

THRUST ANALYSIS ON 250 WATTS DC MOTOR FOR LOCOMOTION BOAT



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ABSTRACT

To make it easier for farmers in terms of maintenance and transportation of community-owned coconut and palm oil crops, the team tried to make a design for testing the thrust of a 250 Watt DC motor powered by solar heat for boat propulsion, by testing the boat propeller with variations in the diameter of the propeller 17.5 mm, 15 mm, 15.5 mm, 14.8 mm, and 14.5 mm, as well as testing with variations in driving rotation and variations in driving rotation with the number of gear teeth 11, 16, 20, and 22. From the calculation of the torque obtained is 1,090 Nmm so that the diameter is obtained propeller is 5 mm. Thrust force test results obtained vary depending on the diameter and variations of the rotation of the propeller drive so that an adequate diameter is obtained by using a diameter of 14.8 mm with a current of 9.2 A with a thrust of 7.5 kgf. Meanwhile, for an adequate variety of the driving speed, the number of teeth is 20 and the thrust is 7.5 kgf and the current is 10. This value meets the requirements because the current strength does not exceed 10 A. From the test results, it can be concluded that the design and analysis are very fulfilling needs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The development of technology in the field of renewable energy is currently very advanced, especially by utilizing solar energy on ships. One example of the use of renewable energy to generate electricity using solar cells. The advantage of solar cell is that it is an energy generator that is environmentally friendly and does not cause pollution at all. It is very different from other energy sources, such as coal and fossil fuels which cause a lot of pollution, both air and water pollution. Elinur (2010)

Currently, in lowland areas, many coconut and oil palm farmers are engineering-coconut and oil palm plantations such as designing transportation wheels on peatlands where the peat soil that has been passed over and over again will experience



compaction so that the land can be used for motorbikes to pass, and even better if filled with mortar, Samosir (2021) as well as by making a soil heap by making canals as shown in Figure 1 . Making roads or canals on coconut and oil palm plantations so that canoes can be passed is easier for farmers in the care and transportation of community-owned coconut and oil palm harvests. However, the use of boats with fossil fuels will increase operational costs, while using solar-powered boats does not need to use fuel oil (fossil fuels), in terms of the cost of making boats with engines using fossil fuels compared to solar power can be said to be cheaper with Solar. In addition to cheaper costs, the use of solar cells is also environmentally friendly or does not cause air pollution.



Figure 1 Coconut and Oil palm plantations on low land with ditches between plants.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Solar Cell

A Solar cell is a power plant that has a working principle by converting or converting sunlight into an electric current. Previously, the use of solar cells or solar panels was not so much because the efficiency of solar cells was low compared to other sources, on the other hand, the initial cost for solar cells or solar cells was very large. However, the development of technology is very fast and sophisticated to turn solar cells into one of the popular energy sources in the future because the efficiency of solar cells will increase. Amin (2017)

Thrust

In the manufacture of boats/ships need to consider planning in the field of propulsion systems. The aspect of the propulsion system is planning a good propeller design in order to achieve the purpose of the boat/ship function in terms of speed as needed. The speed of the boat/ship can not be separated from a good propeller design in

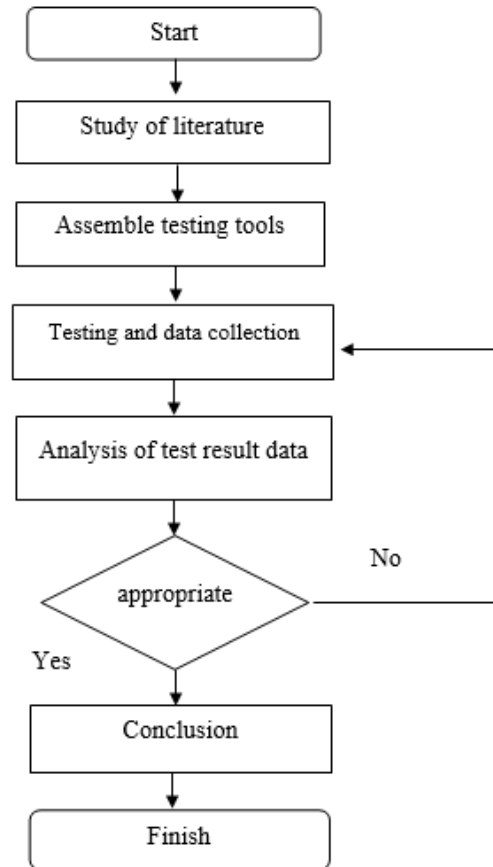


Figure 2 Flowchart

order to get the optimal thrust. Variations in the diameter of the propeller greatly affect the high thrust value generated by the workload of the ship, if the propeller is not made well, there will be a decrease in performance efficiency propeller. [Rojali \(2019\)](#) Calculation of thrust (Thrust), When a ship or boat moves forward, the propeller will accelerate with liquid fluid. This acceleration will increase the momentum of the water. Based on the second law of Newton's formula, states that the force equivalent to an increase in the acceleration of the momentum of water is called the thrust, or Thrust is the power that the propeller distributes to the water

$$F_s = 6 \pi r \eta v$$

It is expected that the thrust F_s generated by the propeller can be maximum, for that it is necessary to design a propeller with a better tilt angle and a precise manufacturing process so that the propulsion power supplied can be converted into trust (thrust force).

