Effect Of Adaptive Cruise Control Usage To Brake Pad Life And Braking Feeling On Heavy Commercial Vehicle

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ABSTRACT: Adaptive cruise control (ACC) is an intelligent form of cruise control that allows vehicles to speed up and slow down automatically in order to keep pace with the traffic ahead. In cars, either a laser or radar system is mounted within the front of the car that constantly scans the road ahead of you for other vehicles. In recent years heavy truck drivers are likely to drive more autonomous vehicles. ACC is helping the driver to drive more safely and comfortable.

This paper presents effect of the adaptive cruise control (ACC) usage on brake pad wear of heavy commercial vehicle by comparing pressure and temperature differences seen on three different vehicle configurations. These configurations are “adaptive cruise control with engine brake & retarder & service brake”, “adaptive cruise control with engine brake (without retarder) & service brake” and “engine brake (without ACC and without retarder) & service brake” at tractor vehicle. For all configurations same vehicle and trailer is used with configuring the software and hardware on the vehicle. The aim of this study is to compare the brake pad wear change by brake temperature and pressure differences with predefined test scenarios. Specific test procedure has been developed to get objective measurement and subjective feeling assessment on the vehicle. The test scenarios has been determined to profile the different adaptive cruise control usage scenarios as vehicle tracking and long haul drive.

The brake pad temperature, pressure and vehicle CAN data has been logged through of the test. Also driver perception has been rated for different adaptive cruise control, auxiliary brake system and service brake usage. The brake temperature and pressure data has been used to calculate the comparative brake pad wear change. It was seen that the adaptive cruise control usage with engine brake has positive effect on brake pad life as 2% incremental to without ACC usage. Retarder usage has the longest pad life with ACC as expected with 23% improvement to without ACC usage. Thus adaptive cruise control usage effect to the pad life with same comparative test scenarios showed that adaptive cruise control has positive effect to the brake pad life.

KEY WORDS: Adaptive Cruise Control, Retarder, Pad wear, Heavy Commercial Vehicle, Auxiliary Brake

1. Introduction

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) system, evolved from the traditional Cruise Control (CC) system. Dang et al. (2015) proposed a coordinated ACC system that considered lane-change assistance. Apart from these researches, some researchers and manufacturers have considered driving styles to enhance user acceptance (Martinez et al., 2018). Embedding drivers’ diverse characteristics into a traditional ACC system and making the controlled vehicle natural to human drivers are of vital importance to a comfortable and enjoyable driving experience.

As shown in Fig. 1, the longitudinal control process for an ACC-equipped vehicle can be divided into two segments according to the relative distance. When the relative distance between the two vehicles is higher, ACC operates in the speed control mode (also called CC mode), which acts as the Cruise Control system. The cruise speed set by a human driver is taken as the control target, and the host vehicle is kept at a constant speed. The distance control mode (also called ACC mode) is responsible for following the preceding vehicle at a safe distance. [1]

![Fig.1. ACC control principle](link)

The purpose of this study is to compare the brake pad wear change by brake temperature and pressure differences with 3 different vehicle configurations.

2. Methodology

All vehicle configurations are equipped with engine brake. The aim of this study to understand is ACC better brake applicator rather than the driver while blending function on. Same driver used on all vehicle configurations and all road types.

Original Features of Vehicle:
- Transmission: ZF 12 TX 2620 AMT
- Engine: Ecotorq 500PS-12.7L (Ford - Otosan design for Heavy Truck Commercial Trucks)
- Drive: 4x2
• Engine Brake: Jacobs – Compression Release Type 320kW
• Retarder: ZF Hydraulic Intarder
• Service Brakes: Disc Brake

2.1. Vehicle Instrumentation
• Vehicle CAN log:
  • Brake temperature warning light
  • Brake chamber pressure
  • Pad wear percentage
  • ACC usage demand
  • ACC set speed
  • ACC mode
  • Retarder torque
  • Acceleration pedal position
  • Service brake pedal position
  • Auxiliary brake lever position
  • Blending usage
  • Transmission current gear
  • Engine speed
  • Vehicle speed
  • Engine brake boost pressure
  • Latitude
  • Longitude
  • Trailer weight
  • Vehicle following distance
  • Radar
  • Vehicle acceleration
• Embedded wireless thermocouple for all wheels (Figure 2)
• Pressure gage for all vehicles
• Datalogger

![Figure 2 Embedded Thermocouple Installation](image)

2.2. Vehicle Configurations
• Adaptive cruise control with engine brake & retarder & service brake
• Adaptive cruise control with engine brake (without retarder) & service brake
• Engine brake (without ACC and without retarder) & service brake

Vehicle configurations updated within same vehicle. Performed vehicle loaded to GTM [40 ton].

