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I. INTRODUCTION

An intermediate ambient temperature $(40^{\circ}F \pm 5^{\circ}F)$ vehicle test program was conducted by the Coordinating Research Council, (CRC) Inc. to determine the effect of Driveability Index (DI) and ethanol content level on cold-start and warm-up driveability performance in a group of US high sales volume, late model vehicles. The test program was conducted on an outdoor test track from February 4, 2013, through March 22, 2013, in Yakima, Washington. The program report was published in April 2014 and entitled, "2013 CRC INTERMEDIATE-TEMPERATURE E15 COLD-START AND WARM-UP VEHICLE DRIVEABILITY PROGRAM", (Report No. 666), which can be found on the www.crcao.org website.

The test vehicle fleet was made up of a mixture of late model car and light duty truck engine technologies including port fuel injected (PFI) fuel and direct injection spark-ignition (DISI) fuel systems, and a mix of turbocharged and naturally aspirated engines. The 18 vehicles making up the test fleet were selected from a group of 40 vehicles using a screening technique to determine the vehicles that responded to a low volatility hydrocarbon and high ethanol (E20) test fuel blend. The test fuel matrix consisted of 10 fuels ranging in ethanol content from zero to 20 volume percent (E0 – E20) with uncorrected DI values (no ethanol correction) as the primary control variable. DI for the fuel matrix was designed to match the current U.S. market and generally ranged from 1008 – 1250°F. The ambient testing temperature range target was $40°F \pm 5°F$ with an acceptable overnight soak range of $40°F \pm 10°F$. Addition vehicle, test fuel, test procedure, and test temperature details can be found in CRC Report 666.

During the cold start and warm-up vehicle driveability program, a second parallel program was simultaneously conducted to evaluate an automated computer and sensor based driveability rating system called AVL-DRIVETM. Details of the AVL-DRIVE System can be found in the attached AVL report, PEI-PEI0695 Rev 3 April 2015, "*Investigation into Using AVL-DRIVE to Determine Fuel Quality Impacts of a Range of Fuel Blends.*" CRC personnel desired to become familiar with the automated rating system and determine its viability for potential future vehicle driveability programs. To do so, six of the 40 test vehicles were instrumented with the AVL-DRIVE equipment during the vehicle screening process. Two of the six instrumented test vehicles were then selected from the 18 screened vehicles to continue the automated ratings for entire test program and therefore were tested on all 10 test fuels. Post-test statistical analyses and correlations were developed between the CRC driveability raters and the AVL-DRIVE System driveability scoring. A summary of key learnings are listed in this cover letter section along with the full program report prepared by AVL.

II. MOTIVATION

Potential Uses of Automated Driveabilty Ratings

One of the main "tools" the CRC Performance Committee's Volatility Group has relied on for decades has been the human trained rater driveability rating evaluations to evaluate fuel effects on vehicle fleet driveability performance under various seasonal and driver behavior operating conditions. Using large fleets of marketplace production vehicles that are driven through a specific and controlled series of acceleration and idling maneuvers, trained human raters evaluate each vehicle's drive quality. This tool has worked very well for many programs and has enabled subjective drive quality ratings to be turned into quantitative ratings for subsequent statistical analysis.

The following list includes some of the potential uses and / or contemplated benefits of utilizing modern computer controlled automated equipment to supplement the traditional CRC driveability ratings.

- The typical CRC vehicle driveability program is very large, manpower intensive and financially expensive to conduct. An evaluation of automated rating is needed to determine if the number of test observations (fuel, vehicle, and rater combinations) can be scaled down, while maintaining high statistical fidelity. Specific objectives investigated in this cold start and warm-up intermediate temperature road track program include:
 - Understand the driveability rating correlation between a CRC rater and an automated system.
 - Compare the precision of driveability rating between the two types of raters.
 - Determine if an automated rater software system with multiple electronic sensors would provide additional insights into the impacts of the test fuels on the vehicle's operation. One example would be, if the automated system could better separate fuel caused driveability effects from driveline events (gear shifts) and test track condition effects, which are difficult to separate.
- Utilize an automated rater system in combination with indoor environmentally controlled chassis dynamometer lab to develop correlations between the "lab and test track" for both Cold Start and Warm-up programs and Hot Fuel Handling programs. Currently, programs are conducted outdoors and subject to weather effects that require additional testing days and limited test track availability.
- Because CRC vehicle driveability programs are run infrequently it's difficult to maintain a core group of human trained raters. Would an automated rating system help in this regard?

III. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The AVL-DRIVE system is a powerful tool to help understand fuel and vehicle effects on vehicle driveability.
- 2. There is an inverse correlation between the current CRC Rating system and the AVL-DRIVE automated system. However, note the figure below shows that the AVL Drive ratings are not normally distributed. ($R^2 = 0.55$) Additional correlation studies between the two rating systems are needed.

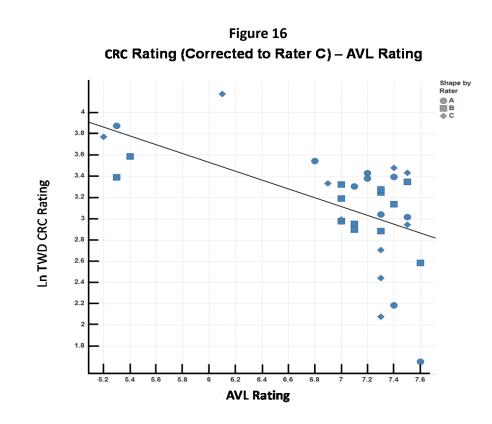


Figure 16 from the CRC Report No. 666: "2013 CRC INTERMEDIATE-TEMPERATURE E15 COLD-START AND WARM-UP VEHICLE DRIVEABILITY PROGRAM"

3. The correlation is not significantly affected by the Run or Soak temperatures, Vehicle, and Fuel. Rater does have a significant effect (P = 0.0045)

4. The CRC Rating has to be log-transformed, as is typically done, to meet normality and constancy of variance assumptions of regression analysis. The log transformed CRC rating has about twice the level of variation as the AVL-DRIVE system.

		Standard	Coefficient of
Rating	Mean	Deviation	Variation
CRC (Original)	34.8	17.55	0.50
CRC (LnTransformed)	3.4	0.65	0.19
AVL	7.0	0.70	0.10

- 5. The charts and data presented in the attached AVL project report are evidence of how the AVL-DRIVE system can provide additional driveability rating details to assist in the interpretation of the driveability effects. For example, Figure 14 on page 26 of the AVL project report indicates the need for a greater match between the rates of acceleration during successive acceleration events before driveability ratings can be strictly attributed to fuel effects alone. However, the Conclusions and Recommendations section beginning on page 25 of this report does indicate a need for greater software and hardware customization to CRC's needs as well as user training before the AVL-DRIVE system can be readily utilized by the CRC Volatility Group as a standard work tool.
- 6. There are several pros and cons for each rating system.
 - a. One of the big benefits of the current CRC rating system, which is done on an open road track with human raters is that many vehicles can be evaluated quickly giving a good representation of vehicle impacts in the marketplace.
 - b. However, the variation in ambient test conditions and individual rater response requires greater test repeats and additional test points to enable statistical analysis for significant and insignificant effects.
 - c. The automated AVL-DRIVE system has greater up-front investment costs in getting multiple copies of the equipment for numerous vehicles; particularly enough sensor wiring harnesses so that the harnesses can be permanently mounted in the vehicle for the duration of the test and only the data laptop being moved from vehicle to vehicle.
 - d. The AVL-DRIVE system requires that each vehicle be initially set-up to learn what a driveline shift event is, as opposed to an abnormal combustion event due to the fuel. It should be pointed out that the AVL-DRIVE system does not drive the

vehicle down the track so trained drivers are still needed to drive the vehicle through the series of defined maneuvers.

- e. And lastly, both rating systems still require numerous personnel that are needed for fueling, re-conditioning, and managing the vehicles. These last two points mean that significant manpower costs are likely to continue in order to execute the programs regardless of the rating tool used. Additionally, a correlation should be determined between the AVL rating scale and demerit quantity. For example, how many demerits qualifies as a "7" in the AVL rating.
- 7. An area of future CRC work that may provide significant cost savings and data quality benefits is the combination of the AVL-DRIVE automated rating system for a relatively small fleet of "highly instrumented" vehicles, which are then tested in a climate controlled chassis dynamometer with a robot driver. Correlation of such a set-up to the current CRC test track program is suggested.
- 8. The proper tool selection for future CRC Volatility programs depends on the specific objectives of the program. Periodically, it may be better suited to run the traditional program so many vehicles can be included, while other times a more in-depth R&D type approach may be needed.



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Executive Summary

The following is a report of a project performed by AVL for the CRC to evaluate the use of AVL-DRIVE[™] in the testing of a range of fuel blends and their impact on vehicle driveability.

The approach taken was to instrument 6 vehicles during the screening phase of the project, and then select two vehicles for the on-going fuel testing. The testing was performed in late February through to late March in Yakima, WA. The goal was to generate data-sets that could then be compared to the subjective evaluation results to confirm that AVL-DRIVE was able to detect the impact of the change of fuel. Additionally, AVL was required to evaluate the process used to determine how to best implement AVL-DRIVE into the testing to ensure success.

It was observed that the CRC evaluation process did not completely align with the way AVL-DRIVE identifies events and rates the various maneuvers / events being assessed. Therefore, the data evaluation was approached using two alternative methods. First, the screening data was filtered using the available AVL-DRIVE functions to achieve a reasonable comparison of the data. Second, for the fuel testing, since individual ratings were required for CRC events, the AVL-DRIVE event ratings were "compounded". The final comparison between the standard CRC demerit approach and the AVL-DRIVE ratings was performed by Chevron.

Some specific areas for improvement were identified in the debrief session, mainly focused on training requirements and some enhancements to the usability of the system. In fact, it is possible to address many of the concerns in the current software by including remote switches to start and stop the recording, and by implementing an available display.

The report also provides brief details on alternative methods of evaluation that are intended to improve the signal to noise ratio and therefore improve confidence that the response observed is the result of the fuel blend and not just noise in the testing.

Key conclusions from the exercise are:

- There is correlation between the CRC raters and AVL-DRIVE, as identified in section 5.
- The evaluation process does not readily lend itself to instrumentation and data acquisition; therefore modifications would need to be considered. The report identifies modifications that could be considered from the perspective of using AVL-DRIVE in this environment, but most data acquisition systems would have some similar requirements.



• Additional data analysis should be possible by combining the AVL-DRIVE data and the CRC rating data to more completely identify the ability to both rate and measure the impact on driveability for a range of fuel blends over a range of temperatures.

Finally, an alternative approach is presented to the CRC that identifies AVL's referred path for this type of investigation.



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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

The Coordinating Research Council (CRC) periodically conducts subjective vehicle evaluations to determine the driveability impacts of a range of blends of fuels. This process requires a jury evaluation of a wide range of vehicles (and therefore a range of sensitivities to fuel quality) with a range of fuel blends.

AVL was requested to support the intermediate temperature evaluation event planned for February – March 2013 in order to both demonstrate AVL-DRIVE[™] and to evaluate how the tool could be used to support similar evaluations in the future. This report details the process applied, and provides recommendations regarding alternative approaches for the evaluation. The report will describe the process used for instrumentation and testing and provide analysis of the acquired data.

This report is intended to supplement the overall CRC evaluation report. The statistical evaluation of the data is constrained to a comparison between the standard CRC evaluation process and AVL-DRIVE. Detailed statistical analysis of the impact of the range of fuel blends on the vehicle driveability is the subject of the report provided by the core team members of the CRC.

1.2. Project Objectives

As stated, the overall intention of the project is to demonstrate how AVL-DRIVE can be used in place of subjective evaluation for determining the impact of a range of ethanol blended fuels on driveability. Specifically, the project objectives were to:

- Instrument 6 or more vehicles during the screening evaluations to confirm that the DRIVE results show a performance impact as a result of the change in fuel in line with the subjective evaluations.
- Instrument 2 of the down-selected vehicles and acquire data over the remainder of the testing.
- Evaluate the process used to determine how DRIVE could be used within the constraints of the current approach
- Provide recommendations for alternative approaches by applying current technology to the evaluation methods.



2. Vehicle Instrumentation and Testing

The testing was performed in Yakima, WA, at the Renegade Raceway, in order to achieve the required ambient conditions for the evaluation.

2.1. AVL-DRIVE Instrumentation and set-up

AVL-DRIVE provides an objective evaluation of a vehicles response to the drivers input, using a number of sensors to measure both the demand (for example, pedal input), and the response. The assessment made includes a comparison to both the expectation, established by creating a simple model of the vehicle during the software configuration process, and the competitor set for the class of vehicle. Appendix B includes a detailed description of AVL-DRIVE.

Acceleration (3-axis seat track accelerometer)	Sensor
Accelerator pedal position	CAN
Engine Speed	CAN
Vehicle speed	CAN
Electrical load (L.E.M current clamp on alternator out)	Sensor
Brake switch	CAN
Engine temperature (ECT)	CAN
Seat track vibration	Sensor
Steering column vibration	Sensor
Gear Lever position (P,R,N,D,L)	CAN
Gear (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd etc.)	CAN
Air Conditioning (on / off)	CAN

The following signals were acquired during the testing:

Table 1 List of channels acquired during data acquisition

Additional channels are calculated by the software based on filters, smoothing functions and equations to determine vehicle state and support signal processing. Note that it is feasible (and usual) to acquire a larger data-set, including turbine speed for more accurate assessment of the gear-shift, temperatures for intake air and transmission oil etc., and fuel flow. Due to the format of the testing and the limited time, it was agreed that this would not be required for this particular evaluation. Additional data is generally required to develop understanding of the cause of issues – in this case the focus was on the ability to identify the issues themselves (and therefore to compare the process to the demerit evaluation system usually used).



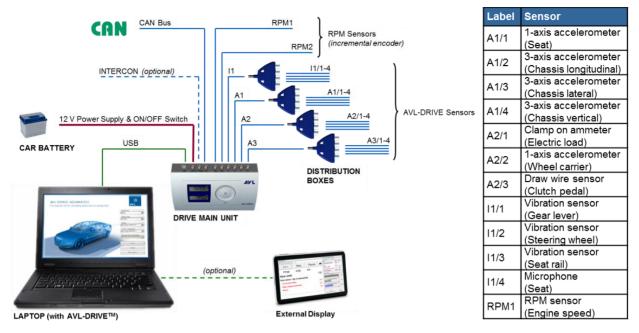


Figure 1 Schematic of AVL-DRIVE installation

The software configuration included populating a simple model of the vehicle via coastdown and acceleration measurements, sensor calibration and defining thresholds for accelerator pedal rates and other boundary conditions.

	Vehicle Optional Settings Additional Channels	Measurement Configuration	Signal Calibration Sel	flearn Operation Mode Settings	Measurement Conditions	
	/ Technical Information			— Clutch pedal characteristic		
Configuration	Gear Drivetrain frequency [H] Gear 1 3 Gear 2 4 Gear 3 5 Gear 4 5 Gear 5 6	0 134.64 8 87.20 0 56.16 5 42.46 0 29.36	IO00rpm DPI [-] 7.43 0.73 11.47 0.83 17.81 0.84 23.55 0.87 34.06 0.87	First torque transfer [%] : Touchpoint [%] : Engaged [%] :		
Measurement	Gear 6 6	8 21.91	45.64 0.87	Resistance coefficients A0 constant [N] :	120.1	
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	Creep function:			Vehicle Mass [kg] :	1432	
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Figure 2 Technical Information tab in the vehicle configuration



Figure 2 shows the technical information tab for configuration for vehicle # 4 This information was used to build the basic lumped mass vehicle model that provided estimates for acceleration and deceleration that were used as reference points in the assessment.

