitted the second one will be post catalyst. They are utilized for the same reasons and in the same manner as an oxygen sensor - the only difference is the substance being monitored. These kind of sensors also working on the same kind we discussed in the oxygen sensors using Nernst principle and ionization which acts as a electrochemical cell. It's used to measure NOx and Oxygen in the exhaust gas.

A. Ammonia (OR) NH3 (OR) NOX Sensors

It directly measure ammonia levels in the exhaust of diesel vehicles equipped with a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) after treatment system. The sensor output can be used to provide feedback to the SCR system helping provide optimal reduction of NOx emissions. In mountings NOx sensors are placed after the SCR units While development system having the sensors on before the DOC also.



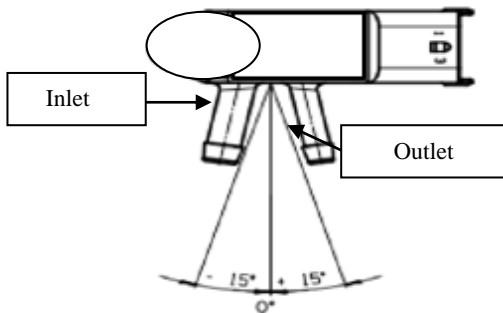
NOx Sensor



From the Analyse Sensor are placed in right positions. Soot sensor opening is placed in face of upstream for the proper functioning.

VIII. PRESSURE SENSOR

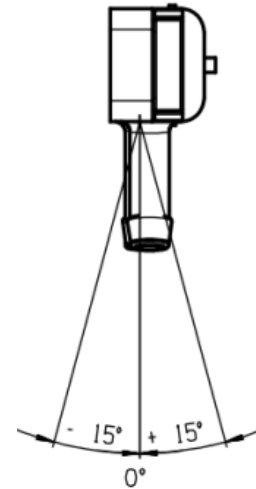
Pressure Sensor Working as a Transducer senses the fluid pressure by using the set of arrangements one is diaphragm made of silicon, stainless steel and etc... and another one is sensing material piezoelectric materials. When the diaphragm experience a deformation due to the fluidic influences due to piezoelectric effect voltage created which has been recorded and processed using the ECU. Placement and Direction it faces to exhaust stream is very noticeable. Straight profile pressure sensor better while taking measurements other than straight profile like tapered, bended are showing more deviations while testing.



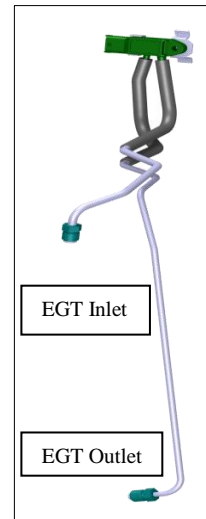
For EATS recommended pressure sensor specifications are Maximum Radial force on pressure port is 20N, allowable installation force is 40N. Maximum axial force at each pressure port is 280N.

A. Sensor Positioning

While installing the sensor on vehicle all the ports should be vertically downwards and above mentioned angle for the proper functioning.



Hoses secured on the pressure ports against sliding off to prevent escape of hot exhaust gas and to ensure safe operation inner diameter of the hoses 6.8mm and 4.6mm for the 8mm and 6mm pressure port respectively



Pressure Sensor And Tubes

Hoses put on pressure ports with a length of 20mm. Use washer Ø10mm minimum or adequate screw head diameter. Maximum permissible force for fixing screws while mounting tightening is 4.5kN. Installation location protected against the head wind blows. No constraints, length of the hoses and pipe must be at least 800mm hoses rising all the way to the sensor and protect against the cold wind blows to prevent the exhaust gas condensation and Maximum diameter of the screw in the interior of the mounting hole is 6mm.

B. Sensor Common Standards

PRESSURE SENSOR BOSS	M14 * 1.25P
TEMPERATURE SENSOR BOSS	M12 * 1.25P / M14 * 1.25P
NO _x / PM SENSOR BOSS	M20* 1.5P
LAMDA SENSOR BOSS	M18 * 1.5P

IX. CONCLUSION

Installation of sensors with right positioning to provide accurate output was considered during the design process of the exhaust after treatment system. The performance of the sensor was improved with the required HEGO index. Sensors are mandatory for on board diagnostics for advanced emission control requirements. We clearly know the importance of the sensors, purpose and instrumentations. Introducing Sensor technology in the exhaust system provides efficient pollution abatement and thereby high engine performance and fuel efficiency and reliability.

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