

35.13 $90^\circ F$, 20% relative humidity air is cooled using a 75% effective evaporative cooler. What is the temperature of the air after being cooled?

- A. $55^\circ F$
- B. $63^\circ F$
- C. $70^\circ F$
- D. $76^\circ F$

The effectiveness of an **evaporative** cooler is given by the formula below where t_1 represents the entering air dry bulb temperature, t_2 represents the leaving air dry bulb temperature, and t'_s is the wet bulb temperature of the entering air. The wet bulb temperature is the minimum temperature which could theoretically be achieved in a 100% efficient evaporative cooler.

$$\varepsilon_e = \frac{t_1 - t_2}{t_1 - t'_s}$$

Use the **Psychrometric Chart** to find the wet bulb temperature of the entering air.

$$t_1 = 90^\circ F$$

$$\phi = 20\%$$

$$t'_s = 62.8^\circ F$$

Substitute into the effectiveness formula and solve for t_2 .

$$0.75 = \frac{90^\circ F - t_2}{90^\circ F - 62.8^\circ F}$$

$$t_2 = 69.6^\circ F$$

Answer C