

UAV Engines in the next decade - Turbine Engines, Piston Engines and the newly Combat Proven Rotary Engine

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The Hermes 450 UAV, powered by R802





Engines for UAV's

UAV Type	Engine Type	Power Range (HP)
Micro	Electrical	1
Mini	Piston (2X2)	1 – 20
TAC, CR/LE	Rotary (WANKEL)	20 - 90
MALE	Piston (4X4)	90 - 250
MALE	Turbo-Prop	250 - 500
HALE/ TCUAV	Turbo-Jet/Fan	above 500



UAV Models & Engines (e.g.)

UAV Model	Engine Type	Engine Model	Engine Power (HP)
Skylark	Electric	B40-19L	1
Neptune	Piston, 2X2	150D2	15
Aerostar	Piston, 2X2	490IA	38
Harpy	Rotary	731	38
Hermes 180	Rotary	741	38
Shadow 200	Rotary	741	38
Hermes 450	Rotary	802	52
Searcher	Rotary	681	80
Predator	Piston 4X4	Rotax 914	100
Heron	Piston 4X4	Rotax 914	100
Heron 1	Turboprop	PT6	600
Predator B	Turboprop	Honeywell TP331-10	950
UCAV	Turbofan	F404	22,000 lb

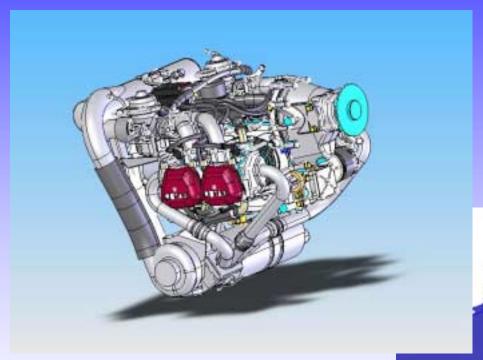


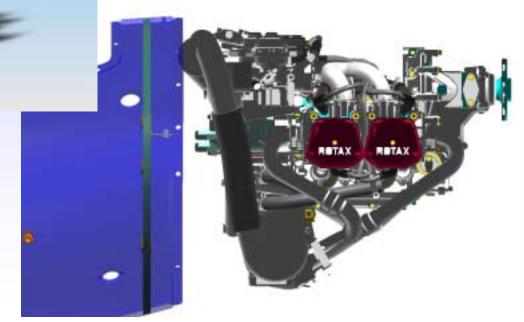
UAV Engines Special Requirements

- Long Endurance
 - Mission Length of 20-50 hours!
- Duty Cycle
 - Heavy weight/ High Altitude (completely different than light avaition)
- Compactness
 - High Power/weight ratio, Low Volume
- Simple Maintainability
 - Robustness, lower skills ground crews



Rotax 914







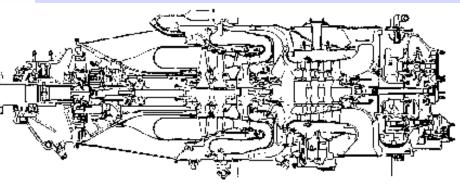


UAV Turboprops (e.g.)

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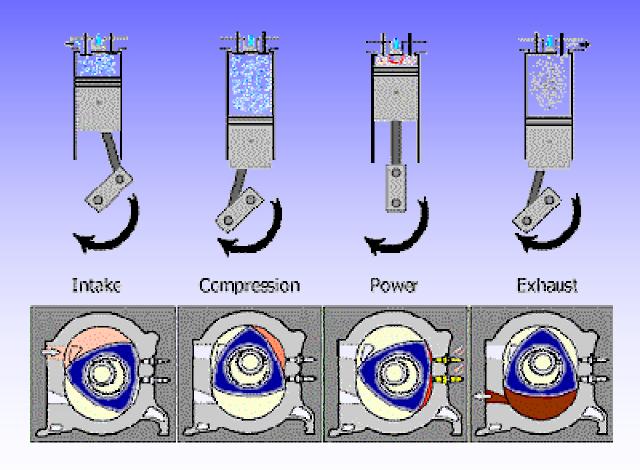


