



Standard Test Method for Evaluation of Automotive Engine Oils in the Sequence IIIF, Spark-Ignition Engine¹

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INTRODUCTION

This test method described can be used by any properly equipped laboratory; it does not require the assistance of anyone outside that laboratory. However, the ASTM Test Monitoring Center (TMC)² provides reference oils and an assessment of the test results obtained on those oils by the laboratory (see Annex A1). By these means, the laboratory will know whether their use of the test method gives results statistically similar to those obtained by other laboratories. Furthermore, various agencies require that a laboratory utilize the TMC services in seeking qualification of oils against specifications. For example, the U.S. Army imposes such a requirement in connection with several Army engine lubricating oil specifications.

Accordingly, this test method is written for use by laboratories that utilize the TMC services. Laboratories that choose not to use those services may simply ignore those portions of the test method that refer to the TMC.

This test method may be modified by means of Information Letters issued by the TMC. In addition, the TMC may issue supplementary memoranda related to the test method (see A1.8).

1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers an engine test procedure for evaluating automotive engine oils for certain high-temperature performance characteristics, including oil thickening, varnish deposition, oil consumption, as well as engine wear. Such oils include both single viscosity grade and multiviscosity grade oils that are used in both spark-ignition, gasoline-fueled engines, as well as in diesel engines.

NOTE 1—Companion test methods used to evaluate engine oil performance for specification requirements are discussed in SAE J304.

1.2 The values stated in SI or other units shall be regarded as the standard. The values given in parenthesis are provided for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory requirements prior to use.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- D 16 Terminology for Paint, and Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications
- D 86 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

- D 130 Test Method for Detection of Copper Corrosion from Petroleum Products by the Copper Strip Tarnish Test
- D 235 Specification for Mineral Spirits (Petroleum Spirits) (Hydrocarbon Dry Cleaning Solvent)
- D 240 Test Method for Heat of Combustion of Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels by Bomb Calorimeter
- D 323 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Reid Method)
- D 381 Test Method for Gum Content in Fuels by Jet Evaporation
- D 445 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (the Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)
- D 525 Test Method for Oxidation Stability of Gasoline (Induction Period Method)
- D 1319 Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Liquid Petroleum Products by Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption
- D 2699 Test Method for Research Octane Number of Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel
- D 2700 Test Method for Octane Number of Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel
- D 3231 Test Method for Phosphorus in Gasoline
- D 3237 Test Method for Lead in Gasoline by Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy
- D 3338 Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
- D 3343 Test Method for Estimation of Hydrogen Content of Aviation Fuels
- D 4052 Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter
- D 4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum, Petroleum Products, and Lubricants
- D 4294 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
- D 4485 Specification for Performance of Engine Oils
- D 4684 Test Method for Determination of Yield Stress and Apparent Viscosity of Engine Oils at Low Temperature
- D 4815 Test Method for Determination of MTBE, ETBE, TAME, DIPE, *tertiary*-Amyl Alcohol and C₁ to C₄ Alcohols in Gasoline by Gas Chromatography
- D 5119 Test Method for Evaluation of Automotive Engine Oils in the CRC L-38 Spark-Ignition Engine
- D 5185 Test Method for Determination of Additive Elements, Wear Metals, and Contaminants in Used Lubricating Oils and Determination of Selected Elements in Base Oils by inductively coupled plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES)
- D 5191 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method)
- D 5293 Test Method for Apparent Viscosity of Engine Oils Between -5 and -35°C Using the Cold-Cranking Simulator
- D 5302 Test Method for Evaluation of Automotive Engine Oils for Inhibition of Deposit Formation and Wear in a Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Engine Fueled with Gasoline and Operated Under Low-Temperature, Light-Duty Conditions
- D 5452 Test Method for Particulate Contamination in Aviation Fuels by Laboratory Filtration
- D 5533 Test Method for Evaluation of Automotive Engine Oils in the Sequence IIIE, Spark-Ignition Engine
- D 5800 Test Method for Evaporation Loss of Lubricating Oils by the Noack Method
- D 5844 Test Method for Evaluation of Automotive Engine Oils for Inhibition of Rusting (Sequence IID)
- D 5862 Test Method for Evaluation of Engine Oils in Two-Stroke Cycle Turbo-Supercharged 6V92TA Diesel Engine
- D 5967 Test Method for Evaluation of Diesel Engine Oils in T-8 Diesel Engine
- D 6557 Test Method for Evaluation of Rust Preventive Characteristics of Automotive Engine Oils
- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- E 191 Specification for Apparatus for Microdetermination of Carbon and Hydrogen in Organic and Organo-Metallic Compounds
- E 344 Terminology Relating to Thermometry and Hydrometry
- E 608/E 608M Specification for Mineral-Insulated, Metal-Sheathed Base Metal Thermocouples
- E 1119 Specification for Industrial Grade Ethylene Glycol
- E 1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations
- G 40 Terminology Relating to Wear and Erosion
- IEEE/ASTM SI-10 Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System⁴
- 2.2 *Military Specification*:⁴
- MIL-PRF-2104 Lubricating Oil, Internal Combustion Engine, Tactical Service
- 2.3 *SAE Standards*:⁵
- J183 Engine Oil Performance and Engine Service Classification (Other Than “Energy-Conserving”)
- J300 Engine Oil Viscosity Classification *HS-23/00*
- J304 Engine Oil Tests
- 2.4 *Other Document*:⁶
- CRC Manual 20 Rating Techniques and Breakdown Methods

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *blowby, n*—in internal combustion engines, the combustion products and unburned air-and-fuel mixture that enter the crankcase. **D 5302**

3.1.2 *BTDC (before top dead center), adj*—the angular position of the crankshaft relative to its position at the point of uppermost travel of the piston in the cylinder, used with the degree symbol (°). **D 5533**

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098.

⁵ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001. These standards are not available separately. Order either SAE Handbook Vol. 3, or SAE Fuels and Lubricants Standards Manual HS-23.

⁶ Available from Coordinating Research Council, Inc., 219 Perimeter Center Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30346.

3.1.3 *calibrate*, *v*—to determine the indication or output of a measuring device with respect to that of a standard. **E 344**

3.1.4 *clogging*, *n*—the restriction of a flow path due to the accumulation of material along the flow path boundaries. **D 5844**

3.1.5 *cold-stuck piston ring*, *n*—*in internal combustion engines*, a piston ring that is stuck when the piston and ring are at room temperature, but inspection shows that it was free during engine operation. **D 5302**

3.1.6 *correction factor*, *n*—a mathematical adjustment to a test result to compensate for industry-wide shifts in severity. **D 5533**

3.1.7 *corrosion*, *n*—the chemical or electrochemical oxidation of the surface of metal, which can result in loss of material or accumulation of deposits. **E 1316**

3.1.8 *debris*, *n*—*in internal combustion engines*, solid contaminant materials unintentionally introduced into the engine or resulting from wear. **D 5862**

3.1.9 *engine oil*, *n*—a liquid that reduces friction or wear, or both, between the moving parts within an engine, and serves as a coolant. **D 4485**

3.1.10 *EWMA*, *n*—abbreviation for exponentially-weighted moving average. **D 5533**

3.1.11 *free piston ring*, *n*—*in internal combustion engines*, a piston ring that will fall in its groove under the force of its own weight when the piston, with the ring in a horizontal plane, is turned 90° (putting the ring in a vertical plane). **D 5862**

3.1.11.1 *Discussion*—In the determination of this condition, the ring may be touched slightly to overcome static friction.

3.1.12 *hot-stuck piston ring*, *n*—*in internal combustion engines*, a piston ring that is stuck when the piston and ring are at room temperature, and inspection shows that it was stuck during engine operation. **D 5302**

3.1.13 *lubricant test monitoring system (LTMS)*, *n*—an analytical system in which ASTM calibration test data are used to manage lubricant test precision and severity (bias). **D 5533**

3.1.14 *LTMS date*, *n*—the date the test was completed unless a different date is assigned by the TMC. **D 5533**

3.1.15 *LTMS time*, *n*—the time the test was completed unless a different time is assigned by the TMC. **D 5533**

3.1.16 *lubricant*, *n*—any material interposed between two surfaces that reduces the friction or wear, or both, between them. **D 5862**

3.1.17 *lubricating oil*, *n*—a liquid lubricant, usually comprising several ingredients, including a major portion of base oil and minor portions of various additives. **Subcommittee B Glossary²**

3.1.18 *material safety data sheet (MSDS)*, *n*—a fact sheet summarizing information about material identification; hazardous ingredients; health, physical, and fire hazards; first aid; chemical reactivities and incompatibilities; spill, leak, and disposal procedures; and protective measures required for safe handling and storage. **<http://www.msdssearch.com>**

3.1.19 *non-compounded engine oil*, *n*—a lubricating oil having a viscosity within the range of viscosities of oils normally used in engines, and that may contain anti-foam agents or pour depressants, or both, but not other additives.

D 5119

3.1.20 *non-reference oil*, *n*—any oil, other than a reference oil; such as a research formulation, commercial oil, or candidate oil. **D 5844**

3.1.21 *oxidation*, *n*—*of engine oil*, the reaction of the oil with an electron acceptor, generally oxygen, that can produce deleterious acidic components often manifested as sludge formation, varnish formation, viscosity increase, or corrosion, or combination thereof. **D 5967**

3.1.22 *quality index (QI)*, *n*—a mathematical formula that uses data from controlled parameters to calculate a value indicative of control performance.

3.1.23 *reference oil*, *n*—an oil of known performance characteristics, used as a basis for comparison.

3.1.23.1 *Discussion*—Reference oils are used to calibrate testing facilities, to compare the performance of other oils, or to evaluate other materials (such as seals) that interact with oils. **D 5844**

3.1.24 *rust (coatings)*, *n*—the reddish material, primarily hydrated iron oxide, formed on iron or its alloys, resulting from exposure to humid atmosphere or chemical attack. **D 16**

3.1.25 *SA*, *n*—abbreviation for severity adjustment.

3.1.26 *scoring*, *n*—*in tribology*, a severe form of wear characterized by the formation of extensive grooves and scratches in the direction of sliding. **G 40**

3.1.27 *scuffing*, *n*—*in lubrication*, surface damage resulting from localized welding at the interface of rubbing surfaces with subsequent fracture in the proximity of the weld area. **D 4175**

3.1.28 *test oil*, *n*—any oil subjected to evaluation in an established procedure. **D 6557**

3.1.28.1 *Discussion*—It can be any oil selected by the laboratory conducting the test. It could be an experimental product or a commercially available oil. Often, it is an oil that is a candidate for approval against engine oil specifications (such as manufacturers' or military specifications, and so forth).

3.1.29 *used oil*, *n*—any oil that has been in a piece of equipment (for example, an engine, gearbox, transformer, or turbine), whether operated or not. **D 4175**

3.1.30 *varnish*, *n*—*in internal combustion engines*, a hard, dry, generally lustrous deposit that can be removed by solvents, but not by wiping with a cloth. **D 5302**

3.1.31 *wear*, *n*—the loss of material from, or relocation of material on, a surface.

3.1.31.1 *Discussion*—Wear generally occurs between two surfaces moving relative to each other, and is the result of mechanical or chemical action, or of a combination of mechanical and chemical actions. **D 5844**

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *build-up oil*, *n*—EF-411, non-compounded, ISO VG 32 (SAE 10) oil used in lubricating some of the Sequence IIIF parts during engine assembly.

3.2.2 *calibrated test stand*, *n*—a test stand on which Sequence IIIF engine oil tests are conducted within the lubricant test monitoring system as administered by the TMC. (See 10.1).

3.2.3 *central parts distributor (CPD)*, *n*—the manufacturer and supplier of many of the parts and fixtures used in this test method.

3.2.3.1 *Discussion*—Because of the need for rigorous inspection and control of many of the parts used in this test method, and because of the need for careful manufacture of special parts and fixtures used, companies having the capabilities to provide the needed services have been selected as the official suppliers for the Sequence IIIF test method. These companies work closely with the original parts suppliers, with the Test Procedure Developer, and with the ASTM groups associated with the test method to help ensure that the equipment and materials used in the method function satisfactorily.

3.2.4 *critical parts (CP)*, *n*—those components used in the test which are known to affect test severity.

3.2.4.1 *Discussion*—Critical parts shall be obtained from the Central Parts Distributor or Special Parts Supplier, who will identify them with either a serial number or a batch/lot control number.

3.2.5 *EOT time (end of test time)*, *n*—Twenty minutes after the engine reaches 80 test h of operation, which allows 90 s for ramp-down, a 15-min wait for oil to drain into the sump, and allows the operator 3.5 min to measure oil level.

3.2.6 *non-production parts (NP)*, *n*—components used in the test, which are available only through the Central Parts Distributor, Special Parts Supplier, or the Test Procedure Developer.

3.2.7 *participating laboratory*, *n*—a laboratory equipped to conduct Sequence IIIF tests, which conducts reference oil tests in cooperation with the TMC, in order to have calibrated test stands available for non-reference oil testing.

3.2.8 *pinched piston ring*, *n*—an installed piston ring which will not move in its groove under moderate finger pressure, but which has a polished face over its entire circumference indicating that it was free during engine operation. The ring may be restricted over varying degrees of its circumference.

3.2.9 *reference oil test*, *n*—a standard Sequence IIIF engine oil test of a reference oil designated by the TMC.

3.2.10 *service parts operations parts (SPO)*, *n*—these test components are obtained from Service Parts Operations, a division of General Motors Corp.

3.2.11 *sluggish piston ring*, *n*—an installed piston ring which offers resistance to movement in its groove, but can be pressed into or out of the groove under moderate finger pressure; when so moved, it does not spring back (one that is neither free nor stuck).

3.2.12 *special parts supplier (SPS)*, *n*—the manufacturer and supplier of many of the parts and fixtures used in this test method.

3.2.13 *special test parts (stp)*, *n*—parts that do not meet all the definitions of critical parts, non-production parts, or SPO parts, but shall be obtained from the Special Parts Supplier.

3.2.14 *standard test, (valid test)*, *n*—an operationally valid, full-length Sequence IIIF test conducted on a calibrated test stand in accordance with the conditions listed in this test method.

3.2.15 *stuck piston ring*, *n*—one that is either partially or completely bound in its groove and cannot be readily moved with moderate finger pressure.

3.2.16 *test full mark*, *n*—the oil level established after the 10-min initial run-in.

3.2.17 *test procedure developer*, *n*—the group or agency which developed the Sequence IIIF test procedure before its standardization by ASTM, and which continues to be involved with the test in respect to modifications in the test method, development of Information Letters, supply of test parts, and so forth.

3.2.17.1 *Discussion*—In the case of the Sequence IIIF test, the Test Procedure Developer is General Motors Research and Development Center.

3.2.18 *test stand*, *n*—a suitable foundation (such as a bedplate) to which is mounted a dynamometer, and which is equipped with a suitable data acquisition system, fluids process control system, supplies of electricity, compressed air, and so forth, to provide a means for mounting and operating an engine in order to conduct a Sequence IIIF engine oil test.

3.2.19 *test start*, *n*—introduction of test oil into the engine after the final assembly and mounting in the test stand.

3.2.20 *test start time*, *n*—the time that test oil was introduced into the engine on the test stand.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A 3800 Series II 3.8L (231-in.³) V-6 test engine block is solvent-cleaned, measured, and rebuilt using new parts installed as specified in this test method.

4.2 The engine is installed on a test stand equipped with an appropriate data acquisition system, the required fluids process control system, and all necessary accessories for controlling speed, load, and various other operating parameters.

4.3 The engine is charged with the test oil.

4.4 The engine is operated for a 10-min initial run-in period to check all test stand operating systems and to establish a zero hour oil level reading and initial oil viscosity sample.

4.5 Following the 10-min initial run-in and oil level, the engine is operated under non-cyclic, moderately high speed, load, and temperature conditions for 80 h, in 10-h segments.

4.6 The initial oil level in the oil pan is determined after the 10-min initial run-in, and subsequent oil level calculations are determined during the oil leveling period at the end of each 10-h segment.

4.7 Used oil samples are taken after the 10-min initial run-in and after each 10-h test segment; kinematic viscosity at 40°C (104°F) is determined for each of the ten samples; the percentage change in viscosity of the nine latter samples is determined relative to the viscosity of the first used oil sample (10-min initial run-in).

4.8 At the conclusion of the test, the engine is disassembled and the parts are visually rated to determine the extent of deposits formed. In addition, wear measurements are obtained.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method was developed to evaluate automotive engine oils for protection against oil thickening and engine wear during moderately high-speed, high-temperature service.

5.2 The increase in oil viscosity obtained in this test method indicates the tendency of an oil to thicken because of oxidation. In automotive service, such thickening can cause oil pump starvation and resultant catastrophic engine failures.

5.3 The deposit ratings for an oil indicate the tendency for the formation of deposits throughout the engine, including those that can cause sticking of the piston rings in their grooves. This can be involved in the loss of compression pressures in the engine.

5.4 The camshaft and lifter wear values obtained in this test method provide a measure of the anti-wear quality of an oil under conditions of high unit pressure mechanical contact.

5.5 The test method was developed to correlate with oils of known good and poor protection against oil thickening and engine wear. Specially formulated oils that produce less than desirable results with unleaded fuels were also used during the development of this test method.

5.6 The Sequence IIIF engine oil test has replaced the Sequence IIIE test and can be used in specifications and classifications of engine lubricating oils, such as:

5.6.1 Specification D 4485,

5.6.2 Military Specification MIL-PRF-2104, and

5.6.3 SAE Classification J183.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Laboratory*—Observe the following laboratory conditions to ensure good control of test operations and good repeatability:

6.1.1 Maintain the ambient laboratory atmosphere relatively free of dirt, dust, and other contaminants.

6.1.2 Control the temperature of the room in which parts measurements are made so that the temperature for after-test measurements is within a range of $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($\pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$) relative to the temperature for the before-test measurements. If difficulties with parts fits are encountered, consider the effects of temperature coefficient of expansion. (See 6.2.)

6.1.3 Filter the air in the engine build-up area, and control its temperature and humidity to prevent accumulation of dirt or rust on engine parts.

6.1.4 If an engine is assembled in an area of controlled environment and moved to a non-controlled area, provide suitable protection of the engine so that moist air cannot enter the engine and promote rusting before the test.

6.1.5 Do not permit air from fans or ventilation systems to blow directly on an engine mounted on a test stand during test operation.

6.2 *Drawings*—Obtain the equipment drawings referenced in Annex A12 of this test method from the TMC. Because the drawings may not be to scale or may not contain dimensions when using them to fabricate special parts, do not use a dimensionless drawing as a pattern. Drawings supplied with dimensions are considered to be correct when the temperature of the equipment is $22 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($72 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$), unless otherwise specified.

6.3 *Specified Equipment*—Use the equipment specified in the procedure whenever possible. Substitution of equivalent equipment is allowed, but only after equivalency has been proven to the satisfaction of the TMC, the Test Procedure Developer, and the ASTM Sequence IIIF Surveillance Panel.

6.3.1 Do not use heat lamps or fans directed at the engine, and do not use insulation on the engine for oil or coolant temperature control.

NOTE 2—For operator safety and the protection of test components, the use of shielding and insulation on the exhaust system may be incorporated downstream of the oxygen sensor elbow.

6.4 *Test Engine*—The test engine is based on a 1996-97 L36 3800 Series II 3.8L (231-in.³) V-6 engine with a 9.0:1 compression ratio, equipped with a production fuel injection system, a retrofit flat-tappet valvetrain, and a special Powertrain control module (PCM) for test specific dynamometer operation. Rebuild the engine as specified in this test method.

NOTE 3—Complete test engines are not available for purchase. Test engines can be rebuilt using parts and test kits. See Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual²; see Annex A2 and Annex A12 for listings of parts and related equipment.

6.4.1 *Engine Parts*—Use the engine parts specified in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual.

6.4.1.1 Use all engine parts as received from the supplier, Central Parts Distributor, Special Parts Supplier, or original equipment manufacturer, unless modifications are specified in this test method or the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual.

6.4.1.2 Any parts obtained for use in Sequence IIIF testing shall not be diverted to other applications.

6.4.1.3 Before disposing of any Sequence IIIF engine parts, destroy or otherwise render them useless for automotive engine applications.

6.5 *Engine Speed and Load Control*—Use dynamometer speed and load control systems that are capable of controlling the speed and load as specified in Section 11 of this procedure.

6.6 *Fluid Conditioning Module*—Use the Kundinger fluid conditioning module^{7,8} to control the following parameters: engine coolant, condenser coolant, oil cooler coolant, exhaust manifold coolant, and the test fuel supply. The system incorporates the following features: pumps, flow meters, flow control and three-way control valves, external heating and cooling systems, pressure regulator, and low-point drains. The system integrates with the test stand data acquisition and control computer for process control.

6.6.1 *Engine Cooling System*—The fluid conditioning module system supplies non-pressurized coolant at a flow rate of 160 L/min (42.3 gal/min) and controls temperature at 122°C (251.6°F) at the engine coolant outlet. The system incorporates the following features: pump, vortex-type flow meter, flow control and three-way control valves, external heating and cooling systems, and low-point drains. The system integrates with the test stand data acquisition and control computer for process control and maintains the specified engine coolant temperature and flow. The system should be flushed with clean water at least once each reference period.

⁷ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Kundinger Controls, 1771 Harmon Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

⁸ If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee¹, which you may attend.

6.7 *Flushing Tank*—Use a flushing tank such as that shown in drawings RX-116924-C, RX-117230-E, and RX-117231-C² to circulate the cleaning agents. Use plumbing materials that are impervious to the acidic cleaning agents (stainless steel is satisfactory).

