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# EPA's Proposal for MOBILE6

Modeling Evaporative Emissions Using RTD Data

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# Real-Time Diurnal (RTD) Testing

## ■ Previous Versions of MOBILE

- Used an Accelerated One-Hour Test to Simulate 24-Hour Day's Evaporative Emissions.

## ■ MOBILE6

- Uses a 24-Hour Test to Simulate in "Real Time" the 24-Hour Day's Evaporative Emissions.



# Available Data

## ■ EPA Contracted Testing

- 119 LDVs & LDTs -- most with multiple RVPs & multiple temperature cycles

## ■ CRC Testing

- 151 LDVs & LDTs -- single RVP & single temperature cycles



# RTD Temperature Cycle

## 24-Hour Cycling of Temperatures Between 72° and 96° F



# Modeling Evaporative Emissions Using RTD Data (Items to Be Covered)

- Evaporative Mechanisms Represented
- Estimating Resting Loss and Diurnal Emissions
- Characterizing Liquid Leakers
- Outstanding Issues

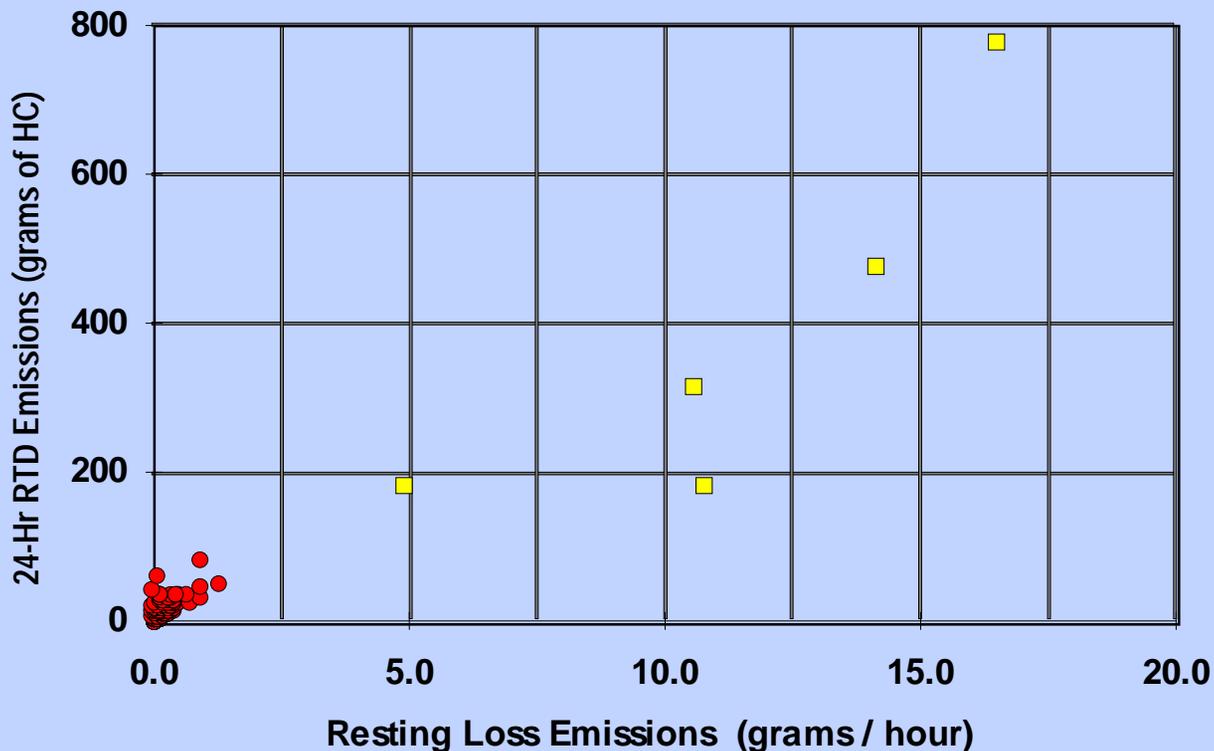


# Distinct Evaporative Mechanisms

- Pressure Driven Vapor Leaks
- Resting Losses
  - Primarily permeation losses and vapor leaks
  - Could include minor/undetected liquid leaks
  - Excludes vehicles with gross liquid leaks
- Gross Liquid Leaks



