

**PERFORMANCE STUDY ON THE EFFECT OF DIFFERENT EXHAUST  
LENGTH FOR MOTORCYCLE ENGINE**

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## ABSTRACT

This research provides an overview of the performance on the effect of the different exhaust length for motorcycle engine. The research also covers the effect in terms of emissions. The engine used was a motorcycle 125cc 4-stroke gasoline engine. There are two method was used; experiment and simulation. For experiment, load applied to the engine with different lengths of exhaust pipe. The engine speed of this study was controlled in the range of 800 – 1000 rpm. The test engine has been attached to the dynamometer. The engine specifications and measured components of exhaust system were used for modelling and visualization using GT-Power simulation software. The different length of exhaust will be used for the simulation. Brake power, brake mean effective pressure (BMEP) and brake specific fuel consumption (BSFC) of the engine are discussed as the performance of the engine. Besides that carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon (HC) was discussed as the emissions of the engine. The performance test was conducted to investigate the different lengths of exhaust manifold will affect the engine performance and exhaust-out emissions.

## ABSTRAK

Kajian ini dihasilkan bagi mendapatkan kesan perbezaan panjang ekzos motosikal terhadap kecekapan enjin. Kajian ini juga mengkaji kesan pencemaran yang terhasil daripada ketiga-tiga jenis ekzos. Enjin yang digunakan ialah enjin motosikal empat lejang dengan kuasa 125cc. Terdapat dua kaedah yang digunakan iaitu secara eksperimen dan simulasi. Bagi eksperimen, beban berbeza dikenakan pada enjin dengan pemasangan saiz ekzos yang berbeza. Kelajuan enjin dikawal pada keadaan 800 – 1000 putaran per minut. Enjin disambungkan dengan *dynamometer*. Bagi proses simulasi, spesifikasi dan saiz komponen bagi sistem ekzos dimasukkan ke dalam perisian GT-Power. Tiga jenis ekzos dengan panjang berbeza digunakan di dalam proses simulasi. *Brake power (BP)*, *brake mean effective pressure (BMEP)* dan *brake specific fuel consumption (BSFC)* yang terhasil daripada keputusan eksperimen dan simulasi pada enjin merupakan elemen yang dikaji bagi menilai tahap kecekapan enjin manakala karbon dioksida (CO<sub>2</sub>), karbon monoksida and hidrokarbon (HC) bagi menilai tahap pencemaran daripada enjin. Ujian penilaian kecekapan ini menunjukkan perbezaan panjang ekzos memberikan kesan terhadap kecekapan enjin dan kadar pencemaran daripada enjin.

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**LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

$\dot{m}$	-	Fuel Flow Rate
$n_c$	-	Number Of Cylinder
$V_d$	-	Engine efficient volume
B	-	Size Of Bore
BMEP	-	Brake Mean Effective Pressure
BP	-	Brake Power
BSFC	-	Brake Specific Fuel Consumption
CO	-	Carbon Monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	-	Carbon Dioxide
HC	-	Hydrocarbon
L	-	Length Of Stroke
N	-	Shaft Speed
O <sub>2</sub>	-	Oxygen
PPM	-	Parts per million
RPM	-	Rotation per minute
T	-	Torque
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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of study

Exhaust system is a part of vehicle components. Nowadays, there are a few types of exhaust system that already developed to provide a specific user's demand. Mohiuddin, Rahamn, & Dzaidin, (2007) stated, the exhaust. According to Mohiuddin et al., (2007), a well-designed exhaust system is one of the cheapest ways of increasing engine efficiency, and therefore increasing engine power. Dynamometer is a device for measuring force, torque, or power. Han-chi, Hong-wu, & Yi-jie, (2012) reported, GT-Power is the industry standard engine simulation tool, used by all leading engine and vehicle makers and their supplier. Many assumptions and simplifications were made to the system in order to complete the model. Then, data will be recorded for analysis and discussion.

#### 1.2 Problem statement

The exhaust system is one of the components in the vehicle. The exhaust stroke is a system that works to remove the product of combustion from the internal combustion engine. Combustion residues through the exhaust valves and out into the environment. When the exhaust pressure occurs during the reversal of the

exhaust process, it's disrupted the level of efficiency of the engine. Therefore the size (length) of the exhaust is very important in ensuring the level of efficiency of the engine can achieve the maximum level.

