

3.2 Natural Gas-fired Reciprocating Engines

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3.2.1 General¹⁻³

Most natural gas-fired reciprocating engines are used in the natural gas industry at pipeline compressor and storage stations and at gas processing plants. These engines are used to provide mechanical shaft power for compressors and pumps. At pipeline compressor stations, engines are used to help move natural gas from station to station. At storage facilities, they are used to help inject the natural gas into high pressure natural gas storage fields. At processing plants, these engines are used to transmit fuel within a facility and for process compression needs (e.g., refrigeration cycles). The size of these engines ranges from 50 brake horsepower (bhp) to 11,000 bhp. In addition, some engines in service are 50 - 60 years old and consequently have significant differences in design compared to newer engines, resulting in differences in emissions and the ability to be retrofitted with new parts or controls.

At pipeline compressor stations, reciprocating engines are used to power reciprocating compressors that move compressed natural gas (500 - 2000 psig) in a pipeline. These stations are spaced approximately 50 to 100 miles apart along a pipeline that stretches from a gas supply area to the market area. The reciprocating compressors raise the discharge pressure of the gas in the pipeline to overcome the effect of frictional losses in the pipeline upstream of the station, in order to maintain the required suction pressure at the next station downstream or at various downstream delivery points. The volume of gas flowing and the amount of subsequent frictional losses in a pipeline are heavily dependent on the market conditions that vary with weather and industrial activity, causing wide pressure variations. The number of engines operating at a station, the speed of an individual engine, and the amount of individual engine horsepower (load) needed to compress the natural gas is dependent on the pressure of the compressed gas received by the station, the desired discharge pressure of the gas, and the amount of gas flowing in the pipeline. Reciprocating compressors have a wider operating bandwidth than centrifugal compressors, providing increased flexibility in varying flow conditions. Centrifugal compressors powered by natural gas turbines are also used in some stations and are discussed in another section of this document.

A compressor in storage service pumps gas from a low-pressure storage field (500 - 800 psig) to a higher pressure transmission pipeline (700 - 1000 psig) and/or pumps gas from a low-pressure transmission line (500 - 800 psig) to a higher pressure storage field (800 - 2000 psig).

Storage reciprocating compressors must be flexible enough to allow operation across a wide band of suction and discharge pressures and volume variations. The compressor must be able to compress at high compression ratios with low volumes and compress at low compression ratios with high volumes. These conditions require varying speeds and load (horsepower) conditions for the reciprocating engine powering the reciprocating compressor.

Reciprocating compressors are used at processing plants for process compression needs (e.g. refrigeration cycles). The volume of gas compressed varies, but the pressure needed for the process is more constant than the other two cases mentioned above.

3.2.2 Process Description ¹⁻³

Natural gas-fired reciprocating engines are separated into three design classes: 2-cycle (stroke) lean-burn, 4-stroke lean-burn, and 4-stroke rich-burn. Two-stroke engines complete the power cycle in a single crankshaft revolution as compared to the two crankshaft revolutions required for 4-stroke engines. All engines in these categories are spark-ignited.

In a 2-stroke engine, the air-to-fuel charge is injected with the piston near the bottom of the power stroke. The intake ports are then covered or closed, and the piston moves to the top of the cylinder, compressing the charge. Following ignition and combustion, the power stroke starts with the downward movement of the piston. As the piston reaches the bottom of the power stroke, exhaust ports or valves are opened to exhaust, or scavenge, the combustion products, and a new air-to-fuel charge is injected. Two-stroke engines may be turbocharged using an exhaust-powered turbine to pressurize the charge for injection into the cylinder and to increase cylinder scavenging. Non-turbocharged engines may be either blower scavenged or piston scavenged to improve removal of combustion products. Historically, 2-stroke designs have been widely used in pipeline applications. However, current industry practices reflect a decline in the usage of new 2-stroke engines for stationary applications.

Four-stroke engines use a separate engine revolution for the intake/compression cycle and the power/exhaust cycle. These engines may be either naturally aspirated, using the suction from the piston to entrain the air charge, or turbocharged, using an exhaust-driven turbine to pressurize the charge. Turbocharged units produce a higher power output for a given engine displacement, whereas naturally aspirated units have lower initial costs and require less maintenance.

