

Super Seal: Development of a Robust 2nd Stage Oil Sealing Device for Heavy Duty Engines.

Design Review
Presentation

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Cummins' Heavy Duty Truck engine,
the ISX 15 @ 15 Liters, 600 HP

Presentation Overview



- **Project Review**

- Background Information
- Project Description

- **Design**

- Components Selection
- Test Rig Design
- Seal Design

- **Testing**

- **Project Schedule**

- **Conclusion**

Project Background



What's The Problem?

- Motor oil is repeatedly leaking past the rear crankshaft seal.
 - Failed seal¹
 - Material fluctuations due to thermal transients



Figure 1: Depiction of rear crank seal leaking oil.²

Motivation

- Cost
- Evolution of Customer Perceptions

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Figure 2: Cummins' newest engine, the Hedgehog @ 95 Liters, 4500 HP
Cost for crank seal replacement: \$21,000.³

Project Background



Goal Statement

- Design a device to capture leaking oil from a rotating test crankshaft and deposit it into a reservoir so that it can be reintroduced to the crankcase.

Special Consideration

- Test Rig
 - Primarily demonstrate functionality/performance of design solution.
 - NOT to demonstrate life capabilities of design solution.

Project Objectives and Status



Key Project Objectives	
1.) Design oil capturing device	☑
2.) Design Test Rig to show functionality of design	☑
3.) Determine feasibility of each design with technical proof	☑
4.) Obtain needed components to build such devices	☑
5.) Construct oil capture device and Test Rig	On Going
6.) Perform 24 hour test to asses functionality of devices	Future Work

Component Selection

- **1500W Band Heater**
 - 900° F at 120 Volts
 - Dimmer Switch to alter voltage supply to bring crankcase to 125° C
- **1/3 HP Belt Drive Dayton Motor**
 - 1475 RPM at 120 volt
 - V-belt pulley system utilized to achieve desired shaft speeds for test
- **Mounted Bearings**
 - Pillow Block Bearings with 1” bore to support custom shaft

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Fig 3. Components For Test Rig



Component Selection

- Custom shaft
 - Driven by belt over pulleys
 - Custom flanges: 2 with 165 mm and 1 with 140 mm OD
 - Seals press fit over flanges
 - Flanges press fit on shaft and welded in place
- Crankcase
 - Made from 8" schedule 40 steel pipe
 - Caps welded on either side for seals to be press fit inside

