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**FOREWORD**

This Sri Lanka Standard was authorised for adoption and publication by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 1986-05-16 after the draft, finalised by the Drafting Committee on Automotive Radiators, has been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Divisional Committee.

The manufacture of automotive radiator cores is a very successful indigenous industry. In the preparation of this standard careful thought has been given to manufacturing technology and the testing facilities available in the country, and the expected quality of the radiator cores.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with CS 102. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

The valuable assistance derived from the publications of the British Standards Institution, the Indian Standards Institution, the Japanese Standards Association and the Society of Automotive Engineers of the United States of America is gratefully acknowledged.

**1 SCOPE**

This Sri Lanka Standard covers the dimensions, general requirements and methods of test for automotive radiator cores for use on motor cars, trucks, tractors and other machinery such as earth moving equipment and stationary engines.

This does not include radiator cores for cooling oil.

**2 REFERENCES**

- BS AU 90 Soft solders for Automobile use.
- BS 2870 Rolled copper and copper and copper alloys : sheet, strip and foil.

### 3 DEFINITIONS AND NOMENCLATURE

For the purpose of this standard the following definitions and the nomenclature given in Fig. 1 to Fig. 3 shall apply.

- 3.1 Sheet** : Flat material of exact length, over 0.15 mm up to and including 10.0 mm thick and over 450 mm in width.
- 3.2 Strip** : Material over 0.15 mm up to and including 10.0 mm thick, of any width and generally not cut to length. Usually in coil, but may be flat or folded.
- 3.3 Foil** : A material of 0.15 mm thick and under, of any width, flat or in coil.
- 3.4 tube and plate fin core** : An assembly of water-carrying tubes, of any cross sectional form, the tubes being joined by heat conducting fins or plates common to all tubes or groups of tubes (see Fig.1).
- 3.5 ribbon cellular core** : A number of water passages made by joining metal ribbons at the edges and grouped to form a cellular structure. Parts of the cellular structure may be of formed or flat ribbon which is not a part of the water passages (see Fig. 2)
- 3.6 tube and corrugated fin core** : An assembly of water tubes in line in the direction of air flow and joined by corrugated conduction fins inserted between adjacent line of tubes (see Fig. 3)

### 4 TYPES OF RADIATOR CORES

Radiator cores shall be of the following types :

- (a) Tube and plate fin core ;
- (b) Ribbon cellular core ; and
- (c) Tube and corrugated fin core.

### 5 REQUIREMENTS

#### 5.1 Materials

- 5.1.1** Radiator fins shall be made of C 104 or C 106 copper foils specified in BS 2870 : 1980 or an equivalent.
- 5.1.2** The water tubes of radiators shall be made of CZ 106 brass foils or strips specified in BS 2870 : 1980 or an equivalent.
- 5.1.3** The header plates shall be made of CZ 106 brass sheets specified in BS 2870 : 1980 or an equivalent.
- 5.1.4** The soldering lead used shall preferably conform to BS AU 90.

## 5.2 Design data

The manufacturer or supplier may call for following information from the purchaser in case the radiator cores have to be designed :

- (a) The brake power rating of engine ;
- (b) Heat to be dissipated by cooling water at full load ;
- (c) Application of the engine ;
- (d) The maximum temperature of the outlet water from engine at :
  - i) Specified ambient conditions,
  - ii) Specified water flow, and
  - iii) Specified air flow.
- (e) The dimensional limitations of the space available for fixing the radiator ; and
- (f) Details of any other heat exchanger, for example, air conditioner condenser, oil cooler etc., likely to be fitted in the vehicle and its location in relation to the radiator.

## 5.3 Workmanship and finish

5.3.1 The radiator cores shall be free from dents, breakages or other physical defects.

5.3.2 Joints on radiator cores shall have no discontinuity and the soldering material shall be evenly distributed throughout.

## 5.4 Dimensions

The dimensions of radiator cores may vary according to engine requirements. These shall be subject to agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

## 6 MARKING

Each radiator core shall be legibly and indelibly marked with ;

- (a) Manufacturer's name or trade mark ;
- (b) Serial number ; and
- (c) Month and year of manufacture.

The radiator cores may also be marked with the certification mark (illustrated on page 4) on permission being granted for such marking by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution.

## 7 METHODS OF TEST

7.1 Internal cleanliness test

### 7.1.1 *Visual inspection*

The core assemblies shall be visually inspected as received for presence of zinc salts or any other harmful chemicals on the extension surfaces. The presence of such chemicals shall not be permitted. The paint on the outer surfaces of core assemblies may be removed by using organic solvents.

7.1.2 The radiator core assemblies shall be cleaned to remove flux residues by flushing or other suitable method after soldering operations have been completed. Both inside and outside of the assemblies shall be cleaned.

