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Compliance Division
Office of Transportation and Air Quality
2000 Traverwood Drive
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

March 2, 2017

**RE: FCA Group LLC Request for GHG Credit for Variable Crankcase Suction
Valve Technology in Denso AC Compressors**

Dear Mr. Wehrly:

Pursuant to the provisions of 40 CFR 86.1869-12(d), FCA Group LLC ("FCA") requests 1.1 g/mi of greenhouse gas off-cycle credit for the use of the Denso SAS AC compressor with variable crankcase suction valve technology.

EPA has previously reviewed a similar request from General Motors dated December 2014 for this technology and approved the requested amount of 1.1 grams CO₂/mile. FCA plans the introduction of this compressor technology beginning with the 2019 MY Ram pickup truck. Additional applications of the SAS compressor are expected as we continue to roll out the technology to the fleet.

The technology description, test methodology, test results and durability discussion are described in the enclosures.

Please contact me should you have any questions with respect to this submission at 248-576-5464 or through email at Paul.Mendrick@FCAGroup.com.

Very Best Regards,



Paul Mendrick

Manager – Certification and Compliance Group

cc: Gary Oshnock, Manager-Fuel Economy/GHG Regulatory Development

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Technology Description

Compressor technology has become significantly more efficient within that last 15 years. Fixed displacement compressors (“FDCs”) were the norm throughout the 1990s and into the early 2000s. Variable displacement compressor (“VDC”) technology debuted at that time in AC systems as an efficiency improvement over the FDC compressor technology. VDCs tailored the amount of refrigeration necessary to the cabin load without having to reheat the incoming air, something that FDCs could not achieve. An example of this type of compressor technology would be Denso’s SBU compressor.

The latest compressor efficiency improvement can be found in the Denso SAS compressor. The SAS compressor has improved pressure drop through the cylinders and a crankcase suction valve that minimizes internal compressor losses at conditions other than maximum capacity. See Enclosure B - Denso SAS Compressor Presentation to EPA, April 2013 for a comparison of the SAS technology with the SBU technology.

Test Methodology

The Denso SAS compressor is an efficiency improvement over the baseline VDC compressor that can be quantified for greenhouse gas (“GHG”) credit. An off-cycle test methodology for capturing this improvement would be to bench test both the old and new compressor technologies to the same standard and then evaluate the CO₂ impact while correcting for climate throughout the USA.

The standardized testing tool is the Society of Automotive Engineers (“SAE”) standard for system performance measurement on a bench, *SAE J2765-Procedure for Measuring System COP of a Mobile Air Conditioning System on a Test Bench*. This standard uses 40 test points to evaluate an HVAC system or component against any other system of component. The technology being evaluated is active in 25 of the 40 test points of SAE J2765. These 25 test points were then evaluated for CO₂ impact according to the Life Cycle Climate Performance (“LCCP”) model given in *SAE J2766- Life Cycle Analysis to Estimate the CO₂-Equivalent Emissions from MAC Operation*. Each compressor Test details between the Denso SAS Denso SBU compressors and the LCCP analysis are given in Enclosure C – Compressor Bench Test Data and LCCP Modeling.

Vehicle confirmation testing was performed on a 2014 Dodge Charger. The testing consisted of back to back testing of the Denso SAS and SBU compressors on the same vehicle to confirm the difference between the two compressors. The AC17 test cycle given in 40 CFR 86.167-17 was used to confirm the AC emissions benefit of the improved compressor technology. Test details and results are given in Enclosure D - AC17 Vehicle Test Data.

The difference between bench testing and vehicle testing is shown in the test results. The vehicle confirmation test result from the AC 17 test of 3.16 g/mi is much greater than the 1.1 g/mi requested for the technology. While the AC 17 test measures the technology impact over a drive cycle for constant

temperature and humidity the bench tests consider the loading the technology will encounter and the LCCP analysis adjusts the result across the country.

Test Results

Each compressor was tested at 25 of the 40 total conditions given in SAE J2765 corresponding to conditions under which the crankcase suction valve operates. Coefficient of Performance (“COP”) for each compressor at each of the 25 conditions was then loaded into the LCCP model to determine the CO₂ benefit of each compressor that is given in Table 1.

Compressor	LCCP Average CO ₂ Value
SBU	18.7 g/mi
SAS	17.6 g/mi
Difference	1.1 g/mi

Table 1. Average US Vehicle Indirect CO₂ Emissions Benefit Based on Bench Testing

Vehicle testing per the AC 17 test cycle confirmed a benefit to the crankcase suction valve technology. The A to B test values are shown in Table 2. The benefit of the Denso SAS compressor at the AC 17 vehicle test condition is an average of 3.16 g/mi.

Test Run	Compressor CO ₂ Emissions
SAS Test 1	16.95 g/mi
SAS Test 2	17.25 g/mi
SAS Test 3	22.4 g/mi
SAS Test 4	19.55 g/mi
SAS Average	19.04 g/mi
SBU Test 1	23.15 g/mi
SBU Test 2	20.5 g/mi
SBU Test 3	21.75 g/mi
SBU Test 4	23.4 g/mi
SBU Average	22.2 g/mi
SAS Benefit over SBU	3.1625

Table 2. AC 17 Vehicle Test Runs on a 2014 Dodge Charger

Additional test details are given in Enclosure D - AC17 Vehicle Test Data.

Durability Discussion

The Denso SAS compressor is being developed and integrated into a full size pickup truck in its first application. From a development perspective there are no differences to the vehicle interface that need to be modified to take advantage of the crankcase suction valve technology. Normal development timelines and testing apply.

FCA requires compressor technology to live for the period of the vehicle's life. Design validation and reporting per USCAR templates are required of the supplier for component testing and from Engineering for vehicle level testing.

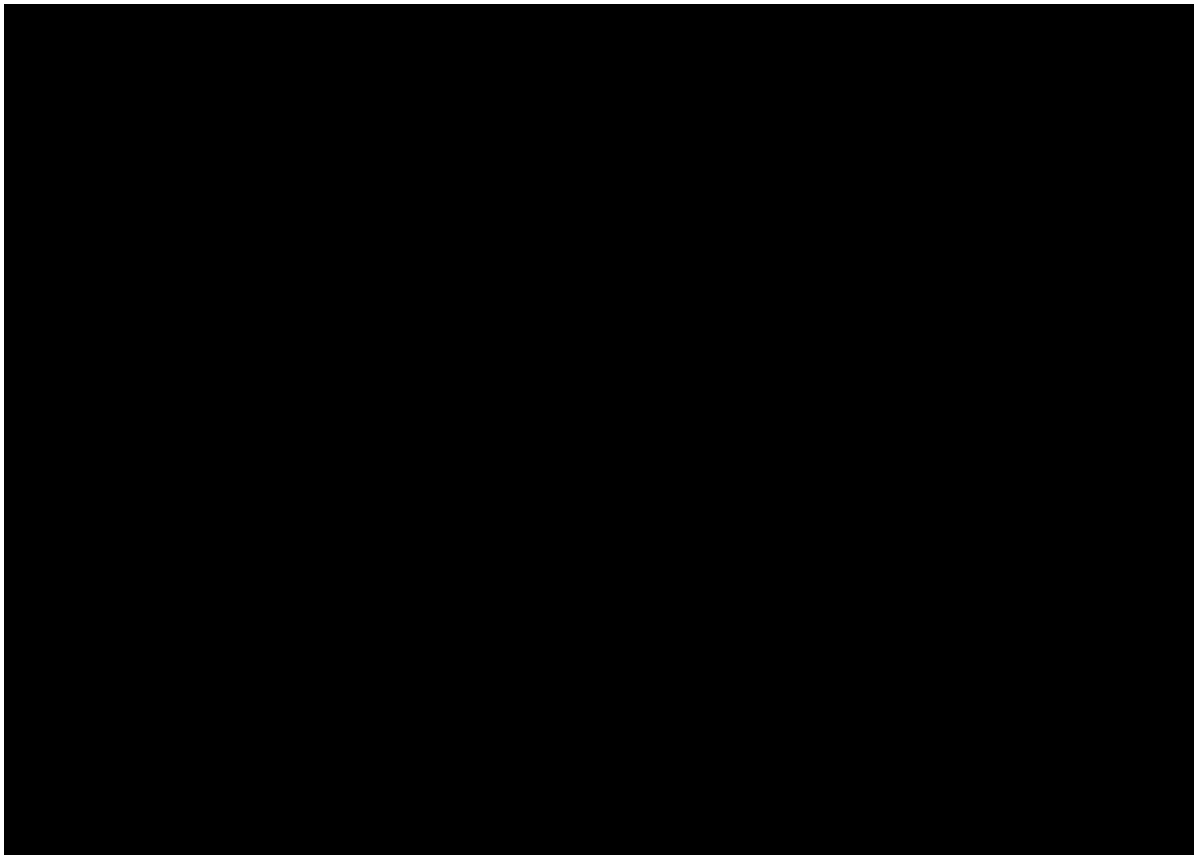
The Denso SAS compressor is expected to have the same or better durability than the Denso SBU compressor it replaces in this application and is warranted in the same way as its predecessor.

