# **ECS Auto Tuning Manual**





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# **Background**

#### 1.1. Pressure Definitions

Auto Tuning is a built-in functionality of the ME/ME-B control system that adjusts the *indicated pressure* ( $p_i$ ), the compression pressure ( $p_{comp}$ , depending on the engine type) and the maximum pressure ( $p_{max}$ ). This is done partly to optimize the balance of the engine, partly to adjust the mean values, ensuring that the max pressure ( $p_{max}$ ) and the compression pressure ( $p_{comp}$ ) are kept within the design limits.

Figure 1 explains some of the pressure definitions during one combustion cycle.

NOTICE

Auto Tuning adjustment of  $P_{\text{comp}}$  is only possible on ME-engines and ME-B-engines applied with ME-V.

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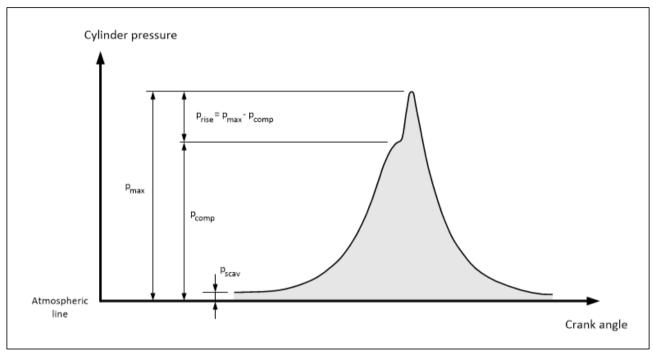


Figure 1 - Cylinder Pressure Diagram

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# **1.2 Auto Tuning**

The Auto Tuning consists of three parts:

- 1. Cylinder Pressure Balancing
- 2. Cylinder Pressure Mean Value Adjustment
- 3. Continues Adjustment of Cylinder Pressure Mean Values

It is import to distinguish between what the three parts does. Item 1 and 2 are <u>one time</u> operations, while item 3 runs continuously when started until cancelled by the operator or forced to stop by the control system. This is more thoroughly explained in Section 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5.

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#### 1.3 Auto Tuning Preconditions

For any part of The Auto Tuning (Balancing, Mean Value Adjustment, or Continues Mean Value Adjustment) a number of preconditions must to be fulfilled for it to function:

- Index is stable
  - Engine has reached desired speed setpoint and engine load is stable
- Sufficient index

Index is above a minimum level. Normal limit is 40% Index.

- Sensor values
  - Cylinder pressure sensors provide valid signals (Will display if not ok)
  - Pressure deviations from reference is within allowed limits (Will display ! if not ok)

The Preconditions are shown in the buttom of the Auto Tuning Screen (see Figure 2). If the condition is met it is marked with a green "

"".



Figure 2 - Precondition for Auto Tuning

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#### 1.4 Cylinder Pressure Balancing

The Cylinder Pressure Balancing will balance pressures in *each* cylinder to minimize deviations from the mean value (see Figure 3).

The Balancing of Cylinder Pressures can be performed for pi, pcomp, and pmax.

For the balancing to be successful all cylinder pressures must be in-between a predefined limit from the mean value. The measured difference between cylinder pressures must be within 3 bars for p<sub>comp</sub> and p<sub>max</sub>, and 0.5 bar for p<sub>i</sub>. Please note that Balancing of Cylinder Pressures is not part of the **Continuous** Auto Tuning.

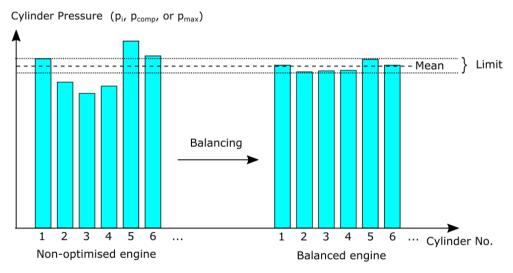


Figure 3 - Balancing Cylinder Pressures

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#### 1.5 Cylinder Pressure Mean Value Adjustment

The mean cylinder pressure can be adjusted in both positive and negative direction (see Figure 4). The mean adjustment will effectively add the same value to all cylinders.

