

Appendix 6: New Features in v4.0

Cam Analyzer has had many updates since this user manual was written for the original v2.0 for Windows. These include 3.2A (Appendix 3), 3.2B (Appendix 4), v3.8 (Appendix 5) and now v4.0 (Appendix 6). Here is a listing of some of the new features for Version 4.0:

Cam Analyzer v4.0 actually has 5 different versions now, which include:

- Cam Analyzer Basic (for analyzing cam data from either manual data entry or computer cam files)
- Cam Analyzer Plus (for more detailed analyzing of cam data from either manual data entry or computer cam files)
- Cam Analyzer Basic for use with the electronic Cam Test Stand (CTS) sensors
- Cam Analyzer Plus for use with the electronic Cam Test Stand sensors
- Cam Analyzer Plus for use with the electronic Cam Test Stand sensors, with advanced “Cam Grinder” features

Note that some of these new features apply only to the Plus Version and/or “Cam Grinder” version of the software. Also note that the “Cam Grinder” version contains all Plus Version features.

New Features for the “Cam Grinder” Version Only:

The Cam Grinder version of the program now allows you to measure each lobe and NOT adjust for lifter bore angles and firing order. Instead of all Intake and Exhaust lobes lining up on top of each other (except for manufacturing variations), the lobes fall out as they would as you look at the end of the cam. This is how most Cam Grinders prefer to see the results displayed. Fig A44B.

The Cam Grinder version of the program now allows you to measure the absolute lift of the lobes and bearings. This way you can get a picture of the cam as viewed from the end, with all lobes shown as they are ground on the cam. You also can see how the lobes compare to the journals and how the journals look compared to each other (cam bent). In doing this, the program first asks you to measure the journals lying on the V blocks, or first and last journal on cam if mounting the cam on centers. This you do with a dial indicator. Then the program steps you through a sequence of measurements on these journals on the stand. This way any slight slope of the cam on the stand is corrected for. After that, you must be careful to not adjust the height of the linear encoder as this will cause errors in height measurements. This way also allows the CTS (Cam Test Stand) to measure the base circle of each lobe. Figs A45, A46.

The Cam Grinder version of the program now allows you to pick various data types to graph and combine them on 1 graph. It also includes several new data types for graphing (Figs A47-52), like:

- Absolute Lift (This is lift measured from the center line of the cam. If you have a 1.100” diameter base circle and a .400” max tappet lift, you should see approximately .550” of lift on base circle and .950” (.550” + .400”) of lift at max lift.) Figs A47, A48, A49.
- Thrust Angle (For a roller cam, this is the angle the contact force is acting on the follower, typically putting some amount of side loading or thrust on the follower.)
- Contact Point (How far from center of the follower has the contact point moved.) Fig A50.
- Radius of Curvature (The radius of curvature at this particular point on the Actual Cam Profile.)
- Raw Cam Data as Measured (This is what the linear encoder measured.) Fig A49.
- Actual Cam Profile (This is what a “knife edge” pointer would have measured. This is the “Raw Cam Data as Measured” but correcting for the radius of the pointer which was doing the measurements. This should be what a cam grinder would have for a design file.) Fig A47.
- Lift Frequency Analysis *
- Acceleration Frequency Analysis (Fig A52). *
- Jerk Frequency Analysis *

* These Frequency Analysis graphs can be done either vs Order Number or RPM Based on the Natural Frequency of a valve spring. The specs for the Natural Frequency of the Valve Spring are contained in the Test/Cam Setup Screen. See Appendix 7 for more details on this Frequency Analysis, FFT Analysis.

The Cam Grinder version of the program now allows you to import X and Y data or Polar coordinates of degrees and radius to generate a cam profile. This is done by clicking on the Tappet Lift title column. Then the Edit Test Data screen opens up and there are new Advanced Import Features with several options. Figs A53, A54.

The Cam Grinder version of the program lets you enter valve spring info to estimate the spring's natural frequency. This allows Frequency Analysis graphs to be graphed vs Engine RPM rather frequency order number. Fig A52 and Appendix 7.

Program has an "Export Manufacturing Style Cam File". Two basic formats are currently available, P File and X,Y Data. Fig A55.

Program has an "Export Graph Data as File" option, so you can export any data you can graph as a comma separated text (ASCII) data file. If you click on this option, the program will ask for a file name. If you give it a .csv extension, it will open directly in Microsoft Excel. Fig A50.

Program has an Edit option of "Cut and Append". Say you have recorded 360 degrees of data (typical for a "Measured with Electronics" file), but the data starts right at the opening ramp. You would like to have the data start about 100 degrees before the opening ramp. You could use this command to take copy the last 100 data points and put them before the opening ramp. When done, it would appear that you started recording the data 100 deg earlier. (Typically this is only needed for fixing mistakes, or working with VERY unusual cams like the Ducati desmodromic cam.)

You can now select for a variable amount of Filtering (smoothing) the cam lift data when exporting cam files (None, Some, Medium, Heavy). (This is not allowed for cam files exporting "Raw" data.)

Major New Features for v4.0 Plus Version (also in Cam Grinder Version):

The program can now use most any radius pointer for measuring a cam for doing the Virtual Follower analysis. This means that you could measure a cam with the .750" diameter Universal Roller and then correct to what it would be with a .800", or .700" diameter roller. You can also correct to something really different, like the exact cam profile as ground, like you were measuring the cam with a "knife edge" pointer. An additional advantage of using a follower instead of the encoder probe directly is no side loading is put on the encoder probe, thus avoiding possible damage. Figs A44A, A56.

The Virtual Follower screen can now be enlarged for analysis in greater detail. Fig A56.

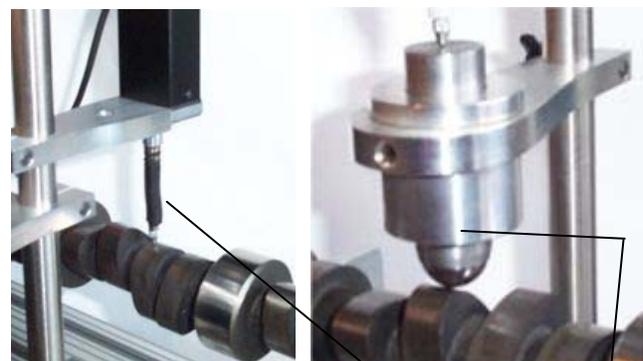
You now have 2 options for Analyze option at the graph screen: Just show 'the max difference between lobes, or show the difference between the lobes at all data points.

Now the program draws the actual profile lift (like the profile was measured with a "knife edge" pointer) on the Virtual Follower screen, in addition to follower lift. The program draws this in green and made the text boxes green which relate to this measurement. Fig A56.

Cam Card now has options for printing, printer setup, including a lobe from a different file for either an intake or exhaust lobe if the cam you are currently reporting has only Intake or Exhaust lobes, or including the Company Logo graphics file on the card. Fig A57.

Program now has a "Filtering" option to quickly find files fitting certain criteria. This would be like finding all files which have "CHEV" in the file name or the comments section, or files having the number "346" in the Grind number

Fig A44A Virtual Follower with Larger Follower



Previous versions required the encoder pointer directly on the cam lobe for doing Virtual Follower.

Now you can use larger diameter pointers (or actual roller followers) for measuring a cam and then simulating other follower diameters with Virtual Follower

recorded after a certain date, etc. Fig A56 and Appendix 8.

Seating Velocity report now includes option to estimate the lash point on cams. Fig A59.

The Custom Duration reports now have an option for including asymmetry.

Major New Features for v4.0 Std Version (also in Plus and Cam Grinder Versions):

New emailing options have been added in Preferences to work better with most any emailing system, like gmail, yahoo, etc. . Fig A60.

Program now has the ability to import just 1 lobe from a single lobe data file, like S96 or Comp Cams format into an existing Cam File. This allows you to build a cam consisting of and Intake and Exhaust lobe where the lobes can come from 2 different sources (different files and different file formats). Fig A91.

When opening files, a new option has been added of "List by Date File was Last Saved". This lets you more quickly find files you have recently changed or worked with.

Program will now allow direct conversion from most any type of data to 'Measured with Electronics' in a 2 step process. This conversion is necessary to allow you to do more advanced analysis of cam data.

Minor Changes/Bug Fixes for v4.0:

Added a Preference under the Calculations tab so you can change the lash the program assumes for doing Valve Lift, Acceleration, Velocity, etc graphs and reports. Note that the Cam Card always assumes .006 inches for doing Advertised duration and events.

You can now select 'Some' for 'Lift Filtering' for making a Graph or Report for most all cam files EXCEPT those Measured with Electronics or Created from Simple Specs. This was what was done prior to v4.0. Now you have an additional option of 'Some (including meas. w elec.)' so that you can do further smoothing of the recorded lift data. This can be especially useful when creating certain special graphs, like Simulating the Actual Cam Profile when it was measured with the pointer or a roller of a certain diameter.

Fixed bug where conversion to 'Measured by Hand' was not done correctly if you asked for it almost immediately after opening up the program.

Program now keeps ALL cam file data points imported from Cam Dr, Cam Pro Plus, etc for Plus or Cam Grinder versions. Limit for std version is still data points with .0015" lift or greater.

Program now correctly keeps cam Centerlines, Advance, etc when you import Cam Dr files when you ask to keep ALL timing events.

Printed graphs have been improved. Previously there could be a "broken" border on the left side.

Fixed some bugs where doing graphs where extra lobes could be included in a graph which were not requested.

Fixed a bug where a graph may not be updated correctly if you did not go back through the Graph Specs screen.

Program now does not do additional smoothing to lift curve if data is from a computer generated file. This is to save considerable calculation time.

Company Logo now appears on the main screen. Plus and "Cam Grinder" Version Only. Fig A44B.

Printouts have been refined to look better with various screen resolutions and operating systems.

The program now better imports certain data files which may have been stored in different units than what the program is set up for, inches vs mm.

Fixed bug where Intro Help Messages would cause the first graph open when starting program to possibly be bad.

Added more Cam Layout templates, 240/300 Ford 6 cylinder, 170/200 Ford 6 cylinder, 250/292 Chevy 6 cylinder.

The program now looks for lift points greater than 10 inches when reading in Cam Dr, Cam Pro Plus, etc cam files and edits them out. This can occasionally happen and is likely caused from the imported file being slightly corrupted, or being a slightly different version than we have encountered before.

Fixed a minor bug where the graph on the main screen may not completely show all lobes.

Fixed a bug where the graph screen could be significantly more narrow than what was available on the screen.

In the Plus and Cam Grinder versions, now you can Advance or Retard the cam degree wheel readings by up to 360 degrees under the Edit options. If you do this command more than once, you can advance or retard readings even more.

Figure A44B "Cam Grinder" Timing Option to show Absolute Timing of Lobes

Preferences - Electronics

- Auto Advance to Next Lobe: Yes
- Next Lobe Is: Cam Lobe Position
- Warn if Turning Cam Too Fast: No
- Warn if High Accels Found: No
- % Dif. from #1 Cyl to Flag Out: 5%
- Show More Options in Setup: Yes

Test Options

- Type of Cam Data: Measured with Electronics
- Lifter (profile) Type: Mild Solid Flat
- Rocker Arm Ratio: Intake 1.5, Exhaust 1.5
- Actual Valve Lash, in: Intake .02, Exhaust .02
- Electronic Measurement Settings:
 - TDC Method: Intake Centerline
 - Cam Timing Value: 110
 - Cam Design: Small Block Chevy
 - Number of Cylinders To Test: 8
- Measure Base Circle and Journals:

Callouts:

- "You must first turn on this Preference to see options shown to the right. This is to prevent mistakes and unusual results which are possible if you don't understand these options."
- "Cam Grinder timing is shown below. 'Typical' timing is when all intake and exhaust lobes lie on top of each other."
- "Choose this option to measure Absolute Lift (base circle) and journal diameters. Fig A45 shows procedure to measure Absolute Lift and Journal Diameters."