Prior knowledge and information on a number of the vehicles was a key motivator in determining which vehicles should be instrumented during the screening process. Typically, the instrumentation and software configuration takes approximately 4-5 hours. Pre-selecting vehicles ensured that the team could be as prepared as possible to successfully test during the screening phase.

2.2. CRC Test Process

The standard CRC test process was used for the vehicle evaluation. A copy of this can be requested through the CRC and is not included in detail in this report. The process is intended to be completed in approximately 6 to 7 minutes with one of the goals being to maintain a low engine operating temperature. The maneuvers performed, in order of evaluation, were:

CRC Test Maneuver
Idle Park
Idle Drive
0 - 15 Light Throttle
0 - 15 Light Throttle
0 - 20 WOT
0 - 15 Light Throttle
0 - 15 Light Throttle
10 - 20 Light Throttle
0 - 20 Med. Throttle
Idle Drive
0 - 15 Light Throttle
0 - 15 Light Throttle
0 - 20 WOT
0 - 15 Light Throttle
0 - 15 Light Throttle
10 - 20 Light Throttle
0 - 20 Med. Throttle
Idle Drive
0 - 45 Crowd
25 - 35 Detent
Idle Drive - 5 sec.
Idle Drive - 30 sec.

Table 2	2 CRC	evaluation	maneuvers
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The events that were automatically detected by AVL-DRIVE were not completely aligned with the subjective evaluation maneuvers as described, and so, for the assessment, the AVL-DRIVE events were evaluated in one of two ways.

For the vehicle screening, the events were filtered into the broad categories (operation modes) that described the maneuver. For the fuel testing, the AVL-DRIVE events were combined to meet the same boundary conditions as the subjective evaluation, for example, a 0—15mph acceleration was identified by AVL-DRIVE to be a Drive Away, followed by a gear-shift. This is described in greater detail in Section 3. Data Analysis.

Additional events detected and rated by AVL-DRIVE (such as braking events) were ignored during the data analysis, although the raw data is available upon request.

2.3. Vehicle screening

40 vehicles were included in the screening processes. Of these vehicles, AVL instrumented the following:

Veh No
4
6
11
12
13
15
19
33

Table 3 List of vehicles evaluated during screening

A number of data-sets were compromised as a result of the operator terminating the recording prior to the test run. This was a point of discussion during a feedback session held with the evaluators, and is covered in further detail in section 2.5 Feedback from Testers. Usable data was acquired from vehicles 4, 11, 13 and 33, and is shown in Section 3 Data Analysis.

2.4. Fuel Testing

The vehicle screening reduced the test fleet from 40 vehicles to 18. These vehicles were tested on a range of fuel blends over several weeks of testing to develop a statistical correlation of the vehicle response (as evaluated by the test drivers using a demerit



scoring system) and the fuel quality. The process and results are described in detail in the CRC report and are not covered in this report.

AVL-DRIVE was instrumented into vehicle 19 and vehicle 33 for the duration of this testing.

The maneuvers performed adhered to the same test plan as was followed in the vehicle screening. Full details of the test process followed for this phase are included in the official CRC test report.

2.5. Feedback from Testers

At the end of the test program, AVL held a short debrief session with the evaluators in order to understand any issues identified with the implementation of AVL-DRIVE, and how this could be improved should a similar process be undertaken in the future.

The following comments are the key responses provided by the evaluators:

"The installation was not sufficiently robust"

"There was insufficient time to understand the tool"

"There is no feedback that the system is working / recording or that it has stopped."

"The system is not user friendly. More instruction is required."

"There seems to be some temperature sensitivity"

"System reports connection errors to the DMU2"

"The laptop should be secured somehow, or record the data to the DMU2"

"More AVL support is required."

"More convenient means of starting and stopping the recording is required"

Note that the issues identified are primarily a function of the lack of familiarity with the tool, and all are straightforward to resolve.

This process did highlight that the opportunity to use AVL-DRIVE in the current process is potentially awkward due to time limitations with the vehicles / the number of vehicles included in the assessment. Section 7 includes a brief description of AVL's preferred approach to this type of study.



3. Data Analysis

The following section is intended to provide insight into the method of data analysis applied for each of the tests. The more complete evaluation of the data is included in section 4 Results.

The usual approach to data analysis with AVL-DRIVE is to first evaluate the broad dataset in Report Generator (RG), a separate tool bundled with AVL-DRIVE that presents the complete set of ratings. For specific analysis, the data can be filtered to show only areas of interest (for example, based on maneuvers, vehicle speeds, gears etc).

There is a direct link between RG and AVL-DRIVE; if "outliers" are identified in the data, these can be quickly evaluated in AVL-DRIVE to more completely understand the root cause of the difference to other events in the same category.

As noted previously, the maneuvers performed as part of the evaluation do not directly align with the events as DRIVE detects and rates them. For the vehicle screening, the requirement was to generate a single score for the vehicle to enable a comparison of that vehicle on the base fuel (market fuel in vehicle as received) to one fuel blend. Filters were applied to the data to consider only operation modes that aligned to the evaluation. DRIVE ignores operation modes that do not meet the filter conditions and re-calculates the vehicles scores using only those remaining operation modes.

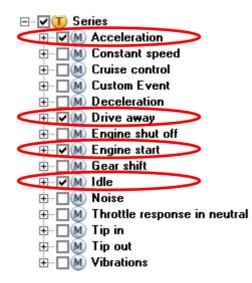


Figure 3 Filter applied to the screening data.

The operation modes above cascade down into sub-operation modes and then criteria. The structure for the highlighted operation modes can be found in Appendix B – AVL-DRIVE tree Structure



AVL-DRIVE uses a 1-10 rating scale for the evaluation that is similar to the scale used by OEMs, where a 1 is the worst and a 10 is the best rating achievable.

DR	Evaluation	Description	
9 - 10	excellent	The driveability exceeds all customer's expectations	
8 - 9	good	The driveability meets all customer's expectations	
7 - 8	satisfying	The driveability meets most customer's expectations	
6 - 7	acceptable	Driveability at basic level only, does not meet most customer's expectations	
5 - 6	poor	Some customers complain about driveability	
4 - 5	unacceptable	Most customers complain about the driveability	
3 - 4	defective	All customers complain driving the vehicle	
2 - 3	unsafe operation	Only limited or unsafe vehicle operation possible	
1-2	no operation	Vehicle not operational	

AVL-DRIVE[™] Driveability Assessment

Table 4 AVL-DRIVE Driveability Assessment

3.1. Vehicle Screening Data

RG was used to generate the summary of the data for the screened vehicles. The following plot shows an example of the filtered data summary provided from RG.

The leftmost column is the overall score, determined as a weighted average of the scores for each of the operation modes (Drive away, acceleration, idle and engine start). The operation mode ratings are determined as an extreme value weighted average from each individual event performed (identified as a circle in the plot).

For example, for the idle evaluation with the vehicle running on the "bad" fuel, there were 7 events detected during the evaluation (7 circles). The score is heavily influenced by the one highlighted event resulting in a weighted average score of 5.3. The remaining events and operating modes, on inspection, do not appear significantly different between the fuel blends (comparing the grouping of red circles to the grouping of blue circles for the idle events).



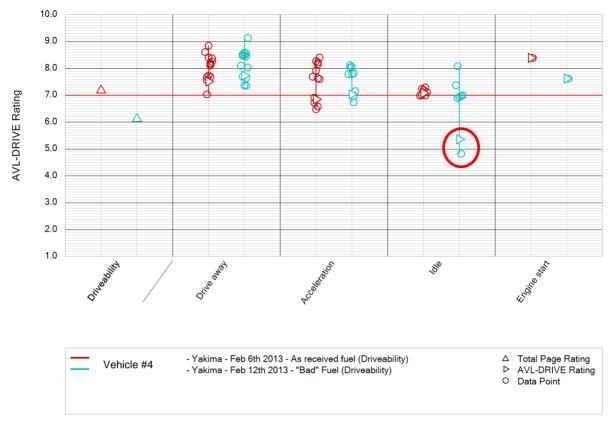


Figure 4 Vehicle #4 data summary for screening data

It can be seen in Figure 5 (below) that the remaining criteria evaluated as part of the overall idle assessment achieve a similar rating when comparing the two fuels. Investigation into the data to understand the variation in rating between the idle speed in one case compared to the other reveals that the AC was on for the first measurement (Feb 6th), while in the Feb 12th case, there is an electrical load that switches part of the way through the idle event. AVL-DRIVE accounts for the use of accessories in idle as part of its assessment criteria, and therefore the rating is impacted.

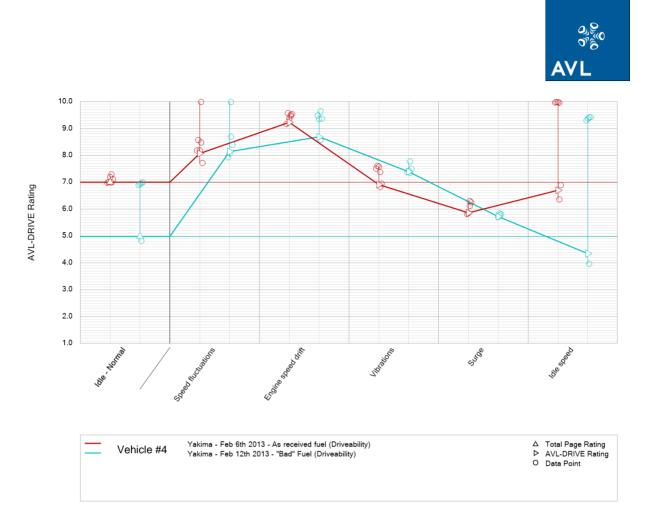


Figure 5 Idle Normal assessment Criteria

The poor score in this case is the result of a high idle set-point immediately following engine start. The variation between the target engine speed in the vehicle configuration (typically set to the hot engine target idle speed), and the actual engine speed, results in a low rating (greater variation results in lower rating). The subsequent idle assessments made during engaging the gear do not demerit the vehicle further.

Based on the data, it is not valid to conclude that the difference in rating observed in this case is a result of the change in fuel.

3.2. Fuel Blend Testing

Although a similar approach to the vehicle screening data analysis method could have been adopted, it was decided that a more comprehensive approach should be used for this level of analysis, enabling a more direct comparison of the subjective assessment to AVL-DRIVE data. In this case, to achieve comparable data-sets between the CRC maneuver list and the AVL-DRIVE assessments, the events were compounded and ratings calculated for the complete maneuver as performed by the CRC testers.



For this analysis, this process was performed manually, though AVL-DRIVE includes the capability to develop specific events in Matlab that can be used for custom assessments. In any future application this would be considered as an alternative to the manual approach.

Figure 6, below, shows the events that AVL-DRIVE detects during the 0-15mph light throttle launch. If the gearshift had occurred at a higher speed, then the drive away would have been followed by an acceleration event.

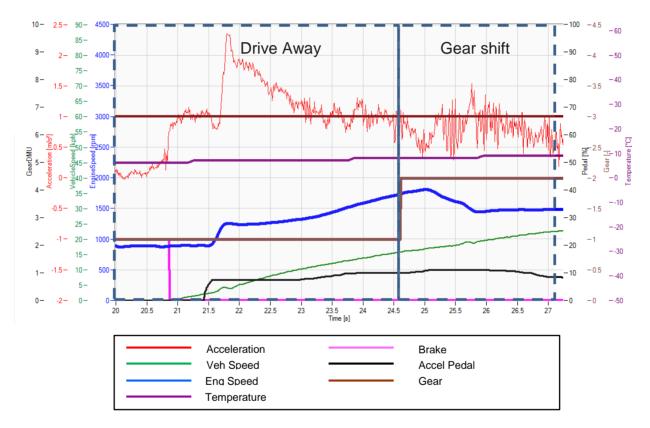


Figure 6 0-15mph acceleration with AVL-DRIVE events overlaid

The rating associated with the maneuver is calculated using the individual ratings and the AVL-DRIVE weighting to establish an overall rating. For example, the following calculation shows the ratings for the maneuver shown in the plot above:



	Drive rating	Maighting	Normalised	Weighted
	Drive rating Weighting		% weight	rating
Drive away	7.3	0.12	44%	3.2
Gear shift	7.1 0.15 56%		3.9	
Sum	Sum 0.27			
Maneuver r	7.2			

Table 5 Rating calculation for compounded events

This process was repeated for all events for the tests performed during the fuel evaluation section of the testing.

Engine start is treated as its own event both as part of AVL-DRIVE and as part of the CRC assessment. In this case, AVL-DRIVE rates a number of items including the time to start. This is determined as the duration from 30RPM to a rate of engine speed increase of 500RPM/s. This time is the reported value included in the CRC report.

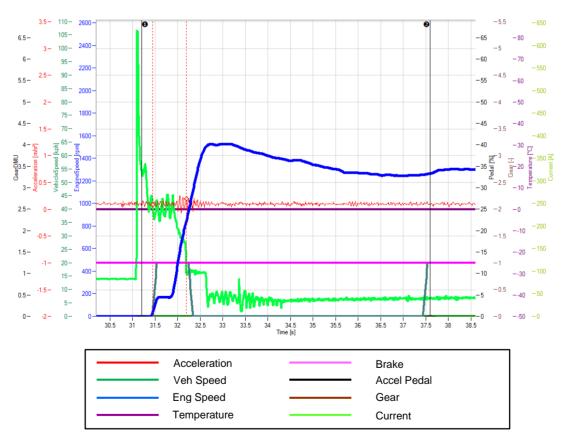






Figure 8, below, shows the additional parameters that are included in the AVL-DRIVE evaluation of an engine start (in this case the values relate to the data in Figure 7). Per the previous comment, only the start duration is used in the data provided to the CRC. The starter response delay may also be of interest – this is defined as the duration from crank request to 30RPM.

7.9 Engine start - M	lanual start 31.20-37.59 [s]	
DR	Param 1	Param 2
Surge [-]	delta VDV [m/s²]	VDV [m/s²]
7.1	0.91	0.95
Starter response delay [-]	delay [s]	engine temperature [°C]
7.7	0.32	0.00
Start duration [-]	start duration [s]	engine temperature [°C]
8.2	0.42	0.00
Starter speed [-]	starter speed [rpm]	count cyl [-]
8.8	176.78	6
Speed pickup duration [-]	speed pickup duration [s]	engine temperature [°C]
9.2	0.77	0.00
Stumble [-]	rpm stumble [rpm]	engine temperature [°C]
9.8	4.08	0.00
Overshoot speed [-]	engine speed overshoot [rpm]	engine temperature [°C]
9.6	279.78	0.00
Undershoot speed [-]	engine speed undershoot [rpm]	duration of n undershoot [s]
10.0	0.00	0.35
Idle stabilization duration [-]	stabilization duration [s]	engine temperature [°C]
7.7	2.93	0.00
Noise [-]	noise level [dBA]	trend of noise level [dBA]
Vibrations [-]	DR seat [-]	engine temperature [°C]
7.5	7.47	0.00

Figure 8 Engine Start Criteria with parameter values shown

The CRC evaluation requires that the vehicle is rated for idle in 'P' immediately after a start, for 5 seconds duration, but it can be observed in the data that there are tests that do not include an idle assessment from AVL-DRIVE. This is because AVL-DRIVE considers the end of a start event to be a stable idle speed, evaluated based on a smoothed engine speed signal showing less than 100RPM deviation over 1.5 seconds. In many cases, although the evaluator has maintained idle for the 5 seconds following the start as required in the CRC test plan, a stable idle was not achieved and therefore AVL-DRIVE does not categorize this as an idle event.

