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The X-series Rotary Diesel Engine

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Agenda





- Introduction
- Engine Benefits
 - Efficiency / Thermodynamic Cycle
 - Noise
 - Size and Weight
- X1 / X2 Engine Architecture



LiquidPiston Objectives



 LiquidPiston is developing an improved thermodynamics cycle, fundamentally changing the operation of the combustion engine.



LiquidPiston Introduction



- VC-backed startup company incubated at MIT;
- Disruptive technology, poised to commercialize a decade of R&D
- IP / Licensing model.
- Targeting sub-100 HP markets initially
- Prototype engine available Q1 2013 for partner testing



50% Thermal Efficiency engines



"If technology could be applied to all US Truck and Auto engines, oil consumption could be reduced by 1/3 = oil imports from Persian Gulf



Wartsila-Sulzer RTA96-C turbocharged two-stroke diesel is the most powerful and efficient prime-mover in the world. Bore 38", 1820 L, 7780 HP/Cyl at 102 RPM

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/pdfs/deer_2009/session1/deer09_reitz.pdf , Slide # 28

Benefits of Constant Volume Combustion



Illustration of burn duration penalty



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HEHC Thermodynamic Cycle

- Patent-pending "High Efficiency Hybrid Cycle" (HEHC)
- Thermodynamics optimized for fuel efficiency
- Efficiency proportional to area within P-V curve



HEHC combines best features of multiple existing cycles:

- High air compression ratio (Diesel)
- Constant volume combustion (Otto)
- Over-expansion to atmospheric pressure (Atkinson)
- Internal cooling with air or water (Rankine)



The Innovation: HEHC[™] Engine





A new engine architecture on a new learning curve

Ability to achieve dramatic efficiency gains with far less investment



Sources of noise in Diesel engines:

- 1. Combustion: rapid pressure change
- 2. Valves opening and closing
- 3. High pressure exhaust is turbulent;
 - Release to atmosphere is noisy,
 - requires muffler
- 4. Piston slap

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NVH: Vibration is minimal – engine is purely balanced

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Unparalleled Power Density





X1 primary components





Not a Wankel







Wankel Engine

- Low Compression ratio
- No constant-volume combustion
- No over-expansion

LPI X1 Engine

- High Compression ratio
- Constant-volume combustion
- Over-expansion

Intake / exhaust





X1 Operation: 0 Degrees (shaft rotation)



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Intake





























































Status: X1 Engine on Dyno, firing





70 HP X1 engine prototype on Dyno



Status



- Alpha (X1) prototype is undergoing testing in-house
- Beta (X2) prototype engine available Q1 2013
 - 40 HP
 - 35% efficiency (better than today's 40-HP Diesel's)
 - Sufficient durability for testing
 - Clear path to competitive advantage: 10x reduction in size and weight, low noise, low vibration, simple to assemble, etc.
- Seeking strategic partners to test the engine in their applications
- LPI expects to raise additional financing in Q1 2013
 - Measure and address concerns with emissions and durability
 - Pre-production prototype for EPA certification by Q4 2014

Long-Term Potential Benefits



- 50% part-load efficiency (3x higher efficiency)
 - 1/3 fuel, or 3x range
- 2 HP / Lbs (10x higher than Diesel)
 - Additional fuel savings and payload increases for mobile applications
- Multi-fuel capability
- NVH quiet and vibration free
- Simple assembly few parts to maintain
- Cooling with internal air charge; no external cooling systems, no muffler

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