

Propeller Series Package

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The diagrams of the Wageningen series were made available long ago by the N.S.M.B. in the form of large scale diagrams. This large scale was necessary to obtain the required accuracy of the readings. The various types of diagrams, such as $B_p - \delta$ diagrams, were used to reduce the number of readings in specific design problems.

The use of computers changed the way in which the diagrams were used.

The generation of polynomials made the diagrams available for use in computers.

Programs were made both by MARIN and by the user, generating optimised propellers from the polynomials. The user very often discovered that programming and verifying the polynomials was a time consuming work. Also the drawback of these programs is that they act as black boxes to the designer. The user has no idea about the various sensitivities in the optimisation process. Nor can he play around to become familiar with the problem.

The CD, delivered with this book, contains the latest version of the polynomials. In a way the use of the program is equivalent to reading the diagrams. This makes it possible to use small scale diagrams, such as provided in this book, without reduction of the accuracy. The layout of the screen is such that the program also replaces the alternative diagrams such as the $B_p - \delta$ diagrams. This is done by displaying not only the values of J, Kt, Kq and η , but also the values of $Kt/J^2, Kt/J^4, Kq/J^3$ and Kq/J^5 . After displaying the proper diagram (number of blades and blade area ratio) all other values are displayed in the screen when the pitch ratio and one of the other values is given.

This makes it possible to give the value of J and read Kt and Kq , which is the normal way of reading the diagrams. But it is also possible to give e.g. Kt and read the corresponding value of J . It is even possible to give a value of Kq and read the corresponding J, Kt and other values (in that case only the part of the efficiency curve before the maximum efficiency is used).

These features can also be used for e.g. Kt/J^2 . The propeller revolutions n are eliminated from this parameter and this parameter is therefore used when the propeller rotation rate is unknown. By giving the value for Kt/J^2 the corresponding value of J and the other parameters are given. This is equivalent to using the $B_p - \delta$ diagrams and this feature, therefore, eliminates the need for these diagrams.

The screenshot shows a software application window titled "Propeller Series Program". The interface includes a menu bar with "Project", "Options", and "Help". Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for file operations. A "Propeller selection" dropdown menu is open, showing "Wageningen B-series propellers" and "B3 - 35". To the right of the selection dropdown are "Propeller characteristics" fields: "Diagram number : 3", "Number of blades : 3", and "Blade area ratio : 0.350". Below these fields is a table with columns: P/D, J, Kt, 10Kq, Eta, Kt/J^2, Kt/J^4, Kq/J^3, and Kq/J^5. The table rows provide data for various pitch ratios (P/D) from 0.500 to 0.800. At the bottom of the table are buttons for "Add row" and "Delete row", and input fields for "Lower limit" (0.500) and "Upper limit" (1.600).

P/D	J	Kt	10Kq	Eta	Kt/J ²	Kt/J ⁴	Kq/J ³	Kq/J ⁵
0.500	0.200	0.136	0.1245	0.348	3.400	84.994	1.556	38.903
0.550	0.200	0.155	0.1465	0.337	3.883	97.070	1.831	45.784
0.600	0.200	0.175	0.1710	0.325	4.369	109.226	2.138	53.449
0.650	0.200	0.194	0.1980	0.312	4.856	121.395	2.476	61.888
0.700	0.200	0.214	0.2275	0.299	5.340	133.509	2.844	71.089
0.750	0.200	0.233	0.2593	0.286	5.820	145.506	3.241	81.036
0.800	0.200	0.252	0.2935	0.273	6.293	157.329	3.668	91.709

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