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Part 1: Method of testing for rating of cooling coils

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Foreword

This Part of this British Standard has been prepared under the authority of the Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning Industry Standards Committee in response to requests from industry.

The Committee acknowledge their debt to the Heating and Ventilating Research Association for the Association's work in formulating the methods of testing that appear in this standard.

This Part is the first of a series concerned with air heating and cooling coils.

It is intended to issue further Parts which will deal with methods of testing for rating of heating coils, with air cooling coils for chilled water and for direct expansion, and with construction and safety aspects of heating and cooling coils.

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0 Introduction

The principal complexities in testing cooling coils arise from

- a) small water temperature differences;
- b) the accuracy of measurement of air wet-bulb temperature near saturation;
- c) the non-uniform air temperature and non-uniform humidity profiles off the coil.

a) and b) can be overcome either by specifying sophisticated instrumentation or by the careful use of simple instruments, e.g. thermocouple and mercury in glass thermometer; the latter alternative has been adopted in this standard, errors being assessed by an overall heat balance. The non-uniform off-coil conditions can only be overcome by adequate air mixing and suitable mixers have therefore been specified.

In this standard fairly tight tolerances have been applied to the definition of steady state conditions. The tight tolerances are to allow for the probability of small water temperature differences and for the large effect of a small air wet bulb temperature change on the air total heat and dew point. The duration of the test period has been chosen to ensure an accurate average heat transfer figure.

The wide range of cooling coils produced by any one manufacturer makes it desirable that testing is carried out only on a relatively small number of representative coils. Such a technique is already in existence for hot water air heater batteries (see BS 3208) where a representative coil is defined as one having the same water tube arrangement, number of circuits, fin type and spacing as the coils in the production range.

It is logical to apply the same principle to cooling coils. However, the effect of dehumidification cannot be ignored and consequently the method of analysis employed for cooling coils is considerably more complex than that given for heating coils in BS 3208. The method of analysis used in this standard is based upon that given in ARI1) Standard 410-64, "*Standard for forced-circulation air-cooling and air-heating coils*", as this is considered to be the most satisfactory method available at present.

Tests have to be carried out on coils with both dry and fully wet surfaces in order to obtain the air-side thermal resistances. This data is then used to obtain the heat transfer, both latent and sensible, for a wide range of entering air conditions.

1 Scope

This standard gives a method of testing for rating of duct-mounted air cooling coils, with chilled water as the cooling medium, within the following range of variables:

Inlet air temperature: below 40 °C

Inlet water temperature: 2 °C to 20 °C

Inlet air wet bulb depression: greater than 4 °C

Sensible heat ratio (Q_s/Q_T) : less than 0.8 (for dehumidifying coils)

Water flow: Reynolds number above 3 100

Air velocity at coil face: 1 m/s to 4 m/s

2 References

The titles of the British Standards referred to in this standard are listed on the inside back cover.

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions apply:

3.1

cooling coil

a water-to-air heat exchanger of the tubular type through which air is passed by mechanical means over the external surface; such as is normally connected into a system of ventilation ductwork

in this British Standard, the heat exchanger surface considered is of the extended surface, externally finned type

¹⁾ Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institution, Arlington, Virginia, USA.

3.2

reference air conditions

temperature: 20 °C, absolute pressure: 1.013 bar ²⁾, relative humidity: 43 %, density: 1.200 kg/m³

3.3 rows

the number of banks of tubes in the direction of the air flow (see Figure 1)

3.4

passes

the number of times the water in any one circuit crosses the air flow (see Figure 2)

3.5 similar coils

a range of similar coils is defined as coils having the same:

a) water tube size, spacing, arrangement (in-line or staggered, see Figure 2) and internal construction; b) fin type, construction and spacing (see Figure 3);

c) water flow geometry, i.e. the general method of combining rows and circuits shall be the same for all coils in the range.

3.6

turbulator

a device inside a tube for increasing the turbulence and heat transfer

4 Nomenclature

^a For *A*_s, total surface area of coil fins, where fin collars are employed, the collar is taken as part of the exposed tube area.

²⁾ 1 bar = 10^5 N/m² = 100 kPa.

5 Instrumentation

5.1 Temperature

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5.1.1 The measurement of temperature shall comply with the requirements of BS 1041. If liquid in glass thermometers are used, they shall be graduated in intervals not exceeding 0.1 °C, and shall comply with the requirements of BS 593, partial immersion ranges. All temperature measuring instruments shall be calibrated, against an NPL calibrated thermometer, to a precision of 0.1 °C.

5.1.2 The entry and exit water temperature shall be measured by means of instruments inserted into oil filled pockets similar to those shown in Figure 4.

5.1.3 For water temperature differences below 5 °C it will be necessary to take special care and the differential thermocouple system shown in Figure 5 is recommended. A separate measurement of inlet water temperature will be required.

Where a differential thermocouple system is employed, then the differential in millivolts shall be divided by half the number of junctions (i.e. 3 in the case of that shown in Figure 5), and added to or subtracted from the relevant measured temperature (converted to millivolts if measured by a direct reading instrument).

5.1.4 The entry and exit air wet bulb and dry bulb measurements shall be made by means of the system given in BS 4194:1967 (Appendix D). The measurement system shall be connected to sampling tubes similar to those shown in Figure 6.

