

# *A Practical Guide to 'Free Energy' Devices*

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## **CARBURETTOR**

### **ABSTRACT**

A carburettor including a housing having a fluid reservoir in the bottom, an air inlet at the top of the housing, a delivery pipe coaxially mounted within the housing and terminating short of the top of the housing, and a porous vaporising filter substantially filling the reservoir. A baffle is concentrically mounted within the housing and extends partially into the vaporising filter in the reservoir to deflect the incoming air through the filter. The level of liquid fuel in the reservoir is kept above the bottom of the baffle, so that air entering the carburettor through the inlet must pass through the liquid fuel and vaporising filter in the reservoir before discharge through the outlet. A secondary air inlet is provided in the top of the housing for controlling the fuel air ratio of the vaporised fuel passing into the delivery pipe.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

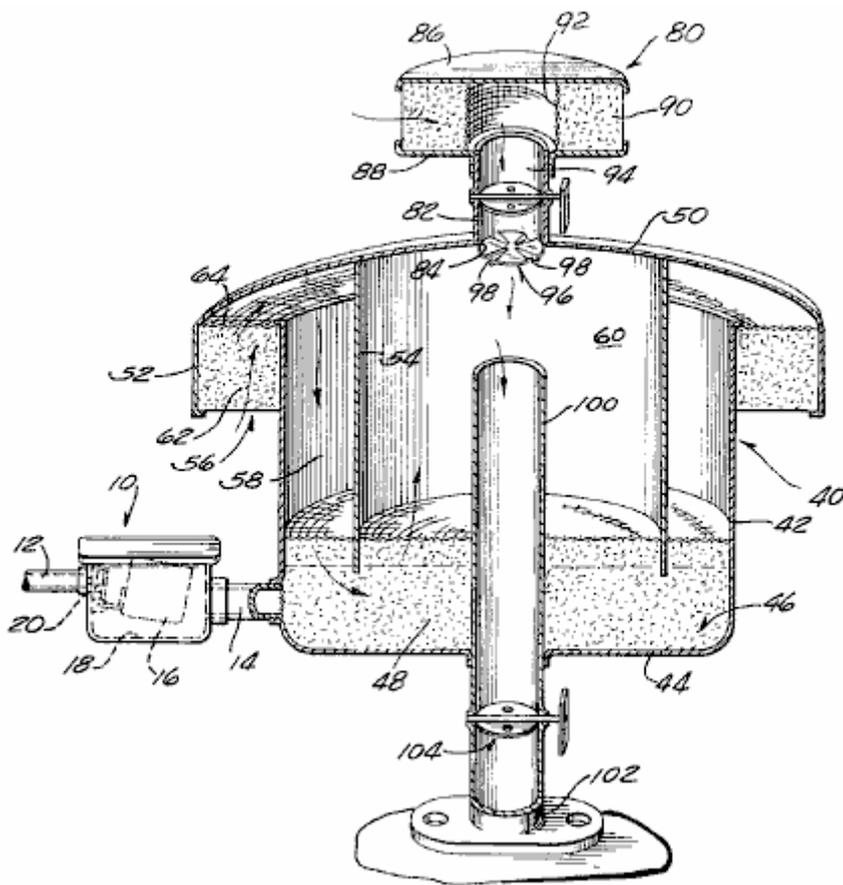
It is generally well known that liquid fuel must be vaporised in order to obtain complete combustion. Incomplete combustion of fuel in internal combustion engines is a major cause of atmospheric pollution. In a typical automotive carburettor, the liquid fuel is atomised and injected into the air stream in a manifold of approximately 3.14 square inches in cross-sectional area. In an eight cylinder 283 cubic inch engine running at approximately 2,400 rpm requires 340,000 cubic inches of air per minute. The air velocity in the intake manifold at this engine speed will be approximately 150 feet per second and it will therefore take approximately 0.07 seconds for a particle of fuel to move from the carburettor to the combustion chamber and the fuel will remain in the combustion chamber for approximately 0.0025 seconds.

