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Catalytic Converter with Storage Device of Exhaust Gas Heat for City Bus

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Abstract

The heat of exhaust gases in the device of vehicle converter patented by us gets accumulated in the course of vehicle movement by the heat-accumulation substance and transmitted in the process of its crystallization (300 - 4500C) to a converter for increasing its efficiency during short-time stops. The purpose of investigation was the development of mathematic model of catalysis process in the mode of heat rejection ("discharge") of phase change storage device and substantiation of high efficiency of cleaning from harmful substances and possibility of device arrangement in the engine compartment of a bus instead of noise suppressor using calculation method proceeding from experimental data of converter operation in the city cycle. The relevancy of mathematic model and expected results have been proven at KamAZ-740.10 (84H 12/12) engine tested at KAMAZ OJSC.

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1. Introduction

The city buses have been furnished with catalytic converters-noise suppressors in Saint-Petersburg with direct participation of the authors of this article [Lozhkin and Lozhkina (2011)]. This work complies with the requirements

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of Technical Regulations of the Customs Union “On safety of wheeled vehicles” (TRCU 018/2011) effective since 01.01.2015. It complies with the Directive of European Council 2009/33/EC dated 23.04.2009, Regulations of European Council 510/2011 dated 11.05.2011, 582/2011 dated 25.05.2011, etc. [EU (2011)].

However, according to Martin Weilenmann together with the contributing authors [Weilenmann et al. (2009)], the solution of this task being considered with respect to cold starts can be hampered by inefficient operation of converter at idle diesel runs in case of bus stops due to low temperature of exhaust gases (100 - 120°C). The unit combining the heat storage device of phase transition “melting-crystallization” and catalytic converter (Fig. 1) patented by ourselves [Lozhkin (2003)] became a prerequisite for solving the problem.

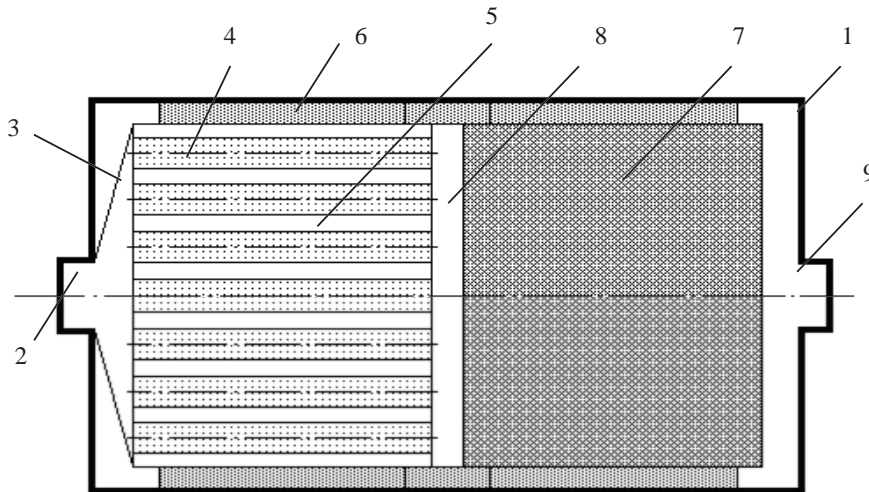


Fig. 1. Design of catalytic converter combined with heat storage device of phase transition “Melting-Crystallization”

Structurally, it consists of cylindrical body 1, insulation layer 6, inlet branch pipe 2, diffuser 3 and heat exchanger. The heat exchanger includes a central capsule of cylindrical shape and some coaxially arranged capsules 4 filled with heat-insulating matter, between which the free flow of exhaust gases is provided via coaxially annular cylindrical passages 5. The catalytic converter comprises a modular mesh-connected array 7, blind expansion cavity 8 and branch pipe 9 for gas discharge to atmosphere.

The purpose of investigation has been to prove in calculated substantiation the efficiency of using patented device on the basis of development and experimental check of mathematic model of heterogeneous catalysis of carbon oxide (CO), hydrocarbons (CH) and soot particles during short-time bus stops with heating exhaust gas using heat disposed in the storage device.

2. Methodology of investigation – mathematic model and experiment methods

A concerted operation of the converter and heat storage device in the mode of “discharge” is attractive for modeling the task to be solved on the assumption that at the initial moment of time $\tau = 0$ in the period of “charging” the heat-accumulating matter is in hard crystalline state, while in the period of “discharging” it is in a liquid state. We consider the temperature to be uniform and equal to phase transition temperature T_{ph} .

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