MOVES Light Duty Vehicle Engine Start Emissions & Exhaust Emission Adjustments

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Engine Starts Basics

- Engine start is the excess emissions which occur prior to catalyst "light-off" or engine warm up beginning with the engine at ambient temperature.
- Obtained by subtracting Bag 3 from Bag 1 emissions using FTP or LA92 testing results.
- Engine start emissions are added to the inventory for each trip beginning with an engine start.
- Engine starts are not associated with roadways, they are allocated to locations.





Engine Starts Background

- Not all emission testing includes engine starts.
- The Federal Test Procedure (FTP), includes cold start (Bag 1), hot running (Bag 2), and hot start portions (Bag 3).
- California's redesigned drive cycle (LA92) also includes three bags.
- The driving schedules of Bag 1 and Bag 3 are identical, which allows the comparison.





Engine Starts Data Sources

- There are many FTP tests in the EPA database and some LA92 tests.
- All gasoline vehicle PM measurements are from LA92 tests (from the Kansas City Study).
- Basic engine start emission rates use only tests done at FTP temperatures.
- Instrumented vehicle (second by second) measurements were not used.





Engine Starts Soak Time Effects

- Soak time (the time between key off and the next key on) can dramatically affect engine start emissions.
- Basic emission rates for engine starts are stored for eight soak time periods.
- The emission rates for soak times other than 12 hours are obtained by adjusting the 12 hour soak estimates using the adjustment factors developed by California and used in MOBILE6.

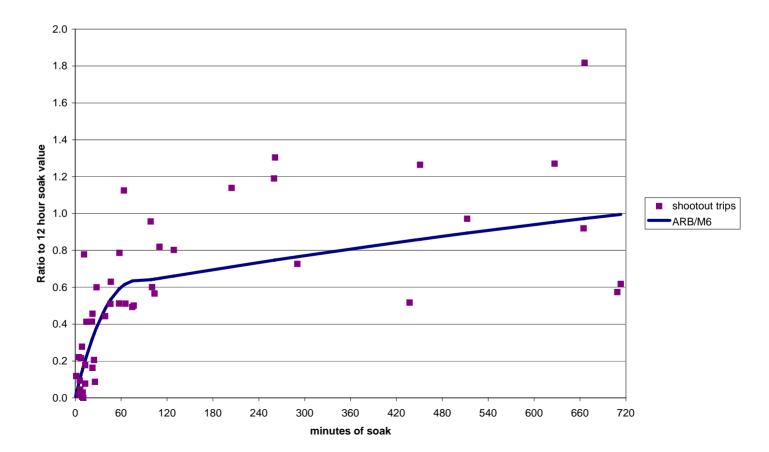


• Soak effects validated using PEMS measurements.



Engine Starts Soak Time HC

Effects of Soak Time on Engine Start HC

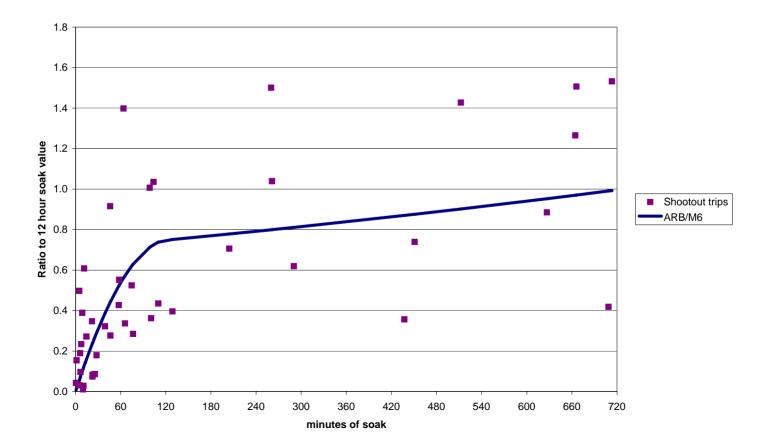


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Engine Starts Soak Time CO Emissions

Effects of Soak Time on Engine Start CO

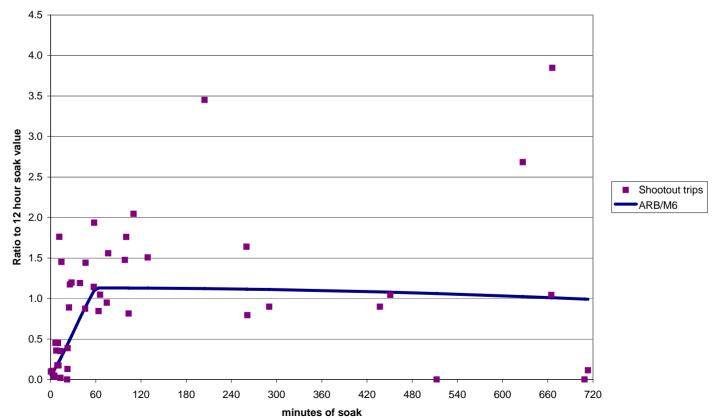






Engine Starts Soak Time NOx Emissions

Effects of Soak Time on Engine Start NOx



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Engine Starts Operating Modes