# Identifying Vehicles with Gross Liquid Leaks (At 72° F with 6.8 RVP Fuel)

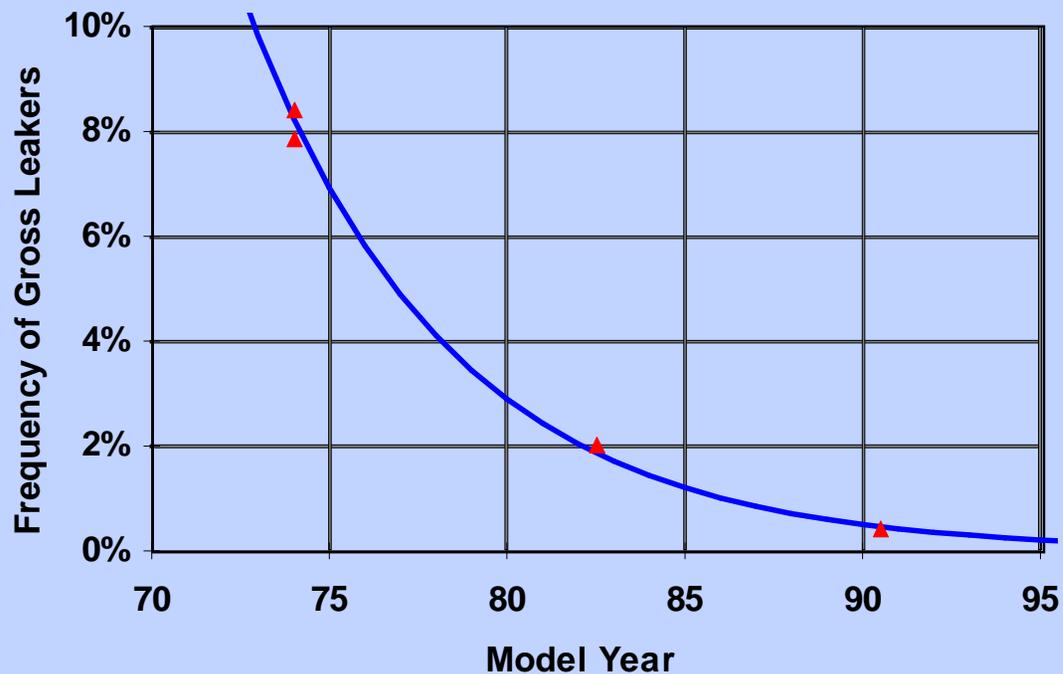


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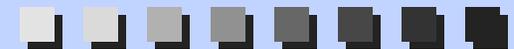
- Treat as a separate category  
(Similar to separating “Super Emitters” from other exhaust emitters)
- Significantly higher RTD emissions than vehicles not having gross liquid leaks
- Contain both:
  - Pressure Driven Vapor Leaks
  - Permeation Losses



# Frequency of Gross Liquid Leakers By Model Year (Based on Sample Data)



# Frequency of Gross Liquid Leakers By Vehicle Age (Based on Sample Data)



# Emissions of Gross Liquid Leakers

- 24-Hour RTD Emissions:
  - Range Between 80 and 777 grams
  - Mean of 326 grams per day
- Hourly Resting Loss Emissions:
  - Range Between 2.13 and 16.51 grams / hour
  - Mean of 8.83 grams / hour
- Daily (24-Hr) Resting Loss Emissions:
  - 211.9 grams per day
- Diurnal (24-Hr) Emissions:
  - 114.5 grams per day



