# Chain Cam Drive Efficiency Optimization and Comparison to Belt Drives

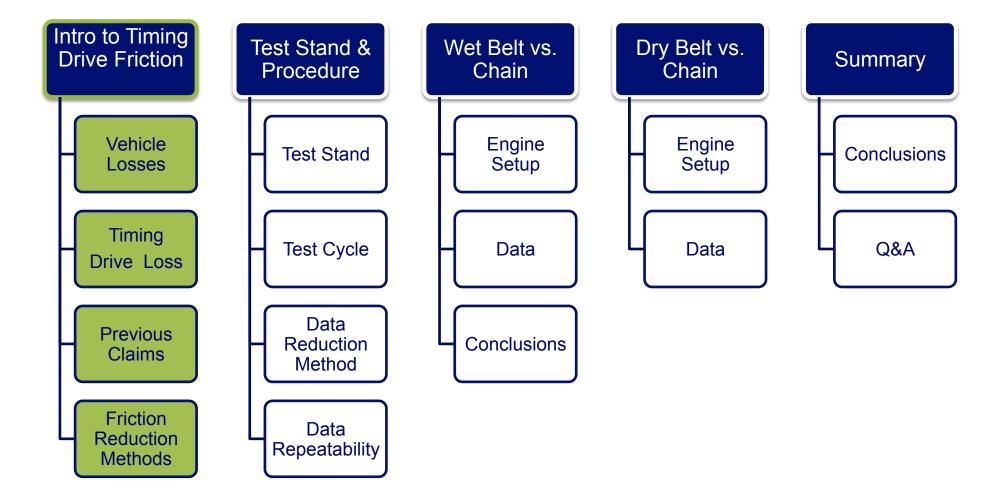


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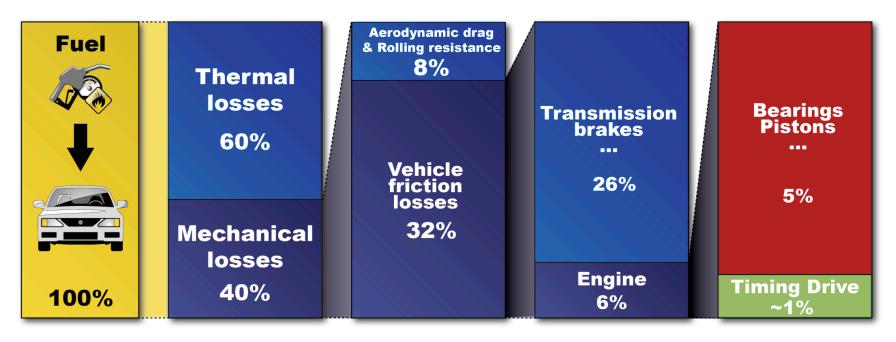




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# System Friction - Background



-1%

of vehicle total loss

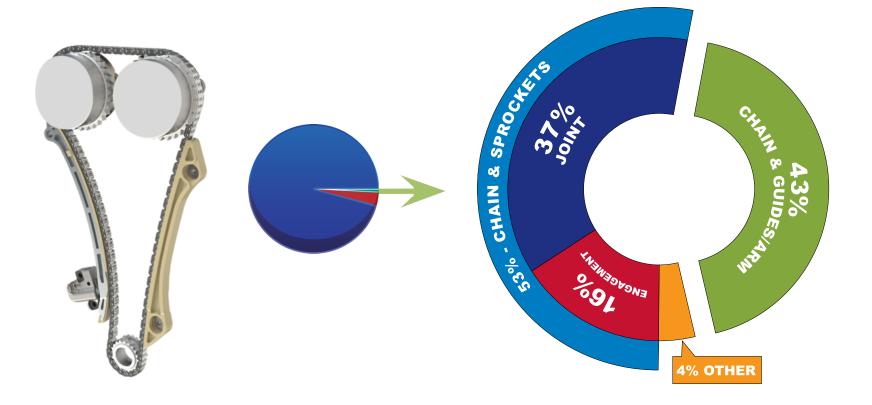
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Breakdown of the Timing System Losses

