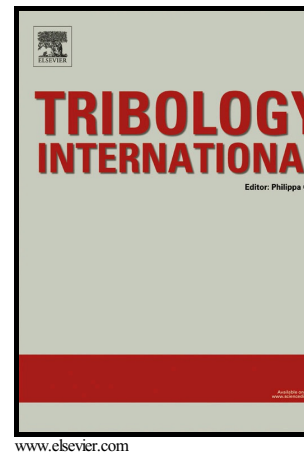


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## ABSTRACT

This empirical study investigates the solid particle erosion wear behavior of a new composite material made of glass fiber and epoxy as the main materials and ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3+\text{SiO}_2$ ) particulates added into the structure at the amount of 30% [15% ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) + 15% ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )] of the resin used for the composite. The tests were carried out by selecting three different impact velocities (23, 34, 53 m/s), three different impingement angles (30°, 60°, 90°) and angular alumina erodents having approximate sizes of 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . The fiber directions were used 0/90/0, 45/-45/45 and 90/0/90. An erosion test facility at room temperature and Taguchi's orthogonal arrays were used for experimentation. Moreover, an optimal parameter combination was determined, which led to minimization of erosion rate (ER).

**KEYWORDS:** Solid Erosion; Epoxy; Particulates; Impact.

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