2.3. Test scenario
• Straight road to perform short brake applications (Bozüyük Köfteci Yusuf Road) – Figure 3
• Gradient road to perform %9 negative slope representation (Kütahya Road) – Figure 4
• Long distance performance (İnönü-Kocaeli road) – Figure 5

Each road type performed 2 times to increase sample size for each vehicle configuration. Test performed as showed Figure 6

![Figure 3 Bozüyük Köfteci Yusuf Road](image)

![Figure 4 Kütahya Road](image)

![Figure 5 İnönü – Kocaeli Road](image)

![Figure 6 Test Configuration](image)

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3. Results

3.1. Converging Evaluation

3.1.1. Köfteci Yusuf Road Data Analyze

Values shown in Figure 7.

- Brake pad temperature rise seen same between non-retarder vehicles. Vehicle with a retarder significantly lower pad temperature increase regarding to non-retarder vehicles.
- Only engine brake equipped vehicle brake chamber pressure is highest. ACC and retarder equipped vehicle has the lowest brake chamber pressure.

Köfteci Yusuf road analyse showed between only engine brake vehicle and ACC equipped only engine brake vehicles did not make major difference delta pad temperatures point of view. On the other hand ACC equipped only engine brake has better result the perspective of brake chamber pressure rather than only engine brake vehicle.

Figure 7 Bozüyük Köfteci Yusuf Road Test Results

3.1.2. İnönü-Kocaeli Road Data Analyze

- ACC, retarder and engine brake equipped vehicle data analyse shown in Figure 8. Average brake pad temperature 49°C, peak temperature is 77°C. Average brake pad temperature will be 80°C, peak temperature will be 107°C if all vehicle type start conditions equalized.
- ACC equipped only engine brake vehicle data analyse shown in Figure 9. Average brake pad temperature 111°C, peak temperature is 175°C. Driver informed to behave same as ACC does to perspective of brake application distance. Driver preferably used engine brake at each brake application.
- Only engine brake vehicle data analyse shown in Figure 10. Average brake pad temperature 117°C, peak temperature is 286°C. Driver informed to behave same as ACC does to perspective of brake application distance. Driver preferably used engine brake at each brake application.

Figure 8 ACC, retarder and engine brake equipped vehicle result

Figure 9 ACC equipped only engine brake vehicle result

Figure 10 Only engine brake vehicle result

3.2. Academic Evaluation

The pad wear per unit energy absorbed can be considered only a function of contact pressure and temperature.

Wear Rate Calculation (pressure) Perspective:

In [2] Archard's law of wear is discussed which is given by:

\[ z = K \times p_{\text{contact}} \times v_{\text{slide}} \]

where:
- \( z \) is the wear rate
- \( K \) is the wear coefficient for which several models exist
- contact \( p \) is the contact pressure
- slide \( v \) is the sliding velocity

On order to Archard’s law[2] ACC, retarder and engine brake equipped vehicle’s pad wear is 46% lower than ACC equipped only engine brake vehicle’. On the other hand ACC equipped only engine brake vehicle’s pad wear performance is better than only engine brake vehicle’. Calculated values shown in Figure 11.

Figure 11 Wear rate calculation result

3.2.1 Wear Rate Calculation (energy) Perspective

Pad wear is dominantly depends on energy lost and temperature at which this energy is dissipated by pad material. Deceleration will not add extra thermal energy disc or pad. Data calculated per brake. Service brake need amount to perform same deceleration within each vehicle configuration calculated according to “wear rate calculation (energy)” which is in directly proportion to “Brake Energy”. While rate rising, pad wear will increase. Only engine brake vehicle’s service brake need calculated same as ACC equipped only engine brake to perspective of this calculation.
3.2. Auxiliary Brake Performance Calculation Tool

Auxiliary Brake Performance Calculation Tool is inhouse tool that Ford Otosan uses to simulate auxiliary brake performance by taking into consideration transmission and engine capabilities. Tool result correction performance verified with various actual vehicle tests. Paper subjected test’ calculation shown in Figure 14.

- Retarder and engine brake equipped vehicle is able to hold 30 kph while 10.5% negative slope road without needed service brakes.
- Only engine brake vehicle is able to hold 30 kph while 6.4% negative slope road without needed service brakes.

As a result, ACC is better brake applicator rather than driver. ACC uses auxiliary brakes more optimized. Service brake pad life increased with optimized auxiliary brake usage.

Driver quote “I feel safer while ACC assistance”.

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