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## **SYMBOLS AND MEANING**

| Symbols                 | Meaning  | Unit                          |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| $\dot{Q}$               | Peltier heat   | J                             |
| $\pi_{AB}$              | Peltier coefficient  |                               |
| I                       | Electric current   | A                             |
| Z                       | Figure of merit  | /K                            |
| $\alpha$                | Seebeck coefficient  | V/K                           |
| $\rho$                  | Electrical resistivity   | $\Omega\text{m}$              |
| k                       | Thermal conductivity   | W/mK                          |
| $\Delta T^{\text{max}}$ | Maximum temperature when there is no ripple                              | $^{\circ}\text{C}$            |
| $\Delta T_{\text{max}}$ | Actual maximum temperature difference                                    | $^{\circ}\text{C}$            |
| N                       | Ripple amplitude around average current                                  | m                             |
| $T_h$                   | Heat sink temperature  | $^{\circ}\text{C}$            |
| $T_c$                   | Cold side temperature of module  | $^{\circ}\text{C}$            |
| $K_m$                   | Module thermal conductance   | W/K                           |
| $R_m$                   | Module resistance  | $\Omega$                      |
| $x_1, x_2, x_3$         | Thicknesses of mild steel sheet, polyethane and aluminium respectively   | m                             |
| $Q_{co}$                | Heat transfer per unit area  | $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$         |
| $h_o, h_i$              | Heat transfer coefficient of air outside and inside chamber respectively | $\text{W}/\text{m}^2\text{k}$ |
| $Q_{\text{INF}}$        | Heat due to infiltration   | W                             |
| $M_w$                   | Mass of water  | kg                            |
| $C_{p_w}$               | Specific heat capacity of water  | J/kgK                         |
| $T_{w2}, T_{w1}$        | Initial and final temperature of water                                   | $^{\circ}\text{C}$            |
| $Q_p$                   | Product load   | kJ                            |
| $Q_T$                   | Total refrigeration load   | W                             |
| $Q_c$                   | Cooling capacity per module  | W                             |
| $V_{\text{IN}}$         | Input voltage  | V                             |
| P                       | Electrical power   | W                             |
| $Q_R$                   | Heat rejected  | W                             |
| C.O.P                   | Coefficient of performance   |                               |

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