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(iii) The emissions from the engine are erratic and the integrated chart deflection value for the cycle is greater than 15 percent of full scale; or

(iv) The contribution of all data read below the 15 percent level is less than 10 percent by mass of the final test results.

§91.315 Analyzer initial calibration.

(a) *Warming-up time.* Follow the warm-up time according to the recommendations of the manufacturer. If not specified, a minimum of two hours should be allowed for warming up the analyzers.

(b) *NDIR and HFID analyzer.* Tune and maintain the NDIR analyzer per the instrument manufacturer recommendations. The combustion flame of the HFID analyzer must be optimized in order to meet the specifications in §91.316(b).

(c) *Zero setting and calibration.* Using purified synthetic air (or nitrogen), set the CO, CO₂, NO_x and HC analyzers at zero. Connect the appropriate calibrating gases to the analyzers and record the values. The same gas flow rates shall be used as when sampling exhaust.

(d) *Rechecking of zero setting.* Recheck the zero setting and, if necessary, repeat the procedure described in paragraph (c) of this section.

§91.316 Hydrocarbon analyzer calibration.

(a) Calibrate the FID and HFID hydrocarbon analyzer as described in this section. Operate the HFID to a set point ± 5.5 °C between 185 and 197 °C.

(b) Initial and periodic optimization of detector response. Prior to introduction into service and at least annually thereafter, adjust the FID and HFID hydrocarbon analyzer for optimum hydrocarbon response as specified by this paragraph. Alternative methods yielding equivalent results may be used, if approved in advance by the Administrator.

(1) Follow good engineering practices for initial instrument start-up and basic operating adjustment using the appropriate fuel (see §91.312) and purified synthetic air or zero-grade nitrogen.

(2) One of the following procedures is required for FID or HFID optimization:

(i) The procedure outlined in Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) paper No. 770141, "Optimization of Flame Ionization Detector for Determination of Hydrocarbons in Diluted Automobile Exhaust"; author, Glenn D. Reschke. This procedure has been incorporated by reference. See §91.6.

(ii) The HFID optimization procedures outlined in §86.331-79 of this chapter.

(iii) Alternative procedures may be used if approved in advance by the Administrator.

(3) After the optimum flow rates have been determined, they are recorded for future reference.

(c) Initial and periodic calibration. Prior to introduction into service and monthly thereafter, or within one month prior to the certification test, calibrate the FID or HFID hydrocarbon analyzer on all normally used instrument ranges, using the steps in this paragraph. Use the same flow rate and pressures as when analyzing samples. Introduce calibration gases directly at the analyzer. An optional method for dilute sampling described in §86.1310(b)(3)(i) of this chapter may be used.

(1) Adjust analyzer to optimize performance.

(2) Zero the hydrocarbon analyzer with purified synthetic air or zero-grade nitrogen.

(3) Calibrate on each used operating range with calibration gases having nominal concentrations between 10 and 90 percent of that range. A minimum of six evenly spaced points covering at least 80 percent of the 10 to 90 percent range (64 percent) is required (see following table).

Example calibration points (percent)	Acceptable for calibration?
20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70	No, range covered is 50? percent, not 64 percent.
20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90	Yes.
10, 25, 40, 55, 70, 85	Yes
10, 30, 50, 70, 90	No, though equally spaced and entire range covered, a minimum of six points is needed