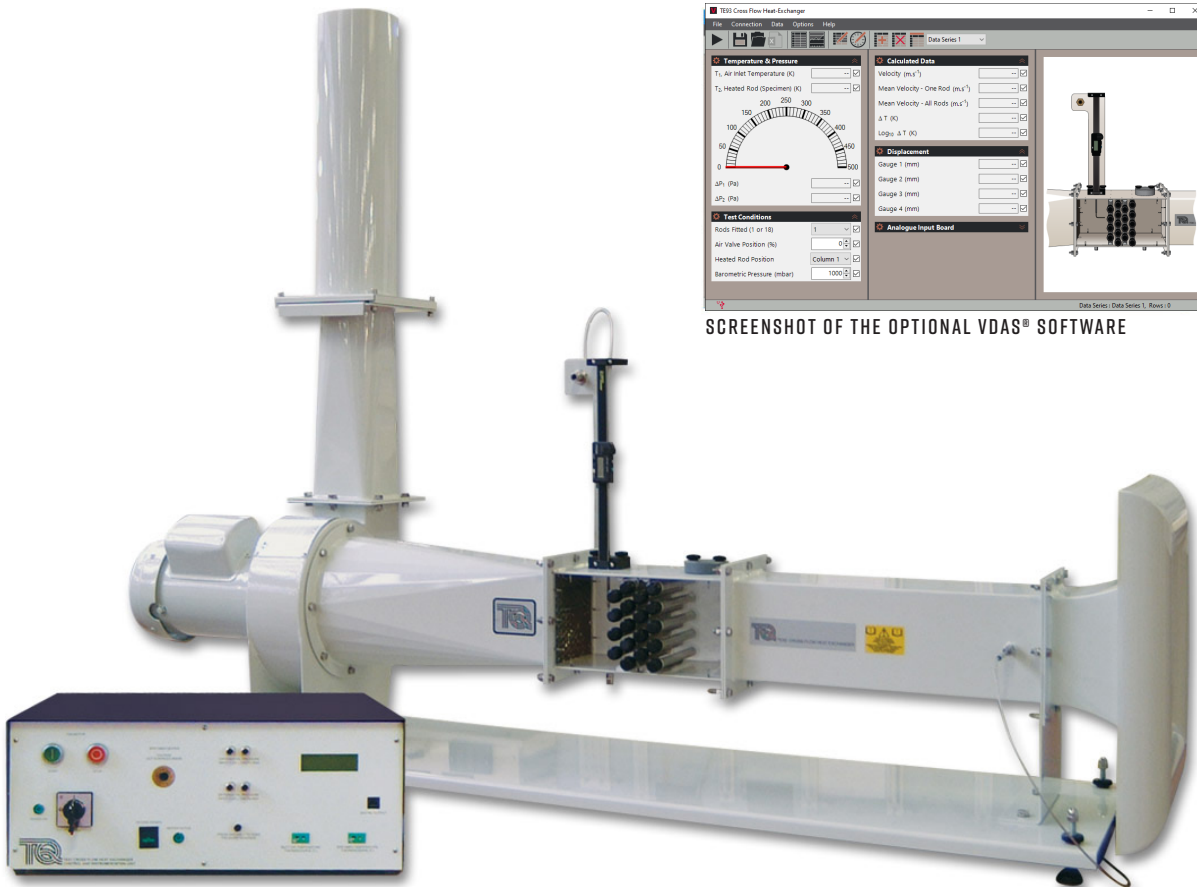


≡ CROSS-FLOW HEAT EXCHANGER

VDAS® TE93

Benchtop apparatus with a control and instrument unit for studies into the principles and performance of heat exchangers.



