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# **DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND GROUND TESTING OF THE F-4 BERYLLIUM RUDDER**

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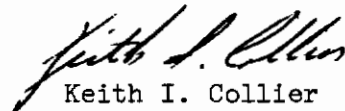
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## ABSTRACT

The program described in this report was performed for the advancement of structural beryllium technology through the design, fabrication, test and evaluation of a load-carrying aircraft component to demonstrate a potential for increased capability and efficiency through use of beryllium. The component selected for the performance of this program was the rudder of the McDonnell F-4 aircraft. The beryllium rudder was designed, analyzed, fabricated, and successfully ground tested to the same loading conditions and criteria that apply to the production aluminum rudder. An extensive element test program was conducted to obtain material properties and design data not previously available, and formulate design criteria for beryllium structures. The beryllium rudder weighs 37.59 lbs. (17.05 kg) as compared to 63.03 lbs. (28.59 kg) for the production aluminum rudder and is completely interchangeable with it.

Upon completion of fabrication, the beryllium rudder was installed on an F-4 vertical fin and aft fuselage assembly and subjected to one fatigue test and three static tests. Prior to conducting the static tests, the beryllium rudder upper balance weight support structure was successfully fatigue tested for 50,000 cycles under a fully reversed loading corresponding to 40 g's on the balance weight. The static tests were:

- (1) 150% of design limit load on the rudder, for the condition which produces the maximum rudder load and torque that can be sustained without overpowering the actuator.
- (2) 150% of design limit load on the rudder and fin, for the rolling pull-out flight condition which produces maximum vertical tail bending.

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(3) 250% of design limit load on the rudder for condition (1) above. In a corresponding test during the F-4 development program, the production rudder sustained 225% of the same limit load without failure. In test (3) a failure of the lower closure rib occurred at 205% of design limit load but the rudder was still capable of carrying 250% of design limit load with no further damage. The successful completion of this program demonstrated that complex beryllium structural assemblies can be fabricated within the current state-of-the-art to a predictable strength, and qualified the beryllium rudder for flight testing on the F-4 aircraft.

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## SYMBOLS

A	Area of cross-section
a	Length of the unloaded edge of a panel in uniaxial compression; long dimension of a panel in shear
b	Width of an element; width of a stiffened panel; short dimension of a panel in shear; length of the loaded edge of a panel in uniaxial compression
$b_f$	Width of stiffener flange element
$b_w$	Height of stiffener web element
c	Fixity coefficient for columns; distance from neutral axis to extreme fiber; subscript "compression"
cr	Subscript "critical"
D	Diameter
d	Depth or height
E	Modulus of elasticity in tension
e	Elongation in percent (this factor being a measure of the ductility of the material and being based on a tension test; unit deformation or strain); eccentricity; minimum distance from a hole center line to edge of sheet
$E_c$	Modulus of elasticity in compression
F	Allowable stress; Fahrenheit
f	Calculated stress
$F_{bru}$	Ultimate bearing stress
$F_{cc}$	Allowable crushing or crippling stress (upper limit of column stress for local failure)
$F_{cy}$	Compressive yield stress at which permanent strain equals 0.002 (from tests of standard specimens)
$F_s$	Allowable shear stress
$F_{s_{cr}}$	Critical shear stress for buckling of rectangular panels
$F_{su}$	Ultimate stress in pure shear (average shearing stress over the cross-section)

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## SYMBOLS (CONTD)

$f_t$	Calculated tensile stress
$F_{tu}$	Ultimate tensile stress (from tests of standard specimen)
$F_{ty}$	Tensile yield stress at which permanent strain equals 0.002 (from tests of standard specimens)
G	Modulus of rigidity
I	Moment of inertia
J	Polar moment of inertia
K	A constant, generally empirical; thermal conductivity
$K_T$	Stress concentration factor
ksi	KIPS (1000 pounds) per square inch
M	Applied moment (usually a bending moment)
N	Cycles to failure in fatigue
P	Applied load, pounds
$P_a$	Allowable load
psi	Pounds per square inch
R	Radius; ratio of minimum stress to maximum stress
s	Subscript "shear"
sk	Subscript "skin"
st	Subscript "stiffener"
t	Thickness
W	Width of a lug
$\mu$	Poisson's ratio
$\eta$	Plasticity reduction factor



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## CONVERSION OF U. S. CUSTOMARY UNITS TO SI UNITS

The International System of Units (SI) was adopted by the Eleventh General Conference on Weights and Measures, Paris, October 1960. Conversion factors for the units used in this report are given in the following table:

Quantity	U.S. Customary Units	Conversion Factor (*)	SI Unit
Mass	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lb.} \\ \text{oz.} \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 453.6 \\ 28.3 \end{array} \right\}$	grams (g)
Stress	ksi	$6.895 \times 10^6$	newtons/meter <sup>2</sup> (N/m <sup>2</sup> )
Length	in.	0.0254	meters (m)
Temperature	(°F + 460)	5/9	degrees Kelvin (°K)
Volume	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{gal.} \\ \text{pint} \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3.785 \times 10^{-3} \\ 4.732 \times 10^{-4} \end{array} \right\}$	meters <sup>3</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> )
Frequency	cps	1.0	hertz (Hz)
Moment	in. - lb.	0.113	meter-newtons (m-N)
Moment of Inertia	lb. - in. <sup>2</sup>	0.2926	gram-meters <sup>2</sup> (g-m <sup>2</sup> )
Force	lb.	4.448	newtons (N)

\* Multiply value given in U. S. Customary Units by conversion factor to obtain equivalent value in SI Units.

Prefixes to indicate multiple of units are as follows:

Prefix	Multiple
mega (M)	$10^6$
kilo (k)	$10^3$
deci (d)	$10^{-1}$
centi (c)	$10^{-2}$
milli (m)	$10^{-3}$

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## SECTION I

### INTRODUCTION

The program reported herein is for the advancement of structural beryllium technology through the design, fabrication, test and evaluation of a typical load-carrying aircraft component, suitable for flight testing, which demonstrates a potential for increased capability and efficiency through the utilization of beryllium. The program provides structural design information compatible with available material properties, production and component fabrication techniques, and demonstrates the structural integrity of beryllium flight structures.

It was felt that the objectives of this program would be best achieved if the structural component to be evaluated would be a portion of a current aircraft on flying status. Under these conditions, the advantages of beryllium utilization could be appraised in a most direct and timely manner relative to: (a) optimization of detail parts, as well as of the complete component, (b) effects of such component optimization on the aircraft as a whole, and (c) reliability of a beryllium component in actual flight environment, in the event of a future flight test program. Thus, a direct comparison between the "berylliumized" component and its production non-beryllium counterpart would be available in a minimum of time, thereby providing an early assessment of potential benefits that could accrue to a complete aircraft through the advancement of structural beryllium technology.

Based on the above considerations, the rudder on the McDonnell F-4 aircraft was selected for implementation of this program. First, the rudder is a typical sheet metal assembly, which permits a thorough evaluation of structural and manufacturing problems associated with that type of structure, as well as an appreciable weight optimization of most of its structural

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elements. Second, being a mass-balanced control surface, the reduced structural weight and increased stiffness of the rudder achieved through the use of beryllium permit a decrease in balance weights and the elimination of one (upper) of the two flutter dampers. These changes result in a simplification of the rudder structure and an overall weight reduction of the rudder assembly from the current production weight of 63.03 lbs. (28.59 kg) to 37.59 lbs. (17.05 kg). Third, the F-4 aircraft can fly and land without a rudder, so that an eventual flight test program could be conducted under fail-safe conditions. Figure 1 shows the beryllium rudder.

In Section II, physical and mechanical properties of beryllium sheet and pertinent design data are presented. This information was obtained from the data of element tests performed in this program and in Reference 2 work, and from published literature. Included in Section II is a description of the corrosion protection process developed in this program for intended use on a flight test beryllium rudder.

In Section III, the design and analysis of the beryllium rudder are discussed. This discussion includes the design requirements and considerations which defined the rudder basic configuration and influenced the selection of detail component shapes and sizes. Loading conditions established for the F-4 aircraft and used in designing the beryllium rudder are described, and the results of the strength, structural dynamics, control dynamics, and weight analyses presented. Also included in this section is a description of the rudder mass balancing and of the procedure for determining the rudder moment of inertia.

The results of the element test program are discussed in Section IV. A variety of tests were conducted to verify material properties, to obtain

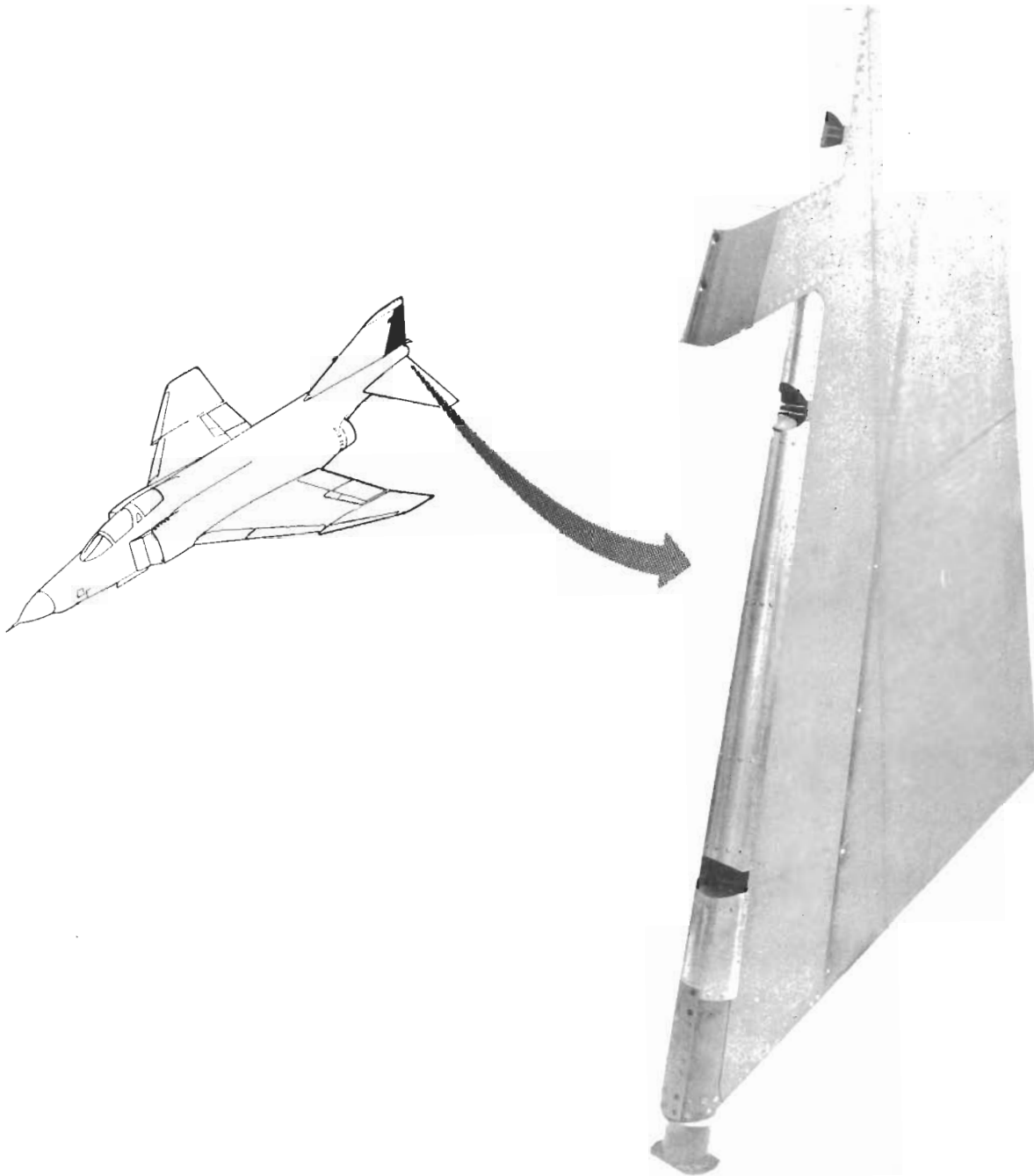


Figure 1 – F-4 Beryllium Rudder

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design data, and to evaluate certain structural details of the rudder. The tests reported herein are listed below:

- o Material Acceptance Tests
- o Metal-to-Metal Bond Tests
- o Bonded Honeycomb Panel Tests
- o Effects of Stress Concentrations and Interference Fit Fasteners
- o Joint Tests
- o Panel Shear Tests
- o Spliced Panel Shear Tests
- o Lug Tests
- o Corrosion Tests
- o Stress-Strain Tests
- o Rudder Composite Section
- o Crack Repair Evaluation Tests

These tests demonstrate that beryllium can be joined to itself and other materials using conventional methods and materials, with a predictable high strength capability, that stress concentrations in the form of filled and unfilled fastener holes reduce the static and fatigue strengths of beryllium, that the fatigue strength of beryllium with drilled fastener holes is improved by the installation of interference fit fasteners, that the post buckling strength of beryllium sheet is less than that of high strength aluminum for the specified test conditions, and that corrosion protection of beryllium can be achieved without degradation of mechanical properties.

Equipment and procedures used in sawing, machining, drilling, counter-sinking, forming, chemical milling, adhesive bonding, inspection, and assembly of the beryllium rudder structural elements are described in Section V. Some problems encountered in fabrication and assembly are described and solutions

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presented. The knowledge and experience acquired in the beryllium wing-box program (Reference 2) greatly facilitated the manufacturing effort for this program.

Tests were conducted on the beryllium rudder to verify its structural adequacy and qualify it for flight use on the F-4 aircraft. A description of these tests and a discussion of the test results are presented in Section VI. The rudder was first fatigue tested to 50,000 cycles of  $\pm 40$  g's on the upper balance weight. Upon successful completion of this test the rudder was then static tested to design ultimate (150% of limit) load for two separate loading conditions: (1) Design Condition I - maximum rudder airload producing maximum rudder torque and (2) Design Condition III - maximum tail (vertical fin plus rudder) loading producing maximum shear and bending in the rudder. These tests were also successfully completed demonstrating that primary load carrying beryllium structures can be fabricated with predictable strength capability, and establishing that the rudder is structurally qualified for flight test use. Following Condition III test, the rudder was again subjected to Condition I loading with the total load allowed to increase beyond 150% of limit load, to provide a direct comparison with the production aluminum rudder which had sustained 225% of this limit load without failure. When the total applied load reached 205% of limit, a crack occurred in the rudder trailing edge lower closure rib, at the rear spar. However, the load did not fall off, and was increased to 250% of limit, after which the test was discontinued. Thus, after an extremely rigorous test program, the beryllium rudder was still capable of carrying more load than had ever been applied to the production rudder for the specified test condition.

## SECTION II

### MATERIAL PROPERTIES, DESIGN DATA AND CORROSION PROTECTION PROCESS

#### 1. Introduction

The F-4 production rudder is a typical stiffened-skin aircraft structure subjected during its service life to steady and alternating loads, thermal inputs, and corrosive environment. In fabricating the beryllium version of this assembly, commercially available hot cross-rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet was used for all spars, ribs, doublers and cover skins. Subsection 2 provides the mechanical properties and chemical composition of this material, as certified by the producers, and describes the specification to which it was purchased. Also presented are physical properties of beryllium material and variations in physical and mechanical properties with temperature.

Subsection 3 presents design data on beryllium cross-rolled sheet including the information obtained in Reference 2 program. Subsection 4 describes the beryllium rudder corrosion protection process developed in this program.



## 2. Beryllium Material Properties

The chemical composition and the physical and mechanical properties of the beryllium sheet used in this program are presented and discussed in the following paragraphs. These data were obtained from the material producers, published literature, and element tests performed during this program. All material was purchased to the requirements of McDonnell Material Specification MMS-191 and is representative of the current, commercially available, beryllium sheet.

2.1 Chemical Composition - The chemical composition of the beryllium sheet used in this program, as certified by the material producers, is given in Table 1 along with the requirements of McDonnell Material Specification MMS-191.

**TABLE 1  
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF BERYLLIUM SHEET**

Lot No.	Be (%)	BeO (%)	Fe (%)	Si (%)	Al (%)	Mg (%)	C (%)	Other (%)
2452	98.50	1.70	0.120	0.030	0.090	0.020	0.130	0.04
2938	98.60	1.69	0.140	0.040	0.090	0.010	0.100	0.04
3516	98.21	1.70	0.140	0.040	0.110	0.008	0.130	0.04
3379	98.68	1.77	0.120	0.040	0.110	0.020	0.130	0.04
3422	98.59	1.90	0.150	0.050	0.130	0.020	0.130	0.04
3318	98.57	1.57	0.160	0.040	0.100	0.010	0.110	0.04
3890	98.30	1.93	0.130	0.020	0.090	0.020	0.100	0.04
3900	98.30	2.00	0.130	0.030	0.100	0.020	0.130	0.04
3939	98.30	1.68	0.120	0.030	0.090	0.020	0.120	0.04
3957	98.30	1.94	0.130	0.030	0.100	0.020	0.100	0.04
013J	98.30	2.00	0.073	0.076	0.066	0.031	0.063	0.04
109H	98.38	1.73	0.168	0.052	0.050	0.008	0.106	0.04
804H	98.46	1.49	0.092	0.056	0.070	0.008	0.100	0.04
H349	98.17	1.99	0.095	0.069	0.068	0.062	0.131	0.04
MMS-191 (2)	98.00 (min.)	2.00 (max.)	0.200 (max.)	0.120 (max.)	0.200 (max.)	0.080 (max.)	0.150 (max.)	0.04 (max.)

**Notes:**

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
- (2) Required per McDonnell Material Specification MMS-191.

2.2 Physical Properties - The physical properties presented herein are applicable to hot-rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet with a BeO content of 1.75%. The room temperature physical properties are summarized in Table 2. The effects of temperature on specific heat, coefficient of thermal conductivity, and coefficient of expansion are shown in Figure 2. The effect of BeO content on the coefficient of expansion is also shown in Figure 2.

TABLE 2  
SUMMARY OF BERYLLIUM PHYSICAL PROPERTIES AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

Density (lb/in. <sup>3</sup> )	0.067
Specific gravity	1.85
Atomic number	4
Atomic weight	9.02
Atomic diameter (A)	2.221
Reflectivity, white light (%)	55
Specific heat, (BTU/lb. <sup>o</sup> F)	0.445
Latent heat of fusion (BTU/lb)	470
Melting point ( <sup>o</sup> F)	2340
Thermal conductivity, (BTU. ft <sup>2</sup> /ft. <sup>2</sup> .hr)	104
Thermal expansion, room temperature (in. in. <sup>o</sup> F)	6 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Electrical conductivity (% of copper)	35 to 45
Resistivity ( $\mu$ ohm-in. <sup>2</sup> /in.)	1.6

2.3 Mechanical Properties - The mechanical properties of hot-rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet are essentially the same in the longitudinal and transverse grain directions. The longitudinal grain direction is defined as the direction of the last rolling operation. The specified guaranteed minimum mechanical properties at room temperature are:

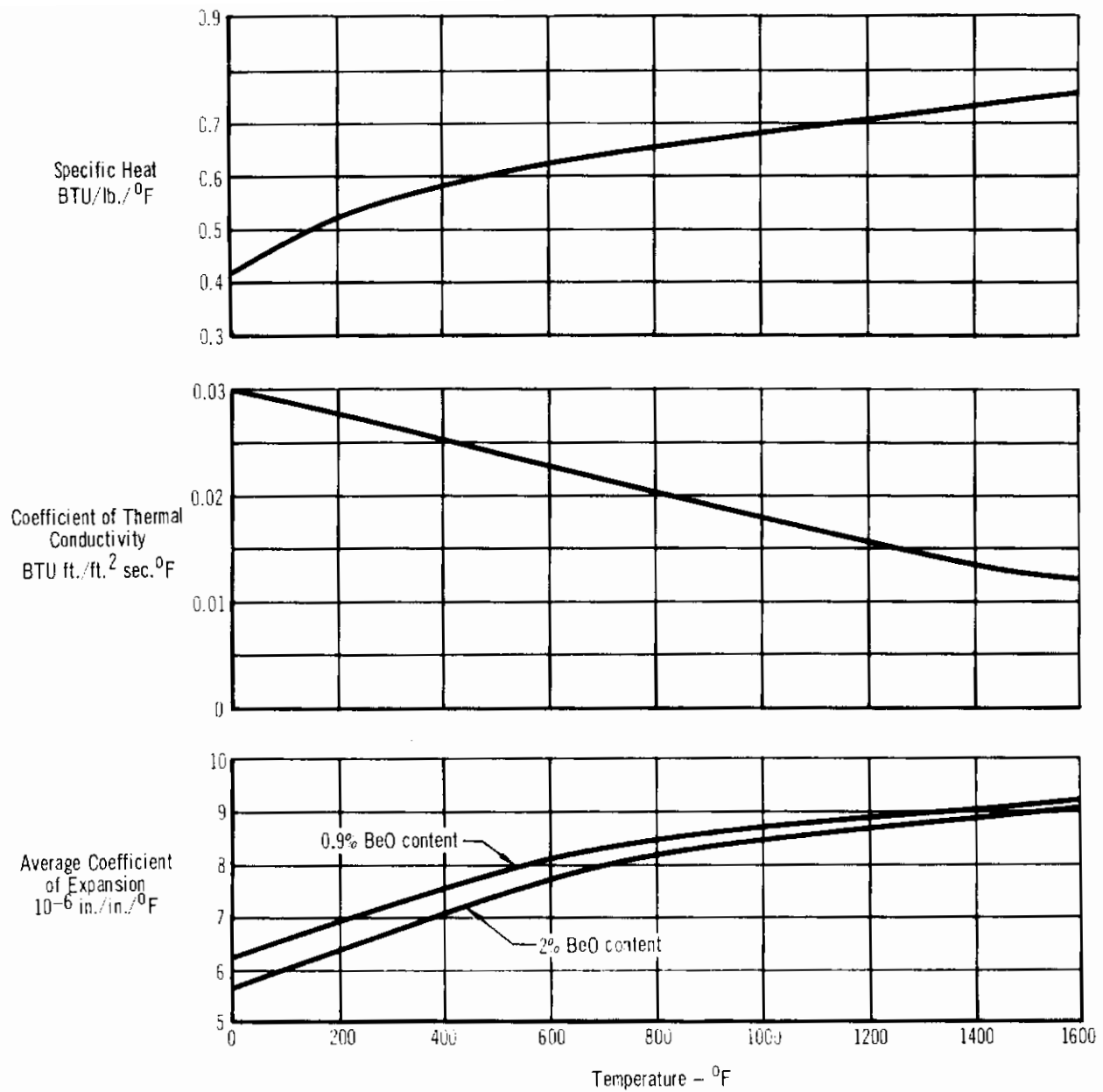


Figure 2 - Effect of Temperature on Specific Heat, Thermal Conductivity, and Coefficient of Expansion of Beryllium

$$F_{tu} = 70 \text{ ksi (483 MN/m}^2\text{)}$$

$$F_{ty} = 50 \text{ ksi (345 MN/m}^2\text{)}$$

$$e = 5\% \text{ in 1.0 inch (2.54 cm)}$$

Table 3 gives the mechanical properties of all beryllium sheets purchased for use in this program.

**TABLE 3  
PROPERTIES OF BERYLLIUM SHEET  
USED FOR ELEMENT TEST SPECIMENS AND RUDDER**

Sheet No.	Lot or Heat	Longitudinal			Transverse		
		F <sub>tu</sub> (ksi)	F <sub>ty</sub> (ksi)	e (%)	F <sub>tu</sub> (ksi)	F <sub>ty</sub> (ksi)	e (%)
996B	2452	77.2	51.2	27.0	75.3	51.8	20.0
1026A	2938	79.2	54.6	14.0	70.8	55.4	5.0
1026B	2938	79.2	54.6	14.0	70.8	55.4	5.0
1072B	3516	84.2	60.2	15.0	82.2	60.1	18.0
1040A	3379	83.2	58.9	27.5	81.9	56.5	21.0
1048B1	3379	81.6	57.0	22.5	77.7	55.6	29.0
1062B	3422	79.4	59.7	15.0	75.2	58.1	11.0
1053A	3422	79.2	55.1	28.0	78.6	56.5	21.0
1034B	3318	78.5	52.5	19.0	79.4	56.5	27.0
1187C	3890	83.0	60.5	20.0	80.8	61.2	17.0
1197A	3900	74.2	52.3	11.0	76.9	60.7	17.0
1210A2	3939	87.1	64.4	17.0	85.1	60.6	15.0
1211A2	3939	84.0	60.1	17.0	77.1	55.6	6.0
1219A	3957	84.0	58.2	24.0	80.2	58.4	19.0
HR385	013J	74.5	51.0	24.0	72.4	52.1	19.0
HR228-1	109H	74.4	57.3	25.0	73.5	58.5	27.0
HR380	804H	81.5	55.1	22.0	75.4	55.4	14.0
HR382	804H	83.8	58.7	24.0	84.9	60.1	19.0
H-349	-	76.0	53.2	24.0	-	-	-

Figure 3 gives typical values of F<sub>tu</sub> and F<sub>ty</sub> vs. temperature, as determined in Reference 2 program. For design, minimum guaranteed mechanical properties should be used rather than typical values. Accordingly, the typical values of F<sub>tu</sub> at all temperatures have been reduced by the ratio of the typical F<sub>tu</sub> to the minimum F<sub>tu</sub> at room temperature, as indicated in Figure 3. Design F<sub>ty</sub> was obtained by reducing the typical F<sub>ty</sub> by the ratio of typical F<sub>ty</sub> to the

minimum  $F_{ty}$  at room temperature. Figure 3 also shows the effect of temperature on  $F_{oru}$  and  $F_{su}$  as reported in Reference 3.

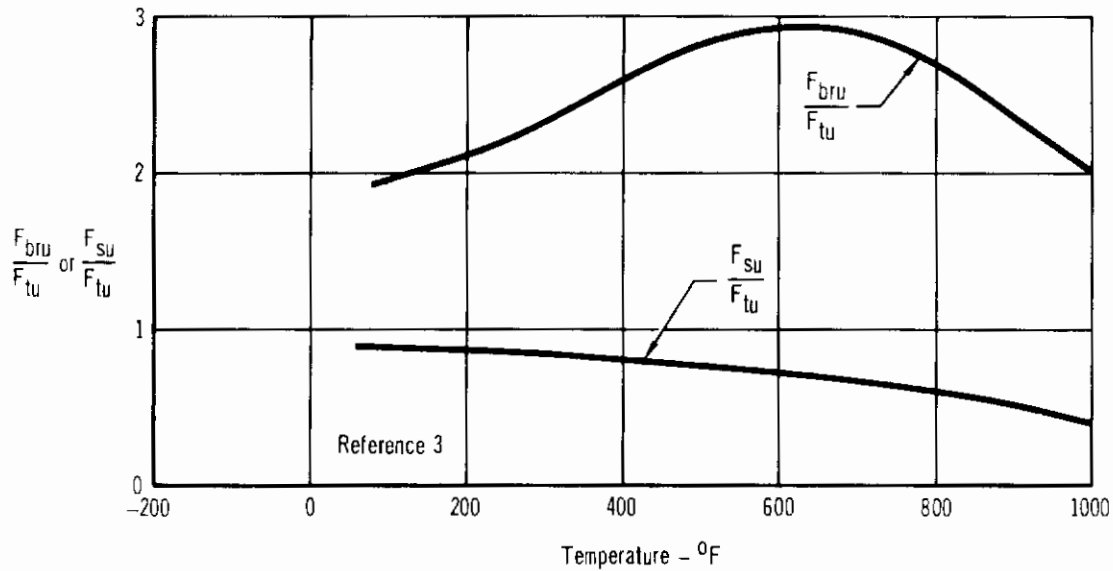
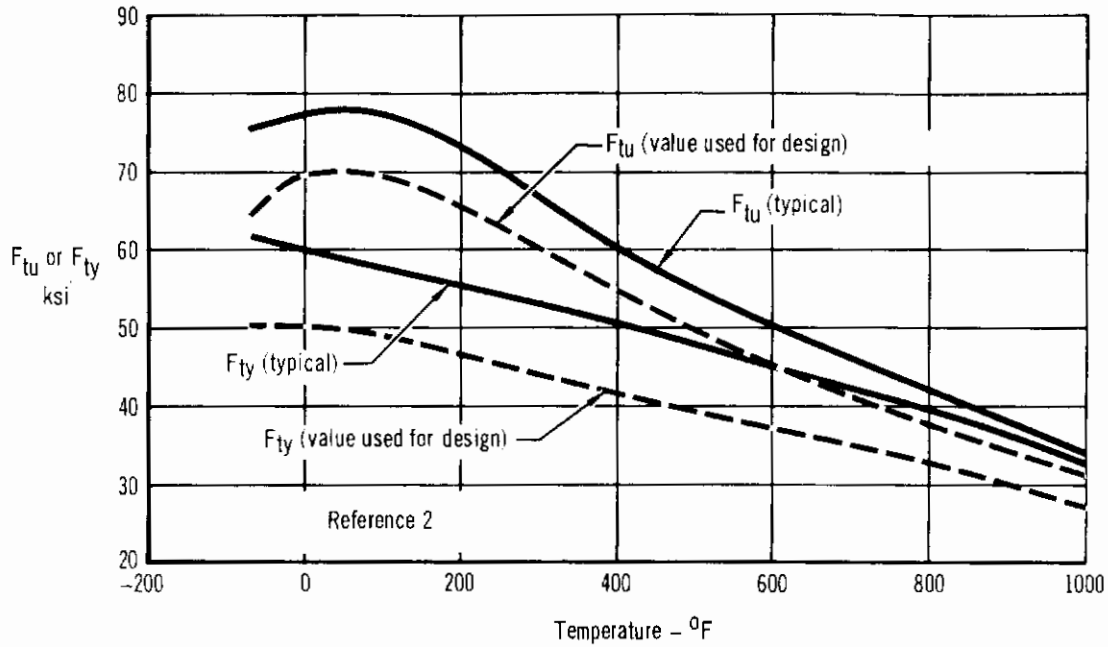


Figure 3 - Effect of Temperature on Tensile, Bearing, and Shear Strength of Beryllium Sheet

### 3. Design Data

In the following paragraphs, design data and methods of analysis for structural components fabricated of beryllium sheet material are presented. This information was used in the analysis of the beryllium wing-box specimens fabricated and tested in Reference 2 program and in the analysis of the beryllium rudder fabricated and tested in this program. The test results obtained in both programs verify the adequacy of the presented design data and methods of analysis for the accurate prediction of the strength of beryllium structural components.

3.1 Allowable Static Tension Stresses - The effect of temperature on the ultimate tension strength of unnotched beryllium sheet is given in Figure 3. These data can be used for design only when the beryllium component is loaded in uniaxial tension and no stress concentration exists. These conditions seldom prevail in an actual aerospace structural component. Beryllium has been found to be quite notch sensitive at operating temperatures below 400°F (478°K). Figure 4 shows the effects of stress concentration ( $K_T$ ) and temperature on the ratio of notched to unnotched strength of beryllium sheet. The notched tension strength should be used to size tension members with stress concentrations when the notched strength is less than the unnotched strength. It is apparent from Figure 4 that, for efficient design, stress concentrations must be minimized in beryllium components loaded in tension.

3.2 Fatigue Strength of Beryllium Sheet - Tests of notched and unnotched tensile specimens indicate that beryllium sheet has exceptionally good resistance to the initiation of fatigue cracks in the temperature range from room temperature to 500°F (533°K). Figure 5 provides the results of fatigue tests conducted both in this and in Reference 2 programs.

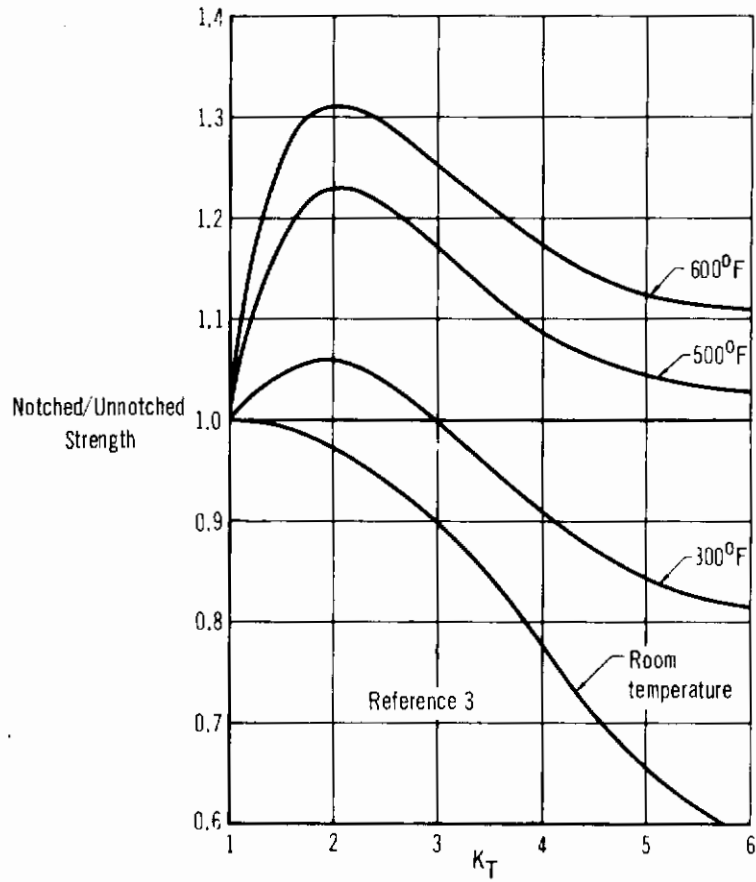


Figure 4 – Effect of Temperature and Stress Concentration on Ultimate Tensile Strength of Beryllium Sheet

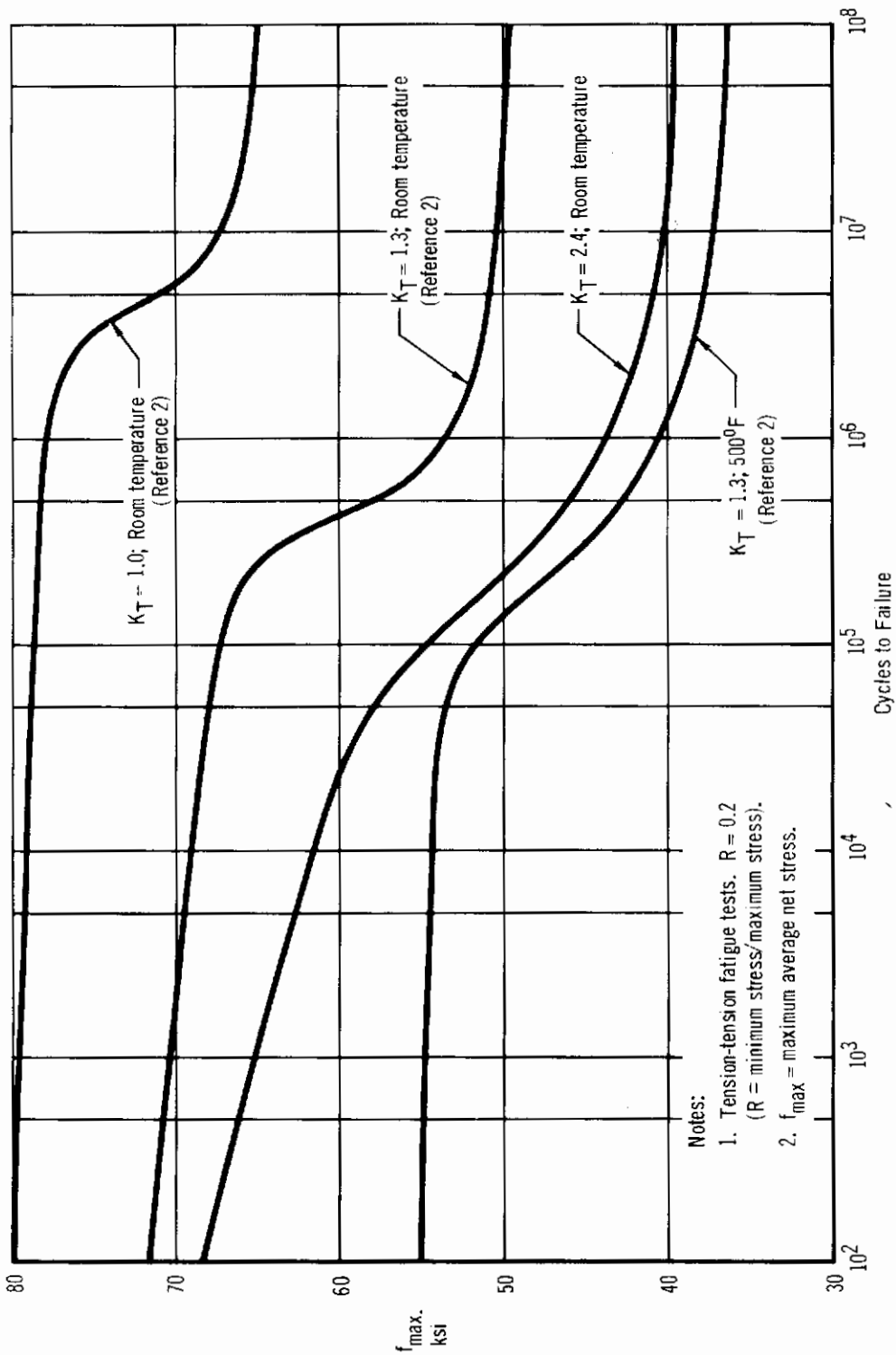


Figure 5 - Fatigue Strength of Hot Rolled, Stress Relieved, Ground and Etched Beryllium Sheet



A surface notched test specimen was used in the fatigue tests conducted in Reference 2 program. The surface notch was produced by chemically milling a groove in the specimen gage area. This configuration was intended to be representative of the condition existing at the edge of a chemically milled land. The resulting stress concentration is relatively low ( $K_T = 1.3$ ).

The fatigue test specimens used in this program had either drilled holes or drilled and countersunk holes in the gage area with hole filling fasteners (CR 2248-4 aluminum cherry rivets and NAS 1097 AD4 solid aluminum rivets) installed in some of the test specimens to determine the effects of the induced tension stresses. These tests (described in detail in Section IV) showed that stress concentrations in the form of filled and unfilled fastener holes reduce the static and fatigue strengths of beryllium, and that fatigue strength is improved and static strength not affected by the installation of the hole filling fasteners in beryllium when compared to specimens with empty holes.

3.3 Initial Buckling Strength of Beryllium Shear Panels - The initial buckling strength of flat, unstiffened panels loaded in shear can be predicted with the equation:

$$\frac{F_{s\ cr}}{\eta} = \frac{\pi^2 K_s E}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2$$

Figure 6 provides design curves for the prediction of the initial buckling stress of flat beryllium panels loaded in shear at room temperature and at 500°F (533°K). These curves were developed using the method given in Reference 4 except that  $F_{su} = .8 F_{tu}$  was assumed on the basis of available beryllium test data following the Reference 2 approach.

3.4 Post-Buckling Strength of Beryllium Shear Panels - The post-buckling (ultimate) strength of flat, unstiffened shear webs fabricated from 2024-T3 and 7075-T6 aluminum may be predicted using the method developed in Reference 5.

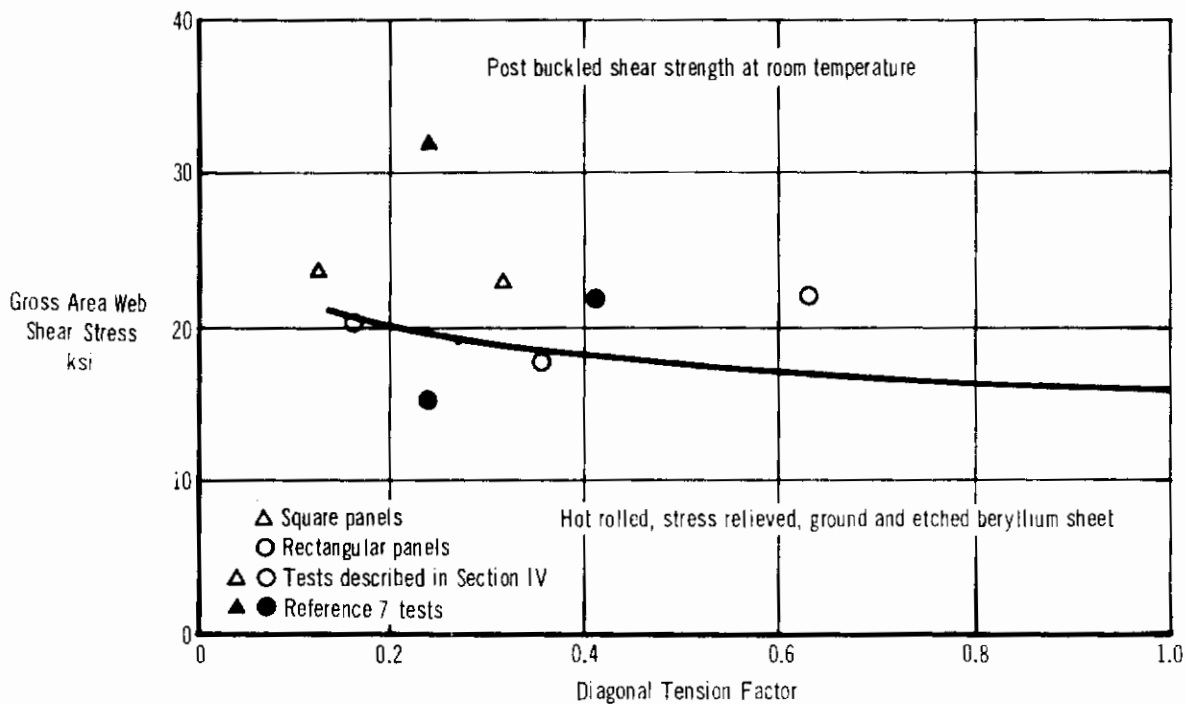
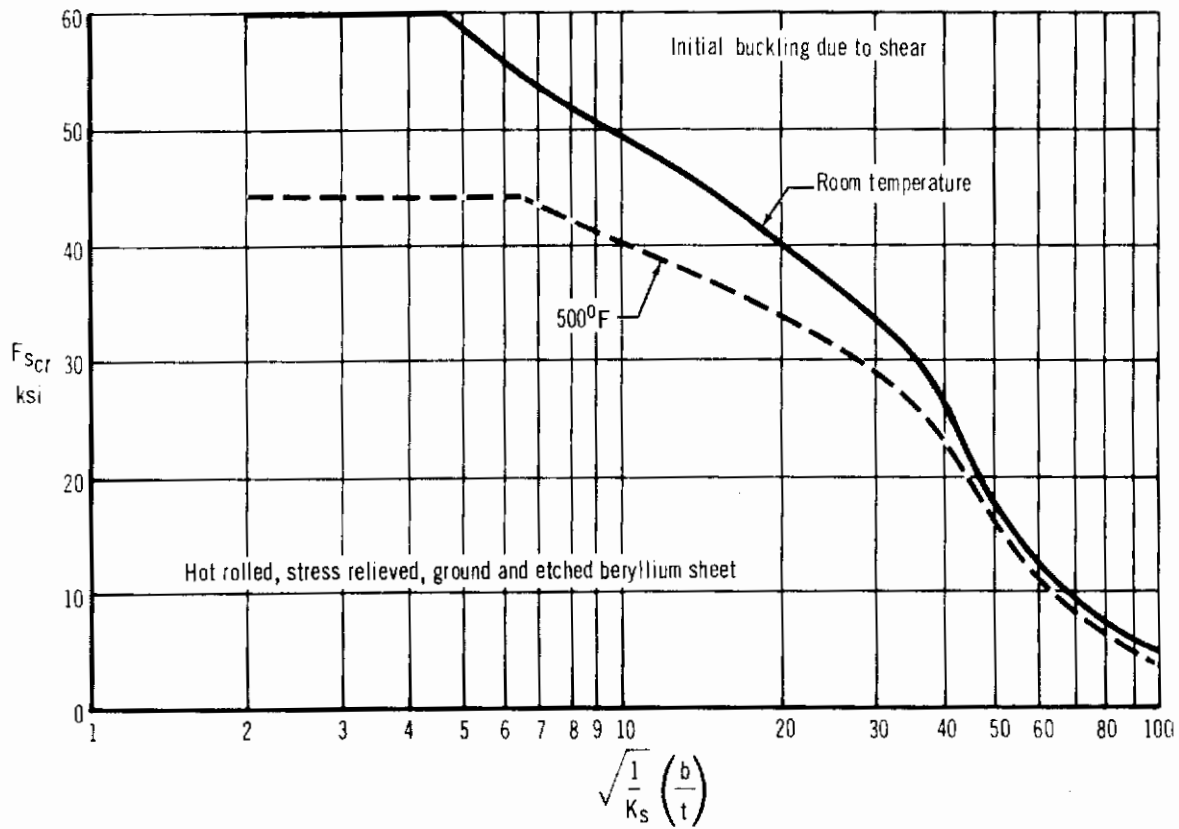


Figure 6 – Design Curves for Initial and Post-Buckling Shear Strength of Flat Beryllium Panels

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Reference 6 shows that the shear post-buckling strength of other materials, at any temperature, can be closely approximated by multiplying the post-buckling strength data of the 2024-T3 material by the ratio of the ultimate tensile stress (at temperature) of the new material to that of the 2024-T3 material at room temperature. The results of tests performed in this program and described in Section IV show that this procedure is not suitable for prediction of the post-buckled shear strength of beryllium panels; tests of flat unstiffened shear panels in a cantilever type jig clearly showed that the post-buckled shear strength of beryllium panels was significantly below that of the identical 7178-T6 aluminum panels tested under identical conditions. Tests reported in Reference 7 tend to verify this conclusion. Based on the tests described in Section IV, the design curve shown in Figure 6 was developed for prediction of the post-buckled shear strength of flat, unstiffened beryllium panels.

