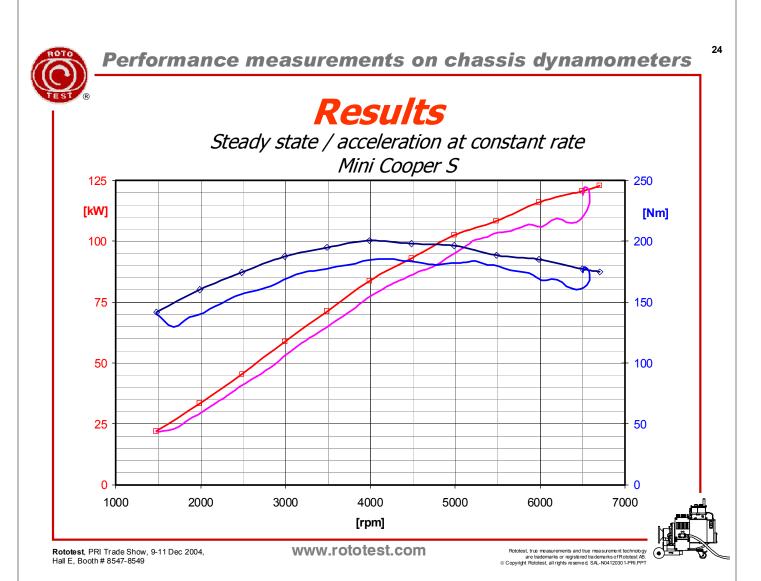


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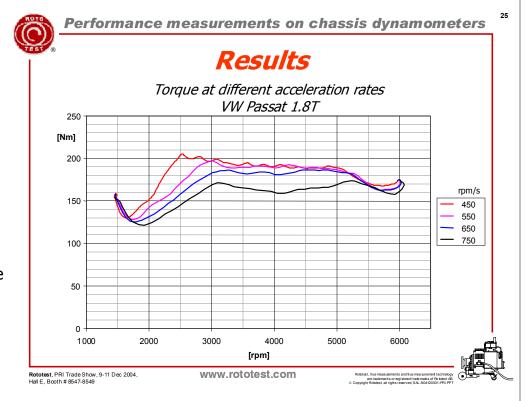
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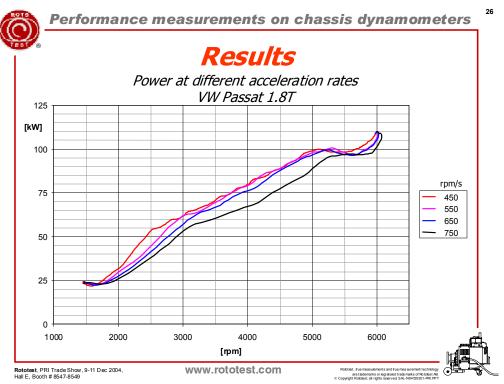


This is a comparison of steady state vs acceleration at a constant rate. The acceleration is started at 1500 rpm and stopped at 6500 rpm. The main difference is caused by the inertia of the drive train but also the fact that the engine is running in a different way when it is accelerating compared to steady state.

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The influence is even more evident in the following figures. As the rate increases full torque is reached later and the torque available is decreased. The inertia of the drive train is reducing the available torque directly related to the rate. However it is obvious that the difference is related to other variables as well, especially if you compare the fastest rate to the others.



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Measurements of 3

one type series racing cars

Volvo S60 racing cars 2003

from team Ferrita Sweden

on a ROTOTEST VPA-R5 Chassis dynamometer

Three racecars from the same team were tested and compared. The racing class uses the same type of car and engine. Sealed engines are delivered from one source. If the seal is broken the car is not allowed to run.