SCREENSHOT OF THE OPTIONAL VDAS® SOFTWARE

KEY FEATURES

- For full understanding of heat exchange by forced convection and measurement of heat transfer
- Enables rapid assessment of heat transfer rates
- Robust, benchtop product
- Consists of wind tunnel with fully controllable air flow and heat exchanger rod matrix
- Separate pre-heated element with built-in thermocouple can take the place of any heat exchanger rod
- Includes comprehensive, accurate and easy-to-read digital instrumentation on a separate instrumentation unit
- Instrumentation unit also includes a controlled heat source to pre-heat element
- Works with TecEquipment's Versatile Data Acquisition System (VDAS®)

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DESCRIPTION

For comprehensive studies into the principles and performance of heat exchangers. The equipment allows students to quickly assess heat transfer rates by forced convection. They monitor the rate of cooling of a body of known thermal capacity in an air flow.

The apparatus is a benchtop horizontal wind tunnel with a contraction cone, a working section, a diffuser, a constant speed fan, and an exhaust with silencer. A variable slide valve controls the air flow.

The working section includes a series of rods arranged in a matrix and at right-angles to the direction of air flow. To do experiments, students can remove any one of these rods and replace it with a cylindrical copper element. The copper element is of known thermal capacity and includes a built-in thermocouple. Students insert the element, which has been pre-heated to a specific temperature, into the working section at a known air velocity. They measure the time taken for the temperature to drop and determine the heat transfer rate.

A second thermocouple at the inlet to the wind tunnel measures the temperature of air entering the heat exchanger. The base of the working section includes two static pressure tapings: one before the rods and one afterwards. These enable students to measure the static pressure difference across the rods. A Pitot traverse can measure air velocity at any vertical point in the working section, either before or after the rods.

The equipment includes a separate instrumentation unit. The instrumentation unit has two inputs for the thermocouples, and two pairs of quick-release couplings for connection to the pressure tapings. It also includes a controlled heat source for the copper element.

A digital display on the front of the instrumentation unit allows students to view all experimental data. In addition, the equipment is fully compatible with TecQuipment's Versatile Data Acquisition System (VDAS®), and can quickly and conveniently connect to a bench-mounting interface unit (VDAS-B not included). Using VDAS® enables accurate real-time data capture, monitoring, display, calculation and charting of all relevant parameters on a computer (PC available separately).

STANDARD FEATURES

- Supplied with comprehensive user guide
- Five-year warranty
- Made in accordance with the latest European Union directives
- ISO9001 certified manufacturer

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Typical experiments include:

- Determining the pressure losses created by the heat exchange rods and creating a chart of pressure drop against upstream pressure
- Calculating the inlet velocity and the mean velocity through the rods
- Determining the rate at which the heated rod cools down, within a bank of rods and by itself
- Plotting 'cooling curves' and using them to find the coefficient of heat transfer (h) for the heated rod at various positions in the heat exchanger
- Determining the velocity distribution (profile) downstream of the rods
- Converting results into dimensionless values (typically using Nusselt, Prandtl and Reynolds equations)
- Comparing results and producing heat transfer coefficient curves

RECOMMENDED ANCILLARIES

- Versatile Data Acquisition System: bench-mounted version (VDAS-B)

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

ELECTRICAL SUPPLY NEEDED: (SPECIFY ON ORDER)

- Single Phase, 230 VAC, 50 Hz, 5.25A

OR

- Single Phase, 110 VAC, 60 Hz, 12A

OPERATING CONDITIONS

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT:

Laboratory

STORAGE TEMPERATURE RANGE:

-25°C to +55°C (when packed for transport)

OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE:

+5°C to +40°C

OPERATING RELATIVE HUMIDITY RANGE:

80% at temperatures < 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C

NOISE LEVELS:

Greater than 85 dB. TecQuipment recommends that you wear defenders when operating this equipment.

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SPECIFICATIONS

TecQuipment is committed to a programme of continuous improvement; hence we reserve the right to alter the design and product specification without prior notice.

NETT DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT:

- Main part (assembled): 1530 mm long x 1160 mm high x 400 mm front to back and 55 kg
- Control and Instrumentation unit: 615 mm wide x 220 mm high x 360 mm front to back and 16.5 kg

APPROXIMATE PACKED VOLUME AND WEIGHT:

0.79 m³ and 144 kg

HEATED ELEMENT:

- Diameter: nominally 12.4 mm
- Material: copper
- Built-in thermocouple: K-type