Projected Volumes

The first application of the Denso SAS compressor will be in the future RAM full-size pickup truck.

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Forecast of FCA Indirect A/C Credits with Denso SAS Compressor



Indirect CO₂ Credit for DENSO SAS Compressor

April 5, 2013

DENSO International America, Inc.

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- DENSO Corporation
- Background / Objective
- SAS Efficiency Improvement Mechanism
- Off-cycle Engineering Analysis Method
- Testing Details
- Test Results
- LCCP Results
- Conclusions

- Time permitting: Cold Storage Evaporator Discussion



- **Established: Dec. 16, 1949**
- **Capital: US\$2.3 billion**
- **Net Sales: US\$38.4 billion**
- **Net Income: US\$1,086.5 million**
- **Employees: 126,000 in 35 countries**

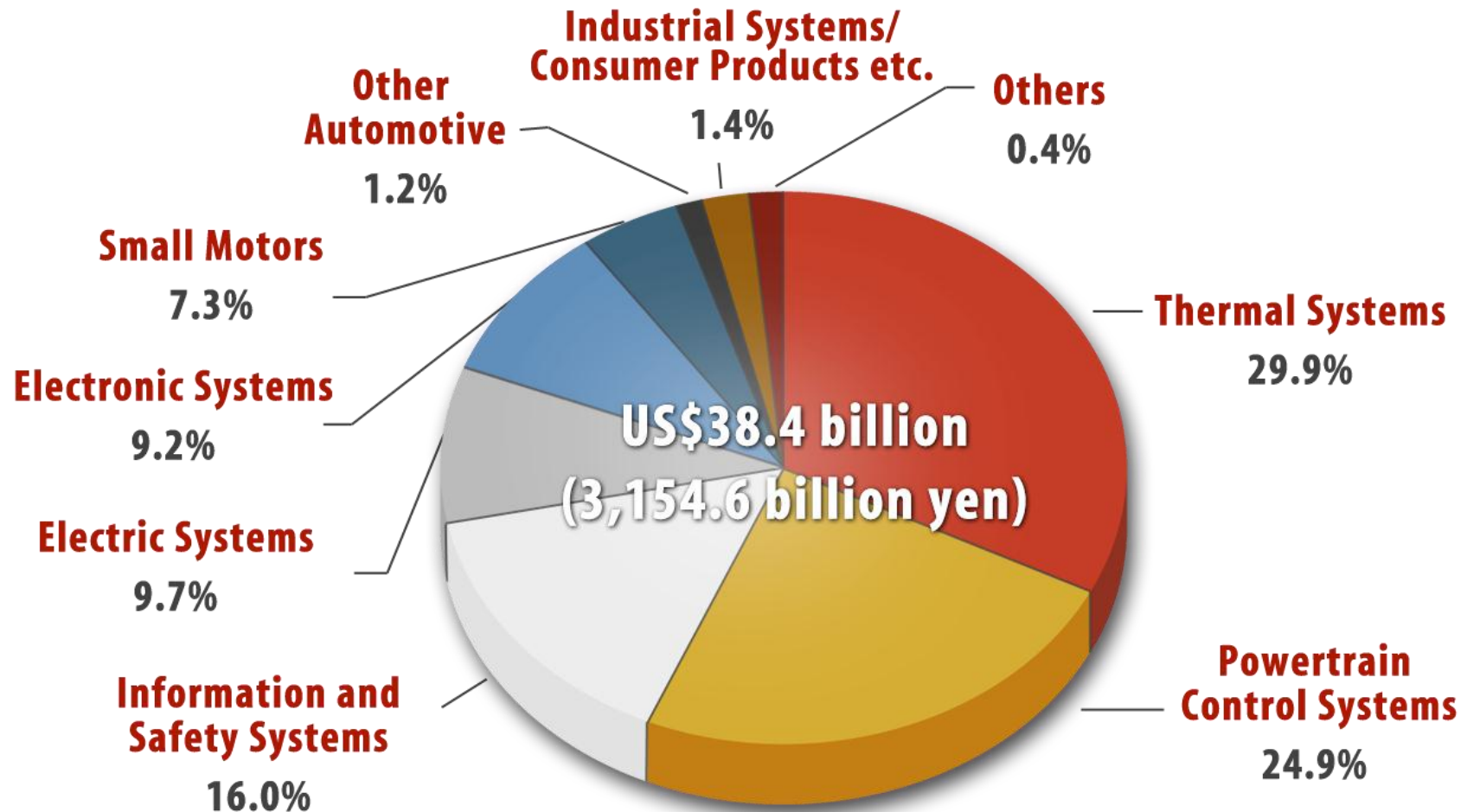
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• As of March 31, 2012

• U.S. dollar amounts have been translated from Japanese yen for convenience only at the rate of 82.19 yen= US\$1

