

AUTOMATIC TYRE INFLATION SYSTEM

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Abstract- Our design proposes and successfully implements the use of a portable compressor that will supply air to all four tyres via hoses and a rotary joint fixed between the wheel spindle and wheel hub at each wheel. The rotary joints effectively channel air to the tyres without the tangling of hoses.

Keywords- Rotary joint, Tyre inflation, Automatic Air supply, Pressure Switch

I. INTRODUCTION

According to American Automobile Association (AAA), about 80 percent of the cars on the road are driving with one or more tyres under inflated. Tyres lose air through normal driving (especially after hitting pot holes or curbs), permeation and seasonal changes in temperature. They can lose one or two psi (pounds per square inch) each month in the winter and even more in the summer. And, you can't tell if they're properly inflated just by looking at them. You have to use a tyre pressure gauge. Not only is under inflation bad for your tyres but it's also bad for your gas mileage, affects the way your car handles and is generally unsafe. When tyres are under inflated, the tread wears more quickly. According to Goodyear, this equates to 15 percent fewer miles you can drive on them for every 20 percent that they're under inflated. Under inflated tyres also overheat more quickly than properly inflated tyres, which cause more tyre damage.

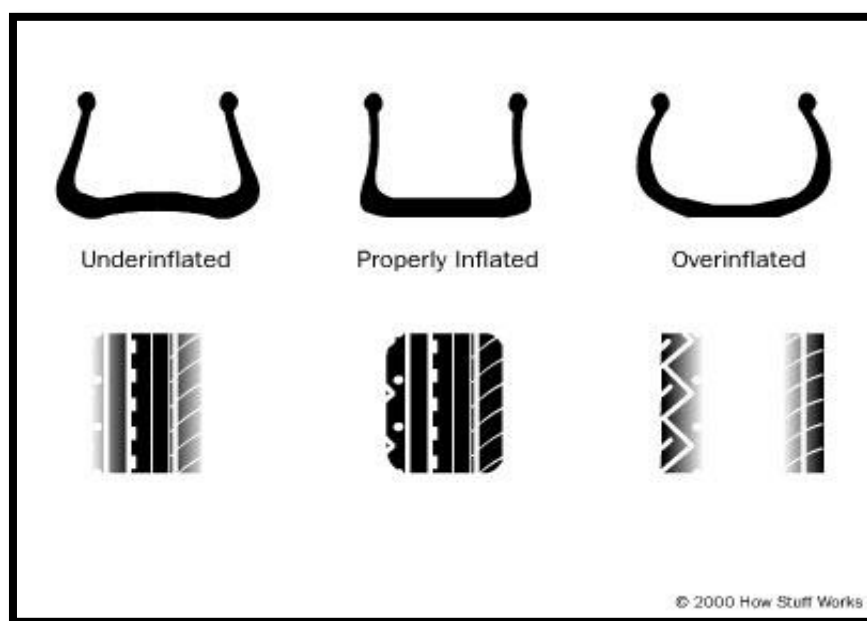


Figure No1: Shape of the tyre for different types of inflations

II. PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The overall goal of our design project is to develop a product that will decrease tyre wear while improving fuel economy, performance and safety of a passenger vehicle through dynamically-adjustable tyre pressures. However, there are several key objectives that the team has targeted our design to meet, and these objectives include both design characteristics and business objectives. Our main objective is to provide safety to commercial vehicle which carries very expensive jobs on it, if any one of tyre burst the whole job will fall and heavy loss of time and money will be there, so to safe guard that we are designing this kind of system.

III. PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING THE MODEL

The construction of our project begins with an assembly of MS chassis. A rectangular frame is made with the following dimensions: 2m and 1.2m in its length and width respectively, by welding the MS bars together. After the construction of the main frame, the next step was to mount the four tires on to the chassis, for which two shafts having 1.3m length and 20mm diameter is used. First two tires were welded at the end of each shaft and then both the shafts were mounted on the chassis with the help of pedestal bearing P204.

Once the mainframe was mounted with tires, the main component of the system (Automatic Tire Inflation System), a Rotary Joint is welded on the shaft at the outer periphery of each tire so that it could easily reach the air filling valve of the tire. After welding a Rotary Joint on each tire they are now bolted to the main frame, so as to ensure easy mounting of other pneumatic components near the rotary joint. Now the remaining components i.e. Pressure switch, Solenoid Valve and pressure gauge are mounted on the frame for each tyre. At the middle portion of the chassis a storage tank is mounted which uses a pressure switch to maintain its pressure. The compressor is also mounted in the middle of the frame.

Finally all the pneumatic and electrical circuits are made and the system is checked for any leaks so as to reduce losses and perform tests on the system more efficiently and accurately.

Components used:



Figure No.2 :AC-DC unit



Figure No.3:12V / 100PSI Standard Compressor



Figure No.4 :Rotary joint



Figure No.5 :Pressure Gauge



Figure No.6 :Solenoid Valve



Figure No.7 :Pressure Switch

Table No. 1: List of components used

SR NO	PART NAME	MATERIAL	QTY
1	Ac/Dc Unit	STD	1 NOS
2	Compressor	STD	1NOS
3	Rotary Joint	STD	4 NOS
4	Pressure Gauge	STD	5 NOS
5	Pressure Switch	STD	5 NOS
6	Solenoid Valve	STD	4 NOS

IV. CONCLUSION

Central tyre inflation systems have many advantageous benefits in the transportation industry. These benefits are improved vehicle mobility due to the increase in traction when tyre pressures are lowered, improved ride quality and cargo safety due to the reduction in vehicle vibrations when the correct tyre pressure is used for a particular road condition, reduced road maintenance because sediment production is limited and lowered road construction costs, increased fuel efficiency and a considerable increase in the tyre life of vehicles. All these benefits contribute to a considerable cost saving in the overall operation of a transportation vehicle.

Consequently, it appears that central tyre inflation is a worthy investment. However, the successful implementation of central tyre inflation has not been extensively examined and the suitability of central tyre inflation to roads and operating conditions needs to be examined.

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