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Abstract

Biodiesels derived from the seeds of Calophyllum Inophyllum plants offer to be commercially viable alternative to conventional fossil fuel which can make compression ignition engines technologically cleaner. The fuel properties of biodiesel obtained are similar to that of diesel and are found in abundance in southern India, which makes it more commercially viable alternative to fossil fuels. Also, with the presence of additional oxygen molecules within the fuel itself, the hydrocarbon (HC) and carbon monoxide emissions associated with biodiesel are lower compared to conventional fossil fuels with only exception to oxides of nitrogen emissions. In the present work, the effect of two fuel additives namely, titanium $dioxide(TiO_2)$ nanoparticle and butylated hydroxytoluene(BHT) on Calophyllum Inophyllum biodiesel is studied by observing the performance, emission and combustion characteristics on a twin cylinder CI engine. Results obtained from the experiments show that the nanoparticles are capable of enhancing the combustion process and they also act as an oxidising catalyst. Dispersion of 100ppm of TiO_2 nanoparticle resulted in the improvement of brake thermal efficiency by 4% at full load condition along with comparable reduction in emission levels. The tendency of BHT to inhibit the formation of free radicals also produces marginal improvement in performance characteristics and is found to be more effective in mitigating NO_x emissions, but adversely affecting HC and CO emissions. Addition of 500ppm of BHT to biodiesel results in 11.65% reduction of NO_x emissions at full load condition. Overall, the antioxidant provides better output in NO_x mitigation with the slight reduction of performance as compared to the metal oxide nanoparticle.

Keywords: Calophyllum Inophyllum; oxides of nitrogen; antioxidants; butylated hydroxytoluene; metal

oxide; titanium oxide

Abbreviations	
BHA	Butylated hydroxyanisole
BHT	Butylated hydroxytoluene
BMEP	Brake mean effective pressure
BSCO	Brake specific carbon monoxide
BSEC	Brake specific energy consumption
BSFC	Brake specific fuel consumption
BSHC	Brake specific unburned hydrocarbon
BSNOx	Brake specific oxides of nitrogen emission
bTDC	Before top dead center
BTE	Brake thermal efficiency

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