### **1.3 Objectives**

The objectives of this study are:

- i. To determine the optimum length of exhaust manifold for achieving good performance using GT-Power software.
- ii. To investigate the effect of different lengths of exhaust manifold to the performances of motorcycle engine.

### **1.4 Scopes of study**

To ensure that the studies will be done accordingly, all the scopes related to the study must be focused on. Here is a list of the scopes of study:

- i. This research focused on motorcycle engine with capacity of 125cc.
- ii. Simulation and analysis study were carried out using GT-Power software.
- iii. The engine was operated at steady state condition with variable dynamometer loads for experimental investigation.

### **1.5 Significant of study**

The study is to provide a new information on the impact of size (length) of exhaust manifold for motorcycle engine with the engine capacity of 125cc. Exhaust size is important to improve the efficiency of the engine of the vehicle.



## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

One of the important components in a vehicle's is exhaust system. The exhaust system is designed to collect the exhaust gases from the engine cylinders, direct them to the muffler, where exhaust noise is reduced, and discharge them into the atmosphere. In addition, exhaust gases may be used to drive a turbocharger for improved air induction for combustion. The exhaust may also be used to eject dirt and dust from the air cleaner into the atmosphere. The exhaust is a component on the burning waste before the engine is released into the atmosphere. Combustion wastes discharged after-stroke exhaust complete operating in the engine.

At present, there are many different types of exhaust have been produced. This is to meet the needs of the production exhaust design that can improve the efficiency of the engine as well as the manufacturing cost. Mohiuddin, Rahamn, & Dzaidin (2007) explained, a well designed exhaust system is one of the cheapest ways of increasing engine efficiency, and therefore increasing engine power. Patil, Navale, & Patil (2014) stated that energy efficient exhaust system development requires minimum fuel consumption and maximum utilization of exhaust energy for reduction of the exhaust emissions and also for effective waste energy recovery system such as in turbocharger, heat pipe etc. from combustion engine system. Mamat, Fouzi, Sulaiman, & Alias (2010) stated that optimum engine cylinder charging was achieved by breathing of an engine dependent on the design of intake and exhaust system.

## 2.1 Stroke System

According to Mat & Salim (2011) studied, combustion is one of the chemical reactions that always happen in around the world especially in automotive vehicle. Today, different types of internal combustion engines are the most common used on vehicles such as cars, buses, trucks and motorcycles is the engine four-stroke, whether gasoline engines or diesel engines. One-stroke refers to the movement of the piston from the top to the fixed point fixed point or vice versa then the four-stroke engine gets its name from four-stroke each perform a function special entries, compression, procurement authority and the removal of the exhaust gas.

4-stroke engine, also known as Otto cycle engine start patented by Eric b. Davidson and Felice Matteucci in 1854, followed by the first prototype in 1860. They also conceptualized by French engineer, Alphonse Beau de Rochas in 1862 and independently, by German engineer Nicolaus Otto in 1876. Power cycle consists of compression, the addition of heat, expansion and removal of heat, represented by characters four strokes, or the movement of the piston in the cylinder fluctuation. Following are the order of stroke system for four-stroke gasoline and diesel engine :

- i. Intake stroke
- ii. Compression stroke
- iii. Combustion/power stroke
- iv. Exhaust stroke

## 2.2 Exhaust stroke

Exhaust system is designed to evacuate gases from the combustion chamber quickly and efficiently. V S N Ch, M Pradeep, & B Shyam (2014) explained exhaust gases are not produced in a smooth stream; exhaust gases originate in pulses. The exhaust process consists of two steps. Pilkrabek (2003) stated, the first step is blowdown and the second step is exhaust stroke. When the exhaust valve opens near the end of the expansion stroke, the high temperature gases are suddenly subjected to a pressure

decrease as the resulting blowdown occurs. This process call blowdown process. A large percentage of the gases leaves the combustion chamber driven by the pressure different across the open exhaust valve. The pressure finally equalized after across the exhaust valve. Pilkrabek (2003) also explained, the cylinder is still filled with exhaust gases at the exhaust manifold pressure of about one atmosphere. The piston travel from the bottom dead center until top dead center and the pushed out the exhaust gases. This process call exhaust stroke.