Rich-burn engines operate near the stoichiometric air-to-fuel ratio (16:1) with exhaust excess oxygen levels less than 4 percent (typically closer to 1 percent). Additionally, it is likely that the emissions profile will be considerably different for a rich-burn engine at 4 percent oxygen than when operated closer to stoichiometric conditions. Considerations such as these can impact the quantitative value of the emission factor presented. It is also important to note that while rich-burn engines may operate, by definition, with exhaust oxygen levels as high as 4 percent, in reality, most will operate within plus or minus 1 air-to-fuel ratio of stoichiometry. Even across this narrow range, emissions will vary considerably, sometimes by more than an order of magnitude. Air-to-fuel ratios were not provided in the gathered emissions data used to develop the presented factors.

Lean-burn engines may operate up to the lean flame extinction limit, with exhaust oxygen levels of 12 percent or greater. The air to fuel ratios of lean-burn engines range from 20:1 to 50:1 and are typically higher than 24:1. The exhaust excess oxygen levels of lean-burn engines are typically around 8

percent, ranging from 4 to 17 percent. Some lean-burn engines are characterized as clean-burn engines. The term “clean-burn” technology is a registered trademark of Cooper Energy Systems and refers to engines designed to reduce NO_x by operating at high air-to-fuel ratios. Engines operating at high air-to-fuel ratios (greater than 30:1) may require combustion modification to promote stable combustion with the high excess air. These modifications may include a turbo charger or a precombustion chamber (PCC). A turbo charger is used to force more air into the combustion chamber, and a PCC is used to ignite a fuel-rich mixture that propagates into the main cylinder and ignites the very lean combustion charge. Lean-burn engines typically have lower oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions than rich-burn engines.

3.2.3 Emissions

The primary criteria pollutants from natural gas-fired reciprocating engines are oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The formation of nitrogen oxides is exponentially related to combustion temperature in the engine cylinder. The other pollutants, CO and VOC species, are primarily the result of incomplete combustion. Particulate matter (PM) emissions include trace amounts of metals, non-combustible inorganic material, and condensable, semi-volatile organics which result from volatilized lubricating oil, engine wear, or from products of incomplete combustion. Sulfur oxides are very low since sulfur compounds are removed from natural gas at processing plants. However, trace amounts of sulfur containing odorant are added to natural gas at city gates prior to distribution for the purpose of leak detection.

It should be emphasized that the actual emissions may vary considerably from the published emission factors due to variations in the engine operating conditions. This variation is due to engines operating at different conditions, including air-to-fuel ratio, ignition timing, torque, speed, ambient temperature, humidity, and other factors. It is not unusual to test emissions from two identical engines in the same plant, operated by the same personnel, using the same fuel, and have the test results show significantly different emissions. This variability in the test data is evidenced in the high relative standard deviation reported in the data set.

3.2.3.1 Nitrogen Oxides –

Nitrogen oxides are formed through three fundamentally different mechanisms. The principal mechanism of NO_x formation with gas-fired engines is thermal NO_x . The thermal NO_x mechanism occurs through the thermal dissociation and subsequent reaction of nitrogen (N_2) and oxygen (O_2) molecules in the combustion air. Most NO_x formed through the thermal NO_x mechanism occurs in high temperature regions in the cylinder where combustion air has mixed sufficiently with the fuel to produce the peak temperature fuel/air interface. The second mechanism, called prompt NO_x , occurs through early reactions of nitrogen molecules in the combustion air and hydrocarbon radicals from the fuel. Prompt NO_x reactions occur within the flame and are usually negligible compared to the level of NO_x formed through the thermal NO_x mechanism. The third mechanism, fuel NO_x , stems from the evolution and reaction of fuel-bound nitrogen compounds with oxygen. Natural gas has negligible chemically bound fuel nitrogen (although some molecular nitrogen is present).

Essentially all NO_x formed in natural gas-fired reciprocating engines occurs through the thermal NO_x mechanism. The formation of NO_x through the prompt NO_x mechanism may be significant only under highly controlled situations in rich-burn engines when the thermal NO_x mechanism is suppressed. The rate of NO_x formation through the thermal NO_x mechanism is highly dependent upon the stoichiometric ratio, combustion temperature, and residence time at the combustion temperature.

Maximum NO_x formation occurs through the thermal NO_x mechanism near the stoichiometric air-to-fuel mixture ratio since combustion temperatures are greatest at this air-to-fuel ratio.