Cam Analyzer v4.0 'Plus' Performance Trends [SB Chevy Journals 002]

File Edit Graphs Reports Test/Cam Setup Find TDC Settings Help Record(F5) Reg To: Kevin Smith

Test & Valve Train Conditions

- Test Time/Date: 9:26 am 11/22/2011
- Cam Number: CC 124769
- Grind Number: 31957
- Rckr Ratio/Lash: 1.5 / .02
- Test Operator: Josh

Test Comments: Tying lobes and journals on SB Chevy cam

Test Data

Point	Degree Wheel	Tappet Lift
1	254	.000399
2	255	.000999
3	256	.00104
4	257	.001106
5	258	.001099
6	259	.001091
7	260	.001084
8	261	.001077
9	262	.00107
10	263	.001065
11	264	.001082
12	265	.0011
13	266	.001117
14	267	.001134
15	268	.001152
16	269	.001169
17	270	.001186
18	271	.001202
19	272	.001218
20	273	.001234
21	274	.00125
22	275	.001263
23	276	.001272
24	277	.001281
25	278	.001289
26	279	.001292

Graph: Lift simulated by Virtual Follower. Shows cam profiles for intake and exhaust lobes. Includes a degree wheel and firing order diagram below.

Callouts:

- "Your Logo Goes Here" (with red cursive text)
- "Company Logo on Main Screen"
- "Graph produced when data is graphed without correcting for lifter bore angles or firing order."

Figure A45 Procedure to Measure Absolute Lift of Lobes and Journals

Linear Encoder is Ready, Continue with Measurements?

You have selected to measure Journal Diameters and Lobe Base Circles with this cam.

To do this accurately, once you start a test you must NOT adjust the linear encoder other than sliding it from lobe to lobe, journal to journal, etc.

You must also have precisely measured the diameter of the first and last journal on the cam with a micrometer. You will measure the journal vertically (from top to bottom) with the lobe for I 1 on this cam pointing straight up.

Be sure the linear encoder can retract far enough to clear all lobes and journals, and extend far enough to reach the lowest base circles before starting any measurements.

Do you want to continue with measurements?

Yes No

If you choose to Measure Absolute Lift, and you go to measure the cam, the program will prompt you as shown here. The program will need to know the diameter of the first and last journal on the cam, measured precisely with a micrometer. Then the program can index the linear encoder and correct for any angle on the cam mounting on the stand.

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The program will now ask you to measure some points on the journals. This will be used to index (calibrate) the linear encoder.

After doing this, it is CRITICAL you do NOT stop testing or adjust the linear encoder until you have completed all measurements.

OK

J1 Diameter?

Enter the diameter measured for J1

Enter a value from .1 to 100.

OK Cancel

.985

J5 Diameter?

Enter the diameter measured for J5

Enter a value from .1 to 100.

OK Cancel

1.100

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With Lobe 1 pointing down, place linear encoder on Journal #1.

Click on OK to clear this message. Then press <F1> when you want the program to read this first journal.

OK

Perf Trends Readings: Intake 1 F9>

Close Record (F4) Options Help

Lift -.612243	Rotation 287.21	Time .000
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1.000 Lift

Intake 1

Updating Display Only (not recording). Press <F1> with lifter on base circle to start a test.

Not all steps are shown here. Follow them as outlined by the program. Note that you must follow the instruction on the message, then click on OK, and then Press <F1> for the program to record the linear encoder and rotary encoder.

This procedure is continued in Figure A46.

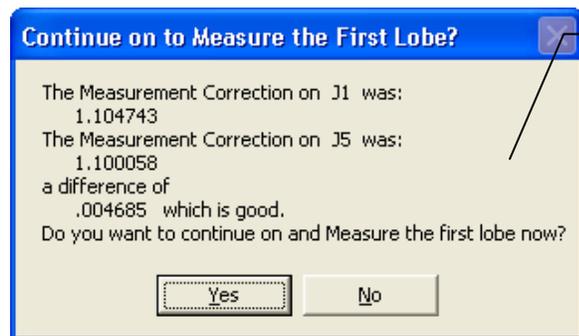
Cam Analyzer

Rotate cam 180 degrees so Lobe 1 is pointing up.

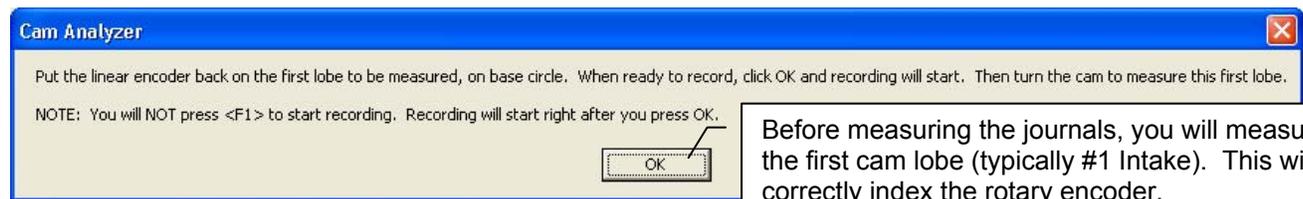
Click on OK to clear this message. Then press <F1> when you want the program to read this first journal.

OK

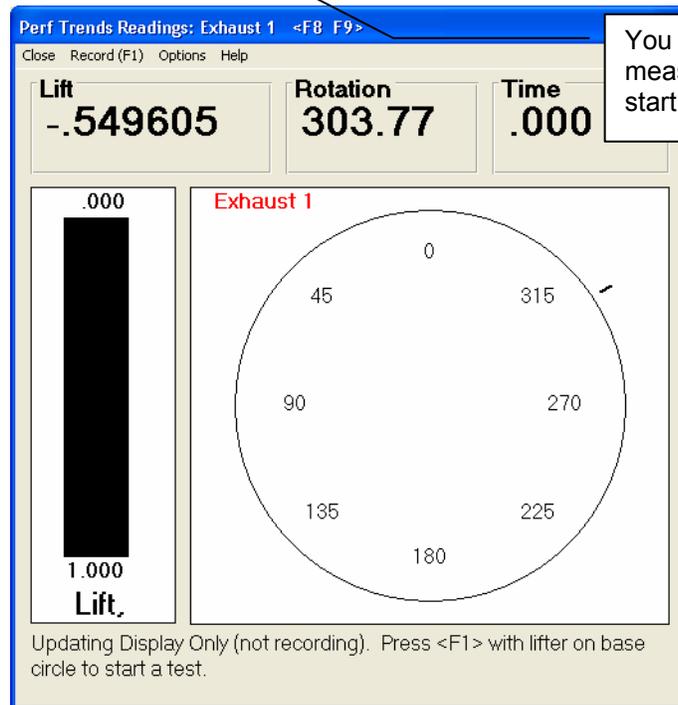
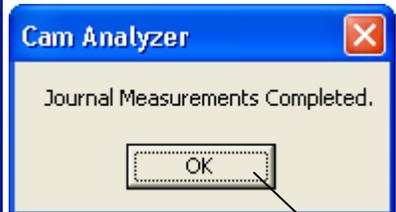
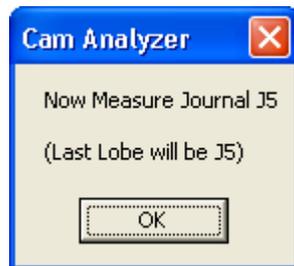
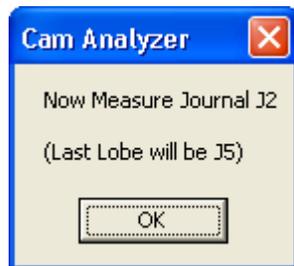
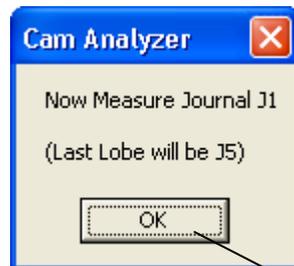
Figure A46 Procedure to Measure Absolute Lift of Lobes and Journals, cont.



Once the measurements are made of the journals, the program analyzes them to determine the amount of slope (slant, angle) on the cam. In this case the center of Journal 1 (J1) was .004685 higher than the center of Journal 5 (J5). This slope is now used for all lobes and journals on the cam based on the relative position of the other journals and lobes are from J1 and J5. Because some assumptions are made, it is best if this slope is minimal.



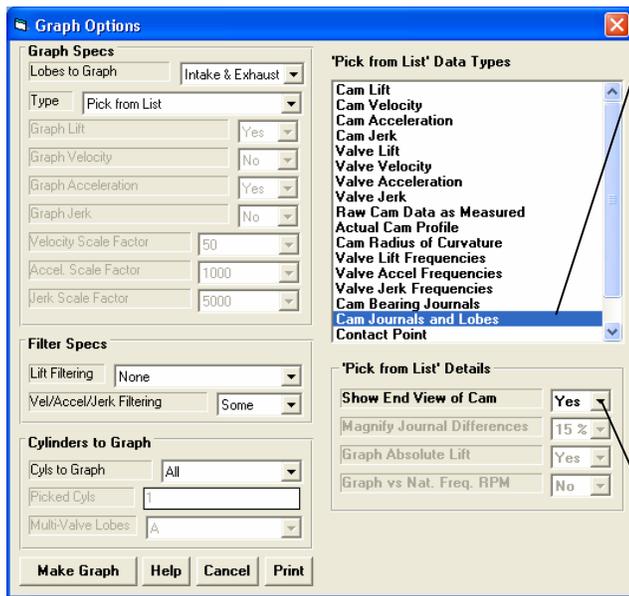
Before measuring the journals, you will measure the first cam lobe (typically #1 Intake). This will correctly index the rotary encoder.



You will measure journals just like measuring a lobe, by pressing <F1> to start, then turning the cam 400+ degrees.

Not all steps are shown here.
Once the Journal Measurements are complete, the program will direct you to go on to measuring the remaining lobes on the cam, shown here as #1 Exhaust.
You will notice that both the linear and rotary encoders are indexed in this procedure. It is critical that neither of these encoders slip or are adjusted during this entire process.