It is conceivable that in this short period of time, complete vaporisation of the fuel is not achieved and as a consequence, incomplete combustion occurs, resulting in further air pollution. The liquid fuel particles if not vaporised, can deposit on the cylinder walls and dilute the lubricating oil film there, promoting partial burning of the lubricating oil and adding further to the pollution problem. Destruction of the film of lubricating oil by combustion can also increase mechanical wear of both cylinders and piston rings.

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The carburettor of this invention provides for the complete combustion of liquid fuel in an internal combustion engine, with a corresponding decrease of air pollutant in the exhaust gasses. This is achieved by supplying completely vaporised or dry gas to the combustion chamber. The primary air is initially filtered prior to passing through a vaporising filter which is immersed in liquid fuel drawn from a reservoir in the carburettor. The vaporising filter continuously breaks the primary air up into small bubbles thereby increasing the surface area available for evaporation of the liquid fuel. Secondary air is added to the enriched fuel-air mixture through a secondary air filter prior to admission of the fuel-air mixture into the combustion chambers of the engine. Initial filtration of both the primary and secondary air removes any foreign particles which may be present in the air, and which could cause increased wear within the engine. The carburettor also assures delivery of a clean dry gas to the engine due to the gravity separation of any liquid or dirt particles from the fuel-enriched primary air.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from the following detailed description when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which the single figure shows a perspective cross-sectional view of the carburettor of this invention.



## **DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The carburettor **40** disclosed here is adapted for use with an internal combustion engine where air is drawn through the carburettor to vaporise the fuel in the carburettor prior to its admission to the engine.

In this regard, the flow of liquid fuel, gas or oil, to the carburettor is controlled by means of a float valve assembly **10** connected to a source of liquid fuel by fuel line **12** and to the carburettor **40** by a connecting tube **14**. The flow of liquid fuel through the float valve assembly **10** is controlled by a float **16**, pivotally mounted within a float chamber **18** and operatively connected to a float valve **20**.

In accordance with the invention, the liquid fuel admitted to the carburettor **40** through tube **14**, is completely evaporated by the primary air for the engine within the carburettor and mixed with secondary air prior to admission into a delivery tube **100** which is connected to the manifold **102** of the engine. More specifically, carburettor **40** includes a cylindrical housing or pan **42**, having a bottom wall **44** which forms a liquid fuel and filter reservoir **46**. A vaporising filter **48** is positioned within reservoir **46** and extends upwards for a distance from the bottom wall **44** of the housing **42**. The vaporising filter **48** is used to continuously break up the primary air into a large number of small bubbles as it passes through the liquid fuel in reservoir **46**. This increases the surface area per volume of air available for evaporation of the liquid fuel, as described in more detail below. This filter **48** is formed of a three-dimensional skeletal material that is washable and is not subject to breakdown under the operating conditions inside the carburettor. A foamed cellular plastic polyurethane filter having approximately 10 to 20 pores per inch has been used successfully in the carburettor.

Housing **42** is closed at the top by a hood or cover **50** which can be secured in place by any appropriate means. The hood has a larger diameter than the diameter of housing **42** and includes a descending flange **52** and a descending baffle **54**. Flange **52** is concentrically arranged and projects outwards beyond the sides of housing **42** to form a primary air inlet **56**. Baffle **54** is concentrically positioned inside housing **42** to create a primary air chamber **58** and a central mixing chamber **60**.

Primary air is drawn into housing **42** through air inlet **56** and is filtered through primary air filter **62** which is removably mounted in the space between flange **52** and the outside of the wall of housing **42** by means of a screen **64**. The primary air filter **62** can be made of the same filtering material as the vaporising filter **48**.

As the primary air enters the primary air chamber **58** it is deflected through the liquid fuel in reservoir **46** by means of the cylindrical baffle **54**. This baffle extends down from hood **50** far enough to penetrate the upper portion of the vaporising filter **48**. The primary air must pass around the bottom of baffle **54** and through both the liquid fuel and the vaporising filter **48** prior to entering the mixing chamber **60**.