6.8 *Coolant Mixing Tank*—Use a mixing tank such as that shown in drawing RX-117350-D² to premix the engine coolant.

6.9 *Condenser Cooling System*—Contained in the fluid conditioning module, supplies non-pressurized coolant at a flow rate of 10 ± 2 L/min (2.64 ± 0.53 gal/min) and temperature controlled at 40°C (104°F) (see Annex A8) at the condenser outlet. The system incorporates the following features: condenser heat exchanger, BX-212-1 or OHT3F-075-1^{8,9} condenser adapter fitting, pump, magnetic-type flow meter, flow control and three-way control valves, external heating and cooling systems, and low-point drains. The system integrates with the test stand data acquisition and control computer for process control and maintains the specified coolant temperature and flow.

6.10 *Engine Oil-Cooling System*—The system consists of an oil filter adapter, fitting adapter, oil cooler, and gaskets specified in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 3. The system uses engine coolant provided through the fluid conditioning module at a flow rate of approximately 12.0 L/min (3.17 gal/min) through a three-way valve as necessary to control the engine oil temperature. When testing high-oxidation sensitive oils, the oil cooling system may go into a bypass mode, causing the oil cooler to be bypassed. In this condition, the TMC may allow engineering judgment for the oil temperature quality index on reference oil tests.

6.10.1 Replace the oil cooler after every test.

6.10.2 Do not use cuprous lines or fittings in the oil system.

6.10.3 Do not use magnetic plugs in the oil system.

6.10.4 Use suitable hose and fittings when plumbing the oil-cooling system.

6.11 *Fuel System*—The fluid conditioning module system contains a pressurized, recirculation fuel system, including a pressure regulator to provide 365 ± 6.9 kPa (52.94 ± 1 psi) fuel pressure. The system should be switched off so no fuel pressure is present at the injector rail during engine shutdowns.

6.12 *Induction Air Supply Humidity, Temperature, and Pressure*—Maintain the throttle body intake air at a moisture content of 11.4 ± 0.7 g/kg (80.0 ± 5 grains/lb.) of dry air, a dry bulb temperature of $27^\circ\text{C} \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($80.6^\circ\text{F} \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$), and a static pressure of 0.050 kPa (0.2 in. H₂O) (see Annex A7). Measure temperature and pressure at the inlet air adapter.

6.13 *Temperature Measurement*—Use 1/8-in. metal-sheathed, Specification E 608/E 608M, iron-constantan (Type J) thermocouples for temperature measurements. The thermocouples used shall be as short as possible to meet the insertion depth requirements listed in this test method and minimize exposed thermocouple sheathing.

6.13.1 *Thermocouple Location*—Locate the sensing tip of all thermocouples in the center of the stream of the medium involved, unless otherwise specified.

6.13.1.1 *Oil Filter Adapter*—Install the thermocouple in the tapped hole in the oil filter adapter as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 3.

6.13.1.2 *Oil Pan (Sump)*—Install the thermocouple in the oil sump drain plug OHT3F-063-1 with the tip extending 19 to 25 mm (0.75 to 1.0 in.) beyond the end of the sump drain plug.

6.13.1.3 *Engine Coolant In*—Install the thermocouple in the coolant inlet adapter OHT3F-031-1 with the sensing tip centered in the coolant flow.

6.13.1.4 *Engine Coolant Out*—Install the thermocouple for the coolant outlet OHT3F-034-1 with the sensing tip centered in the coolant flow.

6.13.1.5 *Condenser Coolant Out*—Locate the thermocouple in the coolant-out fitting in the condenser with the sensing tip centered in the coolant flow.

6.13.1.6 *Blowby Gas*—Install the thermocouple at the outlet of the condenser with the sensing tip centered in the blowby gas flow.

6.13.1.7 *Fuel*—Install the thermocouple in the fuel rail fittings on the inlet side of the fuel rail.

6.13.1.8 *Inlet Air*—Install the thermocouple in the inlet air adapter, as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 4.

6.14 *Air-to-Fuel Ratio Determination*—Determine the engine air-to-fuel ratio (AFR) by measuring the CO, CO₂, and O₂ components of the exhaust gas sample with electronic exhaust gas analysis equipment. When using electronic exhaust gas analyzers, exercise particular care to dry the exhaust gas sample prior to introducing it into the analyzer. Take the exhaust gas samples from the exhaust manifold exit flanges. (See Annex A6 and Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 1.)

6.14.1 *Injector Flow Testing*—Flow test the fuel injectors before each test according to the following procedure:

6.14.1.1 Use aliphatic naphtha as the calibration fluid.

6.14.1.2 Apply 40 psi to the fuel rail.

6.14.1.3 Continuously apply 13 volts to the injector solenoid.

6.14.1.4 Allow the injector to spray into a graduated cylinder capable of holding at least 250 mL.

6.14.1.5 Volume-check all injectors for 60 s and note the volume produced by each injector.

6.14.1.6 Observe the spray pattern that each injector produces; if the injector has a straight stream or dribbles, it should be discarded.

6.14.1.7 The six injectors that are to be installed on an engine fuel rail shall produce volumes that are within 5 mL of each other.

6.14.2 Remove the solvent that is remaining in the injector from the flow check using compressed air.

6.15 *Exhaust and Exhaust Back Pressure Systems:*

6.15.1 *Exhaust Manifolds and Pipes*—Install water-cooled exhaust manifolds and stainless runners as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 2.

⁹ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is OH Technologies Inc. P.O. Box 5039, Mentor, OH 44061-5039.

6.15.2 *Water-Jacketed Exhaust Pipes*—For safety, water-jacketed exhaust pipes or external water spray systems are allowed only when introduced beyond the Y pipe and after the system drops below the bedplate or enters the overhead loft.

6.15.3 *Exhaust Sample Lines*—Install exhaust sample lines in the two exhaust manifold exit flanges. Both left and right banks should use the same sample line location (inboard or outboard), as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 1. Use good laboratory practice to ensure that water does not accumulate in the lines during engine operation.

6.15.4 *Back-Pressure Lines*—Install exhaust-backpressure lines in the two exhaust manifold exit flanges. Both left and right banks should use the same backpressure measurement location (inboard or outboard), as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 1. Use good laboratory practice to ensure that water does not accumulate in the lines during engine operation.

6.16 *Blowby Flow Rate Measurement*—Use the sharp-edge orifice meter, part number RX-116169-A1, revision N, to measure engine blowby flow rates. (See 11.11.)

6.17 *Pressure Measurement and Pressure Sensor Location*—Use electronic pressure transducers located as indicated in this test method.

6.17.1 *Intake Manifold Vacuum*—Use a transducer having a range of 0 to 100 kPa (0 to 20 in. Hg). Connect the transducer to the vacuum outlet located on the intake plenum main vacuum port. Tee the transducer, manifold absolute pressure sensor, and fuel rail pressure regulator all together from the main port.

6.17.2 *Engine Oil Gallery Pressure*—Use a transducer having a range of 0 to 700 kPa (0 to 100 psi). Connect the transducer to the location shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 3 (OUT Port, oil to block).

6.17.3 *Oil Pump Outlet Pressure*—Use a transducer having a range of 0 to 700 kPa (0 to 100 psi). Connect the transducer to the location shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 3 (IN Port, oil to filter).

6.17.4 *Exhaust Back Pressure*—Use a transducer having a range of 0 to 10 kPa (0 to 40 in. H₂O). Attach the line to the exhaust end plate as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 1.

6.17.5 *Inlet Air Pressure*—Use a transducer having a range of 125 Pa (0.5 in. H₂O). Connect the transducer to the air inlet adapter as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 4.

6.17.6 *Crankcase Pressure*—Use a transducer having a range of -125 to +125 Pa (-0.5 to + 0.5 in. H₂O). Connect the transducer to the front of the lower intake manifold as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 6-Sheet 7.

6.18 *PCV Plug*—Block off the positive crankcase ventilation system during testing using a dummy PCV valve, part number OHT3F-002-1, as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 6-Sheet 11.

6.19 *Parts Modifications*—Modify the following parts according to the instructions listed in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual:

6.19.1 *Throttle Body*, Section 7-Sheet 5.

6.19.2 *Intake Manifold*, Section 6-Sheet 7.

6.19.3 *Engine Block*, Section 1-Sheet 2.

7. Reagents and Materials

7.1 *Test Fuel*—Use only EEE unleaded fuel^{8,10} (**Warning**—Flammable. Health hazard) (see Annex A4, Fig. A4.1), observing the following:

7.1.1 Make certain that all tanks used for transportation and storage are clean before filling with test fuel.

7.1.2 Verify that at least 2000 L (530 gal) of test fuel (**Warning**—Flammable. Health hazard) is available for use before initiating a test.

7.2 *Engine and Condenser Coolant*—Use ethylene glycol meeting Specification E 1119 for industrial grade ethylene glycol (**Warning**—Combustible. Health hazard).

7.3 *Coolant Additive*—Use Nacool 2000 or Pencool 2000 coolant additive^{8,11} for the engine and condenser coolant (**Warning**—Combustible. Health hazard. See appropriate MSDS).

7.4 *Coolant Preparation*—Prepare the coolant blend for the engine coolant system, and for the oil cooler and condenser coolant system, in the following manner:

7.4.1 Do not apply heat either during, or following, the coolant preparation.

7.4.2 Use a container of a size adequate to hold the entire coolant blend required by both systems. See drawing RX-117350-D² for an example of a suitable container.

7.4.3 Add the required amount of glycol (**Warning**—Combustible. Health hazard) to the container.

7.4.4 Add the required amount of additive concentrate to the container to achieve a concentration of 15.625 mL/L (0.125 pt/gal) of coolant additive to glycol (**Warning**—See appropriate MSDS).

7.4.5 Mix the blend in the container for 30 min.

7.4.6 Add the blend to the engine coolant system and the condenser coolant system.

7.5 *Pre-Test Cleaning Materials*—Use the cleaning materials (**Warning**—See appropriate MSDS) specified in the following list for cleaning of parts to be used in the test. Do not use unapproved substitutes (See Note 4).

NOTE 4—Only these specific materials and sources have been found satisfactory. If chemicals other than these are proposed for use, equivalence shall be proven and approval obtained from the TMC.

7.5.1 Use Penmul L460 as the parts cleaning agent^{8,12} (**Warning**—Corrosive. Health hazard.).

7.5.2 Aliphatic naphtha meeting Specification D 235 Type I regular mineral spirits (Stoddard solvent) requirements, with a boiling point of 149 to 204°C (300 to 400°F). Reagent grade Stoddard solvent (also known as mineral spirits) may be substituted if boiling range is correct. (**Warning**—Flammable. Health hazard. See appropriate MSDS.)

¹⁰ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Haltermann Products, 3520 Okemos Rd., Suite 6-176, Okemos, MI.

¹¹ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Penray Companies, Inc., 1801 Estes Ave, Elk Grove, IL 60007.

¹² The sole source of supply of Penmul L 460 known to the committee at this time is Penetone Corp. 74 Hudson Ave., Tenafly, NJ 07670.

7.5.3 Sequence IIIF Test component cleaner, a mixture (by mass) of:

94 parts oxalic acid^{8,13} (**Warning**—Corrosive. Health hazard.), and

6 parts dispersant^{8,14} (**Warning**—Corrosive. Health hazard.).

NOTE 5—If permitted by the hazardous materials disposal practices in a laboratory, sodium carbonate can be used to neutralize the oxalic acid in used Sequence IIIF Test component cleaner.

7.5.4 Use NAT-50 or PDN-50 soap^{8,15} in automatic parts washers to clean Sequence IIIF engine parts. (See 9.4.)

7.6 *Sealing and Anti-seize Compounds*—Use the sealing compounds specified in the following list.

7.6.1 Use Permatex No. 2 non-hardening sealer as the sealing compound for cylinder head bolts.¹⁶

7.6.2 Use Perfect Seal Number 4 brush-type sealing compound as the sealing compound for front and rear cover gaskets.^{8,17}

7.6.3 GM Black RTV sealer, part number 12346193,¹⁸ may be used on the oil pan gasket and intake manifold gasket only. (See Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 4-Sheet 13 and Section 6-Sheet 6.)

8. Test Oil Sample Requirements

8.1 *Selection*—The supplier of the test oil sample shall determine that the test oil sample is representative of the lubricant formulation to be evaluated and that it is not contaminated.

8.2 *Quantity*—The supplier shall provide 15 L (4 gal) of the test oil sample.

NOTE 6—A Sequence IIIF test can be conducted with as little as 12 L (3.17 gal) of test oil, provided that no spillage or leakage occur during test preparation. The greater quantity is specified to accommodate minor spillage and leakage.

8.3 *Storage Prior to Test*—The test laboratory shall store the test oil sample in a covered building to prevent contamination by rainwater.

9. Preparation of Apparatus

9.1 *Condenser Cleaning*—Immediately after completing a Sequence IIIF test, remove the stainless steel condenser assembly, disassemble it, and soak it in parts cleaning agent. After the soaking, clean the inside of the tube with parts cleaning agent

and a non-cuprous bristle brush. Rinse both the blowby gas and coolant sides of the condenser with clean aliphatic naphtha.

9.1.1 After ten tests, or more frequently if film is present, clean the coolant side of the condenser by flushing it for one-half hour with a water solution of 20 g/L of Sequence IIIF test component cleaner (see 7.4). Rinse it thoroughly with tap water at 60°C (140°F).

9.2 After cleaning the coolant side of the condenser, pressure check it for leaks using air at 70 kPa (10 psi).

9.3 *Intake Manifold Cleaning*—Clean the intake manifold with aliphatic naphtha.

9.4 *Cleaning of Engine Parts*—Clean all engine parts (other than the block and heads; see 9.5 and 9.6) thoroughly prior to engine assembly. Degrease them first, and then brush them with parts cleaning agent. Immediately remove the cleaner by spraying with hot tap water. Blow-dry the parts with clean, dry shop air and immediately coat them with a 50/50 mixture of build-up oil and aliphatic naphtha.

9.5 *Engine Block Cleaning*—Clean the block according to the following:

9.5.1 Remove the debris in the head bolt and main bearing-cap bolt holes using class 2B bottoming taps of the appropriate sizes.

9.5.2 Physically remove from the water jacket all sand and slag deposits, and any other debris using a sharp-ended drill rod or a long straight slot screwdriver.

9.5.2.1 Check the camshaft tunnel for sharp edges on the front of each bore and along the cross-drilled oil gallery inside each bearing bore. Deburr as necessary. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 1-Sheet 2.

9.5.3 Thoroughly clean the block prior to honing as follows: In the case of a block used in a previous test, remove the crankshaft, main bearings, and bearing caps. In addition, remove all bushings, bearings, and oil gallery plugs prior to cleaning. With either a new or a used block, prevent cleaner or oil from entering the engine coolant passages. (See Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 1-Sheet 5.)

9.5.3.1 Clean the block in a heated bath or temperature-controlled automated parts washer before and after honing. Follow these suggested guidelines to ensure there is no oxidation flash-over of the engine block after this process:

(1) Use only NAT-50 or PDN-50 soap at a concentration of 16 lb of soap per 100 gal of water.

(2) Set the water temperature to 60°C (140°F).

(3) Do not, in any manner, pre-condition the water that is being used.

(4) Ensure that all coolant passages are blocked off to prevent cleaning solutions from entering the passages prior to installing the engine in the parts washer.

(5) Clean the block for 30 to 40 min. Allow the block to run through the cleaning cycle a period of 30 to 40 min.

(6) After the cycle is complete, immediately remove the block from the washer and spray it down with aliphatic naphtha.

(7) Wipe cylinder bores out with a lint free towel.

(8) Spray engine block with a 50:50 mixture of build-up oil and aliphatic naphtha.

¹³ The sole source of supply of the oxalic acid (55-lb bags) and sodium carbonate (50-lb bags) known to the committee at this time is Ashland Chemical Co., P.O. Box 391, Ashland, KY 41114.

¹⁴ The sole source of supply of Petro Dispersant No. 425 Powder (50-lb bags) known to the committee at this time is Witco Corp., 3230 Brookfield, Houston, TX 77045.

¹⁵ The sole source of supply of the soap for the parts washing machine known to the committee at this time is Better Engineering Mfg., Inc., 8361 Town Center Ct., Baltimore, MD 21236.

¹⁶ Permatex No. 2 non-hardening sealer is available through local distributors of Permatex products.

¹⁷ The sole source of supply of Perfect Seal No. 4 Brush-Type Sealing Compound, part GM3D (16 oz container) known to the committee at this time is P.O.B. Sealants Inc., 11102 Kenwood Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45242.

¹⁸ GM Black RTV sealer is available from local GM dealers.

9.5.3.2 See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 2 for the honing procedure.

9.5.3.3 After honing the cylinder walls, clean the engine block again according to 9.5.3 and spray the engine block (including all oil galleries) first with aliphatic naphtha followed by a 50:50 mixture of aliphatic naphtha and build-up oil. Using this 50:50 mixture, wipe out the cylinder bores with clean cloth towels until all honing residue has been removed.

9.5.3.4 Air dry the engine block, using clean dry shop air, and coat the cylinder walls with build-up oil using soft, lint-free, clean cloths.

9.6 *Cylinder Head Cleaning*—Clean the cylinder heads according to the following:

9.6.1 Explore all accessible water passages with a flexible probe to detect any material that would interfere with coolant flow.

9.6.2 Using a 10-mm wire brush, extending two-thirds the length of the cylinder head from freeze plug hole to freeze plug hole, clean all core sand and casting slag from the cylinder heads to ensure unrestrained coolant flow.

9.6.3 Clean the cylinder heads according to the recommended engine block cleaning procedure (see 9.5.3.1).

9.7 *Engine Build-up Procedure*—Laboratories should design and maintain engine-build data sheets in a format compatible with Microsoft Excel and record data for cylinder bore measurements, piston and ring sizing data, valve train spring load calibrations, camshaft and lifter measurements, and all critical part identification information. This data shall be available to the TMC and the Test Procedure Developer for investigative studies, as deemed necessary for hardware investigations during times of industry severity shifts or other problems.

9.7.1 *General Information*—Use only the listed service parts, special test parts, and special build-up procedures specific to this test as outlined in this test method and the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual. (See 6.4.) Make and record measurements, specified in this test method, of the cylinders, pistons, rings, valve train, cam, and lifters. These measurements will provide evidence of conformance to the specifications of the test method, and will provide baselines for determining engine wear that occurs during a Sequence IIIF test.

9.7.2 *Special Parts*—Use the special parts listed in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11.

9.7.3 *Hardware Information*—Complete Form 12, Hardware Information, in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

9.7.4 *Fastener Torque Specifications and Torquing Procedures*—Use the following specifications and torquing procedures when installing bolts in the engine:

9.7.4.1 *Main Bearing Cap Bolts*—Do not use air tools on bolts to seat the main bearing caps in the engine block. Use a rubber or plastic mallet to seat the main bearing caps to avoid misalignment and potential damage to the engine block. Apply build-up oil to the threads and to the surfaces of the bolts that contact the main bearing caps. In order to prevent hydraulic lock, do not apply oil to the tapped holes in the cylinder block.

Install the bolts finger-tight and tighten them further with the SPS Torque Sensor I torque wrench^{8,19} only, working from the center out in a crisscross pattern. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual for torquing instructions. (See Section 1-Sheet 6 for honing and Section 3-Sheet 6 for final assembly.)

9.7.4.2 *Cylinder Head Bolts*—Install the cylinder head bolts, GM Part No. 25527831 (long) and 25533811 (short), which are of special design for yield applications using the SPS Torque Sensor I torque wrench. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual for installation instructions. Replace the bolts after each test. (See Section 1-Sheet 7 for honing and Section 5 Sheet 3 for final assembly.)

9.7.4.3 *Torques for Miscellaneous Bolts, Studs, and Nuts*—Use the torques for miscellaneous bolts, studs, and nuts given in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual.

9.8 *Parts Replacement*—See 9.8.1 for information regarding parts. Replace test parts as follows:

9.8.1 Install the new parts listed in Annex A2 (Table A2.1) for each test.

9.8.2 Install the new parts listed in Annex A2 (Table A2.2) only if the used part is no longer suitable for test purposes.

9.9 *Engine Block Preparation*—Prepare the engine block as follows:

9.9.1 Install new engine block freeze plugs; use a driver to facilitate this replacement.

9.9.2 Install the main bearing caps, without the bearings in place. Tighten the retaining bolts using the procedure in 9.7.4.1.

9.9.3 To prevent entry of honing fluid into the coolant passages of the engine block, cover and seal the coolant inlet passages and freeze plug openings. Close the petcocks if previously installed; if not, install ¼ in. NPT pipe plugs.

9.9.4 With a 30 cm (12 in.) smoothing file, deburr the surfaces of the block that mate with the cylinder heads to ensure adequate gasket seating.

9.9.5 Use the honing torque plates B-H-J GM 3.8L/3E-R-s_t-HT^{8,20} to pre-stress the engine block for honing. Install the torque plates with the proper hardened washers (supplied with the honing torque plates), single washers on top row and double washers on bottom row, to establish proper bolt depth. Clean the threaded bores for the cylinder head attachment bolts using a bottoming tap before each installation of the torque plates. The torque plates require the use of new head gaskets, SPO Part No. 24503801 left head and 24503802 right head, along with cylinder head, torque-to-yield fasteners, SPO Part No. 25527831 (long). Clean all sealing and thread locking compounds from the fasteners for the torque plate installation. Coat each fastener with build-up oil and see Section 1-Sheet 7 of the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual for installation instructions.

9.9.6 Use only the CV-616 honing machine to hone the cylinder walls. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly

¹⁹ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Sunnen Products Co., 7910 Manchester Ave, St. Louis, MO 63143.

