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(3) Recorder—a continuous recorder, with variable chart speed over a minimal range of 0.5 to 8.0 inches per minute (or equivalent) and an automatic marker indicating 1-second intervals continuously records the exhaust gas opacity, engine rpm and throttle position.

(i) The recorder is equipped to indicate only when the throttle is in the fully open or fully closed position.

(ii) The recorder scale for opacity is linear and calibrated to read from 0 to 100 percent opacity full scale.

(iii) The opacity trace has a resolution within one percent opacity.

(iv) The recorder scale for engine rpm is linear and has a resolution of 30 rpm.

(v) The throttle position trace clearly indicates when the throttle is in the fully open and fully closed positions.

(vi) Any means other than a strip-chart recorder may be used provided it produces a permanent visual data record of quality equal to or better than that described above (e.g., tabulated data, traces, or plots).

(4) The recorder used with the smokemeter shall be capable of full-scale deflection in 0.5 second or less. The smokemeter-recorder combination may be damped so that signals with a frequency higher than 10 cycles per second are attenuated. A separate lowpass electronic filter with the following performance characteristics may be installed between the smokemeter and the recorder to achieve the high-frequency attenuation:

(i) Three decibel point—10 cycles per second.

(ii) Insertion loss—zero \pm 0.5 decibel.

(iii) Selectivity—12 decibels per octave above 10 cycles per second.

(iv) Attenuation—27 decibels down at 40 cycles per second minimum.

(5) In lieu of the use of chart recorders, automatic data collection equipment may be used to record all required data. Automatic data processing equipment may then be used to perform the data analysis specified in § 86.884-13. The automatic data collection equipment must be capable of sampling at least two records per second.

(c) *Assembling equipment.* (1) The optical unit of the smokemeter shall be mounted radially to the exhaust pipe

so that the measurement will be made at right angles to the axis of the exhaust plume. For an end-of-line smokemeter the distance from the optical centerline to the exhaust pipe outlet shall be 1 ± 0.25 inch. The full flow of the exhaust stream shall be centered between the source and the detector apertures (or windows and lenses) and on the axis of the light beam.

(2) Power shall be supplied to the control unit of the smokemeter in time to allow at least 15 minutes for stabilization prior to testing.

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§ 86.884-10 Information.

The following information, as applicable, shall be recorded for each test:

(a) *Engine description and specifications.* A copy of the information specified in this paragraph must accompany each engine sent to the Administrator for compliance testing. If the engine is submitted to the Administrator for testing under subpart N of this part or 40 CFR part 1065, only the specified information need accompany the engine. The manufacturer need not record the information specified in this paragraph for each test if the information, with the exception of paragraphs (a)(3), (a)(12), and (a)(13) of this section, is included in the manufacturer's part I.

(1) Engine-system combination.

(2) Engine identification numbers.

(3) Number of hours of operation accumulated on engine.

(4) Rated maximum horsepower and torque.

(5) Maximum horsepower and torque speeds.

(6) Engine displacement.

(7) Governed speed.

(8) Idle rpm.

(9) Fuel consumption at maximum power and torque.

(10) Maximum air flow.

(11) Maximum and test air inlet restriction.

(12) Exhaust pipe diameter(s).

(13) Maximum exhaust system backpressure.

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(b) *Test data; general.* This information may be recorded at any time between four hours prior to the test and four hours after the test.

- (1) Engine-system combination.
- (2) Engine identification numbers.
- (3) Instrument operator.
- (4) Engine operator.
- (5) Number of hours of operation accumulated on the engine prior to beginning the warm-up portion of the test.
- (6) Calibration date(s) of neutral density filters used to calibrate the smokemeter.

(c) *Test data; pre-test.*

- (1) Date and time of day.
- (2) Test number.
- (3) Barometric pressure.
- (4) [Reserved]
- (5) Intake air humidity and temperature:

(i) *Humidity-conditioned air supply.* Air that has had its absolute humidity altered is considered humidity-conditioned air. For this type of intake air supply, the humidity measurement must be made within the intake air supply system, and after the humidity conditioning has taken place.

(ii) *Non-conditioned air supply.* Humidity measurements in non-conditioned intake air supply systems must be made in the intake air stream entering the supply system and within 18 inches of the inlet for supply system. Alternatively, the humidity measurements can be measured within the intake air supply stream.

(iii) Engine intake air temperature measurement must be made within 48 inches of the engine. The measurement location must be made either in the supply system or in the air stream entering the supply system.

(d) *Test data; modal.* (1) Observed engine torque and speed during the steady-state test conditions specified in § 86.884-7(a)(3)(i).

(2) On the recorder or automatic data collection equipment: Identify zero traces—calibration traces—idle traces (or printout of the zero and calibration values)—closed-throttle trace—open throttle trace—acceleration and

lugdown test traces—start and finish of each test.

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§ 86.884-11 Instrument checks.

(a) The smokemeter shall be checked according to the following procedure prior to each test:

- (1) [Reserved]
- (2) The zero control shall be adjusted under conditions of “no smoke” to give a recorder or data collection equipment response of zero;

(3) Calibrated neutral density filters having approximately 10, 20, and 40 percent opacity shall be employed to check the linearity of the instrument. The filter(s) shall be inserted in the light path perpendicular to the axis of the beam and adjacent to the opening from which the beam of light from the light source emanates, and the recorder response shall be noted. Filters with exposed filtering media should be checked for opacity every six months; all other filters shall be checked every year, using NBS or equivalent reference filters. Deviations in excess of 1 percent of the nominal opacity shall be corrected.

(b) The instruments for measuring and recording engine rpm, engine torque, air inlet restrictions, exhaust system backpressure, throttle position, etc., which are used in the test prescribed herein, shall be calibrated in accordance with good engineering practice.

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§ 86.884-12 Test run.

(a) The temperature of the air supplied to the engine shall be between 68 °F and 86 °F. The engine fuel inlet temperature shall be 100 °F ±10 °F and shall be measured at a point specified by the manufacturer. The observed barometric pressure shall be between 28.5 inches and 31 inches Hg. Higher air temperature or lower barometric pressure may be used, if desired, but no allowance will be made for possible increased smoke emissions because of such conditions.