

STATISTIC OF FUEL CONSUMPTION IN TEST AND IN OPERATION OF VEHICLES

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Abstract. The lowering of carbon dioxide emission is world pursuit which is written in international agreement. It concerns all economy sections, especially motorization. In this last case the lowering is essential, since almost all fuel used for powering vehicles comes from non-renewable resources. Using these fuels means a one-way carbon motion from underground lode to earth atmosphere. This process has to be immediately stopped. For several years there have been taken actions in this direction. There are both legislative and technical actions. However, the reports which were published in 2016 shows that despite the efforts and engagement of considerable means, the effects are mediocre. There has been noticed, that, though the lowering of carbon dioxide emission determined in bench tests has been attained, it is impossible to notice this progress in natural operation of vehicles. The causes of such a state are sought mainly in incompatibility of test conditions to the real operation of vehicles conditions. Assuming that the carbon dioxide emission is (quasi) directly proportional to fuel consumption, in the article there has been proposed the method of solving the problem of removing divergence between test and operational data. There has been suggested the different attitude to bench data analysis and implementation of new calculative procedures in a way to reach the correlation between the test and operating fuel consumption.

Keywords: operation of vehicles, test, fuel consumptions

Nomenclature

CO planned carbon oxide emission
 CO₂ planned carbon dioxide emission
 CNG compressed natural gas
 D density of the used fuel
 DIESEL compression ignition engine
 EUDC extra urban driving cycle
 FC fuel consumption
 FC_{EUDC} fuel consumption in EUDC test
 FC_{NEDC} fuel consumption in NEDC test
 FC_{UDC} fuel consumption in UDC test
 LPG liquified petroleum gas
 NEDC new european driving cycle
 NG natural gas
 OFC_m average, operational fuel consumption
 OFC_{sm} corresponding S_m, operational fuel consumption
 OTTO spark ignition engine
 Q_{CLFTC} Cumulative lifetime fuel consumption,
 S_m vehicle mileage. km,
 THC planned hydrocarbon emission
 UDC urban driving cycle

1. Introduction

The carbon dioxide emission to atmosphere is constantly increasing, and in the case of car vehicles it happens in the geometrical progress [1]. The increase of carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere has to be stopped. Reports published in 2016 shows that despite the efforts and engagement of considerable means, the effects are mediocre. The carbon dioxide emission decrease determined in the bench tests was reached, however, this progress cannot be noticed in the natural operation of vehicles.

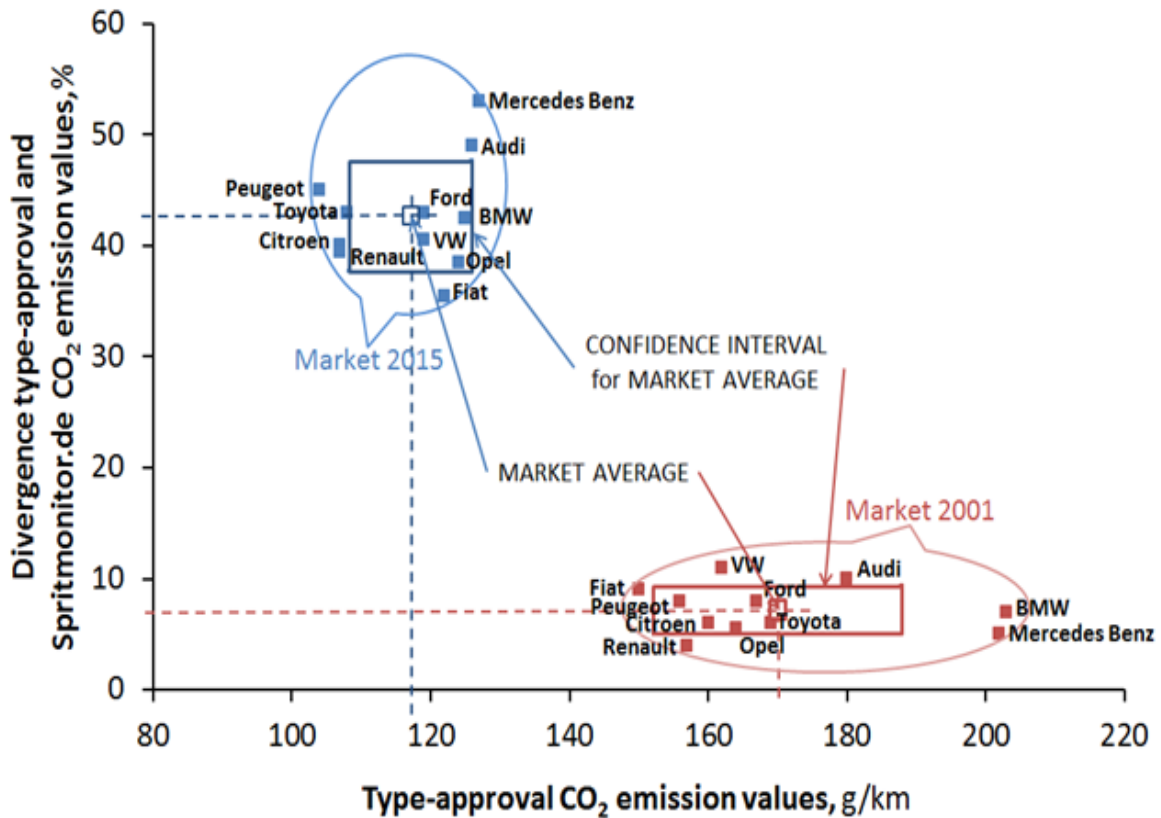


Fig. 1. Test results of carbon dioxide emission in comparison with emission in natural operation. Based on [1].