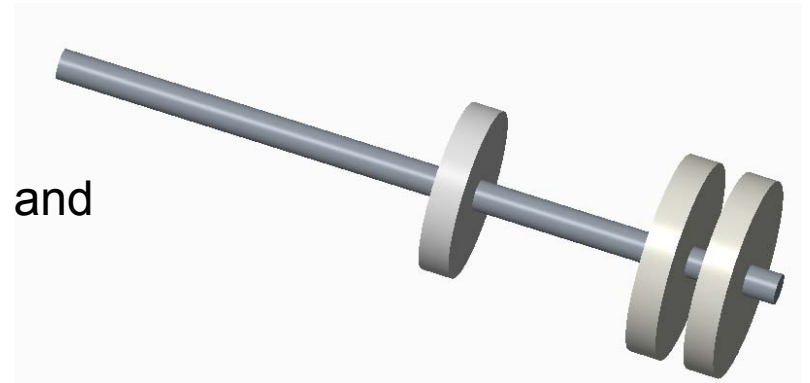


Fig 4. Custom Shaft

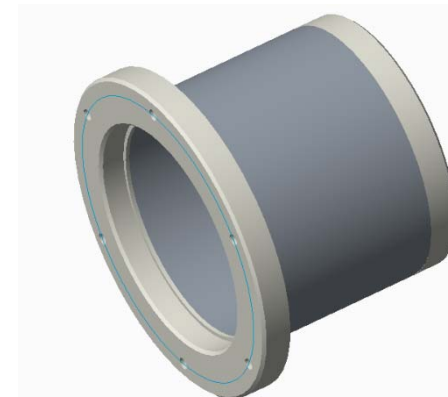
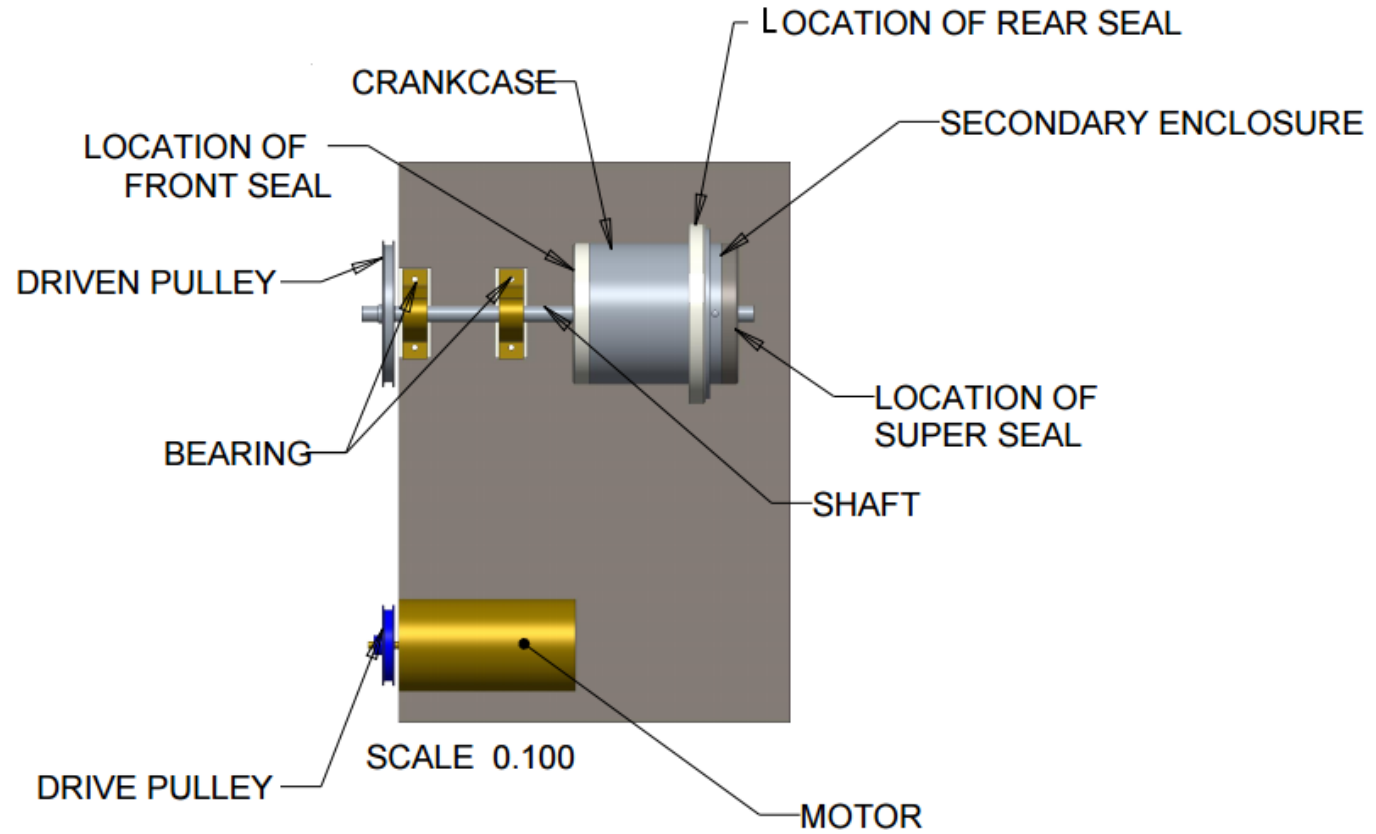


