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#### ABSTRACT

A set of biomass materials was gasified in a 6 in diameter 150 centimeter long open-top gasifier in a batch mode. Among the biomass materials tested successfully were corn cobs , hammermilled corn cobs , ordinary rice hulls , bagasse fibers , wood shavings , and cut water hyacinth stems. A number of other biomass materials were either unsuccessfully gasified or were gasified with difficulty mainly due to the presence of excessive biomass fines. Such as bagasse as received from sugar mills, shredded rice hull, sawdust, carbonized round rice hull pellets, and corn cob fines. With many such low bulk density biomass materials fuel cavitation in the batch gasifier was found to be a problem for several types of fuels. The open top gasifier operated at temperature levels which were generally low in the reaction zones and this was believed to cause gas calorific content somewhat lower than gas calorific contents expected from ordinary closed-top tuyered charcoal gasifiers. The range of calorific content obtained in these set of experiment ranges from 280.30 - 1363.19 kcal/scm.



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## NOMENCLATURE

$A$	Characteristic size ( $v^{1/3}$ , cm.)
$A_g$	Cross sectional area of gasifier
$F_d$	Particle density, g/cu.cm.
$F_m$	Moisture fraction (dry basis)
$F_o$	Fraction of oxygen (for air it is 0.21)
$F_s$	Sphericity of particle (surface of equivalent sphere/surface of particle)
$F_v$	Void fraction
$h_p$	Heat of pyrolysis (2,081 J/g)
$h_w$	Heat to vaporize water at 600 °C (3664 J/g)
$m$	Specific feed rate (mass/time-area)
$q$	Radiative heat transfer, W/cm (Reed used a figure of 2 W/cm in his communication)
$t_{fp}$	flaming pyrolysis time, minutes
$T$	Temperature of furnace around particle,
$V$	Particle volume, cm
$v_f$	Fuel velocity