



# ENGI 128

INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

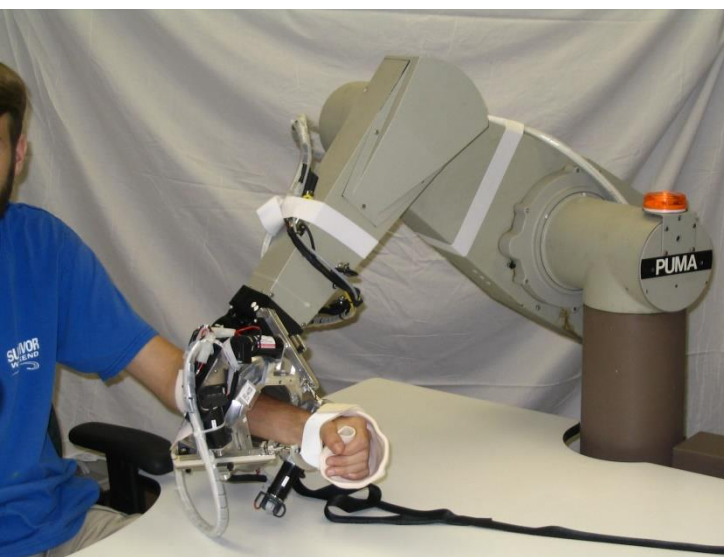
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Thermodynamics I –

Energy Storage and Conversion

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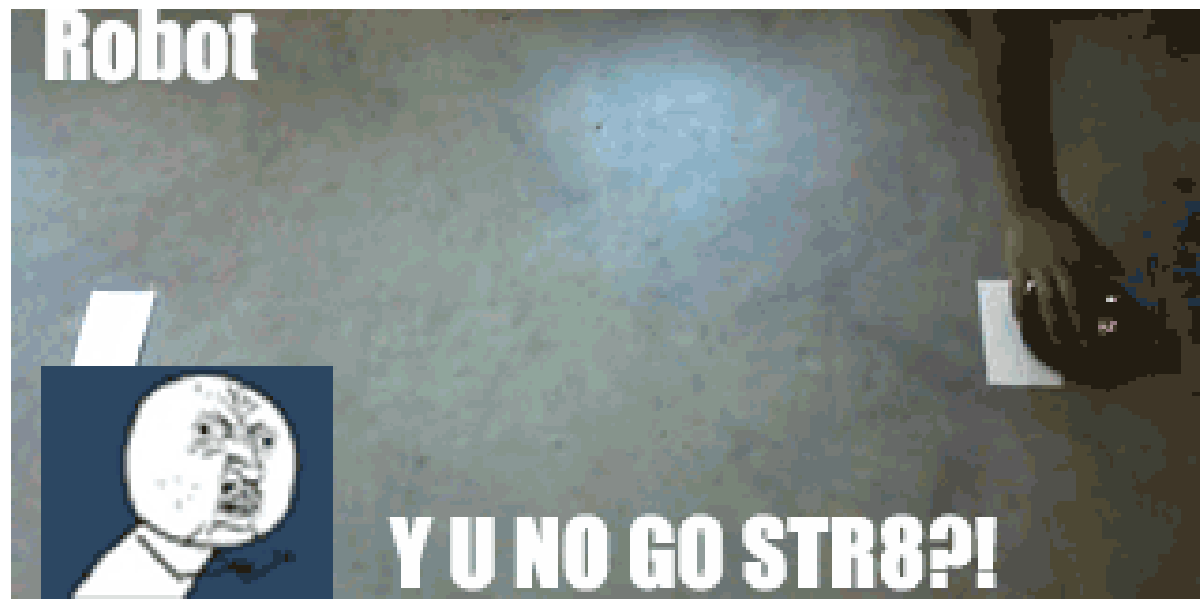




# PS06 Q&A



Having problem with your droid?



# Thermodynamics

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Potential energy can be stored

- The unit is Joules
- How much work can I do if I discharge, burn, or metabolize this thing?

Power is rate of energy use

- Units are Joules/sec

You can store energy in lots and lots of ways...



# Types of Energy Storage Elements

## Chemical Energy

- Bonds (chemical potential energy)

## Mechanical Energy

- Springs/Gravity (potential energy)
- Moving mass (kinetic energy)

## Electrical Energy

- Capacitors
- Inductors

## Acoustic/Fluid Energy

- Moving air
- Compressing air

## Thermal Energy

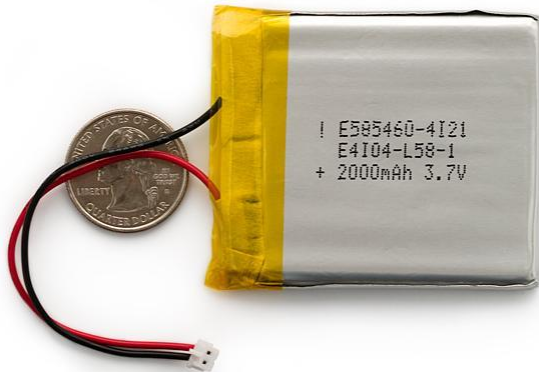
- Mass (all masses can store heat)