The required idle assessment during the evaluation was omitted in every case as the idle was not maintained for long enough to be detected as an event by AVL-DRIVE.

The following table shows the mapping used to compare events identified by AVL-DRIVE to the events as described in the CRC test plan. This particular example is from vehicle #19, other vehicles may vary based on transmission calibration (shift points). For the data provided from the evaluation, each dataset for vehicles #19 and #33 was individually analyzed.



t start [s]	t end [s]	DR	DR Min.Crit.	DRIVE Deteceted Event	CRC Maneuver
31.2	37.59	7.9	7.1	Engine start Manual start	Engine Start
37.51	40.33	8.6	8	Idle Air conditioning on	Idle in P
40.26	43.62	7.4	6.3	Idle Engage	Idle in D
44.47	47.63	7.3	6.2	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
47.32	49.67	7.2	6.2	Gear shift Power on upshift	0 1511011 decer
51.24	53.68	5.5	4.2	Gear shift Power on upshift	
64.64	65.29	8.8	8.4	Drive away Vehicle stop	
65.29	68.45	7.8	6.9	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
68.14	70.42	7.4	6.8	Gear shift Power on upshift	
76.67	79.97	9.7	9.7	Gear shift Power on downshift	
79.33	81.76	8.5	8.1	Drive away Launch	0-20mph WOT
80.38	81.76	7.6	7.1	Acceleration Full load	
81.58	82.74	4.4	3.7	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
82.14	84.19	4.1	3.9	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
101.66	102.63	8.9	8.5	Drive away Vehicle stop	
102.63	105.47	7.8	7	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
105.16	107.38	7	5.9	Gear shift Power on upshift	
107.08	109.39	5.4	5	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
119.69	120.55	8.9	8.4	Drive away Vehicle stop	
120.55	123.37	7.7	6.8	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
123.06	125.52	7.3	6.6	Gear shift Power on upshift	
137.83	140.12	7.8	7.2	Acceleration Part load rising pedal	
141.16	143.34	5.7	5.3	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
156.32	157.23	7.8	7.2	Drive away Vehicle stop	
157.23	158.46	8.2	7.5	Drive away Launch	0-20mph Medium Throttle
158.36	159.12	8.8	8.6	Acceleration Part load falling pedal	
159.06	160.54	5.6	4.8	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
159.94	162.01	5.6	4.9	Gear shift Power on upshift	
162.51	165.41	8	7.7	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	
182.78	186.37	7.9	7.2	Drive away Vehicle stop	
					Idle in D
186.37	189.41	7	5.8	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
189.1	191.49	6.1	5.4	Gear shift Power on upshift	· ·
199.43	200.45	9	8.6	Drive away Vehicle stop	
197.43	200.73	6.7	6.7	Gear shift Coast / brake on downshift	
200.45	203.45	9.1	8.8	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
203.14	205.57	6.1	5	Gear shift Power on upshift	
205.78	206.64	7.5	6.5	Tip out After acceleration	
212.91	216.21	8.8	8.8	Gear shift Power on downshift	
216.09	218.4	8.9	8.5	Drive away Launch	0 - 20 WOT
217.18	218.4	6.7	6	Acceleration Full load	
218.24		3.9	3.6	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
218.9		5.8	5.4	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
222.36		5.9	5.4	Deceleration Transition to constant speed	
237.83	238.77	8.8	8.3	Drive away Vehicle stop	

Table 6 Mapping of DRIVE events to the CRC test plan



			DR		
t start [s]	t end [s]	DR	Min.Crit.	DRIVE Deteceted Event	CRC Maneuver
238.77	241.33	8.1	7.3	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
241.02	243.5	5.5	4.7	Gear shift Power on upshift	0-15mph accel
250.91	254.21	8.7	8.7	Gear shift Power on downshift	
253.37	255.71	7.9	7.1	Drive away Normal	0-15mph accel
255.4	257.86	7.9	7.1	Gear shift Power on upshift	
258.36	262.85	7.9	7.3	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	
271.03	272.03	9.8	9.7	Acceleration Part load rising pedal	
272.71	273.9	7.4	6.5	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	
273.9	276.39	5.3	4.9	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
276.89	280.27	7.9	7.3	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	10 - 20 Light Throttle
293.03	293.79	8.2	7.6	Drive away Vehicle stop	
293.79	296.05	8.5	7.9	Drive away Normal	0 - 20 Medium Throttle
295.74	297.34	6.4	5.9	Gear shift Power on upshift	
297.04	299.17	6.3	5.9	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
321.44	324.61	8.3	8	Drive away Vehicle stop	
					Idle in D
324.61	327.41	6.9	5.7	Drive away Normal	
327.1	329.67	7.3	6.5	Gear shift Power on upshift	
329.64	332.2	4.7	4	Gear shift Power on upshift	
332.7	334.2	7.8	7.1	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	0.45mph ground
334.2	336.94	7.3	6.3	Gear shift Power on upshift	0-45mph crowd
337.44	340.5	8.1	7.6	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	
340.5	343.12	6.9	5.7	Gear shift Power on upshift	
343.62	351.06	8.2	7.8	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	
351.06	353.22	7.9	7.4	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
354.69	357.14	7.6	6.6	Gear shift Coast / brake on downshift	
357.69	360.15	6.6	5.3	Gear shift Coast / brake on downshift	
364.55	367.2	7.5	6.6	Gear shift Power on downshift	
367.88	373.01	6	5.8	Constant speed Open pedal	
373.69	376.08	7.2	6.7	Acceleration Part load rising pedal	25-35mph Detent
375.78	377.75	7.8	7.3	Acceleration Part load constant pedal	23-35mph Detent
377.64	379.22	6.5	5.8	Gear shift Tip out upshift	
378.92	380.91	5.6	5.1	Gear shift Coast / brake on upshift	
380.61	382.65	7.5	6.5	Gear shift Coast / brake on downshift	
382.35	384.89	7.5	6.5	Gear shift Coast / brake on downshift	
391.88	394.38	7.9	7.3	Drive away Vehicle stop	
394.46	399.59	7.8	6.9	Idle Normal	Idle in D
399.59	404.72	7.9	7.1	Idle Normal	
404.72	404.72 409.85 8.2 7.5		7.5	Idle Normal	Idle in P
409.86	412.83	8.4	7.8	Idle Normal	

Table 7 Mapping of DRIVE events to the CRC test plan - part 2



4. Results

4.1. Vehicle Screening

As described in the data analysis section, the vehicle screening data was compared at the overall driveability level using filters to reduce the dataset to a good approximation of the CRC evaluation. The four vehicles for which there is useful data are:

Veh No
4
11
13
33

Table 8 List of vehicles with the most useful data

The following plots generated from RG show the comparison in each case of the standard fuel to the blended fuel used in the screening tests. Only the high level values are provided. The sub-operation modes and criteria level are included in Appendix C – Vehicle Screening Test Results, for reference. In each case, the data that has been provided to the CRC for the vehicle screening evaluation is the rating in the leftmost column, entitled "Driveability" on the x-axis.

Recall that as noted previously, AVL-DRIVE uses an extreme value weighting to develop the overall rating, and therefore a poor operating mode score will typically degrade the overall rating more than a good event will improve it. As the plots are reviewed this effect will be evident by inspection of the sub-operating modes ratings compared to the driveability rating.

The data for vehicle #4 included is the same data-set as shown in the previous section to describe the process applied to the analysis.

As also described in the section 3.1, Figure 9 shows the main issue encountered in vehicle #4 was the low idle score on the "bad" fuel. This has been left in the data as this was a real event, though the cause of the poor score can be identified as high engine speed, and as described, it is not reasonable to conclude that this was purely a result of the fuel used for the testing. The remaining test points didn't show any significant difference between the two fuels, suggesting that vehicle #4 was not highly sensitive to the fuel variation in this case.

A similar conclusion could be drawn for vehicle #11 based on the available data.



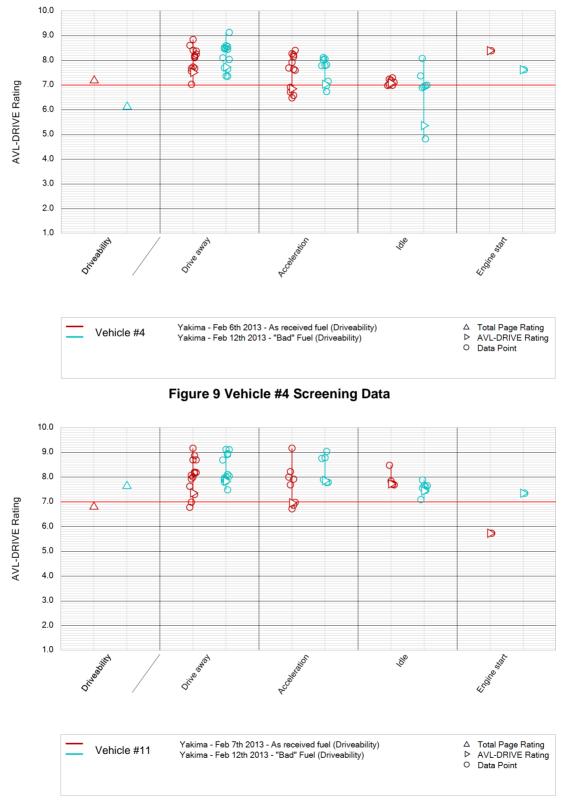
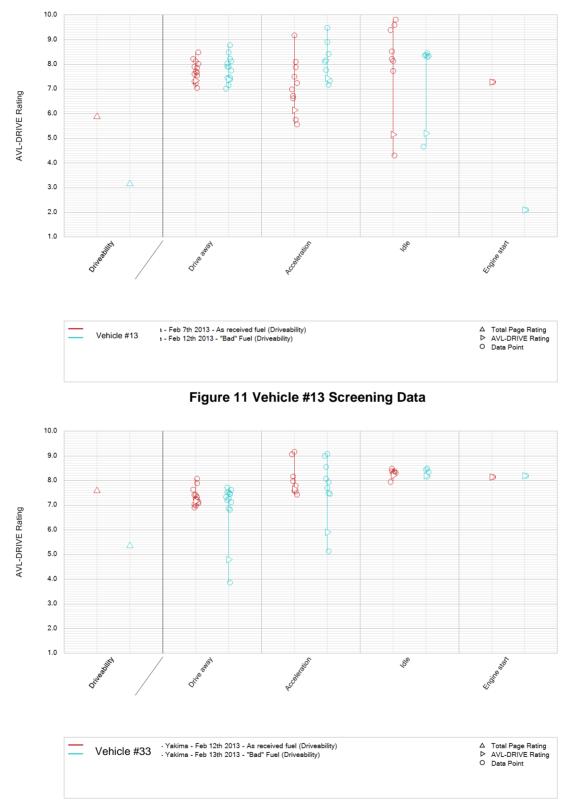
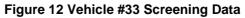


Figure 10 Vehicle #11 Screening Data









Overall AVL-DRIVE rating					
Fuel as received	"Bad" fuel				
7.2	6.2				
6.9	7.7				
6	3.2				
7.6	5.5				
	Fuel as received 7.2 6.9 6				

Table 9 Summary of screened vehicles overall ratings

In each case for the screened vehicles, there are single events that have degraded the overall score. The extreme value weighting employed in AVL-DRIVE results in a significant impact in some cases; in all cases, the single events that have degraded the result can be identified in AVL-DRIVE to attempt to identify any special cause. From investigation, each of the events is a "real" response, ie. The measured response was the result of an intended input, but this highlights some areas where further consideration for the test process may be required with respect to consistency of process.

The conclusion, based on this testing, was that Vehicle #13 and Vehicle #33 were the most sensitive to fuel quality.



4.2. Fuel Testing

Following the vehicle screening evaluation, AVL-DRIVE was instrumented onto vehicle #33 and vehicle #19 for the remainder of the test program. The following two tables (Table 10 and Table 11) show the total set of results acquired during the program. The rating included for each maneuver is the compounded rating as described previously (so for example, the 0-15mph light throttle acceleration is made up of two AVL-DRIVE events as identified in Figure 6).

		1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24
	AVL Total Driveability Rating	Start Time	Idle Park	Idle Drive	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 20 WOT	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	10 - 20 Light Throttle	0 - 20 Med. Throttle	Idle Drive	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 20 WOT	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	10 - 20 Light Throttle	0 - 20 Med. Throttle	Idle Drive	0 - 45 Crowd	25 - 35 Detent	Idle Drive - 5 sec.	Idle Drive - 30 sec.
Date	.Τ	Seconds	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
2/20/13	7.4	0.42	8.6	7.4	7.3	7.8	8.5	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.2		7	9.1	8.9	8.1	7.9	7.4	8.5		7.2		7.8	8.2
2/21/13	7.5	0.42	7.4	7.3	7.3	8.9	7	8	8	7.5	6.4		7.6	8.2	8.6	7	8.2	9	7.7		7.3	7.35	8.1	8.2
2/23/13	7.3	0.44		7.2	7.5	7.3	6.3	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.6		7.4	7.3	7.1	7.7	8	9	8		7.3	7	7.4	8.2
2/24/13	7	0.44	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.5	8	8.4	7.7	6.1		6.7	6.7	6.8	7	7.8	6.5	7.7		7.4		8.2	8.2
2/25/13	7.3	0.39		7.1	6.5	8	6.9	8.1	8.1	8.5	6.7		7.2	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.2	8.7	7.7		7.4	8	8.2	8
2/27/13	7.5	0.42	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.7	7.8	8.5	8.3	6	6.4		7.1	6.2	7.2	7.5	7.8	5.6	7.7		8.2	7.7	7.9	8.1
3/3/13	7.3	0.53	7.4	7.5	6.6	8	7.6	8.7	7.5	6.1	7		6.7	8	7.4	7.2	8.2	8.2	7		7.3	7.6	8.3	8
3/8/13	7.3	0.39			7.3	7.6	8.1	7.6	8.4	6.8	5.9		7.8		7.4	7.2	7.7	6.8	7.3		7.4	7.4	7.2	7.9
3/10/13	7.5	0.39		7	7.2	8.2	7.5	7.3	8.3	8.3	6.3		7.4	7.8	6.8	6.9	8	8.3	6.2		7.4	8.2	7.9	8
3/13/13	7.3	0.36		7.1	6.7	7.3	8	8.4	8.3	6	6.8		8	8.1	7.1	7	8	7.6	6.5		8.1	7.8	7.9	8
3/15/13	7.2	0.39	7.4	7.1	6.3	8	6	7.9	7.1	6.6	7.2		7.5	7.7	6.8	6.6	7.7	7.1	7.2		7.5	8.1	7.8	7.9
3/16/13	7.1	0.5		7.2	6.8	7.6	6.2	7.1	8.2	7.5	6.2		7.2	7.6	6.4	6.3	7.9	7.8	7.2		7.2	8.4	7.7	7.7
3/17/13	7.5	0.51		7	6.2	8.1	7.7	8	8.5	6.3	7.1		7.7	6.8	7.8	7	7.4	6	7.4		7.3	8.3	7.3	8
3/18/13	7	0.43	7.0	7.6	7.7	7.7	6.3	8.2	8.6	8.1	6.3		7.4	7	6.3	7.3	7.6	9	7.6		7.8	8.5	8.3	8.4
3/19/13	7.4	0.43	7.8	7.4	7.1	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.4	8.2	6.2		7.4	7.6	6.9	7.1	7.5	6.5	7.7		7.4	8.2	7.5	8.3

Table 10 AVL-DRIVE results for vehicle #19 Fuel Tests

The two idle periods (events 13 and 21 in the table above) were not rated as there were no events that met the trigger conditions required by AVL-DRIVE.