5.2 Water flow measurement. The measurement of water flow should preferably be by means of direct weighing (although one of the methods described in BS 1042 may be used). The water leaving the test rig shall be collected in vessels of known weight, and weighed to an accuracy of 0.1 % over the range of the weights used in the test. The weight of each vessel used shall not exceed 50 % of its normal contents. The net weight of each charge shall be recorded by weighing the vessel both after emptying the previous charge and after filling.

5.3 Air flow measurement

5.3.1 Air flow measurement shall be in accordance with BS 1042-1 or, alternatively, a flow meter may be calibrated in-situ by the method given in BS 1042-2.

5.3.2 Leakage flow rates may be measured by means of a calibrated variable area flow meter or integrating air volume flow meter, see Figure 7.

5.4 Pressure measurement

5.4.1 Wall static pressures shall be measured with static taps complying with the specifications laid down in BS 1042-2. A minimum of four taps shall be symmetrically disposed about the duct walls and connected to form a piezometric ring.

5.4.2 Manometers shall have scale intervals no greater than 2 % of the indicated reading, with the exception of pressure below 50 Pa, in which case the maximum intervals shall be 1 Pa.

5.4.3 An inverted U-tube manometer, similar to that shown in Figure 10, shall be employed for the measurement of hydraulic pressure drop.

5.4.4 The minimum differential pressures for flow measurement shall be a) 25 Pa for inclined U-tube manometers and micro-manometers and b) 500 Pa for vertical U-tube manometers.

6 Air flow leakage test

The heat transfer tests described in this standard are to be carried out on coils that have been sealed against air flow leakage; this will not, however, always be the case in practice and consequently it is necessary to carry out air flow leakage tests to indicate possible degradation of coil heat transfer performance.

6.1 A standard coil shall be connected to an air supply system similar to one of those shown in Figure 7.

6.2 The air supply pressure shall be increased to that desired for the test and held for a minimum period of 15 min and then reduced to zero. The supply pressure shall then be increased to the previous level and held constant for a further 15 min, at the end of which the air flow rate shall be read and recorded as the coil leakage flow rate at the test pressure.

NOTE If an integrating flow meter is employed measurement may commence 10 min after the second pressurization.

7 Test apparatus

7.1 Waterside

7.1.1 There shall be available a means for providing and controlling a continuous supply of water at any temperature and flow rate that are required for the test. Suitable arrangements of equipment are shown in Figure 8 and Figure 9.

7.1.2 The pipe work shall be arranged to give an unobstructed straight run at entry and exit from the coil under test, the pipe diameter being equal to that demanded by the unit connections and of a length equal to five pipe diameters. The thermometer pockets shall be positioned such that the water flow is towards the base of the pocket, as indicated by the arrows in Figure 4.

7.1.3 Side wall tappings for measuring the hydraulic pressure drop shall be fitted adjacent to the connections to the coil. These tappings shall be as specified in Figure 10 and connected to form a piezometer ring.

7.1.4 The lengths of pipe between the temperature measurement positions, the coil connections and the coil casing shall be insulated with at least 40 mm thickness of insulating material having a thermal conductivity not exceeding 0.06 W/(m K)

7.2 Air side

7.2.1 The test coil shall be connected to an air supply and measuring system similar to that shown in Figure 11, the flow metering system being located downstream of the coil under test.

7.2.2 The air velocity, temperature and humidity profiles at the sampling tubes shall be uniform (to within 5 %) and therefore, mixers similar to those shown in Figure 12 shall be employed, together with the flow straightener, gauze screens, and changes in section indicated in Figure 11.

NOTE It is recommended that the profiles at the inlet and outlet sampling tubes are checked during the assembly of the test rig as any large deviations from the mean may give rise to difficulty in obtaining a heat balance. The outlet conditions should also be checked before the flow metering system is connected.

7.2.3 The test coil and ductwork between the inlet and outlet sampling tubes shall be insulated with at least 50 mm thickness of insulating material having a thermal conductivity not exceeding 0.06 W/(m K). Ductwork between the sampling tubes shall be constructed from metal and ductwork from the inlet sampling tube to the flow meter shall be sealed against air leaks. The test coil shall be sealed against air leakage and fitted with condensate drains.

NOTE If the ductwork between the outlet sampling tube and the flow meter is of non-absorbent material then it will not be necessary to measure the wet bulb temperature at the flow meter.

8 General test instructions

8.1 The coil condensate drains shall be connected to a condensation collection system similar to that shown in Figure 13. Care shall be taken to ensure that:

a) the tubes containing the sealing water do not rise above the level of the bottom of the coil drain tray;

b) there is a sufficient head of water within the drain tubes to prevent air leakage.

8.2 If the test is to be on a dry coil surface then the inlet air dew point shall not be higher than the entering water temperature.

8.3 Before commencing the test

- a) bleed the water supply system to remove all air;
- b) start the air supply system and set the desired flow rate;
- c) circulate the water through the coil and regulate the flow and temperature to those desired for the test;
- d) set the required air inlet temperature and humidity.

8.4 The test shall be carried out under steady state conditions. These shall be said to exist when the following measurements do not vary by more than the specified amounts from their mean value over a period of 60 min; readings being taken at 15 min intervals, or alternatively, using a data logger.

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For wet coil tests, the condensate shall be seen to be flowing into the collecting vessel(s) indicated in Figure 13.

NOTE It is unlikely that the condensate will be discharged at a uniform rate. The form of discharge is likely to be periodic and if possible at least one cycle should be allowed to elapse before commencing testing.

