

SIZING OF THE RECIPROCATING (PISTON – CYLINDER) COMPRESSOR UNIT

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ABSTRACT

In this paper the authors presents their view point on the sizing of a single cylinder crank arrangement. Having this determined property, the overall multiple cylinder arrangement, and the proper speed can be determined for the required overall performance.

FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM

Two fundamental parameters determine the main dimension status of one cylinder arrangement, namely:

1. The swept volume S is given by:

$$S = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 . 2e \quad (I)$$

Where:

D piston diameter

e Crank length

2. Maximum piston force is given by:

$$F_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 P_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \left(\frac{2e}{C} \right)^n \quad (II)$$

Where:

C Clearance volume (determined by valve function)

n Index of compression

$P_{\max}$ Maximum pressure

P_o Inlet pressure

Equations (1), (2) can be solved for D , e to give,

$$2e = \frac{4S}{\pi} \frac{1}{D^2}$$

and

$$\frac{4F_{\max}}{\pi P_o} C^n = D^2 \left(\frac{4S}{\pi} \frac{1}{D^2} \right)^n$$

i.e

$$\frac{4F_{\max}}{\pi P_o} C^n \left(\frac{\pi}{4S} \right)^n = D^{2(1-n)}$$

$$\therefore D = \left[\frac{4F_{\max}}{\pi P_o} C^n \left(\frac{\pi}{4S} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{1}{2(1-n)}} \quad (1)$$

$$e = \frac{2S}{\pi} \left[\frac{4F_{\max}}{\pi P_o} C^n \left(\frac{\pi}{4S} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{1}{(1-n)}} \quad (2)$$

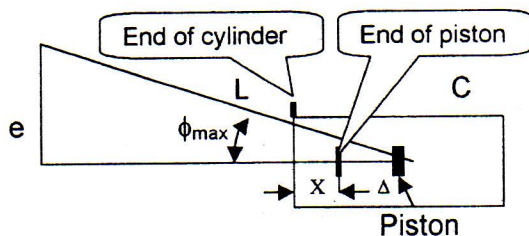
Example:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 1 \text{ lit} \\ F_{\max} &= 2 \text{ ton} \\ P_o &= 1 \text{ kg/cm}^2 \\ C &= 1 \text{ cm} \\ n &= 1.25 \end{aligned}$$

Equations (1), (2) gives,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= 9 \text{ cm} \\ e &= 8 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

The length of connecting rod is determined by



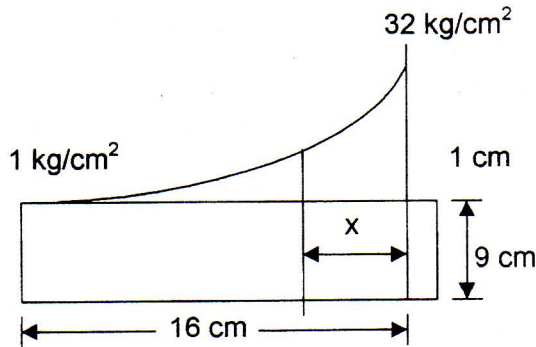
$$\frac{e}{l} = \sin \phi_{\max} \quad (3)$$

$$\tan \phi_{\max} = \frac{\frac{D}{2}}{X + \Delta} \quad (4)$$

$$X = \sqrt{l^2 - e^2} - (l - e) \quad (5)$$

Δ is determined by construction (for this example Δ is 6 cm)

Equations (3) , (4) , and (5) gives $l = 24$ cm

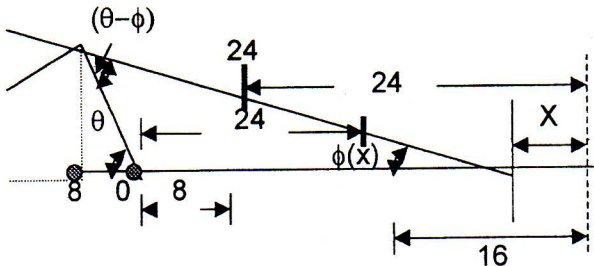


Torque

$$P_{\max} = 1 \left(\frac{16}{1} \right)^{1.25} = 32 \text{ kg/cm}^2, T_{\max} = 300 \left(\frac{16}{1} \right)^{\frac{1.25-1}{1.25}} - 273 = 249^\circ \text{C}$$

