

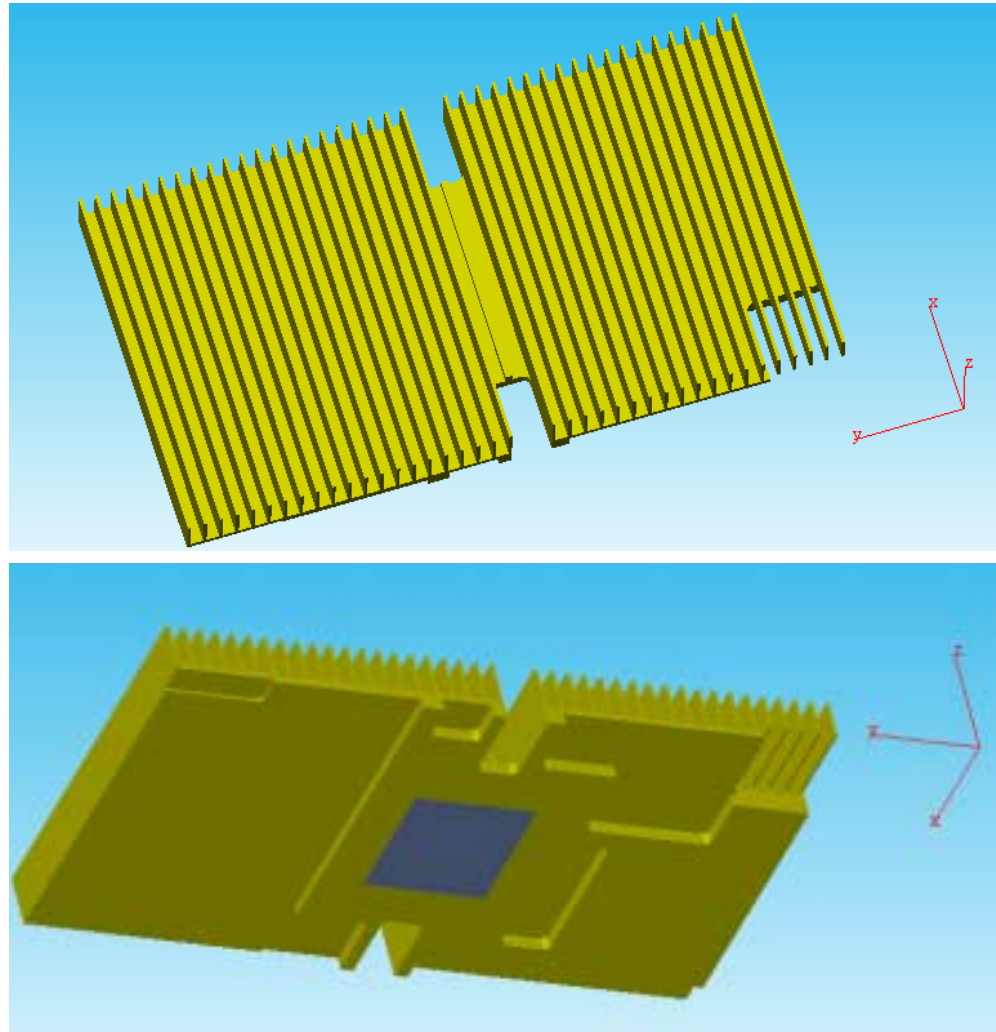
## GRAPHMET350 Thermal Analysis on Heatsink Application

Thermal Analysis performed using Plassotech 3G. Author

1. Results of GRAPHMET350 versus Aluminum at different power levels and airflows (represented by convective heat transfer coefficient  $h$ ) examined.
2. Two power levels examined, 30W and 50W.
3. Ambient Temperature fixed at 25°C.
4. Convective heat transfer coefficients from 10 W/m<sup>2</sup>C to 30 W/m<sup>2</sup>C.
5. Maximum temperature differential between Al and GRAPHMET350 determined.