8.5 The test shall occupy not less than 60 min, and complete sets of data shall be taken at intervals not exceeding 10 min with the exception of barometric pressure and ambient temperature which shall be recorded at start and finish. During the test, the mean values shall not vary by more than those for the steady state conditions (see **8.4**). A complete set of data shall comprise:

 a_1 bar = 10⁵ N/m² = 100 kPa.

8.6 The test measurements shall be averaged and the mean values used in all computations.

9 Calculations

9.1 Water side heat transfer. The heat transferred to the water shall be computed from the equation:

 $Q_{\rm w} = m_{\rm w}c_{\rm pw}(t_{\rm wo} - t_{\rm wi})$ (kW)

where

- m_{w} is the water mass flow rate (kg/s) obtained by direct weighing or by means of a flow meter
- c_{pw} is the specific heat capacity of water at $(t_{\text{wo}} + t_{\text{wi}})/2$ [kJ/(kg K)]
- $t_{\rm wi}$ is the inlet water temperature ($^{\circ}$ C)
- $t_{\rm wo}$ is the outlet water temperature ($^{\circ}$ C)

9.2 Air side heat leakage

9.2.1 The heat leakage, coefficients K_i , K_o , (kW/K) for the sections between the inlet air temperature measuring station and the coil centre, and the coil centre and outlet air temperature measuring station respectively shall be computed from the equations:

Inlet section: $= A_{\text{De}} k/Y_{\text{i}}(\text{kW/K})$ Outlet section: $= A_{Do} k/Y_i(kW/K)$

where

- A_{De} is the surface area of ductwork between inlet sampler and centre of coil (m²)
- A_{Do} is the surface area of ductwork between outlet sampler and centre of coil (m²)
- *Y*i is the thickness of insulating material (mm)
- k is the thermal conductivity of insulating material $[W/(mK)]$

9.2.2 The following corrections shall be made for heat losses and gains to the air passing through the test coil:

Inlet air enthalpy at coil

$$
h_{\rm aic} = h_{\rm ai} + \frac{K_{\rm i}(t_{\rm a} - t_{\rm ai})}{m_{\rm a}} \, (\rm kJ/kg \, (dry \, air))
$$

Inlet air temperature (dry bulb) at coil

$$
t_{\rm aic} = t_{\rm ai} + \frac{K_{\rm i}(t_{\rm a} - t_{\rm ai})}{m_{\rm a}c_{\rm pa}}\,^{\rm o}(\text{C})
$$

Outlet air enthalpy at coil

$$
h_{\text{aoc}} = h_{\text{aoc}} - \frac{K_{\text{o}}(t_{\text{a}} - t_{\text{aoc}})}{m_{\text{a}}} (\text{kJ/kg (dry air)})
$$

Outlet air temperature (dry bulb) at coil

$$
t_{\text{aoc}} = t_{\text{a}} - \frac{K_{\text{o}}(t_{\text{a}} - t_{\text{a}})}{m_{\text{a}}c_{\text{pa}}} (^{\circ}C)
$$

where

 h_{air} is the corrected enthalpy of inlet air [kJ/kg (dry air)]

 $h_{\rm ai}$ is the enthalpy of inlet air [kJ/kg (dry air)]

*K*i is the air inlet section heat leakage coefficient (kW/K)

 $t_{\rm a}$ is the ambient temperature (dry bulb) $(^{\circ}C)$

 t_{ai} is the inlet air temperature (dry bulb) ($^{\circ}$ C)

 $m_{\rm a}$ is the air mass flow rate (kg/s)

 t_{aic} is the inlet air temperature (dry bulb) corrected for heat losses ($^{\circ}$ C)

 C_{pa} is the specific heat capacity of moist air [kJ/(kg K)]

 h_{acc} is the corrected enthalpy of outlet air [kJ/kg (dry air)]

 h_{ao} is the enthalpy of outlet air [kJ/kg (dry air)]

 K_{α} is the air outlet section heat leakage coefficient (kW/K)

 t_{ao} is the outlet air temperature (dry bulb) ($^{\circ}$ C)

 t_{acc} is the outlet air temperature (dry bulb) corrected for heat losses ($^{\circ}$ C)

9.2.3 If the total heat leakage is less than 1 % of the test coil capacity (Q_w) , no correction is necessary.

NOTE **Air mass flow rate.** The air mass flow rate shall be calculated from the flow meter calibration with the air density obtained from the barometric pressure, upstream static pressure, the wet and dry bulb temperatures at the flow meter. If, however, the duct between the flow meter and the off-coil sampling tube is constructed from a non-water-absorbing material, the necessary moisture content may be obtained from the off-coil measurements.

