

# Thermal analysis of IC Engine Cylinder using Ansys

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**Abstract**— Fins play a crucial role in the cylinder block of an IC engine as they facilitate the efficient dissipation of heat generated during the combustion process through convection. The efficient dissipation of heat is crucial for maintaining the consistent efficiency of an internal combustion engine.. This Paper does thermal analysis of Fins on a cylinder block of an IC engine with varying fin shape, size and fin density. The analysis is further continued by analyzing different materials like Structural Steel, Aluminum, Alumina 92% and Alumina 96%. And the results are discussed.

**Keywords**— IC Engine Fins, Ansys, Thermal Analysis, Heat flux.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Internal combustion engines play a crucial role in the global economy, powering heavy vehicles such as trucks and buses that transport goods across the world. They are also used in passenger cars and civil construction vehicles. However, internal combustion engines generate a high amount of heat during operation, which must be dissipated through various cooling systems. These systems typically rely on fins and can be classified as air-cooled, oil-cooled, or water-cooled. Ultimately, the effectiveness of engine cooling depends on the quality and design of the fins. The effectiveness of engine cooling is heavily dependent on the presence of fins, which can be classified as:

- Air cooled engines
- Oil cooled engines
- Water cooled engines

Air cooled engines, These types of engines are used in both spark ignition and compression ignition engines. It typically features fins attached to the combustion cylinder, allowing direct interaction between air and cylinder for the purpose of cooling.

### COOLING FINS :-

1. Fins are extruded surfaces created to increase the heat transfer rate for a given surface temperature or to decrease the surface temperature for a defined heat transfer rate.

2. They can be used to increase heat transfer by convection between two surfaces and the surrounding fluid. Fins are often utilized in various engineering applications to

dissipate large amounts of thermal energy from small areas, thereby aiding in achieving the desired cooling effect.

3. Fins increase the effective surface area of a model, thereby increasing energy transfer by convection. There are two types of straight fins: rectangular fins and triangular fins. Triangular fins are a popular choice because they require much less volume than rectangular fins for the same heat transfer. Therefore, fins are of practical importance because they maximize heat flow per unit mass and are easy to manufacture.

### STRUCTURE OF FIN:

The effectiveness of heat dissipation in fins is heavily influenced by their structure. Many researchers have proposed different shapes of fins and evaluated their heat transfer effectiveness under different heat flux conditions. Parametric evaluations have also been performed by varying fin thickness, fin spacing, and length of the fin. Some of the different types of fin structures include rectangular fins, offset strip fins, triangular fins, perforated fins, wavy fins, and louvered fins.

## II. METHODOLOGY

To find the dimensions of the cylinder that will be analyzed, the maximum power is considered to be 43 BHP at 9000 RPM and the bore x stroke distance is 89 x 60 mm.

After stress calculations the thickness of the cylinder is calculated to be 17.88 mm. And the length of the cylinder is found to be 69 mm. The clearance for the stroke is 9mm. The number of studs calculated are 5.

### A. Tools Used

The Cad modeling of the cylinder is made using Solidworks software. CAD files of cylinder blocks with and without fins are designed based on the dimensions mentioned above. Two types of fins are designed, circular fins and rectangular fins. In each type of fins 4 different fins are designed with different fin size, spacing and density.

The four different designs are

1. 2.5 mm fins with 5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 14
2. 2.5 mm fins with 7.5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 10
3. 2.5 mm fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7
4. 5 mm fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

And the Analysis is done using the Ansys software. The details are given below in setup.

**B. Setup**

Steady-State Thermal in ansys software is used to do the thermal analysis of the cylinder block. The .igs files are imported in Ansys and a nodal temperature of 2000 C is given inside the cylinder as the most powerful stroke of the piston produces the temperature of 1900 C to 2200 C.

Then for convection all surfaces are selected except the inside of the cylinder and the holes for the studs. Then 4 different materials are used that are :-

1. Structural Steel (Isotropic Thermal Conductivity is  $60.5 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{C}^{-1}$ )
2. Aluminum (Isotropic Thermal Conductivity is  $237.5 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{C}^{-1}$ )
3. Alumina 92% (Isotropic Thermal Conductivity is  $25 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{C}^{-1}$ )
4. Alumina 96% (Isotropic Thermal Conductivity is  $26 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{C}^{-1}$ )

The Isotropic Thermal Conductivities given above are embedded in the Ansys software itself.

