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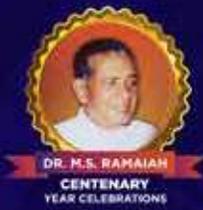
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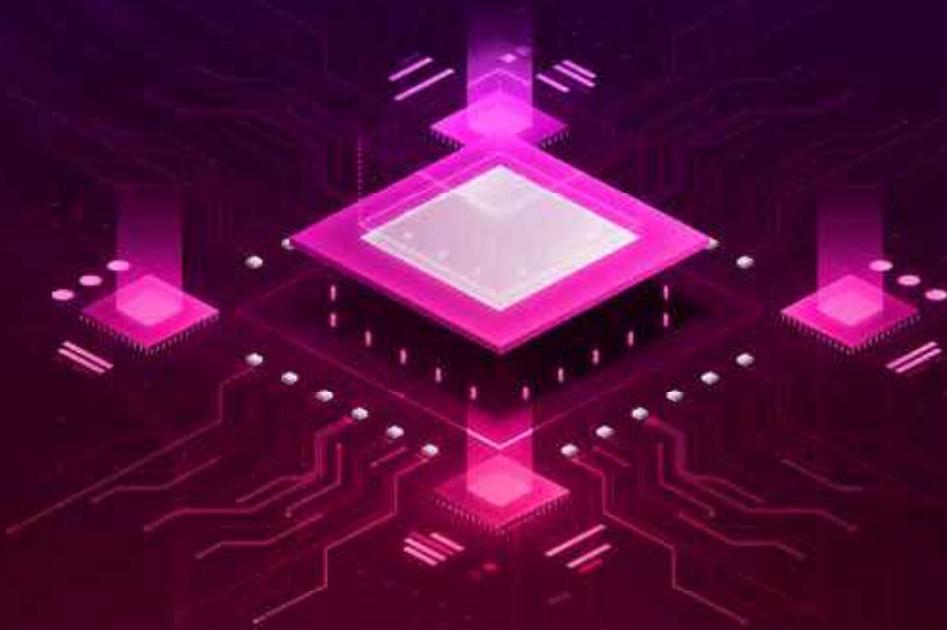




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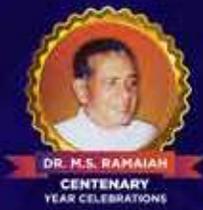
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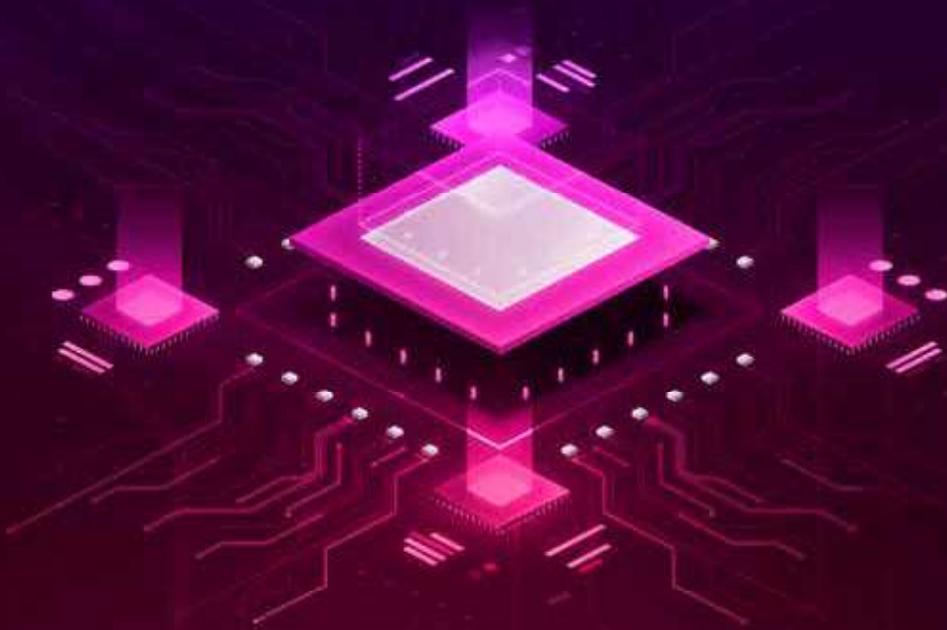
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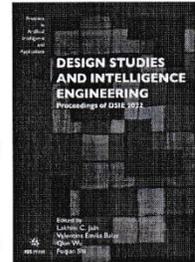
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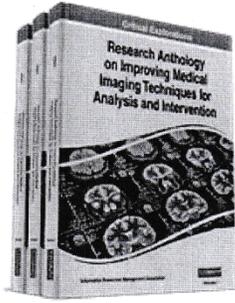
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Cinema is the major source of entertainment for people all over the world. Movie piracy is the act of unauthorized acquisition of copyrighted content without the authorization of film makers. This is a new epidemic that is economically impacting the film industry on a global level. According to a survey [1-5], pirated movies gain around 230 billion views every year. It was also reported that Indian media lost about US\$2.8 billion to piracy. As per the study conducted by the US-India Business Council (USIBC), the Indian film industry experiences a loss of 11% in employment due to piracy. It also influences content creation by discouraging filmmakers, directors, and producers from making sequels and remakes. Consequently, national government and entertainment firms have come up with effective strategies and tools to combat piracy. The Indian government implemented the Cinematograph Act in the year 2019 that declares piracy as a crime and penalizes pirates with three years of imprisonment and with a fine of 10 lakh rupees.