2. The way of determining of fuel consumption in natural operation

The way of determining the fuel consumption in natural operation is not regularized in the European Union.

Most often there are measured:

S_m - vehicle mileage. km,

OFC_{sm} - corresponding S_m , operational fuel consumption, dm^3 ,
and then there is calculated

OFC_m - average, operational fuel consumption from the relation:

$$OFC_m = 100 * OFC_{sm} / S_m \quad (1)$$

in Europe usually given in $dm^3/100km$ of the travelled route.

The so-called operational fuel consumption (OFC) is usually determined after multiple travelling over the chosen, test route fragments. The fragments are assigned on the generally available streets and roads. E.g. according to Auto Motor und Sport (AMS) magazine, the determining of fuel consumption is made after traveling the test fragments chosen by the editorial office. The fuel consumption determined in this way is indicated as OFC_{AMS} . Moreover, AMS also tests vehicles in the conditions of very spare drive (Sparrunde). The fuel consumptions in these conditions is indicated as OFC_{AMSS} . The fuel consumption determined e.g. from the AMS procedure is not identical with the fuel consumption determined in natural operation. It comes from the fact, that AMS test (as well as other tests of this type) is realized in controlled operation, not in the natural one.

Actual fuel consumption, occurring in the natural operation, can be estimated as the value accumulated for a given moment of operation is calculated as time or distance. As an example (Fig. 2.) may be presented results of the cumulative fuel consumption 10 cars of the same brand, but used (in natural operation) by different people in different parts of the country.

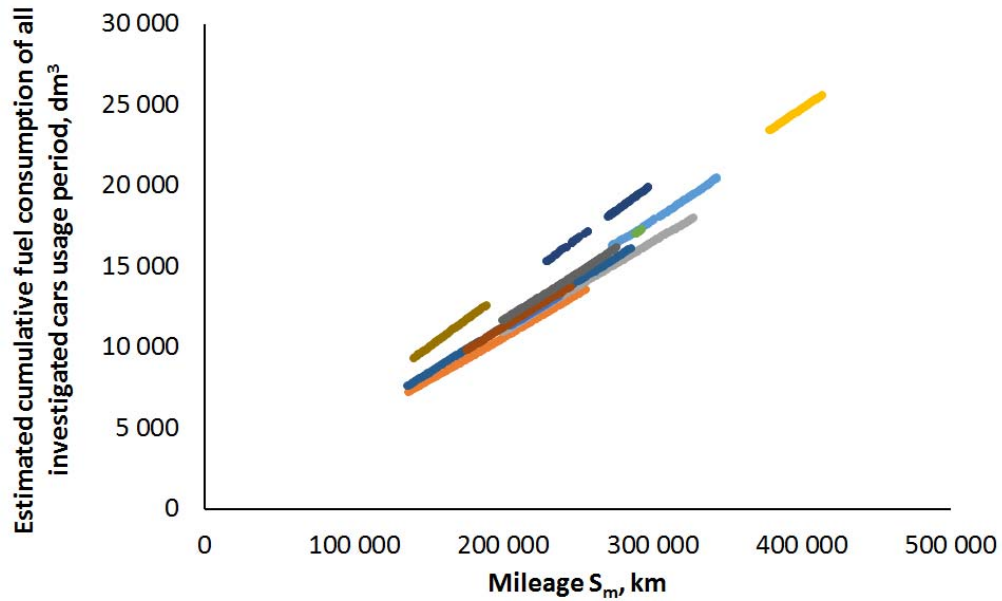


Fig. 2. Estimated cumulative fuel consumption of all investigated car lifetime usage period,

The cumulative fuel consumption is well described by a theory [13]. As an example, in Fig. 3 are given the equation of such a course fuel consumption of one of the vehicles tested.

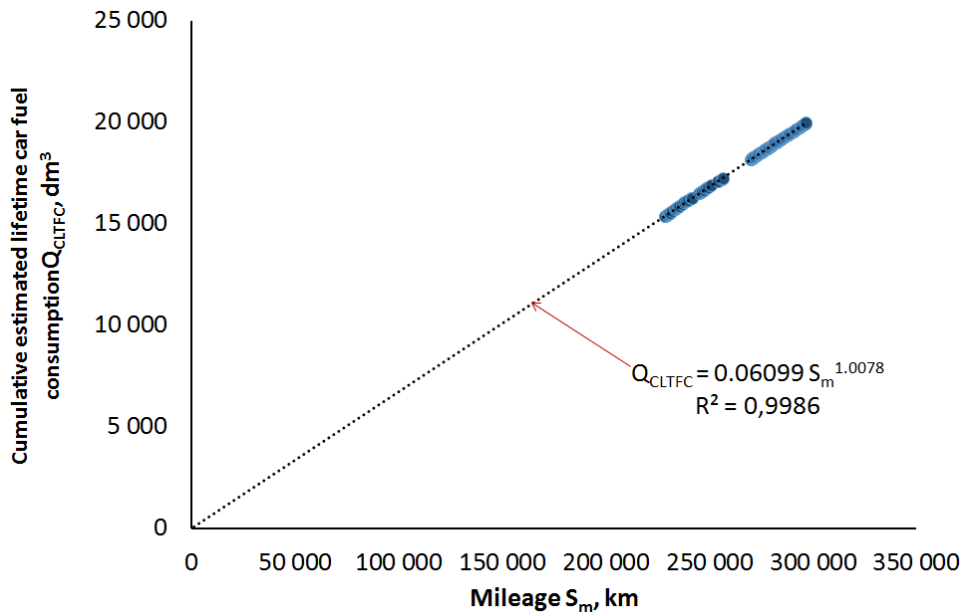


Fig 3. Cumulative estimated lifetime fuel consumption of one of investigated car

Although cumulative fuel consumption theory is well suited to describing it, it is too little data yet, so the data currently available will be used throughout the article. However, it should be borne in mind that only natural-use data is reliable for describing the car's fuel consumption.