For convection the ambient temperature is taken to be 22 C(ramped). Then in the solutions the Temperature and Heat Flux are added and the solutions for each Cylinder block with and without Fins is checked.

**III. RESULTS & DISCUSSION**

The results for all the Models are as follows :-

**1. Cylinder block Without any fins**

Materials	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximu m
Structural Steel	2000	1935.2	256.27	$1.44 \text{ e}^5$
Aluminum	2000	1983	271	$1.48 \text{ e}^5$
Alumina 92%	2000	1856.2	254.34	$1.37 \text{ e}^5$
Alumina 96%	2000	1851	253.62	$1.37 \text{ e}^5$

Table 1 : Analysis Data Without Fins

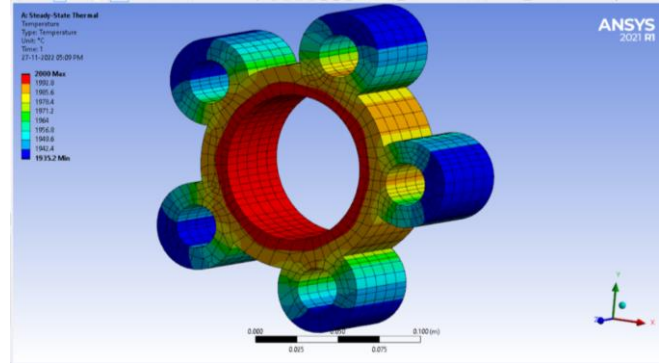


Fig1.Temperature analysis no fins

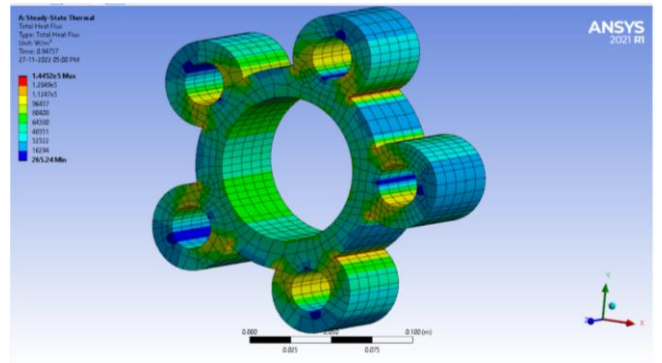


Fig 2.Heat Flux Analysis no Fins

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block without any fins the minimum temperature achieved is 1851 C for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is maximum with  $253.62 \text{ WM}^{-2}$  near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is minimum with  $1.48 \text{ e}^5 \text{ WM}^{-2}$  near the area of the studs that is away from the cylinder for Aluminum.

**2. With Circular fins**

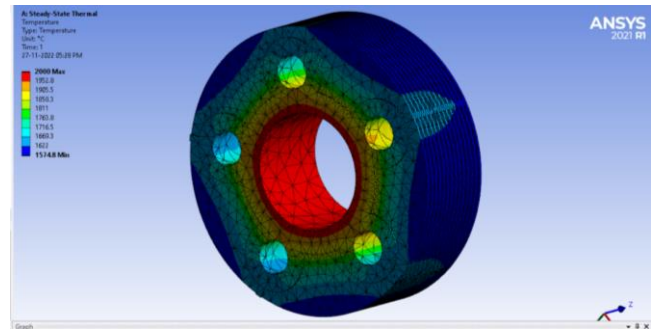


Fig 3.Temperature analysis with Circular fins

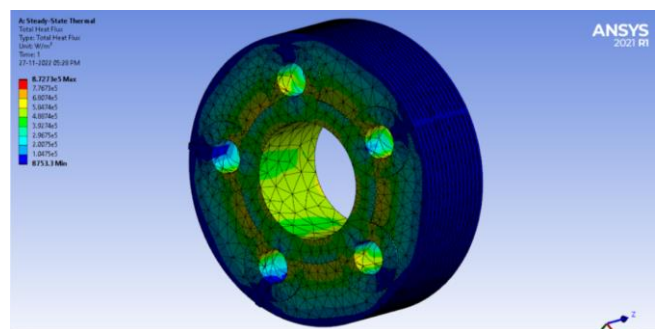


Fig4.Heat Flux Analysis with Circular Fins

a. 2.5 mm fins with 5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 14

Material s	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximum
Structural Steel	2000	1574.8	8753.3	8.72 e <sup>5</sup>
Aluminum	2000	1867	10773	1.05 e <sup>6</sup>
Alumina 92%	2000	1233.2	6650.3	6.90 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 96%	2000	1215.3	6521.6	6.80 e <sup>5</sup>