3.2.3.2 Carbon Monoxide and Volatile Organic Compounds –

CO and VOC emissions are both products of incomplete combustion. CO results when there is insufficient residence time at high temperature to complete the final step in hydrocarbon oxidation. In reciprocating engines, CO emissions may indicate early quenching of combustion gases on cylinder walls or valve surfaces. The oxidation of CO to carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a slow reaction compared to most hydrocarbon oxidation reactions.

The pollutants commonly classified as VOC can encompass a wide spectrum of volatile organic compounds that are photoreactive in the atmosphere. VOC occur when some of the gas remains unburned or is only partially burned during the combustion process. With natural gas, some organics are carryover, unreacted, trace constituents of the gas, while others may be pyrolysis products of the heavier hydrocarbon constituents. Partially burned hydrocarbons result from poor air-to-fuel mixing prior to, or during, combustion, or incorrect air-to-fuel ratios in the cylinder during combustion due to maladjustment of the engine fuel system. Also, low cylinder temperature may yield partially burned hydrocarbons due to excessive cooling through the walls, or early cooling of the gases by expansion of the combustion volume caused by piston motion before combustion is completed.

3.2.3.3 Particulate Matter⁴ -

PM emissions result from carryover of noncombustible trace constituents in the fuel and lubricating oil and from products of incomplete combustion. Emission of PM from natural gas-fired reciprocating engines are generally minimal and comprise fine filterable and condensable PM. Increased PM emissions may result from poor air-to-fuel mixing or maintenance problems.

3.2.3.4 Carbon Dioxide, Methane, and Nitrous Oxide⁵ -

Carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O) are referred to as greenhouse gases. Such gases are largely transparent to incoming solar radiation; however, they absorb infrared radiation re-emitted by the Earth. Where available, emission factors for these pollutants are presented in the emission factors tables of this section.

3.2.4 Control Technologies

Three generic control techniques have been developed for reciprocating engines: parametric controls (timing and operating at a leaner air-to-fuel ratio); combustion modifications such as advanced engine design for new sources or major modification to existing sources (clean-burn cylinder head designs and prestratified charge combustion for rich-burn engines); and postcombustion catalytic controls installed on the engine exhaust system. Post-combustion catalytic technologies include selective catalytic reduction (SCR) for lean-burn engines, nonselective catalytic reduction (NSCR) for rich-burn engines, and CO oxidation catalysts for lean-burn engines.

3.2.4.1 Control Techniques for 4-Cycle Rich-burn Engines ^{4,6} -

Nonselective Catalytic Reduction (NSCR) -

This technique uses the residual hydrocarbons and CO in the rich-burn engine exhaust as a reducing agent for NOx. In an NSCR, hydrocarbons and CO are oxidized by O₂ and NOx. The excess hydrocarbons, CO, and NOx pass over a catalyst (usually a noble metal such as platinum, rhodium, or palladium) that oxidizes the excess hydrocarbons and CO to H₂O and CO₂, while reducing NOx to N₂. NOx reduction efficiencies are usually greater than 90 percent, while CO reduction efficiencies are approximately 90 percent.

The NSCR technique is effectively limited to engines with normal exhaust oxygen levels of 4 percent or less. This includes 4-stroke rich-burn naturally aspirated engines and some 4-stroke richburn turbocharged engines. Engines operating with NSCR require tight air-to-fuel control to maintain high reduction effectiveness without high hydrocarbon emissions. To achieve effective NOx reduction performance, the engine may need to be run with a richer fuel adjustment than normal. This exhaust excess oxygen level would probably be closer to 1 percent. Lean-burn engines could not be retrofitted with NSCR control because of the reduced exhaust temperatures.

Prestratified Charge –

Prestratified charge combustion is a retrofit system that is limited to 4-stroke carbureted natural gas engines. In this system, controlled amounts of air are introduced into the intake manifold in a specified sequence and quantity to create a fuel-rich and fuel-lean zone. This stratification provides both a fuel-rich ignition zone and rapid flame cooling in the fuel-lean zone, resulting in reduced formation of NOx. A prestratified charge kit generally contains new intake manifolds, air hoses, filters, control valves, and a control system.

