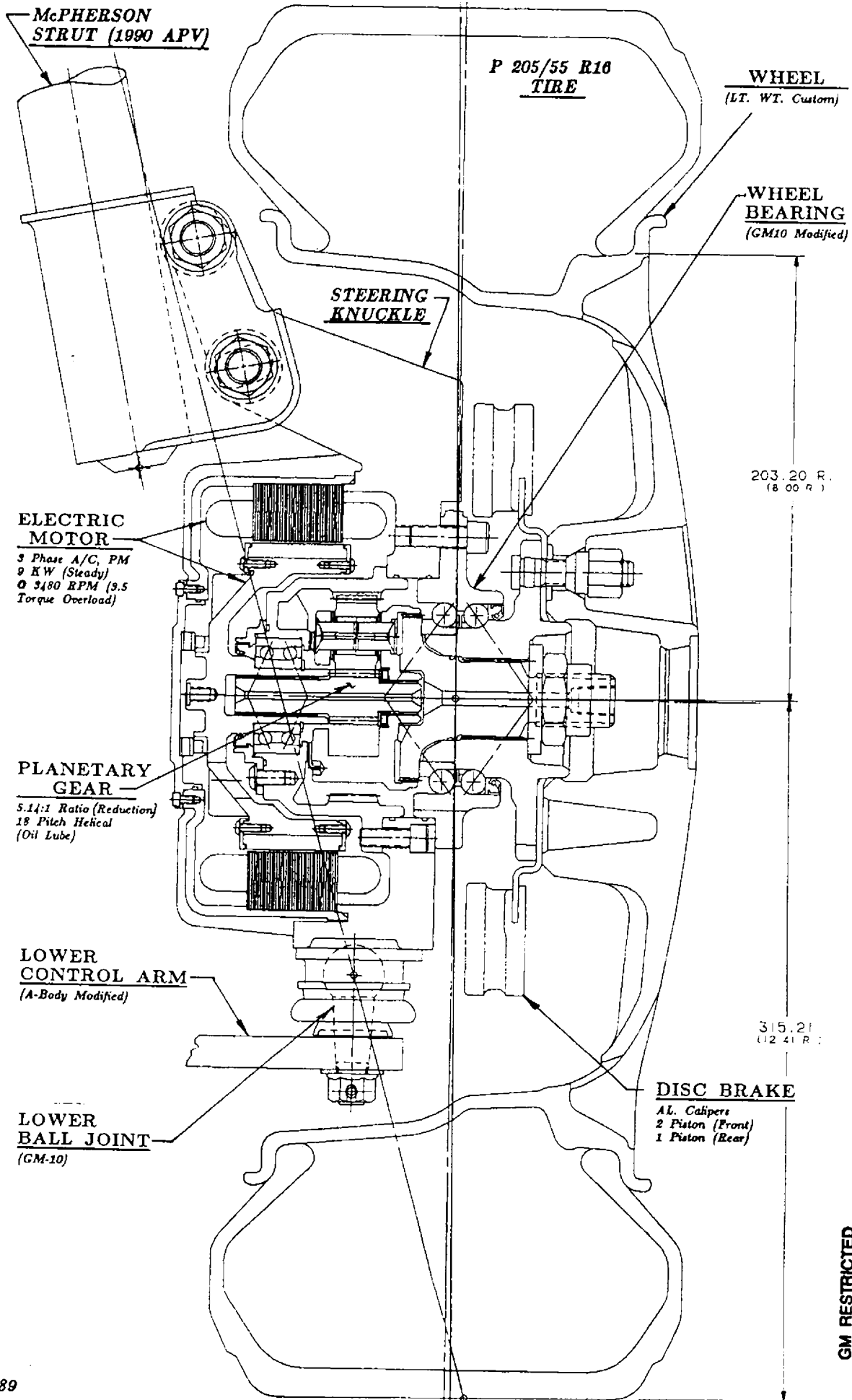


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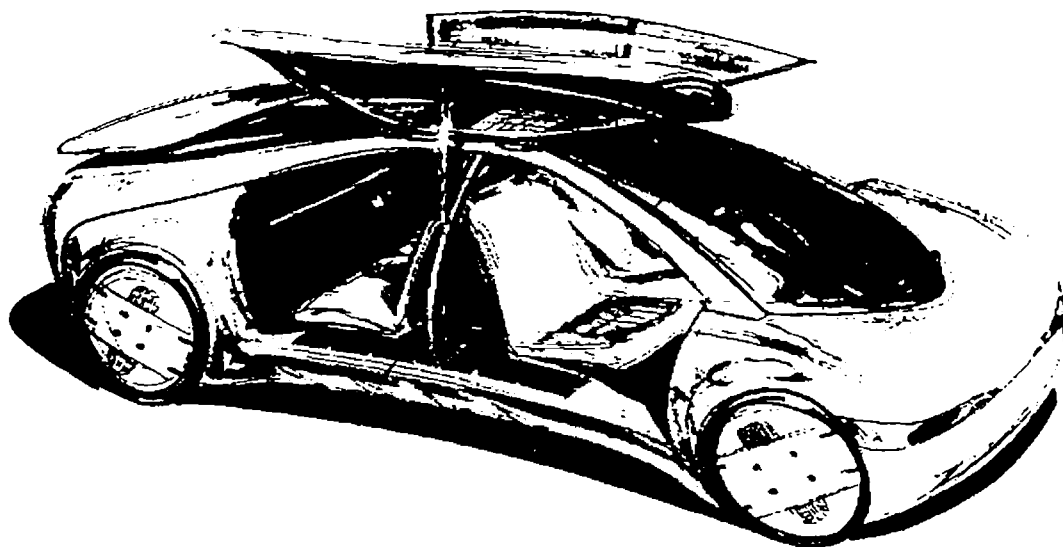


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# FREEDOM PROJECT

A GMR ELECTRIC/HYBRID VEHICLE CONCEPT



*A TRILBY VEHICLE SYSTEMS PROGRAM  
IN COOPERATION WITH  
DESIGN STAFF, AES, AND DELCO REMY*

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# *ELECTRIC VEHICLES*

- **LONG HISTORY**
- **RECENT RENEWED INTEREST**

**Air Quality in Urban Centers**

**Electric Utility Load-Leveling**

- **REDUCED OPERATING RANGE**

**Energy Storage Capability**

<b>Battery Type</b>	<b>Specific Energy, Wh/kg</b>
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<i>Adv. Lead Acid</i>	<i>35</i>
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<i>Nickel Zinc</i>	<i>50</i>
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<i>Nickel Cadmium</i>	<i>30</i>
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<i>Sodium Sulphur</i>	<i>100</i>
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*For reference, gasoline = 12000 Wh/kg*

# *HYBRID VEHICLES*

- **TWO (OR MORE) ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES**  
**(One is Petroleum-Based)**

- **TWO (OR MORE) POWER SOURCES**  
**(One is Internal Combustion Engine)**

- **ADVANTAGES**

**Essentially Unlimited Range**

**Potential for Improved Economy & Emissions**

**Optimized Engine Operation**

**Regenerative Braking**

- **DISADVANTAGES**

**Cost**

**Complexity**

# *MULTIPLE POWER SOURCES*

- **INSTANTANEOUS POWER *PRODUCTION* IS  
DECOUPLED FROM INSTANTANEOUS  
*REQUIREMENTS***
  
- **OPERATION OF THE *ENGINE* CAN BE  
OPTIMIZED FOR --  
Maximum Thermal Efficiency, or  
Minimum Emissions, or  
Appropriate Compromises**