Please note that Cylinder Pressure Balancing is unchanged when the mean value is changed.

The Mean Value Adjustment can **only** be performed for p<sub>comp</sub>, and p<sub>max</sub>.

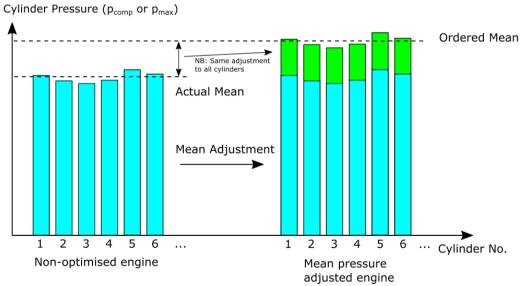


Figure 4 - Adjusting Mean Cylinder Pressures

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# 2. Using Auto Tuning

# 2.1 Main Operating Panel (MOP)

The associated MOP screen is located at:

Engine ► Operation ► Process Adjustment ► Auto Tuning

In order to be able to press the buttons and activate Auto Tuning, *Chief*-level must be entered and the preconditions (See Section 1.3) must be met.

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# 2.2 Step-by-Step Guide

The pressures can be adjusted by the Auto Tuning-functionality independently, but MAN Diesel & Turbo recommends adjustments in the following order:

1.	Verification and Adjustment of the Estimated Load	(Figure 8)
2.	Balancing of P <sub>i</sub>	(Figure 10 to Figure 13)
3.	Balancing of P <sub>comp</sub>	(Figure 14)
4.	Balancing of P <sub>max</sub>	(Figure 15)
5.	Mean adjustment of $P_{\text{comp}}$ (if possible for given SW Release / Engine)	(Figure 16)
6.	Mean adjustment of P <sub>max</sub>	(Figure 17)
7.	Start Continuous Auto Tuning	(Figure 18 and Figure 19)

Figure 8 - Figure 19 demonstrates the complete procedure in details.

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#### 2.2.1 Verification and Adjustment of the Estimated Load

During Shop test the correct relation between  $P_{Max}$ ,  $P_{comp}/P_{scav}$ , and the engine load is commissioned. Here a water brake is used as the reference point for the engine load.

During operation the estimated engine load is used to determine the pressure setpoints for  $P_{\text{Max}}$  and  $P_{\text{comp}}/P_{\text{scav}}$  and therefore an incorrect engine load estimation will result in the wrong setpoints for the Auto Tuning.

In Figure 5 an example of  $P_{\text{Max}}$  setpoint related to load is shown. It is seen that a too high estimation of the engine load will result in a too high  $P_{\text{Max}}$  setpoint and vice versa.

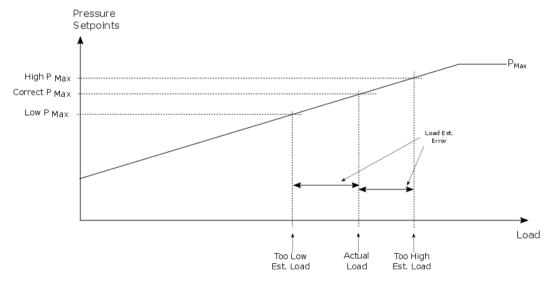


Figure 5 - P<sub>Max</sub> Setpoint and Estimated Engine Load

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For this reason the first thing that should be checked before starting the Auto Tuning is that the load estimation is correct.

The "Estimated Engine Load" is displayed on the Engine Process Information Screen (See Figure 7). This value should match the "Estimated Load" from the PMI (see Figure 6). Alternatively the torque-meter value can be used as reference.



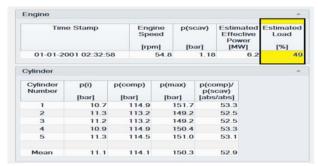


Figure 6 - Estimated Load PMI

Figure 7 - Estimated Engine Load ECS

An acceptable deviation between ECS and PMI/Torque-meter is:

- 2 3 % when PMI equipment has been calibrated on Shop test
- 4 6 % when PMI equipment has **not** been calibrated on Shop test

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The "Estimated Engine Load ECS" is corrected by changing the Fuel Quality on the MOP "Fuel Quality"-Screen.