# **Chain Drive Losses**



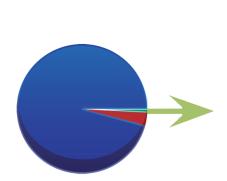




# Breakdown of the Timing System Losses

# **Belt Drive Losses**





- Belt Tooth Compression
- Cam Seals
- Stretching of belt fibers
- Wrapping / Engagement / Sliding losses
- Pumping losses (oil/air out of tooth)
- Tensioner / Idler bearing and friction surface losses

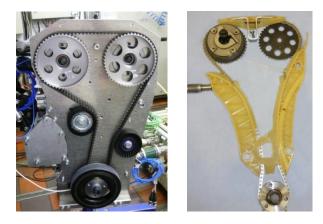




# Previous Claims vs. BW Study

### Previous Claims:

- Significant belt efficiency benefit in some publications
- Other publications indicate efficiency benefit from chains



### **BW Study:**

- Reports torque to turn measured at crank
- Fuel economy not included due to calculation assumptions required





# Strategies for timing drive system optimization

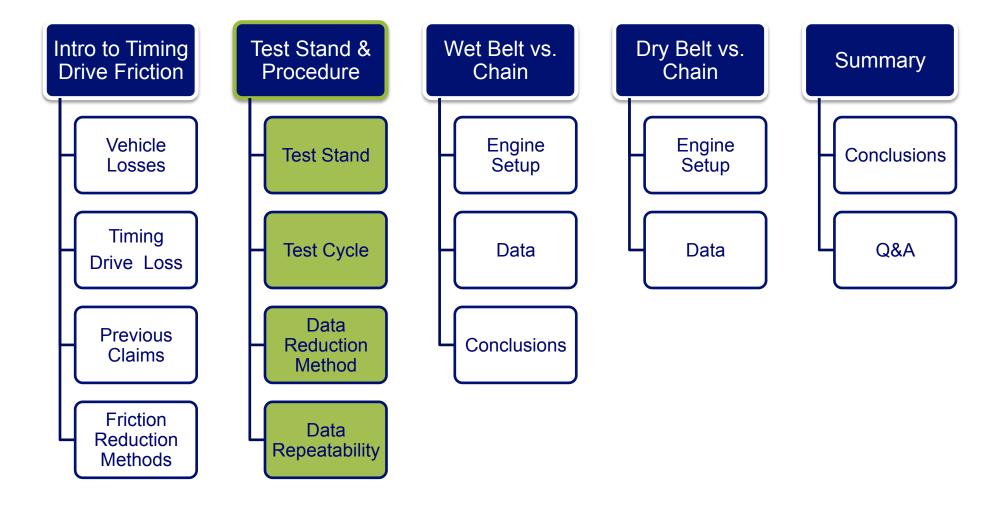
- Layout Geometry
- Tensioner Tuning
- Chain Internal Friction
- Face Material









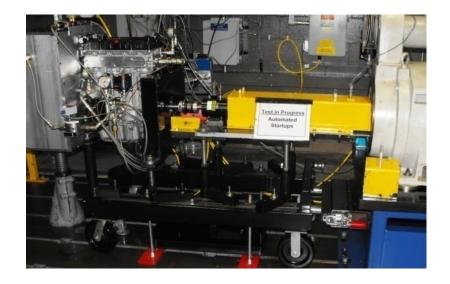


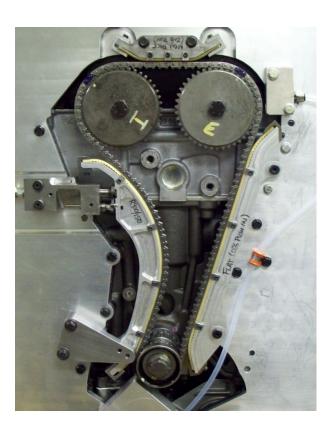
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# Motored Engine Friction Test Stand

