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(54) **FUEL INJECTION VALVE AND INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE MOUNTING THE SAME**

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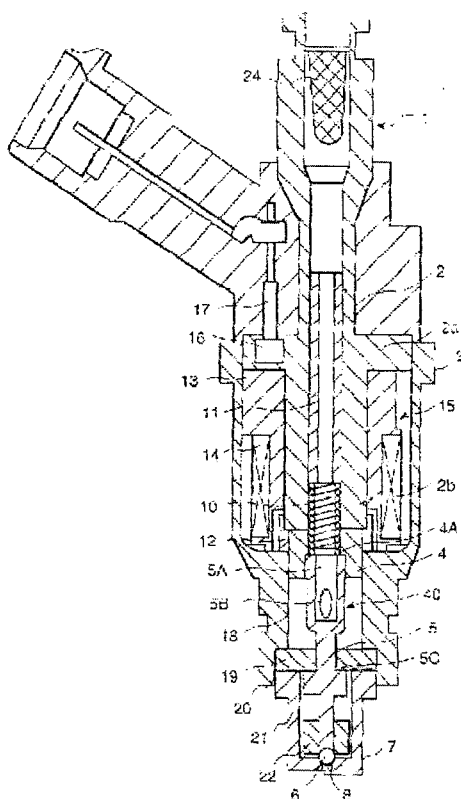
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

At an outlet portion of an injection hole (9) of a fuel injection valve (1), through removal of a part (A1, 7B) of a wall forming the injection hole (8), a restriction to a spray flow is eliminated, thereby, a deflection of the spray occurs in which the spray is rich at the side where this restriction is released and is lean at the side that is restricted. Thus, the ignition property of an internal combustion engine is improved, and an optimum spray is realized which reduces the amount of unburnt gas components being exhausted.

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Further, through an adjustment of the injection hole width W, the spray cross section Ws (as defined in FIG. 3B) can be adjusted, in that through decreasing W, Ws can be decreased and through increasing W, Ws can be increased, thereby, W can be set in a range $0 < W \leq d_0$.

As has been explained above, by adjusting the size of the step (L'-L), the deflection amount of the spray (the angle α or β as shown in FIG. 3A) can be adjusted. Further, by adjusting the range (the range for shortening the passage wall) of removing the passage wall of the injection hole 8 with respect to the circumferential direction thereof, the expansion Ws of lateral cross section of the spray can be adjusted.

The nozzle member 7 can be constituted as shown in FIGS. 7A through 7D.

In the nozzle member 7' as shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B, a thick portion 7C is provided around the circumferential portion of the bottom face portion (end face portion) 71 of the nozzle member 7. Namely, in this instance, by means of the thick portion 7C vibration noises caused when the ball 6 seats on the seat face 9 is reduced.

Further, as shown in FIGS. 7C and 7D, through provision of a substantially annular thick portion 7T having thickness or (B2-B1) formed at a distance B1 from the center of the injection hole 8, the vibration noise can be reduced.

Further, the nozzle member 7 can be constituted as shown in FIGS. 8A and 8B.

A nozzle member 7'' is constituted only by a bottom face portion 71' of a housing which accommodates the fuel swirl element 22 and a part of the valve body 40, and is constituted by a separate body from a side wall portion 72'. The side wall portion 72' constitutes a nozzle guide body for guiding the nozzle member 7''. The nozzle member 7'' is welded along a joint portion 7D to the side wall portion (nozzle guide body) 72'. Namely, in the present structure, a portion which is to be properly varied depending on an engine volume and an attachment angle of an injection valve is concentrated only at the bottom face portion 71' of the housing, thereby, the productivity thereof is improved.

An embodiment of an internal combustion engine will be explained with reference to FIGS. 9A through 9C.

The piston 69 reciprocally disposed in the cylinder 68 moves up and down in the cylinder 68 in response to rotation on a crank shaft not shown. On the upper portion of the cylinder 68 a cylinder head 63 is mounted to form a closed chamber together with the cylinder 68. In the cylinder head 63, an intake manifold 62 which introduces external air into the cylinder 68 via an intake air flow rate control unit 61 incorporating a throttle valve and an exhaust manifold which introduces combustion gas burnt in the cylinder 68 into an exhaust unit, are formed.