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EMISSION REDUCTION OF DIESEL ENGINE BY USING COMBINATION OF AFTERTREATMENT DEVICES

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Abstract: Engine manufactures efforts to meet more and more stringent standards is done by adopting aftertreatment devices. Many aftertreatment devices viz; Diesel particulate filter (DPF), Diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC), Selective Catalytic reduction (SCR), NOx traps etc., induce significant gain in emissions reduction were tried. In this study, three post treatment devices viz; diesel particulate filter, diesel oxidation catalyst and new catalytic converter were fixed at exhaust pipe of engine. Experiments were conducted on a diesel engine adopted with these aftertreatment devices individually and also combined. All tests were conducted at different loads viz. 4 kg and 6 kg load. At 6 kg loads, the thermal efficiency of engine is found to be 21.45%. Overall comparison of all the results, the least emission level was recorded when engine is operated at sixty percent full load with combined DPF, DOC and new catalytic converter; with emissions values were HC 40 ppm, CO 0.1 %, and NO 332 ppm.

Keywords: Compression Ignition engine, Catalytic Converter, Diesel Engine Exhaust.

1. INTRODUCTION

The capability to operate with leaner air fuel ratio and utilization of higher compression ratio are the two integral determinants that validates the immense thermal efficiency and substantial specific power output of the CI engines concurrent with fuel economy that publicizes their deployment as most proficient prime movers in the areas of farming, industries and transportation across the globe. In contrast, diesel engines are the leading benefactor of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions erupted due to cumulative premixed flame combustion and diffusion flame combustion that ruins the health of an individual. In spite of an injection of water and hydrogen peroxide and Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) in to combustion chamber of a CI engine are the renowned approaches of mitigating the in-cylinder formation of NOx and particulate emission, EGR and water injection routines exceptionally cut down NOx and no sizable betterment in the attenuation of PM could be perceived; while, conflicting sequel is derived with an injection of hydrogen peroxide. Refinements in the engine geometry and revisals of diesel fuel with an addition of oxygenating agents such as biofuels to enhance the cetane number and fuel volatility are the supplementary means that setback to concurrently downsize the in-cylinder formation of NOx and PM. The use of after treatment devices such as Diesel particulate filter (DPF), Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), Diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC), NOx traps etc., are the post combustion techniques adopted to reduce the tailpipe emission of NOx and PM.

Although, the usage of water-in-diesel emulsions for diesel engine applications exhibited optimistic consequences, showed trade-off in terms of efficiency and NOx emissions. The blends of diesel-biodiesel 80:20 by volume have shown favourable sequels in terms of engine emissions and performance parameters. The outcome of the experimentation with a fuel composed of blend of Diesel-Neem biodiesel (80:20) supplemented with 5% water (by volume) and 1% surfactant (by volume) along with 0.5% Di-tertiary butyl peroxide (by volume) unveiled the improved performance with diminished specific energy consumption and attenuated NOx emission of 45% and 29% compared to that of diesel-biodiesel blend and