## *MULTIPLE POWER SOURCES, continued*

- ONLY THE *TOTAL ENERGY PRODUCED,*

$$\int_0^T P_{engine} dt$$

**MUST EQUAL THE *TOTAL REQUIREMENTS***

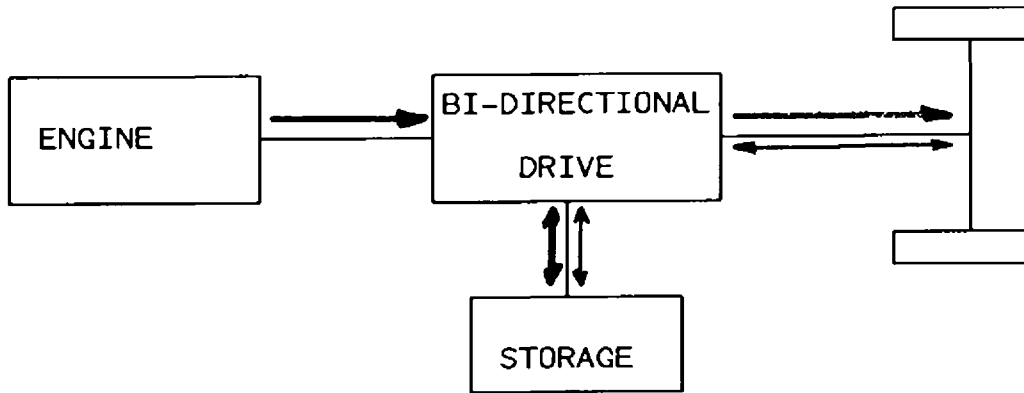
$$\int_0^T P_{vehicle} dt$$

**OVER THE DRIVING SCHEDULE.**

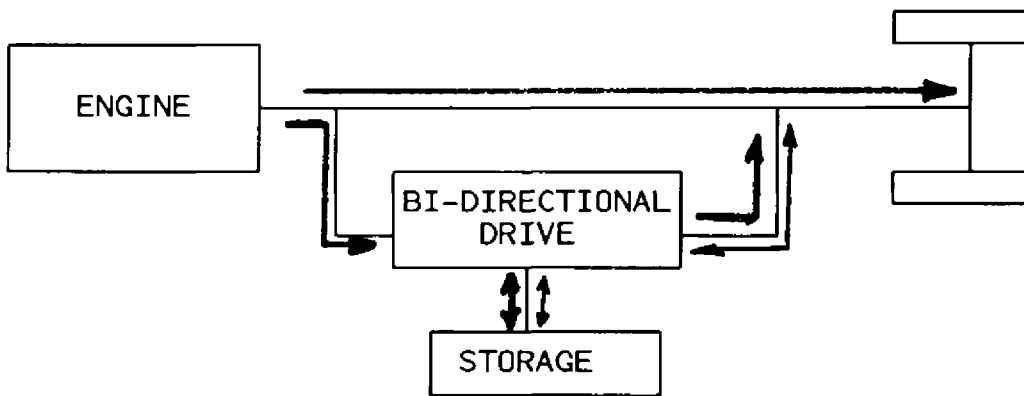
- THE ABILITY OF THE NON-PETROLEUM ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE TO RE-USE VEHICLE KINETIC ENERGY CAN FURTHER REDUCE FUEL CONSUMPTION

# HYBRID VEHICLE ARRANGEMENTS

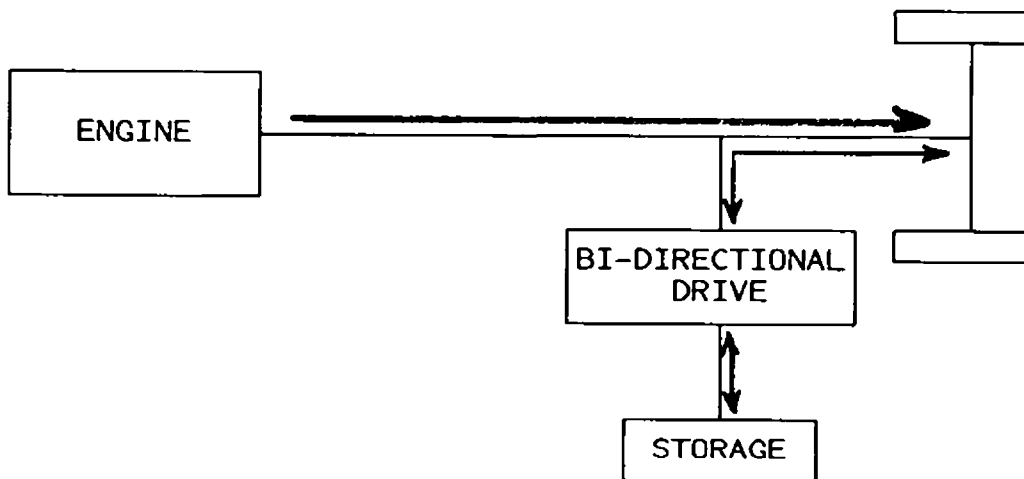
## SERIES



## PARALLEL



## LIMITED PARALLEL (ASSIST)



# *HYBRID VEHICLE ARRANGMENTS, Continued*

**EACH OF THESE PRESENTS UNIQUE  
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Component Technology**
- **Energy Management Strategy**
- **Dynamics & Control**



