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Thermal Resistance Calculator – Plate Fin Heat Sink

Your Input: Parametric Values

Material: Aluminum
(extruded)
Width: 85 mm
Length: 127 mm

Height: 40 mm
Base Thickness: 5 mm

Fin Thickness: 2.1 mm
Number of Fins: 10

Calculation Result: Thermal Resistance & Pressure Drop

| Airflow Rate | Thermal Resistance | Pressure Drop |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0.5 m/s (~100 LFM) | 0.83 °C/W | 0.8 Pa (0.003 inH ₂ O) |
| 1.0 m/s (~200 LFM) | 0.62 °C/W | 2.1 Pa (0.008 inH ₂ O) |
| 1.5 m/s (~300 LFM) | 0.52 °C/W | 3.7 Pa (0.015 inH ₂ O) |
| 2.0 m/s (~400 LFM) | 0.46 °C/W | 5.7 Pa (0.023 inH ₂ O) |
| 2.5 m/s (~500 LFM) | 0.42 °C/W | 8.6 Pa (0.035 inH ₂ O) |
| 3.0 m/s (~600 LFM) | 0.39 °C/W | 11.5 Pa (0.046 inH ₂ O) |
| 3.5 m/s (~700 LFM) | 0.37 °C/W | 14.7 Pa (0.059 inH ₂ O) |
| 4.0 m/s (~800 LFM) | 0.35 °C/W | 18.1 Pa (0.073 inH ₂ O) |
| 4.5 m/s (~900 LFM) | 0.33 °C/W | 21.9 Pa (0.088 inH ₂ O) |
| 5.0 m/s (~1,000 LFM) | 0.32 °C/W | 26.0 Pa (0.104 inH ₂ O) |

Please note some assumptions were made in the calculation:

1. No flow bypassing;
2. Uniform heat spreading over base plate.

For problems involving flow bypassing and base spreading, please use our [Advanced Calculator](#).

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The calculation result is for reference only. Customers are advised to build and test prototypes for all design projects.

Do the calculation again (or study the influence of individual parameters):

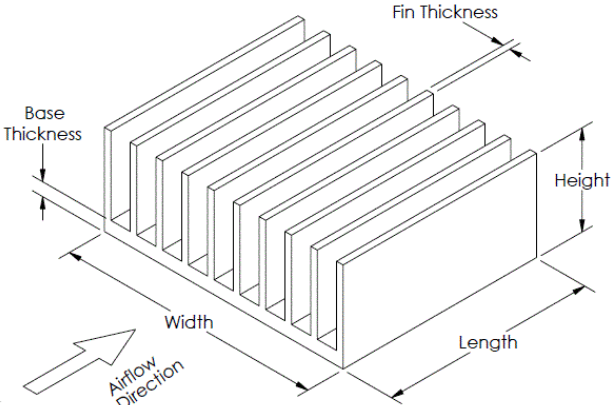


Diagram illustrating the geometry of a plate fin heat sink. The parameters shown are: Base Thickness, Fin Thickness, Height, Width, Length, and Airflow Direction (indicated by an arrow).

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Aluminum (extruded) ▼

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mm ▼

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Fin Thickness
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