

# Engineering Support – Partnership in Design



## *Primary objective:*

- Maximize cooling surface area
- Smallest volume
- Lowest manufacturing costs

## *Thermshield can:*

- Act as consultant in design team
- Work with system architect(s) at project initiation
- Produce or confirm numerical thermal analysis
- Provide manufacturing expertise for cooling technologies

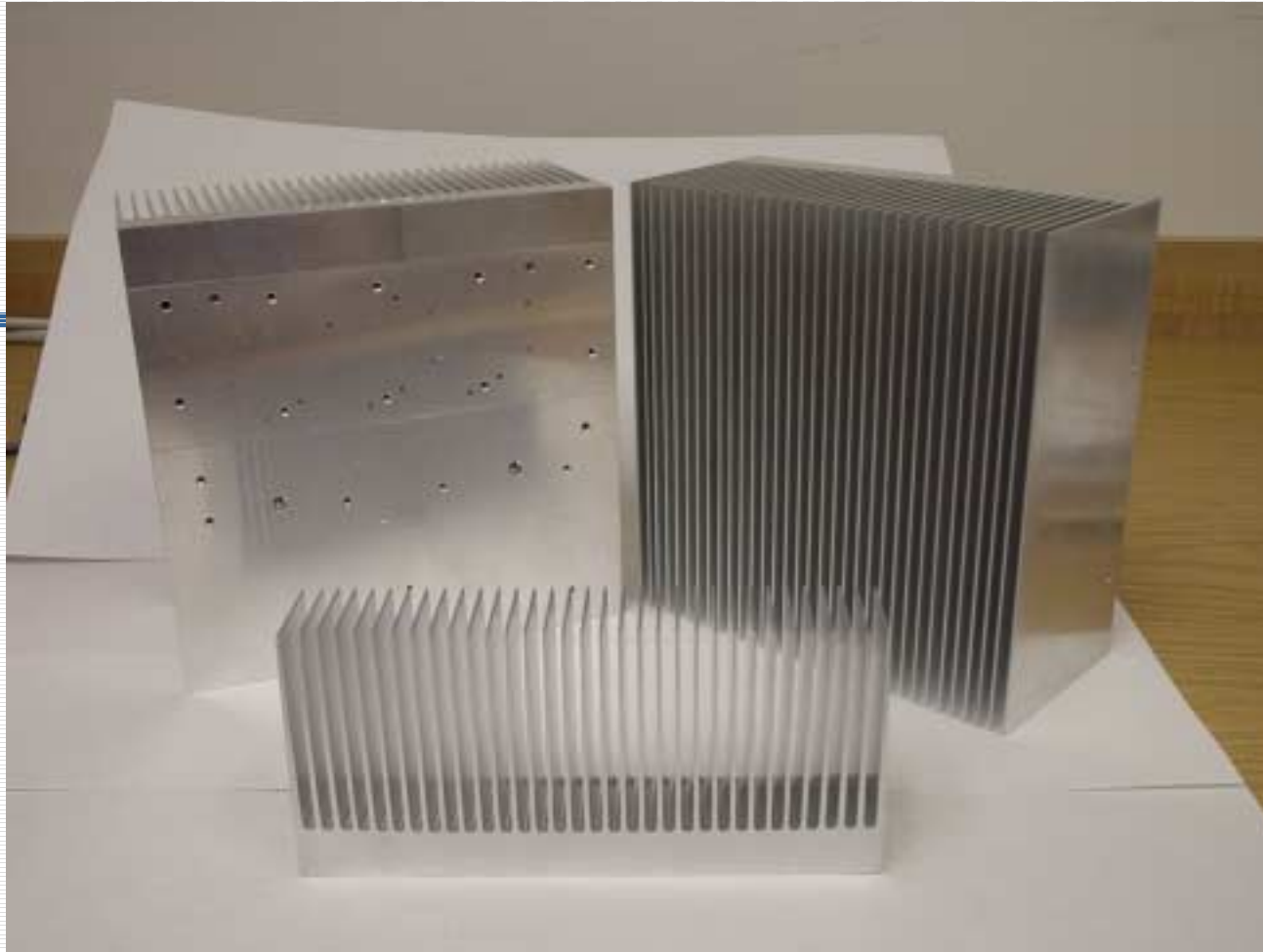
# Engineering Support – Partnership in Production



Manufacturing costs & reaction time are critical.

***Thermshield can:***

- Manufacture prototype / test parts
- Re-spin prototype design to refine thermal performance
- Production tooling for preproduction volumes
- Support manufacturing on a world wide basis.
- Logistics, Local stock and Supply Chain management



## ***Ultrahigh Ratio Extrusion:***

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- up to 20:1 in 8.0 dia tool
- Replaces bonded fin at lower cost
- Fin thicknesses down to 0.040”

