

Effect of Nozzle Hole Geometry on Compression Ignition Engine Fuelled with Thevetia Peruviana Biodiesel

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ABSTRACT: In the present study an experimental work had been carried out to analyze the performance and emission characteristics of various blends of thevetia peruviana biodiesel by varying nozzle hole diameter. The engine tests are conducted on kirloskar, 4-stroke, single cylinder, 1500 rpm, water cooled, direct injection, diesel engine with eddy current dynamometer with standard injection pressure 230 bar and injection timing 26°BTDC was maintained constant throughout the experiment. 3 different nozzles such as (3×0.28mm), (4×0.23mm), (5×0.20mm) varied to analyze the combustion parameters. From the test results, it could be observed that among 3 different nozzles 5 hole nozzle gives higher efficiency and lower emissions as compared to 4 hole nozzle and 3 hole nozzle.

KEYWORDS: Blends, Compression Ignition, Emission, Nozzle, Performance.

I. INTRODUCTION

The use of diesel engines today depends on lowering toxic components emission to the atmosphere, such as carbon monoxide (CO), nitric oxides (NO_x), hydrocarbons (HC) and particulate matter (PM). Considering the difficulties of proper control of the combustion process, some activities have been undertaken aiming at lowering its effects that is purifying exhaust gases. The fuel injection system is without any doubt one of the most important systems. It meters the fuel delivery according to engine requirements, it generates the high injection pressure required for fuel atomization, for air-fuel mixing and for combustion and it contributes to the fuel distribution in the combustion system hence it significantly affects engine performance emissions and noise [1]. Sayin et al. [1] found that, maximum Brake Thermal Efficiency (BTE) was obtained 0.289% for the B0 and 28.6% for the B5 at 37.5 kPa at original injector hole number and 26.2% for B20, 25.4% for B50 and 25.3% for B100 at 50 kPa and original injector hole number. The injector hole number have some effects on BTE. An aerodynamic interaction and turbulence seem to have competing effects on spray break up as the fuel injector hole number increases. The fuel drop size decreases if the injector hole number decreases with a decrease quantitative effect for a given set of jet conditions. The B0 fuel produced the highest BTE as 28.8%. The higher of B0 operation can be attributed to its lower heating value. Increased injector hole number increased the BTE values for B50 and B100. The increase in BTE may be attributed to the more efficient utilization of the biodiesel fuel at higher injector hole number because of finer atomization of fuel. Sharma et al. [2] found that, nozzle hole geometry had significant influences on droplet size penetration. Corresponding injection pressure, there was rise in thermal efficiency with increase in nozzle hole. That was due to increase in nozzle hole was responsible to rise in air fuel mixing, fuel vaporization and improved combustion and heat release rate. Thus, in view of that BTE rises with number of hole. BTE 26.65% and 26.18% was higher at NH₂, 220 bar injection pressure, and full load and 80% load respectively. One of the nozzles with smaller orifices (Ø 0.20 mm) had improved combustion for all of the test cases, resulting in an increase in fuel conversion efficiency compared to the reference nozzle (Ø 0.28 mm). Varghese et al. [3] found that, BTE decreased with increase in the nozzle sizes. At 25%, 50%, 75% load conditions B20 produced the maximum brake thermal efficiency with some exception. But at peak load condition, for all the three

