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List of 20 Heat Transfer from Extended Surfaces (Fins), Critical Thickness of Insulation and Thermal Resistance Formulas

Heat Transfer from Extended Surfaces (Fins), Critical Thickness of Insulation and Thermal Resistance ↗

1) Biot Number using Characteristic Length ↗

$$\text{fx } \text{Bi} = \frac{h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot L_{\text{char}}}{k_{\text{fin}}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$\text{ex } 0.388998 = \frac{13.2\text{W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} \cdot 0.3\text{m}}{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})}$$

2) Correction Length for Cylindrical Fin with Non-Adiabatic Tip ↗

$$\text{fx } L_{\text{cylindrical}} = L_{\text{fin}} + \left(\frac{d_{\text{fin}}}{4} \right)$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$\text{ex } 5.75\text{m} = 3\text{m} + \left(\frac{11\text{m}}{4} \right)$$

3) Correction Length for Square Fin with Non-Adiabatic Tip ↗

$$\text{fx } L_{\text{square}} = L_{\text{fin}} + \left(\frac{w_{\text{fin}}}{4} \right)$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$\text{ex } 4.75\text{m} = 3\text{m} + \left(\frac{7\text{m}}{4} \right)$$

4) Correction Length for Thin Rectangular Fin with Non-Adiabatic Tip ↗

$$\text{fx } L_{\text{rectangular}} = L_{\text{fin}} + \left(\frac{t_{\text{fin}}}{2} \right)$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$\text{ex } 3.6\text{m} = 3\text{m} + \left(\frac{1.2\text{m}}{2} \right)$$

5) Critical Radius of Insulation of Cylinder ↗

$$\text{fx } R_c = \frac{K_{\text{insulation}}}{h_{\text{outside}}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$\text{ex } 2.142857\text{m} = \frac{21\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})}{9.8\text{W}/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K}}$$



6) Critical Radius of Insulation of Hollow Sphere

$$R_c = 2 \cdot \frac{K_{\text{insulation}}}{h_{\text{outside}}}$$

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$$4.285714\text{m} = 2 \cdot \frac{21\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})}{9.8\text{W}/\text{m}^2*\text{K}}$$

7) Heat Dissipation from Fin Insulated at End Tip

fx

[Open Calculator](#)

$$Q_{\text{fin}} = \left(\sqrt{(P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c)} \right) \cdot (T_w - T_s) \cdot \tanh \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}}}{k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c}} \right) \cdot L_{\text{fin}} \right)$$

ex

$$37945.93\text{W} = \left(\sqrt{(25\text{m} \cdot 13.2\text{W}/\text{m}^2*\text{K} \cdot 10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K}) \cdot 10.2\text{m}^2)} \right) \cdot (305\text{K} - 100\text{K}) \cdot \tanh \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{25\text{m} \cdot 13.2\text{W}/\text{m}^2*\text{K}}{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})}} \right) \cdot 10.2\text{m} \right)$$

8) Heat Dissipation from Fin Losing Heat at End Tip

fx

[Open Calculator](#)

$$Q_{\text{fin}} = \left(\sqrt{P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c} \right) \cdot (T_w - T_s) \cdot \frac{\left(\tanh \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}}}{k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c}} \right) \cdot L_{\text{fin}} \right) + \frac{h_{\text{tra}}}{k_{\text{fin}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c} \right)} \right)}{1 + \tanh \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}}}{k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c}} \right) \cdot L_{\text{fin}} \cdot \frac{h_{\text{tra}}}{k_{\text{fin}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c} \right)} \right)}$$

ex

$$20334.46\text{W} = \left(\sqrt{25\text{m} \cdot 13.2\text{W}/\text{m}^2*\text{K} \cdot 10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K}) \cdot 10.2\text{m}^2} \right) \cdot (305\text{K} - 100\text{K}) \cdot \frac{\left(\tanh \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{25\text{m} \cdot 13.2\text{W}/\text{m}^2*\text{K}}{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})}} \right) \cdot 10.2\text{m} \right) + \frac{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})}{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})} \right)}{1 + \tanh \left(\left(\sqrt{\frac{25\text{m} \cdot 13.2\text{W}/\text{m}^2*\text{K}}{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})}} \right) \cdot 10.2\text{m} \cdot \frac{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})}{10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K})} \right)}$$

9) Heat Dissipation from Infinitely Long Fin

$$Q_{\text{fin}} = \left((P_{\text{fin}} \cdot h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot k_{\text{fin}} \cdot A_c)^{0.5} \right) \cdot (T_w - T_s)$$

[Open Calculator](#)

$$37947.64\text{W} = \left((25\text{m} \cdot 13.2\text{W}/\text{m}^2*\text{K} \cdot 10.18\text{W}/(\text{m}^*\text{K}) \cdot 10.2\text{m}^2)^{0.5} \right) \cdot (305\text{K} - 100\text{K})$$



10) Heat Transfer in Fins given Fin Efficiency

$$\text{fx } Q_{\text{fin}} = U_{\text{overall}} \cdot A \cdot \eta \cdot \Delta T$$

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$$\text{ex } 32400\text{W} = 6\text{W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} \cdot 50\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.54 \cdot 200\text{K}$$

11) Inner Heat Transfer Coefficient given Inner Thermal Resistance

$$\text{fx } h_{\text{inside}} = \frac{1}{A_{\text{inside}} \cdot R_{\text{th}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.373626\text{W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} = \frac{1}{0.14\text{m}^2 \cdot 5.2\text{K/W}}$$

