
DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF INDOOR AIR PURIFIER & HUMIDIFIER IN FOOD INDUSTRY

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ABSTRACT

In 2021, air pollution has gone beyond all limits. According to the WHO, 7 million people die annually as a result of air pollution. A whopping 91 percent of the world's population is now exposed to air pollution due to its wide distribution. This also implies that the air within your home is contaminated. In order to address this problem, we have developed a small air purifier that employs water as an air filter rather than pricey filters. Additionally, it functions as an air humidifier. The design and development of the next-generation indoor air purifier is the subject of this thesis. The project was carried out using a human-centered design process, and a patient was the end outcome. The system uses two high performance, low noise centrifugal fans to draw air through a safety mesh. At the bottom of the purifier, there is a water tank through which the air is pushed and subsequently passed. Water catches dust, fungi, germs, and other contaminants, which causes the air it passes through to be automatically cleansed. If you suffer from asthma or another breathing difficulty, you may find a HEPA (sometimes defined as "high-efficiency particulate air," sometimes as "high-energy particulate arresting") air purifier (or a vacuum with a HEPA filter) well worth the investment.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The most common problem during the summer season is pollution, dust, and allergies. With increase in the number of pollutants in the air, there is an increase in the demand for air purifiers. These air purifiers can be used in offices, homes, commercial places, and if their efficiency is high, then they can also be used outdoors. Air purifier is a device used to remove contaminants like dust particles, cloth fibres etc. present in the air.

These devices are claimed to be beneficial to people having allergies, and asthma.

A standard air purifier consists of various types of filters, and filter levels to remove the contaminants from the surrounding air.

However, the majority of air purifiers available today use so-called HEPA filters, which need to be changed out frequently and use a lot of energy. Since pricing is one of the most crucial considerations for clients when purchasing an air purifier, this solution is fairly expensive and not appropriate for everyone. The aesthetic design of an air purifier is crucial because it is a component of the aesthetic in a food industry.

2. OBJECTIVE

The main objective of making this machine is to do technical advancement in the air purification field. To carry out the following process. Research and analysis of room dust.

Uses of sensors can make the purifier cost high in market.

Disposable filters must be frequently replaced approximately every 90 days. Some of the filters should receive training in proper handling technique. All incoming filters needs to be visually inspected.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

HEPA filters were originally classified as top-secret, developed by the US Atomic Energy Commission to protect soldiers from radioactive particles on the battlefield. During World War II,

scientists involved in the Manhattan Project used HEPA masks to guard against contaminants from the atomic bomb.

Although these early HEPA masks couldn't possibly protect people from atomic radiation, the research spawned the HEPA filter, which provided protection against chlorine gas, mustard gas, and flame throwers. It was not until the 1960s that specifications were standardized and the term HEPA or "High Efficiency Particulate Air" was officially coined by the Department of Energy (DOE).

As defined by the DOE, HEPA filters remove at least 99.97% of dust, pollen, mould, bacteria and any airborne particles with a size of 0.3 microns at 85 litres per minute. From the beginning, HEPA filters were employed to filter out highly hazardous aerosols, toxic carcinogens, radioactive particles, and biohazardous contaminants. In Germany, brothers Klaus and Manfred Hammes purchased a patent for a simple air filtration system.

Using a fiberglass pad attached with small magnets to the air outlet of a residential oil oven, the Hammes brothers were able to filter soot from the air. In 1963, the 31 Hammes brothers simple but effective filter became the first air cleaner to be utilized in homes across Germany. In the same year, through fuel emissions standards. Although it was not Congress first attempt at reducing air pollution, the Clean Air Act of 1963 alerted scientist's materials, chemicals, pesticides, and allergens.

4. AIR PURIFIER

An air purifier is a device which removes contaminants from the air in a room. These devices are extremely beneficial for allergy sufferers, asthmatics and at reducing or eliminating second-hand tobacco smoke, they are also extremely useful for reducing pollutants from a room if you live in a highly polluted environment, for instance New Delhi, Patna or Gwalior, which are among the most air polluted cities in the world. They also help eliminate virus and bacteria from a room which prevents the spread of disease.

5. HEPA TECHNOLOGY

HEPA is an acronym for High Efficiency Particulate Air and is a technology that has been used for many years to filter particles. HEPA filters must meet a standard of trapping at least 99.97% of all particles larger than 0.3 microns.