# Energy Density

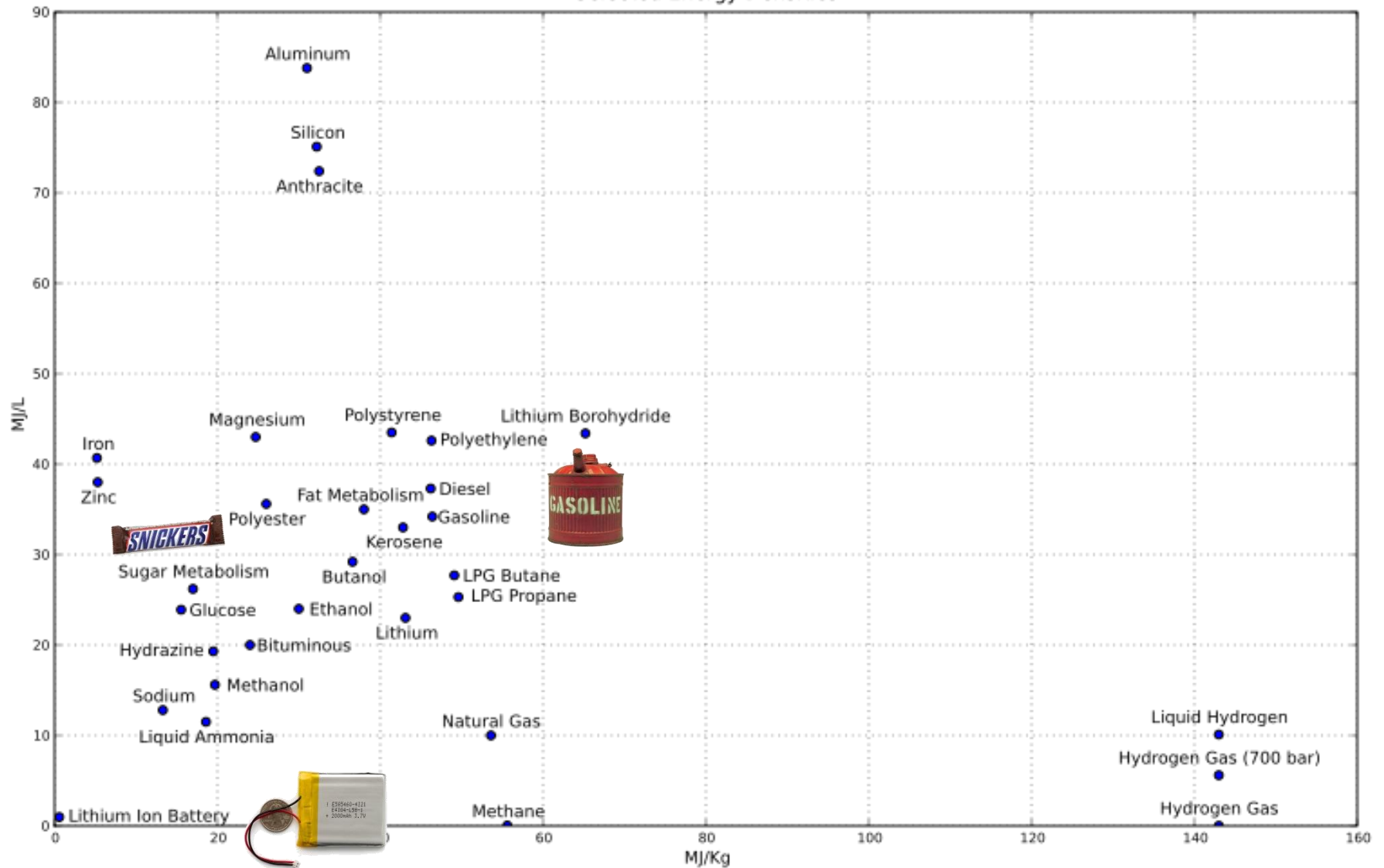
How much energy can I store in a given volume

- Units are joules/liter

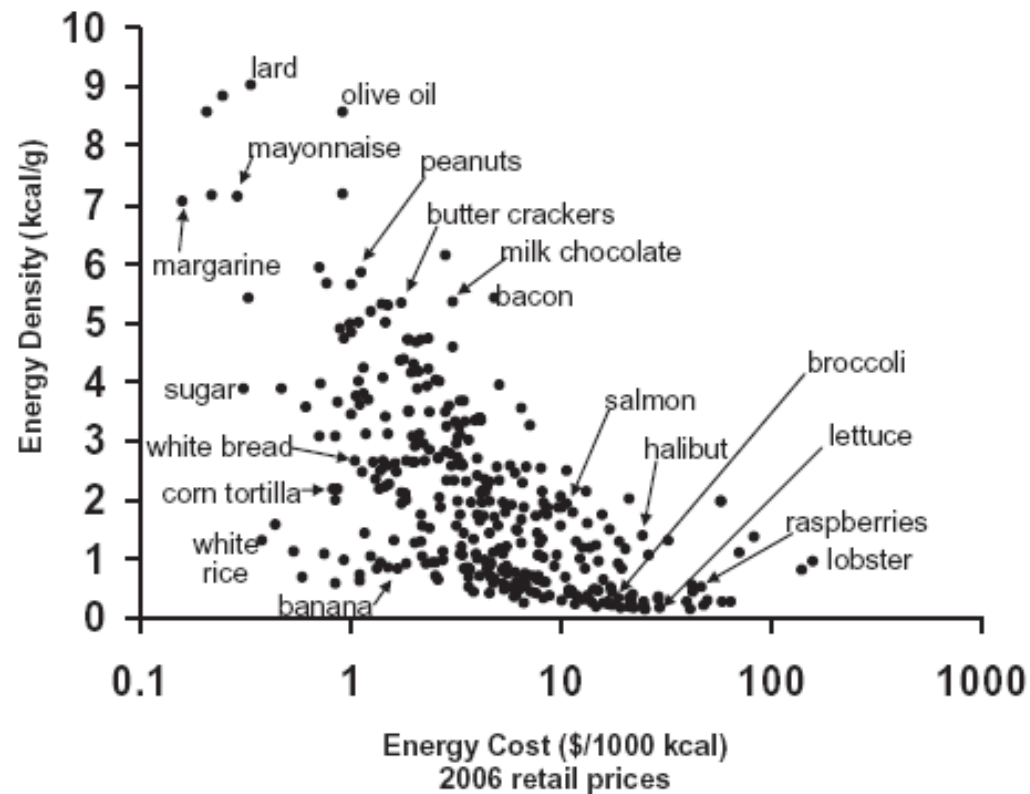
There is a lot of variation...



Selected Energy Densities



# You are what you eat...



*Figure 1* **Relationship between energy density of selected foods (kcal/g) and energy costs (US\$/1,000 kcal).** Food prices from Seattle supermarkets, 2006. Note that the energy cost differential between added sugars and fats and fresh vegetables and fruit can be several thousand percent, as indicated by the logarithmic scale.

