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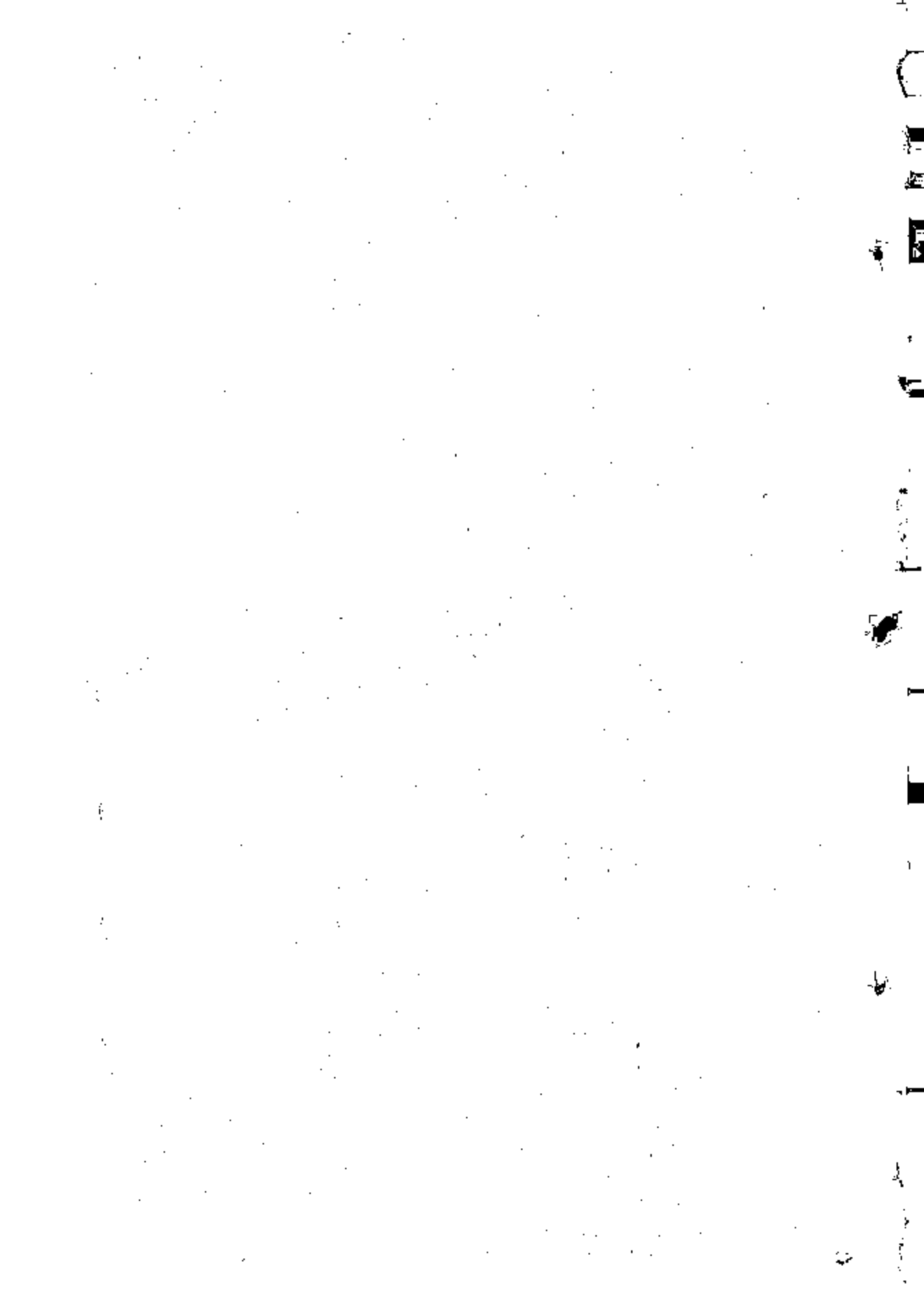
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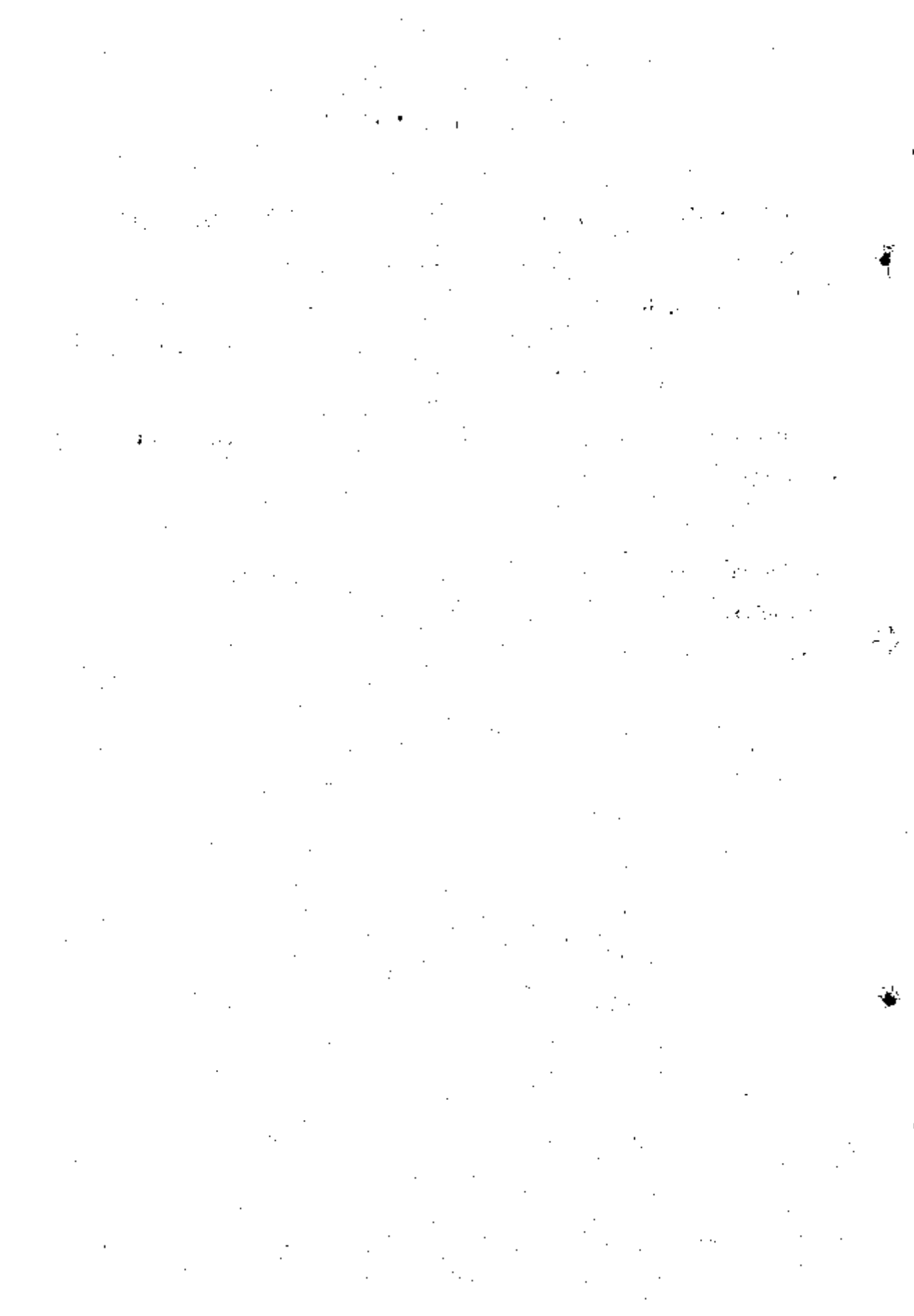
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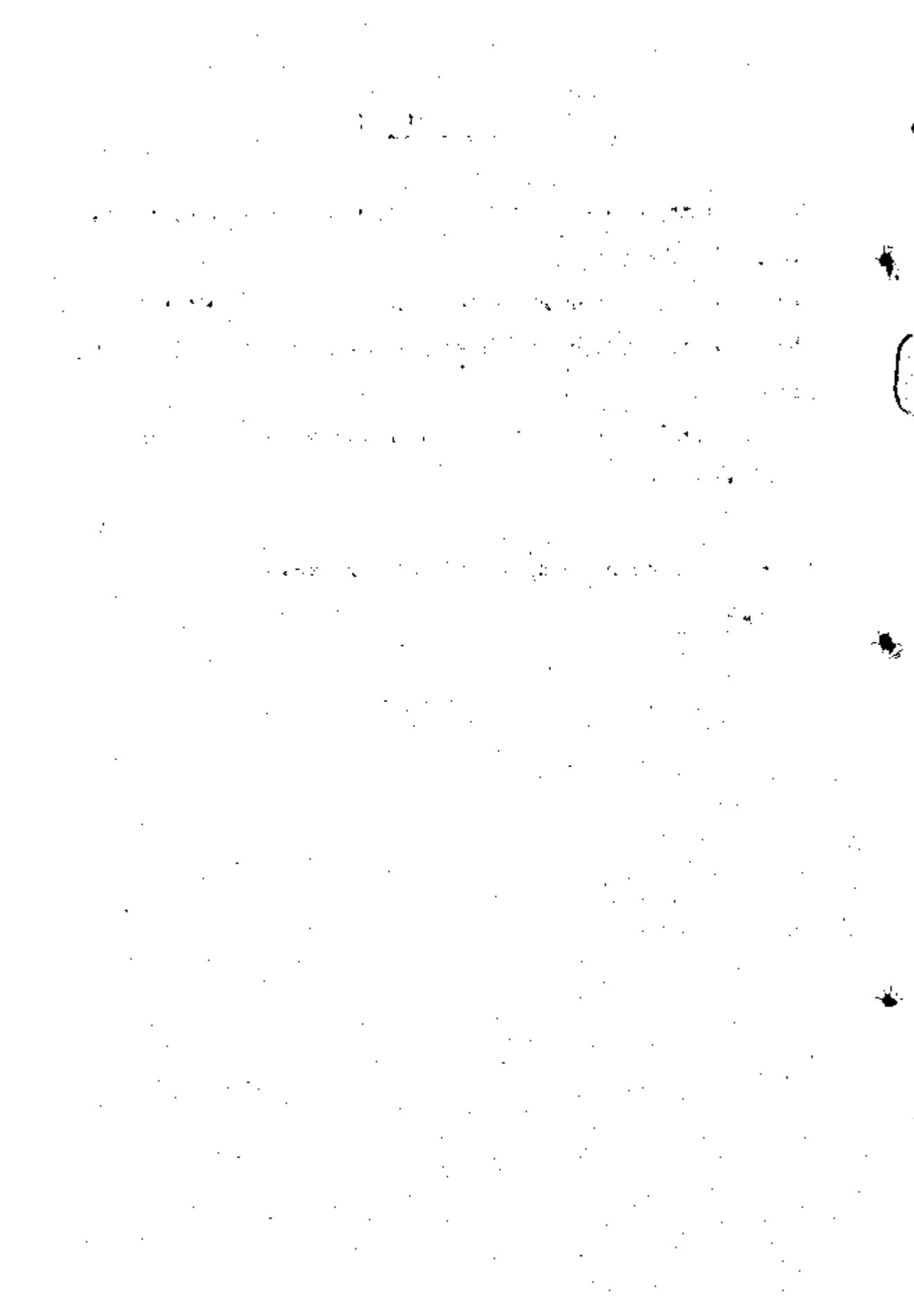
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ABSTRACT

