

## Experimental Investigation of Performance & Emission Characteristics of Diesel Engine Working On Diesel and NOME with Ethanol and Triacetin Blends

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**ABSTRACT:** This research presents effect of triacetin and ethanol as additive to biodiesel (Neem oil methyl ester) on the performance and emission characteristics of a diesel engine at different loads and constant engine speed. Compared with biodiesel, slightly lower brake specific energy consumption for triacetin and ethanol blended fuels was observed. At higher engine loads CO, HC and smoke emission were found significantly lower with all blends [BD-1 (5% triacetin, 95% biodiesel), BD-2 (10% triacetin, 90% biodiesel), BE-1 (5% ethanol, 95% biodiesels) and BE-2 (10% ethanol, 90% biodiesel)] compared to Biodiesel, but NO<sub>x</sub> emission were found higher. The triacetin is also antiknock agent and has maximum oxygen content about 53.3%. by this reason combustion of fuel can be improve.

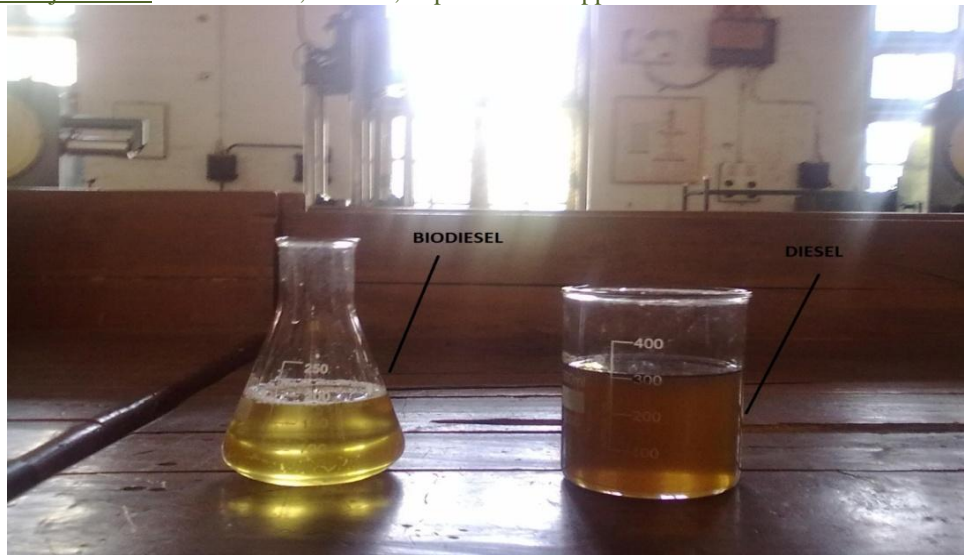
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### I. INTRODUCTION

Conventional energy sources such as oil, coal and natural gas have limited reserves that are expected not to last for an extended period. World primary demand is projected to increase by 1.5% per year between 2007 to 2030, from just over 12,000 million tons of oil equivalent to 6800 million tones-as overall increase of 40%. As world reserves of fossil fuels and raw material are limited, it has stimulated active research interest in non petroleum and non polluting fuels.[1-8]. Diesel engines are the major source of power generation and transportation hence diesel is being used extensively, but due to the gradual impact of environmental pollution there is an urgent need for suitable alternate fuels for use in diesel engine without any modification.[5-9] There are different kinds of vegetable oils and biodiesel have been tested in diesel engines its reducing characteristic for green house gas emissions. Its help on reducing a country's reliance on crude oil imports its supportive characteristic on agriculture by providing a new market for domestic crops, its effective lubricating property that eliminates the need of any lubricate additive and its wide acceptance by vehicle manufacturers can be listed as the most important advantages of biodiesel fuel[2-12]. There are more than 350 oil bearing crops identified, among which only Jatropa, pongamia, sunflower, Soyabean, cottonseed, rapeseed, palm oil and peanut oil are considered as potential alternative fuels for diesel engines [3,4,5,7,9]. vegetable oil and their derivatives as fuels are non-toxic biodegradable environment friendly and can be made from renewable resources[4,7,9,10,11,18,20,24] Transesterification can lower high viscosity of vegetable oils[4,5]. Biodiesel in diesel engine can reduce HC CO and smoke emission but NO<sub>x</sub> emission may increase [9,10,11]. Some studies have shown that biodiesel can decrease NO<sub>x</sub> emission but CO HC and smoke emission may increase. Poor flow of biodiesel is a barrier in using of neat biodiesel in cold weather. The present study aims to investigate the use of neem oil blend with diesel as an alternate fuel for compression ignition engine Triacetin and Ethanol (T&E) might improve cold flows and viscosity properties. This research presents effect of Triacetin and Ethanol as additive to biodiesel [neem oil methyl ester (NOME)] on the performance and emission characteristics of a diesel engine at different loads and constant engine speed [14,15,21].