3. The way of determining the fuel consumption in the test conditions

Nowadays, in different world regions, there are used the so-called driving tests, realized on the chassis dynamometers where the fuel consumption of the tested vehicles engines is assigned. In Europe it is currently used the NEDC test (New European Driving Cycle), and in The United States the test FTP is used (Federal Test Procedure), etc. In the nearest future the researches are planned according to the new world test.

In autumn 2017, a new procedure for testing light vehicles from around the world (WLTP) is in use. WLTP defines a global, harmonized standard for determining pollution levels and emissions, fuel or energy consumption, and the electrical range of light commercial vehicles (passenger cars and light commercial vehicles). Due to the fact that WLTP data is not yet rich, I would like to present a method for comparing test results and performance data using the "old" NEDC test procedure.

The profile of NEDC test velocity presents as follow:

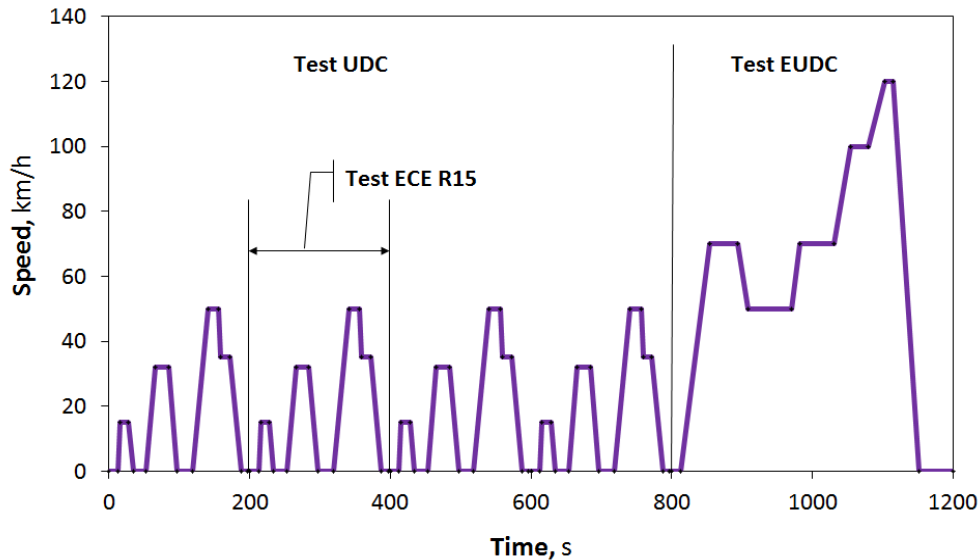


Fig. 4. The profile of NEDC test speed

From the picture it results that the NEDC test is the four time repeated ECE R15 test which is called UDC test (Urban Driving Cycle) plus once repeated EUDC test (Extra Urban Driving Cycle).

The fuel consumption in the NEDC test is determined during vehicle researches in the chassis dynamometer. During researches, the vehicle has to driven in a way that the velocity profile is preserved with very little deviations.

Engines exhaust gases of the researched vehicle are gathered in the special containers (material bags). Their quantity is logged and the quantity of their particular components is assigned. There is also measured the route that is driven during the test.

The test result concerning the fuel consumption does not comes from the direct measurements but comes from the calculations of the following procedure:

There is assumed that the fuel density is indicated according to EN ISO 12185 (or other equivalent method), where in case of:

- petrol or gas oil, the density measurement is made in 15°C;
- LPG and NG- there is used the reference density
 - 0,538 kg/dm³ in case of LPG
 - 0,654 kg/m³ in case of NG

If take the indication as follows:

FC- fuel consumption in dm³/100 km (liters per 100 km) with powering engine by petrol, liquid gas or oil gas or in m³/100km (in case of natural gas)

THC- planned hydrocarbon emission in g/km of test route

CO - planned carbon oxide emission in g/km of test route

CO₂- planned carbon dioxide emission in g/km of the test route

D - density of the used fuel

then, the fuel consumption assigned in the test comes from the following calculations:

- a) in case of the vehicles with spark engines (OTTO) powered with petrol

$$FC = (0,1154/D) \times [(0,866 \times THC) + (0,429 \times CO) + (0,273 \times CO_2)] \quad (2)$$

b) in case of vehicles with spark engines (OTTO) powered with LPG-

$$FC_{norm} = (0,1212/0,538) \times [(0,825 \times THC)+(0,429 \times CO)+(0,273 \times CO_2)] \quad (3)$$

If the composition of fuel is different from the standard one then (2) changes into :

$$FC_{norm} = (0,1212/0,538) \times c_f \times [(0,825 \times THC)+(0,429 \times CO)+(0,273 \times CO_2)] \quad (4)$$

c_f is assigned from the relation: $c_f = 0,825 + 0,0693 \times n_r$, where n_r – actual proportion H/C of the used fuel.