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nozzles, diesel fuel produced the maximum brake thermal efficiency. Kumar [4] found that, brake thermal efficiency of 23.5% for diesel and 25% for N60 for 9 hole nozzle, and 24% for diesel and 26.03% for N60 was obtained for 11 hole nozzle. The main reason for increase in the brake thermal efficiency may be due to more homogeneous mixture formation and spray characteristics are maintained by the presence of the oxygen in the biofuels. Swamy et al. [5] found that, at fixed injection opening pressure (IOP) the highest brake thermal efficiency occurred for nozzle geometry with 5 hole having an orifice diameter of 0.3 mm. That may be due to atomization, spray characteristics and mixing with air were better, resulting in improved combustion. The BTE was found to be 28.5% at 80% load and its maximum value was obtained with 5 hole nozzle at an injection opening pressure of 205 bar. The BTE reported for 3 hole and 4 hole nozzles were 24.80% and 27.56% at 205 bar respectively. Increased number of holes had not much effect on ignition delay, but the fuel-air mixing rate increases and hence the found results favored the 5 hole injector. Decreasing the size of holes from 0.3 to 0.2 mm of 5 hole injector, ensured better mixing of air and fuel inside the combustion chamber and further leads to better combustion and hence increased BTE was found. However with less than 0.2 mm the above effect was nullified as fuel droplets move faster than air associated with poor mixing further resulting in inferior engine performance. Khandal et al. [6] found that, increasing the number of holes from 3 to 4 results in increased BTE for the same compression ratio and injection pressure but for higher values of injection pressure (240 bar), the BTE decreases. Home oil methyl ester (HOME) being more viscous than diesel, the injected biodiesel droplets will be larger for the same injection pressure and compression ratio and consequently increased number of holes will make sure proper mixing of the injected fuel i.e. HOME with the surrounding air. Therefore, 4 hole injector operation results in an improved fuel combustion process. It also produces a comparatively more homogeneous charge, hence the heat release rate (HRR) during premixed combustion was at the peak level. Under identical conditions of injection timing (IT) and compression ratio, increasing the number of holes from 3 to 4 results in an increased BTE. That could be due to the fine jets of biodiesels emerging from the 4 hole injector ensuring proper mixing of liquid fuel and the surrounding air resulting in improved combustion. For the same injection timing (IT) and injection pressure, increasing the number of holes from 3 to 4 results in increased BTE. As mentioned earlier, HOME was more viscous than diesel and hence increased number of holes will ensure proper mixing of the injected fuel with air, which ensures improved fuel combustion process. Harari et al. [7-10] found that, for 3 hole nozzle, highest Peak pressure rise was found to be 59.63 bar for diesel fuel at 2.35 kW of BP and 230 bar injection pressure, 57.11 bar for B20 fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 210 bar injection pressure and highest Indicated Mean Effective Pressure (IMEP) was found to be 15.63 bar for diesel fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 230 bar injection pressure, 15.73 bar for B20 fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 250 bar injection pressure. For 4 hole nozzle, highest Peak pressure rise was found to be 54.41 bar for diesel fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 230 bar injection pressure, 52.73 bar for B20 fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 230 bar injection pressure and highest IMEP was found to be 15.54 bar for diesel fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 250 bar injection pressure, 15.42 bar for B20 fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 230 bar injection pressure. For 5 hole nozzle, highest Peak pressure rise was found to be 57.11 bar for diesel fuel at 1.17 kW of BP and 250 bar injection pressure, 55.59 bar for B20 fuel at 2.35 kW of BP and 210 bar injection pressure and highest IMEP was found to be 15.46 bar for diesel fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 250 bar injection pressure, 15.79 bar for B20 fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and 250 bar injection pressure [7]. For 3 hole nozzle, highest Peak pressure rise was found to be 62.83 bar for diesel fuel, 60.64 bar for B20 fuel and highest IMEP was found to be 16.31 bar for diesel fuel, 16.06 bar for B20 fuel at 26° BTDC injection timing. For 4 hole nozzle, highest Peak pressure rise was found to be 57.28 bar for diesel fuel, 57.11 bar for B20 fuel and highest IMEP was found to be 15.69 bar for diesel fuel, 15.42 bar for B20 fuel at 26° BTDC injection timing. For 5 hole nozzle, highest Peak pressure rise was found to be 59.30 bar for diesel fuel, 57.44 bar for B20 fuel and highest IMEP was found to be 15.16 bar for diesel fuel, 15.03 bar for B20 fuel at 26° BTDC injection timing [8]. Decreasing the size of holes of fuel injector ensured better mixing of air and fuel inside the combustion chamber and further leads to better combustion and hence increased BTE was found. With decreasing injector hole number fuel particle diameters will enlarge and ignition delay period during the combustion will increase. That situation causes an increase in the BSFC. On the other hand increasing injector hole number causes a shorter ignition delay period. So that possibilities of homogeneous mixing decrease and BSFC augments. Increasing the number of holes resulted in increased cylinder peak pressure. That could be attributed to better mixing of the injected liquid fuel emerging from the higher hole injector with the surrounding air and thereby providing near stoichiometric air-to fuel ratio inside the combustion chamber. As the number of nozzle holes were increased the heat release rate during the pre-mixed combustion phase and the mixing controlled combustion phase

