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LIST OF SYMBOLS

%	Percentage
f	Frequency
Ω	Ohm
<u>≤</u>	Less Than Or Equal To
<u>></u>	Greater Than Or Equal To
°C	Degree Celsius
×	Multiplication

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DC Direct Current

AC Alternating Current

MOSFET Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor

PWM Pulse Width Modulation

BJT Bipolar Junction Transistor

IGBT Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor

GTO Gate Turn-Off Transistor

TEC Thermoelectric Cooler

LED Light Emitting Diode

LCD Liquid Crystal Display

D Duty Cycle

V Volt

A Ampere

AH Ampere Hour

V_{in} Input Voltage

V_o Output Voltage

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays, air conditioning system of automobile arises to such many problems such as CFC emission that cause air pollution, the usage of fuel is increased and engine performance is decreased. Moreover, the current air-conditioning system is not capable to be used during the parked session. This scenario could be subdued by the introduction of thermoelectric device as an alternating cooling option for car interior. Fuel usage decrease by using this pollution option and decreased engine performance can be prevented since the letter option was in the bracket of 'Go Green' region. The project is to make the automotive cabin being cooled by using thermoelectric cooler that can be applied on the car in the hot sunny day. The system should be automatically turned on when the engine of the car is stop depending on the temperature inside and outside of the car. This temperature can be controlled by temperature sensor. The project is using the source of the automobile battery.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Recently the automobile has been combined with an airconditioning to make the inside cabin cooling subject. The problems rised when the automobile stop moving on the road and being at rest momentum. This can cause the unconfortable situation from the temperature inside cabin. This make user sense hot.

The thermoelectric cooler function is the way to make the inside cabin themperture cool at set point of the user. The user will set the temperature required at 25°C and the temperature of the cabin is follow the user set temperature. When the thermoelectric cooler or fan stop running and do not function. This state is the cause of inside the cabin temperature is drop below user setting.

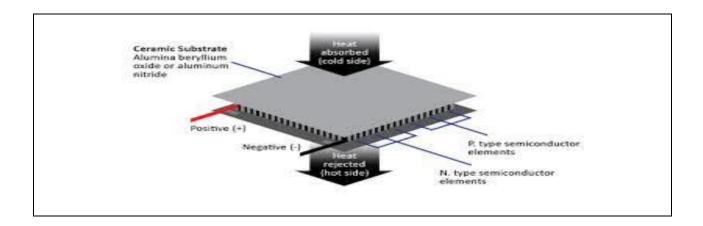


Figure 1.1: Thermoelectric Cooler (TEC)

To make the new system, the thermoelectric cooler are used to this system. Thermoelectric cooler in other name is peltier. The peltier with peltier effect is the equipment that support semiconductor. The heat of the peltier is cooling which is absorbing and the other side is heating that realease heat after absorbed [1]. The thermoelectric cooler is as **Figure 1. 1**. The thermoelectric cooler is from this principal that the thermoelectric cooler feeding the cabin room to become cooler as the temperature set while the other surface realease heat as the exhause that placed with cooling plate and fan to realease heat. However there are so much concept and style of transistor that can be used in this system. The thermoelectric cooler need enough current driver circuit for electrical direct current load. The transistor that has the less power loss will make the perfect system of the thermoelectric cooler.

There are many type and style of the transistor that can use in this system. The style are Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT), Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor (MOSFET), Insulated Gate Bipolar Electronic Transistor (IBGT) and Gate Turn-Off electronic Transistor (GTO). To make the system running it need a high change frequency that is Buck converter. The fundamental say the change frequency used is square wave wherever it is duty cycle can confirm how long the facility switch can activate.

1.2 Problem Statement

In the day light, there must be an hot temperature. While that happened the air conditioning of automobile these day not function very well. This is the problem that appear from air conditioning system and when temperature is so much hot it can cause the heat stroke. While there also other problem that is the couse of air pollution and cost from the maintainance of air conditioning system.

The thermoelectric cooler (TEC) is the must be the item and system that the people use in the automobile. The system desing is the attachement of the thermoelectric cooler and the heat sink on the both side. The system can make the thermal resistance the lowest. This thermoelectric cooler design attached heat sensor can eleminate the worries of air conditioning disadvantages and the improvement of automobile these day.

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