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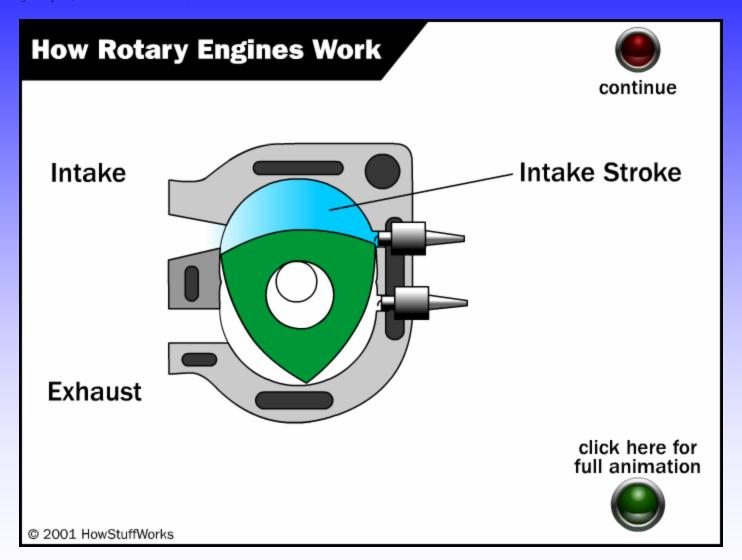




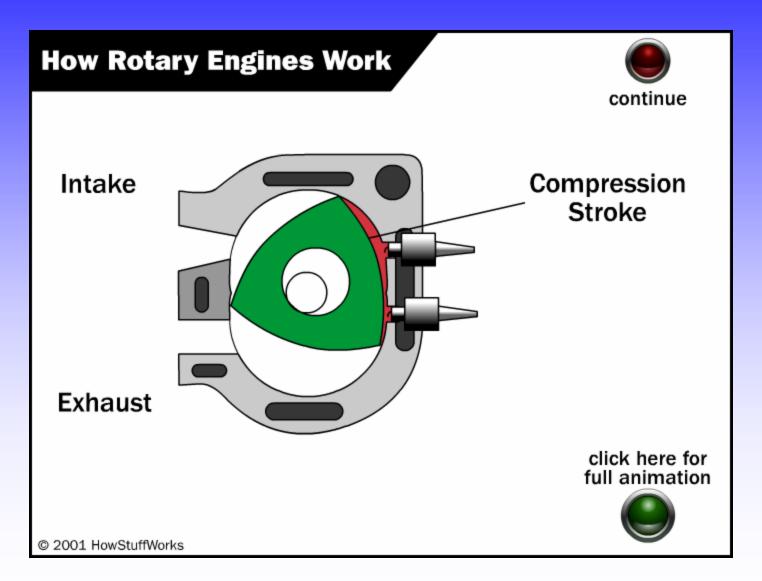
Wankel – Vs – Piston Principle













Mazda RX8 Wankel powered Car





The new NRV 588 Norton Motorcycle unveiled on October 2006





Rotary (Wankel) Engines in Israeli UAVs

Engine Model	Power (BHP)	Application
681	80	IAI, MLT, Searcher
802	52	Elbit/ Silver Arrow, Hermes450
741	38	Elbit/ Silver Arrow, Hermes 180
731	38	IAI, MLT, Harpy







AR741 Wankel (Rotary) Engine









Rotor





Rotor Housing (trochoide)



Eccentric Shaft



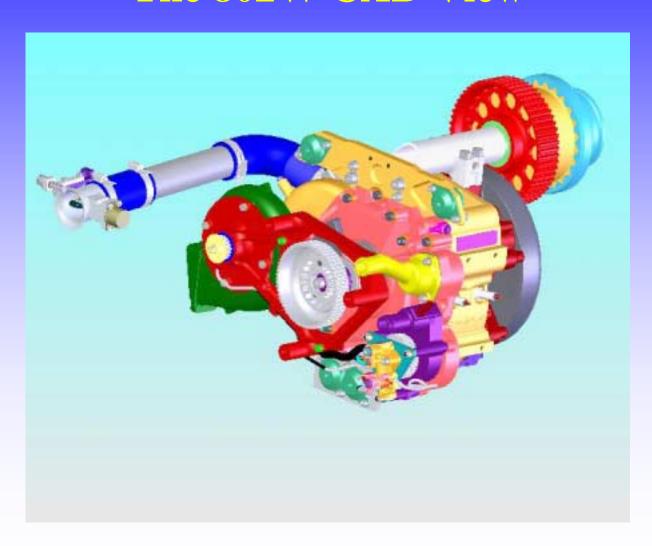


Enhanced Performance 802 Engine (802W)