²⁰ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is B-H-J Products Inc., 37530 Enterprise Ct., Newark, CA 94560.

Manual, Section 2, for all of the proper setup and operational procedures for each specific run on the Sequence IIIF engine block.

9.9.7 Replace the honing fluid, filters, and fiber mats used in the honing machine after every 15-h of honing machine operation. Use the honing machine hour meter to determine hours of operation. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 2-Sheet 8.

9.9.8 The flow rate of the honing lubricant should be approximately 7 L/min (2 gal/min). In addition, do not introduce solvents into the honing fluid or use them to clean the honing stones or guides. Use only honing fluid to clean honing stones or guides.

9.9.9 Hone the cylinder walls without the main bearings in place, but with all bearing caps installed.

9.9.10 Clean the engine block following honing according to 9.5.3.1.

9.9.11 Check the main bearing bore clearances using a mandrel, part BX-398-1, according to the following procedure:

9.9.11.1 Starting from the front of the block, slide the mandrel through all four main bearing bores. If excessive resistance is encountered while inserting the mandrel, remove the mandrel from the engine block and inspect the main bearing bores for burrs, nicks, dirt, alignment problems, or any abnormalities. Carefully remove any nicks, burrs, scratches, or dirt with 400-grit paper or a fine stone. Then use a clean shop towel with aliphatic naphtha to wipe the affected surfaces. Reinstall the mandrel to ensure that it can freely pass through all four main bearing bores. If the mandrel still will not clear the bores after completing the above steps, do not use this block and notify the Test Procedure Developer of the problem. After honing, repeat the above procedure prior to final engine build. The mandrel is an alignment and clearance gage only, not an assembly tool. The mandrel should not be in the bores when installing the main bearing caps or torquing the main bearing bolts.

9.10 *Piston Fitting and Numbering*—Fit the pistons to the cylinders according to recommendations listed in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual for the run sequence of the block. Use only the specified code pistons for each run sequence. Number the pistons with odd numbers in the left bank from front to rear and with even numbers in the right bank from front to rear.

9.10.1 *Piston Rings*—Pre-size the rings for each run; check the gap in the cylinder bore for each test. The top ring gap shall be 1.067 ± 0.051 mm (0.042 ± 0.002 in.). The bottom ring gap shall be 0.965 ± 0.051 mm (0.038 ± 0.002 in.). The top ring gap shall be larger than the bottom ring gap and the difference between the two ring gaps shall be between 0.076 mm and 0.152 mm (0.003 in. and 0.006 in.). If the ring gap difference is below 0.076 mm (0.003 in.), contact the Test Procedure Developer. Check the ring gap with a starrett ring taper gage no. 270²¹ with the ring positioned in the cylinder bore using a piston ring depth gage (drawing RX-118602-B²). Position the rings 23.67 mm (0.932 in.) below the cylinder-block deck surface during gap measurement. Record the top and bottom

ring gaps on Form 12 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5). Record and report ring gaps in mils (1 mil = 0.001 in. = 0.0254 mm).

9.11 *Pre-Test Camshaft and Lifter Measurements*—Measure the camshaft lobe height and lifter lengths, prior to engine assembly, according to the following procedure:

9.11.1 With the camshaft positioned in a set of V-blocks, remove any burrs around the outer edge of the camshaft thrust surface, if necessary.

9.11.2 Clean the camshaft with aliphatic naphtha and blow-dry it with clean, dry shop air.

9.11.3 Measure the maximum pre-test dimension of each camshaft lobe, transverse to the camshaft axis to the nearest 0.001 mm (0.00004 in.). This dimension is at the rear edge of all lobe positions (lobes are numbered from the front to the rear of the camshaft). Record the measurements on internal laboratory forms. (See 9.7.)

9.11.4 Measure the pre-test length of the lifters at the center of the lifter foot to the nearest 0.001 mm (0.00004 in.). Record the measurements on internal laboratory forms. (See 9.7.)

9.11.5 Record the unique serial number for each lifter on internal laboratory forms. (See 9.7.) Do not use electro-mechanical scribing devices. Do not place any marks on the lifter body or foot.

9.12 *Camshaft Bearing Installation*—The camshaft tunnel is specially processed and uses oversize bearings provided through the CPD. Install the camshaft bearings according to the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 3-Sheet 3. Always inspect the lifter and main bearing oil galleries for splintered babbitt materials that might have been shaved from the outside diameter of the bearings during installation. Remove any materials from the oil galleries with clean dry shop air.

9.13 *Camshaft Installation*—Install the camshaft according to the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 3-Sheet 11:

9.13.1 Coat the camshaft journals with a light film of build-up oil on the journals.

NOTE 7—Camshafts should not sit dry inside the engine block waiting for final assembly more than 24 h.

9.13.2 Install the camshaft in the engine block, exercising care to avoid damage to the lobes, journals, and bearings.

9.13.3 *Installation of Camshaft Thrust Plate*—Lubricate the thrust plate with build-up oil and install the thrust plate to the front of the engine block using the Torx fasteners.

9.14 *Main Bearings*—Verify that the main bearing bore areas in the engine block and bearing caps are clean. Install new main bearings, part no. OHT3F-042-2, in the engine block and main bearing caps, and lightly oil the bearing surfaces with build-up oil.

9.14.1 *Crankshaft*—Install the crankshaft.

9.14.2 *Main Bearing Cap Installation*—Install the main bearing caps; use a rubber or plastic mallet to seat the caps. Do not use air tools on the main bearing cap bolts to seat the caps. Install the bolts finger-tight, and tighten them according to the procedure in 9.7.4.1. Use the main bearings as received.

9.15 *Crankshaft Sprocket*—Install a matched set two-piece crankshaft sprocket, part no. OHT3F-036-1.

²¹ Available from industrial and mechanical tools suppliers.

9.16 *Camshaft Sprocket, and Timing Chain*—Install a new camshaft sprocket and timing chain.

9.17 *Crankshaft Endplay*—Measure the crankshaft endplay. It should be between 0.076 and 0.279 mm (0.003 and 0.011 in.).

9.18 *Piston Pin Installation*—Install new piston pins and retainers for each test. Clean piston pins using a clean lint-free cloth and oil with build-up oil. The piston pins are full floating and held in place by two retainers.

9.18.1 *Piston Installation*—Clean pistons using aliphatic naphtha and air dry prior to installation. Install the pistons according to the following procedure:

9.18.2 Use a piston ring expander to install the pre-gapped piston rings (see 9.10.1) on the pistons.

9.18.3 Position the ring end gaps as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 3-Sheet 8.

9.18.4 Coat the cylinder walls with build-up oil and wipe them with a clean, lint-free soft cloth, repeating the process until clean; apply a final coat of build-up oil before installing the piston assembly.

9.18.5 Coat the pistons and rings with build-up oil.

9.18.6 Install the pistons in the cylinders, using a ring compressor tool.²²

9.19 *Harmonic Balancer*—Deburr the harmonic balancer keyway slot and the slot on the crankshaft with a mill file. Do not install the balancer until after performing the oil pump priming operation in the test stand just prior to test start.

NOTE 8—To make the balancer a slip-fit, remove the rolled edge on the inside diameter of the balancer until the balancer slips easily over the crankshaft.

9.20 *Connecting Rod Bearings*—Clean the bearings using a clean, lint-free cloth and oil with build-up oil prior to installation. Use new connecting rod bearings, part no. OHT3F-042-2, for each test, furnished as part of the engine bearing kit.

9.20.1 Install the bearings in the connecting rods, and install the bearing caps with the rods in place on the crankshaft.

9.21 *Engine Front Cove*—Use a new front cover with each new engine block or if the oil pump gerotor housing is worn.

9.21.1 Install new oil pump gears or a new front cover and new gears, as deemed necessary, according to the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual inspection requirements Section 4-Sheet 2.

9.21.2 Install a new oil pump relief valve and spring.

9.21.3 Ensure the oil pump relief valve moves freely inside its bore in the front cover. Check the oil-pump-relief-valve clearance according to the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 4-Sheet 4.

9.21.4 Bolt the front cover and oil pump assembly to the engine block.

9.21.5 Inspect the oil pickup tube and screen assembly for cleanliness; install using a new gasket.

9.22 *Coolant Inlet Adapter*—Replace the water pump with a coolant inlet adapter, as shown in drawing OHT3F-031-1.

9.23 *Oil Dipstick Hole*—Plug the oil dipstick hole with a hole-plug (Part No. OHT3F-065-2). To determine the oil level

at the appropriate time during a test, temporarily remove this plug and insert the calibrated dipstick (Part No. OHT3F-064-2).

9.24 *Oil Pan*—Install the oil pan, part no. OHT3F-073-1, on the engine block, using a new gasket. Do not use magnetic drain plugs in the pan.

NOTE 9—Ensure the cut out area of the windage tray/oil pan gasket does not interfere with the oil dipstick and modify if necessary.

9.25 *Cylinder Head Assembly*—Prepare the cylinder heads according to the following procedure:

9.25.1 Install new cup-type freeze plugs.

9.25.2 Deburr all surfaces of the cylinder heads that mate with the engine block and the manifolds with a 30-cm (12-in.) smooth file to ensure satisfactory gasket seating.

9.25.3 Thoroughly clean the cylinder heads according to 9.6 and air blow them dry prior to final assembly. (**Warning**—For technical use only.)

9.25.4 Coat the valve stems and valve guides with build-up oil.

9.25.5 Install the valves and lightly lap them, if desired. Clean the cylinder heads after lapping to ensure that no lapping compound remains on any parts. Install the valves in the location where lapped for final assembly.

9.25.6 Install new valve stem seals over the valve stems onto the valve guides. Exercise extreme care when installing the seals in order to avoid either cutting the seals or positioning them incorrectly on the guides, thereby helping to preclude high oil consumption. See Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 5-Sheet 1.

9.25.7 Install new valve springs, part no. OHT3F-059-5. Place the smaller diameter end of the spring against the retainer.

9.25.8 Install valve retainers and keepers.

9.26 *Adjustment of Valve Spring Loads*—Adjust the load of each valve spring according to the following procedure:

9.26.1 Before and after using the valve spring load measurement apparatus (such as Part No. BX-310-2), calibrate the load cell using the following technique. Use dead weights to produce the specified load of 801 N (180 lbf).

9.26.1.1 *Load Cell to Load Cell Technique*—Affix load cell weight adapter plate (see Fig. 1) to calibration load cell. Zero the calibration load cell. Individually place calibrated dead weights onto calibration load cell. Verify that each dead weight indicates the appropriate load on calibration transducer readout. Repeat the calibration of the calibration load cell. The two consecutive readings shall agree within ± 0.5 lb.; if not, inspect the load cell and replace as necessary. Align calibration load cell beneath apparatus load cell. Place the air cylinder ram on the calibration load cell. Set the apparatus load cell to read the value of the calibration load cell. Apply air pressure to the aligned load cells. Vary air pressure to give several different loads, including 180 lb. Determine that both calibration and apparatus transducer readouts indicate the same value, if not, adjust the apparatus load cell. Repeat the calibration of the valve-spring load-measurement apparatus. The two readings shall agree within ± 0.5 lb; if not, inspect the apparatus load cell and replace if necessary. Retain data obtained during each calibration.

²² Ring compressor tools are available from automotive tools suppliers.

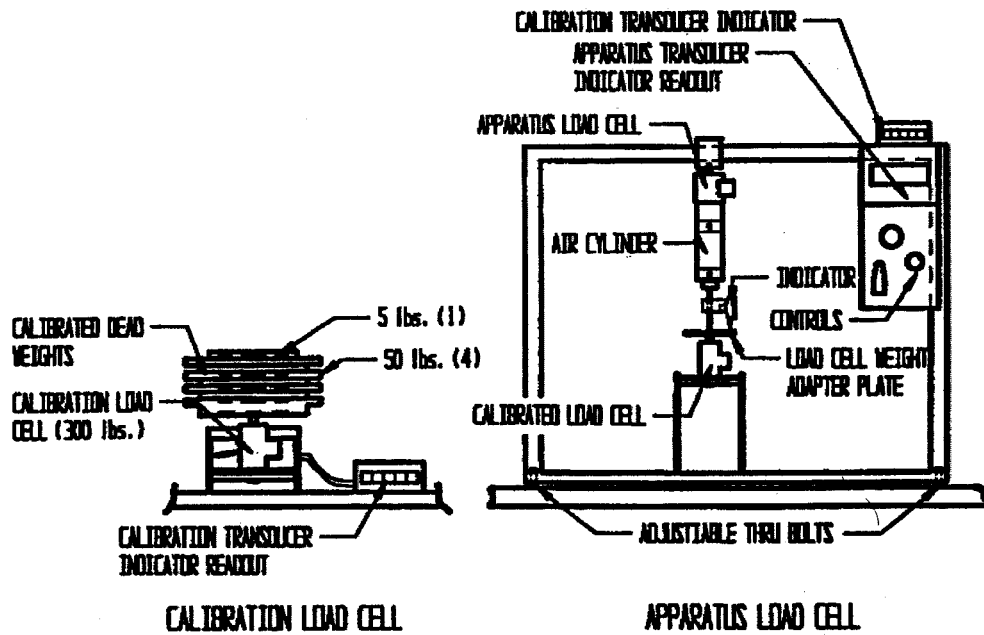


FIG. 1 Load Cell-to-Load Cell Calibration Method Diagram

9.26.2 Install a cylinder head in the holding fixture. The holding fixture shall position the cylinder head such that the valve is directly in line with the air cylinder-loading unit and no side loading of the valve takes place.

9.26.3 Install Zeroing fixture, part no. D4031, to cylinder head. Zeroing fixture, part no. D4031, is part of the valve-spring load-measurement apparatus, part no. BX-310-2.

9.26.4 Place the air cylinder-loading unit over a valve and check for proper alignment of the valve tip with the loading unit.

9.26.5 Position the dial indicator and its foot on the zeroing fixture to facilitate accurate measurement of valve stem axial movement.

9.26.6 Rapidly apply and release the air pressure three times to ensure free travel of the piston rod; adjust the air pressure to obtain a valve deflection reading of 9.5 mm (0.375 in.), if necessary.

9.26.7 If the readings are not within the specifications of $801 \text{ N} \pm 22 \text{ N}$ ($180 \text{ lbf} \pm 5 \text{ lbf}$) load as shown by the load cell indicator, add or remove shims, or interchange parts as necessary.

9.26.8 Repeat steps 9.26.2 through 9.26.7.

9.27 *Cylinder Head Installation*—Use new head gaskets for each application. Do not use any sealers on the cylinder head gaskets. Use new fasteners for each application. Before using the fasteners for cylinder head attachment, remove all pre-coat sealers. Remove thread locking compounds from the threads and underside of the bolt head with a wire wheel or brush. Do not use chemical cleaners to remove these coatings. Coat the threads and underside of the bolt head using non-hardening pliable sealing compound. Tighten the fasteners according to the guidelines in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 5-Sheet 3.

9.28 *Hydraulic Valve Lifters*—Do not open the hydraulic lifter to expose any part of the internal parts. Do not remove the

factory-installed leak down oil. Do not use electro-mechanical or chemical means to etch identification numbers on the hydraulic lifters.

9.28.1 Prior to installation, clean the lifter body and foot using a clean cloth dampened with aliphatic naphtha. Do not submerge or spray the hydraulic lifter. Gently wipe the lifter body with the naphtha-dampened cloth and dry using a clean, dry cloth or terry towel.

9.28.2 Install the test lifters in the test engine, coating each lifter foot with test oil before installation into the lifter bore. Rotate the engine crankshaft slowly for 720° while ensuring that the lifters follow the cam lobe profile. Remove each lifter and once again coat the lifter foot with test oil. Reinstall the lifter into the engine block with the ground flat on the lifter body facing inboard toward the center of the engine. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 6-Sheet 1.

9.29 *Pushrods*—Clean the pushrods with aliphatic naphtha and air blow them dry prior to installation; make certain that the oil passages are open. Lubricate the ball ends of the pushrods with buildup oil and install the pushrods. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 6-Sheet 2.

9.30 *Valve Train Loading*—Install the rocker arm pivot retainer and the precision roller rockers and torque the rocker arm pedestal bolts according to the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 6-Sheet 4.

9.30.1 Once the valve train is loaded, do not rotate the engine until using the dynamometer air starter system at the start of test.

9.31 *Intake Manifold*—Modify the intake manifold as shown in the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 6-Sheet 7.

9.31.1 Plug the EGR port using part no. OHT3-024-1.

9.31.2 Install the positive crankcase ventilation valve, replacement plug (part no. OHT3F-002-1) in the intake manifold plenum.

9.32 *Rocker Covers*—Install two left-side rocker covers part no. 25534751 on the cylinder heads.

9.33 *Water outlet Adapter*—Install a water inlet adapter made according to drawing OHT3F-034-1.

9.34 *Condenser*—Install a condenser mounting bracket, part no. OHT3F-041-1, and condenser, part no. BX-212-1 or OHT3F-075-1, with an adapter, part no. OHT3F-040-1, on the front of the engine using flexible hose to connect the adapter to the rocker cover bushings, part no. OHT3F-028-1.

9.35 *Coolant Outlet Adapter*—Replace the thermostat housing with a coolant outlet adapter, part no. OHT3F-034-1.

9.36 *Oil Filter Adapter and Cooler*—Install an oil filter adapter and cooler as shown in the Sequence IIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 8-Sheet 3.

9.37 *Oil Sample Valve*—Install suitable plumbing to the oil pressure fitting located in the oil filter adapter to permit the removal of oil samples. Select the plumbing to minimize the added volume.

9.38 *Ignition System*—Install ignition system components according to the following instructions:

9.38.1 Use high-energy ignition wires which are resistant to moisture and high temperatures.²³

9.38.2 Use an original equipment manufacturer coil pack mounted on the front engine mount according to drawing OHT3F-026-1.

9.38.3 Use new spark plugs, R42LTSM. Adjust the gaps with a wire gage to 1.14 mm (0.045 in.) Install a set of plugs prior to test start-up.

9.39 *Throttle Body*—Modify a production throttle body according to the drawing in the Sequence IIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 7-Sheet 5.

9.39.1 Install the throttle body onto the plenum and attach the throttle body adapter, part no. OHT3F-001-2.

9.40 *Accessory Drive Units*—Do not use any accessory drive units, such as alternators, generators, fuel pumps, power steering units, air pumps, and so forth.

9.41 *Exhaust Manifolds, Water-Cooled*—Prepare two water-cooled exhaust manifolds, part no. OHT3F-003-1, and install one on each of the two cylinder heads using transition adapters, part no. OHT3F-004-1, according to the following instructions:

9.41.1 Deburr all the surfaces of the exhaust manifolds that mate with the cylinder heads with a 30-cm (12-in.) smooth-cut file to ensure proper gasket seating.

9.41.2 Attach the exhaust manifolds to the heads using stainless steel studs (3/8-16 by 3/8-24 by 1 1/2 in.), stainless steel 3/8-24 nuts, and shielded exhaust gaskets, part no. OHT3F-018-1 or GM 24506009.

9.41.3 Ensure that there are no leaks between the manifold assembly components that might allow outside air to enter the exhaust system through scavenging upstream of the O₂ sensor.

9.42 *Engine Flywheel*—Install the flywheel and drive shaft plate assembly, OHT3F-020-2.

9.43 *Pressure Checking of Engine Coolant System*—If desired, pressure-check the engine coolant system after assembly

and before installation of the engine on the test stand, according to the following procedure:

9.43.1 Block all coolant outlets, and install the necessary fittings on the coolant inlet to permit pressurizing the coolant system with air, and sealing it.

9.43.2 Pressurize the coolant system with air to 100 kPa (30 in. Hg), and seal it. Monitor the pressure for 10 min. Take no corrective action if the reduction in pressure is less than 3.4 kPa (1 in. Hg) in 10 min. If larger changes in pressure occur, re-torque all appropriate bolts and replace gaskets, seals, and components (including the cylinder heads and the intake manifold) as necessary. Repeat the pressure checking.

9.44 *Lifting of Assembled Engines*—Lift the assembled engines with a suitable lift chain.²⁴

9.45 *Mounting the Engine on the Test Stand*—Mount the engine on the test stand according to the following:

9.45.1 Use OHT3F-026 front and OHT3F-025 rear engine mounts.

9.45.2 Mount the engine in such a manner that the intake plenum mounting flange-to-intake manifold interface is horizontal.

9.45.3 Install an engine flywheel guard, safety housing, and air starter mounting assembly (part of OHT3F-025).

9.45.4 Connect the engine to the dynamometer with a flywheel-to-driveshaft coupling adapter (part of OHT3F-020-1) and a driveshaft.²⁵

9.45.5 Install a coolant drain valve in the middle of each side of the block, in the 1/4-in. NPT hole. The use of street ells and petcocks are satisfactory. Petcocks shall remain as installed for the remainder of the test.

9.46 *External Cooling System Cleaning*—Clean the external cooling system of either a new or used test stand, or a new flushing tank assembly. Clean the used test stand system periodically, typically before a reference test. Use the following procedure:

9.46.1 Prepare a cleaning mixture in the flushing tank (drawing RX-116924-C²) by mixing 19.0 g/L Sequence IIF test component cleaner (**Warning**—Corrosive. Health hazard.) (see 7.4) with water. Heat the mixture to 60 ± 2.8°C (140 ± 5°F).

9.46.2 Circulate the mixture at 160 L/min (42.3 gal/min) flow rate for 30 min.

9.46.3 Immediately following step 9.46.2, thoroughly flush all system components with water at 60 ± 2.8°C (140 ± 5°F).

9.46.4 Ensure to drain all low points in the system after cleaning.

9.47 *Engine Coolant Jacket (Flushing)*—After installing the engine on the test stand, chemically clean the engine coolant jacket to ensure the proper rate of heat transfer to the jacket coolant, according to the following procedure:

9.47.1 Connect the flushing tank to the engine so that the cleaning solutions enter at the coolant outlet adapter and exit at the front of the engine block (reverse flow only for flushing) through the water inlet adapter.

