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PROBLEMS IN PRACTICE

1 • Why is air conditioning required for some industrial processes?

To control the physical properties of the materials being processed.

Example. In the manufacture of chewing gum, it is rolled into slabs and scored. The scored slab must then be broken at the score marks to form the sticks. If the slab is too warm, breaking is impossible, if the slab is too cold or too dry, it becomes brittle and shatters, thereby producing much material to be reworked.

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2 • Why is it necessary to control the physical properties of the material being processed?

To permit permanent adjustment of machinery.

Example. In the manufacture of cigarettes, the amount of tobacco fed upon the paper tape is determined by pressure against springs. When the tobacco is over-moist and, therefore, over-soft, a great excess will go into the finished cigarette; when the tobacco is too dry and, therefore, harsh, too little goes into the finished cigarette.

3 • A condition of 75 F dry-bulb temperature and 55 per cent relative humidity is being maintained in a cigarette manufacturing department. What will be the regain and moisture content of the tobacco?

The regain, from Table 2 = 17.75 per cent.

The moisture content = $\frac{17.75 \times 100}{100 + 17.75} = 15.1$ per cent.

4 • A 1-lb sample taken from a 100-lb batch of material is found to have a bone-dry weight of 0.89 lb. This material is to be processed under atmospheric conditions which should produce a regain of 15 per cent. Compute the finished weight for each original 100-lb batch.

Let W equal the number of pounds of moisture in a finished batch.

$$\frac{W}{89} = \text{regain} = 15 \text{ per cent} = \frac{15}{100}$$

$$W = 13.35$$

$$89 + 13.35 = 102.35 \text{ lb finished weight.}$$

5 • A bundle of sea island cotton is found to have a bone-dry weight of 9.26 lb. What is the proper relative humidity at 75 F to produce a weight of 10 lb at equilibrium?

Desired conditioned weight = 10.00 lb

Bone-dry weight = 9.26 lb

Weight of moisture required = 0.74 lb

$$\text{Regain} = \frac{0.74}{9.26} \times 100 = 7.9 \text{ per cent.}$$

From Table 2, the proper relative humidity required is 60 per cent.

6 • Compute the bone-dry weight of 1000 lb of manila rope which has been stored for a considerable period of time in a conditioned room at 75 F dry-bulb temperature and 50 per cent relative humidity.

Assuming that this material has come to equilibrium under the atmospheric conditions given, Table 2 shows a regain of 8.5 per cent.

Let W equal the total weight of moisture in pounds.

$1000 - W$ = bone-dry weight in pounds.

$$\frac{W}{1000 - W} = \text{regain} = 8.5 \text{ per cent} = \frac{8.5}{100}$$

$$W = 78.3 \text{ lb moisture}$$

$$1000 - 78.3 = 921.7 \text{ lb bone-dry weight.}$$

7 • An egg evaporating plant wishes to dry 2000 lb of egg whites (85 per cent water) to crystalline form each 24 hours. The maximum permissible air delivery temperature in the dryer is 140 F. What air volume will be required, assuming that outside air is at 95 F dry-bulb and 78 F wet-bulb and that air leaves the dryer 70 per cent saturated?

Moisture to be removed = $2000 \times 0.85 = 1700$ lb. Using psychrometric chart and starting at the intersection of the vertical 95 F dry-bulb temperature line and the 46 per