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ABSTRACT

In the current age of global energy crisis, the production of energy through alternate energy resources has gained a significant attention. Wind as a source of energy is a very attractive due to the fact that fuel is free of cost in this case. This research is about the design of a VAWT blade using the analytical and CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) techniques for a small scale vertical axis wind turbine (VAWT), aiming 04 Volt power output which may be use for domestic purposes to power a single room. The blade design parameters and dimensions are taken aiming the required power output and analytical models are developed to evaluate the aerodynamic forces like lift and drag over the surface of the blade. These forces which are very helpful for the evaluation of the structural integrity of the VAWT blade are then found to be in a close agreement with CFD results which are simulated using commercial software, solid works. The static CFD model is developed at a selected pitch angle during a complete 360° where the aerodynamic forces evaluated are comparable with the analytical values at the similar location.

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NOMENCLATURE

Symbol	Description	Unit
А	Swept area	m²
C_d	Coefficient of drag	
Cp	Coefficient of power	
Ct	Coefficient of torque	
D	Rotor diameter	m
F	Force	Ν
$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{w}}$	Wind force	Ν
Н	Rotor height	m
Ι	Current	А
Pa	Power available	watt
u□	Free steam velocity	m/s
U	Wind speed	m/s
n	Number of blades	
Pactive	Active electrical power generated	watt
Pt	Turbine power	watt
Ptotal	Total electrical power	watt
\mathbf{P}_{w}	Wind power	watt
r	The radius of semi-circular section of rotor	m
Т	Torque	N-m
R	Rotor radius	m
\mathbf{R}_1	Load resistance	Ohm
Rs	Stator resistance	Ohm
W	Weight of blade	Kg

TBase	Rated Torque	N-m
T_p	End plate thickness	m
tı	Blade thickness	m
Vrotor	Velocity of rotor	m/s
α	Angle of attack	rad
ρλ	Free stream density	kg/m³
λ_r	Tip speed ratio, m	
_	Rotor flux linkage	
	Maximum shear stress	N/mm ²

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