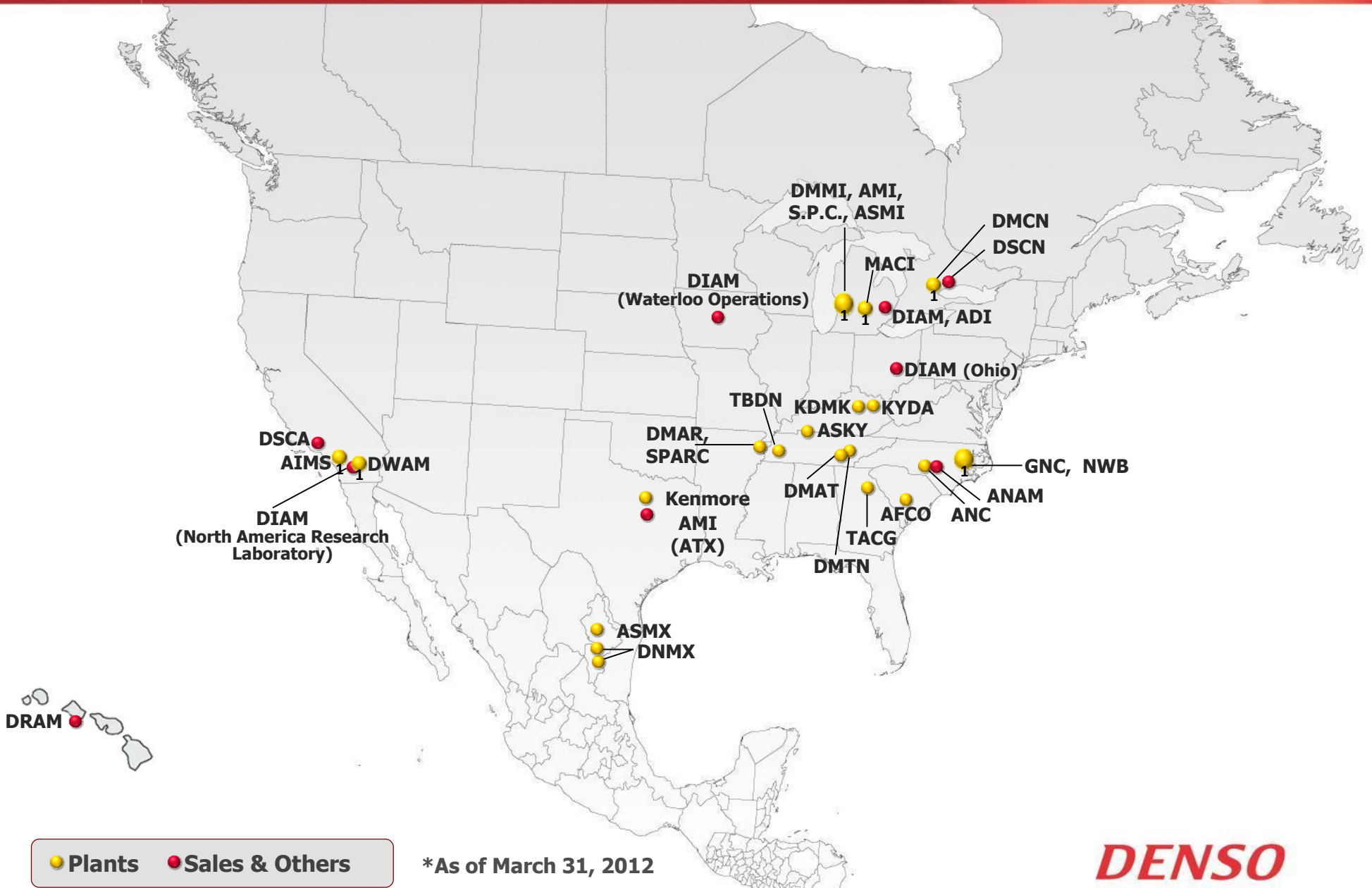
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*For fiscal year ended March 31, 2012

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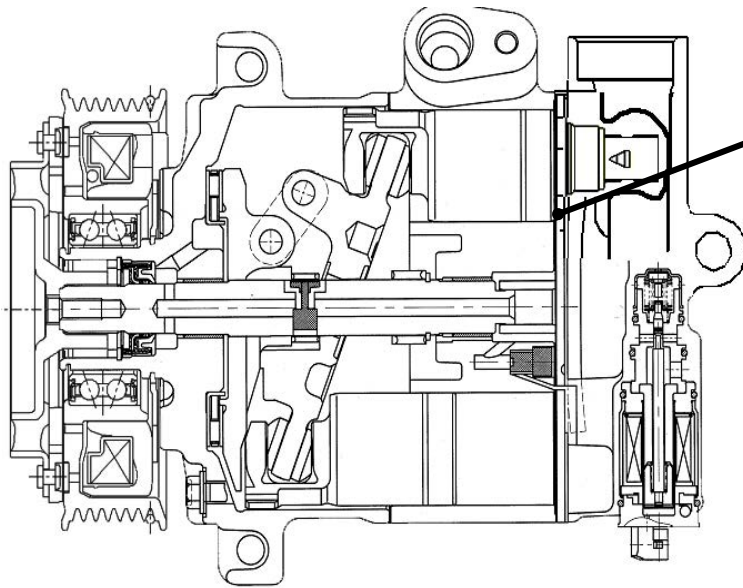


Federal fuel economy tests do not include A/C usage, but A/C usage generates CO₂ and reductions to these emissions benefit the environment.

DENSO's new SAS external variable displacement compressor (EVDC) improves energy consumption compared to current generation technology. Therefore, we feel SAS compressor should qualify for CO₂ off cycle credits.

Objective: Perform an engineering analysis to quantify the amount of indirect CO₂ credit that the SAS compressor should receive. Use this information to support customer applications to the EPA for credit.

The new SAS compressor has two efficiency improvements over the existing SBU compressor: optimized suction and discharge valves and a CS valve.



<Efficiency>
Change the structure of valve to optimize suction and discharge pressure loss.

<Efficiency at Variable Condition>
Crankcase Suction Valve (CS valve)
(optimize suction/ discharge pressure loss)
(quick start-up under full liquid condition)

Clutch less version (called SES) is available and has same internal design.

The optimized valves reduce suction and discharge pressure loss within the compressor, increasing efficiency.

Condition	Current Design (SBU)	New Technology (SAS)	Benefit of Variable CS Valve
Max Capacity and Compressor Start-up	<p>Control Valve C/V Closed</p> <p>D</p> <p>Crank Chamber</p> <p>Fixed CS Throttle (fixed mass flow)</p> <p>S</p>	<p>Control Valve C/V Closed</p> <p>D</p> <p>Crank Chamber</p> <p>Variable CS Valve opens to increase mass flow</p> <p>S</p>	<p>Large opening allows a large mass flow. This allows for a stable max capacity condition and for the compressor to achieve max capacity more quickly at compressor start-up.</p>
Variable (Mid) Capacity	<p>Control Valve C/V Open</p> <p>D</p> <p>Crank Chamber</p> <p>Fixed CS Throttle (fixed mass flow)</p> <p>S</p>	<p>Control Valve C/V Open</p> <p>D</p> <p>Crank Chamber</p> <p>Variable CS Valve closes to reduce mass flow</p> <p>S</p>	<p>Small opening results in a reduction of control gas flow through the crank chamber, thus reducing internal compressor losses and increasing efficiency at variable condition.</p>

The CS valve increases efficiency of the SAS compressor at mid displacement.

For A/C there are three CO₂ credit types available which can be used to meet the fleet average CO₂ emissions requirements:

Leakage credits for low refrigerant leakage rate or low GWP refrigerant.

Menu credits for improving system efficiency.

Off-cycle credits for advanced technology not on the menu. The technology must reduce emissions levels compared to current technology.

DENSO will do testing to show SAS/SES compressor may get off-cycle credits.

Bench Testing Per
SAE J2765 for
Each Compressor

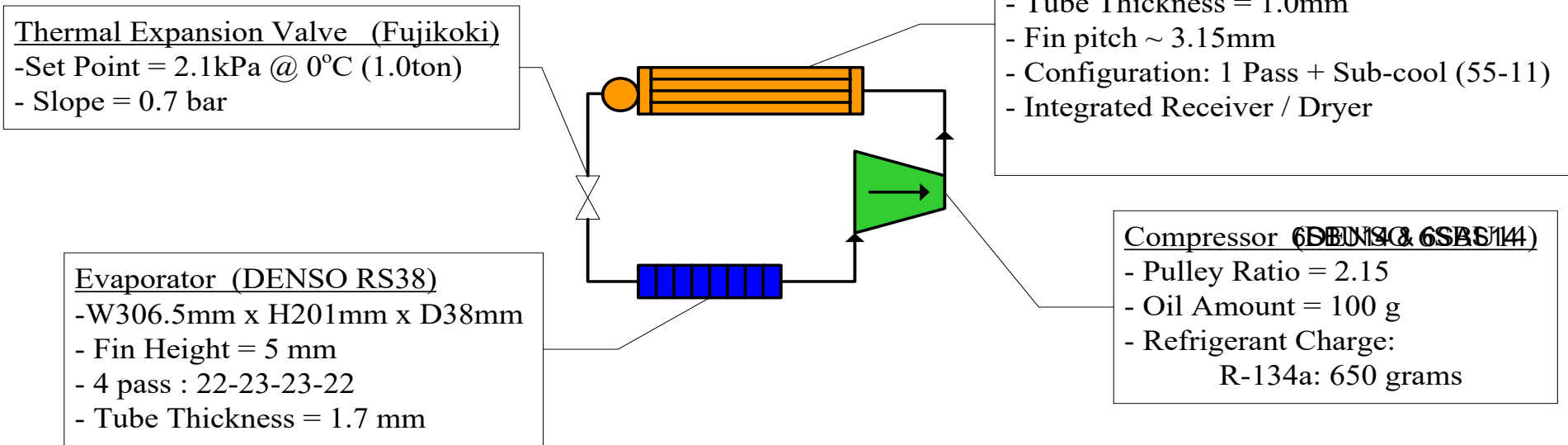
Analysis Using
LCCP Model (CO₂
Emission Per City)

Calculate US
Average CO₂ For
Each Compressor

<http://www.epa.gov/cppd/mac/compare.htm>

LCCP is an existing method to estimate CO₂ impact of MAC systems. It was developed by EPA, GM, SAE, and JAMA.