### **2.3 Exhaust component**

The main Components in engine exhaust system are as following sub-sections.

#### **2.3.1 Exhaust manifolds or EKE**

From the Application and Installation Guide, engine exhaust manifolds collect exhaust gases from each cylinder and channel them into an exhaust outlet. The manifold is designed to give minimum backpressure and turbulence. Reddy & Reddy (2012) stated, after completion of fuel combustion process in engine, high pressure gases are released. These gases are enters into the Exhaust manifold through pipes. V S N Ch et al. (2014) clarify, an exhaust manifold is a series of connected pipes that bolt directly onto the engine head. Figure 2.1 show the example of exhaust manifold.



Figure 2.1: The example of exhaust manifold (Reddy & Reddy, 2012)

### 2.3.2 Catalytic converter

Reddy & Reddy (2012) explained, it is a device used for convert harmful gases like carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO) into harmless gases like CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> etc., In present days "three-way" (oxidation-reduction) catalytic converters are widely used on diesel engines to reduce hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions. Figures 2.2 shows details of three way catalytic converter.

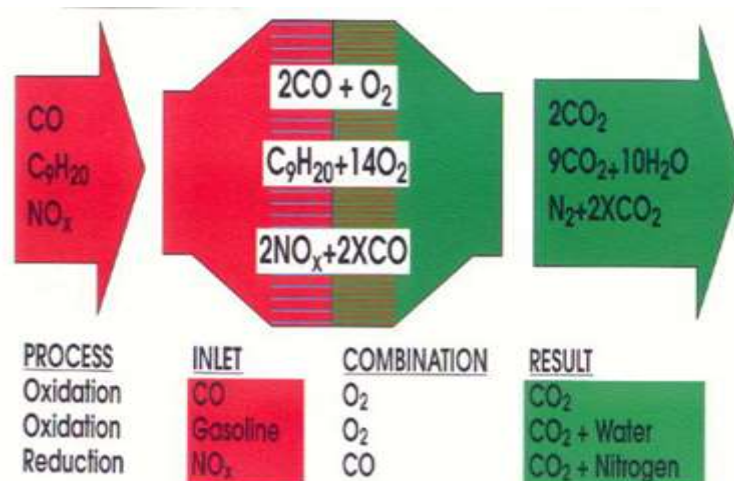


Figure 2.2: Details of three way catalytic converter (Reddy & Reddy, 2012)

### 2.3.3 Mufflers

Reddy & Reddy (2012) defined, the muffler is defined as a device for reducing the amount of noise emitted by a machine. To reduce the exhaust noise, the engine exhaust is connected via exhaust pipe to silencer called muffler. The various types of mufflers used in automobiles are:

- i. Baffle type
- ii. Resonance type
- iii. Wave cancellation type
- iv. Combined resonance and absorber type
- v. Absorber type mufflers.

Purpose of Muffler:

- i. to reduce the amount of noise emitted by a vehicle.
- ii. use neat technology to cancel out the noise.
- iii. installed along the exhaust pipe as a part of the exhaust system of an I.C. engine to reduce its exhaust noise.
- iv. To reduces exhaust noise by dampening the pulsations in the exhaust gases and allowing them to expand slowly.
- v. usually made of sheet steel, coated with aluminum to reduce corrosion. Some are made of stainless steel.

## 2.4 Exhaust System

A car exhaust system consists of several parts assembled together to move noxious gases from the inside of the car and release it outside. Aside from this, the exhaust system serves other purposes. First, it dampens the sound made by the engine and second, it transforms unspent fuel into spent fuel. Exhaust systems all work in the

same manner, although there are many different variations and configurations. All types of vehicles, not just cars, have exhaust systems, and may vary slightly. According to Ahmet Selamet (1999) explained, a new automobile exhaust system reduces pollution and boosts engine power at the same time. The single design takes the place of multiple parts in the standard auto exhaust assembly, including the manifold, muffler and catalytic converter. Rynne (1994) clarify; the effect of vehicle exhausts system components on performance and noise in firing spark-ignition engine. Abraham JA (2010) stated, noise is an unwanted sound at amplitude which causes annoyance or interferes with communication. Noise has been known as menace that can cause a several serious health effect. According to Hultgren, (2011), the noise maybe generated by aerodynamic effects or due to forces that result from combustion process or may result from mechanical excitation of rotating or reciprocating engine components.