diesel fuel respectively [1]. The exertion of DPF instigated in the diminishment of soot by 40% was noticed at full loading conditions [2]. The experimentation with the utilization of low-cost catalyst composed of silica, alumina and activated charcoal on single cylinder engine under full loading conditions ascertained that emission of NO_x shortened by 21% in contrary to the engine operation with catalyst of noble metals [3]. The demonstration on diesel engine fuelled with the blends of diesel-biodiesel with electrochemically activated cells composed of CuO–YSZ electrolyte and CuO–YSZ electrolyte with BaO coating has concluded the considerable NO_x adulteration with coincidental decrement of emissions of HC and PM [4]. The engine ran with blend of 40% biodiesel extracted from chicken skin-diesel incorporated with copper doped zeolite coated catalyst at 4.3 kW load have shown explored the slashed emissions of HC, CO, NO_x and smoke 9.71%, 5.32%, 11.3%, and 34.9% analogous to the catalysts available commercially [5]. The exploitation of urea -water SCR system with an engine operated with a blend of 25% madhuca indica bio-diesel -diesel blend shown-off declined emissions of HC and NO_x by 5.8% and 1.2% in contrast to base diesel fuel [6]. Exertion of nanoparticles in the biodiesel-diesel blends results in better atomization of the fuel, reduced ignition delay and hence accelerates the combustion and inevitably decline the particulate emission. The deployment of Al₂O₃ nanoparticles 25-100 ppm in steps of 25 ppm with 20% microalgae biodiesel-80% diesel blend has shown positive impact on the thermal efficiency and considerable decrement in the NO_x emission with 50 ppm of Al₂O₃ nanoparticles in the blend compared to the biodiesel-diesel blend [7]. Addition of 25 ppm zirconium oxide (Zr₂O₃) nano additives in B20 spirulina microalgae biodiesel blend (20% spirulina microalgae biodiesel + 80% diesel fuel) revealed that inhabitation of Zr₂O₃ nano additives in B20 blend effectuated in lowering BSEC by 4.9%, elevated BTE by 7.9% and adulterated NO_x emissions by 9.4%. [8]. The adoption of multiwalled carbon nano-tubes in the mass fraction of 25 ppm palm methyl ester/ jatropha methyl ester on the diesel engine exhibited a considerable betterment in performance and minute attenuation in terms of emissions [9]. The trials on the diesel engine with the nanoparticles unveiled the substantial decline in the emissions of NO_x and CO compared to that with the base diesel operation alone [10].

2. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

Fabrication of New Catalytic Converter

Catalytic converter consisted of platinum, palladium and rhodium metals with the composition of 3:1:1. Platinum was dissolved in the solution of hexa hydrated aluminium chloride (AlCl₃.6H₂O). The prepared solution was washed, coated to the ceramic substrate which is honeycomb structure. Two-dimensional design and three-dimensional model of catalytic converter is shown in figure 1 and 2 respectively. The photograph of cutting process and welding of catalytic converter during the fabrication is shown in figure 3 and 4 respectively.

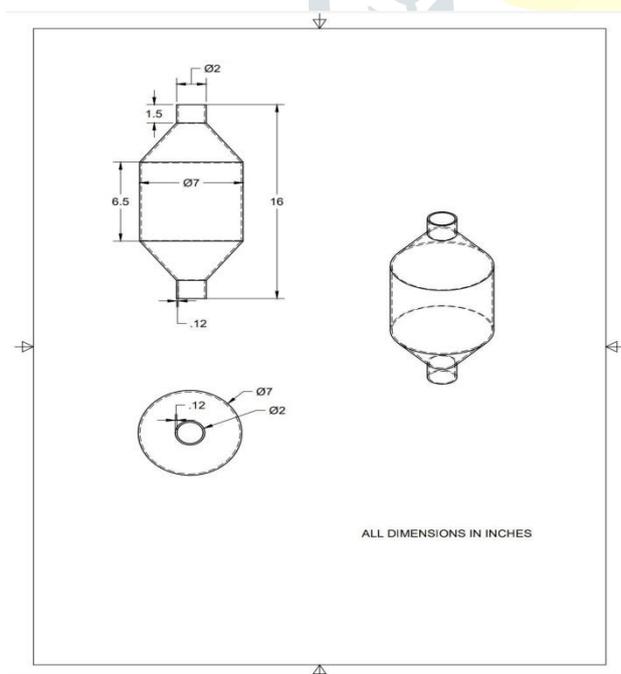


Figure 1 Two-dimensional design of Catalytic Converter



Figure 2 Three-dimensional design of Catalytic Converter

**Figure 3** Cutting of sheet metal**Figure 4** Welding of New Catalytic Converter

Experiments were conducted on a diesel engine having three aftertreatment devices. The engine specifications are shown in the table 1. All tests were conducted at different loads like, zero, sixty percent and eighty percent full load. The engine speed was maintained at 1500 rpm. After every load, the engine was allowed to attain steady state for 15 minutes. The specification of DPF, DOC and Catalytic Converter is given in table 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Figure 5 shows the Diesel Engine used for the test runs. The three aftertreatment devices are shown in Figure 6, 7 and 8 respectively. The photograph of Diesel engine's exhaust having DPF,DOC and Catalytic converter and Diesel engine's exhaust having Catalytic converter only shown in figure nine and ten respectively.