9.3 Air side sensible and total heat transfer

9.3.1 *Sensible heat transferred*

 $Q_{\text{as}} = m_{\text{a}}c_{\text{pa}}(t_{\text{aic}} - t_{\text{aoc}})(\text{kW})$

9.3.2 *Total heat transferred*

 $Q_{\text{aT}} = m_{\text{a}}(h_{\text{aic}} - h_{\text{aoc}}) - m_{\text{a}}c_{\text{pw}}\Delta W t_{\text{ao}}'$ (kW)

where

9.4 Mean heat transfer

For sensible cooling onl $-(Q + Q_{as}/2(kW))$ For sensible and latent cooling $Q_T (Q_w + Q_{aT})/2(kW)$

where

 Q_w is the heat transferred on water side (kW)

 Q_{as} is the sensible heat transferred on air side (kW)

 Q_{T} is the mean sensible heat transferred (kW)

 Q_{aT} is the total heat transferred on air side (kW)

9.5 Heat balance

A test shall be void if the ratios:

 Q_{w}/Q_{as} or Q_{w}/Q_{aT} are outside the limiting values 0.95 and 1.05 where

- $Q_{\rm w}$ is the heat transferred on water side (kW)
- Q_{as} is the sensible heat transferred on air side (kW)
- Q_{aT} is the total heat transferred on air side (kW)

9.6 Hydraulic pressure drop. The hydraulic pressure drop shall be corrected for any height (static head) difference between measuring points.

9.7 Air side pressure drop. The air mass flow rate shall be converted to the air volume flow rate (V_r) at reference conditions by the equation:

$$
V_{\rm r} = m_{\rm a}/\rho_{\rm r} = m_{\rm a}/1.2 \, \rm (m^3/s)
$$

and the pressure drop converted by the equation:

 $\Delta p_{\rm cr} = \rho_{\rm a} \Delta p_{\rm c} / \rho_{\rm r} = \rho_{\rm a} \Delta p_{\rm c} / 1.2$ (Pa)

where

- V_r is the air volume flow rate corrected to reference air density (m³/s)
- m_a is the air mass flow rate (kg/s)
- ρ_r is the reference air density (1.2 kg/m³)
- Δp_{cr} is the coil air side pressure drop corrected to reference density (Pa)
- $p_{\rm a}$ is the air density (kg/m³)
- Δp_c is the coil air side pressure drop (Pa)

10 Requirements for rating tests

10.1 To establish ratings for similar coils (see **3.5**), having four or more rows, the test coil shall have a minimum of four rows.

If the ratings are required for 1, 2 or 3 row coils, then separate tests shall be carried out on similar coils (see **3.5**) with the appropriate number of rows.

All test coils shall have a minimum face area of 0.5 m^2 .

10.2 The tests shall be carried out within the range of variables given in clause **1**. For values of variables outside this range, further tests will be required.

11 Tests required for establishing a rating

The following tests shall be made.

11.1 Heat transfer Both sensible and latent cooling tests shall be made at one water velocity and a minimum of four air flow rates spaced approximately at equal logarithmic intervals throughout the required flow range.

Latent cooling tests shall be on a coil with a fully wet surface.

NOTE A fully wet coil condition can only be confirmed from the analysis of the test data.

11.2 Air side static pressure drop. The air side static pressure drop shall be measured during each heat transfer test.

11.3 Hydraulic pressure drop. The hydraulic pressure drop shall be measured during each heat transfer test. An additional series of measurements shall be carried out on one coil at a minimum of four water velocities covering the manufacturer's recommended range of water velocities. These measurements may be carried out without a thermal load. The water temperatures shall be recorded.

11.4 Air flow leakage. A 4 row coil shall be tested for air leakage. Tests shall be carried out at a minimum of four static pressures, spaced at equal logarithmic intervals, up to 1 500 Pa or the manufacturer's maximum recommended working pressure, whichever is the greater. The leakage flow rate per coil tube shall be plotted against static pressure on logarithmic graph paper. It will be possible to obtain the approximate leakage flow for any coil in the range from this graph.

12 Heat transfer calculations

The heat transferred from a coil surface is related to the fluid and coil properties by the equations:

$$
Q_{\rm s} = \frac{A_{\rm o}\Delta t_{\rm m} \times 10^{-3}}{R_{\rm ad} + R_{\rm m d} + R_{\rm w}},
$$
 for a dry coil surface (kW)

$$
Q_{\rm T} = \frac{A_{\rm o}\Delta h_{\rm m} \times 10^{-3}}{c_{\rm pa}R_{\rm aw}},
$$
 for a wet coil surface (kW)

where

 Q_{s} is the mean sensible heat transferred (kW)

 $Q_{\rm T}$ is the mean total heat transferred (kW)

- $A_{\rm o}$ is the coil external surface area $(A_{\rm p} + A_{\rm s})(\mathrm{m}^2)$
- $A_{\rm p}$ is the area of exposed tubes (m²)
- $A_{\rm s}$ is the total surface area of coil fins (both sides) (m²)
- R_{ad} is the dry air film thermal resistance (m² K/W)
- R_{md} is the dry metal thermal resistance (m² K/W)
- $R_{\rm w}$ is the water film thermal resistance (based on $A_{\rm o}$) (m² K/W)
- $\Delta t_{\rm m}$ is the corrected logarithmic mean temperature difference between air and water (see **12.3**) (°C)
- c_{pa} is the specific heat capacity of moist air [kJ/(kg K)]
- R_{aw} is the air film thermal resistance for a moist surface (m² K/W)
- $\Delta h_{\rm m}$ is the logarithmic mean enthalpy difference between the inlet air and the enthalpy of saturated air at the coil surface temperature (see **12.4**) [kJ/kg (dry air)]

In order to employ the two equations, it is necessary to calculate the various thermal resistances. These shall be determined from theoretical and experimental data as described in the following clauses.