### II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Biodiesel is the ester of vegetable oils produced through a process called Transesterification. Transesterification is a chemical reaction which occurs between triglyceride and methyl alcohol in the presence of potassium hydroxide (KOH). It consists of a sequence of three consecutive reactions where triglycerides are converted to diglycerides. diglycerides are converted to monoglycerides followed by the conversion of monoglycerides to glycerol. In each step an ester is produced and thus three ester molecules are produced from one molecule of triglyceride. Neem oil used in the present investigation was taken from JNKV Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India and filtered by cheesecloth to remove solid particles. The moisture content was removed by heating the oil in an oven up to 110°C for one hour now the oil is taken in a round bottom flask and heated around 50-60°C on a hot plate having magnetic stirrer arrangement, then methanol and potassium hydroxide are added to the oil. The mixture was stirred continuously. Alcohol to vegetable oil molar ratio is one of the important factors that affect the conversion efficiency of the process for the transesterification process 3 mol of alcohol are required for each mole of the oil. However, in practice the molar ratio should be higher than this theoretical ratio in order to drive the reaction towards early completion. After the completion of reaction, the products are allowed to separate into two layers, the lower layer contains glycerol and the top layer contains ester which is separated and purified using water. Water is sprayed over the ester and stirred gently and allowed to settle in the separating funnel, the lower layer is discarded and upper layer (purified biodiesel) is separated.



**FIGURE 1**

Biodiesel (methyl esters of neem oil) have several outstanding advantages among other new-renewable and clean engine fuel alternatives. The only drawback is its viscosity and incomplete combustion fuel. This can be improved by adding triacetin and ethanol. Triacetin is also an anti-knock additive. The properties of diesel and biodiesel with additives (biodiesel with triacetin & biodiesel with ethanol) used in the present investigation were compared with diesel fuel in Table.1

**Table 1**

Different Fuels	Calorific value (kj/kg)	Specific gravity (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Cetane number	Kinetic Viscosity at 40C	Flash Point ° C
Diesel	42000	0.823	48	3.9	56
NOME	41000	0.867	51	4.5	165
Ethanol	27000	0.789	5-8	1.2	13.5
BD-1	40800	0.847	-	3.32	147
BD-2	40580	0.838	-	3.20	128
BE-1	40280	0.854	-	4.2	153
BE-2	39500	0.847	-	3.89	139

### III. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND PROCEDURE

**Table 2: Specification of Engine**

Items	Specification
Model	Kirloskar Av1
No of cylinder	1
Bore	8cm
HP	5
Stroke	11cm
Compression ratio	16.5:1
Speed	1500 rpm

