

Car Ac Working On Lpg

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Abstract- This paper presents a new concept for air-conditioning systems in Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) fuelled vehicles. In this paper we have investigated the performance of refrigerator based on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) refrigerant since LPG is locally available and is easy to transport anywhere. Earlier to being used in an engine as a fuel, LPG acts as a refrigerant. LPG is extracted in petroleum refineries as a byproduct. Liquefied petroleum gas or liquid petroleum gas comprises of propane, butane, isobutane and flammable mixtures of hydrocarbon gases. Assuredly the air conditioning system is a promising application for LPG-fuelled vehicles to reduce the load on air-conditioning systems.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Air-conditioning (A/C) systems have been one of the main equipment in vehicles to improve driving comfort since they were first installed in the Packard in 1939 (Bhatti, 1999; Nagengast, 2002). Along with the development of new vehicles, many changes have been made to improve fuel efficiency, increase environment acceptance, improve passenger and driver comfort, and provide health benefits. In fact, A/C systems have evolved to work automatically to regulate the temperature, humidity, and air quality inside of a cabin (Bhatti, 1999; Shah, 2009). However, A/C systems operate via a vapour compression system in which the compressor draws power from the engine. As a result, fuel consumption and CO₂ tailpipe emissions increase significantly during A/C use (Benouali et al., 2003; Farrington and Rugh, 2000; Huff et al., 2013; Lee et al., 2013).

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

During the literature review in LPG refrigeration system, Conventional VCR (Vapour Compression Refrigeration System) uses LPG as refrigerant and produced the refrigerating effect. Among the existing gas fuels, CNG and LPG are the most widely used for fleets and private cars, especially on SI engines. Both CNG and LPG produce a potential cooling effect when evaporated within the vaporizer devices. However, in this study we selected LPG because it

has a lower cylinder pressure than CNG, which is 0.8–1.0 MPa for LPG and 20–27 MPa for CNG. We are in our process very simple type of refrigeration system in which the high pressure LPG is passed through a capillary tube and gets expanded, here we can use various capillary tubes of different diameter. During expansion the LPG gets converted to gas phase from liquid phase. Then this gas is passed through the evaporator where it absorbs the heat and produces the refrigerating effect. After evaporator it passes through the engine of the vehicle which is used as fuel.

III. DISCUSSION

Design of LPG Refrigeration System

There are four main parts in this system

1. Copper Tubes (For carrying LPG cylinder to filter before capillary)
2. Capillary tube
3. Valves (Gas supply control valves)
4. Evaporator

1. Copper Tubes

Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Systems—

Copper is the preferred material for use with most refrigerants. Because of its good heat transfer capacity as well as corrosion resistance and cheaper in cost. As for all materials, the allowable internal pressure for any copper tube in service is based on the formula used in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code for Pressure Piping (ASME B31): [10]

$$P = 2S (t_{min} - C) / D_{max} - 0.8 (t_{min} - C)$$

Where:

P = allowable pressure, bar

S = maximum allowable stress in tension, bar

t_{min} = wall thickness (min.), in mm

D_{max} = outside diameter (max.), in mm

C = a constant for copper tube, because of copper's superior corrosion resistance, the B31 code permits

the factor C to be zero. Thus the formula becomes:

$$P = 2\sigma_{\text{min}}/D_{\text{ma}} - 0.8t_{\text{min}}$$

According to the pressure 100 psi the tube outside diameter is become = 7 mm and the thickness of the tube is = 1.5 mm.

2. Capillary tube

An analytical computation of length of capillary tube
The fundamental equations applicable to the control volume bounded by points 1 and 2 in fig. are

1. Conservation of mass
2. Conservation of energy
3. Conservation of momentum

3. Valves

In this system we have used two flow control valves of globe type of 4 mm of internal diameter.