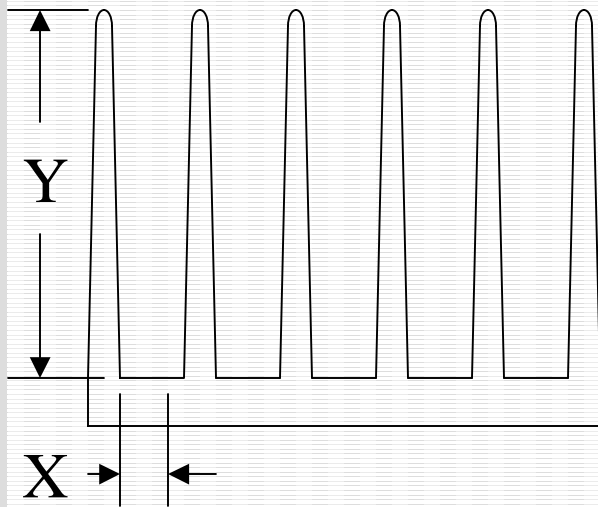


### ***Ultra High Ratio Extrusion:***

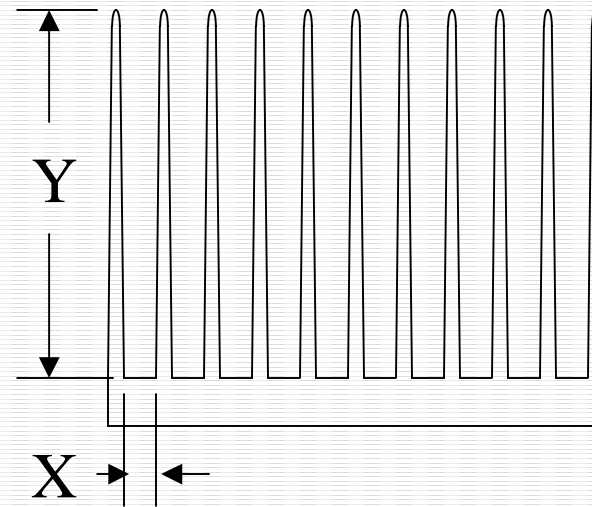
- up to 23:1 in 5.0 dia tool
- up to 20:1 in 8.0 dia tool
- up to 18:1 in 12.0 dia tool
- Replaces bonded fin at lower cost
- Fin thicknesses down to 0.040" at 1.0 height

### **Advantages:**

- More cooling surface area in equal volume
- Lighter weight – lower cost to buy and ship
- Increased thermal performance in forced air



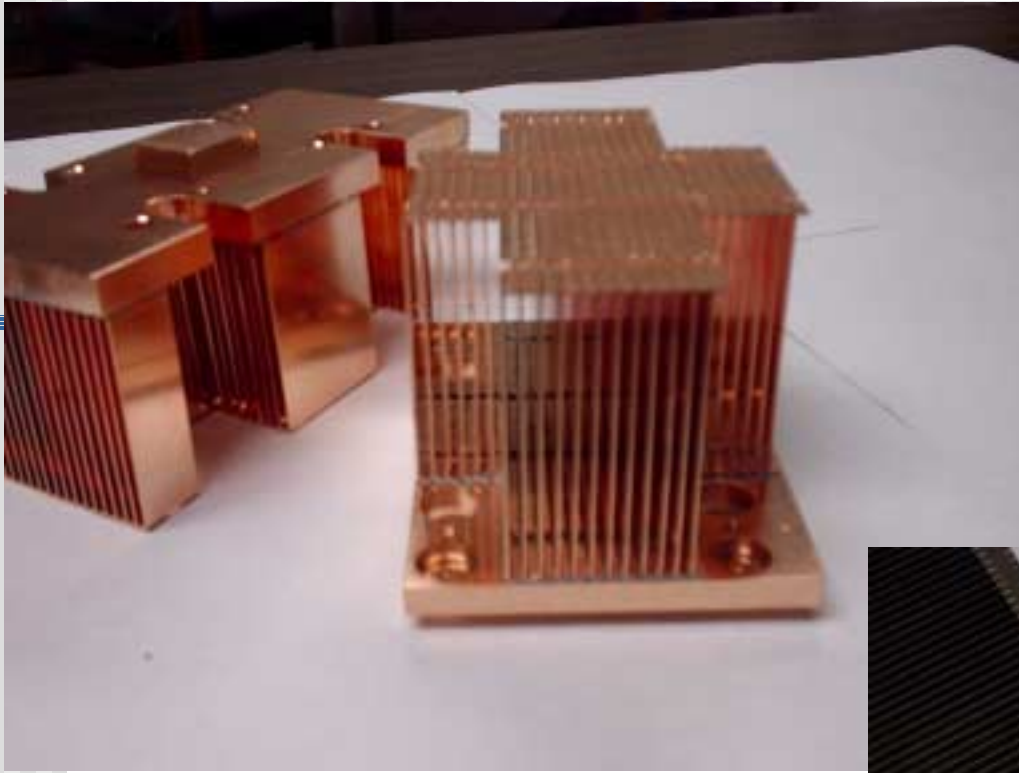
Conventional Extrusion ratio =  $Y/X = 8:1$



Ultra High Extrusion ratio =  $Y/X = 20:1$

Ultra High Ratio Extrusions



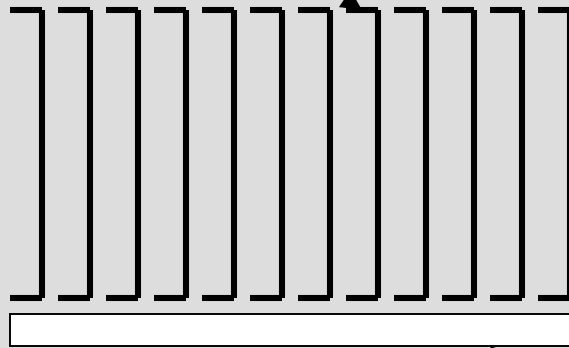


## *Stacked Fin Coolers*

- Very thin fins – down to 0.006”
- Competes with folded fin w/ lower cost
- Alum. / copper or both



