2. *A power or expansion stroke*, similar to that in the four-stroke cycle until the piston approaches BC, when first the exhaust ports and then the intake ports are uncovered (Fig. 1-3). Most of the burnt gases exit the cylinder in an exhaust blowdown process. When the inlet ports are uncovered, the fresh charge which has been compressed in the crankcase flows into the cylinder. The piston and the ports are generally shaped to deflect the incoming charge from flowing directly into the exhaust ports and to achieve effective scavenging of the residual gases.

Each engine cycle with one power stroke is completed in one crankshaft revolution. However, it is difficult to fill completely the displaced volume with fresh charge, and some of the fresh mixture flows directly out of the cylinder during the scavenging process.† The example shown is a *cross-scavenged* design; other approaches use *loop-scavenging* or *uniflow* systems (see Sec. 6.6).

## 1.4 ENGINE COMPONENTS

Labeled cutaway drawings of a four-stroke SI engine and a two-stroke CI engine are shown in Figs. 1-4 and 1-5, respectively. The spark-ignition engine is a four-cylinder in-line automobile engine. The diesel is a large V eight-cylinder design with a uniflow scavenging process. The function of the major components of these engines and their construction materials will now be reviewed.

The engine cylinders are contained in the engine block. The block has traditionally been made of gray cast iron because of its good wear resistance and low cost. Passages for the cooling water are cast into the block. Heavy-duty and truck engines often use removable cylinder sleeves pressed into the block that can be replaced when worn. These are called *wet liners* or *dry liners* depending on whether the sleeve is in direct contact with the cooling water. Aluminum is being used increasingly in smaller SI engine blocks to reduce engine weight. Iron cylinder liners may be inserted at the casting stage, or later on in the machining and assembly process. The crankcase is often integral with the cylinder block.

The crankshaft has traditionally been a steel forging; nodular cast iron crankshafts are also accepted normal practice in automotive engines. The crankshaft is supported in main bearings. The maximum number of main bearings is one more than the number of cylinders; there may be less. The crank has eccentric portions (crank throws); the connecting rod big-end bearings attach to the crank pin on each throw. Both main and connecting rod bearings use steel-backed precision inserts with bronze, babbit, or aluminum as the bearing materials. The crankcase is sealed at the bottom with a pressed-steel or cast aluminum oil pan which acts as an oil reservoir for the lubricating system.

† It is primarily for this reason that two-stroke SI engines are at a disadvantage because the lost fresh charge contains fuel and air.