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Heatsink Geometry

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General | Stress | Thermal

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Units:

Mass Density:

Cost Index:  

Part Information

Part Name: heatsink\_thermals\_010305.sat  
Volume: 1.883e-005  
Surface Area: 0.04304

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### Material Properties Aluminum

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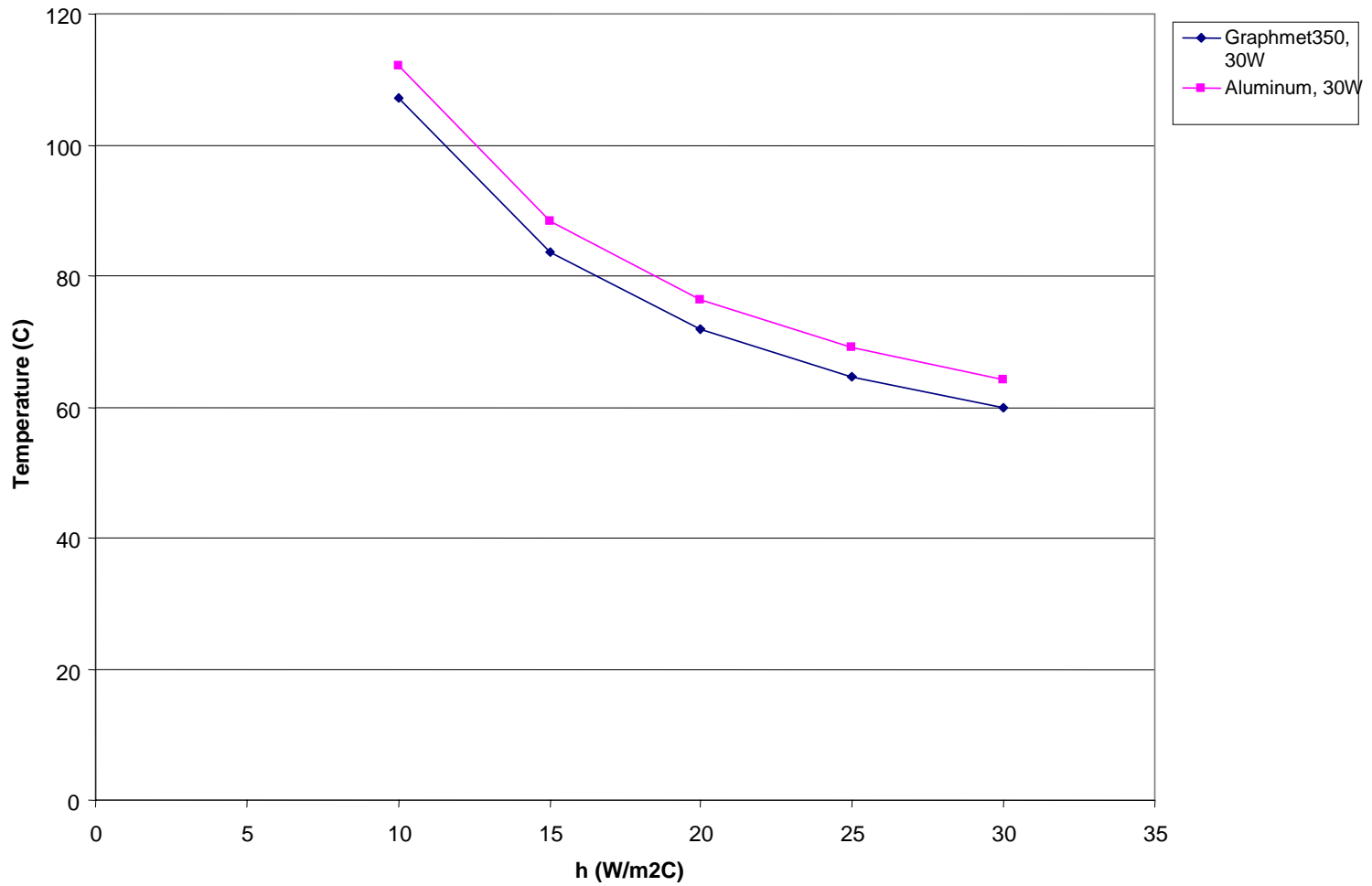
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### Material Properties GRAPHMET 350