## **2.5 Types of Exhaust Systems**

Nowadays, many type of exhaust produce to make various of exhaust. Different design of exhaust also want to increase performance of engine and reduce emission.

Types of exhaust system below:

### **2.5.1 Single Exit Pipe**

Based on Types of exhaust systems, (2001) explained, Single Exit Pipe also well-known as single side exhaust, is a standard type of exhaust system, used by auto manufacturers in vehicle production. As derived from the name, the system has one exhaust pipe to release the exhaust gases away from the engine. The tail pipe is commonly located behind the rear wheel on the passenger's side of a car, truck. Single side exhaust is a cost effective system that comes factory-installed on most cars and trucks. The-best-performance-exhaust-systems, (2011) stated, a single side exit exhaust has only one exhaust pipe located on one side of the car. The pipe for

this type is often located at the back of the back wheel on the passenger side. It is one of the less expensive types of exhaust, but it generally provides lesser horsepower.

### **2.5.2 Dual Rear Exit**

Dual Side Exhaust system has nearly the same design and location, as the single pipe exhaust system. The one and major difference is in the quantity of exit pipes. This type of exhaust systems is constructed with two pipes. Both pipes are located near each other on the same side of the vehicle behind the rear passenger's side. Depending on the diameter of the exit pipes the sound of system's performance may vary. When the diameter is smaller, the deeper sound will be produced. A dual side exit exhaust has 2 pipes located on the same part of the vehicle. If you want a louder sound than the single side exit, this is your best bet. It also provides less restriction on your car's exhaust system. The canister exhaust for this type is often larger than the actual size of the cylinder. With this type of exhaust, the pipes are located beneath the bumper and are not bent around the rear wheels. It is often said that a dual rear exit exhaust looks better than the other types.

### **2.5.3 Opposite Dual Exhaust**

Dual Rear Exit Exhaust is a popular exhaust system among those vehicles owners, who want their car, truck or SUV look sportier and sound more aggressive. Like dual side exhausts system, this type has the same quantity of pipes. The difference is in pipes location. Dual rear exit exhaust system comes with two pipes that are fixed on the opposite sides under the rear bumper. Contrary to some other types of exhaust systems, the pipes are not bent around the vehicle's wheels. Comparing with the single exit pipe system, this type of exhaust is more efficient. Moreover, a driver will experience deeper sound, giving an impression of high-power engine under the hood. An opposite side dual exhaust is slightly different from the dual rear exit in

terms of the location of the pipes. It provides the same sound and performance. For this exhaust, the two pipes wrap around on each side of the rear wheels. This type of exhaust is suitable for trucks or cars that often tow other vehicles. The downpipe and the exhaust pipe are generally made from stainless steel.

#### **2.5.4 Dual Side Exhaust**

Opposite Dual Exhaust is also called extreme dual exit exhaust. It is a variation of the dual rear exhaust system. Opposite dual exhaust is mainly used on vehicles that tow heavy cargo. In order to improve the filtering process, the length of the pipes is increased and they are bent around the wheels. This construction makes it possible to decrease the residue that is released on the object that is towed. Besides the length and location of the pipes there is no major difference towards the other exhaust systems.

#### **2.5.5 High Performance Exhaust Systems**

High Performance Exhaust is usually offered as an aftermarket add-on. The system is custom-designed to fit the exact make and model. High performance exhausts comparing to standard exhaust systems are more expensive though they have more advantages. They can improve the performance of the engine, as well as increase its efficiency. Moreover, this type of exhaust systems is a stylish option which offers radically different sounds. Installation of the high performance exhaust is one of the ways to customize the vehicle.



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