

MODELLING AND THERMAL ANALYSIS OF COMPRESSOR FINS

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Abstract

In this study, thermal analysis of Compressor fins is proposed and an effort is made to understand temperature distribution in compressor fins by employing cylindrical, square, rectangular fins with different materials (Aluminium alloy 6082, Aluminium nitride, Siliconcarbide) which aid in rapid heat removal to the surroundings for ensuring the optimal working of the compressor. Removal of heat generated in the compressor gets augmented by the application of fins to it. Modelling is done in CATIA V5 and Analysis is carried out using, ANSYS WORKBENCH. Heat flows out from the compressor to the surrounding through the casing and then to fins attached to it. Convective boundary condition is applied to one face of a fin. The results report the temperature distribution and heat transfer rate contour for variation in fin length. Results show that ANSYS can be used effectively and efficiently to solve the challenge of heat transfer problem. Here different designs of heat fins using different materials are considered and thermal analysis is carry out to find out the heat flux.

Keywords: Compressor fins, CATIA file, ANSYS, Thermal analysis, Heat flux.

1. INTRODUCTION

Many engineering devices generate heat during their operation. If this generated heat is not dissipated rapidly to its surrounding atmosphere, this may cause rise in temperature of the system components. This cause overheating problems in device and may lead to the failure of component. Fins or extended surfaces are known for enhancing the heat transfer in a system. Liquid-cooling system enhances better heat transfer than air-cooling system, the construction of air-cooling system is very simpler, therefore it is imperative for an air-cooled engine to make use of the fins effectively to obtain uniform temperature in the cylinder periphery. The major heat transfer takes by two modes that is by conduction or by convection. Heat transfer through fin to the surface of the fin takes place through conduction whereas from surface of the fin to the surroundings, it takes place by convection. The amount of conduction, convection, or radiation of an object determines the amount of heat it transfers. Increasing the temperature gradient between the object and the environment, increasing the convection heat transfer coefficient, or increasing the surface area of the object increases the heat transfer. Sometimes it is not feasible or economical to change the first two options. Thus, adding a fin to an object increases the surface area and

can sometimes be an economical solution to heat transfer problem.

Necessity for Compressor cylinder Cooling:

1. Engine valves warp (twist) due to overheating.
2. Damage to the materials of cylinder body and piston.
3. Lubricating oil decompose to form gummy and carbon
4. Reduces the strength of the materials used for piston and piston rings.
5. Overheating also reduces the efficiency.

2. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Analysing the temperature distribution for fins with different cross-sections & materials by thermal analysis and finding the optimum fin cross section with suitable material which increase the heat transfer rate. By this, the compressor efficiency will increase and the life of the compressor also increases. To Analyse the temperature distribution for fins with different cross-sections and materials, you can use thermal analysis software such as ANSYS. These software packages allow you to simulate heat transfer and temperature distribution in complex geometries, such as fins. To begin, you would create a 3D model of the fin in the software and define the material properties of the fin and surrounding environment. You would also need to define the heat sources and boundary conditions for the simulation, such as the heat flux at the base of the fin and the temperature of the surrounding air. Next, you would run the simulation and analyse the temperature distribution

along the length of the fin for different cross-sectional shapes and materials. You could then compare the results to determine which combination of cross-sectional shape and material provides the highest heat transfer rate and the lowest temperature gradient along the fin. Once you have identified the optimum fin cross section with suitable material, you could use this information to design and manufacture a fin that improves the heat transfer rate of the compressor. This could lead to increased compressor efficiency and a longer lifespan for the compressor.

3. OBJECTIVE

After studying the above research papers we concluded that, to perform the thermal analysis of different fins cross-sections by considering different fin materials and finding the optimum fin which has better heat transfer rate.

4. METHODOLOGY

- By considering the fin dimensions, 3D fin is modelled in different cross sections using CATIA V5 software.
- After modelling is done. The file is extracted into ANSYS 15.0, subsequent material is added to the component and thermal analysis is performed.
- Then the temperature distribution is analysed and from which the heat flux is obtained.

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- After computing heat flux values, the fin cross section with suitable material which has higher heat flux value is considered as optimum fin (as it has better heat transfer rate)

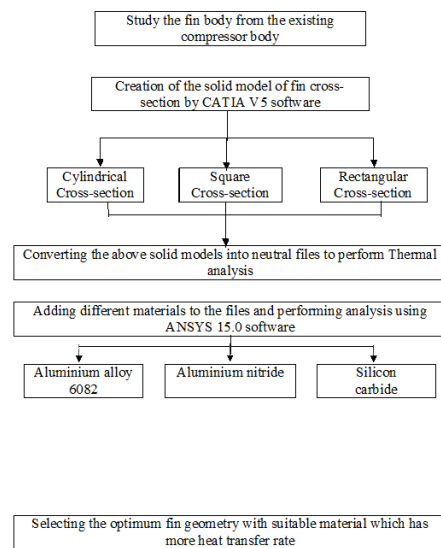


Fig. 4.1 Flow diagram

5. EXPERIMENTATION

Modelling of Baseplate:

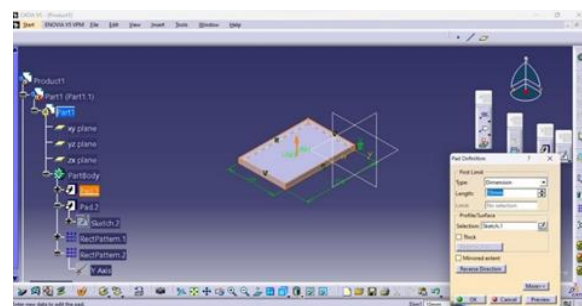


Fig.1 The baseplate is drafted with the dimensions

Modelling of Rectangular fin:

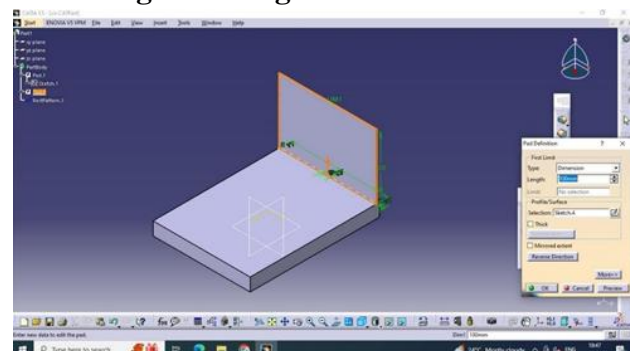


Fig.2 The single rectangular

fin drafted on the base with dimensions

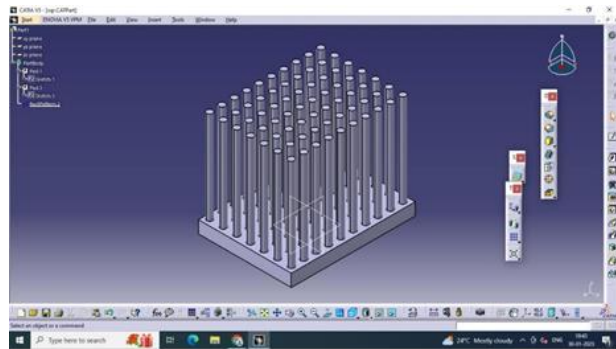


Fig.3 Using extrude command cylindrical pin fins are drafted over the base

TABULATION OF RESULTS

After performing the thermal analysis the results (Heat flux values) obtained are listed below according to material wise for three fin cross-sections.

Iteration 1: Aluminium alloy 6082

Table 1 Heat flux values at given temp. for different fin profiles for Al alloy 6082

Temperature	Rectangular fin	Cylindrical fin	Square fin
500 °C	6.1185e6	6.4758e6	4.3436e7
1000 °C	6.4124e6	1.325e7	8.887e7
1500 °C	1.8919e7	2.0024e7	1.3431e8

Iteration 2: Aluminium nitride

Table 2 Heat flux values at given temp. for different fin profiles for Al nitride

Temperature	Rectangular fin	Cylindrical fin	Square fin
500 °C	5.4625e6	4.0239e7	4.0516e7
1000 °C	1.1176e7	8.233e7	8.2897e7
1500 °C	1.689e7	1.2442e8	1.8039e7

Iteration 3: Silicon carbide

Temperature	Rectangular fin	Cylindrical fin	Square fin
500 °C	4.8128e6	4.098e7	4.1285e7
1000 °C	9.8471e6	1.0811e7	8.4469e7
1500 °C	1.4881e7	1.2671e8	1.6522e7

6. COMPARISON OF RESULTS

For rectangular fin

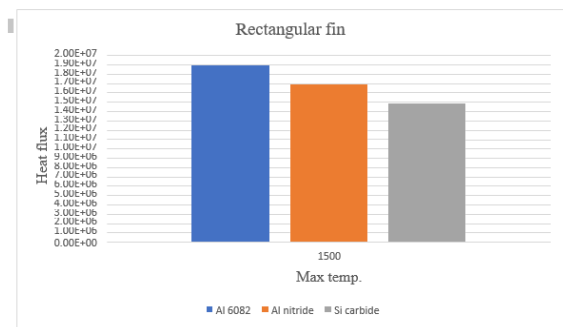


Fig.5 -Heat flux vs Max temp distribution for 3 materials of rectangular fin

7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 3 Result table (heat flux values from results and discussion)

Temperature	Rectangular fin (Al 6082)	Cylindrical fin (Si-c)	Square fin (Al 6082)
500 °C	6.1185e6	4.098e7	4.3436e7
1000 °C	6.4124e6	1.0811e7	8.887e7
1500 °C	1.8919e7	1.2671e8	1.3431e8

8. CONCLUSION

In the present study, we have modelled different fin geometries (rectangular, cylindrical, square). We have replaced the fins with different materials such as Aluminium alloy 6082, Aluminium nitride, Silicon carbide. The fins are modelled using CATIA V5 and the thermal analysis is performed using ANSYS. From the analysis, the observations were tabulated. By observing the result table, we made a comparison to find the optimum fin material which has greater heat dissipation capacity for each fin cross-section separately. Then we have made a final result by comparing the above 3 fin profiles with their optimum material using a graph, it is concluded that Square fin with Aluminium alloy 6082 has more heat transfer rate for

lowed by cylindrical and rectangular fins.

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