# *FREEDOM PROJECT FOCUS*

**FREEDOM HAS FOCUSED ON BATTERY-ELECTRIC  
HYBRIDS BECAUSE**

- **OF THE POTENTIAL FOR ZERO TAILPIPE  
EMISSIONS IN URBAN DRIVING**
- **ENERGY STORAGE CAPABILITY IS HIGHER THAN  
OTHER CANDIDATES**

**Hydraulic: 3.5 Wh/kg**

**Pneumatic: 9 Wh/kg**

**Low-Tech Flywheel: 7 Wh/kg**

**High-Tech Flywheel: 22 Wh/kg**

**Pb-Acid Battery: 35 Wh/kg**

**Ni-Zn Battery: 50 Wh/kg**

## *FREEDOM PROJECT FOCUS, Continued*

- **GM's MAGNEQUENCH TECHNOLOGY INCREASES EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRIC MOTORS/GENERATORS**
- **DEMAND FOR ELECTRICAL POWER IN CONVENTIONAL AUTOMOBILES IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE**
- **DISTRIBUTED ELECTRICAL POWERTRAIN COMPONENTS INCREASE PACKAGING FLEXIBILITY**

# MOTIVATION

*LONG-TERM RESEARCH ON VEHICLE  
ASPECTS OF GREENHOUSE PROBLEM*

*NEED FOR UNIQUE PRODUCT WITH FUNCTIONS  
PECULIAR TO ITS CONCEPT*

**Zero Tailpipe Emissions  
No Range Limitation**

*IMPROVED FUEL ECONOMY AND EMISSIONS*

**(Load-Leveling and Regenerative Braking)**

*PAST AND PROJECTED INCREASES  
IN VEHICLE ELECTRICAL LOADS*

*IMPROVED ELECTRICAL COMPONENT TECHNOLOGY*

*POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVED HANDLING THROUGH  
INDIVIDUAL-WHEEL TORQUE CONTROL*

# *FREEDOM PROJECT OBJECTIVES*

- *DEFINITION OF AN "OPTIMUM"  
POWERTRAIN ARCHITECTURE (Under New Constraints)*
  - **Improved Exhaust Emissions and Fuel Economy**
  - **All-Electric Operating Mode**
  - **Flexible Packaging Possibilities**
  - **Independent 4-Wheel Electric Drive Capability**
- *ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF  
HIGH-PERFORMANCE BATTERIES*
- *DEFINITION OF A NEXT-GENERATION  
AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM*