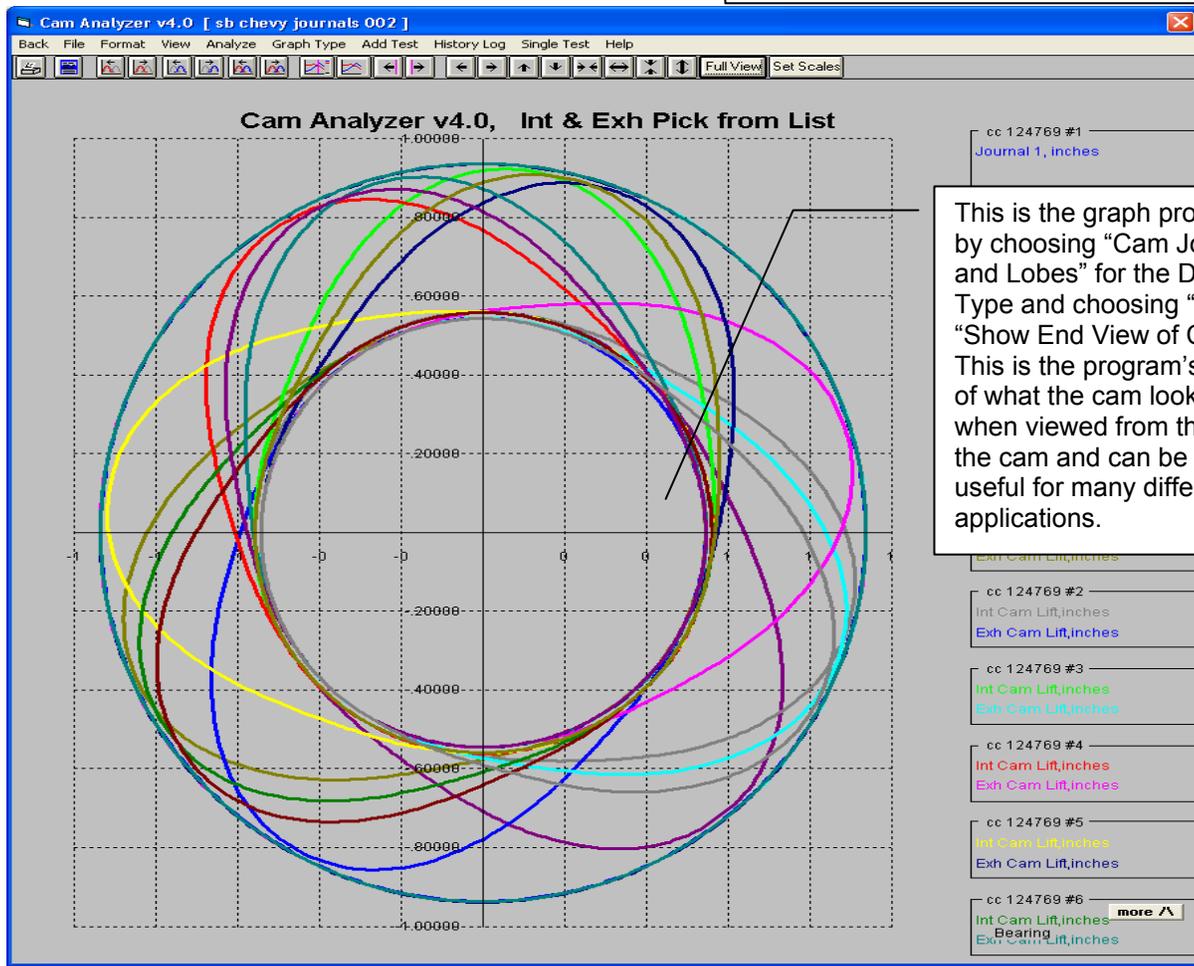
Figure A47 New “Cam Grinder” Graph Options and Graph Data



Some graph types are only available if the cam was “Measure Absolute Lift of Lobes and Journals”, like this one “Cam Journals and Lobes”. This special Data Type choice will graph the “Actual Cam Profile” data type with the actual journal “lift” (journal radius).

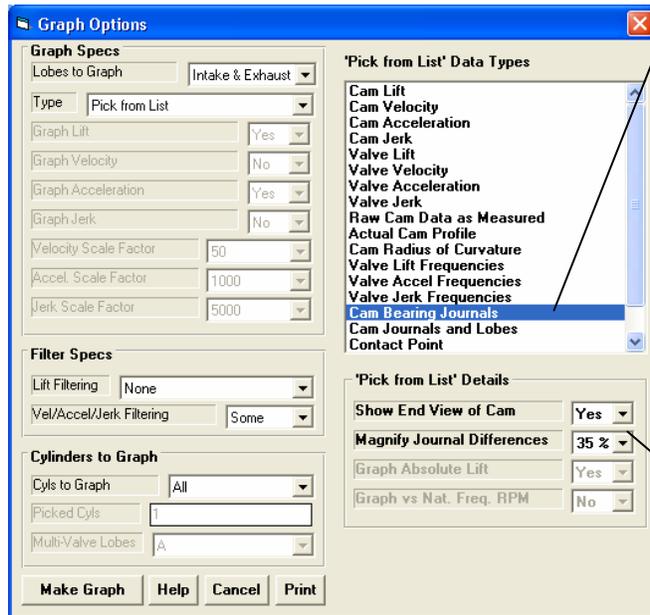
NOTE: Even if the cam was not measured this way, the data types are still listed here. If you select those data types or options, the program can produce unusual results or warning messages. The results will be SO obviously unusual, that you will definitely realize there is a problem.

Depending on your choice of Data Types from the list, some of the “Details” options will be enabled here.



This is the graph produced by choosing “Cam Journals and Lobes” for the Data Type and choosing “Yes” for “Show End View of Cam”. This is the program’s picture of what the cam looks like when viewed from the end of the cam and can be very useful for many different applications.

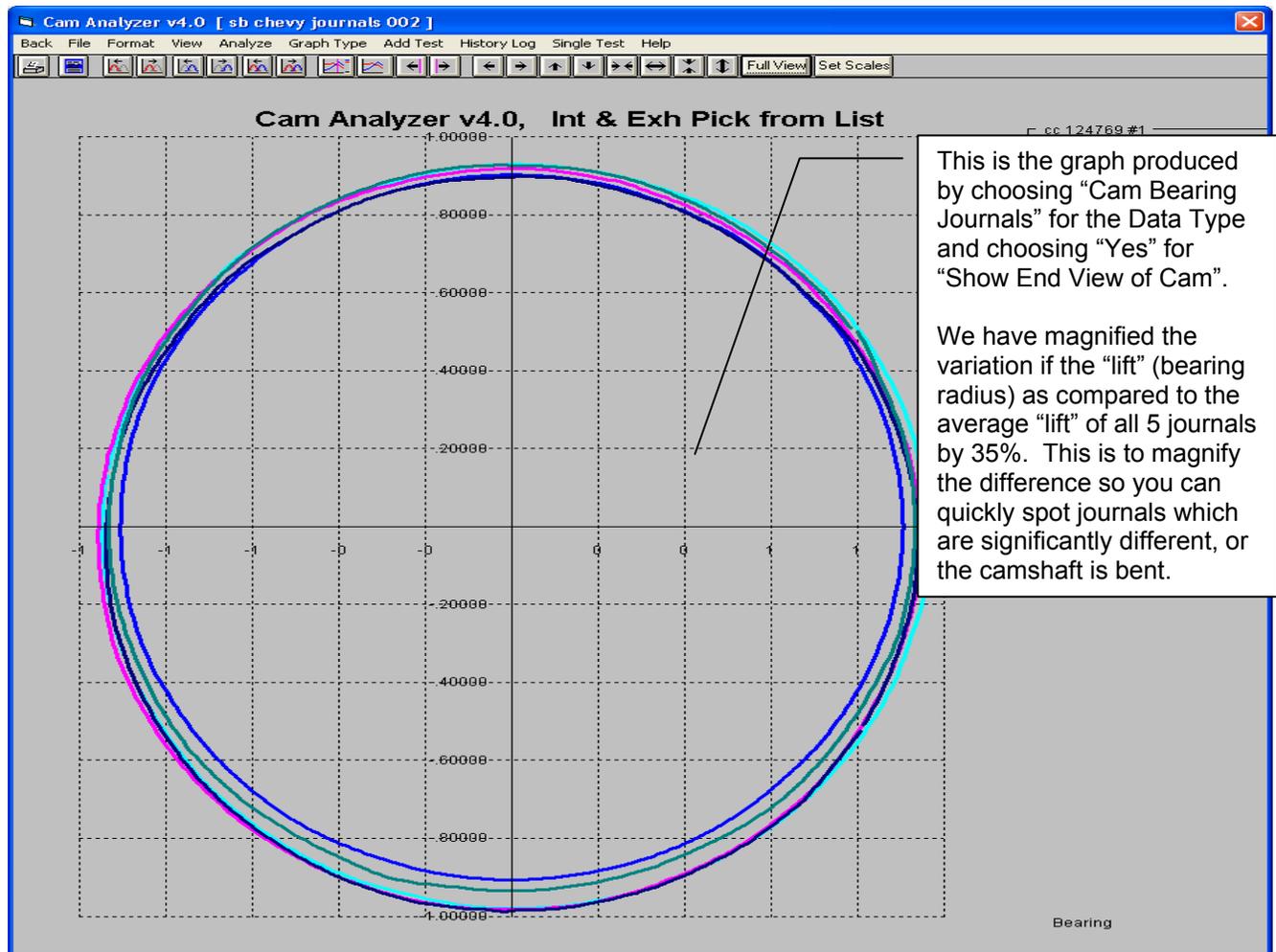
Figure A48 New “Cam Grinder” Graph Options and Graph Data, cont.



Some graph types are only available if the cam was “Measure Absolute Lift of Lobes and Journals”, like this one “Cam Bearing Journals”.

NOTE: Even if the cam was not measured this way, the data types are still listed here. If you select those data types or options, the program can produce unusual results or warning messages. The results will be SO obviously unusual, that you will definitely realize there is a problem.

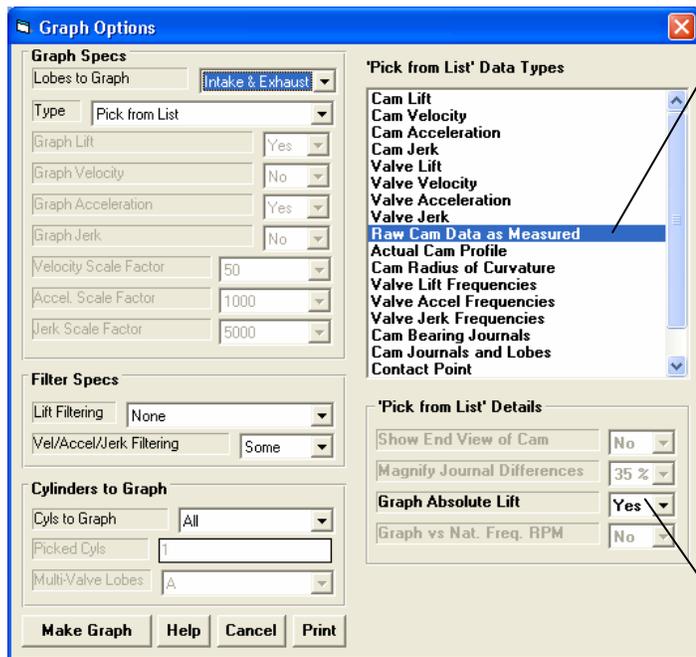
Depending on your choice of Data Types from the list, some of the “Details” options will be enabled here. For this Data Type, there are 2.



This is the graph produced by choosing “Cam Bearing Journals” for the Data Type and choosing “Yes” for “Show End View of Cam”.

We have magnified the variation if the “lift” (bearing radius) as compared to the average “lift” of all 5 journals by 35%. This is to magnify the difference so you can quickly spot journals which are significantly different, or the camshaft is bent.