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Maximum Temperature Versus Convective Heat Transfer Coefficient  
30W Power Level

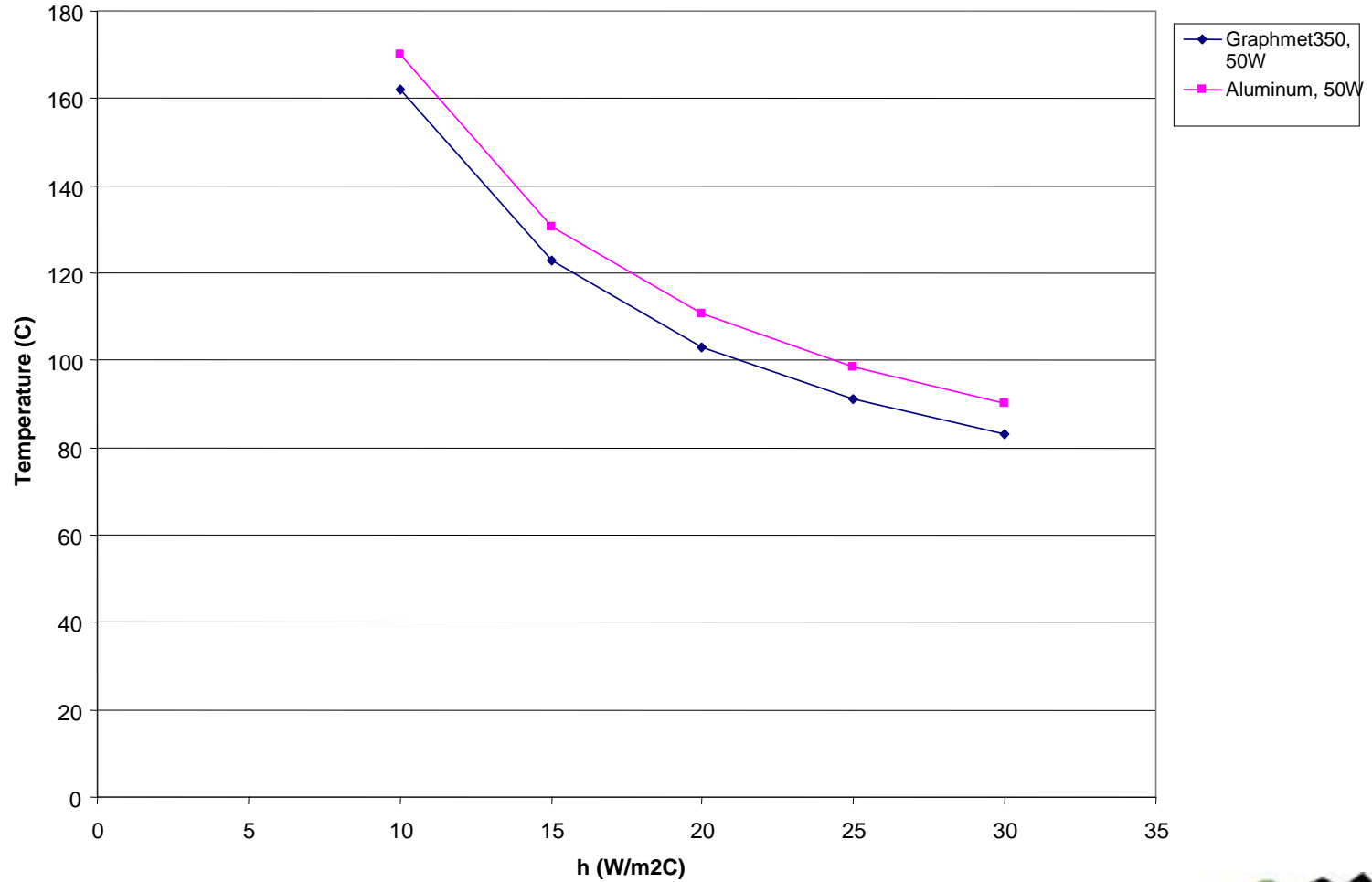


Results, 30W Power Level



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Maximum Temperature Versus Convective Heat Transfer Coefficient  
50W Power Level