12.1 Metal thermal resistance. The dry metal thermal resistance of the coil (R_{md}) may be expressed as the sum of the tube wall (R_t) and fin thermal resistances (R_f) . The fin thermal resistance is a function of the air side heat transfer coefficient and will therefore depend upon the state of the coil surface which may be either dry or wet. In order to avoid duplicating equations and calculations, a general heat transfer coefficient *f*^a is employed

12.1.1 *Basic equations*

12.1.1.1 Tube wall thermal resistance:

$$
R_{\rm t} = \frac{B(d_{\rm o} \ d)}{\sqrt{(1+d_{\rm o}/d_{\rm i})}} \times 10^{-3} \, \text{(m}^2 \, \text{K/W})
$$

where

- $R_{\rm t}$ is the tube wall thermal resistance (m² K/W)
- $k_{\rm t}$ is the thermal conductivity of the tube wall material [W/(m K)]
- d_{α} is the tube external diameter (mm)
- d_i is the tube internal diameter (mm)
- *B* is the coil surface ratio (A_0/A_1)
- $A_{\rm o}$ is the coil external surface area $(A_{\rm p} + A_{\rm s})$ (m²)
- $A_{\rm i}$ is the coil internal surface area ($N_{\rm t} \pi d_{\rm i} l_{\rm t} \times 10^{-3}$) (m²)
- $A_{\rm p}$ is the area of exposed tubes (m²)
- $A_{\rm s}$ is the total surface area of coil fins (both sides) (m²)
- $N_{\rm t}$ is the number of tubes in coil
- $l_{\rm t}$ is the length of coil water tube (m)

12.1.1.2 Fin thermal resistance:

$$
R_{\rm f} = \frac{(1-\eta)}{\eta f_{\rm a}} (\rm m^2 K/W)
$$

where

- f_a is the air side heat transfer coefficient $[W/(m^2K)]$
- $R_{\rm f}$ is the fin thermal resistance (m² K/W)

$$
\eta = \frac{\phi A_s + A_p}{A_o}
$$
 is the surface effectiveness

- $A_{\rm s}$ is the total surface area of coil fins (both sides) (m²)
- $A_{\rm p}$ is the area of exposed tubes $({\rm m}^2)$
- $A_{\rm o}$ is the coil external surface area $(A_{\rm p} + A_{\rm s})$ (m²)
- ϕ is the fin efficiency obtained from Figure 14 and Figure 15. The parameters γ and δ in these figures are determined from the following equations:

$$
\gamma = X_{\rm e}/X_{\rm t}
$$

$$
\delta = (X_{\rm e} - X_{\rm b}) \sqrt{(2f_{\rm a} \times 10^{-3})/(k_{\rm f} Y_{\rm f})}
$$

 k_f is the thermal conductivity of the fin material [W/(m K)]

 $X_{\rm b}$ = $d_{\rm o}/2$, or $d_{\rm o}/2$ + ½(fin collar thickness) (mm) when fin collars are used.

for:

a) Continuous plate fins (use Figure 14 for ϕ)

 $X_{\rm e}$ = (length of fin \times depth of fin \times ¹/ π \times ¹/ $N_{\rm t}$ ^{0.5} (mm)

- $N_{\rm t}$ is the number of tubes
- *Y*f is the fin thickness (mm)

b) Individually finned tubes (use Figure 15 for ϕ) with rectangular fins:

 $X_{\rm e}$ = (length of fin \times depth of fin \times ¹/ π)^{0.5} (mm)

*Y*f is the fin thickness (mm)

with circular fins of constant thickness:

- $X_{\rm e}$ is the fin outside radius (mm)
- *Y*f is the fin thickness (mm)

c) Spiral fins or fins of constant cross-sectional area (use Figure 15 for ϕ)

- $X_{\scriptscriptstyle{\rho}}$ is the fin tip radius (mm)
- *Y*f is the fin root thickness (mm)

12.1.2 *Rating data*. The calculations indicated by the equations given in **12.1.1** shall be carried out for a minimum of six values of f_a . It will be necessary to assume values covering the expected range of coil performance. R_a (= 1/ f_a) shall be plotted versus ($R_a + R_m$) as shown in Figure 16. R_m (= $R_f + R_t$) shall be plotted versus *f*^a as shown in Figure 17.

12.2 Water side thermal resistance

For smooth bore tubes:

 $R_{\rm w}$ = *B*/ $f_{\rm ws}$ (m² K/W)

For tubes with turbulators:

 $R_{\rm w}$ = *B*/ $f_{\rm wt}$ (m² K/W)

where

 $R_{\rm w}$ is the water side thermal resistance (m² K/W)

B is the coil surface area ratio

 f_{ws} is the water film heat transfer coefficient for smooth bore tubes $[\text{W/(m}^2 \text{ K})]$

 $f_{\rm wt}$ is the water film heat transfer coefficient for tubes with turbulators $\rm [W/(m^2~K)]$

*f*ws and *f*wt are calculated for smooth bore tubes and for tubes with turbulators as indicated in **12.2.1** and **12.2.2**.