4. Evaporator

Evaporator is an important component together with other components in a refrigeration system. Evaporators is a device which is used as heat exchangers with fairly uniform wall temperature employed in a wide range of HVAC-R products, spanning from household to industrial applications. The reason for refrigeration is to remove heat from air, water or other substance. In general, they are designed to accomplishing a heat transfer duty at the penalty of pumping power. There are two well established methods available for the thermal heat exchanger design, the log-mean temperature difference (LMTD) and the effectiveness/number of transfer units (e-Ntu) approach (Kaka · and Liu, 2002; Shah and Sekulic, 2003). The second method is defined as the ratio between the actual heat transfer rate and the maximum amount that can be transferred, it has been preferred to the former as the effectiveness, provides a 1st-law criterion to rank the heat exchanger performance, whereas the number of transfer units compares the thermal size of the heat exchanger with its capacity of heating or cooling material. Furthermore, the e-Ntu approach avoids the cumbersome iterative solution required by the LMTD for outlet temperature calculations. [14] In general, evaporators for refrigeration applications are designed considering the coil flooded with two phase refrigerant, and also a wall temperature close to the refrigerant temperature (Barbosa and Hermes, 2012), so that the temperature profiles along the streams are not constant, in these cases, the heat transfer rate if it is calculated from: [13]

$$Q = m \cdot c_p (T_o - T_i) = \epsilon \cdot m \cdot c_p (T_s - T_i)$$

Where m = mass flow rate,

T_i = inlet temperature,

T_o = outlet temperature,

T_s = surface temperature,

$Q = h \bar{\epsilon} A_s (T_s - T_m)$ is the heat transfer rate, T_m is the mean flow temperature over the heat transfer area, A_s , and ϵ is the heat exchanger effectiveness, calculated from (Kays and London, 1984):

$$\epsilon = 1 - \exp(-NTU)$$

Where NTU is the number of transfer units. We have selected the plate and tube type evaporator because it provides a gentle type of evaporation with low residence time. It also preserves the food and other products from bacterial attack. It requires low installation cost.

The LPG Refrigeration Cycle

LPG Gas Cylinder:

From the LPG gas cylinder of 14.5 kg, LPG flows through the pipe and reaches to the capillary tube. LPG gas pressure is approximate 12.41 bars.

Capillary Tube:

Capillary tube downs the pressure up to or less than 1.2 bars.

Evaporator:

In the evaporator LPG is converted into the vapour from with low pressure. After passing through the evaporator low pressure and temperature LPG vapour absorbs heat from the chamber system and give the cooling effect.

Gas Burner:

After performing the cooling effect, low pressure LPG gas goes into the burner where it burns. As we know whenever the fluid flow through the narrow pipe there is a pressure drop. The amount of pressure drop in our system is calculated. [10] From the Darcey-Weisbach equation, the pressure drop in the refrigerant piping is calculated for 13 feet length tube is 0.23 in terms of equivalent length.

Basic Experimental Setup of LPG refrigeration system

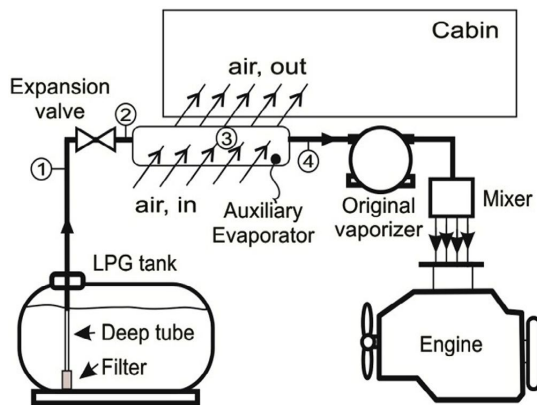
The main basic components in this system are shown in set up diagram.



Fig.2 Experimental set up



Fig. 3 Experimental set up



IV. RESULTS

Time (in min)	Capillary inlet pressure (in psi)	Evaporator outlet Pressure (in psi)	Evapourator temp. (in oC)
0	65	10	35
5	65	10	33.8
10	65	10	29.9
15	65	10	27.4
20	65	10	26.5
25	65	10	24.8
30	65	10	22.5
35	65	10	22.5

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VI. CONCLUSION

In this modern technological world, peoples always gives first preference to the cost and causes of each operation. So we have designed a new refrigeration system known as “CAR AC WORKING ON LPG ” along with the WORKING OF CAR ENGINE .By comparing existing cars which includes running parts used for refrigeration in car . So finally we conclude that our refrigeration system requires less cost and also increases the value of the product by reducing mechanical losses so that it becomes beneficial form environment point of view by releasing less harmful emission.

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