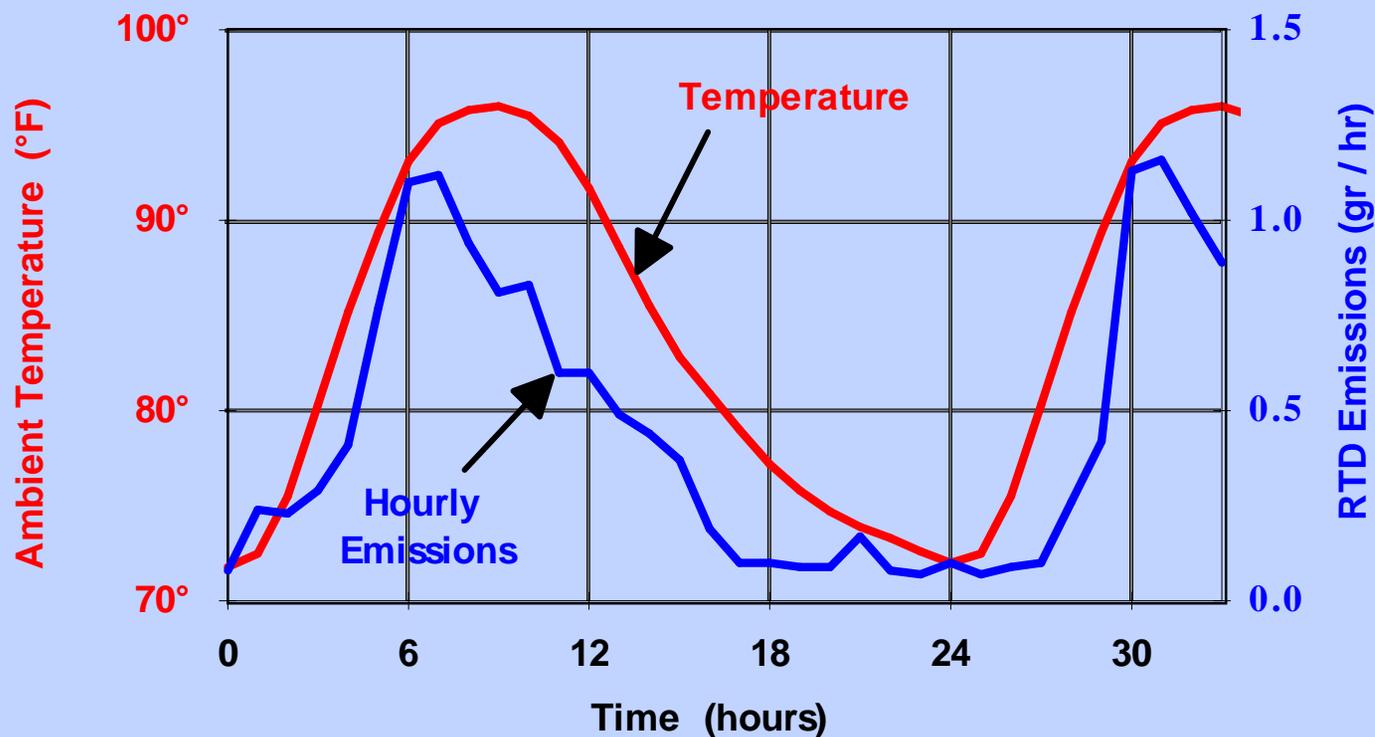
# Stratifying Parameters

- Results on Screening Tests
  - Pass / Fail on Purge Test and Pressure Test
- Fuel Delivery System
  - Carbureted versus Fuel Injected
- Model Year Ranges
  - Pre-1980
  - 1980-85
  - 1986-95
  - 1996 and newer (upcoming analysis)



