

AIR CURTAIN DESIGN FOR COLD ROOM

ABDUL MUTHALIB BIN ABDUL GHANI (99191294)

A final year project report submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award Of Bachelor Engineering (Hons) (Mechanical)

> Faculty of Mechanical engineering Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)

> > MAY 2003

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to take this precious opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to my adviser, Prof. Ir. Dr. Ow Chee Sheng for all the help, guidance, ultimate advice and persistent drive that he has given to make this project a success.

I also would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all lecturers and technicians in the mechanical engineering laboratory and CADEM laboratory, especially to En. Razip Abdullah, for their assistance in using CADEM facilities concerning these investigations and Mr. C.Y.Ong managing director and Miss Nee Phing general manager of IGLO (M) Sdn. Bhd.for their cooperation to make the project a success.

Finally, I wish to express my special gratitude to my beloved family for their undivided love, encouragement and moral support during my period of study at University Technology MARA, Shah Alam, and also to my friends for their help and comments in connection with this project.

Abdul Muthalib bin Abdul Ghani

May 2003

i

ABSTRACT

Ż

ž

The project work is to design the air curtain to maintain the cold room temperature in the range of -28 °C by employing Computer Fluid Dynamic (CFD) in the conceptual design. Besides the calculated design method, this project attempts to utilize CFD technology, effectively acquiring the design result and user-friendly for fabricator to utilize it. The design must also consider the standard specification in order to fulfill the desire requirement.

The conceptual design of the air curtain for the cold room will be compare the available parts specification that is available in the market to ensure that it can be fabricate with the available equipments in the market. Thus this has given the opportunity to understand the integration of design theory, especially in design engineering.

ii

TABLE OF CONTENTS

CONTENTS	PAGE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	ł
ABSTRACT	a
CONTENTS	iii
LIST OF FIGURES	vi
LIST OF SYMBOLS	vii

÷.

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1	Background		
1.2	Problem description		
1.3	Objectives		
1.4	Scope of Project		
1.5	Design Process Flow		
	1.5.1	Design process	7
	1.5.2	Identifying The Needs	7
	1.5.3	Specification	7
	1.5.4	Feasibility Study	8
	1.5.5	Synthesis	8
	1.5.6	Design And Early Stage Development	8
	1.5.7	Details Design	9

"Brouge

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

In the process of designing air curtain, one has adhered to certain laws such as the fan law. The design must also consider whether the parts are available in the market and the new design must follow the required specifications, namely to design air curtain for cold room entrance and maintain the cold room temperature at -28° C.

CFD (Computational fluid dynamic) by using PHOENICS software is used to analyze and determine the suitable velocity for designing a workable air curtain.

An opened door separating a cold storage area from a warm room permits a substantial loss of refrigerated air. Warm air flows into the cold room through the lower part. This results in energy losses, safety hazards in the form of condensation and icing on the floor and fog in the doorway; and possibly food spoilage. Strip doors used on coolers and freezers to reduce these effects impair visibility and are unpleasant to pass through due to condensation and frosting. They also accumulate dirt and possible bacterial growth.

1.2 Problem description

The air curtain is design for IGLO Sdn. Bhd, which has twenty seven (27) cold room. The doorway is 3 m width, as indicated in Figure 1.1. The air curtain

1

4. 1920- - 10