Figure A49 New “Cam Grinder” Graph Options and Graph Data, cont



This is the “Raw” lift data as measured by the linear encoder. If you are measuring a cam with the proper profile follower, this is also the Cam Lift. However, if you are measuring with various radius pointers and doing Virtual Follower, this “Raw Cam Data as Measured” is not representative of any type of lift this cam will produce in the engine. This data will have to be either converted to “Actual Cam Profile” data (as if the cam was measured with a knife edge pointer), or Cam Lift (converted via Virtual Follower to what the follower would do), or Valve Lift (what the valve will do based on Cam Lift, lash or assumed hydraulic lash, and rocker arm ratio).

This option will only make sense if the cam was “Measure Absolute Lift of Lobes and Journals”.

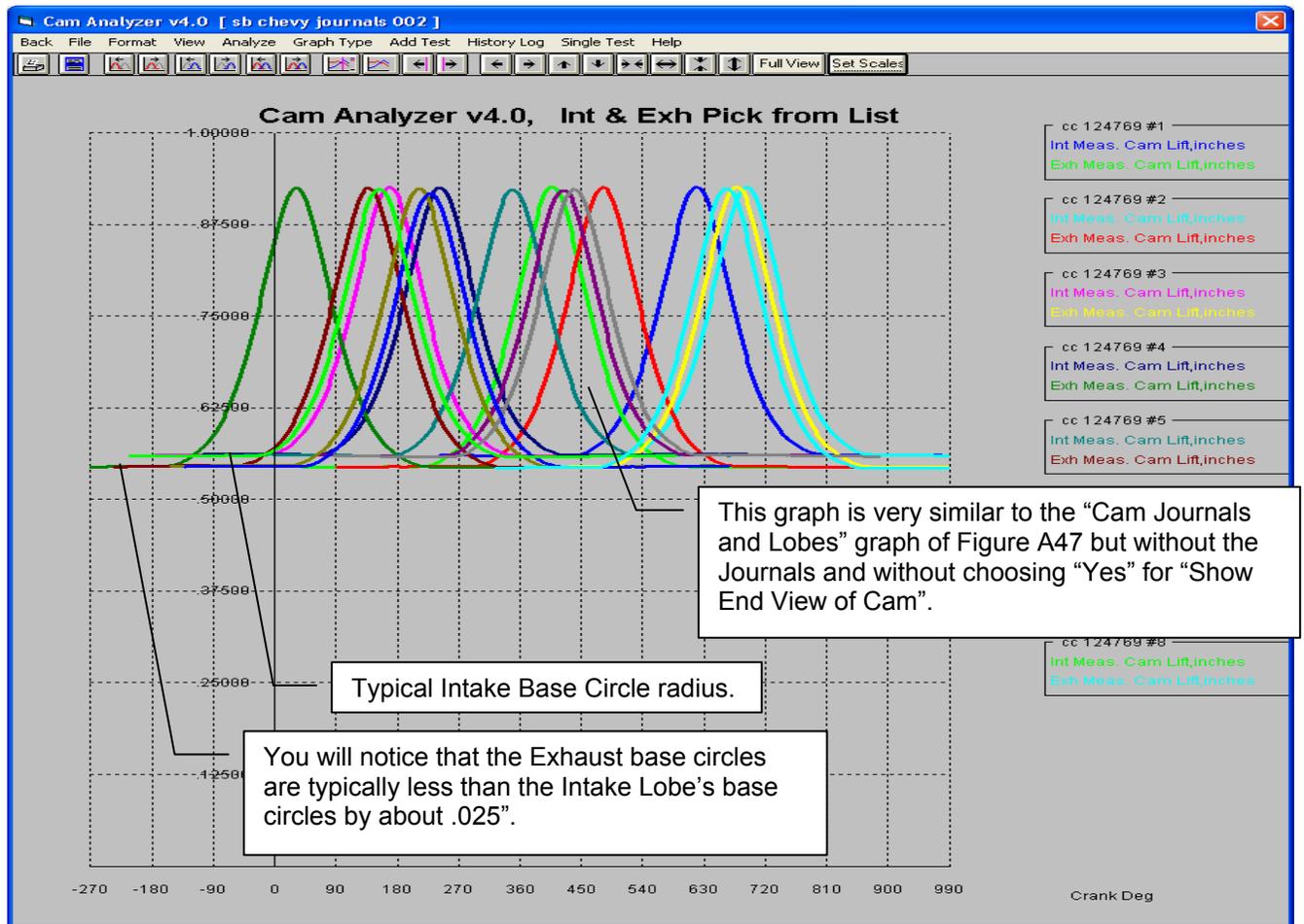
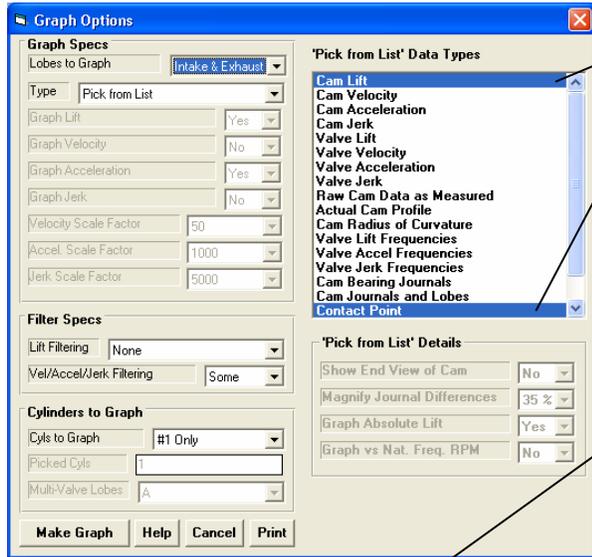
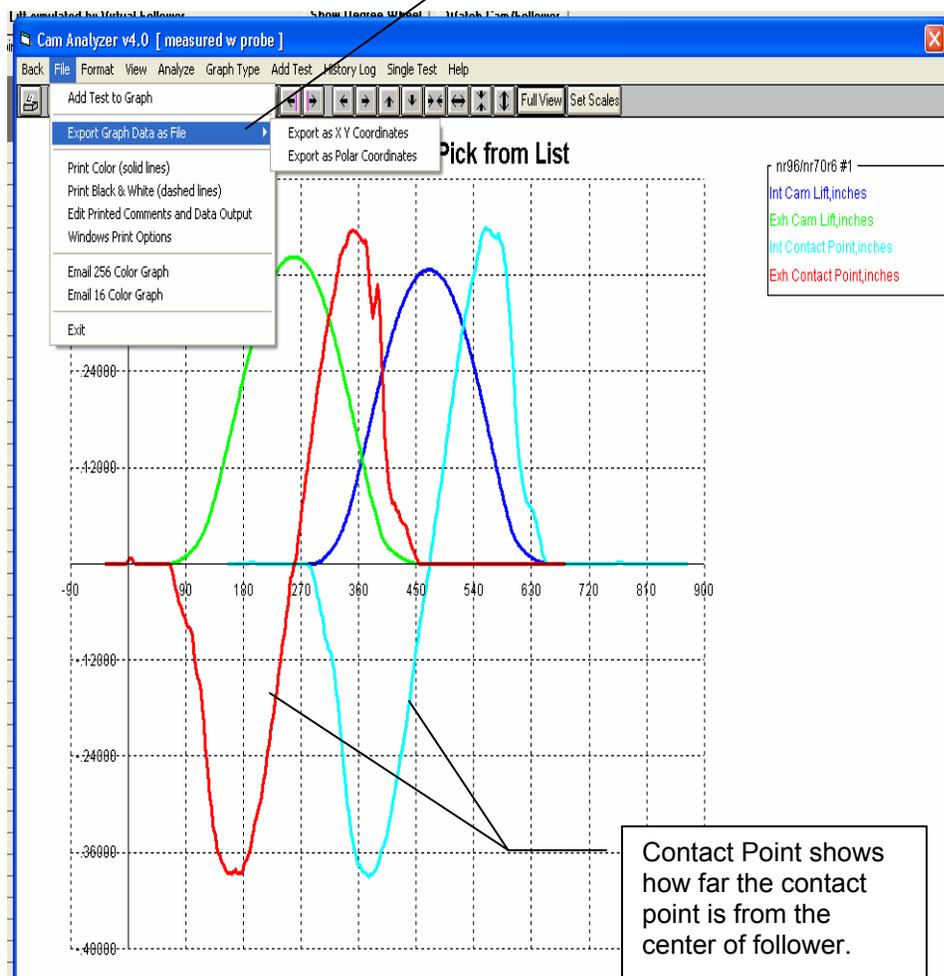


Figure A50 New “Cam Grinder” Graph Options and Graph Data, cont.



Example of producing a graph with 2 very different types of data on the same graph, Cam Lift and Contact Point.

“Cam Grinder” Only option of exporting any graph data as a comma separated data file. If you give the file name a “.csv” extension, the file will open directly in Excel (outside the Cam Analyzer program).



Contact Point shows how far the contact point is from the center of follower.

	A	B	C	D
1	Int Cam Li	Int Cam Li	Exh Cam L	Exh
2	280	0	60	0
3	280	0	60	0
4	280	0	60	0
5	280	0	60	0
6	280	0	60	0
7	280	0	60	0
8	280	0	60	0
9	280	0	60	0
10	280	0	60	0
11	280	0	60	0
12	280	0	60	0
13	280	0	60	0
14	280	0	60	0
15	280	0	60	0

Figure A51 New “Cam Grinder” Graph Options and Graph Data, cont.

Choose “Pick from List” and 2 types of “Cam” data to produce the graph below.

Or, you can pick “Cam Data” as the type and the 2 data types (Lift and Velocity) and produce the same results as the setup shown to the left.

This is the method available in previous versions before v4.0 or in the Std. and Plus versions.

