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## **Introduction to BRL brake technology**

**Environmental sustainable  
Braking Systems**



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# Summary

1. Foundation Technology

2. Liquid Cooling

Performance

3. Air Cooling

Performance

4. Actuation & Braking Torque

5. Friction Surface & Inertia

6. Packaging and Mass Distribution

7. Emissions [ PM10 & PM2.5 ]

Liquid Cooled

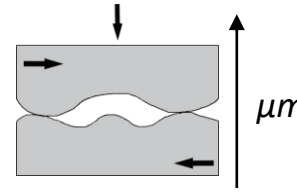
Air Cooled



# Foundation Technology

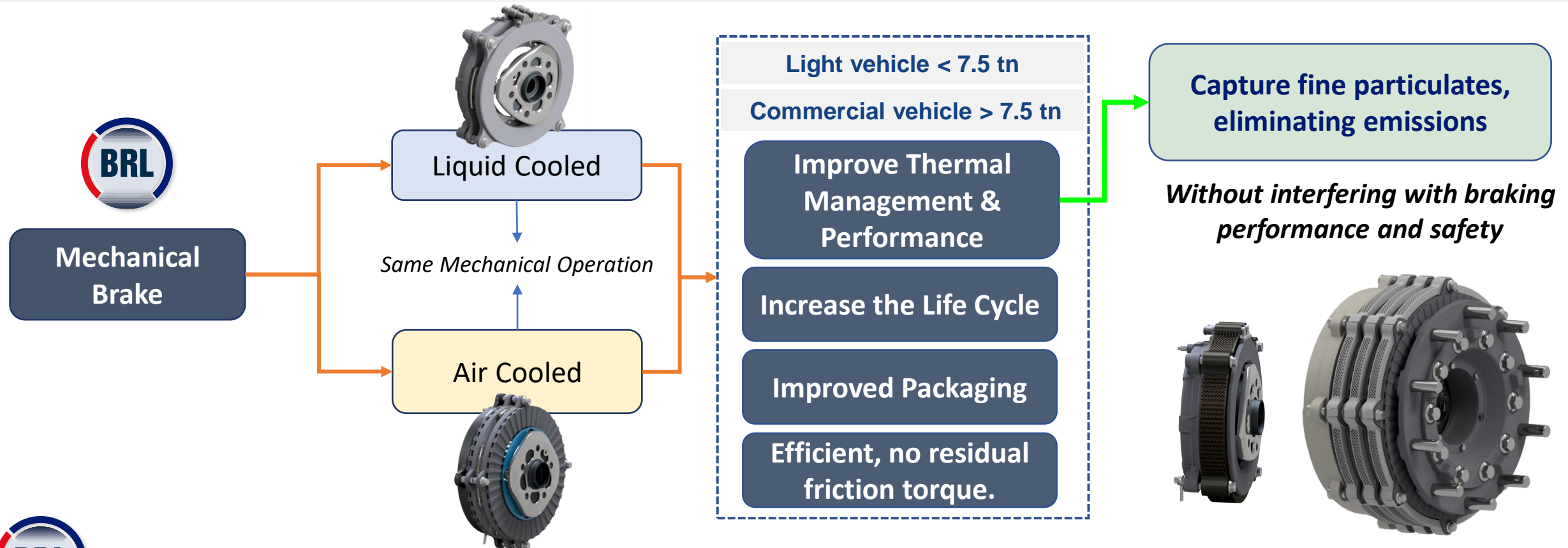
Technical fundamentals :

- Use of friction technology for brake torque generation.