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101	Soak Time < 6 minutes
102	6 minutes <= Soak Time < 30 minutes
103	30 minutes <= Soak Time < 60 minutes
104	60 minutes <= Soak Time < 90 minutes
105	90 minutes <= Soak Time < 120 minutes
106	120 minutes <= Soak Time < 360 minutes
107	360 minutes <= Soak Time < 720 minutes
108	720 minutes <= Soak Time





Engine Starts Issues

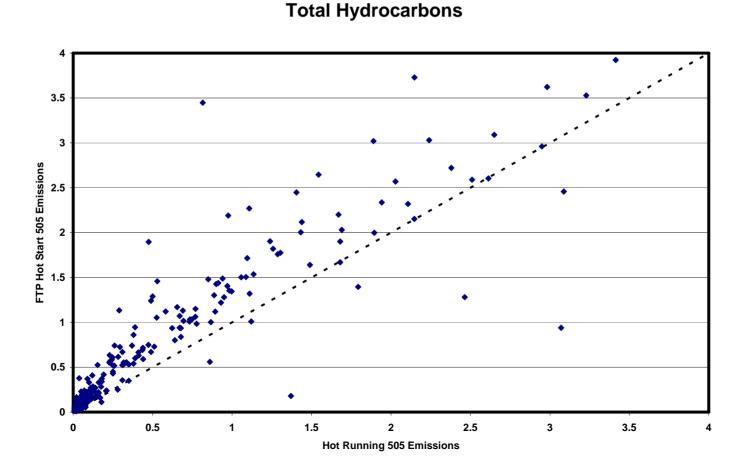
• Key Assumptions:

- Engine start effects in Bag 3 are negligible.
- Effects of differences in the driving schedule after engine starts are negligible.
- Age effects (deterioration) are negligible.
- How important is the interaction between soak time effects and temperature?
- It is not clear yet how excess emissions due to engine starts will be obtained from real world second-by-second measurements.



