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# LEAK TESTING PRESENTATION

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## ATC Facility in Indianapolis, IN







- ATC was started in 1986
- Began building custom machine building

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Specializing in Leak and Flow testing

ATC. Inc.

• Saw the need for a better method of leak testing



• Developed the Micro-Flow sensor technology which is the basis for all

of our equipment today!



• ATC's Micro-Flow technology used in the industrial for over 20 years



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- ATC is an Accredited Company per ISO 17025
- Certified by A2LA



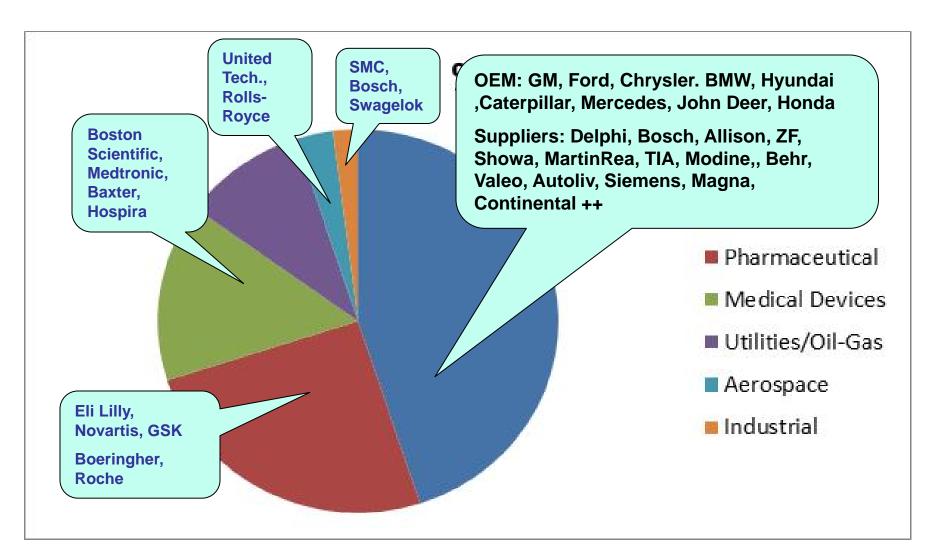


- ATC Scope:
  - Leak Testing
  - Closure Integrity testing
  - Micro-Flow and Flow related Calibration



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### **ATC Global Sale by Industry**





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# How It Works

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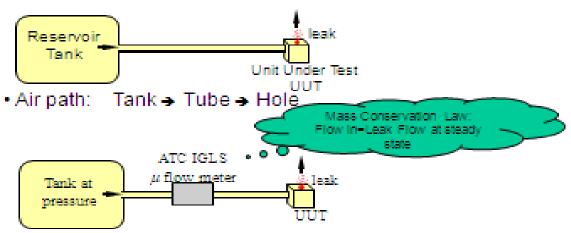
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# How ATC's Micro-Flow Sensor Measures 11 your Leak Flow? Pressure Test

### Pressure Test

 Your product is simply pressurized, allowed air to leak to atmosphere.

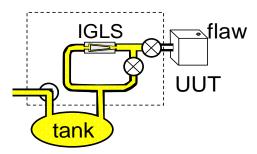


Measure with Micro-Flow Sensor

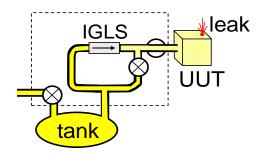


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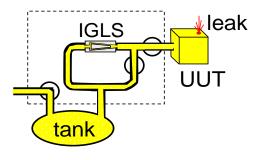
## **Method of Operation – Pressure Test**



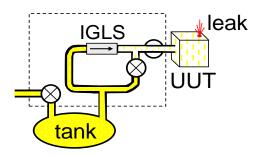
**1 Standby** – Expansion tank  $P_0$  – IGLS No flow