3.2.4.2 Control Techniques for Lean-burn Reciprocating Engines ^{4,6} -

Selective Catalytic Reduction ^{4,6} -

Selective catalytic reduction is a postcombustion technology that has been shown to be effective in reducing NOx in exhaust from lean-burn engines. An SCR system consists of an ammonia storage, feed, and injection system, and a catalyst and catalyst housing. Selective catalytic reduction systems selectively reduce NOx emissions by injecting ammonia (either in the form of liquid anhydrous ammonia or aqueous ammonium hydroxide) into the exhaust gas stream upstream of the catalyst. Nitrogen oxides, NH₃, and O₂ react on the surface of the catalyst to form N₂ and H₂O. For the SCR system to operate properly, the exhaust gas must be within a particular temperature range (typically between 450 and 850°F). The temperature range is dictated by the catalyst (typically made from noble metals, base metal oxides such as vanadium and titanium, and zeolite-based material). Exhaust gas temperatures greater than the upper limit (850°F) will pass the NOx and ammonia unreacted through the catalyst. Ammonia emissions, called NH₃ slip, are a key consideration when specifying a SCR system. SCR is most suitable for lean-burn engines operated at constant loads, and can achieve efficiencies as high as 90 percent. For engines which typically operate at variable loads, such as engines on gas transmission pipelines, an SCR system may not function effectively, causing either periods of ammonia slip or insufficient ammonia to gain the reductions needed.

Catalytic Oxidation -

Catalytic oxidation is a postcombustion technology that has been applied, in limited cases, to oxidize CO in engine exhaust, typically from lean-burn engines. As previously mentioned, lean-burn technologies may cause increased CO emissions. The application of catalytic oxidation has been shown

to be effective in reducing CO emissions from lean-burn engines. In a catalytic oxidation system, CO passes over a catalyst, usually a noble metal, which oxidizes the CO to CO₂ at efficiencies of approximately 70 percent for 2SLB engines and 90 percent for 4SLB engines.

3.2.5 Updates Since the Fifth Edition

The Fifth Edition was released in January 1995. Revisions to this section since that date are summarized below.

Supplement A, February 1996

- In the table for uncontrolled natural gas prime movers, the Source Classification Code (SCC) for 4-cycle lean-burn was changed from 2-01-002-53 to 2-02-002-54. The SCC for 4-cycle rich-burn was changed from 2-02-002-54 to 2-02-02-002-53.
- An SCC (2-02-002-53) was provided for 4-cycle rich-burn engines, and the "less than" symbol (<) was restored to the appropriate factors.

Supplement B, October 1996

- The introduction section was revised.
- Text was added concerning process description of turbines.
- Text concerning emissions and controls was revised.
- References in various tables were editorially corrected.
- The inconsistency between a CO₂ factor in the table and an equation in the footnote was corrected.

Supplement F, July 2000

- Turbines used for natural gas compression were removed from this section and combined with utility turbines in Section 3.1. Section 3.2 now only contains information on natural gas-fired reciprocating engines.
- All emission factors were updated based on emissions data points taken from 70 emission reports containing over 400 source tests. Many new emission factors have been incorporated in this section for speciated organic compounds, including hazardous air pollutants.

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- Standard disclaimer added
- Error in pollutant name identified and corrected in Table 3.2-2. Pollutant name changed from tetrachloroethane to perchloroethylene.

TABLE 3.2-1 UNCONTROLLED EMISSION FACTORS FOR 2-STROKE LEAN-BURN ENGINES ^a

(SCC 2-02-002-52)

Pollutant	Emission Factor (lb/MMBtu) ^b (fuel input)	Emission Factor Rating
Criteria Pollutants and Greenhouse Gases		
NOx ^c 90 - 105% Load	3.17 E+00	A
NOx ^c <90% Load	1.94 E+00	A
CO ^c 90 - 105% Load	3.86 E-01	A
CO ^c <90% Load	3.53 E-01	A
CO ₂ ^d	1.10 E+02	A
SO ₂ ^e	5.88 E-04	A
TOC ^f	1.64 E+00	A
Methane ^g	1.45 E+00	C
VOC ^h	1.20 E-01	C
PM10 (filterable) ⁱ	3.84 E-02	C
PM2.5 (filterable) ⁱ	3.84 E-02	C
PM Condensable ^j	9.91 E-03	E
Trace Organic Compounds		
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane ^k	6.63 E-05	C
1,1,2-Trichloroethane ^k	5.27 E-05	C
1,1-Dichloroethane	3.91 E-05	C
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	3.54 E-05	D
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	1.11 E-04	C
1,2-Dichloroethane	4.22 E-05	D
1,2-Dichloropropane	4.46 E-05	C
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	1.80 E-05	D
1,3-Butadiene ^k	8.20 E-04	D
1,3-Dichloropropene ^k	4.38 E-05	C
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane ^k	8.46 E-04	B
2-Methylnaphthalene ^k	2.14 E-05	C
Acenaphthene ^k	1.33 E-06	C