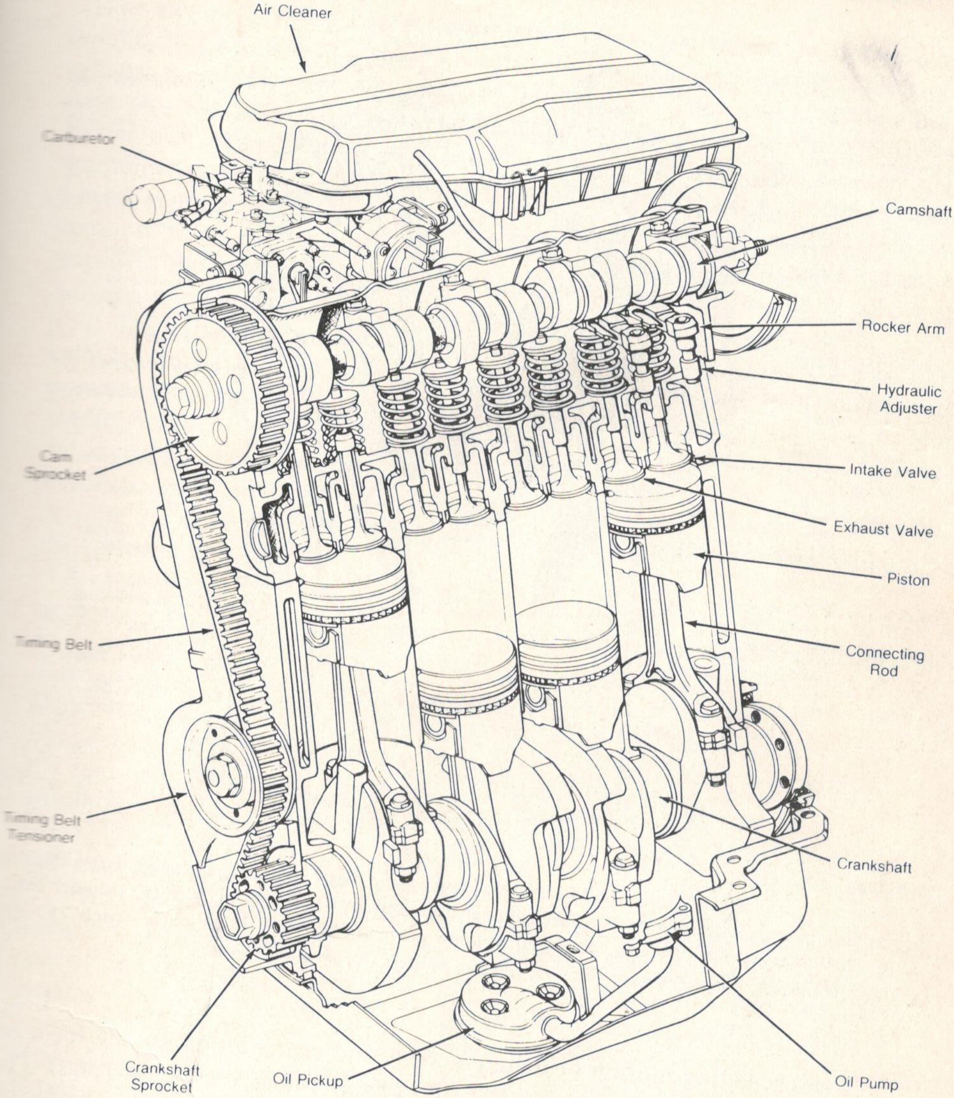


**FIGURE 1-4**
Cutaway drawing of Chrysler 2.2-liter displacement four-cylinder spark-ignition engine.[11] Bore 87.5 mm, stroke 92 mm, compression ratio 8.9, maximum power 65 kW at 5000 rev/min.

Pistons are made of aluminum in small engines or cast iron in larger slower-speed engines. The piston both seals the cylinder and transmits the combustion-generated gas pressure to the crank pin via the connecting rod. The connecting rod, usually a steel or alloy forging (though sometimes aluminum in small engines), is fastened to the piston by means of a steel piston pin through the rod upper end. The piston pin is usually hollow to reduce its weight.

