Optimized Propulsion Efficiency with Cylinder Bypass Valve (CBV)

Operation of Controllable Pitch Propeller (CPP) in Fixed Pitch Propeller (FPP) mode

Go slow and save fast - even faster with increasing fuel oil prices

In general, turbocharged medium-speed diesel engines operate particularly economically in the upper power range. This is exploited by designing the engines accordingly.

But the requirements on the load profile have changed due to slow steaming^{*}. In case of standard equipped engines, the efficiency is lower at reduced power with variable speed.

Installing a CBV allows the engine to run at variable speed without a loss of efficiency.

For vessels with CPP this means the engine can be operated in a mode similar to a FPP application.



Mounted CBV

Instead of operating on constant speed, the engine speed is reduced by a defined percentage, or the engine is operated in an extended combinator mode. This reduces the required power whereas the ship velocity remains.

This results in a significant reduction of fuel oil consumption of up to 20 %.

*reduced cruising speed





Benefits with Retrofit of CBV to achieve variable speed operation in CPP assets



Timetable designed for cruising speed in the area of slow steaming



- Up to 20 % less fuel consumption
- Improved Carbon Intensity Indicator rating
- Lower harbor fees and port dues
- Government aid or subsidies

Higher boost pressure

Improves surge margin

Reduced exhaust gas temperatures

Key Requirements:

- CPP (Controllable Pitch Propeller)
- Constant pressure charged engine
- Shaft generator capable of variable engine speed (retrofit of frequency converter may be necessary)

Reduced engine vibration in part load

Engine does not stall in the lower speed range

Reduced wear of turbocharger components

Compatibility:

- Feasible for engines with aMACS, MACS, LESS
- No impact on existing systems:
 - Wastegate
 - Flexible Camshaft Technology (FCT)

The CBV solution is available for following engines:

Engine	Number of Cylinders					
	6	7	8	9	12	16
M 20 C	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		
M 25 E	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		
M 32 C/E	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		
M 43 C	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark







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