Results, 50W Power Level



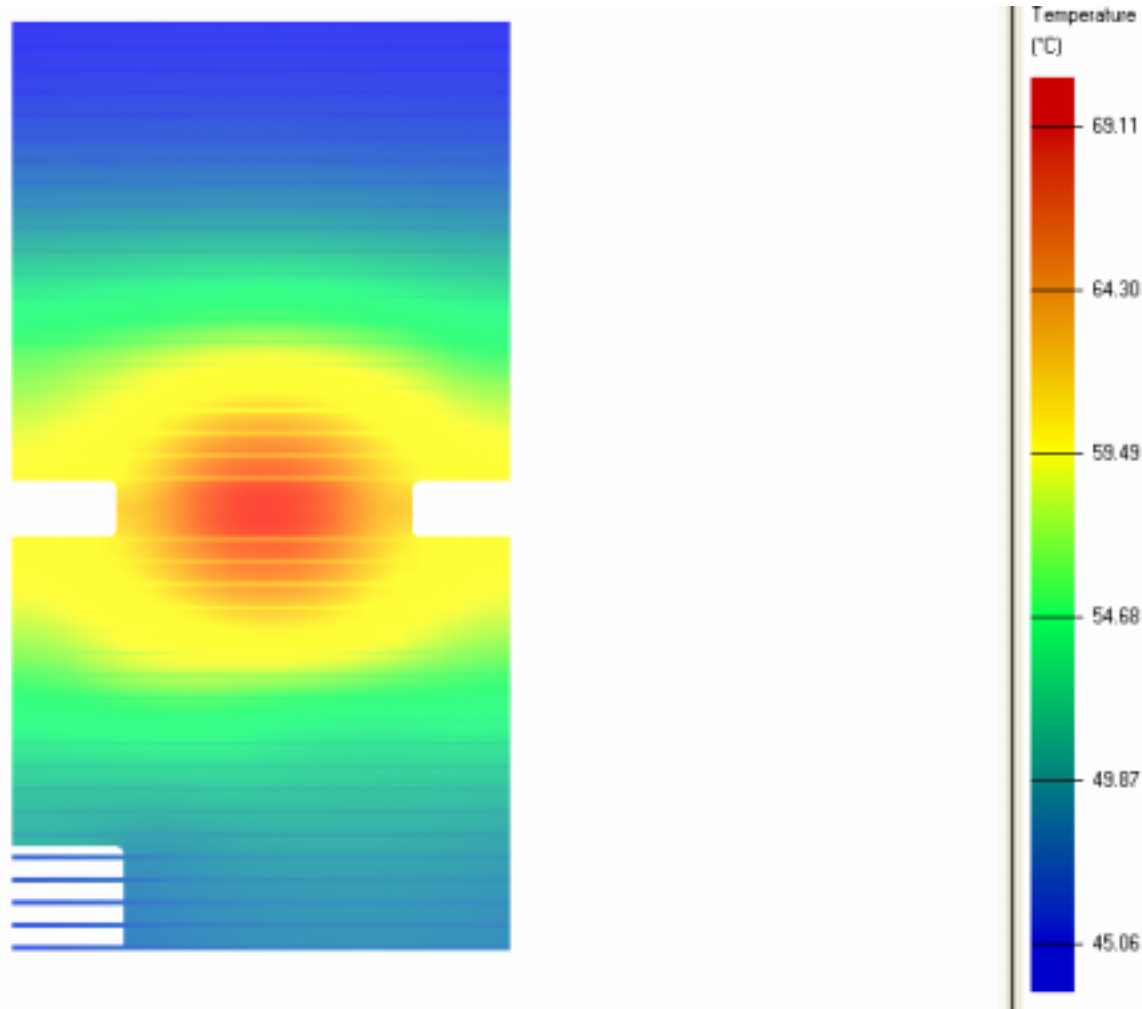
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|    | Graphmet350,<br>30W | Aluminum,<br>30W |      | Graphmet350,<br>50W | Aluminum,<br>50W |      |
|----|---------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|------------------|------|
| h  | Max Temp            | Max Temp         | DT   | Max Temp            | Max Temp         | DT   |
| 10 | 107.26              | 112.06           | 4.8  | 162.1               | 170.11           | 8.01 |
| 15 | 83.67               | 88.35            | 4.68 | 122.79              | 130.58           | 7.79 |
| 20 | 71.81               | 76.37            | 4.56 | 103.02              | 110.62           | 7.6  |
| 25 | 64.65               | 69.1             | 4.45 | 91.08               | 98.5             | 7.42 |
| 30 | 59.83               | 64.19            | 4.36 | 83.05               | 90.31            | 7.26 |