12.2.1 *Smooth bore tubes*

$$
f_{\mathbf{w}\mathbf{s}} = \frac{5600(1 + 0.015t_{\mathbf{w}\mathbf{m}})v_{\mathbf{w}}^{0.8}}{d_1^{0.2}} \left(\mathbf{W} / (\mathbf{m}^2 \mathbf{K}) \right)
$$

where

 t_{wm} is the mean water temperature $(t_{\text{wi}} + t_{\text{wo}})/2$ (°C)

 v_w is the mean water velocity $(m_w/p_wN_cA_T)$ (m/s)

 d_i is the tube internal diameter (mm)

 $m_{\rm w}$ is the water mass flow rate (kg/s)

 $\rho_{\rm w}$ is the water density (kg/m³)

 $N_{\rm w}$ is the number of circuits

 $A_{\rm T}$ is the cross-sectional area of coil tube (m²)

12.2.2 *Tubes with turbulators*. The following tests shall be carried out to determine the water side heat transfer coefficient for tubes with internal fins or turbulators, since this cannot be determined by an empirical formula.

12.2.2.1 Sensible cooling tests are carried out on two similar coils each having a minimum of 4 rows and each having identical heat transfer surfaces, but one coil having smooth bore tubes and the other having turbulators.

12.2.2.2 The tests shall be carried out at a minimum of four water flow rates, spaced approximately at equal logarithmic intervals throughout the recommended water flow range. Water flow rates and inlet temperatures for the tests on the coil fitted with turbulators shall be to within 2 % of those employed for the tests on the coil with smooth bore tubes. The tests shall be carried out on one air flow rate which shall not vary by more than 2 % from test to test.

12.2.2.3 The heat transferred in each test shall be calculated as described in **9.1**. The following additional calculations shall be carried out to determine f_{wt} .

a) Compute the overall thermal resistance, for each coil, and water flow rate from:

$$
R = \frac{A_{\rm o} \Delta t_m 10^{-3}}{Q_{\rm s}}
$$
 (see also 12.3)

b) Subtract the overall thermal resistance for the coil with turbulators from that for the coil with smooth bore tubes. This difference is equal to the change in thermal resistance due to the turbulators (ΔR) .

c) Calculate the value of f_{ws} from the equation given in 12.2.1.

d) $f_{\rm wt}$ is then given by the equation:

 $f_{\rm wt} = (1/f_{\rm ws} - \Delta R/B)^{-1}$

12.2.2.4 f_{wt} /(1 + 0.015 t_{wm}) shall then be plotted against v_{w} on logarithmic graph paper, and the best line drawn through the test points, as shown in Figure 18. This curve shall be used to determine $f_{\rm wt}$ in the analysis of the coil performance data.

12.3 Dry coil air side thermal resistance

$$
R_{\rm ad} = \frac{A_o \Delta t_{\rm m} \times 10^{-3}}{Q_o} - R_{\rm md} - R_{\rm w}
$$

where Δt_m is the corrected logarithmic mean temperature difference:

$$
\Delta t_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathrm{F} \frac{(t_{\mathbf{aic}} - t_{\mathbf{wo}}) - (t_{\mathbf{aoc}} - t_{\mathbf{wi}})}{\log_e(t_{\mathbf{aic}} - t_{\mathbf{wo}}) - \log_e(t_{\mathbf{aoc}} - t_{\mathbf{wi}})}
$$

F is obtained from Figure 19 for a one pass coil and is equal to unity for all other coils.

 t_{aic} is the inlet air temperature (dry bulb) corrected for heat losses ($^{\circ}$ C)

 t_{acc} is the outlet air temperature (dry bulb) corrected for heat losses ($^{\circ}$ C)

 $t_{\rm wi}$ is the inlet water temperature ($^{\circ}$ C)

 $t_{\rm wo}$ is the outlet water temperature ($^{\circ}$ C)

The recommended calculation procedure is to first calculate

 $R_{\rm w} (= B/f_{\rm w})$ and $(A_{\rm o}\Delta t_{\rm m} \times 10^{-3})/Q_{\rm s}$.

Subtracting $R_{\rm w}$ from $(A_{\rm o}\Delta t_{\rm m} \times 10^{-3})/Q_{\rm s}$

will yield $R_{\rm ad} + R_{\rm md}$. $R_{\rm ad}$ can then be obtained from Figure 16 with $R_{\rm m} = R_{\rm md}$. This procedure is demonstrated by the example given in Appendix A. The above calculation shall be repeated for each air velocity and *R*ad plotted against v_r (the coil face velocity at reference conditions) on logarithmic graph paper as shown in Figure 20.

 v_r is calculated from the equation:

$$
v_{\rm r} = \frac{m_{\rm a}}{\rho_{\rm r} A_{\rm F}} \text{(m/s)}
$$

where

- m_a is the air mass flow rate (kg/s)
- ρ_r is the reference air density (kg/m³)
- A_{F} is the coil face area (m²)

12.4 Wet coil air side thermal resistance

 $R_{\text{aw}} = (A_0 \Delta h_{\text{m}} \times 10^{-3})/(c_{\text{pa}} Q_{\text{T}})$

where Δh_{m} is the logarithmic mean enthalpy difference

$$
\Delta h_{\rm m} = \frac{(h_{\rm aic} - h_{\rm si}) - (h_{\rm aoc} - h_{\rm so})}{\log_e(h_{\rm aic} - h_{\rm si}) - \log_e(h_{\rm aoc} - h_{\rm so})}
$$

- h_{aic} is the corrected enthalpy of inlet air [kJ/kg (dry air)]
- h_{acc} is the corrected enthalpy of outlet air [kJ/kg (dry air)]
- h_{si} is the enthalpy of saturated air at the temperature of the coil surface at air inlet [kJ/kg (dry air)]
- *h*_{so} is the enthalpy of saturated air at the temperature of the coil surface at air outlet [kJ/kg (dry air)]

Calculate the coil surface temperature as follows (see Appendix A for example).

