

# Design of Three Cylinder In-line Petrol Engine

*An engine Suitable for a small hatch back*

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**Abstract :** Now-a-days automobile became a necessity to common man. Most of the light vehicles are run by petrol engines. When compared with the Diesel engines Petrol engines are cheaper, light in weight, more powerful but high running cost. Though the running cost of the petrol engines is more most of the people prefer petrol engines, because due to ease in maintenance, smooth in operation and smoke free. In this paper an effort is made to Design a Petrol engine which is suitable for small car applications. All most all components of Petrol engine such as Cylinder, Piston, Connecting rod, Crank shaft etc. were designed using scientific principles as well as empirical relations and tested for their strengths against allowable stresses. Finally the results were tested with the common specifications of the engines available in the market for their validation.

**Index Terms – Engine Components, small car, hatch back model, Piston, Crankshaft.**

## I. INTRODUCTION

Small car is a dream to fulfill the dream of common man. To fulfill this many car manufacturers introduced many models prestigiously such as Maruti '800', DCM Daewoo 'Matiz', Hyundai 'Santro', Tata 'nano' etc. Later they became premium due to customs, taxes and so many reasons. In this project an effort is made to design a small car engine which is cheaper to manufacture and to inculcate the design practice for young researchers.

## INTRODUCTION

A : cross section Area of the cylinder  
 bsfc : Brake specific fuel consumption  
 Di : Inside diameter of piston  
 d<sub>ps</sub> : outside diameter and d<sub>i</sub> = Inside diameter of piston pin  
 D : Bore of the cylinder  
 D<sub>o</sub> : Out side diameter of the cylinder  
 h : Width of the ring  
 I<sub>xx</sub> : Moment of Inertia about X-axis  
 l<sub>p</sub> : Length of piston pin  
 k : Heat conducting of piston material  
 L : Stroke Length  
 p<sub>m</sub> : Mean effective pressure  
 M : Bending moment  
 P : Gas force  
 P<sub>gas</sub> : maximum gas force  
 q : heat flow from the gases  
 R : Side thrust  
 R max : Maximum side thrust  
 t<sub>h</sub> : Head thickness  
 t : Thickness of piston crown  
 t<sub>rad</sub> : Radial thickness of the piston rings  
 t<sub>1</sub> : thickness of the cylinder block wall  
 t<sub>2</sub> : Thickness of the cylinder flange  
 t<sub>3</sub> : Thickness of piston crown wall  
 V<sub>S</sub> : Stroke volume  
 Z : section modulus  
 σ : compressible strength  
 σ<sub>θ</sub> : Hoop stress  
 σ<sub>th</sub> : Theoretical stress  
 σ<sub>b</sub> : Bending stress,  
 μ : Poisson's ratio  
 σ<sub>L</sub> : Longitudinal stress  
 σ<sub>b</sub> : Bending stress  
 σ<sub>cr</sub> : Critical stress  
 τ : shear stress

Lighter vehicles are equipped with petrol engines due to their better qualities when compared with other alternatives such as Diesel engines. Petrol, or gasoline, is a liquid mixture created from crude oil. It is made up of hydrocarbons and iso-octane. It is a fuel most commonly used in internal combustion engines.

- Relatively concentrated and can travel many hundred km with one full tank of petrol
- It is highly available
- It is fairly cheap
- It is not difficult to make - it just has to be distilled and no waste is produced
- It is easy to carry around
- It is fairly safe to store



Fig. 1 Cut section of 3Cylinder 4 Stroke Petrol engine

#### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PETROL AND DIESEL ENGINES

Agenda	Petrol Engine	Diesel Engine
Number of piston rings	2 to 3	3 to 5
Type of piston	Deflector or Flat crown type is used	Combustion chamber type is used
Weight	Light	Heavy
Cycle of operation	Otto	Diesel
Cause of ignition	Spark plug	High temperature caused by high compression of air
Compression ratio	6.5 to 10.5	15 to 22
Compression pressure	About 10 Kgf/cm <sup>2</sup>	30 – 40 Kgf/cm <sup>2</sup>
Speed	Higher rpm	Lower rpm

## II. METHODOLOGY

In this project an effort is made to design all most all components of Petrol engine like Cylinder, Piston, Connecting rod, Crank shaft etc. using scientific principles and empirical relations and tested for their strengths against their allowable stresses. Finally we tested the results with the common specifications of the engines available in the market for their validation. The results obtained are found satisfactory.

