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Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Testing

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Program Goal

- Provide fleet managers and other potential advanced technology vehicle (ATV) users with accurate and unbiased information on vehicle performance
- ATVs include
 - Hybrid electric vehicles
 - Hydrogen ICE vehicles
 - Pure EVs (full size, urban, neighborhood)
 - Fuel cell vehicles
- Emphasis placed on supporting the National Energy Policy, DOE's Mission and Priorities, and testing vehicles incorporating emerging technologies developed by DOE and its industry partners

Program Testing Partners

- Electric Transportation Applications (lead)
 - American Red Cross
 - Arizona Public Service
 - Bank One of Arizona
 - Luke Air Force Base
 - New York Power Authority
 - Salt River Project
 - Southern California Edison
 - Cities of Palm Springs, Palm Valley, & Phoenix

Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) Testing

- Recently completed NEV America testing of 10 NEVs
 - Frazier Nash, GEM, ParCar, TH!NK
 - Technical specifications and test procedures developed with NEV manufacturer & fleet input
 - Based on NHTSA FMVSS No. 500 Low-speed vehicles
- 60+ NEVs in fleet testing FY-02



NEV Acceleration Testing (0 to 20 mph)

 Average @ 100% SOC - 8.7 seconds & @ 50% SOC 14.2 seconds)



NEV Range Testing - (brick test)

• Minimum 28.4, maximum 52.9, average 36.7 miles



NEV Maximum Speed Tests

FMVSS No. 500 testing: min 20.5, max 25.6, average 23.8 mph



NEV Energy Efficiency

• Average - 7.8 miles/kWh



NEV kWh Capacity & Energy Use

• Rated average 6.23 kWh & Used average 5.08 kWh



NEV Charge Times

 Vehicles 3-10 average charge time - 10.3 hours Vehicles 1 & 2 fast charged



NEV America Testing Results

- Some structural flaws found during rough road testing
- Poor SOC meters can result in over-discharge of batteries and false low-charge indication
- NEV America testing demonstrated manufacturers have created an efficient means of zero emissions transportation using low speed vehicles

Urban Electric Vehicle (UEV) Testing

- *Th!nk* city in *UEV America baseline performance testing*
- 100 TH!NK cities in New York train commuter fleet demonstration program
- TH!NK city in accelerated reliability testing
- 12 UEVs in 3 fleet tests in California, FY-02 (TH!NK cities, Nissan Hyper-Minis, Toyota e-coms)



Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) Testing

- 2 HEVs Pomona Loop tested as part of testing development process (Insight, Prius)
- 3 HEVs in HEV America baseline performance testing (Insight, Prius, Civic)
- 6 HEVs in accelerated reliability testing (100,000 miles per vehicle) (Insight, Prius, Civic)
- 7 HEVs in fleet testing (Insight, Prius, Civic)





Honda Insight HEV Testing

- Pomona Loop average 52.2 mpg (1,550 miles)
- Accelerated reliability and fleet testing average 48.7 mpg (73,000 miles)
- EPA 61 mpg city / 70 mpg highway



Toyota Prius HEV Testing

- Pomona Loop average 44.4 mpg (1,650 miles)
- Accelerated reliability and fleet testing average 44.2 mpg (59,000 miles)
- EPA 52 mpg city / 45 mpg highway



Hydrogen Fueling Station and Vehicle Testing Activities

- Construction of hydrogen production and hydrogen / CNG fueling station with Arizona Public Service
- Current hydrogen test vehicles (19,700 miles)
 - Ford ICE F150 at up to 30% hydrogen / CNG blend
 - Ford ICE F150 at up to 60% hydrogen / CNG blend with DOE / Quantum hydrogen tanks
 - 100% hydrogen-powered Mercedes Benz ICE van

Hydrogen Test Vehicles



Hydrogen Production / CNG Compression

- Electrolytic hydrogen production on site, Proton Energy Systems' HOGEN PEM stationary fuel cell operating in reverse
- Produce fuel-cell quality hydrogen
- Interconnects to dispense delivered hydrogen fuel
- Compress natural gas from low pressure service
- Delivers pure hydrogen or CNG fuel
- Arizona Public Service



Hydrogen Sub-System



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Hydrogen Sub-System (cont'd)

- Hydrogen generator
 - PEM fuel cell, 57 kW, 20 cells
 - 300 SCFH hydrogen output
 - 17 kWh per 100 SCF hydrogen
- Hydrogen dryer
 - 300 SCFH
- Hydrogen compressor
 - Oil free diaphragm compressor
 - Three stage compression
 - 6,100 PSI output



Hydrogen Sub-System (cont'd)

- Low pressure hydrogen storage (lower tank)
 - 8,955 SCF @ 150 PSIG
- High pressure hydrogen storage (upper 2 tanks)
 - 17,386 SCF @ 6,000 PSIG







CNG Sub-System (cont'd)

- CNG Boost Compressor
 - 300 SCFM
 - 60 PSIG Output
- CNG Main Compressor
 - 350 SCFM @ 4,500 PSI
 - Multi-Stage Piston
- High Pressure CNG Storage
 - 50,000 SCF @ 4,000 PSI
 - ASME Vessels



Hydrogen/CNG Fueling System



Hydrogen/CNG Fueling System

- Dispense pure hydrogen or pure CNG fuel
- Blend and dispense hydrogen / CNG blended fuels
- Includes metering and electronic billing Interface



Summary

- Long-term relationships with vehicle manufacturers and private sector testing partners / fleet operators (trust)
- Looking forward towards emerging technologies to identify testing candidates
 - Hydrogen ICEs and fuel cell vehicles
 - Niche-market (NEVs & UEVs) pure electric vehicles
 - HEVs in light, medium and heavy applications
- Testing procedures designed for emerging technologies

Summary (cont'd)

- Only DOE / private sector hydrogen production and fueling station in operation
- Experience gained siting, permitting, constructing, and operating Hydrogen/CNG Station in downtown Phoenix
- Development of hydrogen production and fueling station in-a-box concept
- http://ev.inel.gov/fop