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Valvetrain Component Design Considerations Course Overview

Course Information

Course Description

This course discusses the critical design considerations for valvetrain components such as the types and methods of driving the camshaft(s) to control the valve timing. The valve and the sub-system associated parts are discussed relative to the key design factors for valvetrain lash and the methods for automatically compensating for wear over the useful life of the engine. Finally, a simple valvetrain analysis is discussed relative structural mounting of the valvetrain and how the design decisions affect the overall engine performance.

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Course Environment

This is an asynchronous self-paced online course. There are recorded presentations/lectures, resources, and quizzes to facilitate learning. All assignments and course interactions will utilize Internet technologies and require active student participation.

Course Goals

At the completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Select an appropriate camshaft for an engine design
2. Discuss the role of valves and springs in engine performance
3. Explain valvetrain lash and the methods used to automatically compensate for lash over the useful life of the engine
4. Use different methods to analyze the valvetrain mounting

Course Requirements

Technical Requirements

For basic technical requirements, see [InterPro - Online Learning - Technical Requirements](#).

You are also encouraged to watch the Canvas Orientation recorded presentation, located in the Welcome module of your course site, to better understand the learning environment and related functionalities.

Canvas User Profile

You are encouraged to complete your Canvas profile page, with as much information as you feel comfortable including. Some helpful references on how to do this are listed below:

- [How do I edit my profile in my user account?](#)
- [How do I select personal pronouns in my user account?](#)
- [How do I set my Canvas notification preferences?](#)

Optional Key Reference Materials

Norton, *Cam Design & Manufacturing Handbook* ISBN: 0-8311-3122-5

Turkish, *Valve Gear Design* ASIN: B0006AR4JO

Van Basshuysen and Schaefer, *Internal Combustion Engine Handbook* ISBN: 0-7680-1139-6

Wang, *Introduction to Engine Valvetrains* ISBN:10 0-7680-1079-9

Course Topics

- Module 1: Cam Drive Systems
- Module 2: Valve and Spring System
- Module 3: Lash Compensating Devices
- Module 4: Valvetrain Support Structure and Analysis Methods
- Module 5: Roundtable Review of Valvetrain Hardware and Designs

Sequence of Modules

Course participants will advance through the topics in the sequence that they are presented within the course. Each module will be released based on the successful completion of the prior module's quiz.

Course Assessments

Course Completion

In order to earn continuing education credit you must successfully complete all content, to include earning a score of 100% on each of the required quizzes. At the completion of all the modules, you will receive a certificate of participation. Retain a copy of this certificate for your records.

Partial continuing education units will not be awarded.

Expectations

How to Successfully Complete this Course

- Login to the course site regularly
- Be proactive, prepared, and engaged in course activities
- Create a schedule and stay current on course content
- Seek assistance if needed

You should plan to spend approximately five hours actively participating in the course. *Attendance* in this course means logging into the online course site on a regular basis and participating in all required recorded presentations/lectures, reviewing reference materials, and completing quizzes. You are expected to manage your own learning to meet course obligations.

Diversity and Inclusion

Diversity is a source of strength, creativity, and innovation for UW–Madison. We value the contributions of each person and respect the profound ways their identity, culture, background, experience, status, abilities, and opinion enrich the university community. We commit ourselves to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, outreach, and diversity as inextricably linked goals.

The University of Wisconsin–Madison fulfills its public mission by creating a welcoming and inclusive community for people from every background — people who as students, instructors, faculty, and staff serve Wisconsin and the world.

This support also extends to the conscientious use of language and personal pronouns. If interested, see [Pronouns Matter](#) from the Gender and Sexuality Campus Center to learn more and find instructions on how to indicate your preferred name or pronouns within the tools being used for this course.

For additional information, see [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).