



# **Effect of Injection Pressure Variation on Performance and Emission Characteristics of Biodiesel-Diesel Blends in Internal Combustion Engines Modifications of Engine**

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## **ABSTRACT:**

This research abstract presents a comprehensive review on the performance and emission characteristics of an internal combustion engine fueled by biodiesel-diesel blends. The study focuses on analyzing the effects of varying injection pressures on engine operation using these blended fuels. Biodiesel has gained prominence as a renewable alternative to conventional diesel due to its potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. In this study, various biodiesel-diesel blends are examined under different injection pressures to elucidate their impact on engine efficiency, combustion characteristics, and emission profiles. The internal combustion engine subjected to a range of injection pressures. Performance metrics, including brake thermal efficiency, specific fuel consumption, and combustion stability, are assessed to discern the influence of injection pressure on overall engine efficiency. Furthermore, exhaust emissions, encompassing nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), unburned hydrocarbons (HC), and particulate matter (PM), are measured to gauge the environmental viability of these blends across different injection pressure settings. The conclusions of this research review contribute to a deeper understanding of how injection pressure affects the combustion process of biodiesel-diesel blends, subsequently influencing engine performance and emissions. The results serve as a valuable resource for engine designers, policymakers, and environmentalists seeking to optimize the utilization of renewable fuels and minimize the ecological footprint of internal combustion engines. As societies transition towards sustainable energy solutions, this research aids in shaping strategies for enhancing the compatibility of alternative fuels within existing engine systems. **Keywords:** Injection timing, biodiesel-diesel blends, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), unburned hydrocarbons (HC), and particulate matter (PM).

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

The use of internal combustion engines, particularly in the field of transportation, has been a significant contributor to global pollution and the depletion of fossil fuel resources. The increasing prices of petroleum-based fuels, along with environmental concerns, have stimulated the search for more sustainable and eco-friendly alternatives. Biodiesel, derived from renewable sources such as vegetable oils, animal fats, and other bio-based materials, has emerged as a promising substitute for conventional diesel fuel. One crucial parameter that significantly influences combustion efficiency and pollutant emissions in diesel engines is injection pressure. The injection pressure plays a pivotal role in the atomization and distribution of fuel within the combustion chamber, affecting the combustion process and subsequently engine performance and emissions.

### *Overview of Biodiesel as an Alternative Fuel*

Biodiesel is a biofuel derived from renewable sources, primarily vegetable oils and animal fats, which can be used as a substitute for conventional petroleum-based diesel fuel. It has gained prominence due to several advantages, including its potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, its biodegradability, and its lower sulfur content. Biodiesel production typically involves a process called transesterification, where triglycerides in the feedstock are converted into methyl or ethyl esters, which can be used in diesel engines. Common feedstocks for biodiesel production include soybean oil, canola oil, palm oil, and waste cooking oil. One of the key advantages of biodiesel is its ability to lower carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions, as it is derived from renewable sources and can often be produced locally. Furthermore, biodiesel has a lower sulfur content, reducing the emission of sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>) that contribute to air pollution. It is also biodegradable and less toxic than traditional diesel fuel, making it a more environmentally friendly option. These qualities make biodiesel an attractive choice for reducing the environmental impact of internal combustion engines, especially in the transportation sector.

In recent years, researchers have increasingly focused on exploring the impact of injection pressure variations on biodiesel-diesel blends. This study aims to investigate the intricate relationship between injection pressure variations and the performance and emission characteristics of biodiesel-diesel blends in internal combustion engines. Additionally, the research incorporates modifications to the engine setup to enhance compatibility with biodiesel blends, considering factors such as viscosity and combustion characteristics unique to biodiesel. The engine modifications encompass adjustments in fuel injection systems, combustion chamber design, and other relevant parameters to optimize the combustion process and the full potential of biodiesel-diesel blends. The study addresses critical questions surrounding the effects of injection pressure on combustion efficiency, engine power output, and emissions, providing valuable insights for both researchers and engineers seeking to improve the performance of internal combustion engines running on alternative fuels. Through a comprehensive analysis of experimental results and numerical simulations, this research aims to contribute to the evolving understanding of biodiesel-diesel blend combustion dynamics under varying injection pressures. The findings from this study have the potential to influence future engine design strategies and fuel formulation guidelines, improving the sustainable integration of biodiesel into mainstream transportation systems while minimizing environmental impacts.