At the side of the intake manifold 62 of the cylinder head 63 intake valves 64 are provided, at the center thereof the ignition unit 65 is provided and at the opposite side of the intake valves 64 exhaust valves 66 are respectively provided. The intake valves 64 and the exhaust valves 66 are disposed in such a manner to extend into the combustion chamber 67. Herein, the fuel injection valve 1 is attached near a connecting portion of the intake manifold 62 in the cylinder head 63, and the axial line of the fuel injection valve 1 is set to direct slightly downward in the combustion chamber 67 (in such a manner that the same is directed to opposite direction with regard to the location of the ignition unit 65). The attachment angle γ thereof is usually about $10^\circ \sim 50^\circ$.

Numeral 69 shows the piston, and numeral 69A is a cavity (a recess) provided on the piston 69. The cavity 69A is

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provided in the radial direction of the piston 69 over a range from the side of the exhaust valves 66 beyond the attachment position of the ignition unit 65 to the side of the intake valves 64 (almost the position of the injection hole 8). The injection hole 8 is directed toward the cavity 69A provided on the piston 69. A blanked arrow 81 in the drawings shows the flow of intake air and a hatched arrow 83 shows the flow of exhaust gas respectively.

The fuel for the internal combustion engine 60 is pressurized by a pump and supplied to the fuel injection valve 1 and is directly injected into the combustion chamber 67 by the fuel injection valve 1 in synchronism with the timing of the intake air, and immediately before the firing thereof, is distributed as shown by the region 80. A mixing of the fuel atomized by the injection with the air flow (tumble flow) 82 introduced via the intake air manifold 62 is promoted in the combustion chamber 67.

The tumble flow 82 flows through the side of the cylinder head 63 to the side of the exhaust valves 66, changes the flow direction below the exhaust valves 66 toward the side of the piston 69, and is introduced to the side of the fuel injection valve 1 along the curved face of the cavity 69A so as to carry the spray upward. The spray deflected toward the ignition unit 65 further directed toward the ignition unit 65 by the tumble flow 82. On the other hand, the spray directed toward the cavity 69A is leaned, thereby, an excess fuel spray toward the piston 69 is prevented. Accordingly, the deposition of the fuel spray on the piston 69 can be reduced. Thereafter, the air fuel mixture is compressed during a compression stroke, is fired stably by the ignition unit 65, thereby, a stable combustion is realized which suppresses an exhaust amount of unburnt gas. Through cutting a part of the spray, a pressure difference between the inside and the outside of the spray is eliminated, thereby, the spray configuration hardly changes in response to a pressure variation inside the cylinder 68, resultantly, a spray can be provided which shows a desirable combustion stability in a broad range of engine rpm.

In the in-cylinder gasoline injection engine, a tumble flow is generated in the combustion chamber, therefore, a combustion of lean air fuel mixture can be realized without significantly modifying the cylinder head configuration of a conventional engine.

According to the fuel injection valves of the above respective embodiments, at an outlet port of the injection hole, through removing a part of a wall face forming the injection hole a restriction to a spray flow is released and a deflecting spray is formed in which the air fuel mixture of combustible density at the side restriction released is rich and that at side restricted the air fuel mixture of combustible density is lean. For this reason, the flow of spray is hardly disturbed as will happen in a case where a part of the injection hole is shielded. The above feature is particularly advantageous when the fuel injection valve injects fuel while applying a swirling force thereto, because the applied swirl energy is hardly dissipated.

Further, the fuel injection valves according to the respective embodiments can be realized by cutting out a part of the wall forming the injection hole at the outlet port thereof, by providing a step at the outlet opening portion of the injection valve so that the length of the injection hole varies in the circumferential direction thereof or by forming a recess at the nozzle top end face including a part of the wall face forming the injection hole. When looking at these embodiments from another point of view, a part of the wall face forming the injection hole is provided by extending toward down stream side (at the top end side of the nozzle body) in comparison with the other portion thereof.