Results, 30W Power Level



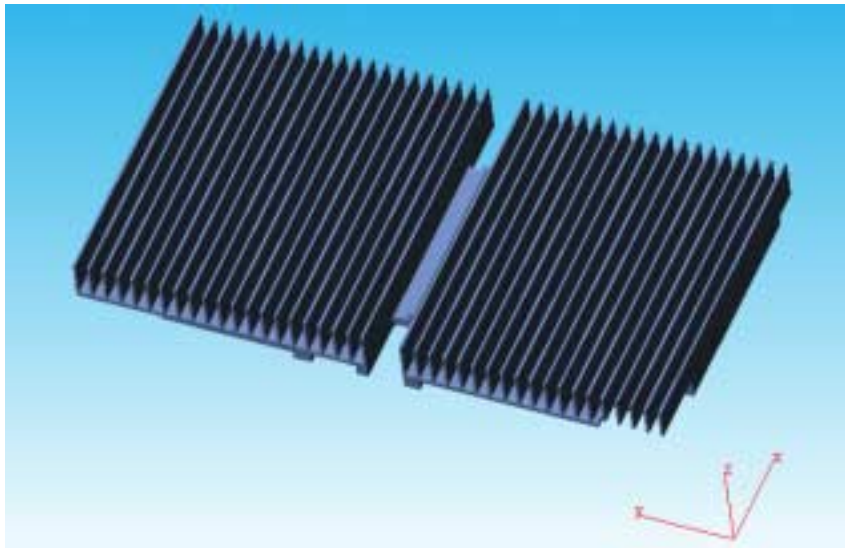
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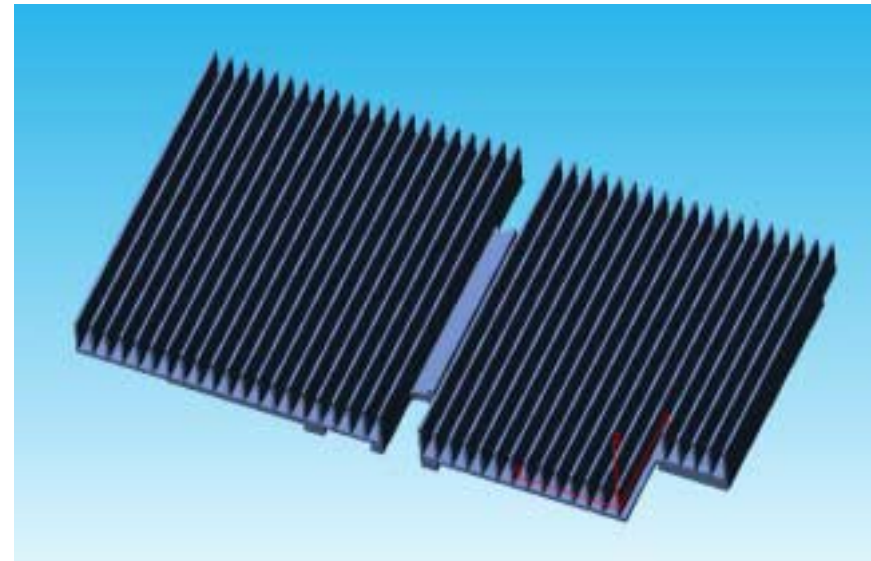
Representative Results, 30W Power Level,  $h=25$