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## LITERATURE SURVEY:

**In Paper 1:** This paper examines how varying the injection pressure of a B20 palm oil biodiesel-diesel blend in an oil burner affects thermal performance and emissions. They used a 200  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter 60-degree hollow-cone nozzle to spray the fuels. Key measurements included flame temperature, total radiation, luminosity, and emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, and NO<sub>x</sub>. The findings show that increasing the injection pressure leads to a wider, shorter flame shape, reducing flame penetration length and creating a larger flame reaction zone. This change also decreases the size of fuel droplets, improving mixing, increasing flame temperature and radiation, and reducing CO and soot emissions. Although NO<sub>x</sub> emissions increase with higher injection pressure, they remain within acceptable limits even at high pressures.

**In Paper 2:** In a study conducted at the biodiesel preparation facility at NITK, Surathkal, India, researchers focused on the utilization of *Vateria Indica* Linn seeds, which contain nearly 19% oil/fat content, for the production of biodiesel. Biodiesel is considered a promising alternative to traditional petroleum-based diesel fuel, especially for Compression Ignition (CI) engines. The primary objectives of the study were to assess the combustion, performance, and emission characteristics of a single-cylinder diesel engine when using diesel and various blends of *Vateria Indica* biodiesel at different injection pressures. They tested this biodiesel in a diesel engine, exploring different blends and injection pressures. The best results were seen with a 25% biodiesel blend at 220 bar injection pressure, which achieved high thermal efficiency and low NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. This research highlights the potential of *Vateria Indica* biodiesel as a sustainable alternative to traditional diesel, with promising performance and environmental benefits.

**In Paper 3:** The study aims to assess the impact of varying compression ratios (CR) and injection pressures (IP) on the performance and emissions of Compression Ignition (CI) engines. Alternative fuels, including ethanol, methanol, *Jatropha Methyl Ester*, *Mahua Methyl Ester*, and *Pongamia Methyl Ester* blended at 20% with diesel fuel, were investigated. The focus was on CRs of 16.5, 17.5, 18.5, and IPs of 200, 225, and 250 bar.

**In Paper 4:** This paper is to improve the performance of a diesel engine by modifying the piston design. They use a swirl piston to induce turbulence in the combustion chamber, run the engine at 250 bar injection pressure and a 17.5 compression ratio, and vary injection timings. To enhance fuel vaporization, a stirrer is added to the piston's top, creating a whirling motion with rotating blades. A link mechanism converts the connecting rod oscillatory motion into rotary motion for the vane. The experimental results show promising improvements: a 8.7% reduction in Brake Specific Fuel Consumption (BSFC), a 9.4% increase in Brake Thermal Efficiency (BTE), a 11.8% reduction in CO emissions, and a significant 27% reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions compared to a normal piston, especially when using a retarded injection timing.

**In Paper 5:** This paper examines the performance, combustion, and emission characteristics of a dual-fuel engine using CNSO biodiesel as the pilot fuel and hydrogen as the primary fuel. CNSO biodiesel was blended with diesel at 20% and 30%, and hydrogen was introduced during the suction stroke at different flow rates. The results showed that biodiesel blends initially led to poor performance and higher emissions, but these issues were significantly improved with hydrogen enrichment. Carbon monoxide (CO), hydrocarbon (HC), and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions were reduced due to hydrogen's zero-carbon content, while nitrogen oxide (NO) emissions increased due to higher combustion temperatures. Brake thermal efficiency improved, and brake specific fuel consumption decreased with hydrogen-enriched biodiesel blends.

**In Paper 6:** This investigated the influence of fuel injection pressure on the operating characteristics of a Compression Ignition (C.I) engine using frying oil methyl ester. Evaluated the performance of the engine with different fuel injection pressures (220 bar, 240 bar, and 260 bar) when operating with FOME. Compared the results with the performance of the diesel engine using conventional diesel fuel.

**In Paper 7:** The study investigates the impact of injection pressure (IP) on the performance and emissions of a single-cylinder direct injection (DI) diesel engine using varying blends of *Annona methyl ester* (AME) and diesel fuel. The experiments were conducted at different IP levels (180 bar, 200 bar, 220 bar, and 240 bar) and loads. The results indicate that the 20% AME blended fuel at an IP of 240 bar performs similarly to neat diesel fuel. This optimized IP level improves brake thermal efficiency (BTE) while reducing carbon monoxide, unburned hydrocarbon, and smoke emissions. However, there is a slight increase in nitrogen oxide emissions. The study demonstrates that increasing IP can enhance engine performance and lower emissions without significant engine modifications.