- The Motored Engine Friction Test Stand is designed to measure friction of the entire timing system
  - A motored engine is a non-firing engine powered by an electric motor
  - Chain tensions are induced by the camshaft torques and tensioner dynamics









# Motored Engine Friction Test Stand [4/6]

# **Controlled Test Stand Inputs**

shaft speed	500~5000rpm
oil type	5W-20
oil flow rate	1.0 L/min
Oil pressure	0-700 kPa
oil temperature	93 <i>°</i> C ± 2°C

# **Test Stand Outputs**

- 1 chain tension
- 2 torque
- 3 speed
- 4 *temperature in engine*

- Torque meter accuracy of ± 0.037 Nm
- Unmanned automated test operation





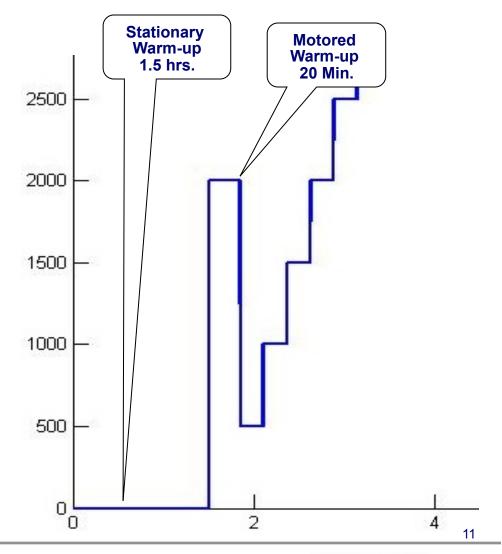




# Motored Engine Friction Test Cycle [1/3]

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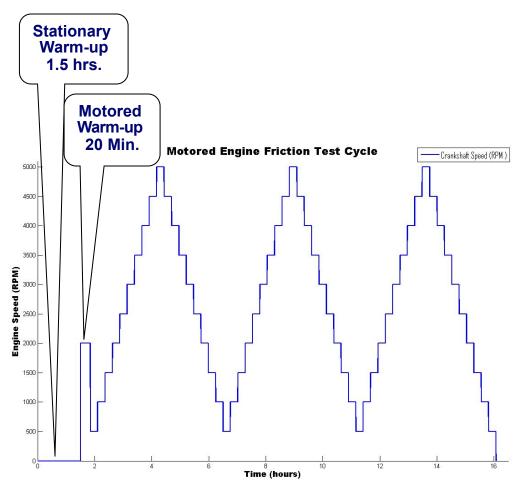
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# Motored Engine Friction Test Cycle [2/3]

- Test cycle consists of 3 parts
  - Test stand warm-up runs for 1.5 hrs. prior to starting friction test cycles
  - Engine warm-up motors stand at 2000 RPM to stabilize engine temperatures
  - Test cycle consists of 3 cycles to monitor and stabilize timing drive and engine friction

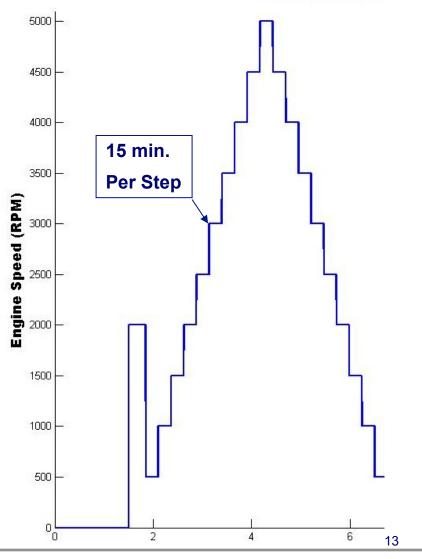






# Motored Engine Friction Test Cycle [3/3]

- Test cycle consists of 3 parts
  - Test stand warm-up runs for 1.5 hrs. prior to starting friction test cycles
  - Engine warm-up motors stand at 2000 RPM to stabilize engine temperatures
  - Test cycle consists of 3 cycles to monitor and stabilize timing drive and engine friction
- Each test cycle measures friction at 10 different speeds.
  - Each speed is run 15 min. to stabilize friction
  - Each speed is measured 3 times while speed is ramped up and 3 times while speed is ramped down.

