The visualization of pressure characteristics in the combustion chamber of an engine is a key process for fine tuning an engine or analyzing engine wear, especially at auto tuning shops, at workshops and in motorsports. By combining the AVL group’s know-how, AVL DiTEST and Piezocryst have created an innovative new product. Reliable pressure checks can be performed in the engine’s combustion chamber without cooling, even at the highest engine temperatures such as occur in rallye sports.

DPM 800 stands for “Dynamic Pressure Measurement” and allows you to measure the change in internal cylinder pressure over time without any modification to the engine, using a spark plug equipped with a pressure sensor. In diesel vehicles, the glow plug is replaced by a pressure sensor. The full package also includes the pressure spark plug, an amplifier, the AVL SCOPE 1200/1400 and the AVL DSS software.

Given its moderate price and ease of use, the measuring system is also used in schools and training centers for demonstrating the combustion processes in gasoline and diesel engines.

The AVL DiTEST DPM 800 measurement system can be used in both stationary and mobile operation. The measurements deliver a multitude of different facts, e.g.:
- Compression or peak pressure
- Combustion knock or pre-ignition
- Crank angle at 50% mass fraction burnt (CA50)
- Indicated mean effective pressure (IMEP)
- Wear and imminent faults

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The analytical functions of the AVL SCOPE 1200/1400 provide motorsports teams, workshops and training centers with the first high quality indicating technology.

Simple handling – unique measuring system without mechanical intervention
Measurements are taken directly in the cylinder chamber by a tiny pressure transducer integrated into the spark plug or glow plug. The pressure transducer developed by PIEZOCRYST allows the utmost precision in pressure measurement at very high temperatures. No new holes or special cylinder head seals need to be created for this measurement. The entire hardware has been developed for the needs of specialized automotive workshops with regard to costs and handling.

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AVL DSS SOFTWARE –
AVL DiTEST KNOW-HOW ALLOWS PRECISE PRESSURE MEASUREMENT

Get started straight out of the box – intuitive operation, familiar displays
AVL DSS software, developed specifically for workshops and training centers, stands out for easiest use and clear color display of curves, measurement results and operating elements. With a single click, the application starts and all parameters are set automatically. The available expert mode also allows detailed settings of all measurement parameters. Alongside the display of pressure curves together with the crank angle, the most important measured signal parameters are displayed on the right-hand side, such as IMEP, revolution speed and maximum cylinder pressure with respect to TDC.

Intelligent software – automatic location of top dead center
The pressure curve is graphically displayed based on the crank angle (°CA) for one engine cycle. The signal from the existing speed and TDC sensor on the engine is also displayed. The patented software algorithm determines the correct TDC offset value at the push of a button. That guarantees a direct relation between the dynamic cylinder pressure and corresponding crank angle. If desired, markings can be displayed in order to highlight the maximum pressure and the detected TDC offset.

Efficient work flow – measurement technique with comfort functions
The unique AVL DiTEST DPM 800 is based on the proven AVL SCOPE 1200/1400. The operator has all functions as well as the comprehensive package with all adaptors for a full-fledged engine and component tester at hand. AVL DSS measurement software includes, among other features
- Functions for displaying, printing and processing comprehensive measurement logs
- Functions for displaying reference curves for all measurements
- Functions for creating and managing your own reference curves, which allow, for example, a comparison of individual cylinders to one another
- Zoom functions and professional cursor functions
- Recorder functions for recording and playback of dynamic signal traces with full functionality
- Functions for displaying the signal history

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