The human eye can only see particles larger than 10 microns; so, particles caught in a HEPA filter such as chemicals, bacteria and viruses cannot be seen.

Because HEPA filters can trap mold and bacteria, they create a more sanitary environment. Additionally, this does not generate ozone or any other harmful by products.



Figure No 1: Hepa Filter

6. PROTOTYPE OF AIR PURIFIER

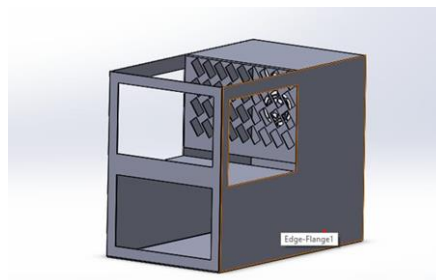


Figure No 2: 3D Prototype

Prototype of Air purifier is shown in the above figure.

The prototype is Designed using the software Solid works 2016.

The tools used to design the prototype are described below,

- Weldments.
- Extrude.
- Endcap.
- Structural Member.
- Trim.
- Extend.
- Sketch.
- Base Flange.
- Edge Flange.
- Extrude.
- Cut.

These are some of the tools used in designing the Prototype.

7. FILTERING PROCESS

The air circulating through the room that passes through the filter, the filter it passes through first is the carbon filter, where large contaminants get captured in the pores of active carbon. Then the air passes through cold catalyst filter there by removing any harmful gases like formaldehyde, benzene gases and deodorizes the air. The third filter it passes through is antimicrobial filter where the microorganisms are stopped from spreading and growing. And finally the air passes through HEPA filters, where the minute contaminants, micro bacteria and fungus gets stopped, thereby effectively purifying the air. By adding a UV light to the 49 filtering process, these microorganisms can be killed and prevent from spreading any diseases

8. COMPONENTS

- Aluminum frame
- ACB sheet (aluminum composite board)
- Acrylic sheet
- Nylon net
- Blower
- Exhaust fan
- Switch
- Speed controller
- Lithium battery 12v

8.1. Blower

An exhaust fan is a fan which is used to control the interior environment by venting out unwanted odors, particulates, smoke, moisture, and other contaminants which may be present in the air. Exhaust fans can also be integrated into a heating and cooling system.

8.2. Aluminum frame

The aluminium frame is the base to fix pantograph frames. It supports the fixed part of the frame and is mounted on supporting insulator. Base frames are usually made of profile steel, plates through extrusion, or steel tubes through splicing or castings and profile steel through splicing.

8.3. Exhaust fan

Blowers are installation equipment that provides the transfer of air in the emitted environment at high or low pressure and rotates the fan with the force received from the motor Blower is a plumbing equipment that rotates the fan with the force it receives from the engine, which transfers the air in the

emitted environment at high flow or low pressure. The fan in the blowers rotates and vacuum the air in the suction section. The trapped air is then pushed into the outlet side. Blowers are often used to move air.

8.4. Acrylic sheet

Acrylic is a transparent plastic material with outstanding strength, stiffness, and optical clarity. Acrylic sheet is easy to fabricate, bonds well with adhesives and solvents, and is easy to thermoform. It has superior weathering properties compared to many other transparent plastics.

8.5. Lithium battery 12v

A battery pack is a set of any number of (preferably) identical batteries or individual battery cells. They may be configured in a series, parallel or a mixture of both to deliver the desired voltage, capacity, or power density. The term battery pack is often used in reference to cordless tools, radio-controlled hobby toys, and battery electric vehicles.

8.6. Speed controller

The list of speed control comprises a wide range of appliances, beginning with household electrical appliances used in the garden and garage, and ending with large industrial plants with conveyor belts, pumps and machine tools. We will quickly see how essential and important this type of speed control is for various machines. A sophisticated society can no longer do without an effective way to control speed.

9. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

HEPA filter remove 99.97% of particle that have a size of less than 0.02 micron. Composite filter consisting Cold Catalyst Filter and Activated carbon require frequent replacement after 6-8 month. Area Cover: About 275Sq. ft. Clean Area Delivery Rate: 175m³/hr Air Change per Hour: 2.56 Time required to purify air to a safer level: 10-15 min



Figure No 3: Air Purifier and Humidifier

10. CONCLUSION

A conclusion Some purifiers also contain more than one technology for advanced functioning and better results. Thus, choose the best one matching your requirement and budget. The main function of HEPA Filter is to remove contaminated viruses from the air and provide clean and pure air.

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