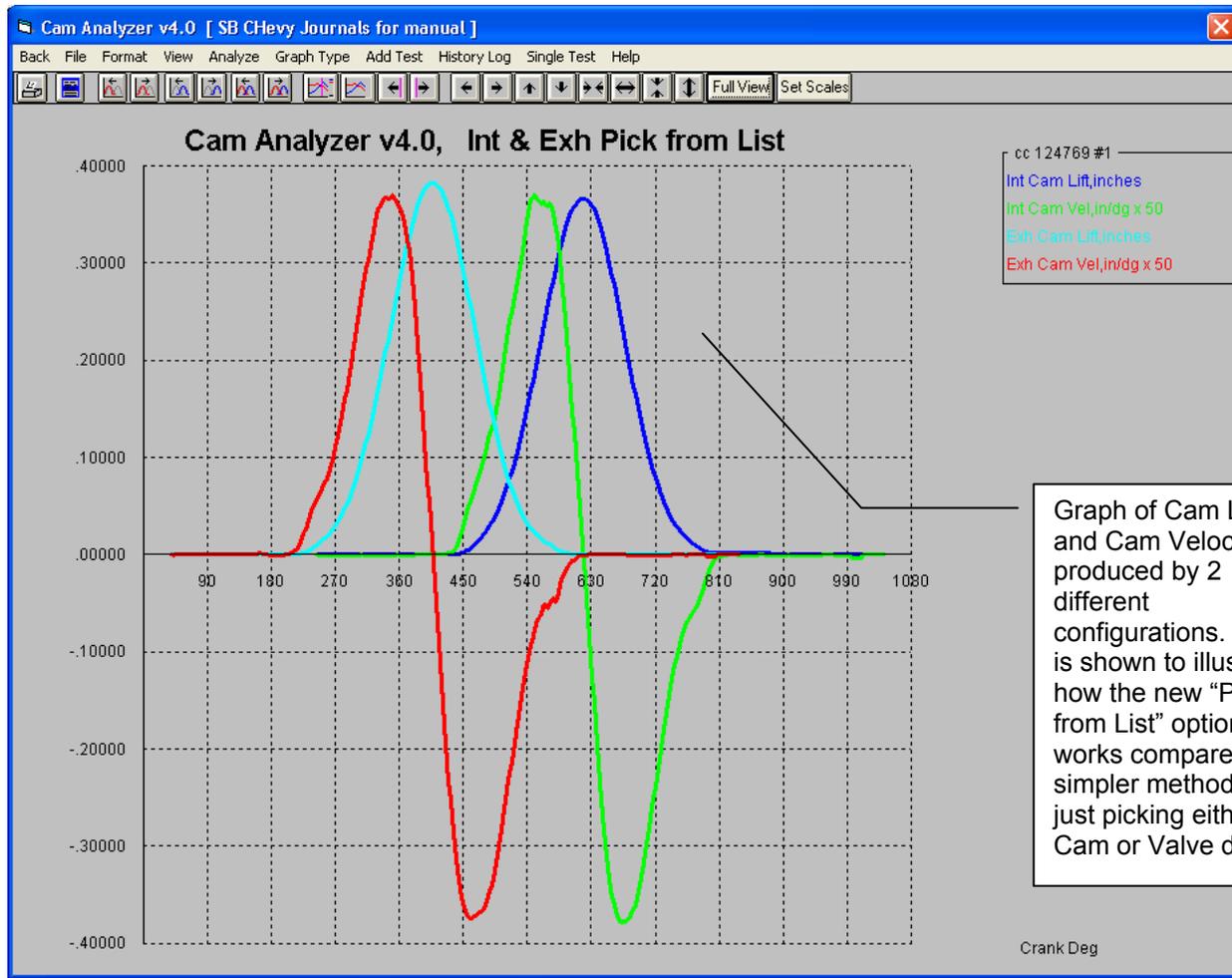
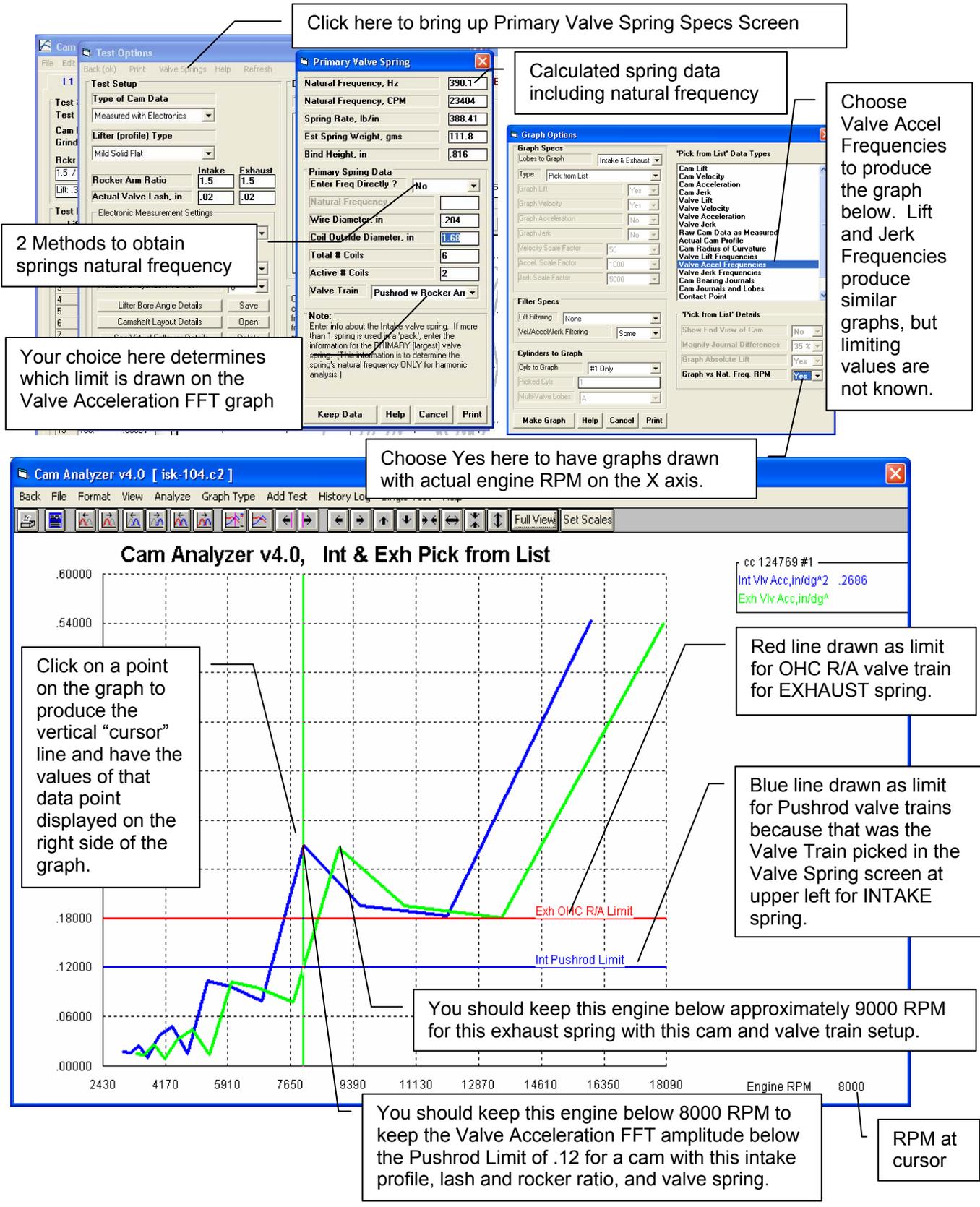


Figure A52 "Cam Grinder" FFT Analysis (also Fig A62)



Click here to bring up Primary Valve Spring Specs Screen

Calculated spring data including natural frequency

Choose Valve Accel Frequencies to produce the graph below. Lift and Jerk Frequencies produce similar graphs, but limiting values are not known.

2 Methods to obtain springs natural frequency

Your choice here determines which limit is drawn on the Valve Acceleration FFT graph

Choose Yes here to have graphs drawn with actual engine RPM on the X axis.

Click on a point on the graph to produce the vertical "cursor" line and have the values of that data point displayed on the right side of the graph.

Red line drawn as limit for OHC R/A valve train for EXHAUST spring.

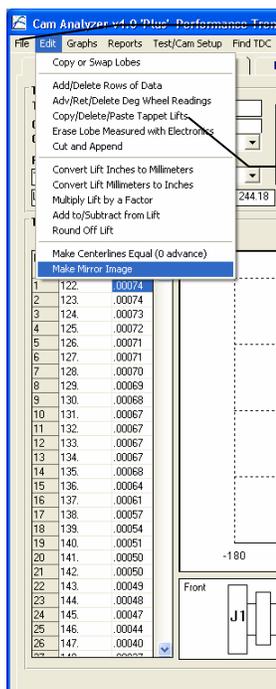
Blue line drawn as limit for Pushrod valve trains because that was the Valve Train picked in the Valve Spring screen at upper left for INTAKE spring.

You should keep this engine below approximately 9000 RPM for this exhaust spring with this cam and valve train setup.

You should keep this engine below 8000 RPM to keep the Valve Acceleration FFT amplitude below the Pushrod Limit of .12 for a cam with this intake profile, lash and rocker ratio, and valve spring.

RPM at cursor

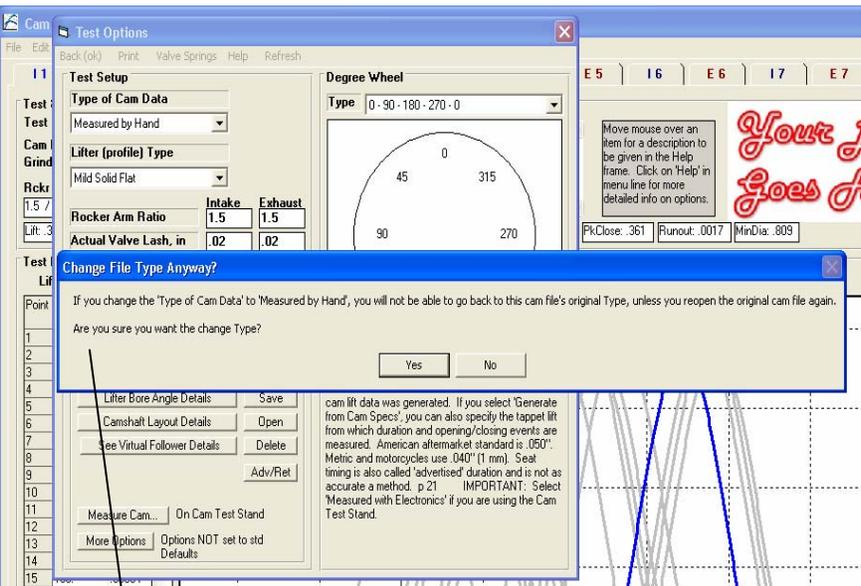
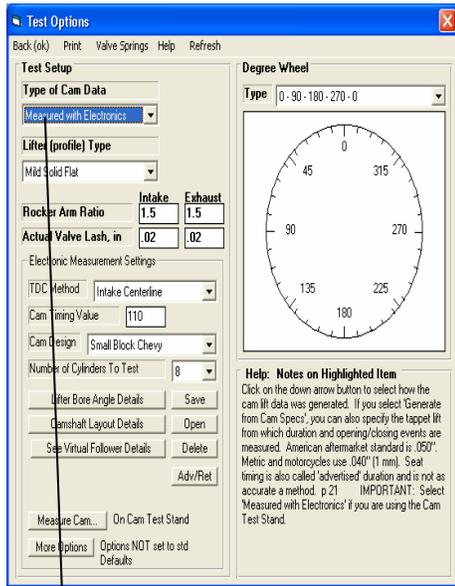
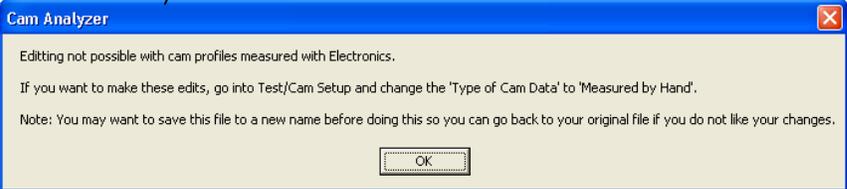
Figure A53 New "Cam Grinder" Edit Feature to Copy X/Y or Deg/Lift Data



This figure shows how you can edit an existing data file. You can also "edit" a NEW file which was created by clicking on "File", then one of the "New" options.

The "Copy/Delete/Paste Tappet Lifts" edit option is very powerful. If you click on it, you may be given the warning message below.

The only "Type of Cam Data" which can be manually edited is "Measured by Hand". This particular cam file is currently shown as "Type of Cam Data" as "Measured with Electronics". Therefore a conversion must be made before it can be edited.



If you click on Test Options at the top of the main screen, this Test Options screen shows the "Type of Cam Data" is "Measured with Electronics". Click on this drop down and choose "Measured by Hand" as shown in the lower left corner.

Once you do this, the program will show the message to the upper right, and you will have to confirm you really want to make this change. To be safe, you may want to save your file to a different name first (File, then Save As) so you can return to your data before you make this significant change.