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tend to increase. CO emissions were found to be lower for decreasing injector hole sizes as the wall impingement with diesel was less compared to that with larger hole size. However higher hole size injectors leads to deposition of fuel on the combustion chamber walls. Hence higher CO emissions were found to be more with larger size hole injector. Increasing the number of holes in the injector resulted in decreased HC. That could be attributed to improved mixing of liquid fuel and the surrounding air inside the combustion chamber with a larger size hole injector and hence resulting in complete combustion. NO_x emissions increases with the increase in the number of injector holes due to faster combustion and higher temperatures reached in the cycle. The reason for increased NO_x with increased size of holes could be due to better combustion prevailing inside the engine cylinder and more heat released during premixed combustion. Decreased hole size ensures improved air-fuel mixing which results in enhanced combustion that results in reduced smoke opacity levels [9]. For 3 hole nozzle, maximum BTE was found to be 24.32% for diesel, 26.82% for B20 fuel and minimum BSFC was found to be 0.352 kg/kW-hr for diesel, 0.328 kg/kW-hr for B20 fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and at 230 bar injection pressure. For 4 hole nozzle, maximum BTE was found to be 13.54% for diesel, 14.64% for B20 fuel and minimum BSFC was found to be 0.632 kg/kW-hr for diesel, 0.601 kg/kW-hr for B20 fuel at 2.94 kW of BP and at 230 bar injection pressure. For 5 hole nozzle, maximum BTE was found to be 21.28% for diesel, 22.69% for B20 fuel and minimum BSFC was found to be 0.402 kg/kW-hr for diesel, 0.388 kg/kW-hr for B20 fuel at 3.52 kW of BP and at 230 bar injection pressure [10].

II. TRANSESTERIFICATION REACTION

It is most commonly used and important method to reduce the viscosity of vegetable oils. In this process triglyceride reacts with three molecules of alcohol in the presence of a catalyst producing a mixture of fatty acids, alkyl ester and glycerol. The process of removal of all the glycerol and the fatty acids from the vegetable oil in the presence of a catalyst is called esterification. The Figure 2 shows the transesterification process in which the upper layer forms the ester and lower layer forms the glycerol. The parameter such as temperature, molar ratio and catalyst concentration that affect the transesterification of raw oil were optimized initially. The transesterification set up houses 2 L capacity, round bottom flask provided with three necks that was placed in a water container for heating the oil. A heater with a temperature regulator was placed in the round bottom flask. A high speed motor with a magnetic stirrer was used for vigorous mixing of the oil. In the transesterification process triglycerides of raw oil reacts with methyl alcohol in the presence of catalyst (NaOH) to produce a fatty acid ester and glycerol. In this process 1000 g raw oil, 230 g methanol and 8 g sodium hydroxide pellets were placed in the round bottom flask. The contents were heated to 70°C and stirred vigorously for one hour to promote ester formation. The mixture was next transferred to a separating funnel and allowed to settle under gravity overnight. The upper layer in the separating funnel consists of ester whist the lower layer is glycerol which was removed. The separated ester with 250 g hot water and allowed to settle under gravity for 24 hours. Water washing separates residual fatty acids and catalyst and these were removed using a separating funnel. Finally the moisture from the ester was removed by adding silica gel crystals. Various biodiesel-diesel blends B10, B20, B30, B40 and B50 were prepared for the experimental work.

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Fig 1 Three mouth flask



Fig 2 Separation of glycerin and biodiesel

III. PROPERTIES OF FUELS

Table 1 Properties of fuels

Property	B0	B10	B20	B30	B40	B50
Density (kg/m ³)	829	835	839	841	843	846
Viscosity at 40°C (CSt)	3.52	3.76	3.96	4.09	4.22	4.71
Flash Point (°C)	53	68	77	81	83	87
Fire Point (°C)	59	75	86	89	92	95
Calorific Value (MJ/kg)	42.19	41.82	41.45	41.18	40.92	40.31

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IV. NOZZLE SPRAY PATTERN



Fig 3 Three Hole Nozzle



Fig 4 Four Hole Nozzle



Fig 5 Five Hole Nozzle

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V. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

A single cylinder, direct injection, four-stroke, water cooled, Compression Ignition (CI) engine is used in the experimental study. The fuel flow rate was measured by noting down the time taken for the consumption of a known quantity of fuel (10cc) from a burette. The viscosity of raw as well as esterified oil was measured by red wood viscometer, density by hydrometer, calorific value by bomb calorimeter, flash and fire point by open cup method. Initially, before starting experimental tests, the engine was made to run under ideal condition as warm up phase and then the tests were conducted. The engine was started and allowed to warm-up for about 10 minutes. The engine was tested under five discrete part load conditions i.e. 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% and 100%.