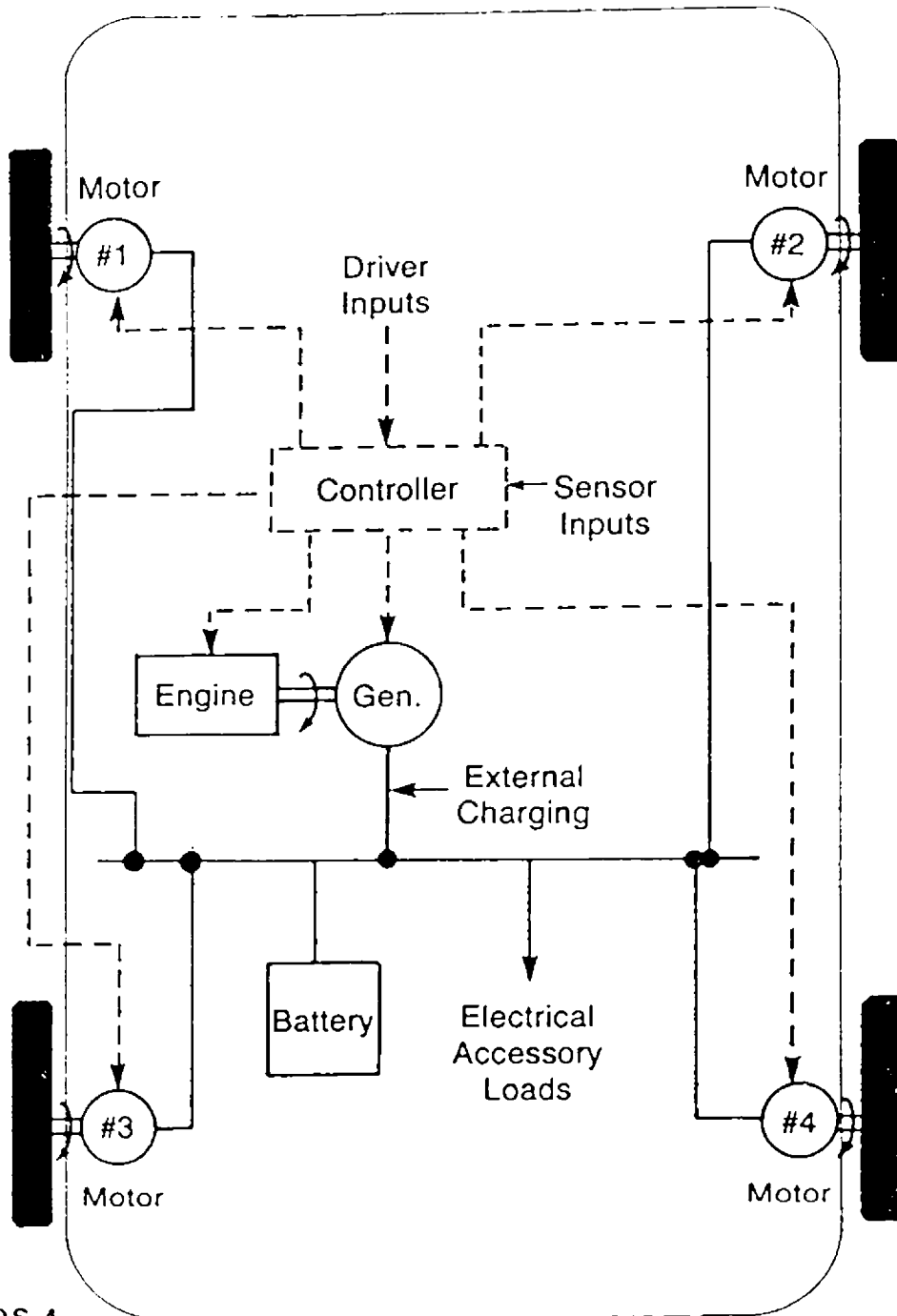
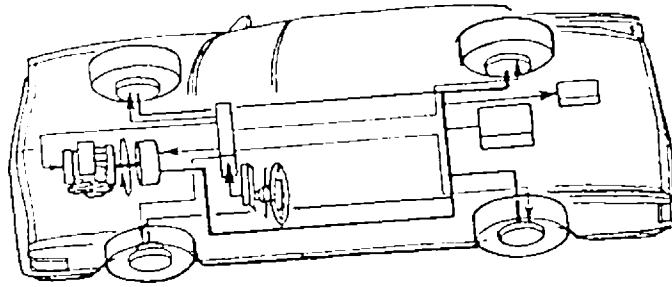
**Higher System Efficiency**  
**Increased Power**  
**Multiple Voltages Available**

# *TECHNICAL APPROACH*

- *ADDRESS THE MAJOR FEATURES OF THE FREEDOM CONCEPT IN PARALLEL*
  - **Propulsion System**
  - **Accessory Energy Management Strategy**
  - **Independent Wheel-Torque Control**
  
- *EVALUATE ALTERNATE CONFIGURATIONS*
  - **Powertrain Arrangement**
  - **Vehicle Class**
  
- *BLEND THE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS IN A FREEDOM CONCEPT VEHICLE*
  - **Flexible Packaging**
  - **Excellent Aesthetics**

# *THE FREEDOM CONCEPT*

- *DISTRIBUTED POWERTRAIN COMPONENTS*
- *DUAL-MODE OPERATION*
  - **All-Electric**
  - **Hybrid**
- *ELECTRIC-TRANSMISSION POWERTRAIN FEATURING*
  - **IC Engine Operating at  
Constant Speed and Load**
  - **Advanced Batteries for Load-Leveling**
  - **Up to Four Sunraycer-Type Drive Motors**
- *MULTIPLE VOLTAGE LEVELS TO SUPPLY  
ACCESSORY POWER*



