

# Black Start Minimum Tank Suction Level

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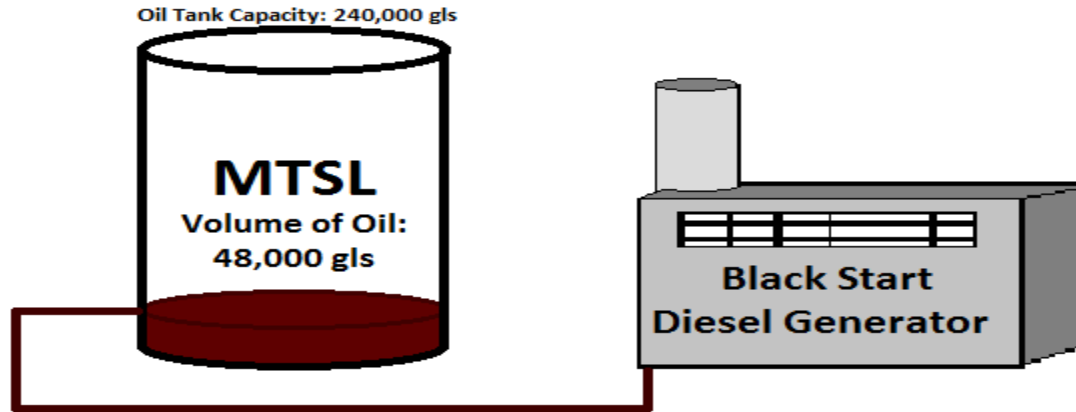


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# Minimum Tank Suction Level - Stand Alone

- **Some units that participate in the PJM energy market have oil tanks.**
- **All oil tanks at PJM units have minimum tank suction levels regardless of whether they are black start. (Unless they use direct current pumps.)**

# Minimum Tank Suction Level - Black Start Only



# Minimum Tank Suction Level Example - Black Start Only

- **Black Start MTSL = MTSL**
  - **Where:**
  - **Black Start Tank Ratio = 100 Percent**

# Minimum Tank Suction Level Example - Black Start Only

- **Example:**
  - **Tank Capacity: 240,000 gals**
  - **MTSL: 48,000 gals**
  - **Unit Fuel Burn Rate: 12,000 gals per hour**
  - **Minimum Run Hours: 16 hours**
  - **Total Black Start Fuel Burn: 192,000 gals**
  - **Black Start Tank Ratio = 100 %**
  - **Black Start MTSL = 48,000 gals**
  - **Tank Capacity = Fuel Burn + MTSL**

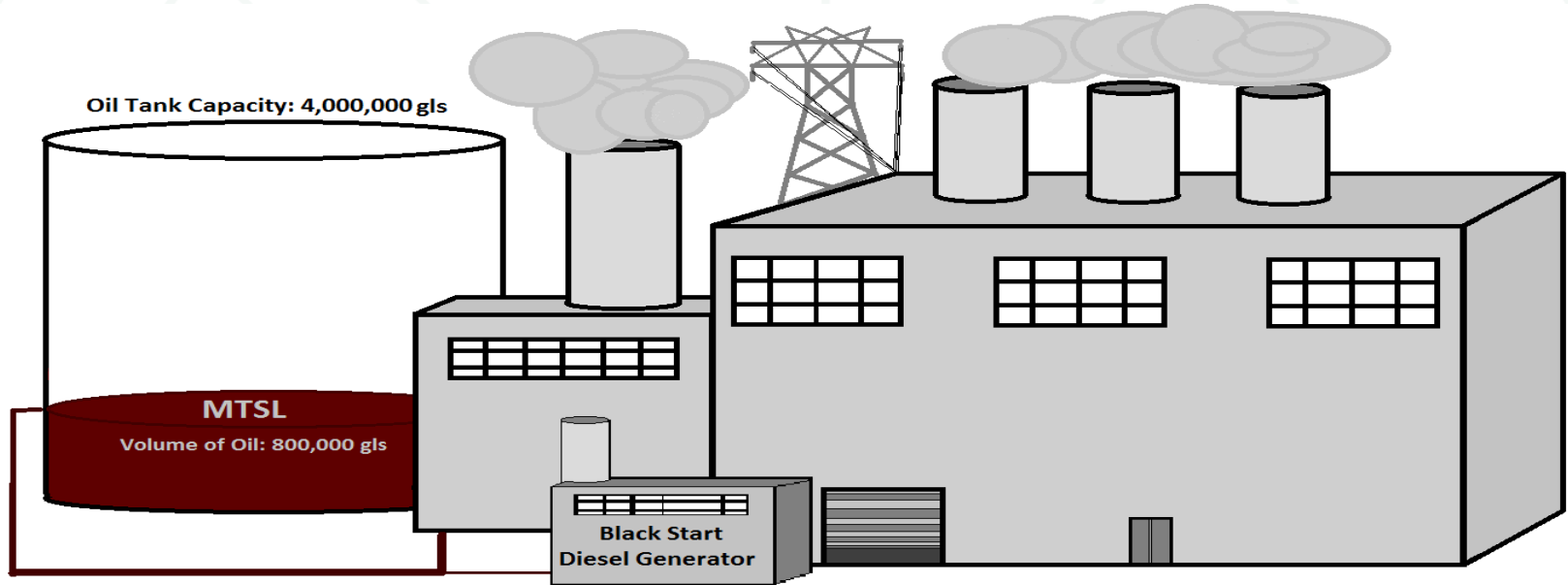
# Minimum Tank Suction Level - Shared

- **Many Black Start units use fuel tanks that are shared with other units that participate in the PJM energy market.**