²³ High-performance ignition wires are commonly available at automotive supply stores.

²⁴ Engine lift chains are commercially available from automotive or industrial tool supplier.

²⁵ Driveshaft may be obtained from commercial sources.

9.47.2 Connect the coolant outlet hose located at the front of the engine intake manifold to the flush cart return for this procedure.

9.47.3 For the following segments of this cleaning procedure, minimize the elapsed time between steps in order to avoid rusting of the coolant jacket.

9.47.4 Remove the oil pan drain plug. Open the engine block petcocks and pass hot water (60 to 70°C) (140 to 158°F) through the engine coolant jacket for 2 min. Check for coolant leaks around the intake manifold, front cover, rear cover, and oil pan drain plug. If coolant is leaking, take appropriate steps to stop the leak. If no leaking is evident, close the petcocks and fill the flushing tank and engine block with water to provide a total volume of 38 to 45 L (10 to 12 gal).

9.47.5 Energize the flushing tank heaters. Circulate water through the engine at a flow rate of 115 to 130 L/min (30 to 35 gal/min) through the engine until the temperature of the water flowing out of the engine reaches $70 \pm 3.0^\circ\text{C}$ ($158 \pm 5.0^\circ\text{F}$). Isolate the engine from the flush cart.

9.47.6 While the flush cart is isolated from the engine with water still circulating, add 19 g/L Sequence IIIF test component cleaner (see 7.4) to the water in the flushing tank. Continue to circulate the mixture in the flush cart for 3 to 5 min.

9.47.7 Circulate the mixture through the engine for 30 min.

9.47.8 Stop the circulation pump, open the engine block petcocks, and drain the contents of the engine and flushing tank into a suitable container (see Note 10).

NOTE 10—Before disposal, the drained material should be neutralized according to applicable local and federal hazardous material guidelines.

9.47.9 Close the engine block petcocks and flow hot tap water through the engine into a suitable container for 2 to 5 min, until the pH of the water flowing out of the engine is neutral. Use water at a temperature of 60 to 70°C (140 to 158°F). Maintain a flow rate of 76 to 95 L/min (20 to 25 gal/min).

9.47.10 Immediately after neutralizing the engine block in 9.47.9, open the block petcocks and drain all flush water.

9.47.11 Connect the engine to the external engine cooling system.

9.47.12 Immediately charge the engine jacket with coolant.

9.48 *Coolant Charging*—Charge the engine jacket with the specified coolant (see 7.4) according to the following procedure:

9.48.1 To preclude contamination of the coolant system with water, install low-point drains and eliminate all traps in the system. Drain all water in the system.

9.48.2 Use a charging adapter installed between the external cooling system and the engine.

9.48.3 Completely fill the engine jacket and cooling system with coolant (see 7.4). Fill the engine coolant jacket before filling the condenser system.

9.48.4 Charge the condenser coolant system immediately after charging the engine cooling system.

9.48.5 Operate the circulating pumps to aid in the removal of air and consequently decrease the time to achieve clarity of the coolant. During this period, operate any proportioning valves in the coolant system several times.

9.48.6 Until the test is started, circulate the coolant at a temperature of $48.9 \pm 2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ($120 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$) and a flow rate of 160 L/min (40 gal/min). Start the test no later than 6 h after step 9.48.5.

9.49 *Test Oil Charging*—Charge the engine with the test oil as follows:

9.49.1 Install the engine oil, filter adapter OHT3F-035-1.

9.49.2 Install a new oil cooler OHT3F-030-1.

9.49.3 Install a new oil filter OHT3F-057-1.

9.49.4 Add an initial fill of 5.50 L (5 qt + 26 oz) of fresh test oil through the rocker-cover oil-fill cap.

9.50 *Engine Oil Pump Priming*—Prime the engine oil pump according to the following instructions:

9.50.1 With the harmonic balancer and front half of the oil pump drive gear OHT3F-036-1 removed, use a suitable high torque drill motor and oil pump drive tool OHT3F-038-1 rotating the gerotor oil pump in a clockwise direction (viewed from the front of the engine) for 2 min after indication of oil pressure.

9.50.2 Replace the front half of the oil pump drive gear and the harmonic balancer and torque the harmonic balancer to 150 N·m + 76° (111 lbf·ft + 76°).

9.50.3 Connect the crankcase pressure line and oil sample valve fittings in preparation for testing, and proceed with the initial run (see 11.14).

10. Calibration

10.1 *Laboratory and Engine Test Stand Calibration*—To maintain testing laboratory and engine test stand calibration status for Sequence IIIF engine oil testing, follow the procedures given in 12.13 and Annex A1.

NOTE 11—Paragraph 12.13 and Annex A1 describe the involvement of the TMC in respect to calibration procedures and acceptance criteria for a testing laboratory and a test stand, and the issuance of Information Letters and memoranda affecting the test method.

10.2 *Testing of Reference Oils*—Periodically conduct tests on reference oils according to the following:

10.2.1 Conduct reference oil tests on each calibrated test stand within a laboratory according to TMC guidelines.

10.2.2 Obtain reference oils directly from the TMC. These oils are formulated or selected to represent specific chemical types or performance levels, or both. They are usually supplied directly to a testing laboratory under code numbers to ensure that the laboratory is not influenced by prior knowledge of acceptable results in assessing the test results. The TMC will determine which specific reference oil the laboratory shall test.

10.2.3 Unless specifically authorized by the TMC, do not analyze reference oils, either physically or chemically. Identification of reference oils by such analyses could undermine the confidentiality required to operate an effective reference oil system. Therefore, reference oils are supplied with the explicit understanding that they will not be subjected to analyses other than those specified in this procedure, unless specifically authorized by the TMC. If so authorized, prepare a written statement of the circumstances involved, the name of the person authorizing the analysis, and the data obtained; furnish copies of this statement to both the TMC and the Test Procedure Developer.

10.2.4 Assign a stand test number to each Sequence IIIF test. The number shall include the stand number, the number of Sequence IIIF tests conducted on the stand since the last reference oil test was conducted (0 to 15), and a sequential laboratory test number based on the starting date of the test. For example, 60-03-785 defines a Sequence IIIF test on stand number 60, which is the third non-reference oil test run on stand 60 since successful completion of a reference oil test, and was the 785th Sequence IIIF test in the laboratory. The only exception to this format is that the sequential laboratory test number shall have the letter A appended for the first rerun, B for the second, and so forth, for invalid or unacceptable reference oil tests.

10.3 *Reference Oil Test Frequency*—Conduct reference oil tests according to the following frequency requirements:

10.3.1 For a given, calibrated test stand, conduct an acceptable reference oil test after no more than 15 test starts have been conducted, or after 120 days have elapsed, whichever occurs first.

10.3.2 For a given testing laboratory with more than one calibrated test stand, conduct an acceptable reference oil test after no more than 90 days have elapsed since the last reference oil test.

10.3.3 After starting a laboratory reference oil test, non-reference oil tests may be started on any other calibrated test stand.

10.3.4 The TMC may schedule more frequent reference oil tests at their discretion.

10.3.5 Under special circumstances, such as extended downtime caused by industry-wide parts or fuel shortages, the TMC may extend the intervals between reference oil tests.

10.4 *Reporting of Reference Oil Test Results*—Report the results of all reference oil tests to the TMC according to the following directives:

10.4.1 Transmit results to the TMC within five days of test completion by way of electronic data transfer protocol as outlined in the Data Communication Committee, Electronic Test Report Transmission Model (ETRTM). The ETRTM can be obtained from the TMC.

10.4.2 If the test was conducted during a time extension permitted by the TMC, it should be indicated in the Comments section of the test report.

10.4.3 For an acceptable reference oil test, conducted following an unacceptable reference oil test, provide sufficient information in the Comments section of the test report to indicate how the problem was identified and corrected, insofar as possible, and how it was related to non-reference oil tests conducted during the period of time that the problem was being solved.

10.4.4 Report the results on final standard report forms supplied by the TMC, which can be obtained from the TMC web site: www.astmtmc.cmu.edu or by contacting the TMC (see 10.4.4.1).

10.4.4.1 In timely fashion, mail two copies of the reports so they are received within 30 days of test completion. Mail one copy of the standard final report to the Test Procedure Developer,²⁶ and one copy to the TMC test report clerk, at the TMC.

10.5 *Evaluation of Reference Oil Test Results*—The TMC will evaluate the reference-oil test results for both operational validity and statistical acceptability. The TMC may consult with the Test Procedure Developer and test laboratory in case of difficulty, as follows:

10.5.1 Immediately upon receipt of the reference-oil test results from the test laboratory, the TMC will evaluate the laboratories decision on operational validity. For operationally valid tests, the TMC will then evaluate the pass/fail parameters according to the Sequence IIIF Lubricant Test Monitoring System (TMC Memorandum 94-200). If the test is judged acceptable, the reference oil code will be disclosed by the TMC to the test laboratory. The TMC will convey to the test laboratory its preliminary findings based on the limited information available to them.

10.5.2 Subsequently, upon receipt of the information detailed in 11.4.4, the TMC will review all reference-oil test results and reports to determine final test acceptability.

10.5.3 In the event the reference oil test is unacceptable, the test laboratory shall provide an explanation of the problem relating to the failure. If the problem is not obvious, all test-related equipment shall be re-checked. Following this re-check, the TMC will assign another reference oil for testing by the laboratory.

10.5.4 The TMC will decide, with consultation as needed with industry experts (testing laboratories, Test Procedure Developer, members of the ASTM Technical Guidance Committee and of the Surveillance Panel, and so forth), whether the reason for any failure of a reference oil test is a false alarm, testing stand, testing laboratory, or industry-related problem. The Sequence IIIF Surveillance Panel shall adjudicate all industry problems.

10.6 *Status of Non-Reference Oil Tests Relative to Reference Oil Tests*—Non-reference oil tests may proceed within a given laboratory during reference oil testing based upon the following:

10.6.1 During the time of conducting a reference oil test on one test stand, non-reference oil tests may be conducted on other previously calibrated stands. If the reference oil test is acceptable to the TMC, the non-reference oil tests shall be considered to have been run in a satisfactorily calibrated laboratory.

10.6.2 If a reference oil test is unacceptable, and it is determined that the problem is isolated to an individual test

²⁶ General Motors Corp., Research and Developmental Ctr., Mail Code 480-106-160, Sequence IIIF Test Coordinator, 30500 Mound Rd., Box 9055, Warren, MI 48090-9055.

stand, other test stands will be considered to remain calibrated, and testing of non-reference oils may proceed on those other stands.

10.6.3 If a reference oil test is unacceptable, and it is determined that the problem is laboratory related, non-reference tests running during the problem period shall be considered invalid unless there is specific evidence to the contrary for each test.

10.7 *Status of Test Stands Used for Non-Standard Tests*—If a non-standard test is conducted on a previously calibrated test stand, conduct a reference oil test on that stand to demonstrate that it continues to be calibrated, prior to running standard tests.

10.8 *Data Acquisition and Control*—The Sequence IIIF test requires the use of computerized data acquisition and control for all measured and controlled parameters outlined in this procedure. The system chosen by individual testing laboratories shall be capable of integrating with the Sequence IIIF process controller for many of these operations. The system shall also be capable of meeting or exceeding certain test specific performance requirements for maximum allowable response times and minimum allowable sample rates. In addition to the aforementioned requirements, the system shall also be capable of data logging to test specific archival files for each test parameter at minimum allowable record intervals; that is, no greater than two-minute intervals between successive logs for each parameter. See the Data Acquisition and Control Automation II Task Force Report (DACA II)² and additional requirements as outlined in this procedure.

10.8.1 *Sample Rate*—The preferred sample rate is 100 Hz with the minimum allowable sample rate for the Sequence IIIF data acquisition and control system set at 1 Hz.

10.8.2 *Measurement Accuracy*—All measurement devices used for sensing speed, load, flow, pressure, and temperature shall meet the minimum requirements as outlined in the DACA II report and also conform to total system response requirements as outlined by the TMC. The following is a list of minimum requirements for Sequence IIIF testing:

10.8.3 *Temperature*—Use only Specification E 608/E 608M, iron-constantan (Type J) thermocouples with an accuracy of $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ over a range of 0 to 200°C .

10.8.4 *Pressure*—For pressures >6.9 kPa, use only measuring devices with an accuracy of $\pm 0.2\%$ of full scale for capacitive systems and $\pm 0.25\%$ of full scale for strain-type systems. For pressures <6.9 kPa, use only devices with an accuracy of ± 15 Pa for capacitive systems and ± 14 Pa for strain-type systems.

10.8.5 *Flow*—For systems incorporating vortex shedding measuring (liquid) use $\pm 0.75\%$ of reading; for vortex shedding measuring (gas) use $\pm 3.0\%$ of full scale. For magnetic measurements use $\pm 1.0\%$ of reading; for Coriolis measurements use $\pm 0.25\%$ of reading.

10.8.6 *Speed*—For speeds measured by frequency, use ± 1 r/min.

10.8.7 *Load*—For loads measured by strain gage, use $\pm 0.25\%$ of full scale.

10.8.8 *Measurement Resolution*—The minimum resolution for all parameters shall be at least one-fourth the required

system accuracy for that parameter; that is, if a test procedure requires an accuracy of 1.0 units, then the minimum resolution for that parameter = 0.25 unit.

10.8.9 *System Time Response*—Total system time response is the time required for the complete data acquisition system including all filtering, transducer lines, and surge tanks to measure a step change input for a given parameter. System response times should be determined by measuring the time required to reach a certain percentage of an imposed step change. For first order systems, use the time to 63.2 % of the imposed step change; for moving average systems use the time to 45.4 % of the imposed step change.

10.8.9.1 See the TMC System Time Response Measurement Guidelines² for methods of imposing step changes for calibration of Sequence IIIF test stands.

10.8.9.2 See Annex A8 for maximum allowable system time responses for the data acquisition system.

10.8.10 *Quality Index*—Use of the quality index method of measuring the control capability of the test stand is required for certain parameters. The following formula should be used and a minimum of 2400 data records are required for the final, end-of-test values:

$$QI = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum \left(\frac{U + L - 2X_i}{U - L} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

where:

QI = quality index,

X_i = recorded test measurement parameter,

U = upper specification limit for that parameter,

L = lower specification limit for that parameter, and

N = total number of data points taken as determined from test length and procedural specified sampling rate.

10.8.10.1 The upper and lower values used for QI calculations for the required parameters are listed in Annex A7.

10.8.11 Calibrate the stand instrumentation used for data acquisition and control, on all controlled and non-controlled parameters (see Annex A7), prior to every reference-oil test sequence, with the following exception:

10.8.11.1 The intake air-humidity system shall be calibrated no less than every six months.

11. Engine Operating Procedure

11.1 *Dipstick and Hole Plug*—Remove the calibrated dipstick and close off the dipstick hole in the block with the required plug, for all engine operations. See the Sequence IIIF Engine Assembly Manual, Section 1-Sheet 2.

11.2 *Dipstick Hole O-ring*—Periodically replace the O-ring on the dipstick hole plug, part no. 2-106, to ensure a good seal between the plug and the engine block.

11.3 *Engine Start-up and Shutdown Procedures*—Start and stop Sequence IIIF engines according to the following procedures and the test states and set points listed in Annex A7.

11.4 *Start-up*—Use the following procedure in starting Sequence IIIF engines:

11.4.1 Supply 13 to 15 V dc power to the Powertrain control module, fuel pump, and all AFR control units for a minimum of 30 s before cranking engine to ensure all systems are prepared for closed loop AFR control. The lambda sensors are

pre-heated and ready for closed-loop control when the AFR readings are over 20:1 prior to engine start.

11.4.2 Simultaneously, start the coolant flowing through the exhaust manifolds.

11.4.3 If the engine fails to start after 5 s, determine the problem and take corrective action before any further attempts are made. Make a log entry of any failed attempt and any corrective action in the test report.

11.4.4 After starting the engine, verify that oil pressure is adequate, and the speed is set to 1500 r/min and the load to 6.34 kW (8.5 bhp).

11.5 *Scheduled Shutdown*—Use the following procedure in stopping Sequence III F engines:

11.5.1 Reduce the engine speed and load to 1500 r/min and 6.34 kW (8.5 bhp) with a linear ramp-down over 30 s (if applicable). Within 90 s, remove the required 472 mL (16 oz) oil purge sample and analysis sample (see 11.7) from the engine oil sampling valve and adjust all temperatures for engine shutdown.

11.5.1.1 Prior to shutdown on the initial run and at the end of test, add the 472 mL (16 oz) purge back to the engine.

11.5.1.2 Prior to shutdown on all oil levels except the initial and the end of test, add the 472 mL (16 oz) of new oil, plus an additional 59 mL (2 oz) of new oil to the engine prior to shutdown.

11.5.2 Turn off power to the Powertrain control module (PCM).

11.5.3 With the engine stopped, halt the coolant flow through the exhaust manifolds and continue with the oil sampling and leveling procedure (see 11.7 through 11.8.7).

11.6 *Non-Scheduled Shutdowns*—For any non-scheduled shutdowns, record in detail the time of test, the reasons for the shutdown, and any other pertinent observations. Include this record in the test note section of the final test report.

11.7 *Oil Sampling*—With the engine running at 1500 r/min, remove all oil samples from the engine oil sampling valve according to the following instructions:

11.7.1 Before taking the samples in each of the following steps, first remove a 472-mL (16-oz) purge sample or leveling sample; then remove the oil sample of the specified volume.

11.7.2 Take a 236-mL (8-oz) analysis sample at the end of the initial run (identified as the initial sample) and at the end of the 80-h test.

11.7.3 Take a 59-mL (2-oz) sample at the end of every 10 h during the test, except at the end of the 80th hour when taking a 236-mL (8-oz) end-of-test sample.

11.8 *Oil Leveling*—Determine the oil level in the crankcase according to the following instructions:

11.8.1 Determine the oil level after the 10-min initial run and after each 10 h of test.

11.8.2 Stop the engine according to the procedure in 11.5 for 15 min to allow the oil to return to the crankcase.

11.8.3 During the 20-min oil-leveling period, maintain the condenser temperature at 40°C (104°F) and the engine coolant temperature at 49°C (120°F).

11.8.4 Determine the oil level after the 15-min period, in mm, using the calibrated dipstick (see Annex A3).

11.8.5 Following the initial run, record the oil level on Fig. A9.1, according to 11.8.4. Use this level as the full mark for the test. Enter 0 (zero) mL as the computed oil level on Fig. A9.1.

11.8.6 After each 10 h of the 80-h test, except at the end of test, add 59 mL of new oil to replace the sample taken; also add 472 mL of new oil to the engine.

11.8.7 After each 10 h of the 80-h test, except at the end of test, add oil to the crankcase from the 472-mL leveling sample to bring the oil level, as nearly as possible, back to that following the initial run. At the end of test, return the entire 472 mL (16 oz) purge sample to the engine. Discard any excess leveling sample. Record the results on Fig. A9.1.

11.9 *Air-to-Fuel Ratio Measurement and Control*—Measure the air-to-fuel ratio using the lambda sensors throughout the test. Control the air-to-fuel ratio using the lambda sensor output as feedback for the Powertrain control module. (See Annex A6.)

11.10 *Air-to-Fuel Ratio Verification*—Verify the air-to-fuel ratio measurements made by the lambda sensors using exhaust gas analysis according to the following:

11.10.1 By means of exhaust gas analysis, measure the volume % of CO₂, CO, and O₂, using an electronic gas analyzer.

11.10.2 Use either Fig. A6.2 or Fig. A6.3, constructed for the Sequence III F fuel, with the CO₂, CO, and O₂ values to determine the air-to-fuel ratio.

11.10.3 For air-to-fuel ratios greater than 15:1 (lean), when the analysis shows a CO concentration in the exhaust gas, correct the analysis as follows:

11.10.3.1 Determine the corrected O₂ using this relationship:

$$\text{corrected O}_2 = \text{observed \% O}_2 - 0.5 (\text{observed \% CO}) \quad (2)$$

11.10.3.2 Determine the corrected CO₂ using this relationship:

$$\text{corrected CO}_2 = \text{observed \% CO}_2 + \text{observed \% CO} \quad (3)$$

11.10.3.3 In either Fig. A6.2 or Fig. A6.3, enter the corrected O₂ and CO₂ values to determine the air-to-fuel ratios for the two gases, which shall agree within 0.5 air-to-fuel ratio.

11.10.4 Measure the air-to-fuel ratio using exhaust gas analysis during the first hour of the test to ensure that the lambda sensors are functioning properly.

11.10.5 Measure the air-to-fuel ratio using exhaust gas analysis during test hours 7, 39, and 79, of the test to ensure that the lambda sensors are functioning properly.

11.11 *Blowby Flow Rate Measurement*—Measure the engine blowby flow rate according to the following instructions, and within 15 min of the end of test hours: 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76, and 79.

11.11.1 Observe the following requirements:

11.11.2 Measure the blowby flow rate at the condenser outlet.

11.11.3 Seal (verify) the dipstick hole during engine operation using the dipstick-hole plug.

11.11.4 Orient the blowby meter horizontally during measurements.

11.11.5 Direct the blowby gas into a suitable vent hood at all times, other than when the blowby flow rate is being measured. Do not allow the vent system to create a draw on the crankcase.