**Figure 5.**Diesel engine test rig

Table 1 Specification of the compression ignition (CI) engine

Type of Ignition	CI
No of Cylinders	1
Rated Power	3.68K W
Rated Speed	1500RPM
Bore × Stroke	80mm × 110mm
Compression ratio	18:1



Figure 6 Diesel Particulate Filters

Table 2 Specifications of Diesel Particulate Filter

DPF core	150mmX150mm
Volume	2Liter
Cell Density	100cpsi
Material	Cordiente
Chemical Composition	Al ₂ O ₃ 35.2±1.5 %
	SiO ₂ 50.9±1.5 %
	MgO13.9±1.5 %
Compressive Strength	=10Mpa
Porosity	=45 %
Maximum Use Temperature	=1200 °C
The average of pore diameter	7-10 μm
Can thickness	1.2 mm
Total Length	400 mm
PGM	15 g/ft Pt/Pd=3/1
PGM loading	15 gm/ft ³

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Figure 7 Diesel Oxidation Catalyst



Figure 8 Catalytic Converter

Table 3 Specifications of Catalytic Converter

Cell Density	500 cpsi
Material	Mild Steel
Total Length	375 mm
Ceramic Substrate	Honey Comb Structure



Figure 9 Diesel engine exhaust having DPF,DOC and Catalytic converter



Figure 10 Diesel engine exhaust having Catalytic converter only

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Experimentations were carried out on a CI engine with diesel fuel and speed is maintained at 1500 rpm. The IP is 205 bar, IT is 23° BTDC, having HCC and three hole injector; each hole being 0.3 mm diameter as specified by manufacturer were adopted.

BTE of the engine with/without devices was found to be 15.77 % and 16.47 % at 4 kg and 6 kg loads respectively. In addition, the measured emissions are HC is 91 ppm, CO is 0.14 %, CO₂ is 6.62 % and NO is 435 ppm at 4 kg load.

