

Review of: "Numerical Study of Thermal Performance on Fin and Tube Heat Exchanger with Flat Rectangular and Sinusoidal Winglet Vortex Generators"

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The authors investigated numerically the thermal performance of the fin and tube heat exchanger by employing conventional rectangular and sinusoidal sine wave vortex generators, using the CFD code. These generators were tested within a Reynolds number (Re) range of 400 to 1100 and compared against a baseline configuration.

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