Also selected a small car engine and sectioned it on slotting machine as shown in Fig.1. Again that is assembled and rotated by an electric motor for demonstration of its working. To rotate the engine at very slow speed we designed and manufactured a high reduction gear box. For this purpose we have chosen worm and worm wheel gear train, because it gives very high speed reduction. We cut the worm on Lathe machine using thread chasing mechanism. The outside diameter of the worm is 25mm and pitch 25 mm. we cut the worm wheel on Milling machine using gear tooth profile cutter. The worm wheel consists of 20 number of teeth. So we got 1:20 speed reduction. That is the worm has to rotate 20 times for one revolution of worm wheel. Finally we connected the assembled cut section of the engine to electrical motor of 500 rpm through reduction gear box. If we switch on the electrical motor that rotates the engine at very slow speed about 25 rpm.

## Standard proportions of piston

Dimension	Petrol engine	Diesel engine
Piston crown thickness (t)	(0.05 – 0.1) D	(0.12 – 0.2) D
Piston height (H)	(0.8 – 1.3) D	(1.0 – 1.7) D
Height of piston (top part) (h <sub>1</sub> )	(0.45 – 0.75) D	(0.6 – 1.0) D
Skirt length (h <sub>2</sub> )	(0.6 – 0.8) D	(0.7 – 1.1) D
Top land (t <sub>1</sub> )	(0.06 – 0.12) D	(0.11 – 0.2) D
Radial clearance of ring (Δt)	(0.7 – 0.95) mm	(0.7 -0.95) mm
Length of pin (l <sub>p</sub> )	(0.78 – 0.93) D	(0.8 – 0.93) D

### III. DESIGN PROCEDURE

Important components of engine are Cylinder block, head, piston, connecting rod and crank shaft. Their design procedure is given below.

#### 3.1 Design of Cylinder

##### Data Assumed:

1. Brake Power = 35HP = 26.1KW
2. Speed = 2500rpm
3. Indicated mean effective pressure = 0.55MPa
4. Mechanical efficiency = 85%

$$\text{Mechanical efficiency} = \frac{\text{Brake Power}}{\text{Indicated power}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, Indicated Power} &= \frac{\text{Brake Power}}{\text{Mechanical efficiency}} \\ &= [26.1 \div 0.85] = 30.7 \text{ kw} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Indicated Power} &= \frac{P_m LAN}{60} \\ P_m &= \text{Mean effective pressure} = 0.55 \text{ KPa} \\ L &= \text{Stroke Length} = 1.05 D \\ D &= \text{Bore of the cylinder} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{There fore, } 30700 = 550 \times 1.05D \times \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \times \frac{2500}{60}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } D &= 68.5 \text{ mm} \\ L &= 72 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The maximum explosion pressure } P_{\max} &= 8 \times P_m \\ &= 8 \times 550 \\ &= 4400 \text{ KN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For cast Iron, Allowable compressible strength } \sigma = 60 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{And Poisson's ratio } \mu = 0.21$$

The thickness of the cylinder with reboring allowance is given by

$$t = \frac{P_{\max} \times D}{2\sigma} + C$$

$$C = \text{Allowance for reboring} = 1.5$$

$$t = \frac{4.4 \times 68.5}{2 \times 60} + 1.5$$

$$= 4.91 \text{ mm} \quad \text{say } 6 \text{ mm}$$

(i) The hoop stress produced in the cylinder

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \frac{P_{\max} \cdot D}{2t} = \frac{4.4 \times 68.5}{2 \times 6} = 25.1 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$(ii) \text{ Thermal stress} = \sigma_{th} = \left[ \frac{E \cdot \alpha \cdot \Delta I}{2(1-m)} \right]$$

$$E = 100 \text{ KN/mm}^2$$

$$\alpha = 11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm}^0\text{c}$$

$$\Delta I = 120^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$\sigma_{th} = \left[ \frac{1 \times 10^5 \times 11 \times 10^{-6} \times 120}{2(1-0.21)} \right]$$

$$= 83.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{Total stress, } \sigma_{\theta} + \sigma_{th} = 25.1 + 83.5$$

$$= 108.6 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

The stress is with in the permissible tensile strength of cast iron (130 N/mm<sup>2</sup>)