3.1 HC emissions

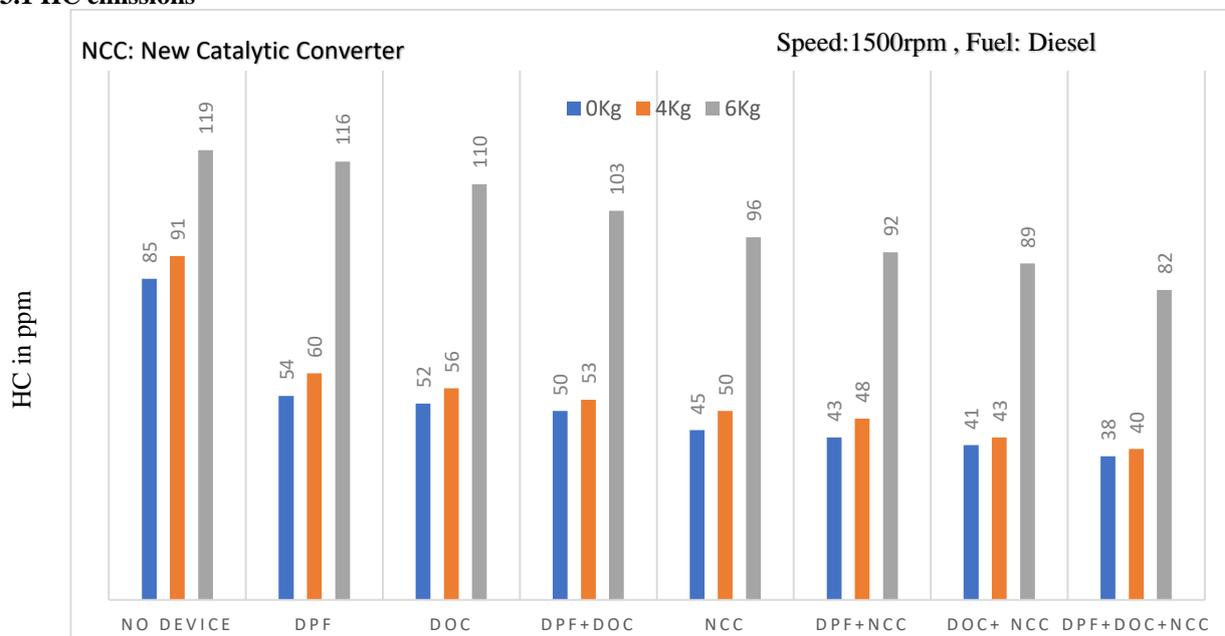


Figure 11 HC emissions at 0 kg, 4 kg and 6 kg load

Without incorporating any post treatment devices, HC emissions was found to be 85 ppm in the exhaust at no load condition as shown in figure 11. It reduces further to 54 ppm with DPF only, 52 ppm with DOC only, 50 ppm with both DPF and DOC; 45 ppm with new catalytic converter only, 43 ppm with both DPF and Catalytic converter, 41 ppm with both DOC and new catalytic converter and 38 ppm with combination of all three devices viz; DPF, DOC and new catalytic converter. Emissions were reduced because of New Catalytic Converter has been used. Emissions, which are released from diesel engine, were reacted with Platinum Group Metals (Platinum, Palladium, and Rhodium) which is coated inside the New Catalytic Converter. Platinum and Palladium are acts as oxidation process while Platinum and Rhodium are acts as Reduction process [6]. Emissions are decreased more when the combination of these three aftertreatment devices.

3.2 CO emissions

At 6 kg load and without incorporating any devices, CO emission is 0.26 % in the exhaust as shown in figure 12. It reduces further to 0.24 % when DPF is used, 0.22 % when DOC is used, 0.19 % when DPF and DOC used, 0.17 % New Catalytic Converter is used, 0.148 % when DPF and Catalytic converter is used, 0.138 % when DOC and Catalytic converter is used and 0.13 % when combination DPF, DOC and Catalytic Converter is used.

