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SYSTEM UTILITY

The WT-3107 is a unique open loop wind tunnel for thermal characterization of components, boards and heat sinks. The unit is made of Aluminum, stainless steel and Plexi-glassTM and produces flows up to 1100 ft/min (5.5 m/s) with the appropriate fans. Its unique polynomial shape nozzle creates uniform flow in the test section. The general characteristics of the WT-3107 are shown in the table below.

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	EXPLANATION
Length	77.84" (197.7cm)	
Width	24" (60.96 cm)	
Flow range	Up to 1100 ft/min (5.5 m/s)	Up to 900 ft/min using WTC-100 Up to 1100 ft/min using a power supply with 29 VDC
Wall-to-wall spacing	7.00" (17.78cm)	Designed to accommodate PCBs

The WT-3107 test section can be accessed from the front door for mounting of the boards. A unique internal rail guides provide mechanisms for installation of test specimen of different sizes (e.g., PCB, heat sink). Installation of different fan trays can be provided with the system to accommodate a broad range of velocities that maybe required for different testing applications. The fan trays are equipped with 24 volt-DC fans (standard), which are individually controlled to generate the flow inside the WT-3107. Optional fan voltages are available for 48 volt fans and 12 volt fans. Instrument ports are provided throughout the test section (on the front and sidewalls) for placement of temperature, velocity and pressure sensors. The electric control box is provided to turn the fans on/off for the purpose of controlling the airflow inside the tunnel. Sensors to measure the flow parameters are also supplied by Omega as optional accessories. A wind tunnel controller can also be supplied by Omega for controlling the flow automatically. To use the wind tunnel controller, 24 V DC fans are required.

The WT-3107 can be used for the following applications:

- Heat Sink Testing- Characterize a variety of heat sink sizes for natural and forced convection cooling.
- Heat Sink Comparison- Test two heat sinks side by side and compare their thermal performance in the same environment.
- Component Testing- Test vehicle for component characterization.
- PCB Testing- Test actual or simulated PCBs for thermal and flow distribution.
- **Flow Visualization-** Observe flow distribution when a PCB or test object is placed in the tunnel by smoke or buoyant bubbles through the all Plexi-glass™ test section.
- Variable Speed- Change the flow rate by controlling the fan RPM.
- **Flow Direction-** Test the effect of flow direction (fan failure simulation) by controlling the fans (either variable RPM or on/off).
- Quick Access- Quickly change the test specimen through the side panel.
- **Sensor Port-** Measure pressure, velocity and temperature through the ports at the entrance and exhaust of the test section.
- Data Center- View data and monitor events at the data center (optional accessory)

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The part numbers identified in Figure 1 show the system components of the WT-3107 system. These part numbers are described below:

- 1. Test Section
- 2. Instrument ports
- 3. Fan tray
- 4. Diffuser section
- 5. Fan box (on/off)
- 6. Nozzle section
- 7. Controller
- 8. Fan connector
- 9. Test door
- 10. Stands
- 11. Honeycomb
- 12. Screens

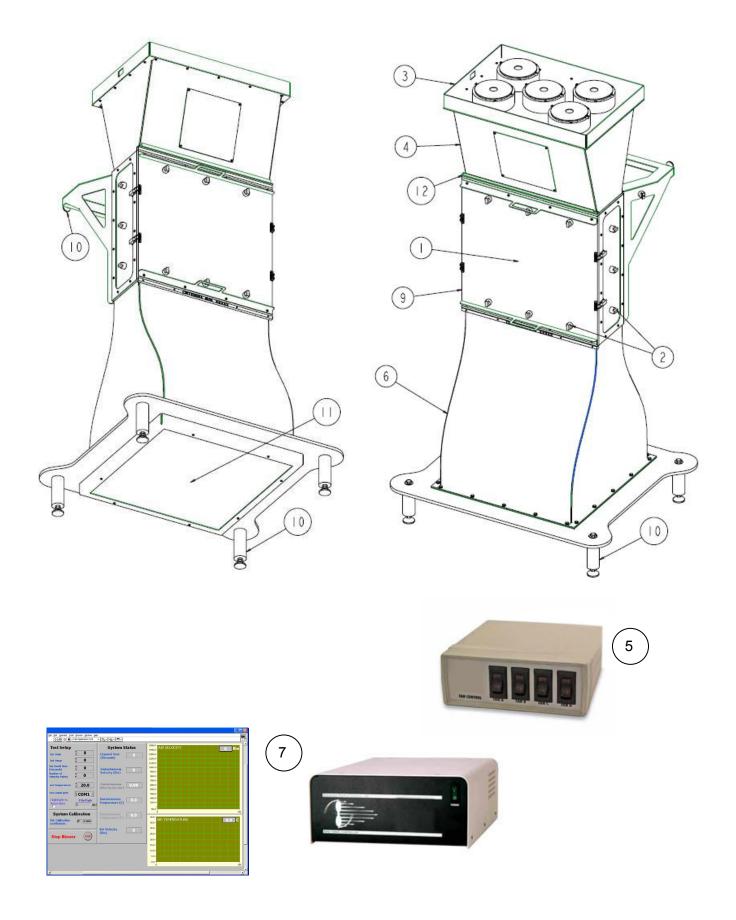


Figure 1: The WT-3107 System Components

SYSTEM OPERATION

General Testing:

- 1. Release the clamps on front door to have access to the test section.
- 2. Mount your specimen (e.g., component, PCB or heat sink) in the test section.
- 3. Clamp the door back on the WT-3107.
- 4. Place flow measurement instrument in the instrument port.
- 5. Connect the fan cable to the controller box.
- 6. Connect the fan controller box to a DC power supply or wind tunnel controller.

 Important Note: Voltage to the fans cannot exceed 26 Volts-DC for 24VDC fans.
- 7. Adjust voltage until desired flow rate is attained.

Component and Heat Sink Testing:

- 1. Release the clamps on front door to have access to the test section.
- 2. Mount your component(s) in the test section.
- 3. Clamp the door back on the WT-3107.
- 4. Connect the fans to a variable DC power supply. Voltage to the fans cannot exceed 29 Volts-DC. Adjust voltage until desired flow level is attained.
- 5. Insert the velocity and temperature probes into the instrument ports provisioned in upstream of the test section.
- 6. Turn on the power supplies and start the experiment.



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