(iii) Longitudinal tensile stress

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \frac{P_{\max} \cdot D}{4t} = \frac{4.4 \times 68.5}{4 \times 6} = 12.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

(iv) the side thrust in the cylinder

$$R = \theta \sin \theta = I \tan \theta$$

Assuming the for small obliquity of the connecting rod the maximum side thrust is 10% of the gas force,

i.e.  $0.1 \times \text{Area} \times \text{pressure}$

$$R = 0.1 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times 68.5^2 \times 4.4$$

$$\text{There fore } R_{\max} = 1621.5 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Length of the cylinder} = 1.25 \times \text{stroke length}$$

$$= 1.25 \times 72$$

$$= 90 \text{ mm}$$

(v) Bending stress induced in the cylinder

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M}{Z}$$

where M = Bending moment

$$= R_{\max} \times \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

a, b are position of piston fram T.D.C. and B.D.C.

$$a = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$b = 70 \text{ mm}$$

$$M = 1621.5 \times \frac{50 \times 70}{50 + 70} = 47293.75 \text{ N-mm}$$

Z : section modulus

$$Z = \frac{\pi}{32} \left[ \frac{D_o^4 - D^4}{D_o} \right]$$

$$\text{Where } D_o = D + 2t = 68.5 + 2 \times 6$$

$$= 80.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$Z = \frac{\pi}{32} \left[ \frac{80.5^4 - 68.5^4}{80.5} \right]$$

$$= 24362.5 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\therefore \text{Bending Stress } \sigma_b = \frac{M}{Z} = \frac{47293.75}{24362.5} = 1.94 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total tensile stress} &= \sigma_L + \sigma_b \\ &= 12.5 + 1.94 = 14.44 \text{ N/mm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Which is less than the allowable strength. Hence the design is satisfactory.

#### OTHER DIMENSIONS

(i) Thickness of the cylinder block wall

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= 0.045 D + 2 \\ &= (0.045 \times 68.5) + 2 \\ &= 5.08 \text{ mm} = \text{say } 6 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Thickness of the cylinder flange

$$t_2 = 1.3 t_1 = 1.3 \times 6 = 8 \text{ mm}$$

Thickness of the cylinder head

$$\begin{aligned} t_h &= D \left[ \frac{c \cdot P_{\max}}{\sigma} \right]^{0.5} \text{ where } c = \text{a constant} = 0.162 \\ &= 68.5 \left[ \frac{0.162 \times 4.4}{60} \right]^{0.5} \\ &= 5.49 \text{ mm} = \text{Say } 6 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 Design of Piston:

Data Assumed

Piston Material = Aluminium

Piston Dia meter = 68.5 mm

Length of stroke = 72 mm

Mean effective pressure ( $P_m$ ) = 0.55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

1. Thickness of piston crown

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{3 \times p_{\max} \times D^2}{16 \times \sigma_t}}$$

$\sigma_t$  = Tensile stress for Aluminium may vary from 50 MPa to 90 MPa

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \sqrt{\frac{3 \times 4.4 \times 68.5^2}{16 \times 75}} \\ &= 7.18 \text{ mm} = \text{say } 8 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

2. Thickness of piston crown

$$t = \frac{H}{12.56 \times K(T_c - T_e)} \text{ in mm}$$

K = Thermal conductivity factor in W / m / °C

$$= 174.5 \text{ W / m / } ^\circ\text{C} \text{ for aluminium}$$

T<sub>c</sub> = Temperature at the center of the piston head in °C

T<sub>e</sub> = Temperature at the edges of the piston head in °C

T<sub>c</sub> - T<sub>e</sub> = 75 °C for aluminium

$$H = (C \times \text{HCV} \times m \times \text{BP}) \times 10^3 \text{ in watts}$$