The first thing the operator should do is to enter values into the Fuel Specific Data (see Figure 8). From this data the "Suggested Fuel Quality Offset" is calculated. The "Suggested Fuel Quality Offset" displays a recommended value for the Operator to enter into the "Applied Fuel Quality Offset".

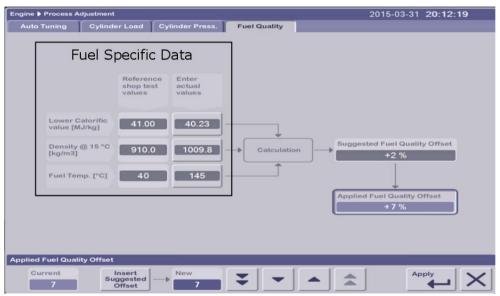


Figure 8 - Fuel Quality Adjustemt Screen

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After the operator has entered the Suggested Value into the "Applied Fuel Quality Offset" he/she should check the "ECS estimated engine load".

If the "ECS estimated engine load" does not match the "PMI engine load" after using the suggested value the "Applied Fuel Quality Offset" will need to be corrected additionally.

The following relation holds when the operator changes the fuel quality.

- Increaing the "Applied Fuel Quality Offset" will decrease the estimated engine load on ECS
- Decreasing the "Applied Fuel Quality Offset" will increase the estimated engine load on ECS

The needed Fuel Quality Adjustment may be different at different engine speed why the Fuel Quality Offset may need to be corrected when the engine speed changes noticeably.

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# 2.2.2 Balancing Of Pi

The balancing of P<sub>i</sub> is done by the following:

- 1. Press the large P<sub>i</sub> deviation button
- 2. Press the P<sub>i</sub> Button (in the buttom of the screen)
- 3. "STATUS:" (in the buttom of the screen) "Tuning in Progress"
- 4. "STATUS:" "Tuning Allowed" and "REPORT: Last Tuning succesful"

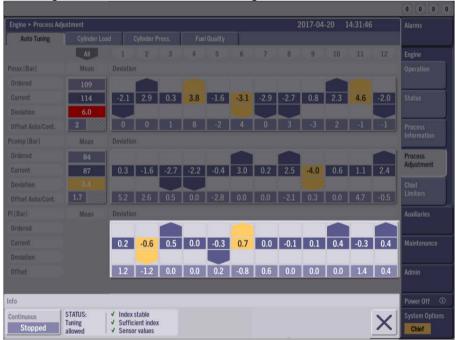


Figure 9 - Before Balancing P<sub>i</sub>

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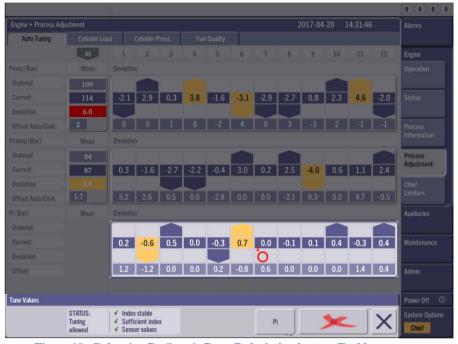


Figure 10 - Balancing P<sub>i</sub>\_Step 1: Press P<sub>i</sub> deviation button, Tool bar appear

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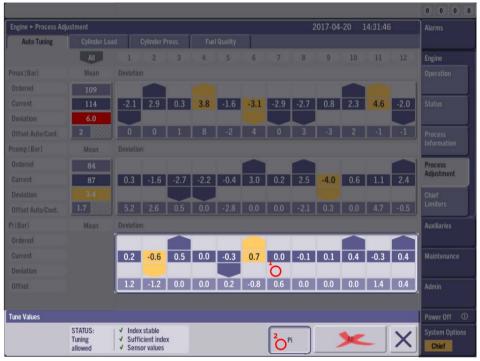


Figure 11 - Balancing P<sub>i</sub> - Step 2: Press P<sub>i</sub> button, starting P<sub>i</sub> adjust