3.5 Initial Compression Buckling Strength of Flat Panels - Figure 7 shows design curves for prediction of the initial compression buckling stress of flat, unstiffened beryllium panels at room temperature and at 500°F (533°K). These curves were developed by the method of Reference 8 and are in agreement, in the elastic range, with similar design curves given in Reference 7. The curves in Figure 6 predict lower compression buckling stresses in the plastic range than Reference 7 curves because the plasticity reduction factor ( $\eta$ ) used in the development of the former was based on typical stress-strain curves for currently available beryllium sheet. Reference 7 curves were based on stress-strain data typical of beryllium sheet available in 1962; this sheet had a slightly higher yield strength ( $F_{ty}$ ) than the currently available sheet.

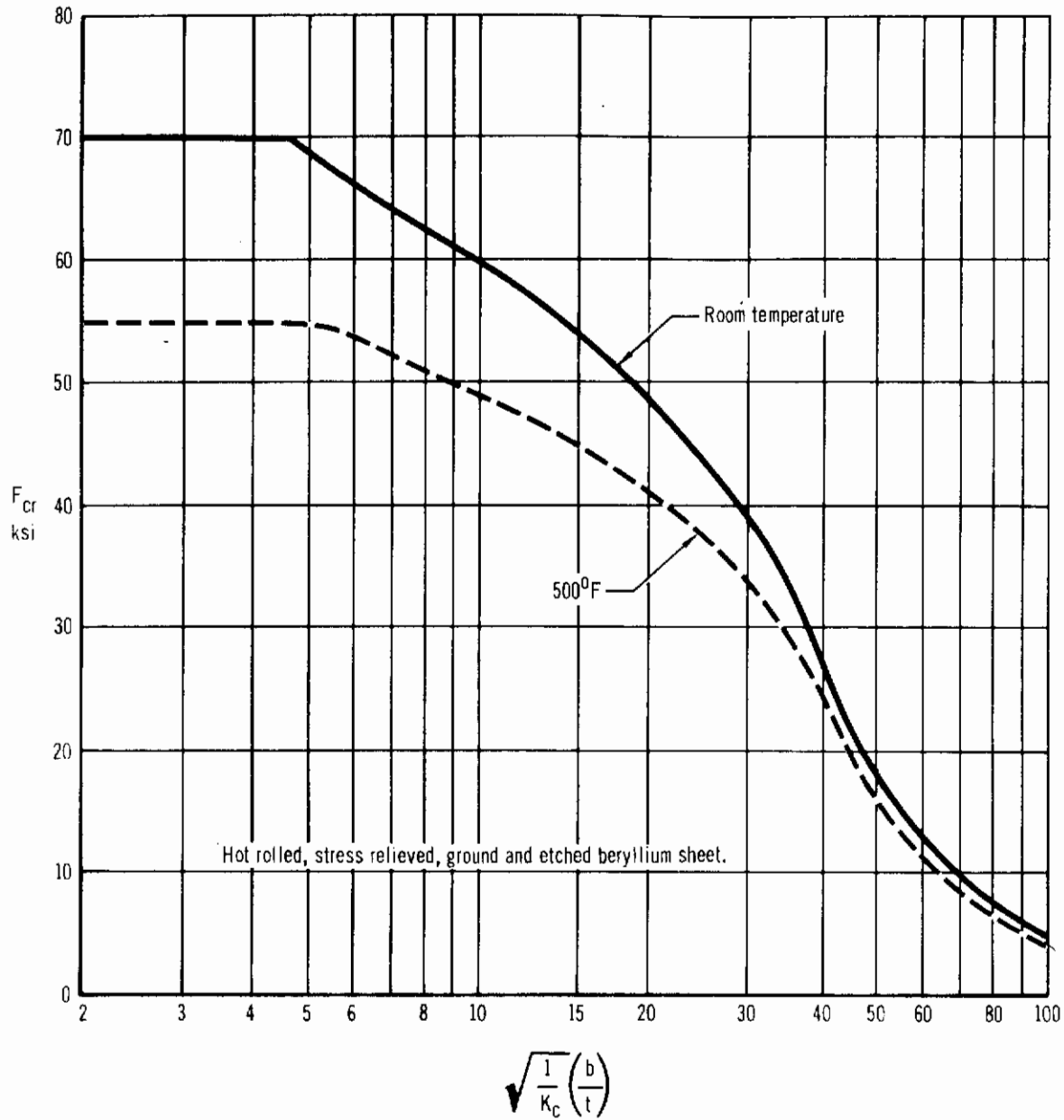


Figure 7 - Design Curves for Initial Compression Buckling Strength of Flat, Unstiffened Beryllium Panels

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3.6 Allowable Crippling Stresses - As a result of the tests performed in Reference 2 program, design curves and methods of analysis have been developed for prediction of the crippling strength of stiffening members and stiffened flat panels fabricated of beryllium sheet material. The design curves and methods of analysis given in the following paragraphs were found to give accurate strength predictions for beryllium structures in the temperature range from  $-65^{\circ}$  ( $219^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) to  $500^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $533^{\circ}\text{K}$ ).

3.6.1 Crippling of Stiffening Elements - Virtually any stiffening member (angles, channels, Z-sections, etc.) that can be fabricated from beryllium sheet consists of no-edge-free and/or one-edge-free elements. Nondimensional design curves for determining the crippling stress of no-edge-free and one-edge-free beryllium stiffener elements are given in Figure 8. These design curves may be used for strength predictions at any temperature from  $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $219^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) to  $500^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $533^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) at which beryllium material properties  $F_{tu}$ ,  $F_{cy}$ , and  $E$  are known. The following procedure is used to determine the average crippling stress of the stiffener ( $F_{cc_{st}}$ ) and the allowable (ultimate) load of the member.

- o Knowing the stiffener geometry and material properties, calculate the average crippling stress ( $F_{cc_{st}}$ ) of the stiffener from the equation:

$$F_{cc_{st}} = \frac{A_1 F_{cc_1} + A_2 F_{cc_2} + \dots + A_n F_{cc_n}}{A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n}$$

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are the actual areas of stiffener elements.

$F_{cc_1}, F_{cc_2}, \dots, F_{cc_n}$  are the crippling stresses as determined

from Figure 8 for stiffener elements 1, 2, ... n.

- o The allowable compression load for the stiffener is:

$$P_a = F_{cc_{st}} A_{st}$$

$$\text{where } A_{st} = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n$$

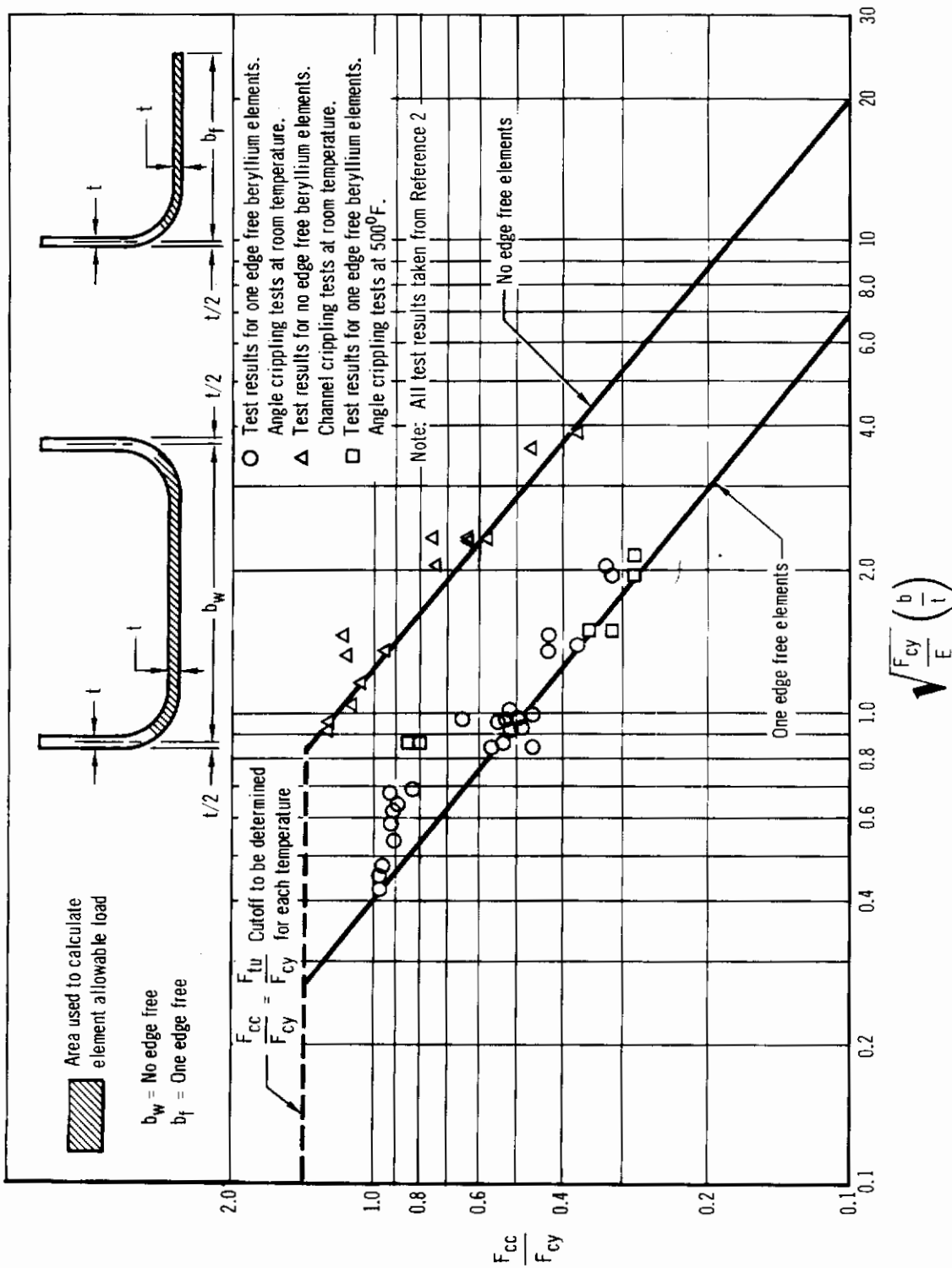


Figure 8 - Nondimensional Crippling Design Curves for Beryllium

## 3.6.2 Crippling of Stiffened Flat Panels with Constant Skin Thickness -

The total load carried by a stiffened panel is equal to the sum of the loads carried by the stiffeners and by the skin. The crippling strength of the stiffener can be predicted from the design chart, Figure 8. The load carried by the skin can be approximated by use of an "effective width" of skin acting at the stiffener stress. The design chart for determining the "effective width" of skin (taken from Reference 9) is presented in Figure 9. The method used to calculate the crippling strength of panels having skin of constant thickness (like Configuration I shown in Figure 10) is presented below:

- o Calculate the average crippling stress for each stiffener as described previously.
- o Enter the design chart, Figure 9, for determining the "effective width" of skin acting at the stringer stress. With the stiffener stress,  $F_{cc}$ , read the value  $2w_e/t$ .

Note:  $(nE)_{skin} / \sqrt{(nE)_{stiff.}} = \sqrt{(nE)_{skin}}$  when both the skin and stiffener are of the same material and are at the same temperature.

" $w_e$ " is the effective width of skin on either side of the stiffener acting at the same stress as the stiffener. "t" is the skin thickness.

If " $w_e$ " is greater than half the stiffener spacing (b) i.e., if effective widths overlap, use  $w_e = b/2$ .

- o Calculate the load carried by the effective skin:

$$P_{sk} = F_{cc_{st}} 2w_e t$$

- o The crippling strength of the stringer and its effective skin is:

$$P = P_{st} + P_{sk}$$

- o The total load carried by a panel with a number of stiffeners is:

$$P_{total} = \Sigma P$$

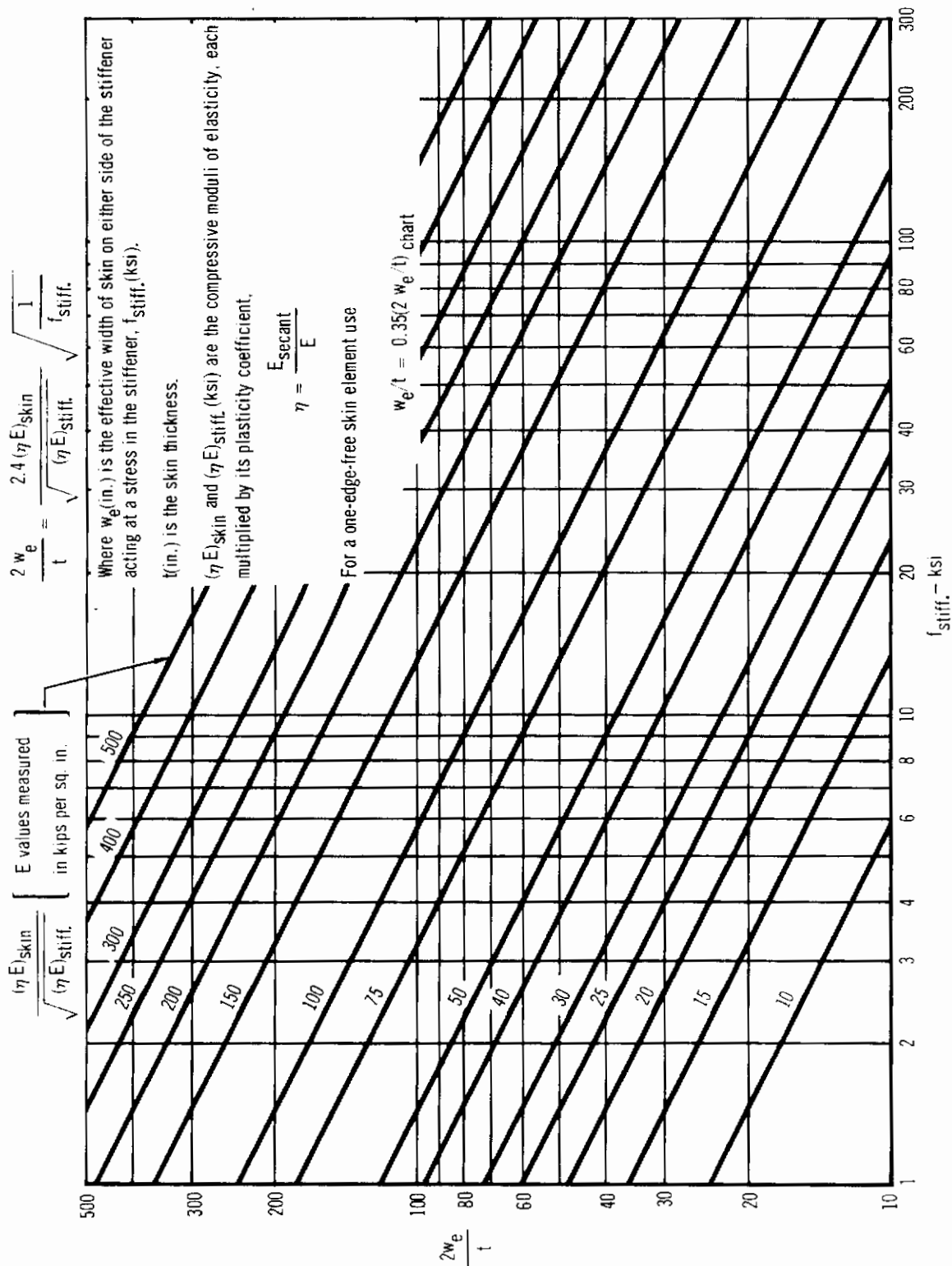
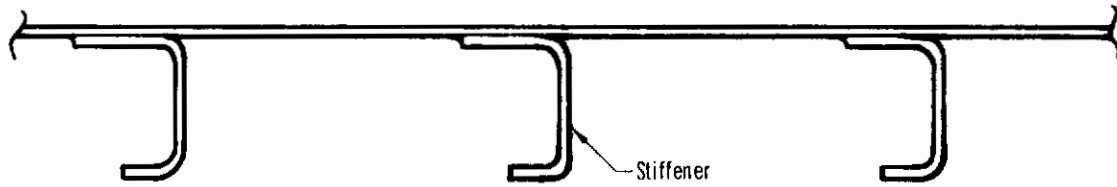
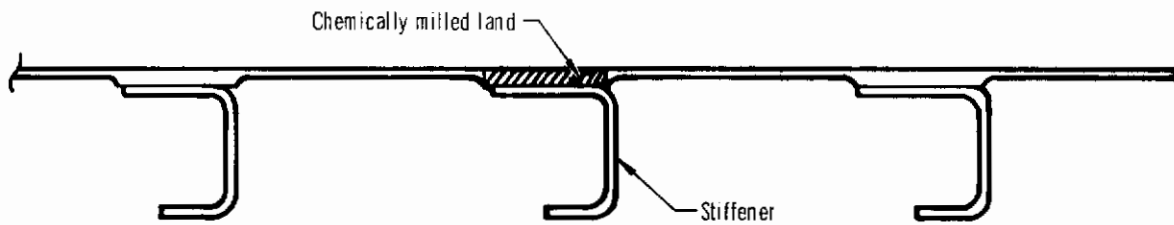


Figure 9 - Effective Width of Stiffened Sheet





Configuration I  
Stiffened panel with constant skin thickness



Configuration II  
Stiffened panel with chemically milled lands

Figure 10- Stiffened Panel Configurations

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3.6.3 Crippling of Panels with Chemically Milled Lands - If countersunk fasteners are to be used to join thin beryllium skins to the substructure, it may be necessary to provide a chemically milled land (local increase in skin thickness) to avoid the knife-edge effect in the skin at the base of the countersink. This land does not necessarily result in a weight penalty. The increased skin area resulting from the land will carry its share of the load and, in effect, increase the "effective area" of the skin in compression. The method used to predict the crippling strength of stiffened panels with skin having chem-milled lands (Configuration II in Figure 10) is presented below:

- (1) Calculate the stiffener crippling stress and the effective skin width as described previously for panels having constant skin thickness. For panel skins with chem-milled lands, the "effective width" is measured from the edge of the chem-milled land instead of from the skin-stiffener fastener line.
- (2) Calculate the allowable load of the panel assuming the stiffener, the land, and the effective skin are acting at the stiffener crippling stress.

$$P = F_{cc_{st}} (A_{st} + 2w_e t + A_{land})$$

- (3) The total load carried by a panel with a number of stringers is:

$$P_{total} = EP \text{ (from (2))}$$

3.7 Analysis of Beryllium Lugs - Nondimensional design curves for prediction of the static strength of symmetrically loaded lugs fabricated of beryllium sheet are presented in Figure 11. Given the lug geometry and the ultimate tensile stress ( $F_{tu}$ ) of beryllium, the designer can predict the allowable lug load from the equation:

$$P_a = \frac{F_{br}}{F_{tu}} (F_{tu}) Dt$$

$\frac{F_{br}}{F_{tu}}$  is the minimum value read from Figure 11 for  $\frac{R}{D}$  or  $\frac{W}{D}$ .

$F_{tu}$  is the ultimate tensile stress for beryllium sheet at temperature considered.

D is the hole diameter.

t is the lug thickness.

Note that the allowable load can be predicted for any temperature provided the ultimate tensile stress ( $F_{tu}$ ) is known for the temperature considered. The element tests described in Section IV verify the adequacy of the lug design curves in the temperature range from -65°F (219°K) to 500°F (533°K). If design temperatures are significantly below -65°F (219°K) or above 500°F (533°K), the lug strength should be substantiated by test.

3.8 Joint Design Criteria - Mechanical fastening and adhesive bonding were used for joining the beryllium rudder structural members. These are, at present, the two most satisfactory means for joining beryllium. Adhesive bonding was used to join the trailing edge honeycomb core to the face skins, the rear spar, and the closure members. Mechanical fasteners were used to join all members forward of the rear spar and to attach the trailing edge assembly to the forward torque box structure.

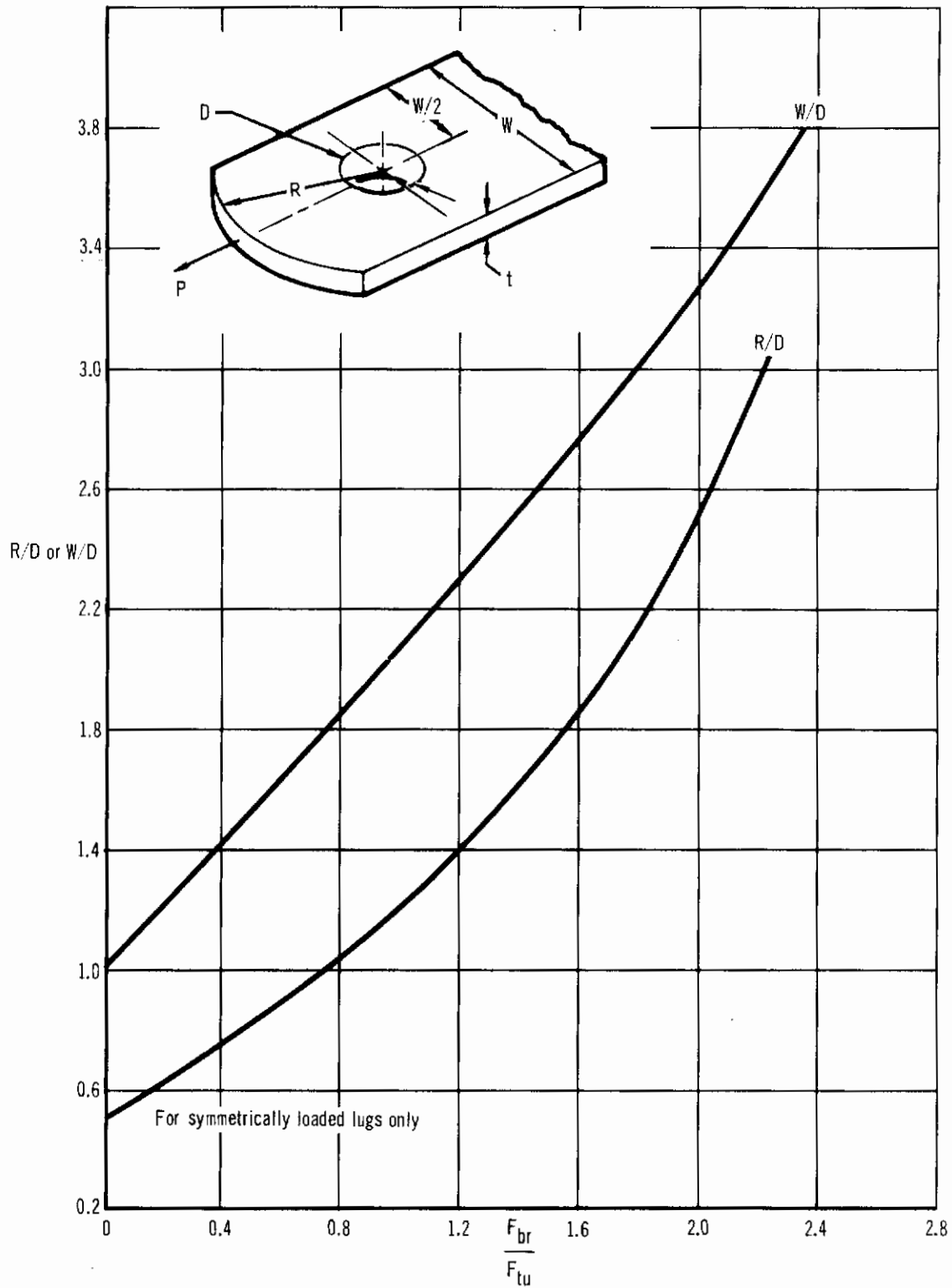


Figure 11 – Beryllium Lug Design Chart

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Because the joints are relatively lightly loaded, except in a few areas, and the temperatures do not exceed 270°F (405°K), it was possible to use aluminum fasteners extensively. Aluminum cherry rivets were used in areas where blind fasteners were required or where space limitations precluded the installation of non-blind fasteners. Aluminum Hi-Shear rivets or solid aluminum rivets were used in all lightly loaded joints not requiring blind fasteners. Hi-Lok fasteners were used in highly loaded joints, and steel Jo-bolts were used where high strength blind fasteners were required.

Special consideration must be given to the geometry of the hole and/or countersink provided for mechanical fasteners. The edges of the hole should be chamfered so that no interference will exist at the fastener head-to-shank fillet radius, particularly when steel or titanium fasteners are used. Interference between the head-to-shank fillet radius and the edge of the hole can produce local damage in beryllium and can prevent the fastener from seating properly on installation. The depth of the countersink for flush fasteners must be at least .015 in. (.381mm) less than the thickness of the material to avoid a knife edge at the base of the countersink. If countersink depth exceeds material thickness, cracking or chipping of the knife edge will invariably occur. To avoid this condition, it is necessary to provide extra thickness in the beryllium at the countersunk fasteners.

Although some results have been published, there is not sufficient test data available to permit establishment of firm design allowables for any of the many possible mechanically fastened beryllium joint configurations. Until such data is generated, the designer and stress analyst will have to rely on conservative engineering estimates based on limited available information. The strength of critically loaded joints should be verified by element testing.

The following criteria for computing allowable loads for mechanically fastened beryllium joints have been found to yield conservative strength predictions when compared to available test results.

3.8.1 Fastener Shear Critical - Use fastener producers' minimum guaranteed shear strength.

3.8.2 Sheet Bearing Critical - The ultimate bearing stress of beryllium sheet is approximately equal to that of 7075-T6 aluminum sheet at room temperature;  $F_{bru} \approx 145 \text{ ksi (1000 MN/m}^2\text{)}$ . Therefore, when sheet bearing is critical, the beryllium joint strength is assumed equal to that of an identical 7178-T6 aluminum joint for both protruding head and flush fasteners. The joint allowables for many fastener types and aluminum sheet thickness combinations are readily available in MIL-HDBK 5 and company structures handbooks. To account for the effects of temperature, multiply the room temperature allowable by the ratio of ultimate bearing stress at temperature to ultimate bearing stress at room temperature.

3.8.3 Sheet Tension Critical - Since beryllium is notch sensitive at temperatures below approximately 400°F (478°K), joints subjected to tension loads in the plane of the sheet perpendicular to the fastener line may fail at loads less than those predicted by the fastener shear or sheet bearing criteria given above. This is particularly true when eccentric loading exists. To avoid a tension failure in the beryllium sheet between fasteners, the net tension stress should not exceed the notched tensile strength of the material. This requirement will sometimes result in a weight penalty since the material thickness will have to be increased locally at the fasteners to reduce net tension stresses to acceptable levels. The maximum net tension stress between fastener

holes in the beryllium sheet should not be allowed to exceed:

o  $f_{t_{net}} = 50 \text{ ksi (345 MN/m}^2\text{)}$  in joints having no eccentricity

o  $f_{t_{net}} = 200 \text{ ksi (1379 MN/m}^2\text{)}$  in eccentrically loaded joint

where  $f_{t_{net}} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{Mc}{I}$

M = bending moment due to eccentric loading with no joint deflection

A = net material cross-sectional area between fasteners

These criteria have been found to be approximately 10% conservative when applied to element test specimens tested at McDonnell during this program.

3.8.4 Adhesive Bonded Joints - Beryllium is readily bonded with a number of commercially available adhesive systems. Tests of beryllium lap shear specimens bonded with the FM-61 epoxy adhesive system (see Section IV) and with the HT-424 epoxy-phenolic adhesive system (in Reference 2 program) resulted in bond shear stresses significantly higher than those obtained in tests of aluminum lap shear specimens bonded with the same adhesive systems. The design lap shear stresses for beryllium joints bonded with the FM-61 and HT-424 adhesive systems are given in Table 4. These design values are 80% of the minimum values obtained in the tests.

TABLE 4  
DESIGN SHEAR STRESSES FOR BONDED BERYLLIUM LAP JOINTS

Adhesive	Temperature (°F)	Design Stress (psi)
FM-61	75	3000
	-65	4300
HT-424	75	3200
	500	1350

## 4. Beryllium Rudder Corrosion Protection Process

The finish requirements for corrosion protection of an F-4 beryllium rudder, subjected to flight service environment, were established from the results of the element test program discussed in Section IV of this report. It should be noted that the rudder fabricated and tested in this program was not provided with the corrosion protection finish described below, since no need for such protection existed. A flight test rudder, however, would have to undergo this process (or its equivalent) to protect it against the corrosive flight environment. This process is expected to adequately supply such protection. Following is a description of the corrosion protection process.

### 4.1 General Requirements

4.1.1 Finishing Sequence - Whenever possible, all forming, machining, drilling, welding, chemical milling, or other operations that could damage the finish system should be accomplished prior to the application of the finish system. The organic finish (Subsection 4.3) shall be applied as soon after chemical treatment (Subsection 4.2) as possible.

4.1.2 Treatment of Cut or Machined Surfaces - Where treated aluminum or beryllium is cut, machined or chemically milled through the protective coating, the affected surface shall be touched up with a brush applied alodine solution meeting the requirements of MIL-C-5541 and the same paint as is on the adjacent surface.

4.1.3 Protection During Fabrication and Storage - Aluminum parts and assemblies shall be protected during fabrication and temporary storage by treating with an alodine solution. Beryllium parts shall be treated with the alodine solution as soon as possible after final etch. The solution shall meet the requirements of MIL-C-5541 and may be a brush-on type or applied by immersion.



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4.1.4 Metal Wool Precautions - Aluminum wool is permitted on beryllium, but steel and stainless steel wool are prohibited.

## 4.2 Inorganic Treatment of Beryllium

4.2.1 General - Beryllium shall be treated with an alodine solution meeting the requirements of MIL-C-5541. The method of applying this chemical film (chromate conversion coating) shall be by immersion. Whenever possible, parts shall be treated individually. Immersion of assemblies shall be avoided because dissimilar metals on the assembly may cause corrosion when in solution. Following is a description of the alodine solution to be used for immersion applications.

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Concentration</u>	<u>Temperature</u>	<u>pH</u>
Turcoat 4178	9 lbs./100 gal. (11 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) of tap water	60-95°F (289-308°K)	1.7-2.0
Nitric Acid(40°Be)	2-4 pints/100 gal. (2.5-5 dm <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>3</sup> ) of solution		

Surfaces to be coated shall be solvent or vapor degreased, alkaline cleaned and rinsed. An acid etch may also be used. The deoxidizing procedure in the alodine process is prohibited for beryllium.

4.2.2 Exceptions - Touch-up of inorganic treated beryllium which has been damaged shall be accomplished with a brush applied alodine solution meeting the requirements of MIL-C-5541. Following is a description of the brush applied alodine solution.

<u>Material</u>	<u>Concentration</u>	<u>Temperature</u>	<u>pH</u>
Alodine 1200 Anchem Products, Inc.	2-3 oz./gal. (15-22kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Room Temperature	1.50-1.75
Water	Remainder		

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Surfaces to be coated shall be water scrubbed with a nylon abrasive pad to obtain a water break free surface. The solution shall be applied with a bristle brush or cheesecloth to the water wet surface.

Beryllium in the bonded honeycomb trailing edge assembly that is not treated in the bonding process shall be treated with the brush applied alodine solution. The treatment shall be accomplished after closure of the bonded honeycomb assembly.

Aluminum metals in the beryllium rudder assembly shall be treated with an alodine solution meeting the requirements of MIL-C-5541.

#### 4.3 Organic Treatment of Beryllium

4.3.1 Internal Surfaces - Those areas not exposed to exterior environment shall be coated with two coats of MIL-P-8585 zinc chromate primer.

4.3.2 Exterior Surfaces - Those areas exposed to external environment shall be coated with one coat of MMS-405 epoxy primer, color yellow and two to three coats of MMS-405 epoxy enamel, color #17875.

4.3.3 Dissimilar Metal Protection - For dissimilar metal purposes, beryllium is considered as follows:

Similar to - aluminum, aluminum alloys, and cadmium

Dissimilar to - magnesium, titanium, steel, stainless steel,  
copper alloys, chromium, nickel and tin.

Dissimilar metal contacts require a minimum of two coats of paint on each faying surface. The use of MIL-S-8802 sealant at the dissimilar metal faying surface is a substitute for the paint requirement.

Slip fits, press fits and threaded inserts that form dissimilar metal contacts shall be assembled using wet MIL-P-8585 primer or wet MMS-405 epoxy primer.

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The interior surfaces of the beryllium skins on the bonded trailing edge assembly shall be cleaned, primed and bonded as specified in the bonding process and do not require any other treatments.

Similar metal contacts do not require any additional protection beyond the requirements established in Subsection 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.

4.3.4 Fasteners: Interior Surfaces - Fasteners that are dissimilar to beryllium per Subsection 4.3.3 shall be installed with wet MIL-P-8585 primer. Fasteners that are similar to beryllium do not require organic protection at the time of installation.

4.3.5 Fasteners: Exterior Surfaces - All permanent fasteners shall be installed with wet MIL-S-8802 sealant. All removable fasteners shall have an epoxy primer coating (a mixture of one volume of 515-006 Super Koropon Fluid Resistant Primer and one volume of 910-117 Activator - DeSoto Chemical Coatings, Inc.), and the countersinks shall be alodined per MIL-C-5541 prior to fastener installation.

4.3.6 Sealing - All mold line butt joints of the beryllium rudder assembly shall be sealed with MIL-S-8802 sealant.

## SECTION III

### RUDDER DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

#### 1. Introduction

In the design phase of this program, complete interchangeability of the beryllium and aluminum rudders was postulated to provide for eventual flight testing. Accordingly, the layout of the beryllium rudder was controlled by the requirements of compatibility with the F-4 fin structure and with the rudder actuation system, resulting in the envelope and the support geometry of the beryllium rudder being virtually identical with the production configuration.

In defining the extent of beryllium utilization in the rudder structure, shown schematically in Figure 12, the primary objective was to save the maximum amount of weight within the limits prescribed by manufacturing state-of-the-art, material availability, and reasonable costs. Since the F-4 rudder is a mass-balanced control surface, all weight saved aft of the hinge line results in additional weight savings due to a corresponding reduction in balance weights. Therefore, every effort was extended to convert the aluminum structure aft of the hinge line to beryllium. It may be seen from Figure 12 that this conversion was virtually 100%, the exception being the trailing edge honeycomb core, the mechanical fasteners, and some shear clips. The first two items are not currently available in beryllium, and the costs of beryllium shear clip fabrication would have been prohibitive for the weight to be saved. Forward of the hinge line, no redesign to beryllium was deemed desirable. Any structural weight saved in this area would be nullified by a corresponding increase in balance weights, and the manufacturing difficulties and costs associated with the fabrication of such items as the leading edge ribs were

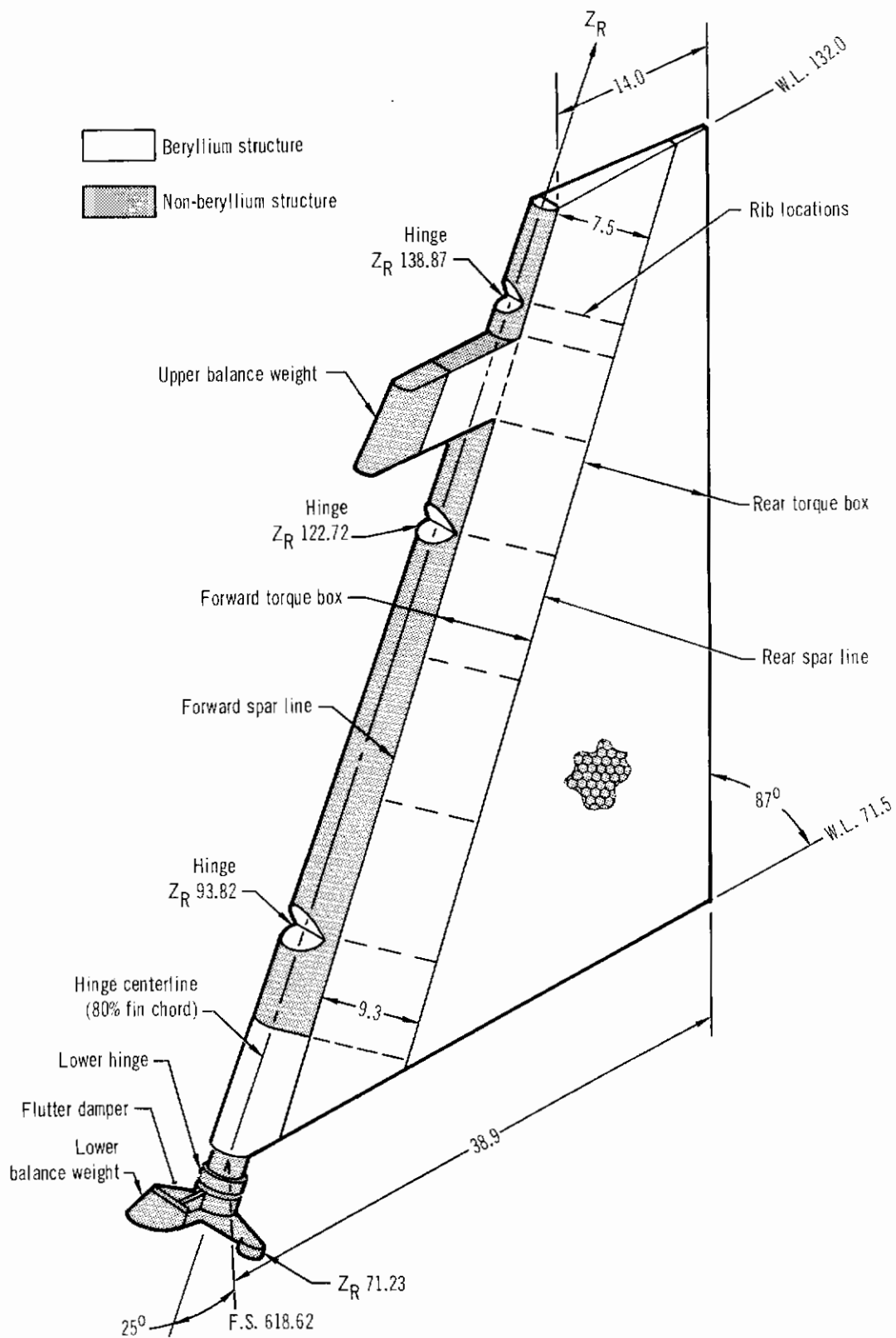


Figure 12 - Beryllium Rudder Structure Schematic

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considered excessive. An exception was made for the lower section of leading edge skin which transfers torque into the rudder, because it contributes significantly to overall torsional stiffness. The lower rudder fittings were left in aluminum due to difficulties in procurement of the material required (forgings and/or extrusions) and the associated high costs. The detail drawings of the beryllium rudder are shown in the Appendix.

The structural integrity of the beryllium rudder design was verified under loading conditions identical to those established for the production aircraft. The major design considerations and the design loading conditions are discussed in subsections 2 and 3, respectively, followed by the strength, structural dynamics and control dynamics analyses, subsections 4, 5, and 6, respectively. Mass balancing of the rudder, the rudder moment of inertia, and the weight are discussed in subsections 7, 8, and 9, respectively. It is shown that the beryllium rudder is 40.4% lighter than its aluminum counterpart.

## 2. Design Considerations

The beryllium rudder, like its production aluminum counterpart, is a two-cell torque box supported along its leading edge by four hinges. The structural arrangement of the beryllium rudder is similar to that of the production rudder; the forward torque box is of conventional multirib-skin-spar construction, whereas the aft torque box structure consists of skin-faced honeycomb core with edging members. The forward torque box was designed to carry the primary rudder loads, with the front spar at the hinge line as the main bending member. The aft torque box was designed to distribute local airloads into the forward torque box. Figures 13 and 14 show the beryllium and aluminum rudder structures, respectively, and illustrate their major differences.

Both the aluminum and beryllium rudders were designed to be actuated by a hydraulic power cylinder attached to the rudder torque tube at the lower hinge point. Two balance weights (locations shown in Figures 13 and 14) are provided for rudder static and dynamic balance.

The production aluminum rudder requires two dampers to prevent flutter. These are located in the area of the lower hinge and just below the upper balance weight (see Figure 14). Because of its increased stiffness and reduced weight, the beryllium rudder requires a damper at the lower hinge only. Furthermore, as a direct result of beryllium utilization and the corresponding increase in stiffness, the number of stiffening ribs was reduced from 17 in the production rudder to 10 in the beryllium rudder (Figures 13 and 14).