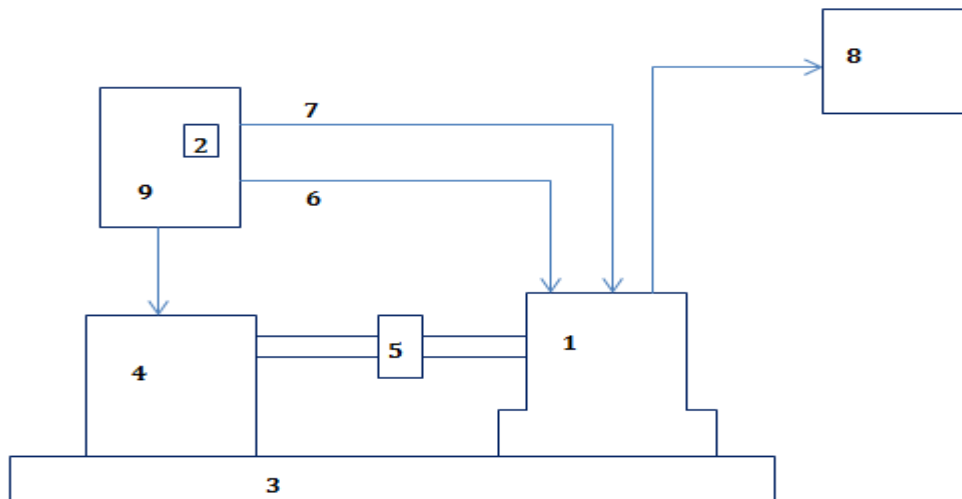


Fig 6 Experimental Setup

1-Diesel engine, 2-Burette for fuel measurement, 3-Base, 4-Dynamometer, 5-Coupling, 6-Air supply line, 8-Exhaust gas analyzer, 9-Control panel.

VI. ENGINE PARAMETERS

Table 2 Engine parameters

Engine Parameter	Specifications
Engine Type	Kirloskar
No. of Strokes	4
No. of Cylinders	1
Type of Cooling	Water Cooling
Type of Injection	Direct Injection
Bore	87.5 mm
Stroke	110 mm
Compression Ratio	17.5:1
Rated Power	5.2 kW
Rated Speed	1500 rpm
Injection Pressure	230 bar
Injection Timing	26° BTDC

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VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

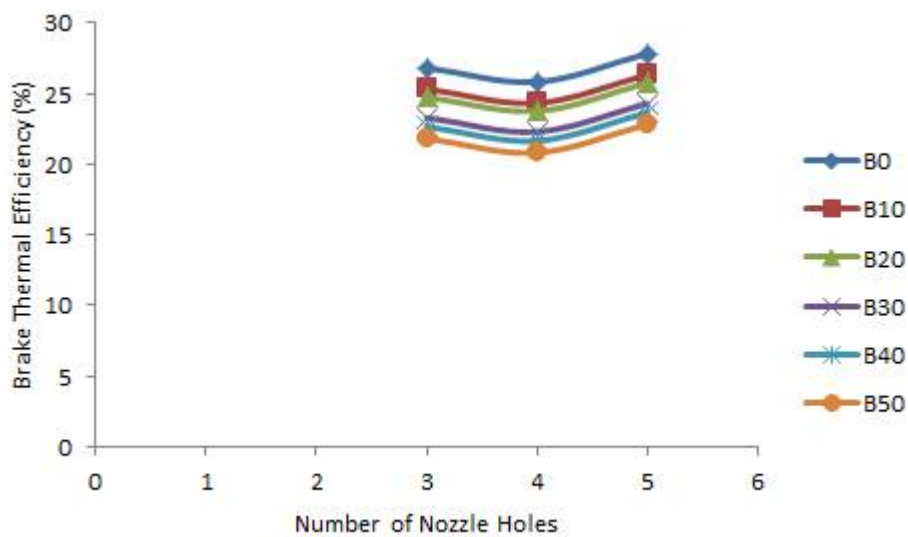


Fig 7 Variation of Brake Thermal Efficiency with Number of Nozzle Holes

Fig 7 shows variation of brake thermal efficiency with number of nozzle holes. Among all the blends tested B0 blend gives higher brake thermal efficiency because of higher calorific value of the B0 blend. Among different nozzles tested 5 hole nozzle gives the higher brake thermal efficiency because diameter of nozzle holes decreases so that area of nozzle holes also decreases. This results into lower fuel consumption and higher thermal efficiency. For 4 hole nozzle the brake thermal efficiency decreases because the spray pattern of 4 hole nozzle was irregular so that maximum amount of fuel was impinged on the cylinder wall and hence brake thermal efficiency decreased.