C = constant representing the heat supplied to the engine which is absorbed by the piston

$$C = 0.05$$

HCV = High calorific value of fuel

$$= 47 \times 10^3 \text{ KJ / kg}$$

$m$  = mass of fuel in kg per brake power per second

$$= \left[ \frac{0.2 \times 0.3}{60 \times 60} \right] \text{ kg / KW / sec}$$

$$= 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg / KW / sec}$$

BP = brake power of engine per cylinder

$$H = (C \times \text{HCV} \times m \times \text{BP}) \times 10^3$$

$$H = (0.05 \times 47 \times 10^3 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \times 26.1) \times 10^3$$

$$= 981 \text{ Watts}$$

$$t = \frac{H}{12.56 \times K(T_c - T_e)}$$

$$= \frac{981}{12.56 \times 174.75 \times 75}$$

$$= 5.9 \text{ mm} = 6 \text{ mm}$$

Thus the acceptable value of the thickness of the crown is 8 mm

### 3.3 Piston Rings:

Radial thickness of the piston rings

$$t_{\text{rad}} = D \sqrt{\frac{3 \cdot P_{\text{rad}}}{\sigma_t}}$$

where,  $P_{\text{rad}}$  = Radial pressure on the rings

$$= 0.025 \text{ N/mm}^2 \text{ to } 0.042 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\sigma_t = \text{Allowable stress CI} = 85 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{Thus } t_{\text{rad}} = 99 \sqrt{\frac{3 \times 0.025}{85}} = 2.4 \text{ say } 4 \text{ mm}$$

Width of the ring,  $h$  = (0.7 to 1)  $t_{\text{rad}}$

$$= 0.8 \times 0.4 = 3.2 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Number of rings (i)} = \frac{D}{10h} = \frac{68.5}{10 \times 3.2} = 2.1 \text{ say } 3$$

Let us adopt 3 compression rings and one oil ring.

Distance between the first ring groove and top surface

i.e., Top land ( $t_1$ ) = 0.08 to 0.2  $D$

$$= 0.08 \times 68.5 = 5.4 \text{ mm say } 6 \text{ mm}$$

Thickness of piston crown wall ( $t_3$ ) = 0.05 to 0.1  $D$

$$= 0.1 \times 68.5$$

$$= 6.85 \text{ mm say } 7 \text{ mm}$$

Piston inner diameter  $D_i$  =  $D - 2(t_3 + t_{\text{rad}} + \Delta t)$

Where  $\Delta t$  = Radial clearance of ring

$$= 0.7 \text{ to } 1.1 \text{ mm}$$

$$= 0.8 \text{ mm}$$

$$D_i = 68.5 - 2(7 + 4 + 0.8)$$

$$= 44.9 \text{ mm, say } 45 \text{ mm}$$

Thickness of the skirt wall

$$t_2 = 2 \text{ to } 5 \text{ mm, say } 5 \text{ mm}$$

## 3.4 Piston pin :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Load on piston due to gas pressure} &= \frac{\pi}{4}(D)^2 \times P_{\max} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4}(68.5)^2 \times 4.4 \\ &= 16215 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Load on piston due to bearing pressure} = P_{b1} \times d_0 \times l_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{b1} &= \text{bearing pressure at the bushing of small end of connecting rod.} \\ &= 25 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 &= \text{Length of piston pin in the bush of the small end of the connecting rod.} \\ &= 0.45 D \\ &= 0.45 \times 68.5 \\ &= 30.8 \text{ mm say } 31 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$l_2 = \frac{l_1 + D}{2}$$

$$\text{Length } lp = 0.9D = 61.65 \text{ mm} = 62 \text{ mm}$$

Force on piston = resisting force

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{4}(D)^2 \times P_{\max} &= P_{b1} \times d_0 \times l_1 \\ 16215 &= 25 \times d_0 \times 31 \\ d_0 &= 20.9 \text{ mm say } 21 \text{ mm} \\ d_i &= 0.6 \times d_0 \\ &= 12.6 \text{ mm say } 13 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We know that } \sigma_b = \frac{M}{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \frac{P_{\max} \times D}{8} \\ &= \frac{16215 \times 68.5}{8} \\ M &= 138840 \text{ N-mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \frac{\pi}{32} \left[ \frac{d_o^4 - d_i^4}{d_o} \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{32} \left[ \frac{21^4 - 13^4}{21} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$Z = 775.6 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M}{Z}$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{138840}{775.6}$$

$$\sigma_b = 179 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Inducted shear stress, } \tau &= \frac{2P_{\max}}{\pi(d_o^2 - d_i^2)} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 16215}{\pi(21^2 - 13^2)} \\ &= 38 \text{ N/mm}^2 \end{aligned}$$



Which is in permissible limit.