Power

The power obtained is from solar panels that convert sunlight energy into electrical energy, the energy produced is directly stored in the battery so that the current

obtained is DC. The capacity of the solar panels used is adjusted to the needs in the field.

Control System

The design of the control system used is as follows:

1. The motor used in this test is a 250 watt 24 Volt DC motor to drive the propeller as boat propulsion, the propeller used in this test is a 2 leaf propeller, with a propeller diameter test with 4 diameter variations. This test is carried out in order to get the appropriate diameter of the propeller to be used and to get the maximum thrust.
2. Magnetic Circuit Breaker is to disconnect the power supply voltage source. If there is an overload or short circuit, the magnetic circuit breaker will automatically cut off the electricity to prevent a fire.
3. The system to regulate the rotational speed of the motor, namely the microcontroller. The microcontroller used in this test is a dimmer which functions to regulate the rotational speed of the motor.
4. This test uses 2 batteries, each battery has a voltage of 12 Volts, then the batteries are connected in series so that the battery output voltage becomes 24 Volts because the motor used in this test is a DC motor with a voltage of 24 Volts.

Transmission system design

This test is carried out in 2 variations, namely variations in the diameter of the propeller and variations in the rotational speed of the drive shaft.

1. The propeller used in this test is a propeller that has 2 leaves and variations in diameter, namely: 14.5 cm, 14.8 cm, 15.8 cm, 17.5 cm.
2. Tests with variations in the rotational speed of the drive shaft are made by varying the number of teeth on the gear so that the output rotation can change, the variations in the number of teeth used are 11, 16 20, and 22 teeth.
3. Because the coupling used in this test is not sold in the market, the author uses a modified clutch so that the power transferred from one shaft to another is maximized.

Thrust testing on propeller

This test aims to test a 250 watt 24 Volt DC motor used as a boat propulsion so that it can be applied to a boat.

This test was carried out at the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory of the Christian University of Indonesia, by connecting the Propeller to a DC motor using a shaft, then tested using water that has been filled in the drum.

- **Testing the propeller using a variation of diameter**

This test uses a propeller with 4 diameter variations, the step of this test is to connect the propeller shaft to the motor using a coupling so that the rotation of the propeller and the rotation of the motor will be the same. The schematic for this test is shown in [Figure 3](#).

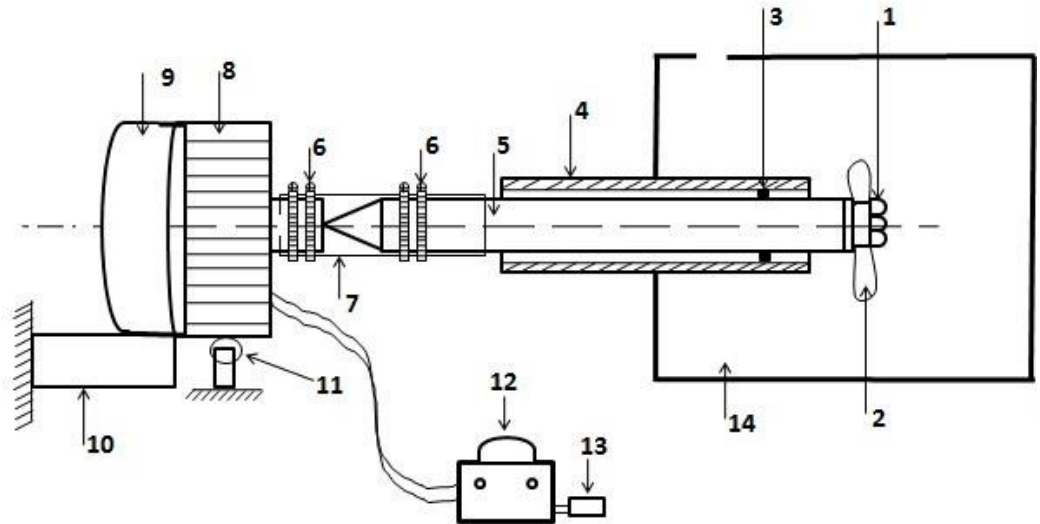


Figure 3 Schematic of Thrust Testing With Variations In Propeller Diameter

Picture description:

1. Fastening bolt
2. Propeller with variations of 4 sizes
3. Bearings
4. Shaft guard
5. Connecting shaft and coupling (cross joint)
6. Clamp (fastener)
7. Clutch or coupling
8. 24 Volt DC electric motor, with a power of 250 Watt
9. Scales for measuring propeller thrust
10. Scale holder
11. Motorcycle mount
12. Battery 12 V, 70 A 2 pieces
13. MCB20 A
14. Drum as a water reservoir.

