DESIGN OF MOBILE PETROL PUMP

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WHY MOBILE PETROL PUMP ??

No easy access to petroleum in rural areas..

there are lot of farm equipment which needs fuel but fuel is away in cities.

Instead bringing vehicle to fuel, let gas station bring the fuel to vehicles and equipments lying around.

This is not yet tried in India
Possible applications of mobile petrol pump

1. Supply of fuel at the farm - pumps and remote areas where power is fuel based.

2. Industries who has their own diesel power gen-sets.

3. Vehicles on the road who needs immediate fuel can make a phone call to mobile unit.

4. As a mobile petrol pump for villages covering two-three villages and having a certain duration in week or so at particular place for petrol dispensing service.

5. As a kerosene dispenser for villages.
Issues that needs to be consider

**FUNCTION STRUCTURE**

**MOBILE PETROL PUMP**

**dispensing to customer**
- Parking the vehicle.
- Dispensing the petrol/diesel.
- For remote pipe pulling pipe or filling a can for delivery.
- Checking the level in the fuel tank.
- Carrying money transactions and giving bills.
- Arrangement for filling of the cans or packing for small quantity.
- Safety check, no smoking and vehicles are turn off.

**Refilling The tanks**
- If empty check.
- Park the vehicle at refilling station.
- Refilling from either pump (inbuilt in vehicle or at station.) or gravity feed.
- For small tankers, automatic fuel shut.
- Refilling for petrol diesel both.
- Safety precautions if it is to be filled at normal petrol pump.

**Traveling**
- Get the schedule before starting journey.
- Plan the route.
- Can be pre-packed in polythene and delivered by two wheeler.
- Go to the individual places.
- Careful traveling on village roads.

**Maintenance**
- Scheduling of the servicing time.
- Service the transport vehicle.
- Service the tank.
- Service the pump and dispenser unit.
- Arrangement for emergency tool kit.

**Manufacturing**
- Manufacturing decision about making petrol and diesel tanker separate.
- Small chassis for petrol tankers.
- Big chassis for diesel tankers.
- Combined tanker with petrol and diesel.
- Anticorrosion and proper materials for tanker.
- Integration of units from existing pumps.
- Minimum tooling cost for manufacturing the unit.

**Economy**
- The final delivery cost as we are spending fuel to deliver fuel.
- The combined cost of the mobile unit and other accessories needed.
- Convincing the customer for good business from this unit.
Discussion with BPCL officers

1. Rules for handling flammable fuels :-
   - Minimum six meter radius place are is secured or fenced from the dispensing nozzle.
   - Vehicle should not park around electricity pole.

2. Ideal capacity for the tank should be 10kl. 2-3 kl for petrol and 7-8kl for diesel.

3. Fuel Meter needs to be made shock proof.

4. Carrying petrol in bottles and cans are highly unsafe and unlawful too.
Visit to jet airways

Specially fabricated for dispensing of diesel to various equipment on the airport.

The chassis is TATA 407. the monthly schedule is followed for pump and also there is separate schedule for vehicle maintenance.

The capacity of this bowser is 2600 liters. The daily consumption is about 1200 liters of fuel.

The tank is skid mounted. The pump is located at the middle, near engine. A power for pump is given from the engine gear box.
Study of other similar products

Water bowsers

Aero plane and fuel bowsers

Oil and petroleum tankers
About similar products...

• All are made for dispensing of large quantity and generally they empty after one trip.

• Most of them are built on a separate chassis and then toed to a vehicle for carrying.

• Fabrication details can be borrowed from these products.

• Lot of them use standardized prefabricated tanks available in the market
Visit to fabricators

In order to study the constructional details of the separately built vehicles, visits were made to two fabricators.

1. Tex-fab fabricators.
   - The details about tanker fabrication were learnt here. He gave the drawing for a standard tank.