The aim of this work is to develop the injection system for natural gas engine replacing the conventional system of diesel engine which can operate with lean mixture. In this work a proposed gas injector is designed and constructed to operate with the same fuel pump attached to the original Diesel engine. The gas injector is hydraulically operated by the fuel of the Diesel fuel pump during the effective stroke. The hydraulic force opens the gas valve and let the natural gas fuel to pass into the cylinder. The natural gas fuel is introduced into the cylinder either by direct injection or by manifold injection at two different speeds 1500 and 1750 rpm. The gaseous fuel flow rate can be controlled either by varying Diesel pump rack position or by increasing the inlet gas pressure. A control gate at inlet air manifold is used to control the air fuel ratio to different lean limits. A one cylinder four stroke Diesel engine of type USHA 5.5 hp at 1500 rpm was used and prepared in the test rig. The engine is modified to suit the operation with natural gas. The modification of the engine includes the place of the gas injector, decreases the compression ratio from 16.5 to 13, introducing electrical system for spark plug and modification of the injection timing. The engine is tested on the original Diesel engine at 1500-rpm speed and the modified natural gas engine tested at two conditions; the first condition used direct gas injection of natural gas into the cylinder, the second condition used the indirect gas injection into the inlet air manifold. All tests for the modified natural gas engine are run at speeds 1500-rpm and 1750-rpm.