The level of the liquid fuel in reservoir **46** is maintained above the bottom edge of baffle **54** by means of the float valve assembly **10**. The operation of the float valve assembly **10** is well known. Float chamber **18** is located at approximately the same level as reservoir **46** and float **16** pivots in response to a drop in the level of the liquid fuel in the float chamber and opens the float valve **20**.

One of the important features of the present invention is the efficiency of evaporation of the liquid fuel by the flow of the large number of bubbles through the reservoir. This is believed to be caused by the continual break up of the bubbles as they pass through the vaporising filter **48**. It is well known that the rate of evaporation caused by a bubble of air passing unmolested through a liquid, is relatively slow due to the surface tension of the bubble. However, if the bubble is continuously broken, the surface tension of the bubble is reduced and a continual evaporating process occurs. This phenomenon is believed to be the cause of the high evaporation rate of the liquid fuel in the carburettor of this invention.

Another feature of the carburettor of this invention is its ability to supply dry gas to the central mixing chamber **60** in housing **42**. Since the flow of primary air in the central mixing chamber **60** is vertically upwards, the force of gravity will prevent any droplets of liquid fuel from rising high enough in the carburettor to enter the delivery tube **100**. The delivery of dry gas to the delivery tube increases the efficiency of combustion and thereby reduces the amount of unburnt gasses or pollutants which are exhausted into the air by the engine.

Means are provided for admitting secondary air into the central mixing chamber **60** to achieve the proper fuel-air ratio required for complete combustion. Such means is in the form of a secondary air filter assembly **80** mounted on an inlet tube **82** provided in opening **84** in hood **50**. The secondary air filter assembly **80** includes an upper plate **86**, a lower plate **88**, and a secondary air filter **90** positioned between plates **86** and **88**. The secondary air filter **90** is prevented from being drawn into inlet tube **82** by means of a cylindrical screen **92** which forms a continuation of tube **82**. The secondary air passes through the outer periphery of the secondary air filter **90**, through screen **92** and into tube **82**. The flow of secondary air through tube **82** is controlled by means of a butterfly valve **94** as is generally understood in the art.

Complete mixing of the dry gas-enriched primary air with the incoming secondary air within housing **42**, is achieved by means of deflector **96** positioned at the end of tube **82**. Deflector **96** includes a number of vanes **98** which are twisted to provide an outwardly-deflected circular air flow into the central mixing chamber **60** and thereby creating an increase in the turbulence of the secondary air as it combines with the fuel-enriched primary air. The deflector prevents cavitation from occurring at the upper end of the outlet tube **100**.

The flow of fuel-air mixture to the engine is controlled by means of a throttle valve **104** provided in the outlet or delivery tube **100**. The operation of the throttle valve **104** and butterfly valve **94** are both controlled in a conventional manner.

## **THE OPERATION OF THE CARBURETTOR**

Primary air is drawn into housing **42** through primary air inlet **56** and passes upwards through primary air filter **62** where substantially all foreign particles are removed from the primary air. The filtered primary air then flows downwards through primary air chamber **58**, under baffle **54**, through fuel filter reservoir **46**, and upwards into central mixing chamber **60**. All of the primary air passes through the vaporising filter **48** provided in reservoir **46**. The vaporising filter **48** continuously breaks the primary air stream into thousands of small bubbles, reducing surface tension and increasing the air surface available for evaporation of the liquid fuel. Since the outer surface of each bubble is being constantly broken up by the vaporising filter **48** and is in constant contact with the liquid fuel as the bubble passes through the vaporising filter **48**, there is a greater opportunity for evaporation of the fuel prior to entering the central mixing chamber **60**. The vertical upward flow of the fuel-enriched primary air in the central mixing chamber, ensures that no liquid fuel droplets will be carried into the delivery tube **100**.

The fuel-enriched primary air is thoroughly mixed with the secondary air entering through tube **82** by means of the deflector system **96** which increases the turbulence of the primary and secondary air within the central mixing chamber and prevents cavitation from occurring in delivery tube **100**. The completely mixed fuel-enriched primary air and the secondary air then pass through delivery tube **100** into the inlet manifold of the engine.