Interlocked fins

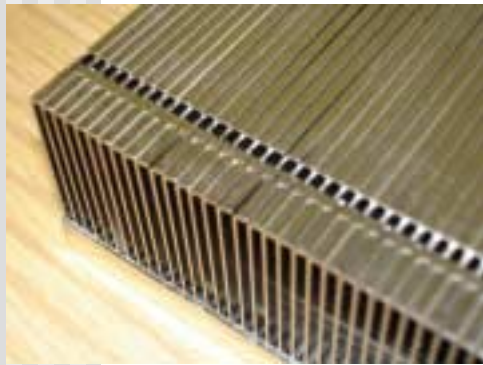


Solder Attached

Base section

### NOTES:

Fins and base can be either aluminum or copper or both.  
Fin material down to 0.15 mm (0.006")  
Interlock at tip and base allows easy assembly.



Stacked Fin Details



## Stacked Fin Heat Sinks – Pros and Cons

### PRO:

- Fin thicknesses to 0.006” reduce weight / cost
- Min fin pitch 12 FPI
- Mixed materials - copper and aluminum
- Interlocked fin design – low handling cost

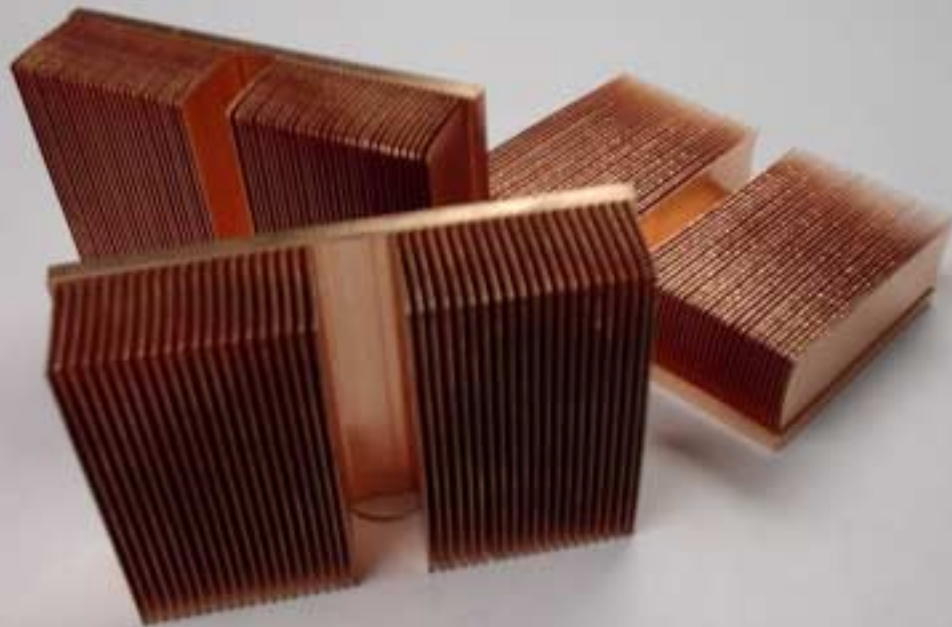
### CON:

- Requires braze, solder or epoxy joint – base to fins
- Protos require tooling
- More costly than skived / extrusion.

