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Design and Analysis of Air Cooler using Water Storage Tank

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ABSTRACT: In this study, the design and analysis of an air cooler with a water storage tank are investigated. The main objective is to create a cooling system that is affordable and incredibly effective for use in homes and small businesses. Determining the necessary cooling capacity, choosing the right parts, such as the water storage tank, pump, cooling pad/filter, and fan, and incorporating energy-efficient and safety measures are important steps in the design process. In order to evaluate cooling efficiency, power consumption, and overall system performance, both simulation-based and experimental testing approaches are used in the analysis phase. The knowledge obtained from these evaluations is used to iteratively improve the design in an effort to achieve the best possible cooling efficiency, the least amount of energy used, and unwavering operational dependability.

A thorough grasp of the performance traits and design concerns related to air coolers that use water storage tanks is the project's intended goal. This information has a major impact on the development of more efficient and sustainable cooling solutions for a variety of applications. For comfort and health, it is essential to have efficient cooling systems in areas with hot and dry climates. Despite their effectiveness, conventional air conditioning systems can have high energy consumption and may not be environmentally friendly. As a substitute, evaporative air coolers have drawn interest because of their environmentally friendly design and energy-efficient performance. This paper introduces a new method for improving evaporative air cooler performance by adding a water storage tank.

The suggested design is made up of a water storage tank added to a standard evaporative air cooler. The water storage tank performs two roles: it is a heat sink, drawing in surplus heat from the environment, and it is a reservoir for water, giving a steady supply for the cooling process. By using less water, this integrated design seeks to increase the air cooler's sustainability and cooling effectiveness. Additionally, experimental testing is done to confirm how well the integrated air cooler system works in different operating environments. To evaluate the efficacy of the suggested design, metrics including cooling capacity, energy consumption, and water usage are examined and contrasted with those of traditional evaporative air coolers.

I.INTRODUCTION

In certain climates, air coolers are a need since they offer effective cooling at a lower energy consumption than conventional air conditioning systems. We'll examine the design and analysis of an air cooler that incorporates a water storage tank to improve its sustainability and cooling capacity in this environment. The idea behind adding a water storage tank to an air cooler system is to reduce water waste and increase cooling efficiency. The basic idea is to use water as a medium to absorb heat from the entering air and lower its temperature before recirculation it into the surrounding area. When it comes to climate control systems, air coolers are essential for preserving cosy interior spaces, especially in areas with hot, dry weather. These systems provide an energy-efficient substitute for conventional air conditioners by using the principles of evaporation to chill the air. In this case, an air cooler's usefulness and efficiency are improved by the inclusion of a water storage tank in its design, which makes it a viable cooling application solution. This article explores the water storage tank component of such an air cooler, concentrating on its design and analysis.

There are several reasons why an air cooler may have a water storage tank. It serves as a water reservoir first, which is useful for cooling. This is especially helpful in places where there may not be easy access to a steady supply of water. Second, having a water tank makes it possible to install a recirculation system, which collects, filters, and re-circulates water used for cooling in order to minimize water usage. Additionally, by regulating temperature swings, the thermal mass of the water in the tank adds to the system's overall cooling efficiency. Air coolers, also known as evaporative coolers, are energy-efficient devices that use the evaporation of water to cool the air. This report focuses on a design



incorporating a water storage tank, which supplies water for the evaporative process, ensuring continuous operation even in regions with inconsistent water supply. water to evaporate, resulting in cooler, humidified air being blown into the environment When it comes to climate control systems, air coolers are essential for preserving cosy interior spaces, especially in areas with hot, dry weather