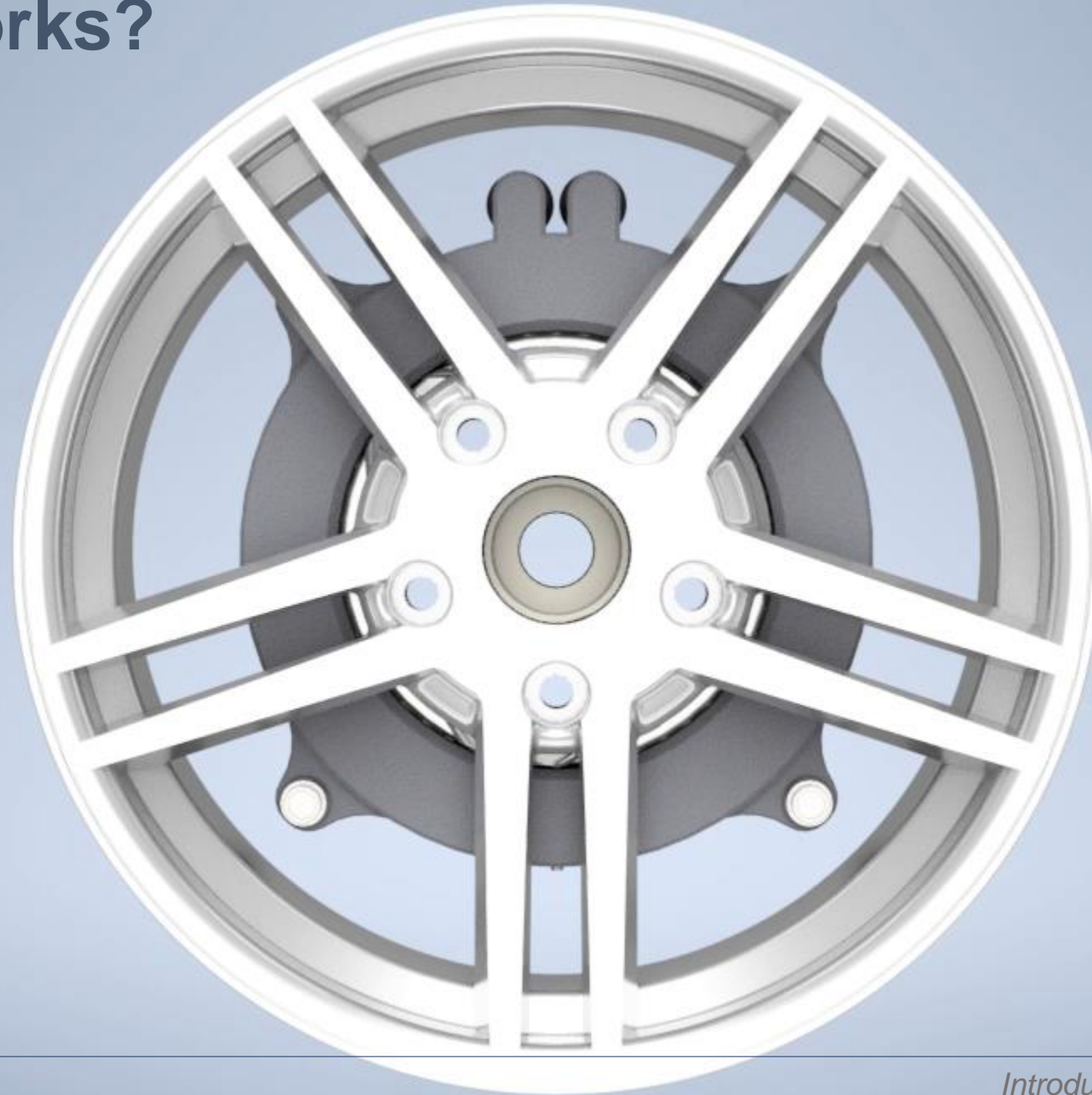


- The rotating element is the friction brake pads instead of the (current) brake disc.

## BRL's Technology Approach & Solving Emissions

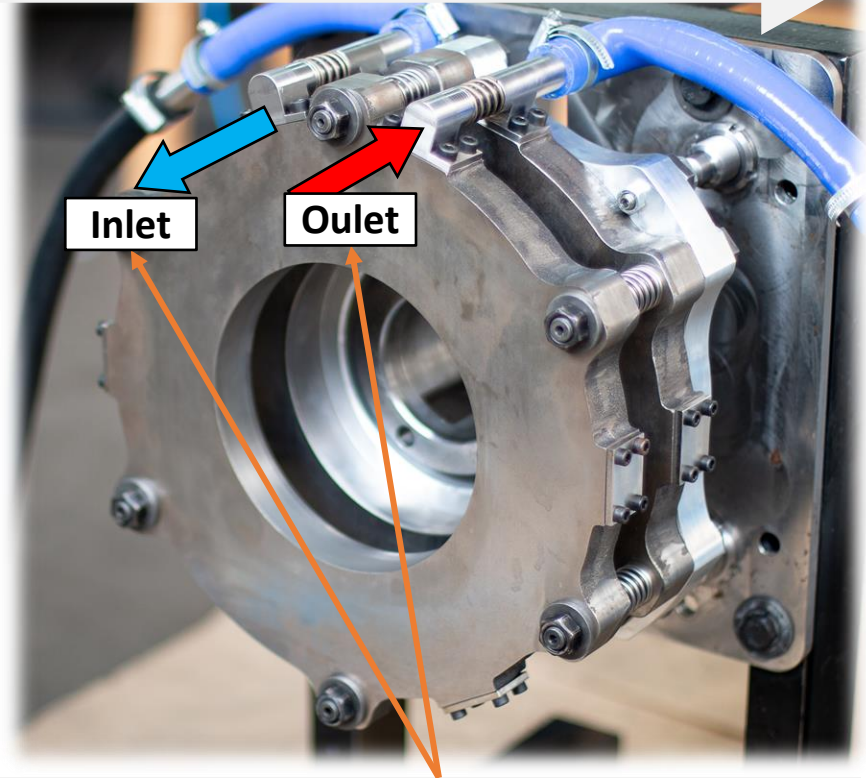


# How BRL works?

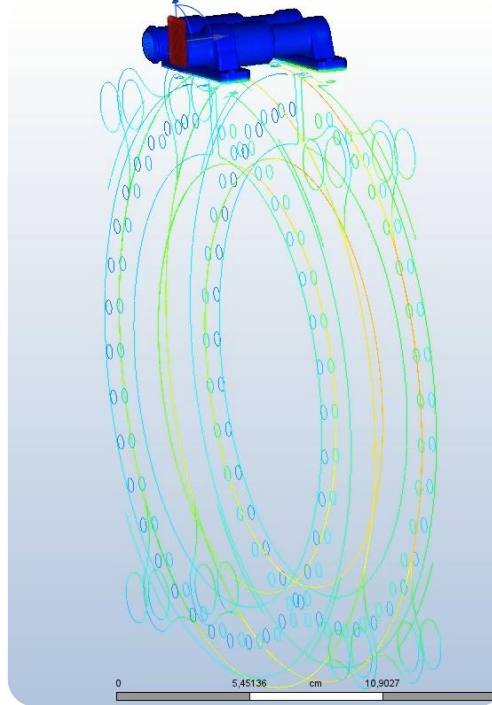


# Liquid Cooling

How do we liquid cool the brake ?



Pressurized Chamber



- More efficient and higher boiling point of the coolant, no risk of leakage due to gassing.

**Performance:** Top performance with High cooling capacity

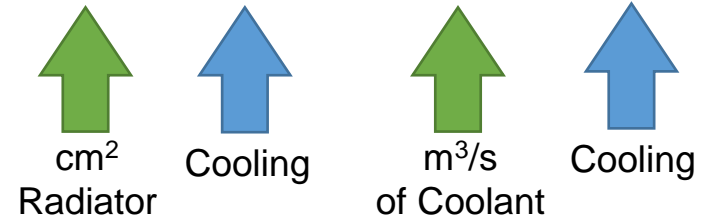
**Materials:** Use of cheap standard materials for highest performance.

Material	Thermal conductivity W/(m · k)	Specific heat J/ (G · ° C)	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>
GJL-250 (GCI)	4,804E+01	0,450	7,395
Al-MC's	[1,67-1,8]E+02	0,897	2,820

**BRL Models For Passenger Cars in Al-MC's [7-11] kg**

## Set Up Packaging

- Use of the main radiator of the vehicle at **ICE ≈ [85-100]°C & BEV ≈ [25-40] °C**
- Use of separate radiator for brake circuit.