		1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24
	AVL Total Driveability Rating	Start Time	Idle Park	Idle Drive	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 20 WOT	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	10 - 20 Light Throttle	0 - 20 Med. Throttle	Idle Drive	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 20 WOT	0 - 15 Light Throttle	0 - 15 Light Throttle	10 - 20 Light Throttle	0 - 20 Med. Throttle	Idle Drive	0 - 45 Crowd	25 - 35 Detent	Idle Drive - 5 sec.	Idle Drive - 30 sec.
Date	Τ.	Seconds	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
2/13/13	7.6	0.28	8.4	7.9	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.4	8.1	7.6	7.5		7	7.5	7.1	6.7	8	8.2	7.7		8	7.3	8.4	8.3
2/14/13	5.3	0.43			7.8	7.5	4.6	7.2	8.1	7.8	7.2		6.7	8.1	7.7	6.6	7.2	8.1	7.4		8.1	6.5	8.2	8.4
2/15/13	7.1	0.47	7.1	7.1	7	7.6	7.2	7.6	6.6	7.5	6.6		7.1	7	7	6.7	6.9	8.6	7.6		7.9	7.8	8	8.1
2/17/13	7.6	0.17			7.5	7	7.6	7	7.9	7.6	6.9		8.3	6.8	7.3	7.4	8	8.3	7.7		7.7	8.1	8.2	8.2
2/18/13	5.4	0.3	7.4	5.8	6.7	7.6	4.9	7.5															3.8	7.7
2/20/13	7.1	0.2			6.9	7.4	7.9																8.2	8.4
2/21/13	5.8	0.48		5.9	7.7	7.6	6.8	7.6	7.8															
2/23/13	7.2	0.32			6.8	7.6	7	8.4	8.3		7		7.5	7.2	9								8.3	8.3
2/24/13	7.3	0.34			7.6	7.3	7.4	8	7.8	6.8	6.7		7.3	7.7	7	6.9	7.6	8.5	7.6		7.9		8.3	8.3
3/8/13	5.2	0.18			7.7	6.7	4.5	6.6	8.1	8.1	7.2		7	7.3	7.3	6.9	7.4	7	8		8	7	7.2	7.8
3/9/13	7.4	0.46			7.6	7.3	7.2	7.4	8.2	7.2	7.2		7	7.5	7.4	7.7	7.2	8.1	8.3		8.2	8.2	8.2	8.5
3/10/13	5.3	0.47			7.8	7	4.7	7.9	7.8	8.2	6.5		7.4	7.5	7	7.1	7.6	8.9	7.8		8.1	7.4	8.3	8.3
3/12/13	7.3	0.18	7.5		7.3	7.5	6.8	7.1	7.7	7.4	7.3		6.8	7.3	7.8	6.9	7.9	8.5	7.6		8.1	6.7	8.3	8.4
3/13/13	7	0.15			7.2	6.8	8.1	7.5	8.3	6.5	7.3		7.1	7.5	6.7	7.7	7.4	8.4	8.1		7.9	7.8	8.3	8.3
3/15/13	7.4	0.16			7.4	7.4	7.5	5.4	7	7.6	6.3		7.4	6.9	7.3	7.2	7.1	8.4	7.6		7.9	7.7	8.4	8.4
3/16/13	7	0.28			7.5	7.6	6.6	7.9	7.8	7.8	6.6		7.8	8	7.7	7.4	7.2	8	8.4		8.2	7.1	7.8	7.3
3/17/13	6.1	0.63			7.6	7.2	5.8	7.2	7.8	7.5	7.7		7.7	7.8	7.3	8	7.9	6.3	8		8.2	7.8	5.9	5.8
3/18/13	6.9	0.45			7.6	6.6	6.7	7.2	7.4	6.8	7.5		7.1	7.5	7.7	7.2	7.4	7.9	7.5		8.1	8.1	6.1	6.8
3/19/13	6.8	0.61	7.4	7.3	7	7.6								7.7	8	7.3	7.6	8.4	8.2		7.8	7.7	5.5	6.2

Table 11 AVL-DRIVE results for vehicle #33 Fuel Tests

A number of tests were impacted on the 18th, 20th, 21st and the 23rd of February, and also on the 19th March due to an issue on the accelerometer signal. The issue appears to be the result of track surface imperfections resulting in a high level of noise on the seat track (3-axis) accelerometer. Typically, AVL instruments vehicles with an accelerometer on one of the front wheel lower control arms in order to measure vertical motion (as a result of rough surfaces). It was agreed prior to the project that this would not be done for this study due to time and facility limitations at the test site. Inclusion of the sensor would have confirmed the hypothesis.

Many of the idle assessments after the engine start are incomplete due to the idle speed calibration for emissions / catalyst light off. As the engine speed decays over a period of time a stable idle is not achieved, and therefore not triggered by AVL-DRIVE.



5. Correlation of Data

Support for the correlation of the AVL-DRIVE data to the CRC demerit system was provided by Jo Martinez (Chevron) as the CRC rating data is not available to AVL. The following analysis provides a description of the correlation identified between the CRC testers and AVL-DRIVE.

ANOVA, or Analysis of Variance, is a statistical method that helps to identify sources of variability from one or more potential sources, sometimes referred to as factors. P-value < 0.05 indicates a statistically significant effect or source of variability. Fuel, Vehicle and Soak Temperature are not statistically significant.

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	13	9.61947818	0.73995986	4.02	0.0031
Error	19	3.49950508	0.18418448		
Corrected Total	32	13.11898326			

ANOVA - Dependent Variable: LnCRCRating

R-Square	Coeff Var	Root MSE	LnCRCRating Mean	
0.733249	12.66965	0.429167	3.387364	

Source	DF	Type III SS	Mean Square	F Value	P-value
Rater	2	3.14015507	1.57007753	8.52	0.0023
Fuel	8	2.29755149	0.28719394	1.56	0.2027
Vehicle	1	0.08417831	0.08417831	0.46	0.5072
SoakTemp	1	0.04061892	0.04061892	0.22	0.6440
AVL Rating	1	0.28518106	0.28518106	1.55	0.2285

Rater and AVL Rating have significant effect on CRC Rating with p-values < 0.01.

ANOVA - Dependent Variable: LnCRCRating

Source	DF Su	ım of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	3	7.30330678	2.43443559	12.14	<.0001
Error	29	5.81567648	0.20054057		

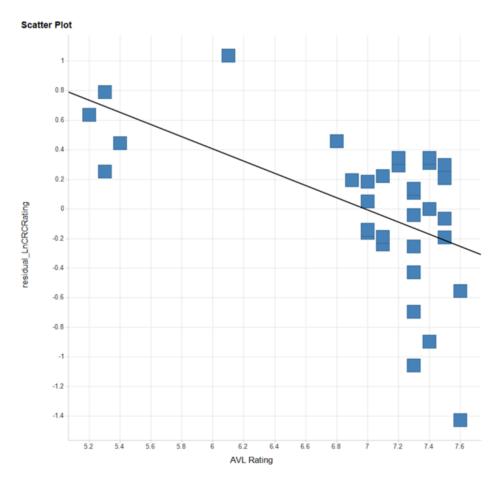


Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Corrected Total	32	13.11898326			

R-Square	Coeff Var	Root MSE	LnCRCRating Mean	
0.556698	13.22024	0.447818	3.387364	

Source	DF	Type III SS	Mean Square	F Value	P-value
Rater	2	4.25673466	2.12836733	10.61	0.0003
AVL Rating	1	2.65776681	2.65776681	13.25	0.0011

LnCRCRating residual plot, after taking into account Rater variability, indicates a trend that shows correlation between CRC Rating and AVL Rating.







6. Conclusions and Recommendations

The main conclusion that can be drawn from the available data and study is that it is possible to correlate the AVL-DRIVE rating with the CRC tester rating. The original intent of the study was to identify if it is possible to use AVL-DRIVE to identify a change in fuel quality / blend based on the vehicle response. It is inferred that this is the case based on the assumption that the current process using experienced raters for the evaluation is capable of capturing the effects, and the correlation between AVL-DRIVE and the raters.

Based on the comments provided by the evaluation team, the style of testing in the current process does not readily accommodate the use of data acquisition equipment, and some modifications to the implementation will be required to ensure success. Specifically, these modifications are expected to include:

- Modifications to the interface / controls
 The CRC evaluators commented that they did not feel the equipment was easy
 or intuitive to use. There are a number of alternative ways that can be applied
 including screen mounted displays that can provide both start and stop controls
 and feedback that the system is working.
- Event collector filters

AVL-DRIVE has the capability to include filters during data acquisition. This enables the user to confirm that specific events have been triggered. This would alleviate issues such as not triggering idles, though there may be some impact on the engine temperature as this could lengthen the overall process.

Custom Events

AVL-DRIVE has two alternative methods to include custom events. First, within the constraints of the current trigger engine, events can be created in the Custom Events operation mode. Second, Matlab can be used to create events that can subsequently be evaluated in DRIVE. This may provide the opportunity to create a custom evaluation that fully matches the current CRC process without the manual processing applied for this study.

• Training

Additional training should be provided to improve familiarity with the tool. For future test programs, AVL would recommend having an engineer on-site for the complete duration of the testing.

AVL recommends further data analysis (paper study only) from available data acquired during the testing in Yakima, to more fully demonstrate the ability to identify the change in vehicle response as a result of the changing fuel quality. As AVL-DRIVE acquires data regarding boundary conditions for each maneuver (ambient temp, ECT, gear, speed etc)



in addition to the vehicle response for a given driver input, it should be feasible to compare two or more similar maneuvers and determine if there is a difference in vehicle response that can be attributed to the fuel. For example, the chart below (figure 14) shows a direct comparison of the second vehicle pull-away for vehicle #19, on consecutive days (20th and 21st February). The boundary conditions and driver input conditions appear to be similar (~6 - 7°C, ~15% pedal demand), but there is a significant change in acceleration on one day compared to the other at approx. 1.5s. On inspection, at 1.4s the data from the 20th (represented by the blue trace) has an accelerator pedal input that is 7% greater than the second test. The change in acceleration may be a result of this rather than a change in fuel, as the pedal may can be somewhat aggressive at low to medium pedal positions.

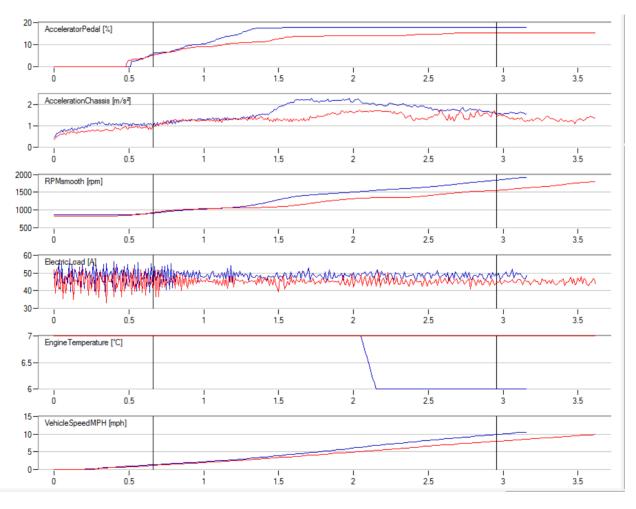


Figure 14 Comparison of vehicle #19 pull-away between two tests (20th and 21st Feb)

It is recommended that this evaluation is performed in conjunction with the CRC vehicle demerit data to identify real differences between the evaluation techniques and to support future process development.



As part of the discussion with members of the CRC, AVL was also requested to provide a recommendation of how a similar study would be performed by AVL. This is documented in the following section (Section 7 Alternative approach to the effects of a range of fuel blends on driveability).



7. Alternative approach to the effects of a range of fuel blends on driveability

AVL considers there to be 3 alternative approaches to evaluating the impact of fuel blends on driveability. The critical element is to reduce the amount of variability in the testing that results from the ambient conditions and the test process itself, in order to improve the signal to noise ratio in the data.

In each case, the vehicle maneuvers can be common with the current process, and as such can be compared to previous evaluations if necessary. Additional instrumentation is feasible in the test-cell, providing more detailed information regarding the vehicle response and the changes in combustion quality that occur as a result of the changes in fuel blend.

7.1.1. Chassis Rolls Testing

AVL has performed several evaluations of vehicles on chassis rolls. The basic set-up requires the test vehicle to be secured via a load-cell to a rigid restraint. The load cell is used to provide a surrogate acceleration signal that can be evaluated in AVL-DRIVE.



The test cell provides the capability to fully manage the ambient conditions, therefore largely eliminating a major potential source of variation in the testing. Controlled



conditions can also potentially reduce the overall program duration as there are no "lost days" as a result of ambient conditions not falling within the test boundary condition requirements.

7.1.2. Powertrain Testbed testing

As an alternative to the chassis dynamometer, a powertrain testbed could be used for the testing. This results in similar benefits as identified for the chassis rolls, with the advantage that any interaction between the vehicle and the dyno can be eliminated easily. The set-up in this case (assuming full vehicles are to be tested), is to mount the vehicle at the wheel hubs. The vehicle responses are generated via a vehicle dynamics model running real-time on the dyno.

As before, AVL-DRIVE is used to provide the evaluation of the vehicle response, and therefore a link back to the "real world".



Figure 15 Typical installation on to powertrain testbed for vehicle testing

For this application, low inertia permanent magnet dynamometers are required to ensure sufficient fidelity can be achieved. It may be required (depending on the test site) to build



a local "cell" for the engine to manage the conditions to the temperature and humidity required.

7.1.3. Engine Testcell

The third potential approach to evaluating the impact of fuel blends on driveability is to perform the testing in an engine test cell and simulate the transmission, driveline and vehicle real-time. AVL has successfully achieved this installation including correlation to the vehicle on a test-track.

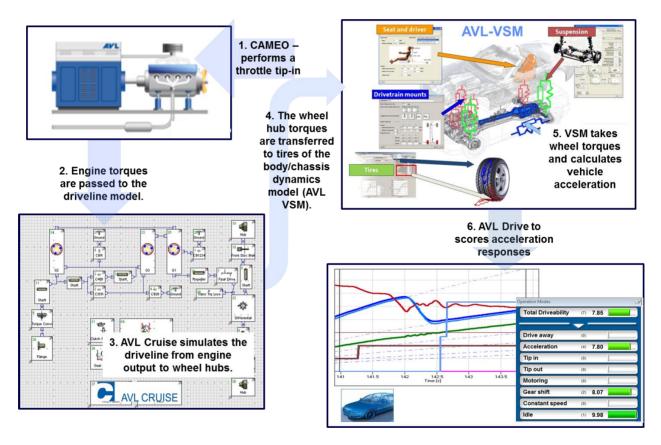


Figure 16 AVL workflow for advanced testing and calibration in engine test cells



8. Appendix A – AVL-DRIVE Overview

AVL-DRIVE is a fully automatic real-time tool for collecting, analyzing and rating vehicle drive quality, or "Driveability". A rating is calculated for all driveability events (also referred to as "driving modes") such as tip-ins, tip-outs, gear changes, etc. on the universal 1 to 10 scale. All individual ratings are combined using appropriate weightings to establish an overall score for the vehicle.