Table 3.2-1. UNCONTROLLED EMISSION FACTORS FOR 2-STROKE LEAN-BURN ENGINES
(Continued)

Pollutant	Emission Factor (lb/MMBtu) ^b (fuel input)	Emission Factor Rating
Acenaphthylene ^k	3.17 E-06	C
Acetaldehyde ^{k,l}	7.76 E-03	A
Acrolein ^{k,l}	7.78 E-03	A
Anthracene ^k	7.18 E-07	C
Benz(a)anthracene ^k	3.36 E-07	C
Benzene ^k	1.94 E-03	A
Benzo(a)pyrene ^k	5.68 E-09	D
Benzo(b)fluoranthene ^k	8.51 E-09	D
Benzo(e)pyrene ^k	2.34 E-08	D
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene ^k	2.48 E-08	D
Benzo(k)fluoranthene ^k	4.26 E-09	D
Biphenyl ^k	3.95 E-06	C
Butane	4.75 E-03	C
Butyr/Isobutyraldehyde	4.37 E-04	C
Carbon Tetrachloride ^k	6.07 E-05	C
Chlorobenzene ^k	4.44 E-05	C
Chloroform ^k	4.71 E-05	C
Chrysene ^k	6.72 E-07	C
Cyclohexane	3.08 E-04	C
Cyclopentane	9.47 E-05	C
Ethane	7.09 E-02	A
Ethylbenzene ^k	1.08 E-04	B
Ethylene Dibromide ^k	7.34 E-05	C
Fluoranthene ^k	3.61 E-07	C
Fluorene ^k	1.69 E-06	C
Formaldehyde ^{k,l}	5.52 E-02	A

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(Continued)

Pollutant	Emission Factor (lb/MMBtu) ^b (fuel input)	Emission Factor Rating
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene ^k	9.93 E-09	D
Isobutane	3.75 E-03	C
Methanol ^k	2.48 E-03	A
Methylcyclohexane	3.38 E-04	C
Methylene Chloride ^k	1.47 E-04	C
n-Hexane ^k	4.45 E-04	C
n-Nonane	3.08 E-05	C
n-Octane	7.44 E-05	C
n-Pentane	1.53 E-03	C
Naphthalene ^k	9.63 E-05	C
PAH ^k	1.34 E-04	D
Perylene ^k	4.97 E-09	D
Phenanthrene ^k	3.53 E-06	C
Phenol ^k	4.21 E-05	C
Propane	2.87 E-02	C
Pyrene ^k	5.84 E-07	C
Styrene ^k	5.48 E-05	A
Toluene ^k	9.63 E-04	A
Vinyl Chloride ^k	2.47 E-05	C
Xylene ^k	2.68 E-04	A

^a Reference 7. Factors represent uncontrolled levels. For NO_x, CO, and PM₁₀, “uncontrolled” means no combustion or add-on controls; however, the factor may include turbocharged units. For all other pollutants, “uncontrolled” means no oxidation control; the data set may include units with control techniques used for NO_x control, such as PCC and SCR for lean burn engines, and PSC for rich burn engines. Factors are based on large population of engines. Factors are for engines at all loads, except as indicated. SCC = Source Classification Code. TOC = Total Organic Compounds. PM₁₀ = Particulate Matter ≤10 microns (Fm) aerodynamic diameter. A “<” sign in front of a factor means that the corresponding emission factor is based on one-half of the method detection limit.

^b Emission factors were calculated in units of (lb/MMBtu) based on procedures in EPA

Method 19. To convert from (lb/MMBtu) to (lb/10⁶ scf), multiply by the heat content of the fuel. If the heat content is not available, use 1020 Btu/scf. To convert from (lb/MMBtu) to (lb/hp-hr) use the following equation:

$$\text{lb/hp-hr} = (\text{lb/MMBtu}) (\text{heat input, MMBtu/hr}) (1/\text{operating HP, 1/hp})$$

^c Emission tests with unreported load conditions were not included in the data set.

^d Based on 99.5% conversion of the fuel carbon to CO₂. CO₂ [lb/MMBtu] = (3.67)(%CON)(C)(D)(1/h), where %CON = percent conversion of fuel carbon to CO₂, C = carbon content of fuel by weight (0.75), D = density of fuel, 4.1 E+04 lb/10⁶ scf, and h = heating value of natural gas (assume 1020 Btu/scf at 60°F).

