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FUEL EFFICIENCY SESSION

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FUEL EFFICIENCY SESSION

- Where the Fuel Goes?
 - The truck factors that use power.
- Speccing for Fuel Efficiency

 How to minimise the effect of those factors
- Drivers and Fuel Efficiency

- The Driver factor



Where the Fuel Goes

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1 litre

Energy Content of Fuels:

Diesel			45	MJ/I	100%
Biodiesel			41	MJ/I	91%
Petrol	Octane 9	8	39	MJ/I	87%
Compressed LNG			37	MJ/I	82%
Petrol	Octane 9	5	36	MJ/I	80%
Petrol	Octane 9	8	33	MJ/I	73%
LPG			26	MJ/I	58%
Ethanol			24	MJ/I	53%
Lead Acid Batte	ery	145 kJ/kg	or 0.27	MJ/I	0.6%
Hydrogen		140 MJ/kg			



Thermodynamics

Fundamental Limit - Heat into Work $\eta < (T_{max} - T_{min}) / T_{max}$

Large diesel engine: $\eta \sim 40\%$



- Aerodynamics
 - Theory: Power $\sim C_d x \text{ speed}^3$ In practice not that simple
- **Tyre Losses** ~ Weight x speed^{1.5}

Assumed to be proportional to weight carried. In practice varies with speed.

• Drivetrain Losses Slight increase with speed



• Exhaust



- Supercharging / Turbocharging Can't defeat the thermodynamics rule!.
- Engine Auxiliaries

Alternator, AC, Compressor, Oil pump.. Around 3-5% of max power

Engine & Transmission Losses
 RPM dependent
 Around 3% of max power

3% - 5% P_{max}

2% - 3% P_{max}







Fuel Economy of Trucks

450Hp+7 – 9 MPG (34I /100km)300Hp11 – 15 MPG (21I /100km)200Hp15 – 20 MPG (15I /100km)

? Your experience



Relevant considerations are:

• Truck Efficiency

Engine inc. Auxiliaries Aerodynamics Tyres Drivetrain losses

- Road Conditions Traffic flow Surface Slope Straightness
- Driving Practices Acceleration Anticipation Speed
- Maintenance Practices Injectors Bearings Wheel alignment
 Tyre pressures



















To Reduce Mechanical Resistance:

- Gear fast, run slow.
- Check that the desired cruise speed corresponds with the engine "sweat spot"
- Use synethic oils
- Don't use higher viscosity oils than actually needed
- Changing to small diameter drive tyres increases engine RPM and may disturb fuel economy



To Reduce Tyres Losses:

- Higher capacity tyres have greater losses.
- Low profile tyres are preferable.
- Reduce weight of rotating parts. Wide base single tyres are preferable
- •. Aluminium wheels are preferable
- Use all position tyres on the rear. Same tread as on steer-axle



To Reduce Tyres Losses:

- Rolling resistance decreases as tread depth reduces.
- A tyre with 50% tread depth has a 6% reduction I rolling resistance.
- Use of low loss tyres on trailers is particularly effective
- Keep tyre inflation to specification.
- Don't go out in the wet!
- Rough asphalt increases tyre losses by ~ 7% compared to smooth asphalt



WalMart USA Goal (2006)

Double truck fuel economy 2006 - 2015 7.8 to 15.6 miles / Imperial gallon (36 I/100km to 18 I/100km)



Wal-Mart Plan:

- Trailer side skirts
- Super single tyres to replace duals
- Aerodynamic treatment of trucks
- Reduce truck trailer spacing
- Greater use of tag axles (ie 6x2)
- Use of auxiliary power units to reduce engine usage.
- Reduced idling time at docks



SmartWay Project – US EPA & Freight Industry

- Technical advice, sharing of experiences
- Grants for specific modifications
- No cost independent measurement of performance
- Low interest loans for refurbishing older vehicles.



New Technologies

At the end of the 30 year long period of win-win for emissions / fuel economy improvements.





Current Level Engine Technology





Hybrid Technology

Hybrid Technology – Diesel engine + Regenerative Electric Motor





Hybrid Technology

Hino Bus





Hybrid Technology

Some Predictions about Hybrids:

- Add-on drive-train retarder / motor will become available.
- New types of standard batteries will be used.
- Some engine auxiliaries will be moved onto the
- electrical system.
- Diesel engines will be downsized.
- Exhaust brakes will disappear.