In fabricating the beryllium rudder, extensive use was made of chem-milling to provide effective skin-cap areas where needed, to save weight in shear panels where thinner gauges could be utilized, and to preclude the occurrence of knife-edges and corresponding fatigue problems at countersunk fasteners. Aluminum Hi-Shear and Cherry rivets were used for joining most structural

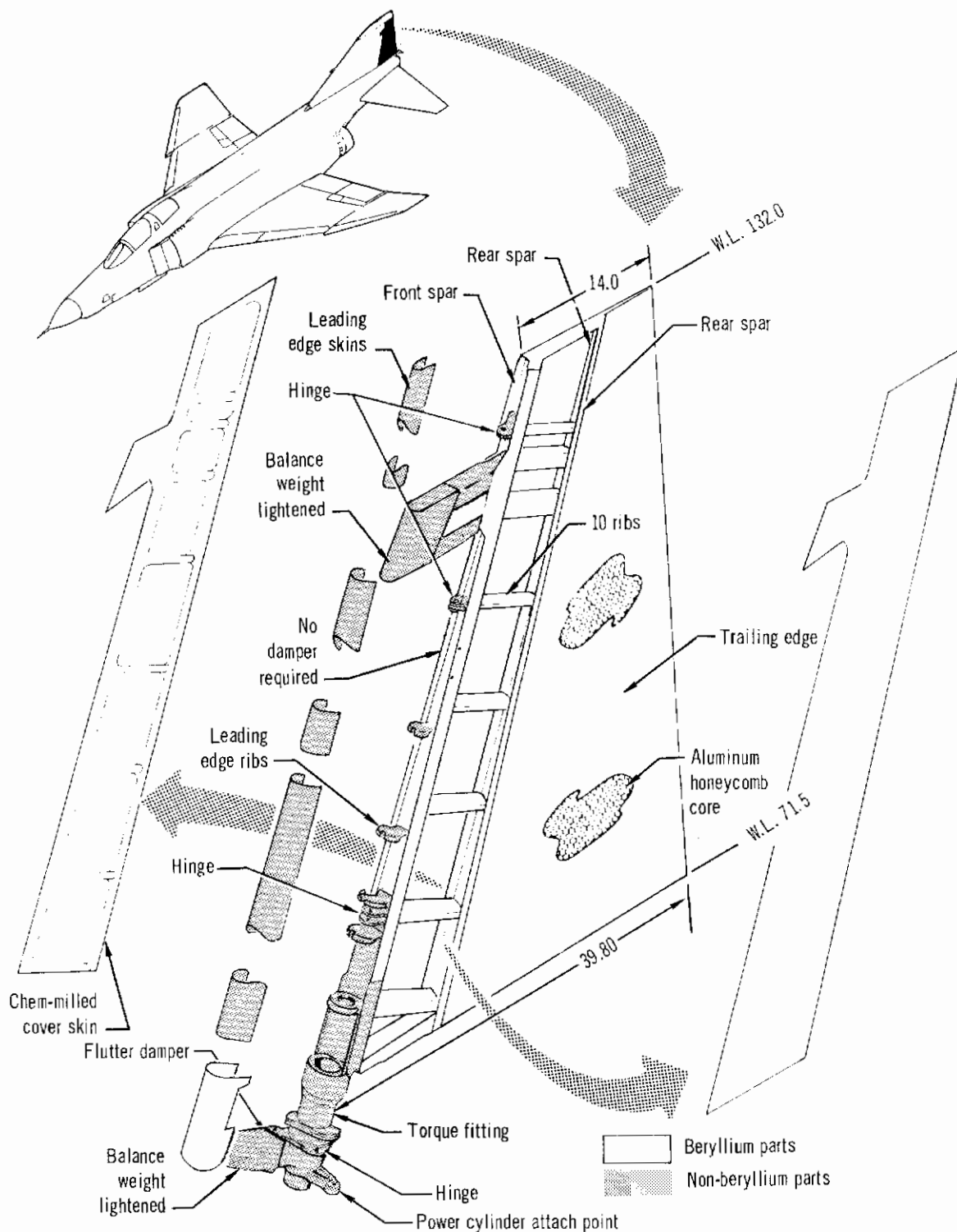


Figure 13 - F-4 Beryllium Rudder Structural Configuration



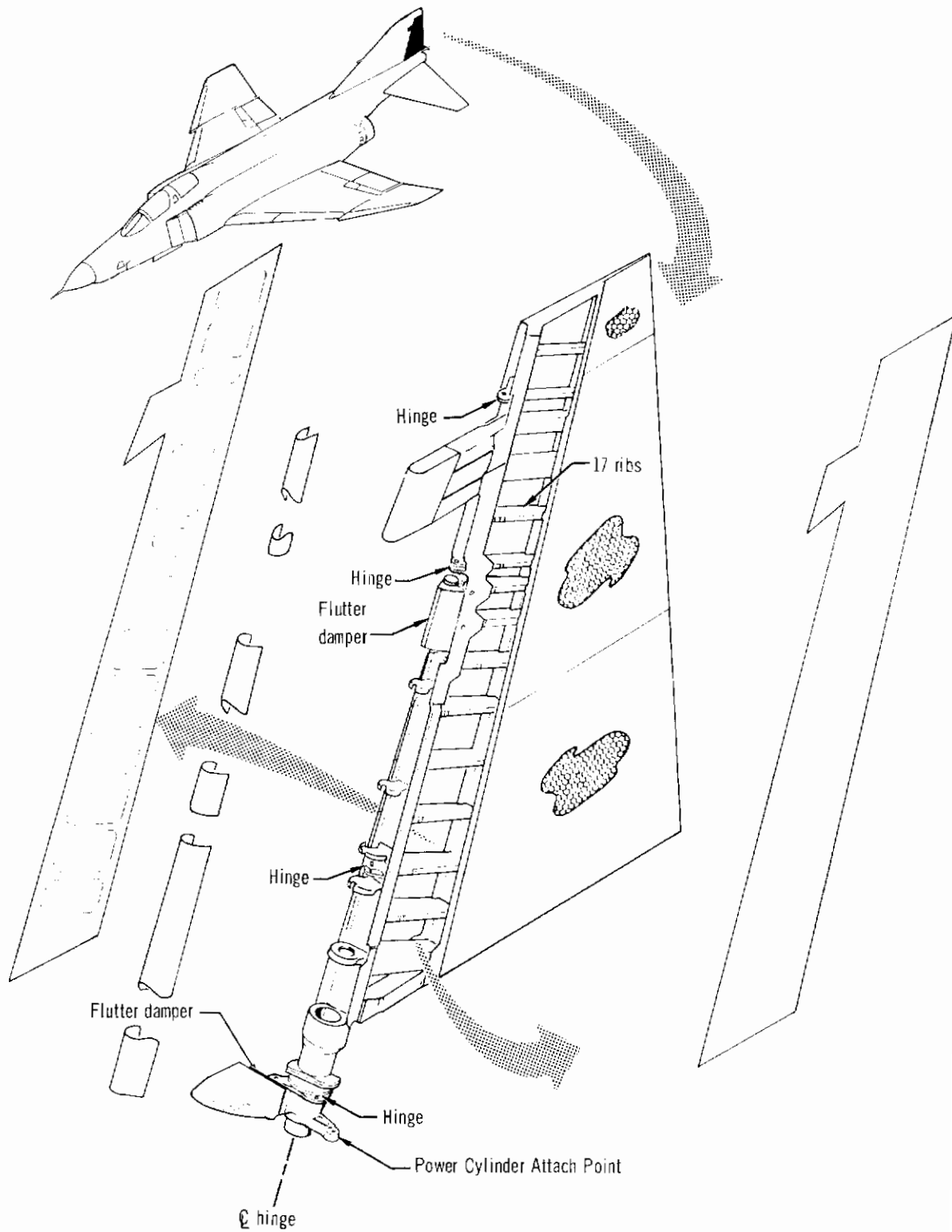


Figure 14 - F-4 Aluminum Rudder Structural Configuration

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elements. High strength steel fasteners were used as required at the torque tube and hinge fitting attachments. No vibration-driven rivets were allowed due to the poor impact strength of beryllium.

### 3. Design Conditions

Design loading conditions, thermal environment, and requirements for vibration and flutter established for the F-4 aircraft were used in the structural analysis of the beryllium rudder, and are described below.

Design limit (maximum obtainable in service) loading conditions for the F-4 rudder are:

Condition I - Full available actuator hinge moment, with airload center of pressure at 30% chord.

Condition II - Full available actuator hinge moment, with airload center of pressure at 45% chord.

Condition III - Rolling pullout flight condition, with loads on the entire vertical tail assembly, i.e. rudder and fin.

Conditions I and II airloads are the maximum loads that can be attained, at the extreme limits of airload center of pressure travel, without exceeding the actuator output. Fin deflections are assumed to be zero for these conditions. Loading Conditions I and II result in maximum air pressures, chord-wise bending, torque, and actuator load, and are critical for all of the rudder structure aft of the front spar, except the forward torque box cover skins and the backup ribs for the hinge fittings.

Condition III is critical for the rudder hinges, hinge backup ribs, front spar and forward torque box cover skins. Condition III airloads, developed on the aircraft vertical tail during the rolling pullout maneuvers, produce maximum vertical tail bending deflections. The magnitude of these deflections depends on the combined stiffness of the vertical fin and the rudder. Since the beryllium rudder is from four to six times as stiff as the production aluminum rudder (see Subsection 4), vertical tail bending deflections were calculated to be slightly less with the beryllium rudder than with the production

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rudder. A redundant analysis, using conventional elastic energy methods, was performed to establish the rudder hinge loads and bending moments for the Condition III rolling pullout maneuver, considering compatibility of deflections between the vertical fin and the rudder. The results of this analysis, presented in Figure 18, showed that the bending moments are larger for the beryllium rudder than for the aluminum rudder due to the greater stiffness of the former.

Running airloads on the rudder for the three design conditions are shown in Figure 15. Rudder shear and bending moment diagrams for Conditions I, II, and III are shown in Figures 16, 17, and 18, respectively. Rudder torque about the elastic axis is presented in Figure 19.

The rudder balance weights and their local support structure were designed in compliance with the production aircraft requirements: (1) static side load of  $\pm 100$  g's on the balance weight, perpendicular to the aircraft symmetry plane, and (2) 50,000 cycles of fully reversed inertial load of  $\pm 40$  g's on the balance weights, perpendicular to the aircraft symmetry plane.

The panel flutter criteria used in the design and analysis of the beryllium rudder are presented in Figure 20. These criteria, as indicated, are based on analytical as well as flight test data. A critical  $M/q$  (Mach number/dynamic pressure) ratio of .0985 was determined from the production aircraft speed-altitude diagram. Furthermore, the beryllium rudder was designed to function in a thermal environment identical to that established for the F-4 aircraft production rudder. Normal operating temperatures on the rudder range from  $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $219^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) to  $230^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $383^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) with a transient overspeed condition which could produce short time temperatures up to  $270^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $405^{\circ}\text{K}$ ).

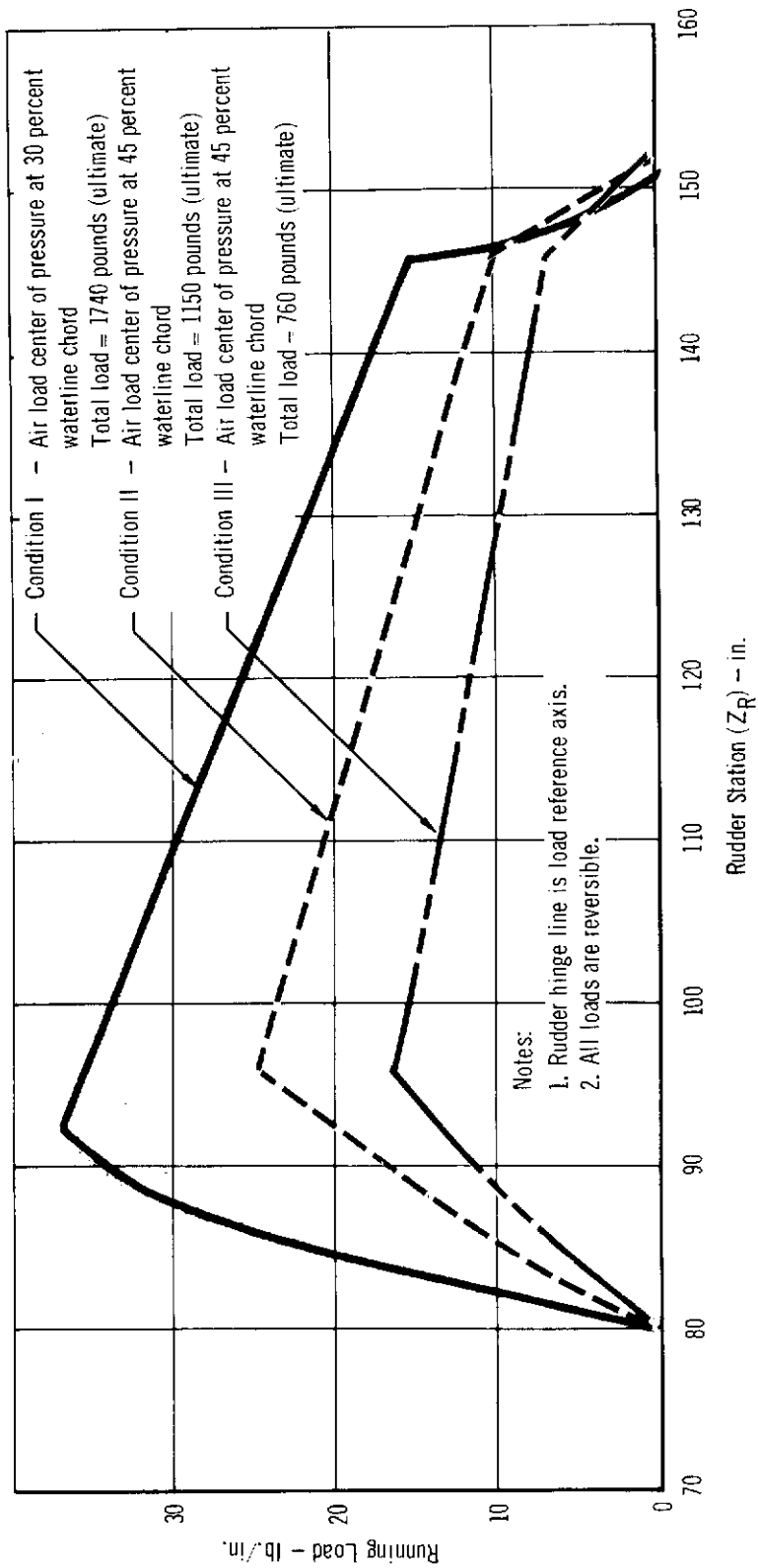


Figure 15 - Ultimate Running Load

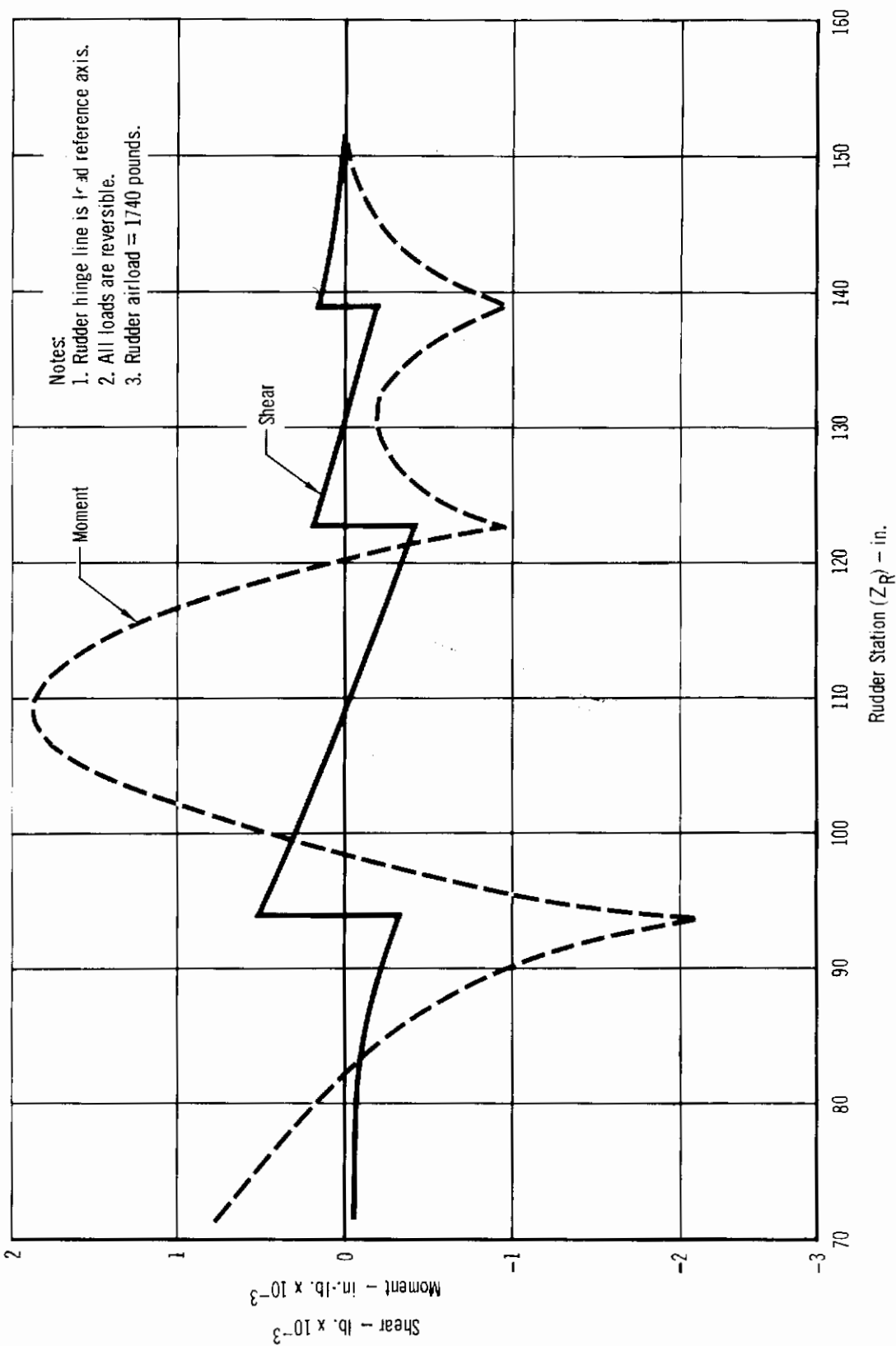
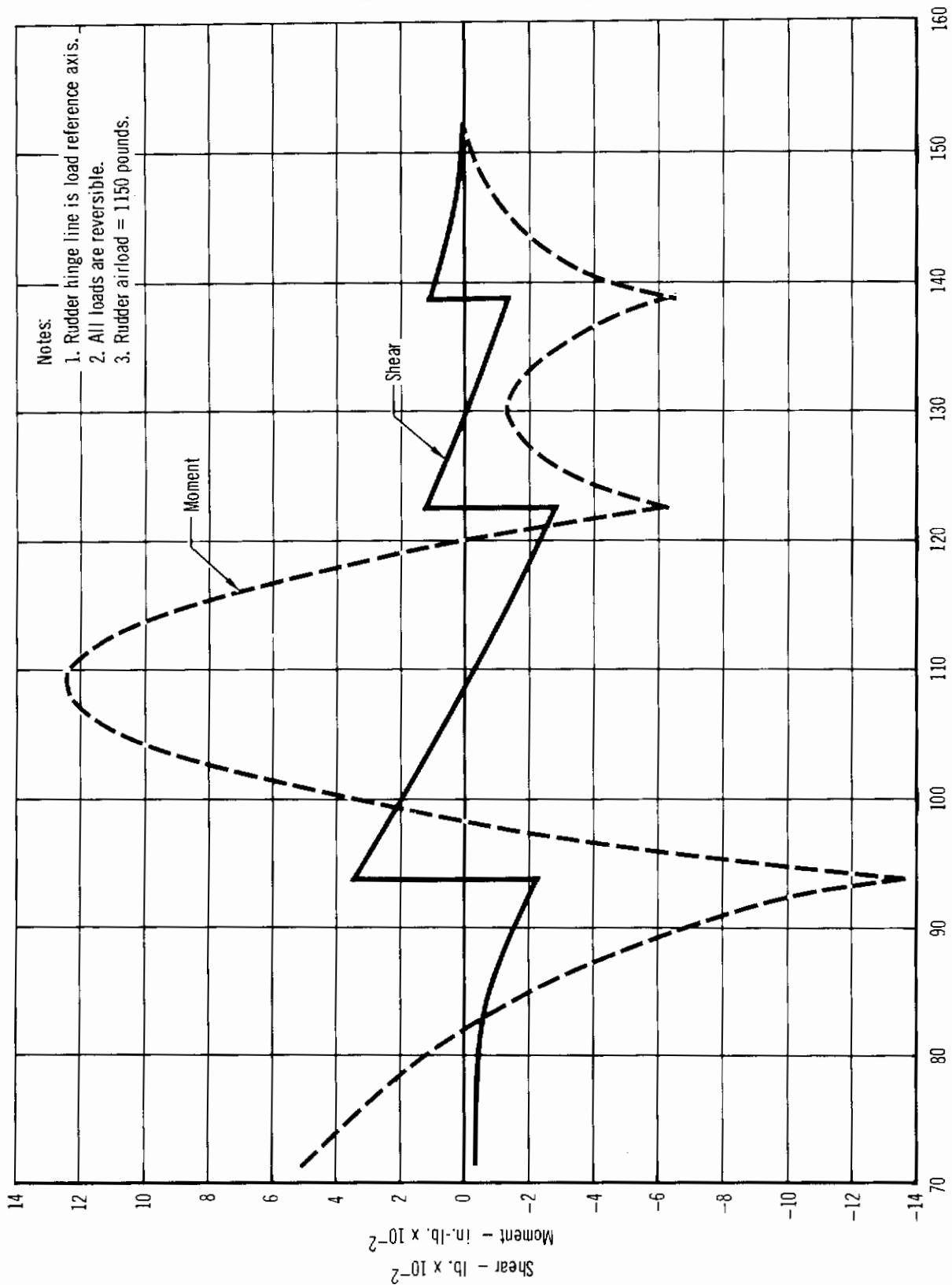


Figure 16 - Condition I Ultimate Shear and Moment



Rudder Station (Z<sub>R</sub>) - in.

Figure 17 - Condition II Ultimate Shear and Moment

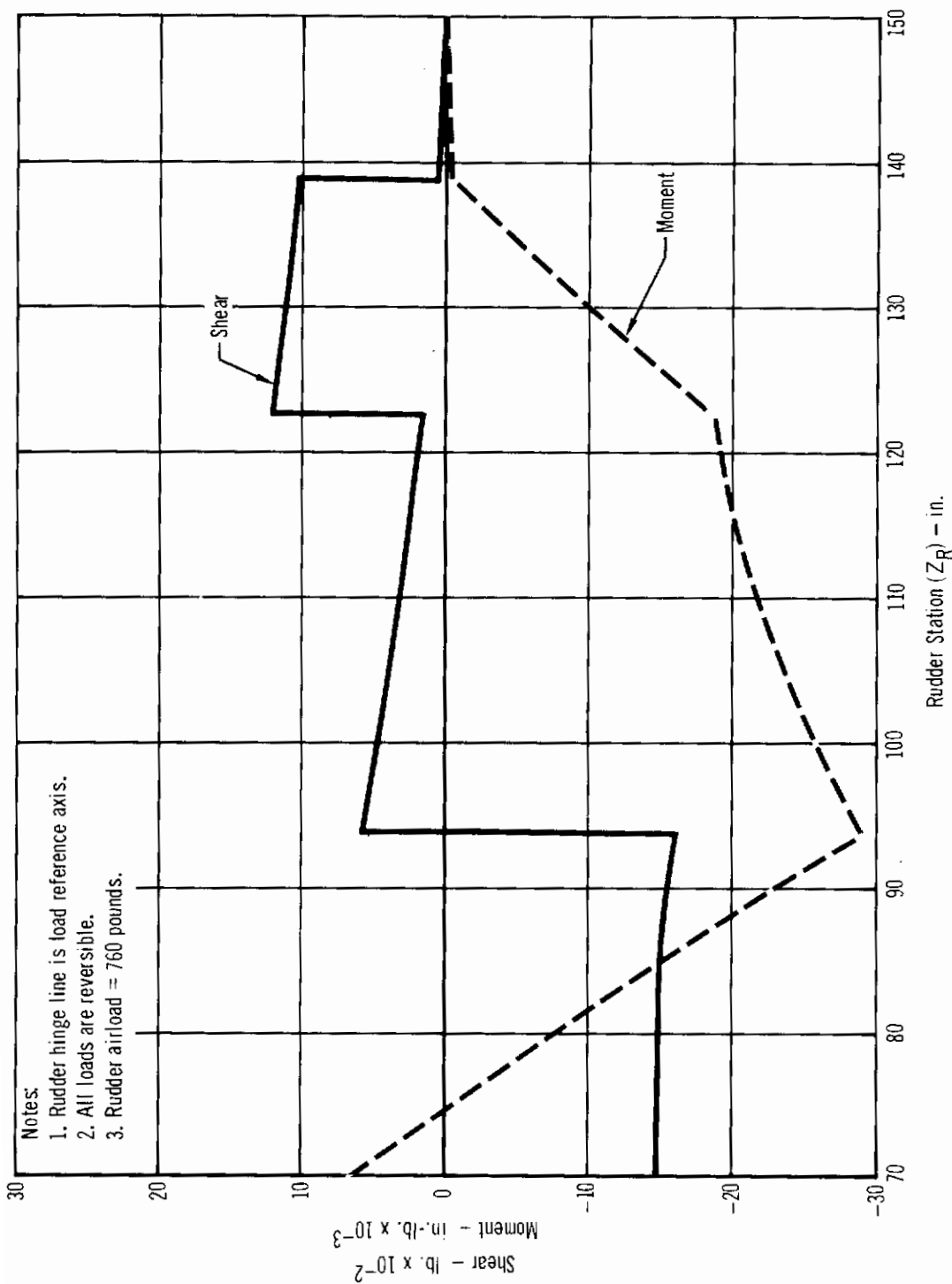


Figure 18 - Condition III Ultimate Shear and Moment



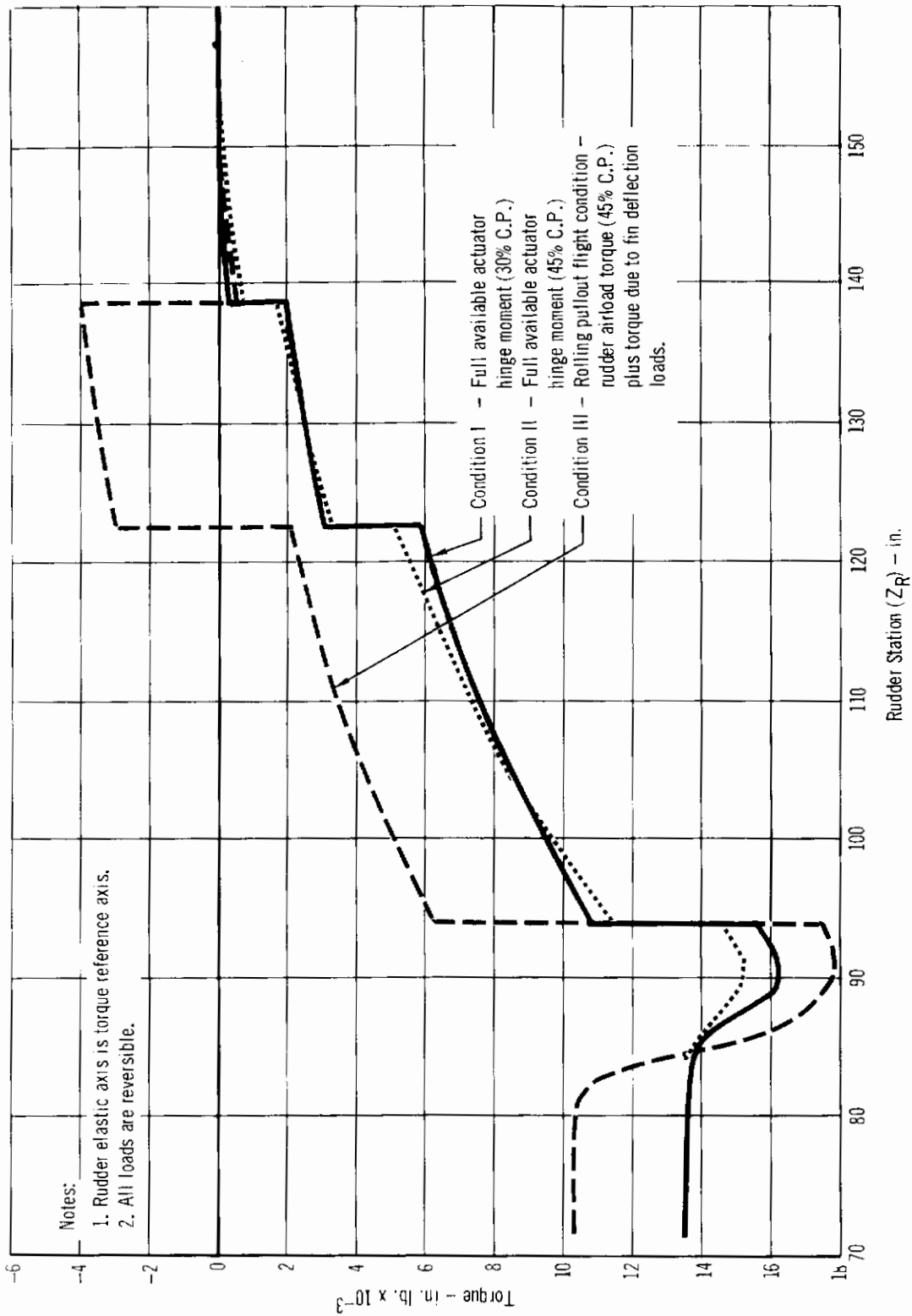


Figure 19 - Ultimate Torque

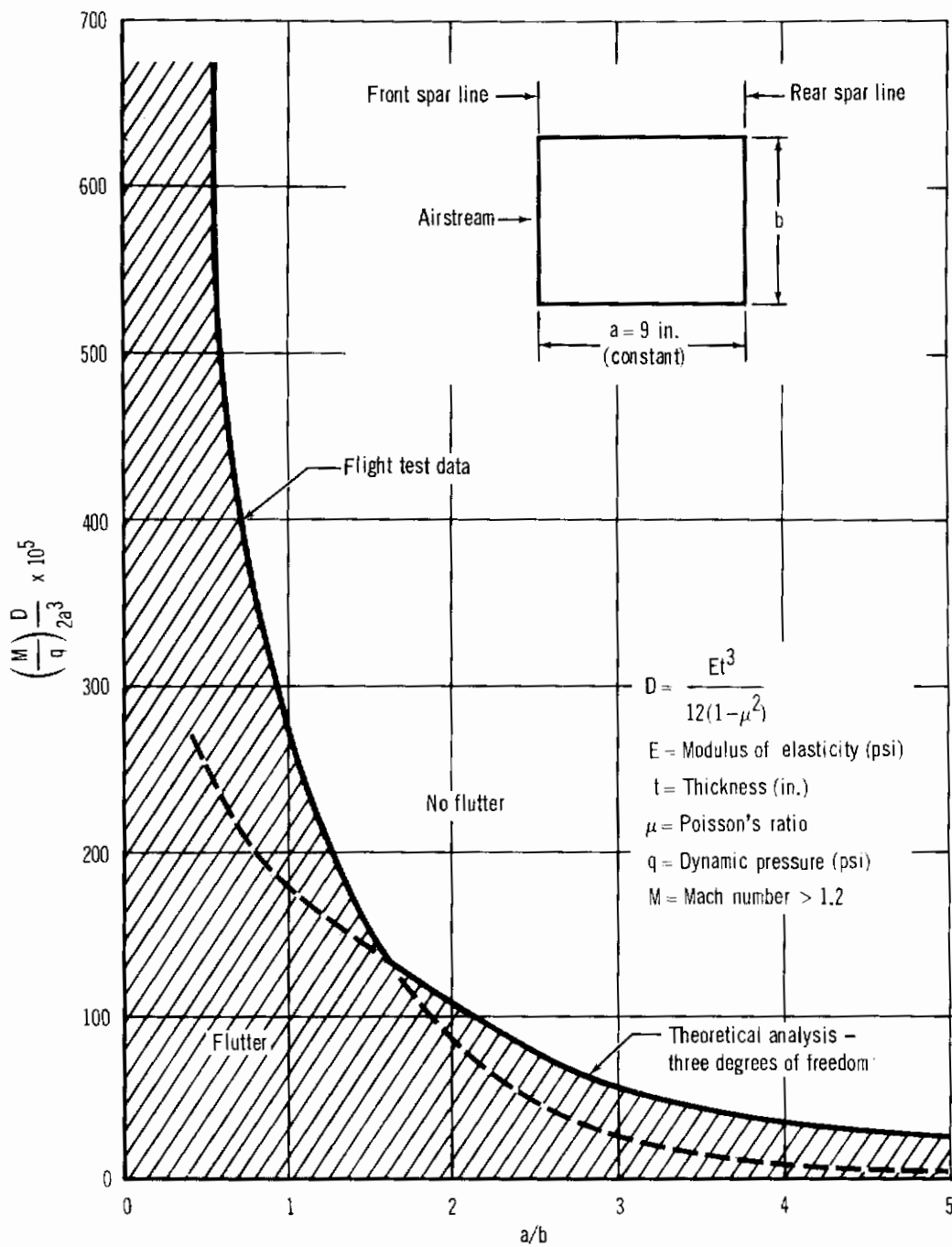


Figure 20 - Panel Flutter Criteria

#### 4. Strength Analysis

The approach to the rudder strength analysis and some pertinent results are discussed below. The discussion is limited to the major structural elements of the rudder.

The forward torque box panel cover skins were chemically milled to a thickness of .023 inch (.584mm) established by the panel flutter requirements of Figure 20. Rib spacing was made a variable for determining an optimum panel configuration. A plot of skin thickness versus rib spacing is shown in Figure 21. In all cases, a constant panel length "a" of 9 in. (23cm) was assumed reflecting the approximate chordwise distance between the forward and aft spars (see Figure 12). As indicated in Figure 21, 9.6 in. (24.4cm) was selected as the maximum rib spacing. For the aft torque box, fabrication and handling requirements dictated the bonded honeycomb cover skin thickness of .012 in. (.305mm).

Figure 22 shows the maximum shear flow in the rudder skins resulting from the rudder torque presented in Figure 19. The relative stiffnesses of the two torque boxes defines the percent of total torque in each. The design curve for determining the shear post buckling strength of the beryllium skins was developed from test data obtained during the element test program (see discussion of panel shear tests in Section IV). The panel thickness required to preclude flutter provided more than adequate post buckling strength.

Typical cross-sections of the rudder spars are shown in Figure 23. The forward spar was analyzed conservatively as resisting all spanwise bending imparted to the rudder structure. The bending moments of Loading Condition III, previously described and shown in Figure 18, are the most severe. Material gauges were established by crippling strength requirements of the spar caps. Allowable crippling stresses were determined using the non-dimensional crippling curves for beryllium presented in Figure 8 of Section II. Rear spar

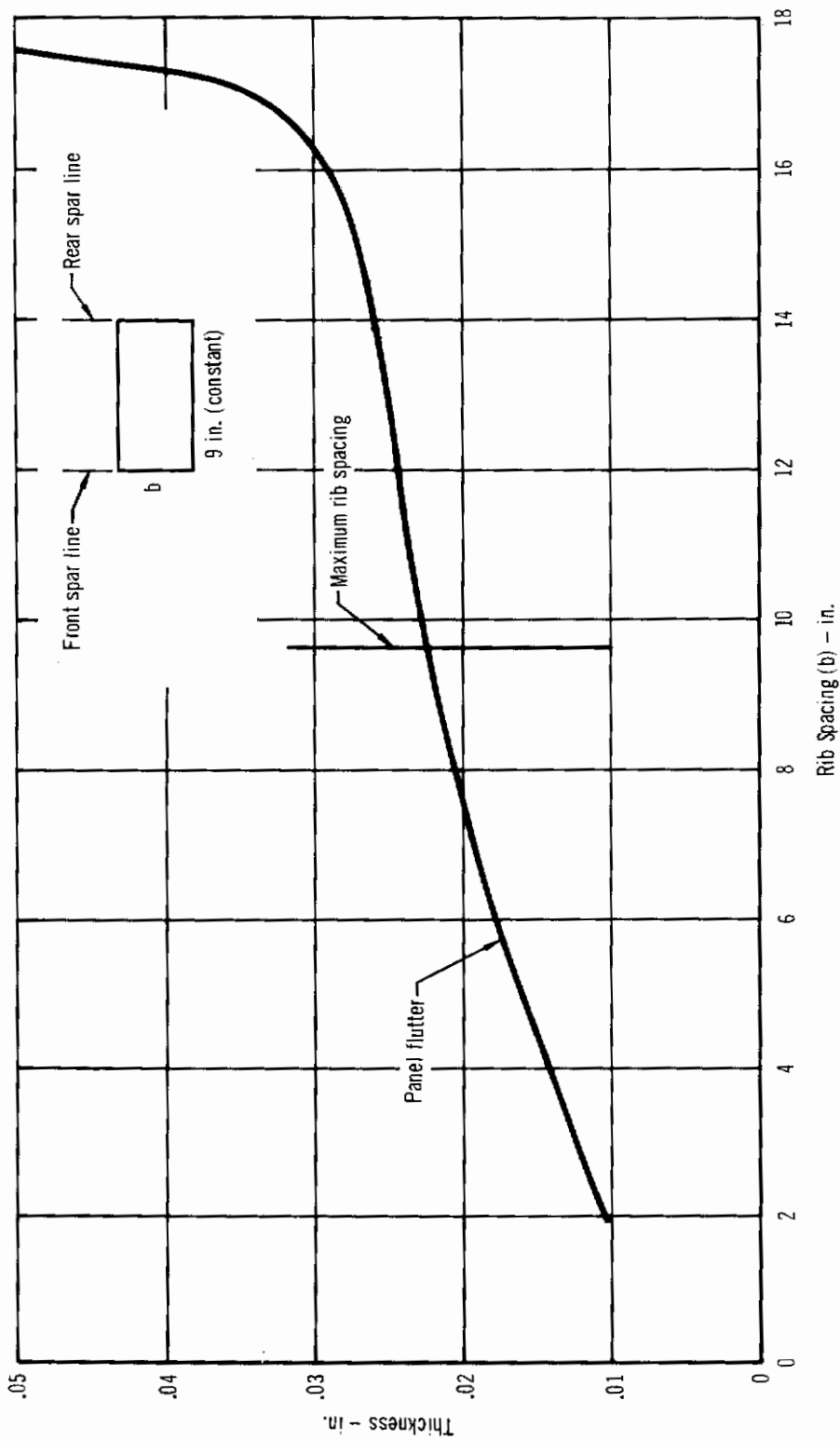


Figure 21 - Cover Skin Thickness Requirements

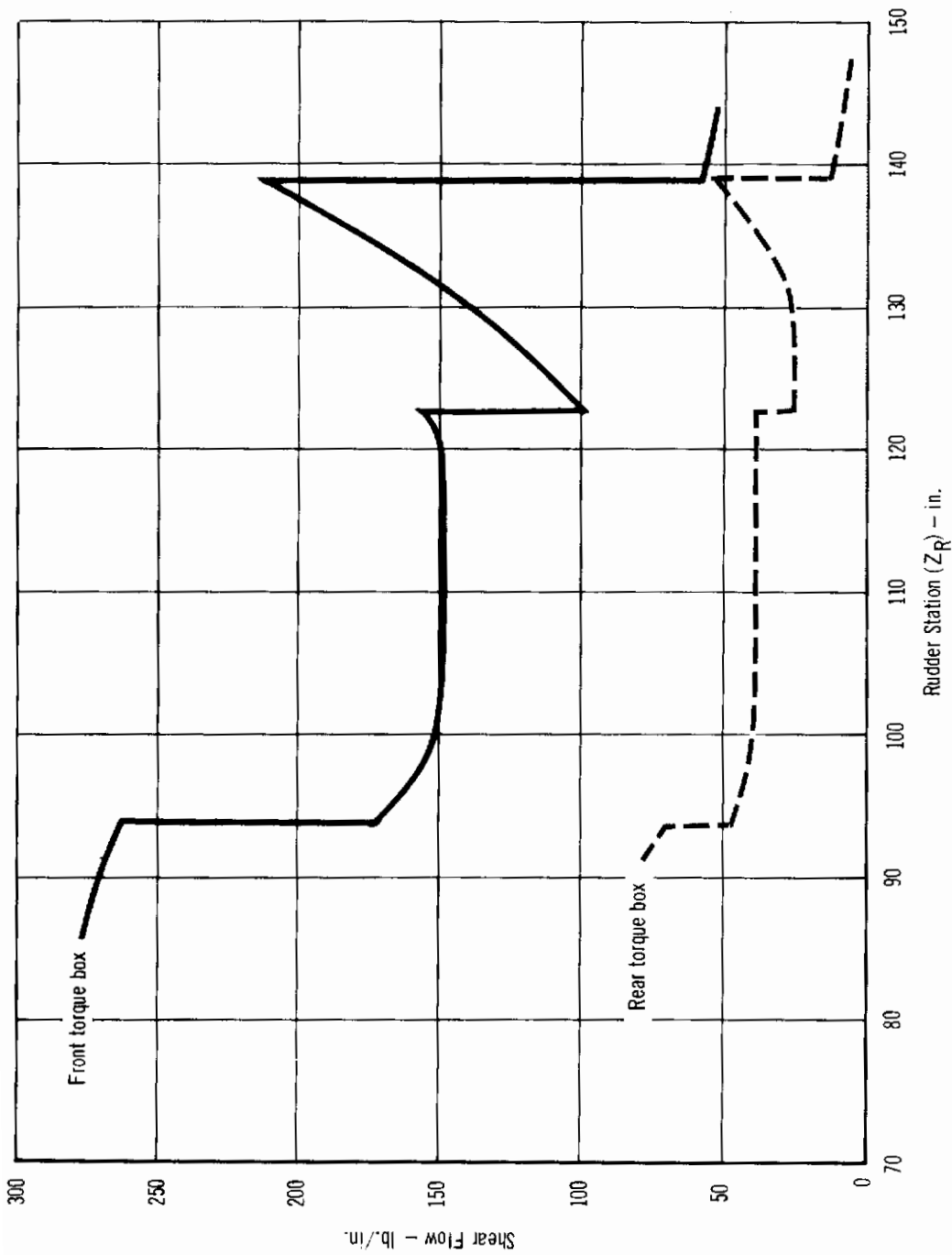
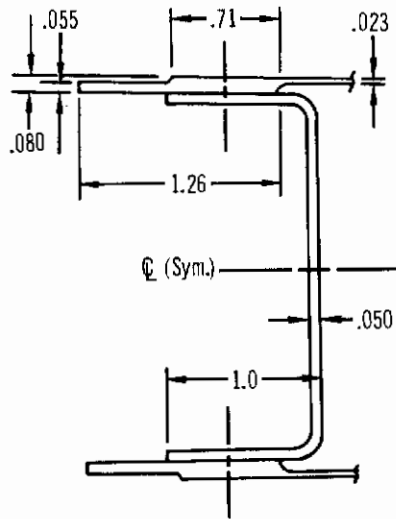
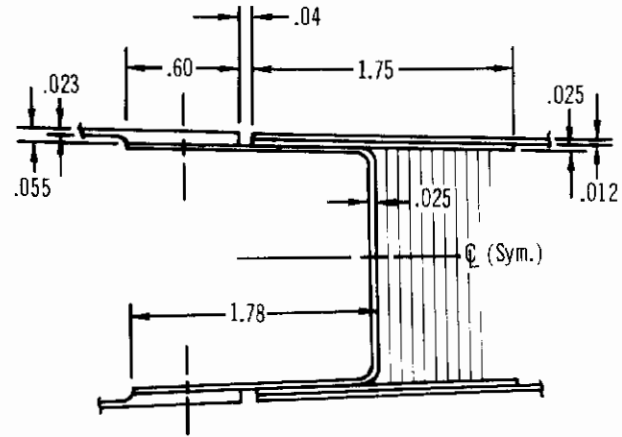


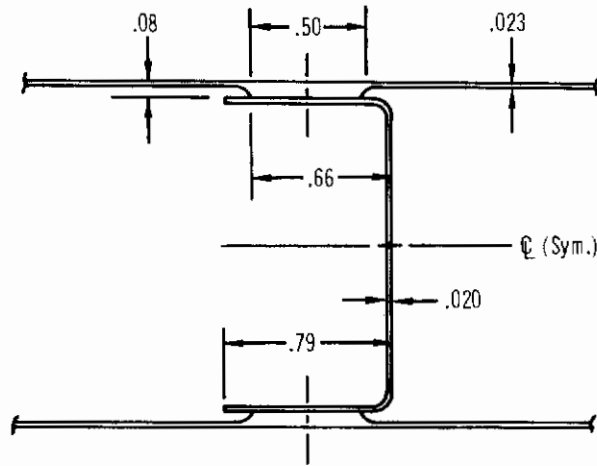
Figure 22 - Ultimate Shear Flows



Typical section of forward spar



Typical section of rear spar



Typical section of rib

All material shown is beryllium

Figure 23 - Beryllium Rudder Rib and Spar Cross-Sections

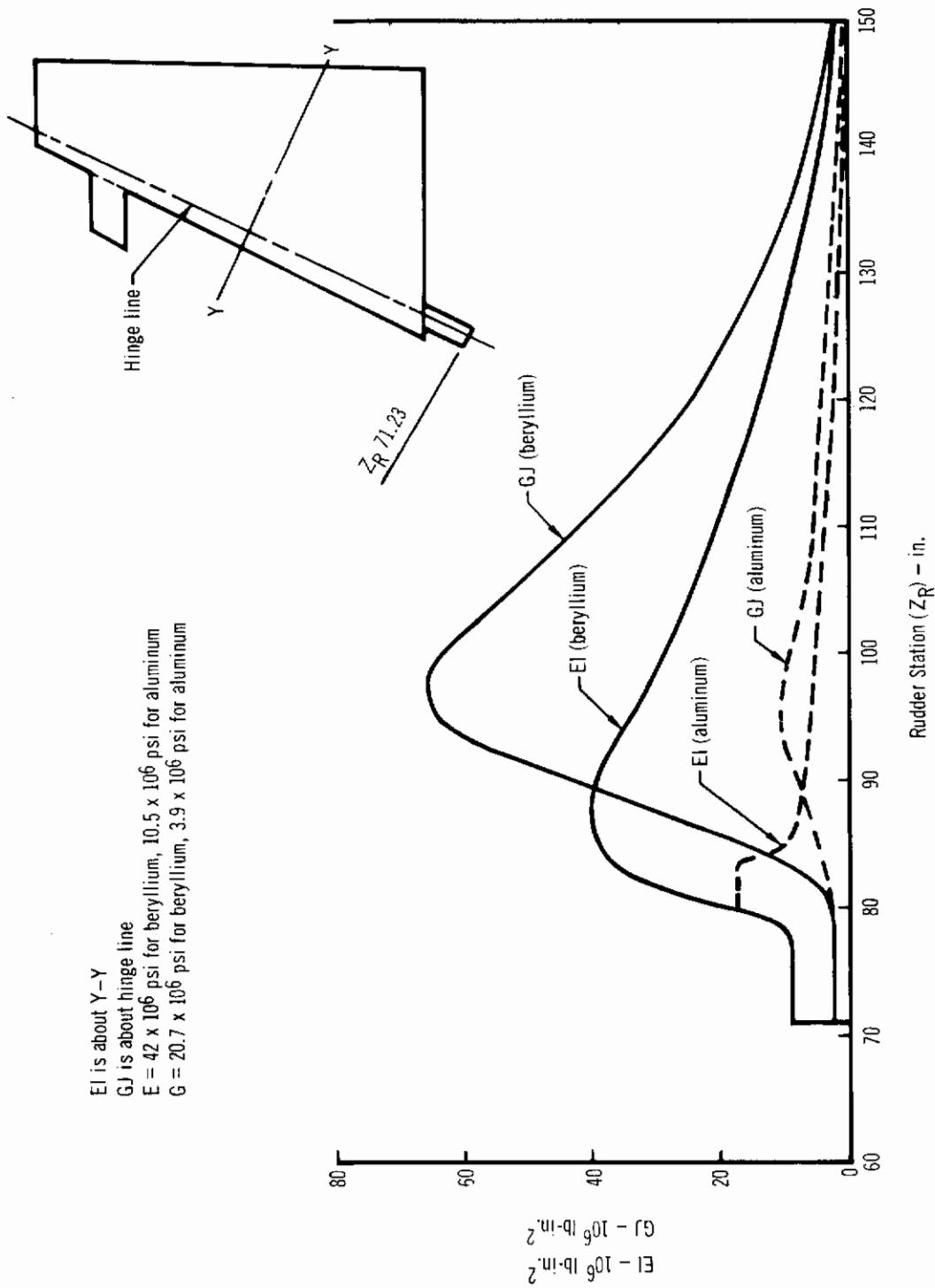
thickness was dictated by strength requirements for transferring trailing edge loads into the forward torque box.