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Original Geometry



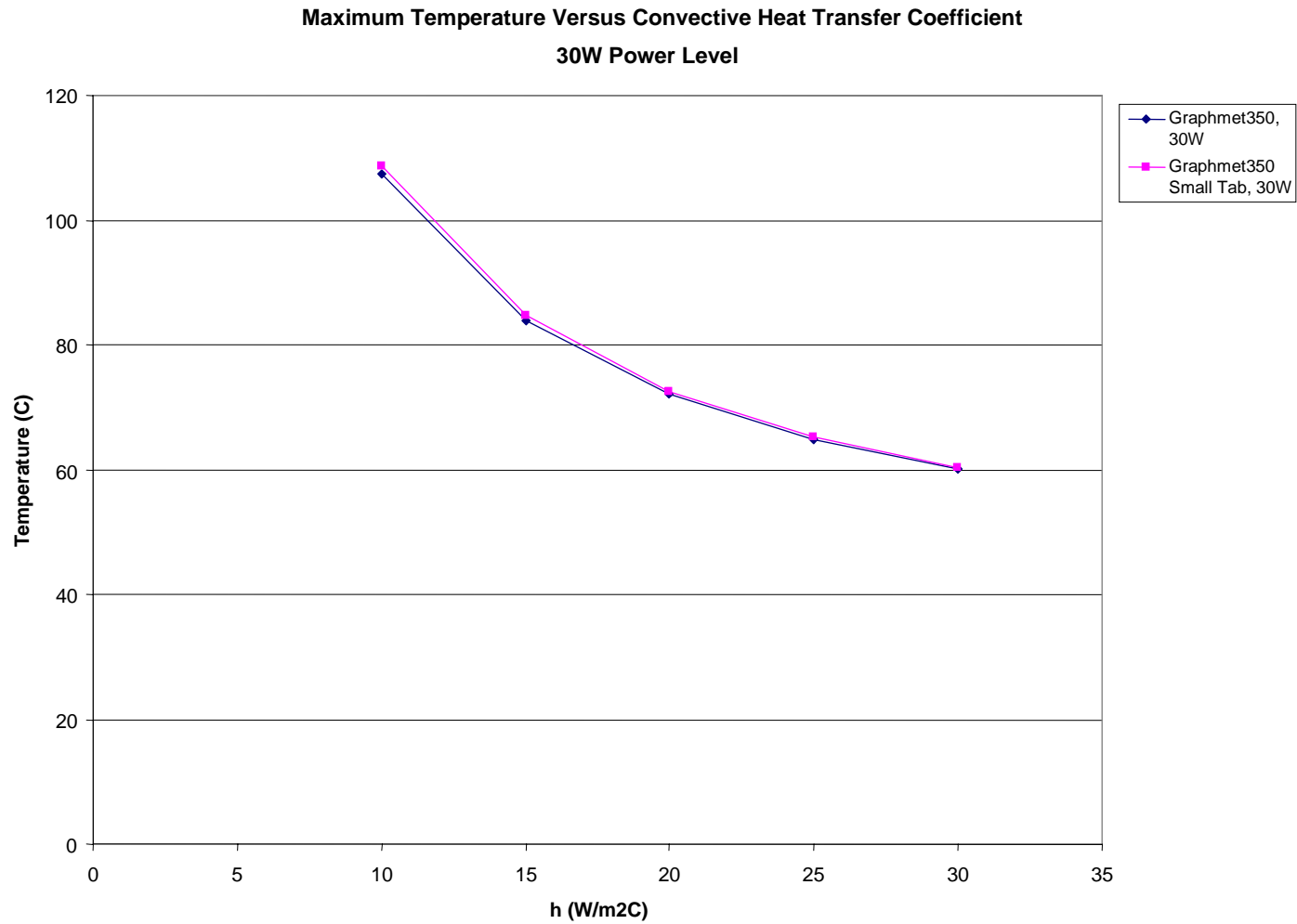
Revised Geometry

Heatsink Geometry Change, Remove  
overhanging fins





# GRAPHMET350 Thermal Analysis on Heatsink Application



Heatsink Geometry Change, Removed  
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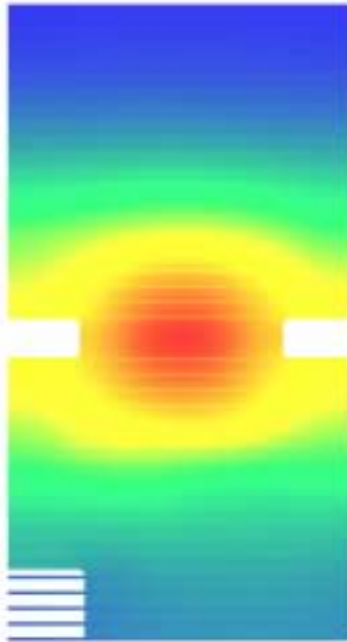
## GRAPHMET350 Thermal Analysis on Heatsink Application

|    | Graphmet350, 30W | Graphmet350 Small Tab, 30W |      |
|----|------------------|----------------------------|------|
| h  | Max Temp         | Max Temp                   | DT   |
| 10 | 107.48           | 108.66                     | 1.18 |
| 15 | 83.89            | 84.63                      | 0.74 |
| 20 | 72.03            | 72.55                      | 0.52 |
| 25 | 64.85            | 65.24                      | 0.39 |