- a) Calculate $R_{\rm w} = B/f_{\rm ws}$ or $R_{\rm w} = B/f_{\rm wt}$.
- b) Obtain R_{ad} from plot of R_{ad} versus v_r (see Figure 20).
- c) Calculate $f_{\text{ad}} = 1/R_{\text{ad}}$ and hence obtain R_{md} from plot of R_{m} versus f_{a} (see Figure 17).
- d) Calculate thermal resistance ratio $C = (R_{\text{md}} + R_{\text{w}})/(c_{\text{pa}}R_{\text{ad}})$.

e) Calculate mean surface temperature $(t_{\rm sm})$ from the equation:

 $t_{\rm sm} = C(h_{\rm am} + h_{\rm sm}) + t_{\rm wm}$

NOTE This equation can be solved by trial and error, or by means of a nomogram. Such a nomogram is shown in Figure 21 for a
barometric pressure of 1.013 bar³⁾. Nomograms for use at other barometric pressures may be drawn method of drawing the nomogram is shown in Figure 22. The method of using the nomogram is shown in Figure 23.

f) Obtain the ratio *Z* from Figure 24 at $t_{\rm sm}$ and the barometric pressure.

g) It is now necessary to assume a value for R_{aw} . R_{ad} is recommended for the first attempt.

h) The wet surface heat transfer coefficient (f_{aw}) is equal to Z/R_{aw} , and the wet metal thermal resistance (R_{mw}) is then equal to R_{m} at $f_{\text{a}} = f_{\text{aw}}$ (Figure 17).

j) Calculate the thermal resistance ratio for wet surfaces from the equation.

 $C = (R_{\text{mw}} + R_{\text{w}})/(c_{\text{pa}}R_{\text{aw}})$

and hence obtain the coil surface temperatures, and corresponding saturated air enthalpies at air inlet and outlet by either direct solution of the equations

 $C = (t_{s1} - t_{\text{wo}})/(h_{\text{aic}} - h_{s1})$ $C = (t_{s0} - t_{\text{wi}})/(h_{\text{acc}} - h_{s0})$

or from a nomogram (see Figure 21).

k) Calculate inlet air dew point, which shall not be below *t*si, since, if below, the coil is not fully wet and the test is void.

l) Compute the logarithmic mean enthalpy difference (Δh_m) and hence the coil surface area (A_{oc}) .

 $A_{\rm oc} = (c_{\rm pa} R_{\rm aw} Q_{\rm T} \times 10^3) / \Delta h_{\rm m}(\text{m})$

If A_{oc} is not equal to A_{o} , then steps g) to l) shall be repeated for a minimum of two other values of $R_{\rm aw}$. The values of $R_{\rm aw}$ shall be chosen such that the values of $A_{\rm oc}$ fall either side of $A_{\rm o}$. $A_{\rm oc}$ shall be plotted against R_{aw} (on linear graph paper). R_{aw} for the test condition shall be obtained from this graph at point $A_{\text{oc}} = A_{\text{o}}$. **12.4.3** The calculations in **12.4.2** shall be repeated at each air flow rate employed in the tests and *R*aw plotted against $v_{\rm r}$ (see $12.3.2$) on logarithmic graph paper, as shown in Figure 25.

13 Pressure drop calculations

13.1 Air side pressure drop, corrected to reference density

a) Calculate the reference air velocity (\mathcal{V}_r) for all test readings from:

 $r = m_{a}/\rho_{r}A_{F} = m_{a}/1$ 2 A_{F}

where

- m_a is he air mass flow rate (kg/s)
- $\rho_{\rm r}$ is the reference density (kg/m³)
- A_{F} is the coil face area (m²)

b) Plot Δp_r drop against v_r on logarithmic graph paper. This graph shall be used to obtain the static pressure drop for all coils of the same number of rows as the test coil.

c) If data is required for coils with a greater number of rows than those in the test range, this data shall be obtained from the test coil with the greatest number of rows by means of the equation:

 $\Delta p_{\rm sn}$ = $\Delta p_{\rm r} N_{\rm n} / N_{\rm m}$, for each air velocity (Pa)

 $^{3)}$ 1 bar = 10⁵ N/m² = 100 kPa.

where

- $\Delta p_{\rm sn}$ is the static pressure drop for n row coil (Pa)
- Δp_r is the air side pressure drop corrected to reference density obtained from the curve drawn under b) above (Pa)
- N_n is the number of rows in n row coil
- *N*^m is the number of rows in the test coil

13.2 Hydraulic pressure drop. The hydraulic pressure drop coefficient (pressure drop divided by dynamic head) is a function of the water tube Reynolds number. The water density may be assumed constant for the range of water temperatures given in clause **1**. The water viscosity, however, changes very rapidly with temperature in this range and it is therefore necessary to apply a viscosity correction. This correction is applied by converting all pressure, drops to the equivalent pressure drop at a reference water temperature of 10 °C. The following calculations shall be carried out.

a) Correct the measured hydraulic pressure drop for any head difference between the coil inlet and outlet water tubes, by means of the equation.