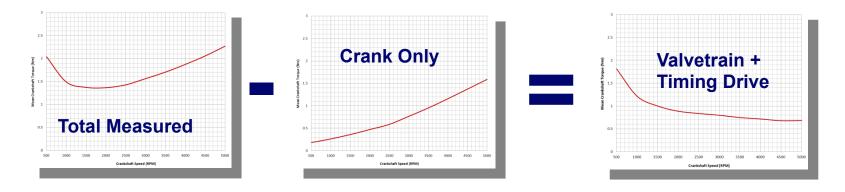




# Torque-To-Turn Measurement Methodology

# Strip Method:

- Chain or Belt drive assembled
- Measure torque at crank to spin engine
- Chain or Belt is removed
- Measure torque to spin crank only
- Subtract crank torque from total engine torque
- Resultant torque is timing drive & valvetrain torque

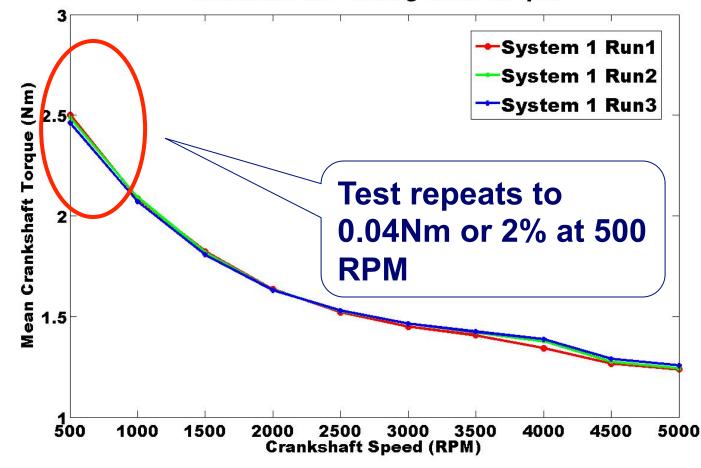






# Motored Engine Friction Data [1/3]

Example of Motored Engine Friction Repeatability



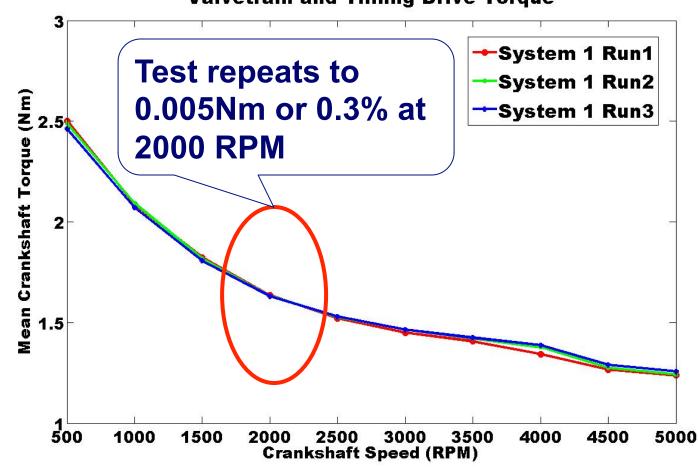
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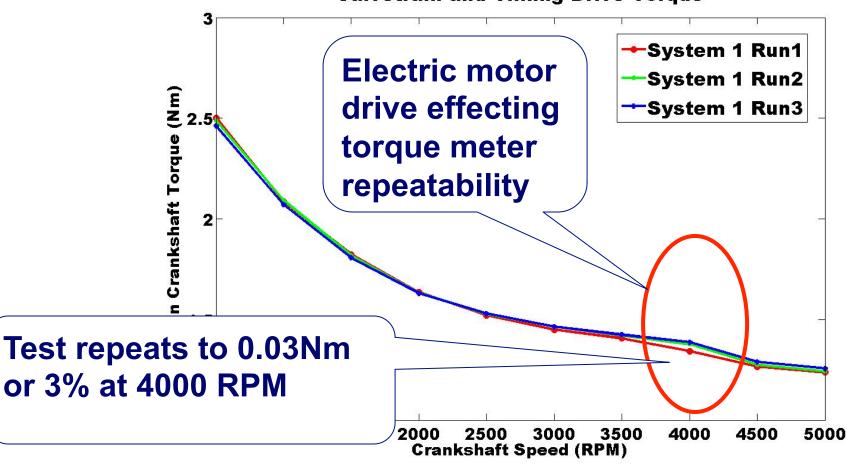
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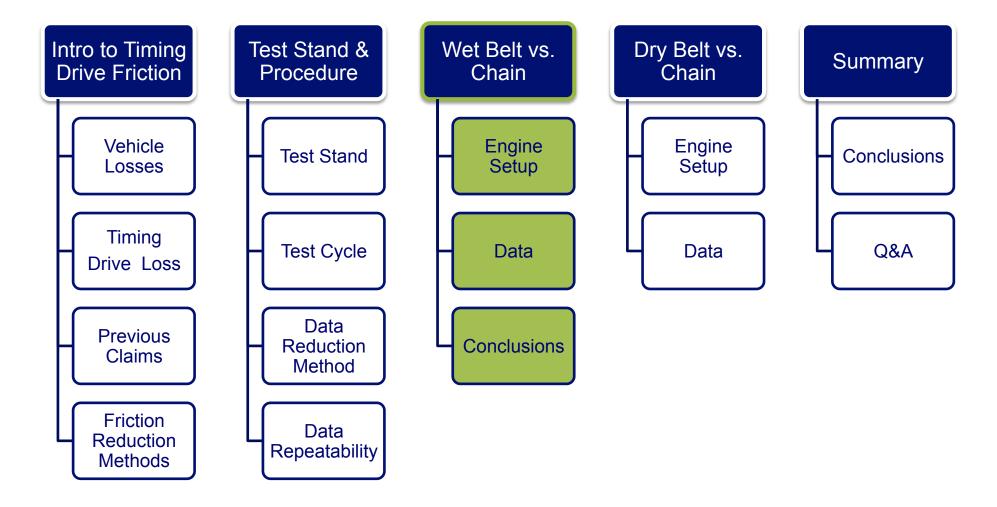