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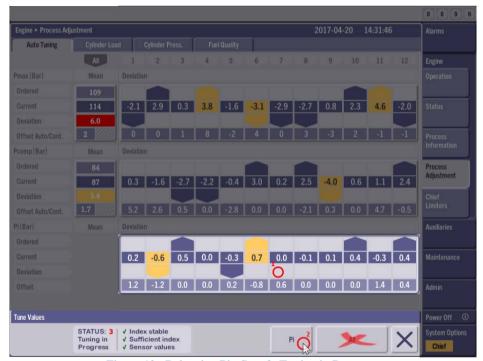


Figure 12 - Balancing Pi - Step 3: Tuning in Progress

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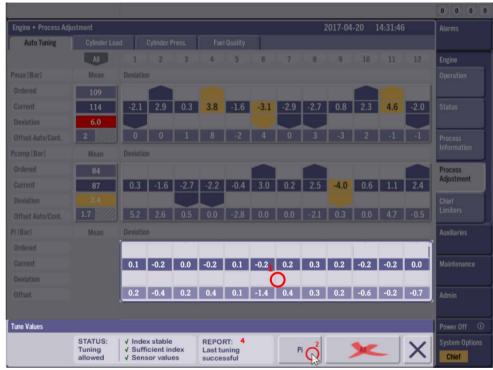


Figure 13 - Balancing Pi - Step 4: Tuning sucessful, Deviations corrected

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# 2.2.3 Balancing Of P<sub>Comp</sub>

The balancing of P<sub>Comp</sub> is done by the following:

- 1. Press the large P<sub>Comp</sub> deviation button
- 2. Press the P<sub>Comp</sub> Button (in the buttom of the screen)
- 3. "STATUS:" (in the buttom of the screen) "Tuning in Progress"
- 4. "STATUS:" "Tuning Allowed" and "REPORT: Last Tuning succesful"

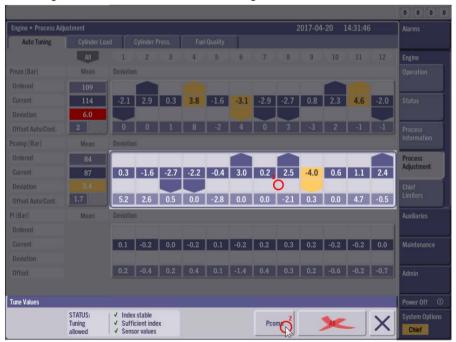


Figure 14 - Balancing of P<sub>comp</sub>

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# 2.2.4 Balancing of P<sub>Max</sub>

The balancing of  $P_{\text{Max}}$  is done by the following:

- 1. Press the large  $P_{\text{Max}}$  deviation button
- 2. ress the P<sub>Max</sub> Button (in the buttom of the screen
- 3. "STATUS:" (in the buttom of the screen) "Tuning in Progress"
- 4. "STATUS:" "Tuning Allowed" and "REPORT: Last Tuning successful"

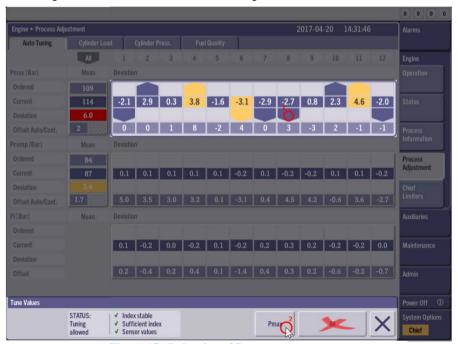


Figure 15 - Balancing of P<sub>Max</sub>

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# 2.2.5 Mean Adjustment P<sub>Comp</sub>

The adjustment of Mean P<sub>Comp</sub> is done by the following:

- 1. Press the large P<sub>Comp</sub> mean button
- 2. Press the P<sub>Comp</sub> Button (in the buttom of the screen)
- 3. "STATUS:" (in the buttom of the screen) "Tuning in Progress"
- 4. "STATUS:" "Tuning Allowed" and "REPORT: Last Tuning succesful"

