

SOLUTIONS FOR POWER MANAGEMENT

COOLING OF POWER ELECTRONICS



BRING US YOUR TOUGHEST THERMAL APPLICATION CHALLENGE

MERSEN WILL HELP YOU MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE, SAFETY & RELIABILITY WITH CUSTOMIZED COOLING SOLUTIONS, SERVICES & SUPPORT

Mersen integrates its extensive cooling expertise and patented heat sink technology into semiconductor applications to make them more efficient, reliable and profitable. Mersen's engineering team will help you find innovative cooling solutions, work with you to design the performance boundaries and even simulate your Application before a prototype is built. Our unique knowledge of air, phase change and liquid cooled heat sinks enables Mersen to help you find the right thermal protection solution for your application.

Quality and performance for various markets

Mersen has a keen understanding of the unique challenges customers face in each of the markets

we serve. We deliver extensive product expertise and unbeatable applications support, enabling its customers to optimize their market performance.

We are experts in designing, simulating, manufacturing and testing cooling solutions to serve AC and DC power electronics applications where Wide Band Gap (SiC, GaN) and Silicon (IGBT, Thyristors) technologies are used for power conversion. We cater to the unique needs of these markets & applications:

- Industrial Power Conversion
- Transportation
- UPS and Motor Drives
- Alternative Energy (wind and solar)
- Silicon Carbide (SiC) Applications
- Military and Defense
- Heavy Duty EV/HEV
- Electrical Energy Storage
- Telecommunication



















WITH LOCAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFERING CLOSE-TO-THE-CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE



Shanghai China With industrial operations in all three major economic regions of the globe, Mersen offers global service with close-to-the-customer support. Each location brings in a specific product expertise and is ISO 9001 registered and RoHS compliant.

The facilities operate on a continuous improvement philosophy and a "pull" manufacturing strategy.

- In Europe, our historic plant in La Mure, France is a center of excellence for liquid cooled solutions
- In the Americas, our design and manufacturing plant in Rochester, NY is the center of excellence for air cooled and heat pipe solutions. It is an ITAR registered and AS9001 compliant site which can address aerospace and defense markets projects.
- In Asia, a brand-new facility in Shanghai, China manufactures both air and liquid cooled solutions, helping customers improve their global competitiveness

INTEGRATED ARCHITECTURE DESIGN

Straight to the Optimum Design

Mersen engineers can work with inverter manufacturers and power conversion stack designers at very early stages of design to integrate the passive components such as cooling and bus bars within the inverter. Using a variety of Multiphysics simulation toolsets, Mersen engineers can evaluate the thermal and electrical performance of the cooling solution and bus bars within the overall inverter design. This approach is called the Integrated Architecture approach and allows for the most optimum design footprint of the overall inverter assembly by sourcing the cooling and bus bar solutions along with semiconductor protection fuses all from one source: Mersen.



AIR, PHASE CHANGE & LIQUID COOLING

Mersen uses a number of cooling technologies (air, phase change, liquid) that can be adapted to meet almost any application in any industry. Our products are custom designed to provide you the most suitable solution for your demanding application.

Cooling Technology	Characteristics
Air Cooling	Mersen's air cooled heat sinks come in a variety of sizes and materials. Our Fabfin® design incorporates our patented swaging technology so that the fins are mechanically secured to the base plate, eliminating the need for less efficient bonding or gluing agents.
MeHP Embedded Heat Pipe	By incorporating heat pipes onto the surface of an air cooled heat sink, high concentration of heat from power electronics can be spread out over a larger area are very quickly. This cooling technology is ideal for SiC and Power Amplifier applications.
Heat Pipe Assembly	Our Heat Pipe Technology provides a robust, long lasting and self-sustaining cooling solution in applications where more cooling performance than standard air cooled heat sinks is required
Liquid Cooled Cold Plates	Mersen's Cold plates are selected where there is availability of coolant and/or superior cooling performance is required. Both tube and vacuum designs are available.

