

32.10 80gpm of 70°F water flowing in a 200ft long 3in diameter standard weight steel pipe is cooled by 10°F over the entire the length. The flow is turbulent and fully developed. The thermal conductivity of water is $0.34 \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft \cdot ^\circ F}$. The Nusselt number for this application is given by:

$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k} = 0.023Re_D^{0.8}Pr^{0.3}$$

What is the rate of convective heat loss from the fluid?

- A. $240 \frac{Btu}{hr}$
- B. $38,000 \frac{Btu}{hr}$
- C. $765,000 \frac{Btu}{hr}$
- D. $1,150,000 \frac{Btu}{hr}$

Calculate the **Reynolds Number**. Use the **Properties of Water** table to look up the kinematic viscosity. Use the **Schedule 40 Steel Pipe** table to look up the inside diameter for 3in nominal standard weight steel pipe. Find the velocity by using the volume flow rate and area.

$$\nu_{@70^\circ F} = 1.059 \times 10^{-5} \frac{ft^2}{s}$$

$$Q = vA$$

$$v = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{\left(80 \frac{gal}{min}\right) \left(\frac{1ft^3}{7.48gal}\right) \left(\frac{1min}{60s}\right)}{\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{3.068in}{12 \frac{in}{ft}}\right)^2} = 3.47 \frac{ft}{s}$$

$$Re = \frac{vD}{\nu} = \frac{\left(3.47 \frac{ft}{s}\right) \left(\frac{3.068in}{12 \frac{in}{ft}}\right)}{1.059 \times 10^{-5} \frac{ft^2}{s}} = 83,826$$

Calculate the **Prandtl Number** by using the specific heat capacity, absolute viscosity, and thermal conductivity. Multiplying by the gravitational constant, g_c , is necessary to make the units work.

$$Pr = \frac{c_p \mu}{k}$$

$$Pr = \frac{\left(1 \frac{Btu}{lb_m \cdot ^\circ F}\right) \left(2.05 \times 10^{-5} \frac{lb_f \cdot s}{ft^2}\right) \left(32.2 \frac{lb_m \cdot ft}{lb_f \cdot s^2}\right)}{\left(0.34 \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft \cdot ^\circ F}\right) \left(\frac{1hr}{3600s}\right)} \approx 7$$

Calculate the Nusselt Number from the equation provided.

$$Nu = 0.023Re_D^{0.8}Pr^{0.3} = 0.023(83,826)^{0.8}(7)^{0.3} = 358$$

Rearrange to find the convection heat transfer coefficient, h .

$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k} = 358$$

$$h = (358) \frac{k}{D} = (358) \frac{\left(0.34 \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft^{\circ}F}\right)}{\left(\frac{3.068in}{12 \frac{in}{ft}}\right)} = 476.2 \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft^2 \cdot F}$$

Calculate the heat transfer by **Convection**. The area needed is the *surface area* for the length of pipe under consideration.

$$\dot{Q} = hA\Delta T$$

$$A_s = \pi DL = \pi \left(\frac{3.068in}{12 \frac{in}{ft}}\right) (200ft) = 160.6ft^2$$

$$\dot{Q} = \left(476.2 \frac{Btu}{hr \cdot ft^2 \cdot F}\right) (160.6ft^2) (10^{\circ}F) = 765,000 \frac{Btu}{hr}$$

Answer C