$$1 (16)^{1.25} = P (X+1)^{1.25}$$

$$\therefore P = \left(\frac{16}{X+1} \right)^{1.25} \quad (6)$$



$$X + 24 \cos \phi = 8 \cos \theta - (8 + 24 + 2 \times 8) \quad (7)$$

$$8 \sin \theta = 24 \sin \phi \quad (8)$$

Equations 6, 7, and 8 gives

$$P = \left(\frac{16}{X(\theta) + 1} \right)^{1.25} \quad (9)$$

Torque T on O is calculated as:

$$\frac{\pi}{4} (q)^2 \left[\frac{16}{X(\theta) + 1} \right]^{1.25} \cos [\phi[\theta]] \sin (\theta - \phi) \cdot \frac{8}{100} \text{ kg.m} \quad (10)$$

Maximum torque can be determined by differentiation and for $\theta = \pi / 2$, the torque is estimated as 17 kg.m

DESIGN CALCULATION

$$\begin{aligned} D &= 9 \text{ cm} \\ e &= 8 \text{ cm} \\ l &= 24 \text{ cm} \\ P_{\text{MAX}} &= 32 \text{ kg/cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Minimum cylinder thickness $t_{\min}$

$$\sigma_w = \sqrt{\left(\frac{P_{\max} D}{2 t_{\min}} \right)^2 + P_{\max}^2}$$

For cast iron cost $\sigma_w = 10 \text{ kg/cm}^2$

$$D = 9 \text{ cm}$$

$$P_{\max} = 32 \text{ kg/cm}^2 \Rightarrow \text{gives } t_{\min} \text{ I)} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ cm}$$

Minimum thickness of cylinder head thickness $S_{\min}$ accordingly

$$\left(\frac{S_{\min}}{D} \right)^2 = \frac{3 P_{\max}}{4 \sigma_w} \quad D = 9 \text{ cm}$$

$$P_{\max} = 32 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

$$\sigma_w = 10 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gives } S_{\min} = 1 \text{ cm} \quad \text{II)}$$

Minimum pin diameter ϕ according to

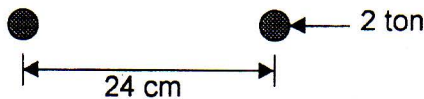
$$2 \frac{\pi}{4} \phi^2 \tau_{\max} = 2 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$$

$$\phi^2 = \frac{2 \times 2 \times 10^3}{\pi \times 40} \quad \tau_{\max} = 40 \text{ kg/mm}^2 \text{ for steel}$$

$$\phi = 10 \sqrt{\frac{10}{\pi}} \text{ cm}$$

$$= \frac{10}{1.8} = 5.5 \text{ cm}$$

Minimum section of connecting rod



Safe for buckling

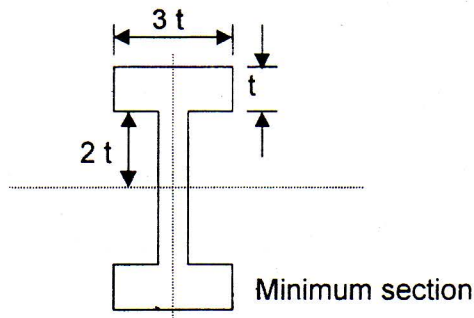
$$2 \times 10^3 < \frac{\pi^2}{l^2} \times 20000 EI \quad (I \text{ minimum moment of inertia})$$

$$E = 20000 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

$$2 \times 10^3 < \frac{\pi^2}{(24)^2} \times 20000 I$$

$$I > \frac{(24)^2}{\pi^2} \times \frac{2000}{20000} > \frac{(24)^2}{\pi^2 \times 10}$$

