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BOOK REVIEW

Engineering Flow and Heat Exchange

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This book is designed to be used in a course following on from one that introduces the principles of heat, mass and momentum transfer and not much more.

The first half of the book is entitled 'Flows of fluids and mixtures'. In eight chapters, this covers basic fluid mechanics for flows that are Newtonian and non-Newtonian, compressible and incompressible, and the specialized topics of terminal velocities, low pressure systems as well as flows through packed and fluidized beds. The second half, 'Heat Exchange', takes the student through basic heat transfer plus through-the-wall and direct heat exchangers as well as energy storage devices. Radiation heat transfer is given only a brief introduction.

In the author's preface, he states that the book will be of interest to practising engineers or technologists who want a broad picture of the subject or who need help in getting started on the solution to a problem. In this respect I think the book serves its purpose. One can see how someone who is a technologist or engineer in a field other than chemical or mechanical engineering could find the book quite useful. Such users may well want to go

further with a problem than is possible by using this book. Here, the references are adequate support for the material discussed. To be of much use as a book for non-experts, however, a bibliography of newer, specialized books on heat exchangers, fluidized beds and the like would be most useful.

The second suggested application of the book, as alluded to in the first paragraph above, is as a follow-on text. Here it could not be used after typical texts on transport phenomena as there would be far too much overlap in most areas. It would best fit in as a service course for other than chemical or mechanical engineers or technologists. For instance, I can see it following *Engineering Thermodynamics* by Reynolds and Perkins or *Introduction to Thermal Sciences* by Schmidt *et al*, although the second is probably already too comprehensive.

Subject to the above restrictions, the book is well written and the examples as well as the problems after each chapter are interesting and instructive.

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