There are product variants available for:

- Passenger Car
- Commercial Vehicle
- Off-highway

8.1. AVL-DRIVE Key Characteristics

AVL-DRIVE has a number of unique characteristics to fully support both development and competitive benchmarking exercises:

- Automatic event detection
- Real-time event data analysis and scoring
- Interface to INCA in real-time enabling on-line use for calibration development
- Interface to AVL CRUISE and AVL VSM for driveability development in a simulation environment
- Data import and export capability in a wide range of formats
- Large number of additional channels can be input to facilitate problem solving and to analyze the impact of individual calibration parameters on driveability
- The vehicle can be instrumented and the software configured in approximately 1 day (application and customer requirements dependent).

8.2. AVL-DRIVE Applications

By producing accurate and repeatable drive quality measurements, AVL-DRIVE can be used in a wide variety of applications, some of which are listed below:

- Benchmarking / detailed vehicle comparison
- Target definition
- Target tracking



- Simultaneous calibration assistance
- Quality analysis and tracking
- Gateway definition
- Gateway sign-off
- Supplier quality assurance
- Quality/Warranty issue trouble shooting





8.3. AVL-DRIVE Hardware for Vehicle Use

The following hardware applies to both hybrid and conventional vehicles.

8.3.1. AVL-DRIVE Main Unit (DMU)

The DMU manages the data acquisition from the DRIVE sensors, other analog sources and from the vehicle CAN bus. Calculated channels from existing inputs can also be included. The system can be used as a data logger for AVL-DRIVE, or as a stand-alone data logger. Therefore the hardware is equipped with an SD memory card.

The DMU is typically used for engineering projects, advanced development and vehicle benchmarking. The DMU may also be added to an AVL-DRIVE for INCA system in order to add noise and vibration input.

Input Channels are:

- Analog voltage
- ICP standard sensors
- Rotation sensors (TTL, ind.)

Output:

• CAN – BUS



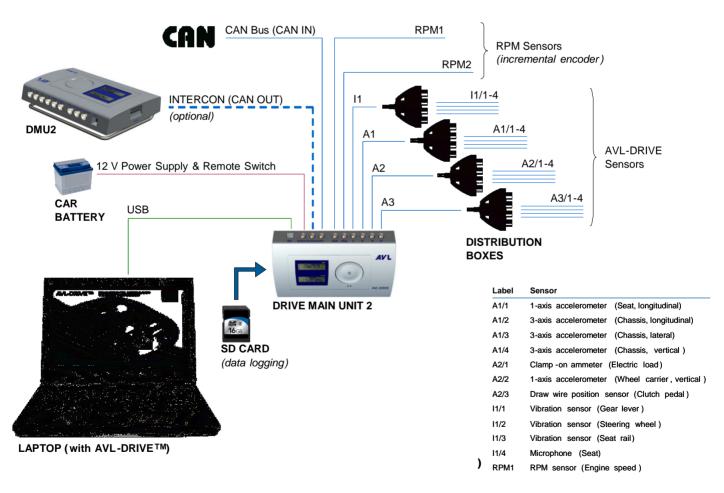
Figure 17 Drive Main Unit



8.3.2. AVL-DRIVE Sensor and Cable Set for Vehicle

The AVL-DRIVE Sensor and Cable Set provides DRIVE with all necessary input signals that are generally not available on the CAN bus. It is comprised of the following sensors:

- 1 tri-axial acceleration sensor
- 2 single axis acceleration sensors (seat, wheel)
- 3 vibration sensors
- 1 microphone
- 1 pedal travel sensor
- 1 electric load sensor







8.3.3. AVL-DRIVE for INCA

AVL-DRIVE for INCA is specifically designed to support vehicle calibration engineers in their daily work in order to achieve more consistent calibration quality and reduce iterations.

The DRIVE-INCA system interfaces to INCA v5.1 or higher. The AVL-DRIVE software (Analyzer) is installed on the same laptop or PC as INCA and the programs communicate via a software interface, resulting in a single machine solution.

AVL-DRIVE for INCA requires Etas-INCA v5.3 or higher. Additionally the vehicle must be equipped with:

- ES590 or ES591 ECU & Bus Interface Module
- ES600 Network Module
- ES611 or ES411 A/D Module with Sensor Power Supply

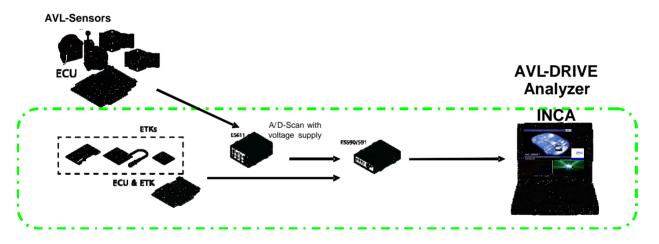


Figure 19 AVL-DRIVE INCA Typical Configuration

The AVL-DRIVE \rightarrow ATI-Vision interface works in a similar way, utilizing the ATI provided hardware in place of the ETAS hardware.



8.4. AVL-DRIVE Software

8.4.1. AVL-DRIVE Analyzer

The AVL-DRIVE Analyzer is the main software for driveability evaluation and for the analysis of all recorded AVL-DRIVE data. The software consists of three main parts:

- Driving mode detection
- Physical parameter calculation
- Driveability evaluation

The analysis capability of the software provides the user with typical plots such as:

- Tables of all physical data and Driveability ratings
- 2D & 3D-Graphs of all physical data and Driveability ratings
- Full and part load acceleration plots
- Shift pattern
- Statistical analysis tools

AVL-DRIVE is configurable for different vehicles by modifying the relevant parameter data. Key vehicle parameters such as gear ratios and friction parameters can be determined using the configuration wizard included in the software.

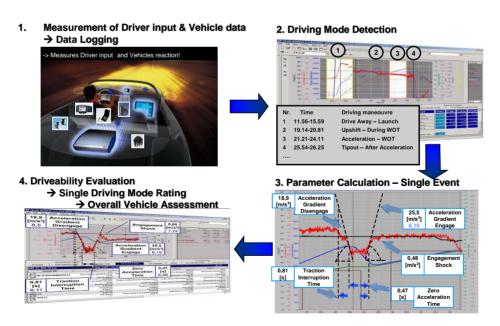


Figure 20 Summary of AVL-DRIVE Data Acquisition and Analysis process



AVL-DRIVE is able to read multiple data formats, including:

- AV-DRIVE .raw (native format note that this file format is consistent with IMC format data)
- ATI Vision .rec files
- ETAS INCA .dat file
- CANape files
- .txt file
- Matlab .MAT files
- ASCII files

It can be used on-line in the vehicle in real-time, interfaced with Vision, INCA or using AVL's DMU2, and can be used off-line as a data post-processor.

8.4.2. AVL-DRIVE Vehicle Class Modules

The AVL-DRIVE system evaluates up to 420 single physical criteria in up to 81 suboperating modes and 15 main operating modes. The assessment of these criteria varies by vehicle category and transmission type. The following vehicle classes are currently available:

- Micro
- Small
- Compact
- Medium
- Large
- Luxury
- SUV
- Sports
- Pick-up truck

8.4.3. AVL-DRIVE Transmission Types

The AVL-DRIVE system currently offers the following transmission types:

- Manual Transmission (MT)
- Automatic Transmission (AT)
- Automated Manual Transmission (AMT)
- Double Clutch Transmission (DCT)
- Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT)
- Single Speed Transmission

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These transmission types contain mathematical and physical model data uniquely calibrated to process and score data and compare it against other vehicles with that transmission type.

8.4.4. AVL-DRIVE for Hybrids

AVL-DRIVE for hybrids provides additional capability to consider specific hybrid related maneuvers based on the technology available.

These maneuvers include:

- Vehicle rolling engine off
- Electric only launch
- IC engine restarts and launch
- Regenerative braking maneuvers

This, then, enables some evaluation of charge management strategies, and an understanding of constraints on the vehicle performance resulting from varying state-of-charge etc.

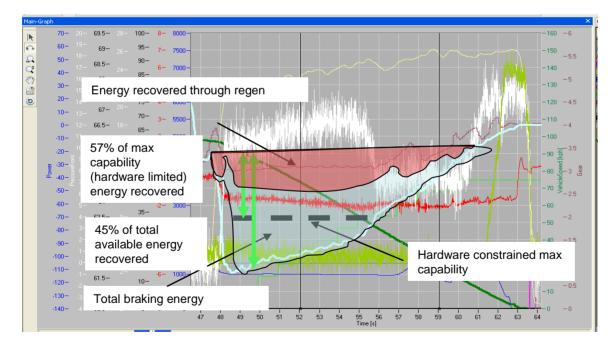


Figure 21 Comparison of energy recovered vs energy available during deceleration



8.4.5. AVL-DRIVE Report Generator (RG)

AVL-DRIVE RG is a free additional software installation provided with AVL-DRIVE. It automatically creates pre-defined benchmark reports consisting of scatter plots and comparison charts for main, sub and criteria event levels. Multiple vehicle variants can be compared in the same graph.

This can be particularly useful in providing a fast comparison between either vehicles, or on a specific vehicle with changes in software or hardware.

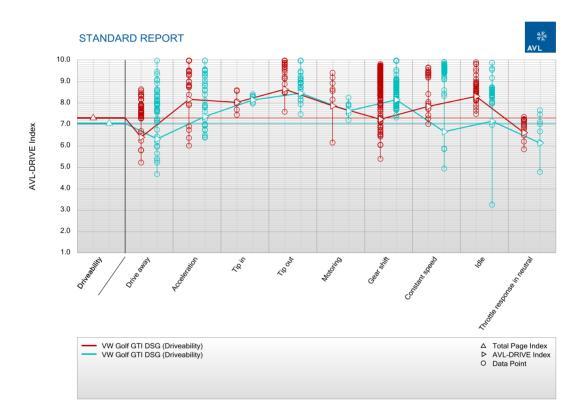


Figure 22 Standard output from RG showing Drive Away comparison for alternative transmission modes



8.5. DMU2 Specification

lt em	Characteristics Features	
Gener al	Dimensions (H x W x D) Weight Temperature range	DMU 2 35x140x230 mm 1000 gram -20 TO +70 ℃ (operation) -40 TO +85 ℃ (storage)
Power supply	Operating voltage Internal Battery	8V to 16V (protected against load dump (reverse-polarity protected) Stand alone Power supply up to 3h
Current consumption	Continuous operation / Standby	without Sensors 450mA at 12V
Interface	PC Connection CAN OUT	USB 2.0 up to 480 Mbit/s Standard Protocol with 1MBit/s (including Voltage-,ICP®-,Temperature, and RPM Inputs)
	Data logger	Stand alone Data logging for all Analog inputs plus Vehicle CAN Supporting SD-CARD up to 16GB Cascade more DMUII to extend Voltage-,ICP®-,Temperature, and RPM
	DMU Inter connection-bus	Inputs
Input s	Voltage Input Channels Input ranges Resolution Sampling rate	12 (per unit, cascade more units to extent number of inputs) 0–5V, ±5V, ±15V 12bits for each Voltage Range 10Hz, 100Hz, 1kHz predefined (up to 50kHz for each Channel)
	ICP® Input Standart Channels Resolution Sampling rate	3 12bits 10Hz, 100Hz, 1kHz predefined (up to 50kHz for each Channel)
	ICP® Input for Microphone Channels Resolution Sampling rate	1 12bits 50kHz with A-Weighting
	RPM Input Channels Sensor Types Sampling rate	2 TTL or INDUCTIVE Sensors 10Hz, 100Hz, 1kHz predefined (up to 50kHz for each Channel)
	CAN Input Channel s Protocol Bitrate	1 (with optional Extention) Standard or extended 100kBit/s up to 1MBit/s
	Temperature Input Cable Channels Sensor Type Resolution Sampling rate	2 incuded For each Analog Input Channel K-Type 12bits 10Hz, 100Hz, 1kHz predefined (up to 50kHz for each Channel)
Sensor supply output	Output voltage Vout Output current	0–5V,±15V Maximum Sum Load on all Outputs 500mA

9. Appendix B – AVL-DRIVE tree Structure

Operation Mode	Jub-Operation Mode	Criteria
Drive away	-	
Drive away	Creep	
Drive away	Creep	Brake release delay
Drive away	Creep	Brake release bump
Drive away	Creep	Brake release surge
Drive away	Normal	
Drive away	Normal	Brake release delay
Drive away	Normal	Brake release bump
Drive away	Normal	Brake release surge
Drive away	Normal	Response delay
Drive away	Normal	Initial bump
Drive away	Normal	Overshoot
Drive away	Normal	Stumble
Drive away	Normal	Acceleration peak
Drive away	Normal	Acceleration performance
Drive away	Normal	Shock
Drive away	Normal	Engagement steadiness
Drive away	Normal	Jerks
Drive away	Launch	
Drive away	Launch	Brake release delay
Drive away	Launch	Brake release bump
Drive away	Launch	Brake release surge
Drive away	Launch	Response delay
Drive away	Launch	Initial bump
Drive away	Launch	Overshoot
Drive away	Launch	Stumble
Drive away	Launch	Acceleration peak
Drive away	Launch	Acceleration performance
Drive away	Launch	Shock
Drive away	Launch	Engagement steadiness
Drive away	Launch	Jerks
Drive away	Hill climbing	
Drive away	Hill climbing	Brake release bump
Drive away	Hill climbing	Brake release surge
		Response delay
Drive away	Hill climbing	
Drive away	Hill climbing	Initial bump
Drive away	Hill climbing	Stumble
Drive away	Hill climbing	Overshoot
Drive away	Hill climbing	Acceleration performance
Drive away	Hill climbing	Acceleration peak
Drive away	Hill climbing	Shock
Drive away	Hill climbing	Engagement steadiness
Drive away	Hill climbing	Jerks
Drive away	Hill climbing	Hill climbing
Drive away	Rolling stop	
Drive away	Rolling stop	Response Delay
Drive away	Rolling stop	Engagement steadiness
Drive away	Manoeuvring engage	
Drive away	Manoeuvring engage	Bump
Drive away	Manoeuvring engage	Delay
Drive away	Manoeuvring engage	Jerks
Drive away	Vehicle stop	Rump
Drive away	Vehicle stop	Bump
Drive away	Vehicle stop	Engine speed fluctuations
Drive away	Vehicle stop	Engine speed overshoot
Drive away	Vehicle stop	Engine speed undershoot

