

## ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah menganalisa karakteristik dari *Cooling Tower* tipe Force Draft. Penelitian ini menggunakan miniatur *Force Draft Cooling Tower* menggunakan bahan pengisi aluminium yang ditempelkan oleh kain goni, dengan tower berbentuk balok yang terbuat dari kaca berukuran  $0.1\text{m} \times 0.1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$ , variasi ketinggian bahan pengisi ( $Z$ ):  $0.3\text{m}, 0.6\text{m}, 0.9\text{m}$ , variasi temperature air panas masuk ( $\text{Twi}$ ):  $50^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $55^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $60^\circ\text{C}$ , variasi laju aliran massa air ( $L$ ):  $0.0132 \text{ kg/s}$ ,  $0.0214 \text{ kg/s}$  dan  $0.0280 \text{ kg/s}$ . Hasil penelitian menunjukkan karakteristik *CT* meningkat dengan meningkatnya ketinggian bahan pengisi dan temperature air panas masuk menara. Karakteristik *CT* akan menurun dengan meningkatnya rasio kecepatan laju aliran massa air/udara ( $L/G$ ). Dari variabel yang diselidiki di dapat formula karakteristik *CT*. Persamaan di atas hanya berlaku pada variabel  $L/G$   $3.64-7.71$ ,  $Z$   $0.3\text{m}-0.9\text{m}$ , dan  $\text{Twi}$   $50-60^\circ\text{C}$ . Persamaan di atas dapat digunakan untuk memprediksi nilai karakteristik dengan besar standar deviasi kesalahan  $5.152\%$ . Sedangkan untuk performa *CT* diadapat nilai efektifitas rata-rata  $20.79\%$ .

**Kata kunci:** *Cooling Tower*, bahan pengisi, performa, efisiensi, karakteristik



## ABSTRACT

The aims of the experiments are to characterize of the Force Draft Cooling Tower. The experiments uses a miniature Cooling Tower Force Draft with filler material used was aluminum wire affixed with burlap cloth, with a tower made of rectangle glass with a size of 0,1mx0,1mx1m, variations in the height of filler material (Z) are: 0.3m, 0.6m, 0.9m, variation hot water inlet tower temperature ( $T_{wi}$ ): 50 °C, 55 °C, 60 °C, variant of the water flow rate (L), namely; 0.0132 kg/s, 0.0214 kg/s and 0.0280 kg/s. The experimental results show that the tower characteristic increases with the increase in the packing height (Z) and hot water inlet temperature ( $T_{wi}$ ) and with the decrease in the water/air mass flux ratio (L/G). The tower characteristic is as a function of the investigated variables. The equation is valid for the ranges of the experimental variabels were L/G of 3.64-7.71, Z of 0.3-0.9m, and  $T_{wi}$  50-60°C. The equation can be used to predict the tower characteristic with the relative error 5,152%. The mean effectiveness of heat transfer in the tower was calculated to be 20,79%.

**Keyword:** Cooling Tower, filler material, performance, efficiency, characteristic