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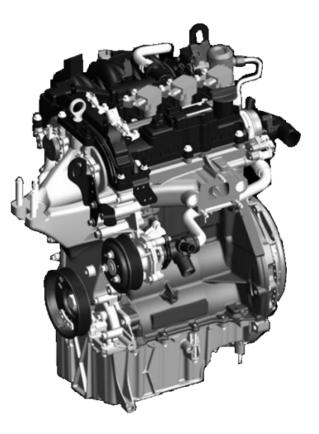
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# Test Set up – 1.0L I3 BIO Drive

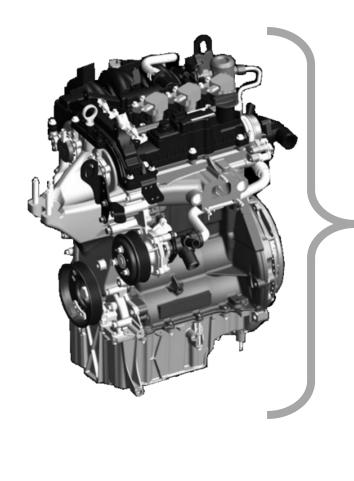
# **Engine Configuration:**

- SOP 2012 1.0L I3 engine
- Plate mounted to the front of the engine block
- Crank seals removed
- Crank balanced
- Con rods removed
- Pistons fixed
- Intake and exhaust blocked
- FIP removed





# Test Set up – 1.0L I3 BIO Drive





# **Chain Drive**

- BW 8mm Pitch IT Chain
- 12.7mm Hydraulic Tensioner
- Machined crank sprocket
- Machined cam sprockets (inertia matched to VCTs)