# *N-CAR SIMULATION*

<b>TEST MASS</b>	<b>1418 kg</b>
<b>ROLLING RESISTANCE COEFF.</b>	<b>0.009</b>
<b>DRAG COEFFICIENT</b>	<b>0.362</b>
<b>FRONTAL AREA</b>	<b>1.97 sq m</b>

## *DRIVE TRAIN*

<b>TRANSMISSION</b>	<b>-69 kg</b>
<b>ENGINE (LESS 1 CYL)</b>	<b>-32 kg</b>
<b>ALTERNATOR</b>	<b>27 kg</b>
<b>RECTIFIER</b>	<b>14 kg</b>
<b>BATTERIES</b>	<b>255 kg</b>
<b>INVERTERS</b>	<b>49 kg</b>
<b>MOTORS</b>	<b>48 kg</b>
<b>WIRING</b>	<b>77 kg</b>
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<b><i>NET CHANGE</i></b>	<b>369 kg</b>
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# HYBRID POWERTRAIN N-CAR SIMULATIONS

## FUEL ECONOMY

	Urban	Highway
N-CAR MEASUREMENT	23.6	37.5
HYBRID (zero acc. load)	34.7	43.2
HYBRID (1 kW acc. load)	29.8	39.

## TAILPIPE EMISSIONS

	HC <sup>1</sup>	CO <sup>1</sup>	NOx <sup>2</sup>
N-CAR MEASUREMENT	.18	1.1	1.05
HYBRID (zero acc. load)	.38	.4	.85
HYBRID (1 kW acc. load)	.69	.47	1.0

1 - 90% Catalyst Efficiency

2 - 70% Catalyst Efficiency

# FREEDOM CONCEPT SIMULATION VEHICLE

TEST MASS	1050 kg
ROLLING RESISTANCE COEFF.	0.009
DRAG COEFFICIENT	0.250
FRONTAL AREA	1.5 sq m

## *DRIVE TRAIN MASS*

ENGINE	23 kg
ALTERNATOR (15 kW)	16 kg
RECTIFIER (200 A)	8 kg
BATTERIES (60 Ah, 65 kW)	150 kg
INVERTERS (4 @ 225 A)	29 kg
MOTORS (4 @ 4 kW)	28 kg
WIRING	45 kg

TOTAL -----  
299 kg

*VEHICLE & PAYLOAD* 751 kg

2007-2008 GM Light-Duty Vehicle Fuel Economy  
 Advanced Delco Remy Ni-Zn Batteries

