

Boiler power output

In a boiler, coal with a heating value of 30 MJ/kg is burned. The boiler efficiency is 75%. It heats a saturated liquid at 8 MPa to 500°C. The mass flow is 1 kg/s. How much coal is burnt per second?

Answer: 0.09 kg/s.

Explanation:

$$P_1 = 8 \text{ MPa}, x_1 = 0, h_1 = 1317.1 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$P_2 = 8 \text{ MPa}, T_2 = 500^\circ\text{C}, h_2 = 3400 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\Delta h = 3400 - 1317.1 = 2082.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$$

$$\frac{2082.9 \cdot 1}{30000 \cdot 0.75} = 0.0926 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$$