OR

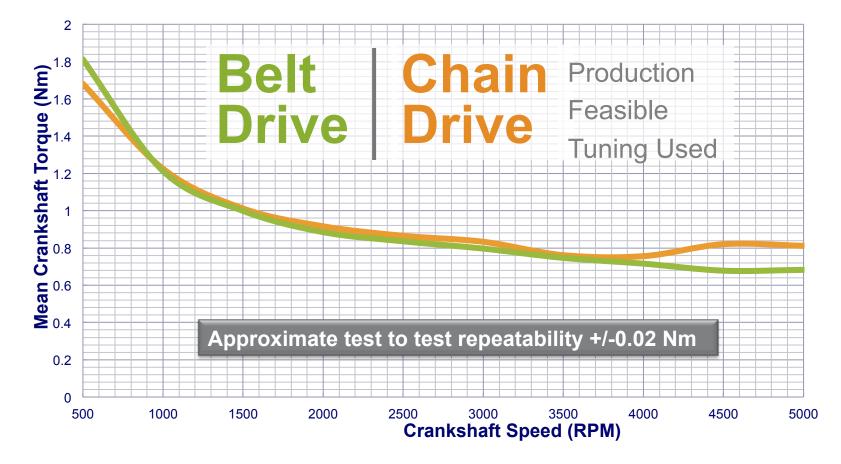
# **Belt Drive**

- VCT locked and electrically disconnected
- OEM Belt, VCT, Tensioner, and crank pulley



# 1.0L I3 Chain vs. BIO Results

### Timing Drive Valve Train Torque (Nm) (Crankshaft Torque Subtracted)







# **Efficiency Considerations**

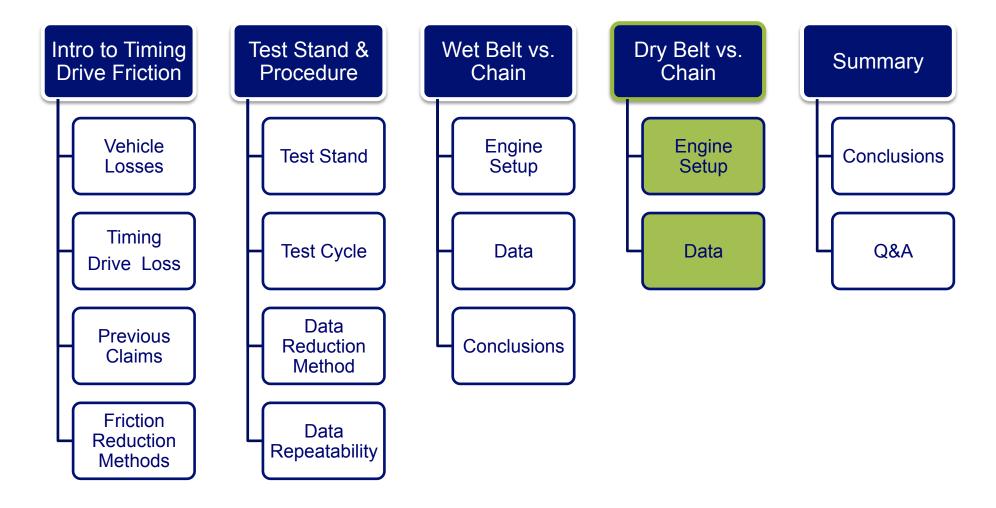
- Systems as shown have the same efficiency
- Chain system already contains the necessary elements to adapt to additional engine variants.
- Belt system What is impact on efficiency of specific application requirements?
  - Increased belt width due to higher tensions on new variant?
  - Additional tight strand guide or snubber required for other variant
  - Belt Tensioner- Increased preload due to higher amplitude inputs, to maintain dynamic stability?











