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TITLE: DESIGN OF TWISTED AND HELICAL STRIPS WITH VARIOUS GEOMETRIES TO INCREASE CONVECTIVE HEAT TRANSFER RATE.

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Abstract:

The device which enables the exchange of heat between two surfaces which are at the different temperature this are applicable in many industrial applications such as in air conditioning and refrigeration ,preservation of food and dairy products in process plant, in chemical plants etc. To increase the performance of any heat exchanger it's important to increase the heat transfer rate from the sides ,for this purpose various technique are used in which the strips of different geometries and dimensions are inserted into the test section. The heat transfer rate can be increase by varying the twist ratio of the inserted strips. The effect of variations two non-dimensional parameters such as Nusselt number and Reynolds's number are studied. The twisted strips inserted in test section will create swirl or turbulence in the section, because of which the maximum air will comes in contact with the inner surface of test section leads to the increase in area of contact and give maximum pressure drop. The length and width of strips is 400 mm and 20 mm respectively. The external and internal diameter of test section 30mm and 25mm respectively and length is 400 mm. The effect of variation of twist ratio is compared with test section without strips. Its observed that the maximum heat transfer rate will obtained by insertion of strips, with increase in the twist ratio there is increase in the heat transfer rate.

Key words: Twisted strips insert twisted strips with different twist ratio, pressure drop, Reynolds's number, Nusselt number.

1. Introduction:

The device which is use for the heat transfer purpose between two or more fluids .It has a numerous applications in the industries. Thermal power plants, chemical processing plants and in air conditioning also. In the turbulence flow maximum intensity of turbulence will enhance the rapid mixing of fluid properties and because of this there is increase in the effective area of heat transfer which gives high heat transfer rate. In

many engineering applications the high performance thermal system is required, for this purpose various methods of improvement of heat transfer is extensively developed. The conventional heat exchangers are design with several types of enhancements, 1) By increase in the turbulence intensity of fluid. 2) Increase in the surface of contact between fluid and surface. 3) Generation of swirling effect in section. The effectiveness of heat transfer enhancement techniques can be

evaluated by thermal performance factor. It's the ratio of change in heat transfer to the change in friction factor.

$$\dot{\eta} = \frac{Nu/Nu_0}{(f/f_0)^{1/3}} \text{ (Thermal performance factor)}$$

1.1 Design of geometries:

To enhance the effective heat transfer rate we have used two types of geometries a) twisted strips b) helical strips both are made up of same material. The actual design is created by using the CAD software specially CATIA. The geometries are made in the proper dimensions.

- a) **Twisted strips:** The twisted tapes inserted in the test section cause the flow of fluid in spiral manner through the tube. This strips inserted in the tube do not have contact with the surface of tube hence it dose not acts as a fins. The design of twisted strips shown in fig.1. For the insertion and removal of strips the clearance is provided which reduce the thermal contact. The twisted strips are made up of aluminium having thickness (4mm), length (400mm) breadth (20mm). By the variation of twist ration we obtained the maximum heat transfer rate with increase in the twist ratio leads to the decrease in the thermal performance factor (TPF).

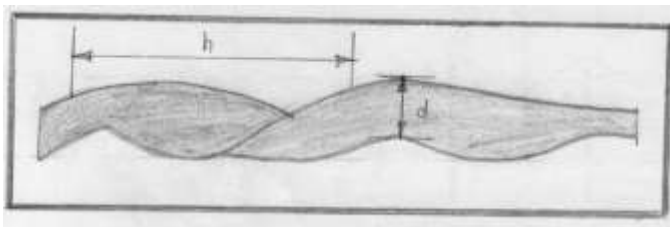
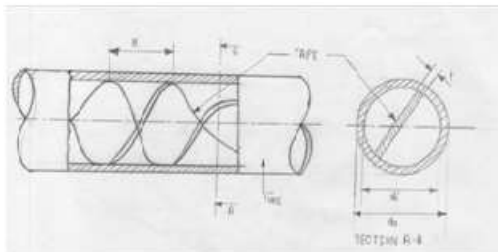


Fig: Twisted strip

1.2 Analysis:-

The analysis of designed strips is done with the help of computer aided engineering software (CAE) i.e. computational fluid dynamics (CFD). The analysis is done by varying different parameters like twist ratio, pitch length, twist angle and helix angle in case of helical strips and its effects on the heat transfer coefficient is studied.

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Analysis of twisted strips:-

In the analysis of twisted strips instead of using short length we used full length strips which will give better heat transfer rate by creating the swirling throughout the length of the test section. The effect of twist ratio, space ratio, strip width, phase angle on heat transfer conclude that the decrease in the strip width gives the poor heat transfer. Heat transfer coefficient will increase with decrease in twist ratio and space ratio. The strips having short length will generate swirl at the inlet of test section only. In this the value of thermal performance factor will obtained more than one. The thickness of strips used also increase the heat transfer rate and thermal performance factor (TPF), it is observed that the heat transfer rate and TPF increase with decrease in twist ratio.