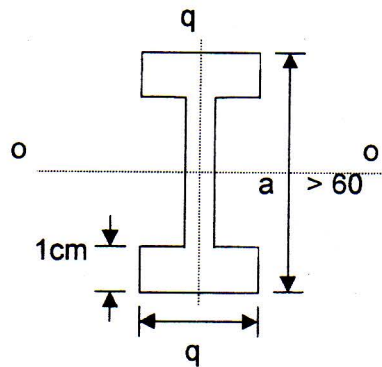
$$> \frac{576}{100} > 5.76 \text{ cm}^4$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{60} &= 4 \left[\frac{3t \left(\frac{t}{2} \right)^3}{12} + t \int_{t/2}^{3t/2} y^2 dy \right] \\
 &= 4 \left[\frac{3}{12 \times 8} t^4 + \frac{t}{3} \left[\left(\frac{3}{2} t \right)^3 - \left(\frac{t}{2} \right)^3 \right] \right] \\
 &= 4t^4 \left[\frac{3}{12 \times 8} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{27}{8} - \frac{1}{8} \right) \right] \\
 &= t^4 \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{26}{6} \right] = 4.5 t_{\min}^4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 4.5 t_{\min}^4 > 5.76$$

$$t_{\min} > \sqrt[4]{\frac{5.76}{4.5}} > 1 \text{ cm}$$

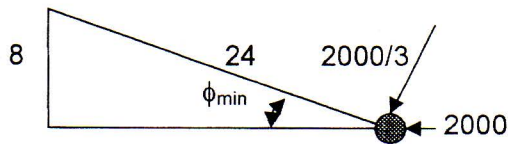


Check for compression

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_w [\text{Forged steel}] &= 30 \text{ kg/mm}^2 \\
 &= 20 \times 10^2 > \frac{2 \times 1000}{6 + 4}
 \end{aligned}$$

2000 > 200 *Safe for compression*

Check for bending:



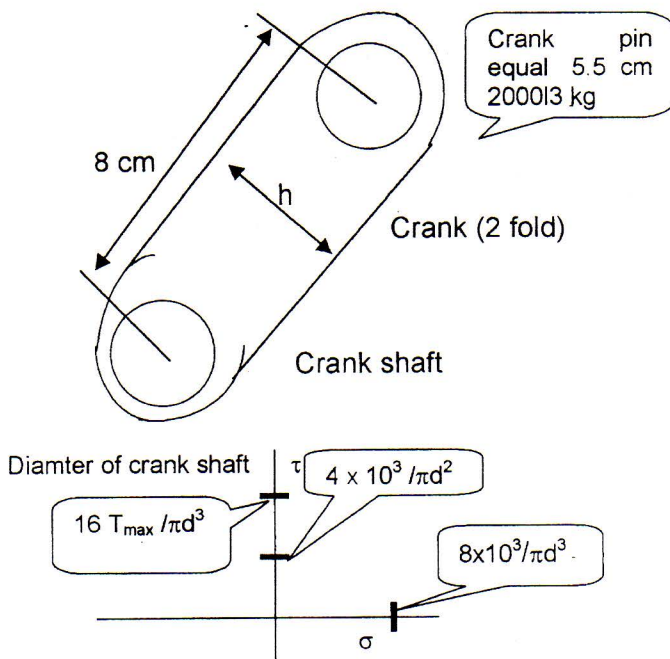
$$\sin \phi_{\min} = 1/3$$

$$\text{Maximum bending moment} = (2000/3) \times 24 = 16000 \text{ kg.cm}$$

For lateral rigidity must choose I_{oo} although bending implies I_{qq}

$$\text{Bending stress} = \frac{M_{\max} Y}{I} = \frac{16000 \times 1.5}{5.76} = 40 \text{ kg/mm}^2$$

(Must increase slightly the size of the main section), (Although over estimation of $M_{\max}$)