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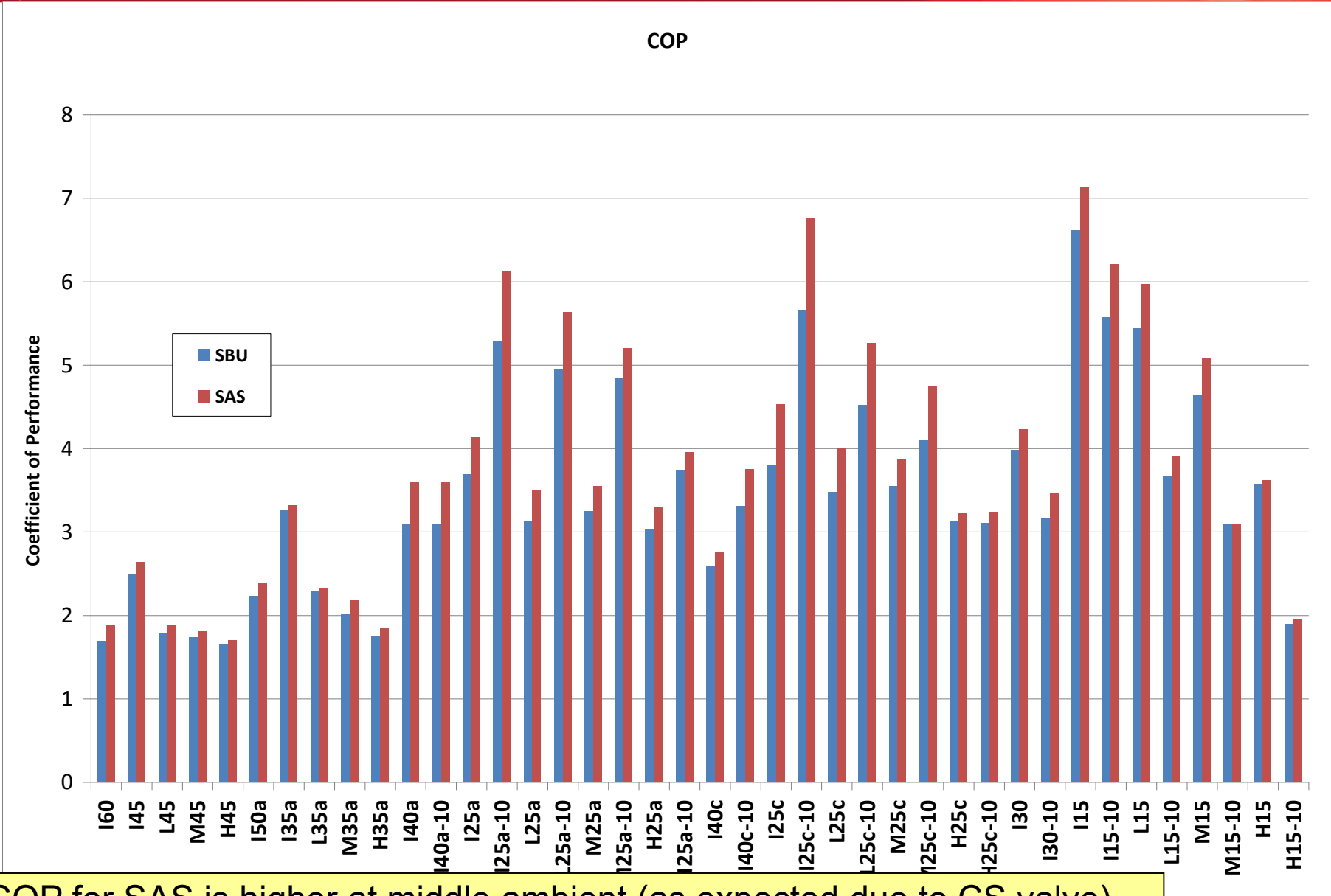
Test Conditions (J2765)

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Test Name	Simulated Ambient Temp. [C]	Compressor Speed [RPM]	Cond Air In Temp [C]	Cond Face Velocity [m/s]	Evap Air In Temp [C]	Evap Humidity [%]	Air Mass Flow [kg/min]	Air Flow Volume [m3/h]	Air Flow Volume [CFM]	Simulated Air Selection	Evap Air Out Target Temp [C]
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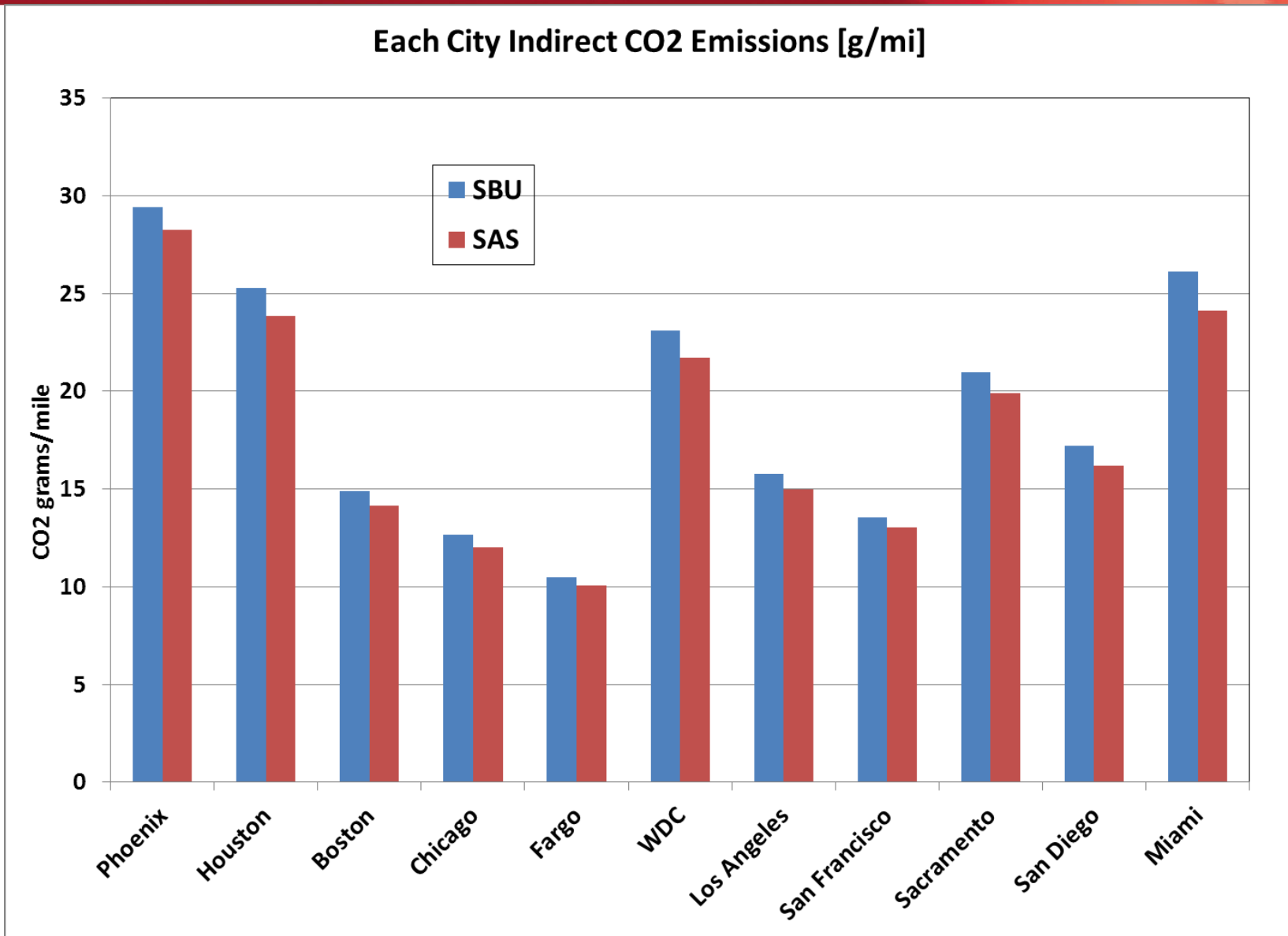
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COP for SAS is higher at middle ambient (as expected due to CS valve)