Fig 5. Custom Crank Case

Test Rig Cad Depictions



Figure_6: test rig assembly with labeled components

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Test Rig Assembly

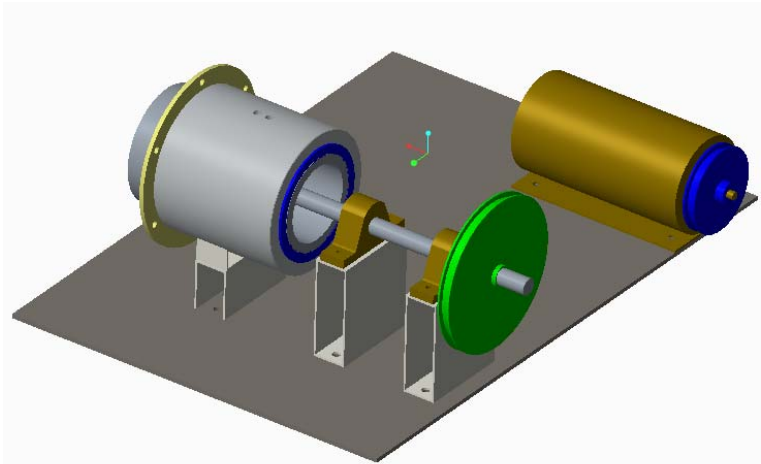


Figure 7: Cad Assembly of Test Rig Orientation 1

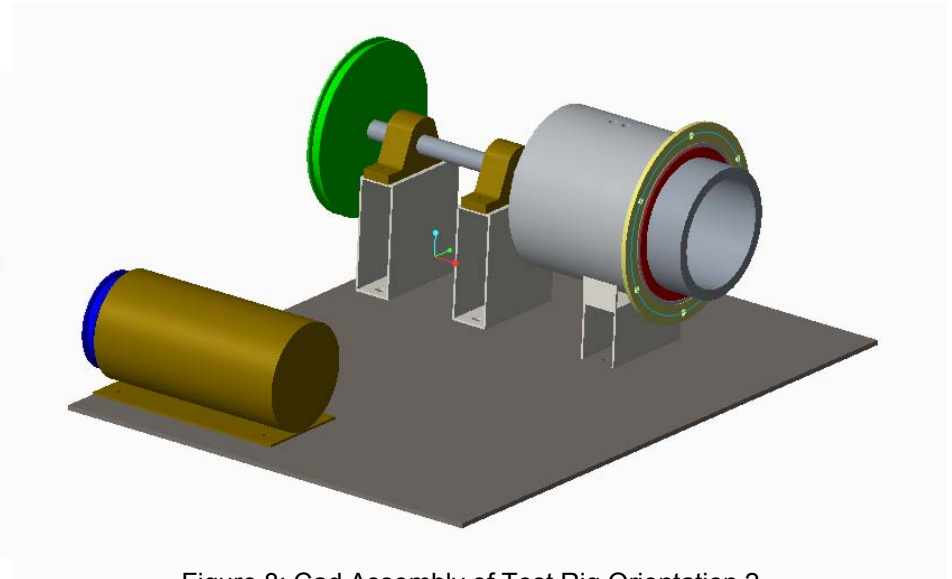


Figure 8: Cad Assembly of Test Rig Orientation 2

Exploded Diagram of Test Rig

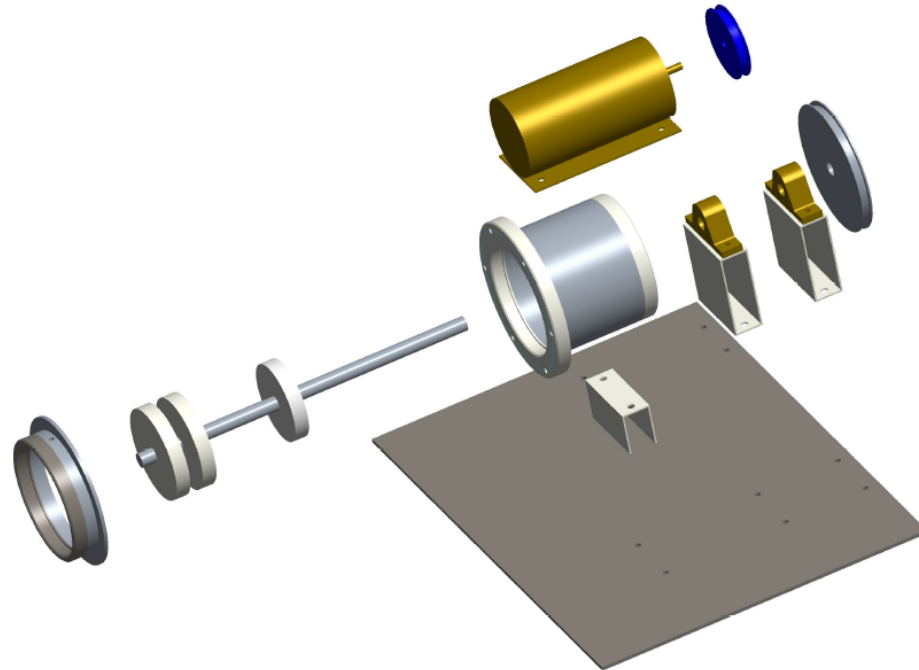


Figure 9. Exploded view showing Individual components of assembly

Seal Design Selection



How to Maintain Pressurized Area Behind Main Seal?

- Implementation of a Labyrinth Seal

Why?

- Non-Contact Element:
 - Grooves designed for a tortuous path for fluid
 - Provides a seal when the shaft is rotating
- Contact Element:
