

## Environmental Protection Agency

## § 92.127

(iv) Modes within the test sequence shall be repeated if it is voided during the performance of the test sequence. A mode can be repeated by:

(A) Repeating the two preceding modes and then continuing with the test sequence, provided that the locomotive or engine is not shut down after the voided test mode; or

(B) Repeating the preceding mode and then continuing with the test sequence from that point, provided that the locomotive or engine is not operated in any mode with lower power than the preceding mode after the voided test mode. For example, if the Notch 2 mode is voided, then the locomotive or engine would be returned to Notch 1 while any repairs are made.

(b) *Sampling and measurement timing.* (1) Gaseous emissions shall be sampled and measured continuously.

(2)(i) Sampling of particulate emissions from the raw exhaust (for dilution) shall be conducted continuously.

(ii) Sampling of particulates from the diluted exhaust shall begin within ten seconds after the beginning of each test mode, and shall end six minutes after the beginning of each test mode.

(iii) Sampling of CO<sub>2</sub> in the dilution air and diluted exhaust does not need to be continuous, but the measurements used for the calculations must be made after the first two minutes of each mode.

(3) Fuel flow rate shall be measured continuously. The value reported for the fuel flow rate shall be a one-minute average of the instantaneous fuel flow measurements taken during the last minute of the minimum sampling period listed in Table B124-1 in § 92.124; except for testing during idle modes, where it shall be a three-minute average of the instantaneous fuel flow measurements taken during the last three minutes of the minimum sampling period listed in Table B124-1 in § 92.124. Sampling periods greater than one minute are allowed, consistent with good engineering practice. Fuel flow averaging periods should generally match the emission sampling periods as closely as is practicable.

(4) Engine power shall be measured continuously. The value reported for the engine power shall be a one-minute average of the instantaneous power

measurements taken during the last minute of the minimum sampling period listed in Table B124-1 in § 92.124.

(c) *Exhaust gas measurements.* (1) Should the analyzer response exceed 100 percent of full scale or respond less than 15 percent of full scale, the next higher or lower analyzer range shall be used.

(2) Each analyzer range that may be used during a test sequence must have the zero and span responses recorded prior to the execution of the test sequence. Only the range(s) used to measure the emissions during a test sequence are required to have their zero and span recorded after the completion of the test sequence.

(3) It is permitted to change filter elements between test modes, provided such changes do not cause a mode to be voided.

(4) A leak check is permitted between test modes, provided such changes do not cause a mode to be voided.

(5) A hang-up check is permitted between test modes, provided such changes do not cause a mode to be voided.

(6) If, during the emission measurement portions of a test, the value of the gauges downstream of the NDIR analyzer(s) differs by more than  $\pm 2$  inches of water from the pretest value, the test is void.

(7)(i) For bag samples, as soon as possible transfer the exhaust and dilution air bag samples to the analytical system and process the samples.

(ii) A stabilized reading of the exhaust sample bag on all applicable analyzers shall be made within 20 minutes of the end of the sample collection phase of the mode.

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### § 92.127 Emission measurement accuracy.

(a) Good engineering practice dictates that exhaust emission sample analyzer readings below 15 percent of full scale chart deflection should generally not be used.

(b) Some high resolution read-out systems such as computers, data loggers, etc., can provide sufficient accuracy and resolution below 15 percent of full scale. Such systems may be used

provided that additional calibrations are made to ensure the accuracy of the calibration curves. The following procedure for calibration below 15 percent of full scale may be used:

(1) If a 16-point gas divider is used, 50 percent of the calibration points shall be below 10 percent of full scale. The gas divider shall conform to the accuracy requirements specified in § 92.112.

(2) If a 7- or 9-point gas divider is used, the gas divider shall conform to the accuracy requirements specified in § 92.112, and shall be used according to the following procedure:

(i) Span the full analyzer range using a top range calibration gas meeting the calibration gas accuracy requirements of § 92.112.

(ii) Generate a calibration curve according to, and meeting the applicable requirements of §§ 92.118 through 92.122.

(iii) Select a calibration gas (a span gas may be used for calibrating the CO<sub>2</sub> analyzer) with a concentration between the two lowest non-zero gas divider increments. This gas must be "named" to an accuracy of ±1.0 percent (±2.0 percent for CO<sub>2</sub> span gas) of NIST gas standards, or other standards approved by the Administrator.

(iv) Using the calibration curve fitted to the points generated in paragraphs (b)(2)(i) and (ii) of this section, check the concentration of the gas selected in paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this section. The concentration derived from the curve shall be within ±2.3 percent (±2.8 percent for CO<sub>2</sub> span gas) of the gas' original named concentration.

(v) Provided the requirements of paragraph (b)(2)(iv) of this section are met, use the gas divider with the gas selected in paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this section and determine the remainder of the calibration points. Fit a calibration curve per §§ 92.118 through 92.122 for the entire analyzer range.

#### **§ 92.128 Particulate handling and weighing.**

(a) At least 1 hour before the test, place each filter in a closed (to eliminate dust contamination) but unsealed (to permit humidity exchange) petri dish and place in a weighing chamber meeting the specifications of § 92.110(a) of this section for stabilization.

(b) At the end of the stabilization period, weigh each filter on the microbalance. This reading is the tare weight and must be recorded.

(c) The filter shall then be stored in a covered petri dish or a sealed filter holder until needed for testing. If the filters are transported to a remote test location, the filter pairs, stored in individual petri dishes, should be transported in sealed plastic bags to prevent contamination. At the conclusion of a test run, the filters should be removed from the filter holder, and placed face to face in a covered but unsealed petri dish, with the primary filter placed face up in the dish. The filters shall be weighed as a pair. If the filters need to be transported from a remote test site, back to the weighing chamber, the petri dishes should be placed in a sealed plastic bag to prevent contamination. Care should be taken in transporting the used filters such that they are not exposed to excessive, sustained direct sunlight, or excessive handling.

(d) After the emissions test, and after the sample and back-up filters have been returned to the weighing room after being used, they must be conditioned for at least 1 hour but not more than 80 hours and then weighed. This reading is the gross weight of the filter and must be recorded.

(e) The net weight of each filter is its gross weight minus its tare weight. Should the sample on the filter contact the petri dish or any other surface, the test is void and must be rerun.

(f) The particulate filter weight (Pf) is the sum of the net weight of the primary filter plus the net weight of the backup filter.

(g) The following optional weighting procedure is permitted:

(1) At the end of the stabilization period, weigh both the primary and back-up filters as a pair. This reading is the tare weight and must be recorded.

(2) After the emissions test, in removing the filters from the filter holder, the back-up filter is inverted on top of the primary filter. They must then be conditioned in the weighing chamber for at least 1 hour but not more than 80 hours. The filters are then weighed as a pair. This reading is the gross weight of the filters (Pf) and must be recorded.