2. Sigma autocrafts pvt. Ltd.
   - Details about separately built vehicles fabrication were learned.
Visit to villages

Places visited:
Manakapur,
Hupari,
Rendal

New learning
• @ 25 tractor and 200-300 two wheelers in a village of population 10000-12000.
• Each tractor consumes @ 20-25 litres of diesel per day and vehicles consumes 1-2 litres of petrol.
• Everyday buys the fuel in order to keep low investments.
• Also the petrol is sold as a red oxide thinner in ordinary PET bottles.
Fuel purchase models

EXISTING SCENARIO

VILLAGE  
PETROL PUMP IN TOWN  
7-8 kms

FARMS

SCENARIO WITH MOBILE PUMP

VILLAGE  
Mobile petrol pump  
@ ½ kms

FARMS

1-2 kms

Cutting down distance will help in

• Saving of the fuel to travel to city for diesel vehicles such as tractors.
• Time saving to bring the fuel as its everyday activity.
• Convenience
Design a mobile gasoline dispenser satisfying following requirements.

- The operators ease and safety should be ensured.
- Design should follow all the safety rules and regulations.
- Both fuel dispensing arrangement must be provided
- 9 KL capacity. (3 kl petrol and 6kl diesel.)
- The dispenser vehicle must be integrated with fuel meter and pump assembly.
- The organization of the product should be such that it has an integral look.
Few initial rough concept before the brief

Two modular cylinders

Petrol auto rickshaw

Petrol bicycle

Petrol van

Petrol/diesel truck

Petrol truck
Finalizing the tank dimension and selection of chassis

SPECIFICATIONS

- overall capacity of the tank = 9000 litres
- length of the tank = 3660 mm
- height of the tank = 1450 mm
- width of the tank = 2135 mm
- compartments = 3

- Diesel capacity = 6000 litres. (two compartments)
- petrol capacity = 3000 litres (one compartment)
- weight of the fuel = @ 8500 kg
Finalizing the tank dimension and selection of chassis

Main specifications for chassis

Max. Permissible RAW = 10200 KG  
Overall length = varies as per model  
Front track = 1933 mm  
Rear track = 1809 mm  
Wheel base = 4225 mm  
Overall width = 2434 mm.

Selection criteria for chassis:

- weight of the tank with fuel.  
- dimensions of the tank.
## The selection of configuration

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### Diagram:

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- **2**  
- **3**  
- **4**  
- **5**  
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- **The tank**
- **The pump and metering unit**
- **Nozzle and display with safety equipment**

### Scale of marking:

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Internal product organization

Opening for refilling of tank

Driver cab with chassis

Tank

Pump, meter and filter unit

Alternate concept
The final configuration options

Fig. 1

Fig. 2
The optimum configuration

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The Weightage factors for evaluation :-

1) Weightage for safety = 15/36 = 0.42
2) Weightage for ease of operator end user = 11/36 = 0.31
3) Weightage for ease of maintenance = 7/36 = 0.19
4) Weightage for aesthetics = 3/36 = 0.08
## The optimum configuration

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The second configuration is accepted.
The advantages of display and nozzle at back

Layout 1

Top view

Dispensing to customer vehicle

Layout 2

Dispensing to customer vehicle
Power arrangement for pump

1) Power from engine of vehicle
   - Engine and gearbox
   - Intermediate gearbox
   - To the engine differential
   - To the pump
   - Much more power than the necessary

2) Power from external engine
   - External small IC Engine
   - Gear box, clutches (if necessary)
   - Pump

Hot engine exhaust and engine heating can be detrimental.
3) Power from batteries or generator

- Externally charged battery bank
- Generator set
- Brushless DC motor driving pumps

Noiseless, flexibility in location, flexibility in power input brings flexibility in operations
arrangement for securing the area

1. The flexible, stackable plastic cones

1. The ball with pointed end rods with arrangement to keep chain in ball.
arrangement for securing the area

Top view

Petrol vehicles

Dispensing to customer vehicle

Diesel vehicles

Dispensing to customer vehicle
Product form

1) Open tank vehicles

2) semi-enclosed tank vehicles

2) enclosed tank vehicles
Product form - options
Product form - Finalization
Final Concept

- Customization for IBP
- Serious / safe vehicle
- Meeting all product brief requirements
Final Concept

Driver cabin

Oil tank

Fuel dispensing interface

Battery compartment

Pump, meter, motor compartment along with a fire extinguishers
Final Concept - the dispensing interface

- Dispensing nozzle - one for petrol and one for diesel
- Additional compartment for oil packs lub oils
- Swiveling display
- Display reset
- Hose Backed by hose retractor mechanism
- Compartment for fire extinguishers
- Gas spring
- The dispensing interface door also acts as shade while dispensing
Model photographs