Table 2 : .Analysis Data With 2.5 circular fins with 5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 14

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block with 2.5 circular fins with 5 mm spacing, the minimum temperature achieved is 1215.3 C for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is maximum with 6521.6 WM<sup>-2</sup> near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is minimum with 1.05 e<sup>6</sup> WM<sup>-2</sup> near the outer perimeter the fins for Aluminum

b. 2.5 mm fins with 7.5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 10

Materials	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximum
Structural Steel	2000	1616.4	3063.2	7.22 e <sup>5</sup>
Aluminum	2000	1883.3	3655.8	8.49 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 92%	2000	1292.1	2439.2	5.85 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 96%	2000	1274	2403.6	5.77 e <sup>5</sup>

Table 3 : .Analysis Data With 2.5 circular fins with 7.5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 10

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block with 2.5 circular fins with 7.5 mm spacing, the minimum temperature achieved is 1274 C for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is minimum with 2403.6 WM<sup>-2</sup> near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is maximum with 8.49 e<sup>5</sup> WM<sup>-2</sup> near the outer perimeter for Aluminum

c. 2.5 mm fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

Materials	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximum
Structural Steel	2000	1645.5	5944.2	6.35 e <sup>5</sup>
Aluminum	2000	1894	6515.9	7.38 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 92%	2000	1333.1	5328	5.21 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 96%	2000	1315.7	5293.4	5.14 e <sup>5</sup>

Table 4 : .Analysis Data With 2.5 circular fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block with 2.5 circular fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7, the minimum temperature achieved is 1315.7 C for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is maximum with 5293.4 WM<sup>-2</sup> near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is minimum with 7.38 e<sup>5</sup> WM<sup>-2</sup> near the outer perimeter for Aluminum

d. 5 mm fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

Material s	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximum
Structural Steel	2000	1729	6358	4.72 e <sup>5</sup>
Aluminum	2000	1921.8	6957.4	5.32 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 92%	2000	1471	5564.3	4.00 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 96%	2000	1456.7	5517	3.96 e <sup>5</sup>

Table 5 : .Analysis Data With 5 mm fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block with 5 circular fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7, the minimum temperature achieved is 1456.7 for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is maximum with 5517 WM<sup>-2</sup> near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is minimum with 5.32 e<sup>5</sup> WM<sup>-2</sup> near the outer perimeter for Aluminum

3. With Rectangular fins

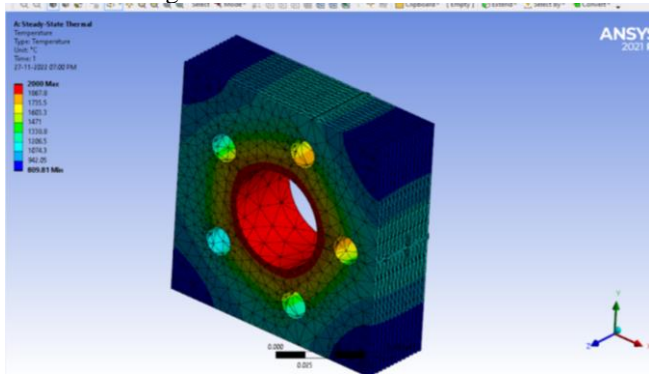


Fig 5. Temperature analysis with Rectangular fins

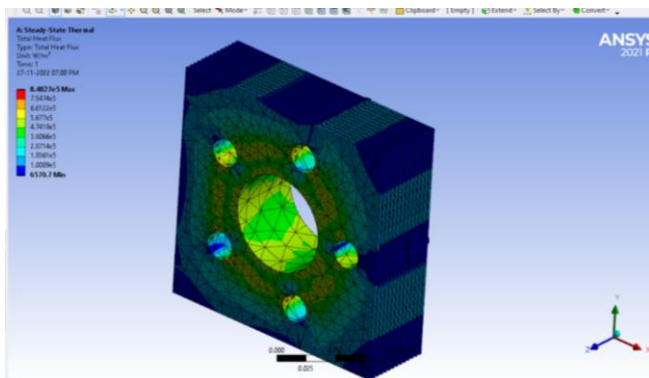


Fig 6 .Heat Flux Analysis with Rectangular Fins

a. 2.5 mm fins with 5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 14

Materials	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximu m
Structural Steel	2000	1250.1	8504.1	1.20 e^6
Aluminum	2000	1734.5	10382	1.59 e^6
Alumina 92%	2000	829	6667.5	8.64 e^5
Alumina 96%	2000	809.81	6570.7	8.48 e^5