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# Test Set up – 1.6L I4 Dry Belt Drive

# **Engine Configuration:**

- 1.6L I4 Existing production dry belt timing drive
- Plate mounted to the front of the engine block
- Crank seals removed
- Crank balanced
- Con rods removed
- Pistons fixed
- Intake and exhaust blocked
- FIP removed







# Test Set up – 1.6L I4 Dry Belt Drive





# **Chain Drive**

- BW 6.35mm Pitch IT Chain
- 12.7mm Hydraulic Tensioner
- Machined Crank Sprocket
- Machined Cam Sprockets (inertia matched to VCTs)



OR

# **Belt Drive**

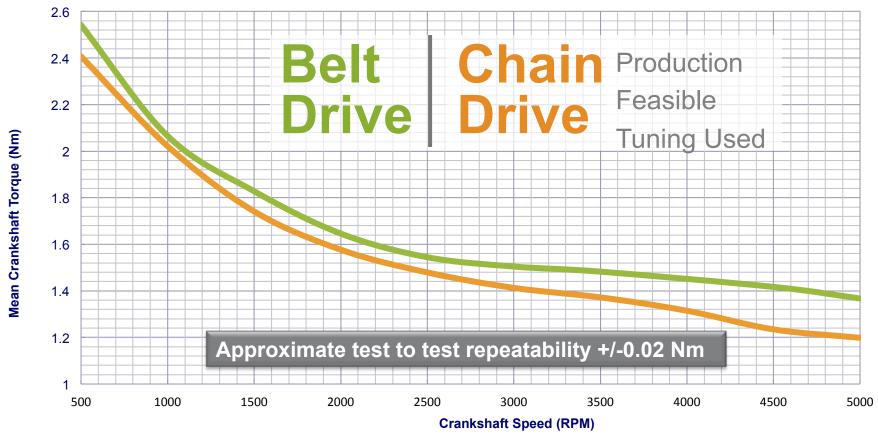
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- VCT locked and electrically disconnected



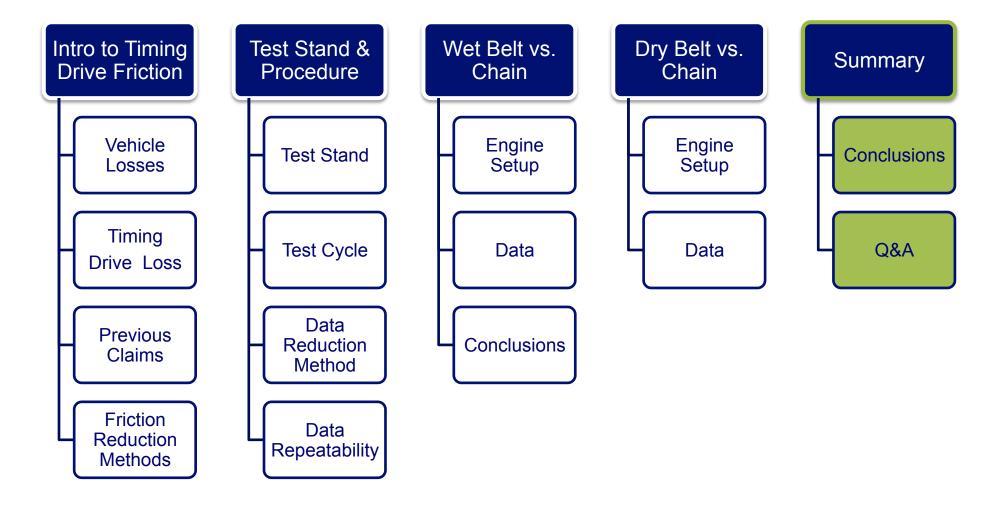


# 1.6L I4 Chain vs. Dry Belt Results [1/2]

### BW TR16809A Crankshaft Speed (rpm) vs. Timing Drive and Valvetrain Drag Torque (Nm) (Crankshaft Torque Subtracted)







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# Conclusions

1) When both chain and belt drives are optimized they have similar efficiency

2) Timing drive design decisions should be made considering all design criteria.



### **Belt in Oil Drive**



**Chain Drive** 





# Conclusions

# Chains are often the best solution for timing drives due to:

- Minimized Package
- Optimized Efficiency
- Robustness Against Dynamic Instability
- Proven Long Term Field Durability
- Proven Adaptability Across Multiple Variants







# Any Questions?