Velocity of air = 7.16 m/sec

Density of air = 1.22kg/m³

Thermal conductivity = 205.0 W/m K

Thickness of twisted strips = 3mm

Length = 400mm

Width = 20mm

Outer diameter of test section (D) =30mm

Inner diameter of test section (d) =25mm

Proposed twist ratio = 3.78

2. Design of helical strip:

The helical twisted tape of aluminium material are also used to enhance the heat transfer rate by using the different pitch ratio and twist ratio along with the variation of helix angle. With variation of helix angle there is a decrease in power consume by blower giving minimum back flow. The increase in the twist ratio leads to the back flow of air and there is reduction in mass flow rate which leads to decrease in convective heat transfer rate.

2.1 The dimensions of helical strips:-

Thickness (t) = 3mm

Width= 20mm

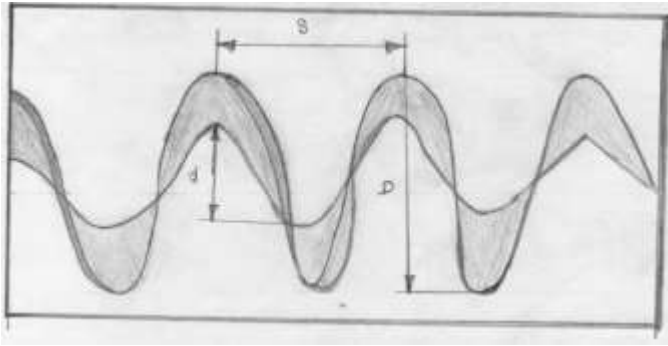
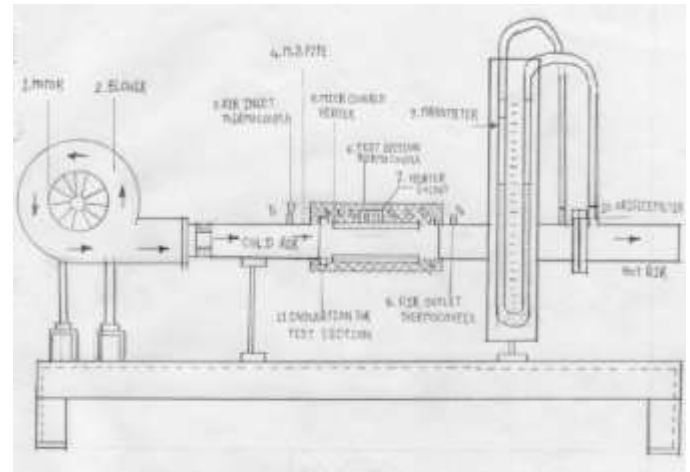


Fig: Helical strip



2.2 Analysis of helical strips:

The heat transfer characteristics with helical strip insert is studied in the circular tube. The heat transfer rate increase with increase in the non-dimensional numbers and decrease with increase in twist ratio due to the back flow of air. The increase in the Nusselt number was 4% to 30% for different helical insert with different twist ratio, helix angle and pitch length. The rate of heat transfer will increase with decrease in twist ratio. Instead of using the short length helical strips, the full length strips are preferred.

Actual setup:

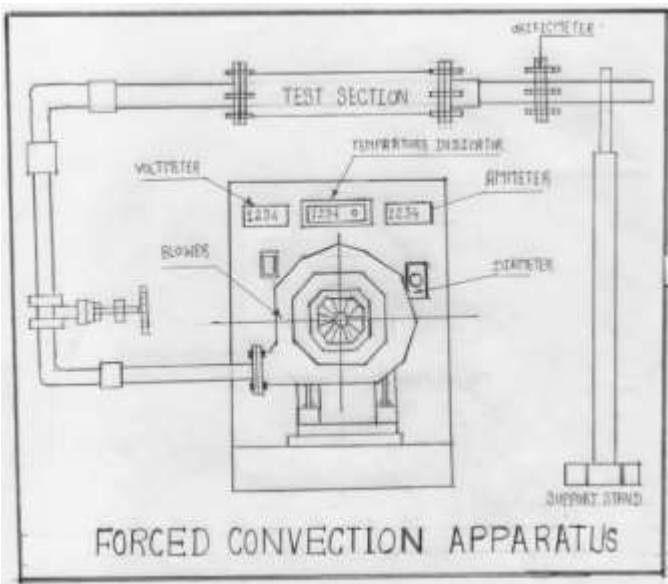


Fig-Forced convection apparatus

3. CONCLUSION

From the present study, it can be concluded that the design of the twisted strip or helical strip with varying geometries to increase the convective heat transfer rate. If we consider the twisted strips in which the heat transfer and the pressure is drop in the twisted strip is placed in heat exchanger device by using the modified twisted strip geometry when we insert the modified the twisted strip the flow is good well and performed the better in laminar flow the path is also straight. In the helical strip design the heat transfer coefficient is higher because of the cut passage and developed the non-swirling flow. The highest momentum ratio is obtained of the local heat transfer coefficient. Hence, the enhancement in the heat transfer decreases in the tube due to the reduced in swirling flow.

We have concluded that the twisted strip with the modified geometry is more effective and there is more amount of the turbulence is created. Swirling of the fluid in the tube passage of twisted strip which gives highest heat transfer rate.

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