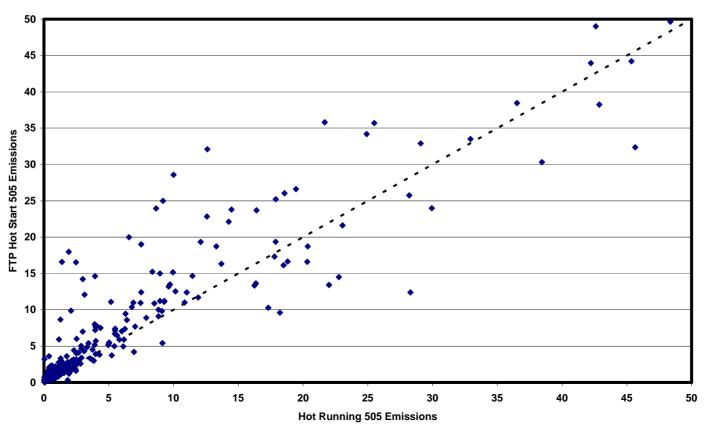


Engine Starts Hot Start Total Hydrocarbons





Engine Starts Hot Start Carbon Monoxide

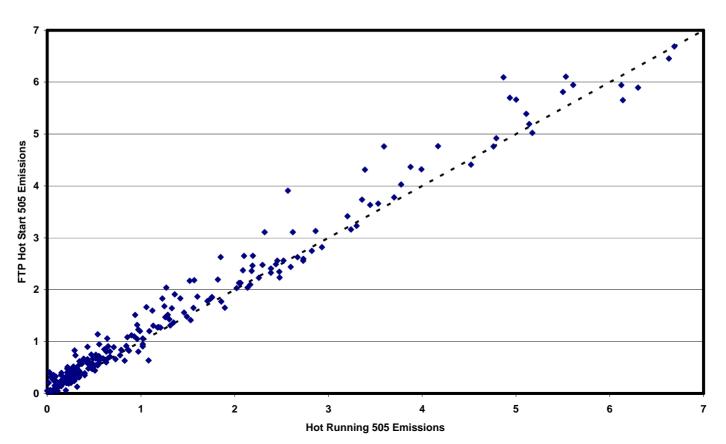


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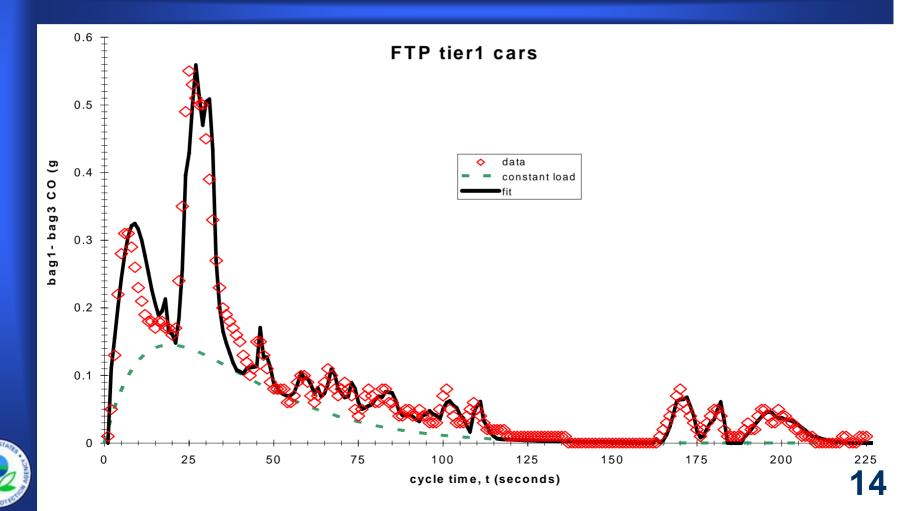
Engine Starts Hot Start Oxides of Nitrogen



Oxides of Nitrogen



Engine Starts Driving Cycle Issue





Adjustments for Exhaust Emissions

- Basic emission rates represent the specific set of test conditions observed during the testing.
- Adjustment factors are used to better match the emission estimates with local conditions.
- Some adjustments (speed, soak time) are handled by using separate emission rates for each operating mode.
- Adjustments are made for air conditioning usage, temperature, humidity, fuel properties and altitude.





Adjustments Fuel Effects

• MOVES2006 fuel adjustments are from MOBILE6.

- Single adjustment factor based on unique combinations of fuel parameters.
- List of modeled fuel formulations taken from the National Mobile Inventory Model (NMIM).
- Basic exhaust emission rates are assumed to be measured using a baseline fuel formulation.
- MOVES2007
 - Plan to directly model fuel properties.
 - Plan to include information from more recent studies.



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Adjustments Temperature Effects

- Assume that the temperature effect for exhaust running emissions is negligible.
- Assume that the temperature effect for temperatures above 75 degrees F is negligible.
- Cold temperatures will affect HC, CO, NOx and PM engine start emissions.
- Using an additive adjustment for engine start emissions.
- Adjustments are calculated using a quadratic function fit to the data.



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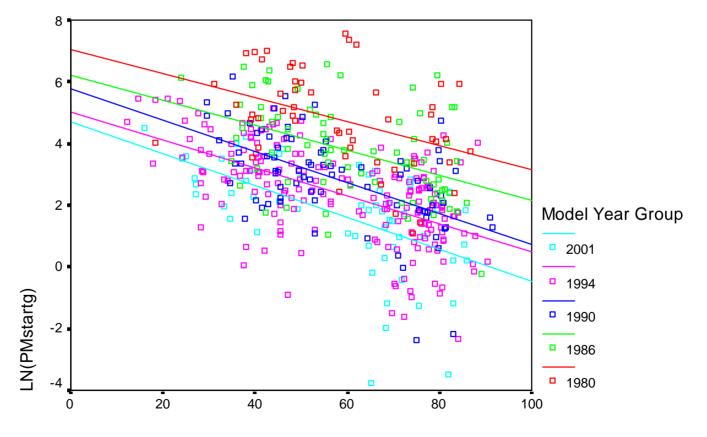
Adjustments Temperature Effects Data

- Temperature effects are derived from only the bag data (FTP and LA92).
- PM temperature effects for gasoline vehicles are derived from the Kansas City data.
- Data were available from a small sample of recently tested Tier 2 vehicles (SwRI).
- Some testing data was available for temperatures down to below zero degrees.





Adjustments Temperature Effect on Start PM





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Adjustments Air Conditioning Effects

- Used sec-by-sec emission measurements made during testing used for MOBILE6.
- Calculated VSP binned AC on/off emissions effect.
- Found very little difference across non-idle bins.
- Will have an "idle" and "non-idle" adjustment.
- Heat index activity adjustment applied as in MOBILE6.
 - Includes the A/C fleet penetration.
 - Includes combined temperature/humidity effects.





Adjustments Air Conditioning Issues

- EPA is not aware of air conditioning testing that demonstrates the effects of air conditioning load on PM emission rates.
- EPA proposes to use the same effects for PM as are used for HC emissions in MOVES.





Adjustment Humidity & Altitude Effects

• Humidity

- Affects NOx emission rates for both gasoline and diesel fueled vehicles.
- Used in the calculation of air conditioning demand.
- Altitude effects will not be addressed in the MOVES2006 (draft).





Adjustments Other Issues

- No adjustments are made to account for roadway grade.
- Adjustments do not vary by age.
- EPA plans to make changes in the draft (MOVES2006) fuel adjustments.