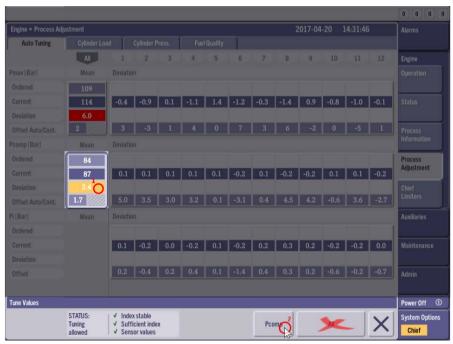


Figure 16 - Mean Adjustment P<sub>Comp</sub>

#### 2.2.6 Mean Adjustment P<sub>Max</sub>

The adjustment of Mean P<sub>Max</sub> is done by the following:

- 1. Press the large  $P_{Max}$  mean button
- 2. Press the P<sub>Max</sub> Button (in the buttom of the screen)
- 3. "STATUS:" (in the buttom of the screen) "Tuning in Progress"
- 4. "STATUS:" "Tuning Allowed" and "REPORT: Last Tuning succesful"

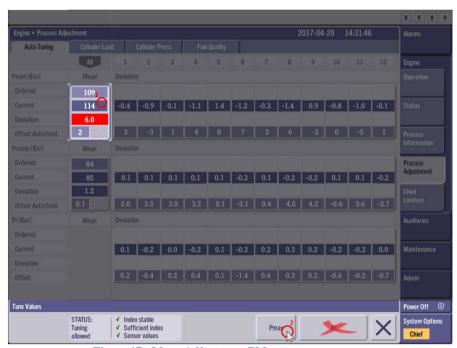


Figure 17 - Mean Adjustment PMax

#### 2.2.7 Start Continuous Auto Tuning

After doing the pressure balancing and mean adjustment the engine has been auto tuned. It is important to note that these steps are all one time operations and must be redone again later if running conditions change and if balance is not ok. If the operator want the control system to automatically and continuously correct the **mean** pressure for  $P_{\text{Max}}$  and  $P_{\text{Comp}}$  (not possible for all engines) he/she can choose to enable the Continuous Auto Tuning.

As already mentioned the Continuos AutoTuning only makes corrections to the mean value and thus has no effect on the cylinder balancing.

Starting the Continuos Auto Tuning is done by the following (newer SW Releases):

- 1. Press the Continuous button
- Press Start



Figure 18 - Continuous Auto Tuning

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For older Software Releases the Continuous Auto Tuning can be enabled for  $P_{Max}$  and  $P_{Comp}$  seperately. MDT recommends that if continuous is available for both  $P_{Max}$  and  $P_{Comp}$ , continuous Auto Tuning should always be started for both.

In Figure 19 starting Continuous Auto Tuning for  $P_{\text{Max}}$  is shown. The procedure is similar for continuous  $P_{\text{comp}}$  Auto Tuning.

Starting the Continuos Auto Tuning is done by the following (older SW Releases):

- 1. Press the P<sub>Comp</sub> Mean button (Not avaiable on all SW releases / Engines)
- 2. Press the On button (Not avaiable on all SW releases / Engines)
- 3. Press the P<sub>Max</sub> Mean button
- 4. Press the On button

# NOTICE If continuous Auto Tuning is only available for P<sub>Max</sub> it is important to observe the P<sub>rise</sub> for each cylinder. The 'All'-button should never be used; as it will tune the pressures in random order and therefore not get the optimal result.

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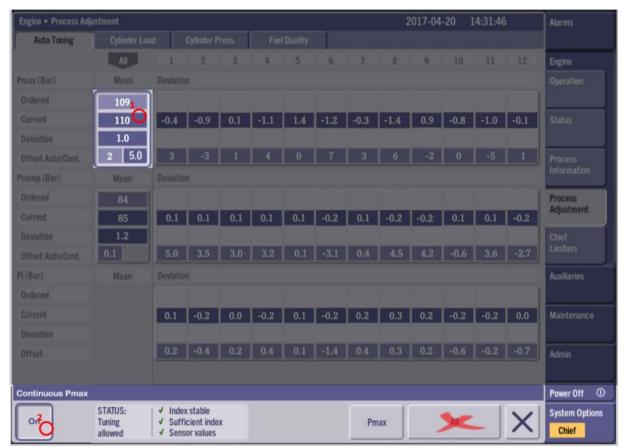