7.1.3 The quantities of zinc salts and chloride content present in the cleaned core (see 7.1.2) shall be determined by an approved procedure subject to agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer. The presence of salts containing more than 0.025 g of zinc or chloride per litre of radiator core volume capacity shall be considered unsatisfactory and sufficient cause for rejection.

## 7.2 **Pressure/Leakage test**

### 7.2.1 *Testing arrangements*

This test shall be conducted in a suitably sized tank full of water sufficient to immerse the radiator core. Provision shall be made for connecting the radiator core to a compressed air line.

### 7.2.2 *Procedure*

The radiator core shall be immersed in water at normal temperature and subjected to an internal air pressure of twice the cap pressure for at least one minute.

*Note - The applicable cap pressure shall be agreed between the purchaser and the manufacturer.*

### 7.2.3 *Evaluation*

During the test no sign of air leakage shall be noticeable.

## 8 **SAMPLING**

For the purpose of testing radiator cores, the sampling scheme for tests shall be as agreed to between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

## 9 **CONFORMITY TO STANDARD**

The manufacturer shall satisfy himself that the radiator cores conform to the requirements of this standard and shall furnish a certificate to this effect from a recognized body or an institution to the purchaser or his representative if requested.



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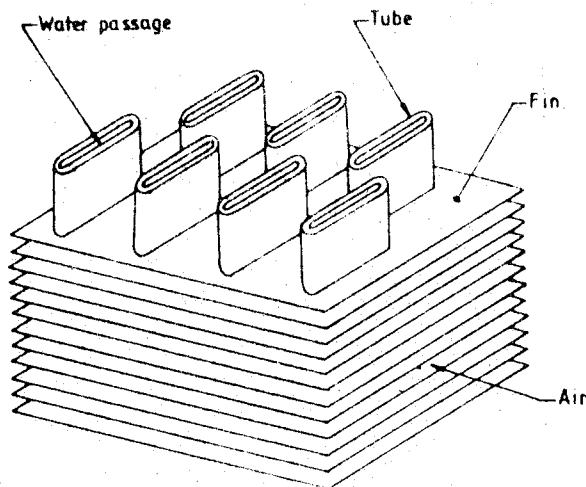


FIGURE 1 - Tube and plate fin core

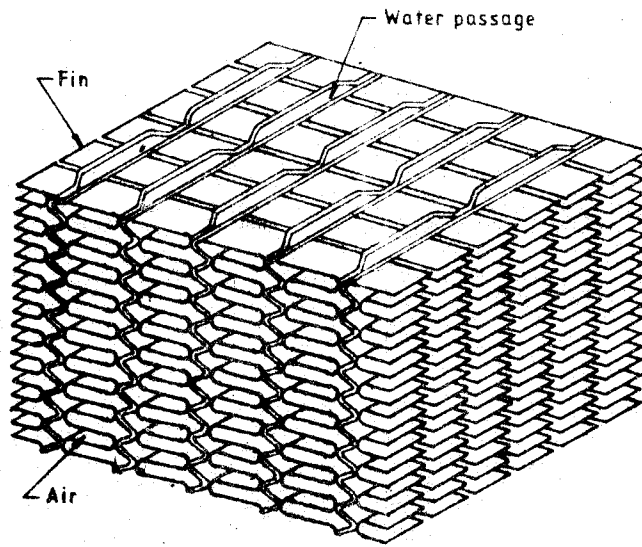


FIGURE 2 - Ribbon cellular core

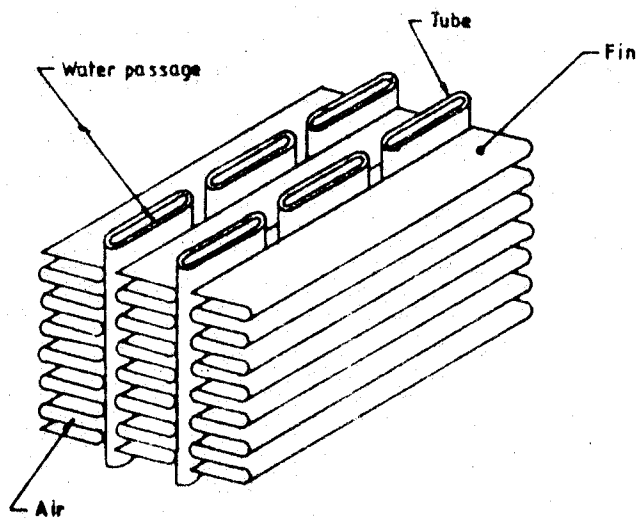


FIGURE 3 - Tube and corrugated fin core

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