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Customer Background

Dr. Prygoski, a professor at Purdue Polytechnic's South Bend campus, teaches Mechanical Engineering Technology. With her M.S. and Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame she teaches Heat and Power and Applied Thermodynamics, two core MET courses which include lab exercises. The intention of the engine dyno is to be used in these labs. This dyno will enhance students' ability to conceptualize energy transfer and efficiency.

Problem Statement / Scope of Work

A previous capstone team collected components and designed a basic structure. The Dyno will be used in MET thermodynamics labs. Our customer asked for a reliable and long-lasting piece of equipment that will use an internal combustion engine to power alternators. The system load is created by supplying current to resistant heating elements. The measured rise in temperature is displayed in real time. Also, the client asked that all the temperature readings be within 10% of each other; to achieve this the water will be circulated using a water pump. The final objective was making the engine dyno a show piece to present to student interested in attending Purdue South Bend.

Requirements Matrix

| Req. # | Requirement | Description | Test to Verify |
|--------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Engine Dyno Test Run | Put Engine Dyno back together and make sure parts are tight before test run. | Put gasoline into system and start the engine. |
| 2 | Temperature of Water | Measure heat output from engine to water. Water temperature should be about the same | The Arduino reads the data sent from the sensors. |
| 3 | Sync Temperature Sensor Readings | Each sensor reads within 10% of each other | Evenly distribute power and display data. |
| 4 | Display | Have LCD screen display four outputs for temperature. | Arduino code interprets data and displays temperature on the LCD screen. |
| 5 | Fluid Flow Sensor | Have a fluid sensor to measure intake/output of water going into the system. Find out how much fluid has flowed through the system. | The feedback from the flow sensor is sent to the Arduino and displayed on the LCD screen. |
| 6 | Safety Protocol | Place safety measures to ensure operator and bystanders can be safe when engine dyno is on. | The emergency stop covers the system to come to complete stop. |

Experimentation / Concepts Exploration



Pully System

- Strengths:
- Powers heating elements
 - Capable of powering additional parts
- Weaknesses:
- If installed wrong, the belt could break or slide off



Battery Box

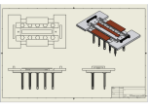
- Strengths:
- Sturdy
 - Easily removable
 - Ledge to place and slide battery in.
 - Bolts placed in grooves used to stop battery from sliding



Control Panel strengths/weakness

- Strengths:
- Visible
 - Components are in one spot
 - Ease of use
- Weaknesses:
- Slightly flexible

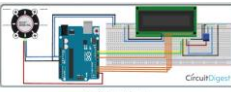
Final Design



Heating Element



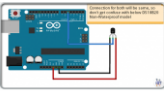
Engine / Chassis



Flow Meter and LCD Screen



Protective Equipment (Metal fence, Polycarbonate sheets, and an E-Stop



Temperature Sensors



Water Pump / Flow Sensor

Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (FMEA)

| FMEA - Failure Modes and Effective Analysis | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|-----|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|
| Function | Potential failure mode | Potential failure effects | SEV | Potential Causes | OCC | Current controls | DET | RPN | Actions Taken |
| Mechanical Components | | | | | | | | | |
| Timing belt | Belt slips off | Critical failure and injuries | 10 | Improper alignment, bad belt, no belt guards | 10 | Realignment | 1 | 2 | Install pulley guards to prevent slippage |
| Alternator pulley | Loose pulley tension, slip | Loss of energy from belt to alternator | 5 | Incorrect installation of belt, tight force | 1 | Install pulley up with torque wrench | 2 | 4 | Add an additional tensioner |
| Water pump | Pump turns put | Water won't circulate | 1 | Pump ran without water | 2 | Pump is placed below radiator | 1 | 1 | A switch to turn the pump on or off |
| Electrical Components | | | | | | | | | |
| Heating element | Heating elements become open | Data will be off compared to previous test | 1 | Corrosion, constant heating and cooling cycle, low water level | 7 | None | 9 | 8 | Stretch and feed test and water level line |
| Wiring | Overheat and melt | Fire, engine dyno destroyed, need new alternator | 9 | So wires are not sized properly, load shorts out | 2 | calculate wire size | 2 | 1 | Install PVC conduit for wire |
| General | | | | | | | | | |
| Safety | Clothing getting caught in machinery | Loss of life or limbs for operators | 2 | Loose clothing or jewelry and long hair | 1 | Shut down system nothing | 2 | 4 | Enclosed engine dyno with wired mesh |

Testing

| General Automation & Mechanical Test | | | |
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| Step | Test | Details | Outcome |
| 1 | Cart Usability | Ensure the cart is lightweight, portable, and fits through the door | Cart fit through the door-way and was lightweight |
| 2 | Engine | Ensure the engine runs and fits through the door | The engine ran but the belt does vibrate |
| 3 | Heating System | Ensure the capability to heat the water | The heating elements do have the capacity to heat the water |
| 4 | Sensor/ Water Pump | Ensure the sensors and pump work as intended before installing | All parts worked as intended |
| Production Testing | | | |
| 5 | Starting the Motor | Make sure the engine can easily turn off and on | Test was a failure because e-stop has to be help in to start the engine |
| 6 | Water Temperature Increases | Ensure the engine provides enough power to heat the water | The water temperature increased but very slowly |
| 7 | LCD | Ensure the temperature and flow rate are displayed on the LCD | Both the temperature and flow-rate were displayed on the LCD |