12) Inside Area given Thermal Resistance for Inner Surface

$$\text{fx } A_{\text{inside}} = \frac{1}{h_{\text{inside}} \cdot R_{\text{th}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.14245\text{m}^2 = \frac{1}{1.35\text{W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} \cdot 5.2\text{K/W}}$$

13) Newton's Law of Cooling

$$\text{fx } q' = h_{\text{transfer}} \cdot (T_w - T_f)$$

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$$\text{ex } 396\text{W/m}^2 = 13.2\text{W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} \cdot (305\text{K} - 275\text{K})$$

14) Outside Area given Outer Thermal Resistance

$$\text{fx } A_{\text{outside}} = \frac{1}{h_{\text{outside}} \cdot R_{\text{th}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.019623\text{m}^2 = \frac{1}{9.8\text{W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} \cdot 5.2\text{K/W}}$$

15) Outside Heat Transfer Coefficient given Thermal Resistance

$$\text{fx } h_{\text{outside}} = \frac{1}{R_{\text{th}} \cdot A_{\text{outside}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 10.12146\text{W/m}^2\cdot\text{K} = \frac{1}{5.2\text{K/W} \cdot 0.019\text{m}^2}$$



16) Thermal Resistance for Conduction at Tube Wall

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$$R_{th} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot k \cdot l}$$

$$0.019531K/W = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{12.5m}{2.5m}\right)}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 2.15W/(m \cdot K) \cdot 6.1m}$$

17) Thermal Resistance for Convection at Inner Surface

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$$R_{th} = \frac{1}{A_{inside} \cdot h_{inside}}$$

$$5.291005K/W = \frac{1}{0.14m^2 \cdot 1.35W/m^2 \cdot K}$$

18) Thermal Resistance for Convection at Outer Surface

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$$R_{th} = \frac{1}{h_{outside} \cdot A_{outside}}$$

$$5.370569K/W = \frac{1}{9.8W/m^2 \cdot K \cdot 0.019m^2}$$

19) Total Thermal Resistance

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$$\Sigma R_{thermal} = \frac{1}{U_{overall} \cdot A}$$

$$0.003333K/W = \frac{1}{6W/m^2 \cdot K \cdot 50m^2}$$

20) Volumetric Heat Generation in Current Carrying Electrical Conductor

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$$q_g = (i^2) \cdot \rho$$

$$17W/m^3 = \left((1000A/m^2)^2\right) \cdot 0.000017\Omega \cdot m$$



Variables Used

- **A** Area (Square Meter)
- **A_c** Cross Sectional Area (Square Meter)
- **A_{inside}** Inside Area (Square Meter)
- **A_{outside}** Outside Area (Square Meter)
- **Bi** Biot Number
- **d_{fin}** Diameter of Cylindrical Fin (Meter)
- **h_{inside}** Inside Convection Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **h_{outside}** External Convection Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **h_{transfer}** Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **i** Electric Current Density (Ampere per Square Meter)
- **k** Thermal Conductivity (Watt per Meter per K)
- **k_{fin}** Thermal Conductivity of Fin (Watt per Meter per K)
- **K_{insulation}** Thermal Conductivity of Insulation (Watt per Meter per K)
- **l** Length of Cylinder (Meter)
- **L_{char}** Characteristic Length (Meter)
- **L_{cylindrical}** Correction Length for Cylindrical Fin (Meter)
- **L_{fin}** Length of Fin (Meter)
- **L_{rectangular}** Correction Length for Thin Rectangular Fin (Meter)
- **L_{sqaure}** Correction Length for Sqaure Fin (Meter)
- **P_{fin}** Perimeter of Fin (Meter)
- **q'** Heat Flux (Watt per Square Meter)
- **Q_{fin}** Fin Heat Transfer Rate (Watt)
- **q_g** Volumetric Heat Generation (Watt Per Cubic Meter)
- **r₁** Inner Radius of Cylinder (Meter)
- **r₂** Outer Radius of Cylinder (Meter)
- **R_c** Critical Radius of Insulation (Meter)
- **R_{th}** Thermal Resistance (Kelvin per Watt)
- **T_f** Temperature of Characteristic Fluid (Kelvin)
- **t_{fin}** Thickness of Fin (Meter)
- **T_s** Surrounding Temperature (Kelvin)
- **T_w** Surface Temperature (Kelvin)
- **U_{overall}** Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **w_{fin}** Width of Fin (Meter)














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- ΔT Overall Difference in Temperature (Kelvin)
- η Fin Efficiency
- ρ Resistivity (Ohm Meter)
- $\Sigma R_{\text{thermal}}$ Total Thermal Resistance (Kelvin per Watt)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** **ln**, $\ln(\text{Number})$
Natural logarithm function (base e)
- **Function:** **sqrt**, $\sqrt{\text{Number}}$
Square root function
- **Function:** **tanh**, $\tanh(\text{Number})$
Hyperbolic tangent function
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m^2)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Power** in Watt (W)
Power Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Surface Current Density** in Ampere per Square Meter (A/m^2)
Surface Current Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Thermal Resistance** in Kelvin per Watt (K/W)
Thermal Resistance Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Thermal Conductivity** in Watt per Meter per K ($\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$)
Thermal Conductivity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Electric Resistivity** in Ohm Meter ($\Omega\cdot\text{m}$)
Electric Resistivity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Heat Flux Density** in Watt per Square Meter (W/m^2)
Heat Flux Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Heat Transfer Coefficient** in Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin ($\text{W}/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K}$)
Heat Transfer Coefficient Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Power Density** in Watt Per Cubic Meter (W/m^3)
Power Density Unit Conversion 



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