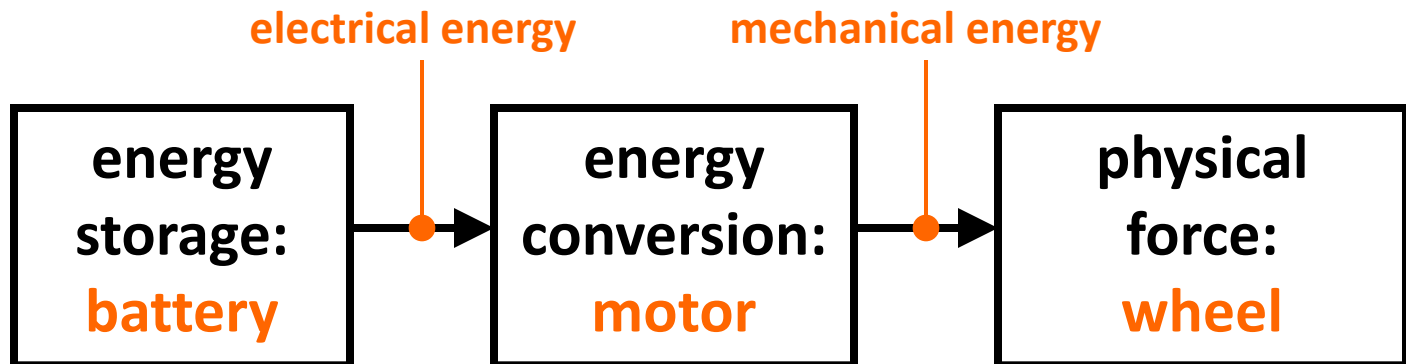
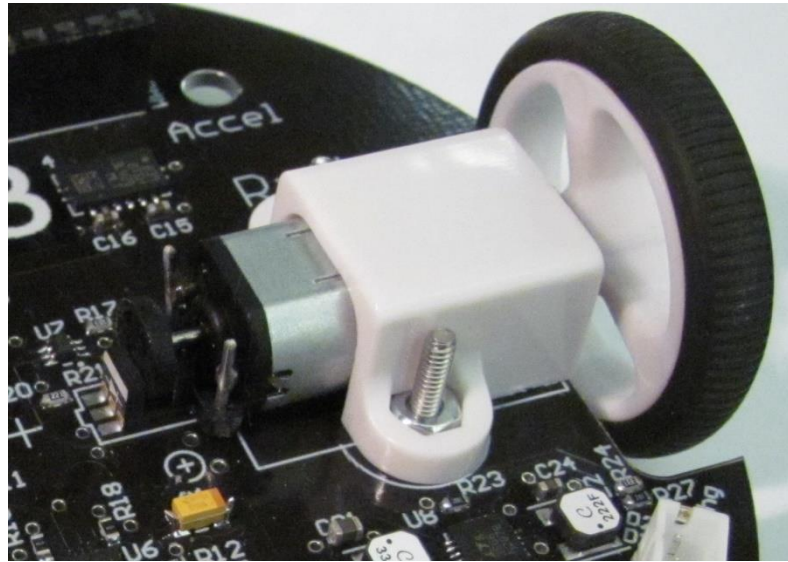
# Energy Conversion



# Electric Motor

Converts electrical energy into mechanical energy

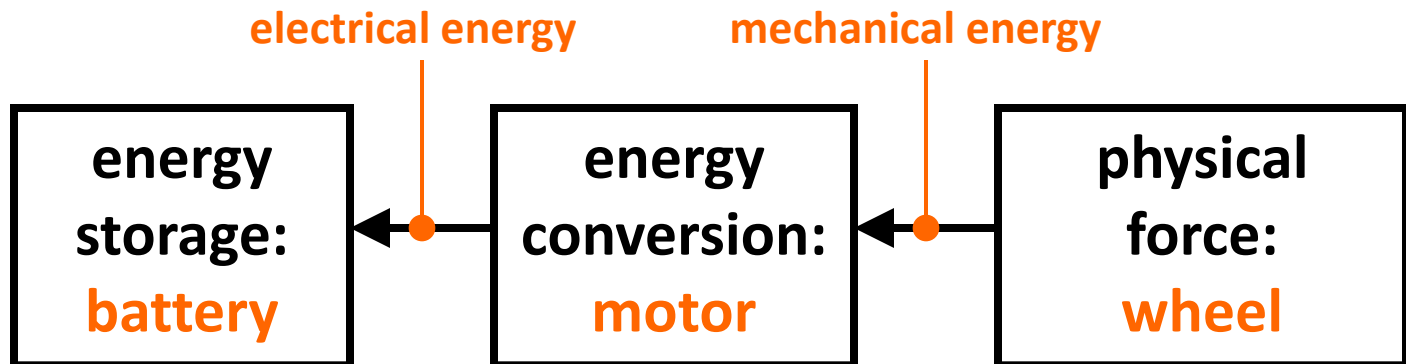
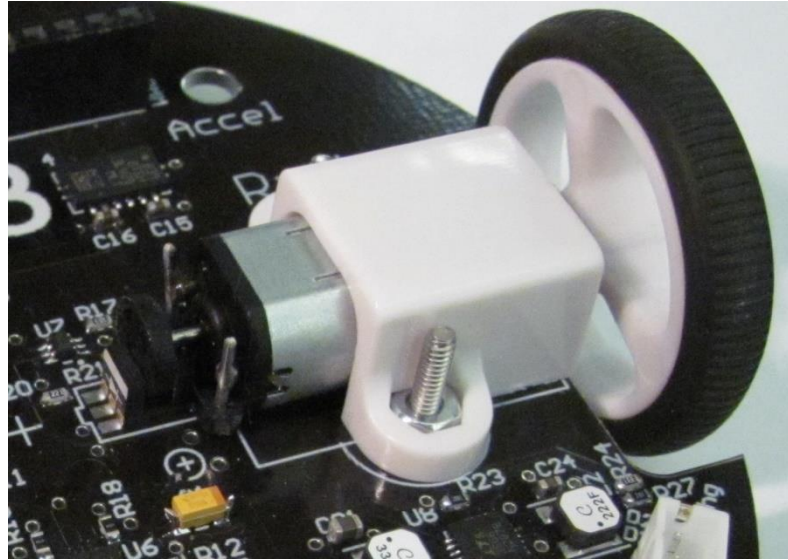
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# Electric Generator

Converts mechanical energy into electrical energy

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# In General: Transducers

Convert energy from one form to another

There are lots of them on your robot:

- LEDs
- Light Sensors
- IR receivers
- Speakers
- Motors

Some energy conversions are bidirectional

- Are they all bidirectional?
- How else can you convert energy to produce motion?