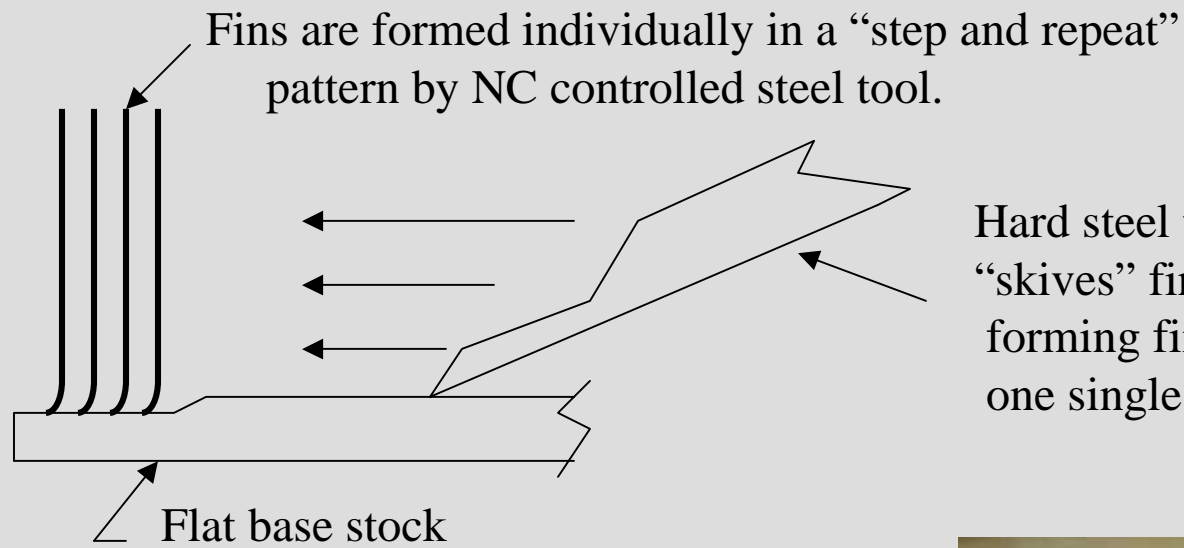


## *Skived Fin Heat Sinks*

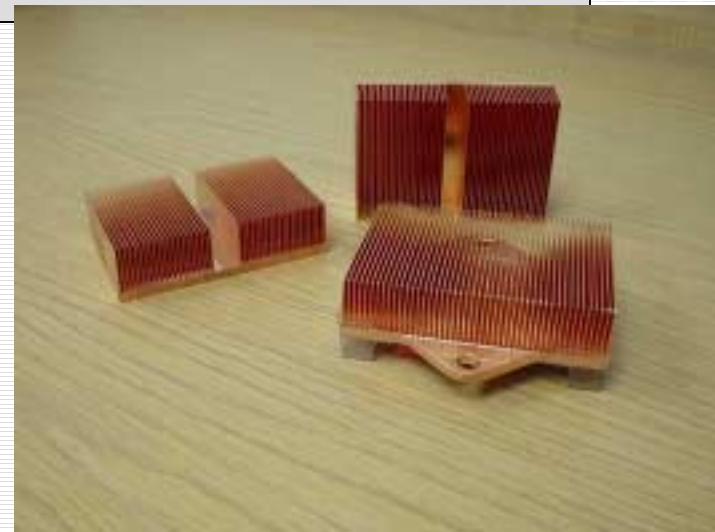
- Single piece construction
- Copper or aluminum
- Very high aspect ratios
- Max. cooling area / volume







Hard steel tool  
"skives" fin from base  
forming fin from  
one single piece.



Skived Fin Details



## Skived Fin Heat Sinks – Pros and Cons

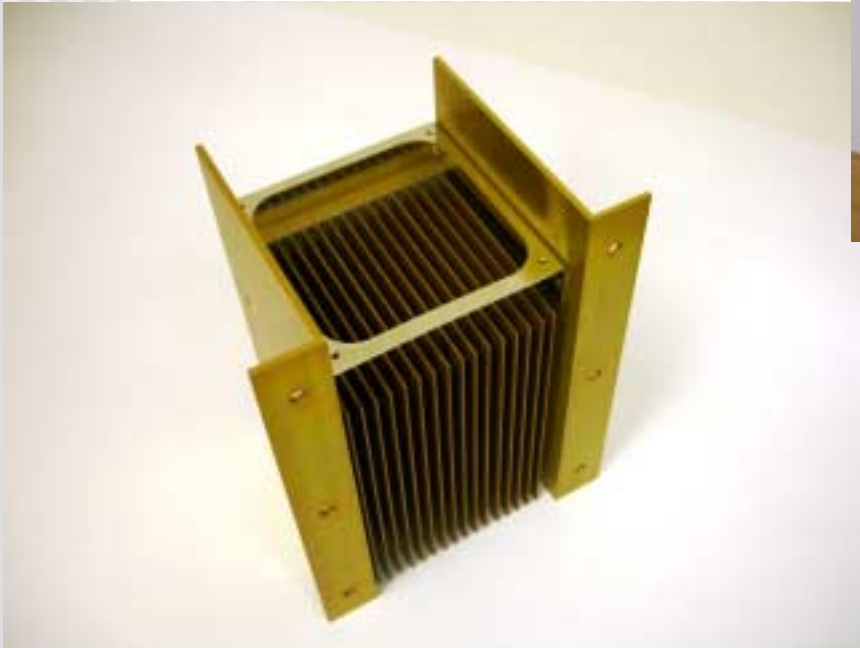
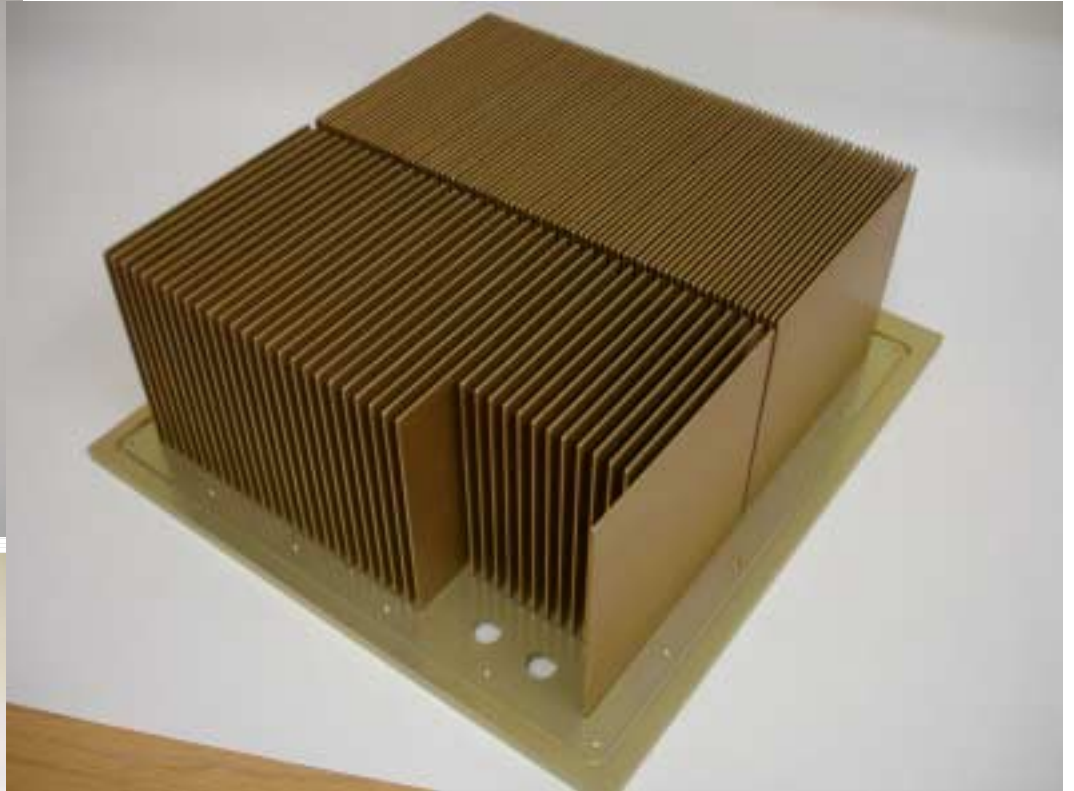
### PRO:

- Fin thicknesses to 0.020” in alum reduce weight / cost
- Min. fin pitch 12 FPI
- Can be made from copper OR aluminum
- Single piece design reduces thermal resist / cost
- Can be prototyped without tooling expense.

### CON:

- Fin height limited to ~30 mm in copper and ~ 60 in aluminum
- Copper is difficult to manufacture, limited height / pitch
- More costly than extrusion.





***Bonded fin heat sinks  
both standard and  
custom sizes.***

## Bonded Fin Heat Sinks – Pros and Cons

### PRO:

- Unlimited extrusion aspect ratios and fin heights
- Increased cooling surface area over extrusion - > 2X
- Flexible fin density (FPI) and fin thickness
- Mixed materials – copper and/or aluminum

### CON:

- Increased cost over extrusion of same volume - > 40%
- Tall, thin fins easily damaged in shipping and handling
- Cannot be black anodized

# Heat Pipes – Wide Variety of Applications

-Small Diameter for low power, flexibility of use.

- Embedded processor applications
- High power graphics chips
- Notebook Computers

-Large Diameter for high power (<100W)

- Power amplifiers
- Air to air heat exchangers

-Z-Axis for Multiple KW cooling

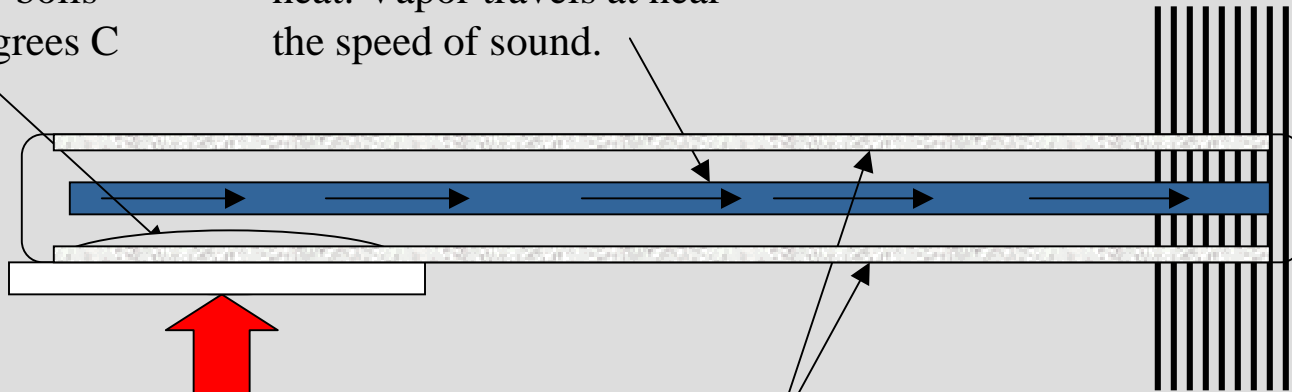
- Motor drives
- Large scale UPS
- TV / radio broadcast

# Heat Pipes – How they work.

2.) Water at reduced Pressure inside Heat pipe “boils” At ~50 degrees C

3.) Heated vapor travels to cool end of pipe to release heat. Vapor travels at near the speed of sound.

4.) Cooling air passed across cooling fins removes heat to atmosphere changing vapor back to liquid.



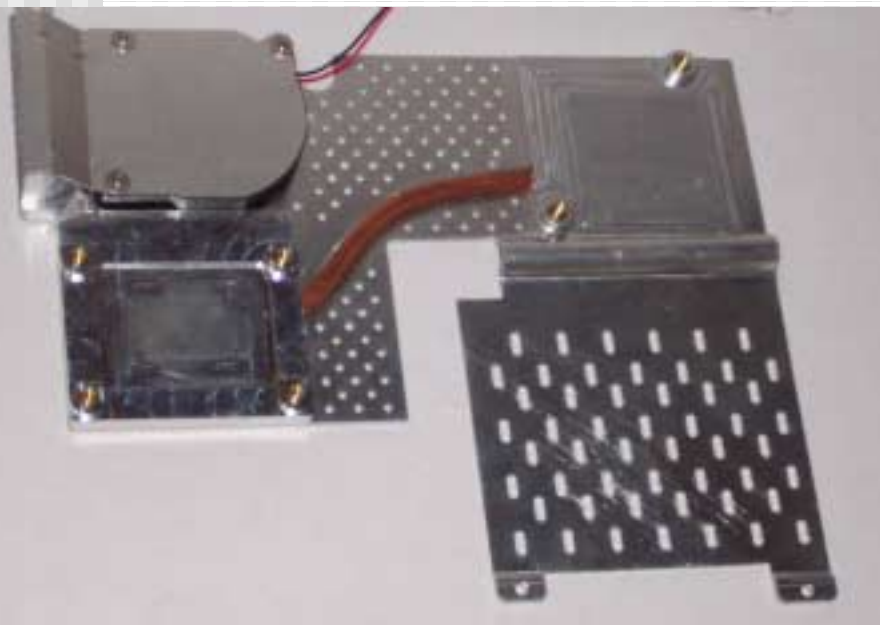
1.) Evaporator - Heat Input from Microprocessor or Other hot component