^e Based on 100% conversion of fuel sulfur to SO₂. Assumes sulfur content in natural gas of 2,000 gr/10⁶ scf.

^f Emission factor for TOC is based on measured emission levels of 43 tests.

^g Emission factor for methane is determined by subtracting the VOC and ethane emission factors from the TOC emission factor. Measured emission factor for methane compares well with the calculated emission factor, 1.48 lb/MMBtu vs. 1.45 lb/MMBtu, respectively.

^h VOC emission factor is based on the sum of the emission factors for all speciated organic compounds less ethane and methane.

ⁱ Considered ≤ 1 μm in aerodynamic diameter. Therefore, for filterable PM emissions, PM10(filterable) = PM2.5(filterable).

^j No data were available for condensable PM emissions. The presented emission factor reflects emissions from 4SLB engines.

^k Hazardous Air Pollutant as defined by Section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act.

^l For lean burn engines, aldehyde emissions quantification using CARB 430 may reflect interference with the sampling compounds due to the nitrogen concentration in the stack. The presented emission factor is based on FTIR measurements. Emissions data based on CARB 430 are available in the background report.

Table 3.2-2. UNCONTROLLED EMISSION FACTORS FOR 4-STROKE LEAN-BURN ENGINES^a
(SCC 2-02-002-54)

Pollutant	Emission Factor (lb/MMBtu) ^b (fuel input)	Emission Factor Rating
Criteria Pollutants and Greenhouse Gases		
NO _x ^c 90 - 105% Load	4.08 E+00	B
NO _x ^c <90% Load	8.47 E-01	B
CO ^c 90 - 105% Load	3.17 E-01	C
CO ^c <90% Load	5.57 E-01	B
CO ₂ ^d	1.10 E+02	A
SO ₂ ^e	5.88 E-04	A
TOC ^f	1.47 E+00	A
Methane ^g	1.25 E+00	C
VOC ^h	1.18 E-01	C
PM ₁₀ (filterable) ⁱ	7.71 E-05	D
PM _{2.5} (filterable) ⁱ	7.71 E-05	D
PM Condensable ^j	9.91 E-03	D
Trace Organic Compounds		
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane ^k	<4.00 E-05	E
1,1,2-Trichloroethane ^k	<3.18 E-05	E
1,1-Dichloroethane	<2.36 E-05	E
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	2.30 E-05	D
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	1.43 E-05	C
1,2-Dichloroethane	<2.36 E-05	E
1,2-Dichloropropane	<2.69 E-05	E
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	3.38 E-05	D
1,3-Butadiene ^k	2.67E-04	D
1,3-Dichloropropene ^k	<2.64 E-05	E
2-Methylnaphthalene ^k	3.32 E-05	C
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane ^k	2.50 E-04	C
Acenaphthene ^k	1.25 E-06	C

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Acrolein ^{k, l}	5.14 E-03	A
Benzene ^k	4.40 E-04	A
Benzo(b)fluoranthene ^k	1.66 E-07	D
Benzo(e)pyrene ^k	4.15 E-07	D
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene ^k	4.14 E-07	D
Biphenyl ^k	2.12 E-04	D
Butane	5.41 E-04	D
Butyr/Isobutyraldehyde	1.01 E-04	C
Carbon Tetrachloride ^k	<3.67 E-05	E
Chlorobenzene ^k	<3.04 E-05	E
Chloroethane	1.87 E-06	D
Chloroform ^k	<2.85 E-05	E
Chrysene ^k	6.93 E-07	C
Cyclopentane	2.27 E-04	C
Ethane	1.05 E-01	C
Ethylbenzene ^k	3.97 E-05	B
Ethylene Dibromide ^k	<4.43 E-05	E
Fluoranthene ^k	1.11 E-06	C
Fluorene ^k	5.67 E-06	C
Formaldehyde ^{k, l}	5.28 E-02	A
Methanol ^k	2.50 E-03	B
Methylcyclohexane	1.23 E-03	C
Methylene Chloride ^k	2.00 E-05	C
n-Hexane ^k	1.11 E-03	C
n-Nonane	1.10 E-04	C