# Thermal Energy

Hot things have more thermal energy than cold things (duh...)

Thermal energy is called *heat*

In fact, this is how thermodynamics got started, trying to understand how to get the heat out of hot things and convert it to mechanical energy

But why start with hot things?

# Hot Stuff

Because its easy to get things hot!





# More Heat = More energy

You want your system to be as hot as possible\*

- Because things that are hot have more energy (duh...)

Ok, say you have some hot stuff

- How can you get *mechanical* energy out of it?





## Use the hot stuff to heat something else:

How about we use heat to boil water,  
then use the boiled water (steam) to push a *piston*,  
then use the piston to push a *connecting rod*  
then use the connecting rod to turn a *wheel*,  
then use the wheel to drive a *train*!

Voilà: Thermal energy → Mechanical energy

(Obvious, right?)

# Generating Mechanical Energy

# Union Pacific 844







Union Pacific 844 - Lionell Collectors Club Express - July 26, 2010 ©Skip Weythman

[UP844 at Speed]





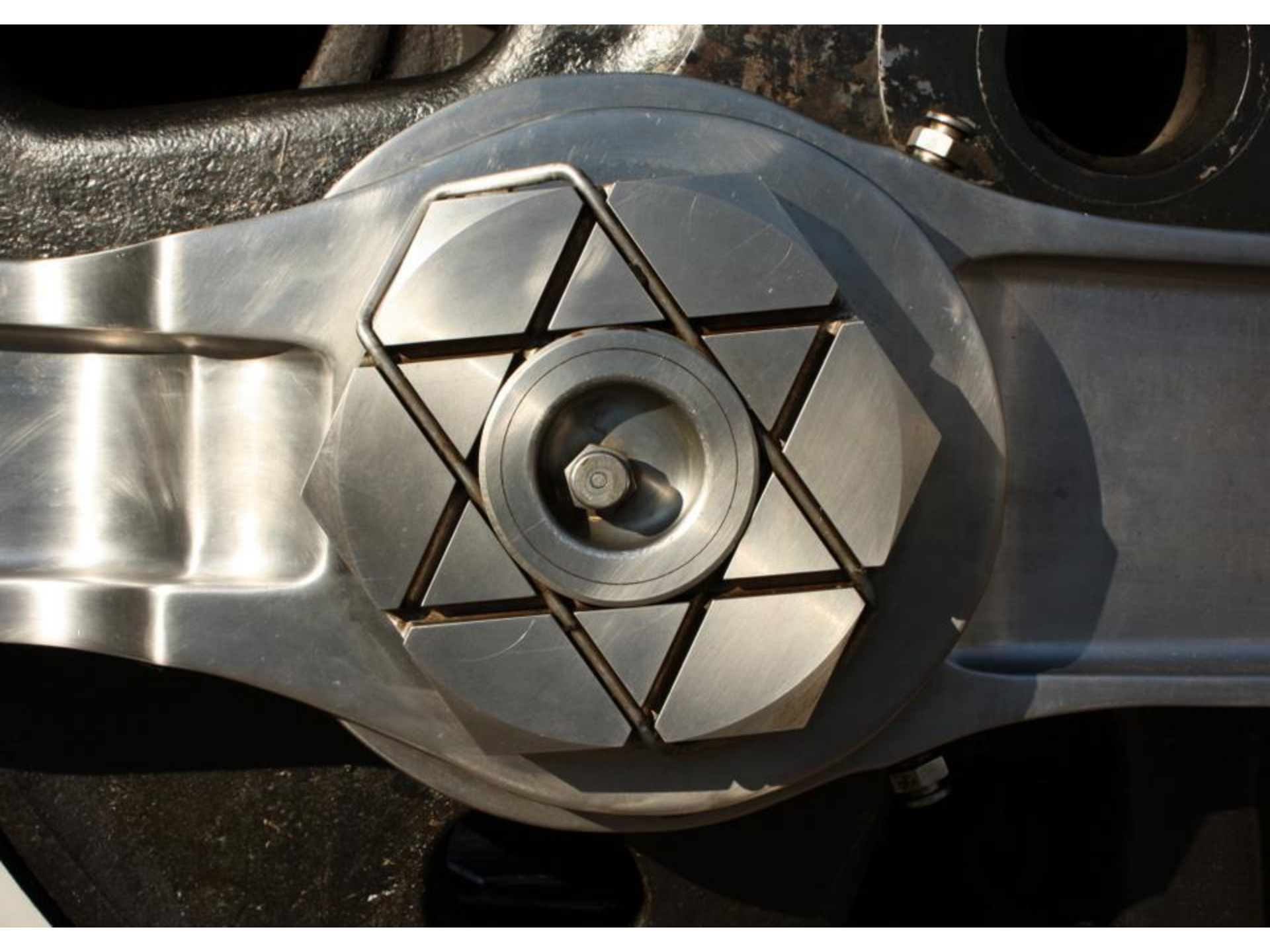




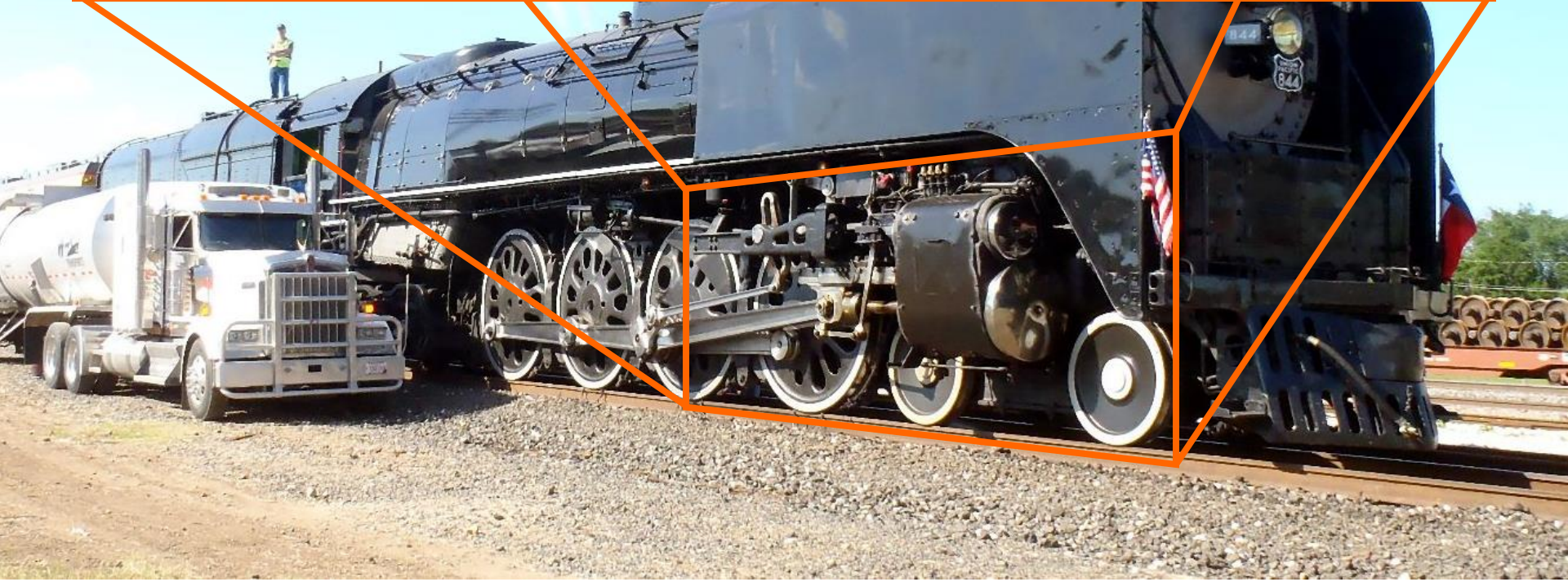