Figure 19 - Continuous Auto Tuning - Older SW Releases

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It should be noted that Continuous Auto Tuning is enabled when the "On" button is pressed and that it is disabled when the "On" button is **not** pressed. See Figure

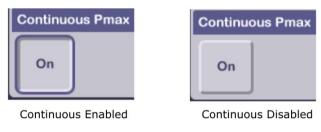
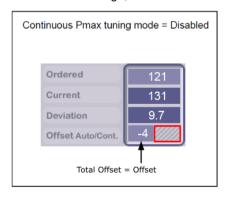


Figure 20 - Continuous Auto Tuning Enabled or Disabled

When Continuous Autotuning is running the continuous adjustment is shown in the button right corner of the Mean Label. NB: If the continuous value is high, MDT recommend to redo step 2.2.5 and 2.2.6 again.



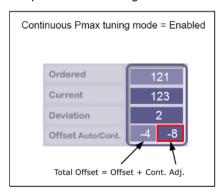


Figure 21 – Offset Value and Continuous Adjustment. Example  $P_{\text{Max}}$ 

#### A. Auto Tuning Screen Overview

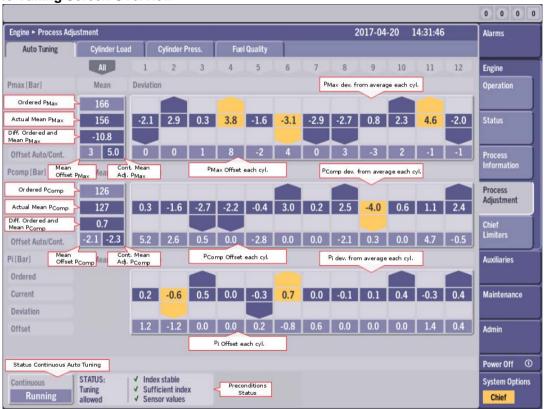


Figure 22 - The Auto Tuning MOP-screen explained

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# B. Running Mode Screen

On the Running Mode Screen the Maximum pressure (Yellow) and P<sub>comp</sub>/P<sub>scav</sub> (Blue) are shown. These values are taken from lookup tables and are dependent on the Estimated Engine Load.

The Measured  $P_{scav}$  (Green) is shown by its actual pressure value on the Running Mode Screen. To get the absolute  $P_{scav}$  value 1 bar is added to the actual  $P_{scav}$ .

The Ordered Compression Pressure (Red) is given by multiplying the absolute  $P_{\text{scav}}$  and the  $P_{\text{comp}}/P_{\text{scav}}$  values.

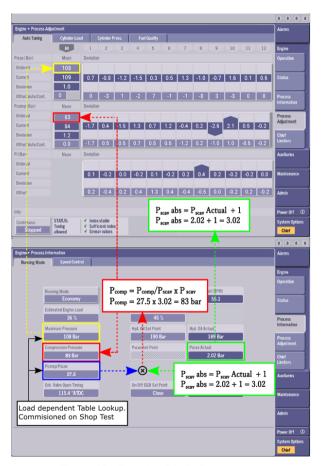


Figure 23 - Running Mode Screen

# C. Cylinder Pressure Screen

On the Cylinder Pressure Screen  $P_{max}$  and  $P_{comp}/P_{scav}$  can be corrected manually. The operator has the option to correct both the mean value and for each cylinder.

 $P_{comp}/P_{scav}$  is shown in blue, while  $P_{comp}$  is shown in red. It is important to note that the operator only have the option to correct the  $P_{comp}/P_{scav}$ , which indirectly will change the  $P_{comp}$  correction.

The  $P_{max}$  offset can be set directly by the operator.

These Values are the same values that are adjusted by the Auto Tuning in Section 2.2.3 - 2.2.6.