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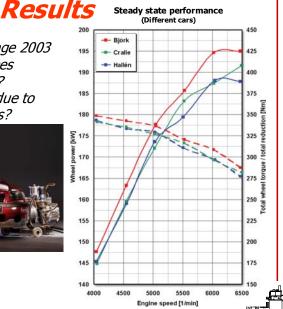
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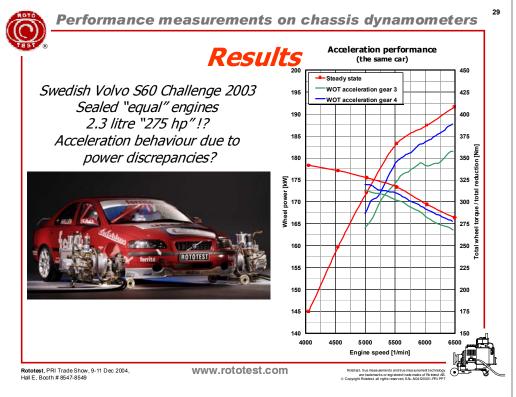
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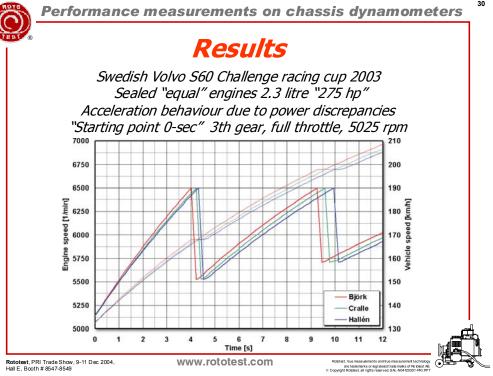
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The cars were also tested during acceleration. A lower gear results in a higher acceleration, which in turn means more inertia losses. In other words, less power available on the wheels.



Using the data from the acceleration tests acceleration was simulated down a long straight. All cars were said to have the same exit speed, shift point and shift time. As one could suspect the "red" car is faster. The important question is: How much faster and does it matter?



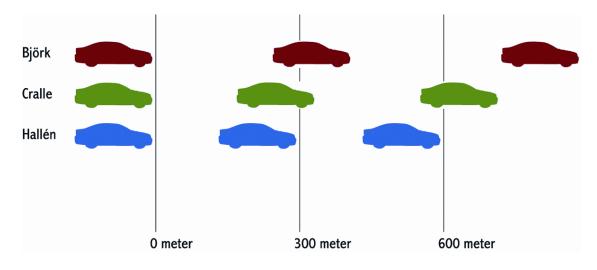
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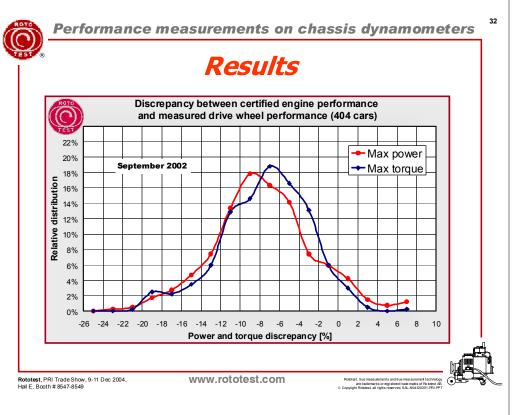
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Converting the difference into distance instead makes it easier to understand how important it can be to have those last horsepower's.

If the drivers are equal in driving the driver in the red car will always win!

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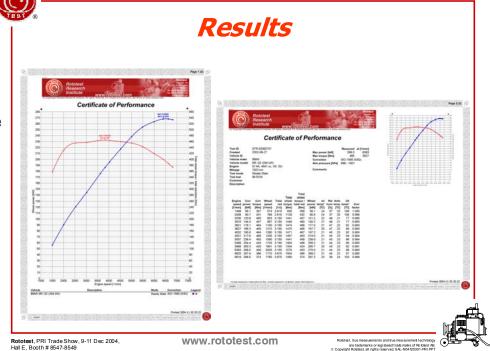
At Rototest we do a lot of testing ourselves. This means we can produce some interesting statistics. This figure shows a comparison of what the manufacturer claim in the engine specification and what we measure on the wheels. The average difference turned out to be about 7-9%, which can be said to be a good estimate of a normal transmission loss. However we have seen cars producing quite a lot more on the wheels than the engine spec says. At the other end there are examples of -25% difference too. If this were to be the losses then the oil would boil in the transmission.



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