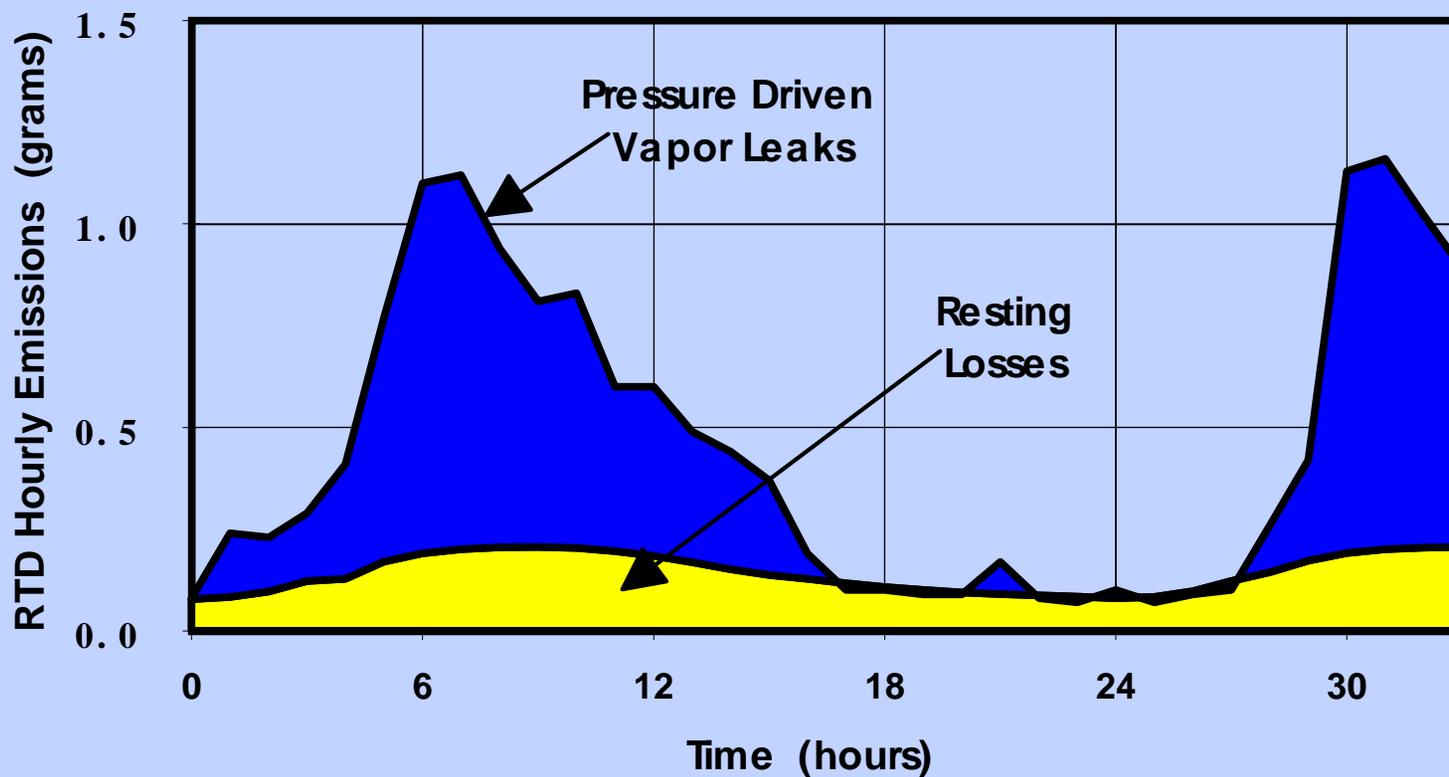
# Identifying Resting Losses

## Stable Portion of RTD Hourly Emissions



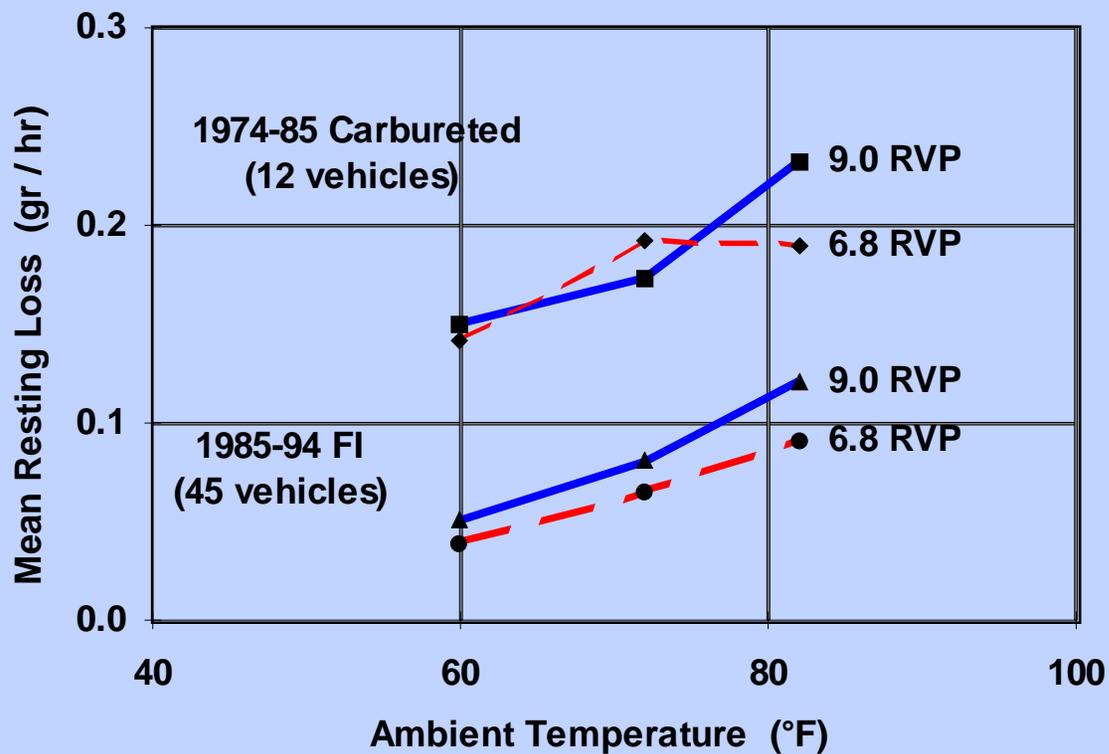
# Calculating Pressure Driven Vapor Leaks

Subtracting Temperature Adjusted Resting Losses from  
