

Solar powered outdoor air purifier with air quality monitoring

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ABSTRACT

This paper has documented the detailed design, fabrication and test of a solar powered air purifier prototype with a High Efficiency Particulate Air Filter (HEPA) and Carbon Filters which can achieve air purification with self-sustainable ability. Besides, several tests have been conducted to assess the performance of the proposed solar operated air purifier. In the first test, a 67.37% efficiency is achieved for the solar panel. Second test of air purifier test has shown the efficiency of cleaning ammonia pollutant in the air as 43.55% for burning cigarettes and 35.33% for floor detergent using the equipped two MQ135 sensors. The findings are showing that the floor detergent might have a higher rate of diffusion than ammonia molecules found in cigarette smoke.

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