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Test of solar collector

(3 appendices)

Assignment

Test of solar collector according to EN 12975-2:2006, chapter 6.1.5, Steady-state efficiency test using a solar simulator.

Test Object

Flat plate collector, Sunmark GJ 140D-001.5. New glass was mounted and teflon film was removed before test at SP, by manufacturer. Technical specifications of the collector, see appendix 1.

The test object arrived at SP 2009-01-19 and was checked without remarks (in normal conditions). The test was performed 2009-02-09 and 2009-02-10.

The empty collector was exposed at 850 W/m² for 4 hrs before test with teflon. See SP test report P900253-3. Teflon film was removed before test at SP, by manufacturer.

Results

See appendix 2 for test results. The results in the report are only valid for the tested object.

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Appendix 1

Description of the solar collector

Based on data from the manufacturer

General

Manufacturing plant: Sunmark A/S
 Address: Jyllandsgde 30
 DK-6400 SØNDEBORG
 Denmark

Solar collector description

Brand name: Sunmark GJ 140D-001.5
 Collector type: Flat plate
 Year of production: 2008-12
 Drawing document No: --

Operating pressure: max 3.5 bar
 Stagnation temperature at 1000 W/m²
 and 30°C ambient temperature: -- C

Dimensions of collector unit

Length:	5.96 m	Aperture:	13.72 m ²	(Measured by SP)
Width:	2.52 m	Gross area:	15.0 m ²	
Height:	0.20 m			

Technical specifications

Fluid content: 14 liter
 Heat transfer fluid, recommended: Mono-propylene glycol / Water

Cover

Number of covers: 1 (divided into 5 parts)
 Cover material: Glass, Iron free, anti-reflective, Teflon film
 Cover thickness: 4 mm

Absorber:

Type: Sunstrip NIOX copper/aluminium
 Construction: 18 parallel, 2 branch pipes
 Surface treatment: Selective

Thermal insulation and casing:

Thermal insulation thickness in casing: 90 mm
 Insulation material: Mineral wool
 Frame material: Aluminium
 Backside material: Aluminium
 Connections: Flexibel steel tubes 1¼", 2 connections on top

Limitations:

Maximum operation temperature: -- °C
 Maximum operation pressure: 8 bar
 Other limitations:

Thermal performance indoor

Test conditions

Mean solar irradiance: 874 W/m²
 Wind speed: 2.2 m/s
 Type of lamps: Xenon
 Collector tilt: 60°
 Fluid used during test: Water
 Fluid rate used for the test: 0.26 l/(s* m²)
 Aperture area: 13.72 m²
 Collector gross area: 15.0 m²
 The instantaneous efficiency is defined by: $\eta_0 = Q / AG$

Instantaneous efficiency curve based on aperture area and mean temperature of heat transfer fluid.

Thermal performance, G=800 W/m2

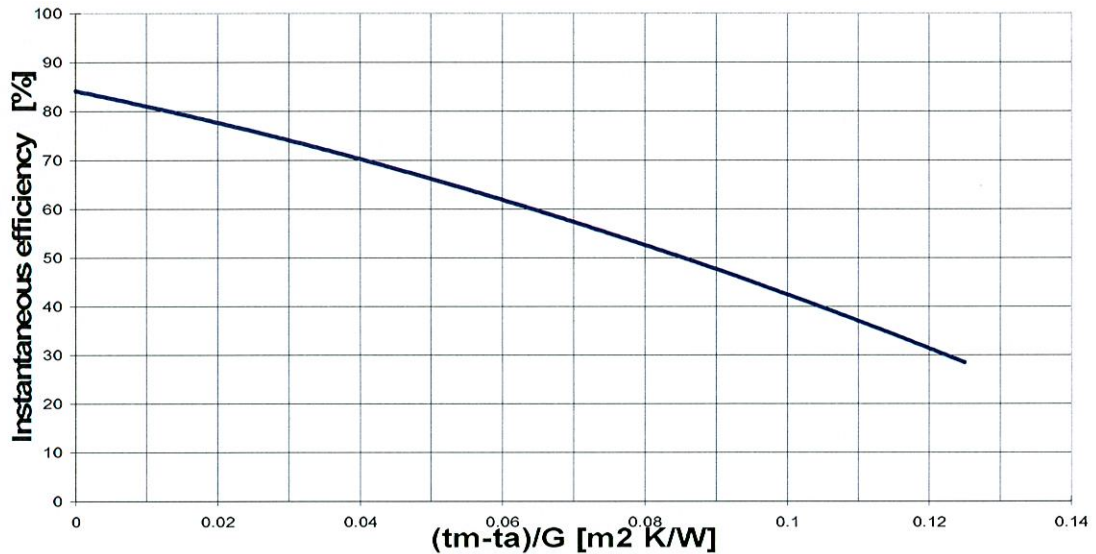


Figure 1 – Thermal efficiency based on aperture area

Second order fit data:

$$\eta_a = \eta_{0a} - a_{1a} ((t_m - t_a) / G) - a_{2a} G ((t_m - t_a) / G)^2$$

Coefficient based on:

Aperture area		Gross area	
η_{0a}	0.841 [-]	η_{0G}	0.770 [-]
a_{1a}	3.016 [W/m ² K]	a_{1G}	2.759 [W/m ² K]
a_{2a}	0.014 [W/m ² K ²]	a_{2G}	0.013 [W/m ² K ²]

Power output per module (W)

$t_m - t_a$ [K]	Irradiance [W/m ²]		
	400	700	1 000
10	4184	7646	11109
30	3199	6662	10124
50	2057	5520	8982

Appendix 3

Terms and definitions

Symbol	Term	Unit
A	Area (Aperture, gross or absorber)	m^2
η_0	Zero-loss coefficient	-
η_a	Collector efficiency based on aperture	-
η_{0a}	Zero loss collector efficiency based on aperture	-
η_{0G}	Zero loss collector efficiency based on gross area	-
Q	Useful power extracted from the collector	W
G	Solar irradiance	W/m^2
t_m	Mean temp. of heat transfer fluid	$^{\circ}C$
t_a	Ambient air temperature	$^{\circ}C$
a_1	Heat loss coefficient at $(t_m - t_a) = 0$ including wind dependence	$W/m^2/K$
a_{1a}	Heat loss coefficient, based on aperture area	$W/m^2/K$
a_{1G}	Heat loss coefficient, based on gross area	$W/m^2/K$
a_2	Temperature dependence of the heat loss coefficient	$W/m^2/K^2$
a_{2a}	Temperature dependence of the heat loss coefficient, based on aperture area	$W/m^2/K^2$
a_{2G}	Temperature dependence of the heat loss coefficient, based on gross area	$W/m^2/K^2$

Measuring equipment

Solar irradiance:	Kipp o. Zonen CM 11 SP.nr. 202 185
Temperature:	Temp.sensor Pt-100 (fluid) ET.nr. 2311373 and 07051603 Pt-100 (air) ET.nr. 07051606 and 12196
Water flow:	Valmet MP115 SP.nr 202 861 and 701 362
Air speed:	Swema Air SP.nr. 201 643
Data collection:	HP VXI-system SP.nr. 202 878

Measuring uncertainties

Thermal performance:	$\pm 3.3 \%$
Irradiance:	$\pm 3 \%$
Temperature water:	$\pm 0,1 K$
Temp. difference water:	$\pm 0,05 K$
Temperature air:	$\pm 0,5 K$
Water flow:	$\pm 0,8 \%$
Air speed:	$\pm 2 \%$
Aperture:	$\pm 1 \%$