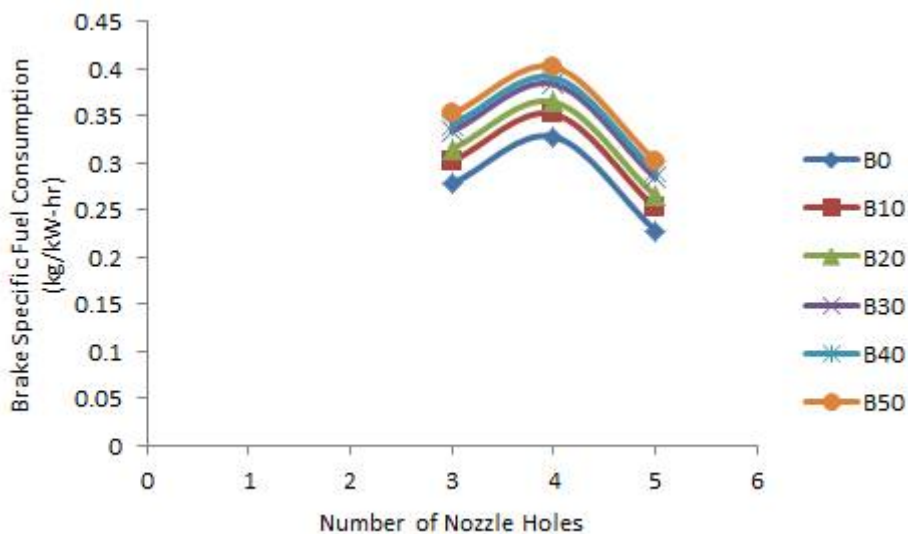


Fig 8 Variation of Brake Specific Fuel Consumption with Number of Nozzle Holes

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Fig 8 shows variation of brake specific fuel consumption with number of nozzle holes. Among all the blends tested B0 blend gives lower brake specific fuel consumption because of higher calorific value of the B0 blend. Among different nozzles tested 5 hole nozzle gives the lower brake specific fuel consumption because diameter of nozzle holes also decreases so that area of nozzle holes also decreases. This results into lower fuel consumption and higher thermal efficiency. For 4 hole nozzle the brake specific fuel consumption increases because the spray pattern of 4 hole nozzle was irregular so that maximum amount of fuel was impinged on the cylinder wall and hence brake specific fuel consumption increased.