5.) semi-porous “wick” on inside diameter of the tube uses capillary force to return cooled liquid back to Evaporator. Process is continuous.

## NOTES:

Heat Pipes typically operate with a temperature rise of less than 4 degrees C from end to end.

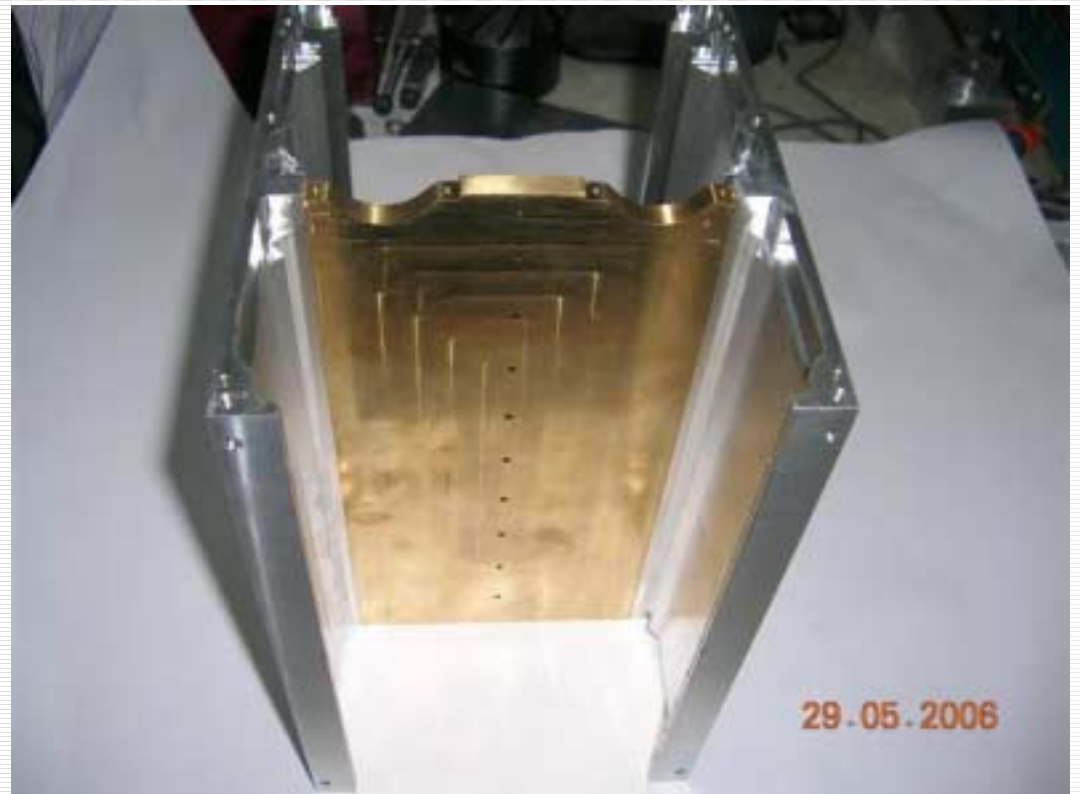
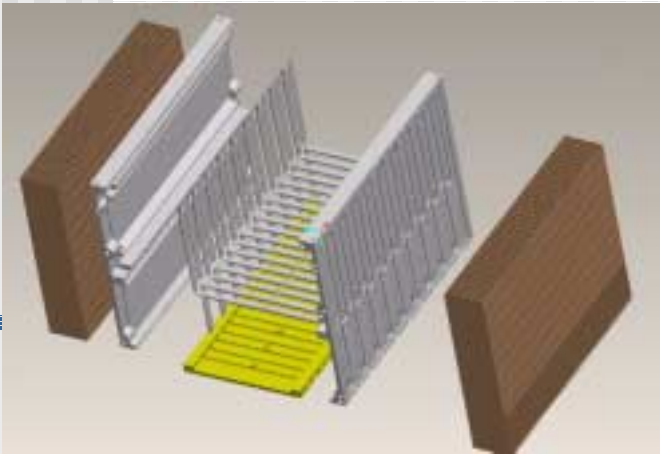




## *Small Dia. Heat Pipes:*

- Very economical
- Versatile in design
- Next generation microprocessors up to 65 Watts





High power RF amplifier  
54 heat pipes.