A simulation study to calculate the gaseous fuel injection flow rate is introduced. A mathematical simulation of the gas injector performance has been made to calculate the Diesel oil pressure in the injector, the valve lift and the rate of gas injected during the injection cycle as a part

of the whole injection system and solved by finite difference methods with the aid of computer program.

The experimental tests showed that the engine performance of the manifold gas injection is nearly like the original Diesel results. The experimental results showed that Operating with direct gas injection into the engine would produce the same engine power but with 6% less in thermal efficiency and within the emission pollution limits. In direct gas injection the mixture is operated lean at part load and near stoichiometric at full load. The excess air factor in direct gas injection is equal to 1.1 at 65% of the engine load and 1500-rpm speed, while in the case of manifold injection $\lambda=1.24$ at the same load and speed. The engine performance with the manifold gas injection is better than with direct injection; nearly the same as Diesel engine thermal efficiency and better pollution results than direct gas injection. The pollution results for both direct and manifold injection shows that the CO % is lower in case of manifold gas injection and not more than 0.28% at full load. The NOx emission in manifold injection is higher than direct injection.

A significant comparison between theoretical gas flow rate calculation and the experimental gas flow rate is traced at different Diesel pump rack positions and different inlet gaseous fuel pressure. As expected the rate of gaseous fuel introducing the cylinder is increased by increase the pump rack position of the Diesel pump and by increasing the inlet gaseous fuel pressure.