**In Paper 8:** In this study, the performance and emissions of a diesel engine running on biodiesel blends made from polanga oil were evaluated. Various biodiesel concentrations (0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, and 40%) were blended with commercial diesel fuel. The research found that as the biodiesel concentration increased, the thermal performance reduction decreased proportionally. The B20 blend closely resembled diesel fuel performance. Furthermore, an

injection timing of 27 to 31° before top dead center (bTDC) yielded the lowest emissions of CO, UHC, CO<sub>2</sub>, and smoke. The best results in terms of engine performance and emission reduction were achieved with a 31° bTDC injection timing and an injection pressure of 240 bar, without any modifications to the diesel engine. Up to a 20% polanga biodiesel blend showed improvements in engine performance and emissions.

**In Paper 9:** The research investigates the impact of 30% exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) on the performance, emissions, and combustion characteristics of a direct injection compression ignition engine using 100% waste cooking oil methyl ester and conventional diesel. In the first phase, the study examines the engine behavior with fresh air–fuel mixtures for both fuels. In the second phase, the fresh air–fuel 28 mixture is blended with 30% EGR. The results show that 30% EGR addition leads to an 8-18% decrease in brake thermal efficiency but significantly reduces nitrogen oxides emissions by 47.5% for diesel and 58.9% for biodiesel at full load. However, carbon monoxide and unburnt hydrocarbon emissions increase at maximum brake mean effective pressure. The in-cylinder gas pressure, heat release rate, and cumulative heat rate exhibit similar patterns for fresh air–fuel mixture and 30% EGR under various loading conditions. The study involves keywords such as transesterification, exhaust gas recirculation, waste cooking oil methyl ester, emission, performance, and combustion.

**In Paper 10:** Biodiesel, derived from *Thevetia peruviana*, *Jatropha*, *Pongamia*, and *Azadirachta indica*, emerges as a promising alternative to diesel fuel for compression ignition engines. Depletion of diesel fuel resources necessitates exploring sustainable alternatives. Experiments were conducted on a four-stroke, single-cylinder CI engine to analyze the impact of injection pressure (IP) and injection timing (IT) on performance and emissions. IP varied from 200 to 230 bar, and IT ranged from 23 to 29° bTDC. The results were compared with diesel fuel.

**In Paper 11:** This study explores the impact of an advanced injection strategy on a diesel engine using *moringa oleifera* biodiesel and blends. Experiments conducted on a Common Rail Direct Injection diesel engine varied fuel injection pressure (300 to 600 bar) and timing (15°C to 25°C bTDC). Results indicate that the B20 blend achieved the highest brake thermal efficiency (33.49%) with advanced injection pressure and timing. Pure biodiesel exhibited minimal carbon monoxide, maximum carbon dioxide emission (0.01% vol. and 9.1% vol., respectively), and low unburnt hydrocarbon emission (3 ppm). The B20 blend also reached a peak heat release rate of 41.7 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>CA, comparable to conventional diesel under advanced conditions.

**In Paper 12:** In this study, the impact of graphene oxide (GO) nanoparticles and injection pressures on a diesel engine running on Sapota seed biodiesel was investigated. Two biodiesel blends (B10 and B20) were created by mixing Sapota Seed Oil with diesel, and GO nanoparticles were added to these blends (B10GO50 and B20GO50). Engine tests were conducted at 200 and 220 bar injection pressures across various loads. Results showed that higher injection pressure improved atomization, leading to a notable 39% reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Blends B20GO50 and B10GO50 at 200 and 220 bar exhibited lower CO and HC emissions compared to pure diesel. The study suggests that biodiesel, without engine modifications, can serve as an alternative to traditional diesel.

**In Paper 13:** This research explores the impact of biodiesel-diesel, biodiesel-hydrogen, and diesel-hydrogen blends on a modified 4-cylinder compression ignition engine. Biodiesel, derived from *Cynara cardunculus* seed oil, was blended with diesel and hydrogen to enhance combustion and reduce emissions. Hydrogen was injected into the air intake manifold, while biodiesel-diesel blends were directly injected. Various blends (D, B100, B7+H2.5, B100+H2.5, D+H2.5) were examined. Results indicate that B7+H2.5 yielded maximum power and torque, while B100+H2.5 achieved the highest thermal efficiency. Diesel at 2000 rpm exhibited the lowest specific fuel consumption. CO emissions were minimized with B100 and B100+H2.5, while CO<sub>2</sub> and HC emissions decreased significantly. However, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions increased compared to diesel fuel.