Thermal Performance



AIR COOLING SOLUTIONS

HIGH-PERFORMANCE HEAT SINKS



Our Swaging and Staking Process -For maximum thermal conductivity

Developed and patented by Mersen, our swaging and staking process boosts the efficiency of air cooled heat sinks with thinner, longer fins on denser or mixed metals to get maximum thermal conductivity while keeping weight down. The swaging technology used on our Fabfin® heat sinks eliminates bonding or gluing interfaces between fins and base plate thus providing a much more robust design, suitable for use in higher operating temperature in Silicon Carbide (SiC) Applications. The glue-less swaging and staking design ensures long life time in harsh environments.



Fabfin[®] - uses patented swaging technology

- The Fabfin heat sink stands out from ordinary extruded heat sinks because of its increased surface area, giving it excellent performance. Using a swaging process means a variety of its higher fins and increased height-to-space ratio types of fins can be used.
- The Hollowfin heat sink uses the same technology but the fins are processed further to increase their density on the baseplate.

Advantages

- Multiple fins joined to baseplate by swaging process
- Metal to metal construction. AI/AI Cu/AI Cu/Cu
- No epoxy/glue used in fabrication process
- Extremely robust fabrication

- No thermal barrier at fin to baseplate joint
- Fin height to spacing ratio much greater than extrusion
- -40C to + 350C storage and operating range
- Capable of withstanding various shock and vibrations industry requirements

Extensive air cooling solutions to meet unique challenges are also available in mixed metal, dual baseplate, integrated and extrusion* models.





Extrusion*

Dual baseplate Integ



Integrated Module Mixed metals

Copper

PHASE CHANGE SOLUTIONS: HEAT PIPE ASSEMBLIES

FOR FAST-ACTING COOLING PERFORMANCE



Heat pipes - instantaneous cooling action The high heat losses from press-pack, IGBT or SiC power devices can easily be conveyed outward via

power devices can easily be conveyed outward via heat pipe cooling units. A heat pipe is a device that uses "phase change fluid" to efficiently conduct large amounts of heat between two solid surfaces.

A heat pipe consists of an enclosed tube containing a liquid (methanol, water) in a vacuum. The liquid absorbs thermal energy from the heat sources and boils rising towards the condenser. Air cools the condenser section, condensing the fluid back to a liquid which travels back to the evaporator by gravity. This is a sealed self sustaining process.



Best fit and function every time! All heat pipes assemblies are custom built in house to meet customers unique specifications:

Advantages

- High thermal performance superior to standard air cooled products
- Convection boiling resulting in instant cooling action
- Uniform temperature distribution under components
- Easy maintenance compared to liquid cooling systems, as heat pipes are self sustained devices and require no external water pumps or tubing
- Used in Transportation, Military, or any application requiring a robust cooling solution

A range of phase change cooling solutions to meet your needs:



WORLD LEADER IN LIQUID COOLING SOLUTIONS



Our vacuum brazing offers reliability and lasting performance

Power electronics components (SiC, IGBTs, thyristors) need a cooling solution that is both effective and reliable, especially when installed in a confined space. To ensure maximum reliability, Mersen has mastered vacuum brazing technology for liquid cooled solutions to achieve guaranteed water tightness with no seams, robustness, corrosion free, and excellent thermal performance.

Aquamax' - Aluminum and Copper

Aquamax technology in copper and aluminum versions provides maximum thermal performance employing proprietary channeling techniques to optimize coolant velocity at low head loss while providing uniform temperature across the mounting surface. Precision machining techniques used at the vacuum braze, flux free, interface ensure leak and corrosion free construction.

Aquamax^{*} - Copper / Nickel

Mersen's Copper Nickel 90/10 and 90/30 alloys Aquamax Cold Plates offer excellent resistance to seawater and other harsh water types used as coolant fluid in applications such as marine, power generation and water treatment plants.

IsoMAXX^{*} - Aluminum

IsoMAXX vacuum brazed cold plates are specifically designed to provide an efficient cooling pattern below the newest PrimePACK[™] IGBT modules.

Benefits

Unparalleled thermal homogeneitySuperior thermal performance

Optimized pressure drop

- Modular solution
 - Cost competitive

Compact design



COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION WITH DESIGN FLEXIBILITY





Aquasurf

Aquasurf technology offers low to medium performance requirements at cost effective solutions. Flexibility in design, customized tube patterns, two-sided cooling options on tube material (copper, aluminum and stainless steel) are all part of the many advantages of the Aquasurf line of cold plates. Copper, aluminum or stainless steel tubes are embedded in the surface of an aluminum plate to provide the lowest thermal resistance between the semiconductor mounting surface and the cooling liquid. Tubes can be bent into complex arrays to ensure the cooling surface is directly under the semiconductor chips.

