

Environmental Protection Agency

§ 92.116

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§ 92.115 Calibrations; frequency and overview.

(a) Calibrations shall be performed as specified in §§ 92.116 through 92.122.

(b) At least monthly or after any maintenance which could alter calibration, perform the periodic calibrations required by § 92.118(a)(2) (certain analyzers may require more frequent calibration depending on the equipment and use). Exception: the water rejection ratio and the CO₂ rejection ratio on all NDIR analyzers is only required to be performed quarterly.

(c) At least monthly or after any maintenance which could alter calibration, calibrate the engine dynamometer flywheel torque and speed measurement transducers, as specified in § 92.116.

(d) At least monthly or after any maintenance which could alter calibration, check the oxides of nitrogen converter efficiency, as specified in § 92.121.

(e) At least weekly or after any maintenance which could alter calibration, check the dynamometer (if used) shaft torque feedback signal at steady-state conditions by comparing:

(1) Shaft torque feedback to dynamometer beam load; or

(2) By comparing in-line torque to armature current; or

(3) By checking the in-line torque meter with a dead weight per § 92.116(b)(1).

(f) At least quarterly or after any maintenance which could alter calibration, calibrate the fuel flow measurement system as specified in § 92.107.

(g) At least annually or after any maintenance which could alter calibration, calibrate the electrical output measurement system for the electrical load bank used for locomotive testing.

(h) Sample conditioning columns, if used in the CO analyzer train, should be checked at a frequency consistent with observed column life or when the indicator of the column packing begins to show deterioration.

(i) For equipment not addressed in §§ 92.116 through 92.122 calibrations shall be performed at least as often as required by the equipment manufacturer or as necessary according to good practices. The calibrations shall be

performed in accordance with procedures specified by the equipment manufacturer.

(j) Where testing is conducted intermittently, calibrations are not required during period in which no testing is conducted, provided that times between the most recent calibrations and the date of any test does not exceed the calibration period. For example, if it has been more than one month since the analyzers have been calibrated (as specified in paragraph (c) of this section) then they must be calibrated prior to the start of testing.

§ 92.116 Engine output measurement system calibrations.

(a) *General requirements for dynamometer calibration.* (1) The engine flywheel torque and engine speed measurement transducers shall be calibrated with the calibration equipment described in this section.

(2) The engine flywheel torque feedback signals to the cycle verification equipment shall be electronically checked before each test, and adjusted as necessary.

(3) Other engine dynamometer system calibrations shall be performed as dictated by good engineering practice.

(4) When calibrating the engine flywheel torque transducer, any lever arm used to convert a weight or a force through a distance into a torque shall be used in a horizontal position (± 5 degrees).

(5) Calibrated resistors may not be used for engine flywheel torque transducer calibration, but may be used to span the transducer prior to engine testing.

(b) *Dynamometer calibration equipment—(1) Torque calibration equipment.* Two techniques are allowed for torque calibration. Alternate techniques may be used if shown to yield equivalent accuracies. The NIST “true” value torque is defined as the torque calculated by taking the product of an NIST traceable weight or force and a sufficiently accurate horizontal lever arm distance, corrected for the hanging torque of the lever arm.

(i) The lever-arm dead-weight technique involves the placement of known weights at a known horizontal distance from the center of rotation of the