**In Paper 14:** This study explores the impact of fuel injection events on nanoparticle emissions in a light-duty gasoline-diesel Reactivity Controlled Compression Ignition (RCCI) engine. Nanoparticle emission characteristics are closely tied to fuel injection events. The research investigates the influence of diesel injection pressure, injection timing, and port-injected gasoline mass on nanoparticles emitted from the RCCI engine. Experiments are conducted at various engine speeds under a fixed load of 1.5 bar Brake Mean Effective Pressure (BMEP) without exhaust gas recirculation. Particle-size and number distribution (PSD) and total particle number (total PN) concentration are measured using a differential mobility spectrometer. Results reveal that higher diesel injection pressure leads to an increase in the peak of the nucleation mode particles (NMP) and a decrease in the accumulation mode particles (AMP) for both neat diesel and RCCI engine operation. Advanced diesel injection timing in RCCI combustion increases both nucleation and accumulation mode particles. Additionally, an increase in port fuel injected mass results in higher total particle concentration and total unburned hydrocarbon (THC) emissions.

**In Paper 15:** This study investigates the impact of fuel injection pressure on the combustion, performance, and emissions of a single-cylinder diesel engine fueled with a butanol-diesel blend (Bu10). The findings reveal that Bu10, in comparison to diesel, exhibits early injection, prolonged ignition delay, and shorter combustion duration. Increasing injection pressure reduces ignition delay and combustion duration, resulting in higher cylinder pressure and heat release rate for Bu10 due to rapid burning during extended ignition delay. Elevated injection pressure leads to increased cylinder pressure and heat release rate. Engine speed correlates with decreased cylinder pressure and heat release rate. Lower injection pressure enhances brake thermal efficiency and decreases brake specific fuel consumption, with Bu10 blend showing slightly higher efficiency. Emissions indicate a reduction in smoke with Bu10, while NO<sub>x</sub> emissions slightly increase. The study concludes that injection pressure plays a crucial role in influencing the combustion characteristics, performance metrics, and emission characteristics of a diesel engine using the Bu10 blend, offering insights for optimizing engine parameters for improved efficiency and reduced emissions.

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**METHODOLOGY:****1. Data Collection:**

- Collect a diverse dataset of engine performance and emission data.
- Ensure data includes variations in biodiesel-diesel blend ratios and different injection pressure levels.
- Label each dataset entry with relevant parameters such as injection pressure, blend ratio, and engine operating conditions.

**2. Preprocessing:**

- Segment the dataset based on injection pressure levels and biodiesel-diesel blend ratios.
- Normalize data to account for variations in engine load, speed, and temperature.
- Handle missing or outlier data points appropriately.
- Ensure consistency in data format and quality.

**3. Experimental Setup:**

- Prepare the internal combustion engine for testing with biodiesel-diesel blends.
- Modify the injection system to allow controlled variation of injection pressure.
- Establish a testing protocol for recording performance metrics and emission characteristics.

**4. Performance and Emission Measurements:**

- Conduct engine performance tests under different injection pressure levels and blend ratios.
- Measure key performance parameters such as power output, torque, and fuel consumption.
- Quantify emission characteristics including NO<sub>x</sub>, PM, CO, and HC levels.
- Record operational conditions during the experiments.

**5. Data Analysis:**

- Extract relevant performance and emission features from the collected data.
- Analyze the impact of injection pressure variation on engine performance and emissions.
- Identify trends, correlations, and potential trade-offs between performance and emission parameters.

**6. Statistical Analysis:**

- Perform statistical analysis to validate the significance of observed trends.
- Use techniques like analysis of variance (ANOVA) or regression analysis to understand the relationships between variables.

**7. Conclusion and Recommendations:**

- Summarize the findings regarding the impact of injection pressure variation on engine performance and emissions.
- Provide recommendations for optimizing injection pressure for improved performance and emission characteristics.

**8. Refinement:**

- Explore additional factors that may influence engine performance and emissions.
- Optimize injection pressure levels for specific biodiesel-diesel blend ratios.
- Continuously evaluate and refine the methodology based on new insights and data.

**Objective:**

1. To Optimization of Injection Pressure for Enhanced Performance
2. To Emission Reduction through Injection Pressure Adjustment
3. To Assessment of Combustion Efficiency and Stability
4. Assessment of Engine Durability and Wear Patterns.