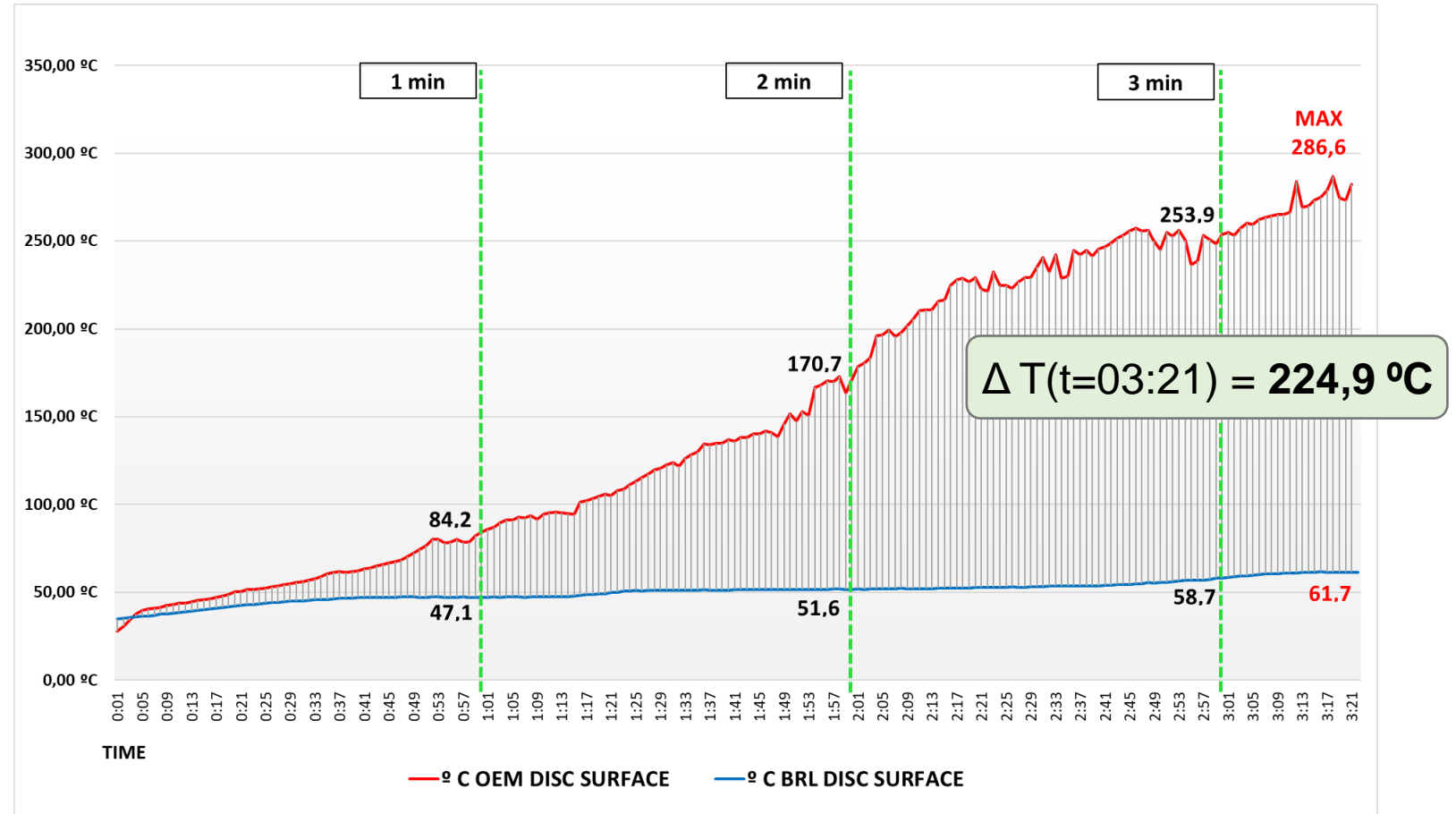
# Liquid Cooling Performance - Test In House



Vehicle / Testbench:  
Audi A6 2.6 5V C4-ABC-2 150 cv  
225 Nm / 3500 rpm

Register	UX120-014M Register HOBO
Sensors	TPK/E ( Precision → Clase 1 (+- 1,5 K hasta 375 °C, otherwise 0,004* (t))
Tubos refrigeración	Silicone pipe FDA 60 SH°(±5) Øe 18 mm X Øi 14 mm
Coolant	Ethylene glycol 30%
Pump flow	20 l/min
Ambient temperature	28.1 °C

BRL vs OEM Disc Audi A6 (C4-ABC-2 series) – Drag Braking [3,250rpm to 2,500 - 2,750 rpm]



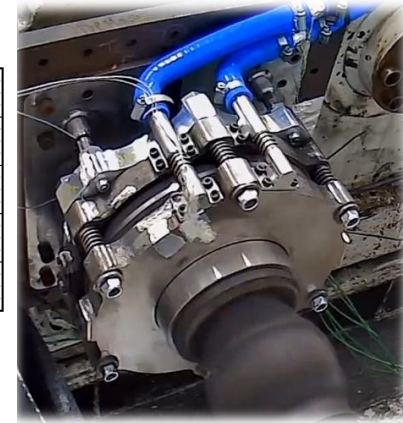
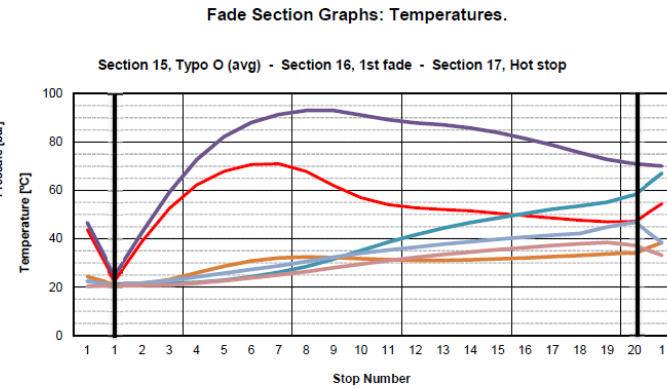
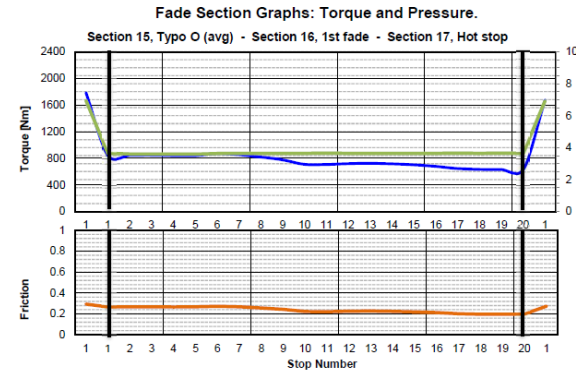
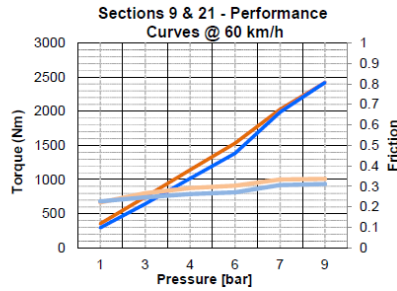
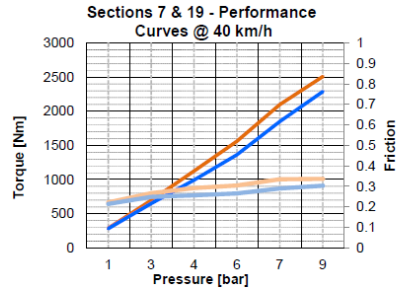
# ISO 26865 - Liquid Cooling