- Design-
 - Longer Chamber, displacement increase from 294 cc to 350 cc.
 - EFI
 - Starternator
- Outcome-
 - Higher Power (70+ -vs- 52)
 - Better SFC (0.45 -vs- 0.55)
 - Outstanding Power/Weight(*) Ratio (~1.6 -vs- 1.3)
- (*) Weight includes Buildup and propeller



The 802W CAD View



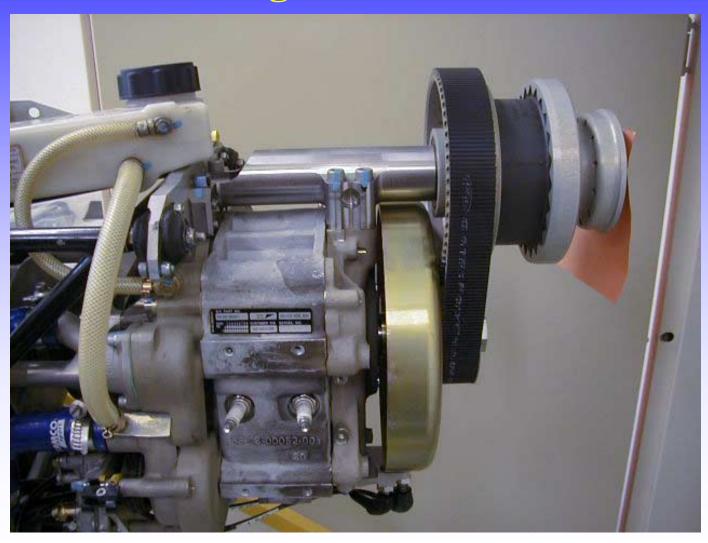




802 Starternator, schematic

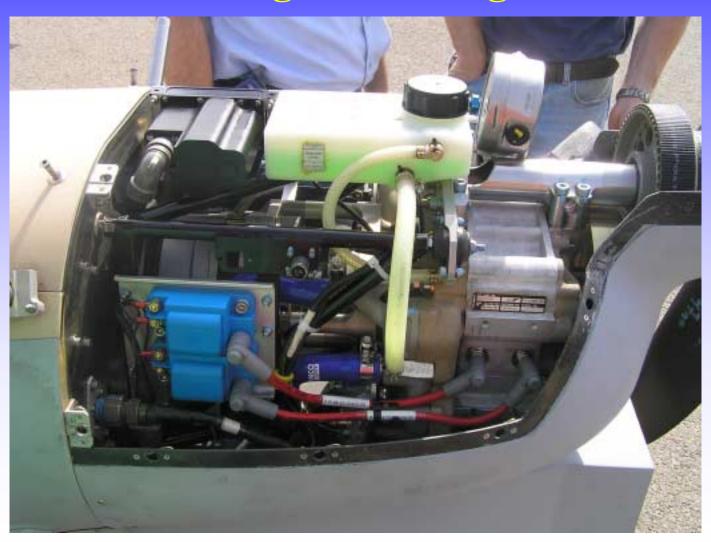


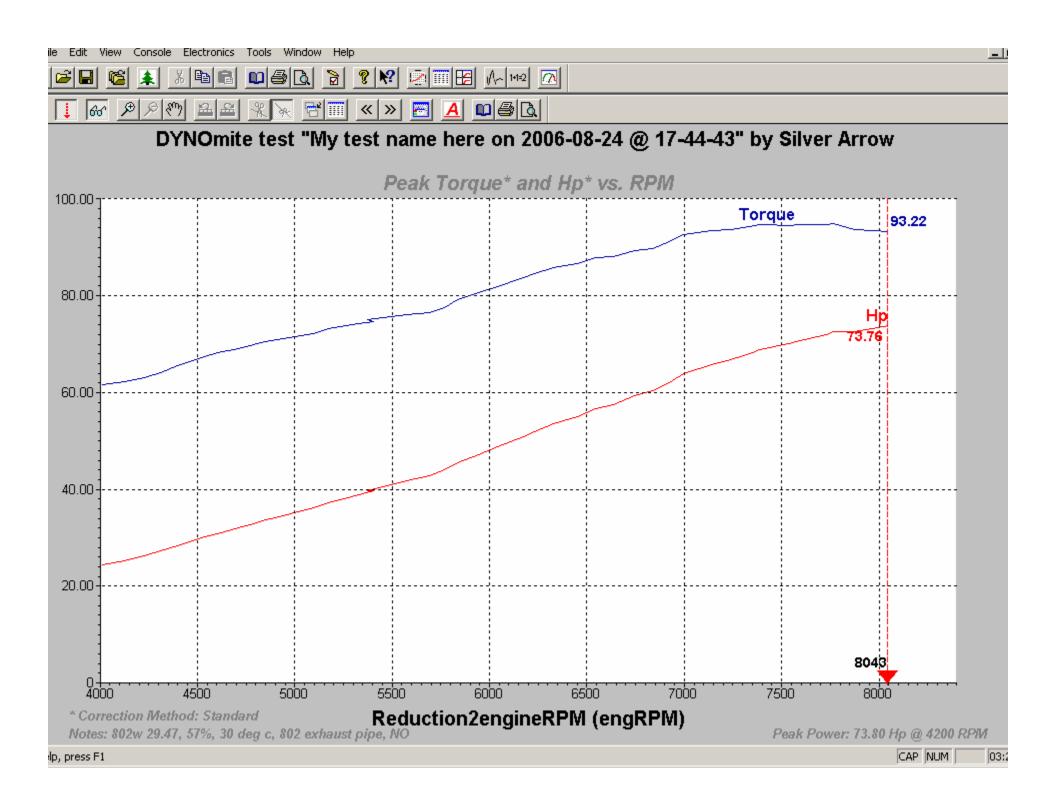
