

Power Measurement Methods

- <u>Power</u> the rate of doing work. A unit of power is a newton meter per second (watt).
- <u>Brake power</u> the power output of the engine crankshaft. The engine may be stripped of part or all of its accessories.
- <u>Power take-off power</u> the power delivered by a tractor through its pto shaft.

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- <u>Drawbar power</u> the power of a tractor measured at the end of the drawbar.
- <u>Friction power</u> the power required to run the engine at any given speed without production of useful work. It is usually measured with a suitable electric dynamometer that runs or "motors" the engine. It represents the friction and pumping losses of an engine.

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- <u>Observed power</u> the power obtained at the dynamometer without any correction for atmospheric temperature, pressure, or water vapor.
- <u>Corrected power</u> obtained by correcting observed power to standard conditions of sea-level pressure, 15.5°C temperature, and zero vapor pressure.

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<u>Dynamometer</u> – an instrument for determining power, usually by the independent measure of force, time, and the distance through which the force is moved. Dynamometers may be classified as brake, drawbar, or torsion, according to the manner in which the work is being applied. Also, they may be classed as absorption or transmission, depending on the disposition of the energy.

Dynamometers

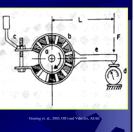
- A dynamometer for testing engines must include the following four essential elements:
 - A means for controlling torque
 A means for measuring torque
 A means for measuring speed
 - A means for dissipating power

Prony brake

- It is the simplest type of dynamometer an example of an absorption-type dynamometer.
- The rotor is connected to the crankshaft of the engine and rotates at engine speed. Surrounding the rotor are brake shoes that create torque drag on the rotor. The torque is controlled by tightening or loosening the hand lever. The torque is measured by a scale located at the end of the lever arm. A tachometer must be provided for measuring the rotor speed. After the torque and speed are measured, the power can be calculated.

Prony Brake Dynamometer

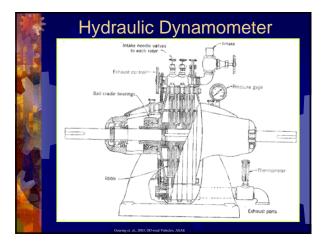
- P = (2π*L*F*n) / 60.000 : kW
- Torque is determined by the prony brake through measuring
 Force and Length.
- P = 2πnT / 60,000 ; kW



Hydraulic

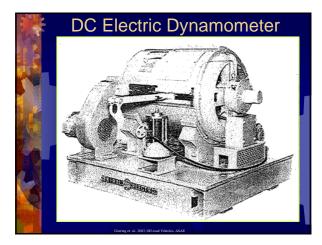
The hydraulic dynamometer operates like a hydraulic turbine/pump. The working medium, usually water, is circulated within the housing creating frictional resistance to turbine rotation. The engine power is converted to heat and the liquid exits at a higher temperature than when it entered. The outer case, which is free to rotate about the input shaft, is connected to and restrained by the torque arm. With the exception of bearing friction, the torque measured is equal to that supplied to the dynamometer.

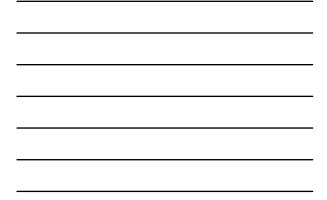
- The power-absorbing capacity for any given type of design varies approximately as the cube of the speed of rotation and the fifth power of the diameter (Culver 1937). The power equation is the same as for the prony brake.
- The accuracy of the hydraulic-brake dynamometer can be expected to be somewhat better than that of the prony brake and should fall between it and the cradled electric type.



Electric Direct-Current Dynamometers

• The direct-current cradle-mounted dynamometer is a shunt-wound generator with separate field excitation. The field frame is free to rotate, and since any effort to turn the armature causes the field to attempt to revolve, the resultant torque will cause a force to be registered on the scales. The accuracy is independent of the electrical efficiency of the machine. Accuracy within 0.25 percent is possible.



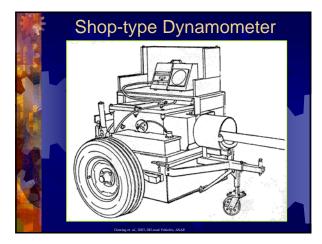


Shop-Type Dynamometer

It is often desirable to measure the PTO power of a tractor in the field or in an implement dealer's repair shop. Since dynamometers are much too expensive and difficult to use except in labs, several inexpensive and portable devices generally classified as shop-type or agricultural dynamometers have been developed.

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- The principle of operation of shop-type dynamometers is generally similar to a hydraulic or a prony brake dynamometer. Hydraulic pumps are also sometimes used.
- Shop-type dynamometers generally employ a pressure gage to measure the force on the resisting torque arm.