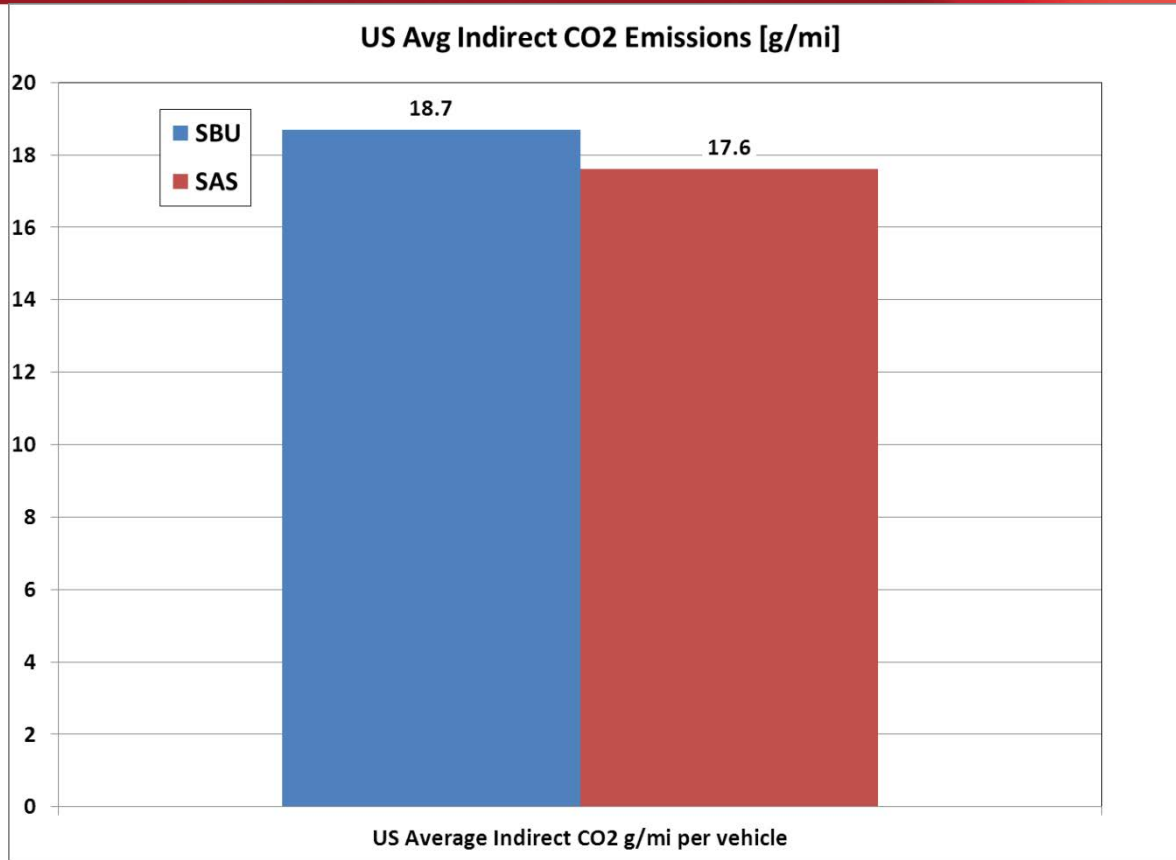
These values were entered into the LCCP model.





Indirect CO₂ emissions for each US city.





Average US Vehicle Indirect CO₂ Emissions

SBU compressor 18.7 g/mi

SAS compressor 17.6 g/mi

Benefit of SAS compressor 1.1 g/mi

Off-cycle CO₂ credit of 1.1g/mi should be requested for the SAS compressor.