Benefits

- Cost-effective design
- Lower weight than all-copper solution
- Flexibility in the tube layout and configurations
- Aluminum, copper and stainless steel available
- Tubes mounted flush with surface to minimize
- Thermal resistance to cooling fluid
- Two-sided cooling

More options for achieving the lowest thermal resistance...





Aluminum tubes



Stainless steel tubes

DEDICATED COOLING SOLUTIONS FOR HIGH POWER DENSITY APPLICATIONS

Designed for High Power Density Applications such as SiC Applications

Compared to silicon devices, SiC devices switching can exceed several 100s of kHz, offering substantial improvements in power losses. SiC devices also present enhanced power density and higher operation temperature, making them a very attractive alternative to bigger and less efficient silicon family of devices. As the overall footprint of inverters with SiC devices shrink, the cooling aspect of the system becomes a new challenge. Mersen has been preparing for this challenge and has developed MeHP embedded heat-pipe heat sinks to extract concentrated heat from areas directly under the SiC devices and to disperse that heat over a larger surface area before the heat is passed on to the ambient environment.



MeHP Embedded Heat Pipes Heat Sinks

Our swaged or stacked MeHP Embedded Heat Pipe air cooled heat sinks use no glue or bonding agents for fin assembly, making them ideal for higher temperature SiC applications. As more cooling performance is required our cold plates provide superior cooling to ensure optimum performance of the SiC devices.

Features and Benefits

- Best-in-class custom air cooling method for higher power density modules (latest IGBT gen. & SiC)
- Homogenous heat spreading across the baseplate. No hot-spot
- Cost and weight effective cooling solution vs. Copper air cooled heat sinks •
- Get the full thermal benefit of the size of the heat-sink •
- Maintenance-free, extremely robust against thermal cycling and shock & vibes •
- Heat-pipe insertion and gluing performing up to 100°C •
- MeHP solutions able to meet the life test requirements
- Accurate simulation model now showing ±5% max. deviation between experimental and numerical results

Applications Railway

- UPS
- Solar

- Motor Drives
- Wind
- EV/HEV
- RF/MW
- Amplifiers...



REDUCE YOUR DESIGN TIME WHILE INCREASING THE RELIABILITY OF YOUR FINAL PRODUCT

R-Tools is a no-charge, on-line simulation software that allows users to model the optimum aircooled heat sink solution tailored to their project requirements. The simulation results aid in reducing design time and increasing the reliability of the finished heat sink product, all before the first prototype is even built.

The program is designed to generate a simulation of the most efficient heat sink model by asking the user to input parameters of their application such as the temperature boundaries, size of the heat source IGBT, SCR etc., layout of the power electronics, and several other design criteria. The program's simulation engine will then output an air cooled heat sink design along with 3D visualization tools to provide users an overview of the heat sink thermal behavior and heat spread over the surface of the heat sink. This results in a more accurate technical solution compared to traditional data sheets and graphs. The final heat sink simulation results can then be saved online or shared via email. Users can also generate a full project report that can be saved as a PDF file and formatted for printing.

Running on internet browser, R-Tools is available to users around the clock, 24/7. The program is free to register and to use with unlimited projects and no expiry date.

Benefits

- Understand and communicate the thermal behavior of your designs with the aid of visualization tools
- Quickly & accurately model various heat sink configurations
- Convenient 24/7 online access
- Easy to use
- Test various designs before committing valuable resources





FROM DESIGN, TO PROTOTYPE, TO PRODUCTION



Mersen is ready to assist customers throughout the development of the solution they need: from the earliest stages of identifying needs right through production and logistics at the end of the process. Participation in thermal research groups and design work on several demanding thermal applications all over the globe, means we can offer the widest variety of adapted competitive designs.

Mersen is capable of completing thermal testing for all air cooled products and heat pipe assemblies inhouse using their new thermal lab.

Mersen designs, builds and thermal test prototypes to ensure our customers' performance needs are met.

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Wind Tunnel Testing Lab



Test Data collection and reports



Prototype and Production Quality Assurance



Close collaboration with customer at every stage of design







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