11.11.6 Connect a surge tank, drawing RX-117431C,² to the condenser.

11.11.7 Connect the blowby flow-rate meter to the surge tank.

11.11.8 When permanently installed, blowby meters are not used but portable cart applications are allowed. However, position the cart near the testing area for a sufficient time-period to ensure temperature stabilization of the system components prior to taking any blowby measurements.

NOTE 12—Temperature stabilization is necessary to reduce condensation precipitation of the blowby gases. The moisture content of blowby gases is generally between 17 and 20 g/g (120 to 140 grains per lb). Correction factors are based on this and other average gas-analysis data of the blowby gases. Therefore, it is important that the blowby gases being measured at the orifice plate be as close in molecular composition and temperature as possible to the blowby gases exiting the condenser.

11.11.9 Do not evacuate or direct the exhaust line for the engine blowby gas being measured toward any low pressure evacuation systems.

11.11.10 Select an orifice size such that the observed blowby flow, ΔP , lies in the midrange of the calibration curve. Record the orifice size used.

11.11.11 Control the crankcase pressure at 0 ± 12.4 Pa (0.0 ± 0.05 in. H₂O).

11.11.12 To ensure flow stability, maintain blowby gas flow through the orifice meter for 2 min. or more, prior to taking the actual readings. Due to the relatively low flow rates, allow time for the engine blowby gas to fill the system and further enhance temperature stabilization.

11.11.13 Record the uncorrected blowby flow rate in L/min and correct it for an atmospheric pressure of 100 kPa (29.70 in. Hg) and a temperature of 37.8°C (100°F), using the correction factors given in Fig. A10.1.

11.11.14 Alternatively, use the following equation, on which Table A7.1 is based, to correct the blowby flow rate:

$$CF_{si} = \left(3.1002 \left(\frac{Pkpa}{273.15 + t^{\circ}C} \right) \right) 0.5 \quad (4)$$

where:

CF_{si} = corrected Blowby Flow Rate, L/min,
 $Pkpa$ = blowby Pressure, kPa, and
 $t^{\circ}C$ = temperature, °C

11.11.15 Disconnect the surge tank from the condenser.

11.12 *NO_x Determinations*—Measure NO_x concentrations using suitable exhaust gas analysis equipment at 7 h, 39 h, and 79 h. Record the data in the report form set.

11.13 *Data Recording*—Record data at a minimum of every 2 min for all parameters listed in Table A7.1.

11.14 *Initial Run (10 min)*—After charging with the test oil and priming the engine, conduct the 10-min initial run.

11.14.1 Start the engine (see 11.4). Begin timing the 10-min initial run.

11.14.2 Maintain the ignition voltage between 13 to 15 V.

11.14.3 Make certain that coolant is flowing through the water-cooled exhaust manifolds.

11.14.4 Control the coolant jacket at $50.0 \pm 2.0^{\circ}C$ ($122 \pm 3.6^{\circ}F$), and the condenser coolant temperature at $40.0 \pm 2.0^{\circ}C$ ($104 \pm 3.6^{\circ}F$) during the initial run. Run the temperature control valve for the oil cooler wide open to obtain maximum cooling during the initial run.

11.14.5 Operate the engine at 1500 r/min, 6.34 kW (8.5 bhp) for 10 min; check for leaks.

11.14.6 Ten minutes after the start of the initial run, and just prior to stopping the engine, remove a 472-mL (16-oz) purge sample; then take the initial, 236-mL (8-oz), oil sample.

11.14.7 Stop the engine (see 11.5).

11.14.8 Follow 11.7 and 11.8 to determine the oil level after drain-down, in mm; record the value on Fig. A9.1. Use this level as the full mark for the test.

11.15 *Engine Oil Quality Testing (80-h)*—After completing all phases of the initial run, conduct the 80-h engine oil quality evaluation portion of the test, according to the following procedure:

11.15.1 Start the engine (see 11.4).

11.15.2 Ensure the throttle body humidified air inlet supply to the engine is connected.

11.15.3 Maintain the ignition voltage between 13 to 15 V.

11.15.4 Operate the engine under the test conditions listed in Annex A7.

11.15.5 For each 10-h segment of the 80-h engine oil quality testing, test time is counted from the moment when all the test conditions listed in A7 are reached and stabilized. Start calculating QI values when temperatures are stable or when test state warm up times are exceeded. (See Annex A7.) If engine is shut down for any reason except oil leveling, start counting down time. Maximum allowable down time for the IIF test is 24 h.

11.15.6 Every 10 h, conduct the oil sampling and oil leveling according to 11.5 and 11.6. (See Fig. A9.1.) Record the time when the final (80-h) leveling is completed; be aware that most of the engine disassembly shall be completed within 12 h of this time. (See 12.2.1.)

11.16 *Test Termination*—Terminate the test as follows:

11.16.1 Terminate the test at the completion of the 80-h engine oil quality testing, following the taking of the purge and analysis samples and completion of the end of test oil leveling procedure. Record the end-of-test time after the final, engine oil level procedure.

11.16.1.1 Drain the oil sump.

11.16.1.2 Drain the condenser cooling system.

11.16.1.3 Drain the engine coolant.

11.16.1.4 Remove the engine from the test stand, and transport it to the engine disassembly area for determination of test results.

12. Determination of Test Results

12.1 This section describes techniques used to evaluate oil performance with respect to oxidation (viscosity increase), wear (camshaft and lifter), piston deposits, ring sticking, and oil consumption.

12.2 *Engine Disassembly*—Disassemble the engine, according to the following instructions, in preparation for inspection, rating, and measurement:

12.2.1 Plan the disassembly so that the parts to be rated for sticking, deposits, and plugging (pistons and rings) are removed from the engine within 12 h of the completion of the oil level.

12.2.2 Remove the components from the top of the engine in order to gain access to the cylinder bores.

12.2.3 Remove the carbon deposits from the top portion of the cylinder walls, above the top compression ring travel, before removing the pistons from the engine.

12.2.4 Disassemble the remainder of the engine.

12.3 *Preparation of Parts for Rating of Sticking, Deposits, and Plugging*—Prepare the specified parts for rating according to the following instructions:

12.3.1 Check all piston rings for freedom of movement in the grooves when removing the pistons from the engine. (See 12.4.1 through 12.4.1.1.)

12.3.1.1 Determine which rings are hot-stuck or cold-stuck (see 3.1.12 and 3.1.5, respectively, for definitions of hot-stuck and cold-stuck rings) and record the piston number and ring identification (for example, piston No. 3, top ring) for such rings on Form 8 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5). Record the total number of hot-stuck rings on Form 4 in the standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.3.2 At time of disassembly, remove all piston rings that are free. Leave any stuck rings (includes pinched rings; see 3.2.8) in place. Apply a rating of 100 % heavy carbon in the groove to any piston groove that cannot be rated, due to the presence of a stuck ring.

12.3.3 If the piston deposits cannot be rated immediately after the pistons are removed from the engine, store the pistons in a desiccator for no longer than 72 h from end of test before rating. Do not wipe the pistons before storing them.

12.4 *Piston Deposit Ratings*—Rate the pistons for piston skirt varnish as well as deposits on the ring lands, under-crown area, and in the ring grooves.

12.4.1 Gently wipe off excess oil from the piston skirts with a soft cloth.

12.4.1.1 Do not apply any chemicals or build-up oil to the pistons prior to rating them for deposits.

12.4.2 Rate each piston top groove, second groove, oil ring groove, second land, and undercrown area (where the horizontal and vertical planes meet) for deposits using CRC Manual No. 20 rating techniques and breakdown methods. Carbon deposit ratings will consist of only two levels: Heavy (0.00 merit value) or Light (0.75 merit value). Perform these ratings in a rating booth, using a 20-segment piston-rating cap, a piston rating stand, and a 22 W circular rating lamp.

12.4.2.1 The undercrown area to be rated is defined as the area on the undercrown of the piston that resembles a common adhesive bandage.

12.4.2.2 Report any unusual deposits observed in the comments section of Form 9 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.4.3 If multiple ratings for deposits are deemed necessary of a given part or parts, consensus rating may be used according to the following:

12.4.3.1 The raters shall be from the laboratory in question; no outside raters may be used unless requested and directed through the Sequence IIIF Surveillance Panel.

12.4.3.2 No averaging of ratings is permitted.

12.4.3.3 Report only one rating value, which is agreed to by the involved raters.

12.4.4 Average each individual piston (thrust side and anti-thrust side) for inclusion in the weighted piston deposit (WPD) results.

12.4.5 Calculate the average of the six oil ring land (land three) ratings and record this as the average oil ring land deposits on Form 8 and on Form 4 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.4.6 *Weighted Piston Deposit Rating (WPD)*—This weighted piston rating is comprised of skirt varnish, top groove, second groove, oil ring groove, under-crown, second land, and third land.

12.4.6.1 Calculate the WPD result for each individual piston using the following weighting factors:

Piston under-crown	10 %
Second land	15 %
Third land (ORLD)	30 %
Piston skirts (APV)	10 %
Top groove	5 %
Second groove	10 %
Oil ring groove	20 %

12.4.6.2 Calculate the WPD result for each piston by multiplying the rated result for each piston part by the weighting factor in 12.4.6.1 (in decimal form) to determine a weighted rating for that piston part. The WPD result is the sum of the weighted ratings for the individual piston parts.

12.4.6.3 The WPD result for the test is calculated by a simple average of the six individual piston WPD ratings.

12.5 *Post-Test Camshaft and Lifter Wear Measurements*—Measure the wear of the camshaft lobes and lifters to the nearest 0.001 mm (0.00004 in.) Refer to Practice E 29 for any needed rounding; use the rounding-off method. Proceed according to the following procedure:

12.5.1 Clean the camshaft lobes and lifters with aliphatic naphtha; blow-dry them with clean, dry shop air.

12.5.2 Store the camshaft and lifters in a temperature-controlled room for at least 90 min before making dimensional measurements, to ensure temperature stabilization. The temperature of the post-test measurement room shall be within 3°C (5°F) of the temperature of the pre-test measurement room.

12.5.3 Use dimensional measuring equipment accurate to 0.001 mm (0.00004 in.). Before each measurement session, use standards traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), to ensure measuring equipment accuracy. Include standards having length values within 1.3 mm (0.05 in.) of the typical lifter and lobe measurements taken. Use the same equipment and standards for post-test measuring as were used for pre-test measuring. If a calibration shift between pre-test and post-test measurements is detected, evaluate the shift to determine its effect on the wear measurements. Record the results of the evaluation and any corrective action taken.

12.5.4 The same person shall measure the camshaft and the lifters used in a given test, if the measurement equipment

utilized is operator-sensitive (that is, if the micrometer has operator-determined spindle pressure).

12.5.5 When measuring the camshaft and the lifters, take precautions to prevent any influence of body heat on the measurements.

12.5.6 Measure the maximum dimension of each camshaft lobe, transverse to the camshaft axis. This dimension is at the rear edge of all lobes (lobes are numbered from the front to the rear of the camshaft).

12.5.7 Measure the length of the lifters at the center of the lifter foot.

12.5.8 Calculate the wear for each camshaft lobe and lifter by subtracting the after-test measurement from the before-test measurement.

12.5.8.1 Due to varnish accumulations on camshaft lobes of high wear resistant oils, post-test measurements may indicate a larger numeric value than pre-test measurements. In this situation, the end of test calculation equates to a negative value. All negative values shall be overridden and entered as 0.000 mm wear for all calculations when determining post-test results.

12.5.9 Calculate the cam-plus-lifter wear by adding the values obtained in 12.5.8. Record the results on Form 7 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.5.10 Determine the maximum, minimum, and average camshaft-lobe, valve-lifter, and cam-plus-lifter wear. Record the values on Form 7 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.5.11 Calculate the screened average cam-plus-lifter wear by determining which positions in the engine have the maximum and minimum cam-plus-lifter wear results. Exclude these two positions from the calculation and then calculate the screened average cam-plus-lifter wear based on the remaining ten positions in the engine. Record these results on Forms 4 and 7 in the standard report form set (see Annex A5).

12.6 *End-of-Test Used Oil Sample Testing*—Conduct a cold-cranking simulator test (Test Method D 5293) and a mini rotary viscometer test (Test Method D 4684) on the end-of-test (EOT) used oil sample with the exceptions that follow.

12.6.1 Run a cold-cranking simulator (CCS) test (Test Method D 5293) on the end-of-test (80-h) drain at successively higher temperatures until you obtain a passing result using the table shown in SAE J300. The W-grade corresponding to the temperature required for a passing result shall be considered the used oil, passing viscosity grade. One grade less than the new oil viscosity grade is suggested as a starting point. Report the results on Form 6 in the standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.6.2 Run the mini rotary viscometer test (Test Method D 4684), MRV-TP1, at the recommended temperature (based on the passing used oil CCS result) using the table shown in SAE J300. Report the end-of-test mini rotary viscometer test results as MRV Temperature in °C as follows. If a yield stress is obtained at the designated temperature, report the yield stress in Pa and note the apparent viscosity as not measured (NM). If a yield stress is not obtained at the designated temperature, report the yield stress as not measured (NM) and record the

apparent viscosity in cP. Report the results on Form 6 in the standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.6.3 If the percent viscosity increase for the kinematic viscosity at EOT is higher than 500 % (see 12.7), the cold-cranking simulator and mini rotary viscometer tests are not required. A notation is required in the Other Comments and Outliers section of Form 13 (see Annex A5) indicating that the CCS and MRV were not run, and enter not measured (NM) in the standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.6.4 If the test oil is a straight-grade oil, the cold-cranking simulator and mini rotary viscometer tests are not required. A notation is required in the Other Comments and Outliers section of Form 13 (see Annex A5) indicating that the CCS and MRV were not run, and enter not measured (NM) in the standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.6.5 If the end-of-test used oil sample fails the cold cranking simulator test at -10°C, the mini rotary viscometer (MRV) test is not required. A notation is required in the Other Comments and Outliers section of Form 13 (see Annex A5) indicating that the MRV was not run because the EOT drain did not meet the -10°C CCS requirements. Enter not measured (NM) in the standardized report form set (see Annex A5) for the MRV measurement.

12.7 *Viscosity Test*—Determine the viscosity of a sample of the fresh test oil and of the nine test samples by analysis according to the following instructions:

12.7.1 Do not filter the samples.

12.7.2 Use Test Method D 445.

12.7.3 Use either the cannon-fenske routine viscometer of the Ostwald type for transparent liquids or the Cannon-Fenske opaque viscometer of the reverse-flow type for transparent and opaque liquids.

12.7.4 Conduct the measurement at 40°C (104°F).

12.7.5 Record the results on Fig. A5.4.

12.7.6 Critically examine the relationship of the viscosity of the initial oil sample to that of the new oil. The viscosity of the initial sample can legitimately be as much as 10 cSt less than that of the new oil, because of permanent shearing effects. If the difference is greater than 10 cSt, explore possible causes such as failure to purge the oil sample line [removing the 473-mL (16-oz) purge sample] prior to withdrawing the 237-mL (8-oz) analysis sample, or an excessive amount of built-up oil in the system.

12.7.7 Calculate the change in viscosity (in cSt) from the value for the initial sample, for the last eight samples. Record the changes on Form 6 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5). Record the final percent viscosity increase on Form 4 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.7.8 Calculation instructions for special cases related to percent viscosity increase:

12.7.8.1 Instructions for calculating and reporting results if the final original units result on Form 4 (see Annex A5) for percent viscosity increase is zero or negative.

12.7.8.2 The minimum result that will be considered for the percent viscosity increase is 0.1 %. Substitute 0.1 for the original unit result and complete the calculations on Form 4 (see Annex A5). A notation is required in the Other Comments

and Outliers section of Form 13 (see Annex A5) indicating that the original units result has been modified for a special case.

12.7.8.3 Instructions for calculating and reporting results of the viscosity result on Form 6 (see Annex A5) for viscosity increase data is “too viscous to measure (TVTM).”

12.7.8.4 The maximum kinematic viscosity result reported will be 8000 cSt using either equipment noted in 12.7.3, with a tube size of 500 or less. If the measured viscosity is 8000 cSt using tube size 500, this will be considered the maximum reportable viscosity. Report 8000 cSt on Form 6 (see Annex A5) for entry in the column listed as viscosity and use this value for the calculating change and percent. (This will provide consistent TVTM data for reporting purposes and it also expands the maximum viscosity to fill the space allowed by the Data Dictionary.)

12.7.8.5 Complete the calculations on Form 4 (see Annex A5) for percent viscosity increase using the percent value for the final drain from Form 6 except that the severity adjustment (SA) displayed and used for percent viscosity increase calculations will be set to zero (0). A notation is required in the Other Comments and Outliers section of Form 13 (see Annex A5) indicating that the SA has been modified for a special case.

12.8 *Testing Oil Samples for Wear Metals*—Use Test Method D 5185 to perform inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP) analysis on the initial and all 10-h oil samples for iron, copper, and lead concentrations in the oil. Report the results of the ICP analysis on these three metals on Form 6 (see Annex A5).

12.9 *Blowby Flow Rate Measurements*—Plot blowby flow rate measurements on Form 10 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.10 *Oil Consumption Computation*—Compute the oil consumption for the test as follows:

12.10.1 See Note 1 of Fig. A9.1 for the oil-consumption calculation equation.

12.10.2 Determine the total fresh oil added to the engine during the initial oil leveling run and 10-h test periods in Fig. A9.1. Enter the total in the end-of-test total column on Fig. A9.1 in position *a*.

12.10.3 Determine the total amount of oil discarded during the 80-h test periods in Fig. A9.1. Enter the total in the end-of-test total column on Fig. A9.1 in position *b*.

12.10.4 Determine the computed oil level in mm at the end of the test in Fig. A9.1. Enter the number in the end-of-test total column on Fig. A9.1 in position *c*.

12.10.5 Add the values determined in 12.10.2 and 12.10.4, and subtract the value determined in 12.10.3. Subtract 236 mL (the final oil sample, which is not replaced with new oil) from the value computed above. Enter the remainder, which is the amount of oil consumed in the test, in the blank for total oil consumption in the Fig. A9.1.

12.10.6 For non-reference oils, evaluate the oil consumption result based upon the following guidelines:

12.10.6.1 For oils with a stated Noack volatility that is nominally 15 % or less, the test results are considered non-interpretable for purposes of multiple test acceptance limits (MTAC) if the oil consumption exceeds 5.2 L.

12.10.6.2 For oils with a stated Noack volatility that exceeds 15 %, the test results are considered non-interpretable for purposes of MTAC, if the oil consumption exceeds 6.5 L.

12.11 *Photographs of Test Parts*—Take color photographs of the test parts for inclusion in the test report as follows:

12.11.1 Photograph pistons after completing all ratings.

12.11.2 Do not coat the pistons with build-up oil (for preservation) before the photographs are taken. Do not re-install piston rings.

12.11.3 Photograph all six piston thrust sides in one shot. Piston labels are not required. (See 12.11.7.)

12.11.4 Photograph all six piston anti-thrust sides in one shot. Piston labels are not required. (See 12.11.7.)

12.11.5 Size the final piston photographs for inclusion in the test report so that the overall piston height is not less than 5 cm (2 in.), but small enough that three photographs can be mounted in a column on the 28-cm (11-in.) dimension of a 22 by 28-cm (8½ by 11 in.) sheet of paper.

12.11.6 Assemble the photographs on two pages, with the thrust side photographs on one page, and the anti-thrust photographs on the other page.

12.11.7 Mount the photographs on each of the two pages with the reciprocating axes of the pistons parallel to the 28-cm (11-in.) dimension of the page. Arrange the photographs in two vertical columns of three each, with the No. 1 piston in the upper left corner of the page, No. 2 piston in the upper right corner, No. 3 piston in the center of the left column, and so forth.

12.12 *Retention of Representative Test Parts*—Retain for at least six months all camshafts and lifters.

12.13 *Severity Adjustments*—Calculate SA for results of non-reference engine oil tests. Use the control chart technique (see 12.13.1) for determining the laboratory bias for percent viscosity increase, piston skirt varnish, and WPD. Enter the adjustments on Form 4 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5).

12.13.1 The document, “The Lubricant Test Monitoring System,” contains information on the Sequence IIIF Test Control Chart Technique For Developing And Applying Severity Adjustments (SA). A printed copy can be obtained from the TMC² or it can be downloaded from the internet website.²

12.14 *Determination of Operational Validity*—Determine and document the operational validity of every Sequence IIIF test conducted, according to the following:

12.14.1 Complete the report forms to substantiate that the test stand, engine build-up, installation of the engine on the test stand, and the test operation conformed to the procedures specified in this test method.

12.14.2 Inspect the test records for instances of downtime (excluding the initial oil level run of the test), and record any such instances on Form 13 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5). Enter the total downtime on Form 13 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5). If the total downtime exceeds 24 h, note on Form 1 in standardized report form set (see Annex A5) that the test is invalid.

12.14.3 Sequence IIIF tests average blowby rate shall be greater than 23 L/min (0.812 L/m) for hours 1 through 26 in order to be considered a valid engine build.

12.14.4 If the end of test quality-index value is below 0.000, conduct an engineering review of the test operations. The test laboratory shall conduct the engineering review of reference oil tests, the TMC. If needed, additional industry experts may be consulted. Document the results of the engineering review.

13. Report

13.1 *Report Forms*—For reference oil tests, the standardized report form set and data dictionary for reporting test results and for summarizing the operational data are required.

NOTE 13—The non-reference oil test results should also be reported on these same forms if the results are intended to be submitted as candidate oil results against a specification.

13.2 *Reporting Units*—Report results in SI units. Record all measurements, with the exception of top and bottom ring gaps, in SI units.

13.3 *Precision of Reported Units*—Use Practice E 29 for rounding off data; use the rounding-off method. Report the data to the same precision as indicated in Annex A8.