### 3.5 Connecting Rod

**Data :**

Diameter of piston	= 68.5mm
Mass of reallocating parts	= 2kg
Length of connecting rod	= 325 mm
Stroke	= 72mm
Speed	= 2500rpm
Compression ratio	= 12 : 1
Maximum explosion pressure	$p_{\max} = 3.5 \text{ M pa}$

I – section is the most suitable section

Width of flange, B	= 4t
Height of I-section, M	= 5t

Where, t : Web thickness

The maximum gas force,

$$P_{\text{gas}} = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \times P_{\max}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} (68.5)^2 \times 3.5$$

$$= 12898 \text{ N}$$

According to the Ranking formula

$$F_{\text{cr}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{cr}} A}{1 + a \left[ \frac{l}{k} \right]^2}$$

Taking factor of safety = 5

$$F_{\text{cr}} = P_{\text{gas}} \times 5 = 12898 \times 5 = 64490 \text{ N}$$

Assuming  $\sigma_{\text{cr}} = 460 \text{ N mm}^2$

$$a = \frac{1}{6250} \quad (\text{for both ends hinged})$$

$$I_{xx} = A \cdot K_{xx}^2$$

$$A = 4 \cdot t^2$$

Thus,

$$134709 = \frac{460 \times 10^6 \times 11t^2}{1 + \frac{1}{6250} \left[ \frac{0.325^2}{3.18t^2} \right]}$$

$$t = 5.6 \text{ mm Say } 6 \text{ mm}$$

### 3.6 Crank Shaft :

**Data :**

Maximum explosion pressure	= 3.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Engine Speed	= 2500 rpm
Brake Power	= 26.1 KW
Maximum Force on bearing	= 150 KN
Maximum force on the crank pin,	

$$F = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \times P$$

$$150 \times 10^3 = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \times 3.5$$

Diameter of bearing D = 233 mm



$$\frac{l}{d} \text{ ratio for overlung crank shaft} = 1.1$$

There fore length of bearing = 256mm

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Table 1 indicates the proposed materials and manufacturing methods of various engine components.

Table 1 MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING METHODS

S.No.	COMPONENT	MATERIAL	MANUFACTURING METHOD
1.	Cylinder Block	Cast Iron	Casting
2.	Cylinder Head	Aluminium	Casting
3.	Piston	Aluminium	Casting
4.	Piston Rings	Cast Iron	Casting
5.	Gudgeon Pin	Medium carbon steel	Turning
6.	Connecting Rod	Cast Steel	Casting
7.	Crank Shaft	Cast Steel	Casting
8.	Inlet valve	NiChrome Steel	Forging
9.	Out let Valve	SiChrome Steel	Forging

#### 4.2 ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS:

Brake Power = 35HP = 26.1 KW  
 Speed = 2500rpm  
 Indicated mean effective pressure = 0.55MPa  
 Mechanical efficiency = 85%  
 Indicated power = 30.7 KW

#### 4.3 CYLINDER DIMENSIONS:

MATERIAL : Cast Iron  
 Cylinder Bore = 68.5 mm  
 Stroke Length = 72mm  
 Thickness of cylinder with reboring allowance = 6mm  
 Length of the Cylinder = 90mm  
 Thickness of cylinder block wall = 6mm  
 Thickness of the cylinder flange = 8mm  
 Thickness of the cylinder head = 6 mm

#### 4.4 PISTON DIMENSIONS:

MATERIAL: Aluminium  
 Diameter = 68.5mm  
 Thickness of piston crown = 8mm  
 Number of piston rings = 3  
 Radial thickness = 4mm  
 Width of ring = 3.2mm  
 Piston pin out side diameter = 21mm  
 Inside diameter = 13mm  
 Length = 62mm

#### 4.5 CONNECTING ROD:

Thickness of web = 6mm  
 Small end bearing diameter = 21mm  
 Big end bearing diameter = 235mm

#### 4.6 CRANK SHAFT:

Diameter of bearing = 233mm  
 Length of bearing = 256mm

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

Finally calculated various dimensions of all most all components of a Petrol engine such as Cylinder, Piston, Connecting rod, Crank shaft etc. using scientific principles and empirical relations and also tested the strengths of these components against their allowable stresses. The results with the common specifications of the engines were compared with the engines available in the market for their validation. The results obtained are found satisfactory.

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