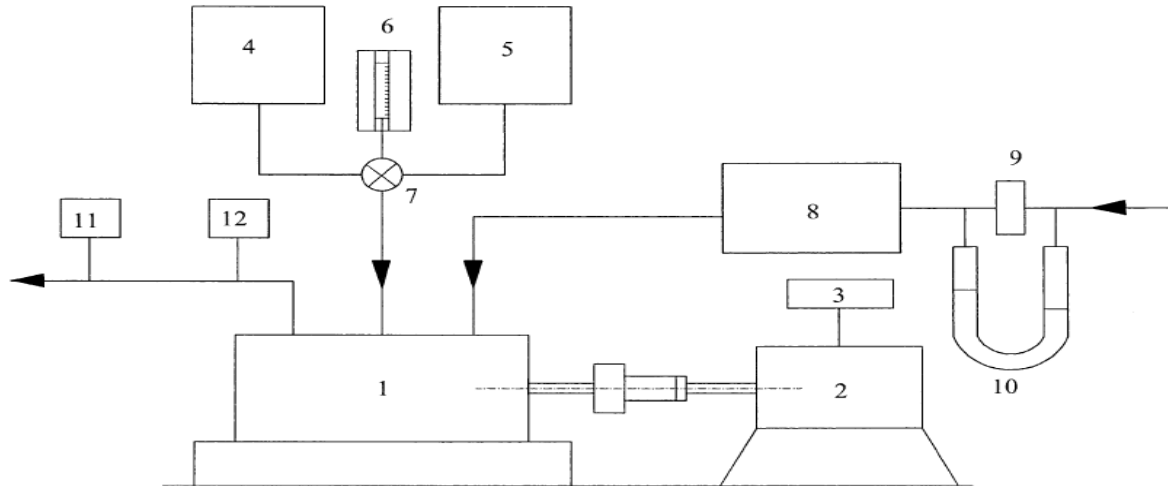
**Table 3 Specification of dc machine**

Items	Specification
Model	Samson D.C machine
Volt	150V
Power	4.6 KW
Current	40 Amp
Speed	1500 rpm

**Table 4 Specification of exhaust gas analyzer**

Measuring Quality	Measuring Range
CO	0-10% vol
HC	0-20000ppm

**IV. EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP LINE DIAGRAM**

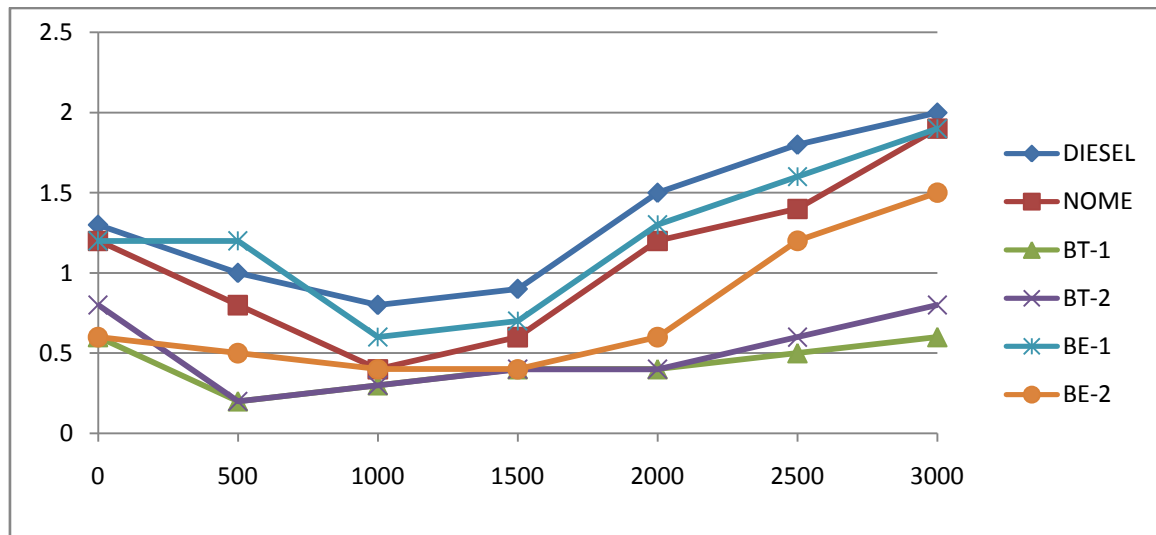


Schematics diagram of experimental setup (1) Engine; (2) Electrical load bank; (3) voltmeter, ammeter; (4) Diesel fuel tank; (5) Biodiesel fuel tank ;( 6) Burette;(7) Two way valve;(8) Air box; (9) Orifice plate; (10) U tube manometer;(11) Smoke meter; (12) EGA