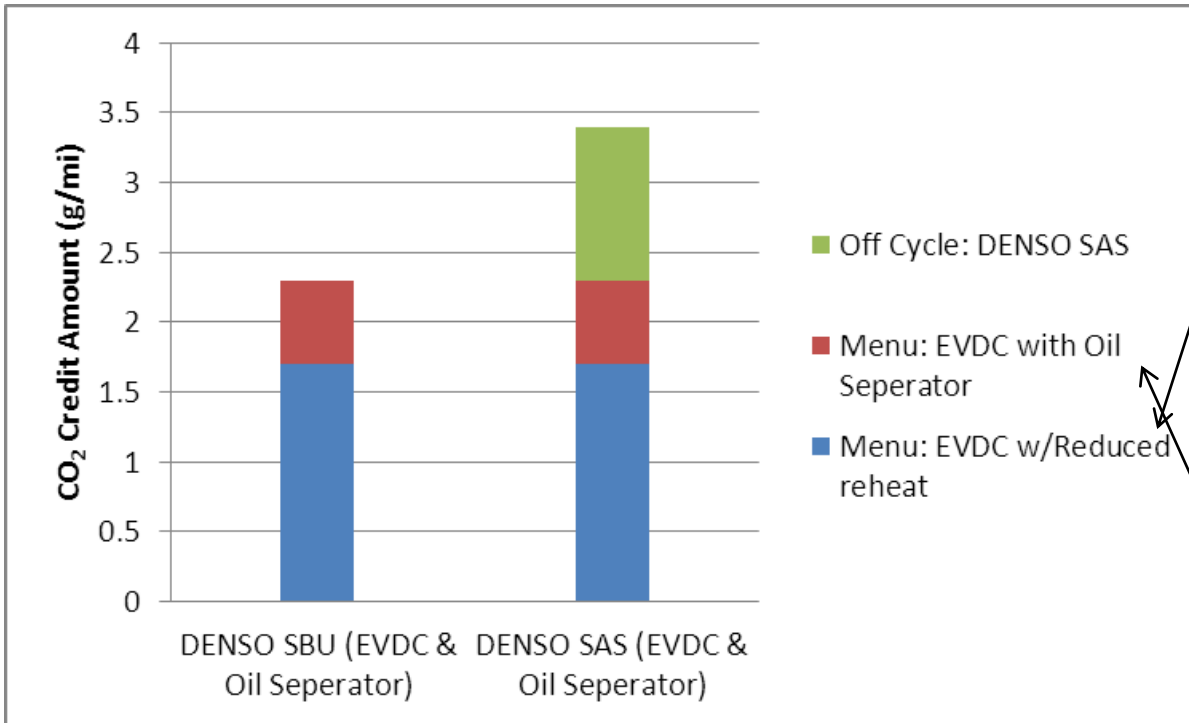
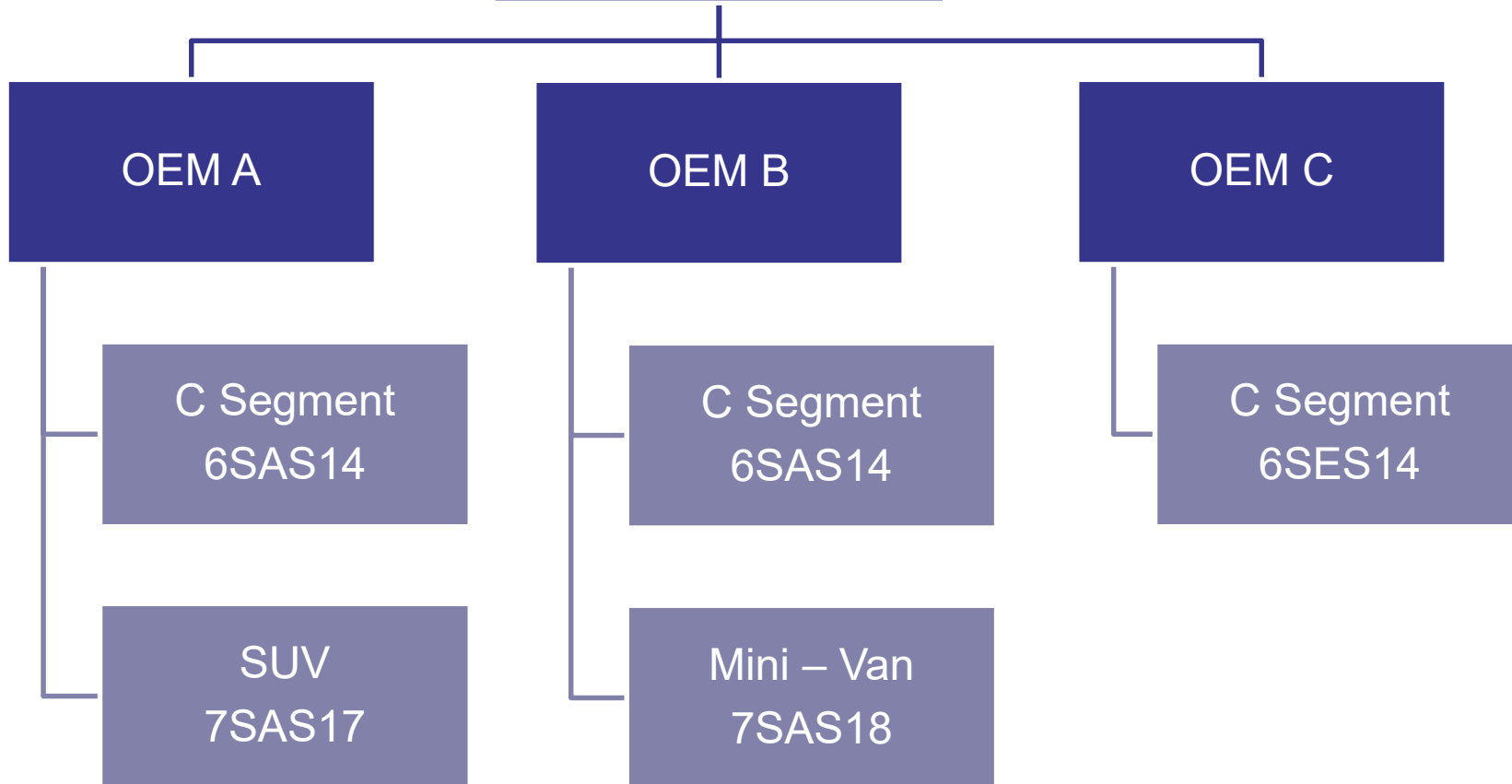
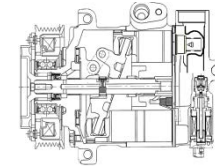


Table III.C.1-2 Efficiency-Improving A/C Technologies and Credits

Technology Description	Estimated Reduction in A/C CO ₂ Emissions	A/C Efficiency Credit (g/mi CO ₂)
Reduced reheat, with externally-controlled, variable-displacement compressor	30%	1.7
Reduced reheat, with externally-controlled, fixed-displacement or pneumatic variable-displacement compressor	20%	1.1
Default to recirculated air with closed-loop control of the air supply (sensor feedback to control interior air quality) whenever the ambient temperature is 75 °F or higher (although deviations from this temperature are allowed if accompanied by an engineering analysis)	30%	1.7
Default to recirculated air with open-loop control air supply (no sensor feedback) whenever the ambient temperature 75 °F or higher (lower temperatures are allowed)	20%	1.1
Blower motor controls which limit wasted electrical energy (e.g., pulse width modulated power controller)	15%	0.9
Internal heat exchanger	20%	1.1
Improved condensers and/or evaporators (with system analysis on the component(s) indicating a COP improvement greater than 10%, when compared to previous industry standard designs)	20%	1.1
Oil Separator (with engineering analysis demonstrating effectiveness relative to the baseline design)	10%	0.6

We believe the total benefit for SAS or SES compressor should be 3.4 g/mi credit (Menu Credits + Off Cycle)

SAS/SES Compressor
Off-Cycle
(1.1 g/mi)



Our assumption is this data supporting the 1.1 g/mi credit can be applied to any vehicle using SAS or SES compressor.

Enclosure C – Compressor Bench Test Data and LCCP Modeling

See separate excel file attachment:

Enclosure C-Compressor Bench Test Data and LCCP Modeling.xls



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SAS technology
Final AC17 Testing Results
& Bench Test Report

SAS COMPRESSOR RESULTS

Date	Test	g/mi	Ywm	Emissions Difference On/Off (g/mi)	Notes	Observations
3-Jan	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	401.500	313.250	16.950	6	OK
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	225.000				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	374.000	296.300			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	218.600				
5-Jan	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	401.100	312.000			
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	222.900				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	373.100	294.750			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	216.400				
11-Jan	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	392.800	307.800			
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	222.800				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	367.000	285.400			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	203.800				
13-Jan	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	406.600	316.700			
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	226.800				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	374.800	297.150			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	219.500				


 **SAS AVERAGE: 19.04 g/mi**

SBH COMPRESSOR RESULTS

Date	Test	g/mi	Ywm	Emissions Difference On/Off (g/mi)	Notes	Observations
9-Dec	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	411.600	320.500	23.150	4	OK
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	229.400				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	374.100	297.350			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	220.600				
12-Dec	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	404.500	315.050			
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	225.600				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	373.300	294.550			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	215.800				
13-Dec	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	403.400	312.800			
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	222.200				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	370.800	291.050			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	211.300				
14-Dec	SC03 - A/C On - Solar On	405.400	314.650			
	HFET - A/C On - Solar On	223.900				
	SC03 - A/C Off - Solar Off	370.100	291.250			
	HFET - A/C Off - Solar Off	212.400				