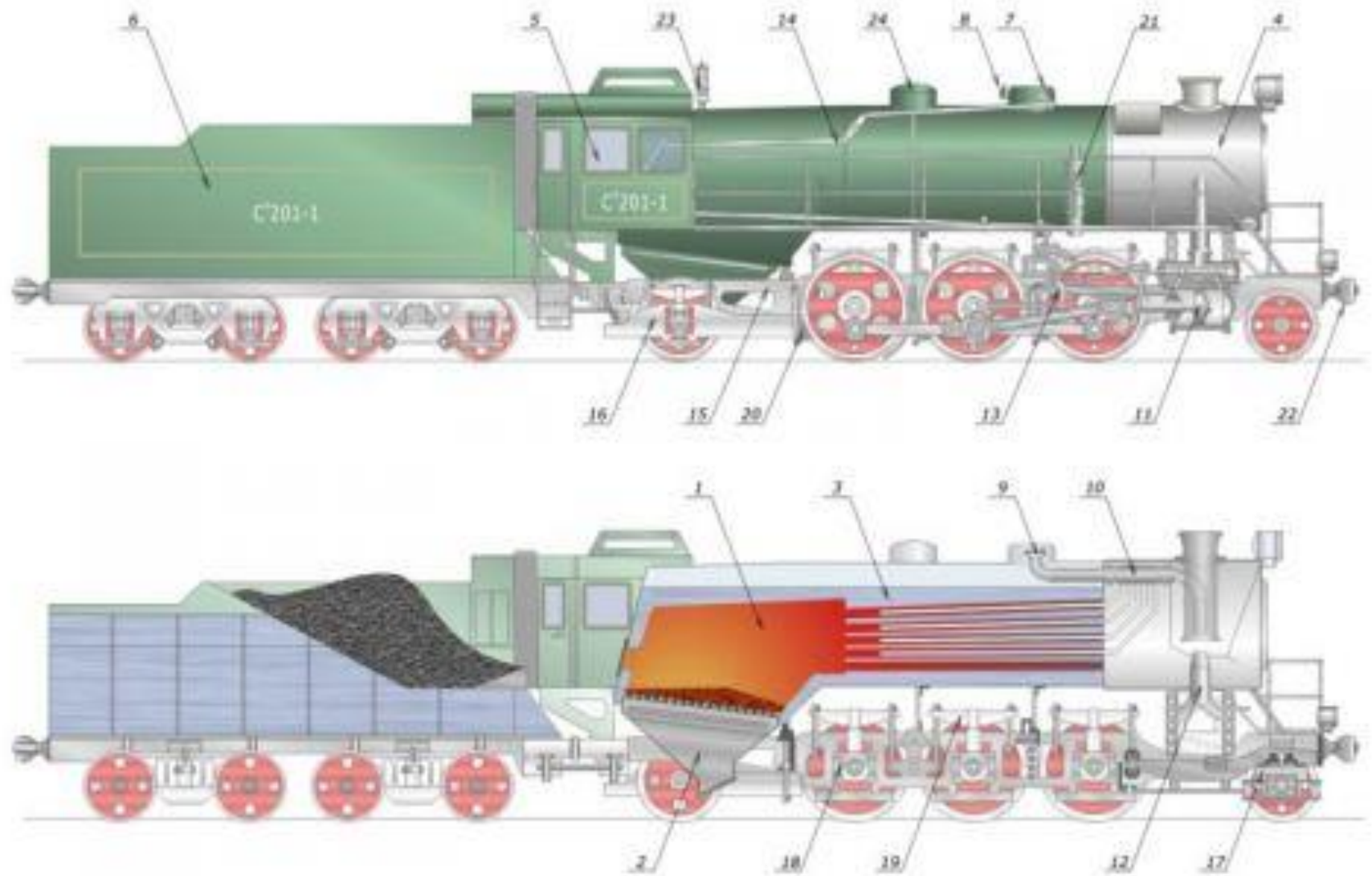




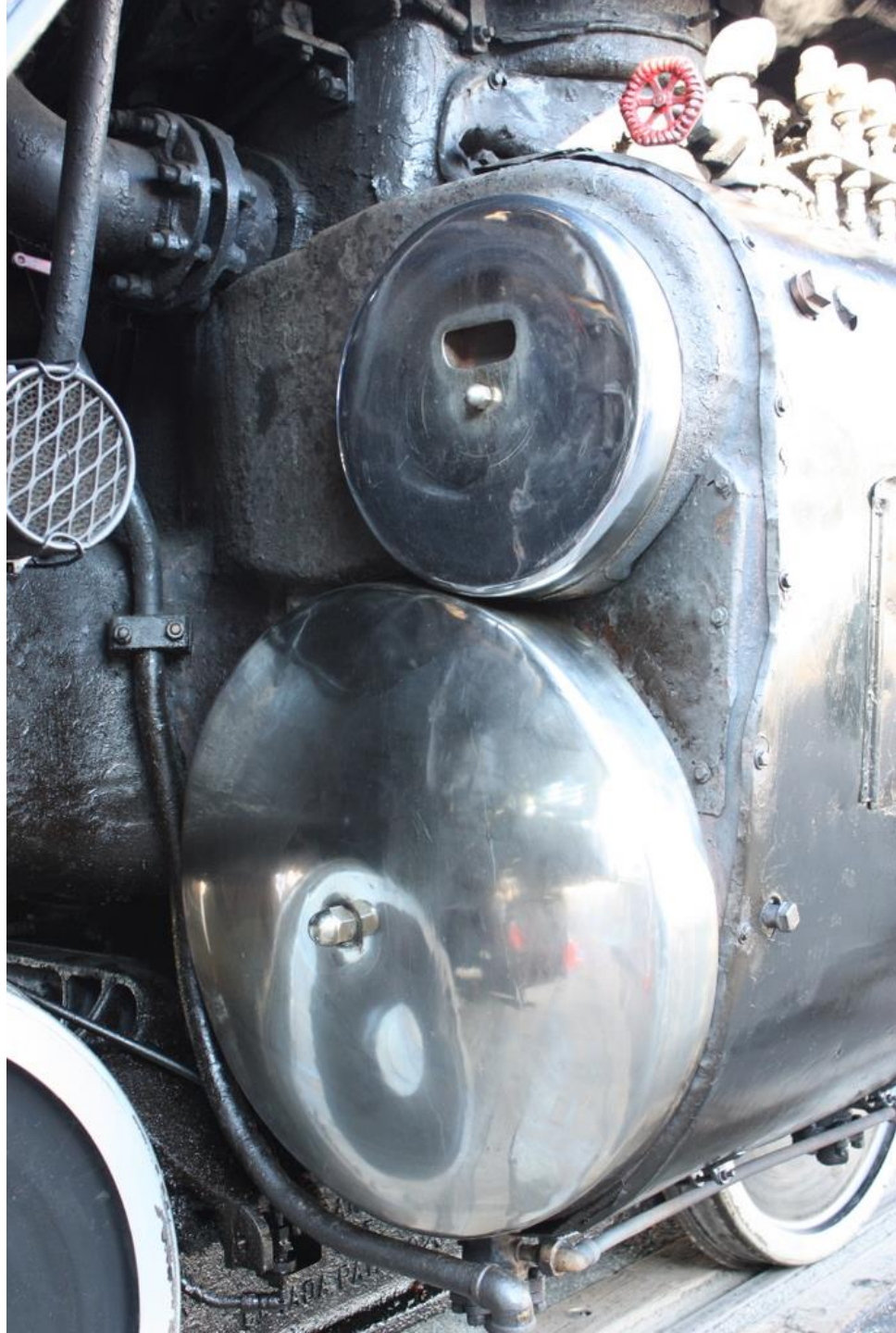




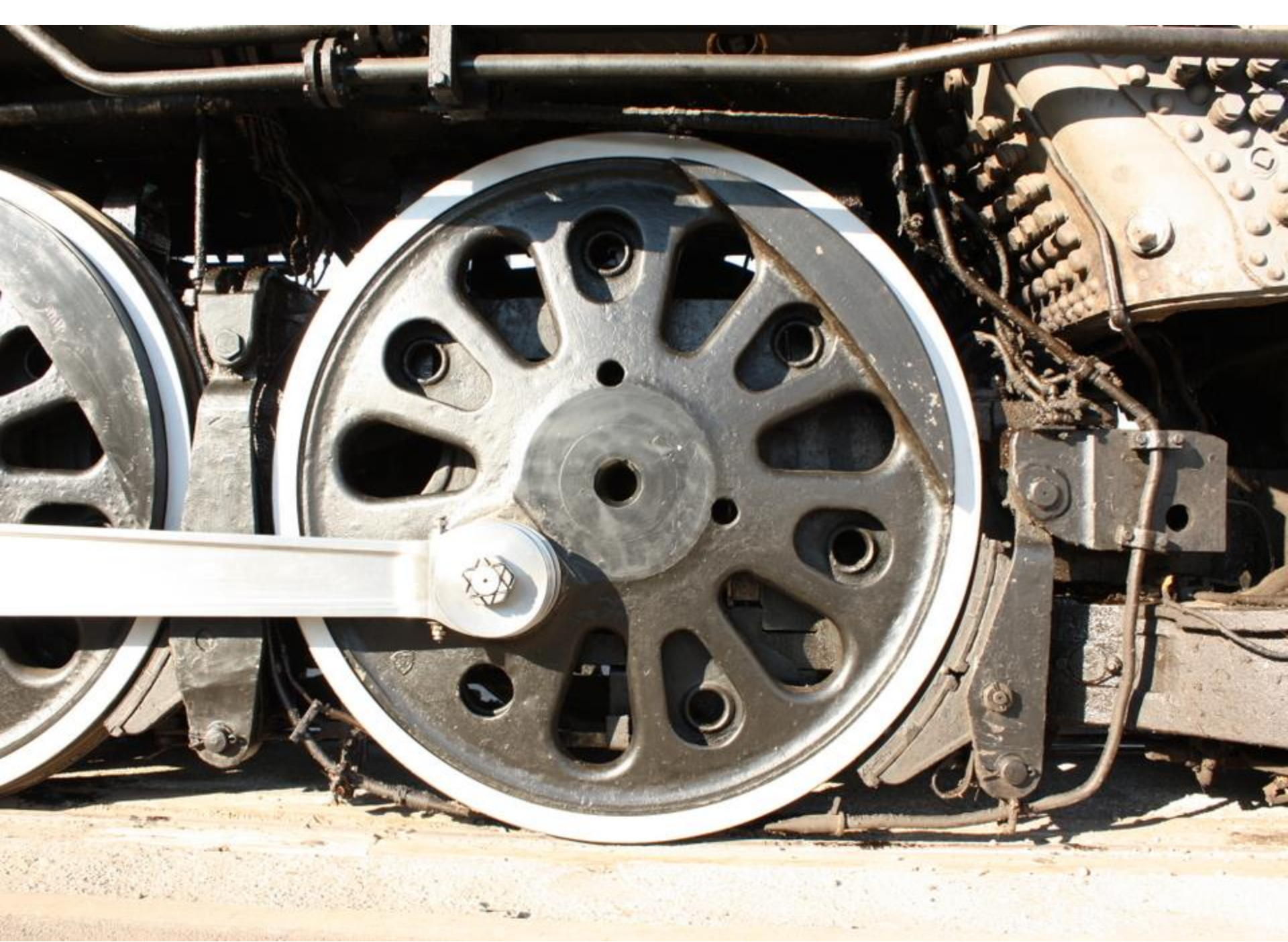
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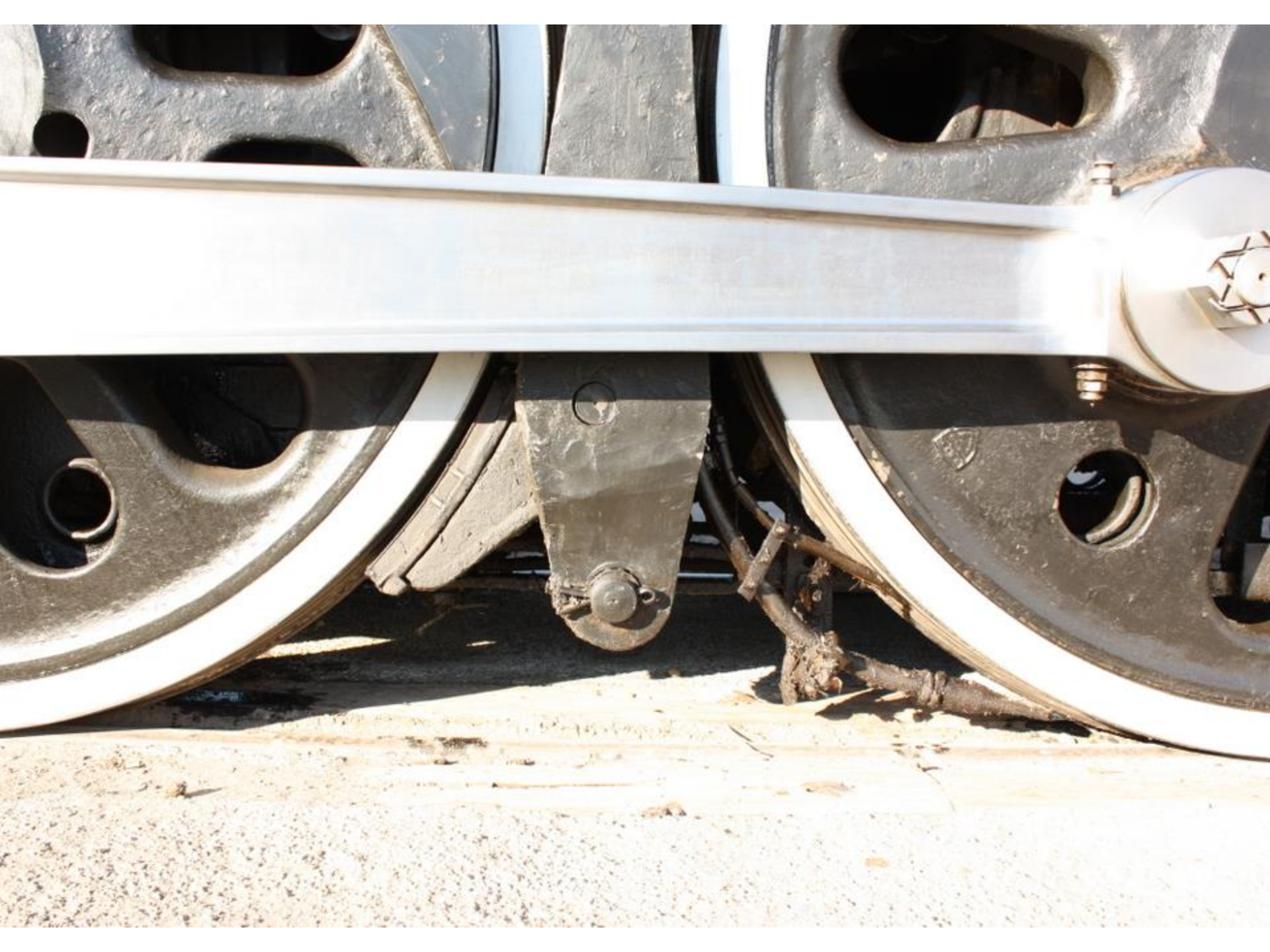












[UP844 tractive force math]





# Gasoline Engine



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Converts chemical energy to mechanical energy through *heat*