Figure A54 New "Cam Grinder" Edit Feature to Copy X/Y or Deg/Lift Data, cont

You can copy 2 columns of X/Y data from Excel by highlighting the columns and using the Ctrl-C (copy) command.

Choose from these Advanced "Cam Grinder" features to describe the data you've pasted into the edit field.

Click on the Tappet Lift title of this column and the Edit options will appear. The Cam Grinder version has several additional features as shown here.

Click in this field and do the Ctrl-V (paste) command to paste the X/Y data from Excel into this field.

Once the data is pasted and the Advanced Import Features are set, click here to do the actual import.

Once imported, you may have to do additional Edit options to advance or retard the profile to adjust timing.

Figure A55 New "Cam Grinder" Export Manufacturing File Feature

Choose the "Export Manufacturing Style Cam File" for the screen of options to the right.

Choose from the various Formats available. The X,Y Data formats also let you pick the "Separator".

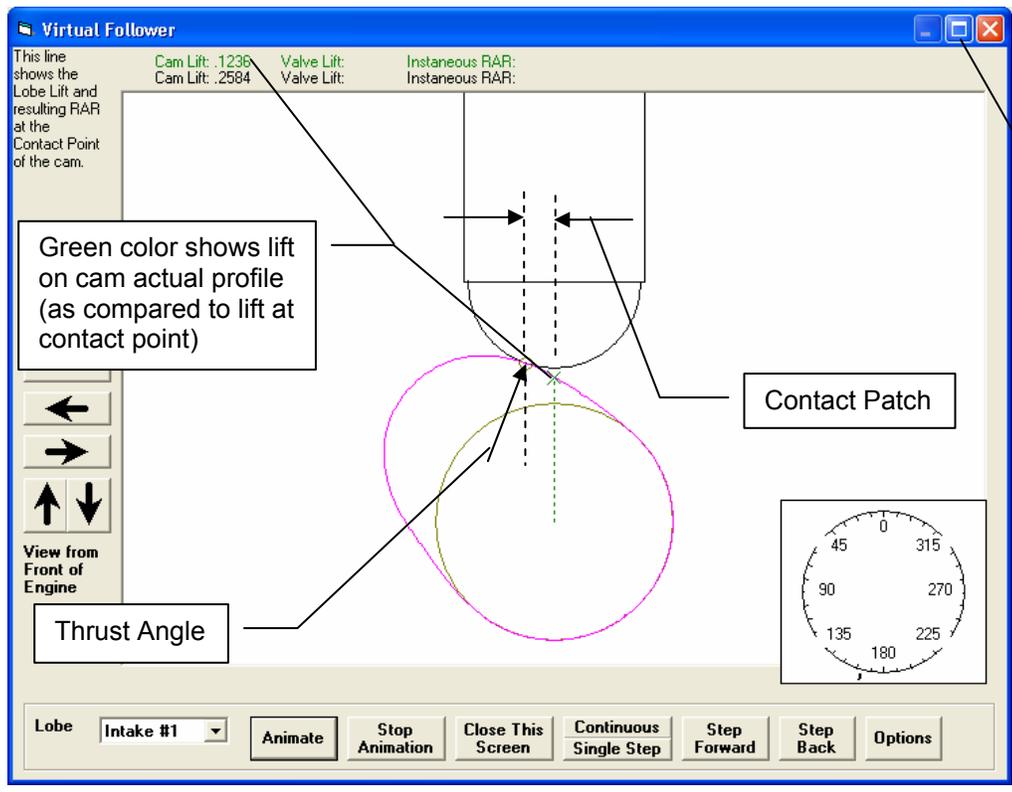
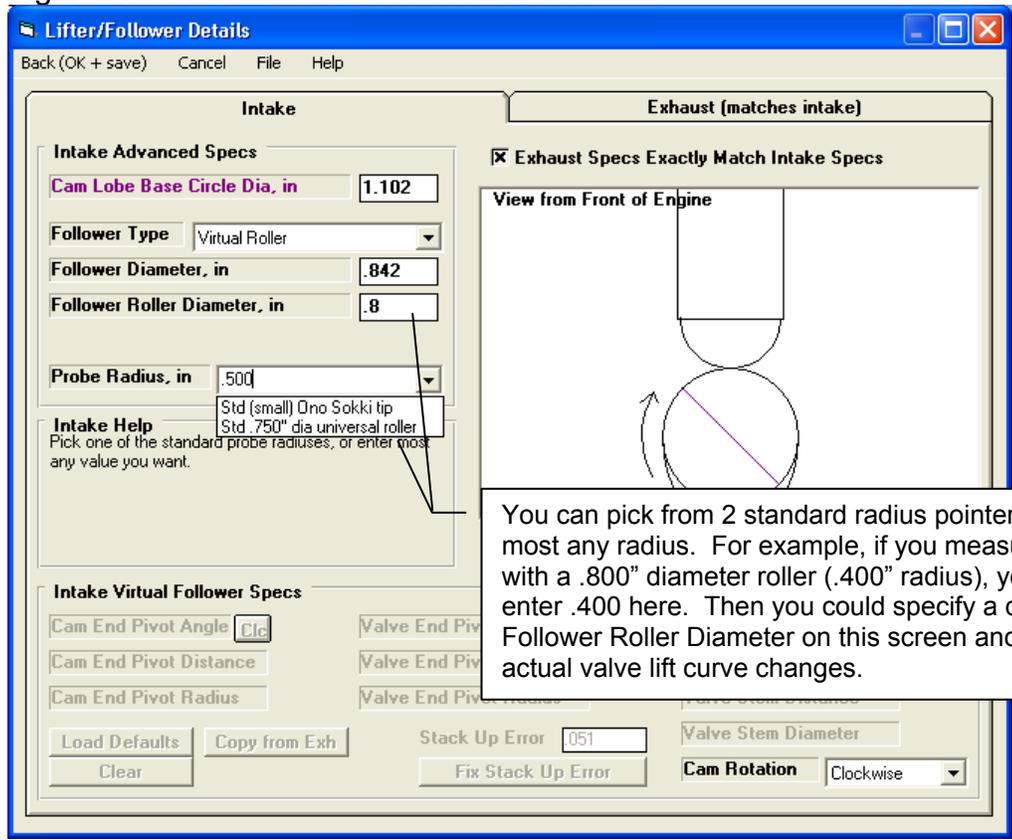
Click Browse button if you want, to pick a folder as shown to the right.

Browse to a folder, then click OK to close this list.

Click Make File to make the file shown to the right

360 lines of X, Y data opened up in Notepad

Figure A56 New Virtual Follower Features



You can now resize or Maximize this screen to take advantage of screens with high resolution.

Figure A57 New Cam Card Features

Cam Card with both the Program Title text and the Company Logo graphics file (both loaded in the Preferences screen).

Click Options button for these options.

Click here to browse your computer to pick a Cam Analyzer file with the Exhaust cam profile.

Note showing Exhaust Lobe data is from a different Associated File "3 lobes exh".

You will notice on the main screen behind the Cam Card, there is only Intake data. The exhaust data shown here is from the Associated File "3 lobes exh" file, as shown in the lower left of the Cam Card.

Options for including text and/or the Company Logo

Intake
 Centerline: 129.2
 Tappet Lift: .336
 Rocker Arm Ratio: 1
 Valve Lift: .336
 Int Open @ .050": -30.5 BTDC
 Int Adv. Open : 7.9 BTDC
 Duration .050": 197.4
 Adv. Duration : 275.4
 Duration @ .200": 129.3
 Lobe Area : 23.98
 Lash : .01
 Cam Lift at TDC : .0124
 Int Close @ .050": 47.9 ABDC
 Int Adv. Close : 87.5 ABDC
 Intake Lobe: A

Exhaust
 Centerline: 107.0
 Tappet Lift: 6.021
 Rocker Arm Ratio: 1.6
 Valve Lift: 9.634
 Exh Close @ .050": 3.7 ATDC
 Exh Adv. Close : 23.8 ATDC
 Duration .050": 201.1
 Adv. Duration : 241.5
 Duration @ .200": 261.5
 Lobe Area : 440.29
 Lash : .46
 Cam Lift at TDC : 1.2020
 Exh Open @ .050": 17.4 BBDC
 Exh Adv. Open : 37.8 BBDC
 Exhaust Lobe: A (from file: 3 lobes exh)

Duration and events measured at .050" lift

Options menu:
 Load an Associated File for Another Lobe
 Company Logo
 Print
 Windows Printer Setup
 Close this Screen
 Text Only
 Logo Only
 Logo and Text

Encoder

Figure A58 New File Filtering Features

This Filtering feature is discussed in more detail in Appendix 7.

Open Test File

Chosen File: SB CHEvy Journals for manual

9 Tests fit Filter Specs

- 6/8/2012 SB CHEvy Journals for manual edit
- 6/8/2012 SB CHEvy Journals for manual 001
- 6/8/2012 SB CHEvy Journals for manual
- 11/29/2011 SB CHEvy Journals 002
- 11/22/2011 SB CHEvy Journals 001
- 11/22/2011 SB CHEvy Journals
- 11/6/2011 bb chevy meas journals 003
- 11/6/2011 BB Chevy meas journals 002
- 10/23/2011 BB Chevy meas journals 002 - Copy

If files are being "filtered" (only certain files shown which fit your criteria), it is shown here and here in blue.

Trying lobes and journals on SB Chevy cam

List All Files by File Name
List by File Name (include Cam #)
List by Cam # (include File Name)
 List by Date File was Last Saved

Files Filtered (all files not listed). Click on Filter, then Turn Off Filtering to list all files.

Filter (find) Advanced

Open Filter (find) Advanced

Cancel Help Delete

If you click "Filter (find)" you will be presented with the screens shown below.

Filtered File List

Test	Folder
Journal Test 002	Artman
Journal Test 003	Artman
Journal Test 001	Combine Int and Exh Fil
BB Chevy meas journals 002	Measure Journals
BB Chevy meas journals 002 -	Measure Journals
bb chevy meas journals 003	Measure Journals
SB CHEvy Journals	Measure Journals
SB CHEvy Journals 001	Measure Journals
SB CHEvy Journals 002	Measure Journals
SB CHEvy Journals for manual	Measure Journals
SB CHEvy Journals for manual	Measure Journals
SB CHEvy Journals for manual	Measure Journals

Print Cancel

Filter Files

List Files If ...

This comment or spec: File Name Has this relationship: Contains To what I entered here: jour

List Files If ...

And Or Include this condition also

This comment or spec: Test Comments Has this relationship: Contains To what I entered here:

List Files If ...

And Or Include this condition also

This comment or spec: Operator Has this relationship: Contains To what I entered here:

Show only files fitting these limits Print list of all files fitting these limits

Turn Off Filtering (show all files)

Cancel Help

Search All Folders

Select All De-select All

- Dana
- Dana from Lap Top
- Darryl Woods
- DEVRIES
- Dubose

If you set "File Name" to "Contains" "jour", and check "Search All Folders" and click the button "Print list of all files fitting these limits", you will obtain the screen shown above. This is a list of all files stored folders in the CAMDATA folder which contain the phrase "jour" in the file name.

Filter Files

List Files If ...

This comment or spec: File Name Has this relationship: Contains To what I entered here: jour

List Files If ...

And Or Include this condition also

This comment or spec: Test Comments Has this relationship: Contains To what I entered here: bent

List Files If ...