RTD Hourly Results

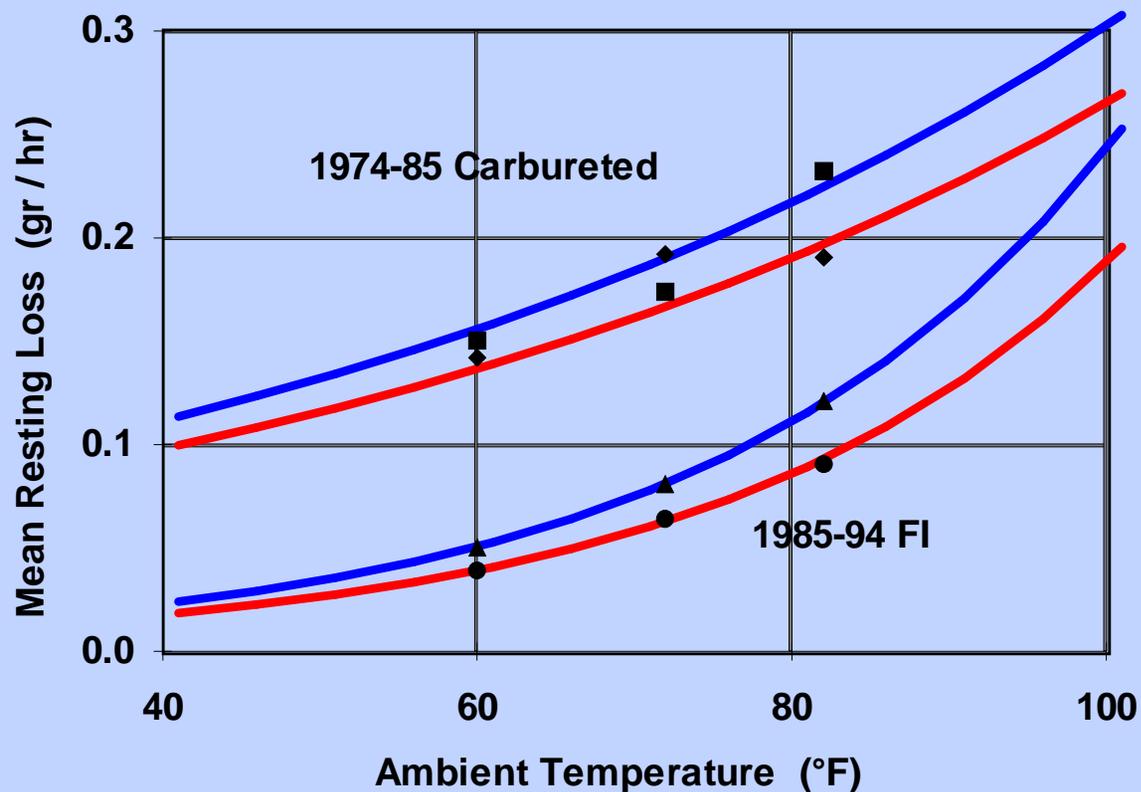


# Hourly Resting Losses versus Temperature

(means of 57 vehicles tested at each of these 6 combinations of temperature and RVP)