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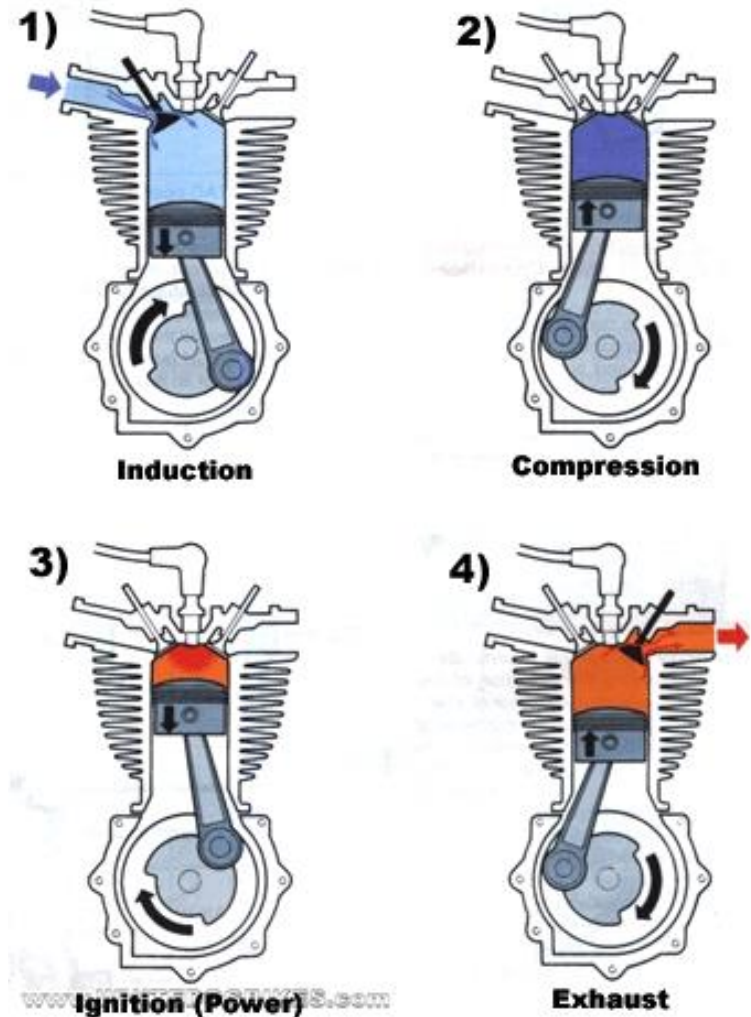
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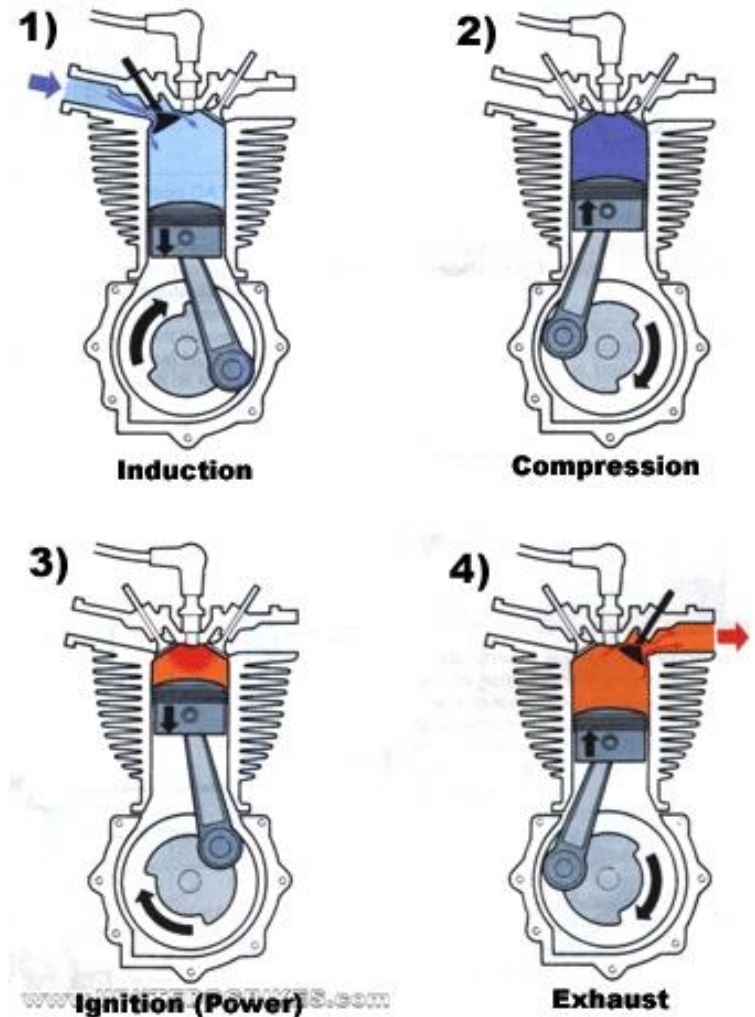
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- **(Expansion) Increase V/Decrease P**

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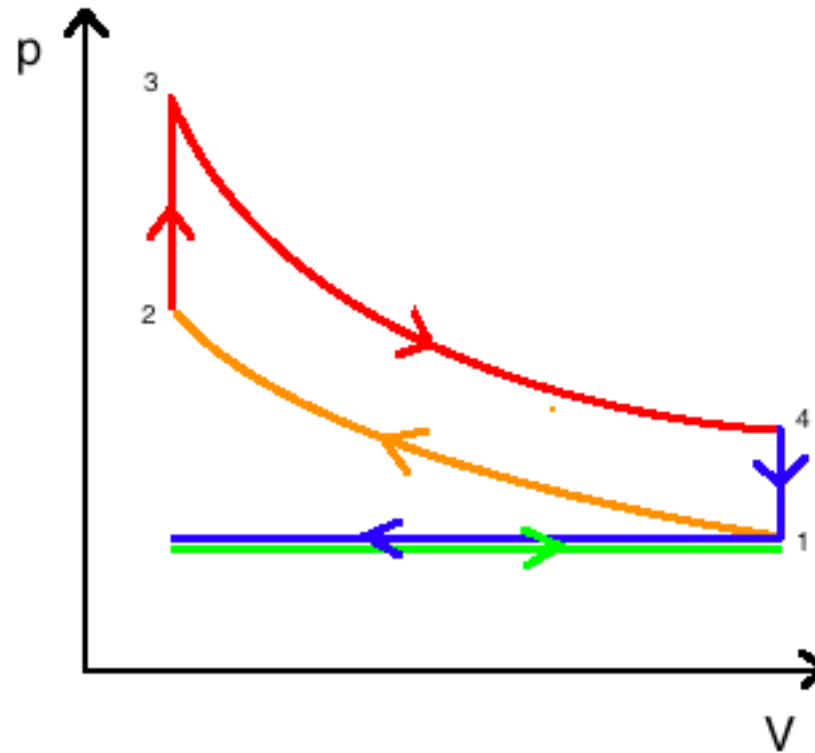
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# Thermodynamics: The Otto Cycle

A common way to analyze thermodynamic systems is with a graph of pressure vs. volume: a *P-V Diagram*:



The Otto Cycle

[otto cycle model demo]



**Next Week:**

**Thermodynamics and Vehicles  
(Car Talk)**

**Bring your car-related questions!**