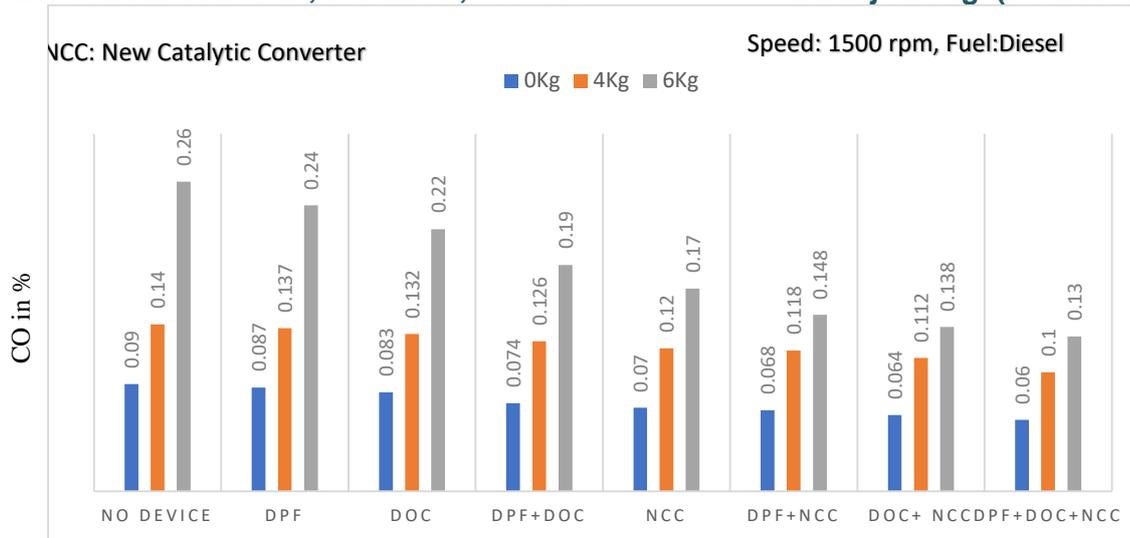


Figure 12 CO emissions at 0Kg, 4Kg and 6Kg

3.2 NO emissions

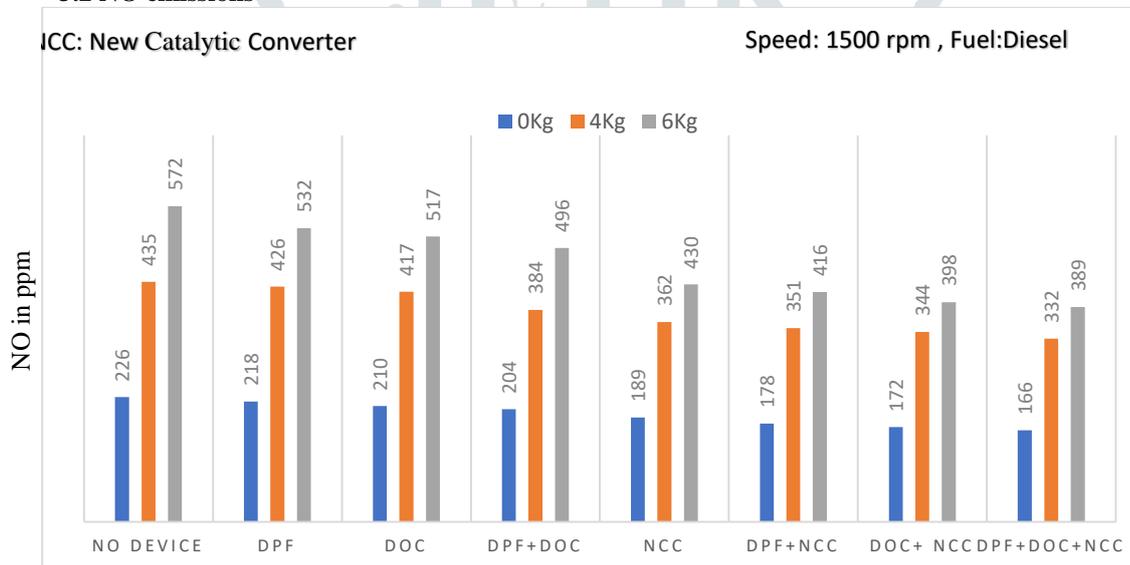


Figure 13 NO emissions at 0Kg, 4Kg and 6Kg

At 4 kg load and without incorporating any devices is 435 ppm of NO emissions present in the exhaust as shown in figure 13. It reduces further to 426 ppm when DPF is used, 417 ppm when DOC is used, 384 ppm when DPF and DOC used, 362 ppm New Catalytic Converter is used, 351ppm when DPF and Catalytic converter is used, 344 ppm when DOC and Catalytic converter is used and 332ppm when combination DPF, DOC and Catalytic Converter is used.

4. CONCLUSION

The effects of diesel engine fitted with DPF, DOC and New Catalytic Converter on engine emissions were investigated. Overall comparison of all the test runs, the least emission values were recorded when engine is loaded with sixty percent full load and having combined three aftertreatment devices including new catalytic converter. At this load, the emissions are HC is 40 ppm, CO is 0.1 %, and NO is 332 ppm. Hence, combined DPF, DOC and new catalytic converter for diesel engine provides reduction in exhaust gas emission.

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Abstract

This work focuses on the use of steel slag of low carbon – an industrial waste as a fractional substitution of coarse aggregate for its utilization in cement concrete and building construction. The waste material produced annually during the manufacturing of low carbon steel components leads to major economic and environmental problem. Hence the work aims at utilizing the waste in concrete to develop sustainable building materials. In this study, two samples of concrete mixture were set with 0% and 20% low carbon steel as coarse aggregate. Initially mix design of concrete for M40 grade was done. The strength of compression, tension, and flexure for low carbon admixed concrete increased substantially. Water absorption of concrete admixed with low carbon steel was substantially minimum in contrast with concrete without low carbon steel. The outcome of acid attack and sulphate attack tests infer that the properties of both admixed and normal concrete were not substantial. This work suggests 20% low carbon steel slag is an optimum content as a fractional substitution to coarse aggregate.

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Abstract

The evaluation of corrosion resistance, hardness and tensile strength of the stir casted Al7075 alloy and Al7075 with 4%MgO and 4%MgO/1.5%Mn has been done via Salt spray analysis, Rockwell's Hardness Machine and Universal Testing Machine. Al7075 alloy was melted at 700°C with reinforcements added, the mixture was then poured into sand molds. The microstructure of the casted samples of compositions Al7075+4%MgO and Al7075+4%MgO+1.5%Mn were studied using scanning electron microscope (SEM) which shows the presence and even distribution of the reinforcements added. Hardness test was conducted on all the compositions of the casted and heat-treated samples prepared with a steel tip indenter of diameter 10mm. Tensile test was conducted at an ambient temperature of 27°C. The yield stress, percent elongation, and ultimate tensile strength were determined for the cast and heat-treated samples. The corrosion test was conducted in a salt