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5. A fuel injection valve according to claim 1, wherein a spray is injected in such a manner that the spray injected from the injection hole comprises a rich spray component around two imaginary sides using the injection hole as their apex on a cross sectional plane including the center axial line of the injection hole and in parallel with the center axial line, and the distance the spray is injected around one side among the two sides is shorter than the distance the spray is injected to the other side, while in the side range where the distance the spray reaches is short, a spray cross sectional plane perpendicular to the center axial line of injection hole contains a fuel lean portion.

6. A fuel injection valve according to claim 1, wherein the fuel passage applies a swirling force to fuel at the upstream side of the valve seat.

7. A fuel injection system comprising a fuel injection valve which operates to inject fuel directly into a cylinder, a pump which pressurizes the fuel and supplies the same to the fuel injection valve and a control unit which controls fuel injection by means of the fuel injection valve, wherein as said fuel injection valve the fuel injection valve according to claim 1 is used.

8. An internal combustion engine comprising a cylinder, a piston which performs a reciprocating motion in the cylinder, an air intake means which introduces air into the cylinder, an exhaust means which exhausts burnt gas from the cylinder, a fuel injection valve which directly injects fuel into the cylinder and an ignition unit which ignites a mixture gas formed of the air introduced into the cylinder by the air intake means and the fuel injected into the cylinder by the fuel injection valve, wherein as said fuel injection valve the fuel injection valve according to claim 1 is used, and the fuel injection valve is arranged in such a manner that a shortened portion of a passage wall forming the injection hole through provision of a step is directed to the side of the ignition unit.

9. An internal combustion engine according to claim 8, wherein a deflection spray is formed in which the spray is rich at the side of the ignition unit and the spray is lean at the side of the piston.

10. A fuel injection valve, comprising: a member having an injection hole, a valve seat located at an upstream side of the injection hole, a valve body which performs opening and closing of a fuel passage including said injection hole in cooperation with the valve seat and a driving means for driving the valve body, wherein an outlet port face of the injection hole is formed so as to include a sharp step in the center axial direction of the injection hole.

11. A fuel injection valve according to claims 10, wherein a spray is injected in such a manner that the spray injected from the injection hole comprises a rich spray component around two imaginary sides using the injection hole as their apex on a cross sectional plane including the center axial line of the injection hole and in parallel with the center axial line, and the distance the spray is injected around one side among the two sides is shorter than the distance the spray is injected to the other side, while in the side range where the distance the spray is short, a spray cross sectional plane perpendicular to the center axial line of injection hole contains a fuel lean portion.

12. A fuel injection valve according to claim 10, wherein the fuel passage applies a swirling force to fuel at the upstream side of the valve seat.

13. A fuel injection system comprising a fuel injection valve which operates to inject fuel directly into a cylinder, a pump which pressurizes the fuel and supplies the same to the fuel injection valve and a control unit which controls fuel injection by means of the fuel injection valve, wherein as

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said fuel injection valve the fuel injection valve according to claim 10 is used.

14. An internal combustion engine comprising a cylinder, a piston which performs a reciprocating motion in the cylinder, an air intake means which introduces air into the cylinder, an exhaust means which exhausts burnt gas from the cylinder, a fuel injection valve which directly injects fuel into the cylinder and an ignition unit which ignites a mixture gas formed of the air introduced into the cylinder by the air intake means and the fuel injected into the cylinder by the fuel injection valve, wherein as said fuel injection valve the fuel injection valve according to claim 10 is used, and the fuel injection valve is arranged in such a manner that a shortened portion of a passage wall forming the injection hole through the provision of the step is directed to the side of the ignition unit.

15. An internal combustion engine according to claim 14, wherein a deflection spray is formed in which the spray is rich at the side of the ignition unit and the spray is lean at the side of the piston.

16. A fuel injection valve, comprising: a member having an injection hole, a valve seat located at an upstream side of the injection hole, a valve body which performs opening and closing of a fuel passage including said injection hole in cooperation with the valve seat and a driving means for driving the valve body, wherein a sharp step is provided at an outlet opening portion of the injection hole so that the length of a passage wall forming the injection hole varies nonlinearly in the circumferential direction of the injection hole.