Operation Mode	Sub-Operation Mode	Criteria
Acceleration		
Acceleration	Full load	
Acceleration	Full load	Max, expected torque
Acceleration	Full load	90% Torque threshold
Acceleration	Full load	90% Torque range
Acceleration	Full load	Wide torque range
Acceleration	Full load	Engine free acceleration
Acceleration	Full load	Torque smoothness
Acceleration	Full load	Surge
Acceleration	Full load	RPM limiter
Acceleration	Full load	Vibrations
Acceleration	Full load	Noise
Acceleration	Full load	Expected acceleration
Acceleration	Full load	Reference acceleration
Acceleration	Part load rising pedal	
Acceleration	Part load rising pedal	Surge
Acceleration	Part load rising pedal	Correlation
Acceleration	Part load rising pedal	Torque response
Acceleration	Part load rising pedal	Torque build-up
Acceleration	Part load rising pedal	Expected acceleration
Acceleration	Part load rising pedal	Reference acceleration
Acceleration	Part load constant pedal	
Acceleration	Part load constant pedal	Surge
Acceleration	Part load constant pedal	Acceleration steps
Acceleration	Part load constant pedal	Expected acceleration
Acceleration	•	Reference acceleration
Acceleration	Part load constant pedal Part load constant pedal	
Acceleration	•	Pedal map
Acceleration	Low end torque Low end torque	Low end torque
Acceleration		Low end torque
	Elasticity	Elasticity
Acceleration	Elasticity	Elasticity
Acceleration	Full load 0-100 kph	
Acceleration	Full load 0-100 kph	Full load 0-100 kph
Acceleration	Full load 0-100 kph	Full load 0->>100 kph
Acceleration	Part load falling pedal	
Acceleration	Part load falling pedal	Surge
Acceleration	Part load falling pedal	Correlation
Acceleration	Part load falling pedal	Expected acceleration
Acceleration	Part load falling pedal	Reference acceleration
Acceleration	Full load through gears	
Acceleration	Full load through gears	Full load through gears threshold 1
Acceleration	Full load through gears	Full load through gears threshold 2
Acceleration	Full load through gears	Full load through gears threshold 3
Acceleration	Cylinder deactivation	
Acceleration	Cylinder deactivation	Acceleration gradient
Acceleration	Cylinder deactivation	Steadiness
Acceleration	Cylinder deactivation	Engine speed change
Acceleration	Cylinder reactivation	
Acceleration	Cylinder reactivation	Acceleration gradient
Acceleration	Cylinder reactivation	Steadiness
Acceleration	Cylinder reactivation	Engine speed change

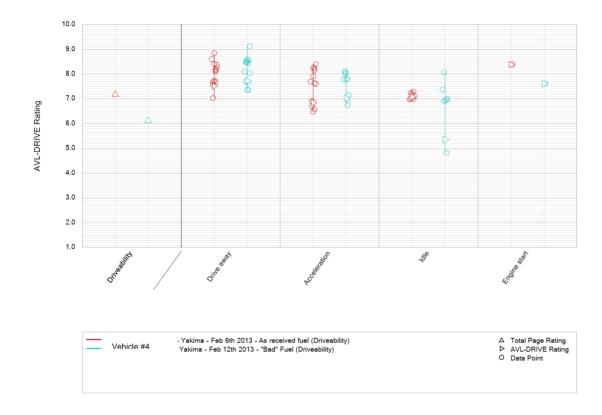
Operation Mode	Sub-Operation Mode	Criteria
Engine start		
Engine start	Manual start	
Engine start	Manual start	Surge
Engine start	Manual start	Starter response delay
Engine start	Manual start	Start duration
Engine start	Manual start	Starter speed
Engine start	Manual start	Speed pickup duration
Engine start	Manual start	Stumble
Engine start	Manual start	Overshoot speed
Engine start	Manual start	Undershoot speed
Engine start	Manual start	Idle stabilization duration
Engine start	Manual start	Noise
Engine start	Manual start	Vibrations
Engine start	Auto start	
Engine start	Auto start	Surge
Engine start	Auto start	Start duration
Engine start	Auto start	Starter speed
Engine start	Auto start	Speed pickup duration
Engine start	Auto start	Stumble
Engine start	Auto start	Overshoot speed
Engine start	Auto start	Undershoot speed
Engine start	Auto start	Idle stabilization duration
Engine start	Auto start	Noise
Engine start	Auto start	Vibrations
Engine start	Change of mind	
Engine start	Change of mind	Surge stop
Engine start	Change of mind	Surge start
Engine start	Change of mind	Starter response delay
Engine start	Change of mind	Starter speed
Engine start	Change of mind	Speed pickup duration
Engine start	Change of mind	Overshoot speed
Engine start	Change of mind	Undershoot speed
Engine start	Change of mind	Idle stabilization duration
Engine start	Change of mind	Noise
Engine start	Change of mind	Vibrations
Engine start	Fault start	
Engine start	Fault start	Surge
Engine start	Fault start	Starter response delay
Engine start	Fault start	Fault start duration
Engine start	Fault start	Noise
Engine start	Fault start	Vibrations

Operation Mode	Sub-Operation Mode	Criteria
Idle		
Idle	Normal	
Idle	Normal	Speed fluctuations
Idle	Normal	Engine speed drift
Idle	Normal	Vibrations
Idle	Normal	Noise
Idle	Normal	Cylinder balance
Idle	Normal	Surge
Idle	Normal	Idle speed
Idle	Normal	Combustion quality
Idle	Engage	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Idle	Engage	Speed fluctuations
Idle	Engage	Engine speed drift
Idle	Engage	Vibrations
Idle	Engage	Engine speed overshoot
Idle	Engage	Engine speed undershoot
Idle	Engage	Stabilization duration
Idle	Engage	Bump
Idle	Engage	Shift delay
Idle	Engage	Noise
Idle	Disengage	
Idle	Disengage	Speed fluctuations
Idle	Disengage	Engine speed drift
Idle	Disengage	Vibrations
Idle	Disengage	Engine speed overshoot
Idle	Disengage	Engine speed undershoot
Idle	Disengage	Stabilization duration
Idle		
Idle	Disengage	Bump Shift dolay
Idle	Disengage	Shift delay Noise
	Disengage	Noise
Idle	Electric load on	Cread fluctuations
Idle	Electric load on	Speed fluctuations
Idle	Electric load on	Engine speed drift
Idle	Electric load on	Vibrations
Idle	Electric load on	Engine speed overshoot
Idle	Electric load on	Engine speed undershoot
Idle	Electric load on	Stabilization duration
Idle	Electric load off	
Idle	Electric load off	Speed fluctuations
Idle	Electric load off	Engine speed drift
Idle	Electric load off	Vibrations
Idle	Electric load off	Engine speed overshoot
Idle	Electric load off	Engine speed undershoot
Idle	Electric load off	Stabilization duration
Idle	Air conditioning on	
Idle	Air conditioning on	Engine speed drift
Idle	Air conditioning on	Vibrations
Idle	Air conditioning on	Engine speed overshoot

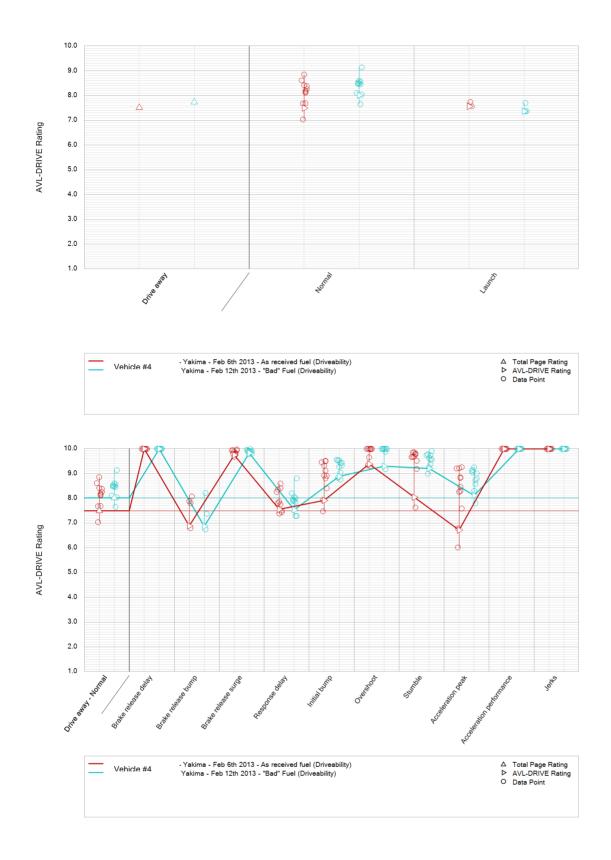
Idle	Air conditioning on	Engine speed undershoot
Idle	Air conditioning on	Stabilization duration
Idle	Air conditioning off	
Idle	Air conditioning off	Engine speed drift
Idle	Air conditioning off	Vibrations
Idle	Air conditioning off	Engine speed overshoot
Idle	Air conditioning off	Engine speed undershoot
Idle	Air conditioning off	Stabilization duration
Idle	After part load	
Idle	After part load	Stabilization duration
Idle	After part load	Speed fluctuations
Idle	After part load	Engine speed undershoot
Idle	While rolling	
Idle	While rolling	Speed fluctuations
Idle	While rolling	Engine speed drift
Idle	While rolling	Cylinder balance
Idle	While rolling	Idle speed

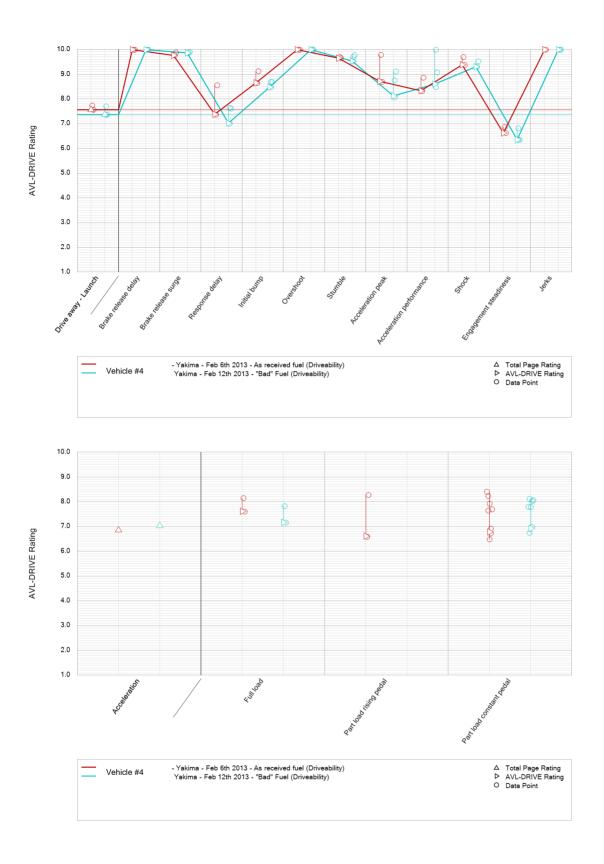
10. Appendix C – Vehicle Screening Test Results

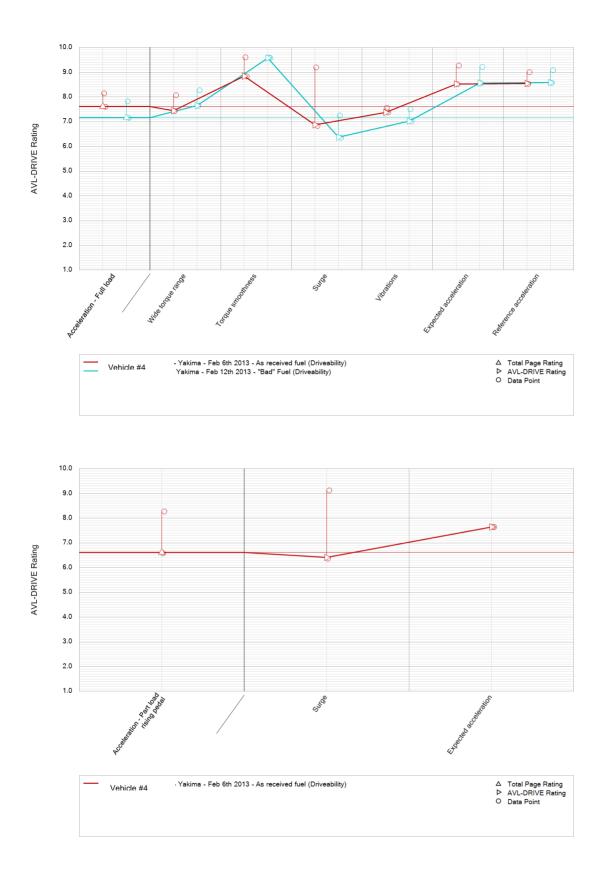
The following plots show the DRIVE ratings for the sub-operation modes for the screening test results. In each case the operation mode is cascaded down into the sub-operation modes and criteria. As per sections 3 and 4, the data is filtered to only include operation modes that broadly align with the CRC evaluation.

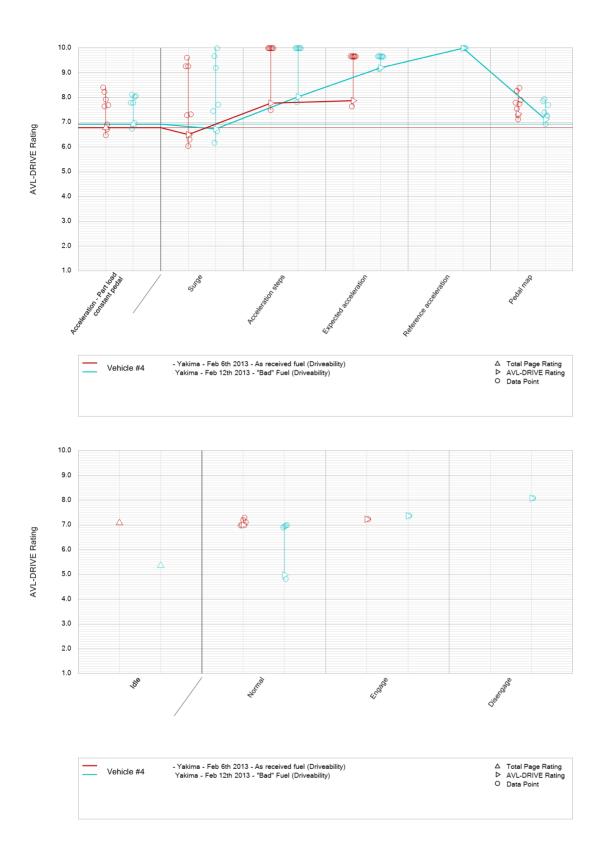


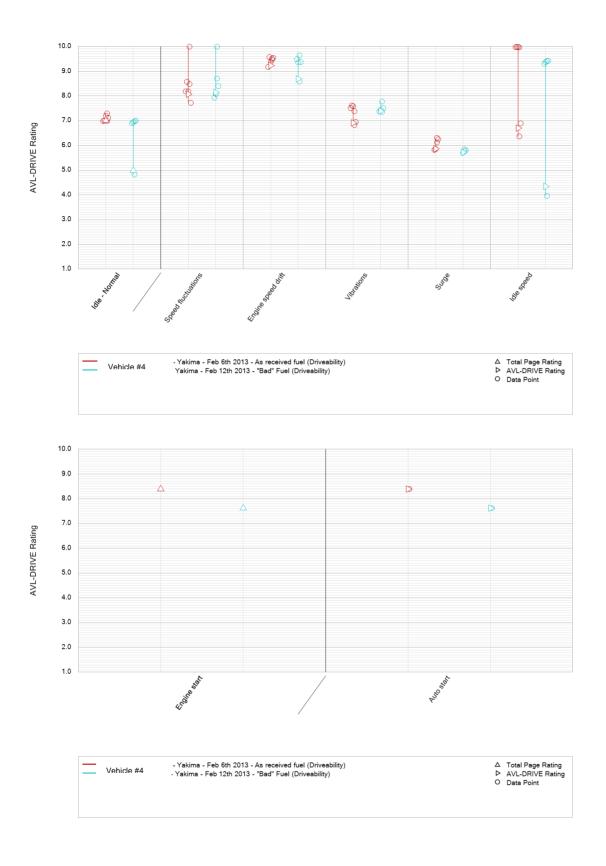
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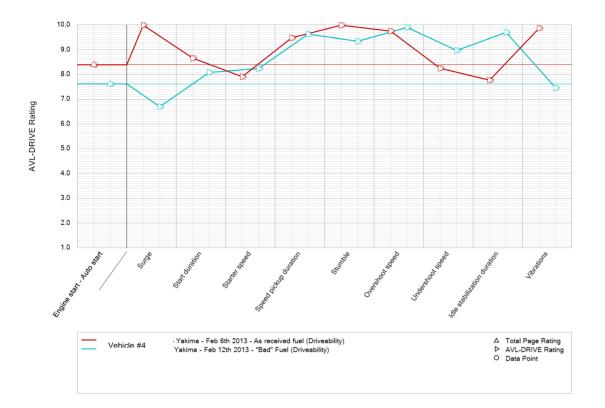




