

Alternative Fuel Option for Kerosene Wick Stove: Blended Ethanol (20%) and Kerosene (80%)

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Abstract: *To solve the energy crisis, the search for alternative fuels is extensively important. Alternative fuels selected should be renewable, sustainable, and eco-friendly. In India, kerosene is also used as fuel in cooking stoves. Kerosene contains impurities like sulphur, aromatics, and hydrocarbons, which cause environmental degradation. In this experimental investigation, blends of ethanol and kerosene were used as an alternative fuel in a kerosene wick stove without any modification to the stove design. The blends tested were 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% ethanol in kerosene. The experimentations have been carried out to obtain comparative measures of thermal efficiency and fuel consumption rate. The values of thermal efficiency and fuel consumption rate for blended fuel were found to be comparable with kerosene. The maximum value of thermal efficiency was obtained with a blend containing 5% ethanol while the minimum value was obtained with reference fuel. The fuel consumption rate for the blend containing 10% ethanol was found to be maximum.*

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