**ALL-ELECTRIC RANGE**  
**100% Initial State-of-Charge**

	Miles	Final S-o-C
Zero Acc. Load	37.2	25%
1 kW Acc. Load	29.8	19%

**HYBRID FUEL ECONOMY, mi/gal**

	Urban	Highway
Zero Acc. Load	48.0	75.0
1 kW Acc. Load	45.0	55.0

**HYBRID TAILPIPE EMISSIONS, gm/mi**

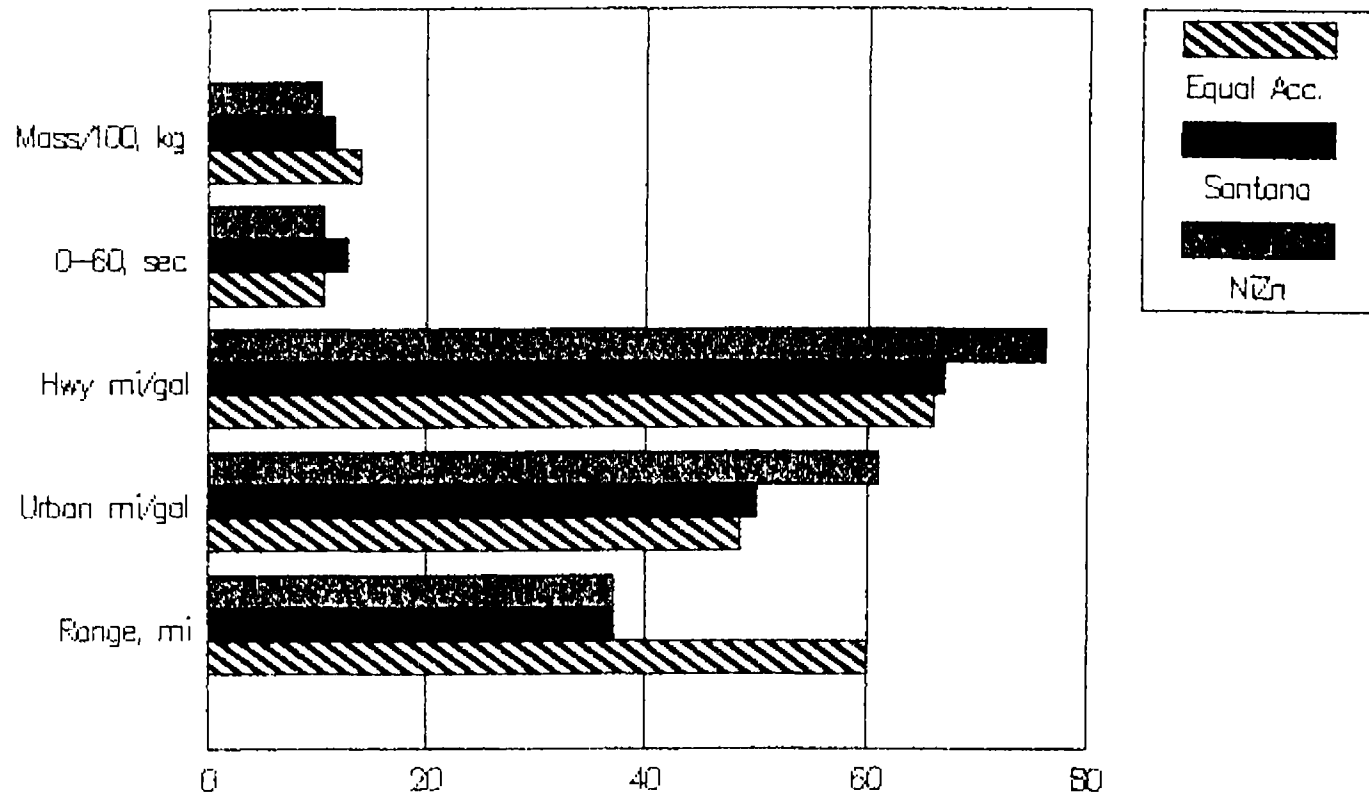
	HC <sup>1</sup>	CO <sup>1</sup>	NOx <sup>2</sup>
Zero Acc. Load	.09	.16	.21
1 kW Acc. Load	.13	.26	.29

1—90% Catalyst Efficiency  
 2—70% Catalyst Efficiency

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# IMPACT OF BATTERY PERFORMANCE



# *SUMMARY*

- *SIMULATIONS HAVE SHOWN THE FREEDOM CONCEPT TO HAVE POTENTIAL FOR ACCEPTABLE RANGE IN A ZERO-EMISSIONS MODE, AND LARGE REDUCTIONS IN EMISSIONS WITH IMPROVED FUEL ECONOMY IN THE HYBRID MODE.*
- *THE VEHICLE PERFORMANCE WILL DEPEND ON AVAILABLE BATTERY TECHNOLOGY.*
- *OTHER POWERTRAIN ARRANGEMENTS AND VEHICLE CONFIGURATIONS NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED.*

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SUBJECT: IC Engine/Battery Electric Hybrid Vehicles

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I enjoyed talking with you last week, particularly in learning about your early experience with the hybrid electric drive vehicle. Some of the operational problems you describe can only be dealt with on a real vehicle. We would appreciate any data on the performance of this vehicle which you could send to us. It would be very helpful in qualifying our parallel-hybrid simulation code which we expect to receive in October.

I am enclosing a copy of our presentation to the GM Science Advisory Committee given in January of this year. These charts describe what we hope to accomplish in the Freedom project. The estimated fuel economy and tailpipe emissions charts are for illustrative purposes only in that the concept vehicle has changed since then and the simulation program has been updated with current engine data. However, we still estimate over 20% improvement in Urban fuel economy with the series hybrid concept. I have also included a cross-section of our in-wheel motor and drive concept which is planned for all four wheels, including the front steering wheels. We do not plan to employ four-wheel steer in the first vehicle but do not see any reason why it could be incorporated later.

I should remind you that Mr. Gary Dickinson has imposed a high degree of security on the Freedom project and we are discussing it only with those areas of General Motors who exhibit a "need to know." However, we look forward to the benefit of your experience as we explore methods of working together on hybrid concepts.

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