And Or Include this condition also

This comment or spec: Operator Has this relationship: Contains To what I entered here: Jeff

Show only files fitting these limits Print list of all files fitting these limits

Turn Off Filtering (show all files)

Cancel Help

Search All Folders

Select All De-select All

- aillo
- Artman
- Baker Briggs
- barnard
- BB Ford on Stand

These settings will find all files which contain the phrase "jour" in the file name, OR contain the phrase "bent" in the test comments, AND had "Jeff" as the operator who ran the test.

Figure A59 Estimating the Lash Setting for a Cam Profile

Report of: Cyl 1, Valve Data Test Time: 4:02 pm 01.31.2009 Events Rated at .05" Tappet Lift

	CLine	Dur	Open	Close	Lb Area	Lb Lift	Vlv Lift	RAR	Lash	LbSep/Adv	Overlap	ASym
Int:	105.1	249.8	19.8	50.1	29.14	.338	.507	1.5	.01	105.4	42.4	.1
Exh:	105.6	255.5	52.8	22.7	30.66	.350	.525	1.5	.01	.3 Advance		.54

Lash	Vel @ 7000 RPM, int	Vel @ 7250 RPM, int	Vel @ 7500 RPM, int	Vel @ 7000 RPM, exh	Vel @ 7250 RPM, exh	Vel @ 7500 RPM, exh
Cyl 1						
.004	12.45	12.90	13.34	10.62	11.00	11.38
.005	14.91	15.45	15.98	11.77	12.19	12.61
.006	17.47	18.09	18.71	12.80	13.25	13.71
.008	22.97	23.79	24.61	14.63	15.15	15.68
.010	28.78	29.81	30.84	16.50	17.09	17.68
.012	34.59	35.83	37.06	19.19	19.87	20.56
.015	42.90 *	44.43 *	45.96 *	26.12	27.06	27.99
.020	55.36 *	57.34 *	59.32 *	42.22 *	43.73 *	45.24 *
.024	64.30 *	66.59 *	68.89 *	54.29 *	56.23 *	58.17 *
.028	72.50 *	75.08 *	77.67 *	65.11 *	67.44 *	69.76 *
Lash/RAR	.0073 Open	.0106 Close	1.50 RAR	.0143 Open	.0163 Close	1.50 RAR

The program estimates the lash point on the closing ramp for the exhaust profile at .0106" with a 1.5 Rocker Arm Ratio. Finding the lash point is an ESTIMATE. For this Intake profile, the lash point is somewhere in the range of .007" to .010".

The program estimates the lash point on the opening ramp for the intake profile at .0073" with a 1.5 Rocker Arm Ratio.

Figure A60 New Preference for Emailing

V4.0 adds several "Method 2" options which add some default Hotmail, Live Mail, AOL, Gmail, and Yahoo accounts. Note: You may have to adjust these defaults for your particular email account.

"Method 1" options work like they did in v3.8 and earlier versions.

Enter the Email Specs used by your email service. For Email Info, you can choose from several Default providers which will fill in SMTP, Port Number and Use Secure Socket Layer, or use "Use Specs Below" to enter most anything you want. Note: The Default specs may not always work for those providers and things change.

To find these settings, you may have to go into your email program and click on things like Properties, Mail Accounts, etc.

To get these settings correct may require some trial and error

Click here to enter your email password. Note that it is NOT stored in an encrypted form

Enter the email address you want emails sent from the Suspension Analyzer to be marked as "From".

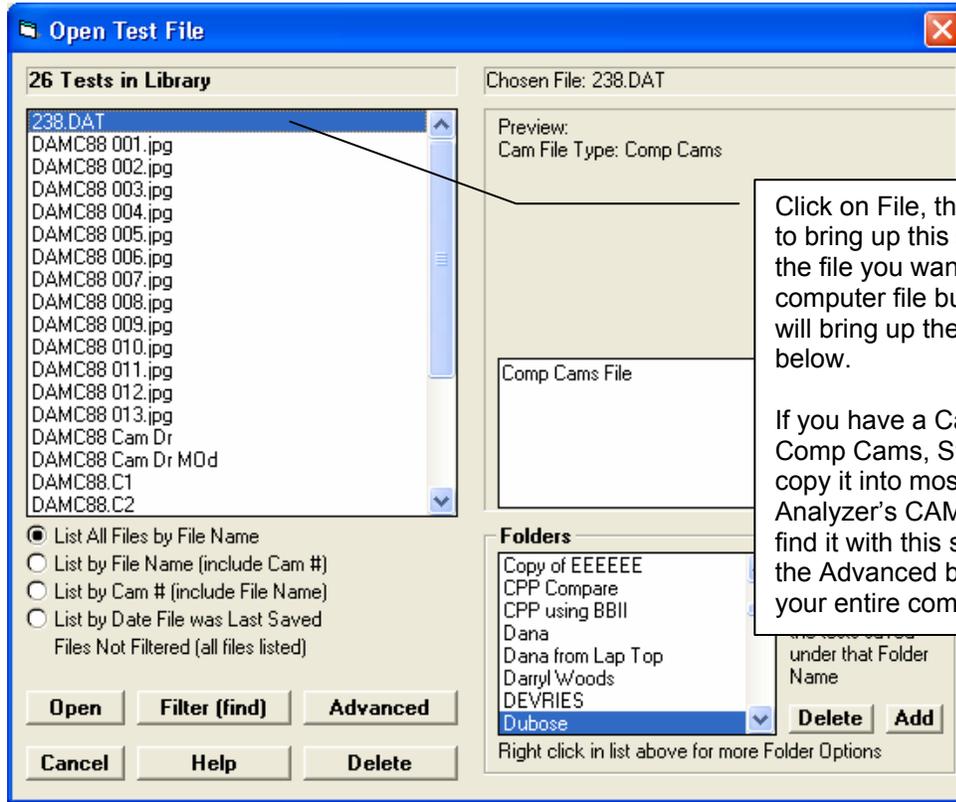
Click here for more info on setting up your Emailing Preferences.

Once you have selected your inputs, you can click on this button to send a trial email to see if any errors occur.

Some email options let you print to a PDF printer and then email the PDF file. This input lets you select which PDF printer you want to use if more than one is available on your computer.

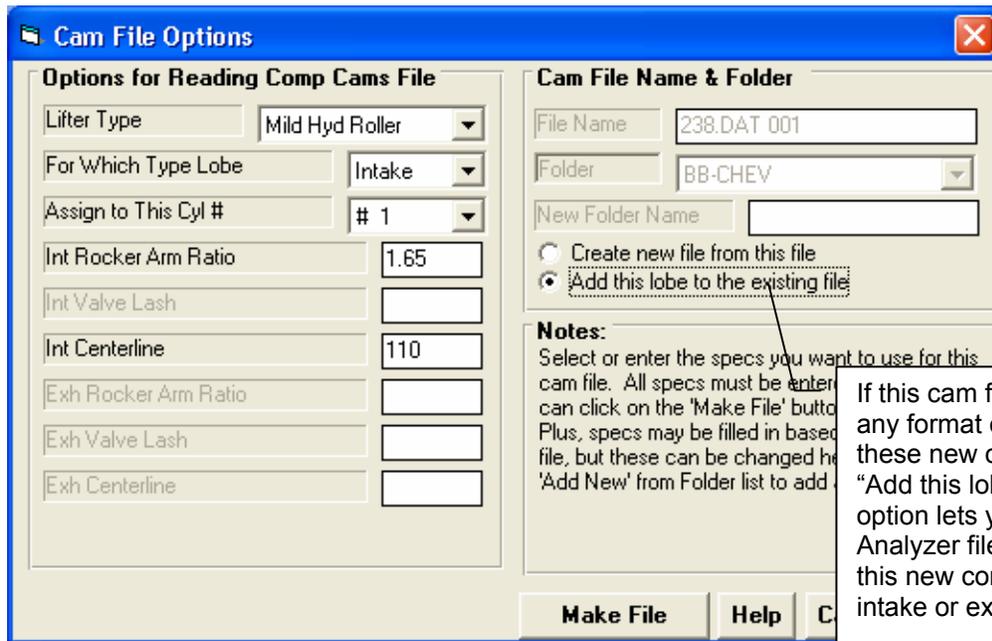
Click on the Find button to find the path to the Windows Accessory "MSPaint.exe". This path is only used if you want to send a graph in the faster, smaller file size of 16 bit color.

Figure A61 Importing File for Just 1 Lobe, to Combine with Existing Cam File



Click on File, then Open (from all saved tests) to bring up this screen. From here click on the file you want to open. If this file is a computer file but not a Cam Analyzer file, you will bring up the Cam File Options screen below.

If you have a Cam File (like a Cam Pro Plus, Comp Cams, S96, Andrews, etc), you can copy it into most any folder under the Cam Analyzer's CAMDATA folder. Then you can find it with this screen. You can also click on the Advanced button to lower left and browse your entire computer.



If this cam file has only one lobe (most any format except a Cam Dr file), these new options will appear. The "Add this lobe to the existing file" option lets you keep you existing Cam Analyzer file, but just add the lobe from this new computer file to either the intake or exhaust lobe.

Appendix 7: FFT Analysis in v4.0

The Cam Grinder version of the program now allows you to pick various data types to graph. These include:

- Lift Frequency Analysis *
- Acceleration Frequency Analysis *
- Jerk Frequency Analysis *

This Frequency Analysis is performed by doing a FFT (Fast Fourier Transformation) on the Lift, Acceleration or Jerk curves. The theory behind Fourier Transformation is that *any* repetitive wave form can be represented by some combination of mathematical sine waves. The repetitive wave form for cam analysis is the cam lift curve occurs every 360 degrees of camshaft rotation. FFT is a mathematical method to determine what major frequency components (sine waves) make the cam lift profile.

Cam analysis work has been done to determine that if major frequencies in the *Valve Acceleration* curve exist at low enough frequencies, and if these frequencies match up to the natural frequency of the valve spring, spring surge problems can occur. Think of an “out of balance” tire on your car. If you drive at 60 MPH, you may not notice the imbalance at all, but drive at 70 and you can barely hold on to the steering wheel. At 70 MPH you have hit one of the natural frequencies of the suspension system, which is being excited by the natural frequency of the tire. At 60 MPH, the frequency may be 5.4 Hz and 70 MPH may be 6.3 Hz (cycles per second) depending on tire size.

The same is true of the valve train. If the natural frequency of the primary valve spring is 300 Hz and a large frequency component of the valve acceleration profile match up, then spring surge may occur. When this occurs, just like the steering wheel wants to jump out of your hand, the valve spring and valve train are very hard to control. If possibly, you want to avoid RPMs which produce acceleration frequencies which are close to the natural frequency of the valve spring.