 **SBH AVERAGE: 22.20 g/mi**

SAS Benefit to Emissions

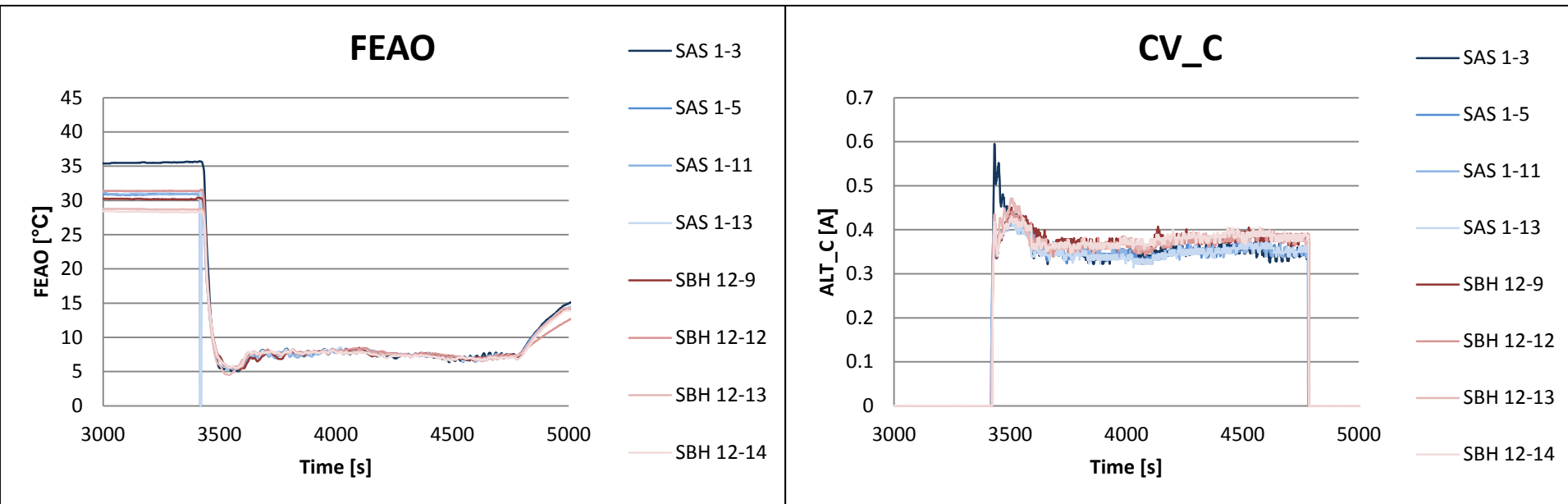
SBH AVERAGE: 22.20 g/mi
SAS AVERAGE: 19.04 g/mi  **SAS IMPROVEMENT ON VEHICLE: 3.16g/mi**

SAS compressor is shown to have an average emissions improvement of 3.16 g/mi. DENSO opinion is that this vehicle emission improvement value meets expectations for SAS. This result was expected based on previous test results.

The observed test-to-test variation meets DENSO expectation based on previous vehicle testing. This variation is likely due to fluctuation in performance of vehicle systems that were not monitored during the course of this test.

DENSO's request is to proceed with the credit value of 1.1 grams CO₂ / mile observed from bench test data and U.S. LCCP calculations. The credit value based on bench test data can be considered to be more precise due less variation (as noted in the vehicle system). However, the vehicle test data provides valuable confirmation and supporting evidence.

Chrysler AC17 Testing – SBH / SAS Comparison



Key Conclusions of AC17 vehicle test:

1. FEAO pattern is repeatable for all 8 runs (4 SAS / 4 SBH) being used for comparison.
2. Control valve current is approximately 20-30mA lower for the 4 SAS runs.

We conclude that the compressor is working less to achieve the same evaporator air out temperature. This indicated that emissions would be lower for SAS than SBH (emissions values from previous data pages confirm this to be true).

→ Emissions improvement is achieved with SAS Compressor

This trend meets DENSO expectations for SAS performance vs. SBH performance.

Bench Summary – Off cycle Engineering Analysis Method

Bench Testing Per
SAE J2765 for Each
Compressor

Analysis Using
LCCP Model (CO₂
Emission Per City)

Calculate US
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LCCP is an existing method to estimate CO₂ impact of MAC systems. It was developed by EPA, GM, SAE, and JAMA.

LCCP analysis can be used as an acceptable engineering analysis method for determining the off-cycle CO₂ emissions impact for SAS compressor.

Test Bench System – Generic System

Thermal Expansion Valve

- Set Point = 2.1kPa @ 0°C (1.0ton)
- Slope = 0.7 bar

Condenser

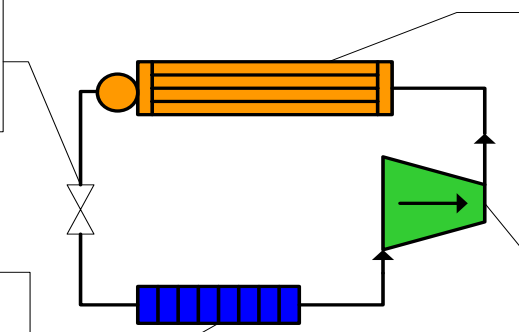
- W600mm x H422.4mm x D16mm
- Fin Height = 5.5 mm
- Tube Thickness = 1.0mm
- Fin pitch ~ 3.15mm
- Configuration: 1 Pass + Sub-cool (55-11)
- Integrated Receiver / Dryer

Evaporator

- W306.5mm x H201mm x D38mm
- Fin Height = 5 mm
- 4 pass : 22-23-23-22
- Tube Thickness = 1.7 mm

Compressor 6SBU14 & 6SAS14

- Pulley Ratio = 2.15
- Oil Amount = 100 g
- Refrigerant Charge:
R-134a: 650 grams