c) in case of vehicles with spark engines (OTTO) powered with NG-

$$FC_{norm} = (0,1336/0,654) \times [(0,749 \times THC)+(0,429 \times CO)+(0,273 \times CO_2)] \quad (5)$$

d) in case of vehicles with compression ignition engine (DIESEL):

$$FC = (0,1155/D) \times [(0,866 \times THC)+(0,429 \times CO)+(0,273 \times CO_2)] \quad (6)$$

The fuel consumption assigned in the test is therefore not the result of direct measurement but the recalculations, and is based on the results of the engine fumes components concentration. It has a huge advantage because it enables to release the results from the actual existing chemical composition of fuel. This can, however, lead (and leads) to divergences between the fuel consumption assigned in the tests and in the natural operation.

If we know that emissions of THC and CO are not more than 1% of total emissions, then the quasi linear relationship between fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions results from the above equations

The basic parameters of NEDC tests are following:

Tab. 1. The basic parameters of NEDC tests

Characteristics	Unit	Test		
		ECE	EUDC	UDC+EUDC=NEDC
Route	km	1.013	6.955	4×1.013+6.955=11.007
Duration	s	195	400	4×195+400=1180
Average velocity	km/h	18.7	62.6	33.6
Maximum velocity	km/h	50	120	120

If take that:

FC_{NEDC} – fuel consumption in NEDC test, dm³/100km,

FC_{UDC} –fuel consumption in UDC test, dm³/100km,

FC_{EUDC} –fuel consumption in EUDC test, dm³/100km,

then, taking into consideration the values from the table 1, the relation is acquired

$$FC_{NEDC} = 0,368129FC_{UDC} + 0,631871FC_{EUDC} \quad (7)$$

according to which the value of fuel consumption in the NEDC test may be assigned.

4. The correlation of the fuel consumption assigned in the driving tests and in the operation of vehicles

There has been stated that the fuel consumption in operation is significantly higher than the one given in the tests [2, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19]. Because this opinion is based on the reports of numerous research centers or the ones who provide vehicles evaluation (like the AMS editorial office) it is necessary to wonder how to lead to consistency of the test data and operation data.

However, there appears the question whether the correlation of fuel consumption assigned in the tests and in the operation of vehicles may occur at all. Before answering it, there is necessary to pay attention again on the fact that from one side:

- the fuel consumption in the tests is assigned on the way of recalculations, and from the other side,
- the so called operating fuel consumption is assigned in the controlled operation.

Additional doubt which appears, concerns whether the measurements in the controlled operation may be authoritative for the evaluation of fuel consumption in the natural operation. Here, the future works are continuing, but in this moment the data from the controlled operation are taken for the further considerations.

Due to the fact that the present paper concerns presentation of the results correlation method, the data available in the literature will be used in its further part. There has been used the data presented by the editorial office of Auto Motor und Sport. The editorial office leads the usage measurement on chosen test fragments assigning OFC_{AMS} and OFC_{AMSS}

Subsequently, OFC_{AMS} was treated as the equivalent of FC_{UDC} from the UDC test, whereas OFC_{AMSS} as the equivalent of FC_{EUDC} from EUDC tests.

Hence, there has been assumed, that the fuel consumption in controlled operation OFC_s will be indicated from the relation

$$OFC_s = 0,368129OFC_{AMS} + 0,631871OFC_{AMSS} \quad (8)$$

If take that the operating fuel consumption is to be correlated with the test consumption then

$$0,368129OFC_{AMS} + 0,631871OFC_{AMSS} = OFC_s = b_0 + b_1 * FC_{UDC} + b_2 * FC_{EUDC} \quad (9)$$

As it is visible on the right side of the equation (9) there does not exist the right side of the equation (7). It has been assumed, that there is no premise to stick to the formula (7) resulting from the table 1 which means that the NEDC test should consist of UDC test plus EUDC test, however, it does not have to be the four times repetition of UDC test plus one repetition of EUDC test.

The usefulness of the assumption according to (9) has been checked by the use of operating data presented by AMS.

The editorial office of the AMS has carried out the measurements of both: cars driven by the spark ignition engines (OTTO), as well as the vehicles with compression ignition engines (DIESEL)

Both entry data and the calculation results are gathered in the tables.

Table 2. The measurements and calculation results of fuel consumption in the braking and route tests of vehicles with spark ignition engines (Otto).