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n-Octane	3.51 E-04	C
n-Pentane	2.60 E-03	C
Naphthalene ^k	7.44 E-05	C
PAH ^k	2.69 E-05	D
Phenanthrene ^k	1.04 E-05	D
Phenol ^k	2.40 E-05	D
Propane	4.19 E-02	C
Pyrene ^k	1.36 E-06	C
Styrene ^k	<2.36 E-05	E
Perchloroethylene ^{k, m}	2.48 E-06	D
Toluene ^k	4.08 E-04	B
Vinyl Chloride ^k	1.49 E-05	C
Xylene ^k	1.84 E-04	B

^a Reference 7. Factors represent uncontrolled levels. For NO_x, CO, and PM₁₀, “uncontrolled” means no combustion or add-on controls; however, the factor may include turbocharged units. For all other pollutants, “uncontrolled” means no oxidation control; the data set may include units with control techniques used for NO_x control, such as PCC and SCR for lean burn engines, and PSC for rich burn engines. Factors are based on large population of engines. Factors are for engines at all loads, except as indicated. SCC = Source Classification Code. TOC = Total Organic Compounds. PM-10 ≤ Particulate Matter 10 microns (μm) aerodynamic diameter. A “<” sign in front of a factor means that the corresponding emission factor is based on one-half of the method detection limit.

^b Emission factors were calculated in units of (lb/MMBtu) based on procedures in EPA Method 19. To convert from (lb/MMBtu) to (lb/10⁶ scf), multiply by the heat content of the fuel. If the heat content is not available, use 1020 Btu/scf. To convert from (lb/MMBtu) to (lb/hp-hr) use the following equation:

$$\text{lb/hp-hr} = (\text{lb/MMBtu}) (\text{heat input, MMBtu/hr}) (1/\text{operating HP, 1/hp})$$

^c Emission tests with unreported load conditions were not included in the data set.

^d Based on 99.5% conversion of the fuel carbon to CO₂. CO₂ [lb/MMBtu] = (3.67)(%CON)(C)(D)(1/h), where %CON = percent conversion of fuel carbon to CO₂, C = carbon content of fuel by weight (0.75), D = density of fuel, 4.1 E+04 lb/10⁶ scf, and

Table 3.2-2. UNCONTROLLED EMISSION FACTORS FOR 4-STROKE LEAN-BURN ENGINES (Continued)

^h = heating value of natural gas (assume 1020 Btu/scf at 60°F).

^e Based on 100% conversion of fuel sulfur to SO₂. Assumes sulfur content in natural gas of 2,000 gr/10⁶ scf.

^f Emission factor for TOC is based on measured emission levels from 22 source tests.

^g Emission factor for methane is determined by subtracting the VOC and ethane emission factors from the TOC emission factor. Measured emission factor for methane compares well with the calculated emission factor, 1.31 lb/MMBtu vs. 1.25 lb/MMBtu, respectively.

^h VOC emission factor is based on the sum of the emission factors for all speciated organic compounds less ethane and methane.

ⁱ Considered ≤ 1 μm in aerodynamic diameter. Therefore, for filterable PM emissions, PM₁₀(filterable) = PM_{2.5}(filterable).

^j PM Condensable = PM Condensable Inorganic + PM-Condensable Organic

^k Hazardous Air Pollutant as defined by Section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act.

^l For lean burn engines, aldehyde emissions quantification using CARB 430 may reflect interference with the sampling compounds due to the nitrogen concentration in the stack. The presented emission factor is based on FTIR measurements. Emissions data based on CARB 430 are available in the background report.

^m Error identified in pollutant name – October 2024. Pollutant name changed from tetrachloroethane to perchloroethylene.

Table 3.2-3. UNCONTROLLED EMISSION FACTORS FOR 4-STROKE RICH-BURN ENGINES^a (SCC 2-02-002-53)

Pollutant	Emission Factor (lb/MMBtu) ^b (fuel input)	Emission Factor Rating
Criteria Pollutants and Greenhouse Gases		
NO _x ^c 90 - 105% Load	2.21 E+00	A
NO _x ^c <90% Load	2.27 E+00	C
CO ^c 90 - 105% Load	3.72 E+00	A
CO ^c <90% Load	3.51 E+00	C
CO ₂ ^d	1.10 E+02	A
SO ₂ ^e	5.88 E-04	A
TOC ^f	3.58 E-01	C
Methane ^g	2.30 E-01	C
VOC ^h	2.96 E-02	C
PM10 (filterable) ^{i,j}	9.50 E-03	E
PM2.5 (filterable) ⁱ	9.50 E-03	E
PM Condensable ^k	9.91 E-03	E
Trace Organic Compounds		
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane ^l	2.53 E-05	C
1,1,2-Trichloroethane ^l	<1.53 E-05	E
1,1-Dichloroethane	<1.13 E-05	E
1,2-Dichloroethane	<1.13 E-05	E
1,2-Dichloropropane	<1.30 E-05	E
1,3-Butadiene ^l	6.63 E-04	D
1,3-Dichloropropene ^l	<1.27 E-05	E
Acetaldehyde ^{l,m}	2.79 E-03	C
Acrolein ^{l,m}	2.63 E-03	C
Benzene ^l	1.58 E-03	B
Butyr/isobutyraldehyde	4.86 E-05	D
Carbon Tetrachloride ^l	<1.77 E-05	E

