Part 8

RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

8.4. Small HPPs

8.4.2. Hydroturbine equipment

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At small and microHPPs low-pressure turbines of various designs are used. The widest application received the following:

• active turbines with the tangential supply of a high-speed stream to the driving wheel, equipped with blades of a special form (fig. 8.20). In active turbines kinetic energy of the stream is almost completely used;

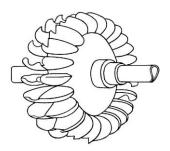


Fig. 8.20. Configuration of the active (bucket) turbine

• reactive turbines with the axial supply of water to the driving wheel blades. Driving wheel rotation occurs due to drawoff of a pressure drop between the turbine inlet and outlet (fig. 8.21).

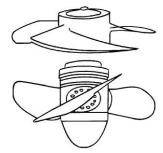


Fig. 8.21. Driving wheel of the reactive turbine