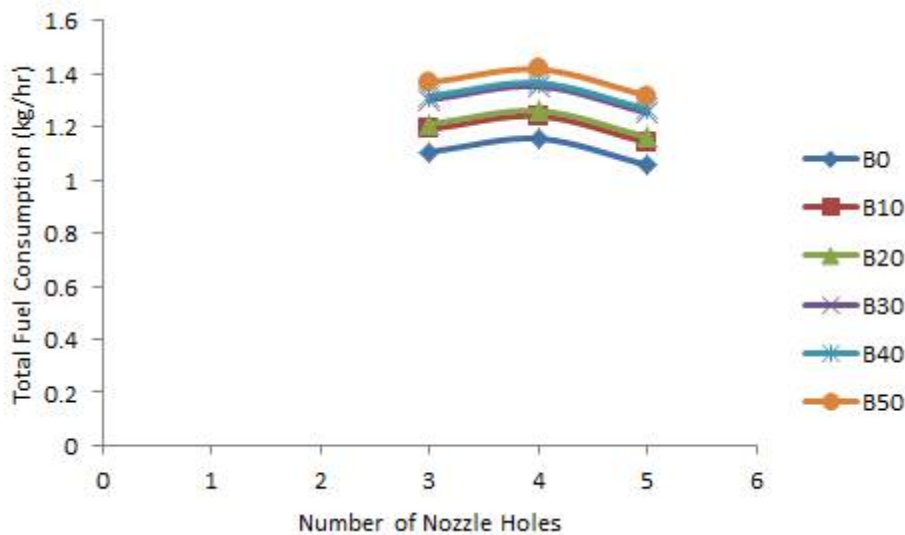


Fig 9 Variation of Total Fuel Consumption with Number of Nozzle Holes

Fig 9 shows variation of total fuel consumption with number of nozzle holes. Among all the blends tested B0 blend gives lower total fuel consumption because of higher calorific value of the B0 blend. Among different nozzles tested 5 hole nozzle gives the lower total fuel consumption because diameter of nozzle holes also decreases so that area of nozzle holes also decreases. This results into lower fuel consumption and higher thermal efficiency. For 4 hole nozzle the total fuel consumption increases because the spray pattern of 4 hole nozzle was irregular so that maximum amount of fuel was impinged on the cylinder wall and hence total fuel consumption increased.

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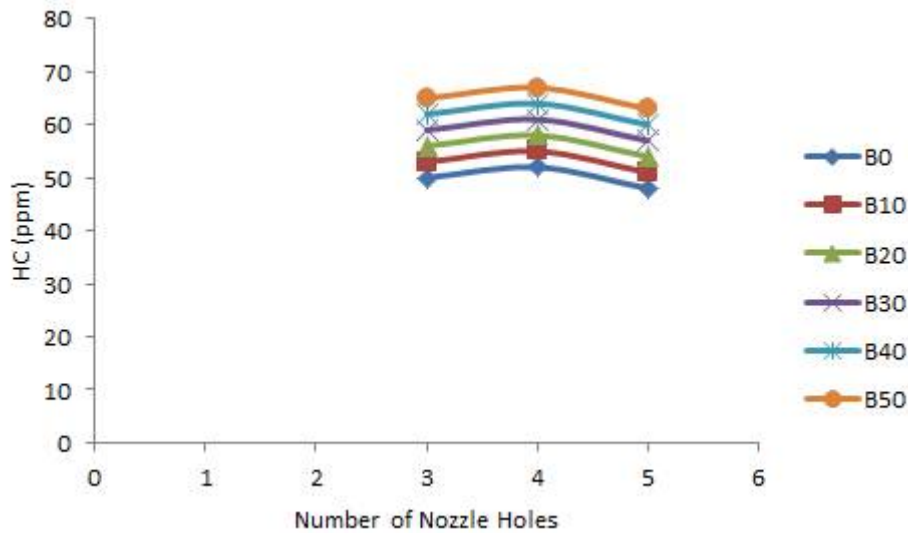


Fig 10 Variation of Hydrocarbon Emissions with Number of Nozzle Holes

Fig 10 shows variation of hydrocarbon emission with number of nozzle holes. Among all the blends tested B0 blend gives lower hydrocarbon emission because of higher calorific value of the B0 blend. Among different nozzles tested 5 hole nozzle gives the lower hydrocarbon emission because diameter of nozzle holes decreases so that area of nozzle holes also decreases. This results into fuel consumption and higher thermal efficiency and also lower hydrocarbon emission. For 4 hole nozzle the hydrocarbon emission increases because the spray pattern of 4 hole nozzle was irregular so that maximum amount of fuel was impinged on the cylinder wall and hence hydrocarbon emission increased.

