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- 9 Abstract
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Thermal energy storage (TES) technologies utilizing phase change materials (PCMs) 11 12 have been extensively investigated and developed in the last three decades. A great deal of previous research into PCMs has focused on their reliability and stability after 13 a number of repetitive thermal cycles. However, due to the heavy workload during the 14 15 cyclic melting and solidification processes of PCM, the number of thermal cycles was 16 normally no more than 1500, especially in the study of classic PCMs. In this research, 17 an efficient and stable accelerated thermal cycling test-bed, which could interchange the positions of PCM between a heat source and a heat sink automatically and 18 19 periodically, was designed, constructed and tested. In addition, properties (melting 20 point and heat of fusion) of a commercial grade paraffin mixture were investigated 21 with up to 10000 thermal cycles. The experimental results presented that the 22 degeneration of the heat of fusion was 9.1% after 10000 thermal cycles while that of Download English Version:

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