

A Study of Design Parameter for Central Tire Inflation System (CTIS) Via Taguchi Method

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ABSTRACT

The possibility of regional conflicts instead of comprehensive war forcing the nations (especially in Europe and America) adjust their orientation in national defense development in designing facilitating and light equipment ground weapon to meet the requirement of speedy deployment and military need. The armored wheel vehicle is refined due to this reformation. The Central Tire Inflation System (CTIS) is the subsystem of the armored wheel vehicle. The assembly of CTIS is not self research and development or made according to its measurements but procured from the spot market. To install the CTIS into different type of vehicles, the vehicle system designers need to integrate it into vehicle internal according to the dimension of the vehicle, the restriction of installation space, the path of routing, and make sure the system operates normally, even to achieve its optimum performance. To search the optimization of the CTIS parameter design under minimum time and reaching the inflation and deflation requirements, through Characteristics Factors Analysis, this study selected the types of connector, angles of air plug, diameters of steel pipe and flexible pipe as the four controlled factors. Through the Taguchi method and by exercising the analysis from experiments, the most appropriate CTIS configuration resulted. The results of confirmation experiment fall on the confidence interval. The reproducibility of experiment is well.

Keywords : Armored Wheel Vehicle, Central Tire Inflation System (CTIS), Taguchi Method, Confidence Intervals

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