**FIGURE 2**

**V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Specific gravity and kinematic viscosity of biodiesel is higher than that of other fuel, but it can be reduced by additives. Latent heat of ethanol (850kj/kg) is higher than that of other fuels. Calorific value of biodiesel, T , E are lower by 4.6% 37.9% and 16.6% respectively as compared to diesel. Oxygen contents are higher by 53.3% and 34.8% respectively. The CO emission for different fuels are as shown in fig. 3. It is very clear indicated from the results that with the blending of triacetin and ethanol gives better result than the neat diesel oil or NOME. Only BE-1 gives high percentage because of less combustion of fuel in combustion chamber then BT-1 BT-2 BE-2. For the triacetin blends CO emission is very good. Because in the presence of higher oxygen fuel burns properly and give better performance. From the figure.4, we can say that the emission of HC is very lower than the other fuels used in this investigation. BT-1 , BT-2 and NOME gives less emission due to proper combustion. The Exhaust gas temperature is very close to neat diesel and within the limit. It can be considered is safe range as indicated in figure 5. All the blends give better characteristics of smoke density then the neat diesel except NOME.



**FIGURE 3( Percentage of Carbon mono oxide (CO%))**

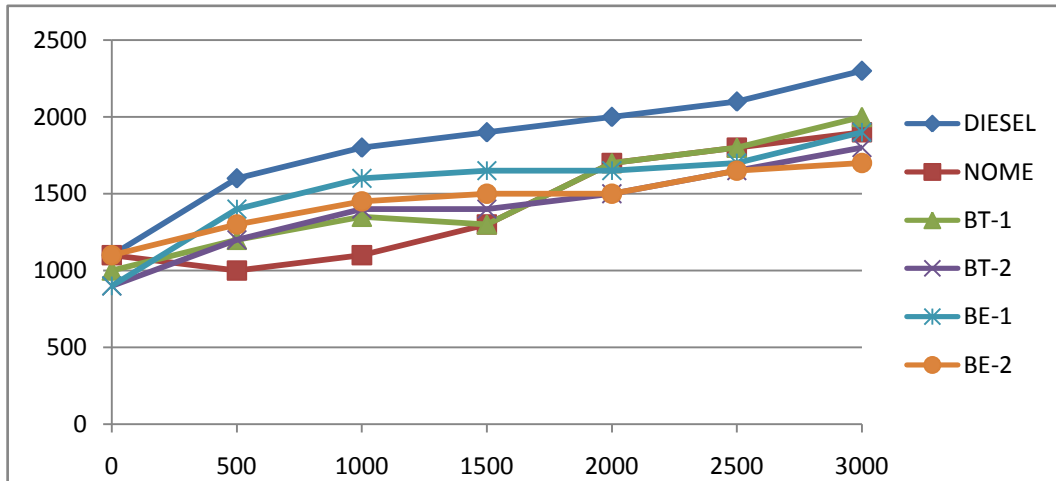


FIGURE 4 (Hydro Carbon particles (HC) in ppm)