Don Hubbard, previously of Crane Cams, in his outstanding book “Camshaft Reference Handbook” has developed some limits which should be avoided for various valve train design. These are:

Limit	Valve Train Type
.22	Direct acting OHC (overhead cam) buckets valve trains
.18	OHC rocker arm valve trains
.12	Pushrod/rocker arm valve trains

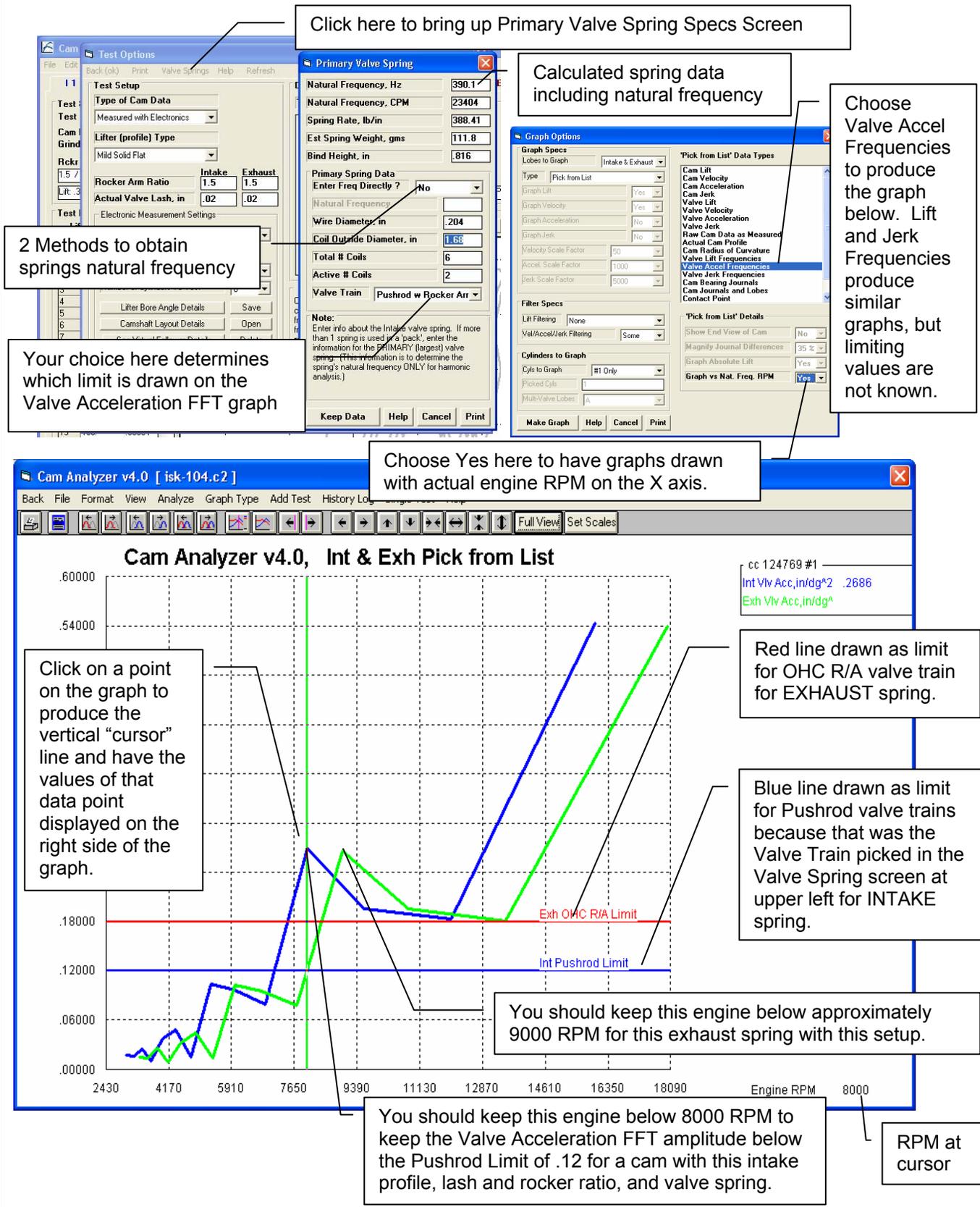
The program offers to do FFT analysis of the Lift and Jerk data as well. However, we don’t know of any limits which have been developed for FFT analysis of these curves. You should get a copy of Don’s book for more details.

The procedure to do this analysis are outlined in Figure A62, and include:

- Obtain a cam file and convert to “Measured with Electronics”. If you measure with our Cam Test Stand, this happens automatically.
- Enter data for the Primary Valve Springs, which is typically the largest spring (outer spring) in a valve spring pack via the Cam/Test Setup screen.
- Set a description for the Valve Train Type in the Primary Valve Spring screens also.
- Request the Valve Accel Frequencies Data Type and set Graph vs Nat. Freq. RPM to Yes.
- Make a graph and find the lowest frequency RPM which goes above the limit set for the valve train type. The frequency RPM below this is the safe RPM limit for this particular valve lift profile with these valve springs.

IMPORTANT: This analysis is done on the Valve Acceleration curve. Therefore it will change depending on the Rocker Arm Ratio and Lash you enter into the Cam/Test Setup screen.

Figure A62 "Cam Grinder" FFT Analysis (also Fig A52)



Click here to bring up Primary Valve Spring Specs Screen

Calculated spring data including natural frequency

Choose Valve Accel Frequencies to produce the graph below. Lift and Jerk Frequencies produce similar graphs, but limiting values are not known.

2 Methods to obtain springs natural frequency

Your choice here determines which limit is drawn on the Valve Acceleration FFT graph

Choose Yes here to have graphs drawn with actual engine RPM on the X axis.

Click on a point on the graph to produce the vertical "cursor" line and have the values of that data point displayed on the right side of the graph.

Red line drawn as limit for OHC R/A valve train for EXHAUST spring.

Blue line drawn as limit for Pushrod valve trains because that was the Valve Train picked in the Valve Spring screen at upper left for INTAKE spring.

You should keep this engine below approximately 9000 RPM for this exhaust spring with this setup.

You should keep this engine below 8000 RPM to keep the Valve Acceleration FFT amplitude below the Pushrod Limit of .12 for a cam with this intake profile, lash and rocker ratio, and valve spring.

RPM at cursor

Appendix 8 Filter Test Files (Plus Version Only)

The v4.0 Cam Analyzer has a powerful way to search for tests in the Test Library called the Filter Option. Click on the Filter button in the Open Test File menu (Figure A58) to be presented with the screen shown below.

Figure A63 Filter Files Menu

Click on the down arrow button to pick the spec or comment to check for a certain condition "Has this relationship".

Click on the down arrow button to pick the condition to look for. These change depending on the spec or comment you have chosen.

Type in (or pick from a list for some specs) the condition to look for. The program treats UPPER and lower case letters the same (bowtie = BOWTIE = BowTie).

Check here to include a 2nd condition. This enables specs in this section.

Click on this button to return to the File Open menu which will now show **all test files**.

Click on this button to return to the File Open menu which will now **only show files which fit the Filter Conditions**.

Select And and the Test Files displayed must fit **both** conditions specified. Select Or and the Test Files displayed can fit **either** of the conditions specified.

These options let you choose which folders to search, All Folders or just the ones you have selected in the list.

Click here to produce a report of all files meeting the Filter conditions IN ALL FOLDERS in the CAMDATA folder (the entire Test Library). This way you can avoid looking in each folder separately and can save time.

The settings in this screen will display all test files with the word BowTie (or bowtie or BOWTIE) somewhere in the test comments and with a Dry Density Altitude between 1000 and 4000 ft (calculated from weather info in the Track Conds menu).

Filter Files

List Files If ...
This comment or spec: Test Comments
Has this relationship: Contains
To what I entered here: BOWTIE

List Files If ...
 And Or
This comment or spec: TrackConds-Dry Density Altitude
Has this relationship: Is Between
To what I entered here: 1000 And 4000
 Include this condition also
 Include this condition also

Show only files fitting these limits
Print list of all files fitting these limits

Turn Off Filtering (show all files)
Cancel Help

Search All Folders
Select All
De-select All

H&H
hewitt
JASON
johnson
Josef

The Filter Feature is very useful for finding a specific test or to find all the tests which meet a certain set of conditions. For example, say you want to find a test that Operator “Jack” ran for Customer “Smith” on a “Big Block Chevy” cam. Or, say you want to check on all tests run with 1.5 intake rocker arms, where “1.5” would be in the “Intake Rocker Arm” field in the Test Conditions screen. Or perhaps you want to find all Crower cams that “Jeff” measured . In all these cases, the filtering specs would allow you to find the test files.

First you must select the condition you want to look for by clicking on the down arrow button on the 'This comment or spec' box. Your choice of this spec will determine what the 'Has this relationship' options are, and what specs can be entered in the 'To what I enter here' spec.

You can select up to 3 conditions to look for. For the Operator “Jack”, Customer “Johnson”, “Big Block Chevy” example above, you would need to search for 3 conditions. For the “1.5” intake rocker arm example, you could just search for 1 condition. You add conditions by checking the 'Include this condition also' box. This enables the other specs for each condition.

If more than 1 condition is being used for the search, you must determine if you want the search to include tests which fit ANY of the conditions (Or) or must match ALL conditions (And). For example, if you are looking for tests run by either Operator Jack or Operator Joe, you would select “Or”. If you want Tests which made more than 1.5 intake rocker arm ratio *and* were done since Jan 2012 (the tests must match both conditions), you would select “And”.

The 3 command buttons will do the following:

Show Files Only Fitting These Conditions will return you to the Open Test File screen. Only files fitting these conditions will be displayed (which may be no files in some situations). You can click on various folders (or whatever name you have given to folders in the Preferences menu at the Main Screen) to see if there are any matches in other folders.

Turn Off Filtering (show all files) will return you to the Open Test File screen and now all files will be displayed.

Print List of All Files Fitting These Conditions will search through the entire Test Library (all folders in the CAMDATA folder) for files matching these conditions and display them in a new screen. From this screen, you can also print the list. This is the quickest way to see which folders may contain test files matching your conditions.

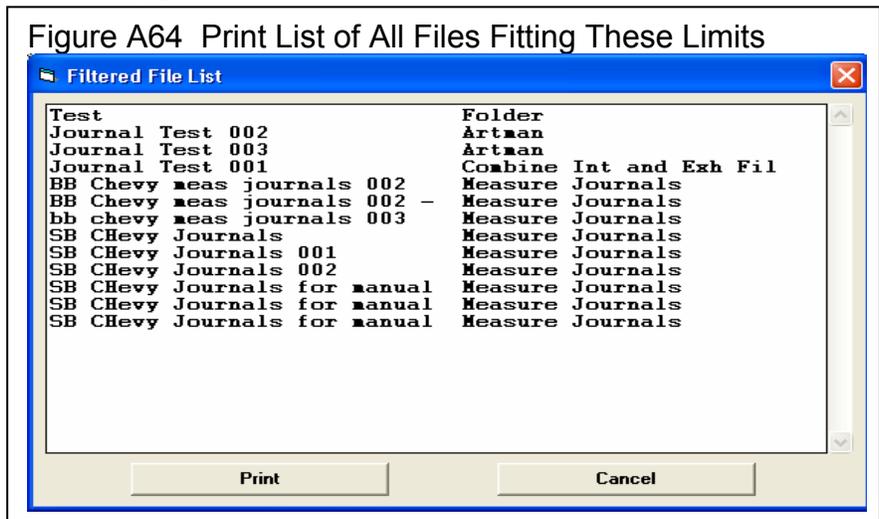


Figure A64 Print List of All Files Fitting These Limits

Tip: When looking for a word, the program doesn't care if it is in CAPITAL (upper case) or small (lower case) letters. In Figure A64 above you are looking for the word BowTie in the test comments. The program will display all files which have the word “BowTie” or the word “BOWTIE” or the word “bowtie” or the word “BowTIE” anywhere in the comments. The program will *not* find files with the words “Bow Tie” (with a space between Bow and Tie) . Therefore, it may be smarter to just look for the word “bow” to avoid this problem. Note, however, that if you do this, the program will also find tests with the word “elbow” or “crossbow” , for example, in the test comments.