II. METHODOLOGY

Perform a thorough analysis of the body of research on evaporative air coolers and design factors. Examine studies pertaining to the incorporation of water storage tanks into cooling systems in order to determine pertinent design parameters, evaluation metrics, and methodology. Create a conceptual design for an integrated water storage tank and air conditioner. Determine the size and capacity of the tank based on expected cooling requirements and environmental circumstances. Define the system configuration, including the location of the water tank in relation to the air cooler. When building the water storage tank, select the right materials by taking cost-effectiveness, corrosion resistance, and thermal conductivity into account. Make that the tank is constructed in a way that maintains its structural integrity and works with the air cooler system by following the design specifications. Make sure that the evaporative air cooler and the water storage tank are properly aligned and connected. Install sensors and control systems to keep an eye on the system's temperature, flow rate, and water level. To ensure functionality and find any possible problems, test the assembly. Analyzing the gathered experimental data and simulation outcomes allows for the derivation of significant conclusions about the integrated air cooler system's efficacy. One can use statistical analysis tools to find patterns, relationships, and performance that deviate from expectations. The study yields insights that guide recommendations for improving the system's functioning and design. The study's results are compared to theoretical expectations and examined in light of previous research. A thorough grasp of the design and analysis of air coolers using water storage tanks is provided by the identification of strengths, limits, and possible research topics. To verify the integrated air cooler system's functionality in practical settings, an experimental setup is built. The setup consists of the water storage tank, air chiller, and the required instrumentation for data collecting. To guarantee reliable measurements, regulating factors including airflow rate, humidity, and ambient temperature are carefully taken into account. Design Considerations Water Storage Tank : The tank size must be sufficient to provide water for extended periods, especially in areas with irregular water supply. Common materials include plastic (polyethylene or polypropylene) and stainless steel, chosen for their durability and corrosion resistance. The tank should be designed to fit within the cooler's structure while maximizing capacity. A rectangular or cylindrical shape is often used for space efficiency. Sensors or visual indicators are essential for monitoring water levels to prevent the pump from running dry. Evaporative Pads made from aspen wood or cellulose, these pads need to be durable, have high water retention, and be easy to replace. The thickness of the pads and their surface area affect the rate of evaporation and, consequently, the cooling efficiency. The fans must be powerful enough to draw air through the pads and distribute it evenly. The design may include axial or centrifugal fans, depending on the required airflow and pressure. A submersible pump is typically used to lift water from the tank to the top of the evaporative pads. The pump's capacity should match the size of the cooler and the evaporation rate. A network of pipes or channels distributes water evenly across the pads. The design should prevent dry spots and ensure uniform wetting

III. DESIGN ANALYSIS

Thermal and Fluid Dynamics Analysis Cooling Efficiency

The cooling efficiency depends on the temperature and humidity of the incoming air. The wet-bulb temperature is a critical factor, as it represents the lowest temperature achievable through evaporative cooling under given conditions. The effectiveness of the cooler can be defined by the ratio of the actual temperature drop to the maximum possible temperature drop (difference between dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures).

Air Flow Rate: Calculating the required airflow rate involves considering the space volume to be cooled and the rate of heat removal needed to achieve the desired temperature reduction. Selection and Durability Materials in contact with water should be resistant to corrosion. Stainless steel and certain plastics are common choices.

Safety and Environmental Considerations:

The system should be designed to handle hard water or incorporate filtration to prevent scaling and clogging. Proper insulation and grounding are necessary to prevent electrical hazards, especially since water is involved. The use of eco-friendly materials and refrigerants (if any) should be considered to minimize the environmental footprint.



Energy Consumption and Sustainability Air coolers are generally more energy-efficient than air conditioners, as they primarily rely on water evaporation rather than refrigeration cycles. The design can incorporate energy-saving features like variable speed fans and pumps to adjust power consumption based on cooling needs.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A number of important factors must be taken into account when designing and analyzing an air cooler that uses a water storage tank in order to guarantee maximum performance and efficiency. Let's dissect the procedure and its outcomes. In order to achieve the intended indoor temperature, the air cooler's design must satisfy the cooling capacity requirements for the designated space. The water storage tank needs to have the right capacity to supply enough water for cooling activities without the need for regular refilling. The analysis need should display the system's cooling efficiency, which indicates the degree to which the interior temperature is lowered. Information on energy and water consumption rates should be included in the results, emphasizing the system's operational expenses and sustainability. Designing and analyzing an air cooler with a water storage tank involves multiple aspects, including thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, material selection, and mechanical design. The goal is to develop an efficient system that provides cooling by utilizing water evaporation. Here's a comprehensive report outlining the key components, principles, and considerations in the design and analysis of such an air cooler:

V. CONCLUSION

Designing an air cooler with a water storage tank involves a multidisciplinary approach, considering thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, material science, and mechanical design. The key to an efficient and reliable air cooler lies in optimizing each component, from the water distribution system to the choice of materials. By focusing on energy efficiency and sustainability, air coolers can provide an eco-friendly alternative to traditional air conditioning systems. This report covers the essential aspects of designing and analyzing an air cooler with a water storage tank. Depending on the specific requirements and constraints, additional factors such as cost analysis, user interface design, and advanced control systems may also be considered. Examine how well the air cooler operates in various settings, such as hot weather and fluctuating humidity levels, to determine its adaptability and efficacy. Make suggestions for enhancing the air cooler's maintenance, operation, and design for better performance and efficiency based on the analysis's findings. You may create an air cooler with a water storage tank that provides effective cooling while consuming the least amount of water and energy by incorporating these design factors and analytical parameters.

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