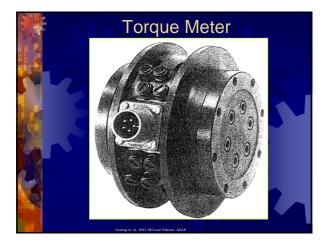
Spring Dynamometer

 The simplest and most obvious type of drawbar unit consists of a spring that elongates under tension or shortens under compression. Such a dynamometer is suitable for rough measurements of forces.



Torsion Dynamometers

- With the advent of machinery operated by tractor power-take-off shafts a great deal of interest has been displayed in devices for the measurement of power as transmitted by rotating shafts.
- Torque Meter, Strain-Gage Type:
 The development of the electrical resistance strain gage has made practical the measurement of torque and force on farm tractors and machines. Many torque meters employing strain gages have been developed.



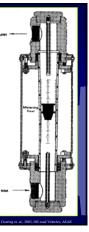


Volume-Based Fuel Flowmeters

 Fuel consumption is frequently measured during an engine test; the measurement can be on a volume or mass basis.



This rotameter measures fuel consumption on a volume basis. The transparent tube has a slight taper (its diameter increases toward the top). Fuel enters the bottom of the tube, flows upward around the float in the tube, and exits at the top. The higher the flow rate, the higher the flow must rise to allow sufficient space around the edges of the float to allow fuel to pass. Thus, a scale inscribed directly on the outside of the tube can be calibrated directly in terms of volumetric flow rate.



Standardized Tractor Tests

 Data from standardized tests may be used in comparing the performances of various makes and models of tractors. When comparative test are administered by agencies independent of the tractor manufacturers, the resulting competition among the manufacturers also tends to promote improvements in tractors design. The original independent agency to do tractor testing was the University of Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory (NTTL).

Standardized Tractor Tests

 Three standard test procedures are now widely recognized for testing tractors.
 They include the standard ASAE/SAE/ISO test, the OECD restricted test, and the OECD long test.
 The OECD tests are described by code designations, as follows:

Compulsory Tests:

- Main PTO
- 2. Hydraulic power and lifting force
- . Drawbar power,
- ballasted tractor
- 4. Turning area and turning circle
- 5. Position of center of gravity
- 6. Braking (wheeled tractors only)
- 7. External (bystander) noise (wheeled tractors only)

Tests performed and reported at manufacturer's option:

Engine

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- Performance at the belt or belt pulley shaft
- Performance in a hot atmosphere
- Low temperature starting
- Drawbar power and fuel consumption for unballasted tractor

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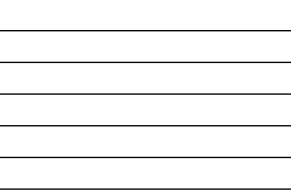
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Correcting Power for Atmospheric Conditions

- The density of air changes with temperature and barometric pressure. Such density changes affect the rate at which an engine can consume air and, since it is air consumption that limits engine power, the power output varies with atmospheric conditions.
- Power correction begins with the use of the ideal gas law to correct for atmospheric conditions: pV = MRT

Power Correction

- Because mass density is the mass per unit volume, the ideal gas law can be restated as:
 ρ = M / V = BP / RT
 - Where ρ = air density, kg/m³
 - BP = barometric pressure, kPa
 - T = absolute temperature of air, K
 - R = ideal gas constant
- This equation can be used to obtain the ratio of air densities at observed and standard conditions.

Power Correction

- The gas constant cancels out in obtaining the ratio, with the following result:
 - $\rho_{\rm s} / \rho_{\rm o} = ({\rm BP}_{\rm s} / {\rm BP}_{\rm o})({\rm T}_{\rm o} / {\rm T}_{\rm s})$
 - Where ρ_0 = air density at observed conditions, kg/m3 ρ_s = air density at standard conditions, kg/m3
 - Bp_o = barometric pressure at observed conditions, kPa
 - BP_s = barometric pressure at standard conditions, kPa
 T_o = absolute temperature of the air at observed conditions, K
 - T_s = absolute temperature of the air at standard conditions, K

Power Correction

- Power correction factor: • $f_a = (BP_s / BP_o)(T_o / T_s)^n$
- Theoretically, the correction should be applied to the indicated power, then
 - $\bullet P_{bs} + P_{fs} = f_a (P_{bo} + P_{fo})$
- But P_{fs} = P_{fo}, because friction power is not affected by atmospheric conditions:
 P_{bs} = f_aP_{bo} + P_f (f_a 1)

Power Correction

- Because P_f is often much smaller than P_b and f_a is close to 1, the last term is usually dropped. The final power correction equation is then:
 - $P_{bs} = f_a P_{bo}$
 - That is, the correction is applied directly to the brake power. The usual choice of standard conditions is $B_{pa} = 99$ kPa and $T_s = 298$ K (25°C).