No	Car (OTTO)	FC_{UDC}	FC_{EUDC}	FC_{NEDC}	OFC_{AMS}	OFC_{AMSS}	OFC_s	OFC_{sc}	Difference ($OFC_s - OFC_{sc}$) / OFC_s
		dm ³ /100km							
1	Focus Turnier 1.6 Titanium	7,70	5,00	6,00	10,80	5,70	7,58	7,54	0,44
2	308 SW 1.6 THP Active	9,50	5,20	6,80	10,70	6,00	7,73	8,51	-10,05
3	Astra Sports Tourer 1.4 Turbo	8,40	4,90	6,10	11,10	6,40	8,13	7,77	4,48
4	Twingo 1.2 16V Access	6,70	4,20	5,10	8,80	4,80	6,27	6,42	-2,34
5	i10 1.1 Base	5,80	4,10	4,70	8,40	4,60	6,00	5,94	1,02
6	Alto 1.0 Classic	5,50	3,80	4,40	8,10	4,60	5,89	5,55	5,77
7	M5	14,00	7,60	9,90	18,90	9,60	13,02	12,54	3,70
8	E 63 AMG	13,80	7,50	9,80	18,40	9,70	12,90	12,37	4,15
9	Panamera Turbo	17,00	8,40	11,50	22,50	9,50	14,29	14,55	-1,82
10	458 Italia	19,70	9,70	13,30	25,70	11,70	16,85	16,85	0,04
11	MP4-12C	18,50	7,80	11,70	23,90	9,40	14,74	14,69	0,31
12	Golf 1.4 TSI Comfortline	8,10	5,20	6,30	11,50	5,50	7,71	7,89	-2,36
13	Giulietta 1.4 TB Progression	7,80	4,60	5,80	11,20	5,00	7,28	7,25	0,51
14	Astra 1.4 Turbo Essentia	7,40	4,80	5,90	10,80	5,20	7,26	7,24	0,29
15	Roomster 1.2 TSI Roomster	7,10	4,90	5,70	11,20	5,40	7,54	7,19	4,53
16	Meriva 1.4 EcotecEssentia	8,00	5,00	6,10	10,50	5,50	7,34	7,68	-4,57

17	Grand Modus 1.2 TCE Dyna	7,60	5,00	5,90	10,30	5,90	7,52	7,50	0,27
18	C3 Picasso 1.6 VTI SX Pack	9,40	5,50	6,90	11,30	6,60	8,33	8,72	-4,68
19	Venga 1.6 CVVT M	8,40	5,80	6,70	10,20	5,80	7,42	8,54	-15,05
20	Swift 1.2	6,10	4,40	5,00	9,00	4,90	6,41	6,33	1,30
21	C3 1.4 VTI	7,60	4,80	5,80	9,60	5,20	6,82	7,33	-7,46
22	Ibiza 1.4 MPi	8,00	4,70	5,90	9,90	5,30	6,99	7,42	-6,09
23	i20 1.2	6,50	4,30	5,10	8,90	5,60	6,81	6,42	5,84
24	Focus 1.6 Ti-VCT 16V Trend	8,70	5,40	6,60	11,90	6,60	8,55	8,33	2,63
25	Bravo 1.4 MultiAirDynamic	7,30	4,80	5,70	12,30	5,70	8,13	7,20	11,48
26	i30 1.6 Comfort.	8,00	5,20	6,20	11,60	6,00	8,06	7,85	2,66

The OFC_{SC} values (the calculated operating fuel consumption) has been determined from the dependence

$$OFC_{SC}=0,440043FC_{UDC}+0,855818FC_{EUDC}-0,12364= NFC_{NEDC} \quad (10)$$

which comes out from the table 2 data with the use of regression analysis. It is worth to once again pay attention, that in the equation (10) the input data are the values of fuel consumption determined in UDC and EUDC tests, thus in the standard measurement tests. According to this fact the fuel consumption NFC_{NEDC} can be treated as the fuel consumption in the "newer" NEDC test.

There have been obtained surprisingly good factors of equation (10) prediction, which is testified by its regression statistics.

Tab. 3. Regression statistics of the equation (12) in relation to fuel consumption model of cars with spark ignition engines

Multiple of R	0,989330
Square of R	0,978775
Matched square of R	0,976929
Standard error	0,452155
Observations	26

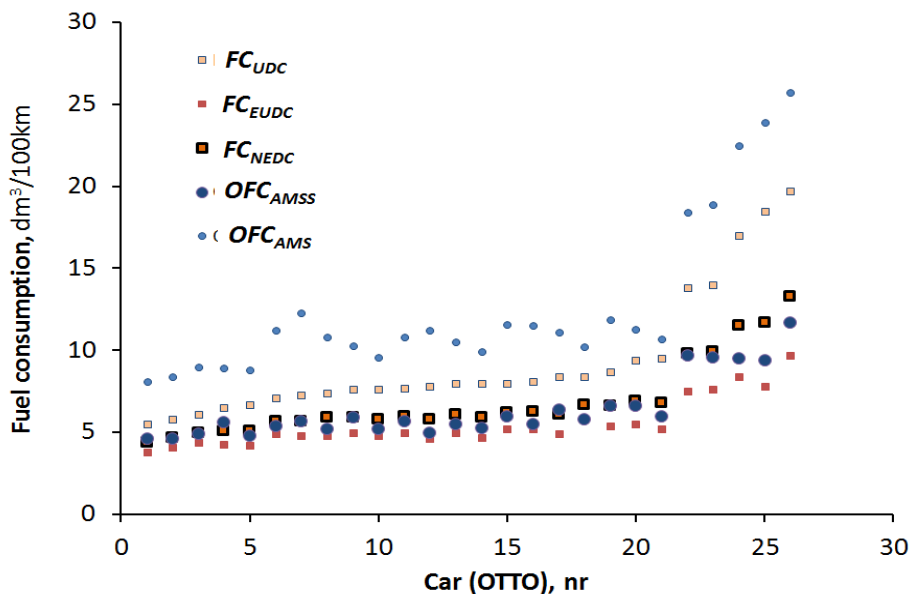


Fig. 5. The research results of fuel consumption in bench tests (FC_{NEDC} , FC_{EUDC} and FC_{UDC}) and in controlled operating tests (OFC_{AMS} , OFC_{AMSS}) of vehicles with spark ignition engines

You can see large variances in the results of the tests and those listed in the pilot operation.