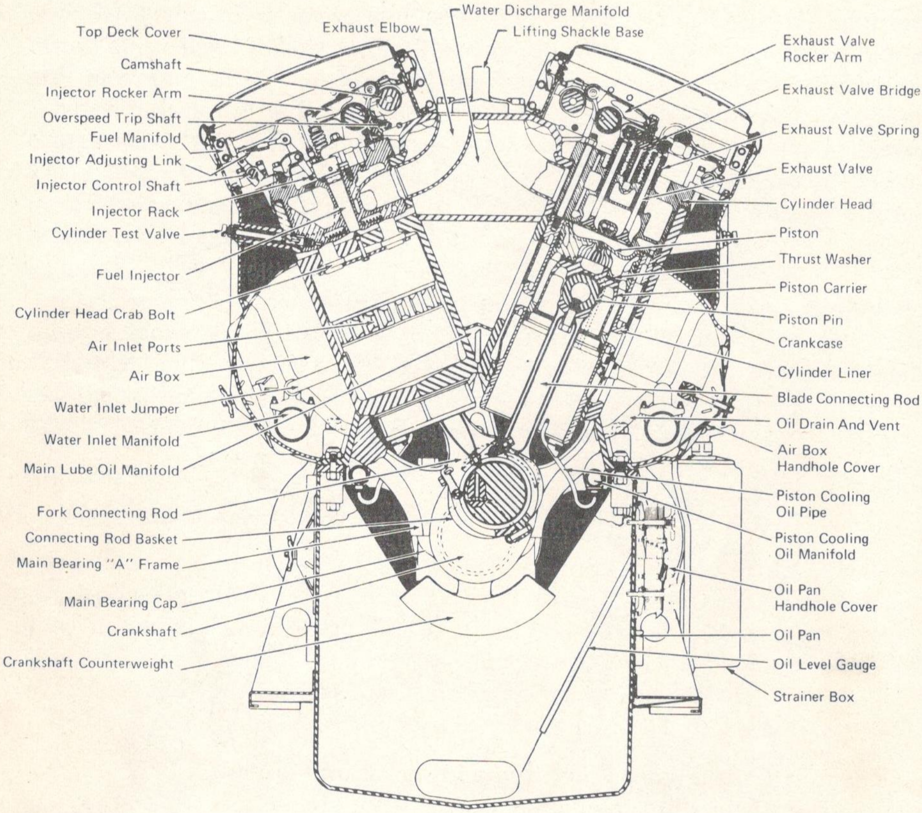


**FIGURE 1-5**
Cross-section drawing of an Electro-Motive two-stroke cycle diesel engine. This engine uses a uniflow scavenging process with inlet ports in the cylinder liner and four exhaust valves in the cylinder head. Bore 230.2 mm, stroke 254 mm, displaced volume per cylinder 10.57 liters, rated speed 750–900 rev/min. (*Courtesy Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation.*)

The oscillating motion of the connecting rod exerts an oscillating force on the cylinder walls via the piston skirt (the region below the piston rings). The piston skirt is usually shaped to provide appropriate thrust surfaces. The piston is fitted with rings which ride in grooves cut in the piston head to seal against gas leakage and control oil flow. The upper rings are compression rings which are forced outward against the cylinder wall and downward onto the groove face. The lower rings scrape the surplus oil from the cylinder wall and return it to the crankcase. The crankcase must be ventilated to remove gases which blow by the piston rings, to prevent pressure buildup.

The cylinder head (or heads in V engines) seals off the cylinders and is made of cast iron or aluminum. It must be strong and rigid to distribute the gas forces acting on the head as uniformly as possible through the engine block. The cylinder head contains the spark plug (for an SI engine) or fuel injector (for a CI engine), and, in overhead valve engines, parts of the valve mechanism.

The valves shown in Fig. 1-4 are poppet valves, the valve type normally used in four-stroke engines. Valves are made from forged alloy steel; the cooling of the exhaust valve which operates at about 700°C may be enhanced by using a hollow stem partially filled with sodium which through evaporation and condensation carries heat from the hot valve head to the cooler stem. Most modern spark-ignition engines have overhead valve locations (sometimes called valve-in-head or I-head configurations) as shown in Fig. 1-4. This geometry leads to a compact combustion chamber with minimum heat losses and flame travel time, and improves the breathing capacity. Previous geometries such as the L head where valves are to one side of the cylinder are now only used in small engines.

The valve stem moves in a valve guide, which can be an integral part of the cylinder head (or engine block for L-head engines), or may be a separate unit pressed into the head (or block). The valve seats may be cut in the head or block metal (if cast iron) or hard steel inserts may be pressed into the head or block. A valve spring, attached to the valve stem with a spring washer and split keeper, holds the valve closed. A valve rotator turns the valves a few degrees on opening to wipe the valve seat, avoid local hot spots, and prevent deposits building up in the valve guide.

A camshaft made of cast iron or forged steel with one cam per valve is used to open and close the valves. The cam surfaces are hardened to obtain adequate life. In four-stroke cycle engines, camshafts turn at one-half the crankshaft speed. Mechanical or hydraulic lifters or tappets slide in the block and ride on the cam. Depending on valve and camshaft location, additional members are required to transmit the tappet motion to the valve stem; e.g., in in-head valve engines with the camshaft at the side, a push rod and rocker arm are used. A recent trend in automotive engines is to mount the camshaft over the head with the cams acting either directly or through a pivoted follower on the valve. Camshafts are gear, belt, or chain driven from the crankshaft.

