

Answer on Question #47768, Engineering, Other

A refrigerator has to transfer an average of 263J of heat per second from -10°C to 25°C. Calculate the average power consumed. Assume that the refrigerator is ideal?

Solution:

Given:

$$Q_1 = 263 \text{ J/s},$$

$$T_1 = 263 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 298 \text{ K},$$

$$W = ?$$

Get coefficient of performance for a Carnot Heat Pump Cooler :

Carnot Heat Pump Cooler

$$COP = \frac{T_1}{T_2 - T_1} = \frac{263}{298 - 263} = 7.514$$

By definition :

$$COP = \frac{Q_1}{W}$$
$$W = \frac{Q_1}{COP} = \frac{263}{7.514} = 35 \text{ W}$$

Answer: $W = 35 \text{ W}$.