13.4 *Deviations from Test Operational Limits*—In addition to reporting the deviations specified in 12.13, report all deviations from the specified test operational limits on a supplemental page. Include the test time, magnitude, and

duration of the deviations. Include deviations from specified warm-up times, scheduled and unscheduled shutdowns, and shutdown procedures.

14. Precision and Bias

14.1 *Precision*—Test precision is established based on reference oil test results (for operationally valid tests) monitored by the TMC. Table 1 summarizes reference oil precision of the test based on results obtained with TMC Reference Oils 1006, 1006-2, 433, 433-1, 1008, and 1008-1. (Values are valid as of May 1, 2003. Contact the TMC for current precision values.)

14.1.1 *Intermediate Precision (formerly called repeatability) Conditions*—Conditions where test results are obtained with the same test method using the same test oil, with changing conditions such as operators, measuring equipment, test stands, test engines, and time.

14.1.1.1 *Intermediate Precision Limit (i.p.)*—The difference between two results obtained under intermediate precision conditions that would, in the long run, in the normal and correct conduct of the test method, exceed the values in Table 1 in only one case in twenty.

14.1.2 *Reproducibility Conditions*—Conditions where test results are obtained with the same test method using the same test oil in different laboratories with different operators using different equipment.

14.1.2.1 *Reproducibility Limit (R)*—The difference between two results obtained under reproducibility conditions that would, in the long run, in the normal and correct conduct of the test method, exceed the values in Table 1 in only one case in twenty.

14.2 *Bias*—Bias is determined by applying an accepted statistical technique to reference oil test results and when a significant bias is determined, a SA is permitted for non-reference oil test results.

TABLE 1 Reference Oil Test Precision

Variable	Intermediate precision (i.p.)	Intermediate Precision Standard Deviation (Si.p.)	Reproducibility (R)	Reproducibility Standard Deviation (SR)
PVIS	0.0396956	0.014177	0.0415632	0.014844
WPD	1.562	0.558	1.714	0.613
APV	0.557	0.199	0.557	0.199
PV60	0.4611208	0.164686	0.5393668	0.192631

- PVIS = Percent viscosity increase at 80 h, in transformed units. The results transformed using the transformation: $1/\sqrt{\text{PVIS}}$.
- WPD = Weighted Piston Deposits, in merits.
- APV = Average piston skirt varnish, in merits.
- PV60 = Percent viscosity increase at 60 h, in transformed units. The results transformed using the transformation: $\ln(\text{PV60})$.

15. Keywords

15.1 cam and lifter wear; deposits; engine oil; engine wear; high-temperature performance; oil consumption; oil thickening; oil viscosity; oxidation resistance; Sequence IIIF test; spark-ignition automotive engine; varnish; varnish deposition

ANNEXES

(Mandatory Information)

A1. THE ROLE OF THE ASTM TEST MONITORING CENTER AND THE CALIBRATION PROGRAM

A1.1 Nature and Functions of the ASTM Test Monitoring Center (TMC)—The TMC, located in Pittsburgh, PA, is a non-profit organization directed by Subcommittee D02.B and the Test Monitoring Board. The TMC is staffed to administer engineering studies; conduct laboratory visits; perform statistical analyses of reference oil test data; blend, store, and ship reference oils; and provide the associated administrative functions to maintain the referencing calibration program for various lubricant tests. It coordinates its activities with the test sponsors, the test developers, the surveillance panels, and the testing laboratories.

A1.2 Rules of Operation of the TMC—The TMC operates in accordance with the ASTM Charter, the ASTM Bylaws, the Regulations Governing ASTM Technical Committees, the Bylaws Governing ASTM Committee D02, and the Rules and Regulations Governing the ASTM Test Monitoring System.

A1.3 Management of the TMC—The management of the Test Monitoring System is vested in the Test Monitoring Board (TMB) elected by Subcommittee D02.B0. The TMB selects the TMC Administrator who is responsible for directing the activities of the TMC staff.

A1.4 Operating Income of the TMC—The TMC funds its operations with income from fees levied on the reference oils supplied and on the calibration tests conducted. Subcommittee D02.B0 reviews and establishes the TMC's fee schedules.

A1.5 Conducting a Reference Oil Test:

A1.5.1 For those laboratories which choose to utilize the services of the TMC in maintaining calibration of test stands, full-scale calibration testing shall be conducted at regular intervals. These full-scale tests are conducted using coded reference oils supplied by the TMC. It is a laboratory's responsibility to maintain the calibration in accordance with the test procedure. It is also a laboratory's responsibility to keep the on-site reference oil inventory at or above the minimum level specified by the TMC test engineers.

A1.5.2 When laboratory personnel decide to run a reference calibration test, they shall request an oil code from the cognizant TMC engineer. Upon completion of the reference oil test, the data shall be sent in summary form (use TMC-acceptable forms) to the TMC by telephone facsimile transmission, or by some other method acceptable to the TMC. The TMC will review the data and contact the laboratory engineer to report the laboratory's calibration status. All reference oil tests, whether aborted, invalidated, or successfully completed, shall be reported to the TMC. Subsequent to sending the data

in summary form to the TMC, the laboratory is required to submit to the TMC the written test report specified in the test procedure.

A1.6 New Laboratories—Laboratories wishing to become a part of the ASTM Test Monitoring System will be requested to conduct reference oil tests to ensure that the laboratory is using the proper testing techniques. Information concerning fees, laboratory inspection, reagents, testing practices, appropriate committee membership, and rater training is available by contacting the TMC Administrator at the TMC.

A1.7 Introducing New Sequence IIIF Reference Oils—The calibrating reference oils produce various wear, oil thickening, and deposit characteristics. When new reference oils are selected, member laboratories will be requested to conduct their share of tests to enable the TMC to establish the proper industry average and test acceptance limits. The ASTM D02.B0.01 Sequence IIIF Surveillance Panel requires conducting a minimum of four tests, prior to establishing the industry average and test acceptance targets for new reference oils. The TMC estimates that it will normally request laboratories to run no more than one contributing test per year per test stand.

A1.8 TMC Information Letters:

A1.8.1 Occasionally, it is necessary to change a procedure, and to notify the test laboratories of a change, prior to consideration of the change by either ASTM Subcommittee D02.B0 on Automotive Lubricants or ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products and Lubricants. In such a case, the TMC will issue an Information Letter. Subsequently, prior to each semi-annual Committee D02 meeting, the accumulated Information Letters are balloted by ASTM Subcommittee D02.B0. The ballot is reviewed at the ASTM Subcommittee D02.B0 meeting, and the actions taken are considered at a meeting of ASTM Committee D02. By this means, the Society due process procedures are applied to these Information Letters.

A1.8.2 The review of an Information Letter prior to its original issue will differ according to its nature. In the case of an Information Letter concerning a part number change, which does not affect test results, the TMC is authorized to issue such a letter. Long-term studies by the surveillance panel to improve the test procedure through improved operation and hardware control may result in a recommendation to issue an Information Letter. If obvious procedural items affecting test results need immediate attention, the test sponsor and the TMC will issue an Information Letter and present the background and data to the surveillance panel for approval prior to the semi-annual ASTM Subcommittee D02.B0 meeting.

A1.8.3 Authority for the issuance of Information Letters was given by the ASTM Committee on Technical Committee Operations (COTCO) in 1984, as follows:

“COTCO recognizes that D02 has a unique and complex situation. The use of Information Letters is approved providing each letter contains a disclaimer to the effect that such has not obtained ASTM consensus. These Information Letters should be moved to such consensus as rapidly as possible.”

A1.8.4 Information Letters appertaining to this procedure issued prior to 2002-03-15 are incorporated in this test method. A listing of such Information Letters, and copies of the letters, may be obtained from the TMC. Information Letters issued subsequent to this date may also be obtained from the TMC.

A1.9 *TMC Memoranda*—In addition to the aforementioned

Information Letters, the TMC issues supplementary memoranda. The TMC develops and distributes these to the Sequence IIF Test Surveillance Panel and to participating laboratories. These memoranda convey such information as batch approvals for test parts or materials, clarification of the test procedure, notes and suggestions for the collection and analysis of special data that the TMC may request, or for any other pertinent matters having no direct effect on the test performance, results, or precision and bias.

A1.10 *Precision Data*—The TMC determines the current Sequence IIF test precision by analyzing results of calibration tests conducted on reference oils. For current precision data, contact TMC.²

A2. SEQUENCE IIF TEST PARTS REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES

A2.1 Tables A2.1 and A2.2 list the parts to be replaced every test and as necessary, respectively. Also for every test,

replace all parts not listed in Tables A2.1 and A2.2.



TABLE A2.1 Parts to be Replaced Every Test

Part Description	Part No.
Arm, rocker with pivot bearing	OHT3F-058-1
Bearing, kit, engine	OHT3F-042-2
Bearing, balance shaft front (part of 24502388)	SKF6205-2ZNRJEM
Bolt, cylinder head, long	25527831
Bolt, cylinder head, short	25533811
Bolt, flywheel	24505092
Bolt, rear cover housing	24503970
Bolt, rocker arm, special test	3F-058-02
Camshaft, special test	OHT3F-008-6
Cap, valve spring retainer	24502257
Chain, timing	24504668
Clip, retainer, piston pin	OHT3F-012-1
Cooler, oil, nickel plated, bypass closed	OHT3F-030-2
Damper, timing chain (includes bolt, retaining ring)	24503893
Filter, oil PF-47	OHT3F-057-1
Gasket kit, intake manifold lower	12539094
Gasket, cylinder head, left	24503802
Gasket, cylinder head, right	24503801
Gasket, front cover	24502252
Gasket, oil filter adapter	25534742
Gasket, oil pan	24502397
Gasket, oil suction tube	24501259
Gasket, rear cover housing	24507388
Gasket, rocker cover	25532619
Gasket, water outlet	24502433
Gasket, water pump	24501565
Head, cylinder	24502260
Key, camshaft sprocket	24500618
Key, valve stem keeper	1016634
Lifter, test ACI w/ flat (25338738A)	OHT3F-029-3
Pin, piston wrist, pkg. of 6	OHT3F-014-1
Piston, test, runs 1 and 2, grade 12	OHT3F-053-1
Piston, test, runs 3 and 4, grade 34	OHT3F-054-1
Piston, test, runs 5 and 6, grade 56	OHT3F-055-1
Plate, camshaft thrust, .1520 in. thickness	OHT3F-011-2
Plug, engine block core hole	24500867
Plug, cylinder head core hole	3835577
Plug, cylinder head cup	9427698
Plug, engine block, oil gallery	24500867
Plug, ignition spark	AC R42LTSM
Plunger, oil relief	25530949
Pushrod, special length, pkg. of 12	OHT3F-007-1
Retainer clip, piston pin pkg. of 12	OHT3F-012-1
1 ea. ring, piston, run 1, engine set	OHT3F-050-RUN1
1 ea. ring, piston, run 2, engine set	OHT3F-050-RUN2
1 ea. ring, piston, run 3, engine Set	OHT3F-051-RUN3
1 ea. ring, piston, run 4, engine Set	OHT3F-051-RUN4
1 ea. ring, piston, run 5, engine Set	OHT3F-052-RUN5
1 ea. ring, piston, run 6, engine Set	OHT3F-052-RUN6
Rocker arm assembly (includes: 3F058-02)	OHT3F-058-1
Rod, connecting	24501696
Seal, crankshaft front oil (lip seal)	24504098
Seal, crankshaft rear oil (lip seal)	25534760
Seal, exhaust valve stem	OHT3F-061-1
Seal, intake valve stem	OHT3F-060-1
Spring, oil relief valve	1262505
Spring, valve special test (color code yellow)	OHT3F-059-5
sprocket, camshaft	24505306
Valve, exhaust (STD)	24507423
Valve, intake (STD)	12569550

TABLE A2.2 Parts to be Replaced as Needed

Part Description	Part No.
Adapter, blowby breather tube	OHT3F-040-1
Adapter, oil filter	OHT3F-035-1
Adapter, oil filter engine w/ bypass valve	24501300
Adapter, throttle body, air inlet	OHT3F-001-2
Balancer, harmonic	24507058
Bearing, balance shaft front (part of 24502388)	SKF6205-2ZNRJEM
Block, engine assembly	24506028
Bolt / screw, thrust plate retainer	25519242
Bolt, connecting rod	25531956
Bolt, counter balance gear	24501367
Bolt, counter balance shaft retainer	24500055
Bolt, harmonic balancer	24506341
Bolt, main cap	24503056
Bolt, main cap, side	24505576
Bolt, oil filter adapter	24504713
Bolt, oil pan	24502791
Bolt, oil suction tube	24505570
Bolt, Rocker cover w/ washer	25534748
Bolt, screw camshaft sensor	25526395
Bolt, screw, oil gerotor, cover	25519242
Bolt, stud type, front cover and crankshaft sensor	24504717
Bolt, upper intake long	24505205
Bolt, upper intake short	24506498
Bolt, upper intake, stud	24502453
Bracket, breather tube	OHT3F-041-1
Breather tube, S.S. material	OHT3F-075-1
Bushing, balance shaft rear	24503193
Bushing, rocker cover	OHT3F-028-1
Connector, modified for length, GM PN 24502883	OHT3F-039-2
Cover, engine front	24502241
Cover, oil gerotor	25521935
Cover, rocker arm valve cover left side plastic	25534753
Crankshaft	34502168
Dip stick, metric	OHT3F-064-1
Filter, oil PF-47	OHT3F-057-1
Fitting, oil filter adapter	OHT3F-043-1
Flywheel, manual, modified P.N. 24503285	OHT3F-020-2
Gasket, exhaust, end plate	OHT3F-009-1
Gasket, exhaust, flange, metal	OHT3F-018-1
Gasket, manifold, upper intake	17113137
Gasket, oil cooler, pkg. of 50	OHT3F-074-1
Gasket, oil filter, pkg. of 50	OHT3F-062-1
Gear, balanceshaft drive	24504792
Gear, balanceshaft driven	24503524
Gear, counter balance drive	24504792
Gear, counter balance shaft	24503524
Grommet, rocker arm valve cover bolt	25534749
Harness, coil pack segment	3F022-2
Harness, fuel injector segment	3F022-1
Harness, wiring, dyno w/ OHT3F-056-1 sensor	OHT3F-022-1
Injector, fuel	17120601
Key, crankshaft	25534912
Magnet, camshaft position sensor	10456195
Manifold, cast iron	OHT3F-003-0
Manifold, exhaust, water cooled assy (one bank)	OHT3F-003-1
Assembly includes:	
1 Ea. runner, exhaust manifold	OHT3F-004-1
1 Ea. plate, rear, exhaust manifold	OHT3F-005-1
1 Ea. elbow, exhaust, modified	OHT3F-005A-1
1 Ea. plate, front, exhaust manifold	OHT3F-006-1
2 Ea. gasket, exhaust, end plate	OHT3F-009-1
1 Ea. gasket, exhaust, flange, metal	OHT3F-018-1
Manifold, lower intake	24505728
Manifold, upper intake	17096162
Meter, blowby	RX-116169-A1 REV N
Module, assembly, coil pack	1103948
Mount front engine w/ bolt pattern for coil pack	OHT3F-026-1
Mount, rear engine housing w/ air starter, muffler and shim pack	OHT3F-025-1
Assembly includes:	
Starter, air	3F025-03
Muffler, starter, air	3F025-04
Shim pack, starter, air	3F025-05
Muffler, starter, air	3F025-04
Nut, throttle body fuel rail retainer	24506469
Nut, throttle body retainer	24506469

A3. SEQUENCE IIIF DETERMINATION VOLUME OF ENGINE OIL IN PAN

A3.1 Determine the volume of engine oil in the pan from Table A3.1 or Fig. A3.1.

TABLE A3.1 Sequence IIIF Determination Volume of Engine Oil in Pan

mm on dipstick	mL total	mm on dipstick	mL total	mm on dipstick	mL total	mm on dipstick	mL total	mm on dipstick	mL total
148.0	1476	123.5	2308	99.0	3128	74.5	3961	50.0	4856
147.5	1488	123.0	2324	98.5	3145	74.0	3978	49.5	4884
147.0	1500	122.5	2340	98.0	3162	73.5	3995	49.0	4902
146.5	1518	122.0	2356	97.5	3179	73.0	4012	48.5	4920
146.0	1536	121.5	2372	97.0	3196	72.5	4029	48.0	4938
145.5	1554	121.0	2388	96.5	3213	72.0	4046	47.5	4956
145.0	1572	120.5	2404	96.0	3230	71.5	4065	47.0	4974
144.5	1590	120.0	2420	95.5	3247	71.0	4084	46.5	4992
144.0	1608	119.5	2436	95.0	3264	70.5	4103	46.0	5010
143.5	1626	119.0	2452	94.5	3281	70.0	4122	45.5	5028
143.0	1644	118.5	2468	94.0	3298	69.5	4141	45.0	5046
142.5	1662	118.0	2484	93.5	3315	69.0	4160	44.5	5064
142.0	1680	117.5	2500	93.0	3332	68.5	4179	44.0	5082
141.5	1698	117.0	2516	92.5	3349	68.0	4198	43.5	5101
141.0	1716	116.5	2533	92.0	3366	67.5	4217	43.0	5120
140.5	1734	116.0	2550	91.5	3383	67.0	4236	42.5	5139
140.0	1752	115.5	2567	91.0	3400	66.5	4255	42.0	5158
139.5	1770	115.0	2584	90.5	3417	66.0	4274	41.5	5177
139.0	1788	114.5	2601	90.0	3434	65.5	4293	41.0	5196
138.5	1806	114.0	2618	89.5	3451	65.0	4312	40.5	5215
138.0	1824	113.5	2635	89.0	3468	64.5	4331	40.0	5234
137.5	1842	113.0	2652	88.5	3485	64.0	4350	39.5	5253
137.0	1860	112.5	2669	88.0	3502	63.5	4369	39.0	5272
136.5	1878	112.0	2686	87.5	3519	63.0	4388	38.5	5291
136.0	1896	111.5	2703	87.0	3536	62.5	4407	38.0	5310
135.5	1914	111.0	2720	86.5	3553	62.0	4426	37.5	5329
135.0	1932	110.5	2737	86.0	3570	61.5	4445	37.0	5348
134.5	1950	110.0	2754	85.5	3587	61.0	4464	36.5	5367
134.0	1968	109.5	2771	85.0	3604	60.5	4483	36.0	5386
133.5	1986	109.0	2788	84.5	3621	60.0	4502	35.5	5405
133.0	2004	108.5	2805	84.0	3638	59.5	4521	35.0	5424
132.5	2020	108.0	2822	83.5	3655	59.0	4540	34.5	5443
132.0	2036	107.5	2839	83.0	3672	58.5	4559	34.0	5462
131.5	2052	107.0	2856	82.5	3689	58.0	4578	33.5	5481
131.0	2068	106.5	2873	82.0	3706	57.5	4596	33.0	5500
130.5	2084	106.0	2890	81.5	3723	57.0	4614		
130.0	2100	105.5	2907	81.0	3740	56.5	4632		
129.5	2116	105.0	2924	80.5	3757	56.0	4650		
129.0	2132	104.5	2941	80.0	3774	55.5	4668		
128.5	2148	104.0	2958	79.5	3791	55.0	4686		
128.0	2164	103.5	2975	79.0	3808	54.5	4704		
127.5	2180	103.0	2992	78.5	3825	54.0	4722		
127.0	2196	102.5	3009	78.0	3842	53.5	4740		
126.5	2212	102.0	3026	77.5	3859	53.0	4758		
126.0	2228	101.5	3043	77.0	3876	52.5	4776		
125.5	2244	101.0	3060	76.5	3893	52.0	4794		
125.0	2260	100.5	3077	76.0	3910	51.5	4812		
124.5	2276	100.0	3094	75.5	3927	51.0	4830		
124.0	2292	99.5	3111	75.0	3944	50.5	4848		

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1.2 Thermal Stability

Parameter	Specification	Actual Test Result
Tested range, min temp	Mfgr specified, °C (°F)	
Tested range, max temp	Mfgr specified, °C (°F)	
Nominal measurement value	10-20% opacity	
Measurement drift, max deviation from nominal measurement value	≤ 2% opacity/22 °C (40°F)	
Zero drift from nominal without compensation	≤ 2% opacity/22°C (40°F)	
Zero drift from nominal with compensation	≤ 2% opacity/22°C (40°F)	
Upscale drift from nominal without compensation	≤ 2% opacity/22°C (40°F)	
Upscale drift from nominal with compensation	≤ 2% opacity/22°C (40°F)	

1.3 Insensitivity to Ambient Light

Parameter	Specification	Actual Test Result
Max solar intensity	900 W/m ²	
Nominal measurement value	10-20% opacity	
Measurement drift, max deviation from nominal measurement value	≤ 2% opacity	
Drift was corrected for thermal effects, yes or no	Mfgr specified	
Zero drift from nominal without compensation	≤ 2% opacity	
Zero drift from nominal with compensation	≤ 2% opacity	
Upscale drift from nominal without compensation	≤ 2% opacity	
Upscale drift from nominal with compensation	≤ 2% opacity	

1.4 Calibration Device Availability

Parameter	Specification	Availability/Value
External zero device	Optional	
Ext zero device repeatability	≤ 1% opacity	
External filter access	To be available	

FIG. A3.1 Sequence IIIF Engine Oil Dipstick Calibration Curve

A4. SEQUENCE IIIF TEST FUEL ANALYSIS

A4.1 See Fig. A4.1 for Sequence IIIF test fuel analysis.