17. A fuel injection valve according to claim 16, wherein a spray is injected in such a manner that the spray injected from the injection hole comprises a rich spray component around two imaginary sides using the injection hole as their apex on a cross sectional plane including the center axial line of the injection hole and in parallel with the center axial line, and the distance the spray is injected around one side among the two sides is shorter than the distance the spray is injected to the other side, while in the side range where the distance the spray reaches is short, a spray cross sectional plane perpendicular to the center axial line of injection hole contains a fuel lean portion.

18. A fuel injection valve according to claim 16, wherein the fuel passage applies a swirling force to fuel at the upstream side of the valve seat.

19. A fuel injection system comprising a fuel injection valve which operates to inject fuel directly into a cylinder, a pump which pressurizes the fuel and supplies the same to the fuel injection valve and a control unit which controls fuel injection by means of the fuel injection valve, wherein as said fuel injection valve the fuel injection valve according to claim 16 is used.

20. An internal combustion engine comprising a cylinder, a piston which performs a reciprocating motion in the cylinder, an air intake means which introduces air into the cylinder, an exhaust means which exhausts burnt gas from the cylinder, a fuel injection valve which directly injects fuel into the cylinder and an ignition unit which ignites a mixture gas formed of the air introduced into the cylinder by the air intake means and the fuel injected into the cylinder by the fuel injection valve, wherein as said fuel injection valve the fuel injection valve according to claim 16 is used, and the fuel injection valve is arranged in such a manner that a shortened portion of the passage wall forming the injection hole through the provision of the step is directed to the side of the ignition unit.