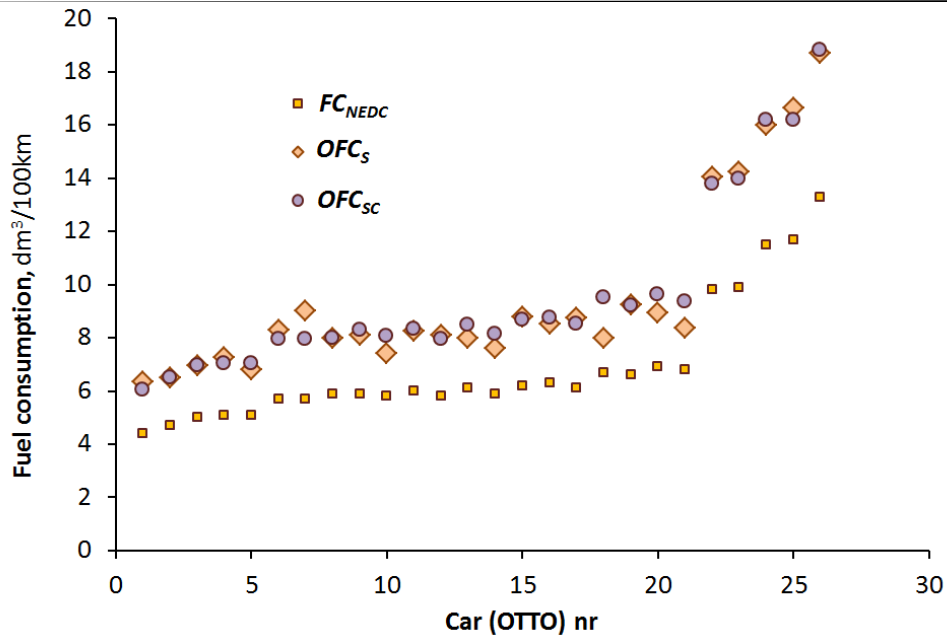


Fig. 6. Fuel consumption FC_{NEDC} and in the road tests OFC_S of vehicles with spark ignition engines

The results obtained in the NEDC test are still different from the operational ones, but if you use the (10) type formula, then the UDC and EUDC (as the newer NEDC test) and the results from the controlled operation almost overlap.

Similar results were obtained in case of vehicles powered by compression ignition engines (DIESEL)

Tab. 4. Data concerning fuel consumption in the cars with compression ignition engines (DIESEL)

No	Car(DIESEL)	FC_{UDC}	FC_{EUDC}	FC_{NEDC}	OFC_{AMS}	OFC_{AMSS}	OFC_S	OFC_{SC}	Difference ($OFC_S - OFC_{SC}$) / OFC_S
		dm ³ /100km							
1	A1 1.6 TDI Ambition	4,70	3,50	3,90	7,70	4,00	5,36	5,78	-7,80
2	Cooper D	4,20	3,50	3,80	8,10	5,30	6,33	5,79	8,59
3	320d Efficient Dynamics Edition	5,00	3,60	4,10	8,20	3,90	5,48	5,87	-7,11
4	Polo 1.6 TDI Highline	5,10	3,60	4,20	8,00	3,80	5,35	5,87	-9,83
5	B 180 CDI	5,40	3,80	4,40	8,70	4,80	6,24	6,06	2,81
6	Astra Sports Tourer 1.7 CDTI Enjoy	5,50	3,90	4,50	7,60	4,50	5,64	6,16	-9,12
7	C4 1.6 e-HDiExclusive	5,80	3,90	4,60	8,50	6,40	7,17	6,15	14,24
8	DS3 HDI 110 SportChic	5,60	3,90	4,50	8,30	5,50	6,53	6,15	5,76
9	Zafira Tourer 2.0 CDTIEcoflex Cosmo	5,50	4,00	4,50	9,30	5,10	6,65	6,25	5,93
10	508 SW 2.0 HDiAllure	6,80	4,00	5,00	9,60	4,80	6,57	6,24	5,05
11	Insignia 2.0 CDTI Eco-FLEX Cosmo	6,30	4,00	4,90	9,70	5,30	6,92	6,24	9,80
12	Cee'd 1.6 CRDi M	4,90	4,00	4,40	7,80	5,90	6,60	6,26	5,14
13	C 220 CDI Avantgarde	6,20	4,00	4,80	9,00	4,60	6,22	6,24	-0,38
14	Jetta 2.0 TDI CR Highline	6,10	4,10	4,80	9,10	5,00	6,51	6,34	2,59
15	C-Max 1.6 TDCITitanium	5,00	4,10	4,40	9,60	5,30	6,88	6,36	7,67
16	Golf 2.0 TDI CR Trendline	6,10	4,10	4,80	8,80	4,30	5,96	6,34	-6,45
17	Auris 1.4 D-4D Premium	5,60	4,20	4,70	7,50	5,20	6,05	6,44	-6,57
18	S60 D3 Summum	7,20	4,20	5,20	9,30	4,80	6,46	6,42	0,52
19	I40 1.7 CRDi Premium	5,50	4,30	4,70	8,50	4,30	5,85	6,54	-11,89
20	Countryman Cooper D	4,70	4,40	4,40	8,60	4,40	5,95	6,65	-11,81