PRODUCT: EEF Unleaded Gasoline
PRODUCT CODE: HF003

Batch No.: 99C-9
TMO No.: _____
Tank No.: 2014
Analysis Date: 10/19/99
Shipment Date: _____

TEST	METHOD	UNITS	FED Specs		SFC SPECIFICATIONS			RESULTS
			MIN	MAX	MIN	TARGET	MAX	
Distillation - IBP	ASTM D86	*F	75	95	75		95	83
5%		*F						109
10%		*F	120	135	120		135	124
20%		*F						147
30%		*F						171
40%		*F						200
50%		*F	200	230	200		230	221
60%		*F						232
70%		*F						243
80%		*F						261
90%		*F	305	325	305		325	315
95%	*F						334	
Distillation - EP		*F		415			415	383
Recovery		vol %				Report		97.7
Residue		vol %				Report		1.0
Loss		vol %				Report		1.3
Gravity	ASTM D4052	*API	58.7	61.2	58.7		61.2	59.0
Density	ASTM D4052	kg/l			0.734		0.744	0.742
Reid Vapor Pressure	ASTM D323	psi	8.7	9.2	8.7		9.2	9.2
Reid Vapor Pressure	ASTM D5191	psi				Report		9.14
Carbon	ASTM D3343	wt fraction				Report		0.8652
Carbon	ASTM E191	wt fraction				Report		0.8613
Hydrogen	ASTM E191	wt fraction				Report		0.133
Hydrogen/Carbon ratio	ASTM E191	mole/mole				Report		1.840
Oxygen	ASTM D4815	wt %					0.05	<0.05
Sulfur	ASTM D4294	wt %		0.1			0.1	<0.015
Lead	ASTM D3237	g/gal		0.05			0.01	<0.01
Phosphorous	ASTM D3231	g/gal		0.005			0.005	<0.0008
Composition, aromatics	ASTM D1319	vol %		35.0			35.0	38.3
Composition, olefins	ASTM D1319	vol %		10.0			10.0	0.5
Composition, saturates	ASTM D1319	vol %				Report		71.2
Particulate matter	ASTM D5452	mg/l					1	0.6
Oxidation Stability	ASTM D625	minutes			240			>1000
Copper Corrosion	ASTM D130						1	1
Gum content, washed	ASTM D381	mg/100mls					5	1
Fuel Economy Numerator/C Density	ASTM E191				2401		2441	2431
C Factor	ASTM E191					Report		0.9982
Research Octane Number	ASTM D2899		93.0		96.0			98.5
Motor Octane Number	ASTM D2700					Report		89.7
Sensitivity			7.5		7.5			8.8
Net Heating Value, btu/lb	ASTM D3338	btu/lb					Report	18477
Net Heating Value, btu/lb	ASTM D240	btu/lb					Report	18457
Color	VISUAL	1.75 ptb					Report	Red

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FIG. A4.1 Sequence IIIF Test Fuel Analysis

A5. SEQUENCE IIIF TEST REPORT FORMS AND DATA DICTIONARY

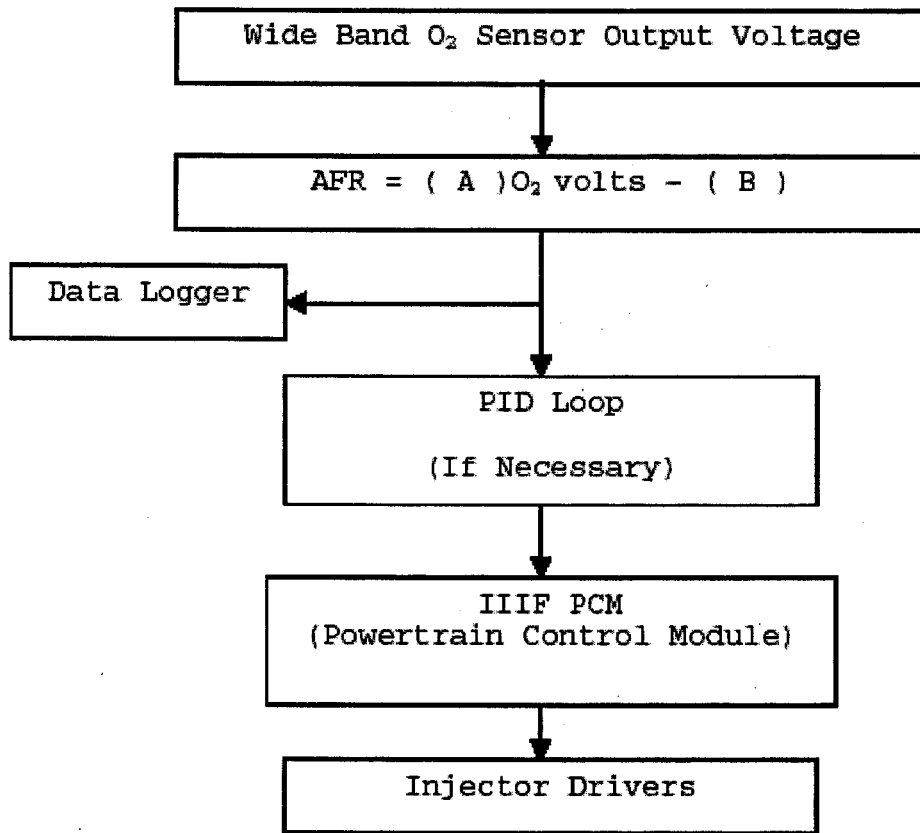
A5.1 Download the actual report forms and data dictionary separately from the ASTM Test Monitoring Center Web Page at www.astmtmc.cmu.edu; or obtain them in hardcopy format from the TMC.²

TABLE A5.1 Sequence IIIF Forms

Title / Validity Declaration Page	Form 1
Summary of Test Method	Form 3
Test Result Summary	Form 4
Operational Summary	Form 5
Viscosity and ICP Analytical Test Results	Form 6
Valve Lifter and Camshaft Wear Results	Form 7
Summary of Oil Ring Land Deposit Rating	Form 8
Summary of Weighted Piston Deposits	Form 9
Blowby Values and Plot	Form 10
Viscosity Increase Plot	Form 11
Hardware Information	Form 12
Downtime and Outlier Report Form	Form 13

A6. AIR-TO-FUEL RATIO CONTROL FLOW CHART

A6.1 See Figs. A6.1-A6.3.



NOTE—A and B derived from sensor calibration procedures and sealed to oscillating voltage from 100 mv to 900 mv input to PCM. Adjust B term as necessary during first hour of test condition to control at 15:1 air-to-fuel ratio.

FIG. A6.1 Air-to-Fuel Ratio Control Flow Chart

Composition by Weight:

 %C 86.50
 %H 13.50

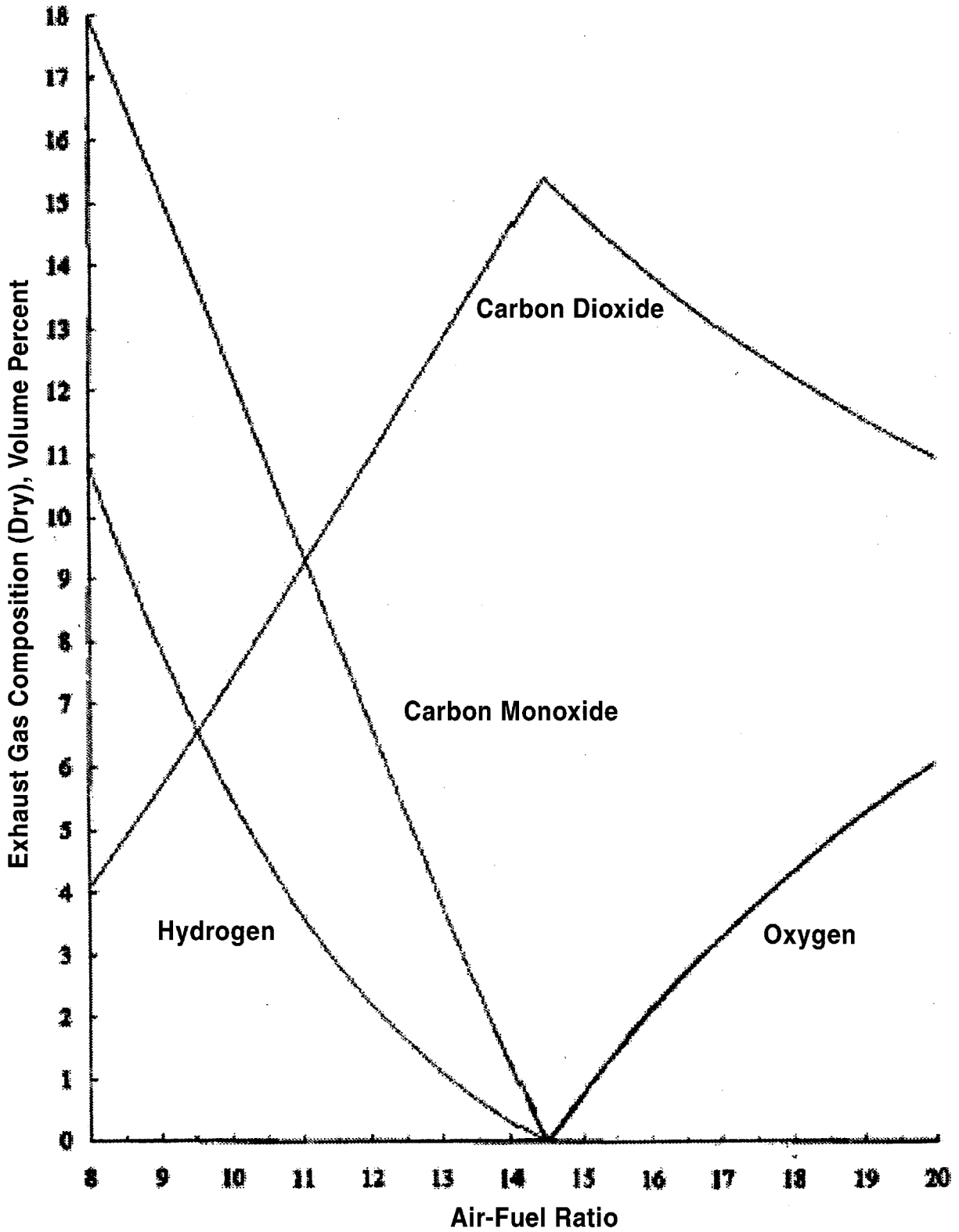
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Equivalence Ratios			Emissions by Volume (Dry)				Moisture
AFR	Lambda	Gamma	%O ₂	%N ₂	%CO	%CO ₂	%H ₂ O
7.265	0.500	2.000	0.000	13.635	19.975	2.968	7.149
7.555	0.520	1.923	0.000	12.557	19.179	3.387	7.772
7.846	0.540	1.852	0.000	11.536	18.379	3.817	8.344
8.137	0.560	1.786	0.000	10.571	17.575	4.258	8.868
8.427	0.580	1.724	0.000	9.660	16.767	4.709	9.346
8.718	0.600	1.667	0.000	8.803	15.954	5.170	9.780
9.008	0.620	1.613	0.000	7.997	15.137	5.641	10.173
9.299	0.640	1.562	0.000	7.241	14.317	6.122	10.526
9.589	0.660	1.515	0.000	6.533	13.494	6.611	10.843
9.880	0.680	1.471	0.000	5.872	12.670	7.107	11.125
10.171	0.700	1.429	0.000	5.256	11.844	7.611	11.374
10.461	0.720	1.389	0.000	4.682	11.018	8.120	11.593
10.752	0.740	1.351	0.000	4.149	10.192	8.634	11.783
11.042	0.760	1.316	0.000	3.655	9.369	9.153	11.947
11.333	0.780	1.282	0.000	3.197	8.549	9.674	12.086
11.624	0.800	1.250	0.000	2.774	7.732	10.196	12.202
11.914	0.820	1.220	0.000	2.382	6.921	10.720	12.297
12.205	0.840	1.190	0.000	2.021	6.116	11.243	12.373
12.495	0.860	1.163	0.000	1.689	5.319	11.765	12.432
12.786	0.880	1.136	0.000	1.383	4.529	12.285	12.474
13.077	0.900	1.111	0.000	1.101	3.748	12.802	12.502
13.367	0.920	1.087	0.000	0.842	2.977	13.315	12.517
13.658	0.940	1.064	0.000	0.604	2.216	13.824	12.519
13.948	0.960	1.042	0.000	0.385	1.466	14.327	12.511
14.239	0.980	1.020	0.000	0.184	0.727	14.825	12.494
14.530	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	15.317	12.467
14.820	1.020	0.980	0.439	0.000	0.000	14.996	12.238
15.111	1.040	0.962	0.861	0.000	0.000	14.688	12.017
15.401	1.060	0.943	1.265	0.000	0.000	14.392	11.803
15.692	1.080	0.926	1.653	0.000	0.000	14.108	11.597
15.982	1.100	0.909	2.027	0.000	0.000	13.835	11.398
16.273	1.120	0.893	2.386	0.000	0.000	13.572	11.206
16.564	1.140	0.877	2.732	0.000	0.000	13.320	11.021
16.854	1.160	0.862	3.065	0.000	0.000	13.076	10.841
17.145	1.180	0.847	3.386	0.000	0.000	12.841	10.667
17.435	1.200	0.833	3.696	0.000	0.000	12.614	10.498
17.726	1.220	0.820	3.995	0.000	0.000	12.396	10.335
18.017	1.240	0.806	4.284	0.000	0.000	12.185	10.177
18.307	1.260	0.794	4.563	0.000	0.000	11.980	10.024
18.598	1.280	0.781	4.833	0.000	0.000	11.783	9.875
18.888	1.300	0.769	5.094	0.000	0.000	11.592	9.730
19.179	1.320	0.758	5.347	0.000	0.000	11.407	9.590
19.470	1.340	0.746	5.592	0.000	0.000	11.228	9.453
19.760	1.360	0.735	5.830	0.000	0.000	11.054	9.321
20.051	1.380	0.725	6.060	0.000	0.000	10.886	9.192
20.341	1.400	0.714	6.283	0.000	0.000	10.723	9.067
20.632	1.420	0.704	6.500	0.000	0.000	10.564	8.945
20.923	1.440	0.694	6.710	0.000	0.000	10.410	8.826
21.213	1.460	0.685	6.915	0.000	0.000	10.261	8.710
21.504	1.480	0.676	7.113	0.000	0.000	10.116	8.598
21.794	1.500	0.667	7.306	0.000	0.000	9.975	8.488

 FIG. A6.2 Sequence IIIIF Air-to-Fuel Ratio for Specified Fuel (C H_{1.860})_x

Theoretical Exhaust Gas Relationships for Specified EEE Test Fuel



NOTE—Use corrected values for oxygen and carbon dioxide.
 FIG. A6.3 Sequence IIIF Air-to-Fuel Ratio for Specified Fuel (C₁₁H_{1.860})_x

A7. SEQUENCE IIIF TEST SET POINTS AND CONTROL STATES

A7.1 See Table A7.1 and Figs. A7.1 and A7.2.

TABLE A7.1 Sequence IIIF Operating Procedure and Specifications

Sequence IIIF On-Test Control Settings			
Test Parameter	Set Point	Units	Acronym
Engine speed	3600	rpm	SPEED
Dyno torque	250	N·m	LOAD
Temperature			
Oil filter block	150	°C	TOLFLT
Oil sump	R	°C	TOLSMP
Engine coolant out	115	°C	TCLEO
Engine coolant in	R	°C	TCLEI
Inlet air adapter	35	°C	TAIRIN
Dew point	16.1	°C	DEWPT
Breather tube coolant outlet	40	°C	TCOND
Blowby gas outlet	R	°C	TBLBY
Fuel	R	°C	TFUELIN
Ambient air	R	°C	TAMB
Right exhaust manifold coolant out	R	°C	TMMRO
Left exhaust manifold coolant out	R	°C	TMMLO
Pressure			
Oil filter inlet	R	KPa	POLFTR
Oil gallery	R	kPa	POLENG
Fuel	365	kPa	PFUEL
Inlet air adapter	0.05	kPa	PAIRIN
Intake manifold vacuum	R	kPa	PINVAC
Crankcase	R	kPa	PCC
Exhaust back pressure right	6	kPa	PEXHBR
Exhaust back pressure left	6	kPa	PEXHBL
Flow			
Engine coolant	160	L/min	FCLEO
Breather tube	10	L/min	FCOND
Exhaust manifold left	8	L/min	FMML
Exhaust manifold right	8	L/min	FMMR
AFR			
air-to-fuel ratio left	15.0:1		AFRL
air-to-fuel ratio right	15.0:1		AFRR

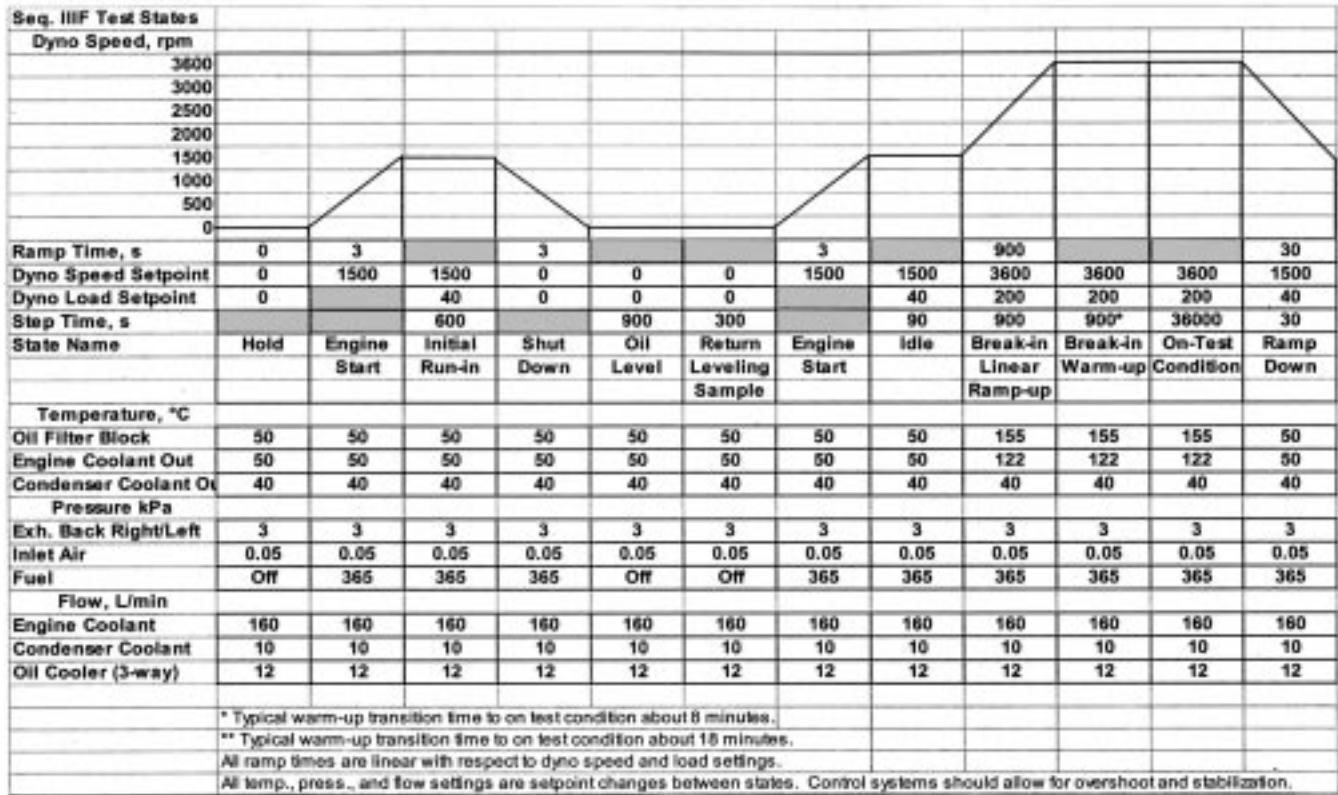


FIG. A7.1 Sequence IIIF Test States, page 1

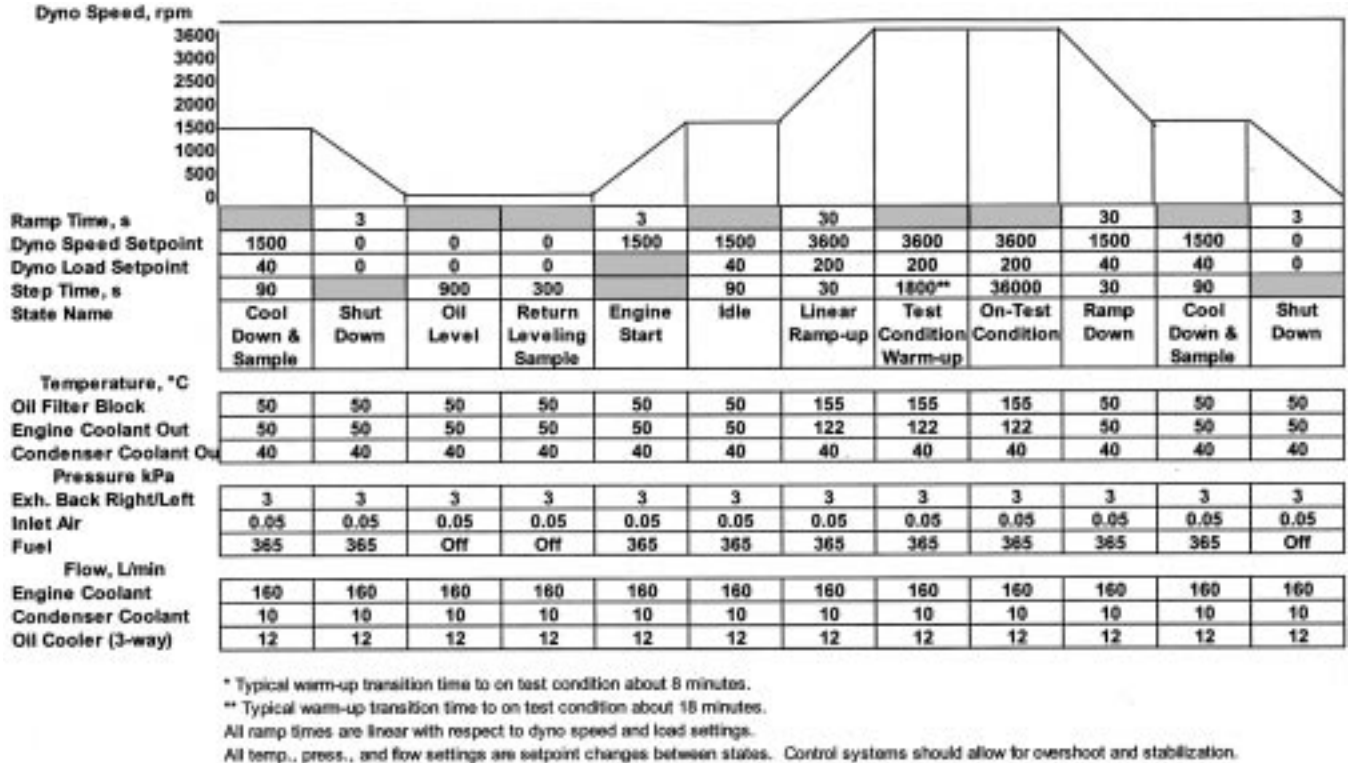


FIG. A7.2 Sequence IIIF Test States, page 2

A8. SEQUENCE IIIF QUALITY INDEX UPPER AND LOWER VALUES

A8.1 See Tables A8.1 and A8.2.