# Small diameter Heat Pipe Assemblies – Pros and Cons

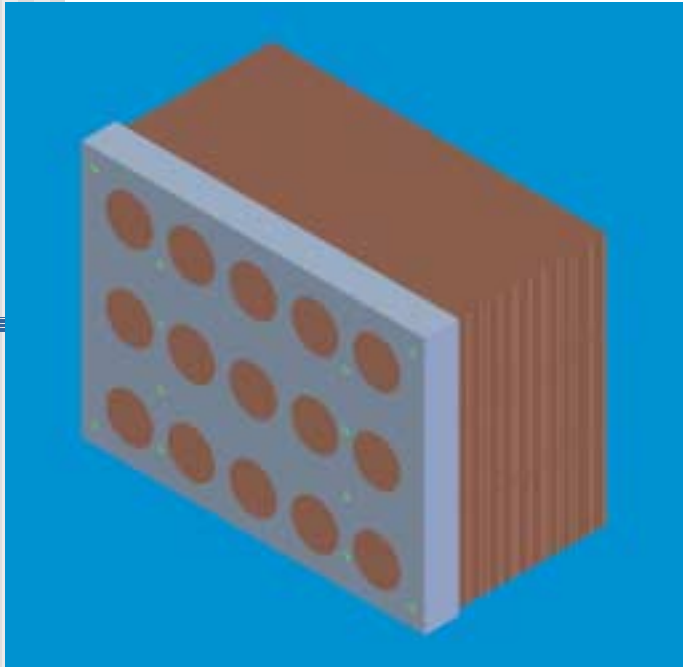
## PRO:

- Heat pipes are cheap and dependable
- 5 mm to 15 mm dia / many stock lengths
- Move heat to a remote location with little heat loss.
- Fins can be made from copper OR aluminum
- Thermals better than copper with lower cost aluminum
- Reduce package size

## CON:

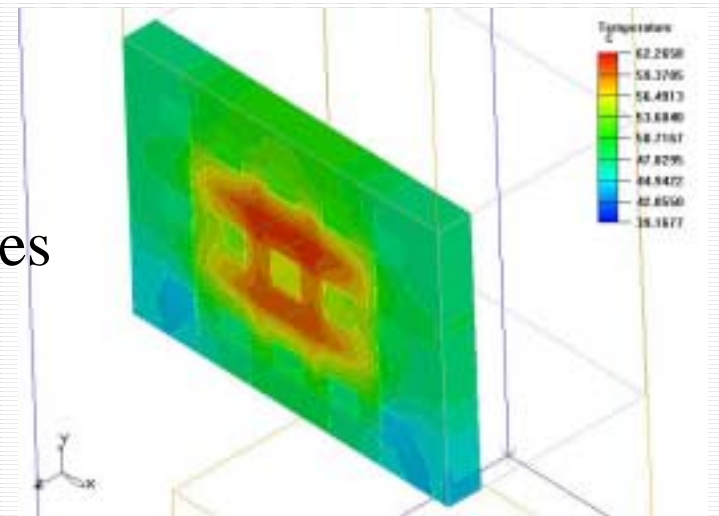
- Sensitive to gravity / orientation
- Market acceptance

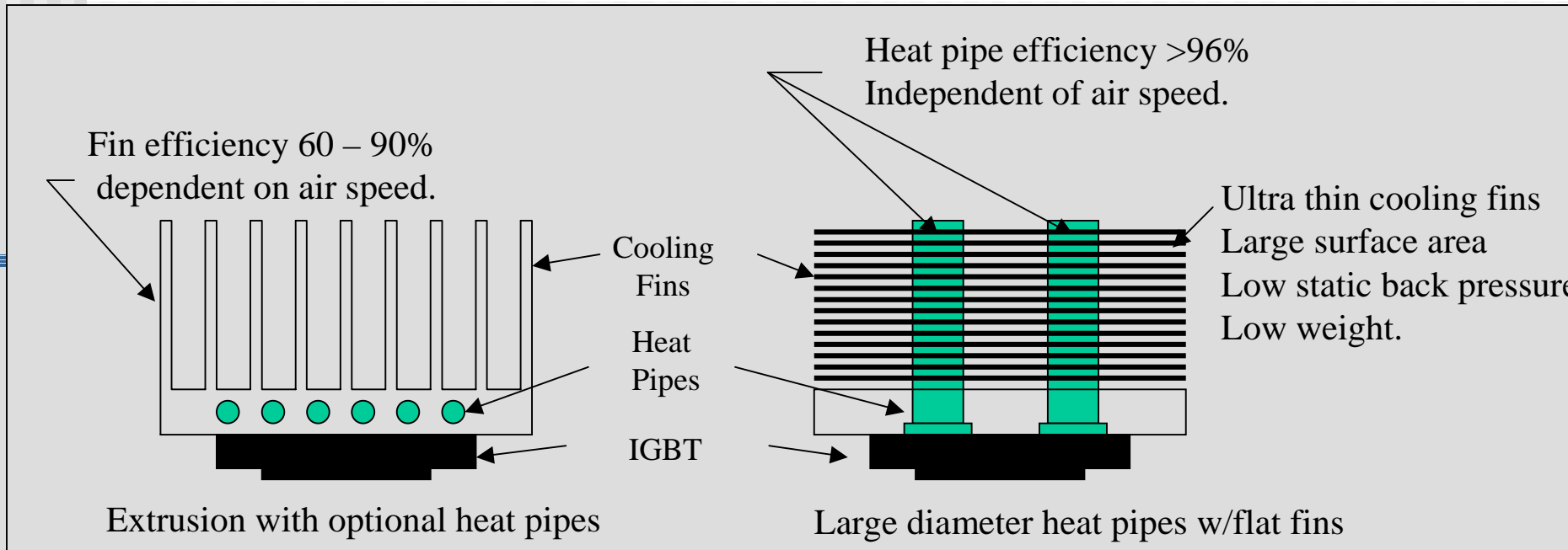




## *High Power Heat Pipe Assemblies*

- New designs for up to 2KW power modules
- >100% increased cooling over bonded fin
- Cost competitive with liquid cooling but without the support equipment.