# Mean Hourly Resting Losses versus Temperature (with regression)



# Modeling Resting Loss Emissions

Fuel-Injected Vehicles:

$$\text{Daily Resting Loss} = 39.632 * \text{Hourly Resting Loss}$$

Carbureted Vehicles:

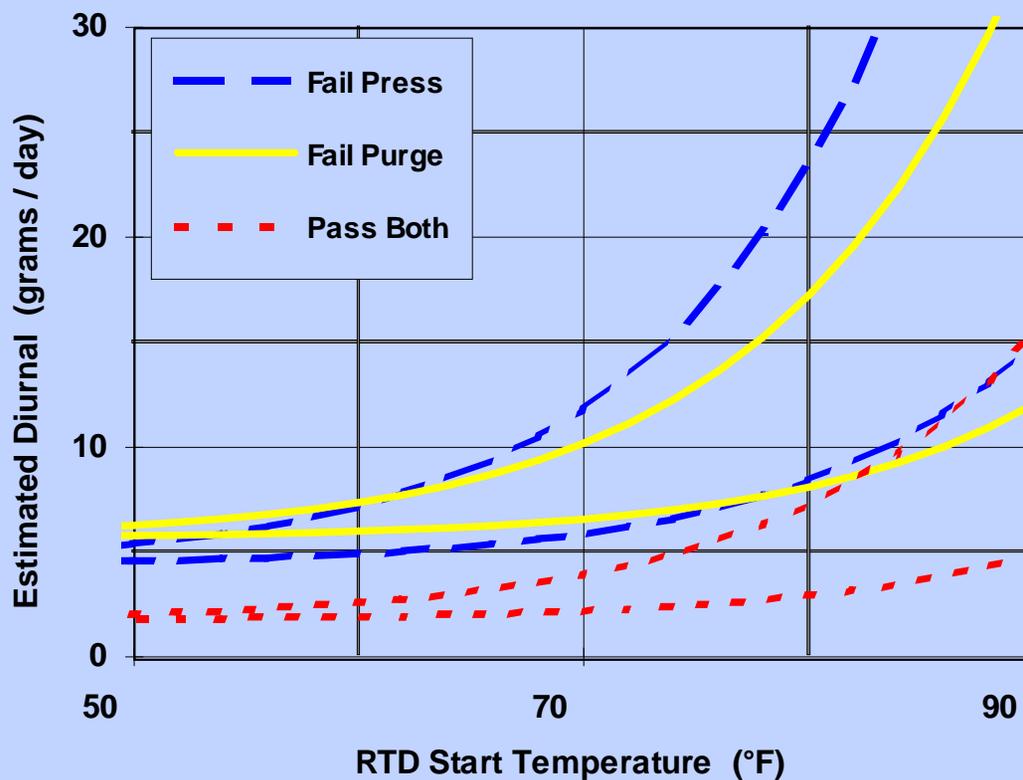
$$\text{Daily Resting Loss} = 29.275 * \text{Hourly Resting Loss}$$



# Modeling Diurnal Emissions

- 24-Hr Diurnal = RTD - Daily Resting Loss
- Represented as function of the product of the mean vapor pressure (VP) times the change in vapor pressure
  - Either first or third power of product term

# Modeled Diurnal Emissions (1986-95 Fuel Injected Vehicles)



# Outstanding Issues

- Comparison with MOBILE5
- Diurnals with Different Temperature Cycles
- Multiple-Day and Partial Diurnals
- Vehicles Certified Using the 72-Hour RTD Test (1996 and newer model years)

