Conversion between Heat and Mechanical Energy

Heat Resrvoir

- It is defined as the source of infinite heat energy and a finite amount of heat absorbed or heat rejected from the heat reservoir will not have any effect on its temperature .
- Heat reservoir is maintained at constant temperature



Types of Heat Reservoir

- Heat Source : Thermal reservoir which supplies heat to a system is known as source.
- This is at high temperature,
- Examples of Heat Sources are boiler furnace, combustion chamber, nuclear reactor etc.

Heat Sink

- Thermal reservoir which absorbs heat from a system is known as sink.
- This is at low temperature, e.g. ocean, river, atmospheric air.

Heat Engine

- Heat engine is defined as a thermodynamic device which is used for continuous production of work from heat when operating in a thermodynamic cyclic process.
- Both heat and work interactions occure across the boundry of this device, e.g., internal combustion engines, external combustion engines, gas turbines etc.

Heat Engine



From the conservation of energy principle

- Q1=W+Q2
- W= Q1-Q2
- Thermal Efficiency = Network output/Heat input
 w/Q

 $= (Q_1 - Q_2)/Q_1$

• Thermal Efficiency is the measure of performance of a heat engine