# Minimum Tank Suction Level - Before Black Start



# Minimum Tank Suction Level - Shared





# Minimum Tank Suction Level Example - Shared Tank

- **Black Start MTSL = Black Start Tank Ratio × MTSL**
  - **Where:**
  - **Black Start Tank Ratio =  $\frac{\text{Unit Fuel Burn Rate} \times \text{Minimum Run Hours}}{\text{Tank Capacity} - \text{MTSL}}$**

# Minimum Tank Suction Level Example - Shared Tank

- **Example:**

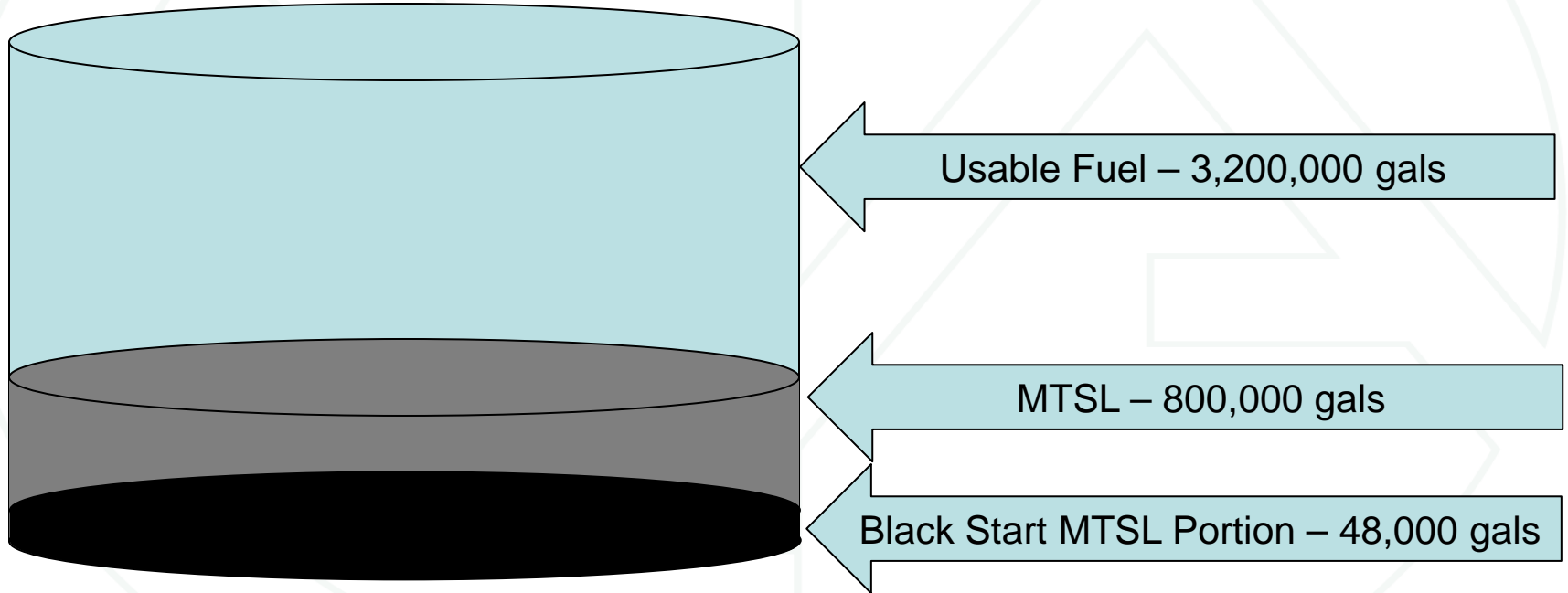
- **Tank Capacity: 4,000,000 gals**
- **MTSL: 800,000 gals**
- **Unit Fuel Burn Rate: 12,000 gals per hour**
- **Minimum Run Hours: 16 hours**
- **Total Black Start Fuel Burn: 192,000 gals**

- **Black Start Tank Ratio** = 
$$\frac{12,000 \frac{\text{gals}}{\text{hr}} \times 16 \text{ hrs}}{4,000,000 \text{ gals} - 800,000 \text{ gals}} = 6.0 \%$$

- **Black Start MTSL** =  $6.0\% \times 800,000 \text{ gals} = 48,000 \text{ gals}$

# Minimum Tank Suction Level

**Tank Capacity: 4,000,000 gals**



# PJM Method vs. IMM Method

- **PJM's method would allow recovery of carrying cost on 800,000 gals of fuel.**
- **The IMM's method would allow recovery of carrying costs on 48,000 gals of fuel.**
- **The actual incremental amount of MTSL that results from the addition of black start capability is zero.**

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