21. An internal combustion engine according to claim 20, wherein a deflection spray is formed in which the spray is

FIG. 3A

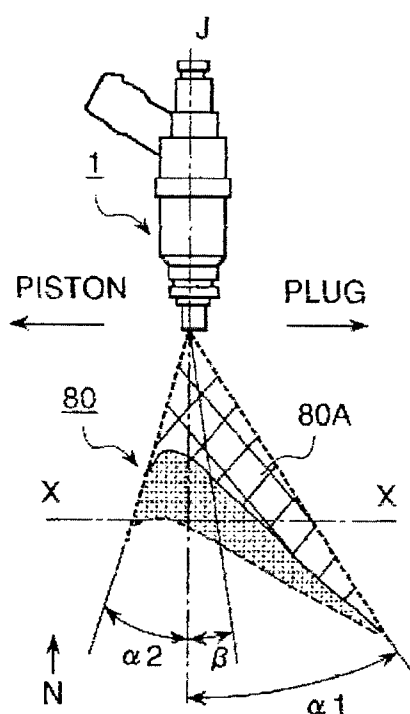


FIG. 3C

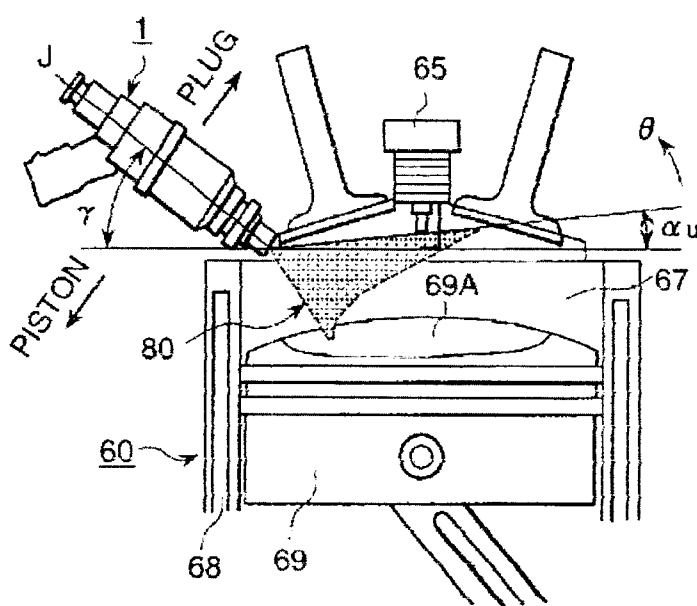


FIG. 3B

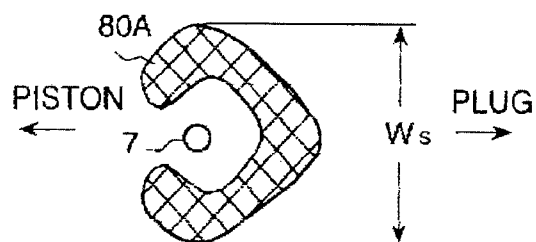


FIG. 9A

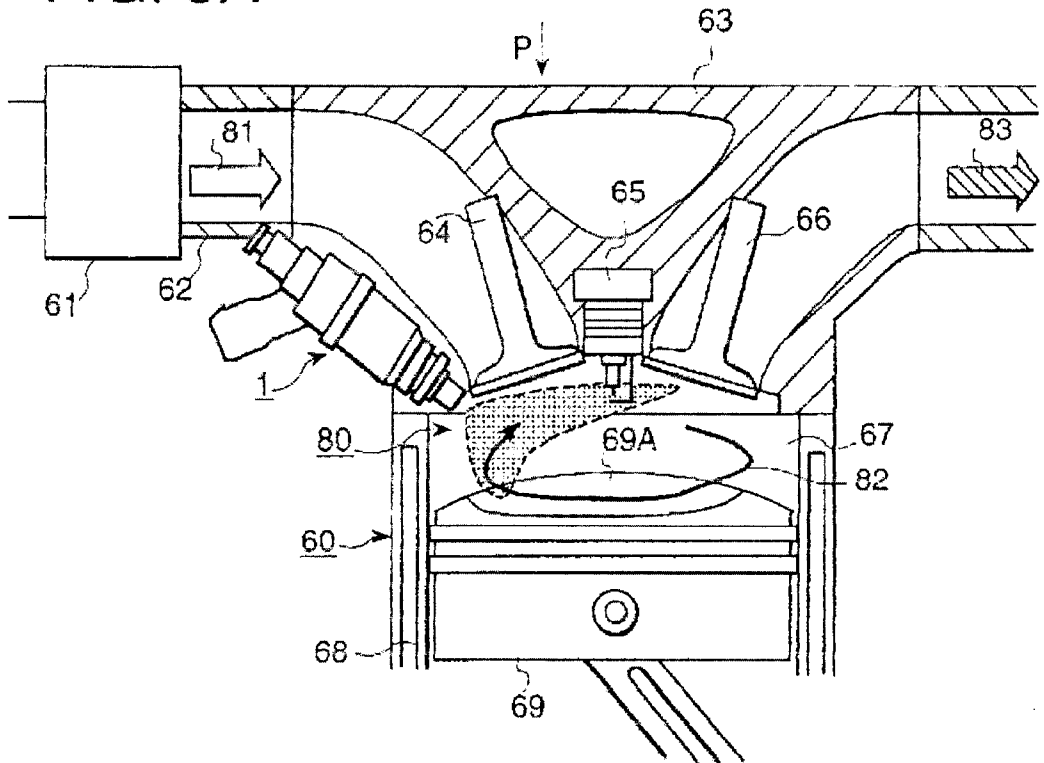


FIG. 9B

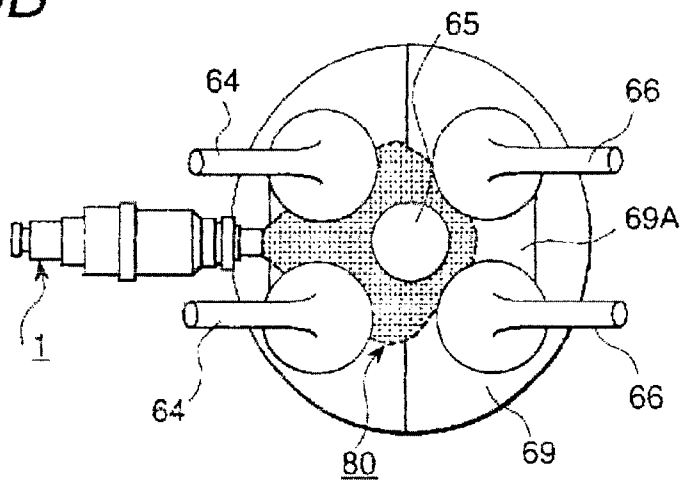


FIG. 9C