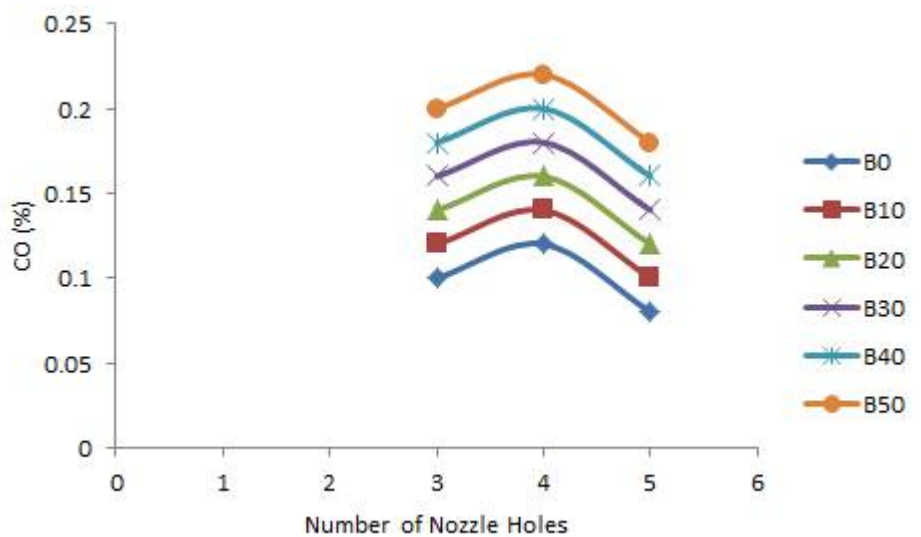


Fig 11 Variation of Carbon Monoxide Emissions with Number of Nozzle Holes

Fig 11 shows variation of carbon monoxide emission with number of nozzle holes. Among all the blends tested B0 blend gives lower carbon monoxide emission because of higher calorific value of the B0 blend. Among different nozzles tested 5 hole nozzle gives the lower carbon monoxide emission because diameter of nozzle holes decreases so

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that area of nozzle holes also decreases. This results into fuel consumption and higher thermal efficiency and also lower carbon monoxide emission. For 4 hole nozzle the carbon monoxide emission increases because the spray pattern of 4 hole nozzle was irregular so that maximum amount of fuel was impinged on the cylinder wall and hence carbon monoxide emission increased.

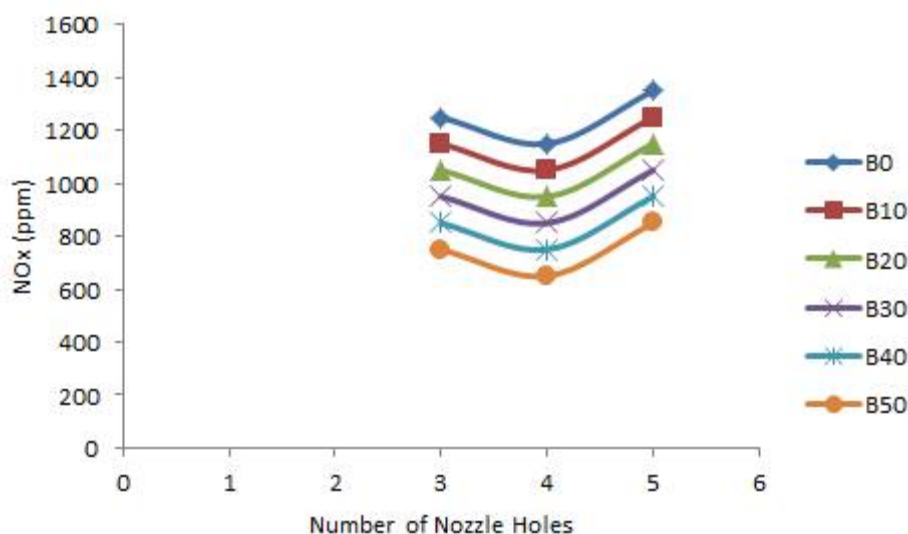


Fig 12 Variation of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions with Number of Nozzle Holes

Fig 12 shows variation of nitrogen oxide emission with number of nozzle holes. Among all the blends tested B0 blend gives higher nitrogen oxide emission because of higher calorific value of the B0 blend. Among different nozzles tested 5 hole nozzle gives the higher nitrogen oxide emission because diameter of nozzle holes decreases so that area of nozzle holes also decreases. This results into fuel consumption and higher thermal efficiency and also higher nitrogen oxide emission. For 4 hole nozzle the nitrogen oxide emission decreases because the spray pattern of 4 hole nozzle was irregular so that maximum amount of fuel was impinged on the cylinder wall and hence nitrogen oxide emission decreased.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The brake thermal efficiency of biodiesel blends was found to be lower compared to diesel at all power output. Brake specific fuel consumption for blends of biodiesel blends is higher when compared with diesel. Total fuel consumption for diesel is less as compared to biodiesel blends. Hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions for diesel are lower as compared to biodiesel blends. Nitrogen oxide emissions are higher for diesel as compared to biodiesel blends. Among the biodiesel blends tested, B10 and B20 gave the best performance with reduced emissions. Hence B10 and B20 blends are recommended for existing diesel engine. At all injection nozzles tested 5 hole injection nozzle gives higher brake thermal efficiency, lower brake specific fuel consumption, lower hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions and higher nitrogen oxide emissions. Hence 5 hole injection nozzle is recommended for existing diesel engine.

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