The spar webs were analyzed for maximum shears and shown to be shear resistant. Bearing stresses were checked at the fastener locations of the hinge support fittings.

Ribs in the forward torque box are located at the upper balance weight attachment, hinge support points, torque tube attachment, and at intermediate positions, as required to preclude panel flutter. A cross-section at a rib is shown in Figure 23. The two upper balance weight ribs were analyzed for redistributing the balance weight inertia loads into the forward torque box. To account for balance weight sweepback relative to the front spar, 60 percent of the total load was applied to the lower rib and 40 percent to the upper rib. The ribs at the upper three hinges were analyzed for the hinge loads of Condition III. This condition was found to be the most severe as a result of combining the fin deflection loads with rudder airloads. The two drive ribs at the lower portion of the rudder were analyzed for transmitting torque between the rudder and torque tube.

In addition to the above, all ribs were analyzed for reacting cover skin airloads. In particular, the honeycomb trailing edge structure was assumed to act as a cantilever "built in" at the aft spar. Thus, airload induced moment and shear forces along the spar length are reacted at the forward torque box ribs and skins. Furthermore, an analysis was made to establish thermal stresses in the rudder and to determine the extent of superposition of thermal and mechanical stresses. The maximum calculated thermal stresses were found not to occur at the same time as the maximum flight loads.

Bending and torsional stiffnesses of the beryllium rudder are presented in Figure 24. For comparison, the stiffnesses of the production aluminum rudder are included.



EI is about Y-Y  
 GJ is about hinge line  
 $E = 42 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$  for beryllium,  $10.5 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$  for aluminum  
 $G = 20.7 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$  for beryllium,  $3.9 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$  for aluminum

Figure 24 - Rudder Bending and Torsional Stiffnesses



## 5. Structural Dynamics Analysis

An analysis of the structural dynamic characteristics of the beryllium rudder and of the fin with the beryllium rudder installed was conducted to establish: (1) the influence of the beryllium rudder on fin stability, and (2) the need for rudder dampers to prevent transonic rudder buzz. The analysis showed that (1) fin stability is slightly improved, and (2) the upper rudder damper on the production aluminum rudder is not required on the beryllium rudder; the frequency separation is more favorable for the beryllium rudder design than for the aluminum rudder design, as shown below.

<u>Mode</u>	<u>Aluminum Design</u>	<u>Beryllium Design</u>
Fin Bending	19 cps (Hz)	19 cps (Hz)
Rudder Rotation	27 cps (Hz)	42 cps (Hz)
Fin Torsion	39 cps (Hz)	40 cps (Hz)
Rudder Torsion	40 cps (Hz)	110 cps (Hz)

There are several types of instabilities caused by modal coupling. The modes which could couple to reduce the speed at which flutter occurs or to increase the response amplitude are:

- (1) Fin Bending and Fin Torsion
- (2) Fin Bending and Rudder Rotation
- (3) Fin Torsion and Rudder Torsion
- (4) Fin Torsion and Rudder Rotation

The frequency separation in the first three of these was found to be more favorable for the beryllium rudder than for the production aluminum rudder. Condition (4) type flutter is prevented by the lower rudder damper.

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Figure 25 shows that the lower damper is adequate to prevent transonic buss problems in the beryllium rudder. This curve shows that the beryllium rudder is stable for all values of effective stiffness. Stability over a wide range of effective stiffness is required since the aerodynamic forces acting on the rudder greatly influence its effective stiffness.

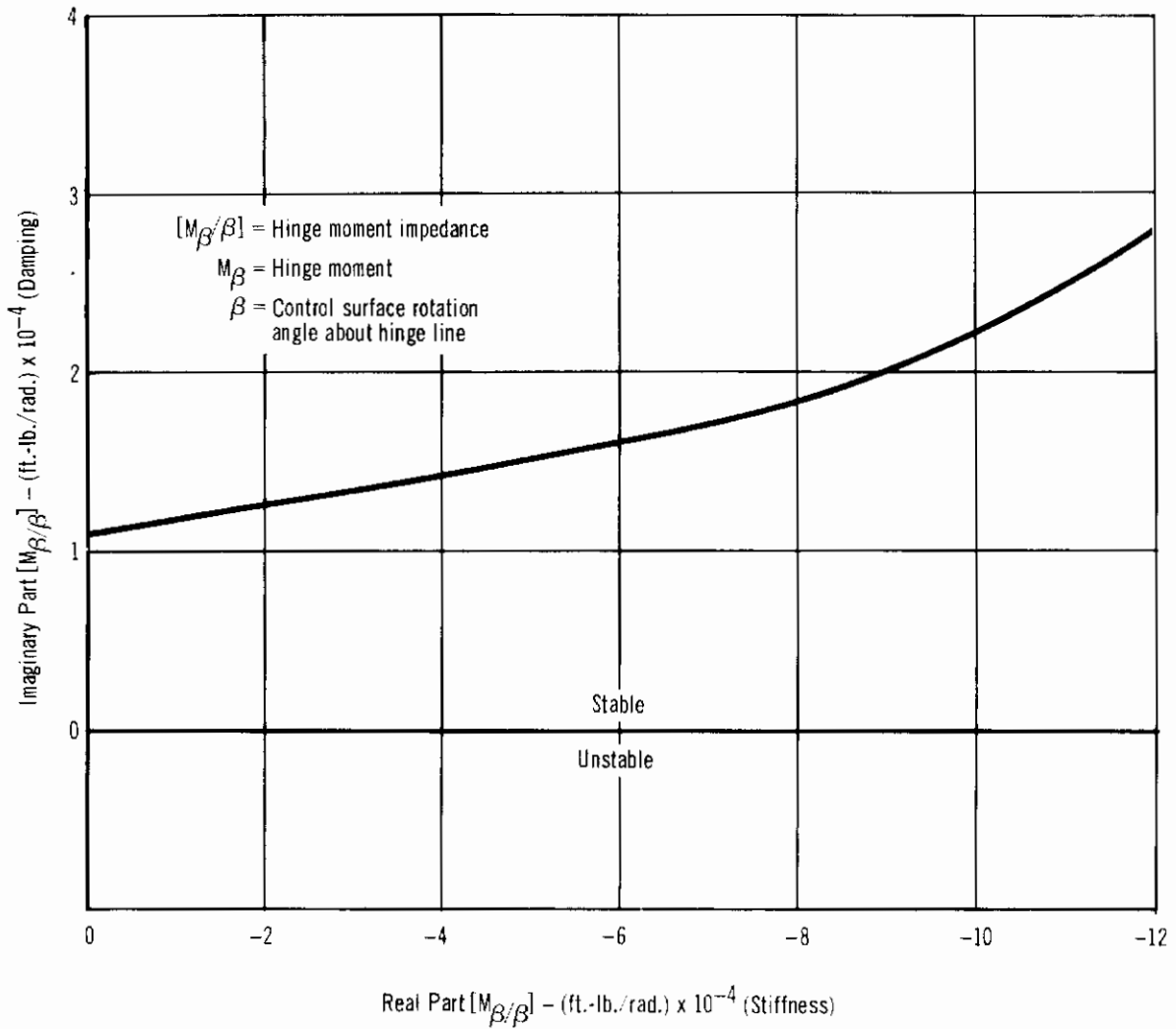


Figure 25 - Stability of Rudder With Upper Damper Removed

## 6. Control Dynamics Analysis

An analysis of the stability of the F-4 rudder power cylinder with the beryllium rudder installed was conducted. With no airloads present, the stability of the power cylinder is dependent on valve gain, installation stiffness, surface coupling stiffness, and surface inertia. Past experience shows that most aircraft installations have nonlinearities which result in an externally supplied damping of about 2.5% critical. Thus, the power cylinder, to be stable under no load conditions, must require less than this amount of damping or external dampers are necessary. Figure 26 shows the relative stability of the beryllium rudder as compared to the present aluminum rudder. The aluminum rudder requires 1.12% external damping whereas the beryllium rudder requires only .88%. This is due mainly to the decrease in inertia about the hinge line of the beryllium rudder, which increases the rotational natural frequency ( $\omega_r$ ) of the rudder from 17.4 cps (Hz) to 21.1 cps (Hz).

The increased stiffness of the beryllium surface has a direct effect on yaw damper operation, since there is less lost motion due to surface distortion at high speed. The effect of the lost motion is a gain attenuation for the servo used for the yaw damper. Increased stiffness results in an increase in gain at higher speeds. The attendant 40% increase in aircraft damping may possibly require a reduction in gain, since the pilots feel that the present system is "on the tight side." Because this is a matter of pilot opinion, the final answer would necessarily come from flight tests.

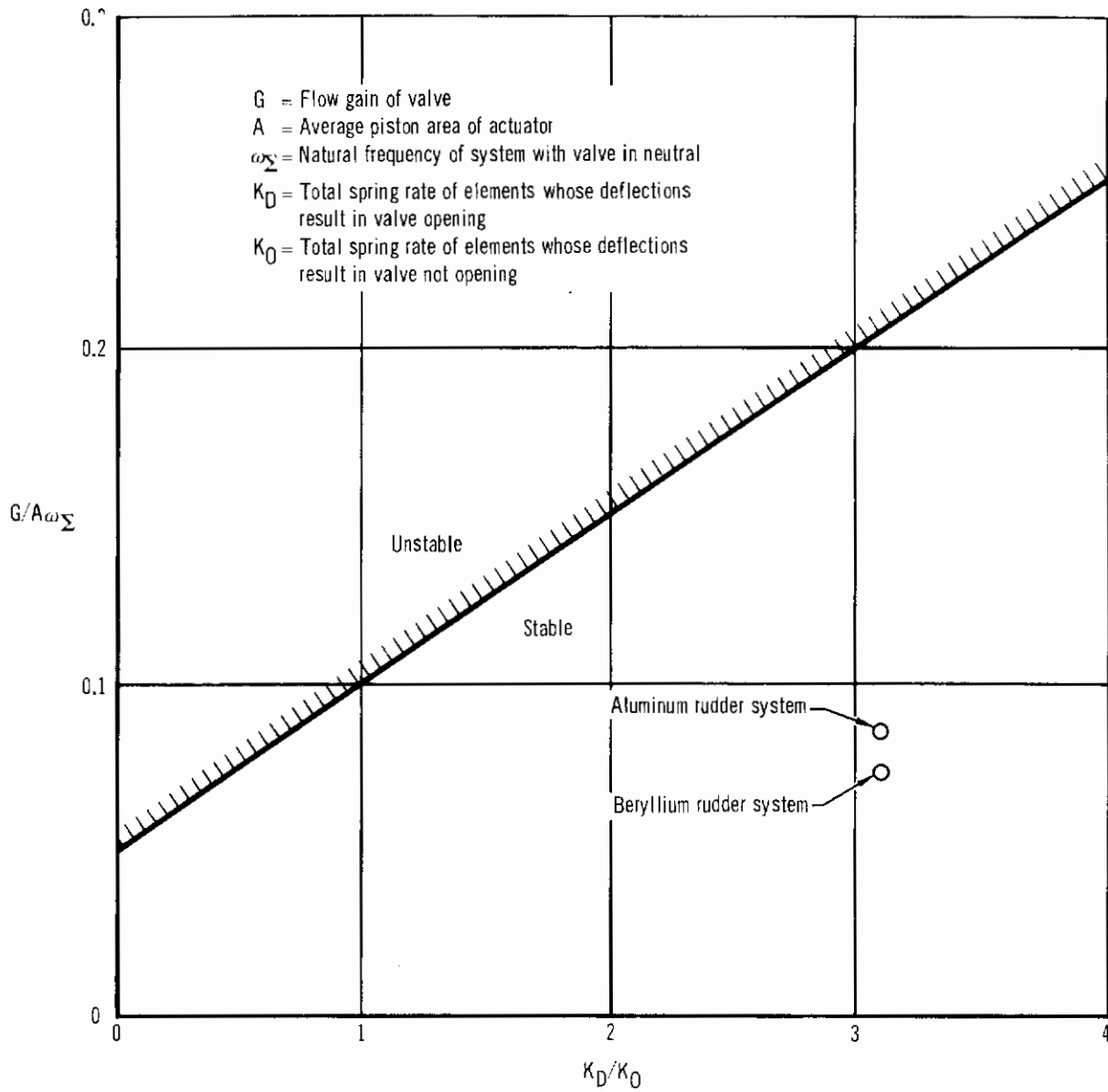


Figure 26 – Beryllium Rudder Power Cylinder Stability

## 7. Rudder Mass Balance

The required balance conditions for the beryllium rudder were established to decouple dynamically the rudder motion from that of the fin. The procedure and equipment used in mass balancing the beryllium rudder were analogous to those used for the production aluminum rudder. A description of this procedure is given below.

- (1) The lower balance weight and the upper balance weight were removed from the rudder assembly. The balance weight attaching bolts were reinstalled.
- (2) The rudder assembly was supported in the balance fixture as shown in Figure 27.
- (3) The upper balance weight was installed and adjusted to give the rudder an under-balance (tail heavy) condition of 45.3 to 47.3 in.-lbs. (5.1 to 5.3 m-N) about the rudder hinge line.
- (4) With the rudder balanced as specified in (3), the lower balance weight was installed and adjusted to give an over-balance (nose heavy) condition of 9.7 to 13.5 in.-lbs. (1.1 to 1.5 m-N) about rudder hinge line.
- (5) Final adjustments of the balance weights were then made to give the desired balance condition.

Figure 27 shows the rudder supported in the balance fixture. The final balance condition of the beryllium rudder was established as 10.63 in.-lbs. (1.2m-N) over-balance (nose heavy) about the hinge line. The final weights of the upper and lower balance weights are 8.87 lbs. (4.02 kg) and 6.92 lbs. (3.14 kg), respectively.



Figure 27 - Mass Balancing of Beryllium Rudder

## 8. Rudder Moment of Inertia

A calibrated spring oscillation system was used to determine the beryllium rudder moment of inertia about the hinge line. This system incorporated eight calibrated springs, two hinge fittings for adapting the rudder to the system, and an oscillation timing device.

The two special fittings were bar shaped with provisions at their centers for attaching to the rudder hinges. A conical point was located at one end of each bar to provide an accurately located and virtually friction free axis of rotation for the rudder. A spherical bearing was located at the other end to accept the positioned springs which, when attached, were adjusted to balance the rudder on the conical points of the fittings. The rudder was balanced in a vertical position with the hinge line horizontal. Figure 28 shows the rudder and oscillation system. The rudder was then oscillated, and the period of the oscillations determined with a stop watch. With the locations of the rudder center-of-gravity, springs, and rotation axis known relative to one another, and the weight of the various components predetermined, the rudder moment of inertia about the hinge line was determined using the following equations.

$$I_R = P^2[K_S l^2 - Wd]/4\pi^2$$

$$I_{C.G.} = I_R - W[(l/2)^2 + d^2]$$

$$I_{H.L.} = I_{C.G.} + W(x^2 + y^2)$$

where:  $I_R$  = Moment of inertia about the axis of rotation  
 $P$  = Period of oscillation  
 $K_S$  = Spring constant of springs  
 $l$  = Linear distance from axis of rotation to spring attach point  
 $w$  = Rudder weight  
 $d$  = Vertical distance from axis of rotation to center of mass  
 $I_{C.G.}$  = Moment of inertia about the rudder center of mass

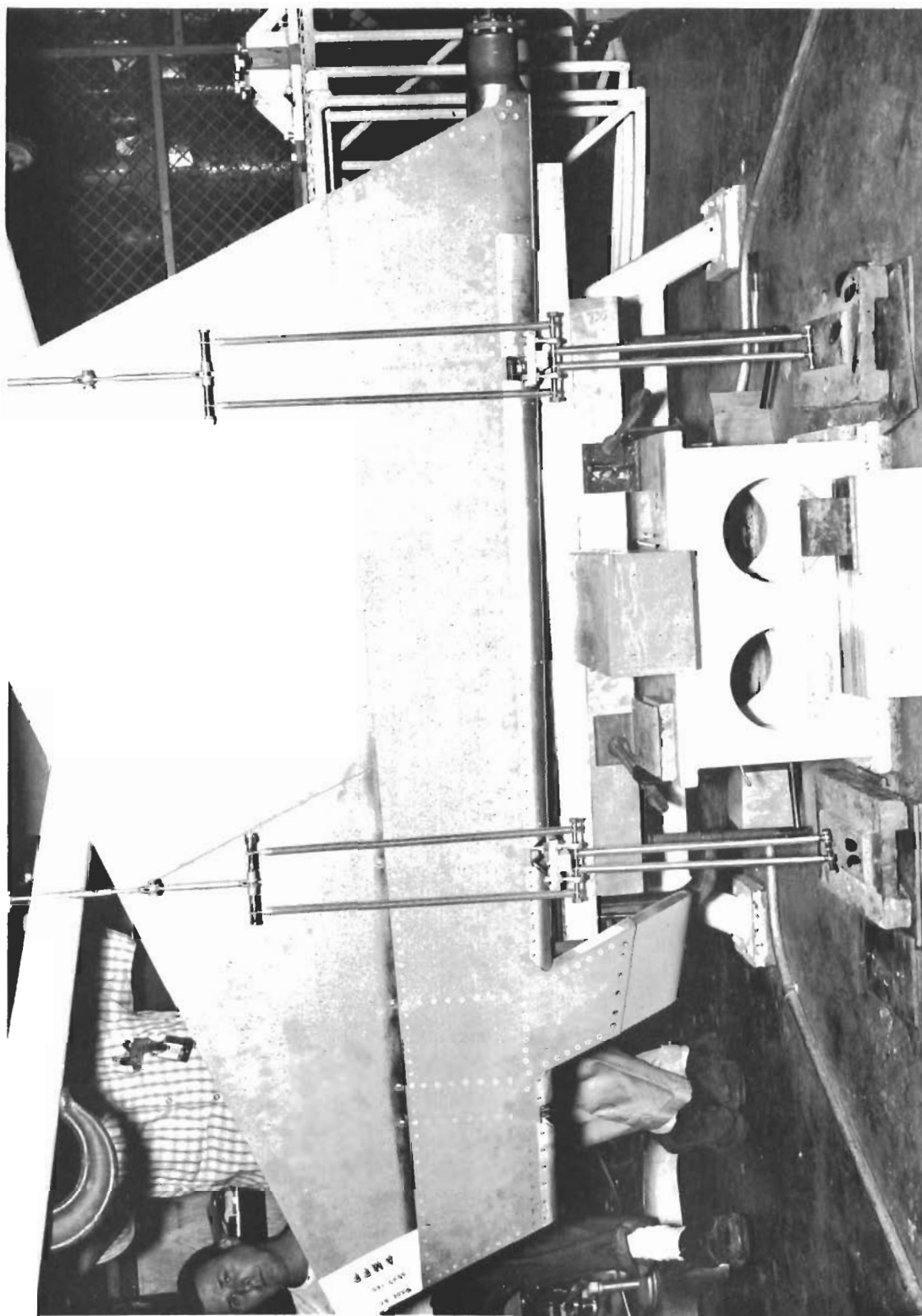


Figure 28 -- Spring Oscillation System for Determining Beryllium Rudder Moment of Inertia



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$I_{H.L.}$  = Moment of inertia about the hinge line

$x$  = Vertical distance from rudder C.G. to rudder hinge line

$y$  = Horizontal distance from rudder C.G. to rudder hinge line

The beryllium rudder moment of inertia about the hinge line was determined to be 3491 lb.-in.<sup>2</sup> (1021g-m<sup>2</sup>). The moment of inertia of the production aluminum rudder is 5185 lb.-in.<sup>2</sup> (1517g-m<sup>2</sup>).

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## 9. Rudder Weight

Following is a breakdown of the rudder weight and a comparison of the weights of the beryllium and production aluminum rudders.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Production Rudder</u>	<u>Beryllium Rudder</u>	<u>Weight Reduction</u>
Primary Rudder Structure	31.23 lbs. (14.17 kg)	21.80 lbs. (9.89 kg)	9.43 lbs. (4.28 kg)
Balance Weights	23.90 lbs. (10.84 kg)	15.79 lbs. (7.16 kg)	8.11 lbs. (3.68 kg)
Upper Damper Installation	7.90 lbs. (3.58 kg)	0	7.90 lbs. (3.58 kg)
Total	63.03 lbs. (28.59 kg)	37.59 lbs. (17.05 kg)	25.44 lbs. (11.54 kg)

The 25.44 lbs. (11.54kg) is a 40.4% weight reduction achieved through the use of beryllium. It includes, as indicated above, weight saved in the primary structure, the balance weights, and the elimination of the upper flutter damper. The balance weight reduction is a direct result of the weight reduction obtained in the primary structure. The weight saved by elimination of the upper flutter damper is due to the increased torsional stiffness and the primary structure weight reduction. This comparison illustrates the "snowballing" effect on weight reduction that can result from the use of beryllium on a mass balanced control surface. The weights of the beryllium and non-beryllium materials in the beryllium and production rudders are summarized in Table 5.

TABLE 5

WEIGHT SUMMARY FOR BERYLLIUM AND ALUMINUM RUDDERS

Material	Rudder Weight (lb.)	
	Production	Beryllium
Beryllium	0	7.61
Aluminum	35.83	10.06
Steel	3.31	3.31
Lead	20.67	13.10
Glass reinforced plastic	0	.25
Bonding adhesive	1.42	1.42
Rivets, nuts, and bolts	1.80	1.84
Total	63.03	37.59

## SECTION IV ELEMENT TEST PROGRAM

### 1. Introduction

The objectives of the element test program were to verify material properties, to obtain design data, and to evaluate certain structural details which were subsequently incorporated into the rudder assembly. Table 6 presents a summary of the element test program and is followed by a detailed description of each test with a discussion of the test results.

TABLE 6  
ELEMENT TEST PROGRAM

Test	Sub-section	Test Loading	No. of Tests at Temperature			Data Required
			-65°F	R.T.	500°F	
Material Acceptance Tests	2	Tension (Note 1)	—	14	—	F <sub>tu</sub> , F <sub>ty</sub> , and e.
Metal-to-Metal Bond Tests	3	Shear	1	3	—	Bond Shear Stress
		Flatwise Tension	1	3	—	Tension Stress in Bond at Failure
Bonded Honeycomb Panel Tests	4	Flatwise Tension	1	3	—	Tension Stress in Bond at Failure
		Core Shear	1	3	—	Shear Stress in Core at Failure
		Compression	1	3	—	Compression Stress in Face Skin at Failure
		Bond Shear	1	3	—	Shear Stress in Bond at Failure
Effect of Stress Concentrations and Interference Fit Fasteners	5	Tension	—	12	—	Failing Stress
		Fatigue	—	23	—	Cycles to Failure
Joint Tests	6	Tension	6	6	—	Joint Failing Load
Panel Shear Tests	7	Shear	—	7	—	Initial Buckling Stress and Failing Stress
Spliced Panel Shear Tests	8	Shear	3	9	—	Joint Shear Strength
Lug Tests	9	Tension	6	6	6	Lug Strength
Tests of Specimens with Corrosion Protection Finishes	10	None (Note 3)	—	16	—	Corrosion Rates
		Tension	—	8	—	Effect on Mechanical Properties
Stress-Strain Tests	11	Tension	6	6	6	Stress-Strain Curves
		Compression	3	6	3	
Rudder Composite Section	12	(Note 2)	—	1	—	(Note 2)
Crack Repair Evaluation Tests	13	Tension	—	6	—	Failure Mode

- Notes: 1. Seven each tested in tension in longitudinal and transverse grain directions.  
 2. Four tests performed: 1) Chordwise bending to limit load, 2) Torsion to limit load, 3) Spanwise bending to 120% limit load, and 4) Combined chordwise bending, spanwise bending and torsion to failure.  
 3. Specimens were subjected to 5% salt spray for 500 hours.

## 2. Material Acceptance Tests

Material acceptance tests were conducted on a portion of the beryllium sheet material purchased for this program. Specimens were selected from each different sheet thickness of several material lots. The test set-up, test procedures, and test results are discussed below.

A total of fourteen room temperature tension tests were conducted in a 30,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing machine. A Wiedemann-Baldwin Strip Chart Recorder was used in conjunction with an extensometer to plot load versus strain for each test specimen until material yield. The extensometer was then removed to prevent it from being damaged when the specimen ruptured. A strain rate of .005 in./in./minute was maintained until the extensometer was removed; thereafter the head travel rate was held constant at .030 in./minute until specimen failure. Figure 29 shows the test set-up.

Table 7 gives the test results and, for comparison, the producer's certified mechanical properties for the sheet material from which the specimens were fabricated. All recorded test values are in acceptable agreement with the producer's certified properties and above the minimum acceptance values ( $F_{tu} = 70$  ksi,  $F_{ty} = 50$  ksi,  $e = 5\%$ ) of the material specification to which the beryllium was purchased.

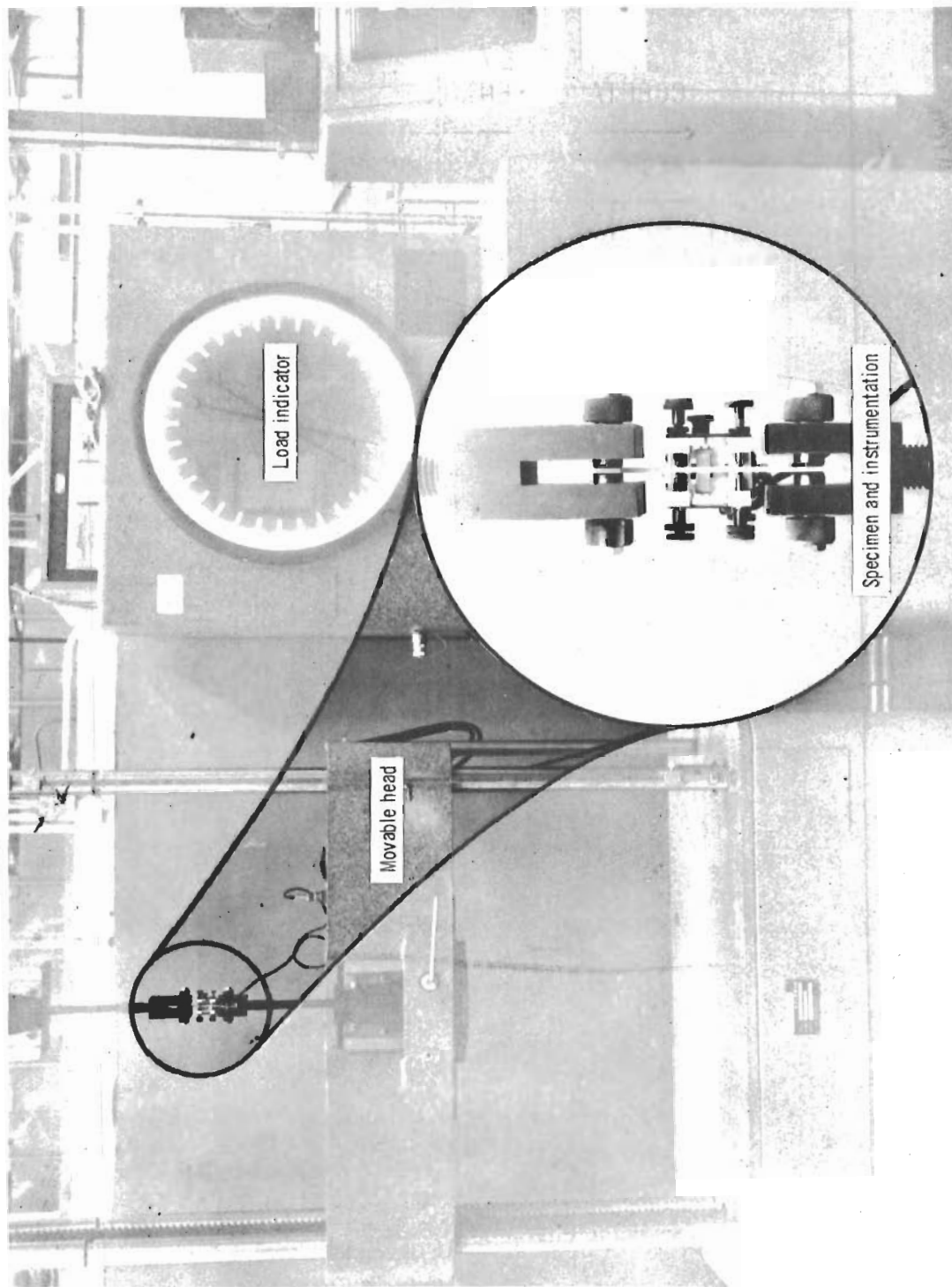
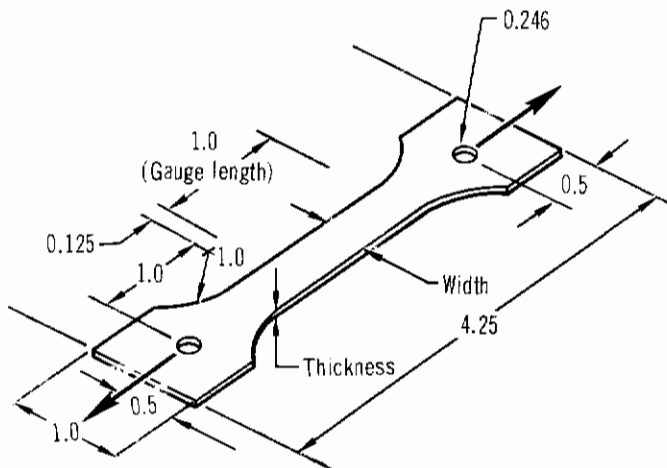


Figure 29 — Material Acceptance Test Set-Up

TABLE 7  
MATERIAL ACCEPTANCE TENSION TEST RESULTS

Test Results								Producer's Certified Mechanical Properties		
Specimen Designation	Sheet Number	Lot Number	Specimen Thickness (in.)	Specimen Width (in.)	Yield Stress (ksi)	Failure Stress (ksi)	Percent Elongation	Yield Stress (ksi)	Failure Stress (ksi)	Percent Elongation
404-001-2	1026B	2938	.0103	.2298	53.8	74.5	12	54.6	79.2	14.0
404-001-3	1040A	3379	.0443	.2207	57.6	83.4	20	58.9	83.2	27.5
404-001-4	1040A	3379	.0448	.2437	58.1	83.8	23	56.5	81.9	21.0
404-001-6	996B	2452	.0286	.2429	50.4	74.4	16	51.2	77.2	27.0
404-001-7	1072B	3516	.0282	.2427	58.2	80.1	19	60.2	84.2	15.0
404-001-8	1072B	3516	.0291	.2432	57.2	74.6	18	60.1	82.2	18.0
404-001-11	1062B	3422	.0535	.2496	60.7	75.7	9	59.7	79.4	15.0
404-001-13	1187C	3890	.0533	.2348	60.2	81.1	11	60.5	83.0	20.0
404-001-14	1187C	3890	.0519	.2236	59.2	79.3	24	61.2	80.8	17.0
404-001-15	1053A	3422	.0631	.2504	55.7	70.4	(5)	55.1	79.2	28.0
404-001-16	1053A	3422	.0621	.2475	56.0	75.5	10	56.5	78.6	21.0
404-001-17	1034B	3318	.0852	.2248	50.9	78.6	18	52.5	78.5	19.0
404-001-19	1048B1	3379	.0810	.2352	59.1	87.1	15	57.0	81.6	22.5
404-001-20	1048B1	3379	.0805	.2323	55.3	82.1	11	55.6	77.7	29.0



Notes:

- Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
- After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total width and thickness.
- Tested at room temperature with a strain rate of  $.005 \pm .002$  in./in./min. up to yield, thereafter head travel rate of .030 in./minute held constant until failure.
- Specimens with odd dash numbers had longitudinal grain direction parallel to load axis. Specimens with even dash numbers had transverse grain direction parallel to load axis.
- (5) Broke outside of gage.

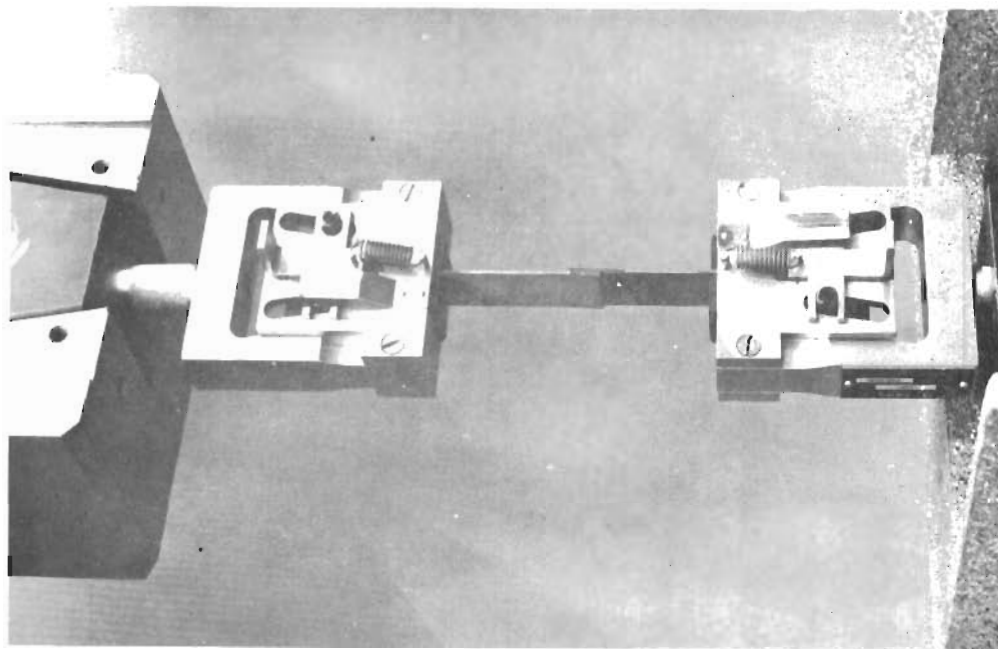


### 3. Metal-To-Metal Bond Tests

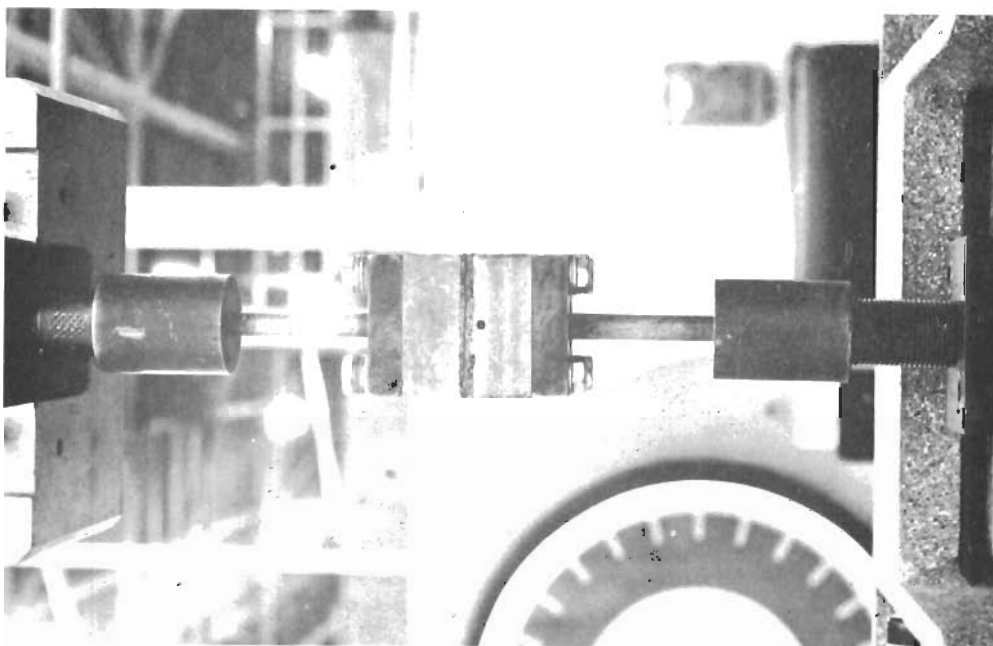
Lap shear and flatwise tension tests were conducted to determine the joint strength of bonded beryllium sheet. These test results, in conjunction with those for the bonded honeycomb panels, subsequently discussed, were useful in determining the structural adequacy of the bonded honeycomb trailing edge section of the beryllium rudder. The test specimens, test set-up and procedures, and test results are discussed below.

A total of four tests were conducted on each type specimen (lap shear and flatwise tension) with three at room temperature and one at  $-65^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ . The bonding agent used was FM-61 adhesive, a nitrile phenolic/epoxy composite film. All tests were conducted in a 30,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing Machine. The test specimens in the loading grips are shown in Figure 30. For the tests at  $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$ , the specimens were enclosed in an insulated box into which cold gas was directed from a bottle containing liquid nitrogen. A Honeywell Strip Chart Recorder was used to plot test temperatures and control the gas flow through the operation of a solenoid valve activated by a copper-constantan thermocouple. A typical cold temperature test set-up is shown in Figure 31.

The lap shear test and metal-to-metal flatwise tension test results are presented in Tables 8 and 9, respectively. Included in Table 8, for comparison, is the minimum allowable lap shear strength of aluminum alloy sheet bonded with FM-61 adhesive. As shown, the bond shear strength achieved in the tests is higher than the minimum value in all cases. All the flatwise tension specimens failed at the bond line between the specimen and loading block. This type of failure probably resulted from bonding the loading blocks to an improperly cleaned beryllium surface. Nevertheless, the strength demonstrated in the test is considered adequate.



Lap shear



Flatwise tension

Figure 30 – Bonded Lap Shear and Flatwise Tension Tests

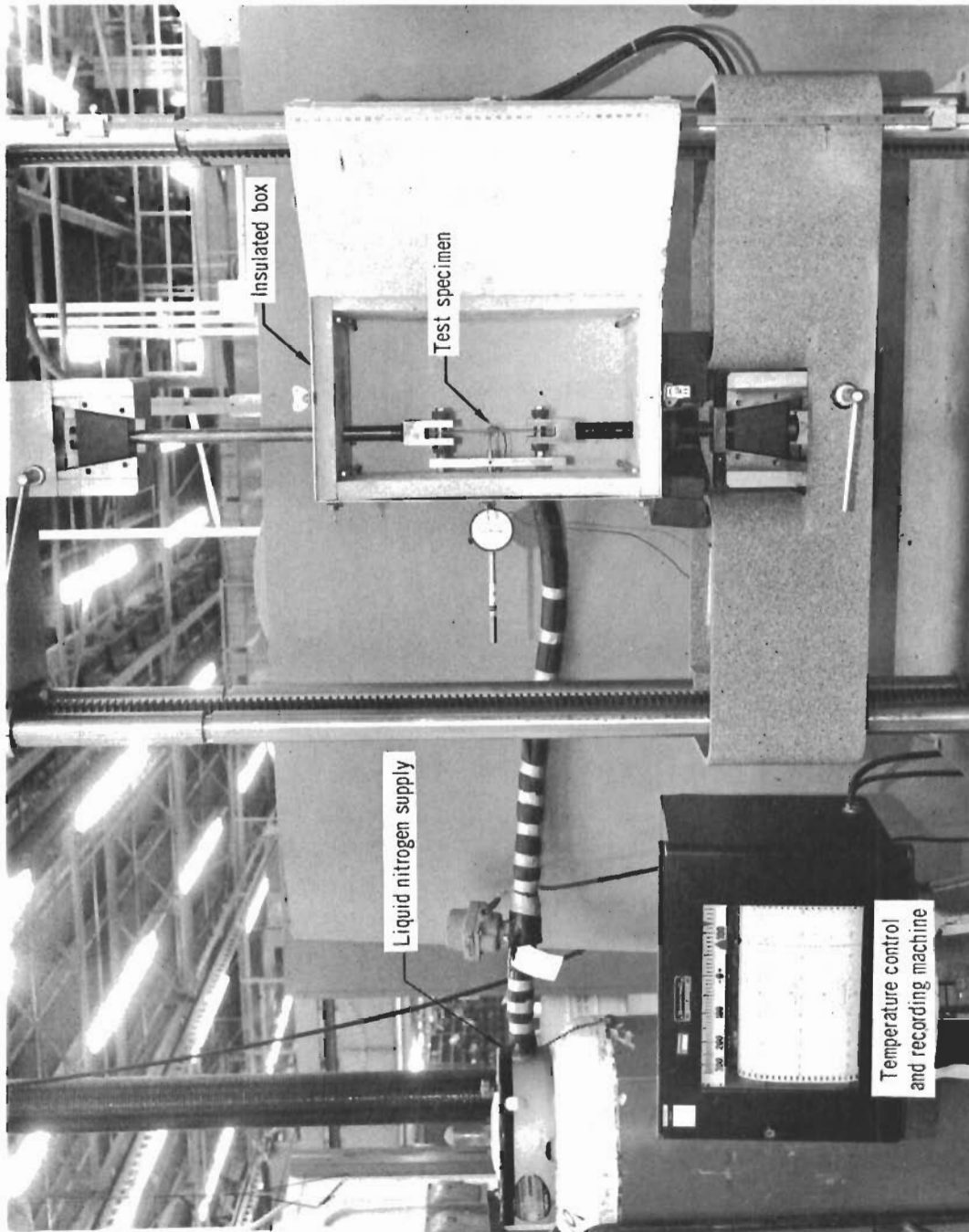
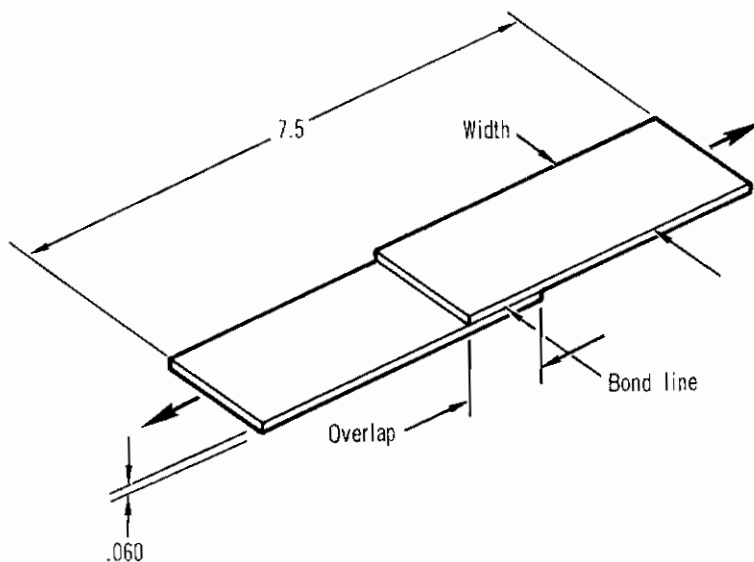


Figure 31 - Cold Temperature (-65°F) Test Set-Up

TABLE 8  
BONDED LAP SHEAR TEST RESULTS

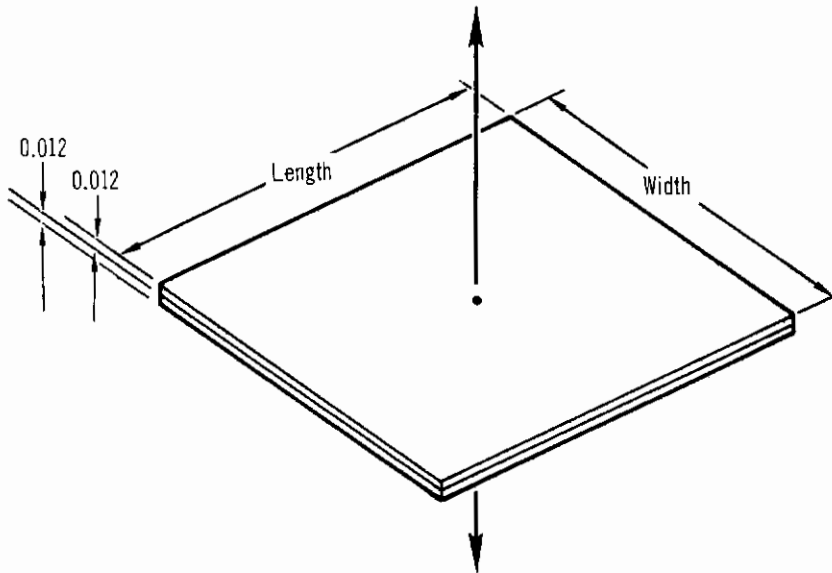


Specimen Designation	Test Temperature (°F)	Specimen Width (in.)	Bond Line Thickness (in.)	Over-lap (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (psi)	Minimum Allowable Strength (psi)
404-004-9-1	R.T.	.9936	.0086	.51	2000	3945	2250
404-004-9-2	R.T.	.9916	.0082	.52	1925	3731	2250
404-004-9-3	R.T.	.9923	.0082	.51	1895	3745	2250
404-004-9-4	-65	.9943	.0086	.51	2735	5394	2250

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet, bonded with FM-61 adhesive.
2. After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.
4. Load rate was 600-1200 pounds/minute.