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## RESULTS:

The findings from various studies indicate a significant influence of injection pressure on engine efficiency, combustion characteristics, and emissions when using biodiesel-diesel blends. Performance Parameters: Brake Thermal Efficiency: Optimized injection timings can enhance thermal efficiency due to improved fuel atomization and combustion. Combustion Characteristics: Altering injection timings affects the ignition delay, combustion duration, and heat release rate, impacting engine performance. Power Output and Torque: Properly timed injections can maintain or slightly improve power output and torque compared to conventional diesel fuel. Emission Characteristics: Particulate Matter (PM) Emissions: Injection pressure adjustments can influence PM emissions, with certain timings leading to reduced particulate matter due to better combustion. Nitrogen Oxides (NOx): Varying injection pressure may influence NOx emissions; certain timings could lead to lower NOx levels due to optimized combustion conditions. Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Hydrocarbon (HC) Emissions: Changes in injection timings might affect CO and HC emissions, though the impact may vary based on engine and blend characteristics. Optimal Injection Pressure: Sensitive to Blend Ratio: The ideal injection pressure for achieving maximum efficiency and minimal emissions can be influenced by the biodiesel blend percentage. The optimal injection pressure may vary as the proportion of biodiesel in the blend changes. Engine Load and Speed Dependency: Optimal injection pressure is dependent on the engine's operating conditions, including load and speed. Engine load and speed variations necessitate a dynamic adjustment of injection pressure to maintain optimal performance and emission characteristics. The intricate relationship between injection pressure, performance, and emissions when using biodiesel-diesel blends in internal combustion engines. This underscores the importance of injection pressure strategies under diverse operating conditions to attain optimal engine performance while adhering to emission regulations. The intricate interplay between injection pressure, biodiesel blend composition, and engine parameters requires precise tuning for enhanced efficiency and reduced emissions.

## FUTURE TRENDS AND CHALLENGES FUTURE TRENDS:

1. Advanced Injection Systems: As engine technology continues to evolve, the development of more advanced injection systems, such as common rail and electronic fuel injection, could further enhance the control and precision of fuel delivery. Future research may explore the impact of these advanced systems on the performance and emissions of biodiesel-diesel blends.
2. Computational Modeling and Simulation: The use of computational modeling and simulation techniques will likely play a more significant role in predicting and optimizing engine performance. Advanced simulations can provide insights into combustion dynamics, heat transfer, and emissions, allowing for more efficient engine modifications and injection pressure tuning.
3. Renewable Fuel Sources: The future trend towards more sustainable and renewable fuel sources may introduce novel biodiesel formulations. Research may focus on understanding the combustion characteristics and emissions of these new biodiesel blends, considering injection pressure variations for optimal performance.

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## CHALLENGES:

1. Biodiesel Stability and Oxidation: Ensuring the stability and resistance to oxidation of biodiesel over time remains a challenge. Changes in injection pressure might influence fuel degradation, impacting combustion efficiency and emissions. Future research needs to address the long-term stability of biodieseldiesel blends under different injection pressure conditions.
2. Engine Durability: Higher injection pressures can put additional stress on engine components. Investigating the long-term effects of increased injection pressure on engine durability, wear, and maintenance requirements is essential for ensuring the practical viability of modified engines.
3. Regulatory Compliance: As emission regulations become stricter globally, understanding how injection timings affect compliance with these regulations will be critical for the widespread adoption of biodiesel-diesel blends.

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## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the study on the effect of injection pressure variation on the performance and emission characteristics of biodiesel-diesel blends in internal combustion engines has provided valuable insights into the dynamic relationship between injection pressure and engine behavior. The modifications applied to the engine, specifically the adjustment of injection pressure, have been shown to significantly impact various aspects of engine performance and emissions. The findings suggest that optimizing injection pressure is a critical parameter for enhancing combustion efficiency and overall engine performance when using biodiesel-diesel blends. Higher injection pressures can lead to better atomization of the fuel, improved mixing with air, and enhanced combustion, resulting in increased power output and fuel efficiency. Additionally, the study sheds light on the environmental implications of injection pressure variation. While higher injection pressures contribute to improved combustion efficiency, they also have the potential to influence emissions. Therefore, a balance must be struck to minimize both particulate matter and nitrogen oxide emissions, taking into consideration the environmental impact of the engine modifications. Furthermore, the research underscores the importance of considering the specific characteristics of biodiesel-diesel blends when optimizing injection pressure. Different blends may respond differently to injection pressure variations, necessitating a tailored approach for each fuel composition. In summary, the effect of injection pressure variation on biodiesel-diesel blends in internal combustion engines is a complex interplay of factors influencing performance and emissions. The insights gained from this study contribute to the ongoing efforts in developing sustainable and efficient engine technologies, with implications for both performance improvements and environmental considerations.

Further research in this area is essential to refine our understanding and guide the development of advanced engine technologies that meet both performance and environmental objectives.

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