FCV The Vehicle that will Lead the Way to a Hydrogen-Based Society

Fuel Cell Stack Assembly

The FC stack assembly is made up of the FC stack, FC boost converter, and auxiliary component assembly (hydrogen circulating pump, etc.). Integration of the assembly contributes to reducing the size, weight and cost.

Fuel Cell Stack

The new FC stack assembly is made up 370 cells that generate electricity. Hydrogen and oxygen from the air are supplied to each cell, where a chemical reaction generates electricity. Development of cells that increase power generating performance made possible the creation of smaller and lighter FC stack with higher performance. The new stack achieves volume power density at the world's highest level and can be installed below the vehicle floor.



Fuel Cell Boost Converter

The FC boost converter steps up the FC stack voltage to a maximum of 650V. This makes it possible to reduce the number of cells in the FC stack while making the system more compact and lighter. In addition, using the same voltage as as current hybrid vehicle units allows the use of motors, drive batteries, power control units, and other components from hybrid vehicles, increasing reliability and greatly reducing costs.



High Pressure Hydrogen Tank

Hydrogen storage mass

Approx, 5.0 kg

The high-pressure hydrogen tanks are made of three layers: a plastic liner that seals in the hydrogen, a carbon fibre reinforced plastic layer that increases pressure capacity, and a glass fibre reinforced plastic layer that protects the surface. Improvements to the plastic liner configuration and higher layering pattern efficiency make it possible to reduce the amount of carbon fibre reinforced plastic used by about 40%, which reduces the weight. The tanks boast storage performance at the world's highest level: (5.7 wt%).



*1 As of November 2014, Toyota data