**NOTES:**

Z-axis coolers use offer direct contact of High conductivity tower heat pipes make direct contact to power module of microprocessor base.

**Z-axis coolers**



## Z-axis Heat Sinks – Pros and Cons

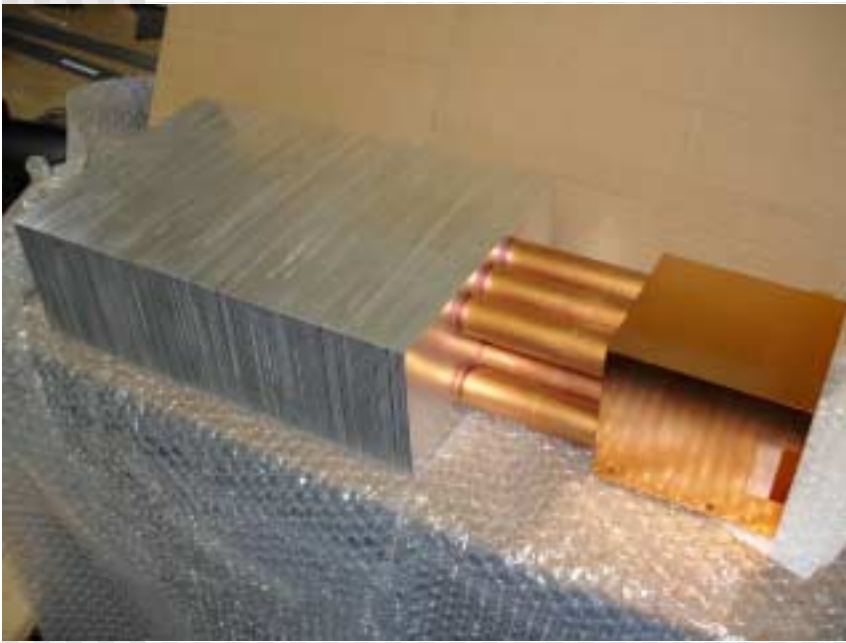
### PRO:

- Heat pipes directly contact hot spots
- Fins can be made from copper OR aluminum
- Thermals can be very low / water cooled level
- Small package design

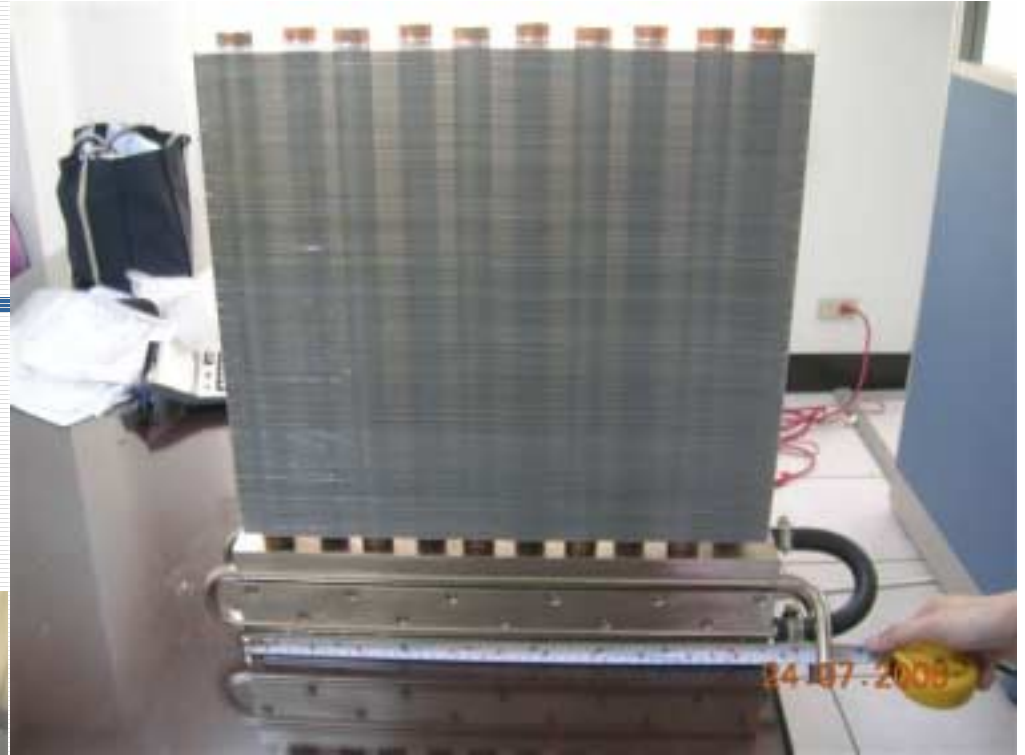
### CON:

- Sensitive to gravity / orientation
- Height of pipe must be  $>3$  inches
- Cost is high / less than water cooled





*Press pack thyristor cooler using 25.4 mm dia heat pipes.*



#### NOTES:

Cooler developed to remove 3KW of heat from electronics rack without cooling water entering the enclosure.

*Liquid to Air HX using Large diameter heat pipes*



***THANKS!***