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ABSTRACT

This report is an outcome of the work I have carried out in doing and completing my final year project, Design a Battery Charger Controller for Electric Vehicle (Mechanical). The paper presents another design of battery charger controller that potentially can be apart of an EV system or somehow an explanation on the idea of basic battery charger controller in EV development process. It is an electronically project which required knowledge in electric and electronic field. The overall duty is to analyze the previous design of battery charger controller circuits and come out with a better design as suggestion of the battery charger controller which using microcontroller as the controller of the controller. The report starts with an introduction on EV, the advantages and disadvantages. Then a further introduction describe on the variety of battery type and their suitability to be used in the project. After gathering all the relevant information, the project undergoes design process. The knowledge gathered before is used to make a design which refers to problem statements that suitable for the project. There are comparisons and considerations are made in the designing stage based on self ability and condition. The project follows with writing the programming for the microcontroller using Visual Basic software in C language. The circuit then will be test as it will be the result for the ability of solving the problem statements of the project. At the end, when all the process mentioned above is done, the material for report writing is gathered. The report writing process will be guided by the University Malaysia Pahang final year report writing guide. This process also included the presentation slide making for the final presentation of the project. The project ended after the submission of the report and the presentation slide has been presented

ABSTRAK

Laporan ini adalah hasil dari kajian saya dalam menyiapkan Projek Sarjana Muda saya bertajuk Rekaan Pengawal Pengecas Bateri untuk Kereta Elektrik (Mekanikal). Laporan ini membentangkan sebuah lagi rekaan pengawal pengecas bateri yang berpotensi menjadi sebahagian daripada sistem kereta elektrik masa hadapan atau paling tidak menjadi rujukan tentang idea asas sebuah pengawal pengecas bateri dalam proses menghasilkan sebuah kereta elektrik. Ia adalah sebuah projek elektronik yang memerlukan pemahaman dalam bidang elektrik dan elektronik. Keseluruhan tugas adalah untuk menganalisis rekaan litar pengawal pengecas bateri yang dihasilkan terdahulu dan memberikan cadangan lebih baik dalam merekabentuk sebuah pengawal pengecas bateri iaitu menggunakan microcontroller yang bertindak sebagai pengawal. Laporan ini dimulakan dengan pengenalan kepada kereta elektrik; kelebihan dan kelemahannya. Lanjutan pengenalan menyentuh kepelbagaian bateri yang digunakan dan kesesuaiannya untuk digunakan dalam projek ini tentang kepentingan kunci kereta dan kepentingannya kepada keselamatan kereta. Apabila semua maklumat berkaitan selesai dikumpulkan, projek ini akan diteruskan dengan fasa rekabentuk. Maklumat dan pengetahuan yang dikumpulkan digunakan untuk mengeluarkan sebuah rekaan berdasarkan kenyataan masalah yang sesuai dengan projek ini. Perbandingan dan pertimbangan telah dibuat dalam peringkat ini berdasarkan kemampuan dan keadaan sekeliling. Projek diteruskan dengan menulis kod program untuk microcontroller yang digunakan dengan menggunakan software Visual Basic dalam bahasa C. Rekaan litar akan diuji sebagai kayu ukur tentang kebolehannya menyelesaikan kenyataan masalah projek ini. Akhir sekali, laporan lengkap akan dirangka dan ditulis mengikut garis panduan yang ditetapkan oleh Universiti Malaysia Pahang. Selain laporan lengkap, slaid pembentangan juga akan disediakan pada fasa terakhir projek ini. Projek ini berakhir dengan rasminya apabila ia berjaya dibentangkan dan laporan akhir dihantar.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

η	energy conversion efficiency
P_e	electrical input power
P_m	mechanical output power
V	input voltage
I	input current
T	output torque
ω	output angular frequency
W	Watt
kW	kilowatt
h	hour
A/Am	Ampere
mA	miliAmpere
°C	degree celcius
MHz	MegaHertz

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AC	Alternative Current
DC	Direct Current
V	Volt/Voltage
EV	Electric Vehicle
ICE	Internal Combustion Engine
RESS	Rechargeable Electric Storage System
FEV	Full Electric Vehicle
RPM	Revolution Per Minutes
PFC	Power Factor Correction
ESR	Equivalent Series Resistance
LCD	Light Crystal Display
LED	Light Emission Display