Table 6 : .Analysis Data With 2.5 rectangular fins with 5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 14

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block with 2.5 rectangular fins with 5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 14, the minimum temperature achieved is 809.81 C for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is maximum with 6570.7 WM-2 near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is minimum with 1.59 e^6 WM^-2 near the vertices of the fins for Aluminum

b. 2.5 mm fins with 7.5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 10

Materials	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximu m
Structural Steel	2000	1250.1	8504.1	1.20 e^6
Aluminum	2000	1734.5	10382	1.59 e^6
Alumina 92%	2000	829	6667.5	8.64 e^5
Alumina 96%	2000	809.81	6570.7	8.48 e^5

Table 7 : .Analysis Data With 2.5 rectangular fins with 7.5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 10

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block with 2.5 rectangular fins with 7.5 mm spacing, total number of fins is 10, the minimum temperature achieved is 809.81 C for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is maximum with 6570.7 WM-2 near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is minimum with 1.59 e^6 WM^-2 near the vertices of the fins for Aluminum

c. 2.5 mm fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

Materials	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximu m
Structural Steel	2000	1303.1	6890.8	8.81 e^5
Aluminum	2000	1761	9104.6	1.12 e^6
Alumina 92%	2000	882.23	4898.2	6.62 e^5
Alumina 96%	2000	862.27	4805.7	6.52 e^5

Table 8 : .Analysis Data With 2.5 rectangular fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

It can be observed that the minimum temperature for the cylinder block with 2.5 rectangular fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7, the minimum temperature achieved is 862.27 C for the material Alumina 96% . The Heat Flux is maximum with 4805.7 WM-2 near the area of the studs that is closer to the cylinder for Alumina 96%. And is minimum with 1.12 e^6 WM^-2 near the vertices of the fins for Aluminum

d. 5 mm fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7



Materials	Analysis Outcomes			
	Nodal Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Heat Flux	
			Minium	Maximum
Structural Steel	2000	1339.3	4240.9	8.31 e <sup>5</sup>
Aluminum	2000	1778.4	6071.4	1.05 e <sup>6</sup>
Alumina 92%	2000	919	3217.8	6.19 e <sup>5</sup>
Alumina 96%	2000	899.24	3192.9	6.08 e <sup>5</sup>

Table 9 : .Analysis Data With 2.5 rectangular fins with 10 mm spacing, total number of fins is 7

And is minimum with 1.05 e<sup>6</sup> WM<sup>-2</sup> near the vertices of the fins for Aluminum

#### IV. CONCLUSION

It can be observed that the maximum heat dissipation is happening in the material Alumina 96% with Isotropic Thermal Conductivity of 26 Wm<sup>-1</sup>C<sup>-1</sup> no matter what the shape or size or density of the fins is. And the minimum heat dissipation is happening in Aluminum with Isotropic Thermal Conductivity of 237.5 Wm<sup>-1</sup>C<sup>-1</sup>.

The Maximum Heat flux is always near the area of the studs on the side that is closer to the cylinder block, and is minimum on the farthest point from the cylinder block. The maximum Heat Flux is always achieved in the Aluminum material and the minimum is always in Alumina 96% material.

The Maximum heat dissipation is always happening in the 2.5 fins with 5 mm spacing. And The minimum heat dissipation is happening in the cylinder block without any fins, and the maximum heat dissipation is happening in 2.5 mm rectangular fins with 5 mm spacing no matter what the material is. This is because the 2.5 mm rectangular fins with 5 mm spacing have more area as well as more volume for convection and conduction respectively.

The maximum heat dissipation is seen in 2.5 mm Rectangular fins with 5 mm spacing with Alumina 96% material with minimum temperature of 809.81 C.

#### V. FUTURE SCOPE

The current project focused on conducting thermal analysis of the cylinder in an internal combustion engine. However, the same analysis could also be performed on the cylinder head. Additionally, there is potential for using different types of materials in the analysis and exploring various shapes and sizes of fins for optimal heat dissipation.

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