TABLE 9  
BONDED METAL-TO-METAL FLATWISE TENSION TEST RESULTS



Specimen Designation	Test Temperature (°F)	Specimen Length (in.)	Specimen Width (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (psi)
404-004-3-1	R.T.	2.00	2.00	7000	1750
404-004-3-2	R.T.	2.00	2.00	7175	1794
404-004-3-3	R.T.	2.00	2.00	5150	1288
404-004-3-4	-65	2.00	2.00	4450	1112

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet bonded with FM-61 adhesive.
2. After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.
4. Specimens failed at the bond line between the specimen and loading block.
5. Adhesive used for connecting specimen to load block was HT-424.
6. Load rate was 600-1200 pounds/minute.

## 4. Bonded Honeycomb Panel Tests

Core shear, flatwise tension, edgewise compression, and core-to-edge-member shear tests were conducted to determine the strength of bonded honeycomb panels with aluminum core and beryllium face skins. The structural details of the test specimens are virtually identical with those used in the rudder trailing edge section. The test specimens, test set-up and procedures, and test results are discussed below.

A total of 16 tests were conducted with three at room temperature and one at  $-65^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$  for each of the four types of loading mentioned above. The panel core material was 5052-H39 aluminum alloy with a 1/4 inch cell size and .001 inch foil thickness. The bonding agent was FM-61 adhesive. All testing was conducted in a 30,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing Machine. The core shear and edgewise compression room temperature test set-ups, with the failed specimens, are shown in Figures 32 and 33, respectively. The bonded honeycomb flatwise tension specimens were loaded in the same fashion as the metal-to-metal flatwise tension specimens shown in Figure 30. Figure 34 shows the core-to-edge-member shear test specimen in the loading jig. The set-up for the cold temperature tests was virtually identical with that previously described and is shown in Figure 31.

The flatwise tension test results are presented in Table 10. Also shown is the flatwise tension minimum allowable strength of panels similar to the test specimens but with aluminum rather than beryllium facings. In all cases the flatwise tension strength achieved in the tests exceeds the minimum allowable stress. All the flatwise tension test specimens failed in the core material as expected for that type of lightweight core panel.

The core shear test results are shown in Table 11. Included for comparison is the minimum allowable core shear strength of comparable all-aluminum

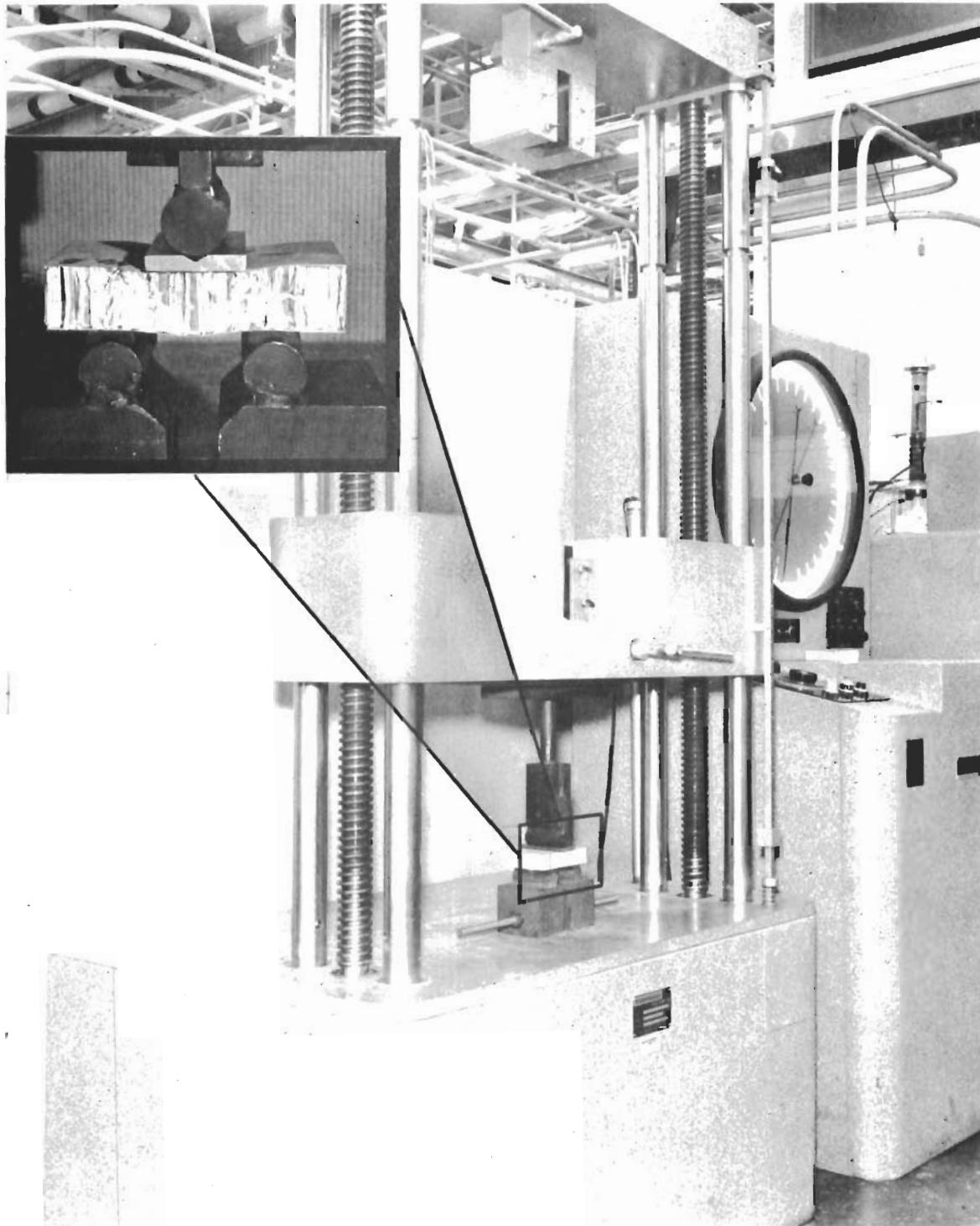


Figure 32 -- Bonded Honeycomb Panel Core Shear Test

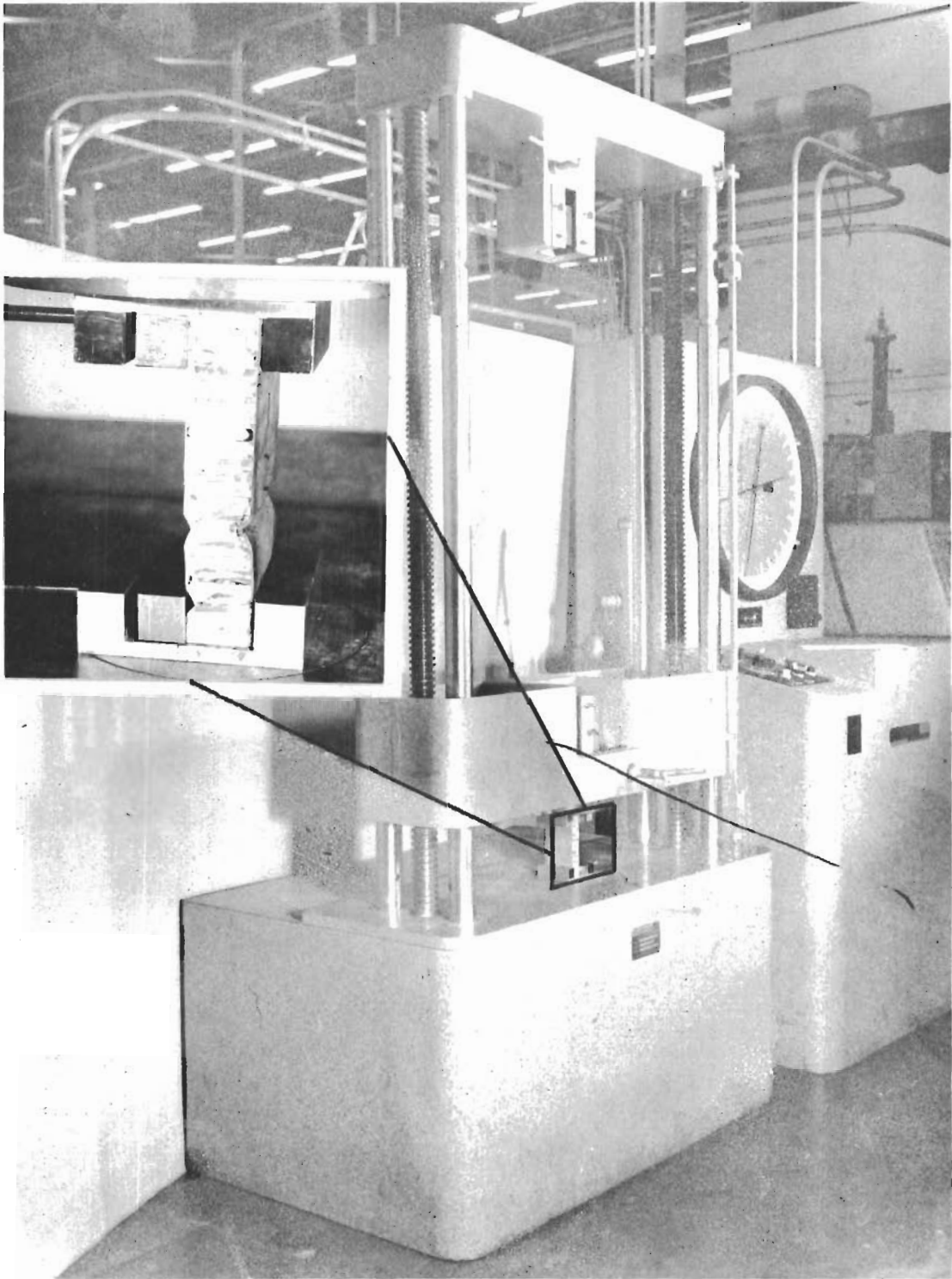


Figure 33 – Bonded Honeycomb Panel Edgewise Compression Test



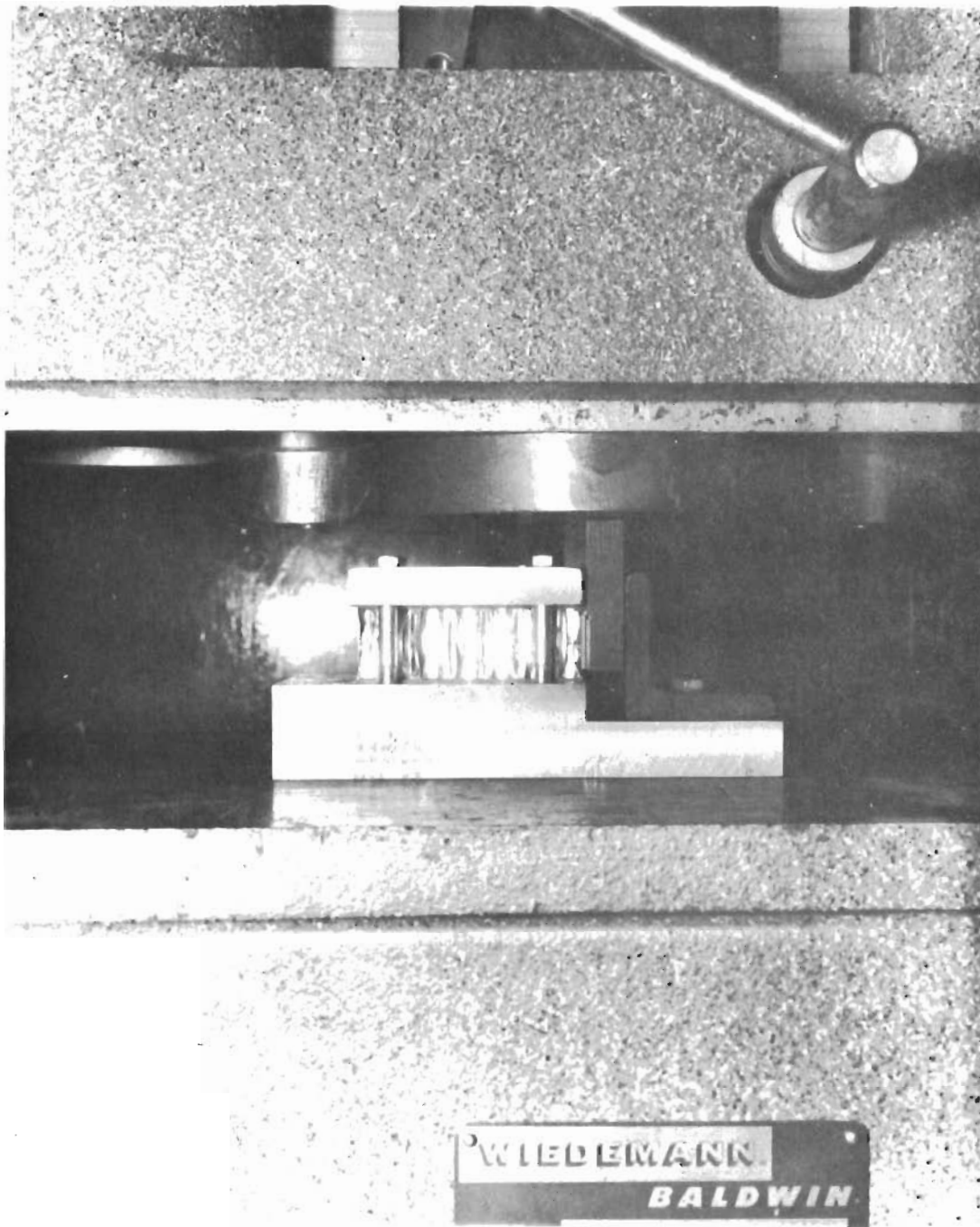
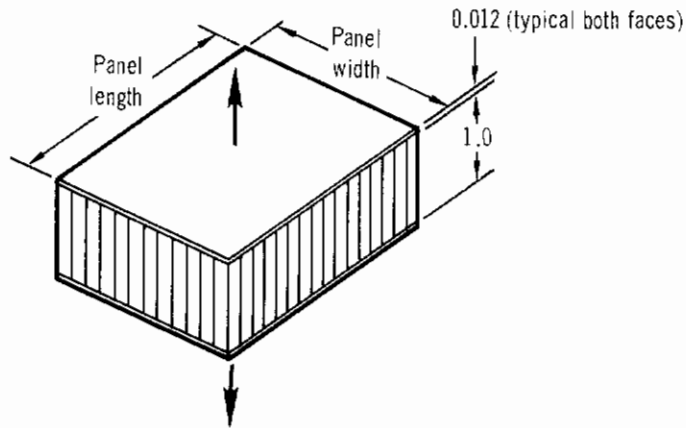


Figure 34 – Core to Edge Member Shear Test

TABLE 10  
BONDED HONEYCOMB PANEL FLATWISE TENSION TEST RESULTS

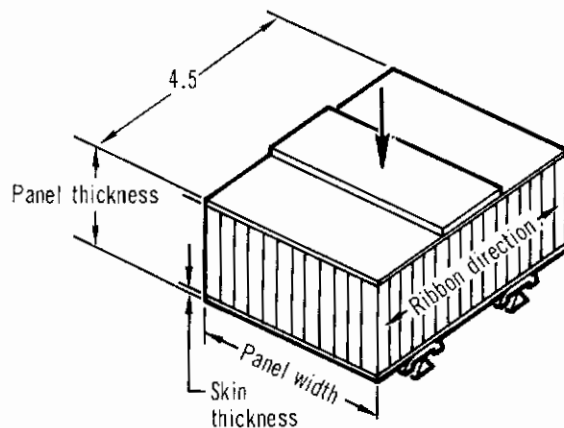


Specimen Designation	Test Temperature (°F)	Panel Width (in.)	Panel Length (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (psi)	Minimum Allowable Strength (psi)
404-004-1-1	R.T.	2.00	2.00	2205	551	400
404-004-1-2	R.T.	2.00	2.00	2100	525	400
404-004-1-3	R.T.	2.00	2.00	2175	544	400
404-004-1-4	-65	2.00	2.00	2115	529	400

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet bonded with FM-61 adhesive to aluminum alloy core with ¼-inch cell size and 0.001-inch foil thickness.
2. After machining and deburring, skins were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.
4. Load rate was 600-1200 pounds/minute.

TABLE 11  
BONDED HONEYCOMB PANEL CORE SHEAR TEST RESULTS



Specimen Designation	Test Temperature (°F)	Panel Thickness (in.)	Skin Thickness (in.)	Panel Width (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (psi)	Minimum Allowable Strength (psi)
404-004-7-1	R.T.	1.0299	.0155 / .0162	3.00	914	140	76
404-004-7-2	R.T.	1.0277	.0152 / .0158	3.01	975	161	76
404-004-7-3	R.T.	1.0269	.0140 / .0148	3.01	916	151	76
404-004-7-4	-65	1.0282	.0140 / .0145	3.01	932	153	76

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet bonded with FM-61 adhesive to aluminum alloy core with ¼-inch cell size and 0.001-inch foil thickness.
2. After machining and deburring, skins were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.
4. Load rate was 600-1200 pounds/minute.

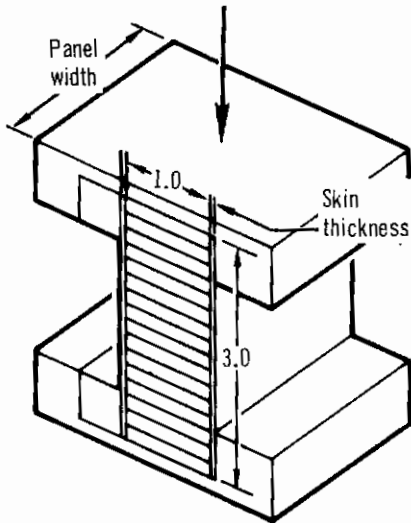
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panels. As shown, the strength achieved in the tests is significantly greater than the minimum allowable. This, in part, may be a result of the greater bending stiffness of the test panels associated with the high Young's Modulus of beryllium.

Table 12 presents the edgewise compression test results. The edgewise compression strength of the test panels exceeds the beryllium face skin compression yield stress ( $F_{cy} = 55 - 60$  ksi).

The core-to-edge-member shear test results are presented in Table 13. The minimum allowable strength of comparable all-aluminum panels is also shown. While conducting the first room temperature core-to-edge-member shear test, it was noted that the beryllium edge member plate was rotating slightly (bottom edge inward) relative to the loading plate and crushing the honeycomb core to which it was bonded. To prevent this, the remaining tests were conducted with the edge member plate bonded to the loading plate. As shown in Table 13, the subsequent test failing loads are higher and, it is felt, more indicative of the core shear strength. In all the core-to-edge-member shear tests, the adhesive bond strength was adequate to preclude failure at the bonded surface.

TABLE 12  
BONDED HONEYCOMB PANEL EDGEWISE COMPRESSION TEST RESULTS

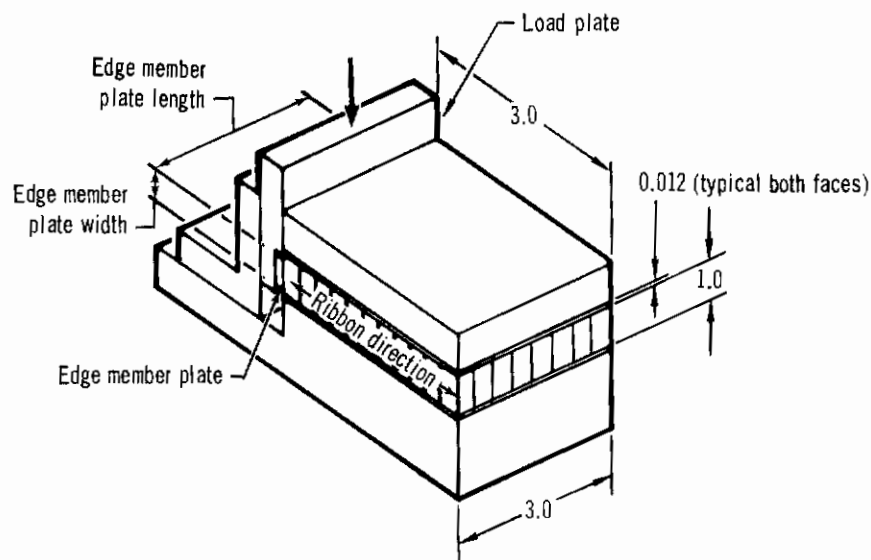


Specimen Designation	Test Temperature (°F)	Skin Thickness (in.)	Panel Width (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (ksi)
404-004-11-1	R.T.	.0153 / .0159	3.05	5775	60.7
404-004-11-2	R.T.	.0148 / .0158	3.03	5625	60.7
404-004-11-3	R.T.	.0156 / .0151	3.05	5800	62.0
404-004-11-4	-65	.0148 / .0133	2.81	5460	69.2

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet bonded with FM-61 adhesive to aluminum alloy core with 1/4-inch cell size and 0.001-inch foil thickness.
2. After machining and deburring, skins were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.
4. Load rate was 600-1200 pounds/minute.

TABLE 13  
CORE TO EDGE MEMBER SHEAR TEST RESULTS



Specimen Designation	Test Temperature (°F)	Plate Width (in.)	Plate Length (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (psi)	Minimum Allowable Strength (psi)
404-004-5-1	R.T.	.74	2.72	171	85 <sup>(4)</sup>	76
404-004-5-2	R.T.	.74	2.87	312	147	76
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404-004-5-4	-65	.74	2.89	188	88	76

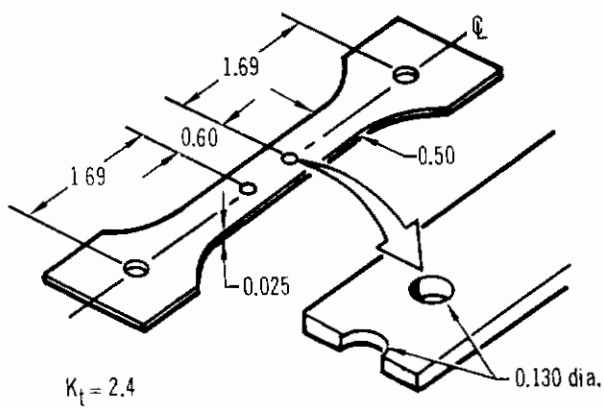
Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet bonded with FM-61 adhesive to aluminum alloy core with 1/4-inch cell size and 0.001-inch foil thickness.
2. After machining and deburring, skins were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Load rate was 600-1200 pounds/minute.
- (4) Edge member plate rotated and therefore was bonded to load plate for subsequent tests.
5. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.

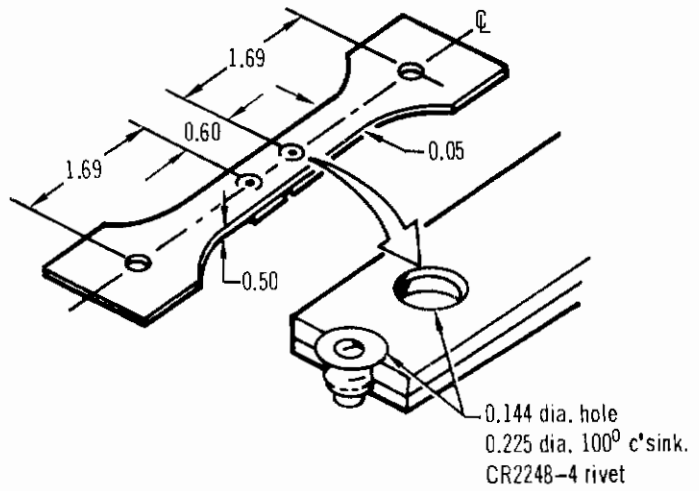
## 5. Effect of Stress Concentrations and Interference Fit Fasteners

Tests were conducted to evaluate the effects of stress concentrations and interference fit (or hole filling) fasteners on the static and fatigue strength of beryllium sheet. Fastener types in these tests were identical with those used in the beryllium rudder. The test specimens, test set-up and procedures, and test results are discussed below.

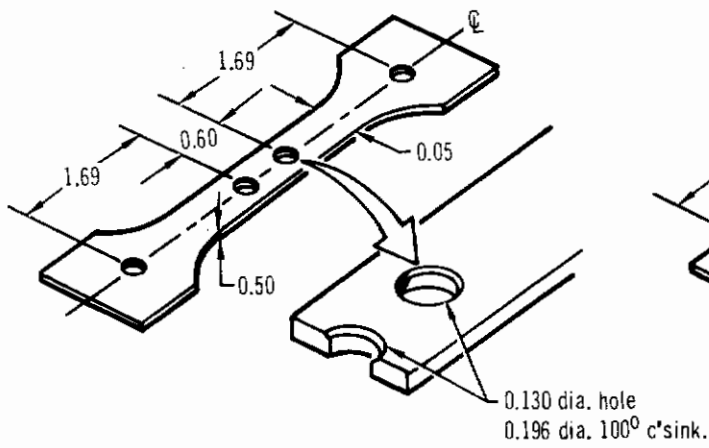
All testing was conducted at room temperature. A total of 35 specimens, of four different configurations, were fabricated and tested: (1) three static and five fatigue tests of specimens with unfilled holes drilled but not countersunk for NAS1094AD4 solid one-piece aluminum rivets (404-006-41), (2) three static and six fatigue tests of specimens with holes drilled and countersunk with CR2248-4 aluminum cherry rivets installed (404-006-7), (3) three static and six fatigue tests of specimens with unfilled holes drilled and countersunk for NAS1097AD4 rivets (404-006-37), and (4) three static and six fatigue tests of specimens the same as (3) with NAS1097AD4 rivets installed (404-006-9). The test specimen configurations are shown in Figure 35. The fatigue tests were conducted in a Sonntag Fatigue Test Machine at a rate of 1800 cycles per minute. The machine automatically maintains a constant maximum and minimum load on the test specimen which allows fatigue testing with stress in excess of the material yield stress. All fatigue testing was conducted using a stress ratio  $R = 0.2$  ( $R = \text{minimum stress}/\text{maximum stress}$ ). The fatigue test set-up is shown in Figure 36. The static tests were conducted in a 30,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing Machine. A strain rate of .005 in./in./minute was maintained during the static tests.



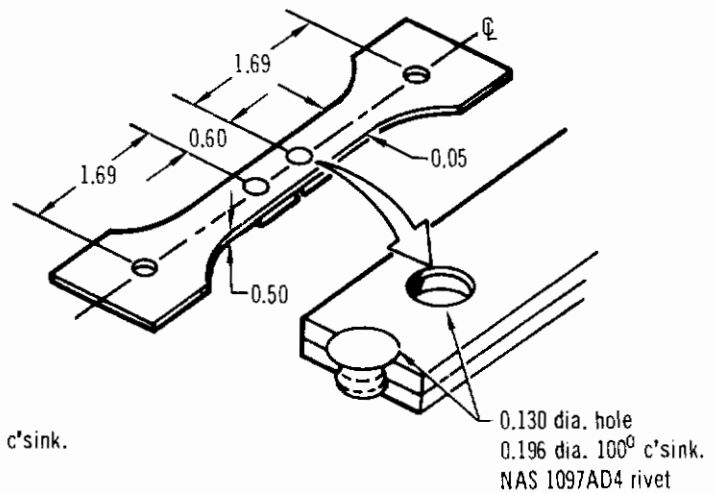
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Figure 35 - Stress Concentration and Interference Fit Fastener Test Specimen Configurations



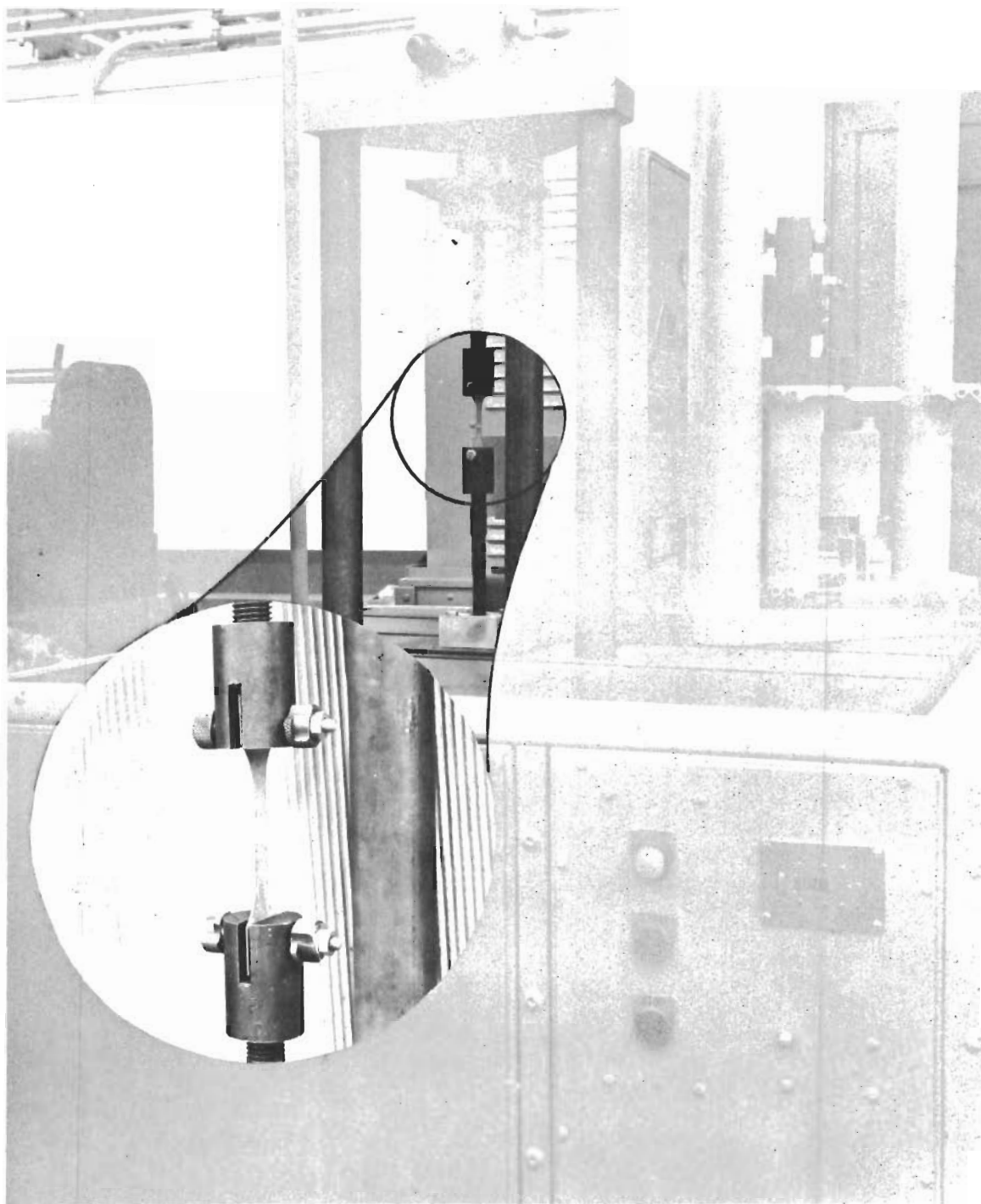


Figure 36 – Tension-Tension Fatigue Test Set-Up

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Fatigue test results are presented in Table 14. The f-N curves developed from the test data are presented in Figures 37 through 40. A significant loss in fatigue strength resulted from stress concentrations in the form of filled or unfilled fastener holes. However, the fatigue strength is still unusually high; the minimum endurance limit of the four configurations tested is equal to approximately 75 percent of the minimum guaranteed tensile yield stress of 50 ksi. The test specimens with interference fit fasteners appear to have a greater endurance limit than the same specimens with the holes unfilled (compare the endurance limits shown in Figures 38 and 40 with those shown in Figures 37 and 39). This is probably due to a reduction in the alternating stress caused by tension stresses induced around the holes by the interference fit fasteners. The failed fatigue specimens are shown in Figure 41. The fatigue strengths of beryllium, aluminum, and titanium are compared in Figure 42, and the fatigue strength-to-weight efficiency curves for these materials are presented in Figure 43. f-N curves established from the fatigue data obtained in this program and in Reference 2 program are presented in Section II of this report.

Static test results are shown in Table 15. For comparison, the unnotched tensile strengths of the sheet material from which the specimens were fabricated, as certified by the producer, are also shown. The notched strength of the test specimens averages approximately 91 percent of the certified unnotched strength. This is in general agreement with the strength predicted with the data presented in Figure 4 of Section II using a stress concentration factor of 2.4. This concentration factor is applicable to specimens with unfilled holes and no countersinks, and the test results indicate there is no significant variation of this factor for the other specimens tested. The failed static test specimens are shown in Figure 44.

TABLE 14  
TENSION-TENSION FATIGUE TEST RESULTS

Specimen Designation	Thick-ness (in.)	Width (in.)	Hole Dia. (in.)	C'sink Dia. (in.)	Max. Load (lb.)	Min. Load (lb.)	Max. Stress (ksi)	Min. Stress (ksi)	Cycles to Failure x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
404-006-41-31	.0281	.5106	.1305	—	535	107	50.0	10.0	350
404-006-41-32	.0288	.5107	.1312	—	600	120	55.0	11.0	101
404-006-41-33	.0280	.5107	.1311	—	615	123	58.0	11.6	44
404-006-41-34	.0291	.5158	.1302	—	672	134	60.0	12.0	24
404-006-41-35	.0282	.5103	.1323	—	424	85	40.0	8.0	4307 (5)
404-006-41-35	.0282	.5103	.1323	—	477	95	45.0	9.0	273
404-006-7-22	.0553	.5112	.144 (4)	.225 (4)	1056	211	55.8	11.2	68
404-006-7-23	.0568	.5175	.144 (4)	.225 (4)	1212	242	61.2	12.2	19
404-006-7-24	.0560	.5166	.144 (4)	.225 (4)	990	198	50.8	10.2	859
404-006-7-25	.0561	.5182	.144 (4)	.225 (4)	896	179	45.8	9.1	5157 (5)
404-006-7-25	.0561	.5182	.144 (4)	.225 (4)	1094	219	55.8	11.2	101
404-006-7-26	.0555	.5132	.144 (4)	.225 (4)	970	194	50.8	10.2	3836
404-006-7-27	.0563	.5133	.144 (4)	.225 (4)	1261	252	65.1	13.0	19
404-006-37-4	.0557	.4998	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1084	217	55.1	11.0	38
404-006-37-5	.0551	.5134	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1212	242	60.0	12.0	32
404-006-37-6	.0570	.5130	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1045	209	50.0	10.0	117
404-006-37-7	.0566	.5002	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	900	180	45.0	9.0	234
404-006-37-8	.0560	.5020	.130	.200	1346	269	68.0	13.6	10
404-006-37-9	.0560	.5150	.130	.205	771	154	38.0	7.6	4582 (5)
404-006-37-9	.0560	.5150	.130	.205	1116	223	55.0	11.0	107
404-006-9-13	.0568	.5003	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1106	221	55.0	11.0	22
404-006-9-14	.0558	.5017	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	990	198	49.9	10.0	5000 (5)
404-006-9-14	.0558	.5017	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1089	218	54.9	11.0	130
404-006-9-15	.0560	.4986	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1182	236	60.0	12.0	33
404-006-9-16	.0573	.4998	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1299	260	64.1	12.8	16
404-006-9-17	.0547	.4995	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	1312	262	68.0	13.6	2
404-006-9-18	.0546	.4994	.130 (4)	.196 (4)	998	200	52.0	10.4	141

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet tested at room temperature.
2. After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Longitudinal grain direction was parallel to applied loads.
- (4) Nominal dimensions - all others as measured.
- (5) No failure at this stress - retested to failure at higher stress level as indicated.
6. R = .2 (R = minimum stress/maximum stress).