TABLE A8.1 Quality Index Upper and Lower Values

Controlled Parameters	Quality Index Upper and Lower Values	
	L	U
Speed	3595	3605
Load	199.02	200.98
Air-to-Fuel Ratio	14.87	15.13
Condenser Coolant Outlet Temperature	39.77	40.23
Engine Coolant Outlet Temperature	121.54	122.46
Oil Filter Block Temperature	154.58	155.42
Exhaust Back Pressure	5.92	6.08
Intake Air Pressure	0.041	0.059
Engine Coolant Flow	158.57	161.43

TABLE A8.2 Sequence IIIF Required Resolution for Data Acquisition

Controlled Parameters	Units	Required Resolution ^A
Speed	r/min	5.0
Load	N·m	5.1
Air-to-Fuel Ratio	--	5.2
Condenser Coolant Outlet Temperature	°C	5.1
Engine Coolant Outlet Temperature	°C	5.1
Oil Filter Block Temperature	°C	5.1
Exhaust Back Pressure	kPa	5.2
Intake Air Pressure	kPa	5.3
Condenser Coolant Flow	L/min	5.2
Engine Coolant Flow	L/min	5.1

^A Decimal point is counted in format.

NOTE—Maximum Time Response—for *controlled (QI) parameters only*

Speed-0.10s

Torque-0.60s

Coolant Flow-8.0s

Intake Air Pressure-0.75s

Exhaust Backpressure-1.20s

Temperatures-2.40s

A9. ENGINE OIL LEVEL WORK SHEET

A9.1 See Fig. A9.1.

TEST CELL	
ENGINE #	
OIL SAMPLE #	

SEQ. IIF OIL LEVEL AND CONSUMPTION

TEST #	
START DATE	

	OIL LEVEL AT END OF INITIAL RUN								EOT TOTAL
	INITIAL RUN	10	20	30	TEST h		70	80	
INITIAL FILL=6500 mL									
REMOVE 472mL PURGE SAMPLE									
REMOVE 472mL LEVELING SAMPLE									
REMOVE 236mL ANALYSIS SAMPLE									
REMOVE 55mL ANALYSIS SAMPLE									
REPLACE 472mL PURGE SAMPLE									
ADD 59mL TO REPLACE SAMPLE									Total 474 Adds
ADD 472mL NEW OIL									a
OIL LEVEL AFTER DRAIN DOWN (mL)									Total Discard
LEVELING SAMPLE ADDED (mL)									
LEVELING SAMPLE DISCARDED (mL)									b
RESULTING DIPSTICK LEVEL (mm)									
mL BELOW FULL FROM START									c
PERFORMED BY									
									-236
									TOTAL OIL CONSUMPTION

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NOTE 1—total oil consumption = 472 mL (new oil additions 10–70 h) – total sample discarded + (level at EOT – 236 mL)

NOTE 2—If the test is terminated early, follow the 80 h level checklist for final sample and leveling procedure.

FIG. A9.1 Engine Oil Level Data Sheet

A10. BLOWBY FLOW RATE DETERMINATION

A10.1 See Figs. A10.1-A10.3.

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	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
105.0	1.064	1.062	1.061	1.059	1.057	1.055	1.053	1.052	1.050	1.048	1.046	1.045	1.043	1.041	1.039	1.038
104.5	1.062	1.060	1.058	1.056	1.054	1.053	1.051	1.049	1.047	1.046	1.044	1.042	1.040	1.039	1.037	1.035
104.0	1.059	1.057	1.056	1.054	1.052	1.050	1.048	1.047	1.045	1.043	1.041	1.040	1.038	1.036	1.034	1.033
103.5	1.057	1.055	1.053	1.051	1.049	1.048	1.046	1.044	1.042	1.041	1.039	1.037	1.035	1.034	1.032	1.030
103.0	1.054	1.052	1.050	1.049	1.047	1.045	1.043	1.042	1.040	1.038	1.036	1.035	1.033	1.031	1.029	1.028
102.5	1.052	1.050	1.048	1.046	1.044	1.043	1.041	1.039	1.037	1.035	1.034	1.032	1.030	1.029	1.027	1.025
102.0	1.049	1.047	1.045	1.044	1.042	1.040	1.038	1.036	1.035	1.033	1.031	1.030	1.028	1.026	1.024	1.023
101.5	1.046	1.045	1.043	1.041	1.039	1.037	1.036	1.034	1.032	1.030	1.029	1.027	1.025	1.024	1.022	1.020
101.0	1.044	1.042	1.040	1.038	1.037	1.035	1.033	1.031	1.030	1.028	1.026	1.024	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018
100.5	1.041	1.039	1.038	1.036	1.034	1.032	1.031	1.029	1.027	1.025	1.024	1.022	1.020	1.019	1.017	1.015
100.0	1.039	1.037	1.035	1.033	1.031	1.030	1.028	1.026	1.025	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.013
99.5	1.036	1.034	1.032	1.031	1.029	1.027	1.025	1.024	1.022	1.020	1.019	1.017	1.015	1.013	1.012	1.010
99.0	1.033	1.032	1.030	1.028	1.026	1.025	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.013	1.011	1.009	1.008
98.5	1.031	1.029	1.027	1.025	1.024	1.022	1.020	1.019	1.017	1.015	1.013	1.012	1.010	1.008	1.007	1.005
98.0	1.028	1.026	1.025	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.013	1.011	1.009	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002
97.5	1.026	1.024	1.022	1.020	1.019	1.017	1.015	1.013	1.012	1.010	1.008	1.007	1.005	1.003	1.002	1.000
97.0	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.012	1.011	1.009	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002	1.001	0.999	0.997
96.5	1.020	1.019	1.017	1.015	1.013	1.012	1.010	1.008	1.006	1.005	1.003	1.001	1.000	0.998	0.996	0.995
96.0	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.012	1.011	1.009	1.007	1.006	1.004	1.002	1.000	0.999	0.997	0.995	0.994	0.992
95.5	1.015	1.013	1.011	1.010	1.008	1.006	1.005	1.003	1.001	1.000	0.998	0.996	0.994	0.993	0.991	0.990
95.0	1.012	1.011	1.009	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002	1.000	0.999	0.997	0.995	0.994	0.992	0.990	0.989	0.987
94.5	1.010	1.008	1.006	1.004	1.003	1.001	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.994	0.993	0.991	0.989	0.988	0.986	0.984
94.0	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002	1.000	0.998	0.997	0.995	0.993	0.992	0.990	0.988	0.987	0.985	0.983	0.982

FIG. A10.1 Blowby Flow Rate Correction Factor

PRESSURE, kPa	TEMPERATURE, DEGREES C														
	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
105.0	1.036	1.034	1.033	1.031	1.029	1.028	1.026	1.024	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.013
104.5	1.033	1.032	1.030	1.028	1.027	1.025	1.023	1.022	1.020	1.018	1.017	1.015	1.014	1.012	1.010
104.0	1.031	1.029	1.028	1.026	1.024	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.013	1.011	1.010	1.008
103.5	1.028	1.027	1.025	1.023	1.022	1.020	1.018	1.017	1.015	1.014	1.012	1.010	1.009	1.007	1.006
103.0	1.026	1.024	1.023	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.013	1.011	1.010	1.008	1.006	1.005	1.003
102.5	1.024	1.022	1.020	1.018	1.017	1.015	1.014	1.012	1.010	1.009	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002	1.001
102.0	1.021	1.019	1.018	1.016	1.014	1.013	1.011	1.009	1.008	1.006	1.005	1.003	1.001	1.000	0.998
101.5	1.019	1.017	1.015	1.014	1.012	1.010	1.009	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002	1.001	0.999	0.997	0.996
101.0	1.016	1.014	1.013	1.011	1.009	1.008	1.006	1.005	1.003	1.001	1.000	0.998	0.997	0.995	0.993
100.5	1.013	1.012	1.010	1.009	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002	1.000	0.999	0.997	0.996	0.994	0.992	0.991
100.0	1.011	1.009	1.008	1.006	1.004	1.003	1.001	1.000	0.998	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.992	0.990	0.988
99.5	1.008	1.007	1.005	1.003	1.002	1.000	0.999	0.997	0.995	0.994	0.992	0.991	0.989	0.988	0.986
99.0	1.006	1.004	1.003	1.001	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.991	0.990	0.988	0.987	0.985	0.984
98.5	1.003	1.002	1.000	0.998	0.997	0.995	0.994	0.992	0.990	0.989	0.987	0.986	0.984	0.983	0.981
98.0	1.001	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.994	0.993	0.991	0.989	0.988	0.986	0.985	0.983	0.982	0.980	0.979
97.5	0.998	0.997	0.995	0.993	0.992	0.990	0.989	0.987	0.985	0.984	0.982	0.981	0.979	0.978	0.976
97.0	0.996	0.994	0.992	0.991	0.989	0.988	0.986	0.984	0.983	0.981	0.980	0.978	0.977	0.975	0.974
96.5	0.993	0.991	0.990	0.988	0.987	0.985	0.983	0.982	0.980	0.979	0.977	0.976	0.974	0.973	0.971
96.0	0.991	0.989	0.987	0.986	0.984	0.982	0.981	0.979	0.978	0.976	0.975	0.973	0.972	0.970	0.968
95.5	0.988	0.986	0.985	0.983	0.982	0.980	0.978	0.977	0.975	0.974	0.972	0.971	0.969	0.967	0.966
95.0	0.985	0.984	0.982	0.981	0.979	0.977	0.976	0.974	0.973	0.971	0.970	0.968	0.966	0.965	0.963
94.5	0.983	0.981	0.980	0.978	0.976	0.975	0.973	0.972	0.970	0.969	0.967	0.965	0.964	0.962	0.961
94.0	0.980	0.979	0.977	0.975	0.974	0.972	0.971	0.969	0.968	0.966	0.964	0.963	0.961	0.960	0.958

FIG. A10.2 Blowby Flow Rate Correction Factor (continued)

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PRES-SURE, kPa	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
105.0	1.011	1.010	1.008	1.007	1.005	1.003	1.002	1.000	0.999	0.997	0.996	0.994	0.993	0.991	0.990
104.5	1.009	1.007	1.006	1.004	1.003	1.001	1.000	0.998	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.992	0.990	0.989	0.987
104.0	1.006	1.005	1.003	1.002	1.000	0.999	0.997	0.996	0.994	0.993	0.991	0.990	0.988	0.987	0.985
103.5	1.004	1.002	1.001	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.992	0.990	0.989	0.987	0.986	0.984	0.983
103.0	1.002	1.000	0.998	0.997	0.995	0.994	0.992	0.991	0.989	0.988	0.986	0.985	0.983	0.982	0.980
102.5	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.991	0.990	0.988	0.987	0.985	0.984	0.982	0.981	0.979	0.978
102.0	0.997	0.995	0.994	0.992	0.991	0.989	0.988	0.986	0.984	0.983	0.981	0.980	0.979	0.977	0.976
101.5	0.994	0.993	0.991	0.990	0.988	0.987	0.985	0.984	0.982	0.981	0.979	0.978	0.976	0.975	0.973
101.0	0.992	0.990	0.989	0.987	0.986	0.984	0.983	0.981	0.980	0.978	0.977	0.975	0.974	0.972	0.971
100.5	0.989	0.988	0.986	0.985	0.983	0.982	0.980	0.979	0.977	0.976	0.974	0.973	0.971	0.970	0.968
100.0	0.987	0.985	0.984	0.982	0.981	0.979	0.978	0.976	0.975	0.973	0.972	0.970	0.969	0.967	0.966
99.5	0.984	0.983	0.981	0.980	0.978	0.977	0.975	0.974	0.972	0.971	0.969	0.968	0.966	0.965	0.964
99.0	0.982	0.980	0.979	0.977	0.976	0.974	0.973	0.971	0.970	0.968	0.967	0.965	0.964	0.963	0.961
98.5	0.979	0.978	0.976	0.975	0.973	0.972	0.970	0.969	0.967	0.966	0.965	0.963	0.962	0.960	0.959
98.0	0.977	0.975	0.974	0.972	0.971	0.969	0.968	0.966	0.965	0.964	0.962	0.961	0.959	0.958	0.956
97.5	0.975	0.973	0.971	0.970	0.968	0.967	0.965	0.964	0.963	0.961	0.960	0.958	0.957	0.955	0.954
97.0	0.972	0.970	0.969	0.967	0.966	0.964	0.963	0.962	0.960	0.959	0.957	0.956	0.954	0.953	0.951
96.5	0.969	0.968	0.966	0.965	0.963	0.962	0.961	0.959	0.958	0.956	0.955	0.953	0.952	0.950	0.949
96.0	0.967	0.965	0.964	0.962	0.961	0.959	0.958	0.957	0.955	0.954	0.952	0.951	0.949	0.948	0.946
95.5	0.964	0.963	0.961	0.960	0.958	0.957	0.956	0.954	0.953	0.951	0.950	0.948	0.947	0.945	0.944
95.0	0.962	0.960	0.959	0.957	0.956	0.954	0.953	0.952	0.950	0.949	0.947	0.946	0.944	0.943	0.942
94.5	0.959	0.958	0.956	0.955	0.953	0.952	0.951	0.949	0.948	0.946	0.945	0.943	0.942	0.940	0.939
94.0	0.957	0.955	0.954	0.952	0.951	0.949	0.948	0.947	0.945	0.944	0.942	0.941	0.939	0.938	0.937

FIG. A10.3 Blowby Flow Rate Correction Factor (continued)

A11. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

A11.1 *General Information:*

A11.1.1 The operating of engine tests can expose personnel and facilities to a number of safety hazards. Only personnel who are thoroughly trained and experienced in engine testing should undertake the design, installation, and operations of engine test stands.

A11.1.2 Each laboratory conducting engine tests should have their test installation inspected and approved by their Safety Department. Personnel working on the engines should be provided with proper tools, be alert to common sense safety practices, and avoid contact with moving or hot engine parts. Guards should be installed around all external moving or hot parts. When engines are operating at high speeds, heavy-duty guards are required, and personnel should be cautioned against working alongside the engine and coupling shaft. Barrier protection should be provided for personnel. All fuel lines, oil lines, and electrical wiring should be properly routed, guarded, and kept in good order. Scraped knuckles, minor burns, and cuts are common occurrences, if proper safety precautions are not taken. Safety masks or glasses should always be worn by personnel working on the engines and no loose or flowing clothing, including long hair or other accessory to dress which could become entangled, should be worn near running engines.

A11.1.3 The external parts of the engines and the floor area around the engines should be kept clean and free of oil and fuel spills. In addition, all working areas should be free of tripping hazards. In case of injury, no matter how slight, first aid attention should be applied at once and the incident reported. Personnel should be alert for leaking fuel or exhaust gas. Leaking fuel represents a fire hazard and exhaust gas fumes are noxious. Containers of oil or fuel cannot be permitted to accumulate in the testing area.

A11.1.4 The test installation should be equipped with a fuel shut-off valve that is designed to automatically cut off the fuel supply to the engine when the engine is not running. A remote station for cutting off fuel from the test stand is recommended. Suitable interlocks should be provided to automatically shut-down the engine when any of the following events occur: engine loses oil pressure; dynamometer loses field current; engine overspeeds; exhaust system fails; room ventilation fails; or the fire protection system is activated.

A11.1.5 Consider an excessive vibration pickup interlock if equipment operates unattended. Fixed fire protection equipment should be provided.

A11.1.6 Normal precautions should be observed whenever using flammable solvents for cleaning purposes. Make sure adequate fire fighting equipment is immediately accessible.

A12. SEQUENCE IIIIF BLUEPRINT LISTING

A12.1 See Table A12.1 for the blueprint list.

**TABLE A12.1 Blueprint List
(Available from the TMC)²**

Print Number	Description
RX-116924-C	flushing tank
RX-117230-E	flushing tank system piping layout
RX-117231-C	flushing tank schematic
RX-117350-D	coolant mixing tank
RX-116169-A1, revision N	flow meter (multiple orifice) blowby
RX-118602-B	ring depth gage
BX-310-2	valve spring load measurement apparatus
RX-117431-C	blowby gas surge tank
RX-117294-A	bushing, blowby adapter
RX-118137-C	water in and out coolant flushing tank—evertite
RX-118613-C	oil filter adapter
RX-118457-B	oil filter adapter fitting

NOTE—The list is available from the TMC.

APPENDIX
(Nonmandatory Information)
X1. SEQUENCE IIIFHD TEST PROCEDURE
X1.1 Overview:

X1.1.1 The Sequence IIIFHD test was developed to replace the viscosity increase portion of the Sequence IIIE test (Test Method D 5533). The Sequence IIIFHD test consists of examining the percent viscosity increase data obtained at 60 h, rather than the normal 80 h for a Sequence IIIF test. No parts ratings or measurements are required in the Sequence IIIFHD test. A separate Sequence IIIFHD report form set is available from the TMC for reporting Sequence IIIFHD test results. The Sequence IIIF report form set shall not be used to report Sequence IIIFHD test results.

X1.2 *Preparation of Apparatus*—Prepare the Sequence IIIFHD test engine in the same manner as a Sequence IIIF test engine. No special preparations are required or permitted on test engines for Sequence IIIFHD use.

X1.3 Calibration:

X1.3.1 There is no stand-alone calibration system for the Sequence IIIFHD test. Any stand that is considered calibrated for Sequence IIIF testing shall be considered calibrated for Sequence IIIFHD testing.

X1.3.2 No special calibration of stand instrumentation is required for Sequence IIIFHD testing.

X1.3.3 SA for percent viscosity increase at 60 h shall be calculated for all normal Sequence IIIF reference oil tests and shall be applied in the same manner as SA in the Sequence IIIF test.

X1.3.4 A Sequence IIIFHD test counts as one run against the Sequence IIIF stand calibration period for the stand on which it is run. A test run as a combined Sequence IIIF/Sequence IIIFHD test counts as only one run against the stand calibration period for the stand on which it is run.

X1.4 *Test Procedure*—Conduct the Sequence IIIFHD test in either the Stand-alone (X1.4.1) or Combined Sequence (X1.4.2):

X1.4.1 *Stand-alone Sequence IIIFHD Test*—If only a Sequence IIIFHD test result is needed, conduct the test in the

normal manner as listed in this test method until the test reaches the 60-h point. When the 60-h point is reached, terminate the test according to the procedure listed in 11.16. The 79-h NO_x reading listed in 11.12 is not required. The blowby readings listed in 11.11 for test-hours 61, 66, 71, 76, and 79 are also not required. The MRV and CCS measurements listed in 11.6 are not required for a Sequence IIIFHD test. Analyze the used oil samples for viscosity increase according to 11.7. ICP analysis results for the 70-h and 80-h samples are not required; all other ICP Analyses shall be performed and reported according to 11.8. No other ratings or measurements are required.

X1.4.2 *Combined Sequence IIIF/Sequence IIIFHD Test*—If both Sequence IIIF and Sequence IIIFHD test results are desired on a non-reference oil, conduct the test in the normal manner as listed in this test method, including all ratings, measurements, and used oil analyses. Once completed, report the percent viscosity increase results at 60h as the Sequence IIIFHD results and report the Sequence IIIF results in the normal manner.

X1.5 *Quality Index*—Calculate the quality index results for Sequence IIIFHD test results, based upon a test length of 60 h, rather than 80 h for a normal Sequence IIIF test. Consider only operational data for the first 60 h (in the case of combined Sequence IIIF/Sequence IIIFHD tests) Sequence IIIFHD quality index calculations.

X1.6 *Test Reporting*—Report Sequence IIIFHD tests using the standard report form set, available from the TMC.

X1.7 Precision and Bias:

X1.7.1 Test precision is established based on reference oil test results (for operationally valid tests) monitored by the TMC. The Sequence IIIF Surveillance Panel reviews the data semiannually; contact the TMC for current industry data.

X1.7.2 Bias is determined by applying an accepted statistical technique to reference-oil test results. When a significant bias is determined, an SA is permitted for non-reference oil test results.

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