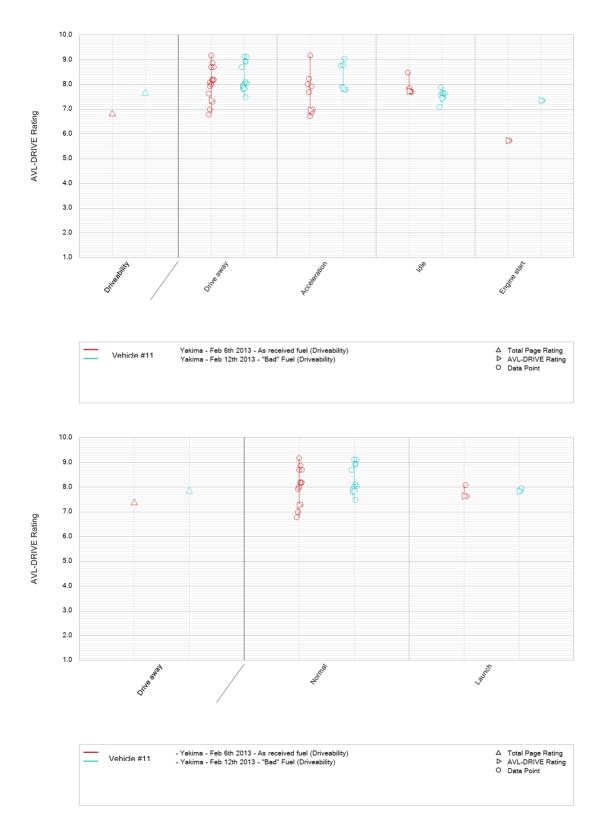


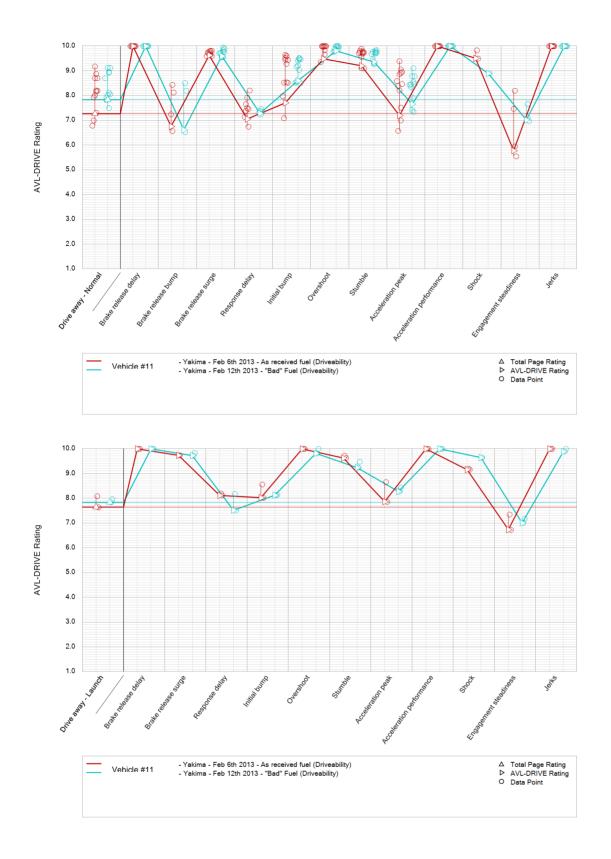


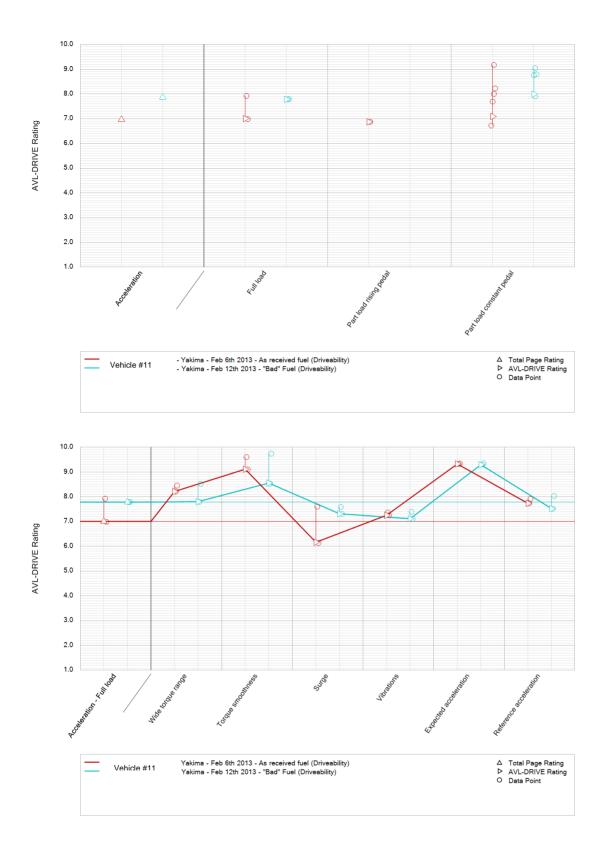


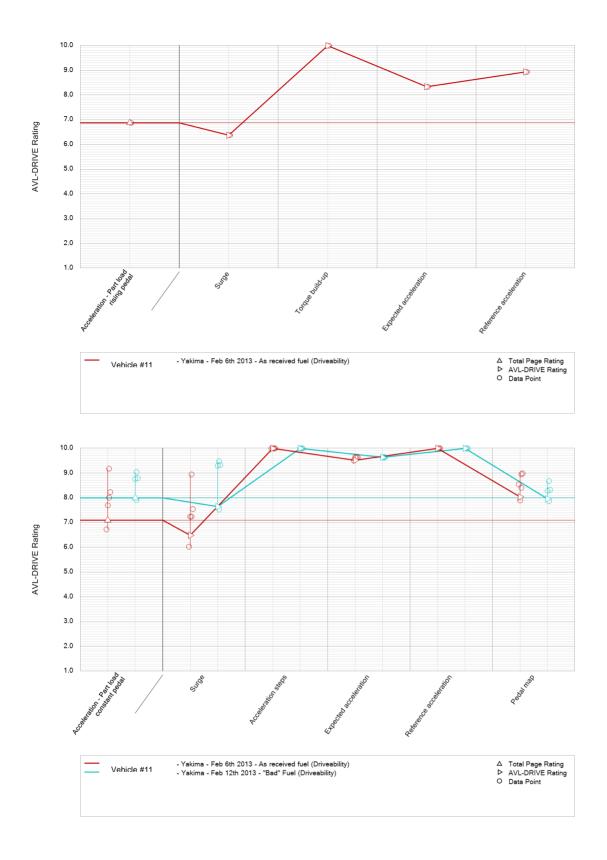


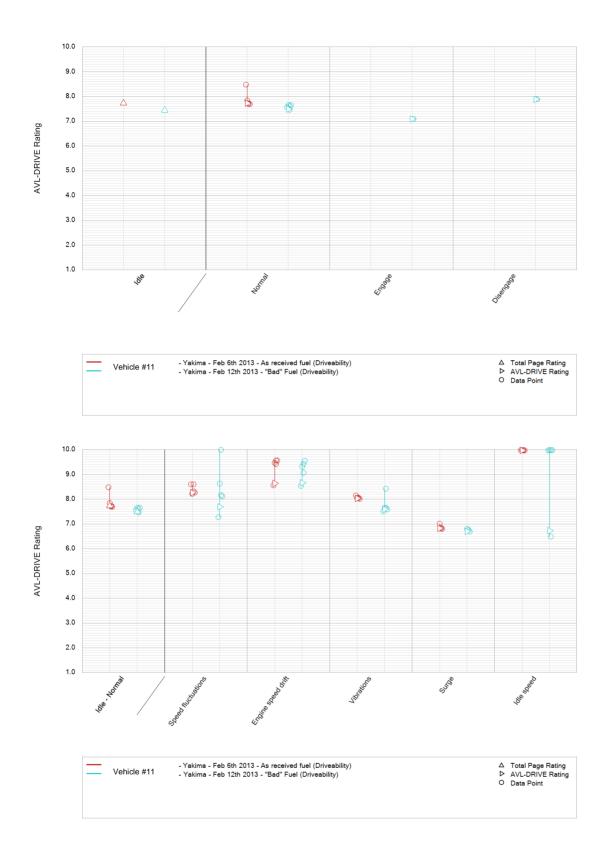
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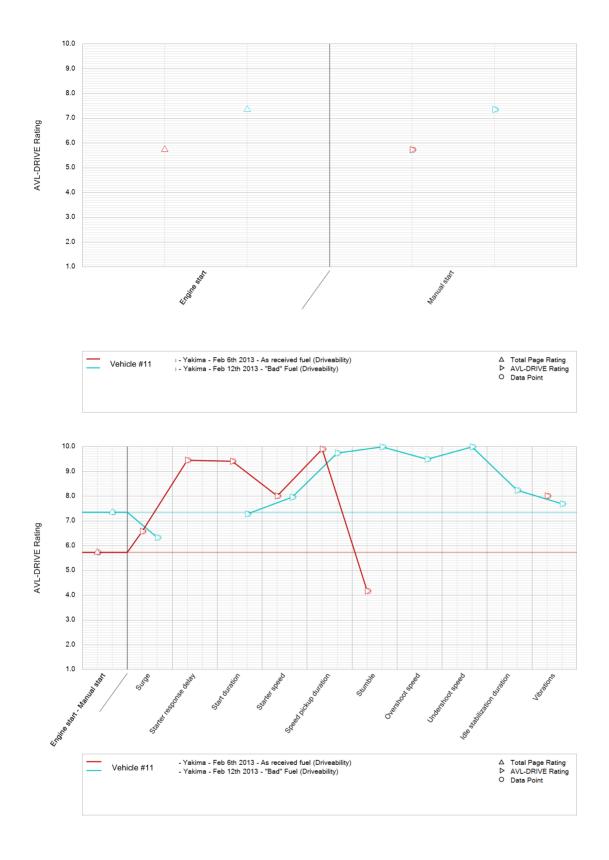