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21	Grand C-Max 2.0 TDCi Titanium	6,60	4,50	5,30	9,20	5,00	6,55	6,72	-2,66
22	6 Kombi 2.2 MZR-CD Kirei	6,90	4,50	5,40	9,50	4,60	6,40	6,72	-4,88
23	Passat 2.0 TDI CR Comfortline	6,30	4,50	5,20	9,60	5,20	6,82	6,72	1,40
24	6 Kombi 2.2 MZR-CD Sport	6,90	4,50	5,40	9,50	5,20	6,78	6,72	0,98
25	Touran 2.0 TDI Highline	6,50	4,60	5,30	9,00	5,30	6,66	6,82	-2,34
26	Passat 2.0 TDI DSG Comfortline	6,30	4,60	5,30	8,60	4,70	6,14	6,82	-11,16
27	Mondeo 2.0 TDCi Trend	6,40	4,60	5,30	9,90	5,20	6,93	6,82	1,60
28	Altea 2.0 TDI CR Style	7,30	4,60	5,60	9,30	5,60	6,96	6,81	2,22
29	Lancer 1.8 DI-D Intense	6,70	4,80	5,50	8,80	4,80	6,27	7,01	-11,73
30	SuperbCombi 2.0 TDI Elegance	7,50	4,80	5,30	9,00	4,80	6,35	7,00	-10,27
31	E 250 CDI Kombi	8,00	4,90	6,10	11,10	5,30	7,44	7,09	4,67
32	Insignia Sports Tourer 2.0 CDTi Cosmo	7,90	4,90	6,00	9,40	5,10	6,68	7,09	-6,08
33	530d xDrive	6,60	5,20	5,70	11,10	6,50	8,19	7,40	9,74
34	Superb 2.0 TDI DSG 4x4 Comfort	7,80	5,20	6,20	9,10	4,90	6,45	7,38	-14,48
35	SuperbCombi 2.0 TDI CR	7,50	5,20	6,10	10,50	5,20	7,15	7,38	-3,25
36	A6 3.0 TDI Quattro	7,20	5,30	6,00	10,90	6,20	7,93	7,48	5,63
37	X3 xDrive20d.	6,40	5,30	5,60	10,90	6,70	8,25	7,49	9,12
38	Laguna 2.0 dCi 175 aut. Bose Edition	8,20	5,30	6,30	10,50	5,90	7,59	7,47	1,61
39	Laguna Grandtour 2.0 dCiDynamique	8,10	5,40	6,30	9,90	5,50	7,12	7,57	-6,30
40	3008 2.0 HDi aut. Premium+	8,70	5,40	6,60	9,90	5,90	7,37	7,56	-2,55
41	E 350 CDI 4Matic	8,20	5,50	6,60	11,60	6,60	8,44	7,66	9,21
42	XC60 D5 AWD	9,50	5,50	7,00	11,00	7,10	8,54	7,65	10,41
43	Qashqai 2.0 dCiVisia	8,50	5,70	6,70	9,70	5,80	7,24	7,85	-8,53
44	GLK 220 CDI 4MATIC	8,40	5,80	6,70	11,70	6,30	8,29	7,95	4,07
45	Q5 2.0 TDI Quattro	8,20	6,00	6,80	11,70	6,40	8,35	8,15	2,46
46	ML 350 BlueTEC	8,40	6,80	7,40	13,40	7,00	9,36	8,91	4,72
47	FX30d	11,20	7,80	9,00	12,90	7,20	9,30	9,84	-5,85

In the case of vehicles powered by the compression ignition engines (Diesel) there has been also obtained the dependence (13)

$$OFC_{SC} = -0,012954FC_{UDC} + 0,964301FC_{EUDC} + 2,466235 = NFC_{NEDC} \quad (11)$$

Analyzing the abovementioned equation there can be stated that in the case of vehicles with compression ignition engines (DIESEL) the fuel consumption assigned in the urban test (UDC) is particularly irrelevant. The essential value is the fuel consumption assigned in the EUDC test.

Also in this case, the obtained prediction factors were not bad (however, they were worse than in the case of vehicles powered by spark ignition engines)

Tab. 5. Regression statistics of the equation (13) in reference to fuel consumption model of cars with compression ignition engines

Multiple of R	0,851541
Square of R	0,725122
Matched square of R	0,712628
Standard error	0,516375
Observations	47

The data from the abovementioned tables are illustrated in the diagrams.