| 30 | 60.03            | 60.34                      | 0.31 |

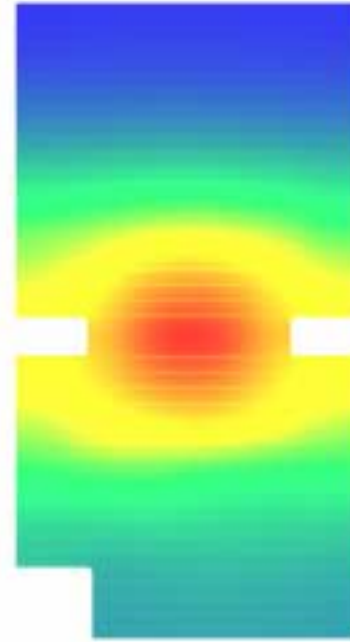
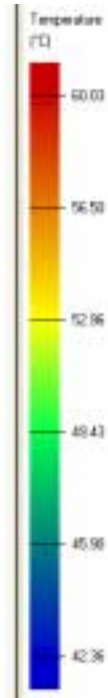
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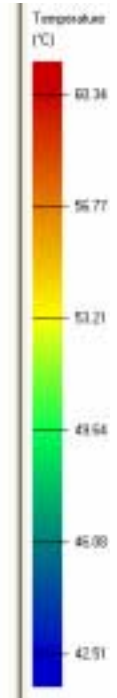
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Representative Results, 30W Power Level,  $h=25$



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### Thermal Analysis Results

1. GRAPHMET350 performs better than Aluminum with regards to maximum temperature measured. Approximately 4.5°C difference for 30W power and 7.5°C difference for 50W power levels.
2. Mass of aluminum heatsink approximately 52.7grams. Mass of GRAPHMET350 heatsink approximately 39.5 grams (25% reduction in weight). Excluding clip.
3. Removing overhanging fins effects temperature results between 0.3°C – 1.2°C. Reduces risk of fin damage when using GRAPHMET350