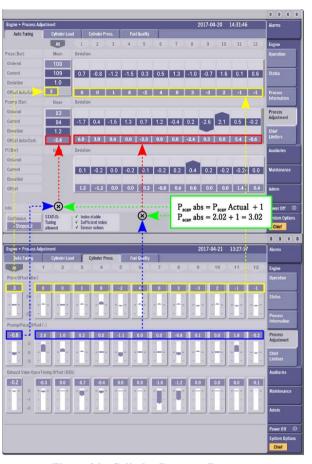


Figure 24 - Cylinder Pressure Screen

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#### D. Cylinder Load Screen

On the Cylinder Load Screen the  $P_i$  deviation can be corrected. The Operator has the option to correct the  $P_i$  value for each cylinder.

The Offset values will change the Load for the individual cylinder and thus change the  $P_i$  value for that cylinder.

The "High Load Offset" will change the P<sub>i</sub> for the individual cylinder at 100 % load, while the "Low Load Offset" will change it at 0 % load.

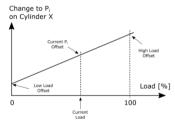


Figure 26 - Pi Adjustemts on Cylinder x

It is important to note that the Mean Value for  $P_i$  is a result of the actual engine power, why it is constant for a given work done by the engine. For this reason only the balance of  $P_i$  (The relative work done by each individual cylinder) can be adjusted and not the mean  $P_i$  value.

NB: When using the  $P_i$  Balance Auto Tuning only the High Load Offset is corrected.

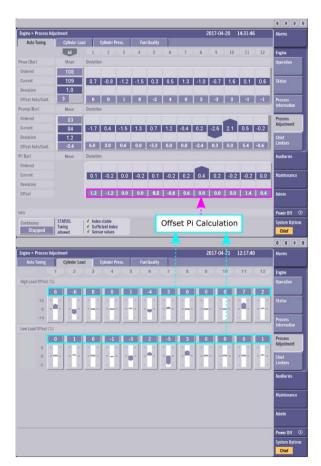


Figure 25 - Cylinder Load Screen

# **E. Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Some arrows in the Auto Tuning screen are red. What does that mean and what should I do?

Predefined threshold icons indicate how large the deviation is for the measured pressures. For large deviations a red icon is shown. This may indicate a mechanical failure and should be investigated.

#### For the mean value:

Threshold color	P <sub>max</sub> (bar)	P <sub>comp</sub> (bar)	
	-3 to 3	-3 to 3	
	3 to 5 or -3 to -5	3 to 5 or -3 to -5	
	>5 or <-5	>5 or <-5	

#### For the deviation panel:

Threshold icon	P <sub>max</sub> (bar)	P <sub>comp</sub> (bar)	P <sub>i</sub> (bar)
	>20	>20	>2
	3 to 20	3 to 20	0.5 to 2
	1 to 3	1 to 3	0.2 to 0.5
	-1 to 1	-1 to 1	-0.2 to 0.2
	-1 to -3	-1 to -3	-0.2 to -0.5
	-3 to -20	-3 to -20	-0.5 to -2
	< -20	< -20	<-2

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For smaller deviations use the mean chief correction to offset the values and/or enable continuous auto tuning (see Figure 22).

#### What about the "Cylinder Load"-screen and the "Cylinder Press."-screen? Should I use them?

The "Cylinder Load" and "Cylinder Press."- screen can be used for minor adjustment of Cylinder Pressures and Engine Load on individual cylinders. For larger deviations the operator should do the full Auto Tuning Procedure described in Section 2.2.1 – 2.2.6.

#### Why can't I adjust the mean value of P<sub>i</sub>?

The mean  $P_i$  is not adjustable, but an indirect measure of the actual engine load. The Operator can only adjust how much of this load each cylinder should do by the auto tuning  $P_i$  deviation or the "Cylinder Load"-Screen adjustments.

It is important to ensure that the Estimated Load match the Actual Load (indirectly given by the mean P<sub>i</sub>). How to do this is described in Section 2.2.1.

#### The calculations don't match? Why?

Some delays may occur in the update of the MOP screen and/or some values may be rounded off.

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