

Guideline in Selecting a Fan

How to select an appropriate fan

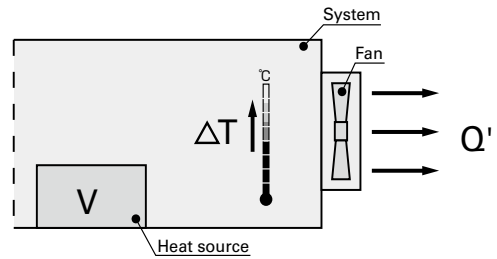
The following example is a guideline regarding how to select an appropriate fan for cooling your system

1. Determining of your system specifications and conditions

Determine the temperature rise inside your system and obtain the total heating value inside your system on the basis of its inputs and outputs.

Example

- V: Total heating value of your system (W)=100 (W)
- ΔT : Inside temperature rise (K)=15 (K)



2. Calculating the required airflow for cooling

After the equipment specifications and conditions of your system have been determined, calculate required airflow to meet the conditions. (Note that the formula shown below only applies when the heat radiation is performed only by cooling air from the fan.)

Example

Q' : Motion airflow (m^3/min)

$$Q' = \frac{V}{20\Delta T} = \frac{100 (W)}{20 \times 15 (K)} \approx 0.33 (m^3/min)$$

3. Selecting the fan

After the motion airflow has been calculated, select an appropriate fan motor based on the value. The motion airflow when the fan motor is actually mounted in your system can be obtained using the airflow-static pressure characteristics curve and system impedance. However, the system impedance cannot be measured without a measuring equipment, so fan with 1.5 to 2 times higher airflow than the actual max airflow should be selected (operating airflow is one-third to two-thirds of maximum airflow).

Example

Q : Maximum airflow (m^3/min)

$$Q' = Q \times 2/3$$

$$Q = Q' \times 3/2 = 0.33 \times 3/2 \approx 0.5 (m^3/min)$$

Next, In case that you select a fan having an airflow of 0.5 (m^3/min) or more and a appropriate size for the space inside your system.

For example, If you need a fan of 60 mm square, 25 mm thickness and 12 V, you should select is 109R0612H402 (maximum airflow = 0.53 m^3/min).

4. Confirming the selected fan

Calculate the temperature rise inside your sysetem when your sysetem having 100 (W) of total heating value is forcefully cooled down by a 109R0612H402 fan.

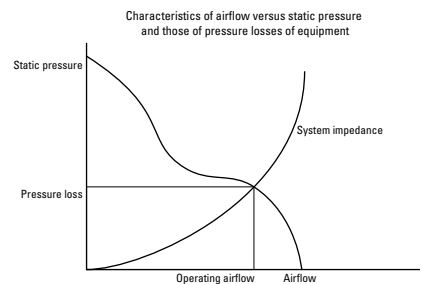
Example

$$Q' = Q \times 2/3 = 0.53 \times 2/3 \approx 0.353 (m^3/min)$$

$$\Delta T = V/20Q' = 100 (W)/20 \times 0.353 (m^3/min) \approx 14.2 (K)$$

From the above, the temperature rise inside your system is calculated as 14.2 (K).

Since the value obtained from the above equation is only a rough target, final fan selection should be based on your actual installation test.



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