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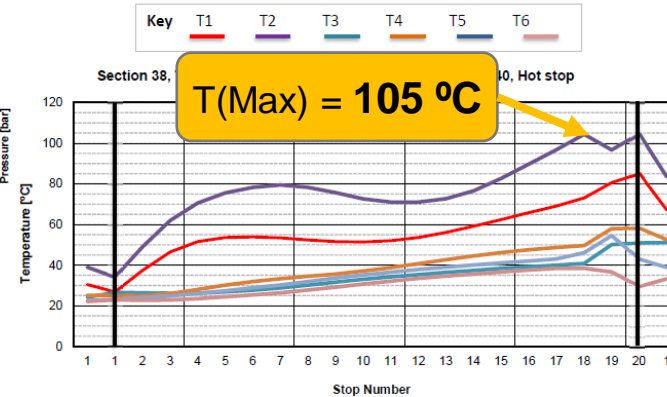
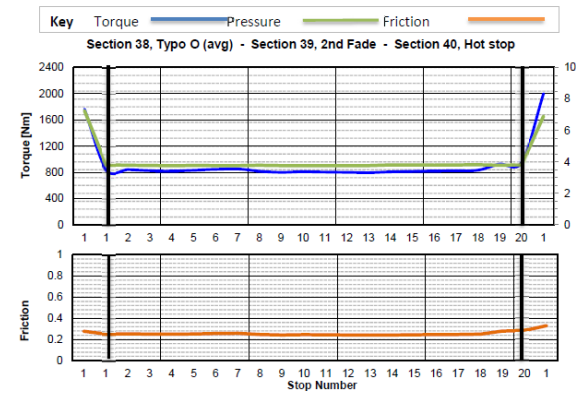
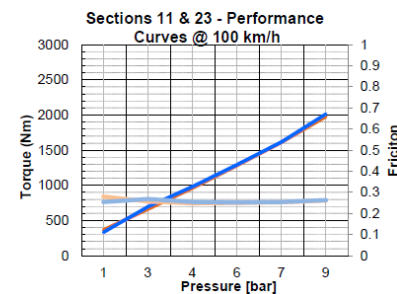
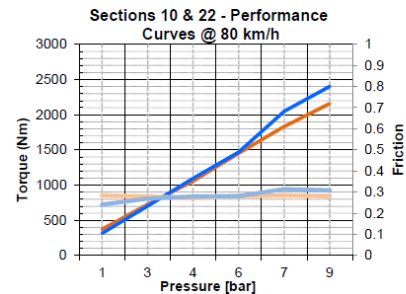
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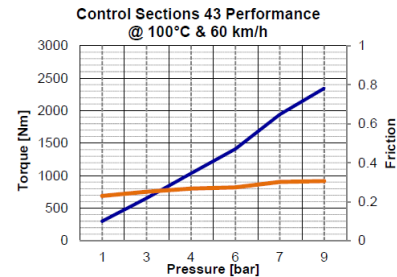
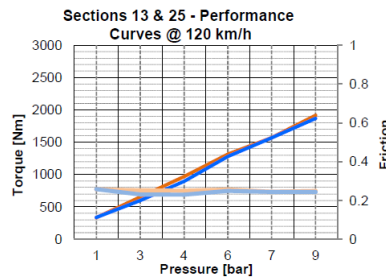
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Key Post Bedding (100°C) Performance 100°C Friction after Bedding Friction 100°C



Actuation type	Pneumatic
GVM	2,500 Kg
FAM 70% GVM	1,750 kg
Max Speed	120 Km/h
Pum Flow	[5-8] l/min



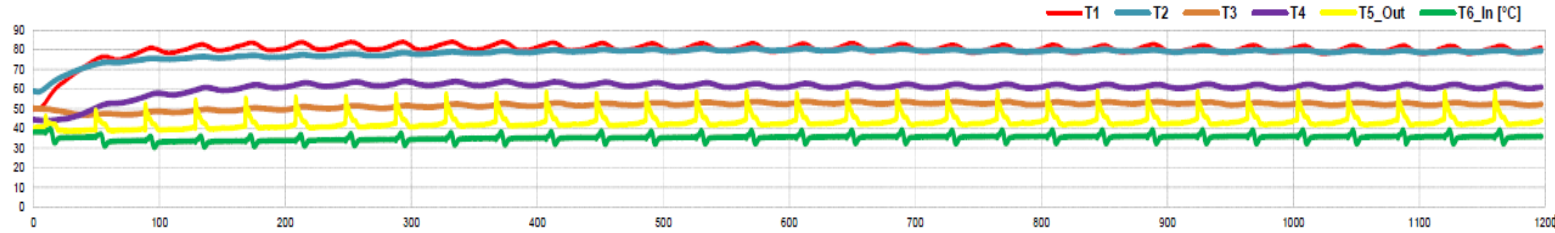
Direct drive, Pneumatically actuated P(max in test) = 9 bar