 - Provides a seal when the shaft is not rotating
 - Contact elements lifts due to centrifugal force during operation



Fig 10. Various seal types

Seal Design

■ Constraints

- Target air consumption 2.25 L/s \approx 1% of engine air intake
- Static TIR = 0.5 mm
- Dynamic TIR 0.35 mm

■ Alterable Parameters

- Number of teeth
- Width of teeth
- Tooth Geometry

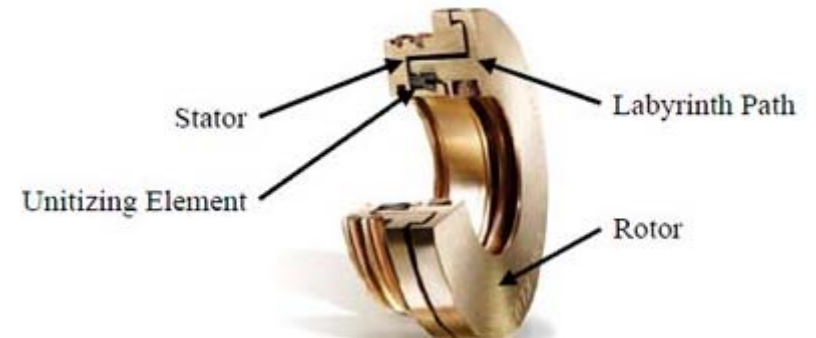


Figure 11: Hybrid labyrinth visualization.⁵

Seal Design

■ Interlocking Teeth

- Optimal solution is 10 teeth
- Ideal for Cummins
- Difficult to machine and assemble

■ Single Row of Teeth

- Optimal solution is 15 teeth
- Ideal for Team 1
- Easier to machine and assemble

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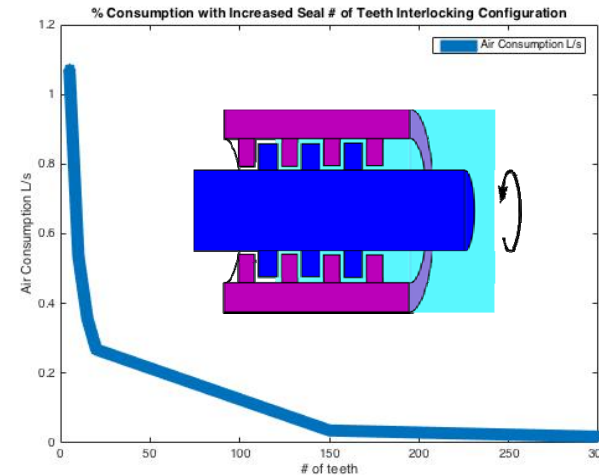