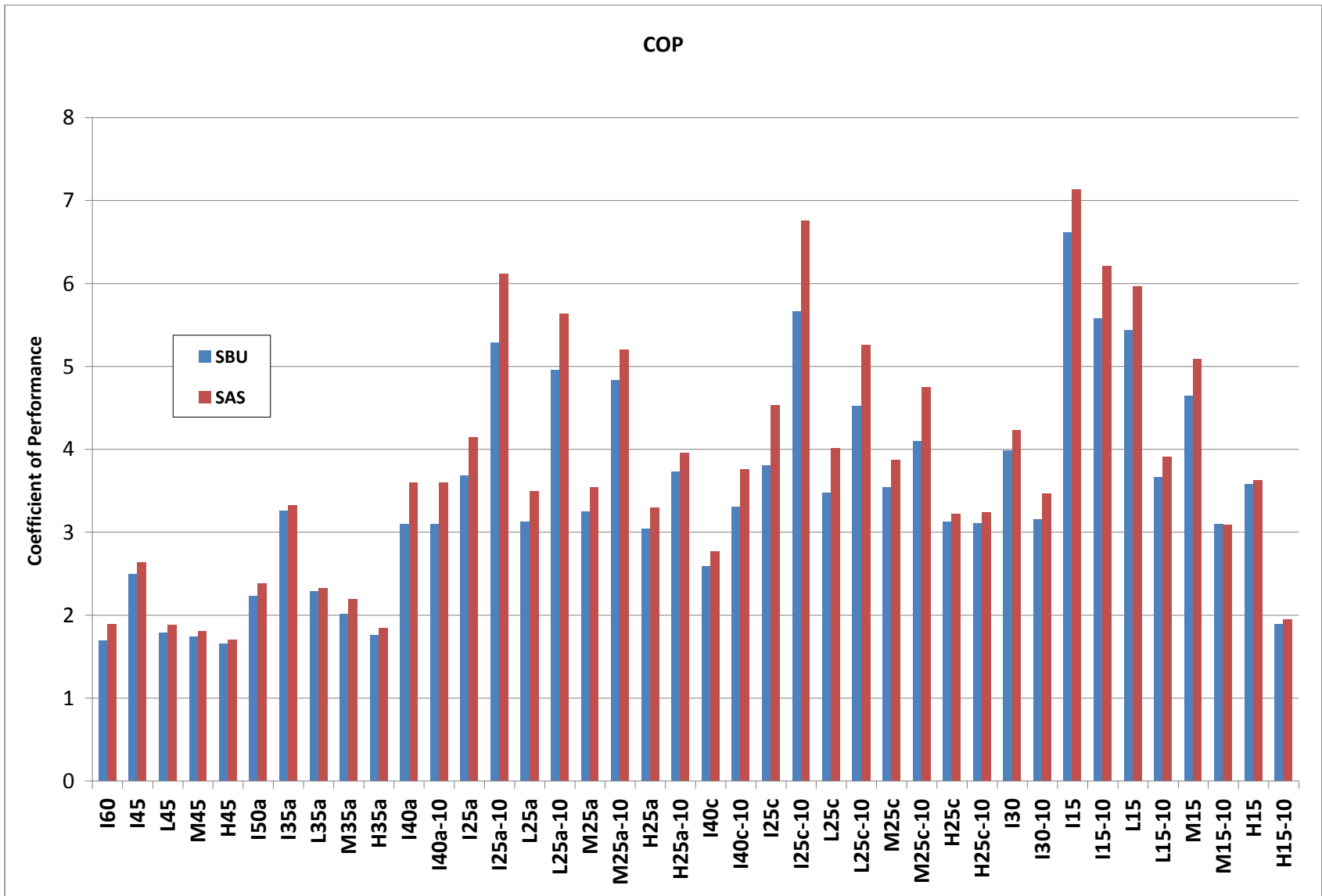


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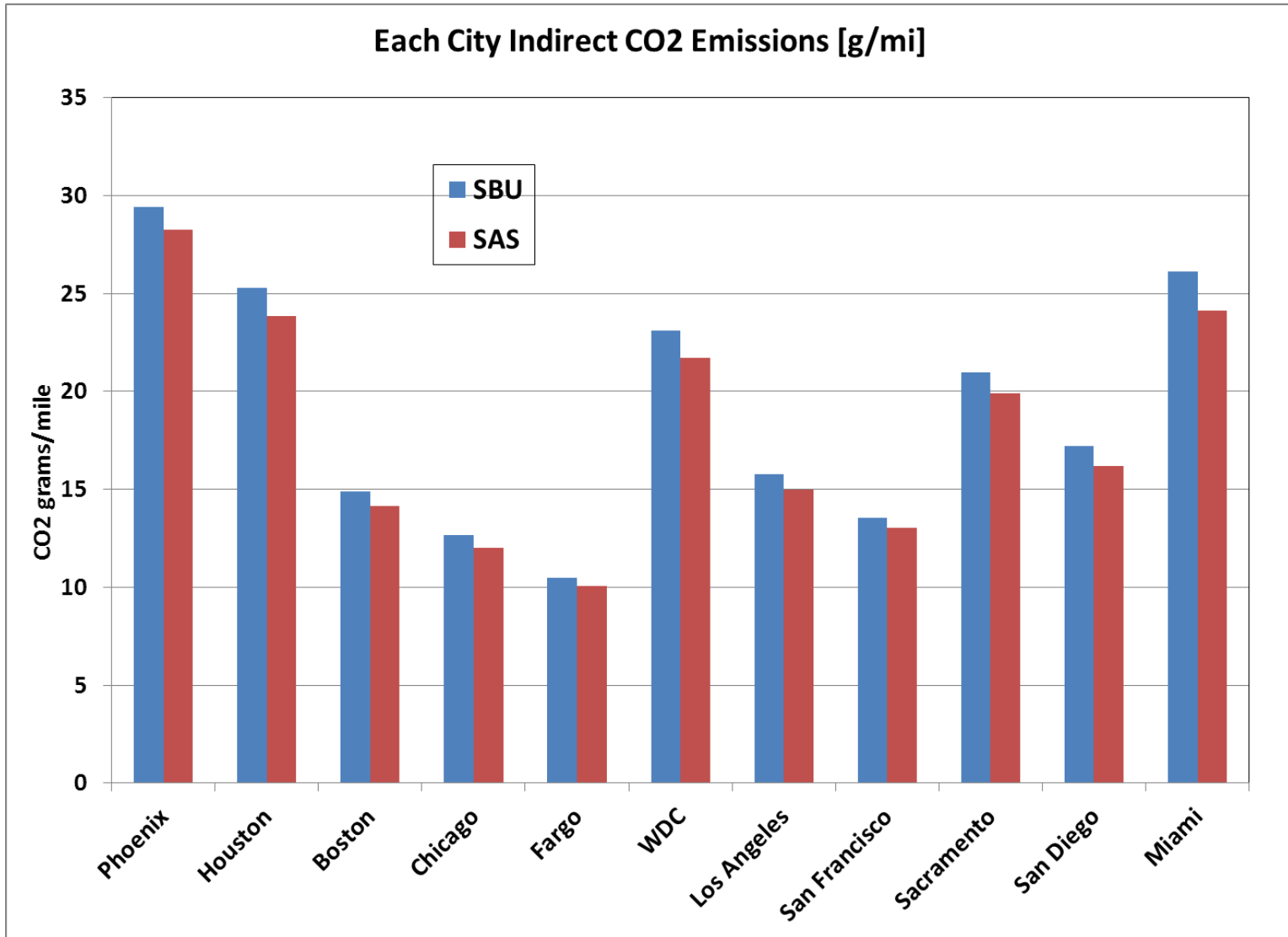
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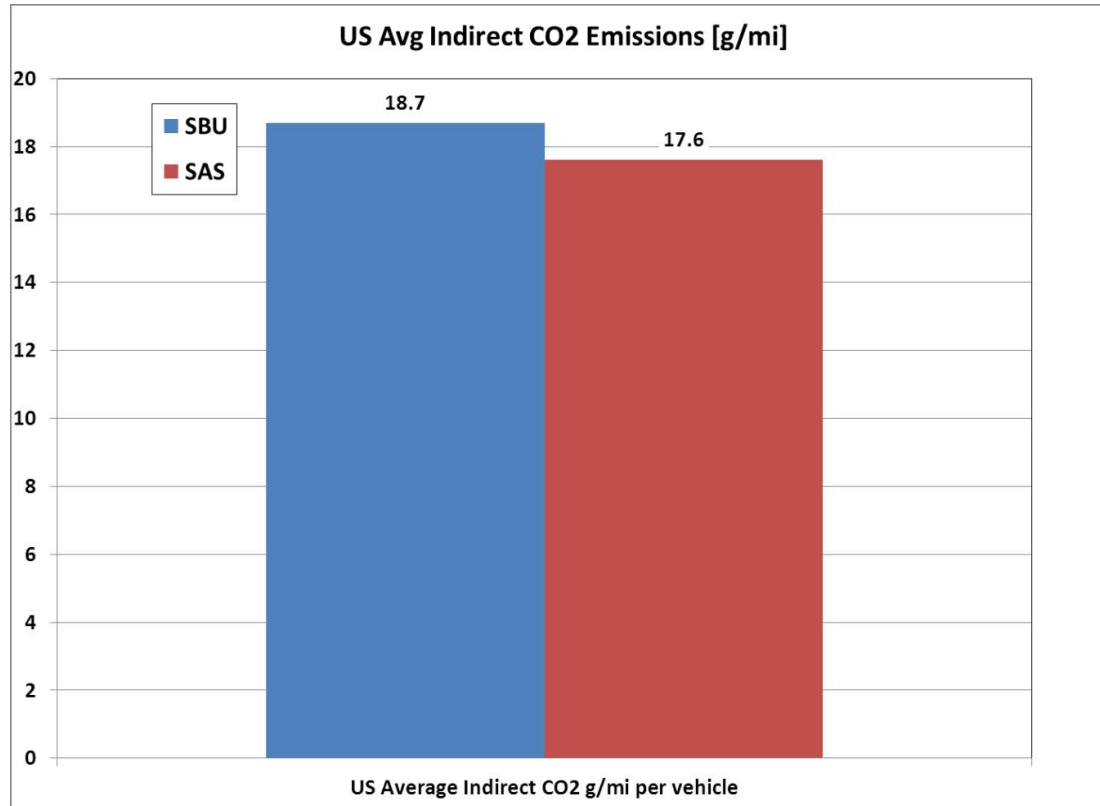
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Indirect CO₂ emissions for each US city.

LCCP Results (US average)



Average US Vehicle Indirect CO ₂ Emissions	
SBU compressor	18.7 g/mi
SAS compressor	17.6 g/mi
Benefit of SAS compressor	1.1 g/mi

Off-cycle CO₂ credit of 1.1g/mi should be requested for the SAS compressor.