**Repeatability:** Great torque & friction stability at all Pressures & Speeds, both in performance and fade sections.



# Downhill Thermodynamic Capacity - Liquid Cooling

**Test 1 at 247 Nm**  
t(min)= 20:00

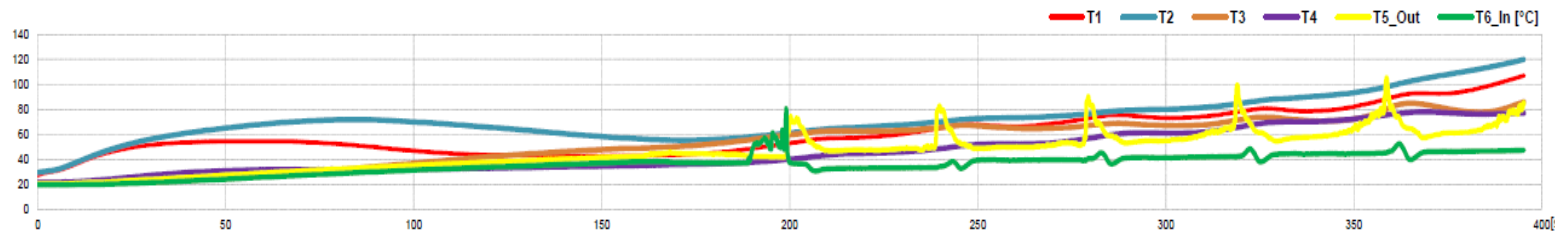


Max Temperature Friction face (T1,T2) = 80 °C

Max Temperature approach Coolant (T5) ≈ 50 °C

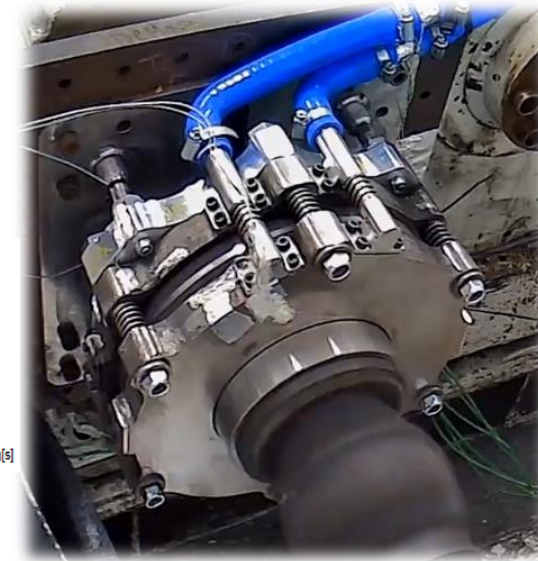
GVM	5,000 Kg
FAM 70% GVM	3,500 kg
Pump Flow	[5-8] l/min

**Test 2 at 670 Nm**  
t(min)= 6:40



Max Temperature Friction face (T1) = 120 °C

Max Temperature approach Coolant (T5) ≈ 65 °C



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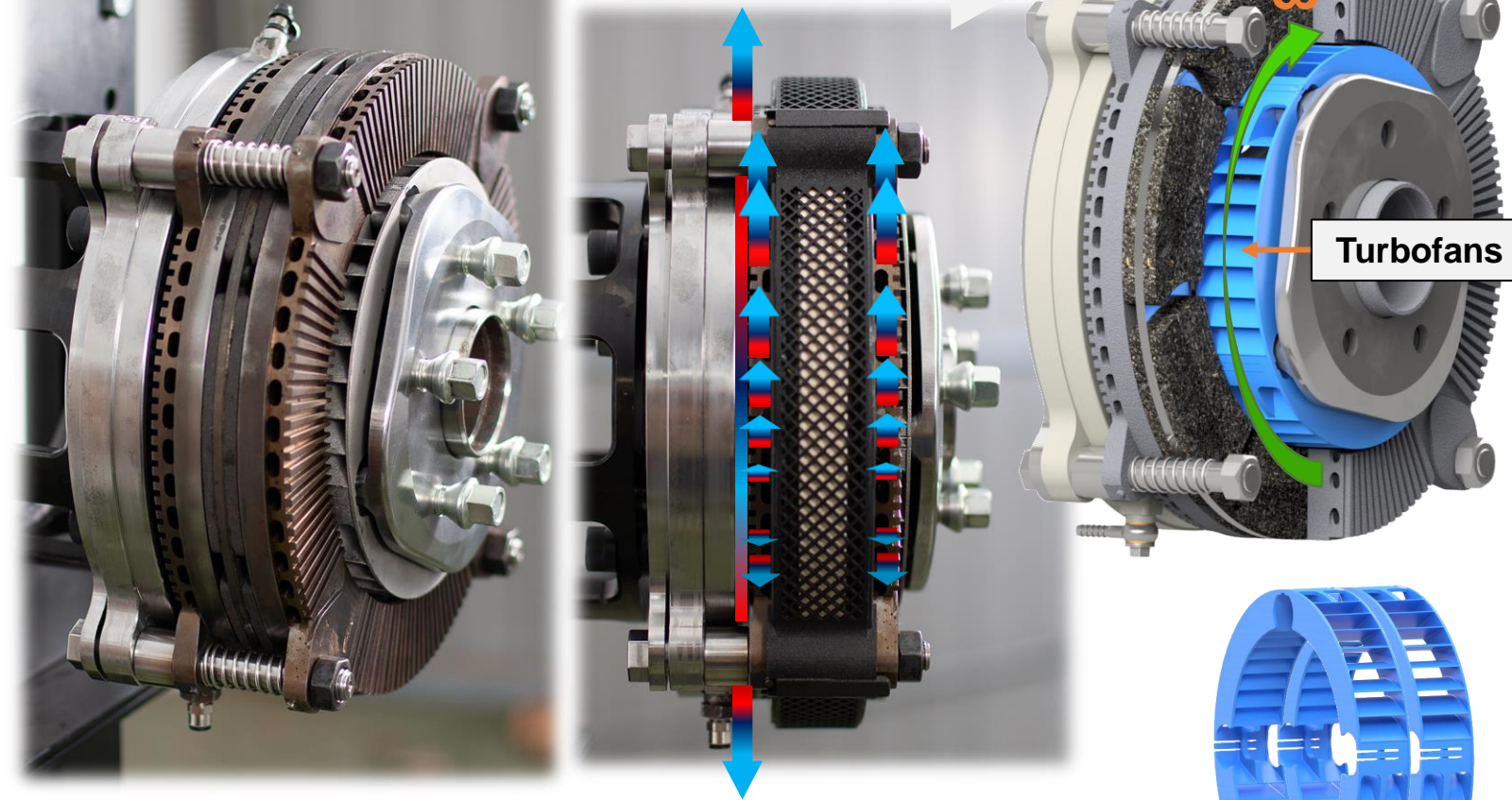
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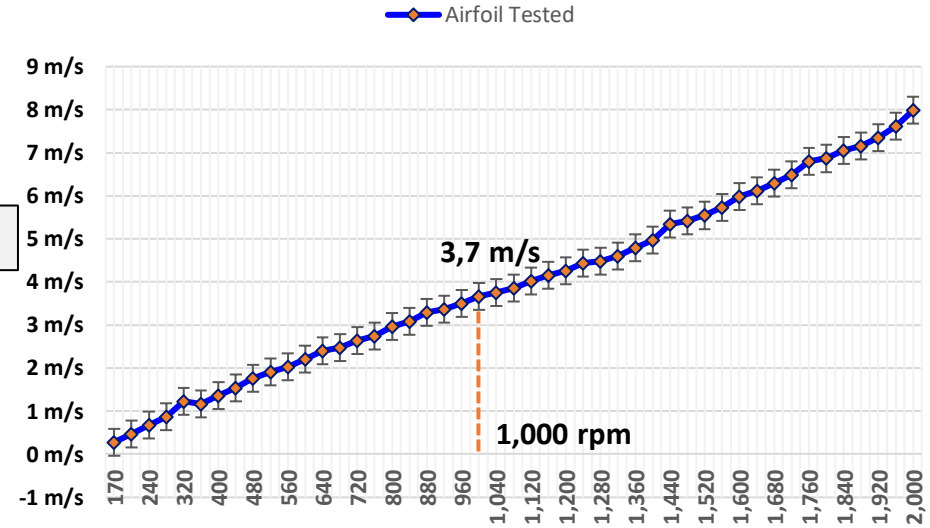