An intake manifold (aluminum or cast iron) and an exhaust manifold (generally of cast iron) complete the SI engine assembly. Other engine components specific to spark-ignition engines—carburetor, fuel injectors, ignition systems—are described more fully in the remaining sections in this chapter.

The two-stroke cycle CI engine shown in Fig. 1-5 is of the uniflow scavenged design. The burned gases exhaust through four valves in the cylinder head. These valves are controlled through cam-driven rocker arms. Fresh air is compressed and fed to the air box by a Roots blower. The air inlet ports at the bottom of each cylinder liner are uncovered by the descending piston, and the scavenging air flows upward along the cylinder axis. The fuel injectors are mounted in the cylinder head and are driven by the camshaft through rocker arms. Diesel fuel-injection systems are discussed in more detail in Sec. 1.7.

## 1.5 SPARK-IGNITION ENGINE OPERATION

In SI engines the air and fuel are usually mixed together in the intake system prior to entry to the engine cylinder, using a carburetor (Fig. 1-6) or fuel-injection system (Fig. 1-7). In automobile applications, the temperature of the air entering

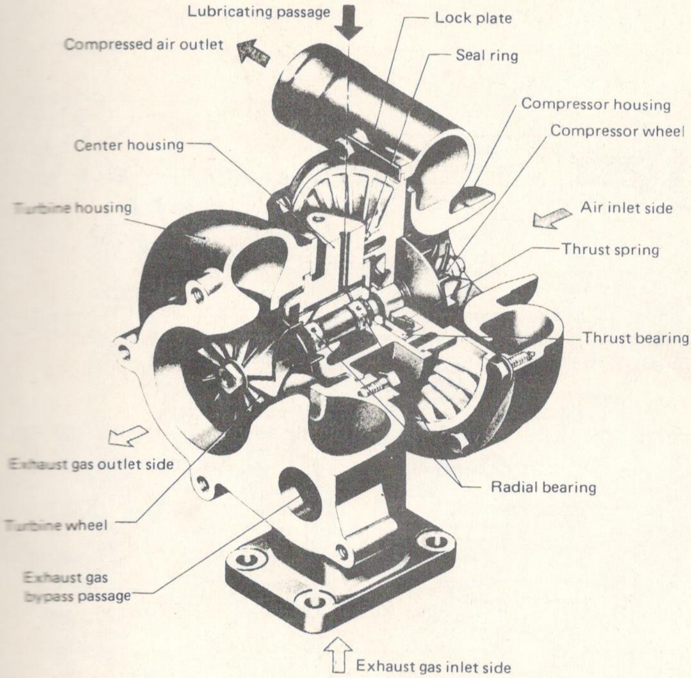


**FIGURE 1-11**
Cutaway view of small automotive engine turbocharger. (*Courtesy Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.*)

rotors connected via the central shaft and of the turbine and compressor flow passages are evident.

Figure 1-12 shows a two-stroke cycle spark-ignition engine. The two-stroke cycle spark-ignition engine is used for small-engine applications where low cost and weight/power ratio are important and when the use factor is low. Examples of such applications are outboard motorboat engines, motorcycles, and chain saws. All such engines are of the carburetor crankcase-compression type which is one of the simplest prime movers available. It has three moving parts per cylinder: the piston, connecting rod, and the crank. The prime advantage of the two-stroke cycle spark-ignition engine relative to the four-stroke cycle engine is its higher power per unit displaced volume due to twice the number of power strokes per crank revolution. This is offset by the lower fresh charge density achieved by the two-stroke cycle gas-exchange process and the loss of fresh mixture which goes straight through the engine during scavenging. Also, oil consumption is higher in two-stroke cycle engines due to the need to add oil to the fuel to lubricate the piston ring and piston surfaces.

The Wankel rotary engine is an alternative to the reciprocating engine geometry of the engines illustrated above. It is used when its compactness and higher engine speed (which result in high power/weight and power/volume ratios), and inherent balance and smoothness, offset its higher heat transfer, and