- **Testing the propeller using variations in the rotation of the drive shaft**

This test uses variations in the number of teeth in order to obtain variations in rotation. The propeller shaft is connected to the motor shaft using a gear transmission. the number of gear teeth on the propeller shaft is 11, 16, 20, and 22. The schematic for this test is shown in [Figure 4](#).

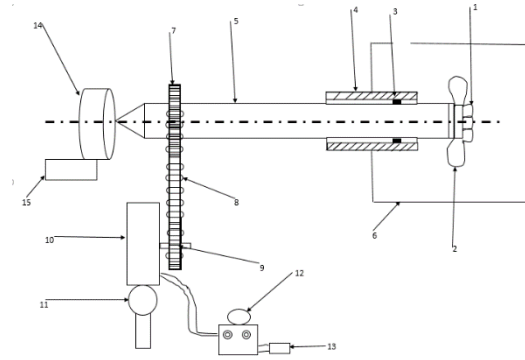


Figure 4 Schematic of Thrust Testing With Propeller Rotation Variations

Picture description:

1. Locking Bolt
2. Propeller with 4 variations
3. Bearings
4. Shaft guard
5. Shaft
6. Drum
7. Gear on propeller shaft with 2 variations
8. Chain
9. Gear on DCmotor
10. DCmotor
11. DCmotor mount
12. Battery 12 V, 70 A 2 pieces
13. MCB
14. Scales
15. Scales stand

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

• Calculation of Shaft Diameter

To connect the motor to the propeller shaft, it is necessary to calculate the strength of the shaft itself using the following equation $d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{16 \cdot T}{\pi \tau}}$, where $P = \omega \times T$, then $T = \frac{P}{\omega}$, the power used is = 250 Watt, by taking the design factor (Pd) = 1,2 then P= 300 Watt, then the torque is $T = \frac{300 \text{ Nm/det}}{\left(\frac{2 \pi n}{60}\right)} = \frac{300 \text{ Nm/det}}{\left(\frac{2 \cdot 3,14 \cdot 2650}{60}\right)} = \frac{300 \text{ Nm/det}}{277,3 \text{ rad/det}} = 1,09 \text{ Nm} = 1.090 \text{ Nmm}$, so we get $d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{16 \cdot T}{\pi \tau}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{16 \cdot 1090 \text{ Nmm}}{3,14 \cdot 45 \text{ N/mm}^2}} = \sqrt[3]{124 \text{ mm}^3} = 5 \text{ mm}$

Because the shaft has been reduced due to the installation of the pegs, in this test the diameter of the shaft used is 10mm.

• Chain and Gear Analysis

The rotation of the DC motor used is 2650 revolutions per minute with the number of gears is 11 pieces. The number of rotation reducers uses 4 gears, namely: $n_1 = 11$, $n_2 = 16$, $n_3 = 20$, $n_4 = 22$, using the equation: $n_1 \times \alpha_1 = n_2 \times \alpha_2$

Where:

n_1 = rotation of the motor

n_2 = rotation on the propeller shaft using a 16 tooth gear

n_3 = rotation on the propeller shaft using a 20 tooth gear

n_4 = rotation on the propeller shaft using a 22 tooth gear

α_1 = the number of gear teeth 11 pieces

α_2 = the number of gear teeth 16 pieces

α_3 = the number of gear teeth 20 pieces

α_4 = the number of gear teeth 22 pieces

By using 11 pieces of gear, the rotation of the propeller is the same as the rotation of the driving motor, which is 2650 rpm.

By using 16 pieces of gear, the propeller rotation is as follows:

$$n_2 = \frac{n_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_2} = \frac{2650 \times 11}{16} = 1821.8 \text{ rpm.}$$

By using 20 pieces of gear, the propeller rotation is as follows:

$$n_3 = \frac{n_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_3} = \frac{2650 \times 11}{20} = 1457.5 \text{ rpm.}$$

By using 22 pieces of gear, the propeller rotation is as follows:

$$n_4 = \frac{n_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_4} = \frac{2650 \times 11}{22} = 1325 \text{ rpm.}$$

• Testing (data collection)

The propeller thrust test uses a series of propellers that are connected to the scales through a shaft so that when the propeller rotates, the shaft will be pushed into the scales so that the scales will experience pressure from the shaft. As shown in

Figure 5 .