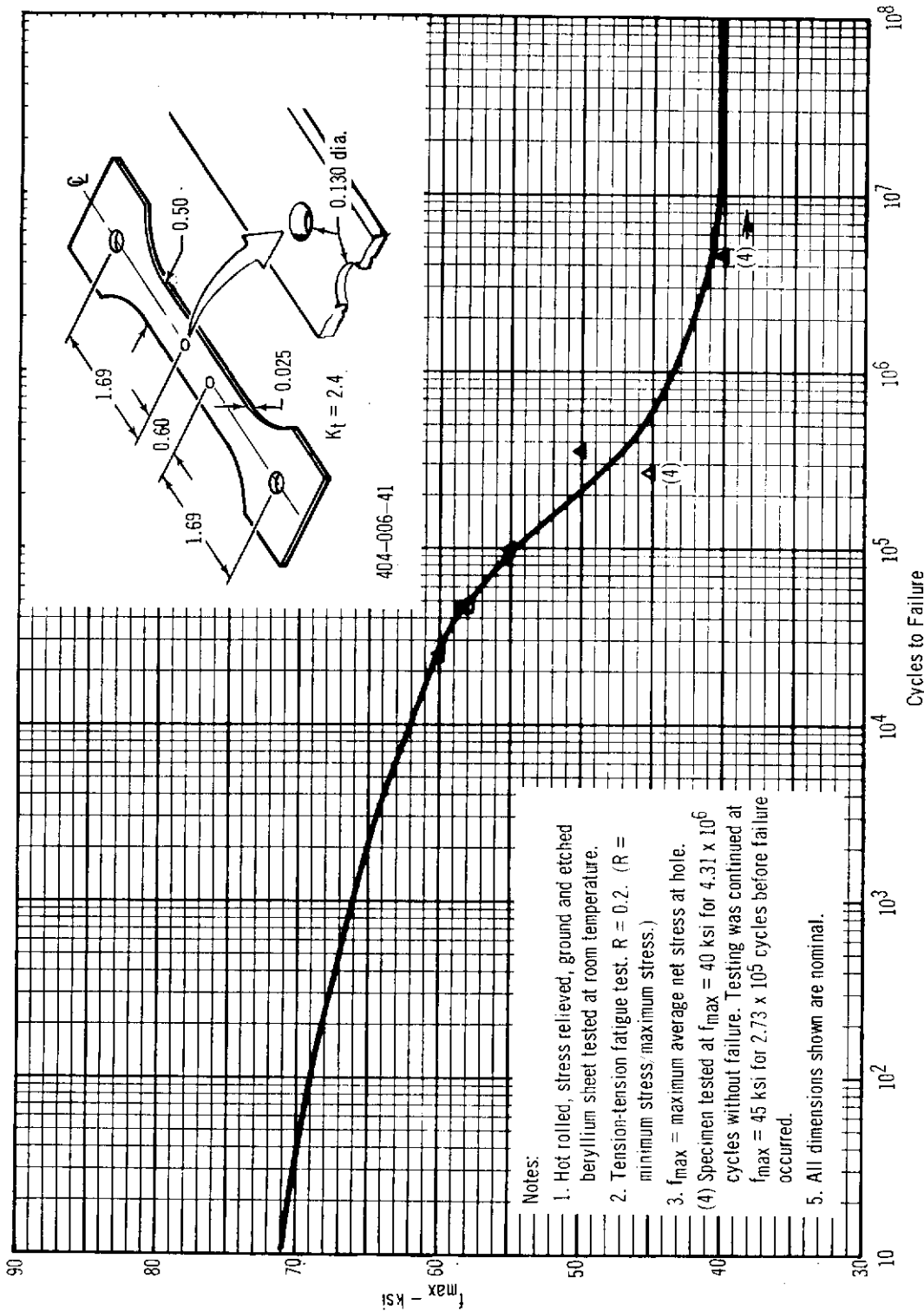


Figure 37 -- Fatigue Test Results: Specimens with Drilled Holes

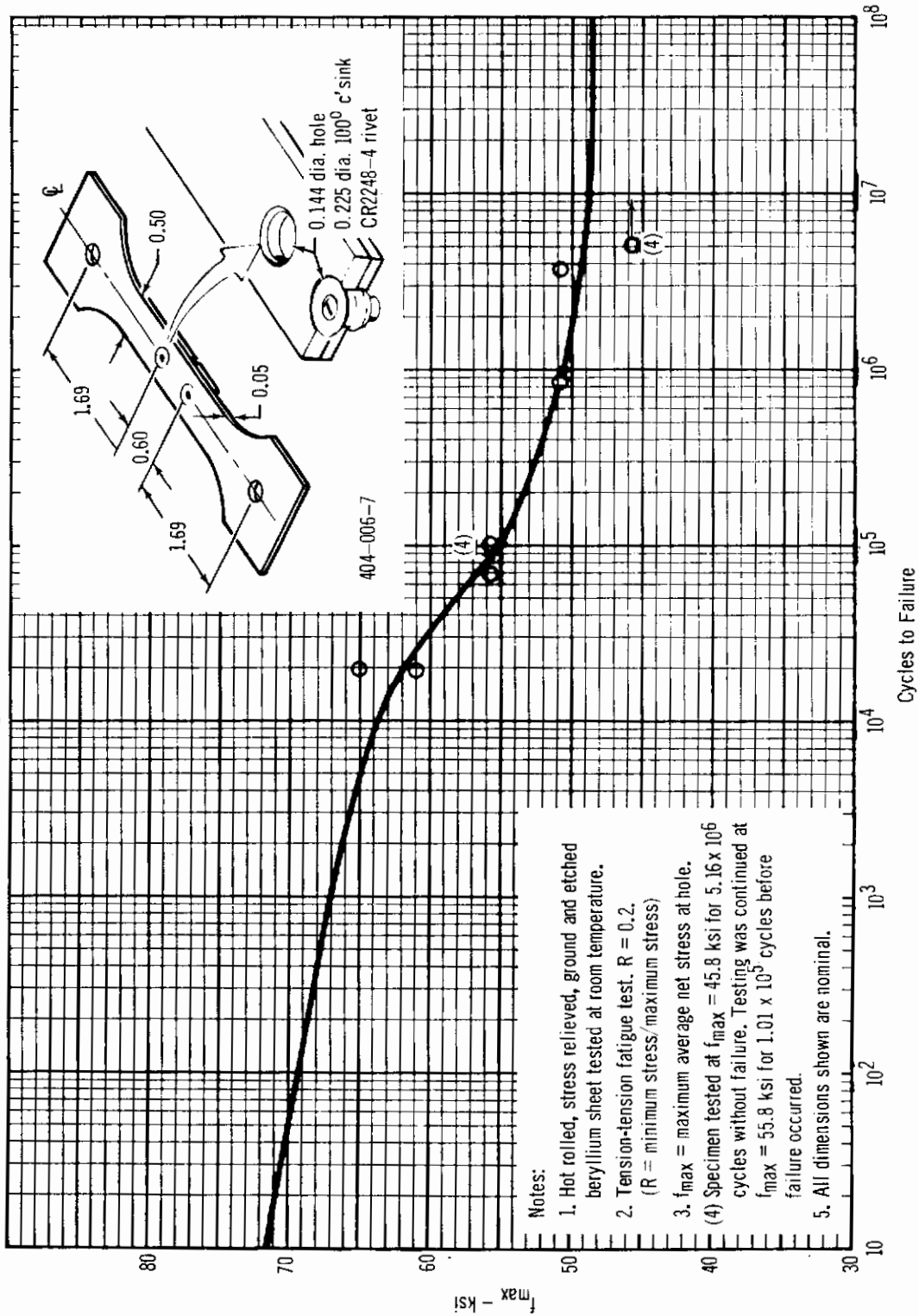


Figure 38 - Fatigue Test Results: Specimens with Countersunk Cherry Rivets

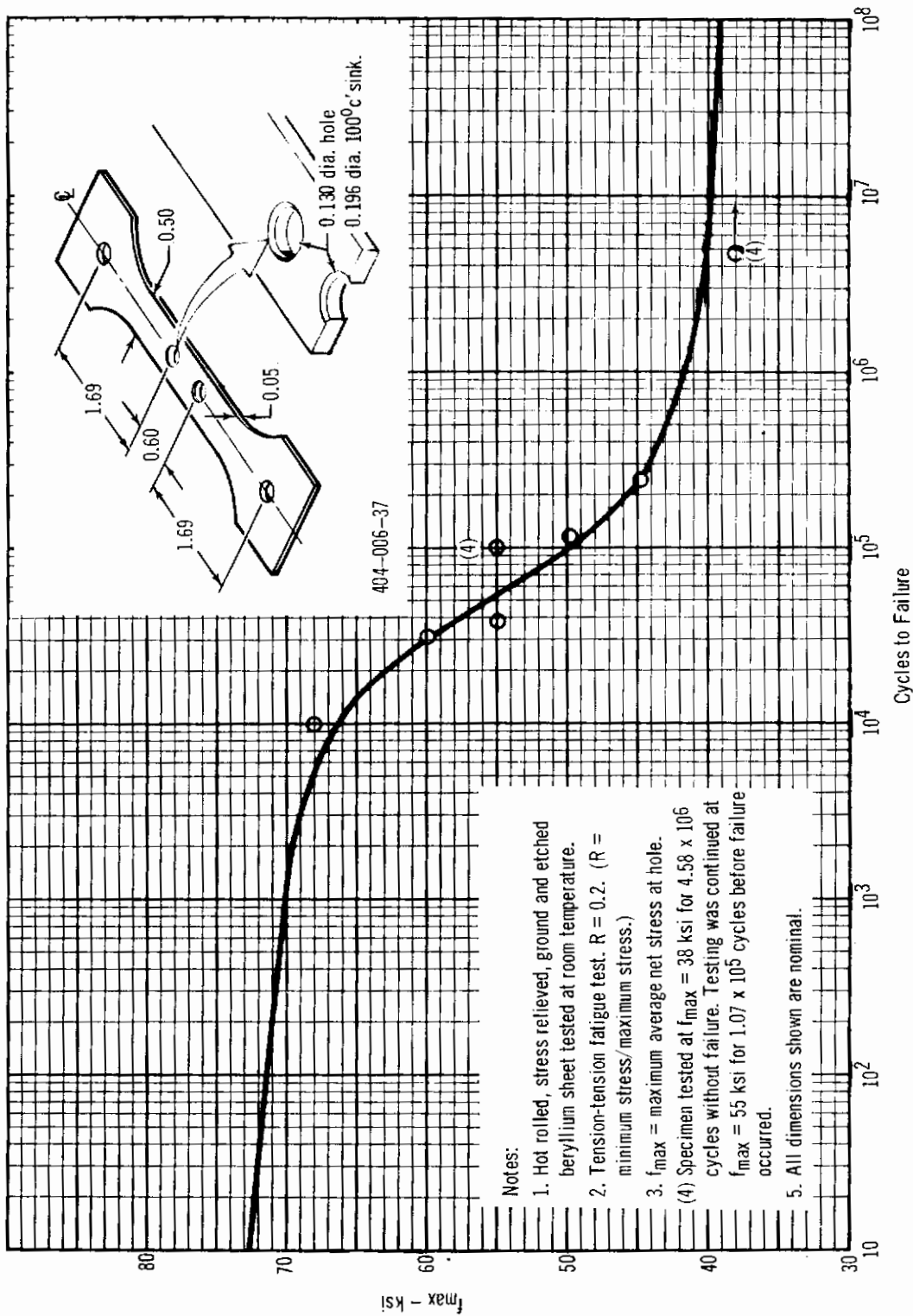


Figure 39 -- Fatigue Test Results: Specimens with Drilled and Countersunk Holes

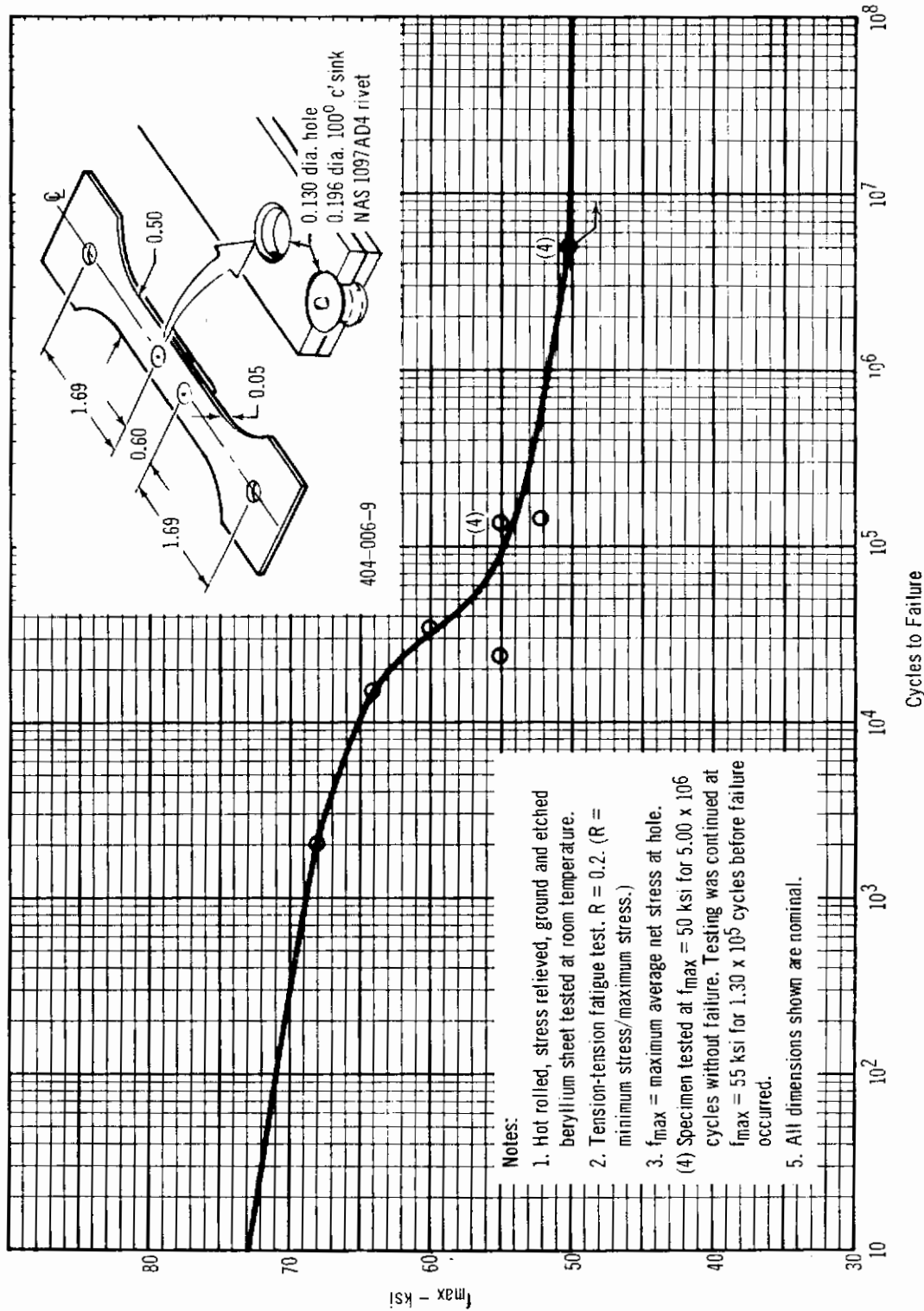
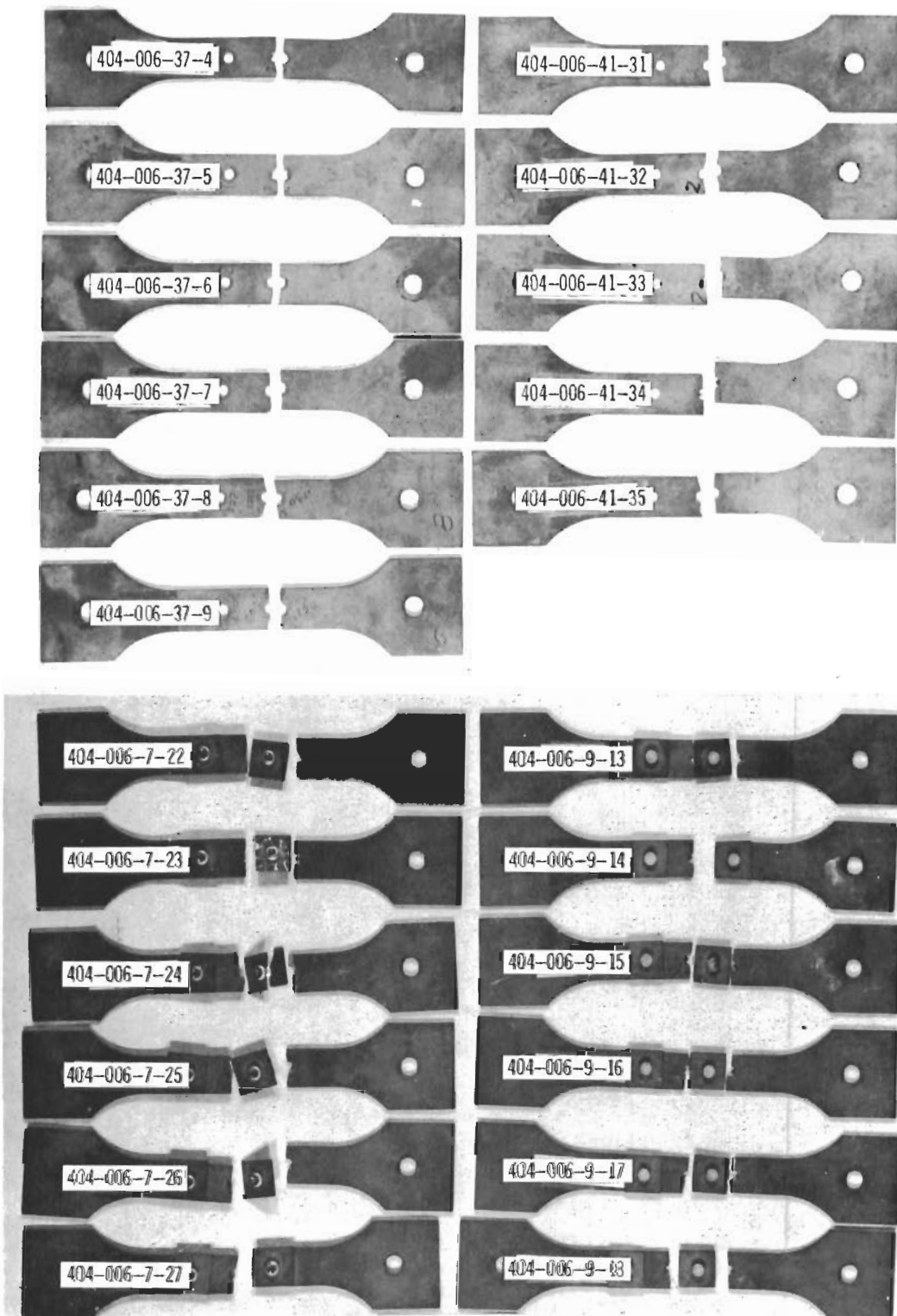


Figure 40 - Fatigue Test Results: Specimens with Countersunk Solid Rivets



Stress Concentration and Interference Fit Fastener Specimens  
Figure 41 – Tension-Tension Fatigue Test Failed Specimens



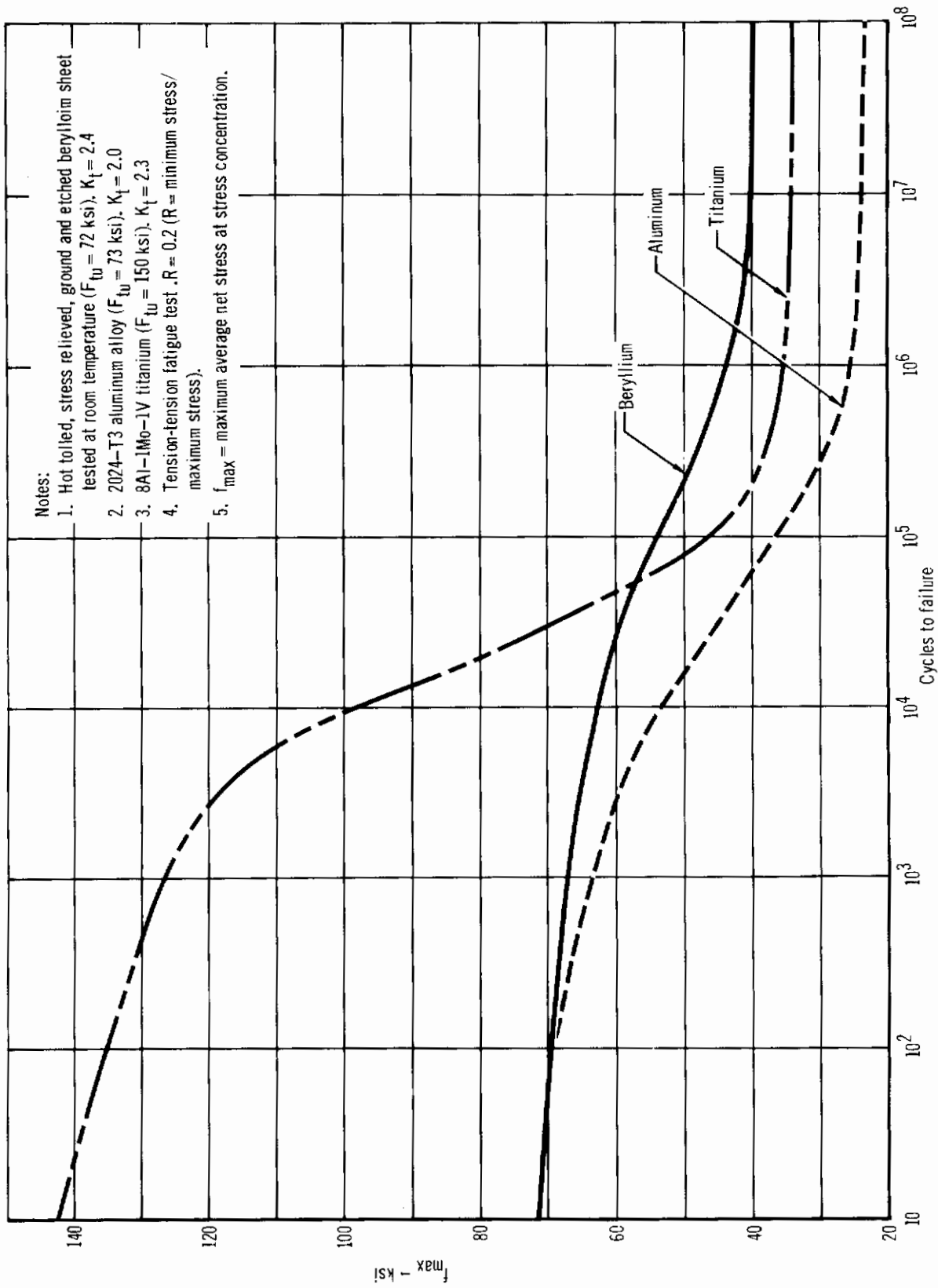
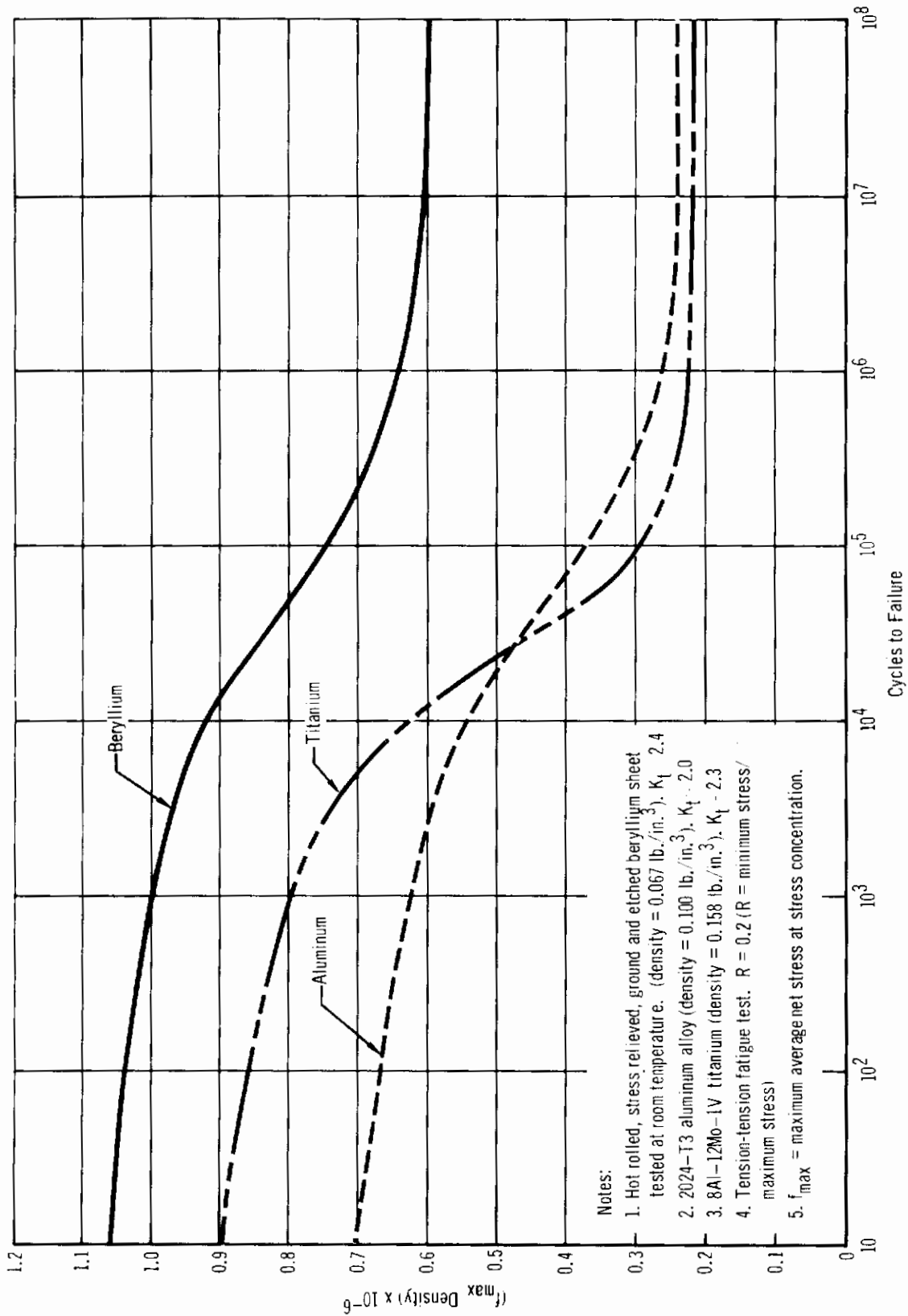


Figure 42 - Fatigue Strength of Notched Sheet: Beryllium, Aluminum and Titanium



Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet tested at room temperature. (density = 0.067 lb./in.<sup>3</sup>),  $K_f = 2.4$
2. 2024-T3 aluminum alloy (density = 0.100 lb./in.<sup>3</sup>),  $K_f = 2.0$
3. 8Al-12Mo-1V titanium (density = 0.158 lb./in.<sup>3</sup>),  $K_f = 2.3$
4. Tension-tension fatigue test.  $R = 0.2$  ( $R = \text{minimum stress} / \text{maximum stress}$ )
5.  $f_{max}$  = maximum average net stress at stress concentration.

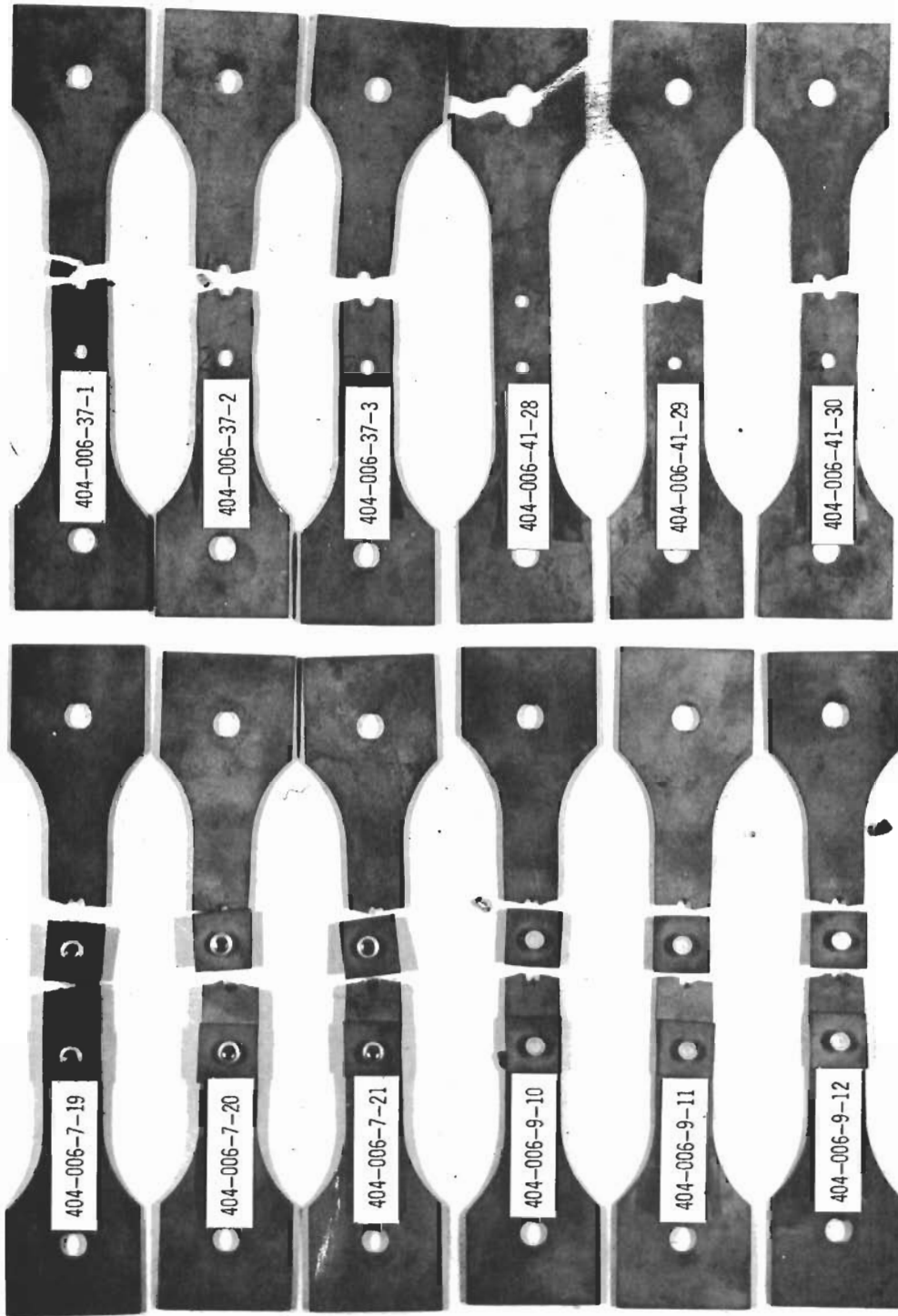
Figure 43 - Fatigue Strength-to-Weight Efficiency of Notched Material: Beryllium, Aluminum and Titanium

**TABLE 15**  
**STATIC TENSION TEST RESULTS**

Specimen Designation	Specimen Thickness (in.)	Specimen Width (in.)	Hole Diameter (in.)	Countersink Diameter (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (ksi)	Certified Tensile Strength (ksi)
404-006-41-29	.0291	.5152	.1300	—	628	56.0	84.2
404-006-41-30	.0285	.5152	.1311	—	830	75.8	84.2
404-006-41-36	.0289	.5143	.1330	—	820	74.5	84.2
404-006-7-19	.0558	.5181	.144(4)	.225(4)	1410	72.5	79.4
404-006-7-20	.0548	.5121	.144(4)	.225(4)	1350	71.9	79.4
404-006-7-21	.0551	.5179	.144(4)	.225(4)	1435	74.6	79.4
404-006-37-1	.0561	.4985	.1324	.196(4)	1370	69.6	79.4
404-006-37-2	.0555	.5145	.1322	.196(4)	1710	84.0	79.4
404-006-37-3	.0562	.5005	.1314	.196(4)	1460	72.2	79.4
404-006-9-10	.0559	.5207	.130(4)	.196(4)	1425	71.5	79.4
404-006-9-11	.0560	.5149	.130(4)	.196(4)	1615	78.0	79.4
404-006-9-12	.0566	.4997	.130(4)	.196(4)	1530	76.0	79.4

**Notes:**

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet tested at room temperature.
2. After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness
3. Longitudinal grain direction parallel to load axis.
- (4) Nominal dimension - all others as measured.
5. Strain rate was .005/in./in./min.



Stress Concentration and Interference Fit Fastener Specimens

Figure 44 – Static Tension Test Failed Specimens

## 6. Joint Tests

Tension tests were conducted to determine the splice strength of beryllium sheet and obtain data useful in establishing beryllium joint design criteria. The joints tested had structural details similar to those in the beryllium rudder. The test specimens, test set-up and procedures, and test results are discussed below.

A total of twelve tests were conducted with two at room temperature and two at  $-65^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$  on each of three different splice joint configurations: (1) splice attached with CR 2248-4 aluminum cherry rivets on one side and bonded with FM-61 adhesive on the other (404-006-1), (2) splice attached with NAS 1670 alloy steel Jo-bolts (404-006-3), and (3) splice attached with NAS 1097 AD4 solid one-piece aluminum rivets on one side and bonded with FM-61 adhesive on the other (404-006-5). The three types of test specimens are shown in Figure 45. The tests were conducted in a 30,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing Machine. Loading rates of 2000 lbs./minute for the -1 and -5 specimens and 3500 lbs./minute for the -3 specimens were maintained during the tests. A dial-indicator measured lateral deflection at each specimen center during load application. These data were subsequently used to determine bending stresses caused by load path eccentricities at the splice. A test specimen in the loading grips, with instrumentation, is shown in Figure 46.

The test results shown in Table 16 indicate that beryllium sheet can be spliced using conventional methods to provide adequate and predictable joint strength. As indicated in Table 16, the general mode of failure is fastener shear for the -1 and -5 specimens and skin rupture for the -3 specimens. Failure stresses in the skins of the -3 specimens, resulting from both

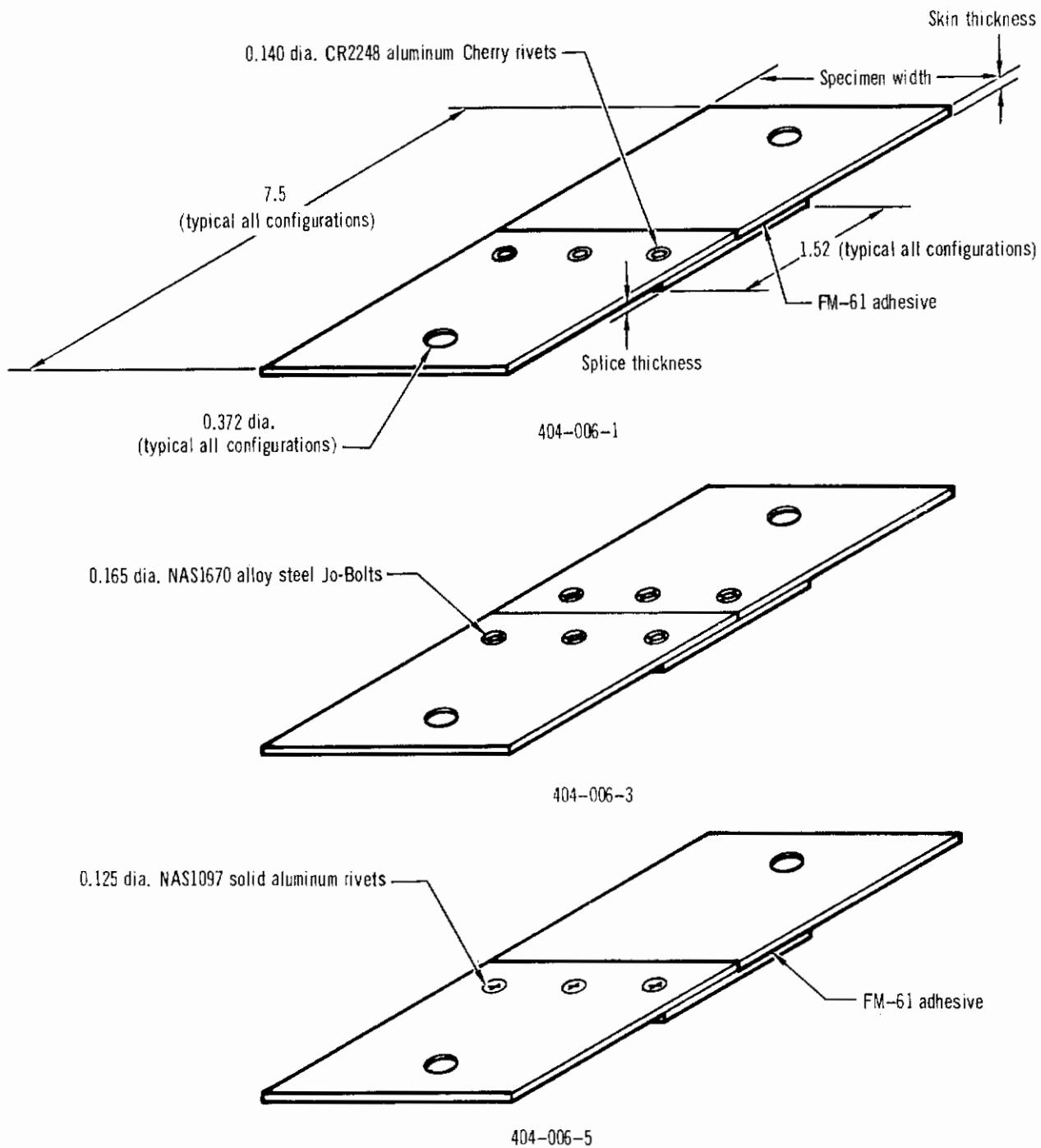


Figure 45 - Spliced Joint Test Specimen Configurations

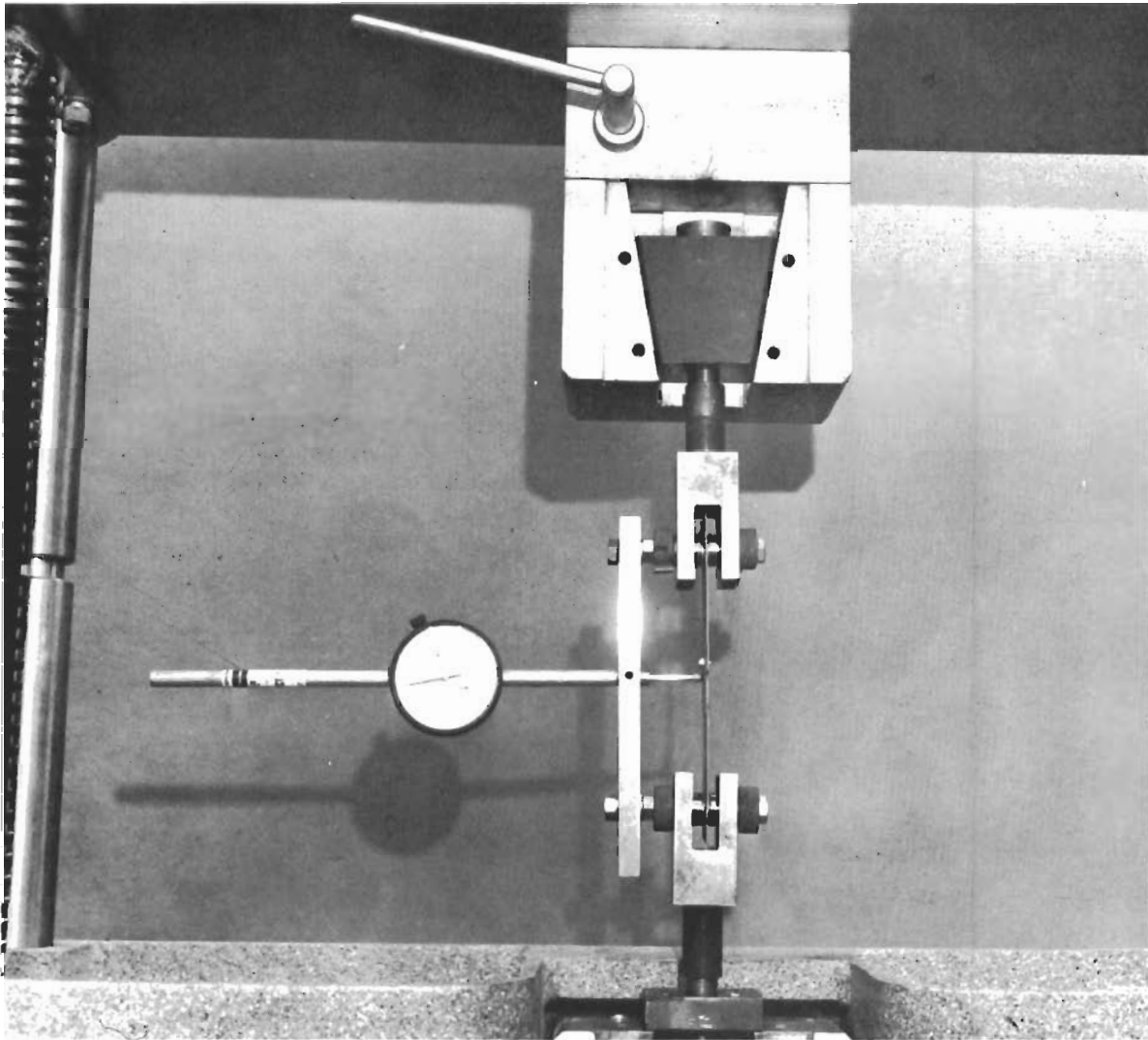


Figure 46 – Spliced Joint Tension Test Set-Up

TABLE 16  
SPLICED JOINT TENSION TEST RESULTS

Specimen Designation	Test Temp. (°F)	Skin Thickness	Splice Thickness (in.)	Specimen Width (in.)	Lateral Deflection (in.)	Failure Mode	Failure Load (lb.)	Maximum Elastic Stress at Splice Center (psi)		
								Bending	Tension	
404-006-1-1	R.T.	.0533	.0284	2.250	.0258	Fastener Shear	1280	63,700	20,000	83,700
404-006-1-2	R.T.	.0547	.0279	2.225	.0220	Fastener Shear	1055	70,500	17,000	87,500
404-006-1-3	-65	.0570	.0281	2.240	.0157	Fastener Shear	1180	107,300	18,800	126,100
404-006-1-4	-65	.0532	.0285	2.230	.0214	Splice Rupture	1270	81,900	20,000	101,900
404-006-3-1	R.T.	.0865	.0560	2.240	.0425	Splice Rupture	3325	81,500	26,500	108,000
404-006-3-2	R.T.	.0874	.0551	2.240	.0281	Splice Rupture	3120	118,800	25,300	144,100
404-006-3-3	-65	.0866	.0546	2.240	.0203	Grip Hole Rupture	3025	136,700	24,700	161,400
404-006-3-4	-65	.0865	.0559	2.240	.0465	Splice Rupture	3070	65,000	24,600	89,600
404-006-5-5	R.T.	.0530	.0266	2.245	.0249	Fastener Shear	1290	72,600	21,600	94,200
404-006-5-6	R.T.	.0525	.0278	2.245	.0278	Fastener Shear	1385	59,300	22,200	81,500
404-006-5-7	-65	.0531	.0281	2.230	.0212	Splice Rupture	1400	92,500	22,300	114,800
404-006-5-8	-65	.0535	.0274	2.240	.0260	Fastener Shear	1395	72,000	22,700	94,700

- Notes: 1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.  
 2. After machining and deburring, skins were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.  
 3. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.  
 4. Load rate was 2000 pounds per minute for the -1 and -5 specimens and 3500 pounds per minute for the -3 specimens.



# *Contrails*

bending and tension loads, are significantly greater than the material tensile strength ( $F_{tu} = 70-80$  ksi), being in excess of 100 ksi for all specimens except one. This implies that beryllium has a bending modulus of rupture considerably larger than the tensile strength of the material. No bonding failures occurred in those specimens with one side of the splice joined to the skin with FM-61 adhesive. Figure 47 shows the failed specimens.

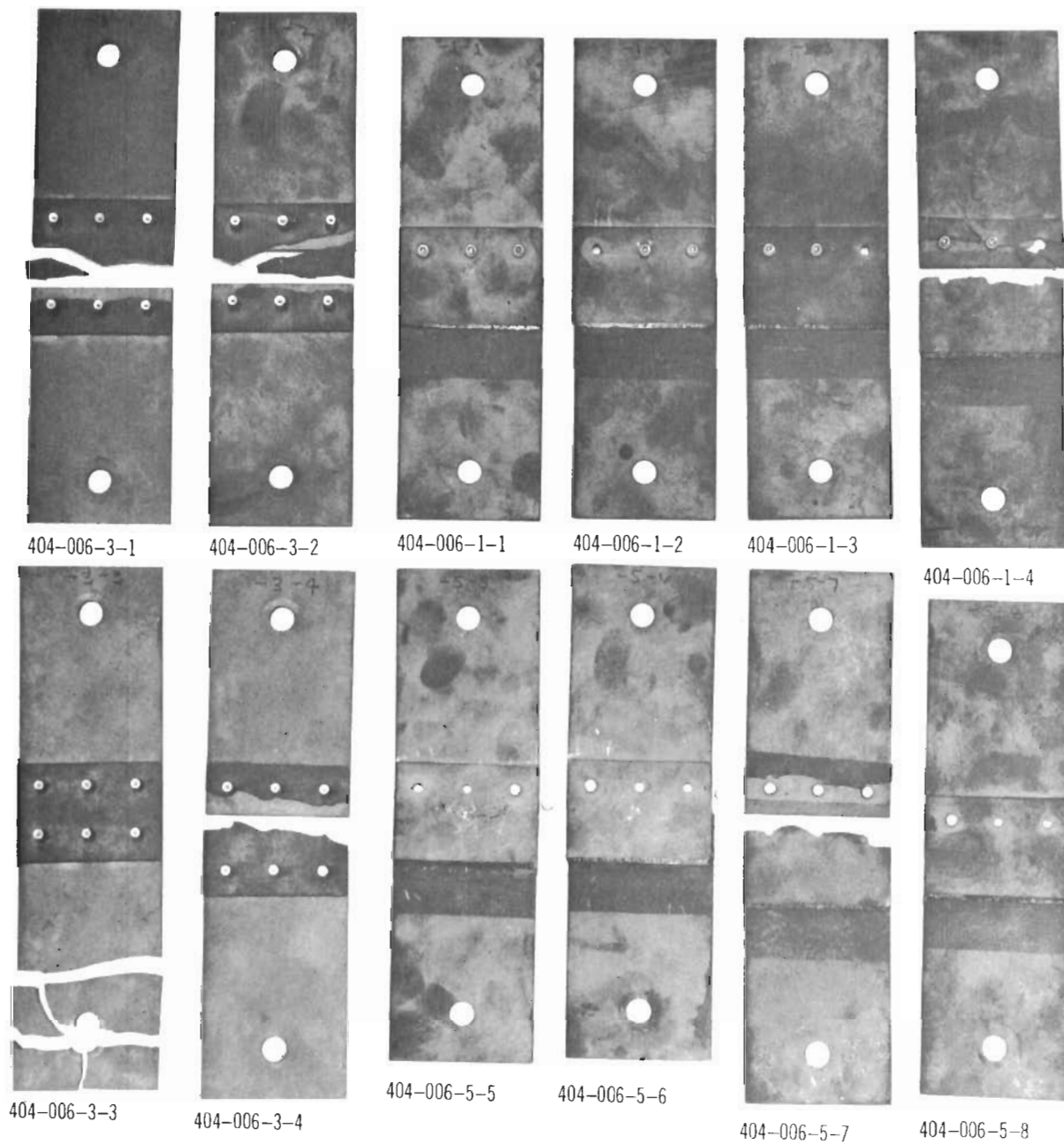


Figure 47 - Spliced Beryllium Joint Test Failed Specimens

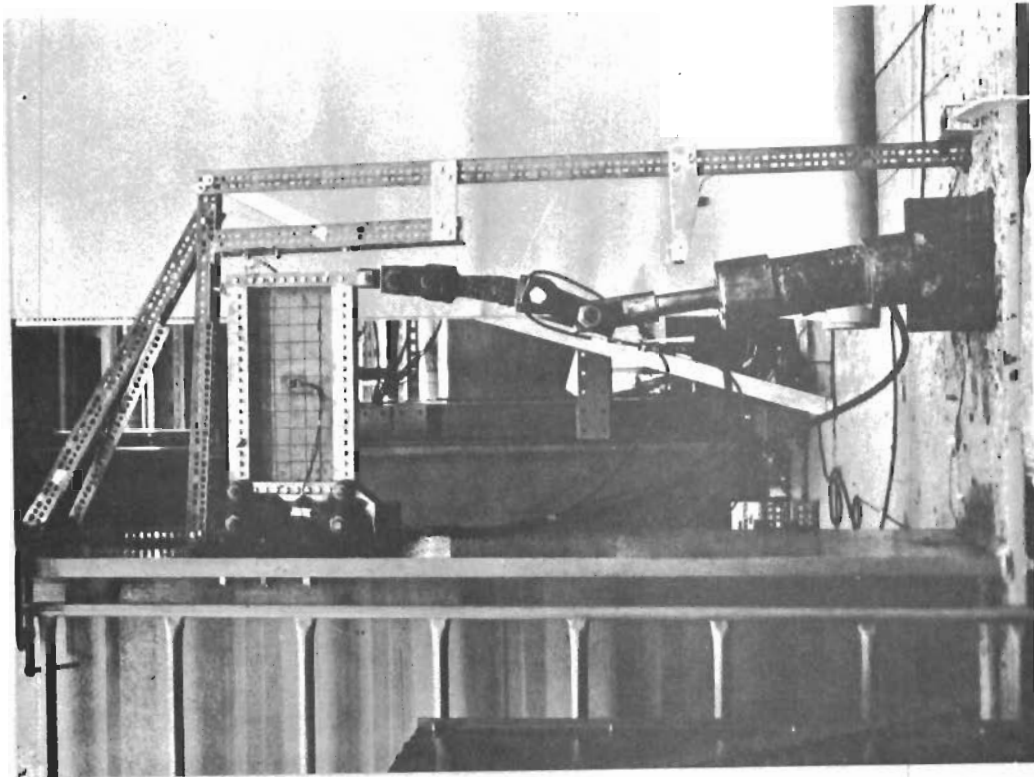
## 7. Panel Shear Tests

Shear tests were conducted to obtain design data on the post buckling strength of flat beryllium panels. The test specimens, test set-up and procedures, and test results are discussed below.

