

Particulate Emissions from Mopeds: Effect of Lubricant and Fuel

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Main objectives:

The main objective was to contribute to the discussion on the possibility of introducing new limits for particulate emissions from mopeds

The experimental programme was designed in order to have an understanding of:

- physical properties of particulates emitted by mopeds
- the effect of engine technology on particulate emissions from mopeds
- the effect of the lubricating oil quality on particulates emissions
- the effect on pollutant emissions of a conversion kit to LPG for mopeds



Experimental programme details:

Emission tests:

- Carried out at the JRC emission test facility
- Roller bench 48" suitable for testing small two wheelers
- Conventional CVS system + dilution tunnel
- Driving Cycle:
 - ECE 47
 - Emissions were measured during both the "cold part" and the "hot part" of the cycle







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Particulate Emissions Characterisation:

- Measurement of particulate total mass
 - The legislative procedure prescribed for Diesel was used to measure particulate total mass
 - In addition, a cyclone was used to avoid contaminating the sampling system and the analysers with very large droplets of lubricant
- Particulate physical properties:
 - Number/size distribution (TSI SMPS)
 - Mass/size distribution (LPI)







Particulate physical properties:

- Number/size distribution (TSI SMPS)
 - Constant speed (40 km/h)



- Mass/size distribution (Low Pressure Impactor)
 - 11+1 stages
 - Volume flow rate: 25 l/min
 - Measuring range: 0.0085 mm-16 mm
 - Constant speed (40 km/h) and ECE 47 cycle





Effect of Lubricant on Particulate Emissions

Test lubricants

- Low quality lubricant (mineral, low content of additives)
 API TC specifications
- High quality lubricant (full synthetic, high content of additives)
 API TC, JASO FC and ISO-L-EGD specifications



Test Fleet

- MT001-M-50
 - Pre-Euro 1 moped
 - Conventional two stroke engine; no after-treatment device

MT002-M-50

- Euro 1 moped
- *Direct injection engine; no after-treatment device*

MT003-M-50

- Euro 1 moped
- Conventional two stroke engine; oxidation catalyst

• MT004-M-50

- Euro 1 moped equipped with a LPG conversion kit
- Conventional two stroke engine; oxidation catalyst



Effect of Lubricant on PM Emissions

Total Mass







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Effect of Lubricating Oil Quality on Moped Emissions ECE 47 Cycle (Whole Cycle) - Particulates Emissions









Effect of Lubricant on PM Emissions

Mass/Size Distribution





Particulate Emissions from Mopeds ECE 47 Cycle - Mass/Size Distribution (LPI 11 stages)



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Effect of Lubricating Oil on Particulate Emissions ECE 47 Cycle - Particulate Mass/Size Distribution (LPI 11 stages)





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Particulate Emissions from Mopeds Total Mass - Filter vs LPI

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Effect of Lubricant and Fuel on PM Emissions

Number/Size Distribution





Particulate Emissions from Mopeds Number/Size Distribution - Constant Speed: 40 km/h Low Quality Oil



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Effect of Conversion to LPG on Emissions of Moped





Effect of LPG on Emissions ECE 47 Cycle (Hot Part) - Percentage Variations



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Effect of LPG on Emissions ECE 47 Cycle - Particulate Emissions



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Effect Of LPG on Particulate Emissions Number/Size Distribution - Constant Speed: 40 km/h





- The engine technology has a huge effect on particulate emissions from mopeds
- The Euro 1 mopeds tested at the JRC showed particulate emission values (g/km) close to those of Euro 3 diesel vehicles
- The lubricant quality has a significant impact on particulate mass, particle number and size
- The effect of lubricant quality depends on the engine technology
- The moped equipped with the direct injection engine exhibited a different behaviour compared to conventional two stroke engines
- The LPG conversion kit tested proved to be an effective way to reduce particulate emissions from mopeds

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