Fig. 12 Interlocking Teeth solution

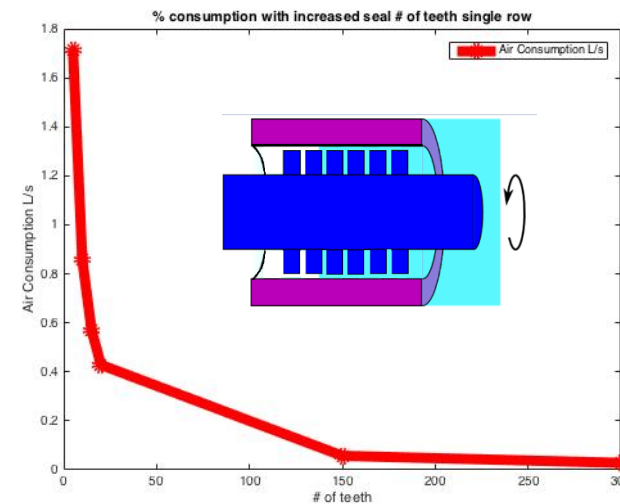


Fig. 13 Single row Teeth solution



Moving Forward

■ Assembly

- Testing individual components & entire assembly
- Mount remaining components
- Assembling individual components as they are machined

■ Testing

- Appropriate environment for testing
- Safety Shielding

■ Analyze Results

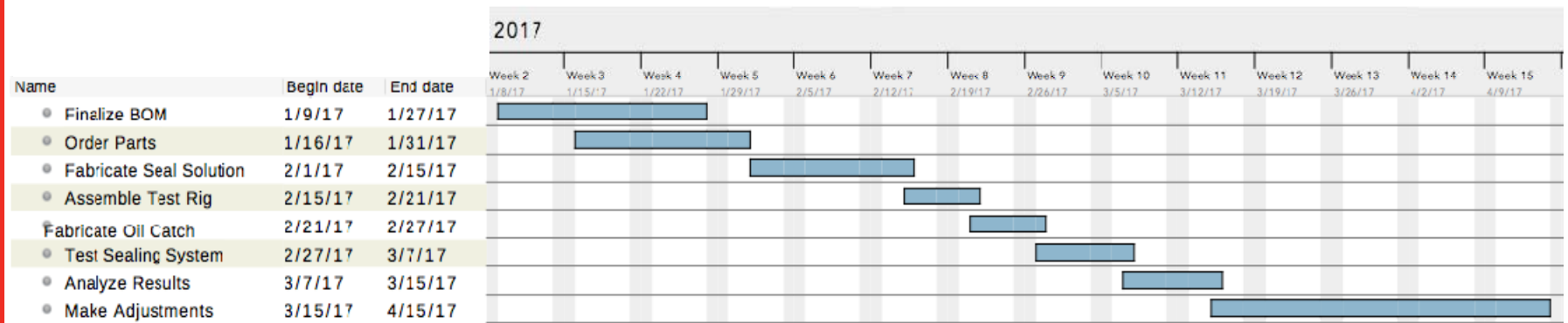
- Report results to sponsor

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Figure 14: Plexiglass Cover

Project Schedule (Gantt Chart)





Conclusion

Project Goal

- Design a device to capture leaking oil from a rotating test crankshaft and deposit it into a reservoir so that it can be reintroduced to the crankcase.
 - Paying close attention to the test rig

Ideal Design

- Design for test rig and capture device is finalized
 - Minor changes may still be implemented
 - Paying close attention to tolerances

What's Next?

- Assembly of test rig and device
- Testing

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Questions?