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Speccing for Efficiency

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- What can the operator not control
 - Regulatory impacts
 - How manufacturers solutions to regulations can impact on you.
- What the operator can control



- Regulations Impacting Fuel Economy – ADR80/01,02 Diesel Engine Emissions
 - Some ADR80/02 engines will have reduced fuel economy – up to 5%
 - Higher Heat Rejection increases cooling fan power and 'Fan On' time.
 - ADR83/00 External Noise
 - Extra sound shielding can effect cooling airflow and also increase fan power and 'Fan On' time.



- Regulations Impacting Fuel Economy
 - Engine manufacturers strive to limit fuel economy impacts for each engine emission change
 - Manufacturers, with each model, improve truck aerodynamics
 - Manufacturers are continually improving cooling systems and airflows





• New cabin shape improves fuel consumption by reducing drag co-efficient.











Aftermarket Add-ons

- Bullbars
- Winches
- Hi Rail equipment
- Disrupt cooling airflows
 - Increase fan power consumption and fan 'on' time
 - May lead to overheating
- Consult your Truck Dealer or Manufacturer



•What can the operator control?

- Truck driveline specification
- Body Type and Size
- Operating speeds
- Aerodynamic configuration
- Rolling resistance tyre selection

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- Truck driveline specification
 - Choose the spec to encourage operation in the 'Green Zone'
 - Choose Rear Axle
 Ratio to cruise in the
 Green





- Truck driveline specification
 - Choose the most efficient driveline.
 - Can you use a 4x2 or 6x2 configuration instead of a 6x4?
 - Improves Driveline efficiency by 5 8%
 - Improves Fuel consumption by 2 4%
 - Choose Enough Power
 - Too much power, particularly in distribution vocations encourages the driver to use the power available unwisely.



- Body Type and Location
 - What size body do you need?
 - Frontal Area has direct first order relationship to fuel consumption
- Example of same spec truck with 33% greater frontal area:



Rigid Truck 22.5 t - 2.5m x 3.0m High





Rigid Truck 22.5 t - 2.5m x 4.0m High





- Body Type and Location
 - What size body do you need?
 - Frontal Area has direct first order relationship to fuel consumption
- Example of same spec truck with 33% greater frontal area:
- 24% greater fuel consumption
- Make sure the body is no bigger than you need.



Rigid Truck 22.5 t - 2.5m x 4.0m High





Aerodynamic Configuration





- Aerodynamic Configuration
- Roof Fairing and side Extenders
 - 10 15% Drag Reduction





- Additional Aerodynamic Devices
 - Cab Side Extenders or Gap Seals
 - Improve Cd by up to 0.03







Body Location



Current ADR 80/00 with Vertical Exhaust

> New ADR80/02 with Horizontal Exhaust



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- Additional Aerodynamic Devices
 - Trailer or Body Skirts
 - Improve Cd by up to 0.05







- Additional Aerodynamic Devices
 - Truck Cd is around 0.6 to 0.65
 - Cd improvements of by up to 0.05 + 0.03 improves
 Cd by 13%
 - Implies fuel consumption improvements of up to 6 – 9%



- Future Aerodynamic Devices
 - Rear of trailer or body is the major source of pressure drag





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 - Research is being conducted on rear of trailer devices







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- Future Aerodynamic Devices
 - Rear of trailer devices
 - Promise Cd improvements up to 0.08 or another 6 to 9% fuel consumption reduction
- These devices would not be legal in Australia
 - Rear Overhang limits
 - Overall Length limits
- Time to get the NTC involved?



- Rolling resistance Tyres Major Contributior
 - Tyre Selection
 - Tyre Maintenance
- Tyre Selection
 - Deep Tread Tyres give Greater Rolling Resistance.
 - Tyres Suppliers can advise
- Tyre Maintenance



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Causes of inefficiency

- Over revving
- Excessive gear changes
- Using gears to slow, instead of brakes
- Poor traffic management





Techniques for fuel efficiency:

- Progressive gear shifting
 - Low gears shifted at low revs max torque
 - Higher gears at higher revs max power
 - Uses torque where it is needed



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Techniques for fuel efficiency:

- Skip Shifting
 - Used on flat or downhill
 - Eliminates unnecessary gear changes
 - Use brakes to slow



Techniques for fuel efficiency:

- Traffic Management
 - Observation and planning
 - Anticipation
 - System of vehicle control



Training

- Knowledge of engine specifications
- Skills
 - Traffic management
 - Progressive shifting
 - Skip shifting
- Motivation



Benefits

- Fuel savings up to 10%
- Reduced maintenance and repairs

Improved Safety



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Questions?