The starting point: History of the VW defeat device scandal and lessons learned

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Key Messages

- Lack of adequate government resources and legal authority to ensure compliance with motor vehicle emission standards is a major challenge worldwide.
- This situation applies to real world emissions of all pollutants (e.g., NOx, CO₂), light and heavy-duty vehicles, and diesel and petrol vehicles.
- Dieselgate continues to be a “wake up call” - highlighting major deficiencies in government programs to ensure compliance with emission standards.
- For purposes of this presentation, non-compliance is used broadly to mean excessive real world emissions independent of legality with the law.
- Europe is highly relevant to these discussions because of its status as the de facto standard setter for most countries outside of the US and Japan.
- Much progress is underway in key markets, but there is much more to accomplish.
Research on real world emissions

- NOx and CO$_2$
- Light and heavy-duty
- Petrol and diesel
- Legal and illegal activities
ICCT White Paper - Real-world exhaust emissions from modern diesel cars: A meta-analysis of PEMs emissions data from US and EU passenger diesel cars (October 2014)

Average on-road emissions of NO\textsubscript{X} and CO\textsubscript{2}, by vehicle

On-road emission results, by vehicle

15 test vehicles in total (6 manufacturers), with different NO\textsubscript{X} control technologies:
- 10 selective catalytic reduction (SCR)
- 4 exhaust gas recirculation (EGR)
- 1 lean NO\textsubscript{X} trap (LNT)

Average Euro 6 NO\textsubscript{X} conformity factors (ratio of on-road emissions to legal limits):
- all cars: 7.1
- best performer (Vehicle C, SCR): 1.0
- bad performer (Vehicle H, LNT): 24.3
- worst performer (Vehicle L, SCR): 25.4

http://www.theicct.org/real-world-exhaust-emissions-modern-diesel-cars
Real world testing of light duty diesels in U.S. led to CARB / EPA investigations and legal action

Road tests with PEMS

Chassis dyno measurements

http://www.theicct.org/use-emissions-testing-light-duty-diesel-vehicles-us
Remote sensing data shows historic trends in NOx emissions from diesel and petrol cars in Switzerland

Chen & Borken-Kleefeld, Real-driving emissions from cars and light commercial vehicles - Results from 13 years remote sensing at Zurich/CH Atmospheric Environment, 88:157-164 (May 2014)
Remote sensing provided evidence of gross noncompliance by HDVs in U.S. in 1990s

Adapted from Bishop & Stedman. Env. Sci. and Technol. (2015)
Elevated levels of CO$_2$ Emissions

Fleet averages are more difficult to enforce
Oversight of vehicle testing is critical
It’s not just about NOx . . .
Real-world CO₂ in EU is 30+% higher than claimed
Growing gap in real world v. type approval emissions cut expected gains from European CO₂ standards more than half.
Compliance Regimes in the US and Europe

- Test cycles and protocols
- Recall and penalty authority and actions
Europe
ICCT White Paper - The future of vehicle emissions testing and compliance (November 2015)

- Objective is to compare and contrast the current vehicle testing and compliance schemes in the EU and the United States.
- The fundamental difference is not so much actual vehicle testing but the strong focus on independent conformity testing coupled with enforcement authority in the US.
- In the EU, by contrast, this element of independent re-testing is largely absent from the regulations, and the involved regulatory bodies are more restricted with respect to their enforcement authority.

Europe

US v EU Compliance Systems

Historically, about 3 million recalls annually in the US (~ 1% of total vehicle population @ 250 million)
China
Major reform of China Clean Air Law strengthens authority for compliance and enforcement

- Manufacturers are required to test vehicles to demonstrate compliance with emission standards to government and release test data to the public.
- Regulatory agencies can conduct random inspection at production line and sample test the production vehicles, or Conformity of Production tests.
- Per these standards, manufacturers must take appropriate actions to make sure their type-approved vehicles continue to meet the emissions standards during their useful life.
- There are two types of in-use compliance testing: initial tests by manufacturers and verification tests by the regulatory agency (VECC-MEP, the same agency that reviews type approval applications).
Where are we going?

ICCT research and outreach plan
Elements of effective compliance
ICCT Compliance Research (2016)

- **Research**
  - Global baseline survey
  - Guiding principles
  - Public health assessments: Global and Europe
  - Meta-analysis: (1) European update, (2) China
  - Guidance on detecting defeat devices
  - Country-specific assistance

- **Vehicle testing**
  - Europe
  - China
  - India

- **International Networks**
  - FIA Foundation Seminar in London, June 8, 2016
  - Government to government compliance network
ICCT Testing Projects 
(recent, active, and upcoming)

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| EU              | Dynamometer and PEMS testing of 5 LDVs (diesel and GDI) | • Comparison of “real world” coastdown vs certification coastdown  
• Compare cold start vs hot start emissions and certification vs non-certification test cycles  
• Investigate dynamometer vs real world emissions |
| EU              | PEMS testing of 6 LDVs (diesel and GDI) | • Comparison of different types of real world driving - RDE compliant, aggressive driving, additional payload, AC on, high grade, and high motorway speeds |
| EU              | Dynamometer and real world testing of 1-2 Euro 6 diesel LDVs | • Defeat device screening to develop guidance for government testing programs |
| China           | Testing of 50-100 new and in use LDVs (partnering with EF China and VECC) | • Understand the difference between certification test and real world emissions levels.  
• Investigate real world deterioration factor of catalyst.  
• Investigate functionality of OBD |
| India           | Dynamometer and PEMS testing of 3 LDVs and 3 HDVs | • Begin to collect real world data for India vehicles (currently there is a lack of publicly available data)  
• Understand the difference between certification test and real world emissions levels |
Guidelines for Effective Compliance Programs
(under development . . . )

1. **Certification testing** – The test cycle must be representative of real world driving, and test procedures must help ensure that test conditions match normal driving situations.

2. **Real world testing** – As a check on representative nature of the certification test, and to identify defeat devices, real world testing is essential. Europe is developing a “real world driving emission” test protocol and EPA and CARB now include random real world testing as part of certification testing.

3. **Vehicle recalls** – Recall authority is an essential element of effective enforcement. Historically, EPA issues 3 million recalls each year.

4. **Data transparency** – All certification test results, recalls and penalties should be publicly available. Most is available in the US, very little is available elsewhere.

5. **Warranty** – Manufacturers should be required to guarantee to the consumer that emission control technologies are effective and durable over vehicle lifetime (e.g., in the U.S., it’s currently 8 years or 80,000 miles).

6. **Financial penalties** – Financial penalties should be large enough to deter illegal behavior (e.g., US and China – and proposed in Europe – penalties at $30 – 40,000 per vehicle).

7. **Political autonomy** – Government officials responsible for taking decisions that affect major corporations must be shielded from political influence.

8. **Resources** – US EPA and CARB have long-established compliance programs with substantial technical capabilities, expert staff, and strong legal authority that will be challenging to replicate in the rest of the world.
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