**3 Stabilize** – Leak reduces  $P_{\mathsf{UUT}}$  – IGLS begins flow



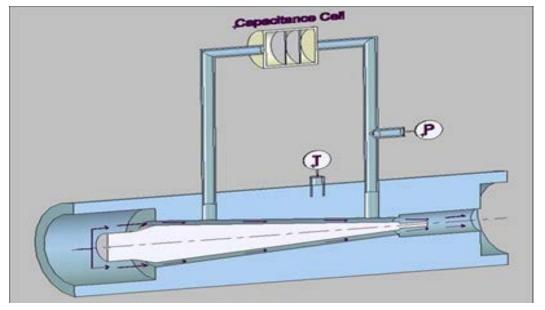
**2 Fill** – All branches at P<sub>0</sub>– IGLS no flow, *flaw leaks* 



**4 Test** – Steady flow  $P_{\rm UUT}$  <  $P_{\rm tank}$  – IGLS measures leak

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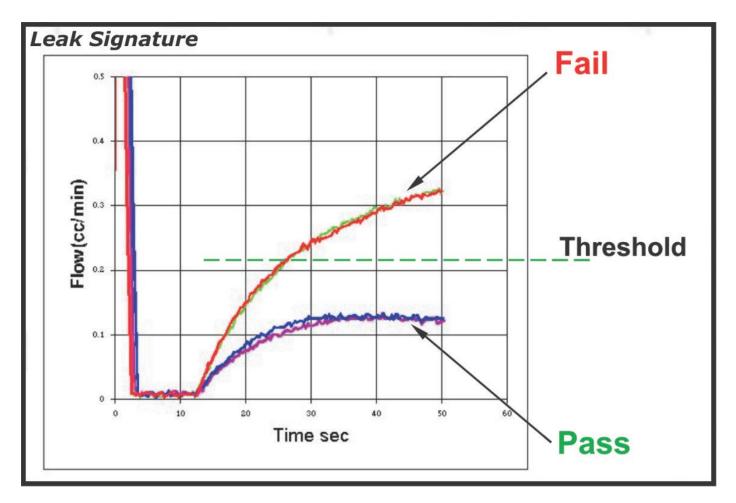
### Intelligent Gas Leak Sensor IGLS



- ATC utilizes our patented IGLS (Intelligent Gas Leak Sensor)
- The IGLS is an integrated micro-sensor based on ATC's accelerated laminar flow (ALF)design, measuring flow, pressure, and temperature
- The IGLS includes a built-in micro processor based leak test controller, which enables direct leak flow measure

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# **Test Data Result Signature Curve**





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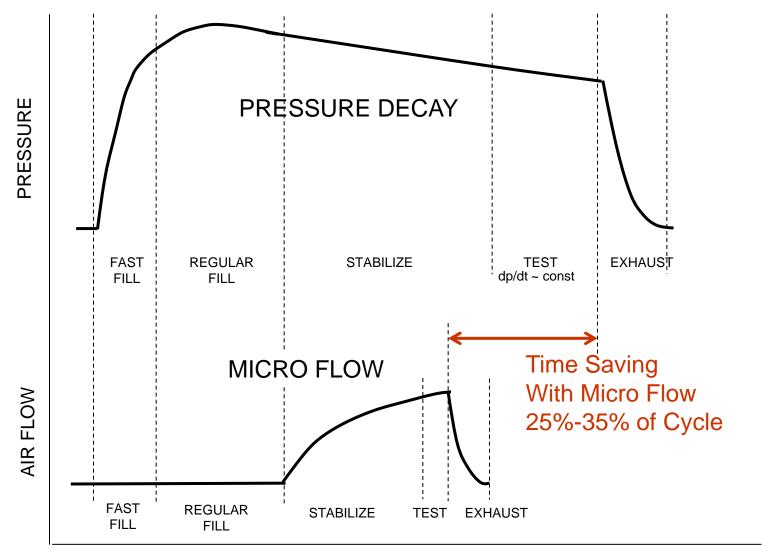
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Product testing with 2 micron system **Measurement-fine defects** Flow Microgram/min 1.80 **Evacuation-fine** Vial w/2u orifice-1.60 multiple Test for large defects run over multiple 1.40 **Evacuation** days 1.20 Vial-2 1.00 tests 0.80 0.60 0.40 0.0 2.4 4.8 7.2 9.6 12.0 14.4 16.8 19.2 21.6 24.0 ELI01T060508-000203.csv ELI01T060508-000204.csv Time(sec) ELI01T060508-000209.csv ELI01T060508-000210.csv ELI01T060508-000211.csv ELI01T060508-000212.csv