Figure 5 Testing The Thrust

From the test results obtained the following data:

Table 1 Test Data Using Propeller Diameter Variations

No	Diameter (mm)	Thrust (kgf)	Current(A)
1	17.5	14	38
2	15.5	9	22
3	14.8	7.5	9.2
4	14.5	6	7.6

Table 2 Test Data Using Propeller Rotation Variations

No	Number of teeth	Thrust (kgf)	Current(A)
1	11	12	37
2	16	8.5	24
3	20	7,5	10
4	22	6	8,5

The number of teeth on the drive motor is 11 teeth.

- **Test chart**

From [Figure 6](#) , the test graph using diameter variations shows that the larger the diameter of the propeller, the greater the amount of thrust and current, and vice versa.

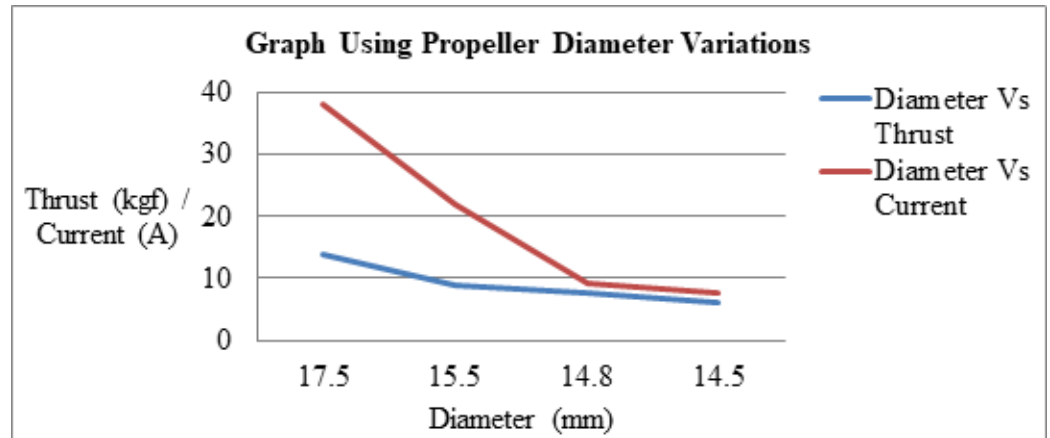


Figure 6 Graph Using Variations In The Diameter Of The Propeller

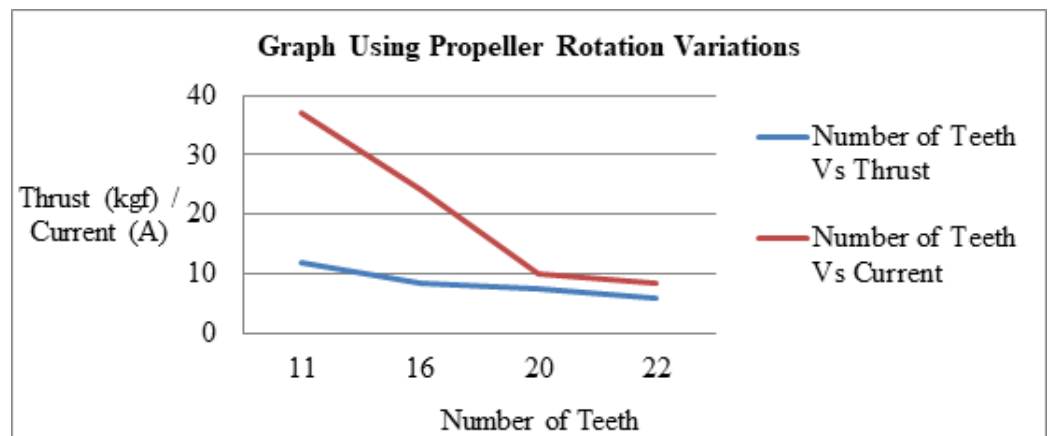


Figure 7 Test Graph Using Propeller Rotation Variations

From [Figure 7](#), the test graph using variations in the rotation of the drive shaft shows that the smaller the number of gear teeth, the greater the amount of thrust and current, and vice versa.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

From this study it was concluded that:

1. The larger the diameter of the propeller, the greater the thrust and the stronger the current.
2. An adequate variation of the diameter of the propeller is to use a diameter of 14.8 with a thrust of 7.5 kgf and a current of 9.2 A. This value meets the requirements because the current does not exceed 10 A.

3. The smaller the number of gear teeth, the greater the thrust and the stronger the current.
4. Adequate speed variation is to use the number of teeth 20 and a thrust of 7.5 kg while the current is 10.

Suggestions from researchers:

1. It is hoped that other researchers will apply the research directly.
2. If applied, it is better not to use rotation variations because the use of chains often uses problems (chains are separated from gear).

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