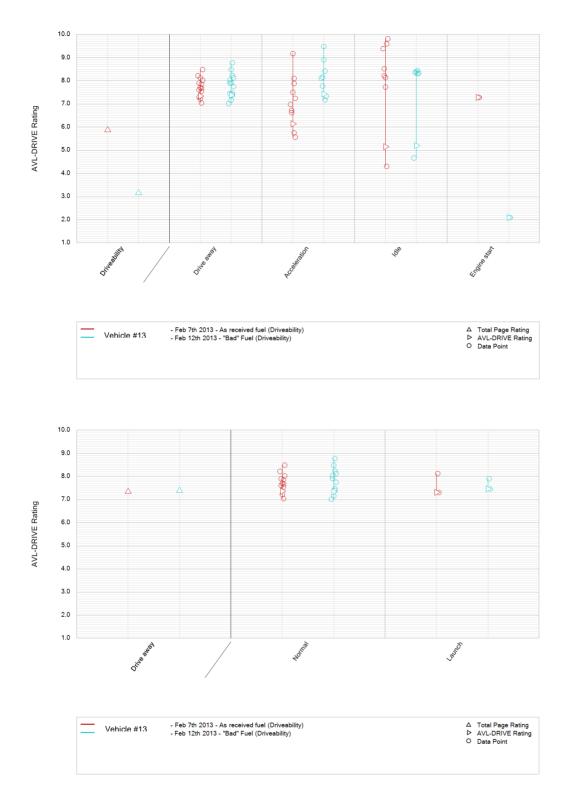


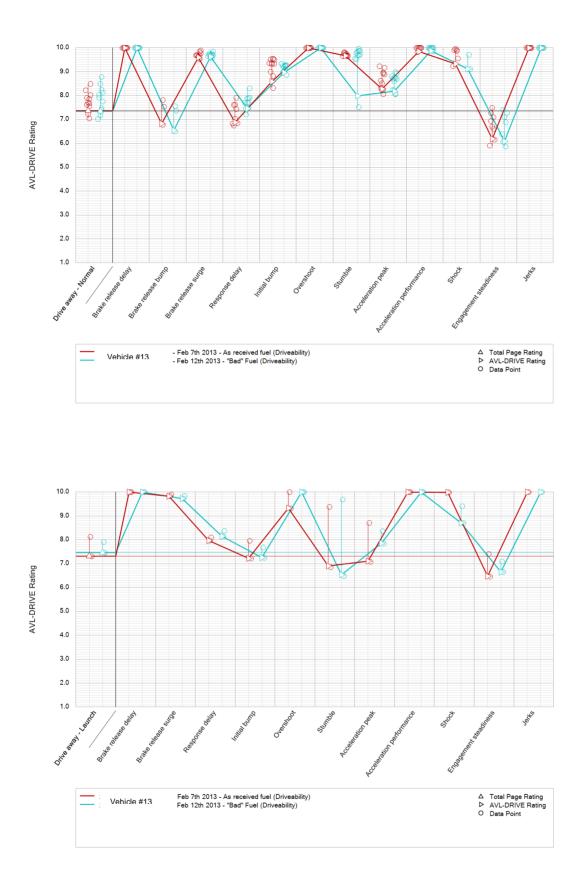


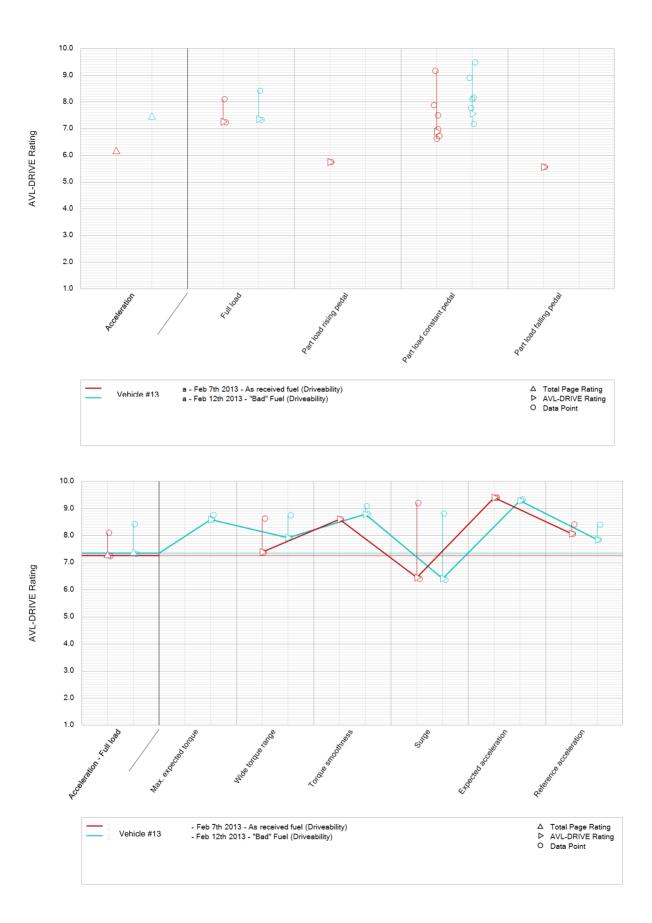


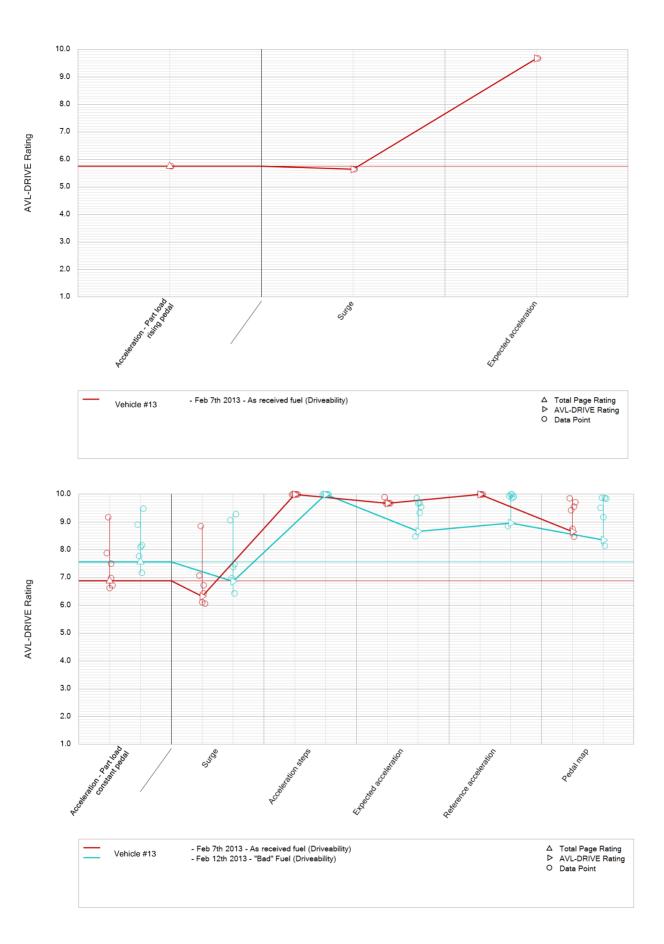


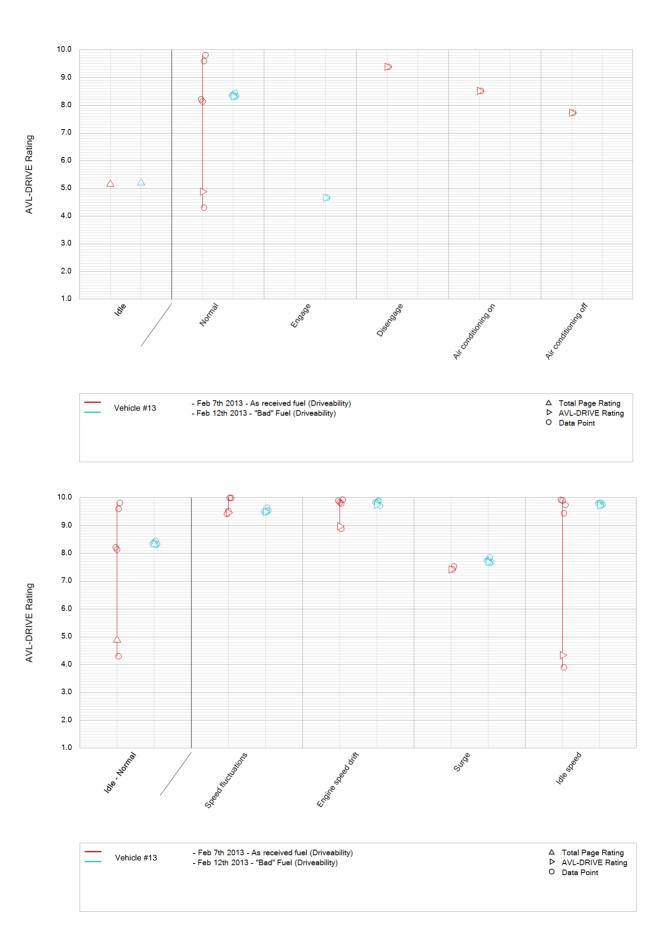


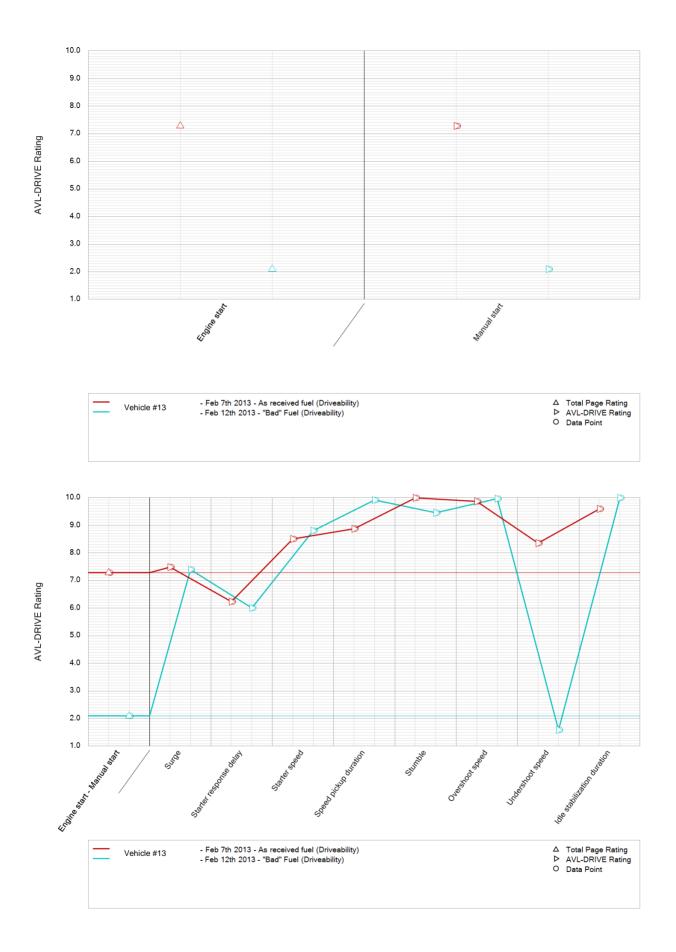




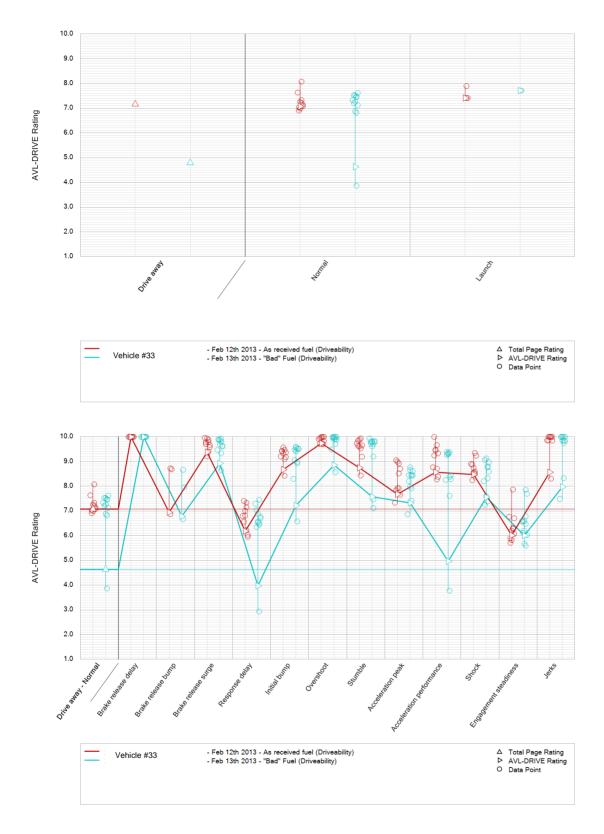


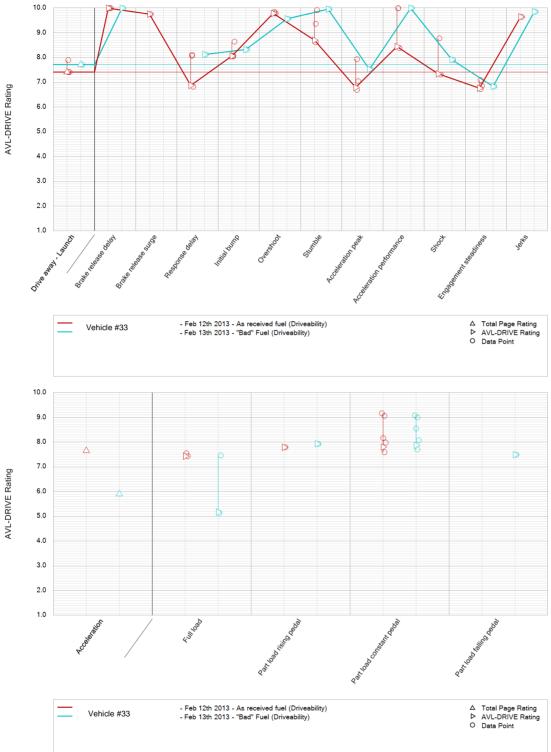


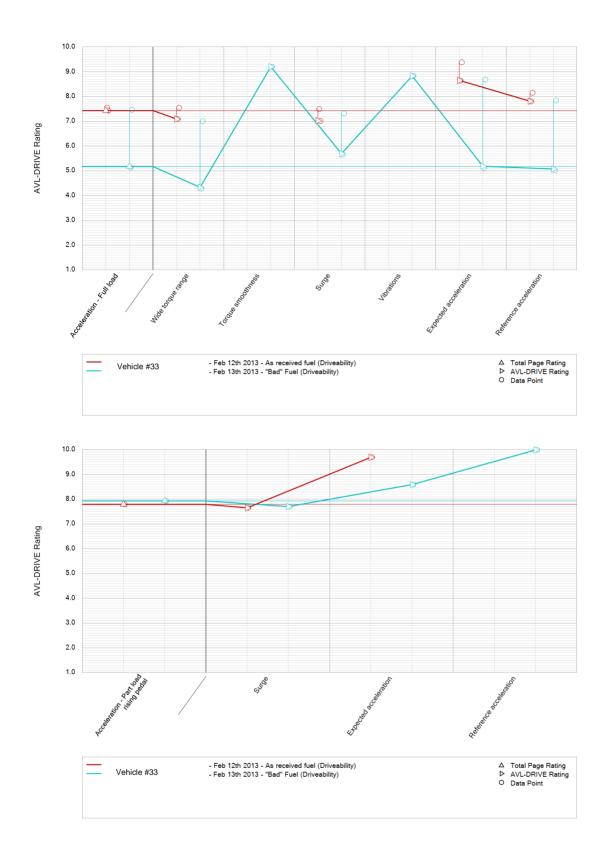


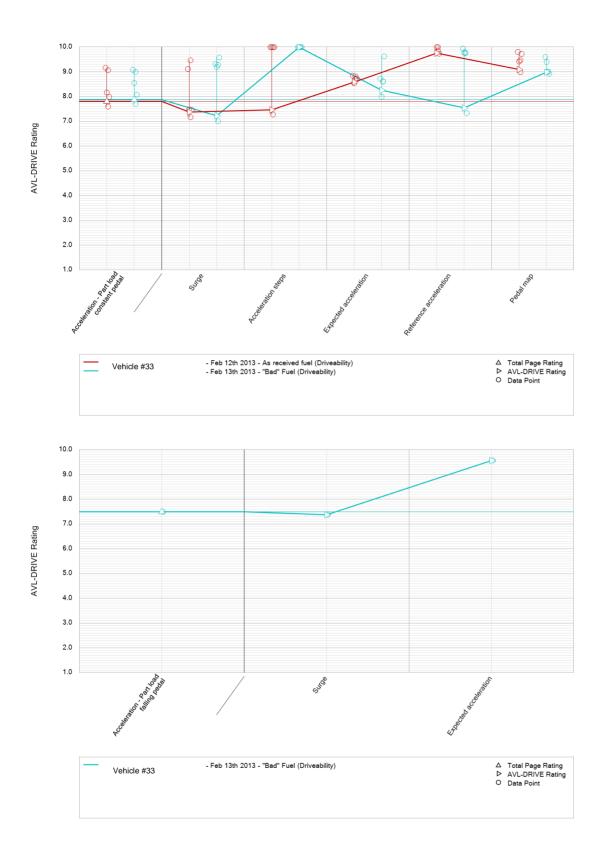


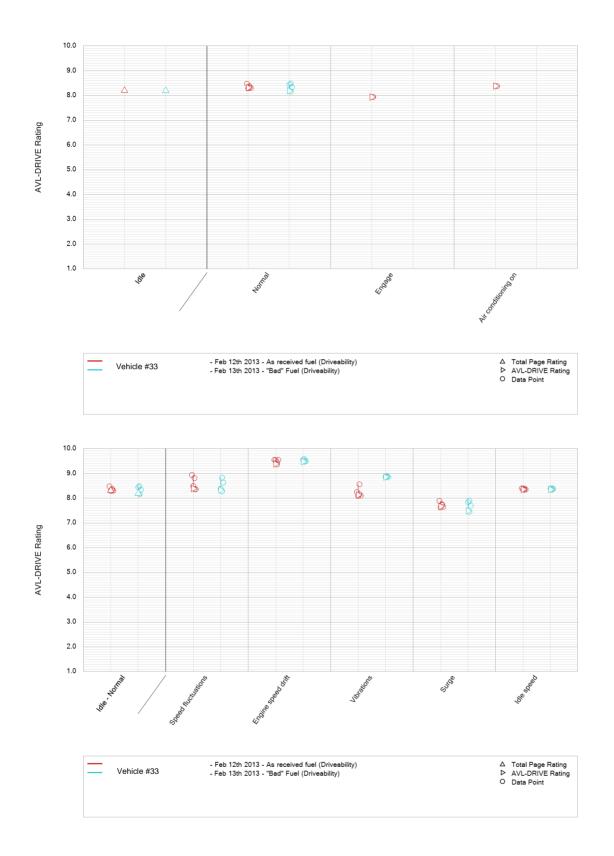
10.4. Vehicle #33











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