# Air Cooling

How do we Air Cool the brake ?



## Forced Ventilation

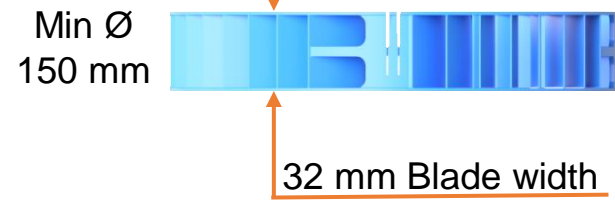


≥ 2 turbofans

Airfoil Shape High efficiency

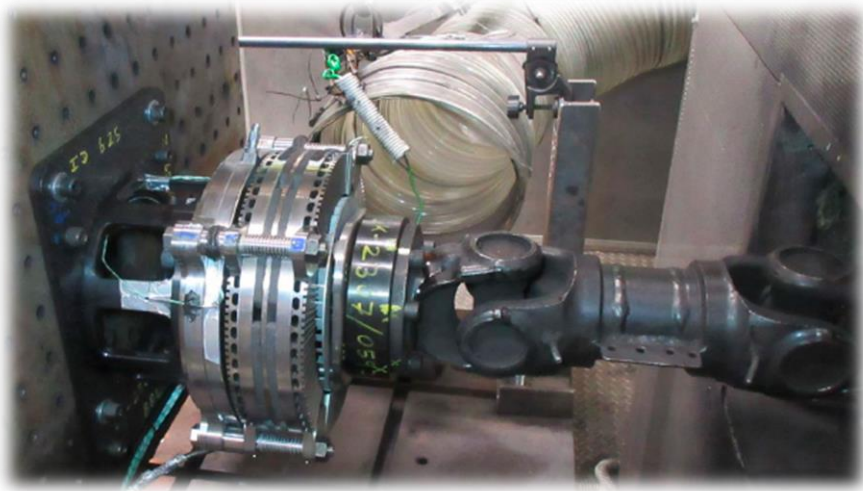
$$Q = A \times v$$

$$Q = \sum[A \times v]$$



# Air Cooled – High Fade Resistance

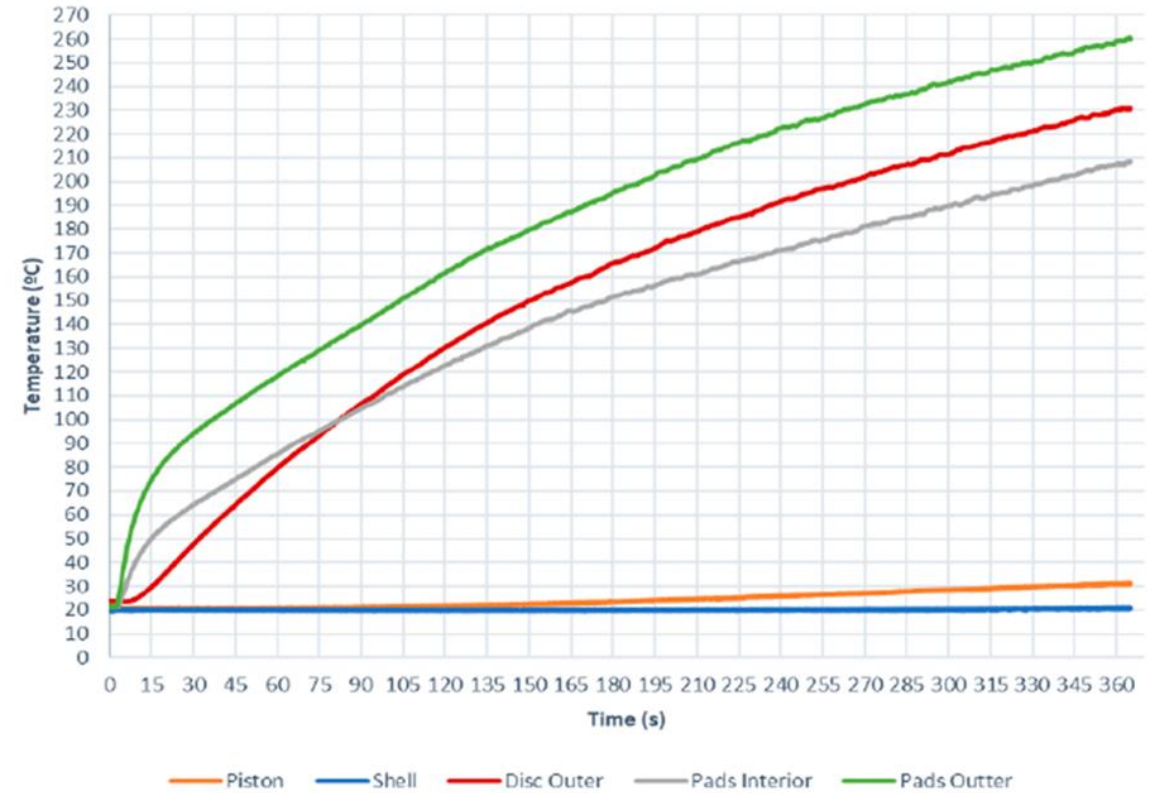
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High Fade Resistance