Table 3.2-3. UNCONTROLLED EMISSION FACTORS FOR 4-STROKE RICH-BURN ENGINES
(Concluded)

Pollutant	Emission Factor (lb/MMBtu) ^b (fuel input)	Emission Factor Rating
Chlorobenzene ^l	<1.29 E-05	E
Chloroform ^l	<1.37 E-05	E
Ethane ⁿ	7.04 E-02	C
Ethylbenzene ^l	<2.48 E-05	E
Ethylene Dibromide ^l	<2.13 E-05	E
Formaldehyde ^{l,m}	2.05 E-02	A
Methanol	3.06 E-03	D
Methylene Chloride ^l	4.12 E-05	C
Naphthalene ^l	<9.71 E-05	E
PAH ^l	1.41 E-04	D
Styrene ^l	<1.19 E-05	E
Toluene ^l	5.58 E-04	A
Vinyl Chloride ^l	<7.18 E-06	E
Xylene ^l	1.95 E-04	A

^a Reference 7. Factors represent uncontrolled levels. For NO_x, CO, and PM-10, “uncontrolled” means no combustion or add-on controls; however, the factor may include turbocharged units. For all other pollutants, “uncontrolled” means no oxidation control; the data set may include units with control techniques used for NO_x control, such as PCC and SCR for lean burn engines, and PSC for rich burn engines. Factors are based on large population of engines. Factors are for engines at all loads, except as indicated. SCC = Source Classification Code. TOC = Total Organic Compounds. PM10 = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns (μm) aerodynamic diameter. A “<” sign in front of a factor means that the corresponding emission factor is based on one-half of the method detection limit.

^b Emission factors were calculated in units of (lb/MMBtu) based on procedures in EPA Method 19. To convert from (lb/MMBtu) to (lb/106 scf), multiply by the heat content of the fuel. If the heat content is not available, use 1020 Btu/scf. To convert from (lb/MMBtu) to (lb/hp-hr) use the following equation:

$$\text{lb/hp-hr} = (\text{lb/MMBtu}) (\text{heat input, MMBtu/hr}) (1/\text{operating HP, 1/hp})$$

^c Emission tests with unreported load conditions were not included in the data set.

^d Based on 99.5% conversion of the fuel carbon to CO₂. CO₂ [lb/MMBtu] = (3.67)(%CON)(C)(D)(1/h), where %CON = percent conversion of fuel carbon to CO₂,

C = carbon content of fuel by weight (0.75), D = density of fuel, 4.1 E+04 lb/10⁶ scf, and h = heating value of natural gas (assume 1020 Btu/scf at 60°F).

^e Based on 100% conversion of fuel sulfur to SO₂. Assumes sulfur content in natural gas of 2,000 gr/10⁶scf.

^f Emission factor for TOC is based on measured emission levels from 6 source tests.

^g Emission factor for methane is determined by subtracting the VOC and ethane emission factors from the TOC emission factor.

^h VOC emission factor is based on the sum of the emission factors for all speciated organic compounds. Methane and ethane emissions were not measured for this engine category.

ⁱ No data were available for uncontrolled engines. PM10 emissions are for engines equipped with a PCC.

^j Considered # 1 Fm in aerodynamic diameter. Therefore, for filterable PM emissions, PM10 (filterable) = PM2.5 (filterable).

^k No data were available for condensable emissions. The presented emission factor reflects emissions from 4SLB engines.

^l Hazardous Air Pollutant as defined by Section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act.

^m For rich-burn engines, no interference is suspected in quantifying aldehyde emissions. The presented emission factors are based on FTIR and CARB 430 emissions data measurements.

ⁿ Ethane emission factor is determined by subtracting the VOC emission factor from the NMHC emission factor.

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