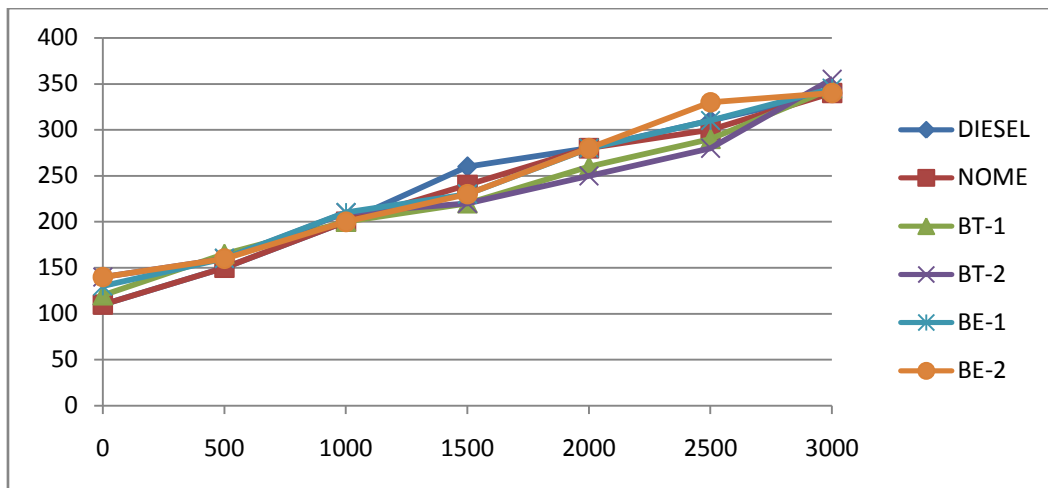


FIGURE 5 (Exhaust Gas temperature °C)

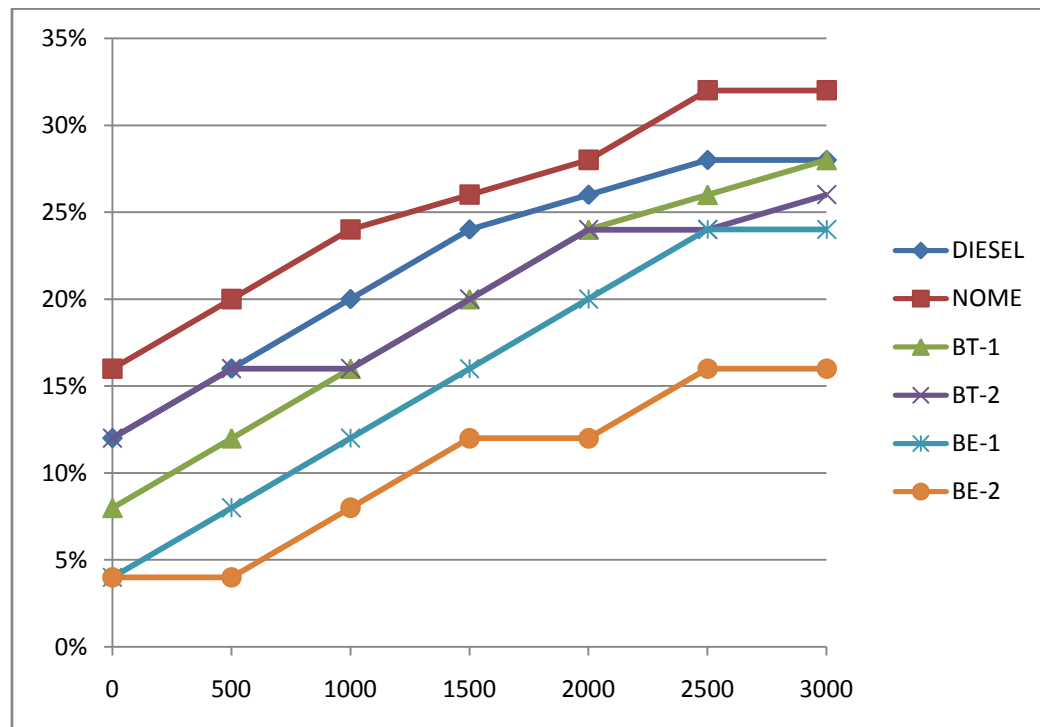


FIGURE 6(Percentage of Smoke Density)

## VI. CONCLUSION

Biodiesel NOME and its blends can be better option for any diesel engine for better performance without any modification in engine and also environmental friendly. The emission of CO and HC can be decrease to a large extent, as output come from this investigation. Because of the higher percentage of oxygen, combustion can be improved and also reduce the knocking problem. The major output from this investigation is increase the NOME and its blends characteristics by adding additives. The major problem like knocking viscosity and lower performance characteristics can be improved and with less emission. From the above results we can say that , NOME and its bends will be better alternatives for diesel engines because of mass production of neem in india , production cost of biodiesel is cheap and give better characteristic of emission

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