## Downhill Simulation 2

### Drag Stop at 1 m/s<sup>2</sup> and 22.5 km/h (Downhill)



#### Conditions:

Constant Deceleration: 1 m/s<sup>2</sup>

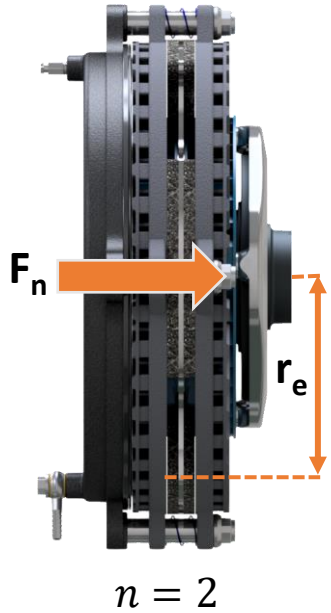
Constant Speed: 22.5 km/h

Time: 365 seconds

No external Ventilation in the Bench



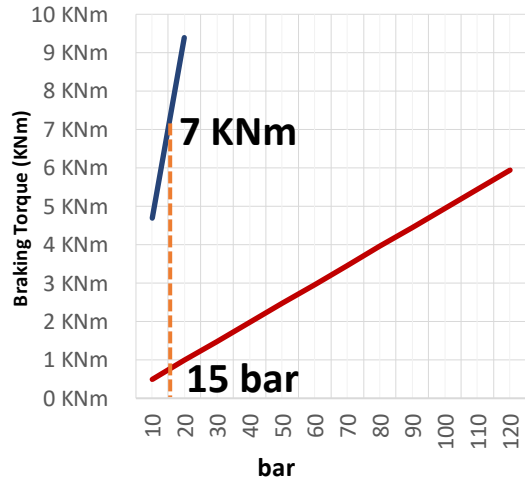
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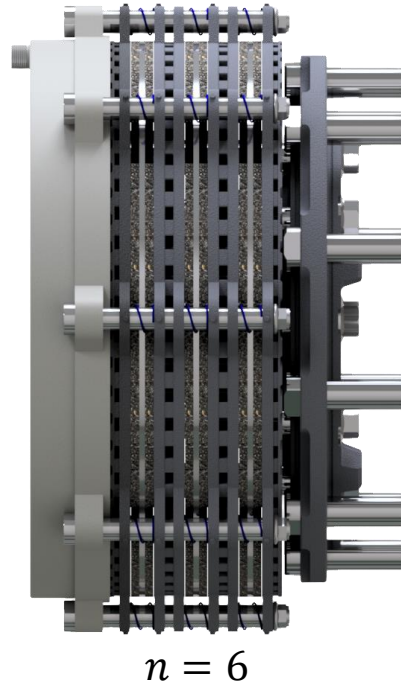
## Example Passenger Vehicle

$$n = 2 \quad r_e = 0.123 \text{ m} \quad \mu = 0.35 \quad \eta = 0.97$$

— 42 cm<sup>2</sup> — 383 cm<sup>2</sup>



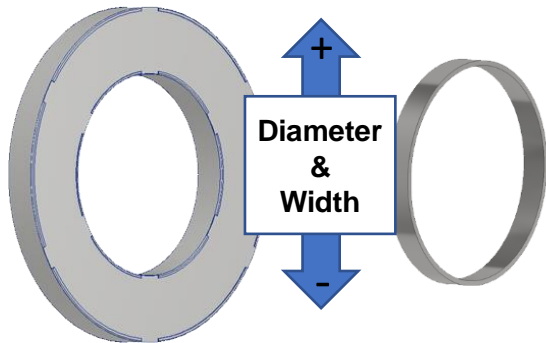
## Multidisc Packaging Option



$n = 6$

$$\text{Axial Force req} = \frac{\text{Axial F Output}}{n}$$

>n = Less Force to achieve the braking torque required



$$F_n = (p - p_t) \cdot A_a$$

$$F_b = n\mu \cdot F_n$$

$$\tau_w = n\mu(p - p_t)A_a\eta r_e$$

$$\tau_w = BF \cdot F_n \cdot \eta \cdot r_e$$

## Compatible Actuators

HYDRAULIC / EHB

PNEUMATIC

For Commercial Vehicles Pneumatic Actuated

DRY EMB / EPB

- Low Pressures
- High Axial Force
- Multidisc



# Increasing the Life Cycle of the brakes

## Liquid Cooled

ISO 26865

Frictional Material:  
Garben 506

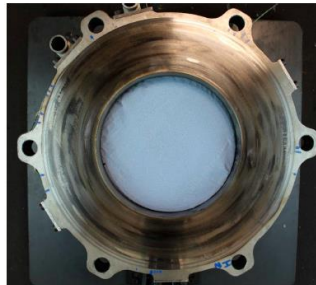


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Inner face



Outer face



## Friction Surface & Inertia



	Loss Pad [mm]	Surface Pad [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Loss Volume [cm <sup>3</sup> ]
Pad Set 1	-0,02	5427,9	-0,11
Pad Set 2	-0,04	5427,9	-0,22
Pad Set 3	0,03	5427,9	0,16
Pad Set 4	0,01	5427,9	0,05
Pad Set 5	0,03	5427,9	0,16
Pad Set 6	0,02	5427,9	0,11
Pad Set 7	0,01	5427,9	0,05
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0,22</b>

### Friction Surface

Type of Vehicle	
Passenger	Commercial
[180- 490]cm <sup>2</sup>	[890- 3,500]cm <sup>2</sup>

