

Engine Design

Chapter 02: IC Engine Fundamentals

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Chapter Description

• Aims

- To explain fundamentals of internal combustion engines.
- To analyse the four-stroke and two-stroke cycle engines operation.

Expected Outcomes

- To understand the fundamentals of internal combustion engines and able to differentiate its thermodynamic cycles.
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Fundamentals of Internal Combustion Engine (ICE)

- The internal combustion engine is a form of heat engine
- Works as follows:
- A supply of air-and-fuel mixture is fed to the inside of the cylinder where it is compressed and then Water jackets burnt.
- The way this mixture is ignited defined the type of IC engine:
 - Spark Iginition (SI) will be ignited via spark plug.
 - Compression Ignition (CI) will be ignited when the high compression incylinder pressure raised the mixture temperature beyond the ignition limit of the fuel.



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Fundamentals of Internal Combustion Engine (ICE)

- The heat energy is converted into useful mechanical work when the high gas pressure generated forces the piston to move along its stroke in the cylinder.
- To enable the piston movement to be harnessed, the driving thrust on the piston is transmitted by means of a connectingrod to a crankshaft whose function is to convert the linear piston motion in the cylinder to a rotary crankshaft movement.
- The piston can thus be made to repeat its movement via the rotational motion of the crankshaft and the guiding cylinder.
- The backward-and-forward displacement of the piston is generally referred to as the reciprocating motion of the piston, so these power units are also known as reciprocating engines.



IC Engines parameters

- The typical IC engine parameters are shown in Fig. 2.2.
- Top-dead-centre (TDC) is the highest stop position of the piston in an engine cycle.
- Bottom-dead-centre (BDC) is the lowest stop position of the piston in the cycle.
- The stroke is defined as the distance between TDC and BDC.



Fig. 2.2: Crank-slider mechanism and single cylinder internal combustion engine components.



Thermodynamics



• Also known as Otto cycle.

Fuel ignited by spark plug.

- 1-2: Isentropic compression
- 2-3: Constant volume heat input
- 3-4: Isentropic expansion
- 4-1: Constant volume heat rejection



Thermodynamics





- Also known as diesel cycle.
- Fuel ignited due to high in-cylinder temperature.

- 1-2: Isentropic compression
- 2-3: Constant pressure heat input
- 3-4: Isentropic expansion
- 4-1: Constant volume heat rejection





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