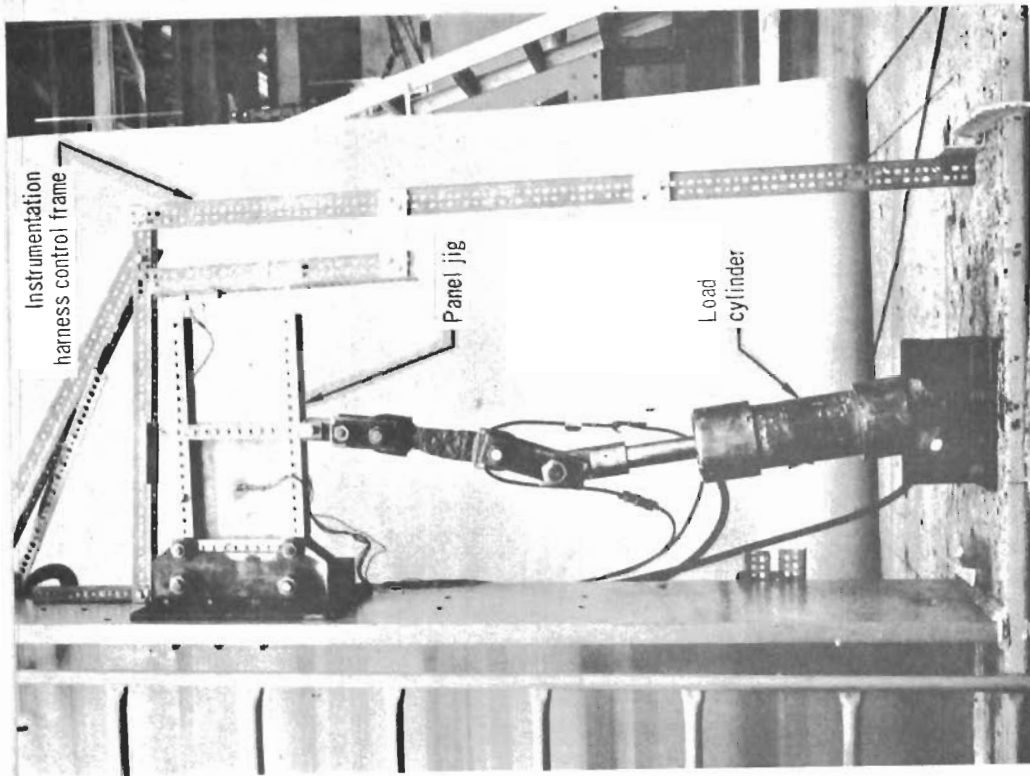
Five specimens were tested in two basic panel sizes, 10x10.5 inches and 10x20 inches, with thicknesses ranging from .014 inch to .053 inch. In addition, two 7178-T6 aluminum alloy panels were tested with the beryllium panels for purposes of comparison. The panels were tested at room temperature in a cantilevered jig assembly. Loading straps, fastened to the jig at the free end, were attached to a calibrated resistance strain link which was connected to a hydraulic load cylinder. The hydraulic cylinder and strain link were used in conjunction with a servo-mechanism system to provide control of the loading rate which was maintained at 2000 pounds/minute until failure for the beryllium panels and 1000 pounds/minute for the aluminum panels. Figure 48 shows the test set-up. Strains were measured during the testing of each panel by two strain rosettes mounted back to back at the geometric center of the specimen. In addition, the diagonal deflection of the panel was measured by a calibrated bending beam transducer mounted between the two diagonally opposite jig corner pins. All data recording was accomplished with a calibrated Honeywell Strip Chart Recorder.

The initial buckling strength of the beryllium panels was predicted with the classical buckling equation,

$$\frac{F_{s_{cr}}}{\eta} = \frac{\pi^2 K_s E}{12(1 - \mu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2$$



10 x 20 inches specimen in jig



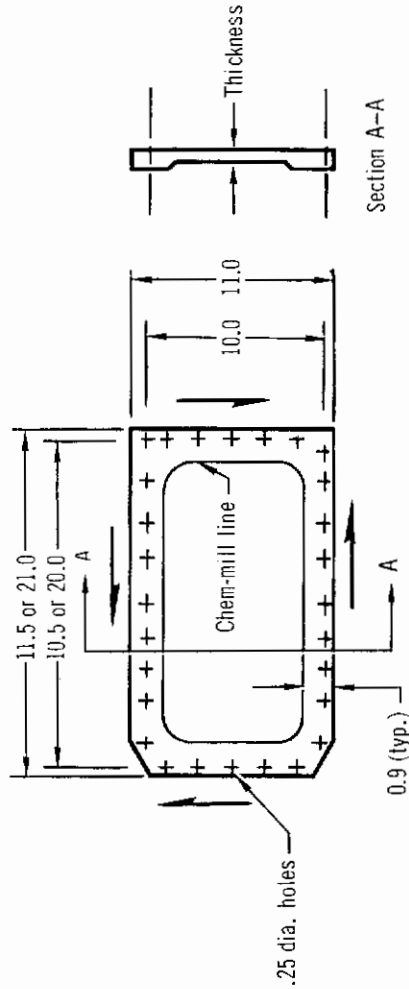
10 x 10.5 inches specimen in jig

Figure 48 -- Panel Shear Test Set-Up

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The basic information on the post buckling shear strength of the seven panels tested is presented in Table 17. All panels developed normal two-buckle patterns which were visible prior to failure, although the buckles in the beryllium panels were less pronounced than those in the aluminum panels. Figure 49 shows a failed beryllium panel in the loading jig with a relatively prominent buckle pattern. The beryllium test specimens shattered at maximum load and appeared to fail by cracking in the buckle pattern due to excessive bending stresses. One of the aluminum panels apparently failed in diagonal tension while the other failed by shearout of the fasteners. Figure 50 shows the panel specimens after failure. The diagonal tension angle of the failed specimens is approximately  $45^\circ$  for the square panels, and between  $35^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$  for the rectangular panels. It is evident from the information presented in Table 17 that aluminum panels have greater strength in shear than beryllium panels having the same dimensions, for the specified test conditions. A post buckling shear strength design curve for beryllium cross-rolled sheet developed from the test data is presented in Section II.

TABLE 17  
FLAT PANEL SHEAR TEST RESULTS



Test Data	Panel Designation						
	404-002-15	404-002-17	404-002-19	404-002-23	404-002-25	404-002-27	404-002-29
Specimen Material	Beryllium	Beryllium	Beryllium	Beryllium	Beryllium	Aluminum	Aluminum
Specimen Size (in.)	10 x 20	10 x 20	10 x 20	10 x 10.5	10 x 10.5	10 x 10.5	10 x 20
Thickness (in.) (4)	0.014	0.030	0.052	0.032	0.053	0.032	0.032
Test Temperature (°F)	R.T.	R.T.	R.T.	R.T.	R.T.	R.T.	R.T.
Maximum Shear (lb./in.)	307	535	1,061	735	1,257	1,289	1,301
Maximum Stress (psi)	21,929	17,833	20,404	22,969	23,717	40,281	40,656

Notes:

1. Material was 7178-T6 aluminum alloy and hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
2. After machining and deburring, beryllium specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Load rate of 2000 pounds/minute for beryllium panels and 1000 pounds/minute for aluminum panels.
- (4) Average thickness from nine readings taken over panel surface.

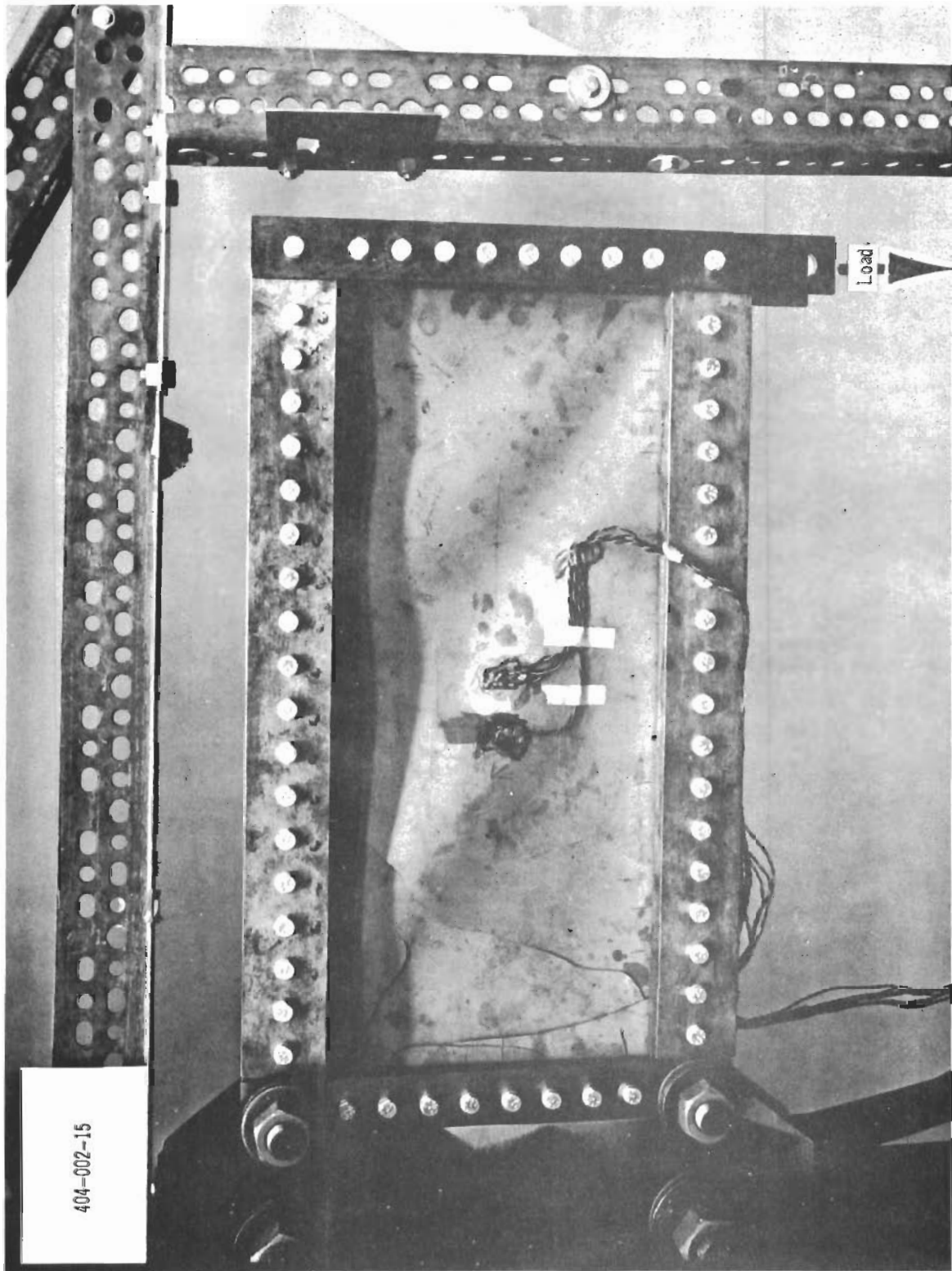


Figure 49 – Loading Jig and Failed Shear Panel

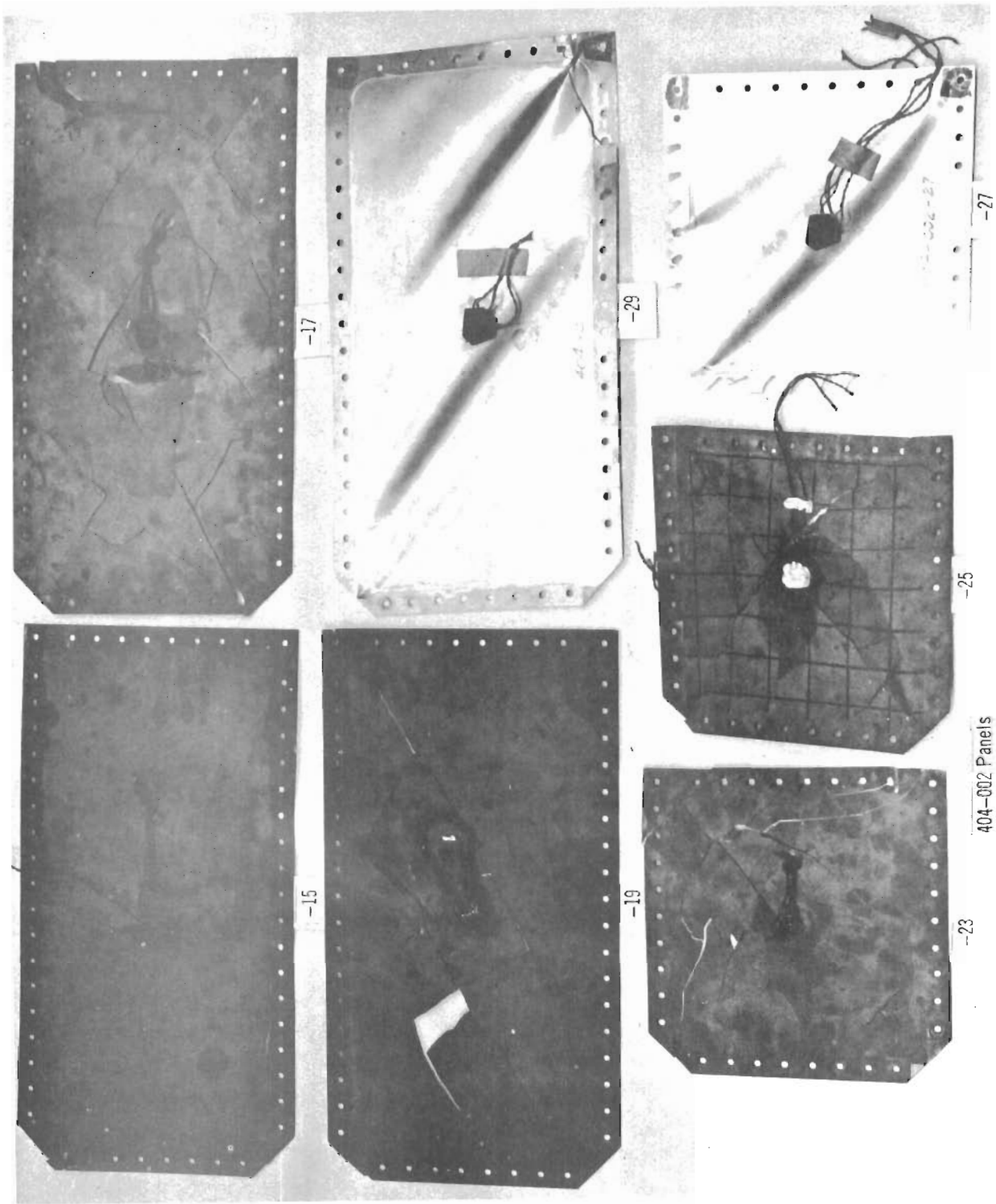


Figure 50 - Panel Shear Test Failed Specimens



## 8. Spliced Panel Shear Tests

Shear tests of spliced, flat beryllium panels were performed. The data from these tests supplement those obtained from the joint tests, previously discussed, in establishing beryllium joint design criteria. The test specimens, test set-up and procedures, and test results are discussed below.

Twelve tests were conducted on panels 10x10.5 inches in size, with three at room temperature and one at  $-65^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$  on each of three different splice configurations: (1) splice attached with HT-424 epoxy-phenolic adhesive (404-003-1), (2) splice attached with CR2248 aluminum cherry rivets (404-003-3), and (3) splice attached with NAS 1670 alloy steel Jo-bolts (404-003-5). Figure 51 shows the test specimens. The cantilevered loading jig previously described, shown in Figure 48, was used for all tests. A load rate of 2000 pounds/minute was maintained until specimen failure. For the sub-zero ( $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) tests, the specimens were enclosed in an insulated box. Dry air, cooled by passing through a heat exchanger, was introduced into the insulated box until the test temperature was attained. Two chromel-alumel thermocouples were installed on the specimen for the purpose of monitoring test temperatures.

Table 18 shows the test results. The beryllium panels shattered at maximum load and appeared to crack in the buckle pattern which was not very prominent. This type of failure was similar to that experienced by the plain beryllium panels previously discussed. However, the true mode of failure could not be determined with any degree of certainty since initial failure of any panel could have occurred at the splice joint causing the panel to shatter in the buckle pattern as a secondary result. It can be concluded from the test results that beryllium shear panels can be spliced by

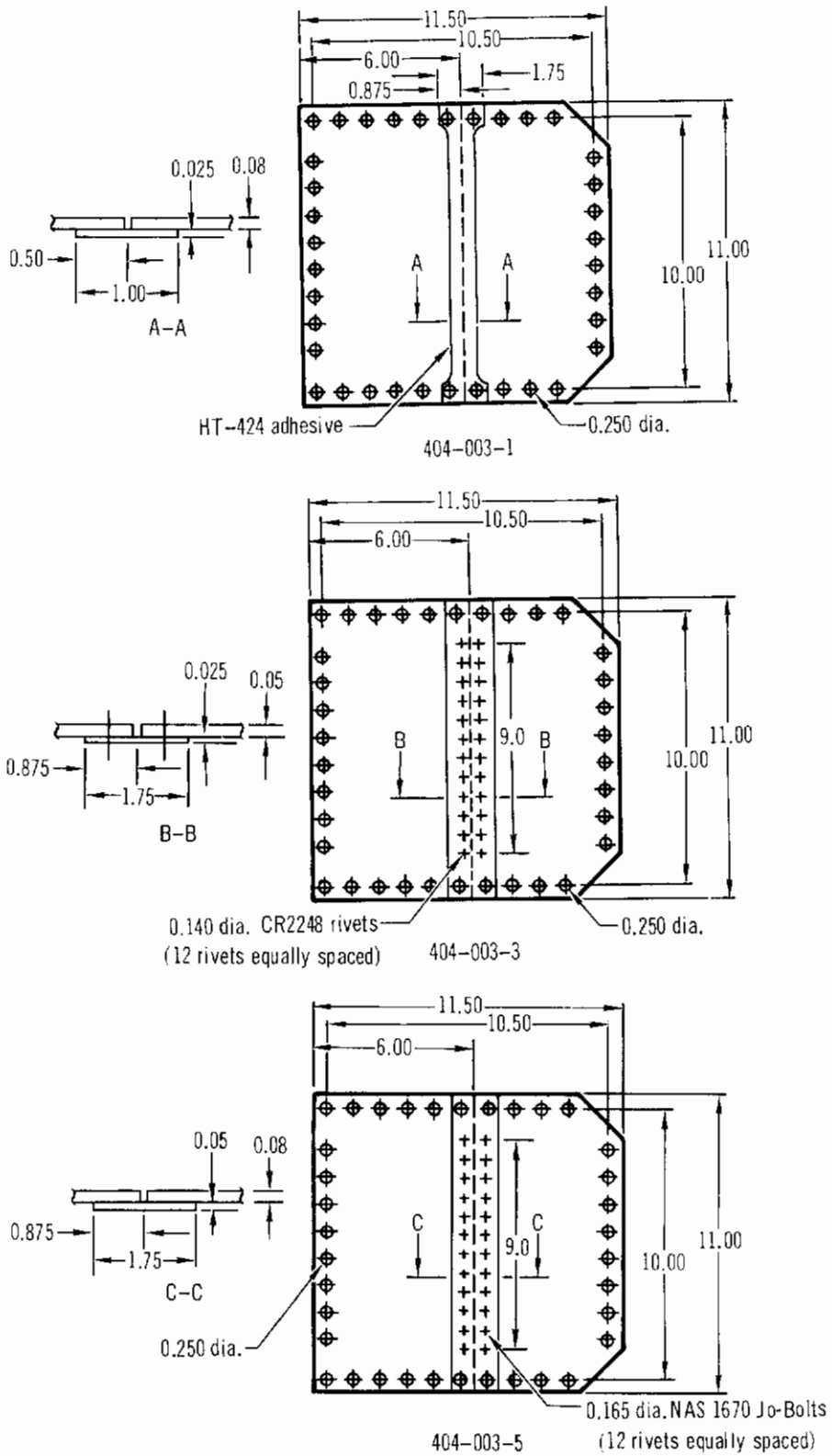


Figure 51 - Spliced Panel Shear Test Specimen Configurations

conventional means, and the panel strengths are comparable to structurally similar unspliced panels. Figure 52 shows a failed specimen of each configuration tested.

TABLE 18  
SPliced PANEL SHEAR TEST RESULTS

Specimen Designation	Skin Thickness (in.)	Splice Thickness (in.)	Test Temperature (°F)	Splice Attachment	Failure Load (lb.)
404-003-1-1	0.080	0.025	R.T.	Adhesive	17,530
404-003-1-2	0.080	0.025	R.T.	Adhesive	18,310
404-003-1-3	0.080	0.025	R.T.	Adhesive	16,800
404-003-1-4	0.080	0.025	-65	Adhesive	16,030
404-003-3-1	0.050	0.025	R.T.	Rivets	10,090
404-003-3-2	0.050	0.025	R.T.	Rivets	11,230
404-003-3-3	0.050	0.025	R.T.	Rivets	9,580
404-003-3-4	0.050	0.025	-65	Rivets	10,430
404-003-5-1	0.080	0.050	R.T.	Jo-Bolts	17,510
404-003-5-2	0.080	0.050	R.T.	Jo-Bolts	19,600
404-003-5-3	0.080	0.050	R.T.	Jo-Bolts	19,460
404-003-5-4	0.080	0.050	-65	Jo-Bolts	17,300

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet spliced with HT-424 adhesive, CR2248-4 rivets and NAS1670-08 Jo-bolts.
2. After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Loading rate was 2000 pounds/minute.
4. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.
5. All dimensions shown are nominal.

404-003 Panels

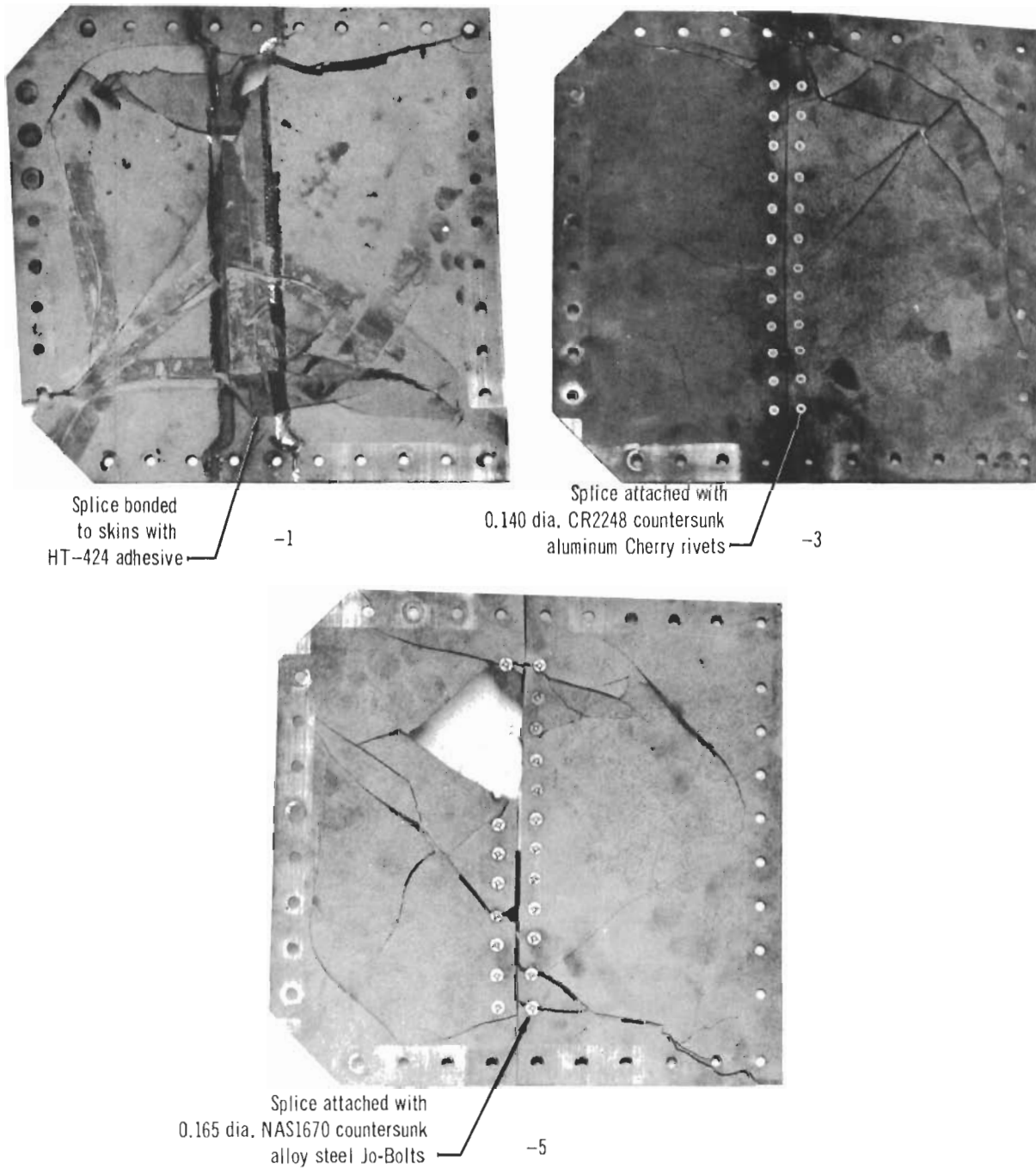


Figure 52 - Spliced Panel Shear Test Failed Specimens

## 9. Lug Tests

Tests were conducted to obtain design data on the strength of symmetrical, axially loaded lugs fabricated from beryllium sheet. The test specimens, test set-up, and test results are discussed below.

Three specimens of each of the six lug configurations were tested (one each at  $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$ ,  $\pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ , room temperature, and  $500^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Tests were conducted in a 30,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing Machine. The procedures and equipment used to establish and maintain the  $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$  test temperature condition have been described previously in this section. For the  $500^{\circ}\text{F}$  tests, the specimen was enclosed in a resistance wire-wound furnace. The temperature was regulated by a Barber-Colman Controller in conjunction with a chromel-alumel thermcouple attached to the test specimen. A Leed's and Northrop Model "H" Temperature Indicator was used to monitor test temperatures. A Wiedemann-Baldwin Strip Chart Recorder, in conjunction with an extensometer, was used to plot total elongation (between the two lug loading pins) vs. load. The elongation measured approximates the total elongation of the two loading holes and was obtained so that the lug yield load (load at .012 inch permanent elongation of the .25 inch diameter hole) could be determined. These criteria for determining yield loads conform to those used in MIL-HDBK-5 for establishing joint bearing yield loads. For design, the ultimate load may not exceed 150% of the yield load. Therefore, the yield load was established to determine if the design ultimate strength should be limited by these yield-ultimate criteria. However, the ultimate load was less than 150% of the yield load for all of the lugs tested. Therefore, lugs fabricated from beryllium sheet should be designed by ultimate strength.

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The failed test specimens are shown on Figure 53. The mode of failure of the specimens tested at 500°F is well defined. The material, in the area of the loading hole, yielded and underwent a significant amount of elongation; thereafter the specimens with relatively high W/D (specimen width/hole diameter) ratios failed by shear-out of the loading hole, and those with lower W/D ratios failed in tension at a section through the loading hole.

The failure mode for some of the room temperature and -65°F test specimens is not obvious. There are several lines of fracture emanating from the loading hole, and since failure occurred very rapidly, the location of the initial fracture could not be determined with any degree of certainty at the time of testing. However, it appears that most of the specimens failed primarily due to tension at a section through the loading hole, probably as a result of the stress concentration at the hole and the notch sensitivity of the material at the lower temperatures. The actual geometry of the test specimens, the test conditions, and the lug failing loads are presented in Table 19. A beryllium lug design chart developed from the test data is shown in Section II.

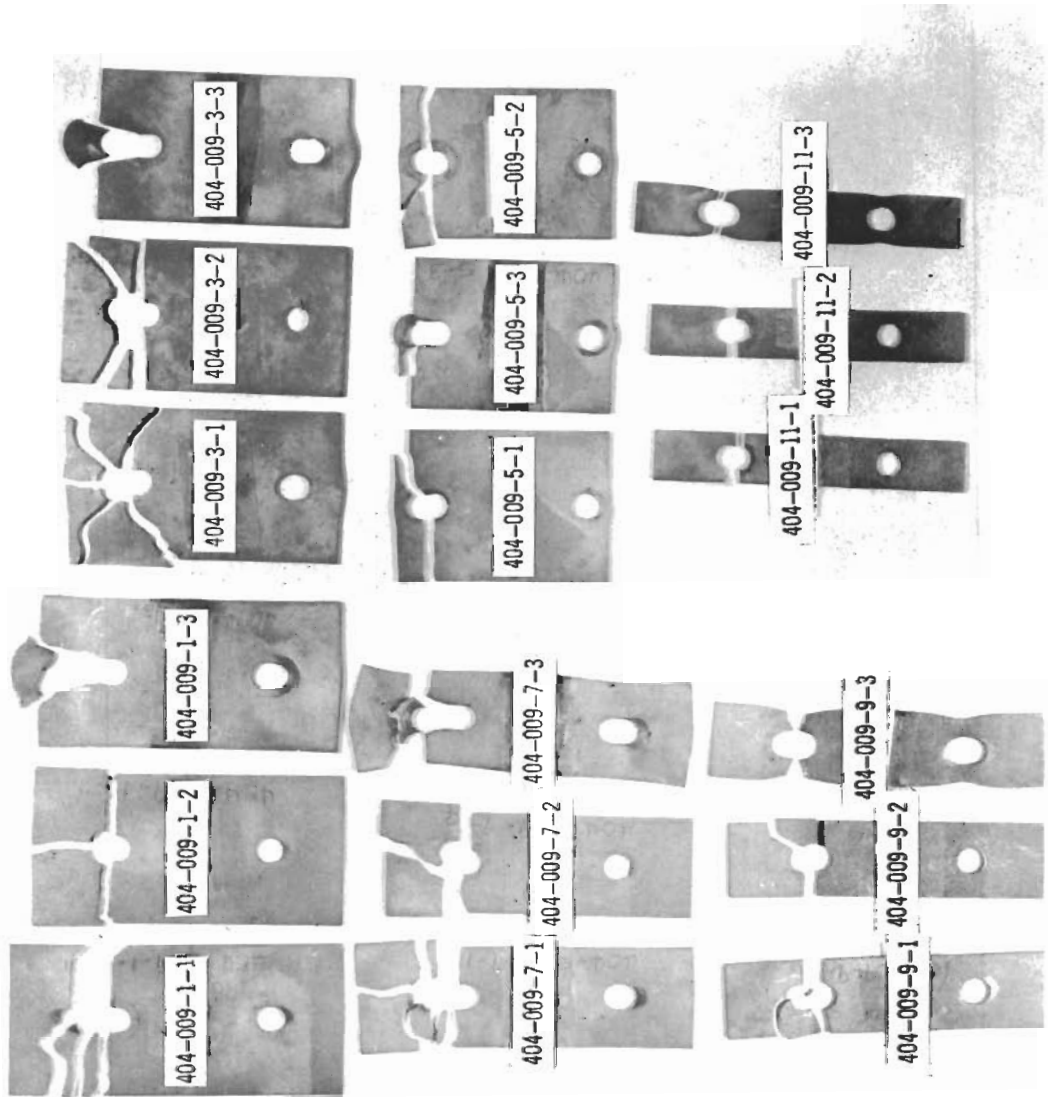


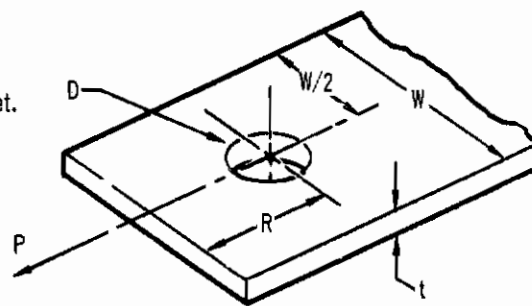
Figure 53 — Failed Beryllium Lug Specimens

TABLE 19  
BERYLLIUM LUG TEST RESULTS

Specimen Designation	Test Temp.	R (in.)	W (in.)	D (in.)	t (in.)	R/D	W/D	(1) P (lb.)	(2) $F_{br}$ (psi)	$\left(\frac{F_{br}}{F_{tu}}\right)$
404-009-1-1	R.T.	.75	1.48	.251	.0860	2.99	5.90	4250	197,000	2.51
-2	-65°F	.75	1.48	.251	.0852	2.99	5.90	4075	191,000	2.90
-3	500°F	.75	1.48	.251	.0858	2.99	5.90	3400	158,000	2.99
404-009-3-1	R.T.	.52	1.50	.251	.0860	2.07	5.97	3575	165,500	2.11
-2	-65°F	.53	1.50	.251	.0860	2.11	5.97	2225	103,000	1.56
-3	500°F	.53	1.50	.251	.0858	2.11	5.97	2415	112,000	2.12
404-009-5-1	R.T.	.27	1.50	.250	.0866	1.08	6.00	1655	76,500	0.975
-2	-65°F	.27	1.50	.251	.0865	1.075	5.97	1720	79,300	1.20
-3	500°F	.27	1.50	.251	.0870	1.075	5.97	1299	59,500	1.125
404-009-7-1	R.T.	.75	0.99	.251	.0866	2.99	3.94	4370	201,000	2.56
-2	-65°F	.76	0.99	.251	.0865	3.02	3.94	3515	163,000	2.47
-3	500°F	.76	0.99	.251	.0866	3.02	3.94	3050	140,200	2.66
404-009-9-1	R.T.	.76	0.75	.251	.0861	3.02	2.99	3120	61,800	1.84
-2	-65°F	.76	0.75	.251	.0863	3.02	2.99	2820	130,000	1.97
-3	500°F	.76	0.75	.251	.0862	3.02	2.99	2525	117,000	2.22
404-009-11-1	R.T.	.76	0.50	.250	.0856	3.04	2.00	1500	70,000	0.892
-2	-65°F	.75	0.50	.250	.0857	3.00	2.00	1655	77,200	1.17
-3	500°F	.76	0.50	.250	.0862	3.04	2.00	1265	58,700	1.11

**Notes:**

- (1) P = Lug load at failure
- (2) Bearing stress at failure = P/Dt
3. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
4. All specimens were fabricated from the same sheet stock.  
For this material  $F_{tu} = 78,500$  psi at room temperature  
 $F_{tu} = 66,000$  psi at  $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$   
 $F_{tu} = 52,800$  psi at  $500^{\circ}\text{F}$
5. After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.

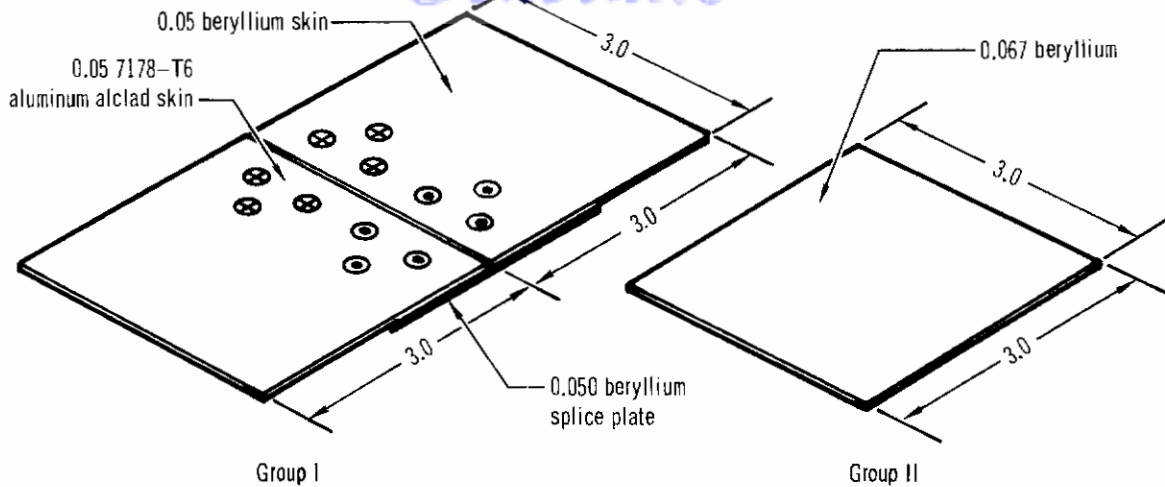




## 10. Corrosion Tests

Corrosion tests were performed in a 5% salt solution spray to establish the effectiveness of the surface finishes considered for corrosion protection of a beryllium rudder. The test specimens, corrosion protection systems used, test conditions and test results are discussed below.

Sixteen specimens were tested in two groups. The configuration of the nine specimens in the first group was designed to duplicate material and fastener combinations in the beryllium rudder. The second group of specimens was tested when it was found that the surface treatments tested in the first group, while providing adequate corrosion protection, adversely affected the mechanical properties of beryllium or would not adhere adequately to the beryllium surface. Simple beryllium panels were used for the second group of seven specimens. The corrosion test specimen configurations and the surface treatment and finishes are detailed in Figure 54. A chromic acid electrolyte was used to anodize (chemically oxidize) the beryllium. The SermeTel (Type W) coating, an inorganically (ceramically) bonded aluminum coating was developed specifically for corrosion protection by Teleflex, Incorporated, SermeTel Division of North Wales, Pennsylvania. The alodine treatment, a chromate conversion coating, was evaluated in the test of the second group of specimens. The epoxy enamel paint system, tested in both groups of specimens, is used for corrosion protection of the external surface of the F-4 aircraft. As indicated in the table in Figure 54, more than one surface treatment or finish was applied (one on top of the other) to some of the specimens. This was done to determine whether increased resistance to corrosion would result, and whether the coatings might adhere to a previously treated, or coated, beryllium surface better than to a bare beryllium surface.



Notes:

1. ⊗ Aluminum Hi-Shear flush head rivet and collar.
2. ⊙ Steel Hi-Lok flush head fastener and collar.
3. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
4. After machining and deburring, skins were chem-milled to remove 0.003 and 0.004 inch total thickness.
5. Specimens finished as indicated in the table below. Where a specimen received more than one finish, or coating, they were applied in the order indicated in the table. Finishes are applied after the detail parts were machined, drilled, and chemically etched.

- I. Anodize.
- II. Two coats Serme Tel (Type W) – total thickness 0.0015–0.0030 per surface.
- III. Two coats zinc chromate primer on backs of aluminum and beryllium skins and on all surfaces of the beryllium splice plates before assembly of the specimens.
- IV. Alodined and dried at ambient.
- V. Alodined and dried at 275°F.
- VI. Epoxy paint system. For Group I, system applied only to upper surface (countersunk fastener head side) and all edges after installing fasteners.
- VII. Faying surfaces taped with silicone glass cloth tape.
- VIII. Epoxy paint system applied after specimen baked for 30 minutes at 275°F.

	Specimen Designation	Finish							
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Group I	404-007-1-1								
	404-007-1-2								
	404-007-1-3			✓			✓		
	404-007-1-4	✓		✓					
	404-007-1-5		✓	✓					
	404-007-1-6	✓		✓			✓		
	404-007-1-7		✓	✓			✓		
	404-007-1-8	✓	✓						
	404-007-1-9	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Group II	10								✓
	11				✓				
	12				✓				
	13				✓		✓		
	14				✓		✓		
	15					✓	✓		
	16					✓	✓		

Figure 54 – Corrosion Test Specimens

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All specimens of each group were simultaneously subjected to a 5% salt (NaCl) spray solution for 500 hours. Test conditions conformed to Federal Test Method Standard 151A, Method 811.1, except that the test temperature of the first group of specimens varied from 90-104°F, instead of the specified 92-97°F during the early stages of the test. Total exposure time at temperature outside the specified limits was approximately 12 hours. All specimens were held in a plexiglass rack at an angle of 15 degrees from vertical. Specimens of Group I were held with skin surfaces up. Before the tests commenced, each specimen was given a careful visual examination to detect flaws in the protective finishes. These areas were carefully monitored throughout the tests to see whether corrosion would initiate at the flaw. All specimens were examined periodically throughout the tests. The condition of each specimen was recorded at each inspection. The following paragraphs summarize the significant observations made as the tests progressed.

10.1 Group 1 - The specimens are shown before and after the 500 hours salt spray test in Figures 55, 56 and 57. The bare beryllium skin and splice plate on specimens 1 and 2 had corrosion pits after only 12 hours exposure to the salt spray and continued to corrode throughout the test. The beryllium on specimen 1 was much more severely attacked than the beryllium on specimen 2. This was due to the fact that specimen 1 was tested with the beryllium skin on top, and specimen 2 was tested with the beryllium skin on the bottom where it collected additional moisture in the form of runoff from the aluminum skin.