- Lower Energy/Surface ratio than current industry standards
- Lower Inertia



# Packaging and Mass Distribution

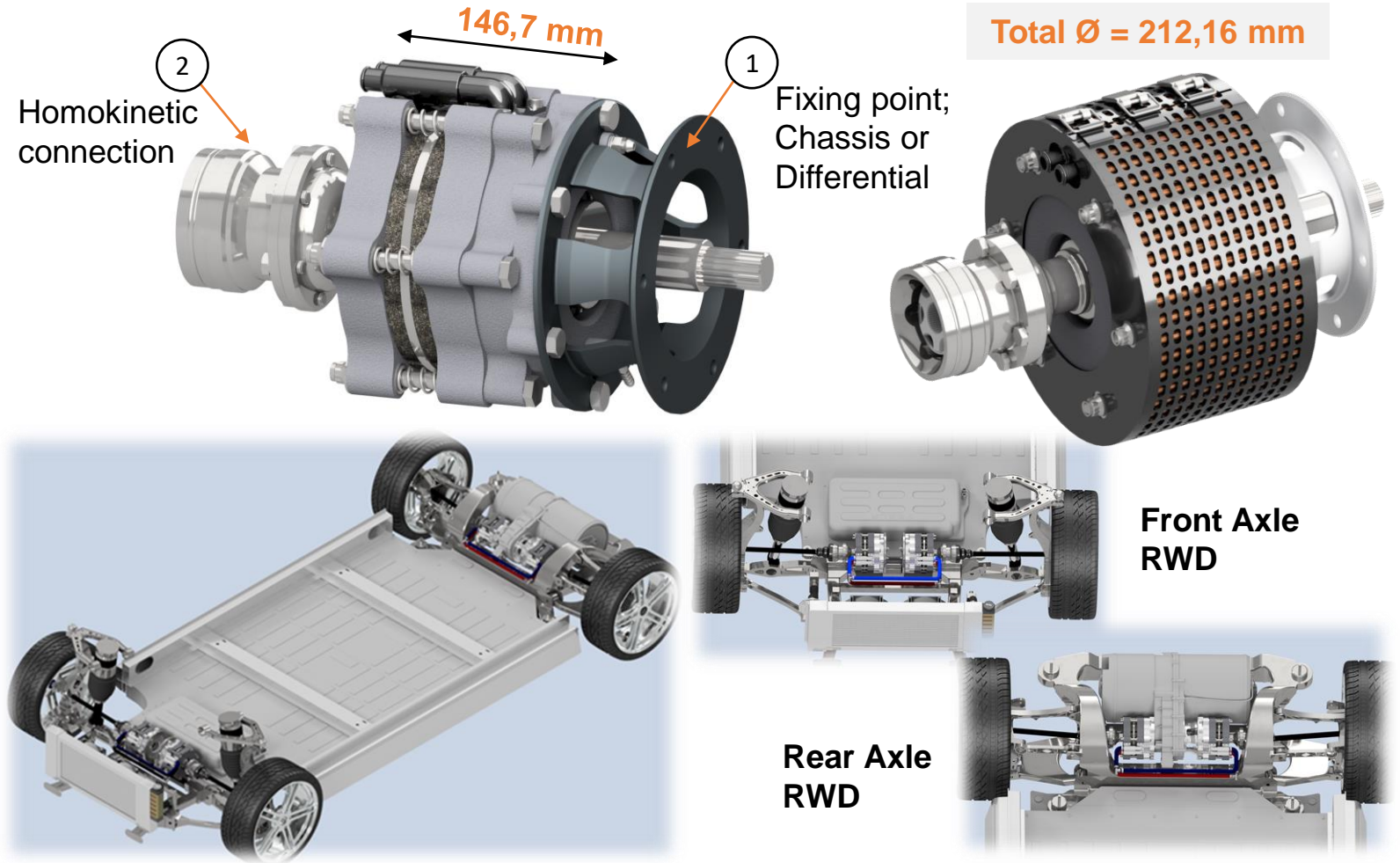
## BRL - Unsprung weight



Compatible with  
Assembly on-Block  
On the production line

15" x 6"

## BRL - On Suspended weight



# Emissions [ PM10 & PM2.5 ] – Liquid Cooled



## Thermodynamic management:

- High heat dispersion
- With an External management

With an cheap solution, the BRL system uses a Passive particulate filter as an interchangeable accessory.

As BRL can offer a brake with these thermal and dispersion capabilities, we can encapsulate the brake 100% without compromising performance or safety.

By encapsulating the brake we capture 100% of the friction material particles.

## BRL - Unsprung weight



PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub>

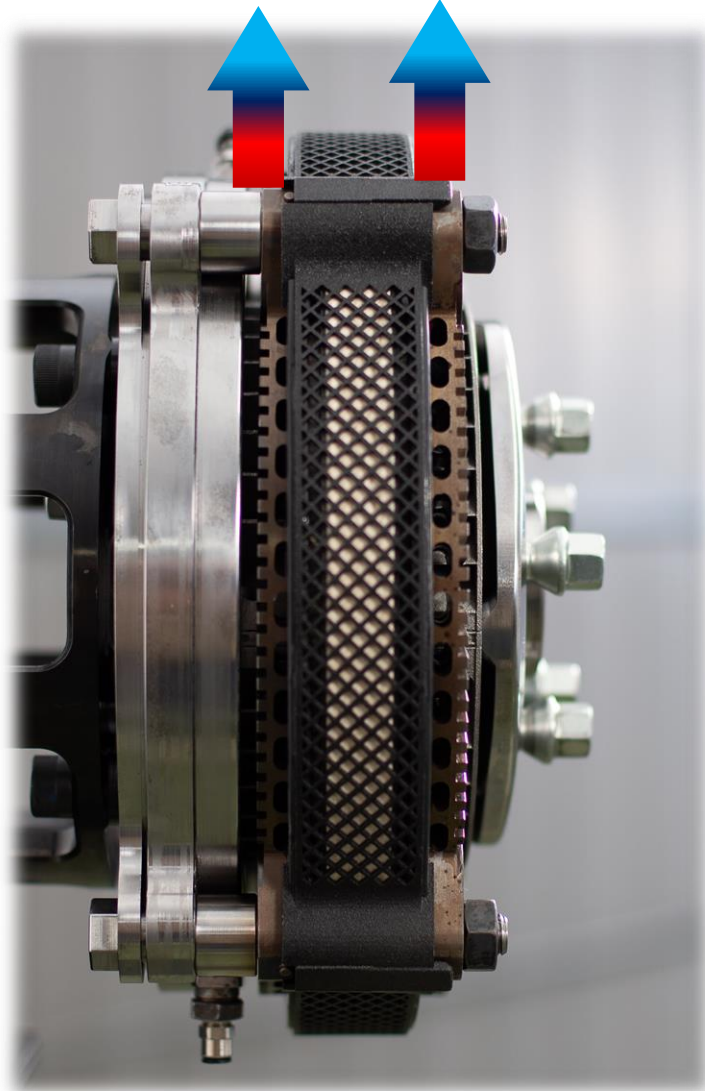
## BRL - On Suspended weight



PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub>



# Emissions [ PM10 & PM2.5 ] – Air Cooled



BRL's thermodynamic management is designed to filter out particulates and not alter the brake's cooling capabilities.

The high flow of the turbofans and the non-interference of the filter in the heat extraction area allows this feature.

Dyno Certified Results of Emissions expected:  
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