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### Why ATC's Micro-Flow Test faster than P-Decay/Vacuum increase methods?

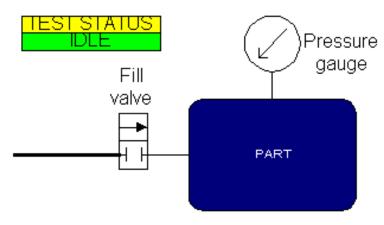


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## Typical Pressure Decay/Vacuum Increase Leak **Test System**



- Older technology, has existed for many years.
- Indirect leak flow measurement.
- Leak rate based on decay rate, test pressure. Test volume is calculated for every set up.
- This volume calc. is sometimes called "calibration" as we are using cal. orifices.



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### IGLS Micro-Flow vs. Pressure Decay Systems

# IGLS Technology

- Measures direct flow
- Is temperature insensitive
- Is Volume insensitive
- Does not require frequent calibration
- High Accuracy
- Higher Achievable Gage R&R
- Typically 25-35% faster for same capability

# Pressure Decay

- Measures indirect pressure drop
- Is temperature sensitive
- Is Volume Sensitive
- Requires frequent calibration (high maintenance)
- Lower Accuracy
- Typically lower or equal instrument cost

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### Common issues with pressure decay

- Indirect measurement calculate leaks
  - Changing test volume bias reading
  - Operator must "calibrate" during part changeover
  - Operator can "zero" or mask a leak.
- Pressure transducer is often not rated for the required resolution.
- Temperature fluctuations causes errors!
  - Increases in temperatures will mask leaks
  - Decreases in temperature will cause false rejects
  - Requires frequent calibration to overcome drifts



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## IGLS vs. Differential Pressure Decay Systems

# IGLS Technology

- Measures direct flow
- Is temperature insensitive
- Is Volume insensitive
- Does not require frequent calibration
- High Accuracy
- Higher Achievable Gage R&R
- Typically 15-20% faster for same capability.

# • Diff. Pressure Decay

- Measures indirect pressure drop
- Is very temperature sensitive
- Is Volume Sensitive
- Requires frequent calibration (high maintenance)
- Twice the valves and connections, twice the chance for leaks in the system (high maintenance)
- Reference volume is required for each test part
- Over Pressure protection required
- Similar cost

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### **Verification Orifices**

- ATC test instruments are equipped with a Verification Orifice
- Equivalent Micro-Geometry (EMG) is defined as Critical (Max. Allowed) Defect which can be reproduced as "verification orifices".

Meets the requirements of US-CAR, SAE J2587 for US-CARB LEV II+ PZEV, EURO-5 Hydrocarbon Emission Standards an Major OEM's

ATC ECS Micro-Flow Channels will meet the Ford ES YU5A-9000 Standard

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#### **Verification Orifice**