 $\Delta p_{\rm{we}} = \Delta p_{\rm{w}} - gH p_{\rm{w}}$

where

- Δp_{wc} is the corrected hydraulic pressure drop (Pa)
- Δp_w is the measured hydraulic pressure drop (Pa)
- *H* is the height of the inlet water supply tube minus the height of the outlet water supply tube (m)
- ρ_{w} is the water density (kg/m³)
- g is the acceleration due to gravity (9.81) $(m/s²)$

b) Correct $\Delta p_{\rm wc}$, to the hydraulic pressure drop for a mean water temperature of 10 °C by means of the equation:

 $\Delta p_{\text{wct}} = K_{\text{w}} \Delta p_{\text{wc}}$

where

- Δp_{wct} is the hydraulic pressure drop at 10 °C (Pa)
- $K_{\rm w}$ is the hydraulic pressure drop correction factor obtained from Figure 26 at the test mean water temperature.

c) Plot the hydraulic pressure drop per unit length of circuit $(\Delta p_{wct}/l_c)$ against water velocity on logarithmic graph paper. The results for all test coils shall be plotted on one graph and the best line drawn through all test points. This line shall be used for the determination of the hydraulic pressure drop of any coil in the range.

14 Accuracy and calculations

The test results may not be extrapolated beyond the range of air velocities employed in the tests, or to conditions outside those given in clause **1**.

The test data may be applied to all coils in the range, providing that all the tests, described in clause **11**, have been carried out. The overall accuracy of calculations, under conditions other than those used in the rating tests, based on the test data is probably somewhat better than 10 % for all coils in the range and in the region of 5 % for the test coils.

Examples of cooling duty calculations are given in Appendix B. The preferred method of calculation of sensible cooling load from inlet conditions is given in Appendix C.

Typical values of thermal conductivity for some metals and alloys commonly used in the construction of air heating and cooling coils are given in Appendix D.

Appendix A Examples of heat transfer test data calculations A.1 Dry coil surface

A.2 Wet coil surfaces

Appendix B Examples of cooling duty calculations

For the purpose of these examples, it is assumed that the typical graphs Figure 24 to Figure 27 represent the results of tests.

B.1 Dry coil surfaces

B.1.1 *Performance calculation*. It is required to calculate if a 4 row coil with a face area of 0.141 m², with an external surface area (A_0) of 13 m² and surface area ratio (*B*) of 25 will be suitable for cooling 0.44 kg/s of air from 28.5 °C to 17 °C with an inlet water temperature of 6 °C and a mean water velocity of 0.15 m/s (corresponding to a water mass flow rate of 0.27 kg/s). The coil is fitted with turbulators.

The calculation therefore indicates that the coil will be suitable for the required performance.

B.2 Coils with both latent and sensible heat loads

Before the heat load calculations can be made it is first necessary to determine the condition of the coil surface, i.e. all wet, partially wet or dry. The inlet air dew point will give an indication of the likely state of the coil surface, but it is necessary to have a more exact criterion to determine a wet/dry boundary. The air enthalpy at the wet/dry boundary (h_B) may be determined from the equation:

$$
h_{\rm B} = (t_{\rm D} - t_{\rm wo} + yh_{\rm ai} + Ch_{\rm sD})/(y + C)
$$

where

$$
y = (t_{\text{wo}} - t_{\text{wi}})/(h_{\text{ai}} - h_{\text{ao}})
$$
 (kg K/kJ)

and

- t_D is the inlet air dew point ($^{\circ}$ C)
- h_{sD} is the enthalpy of saturated air at the inlet air dew point and absolute pressure (kJ/kg).

The application of this equation is demonstrated in the following examples.

B.2.1 *Performance calculation*. It is required to calculate if a two row coil with a face area of 0.141 m², an external surface area of 7.4 m^2 and surface area ratio of 29, fitted with turbulators, will be suitable for cooling 0.25 kg/s of air from 23.0 °C (65 % r.h.) to 15 °C (94 % r.h.), when supplied with 0.27 kg/s of water at 4.0 °C (water velocity = 0.356 m/s).

B.2.2 *Calculation of duty from inlet conditions*. The calculation method given in this example may also be employed for checking the duty of a coil when the surface is partially wet.

It is required to calculate the duty of a 4 row coil, a face area of 0.141 m², an external surface area of 15 m² and a surface area ratio of 25, fitted with turbulators, when supplied with 0.24 kg/s of air at 28.7 °C with a total heat of 51.87 kJ/kg, and 0.26 kg/s water at 4.9 °C and a mean water velocity of 0.145 m/s.

Appendix C Calculation of sensible cooling load from inlet conditions

The heat transferred to a dry coil surface may be calculated from the coil air and water inlet conditions by trial and error using the logarithmic mean temperature difference or directly from the air-side effectiveness.

The latter method is to be preferred and the calculations should be carried out as described below:

The heat transferred
$$
(Q_s) = c_{pa} E m_a (t_{ai} - t_{wi})
$$

where

$$
E = \frac{1 - \exp[-M(1 - \exp C_o)]}{M}
$$
, for a one water pass coil

and

 $E = \frac{1 - \exp[-C_0(1-M)]}{1 - M \exp[-C_0(1-M)]}$, for a two or more water pass coil

where

$$
M = \frac{m_{\rm a}c_{\rm pa}}{m_{\rm w}c_{\rm pw}}
$$

$$
C_{\rm o} = \frac{A_{\rm o} \times 10^{-3}}{c_{\rm pa}m_{\rm a}R}
$$

$$
R = R_{ad} + R_{wt} + R_{md}
$$

Appendix D Typical values of thermal conductivity

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