802W Engine Demonstrator

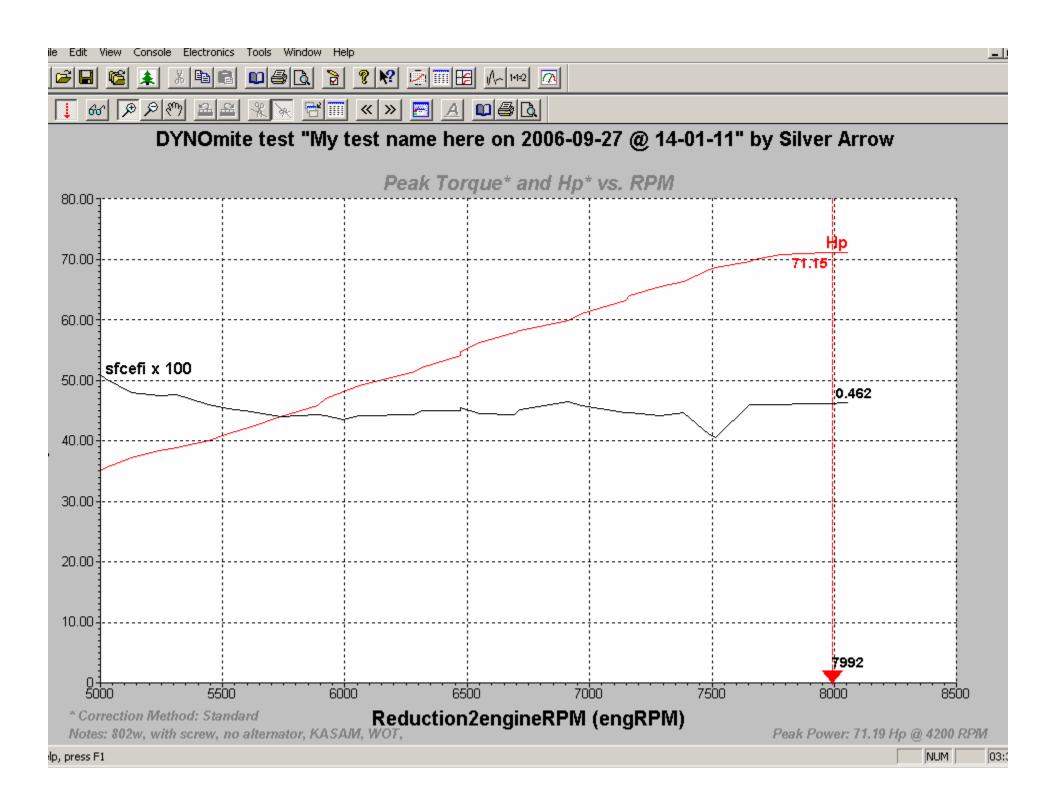




Silver Arrow A Subsidiary of Legion 25706 Israel 802W demonstrator in H450 UAV following maiden flight









Summary

- UAV business volume in a dramatic increase
- The big players in the Engine world did not prepare engines for this market
- Wankel Engines are suitable and advantageous for TAC UAVs
- Academic Research covering Wankel Engines is almost nil