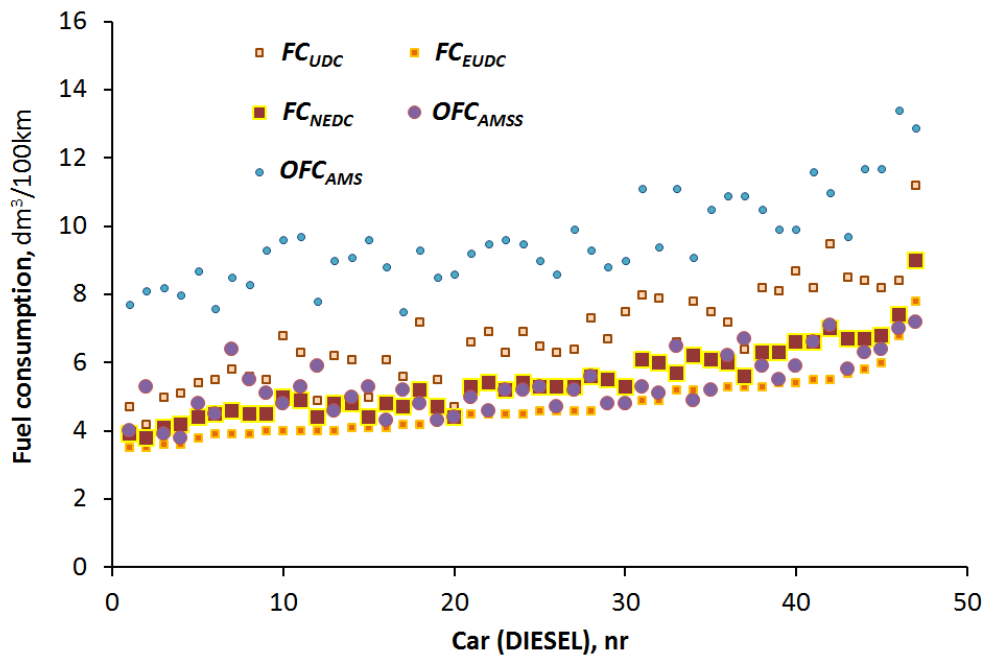


Fig. 7. The research results of fuel consumption in bench tests (FC_{NEDC} , FC_{EUDC} and FC_{UDC}) and in controlled operating tests (OFC_{AMS} , OFC_{AMSS}) of vehicles with compression ignition engines (DIESEL's)

As with OTTO engines, vehicles with Diesel engines also exhibit a fuel consumption balance in tests and in controlled operation.

After the conversion according to the formula (11), the correlation of the results was significantly improved.

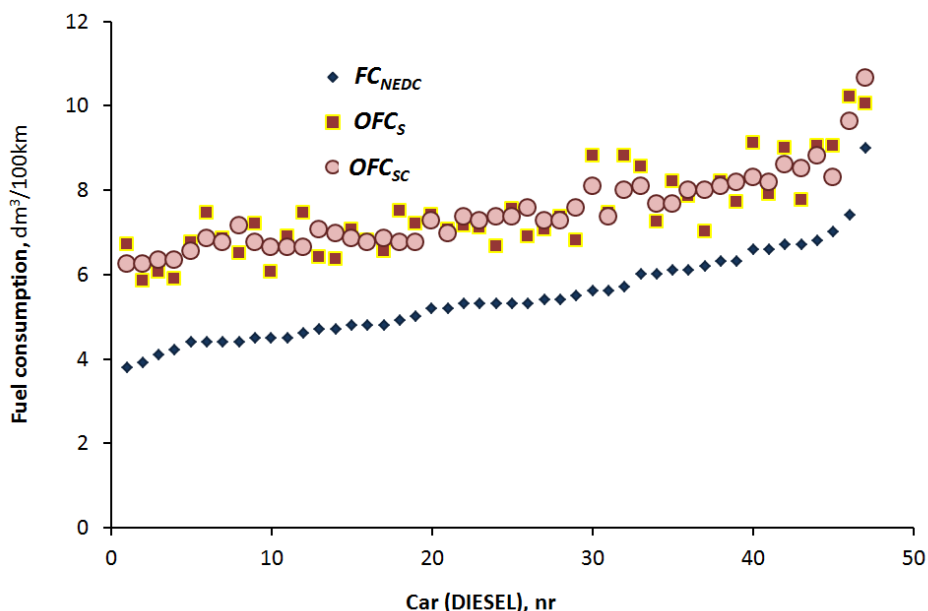


Fig. 8. Correlation of fuel consumption FC_{EUDC} and in road test OFC_S and calculated OFC_{SC} of vehicles with compression ignition engines (DIESEL's).

4. Conclusions

There exists the urgent need to limit the carbon dioxide emission coming from motorization, and the simplest way to obtain this aim is lowering of operating fuel consumption. There has been noticed, that throughout the last years the reduction of carbon dioxide emission determined in the bench tests was achieved, however, it is not reflected in the natural operation

of vehicles. The causes of this state may be found mainly in incompatibility between test conditions and actual vehicles operating conditions.

This article has risen to this issue, concurrently proposing the way of solving the problem.

There has been noticed, that in order to limit the increase of carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere, it is necessary to limit the fuel consumption. Therefore, there has been suggested the different attitude to fuel consumption determining in the natural operation, and also broader employing of test data in order to reach the correlation between test and operation fuel consumption.

The appropriate calculating procedure has been proposed.

It has been shown that:

- The results of controlled operating of vehicles may be presented in different form referring to the results of UDC, EUDC or NEDC tests researches.
- The results of fuel consumption researches obtained in the controlled operation of vehicles conditions are possible to correlate with the results of bench test researches.
- There exists satisfactory correlation of fuel consumption research results, determined in the controlled operation with the results of bench tests- urban UDC and out of city EUDC.
- Because the results of fuel consumption test researches come from the calculations arising from fumes components concentrations, and not directly from the measurements, it seems to be deliberate to implement the further calculating procedures e.g., according to the conception included in this paper, in a way to obtain the correlation of bench tests results with operation researches results.
- The implementation of procedures would enable the real evaluation of operating fuel consumption on the basis standard test researches, without the necessity of change the tests themselves, especially the ones coming in like e.g. WLTP.
- It is deliberate to carry on the further works targeting at reliable fuel consumption evaluation obtaining in natural operation of vehicles and their correlation with bench tests results

The presented research results have been based on relatively sparing experimental references. To broaden the resource of experiment, the continuation of researches seems to be necessary, especially due to the fact, that a new kind of bench test – WLTP is going to be implemented. On the other hand, considerations should be conducted using data from natural exploitation as these are only reliable.

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