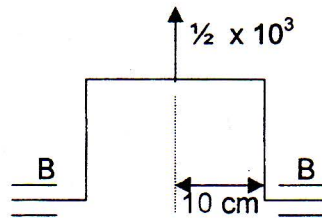


Crank Shaft:

$$T_{\max} < \frac{2000\sqrt{8}}{3} \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3} 8$$

$$T_{\max} < \frac{64 \times 2000}{3} \text{ kgcm}$$

$$< 31.3 \times 2000 = 62.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg cm}$$



Shear stress $= \tau$

$$\frac{16 \times \frac{2000}{3} \times 8}{\pi d^3} + \frac{2000}{\frac{\pi}{4} d^2}$$

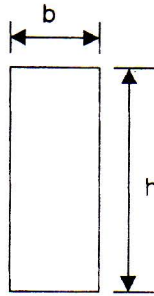
$$\text{Bending stress } \sigma = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 10^3 \times d/2}{\frac{\pi}{32} d^4}$$

$$\tau_w = 20 \text{ kg/mm}^2 \times 10^2 = \sqrt{\tau^2 + \sigma^2}$$

gives $d \cong 4 \text{ cm}$

Crank arms:

Maximum bending moment / fold



Maximum bending must / fold (Forged steel)

$$= \frac{1000}{3} \times 8 = 3000 \text{ kg/cm}$$

$$\sigma_w = \frac{3000 \frac{h}{2}}{\frac{bh^3}{12}} = \frac{18000}{bh^2} = 40 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

$$\therefore bh^2 = \frac{18000}{40} = 4.5 \times 100 \text{ cm}^3$$

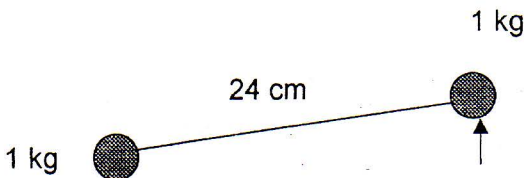
set $b = 4.5 \text{ cm}$, $h = 10 \text{ cm}$

Inertia force stress at 1000 rpm

$$= \frac{1000 \times 2\pi}{60} = 100 \text{ radian/sec}$$

Weight of connecting rod :

$$\gamma (24 \times 10) = 7.8 \times 240 \text{ gram weight} = 2 \text{ kg}$$



$$\text{Weight of pin} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{4} (5.5)^2 \times 9 \times 7.8}{1000} = 2.16 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Weight of piston} = 1 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Total weight of reciprocating parts} = 1 + 1 + 2 = 4 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Inertia force of piston attachments} = M \omega^2 e [\cos \theta + e/l \cos 2\theta]$$

$$= \frac{4 \times (100)^2}{10} \times 8 \left(4 + \frac{8}{24} \right) = 320 \text{ kg} \quad \text{at } \theta = 0$$

Dynamic reaction at crank bearing

$$= \left[\frac{2 \times 7.8 \times 10^{-3} \times 4.5 \times 10 \times 5 (100)^2 \times \frac{8}{2}}{10 -} \right] \text{ already crank outwar}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{10} \times (100)^2 \times 8$$

$$= 8 [2 \times 7.8 \times 4.5 \times 10 \times 8 + 10^3]$$

$$= 8 [3808] \text{ kg} = 30.4 \text{ ton}$$

Reduce speed to 100 rpm, inertia force = 0.3 ton

(Static design is safe)

Bearing:

$$w = \frac{0.5 \times 1000}{2} = \frac{12 \pi \alpha \times 10^{-5} \times 10 \times 2^3}{(0.1)^2} \frac{\epsilon B}{(2 + \epsilon^2) \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2}}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{e}{C} = 0.5$$

$$\alpha = \frac{0.5 \times 1000 \times (0.1)^2 \times 10^5}{2 \times 12 \pi \times 10 \times 2^3 \times 0.25 \times 10} = \frac{10}{48 \pi \times 2^3 \times 5} = 60$$

Gives $\mu = 60 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg.sec/cm}^2$ (thick grease)

COMMENTS

In this brief calculation the main features of the compressor sizing is presented. It gives the crude estimate of the main dimensions and limitations on design and is in no way a final design.

Different materials can be considered and results will be subject to corresponding changes.