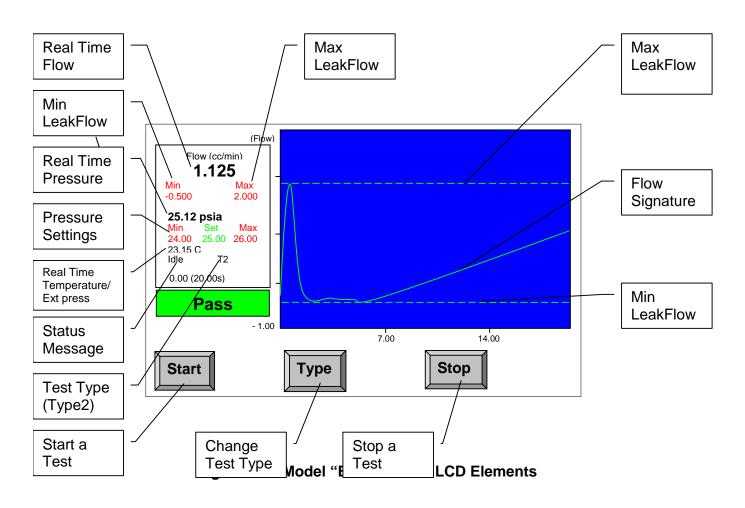
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#### **ATC's E2 Test Instrument**



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#### Front Panel E2 and VE2 Tester

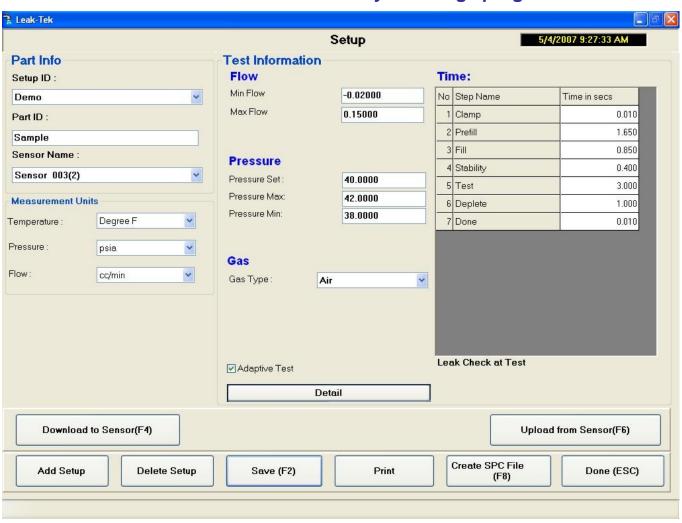


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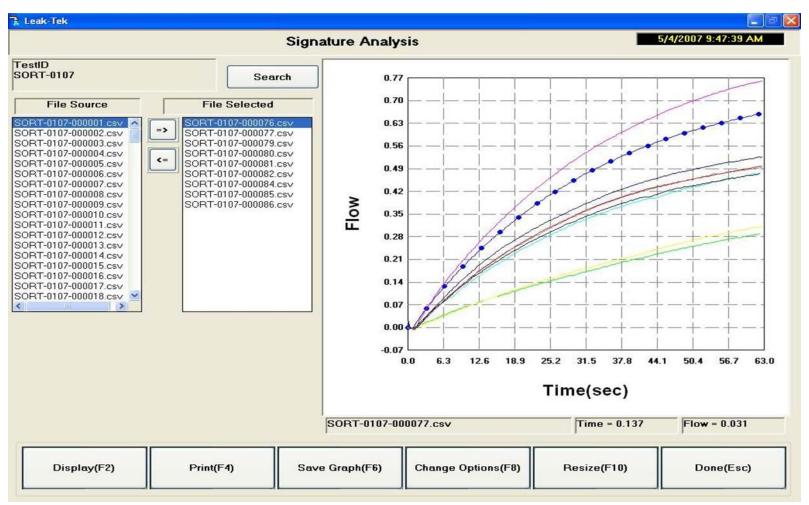
### Leak-Tek Software allows our customers the ability to change program times and limits





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#### ATC's Leak-Tek software will display Signature Analysis of Test Data



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- ATC has put the engineering and science back into leak testing and has developed some of the most sensitive and accurate Micro-Flow sensors and testing equipment in the market
- ATC provides to our customers engineered solution to their leak testing applications
- ATC engineered solutions will provide to you the most accurate leak testing solution with superior overall system stability while still offering system flexibility