There was no evidence of corrosion on the anodized beryllium surface (specimen 4) at completion of the tests except at the fastener holes (galvanic corrosion) and adjacent to the fasteners where the anodic film had been

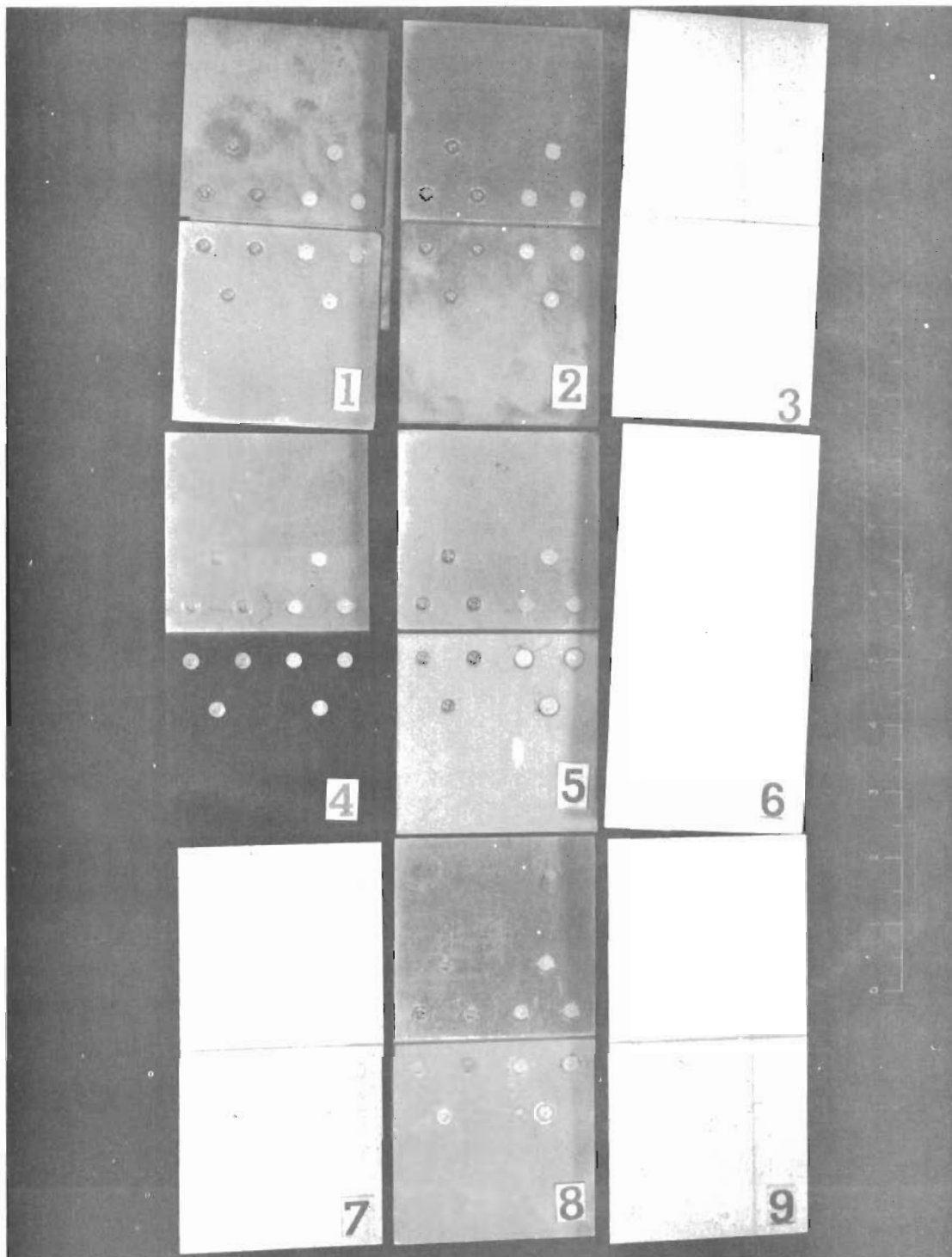


Figure 55 – Group 1 Corrosion Test Specimens Before 500 Hours Exposure

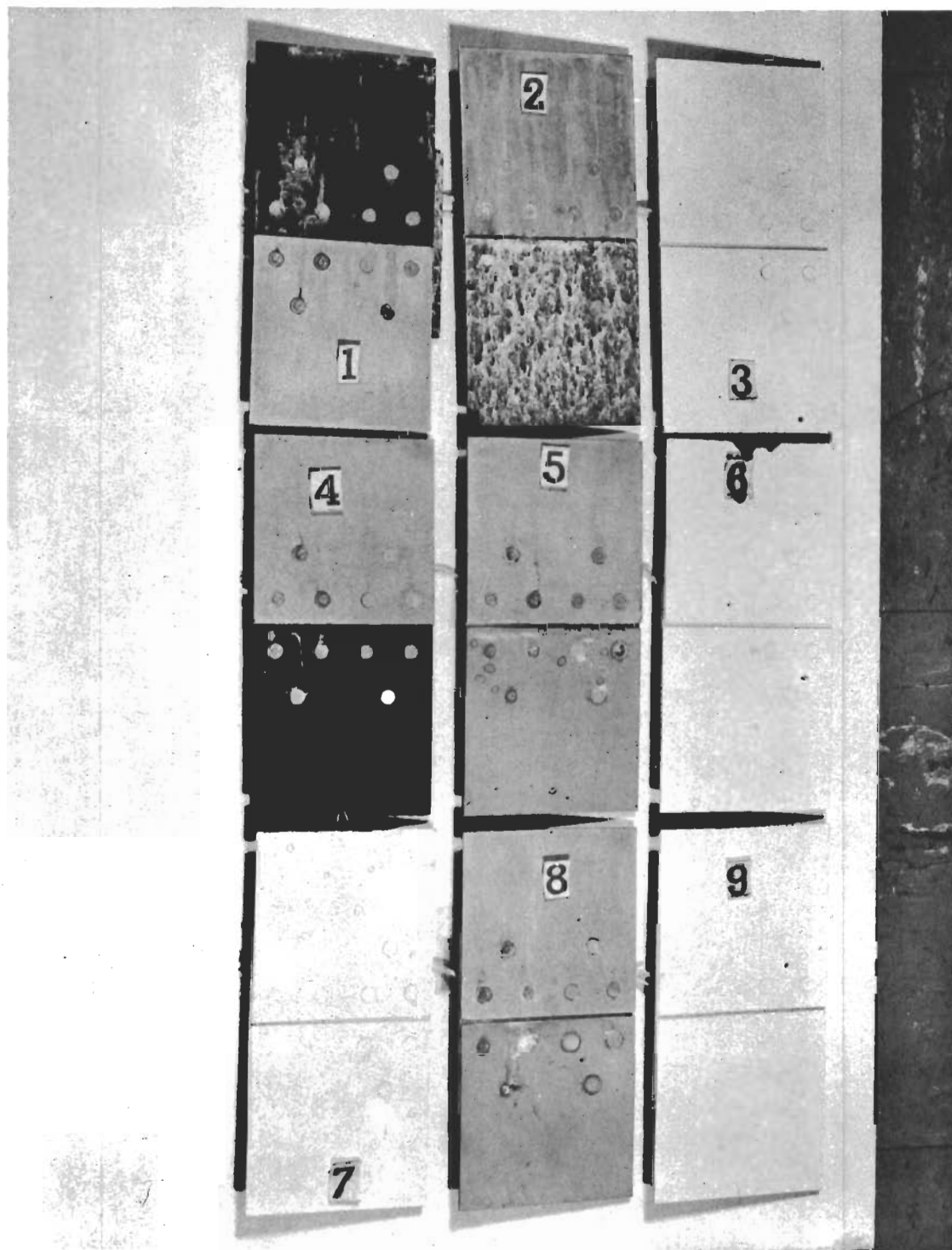


Figure 56 – Group I Corrosion Test Specimens After 500 Hours Exposure

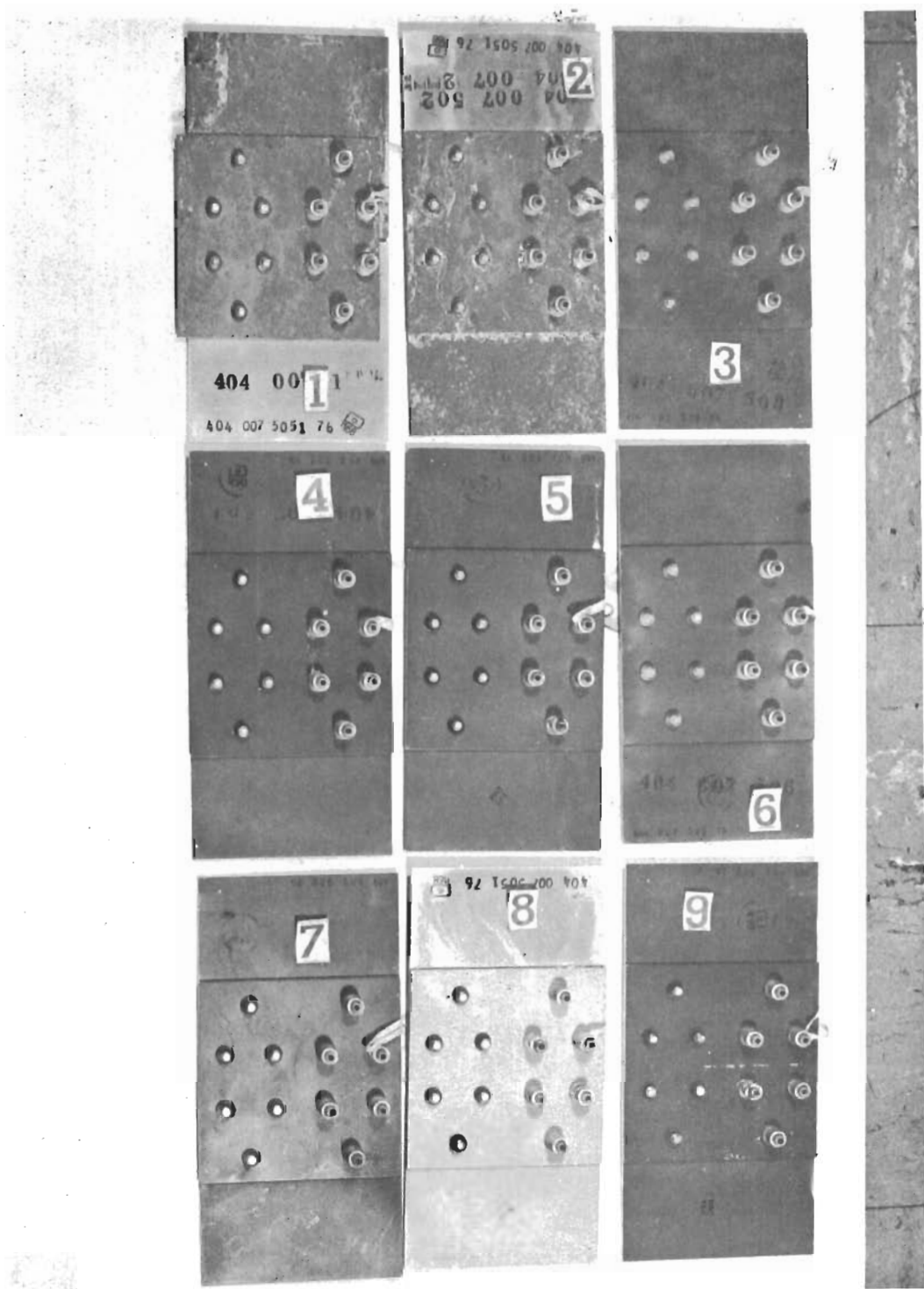


Figure 57 – Backs of Group I Corrosion Specimens After 500 Hours Exposure

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marred during installation of the fasteners. The anodic film provided much better corrosion protection than had been expected.

The SermeTel coating (specimens 5 and 8) provided excellent corrosion protection. There was no evidence of corrosion except at the fasteners (galvanic corrosion). Since beryllium must be chemically etched after machining, the SermeTel coating was applied after drilling and countersinking the fastener holes. The coating thickness was .0015-.0030 inch thick, and had to be removed from the fastener holes so that the fasteners could be installed. As a result, there was no protection against galvanic corrosion between the beryllium and the fasteners.

The epoxy enamel paint system provided excellent corrosion protection. Even though the paint blistered on specimens 3 and 6 before the test was completed, there was no evidence of corrosion at the blisters. There was evidence of galvanic corrosion at the fasteners on these specimens also. The blistering of the epoxy paint was thought to be associated with the type surface to which it was applied. The paint blistered on specimen 3 (paint applied to etched beryllium surface) after 12 hours exposure. On specimen 6 (paint over anodized surface) blistering occurred after 120 hours. The paint did not blister on specimen 7 (paint over SermeTel W coating). When the blistering was first noticed, an investigation was begun to see if the blistering could be eliminated. It was found that liquid honing of the surface, after the final etch and before painting, eliminated the blistering. Two samples were prepared in this way, and after 500 hours in the salt spray there was no evidence of paint blistering or corrosion. To establish any possible adverse effect of liquid honing on the mechanical properties of beryllium, five tensile specimens were fabricated, etched, liquid honed, painted, and static tested. The results of these tests showed that the

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specimen ultimate tensile strength was reduced approximately 15% and elongation was reduced to less than 6% and to as low as 1%. Therefore, further investigations were required to develop a satisfactory method of applying the epoxy enamel paint system. A paint system would be the most desirable for corrosion protection of the rudder since it could be applied after fabrication and assembly were completed and could be easily repaired in service if it was scratched or chipped accidentally.

There was no evidence of corrosion on the zinc chromate primed surfaces of the specimens. Zinc chromate primer was applied to the back of specimens 3, 6, 7, and 9 (representing the rudder substructure and interior surfaces). In the test, as it would be on the rudder, the zinc chromate primed surfaces were not subjected to as severe an environment as the front (exterior surface) of the specimens. Two coats of zinc chromate primer would be selected for use on the substructure, the interior surfaces of the external skins, and all faying surfaces of a beryllium flight test rudder.

After the test was completed and the specimens were disassembled, it was found that galvanic corrosion existed on the beryllium at the fastener holes. There was evidence of galvanic corrosion, especially at the cadmium plated steel fasteners, on all specimens including those where the fastener holes were anodized or coated with SermeTel (Type W). It was probable that the anodic film and the SermeTel coating were damaged during fastener installation and galvanic corrosion resulted. The fasteners themselves were not corroded. To avoid this galvanic corrosion, the fastener holes could be sealed with Polysulfide (MIL-S3802) sealant and the fasteners installed wet. This should eliminate galvanic corrosion at the fasteners.

Because of the appearance of specimens 6, 7, 8, and 9 at the conclusion of the test, there does not appear to be any merit in using multiple



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finishes for corrosion protection. There was no noticeable difference between these specimens and those to which only one protective finish was applied.

Based on the test results discussed above, any one of the surface finishes, anodize, SermeTel W, or epoxy enamel (if blistering was prevented) would provide adequate corrosion protection for a flight test beryllium rudder. To establish any possible adverse effect of the anodize or SermeTel treatment on the mechanical properties of beryllium, six room temperature tension tests were conducted on three black anodized and three SermeTel (Type W) coated specimens. The loading procedure and instrumentation in these tests were identical with those used in the material acceptance tests previously discussed.

Table 20 gives the tension test results and, for comparison, the producer's certified mechanical properties of the beryllium sheet from which the specimens were fabricated. There is a significant and unexpected reduction in elongation of the anodized specimens. Microscopic examination of the fractured surface of the test specimens, and metallographic examination of sections away from the fracture, showed the anodized surfaces to be pitted. In all cases, the fracture appeared to originate at a pit. Figure 58 shows a test specimen anodized surface and, for comparison, the untreated surface of a section taken from the same beryllium sheet. Such surface defects can reduce ductility without affecting yield or ultimate strength significantly.

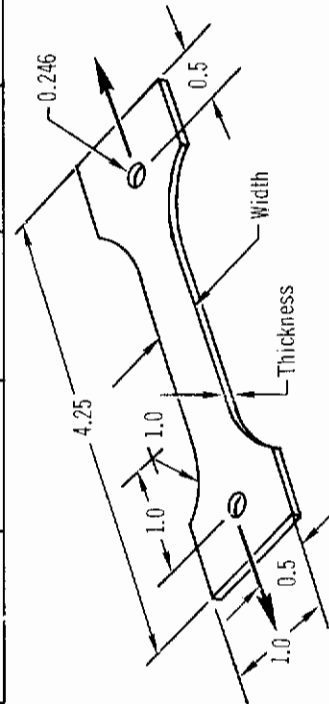
The SermeTel (Type W) coating apparently had no adverse effect on the mechanical properties of beryllium. However, the coating was inadequately bonded to the beryllium material. In all tests, the coating began to crack and separate prior to material yield and was completely removed from the test specimen prior to failure. Figure 59 shows the failed specimens.

TABLE 20  
TENSION TEST RESULTS OF SURFACE TREATED SPECIMENS

Specimen Designation	Surface Treatment	Specimen Thickness (in.)	Specimen Width (in.)	Test Results							Producer's Certified Mechanical Properties		
				Yield Load (lb.)	Yield Stress (ksi)	Failure Load (lb.)	Failure Stress (ksi)	Percent Elongation	Yield Stress (ksi)	Failure Stress (ksi)	Percent Elongation		
404-001-300	Anodize	.0788	.2350	1017	54.9	1310	70.7	4	52.5	78.5	19.0		
404-001-301	Anodize	.0797	.2343	1046	56.0	1330	71.2	4	52.5	78.5	19.0		
404-001-302	Anodize	.0794	.2368	1022	54.4	1405	74.7	8	52.5	78.5	19.0		
404-001-303	SermeTel	.0926	.2498	1195	51.7	1705	73.8	14	52.5	78.5	19.0		
404-001-304	SermeTel	.0947	.2508	1190	50.0	1710	71.8	-(4)	52.5	78.5	19.0		
404-001-305	SermeTel	.0922	.2478	1215	53.3	1750	76.8	28	52.5	78.5	19.0		
404-001-306	Alodine	.0661	.2401	9570	60.3	1311	82.6	28.5	57.8	82.2	32.5		
404-001-307	Alodine	.0661	.2430	9750	60.7	1322	82.3	26.0	57.8	82.2	32.5		

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
2. After machining and deburring, specimens were chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Tested at room temperature with a strain rate of .005 in./minute up to yield, thereafter head travel rate of .030 in./minute held constant until failure.
- (4) Broke outside of gage length.
5. Longitudinal grain direction parallel to load axis.



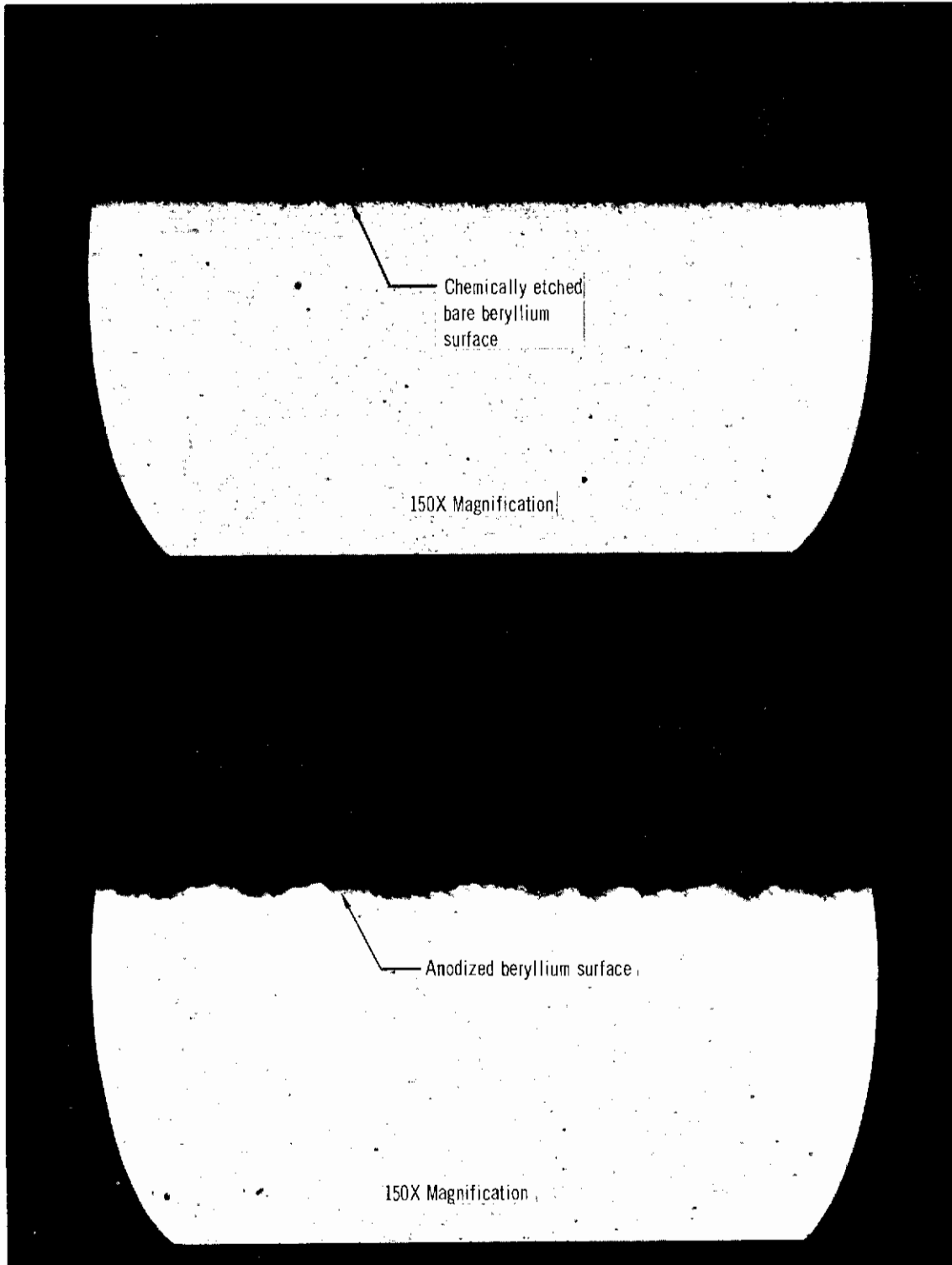


Figure 58 - Effect of Anodize on Beryllium Surface Finish

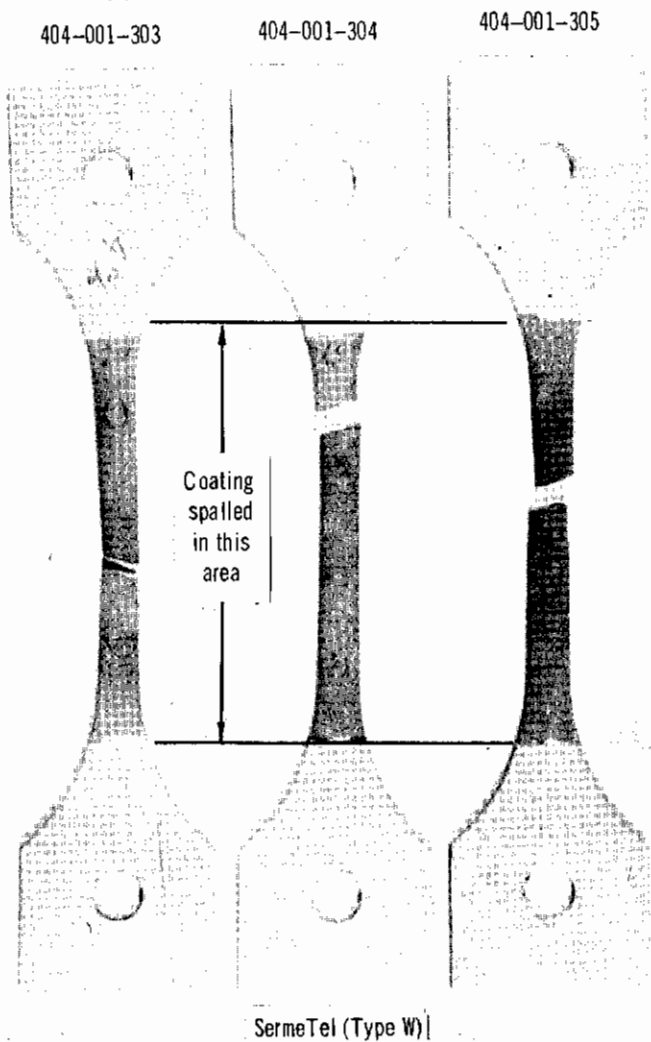


Figure 59 – Surface Coated Tension Test Failed Specimens

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Since both the anodized and SermeTel treated specimens proved unsatisfactory, two alodined specimens were fabricated and tensile tested to determine if this treatment would affect the mechanical properties of beryllium. The results of these tests are also shown in Table 20. The alodine treatment apparently had no adverse effect on the mechanical properties of beryllium. As shown, the test results are in good agreement with the certified properties of the untreated material. The pitting associated with the anodized treatment evidently is not characteristic of the alodine process. As a result of these tension tests, the second group of beryllium specimens, incorporating the alodine process, were fabricated and corrosion tested.

10.2 Group 2 - The corrosion specimens are shown before and after the 500 hours salt spray test in Figures 60 and 61. The epoxy enamel paint system (specimen 10) provided excellent corrosion protection. The paint blistering, which was experienced during the test of the first group of specimens, was prevented by baking the beryllium specimens for 30 minutes at 275°F prior to applying the paint. However, adhesion tests showed that the bond between the paint and beryllium surface still was inadequate. The same adhesion tests were performed on specimens which had been alodined prior to being painted, and excellent results were achieved. Therefore, it can be concluded that a surface treatment, such as alodining, is required if the epoxy enamel paint system is used for corrosion protection.

The alodined panels (specimens 11 and 12) showed initiation of pitting, with traces of white oxide at the pits, after 22 hours exposure to the 5% salt spray. At the conclusion of the 500 hours salt spray test, pitting in the panels had increased to about 30 active corrosion sites with approximately half of these giving off white oxide.

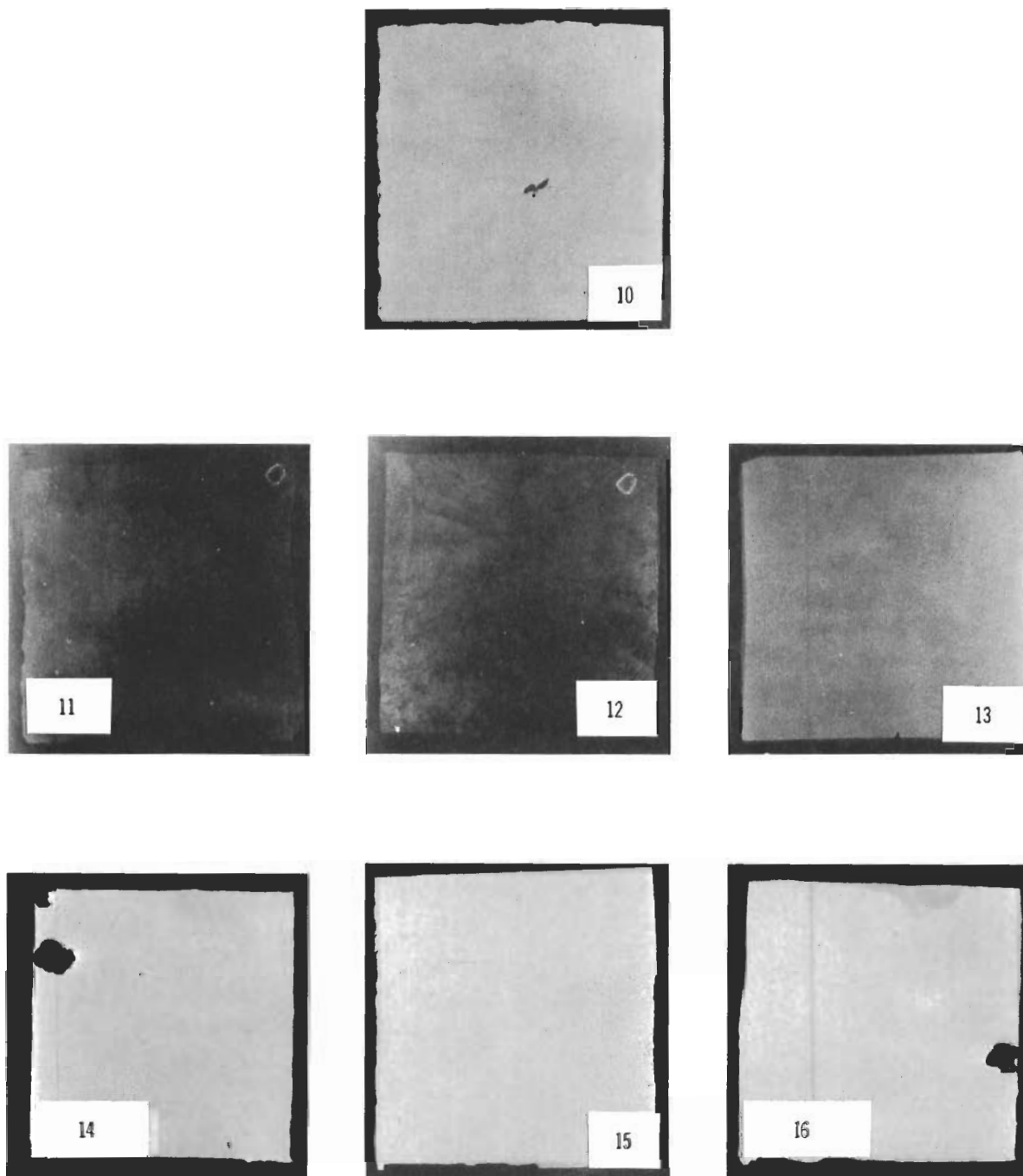


Figure 60 – Group 2 Corrosion Test Specimens Before 500 Hours Exposure

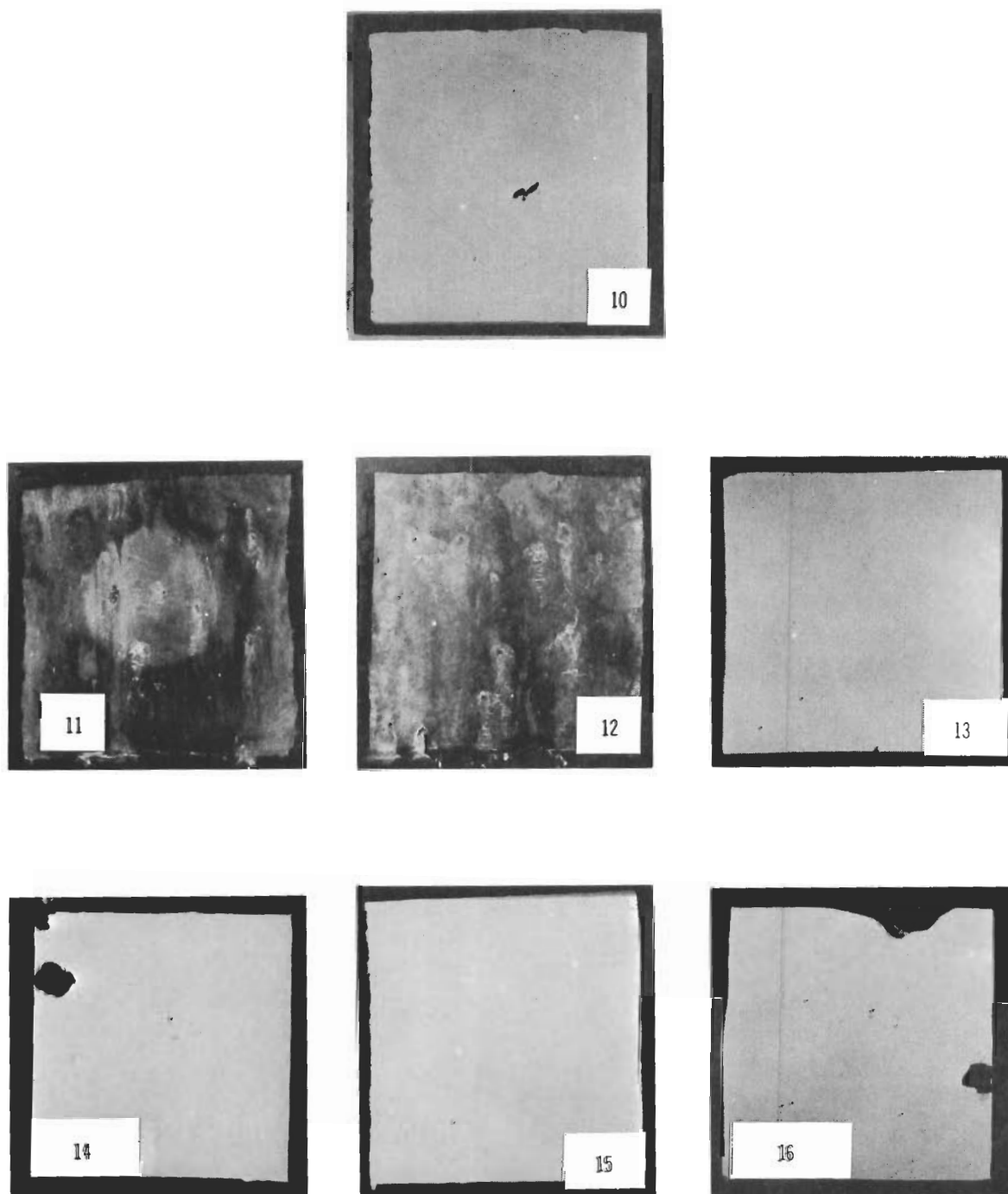


Figure 61 – Group 2 Corrosion Test Specimens After 500 Hours Exposure

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At the conclusion of the test, metallographic examination showed no evidence of corrosion on the specimens which had been alodined and then painted with the epoxy enamel. As discussed above, this system also exhibited excellent adhesion to the beryllium surface. No difference in paint adhesion or corrosion protection was apparent between specimens which had been dried at ambient (specimens 13 and 14) and those dried at 275°F (specimens 15 and 16). The specimens were dried after the inorganic coatings were applied and before the paint was applied. Since the tension tests of beryllium specimens with the alodine treatment showed that the mechanical properties were not adversely affected, the alodine treatment followed by the application of epoxy enamel paint would likely be selected for use on all external surfaces of a beryllium rudder subjected to flight environment.



## 11. Stress-Strain Tests

Tests were conducted to determine the stress-strain relationships of beryllium sheet at various temperatures. The data provided by these tests both supplement and confirm basic information on the mechanical properties of the beryllium material from which the rudder was fabricated. The test specimens, test set-ups and procedures, and test results are discussed in the following paragraphs.

The tension and compression test specimens are shown in Figure 62. A total of thirty tests (twelve compression and eighteen tension) were completed with satisfactory results. The specimens were fabricated from three different sheet thicknesses (.084 inch, .064 inch, and .044 inch) and tested at  $-65^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ,  $500^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ , and room temperature. Compression tests were conducted in a 60,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing Machine; a 30,000 lbs. capacity Universal Testing Machine was used for the tension tests. The equipment and procedures for establishing and maintaining the  $-65^{\circ}\text{F}$  and  $500^{\circ}\text{F}$  test temperature conditions have been described previously in this section. A Tuckerman Optical Strain Gage was employed for all tests. The load was applied in increments of approximately ten percent of  $F_{tu}$ . A strain reading was taken after each increment of load. The test set-up for a  $500^{\circ}\text{F}$  tension test and a room temperature compression test are shown in Figures 63 and 64, respectively. Note the two-block jig assembly which encloses the compression test specimen and restrains it from buckling during loading.

The ranges of elastic modulus and yield stress as determined from the test data are presented in Table 21. The stress-strain curves developed from the test data are presented in Figures 65 through 70.

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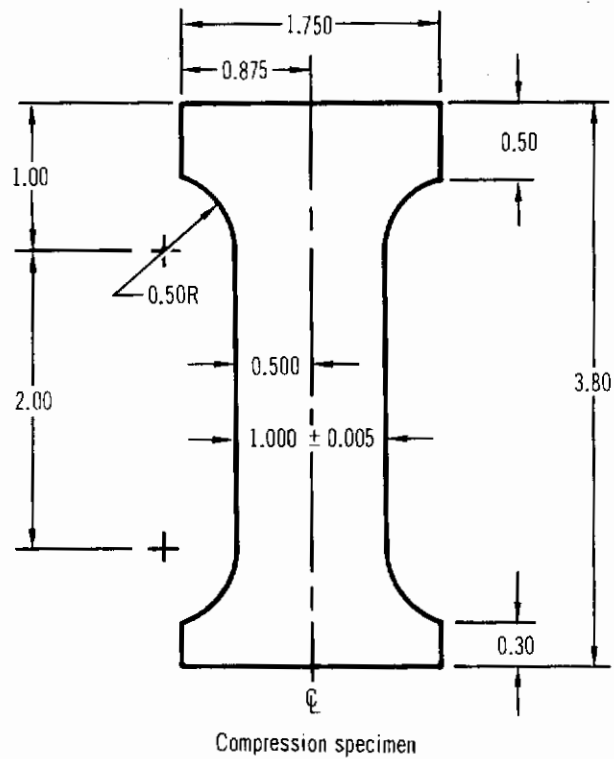
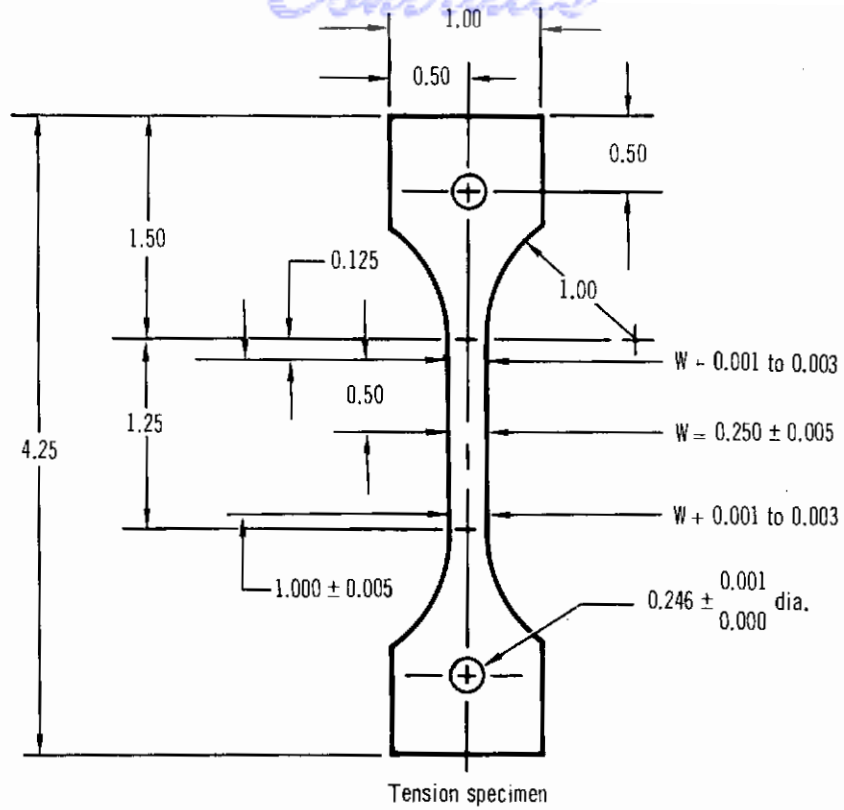


Figure 62 - Stress-Strain Test Specimen Configurations

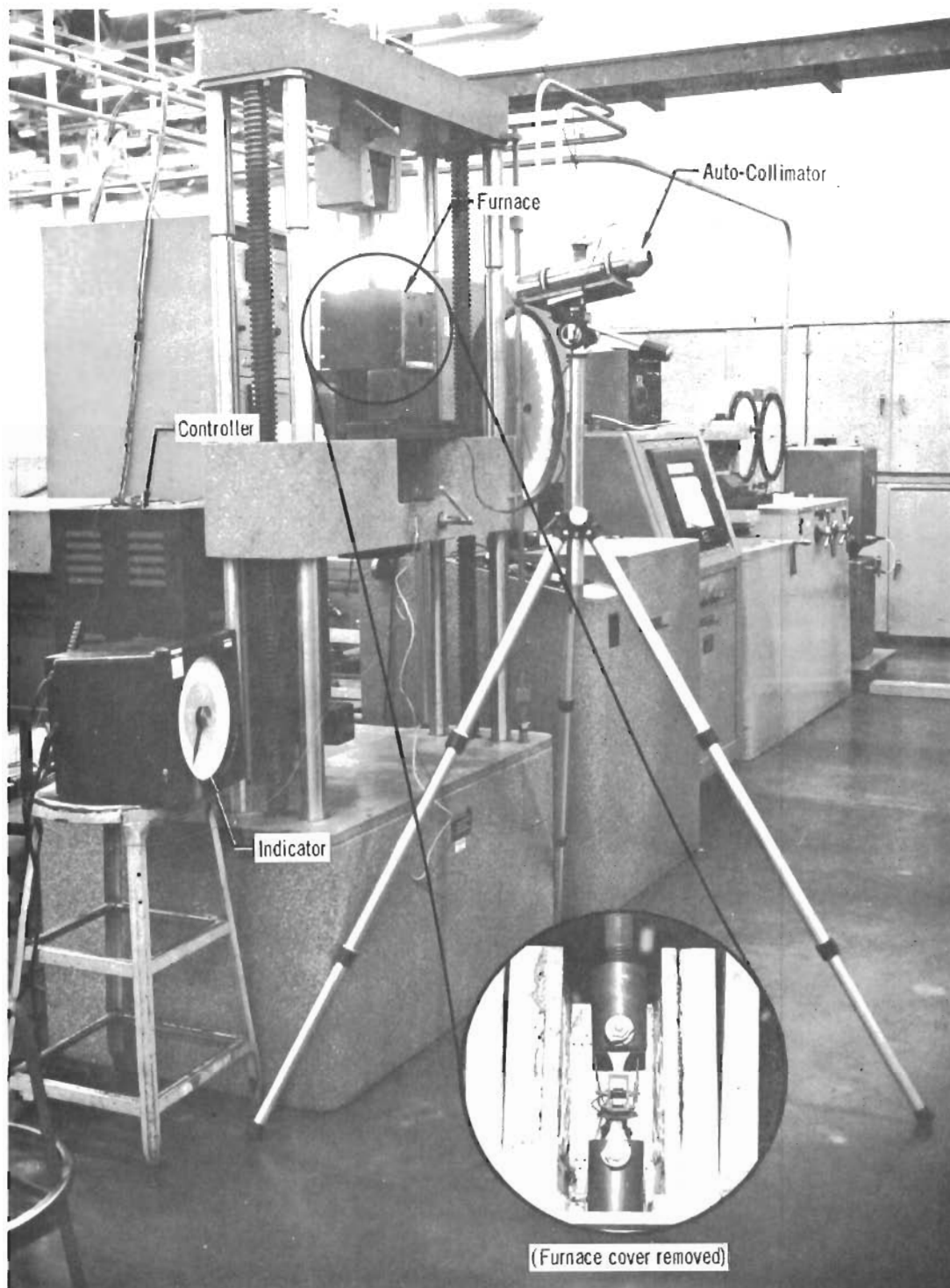


Figure 63 - Tension Stress-Strain Test Set-Up (500°F)

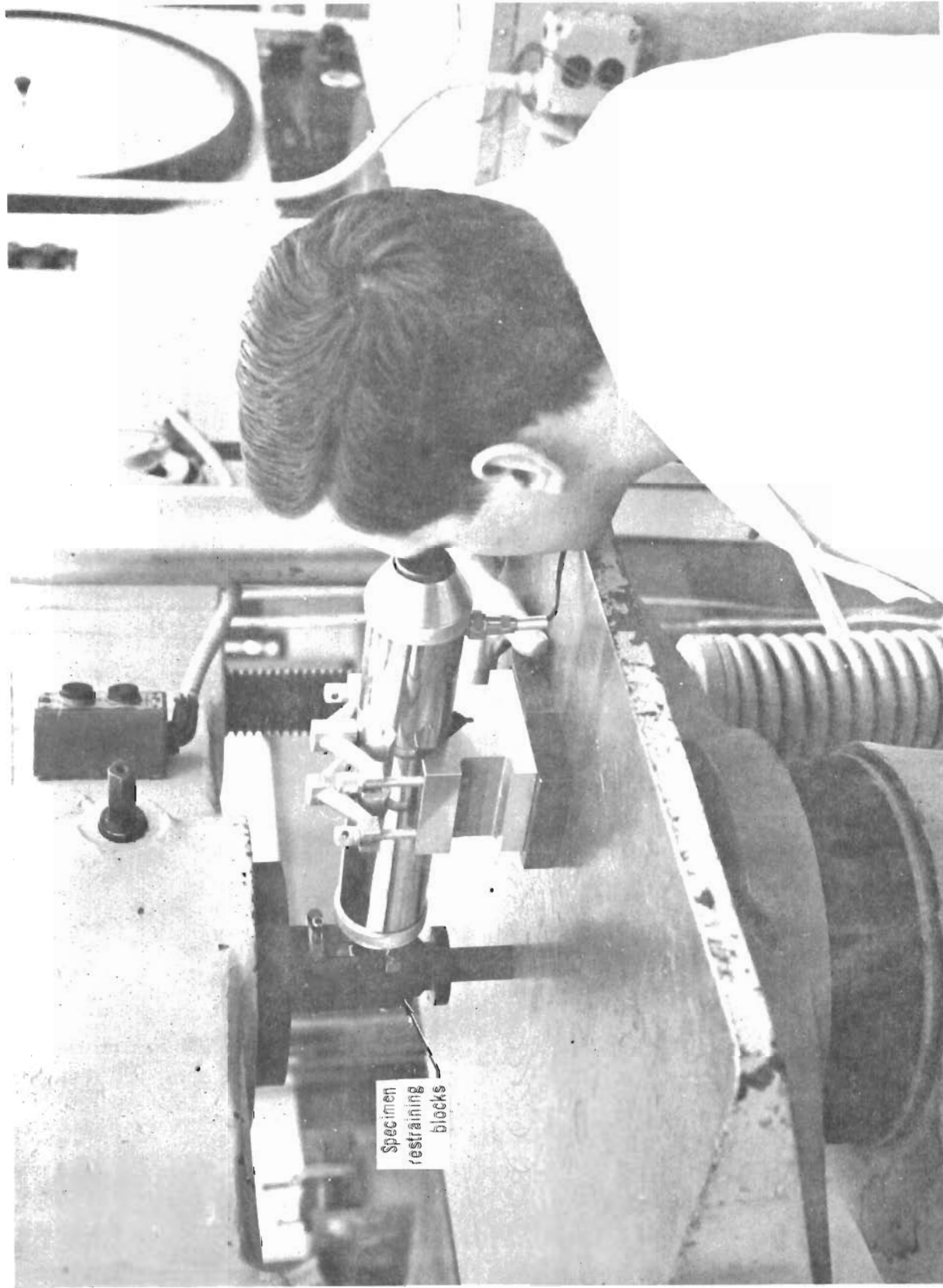


Figure 64 -- Compression Stress-Strain Test Set-Up

TABLE 21  
TENSION AND COMPRESSION STRESS-STRAIN TEST RESULTS

Test	Temperature	Elastic Modulus ( $10^6$ psi)	Yield Stress ( $10^3$ psi)
Tension	R.T.	41.7-47.7	55.0-60.0
	-65 <sup>0</sup> F	39.0-45.0	55.0-61.5
	500 <sup>0</sup> F	37.0-40.0	36.5-49.0
Compression	R.T.	38.0-42.8	57.0-60.0
	-65 <sup>0</sup> F	43.0-46.0	57.7-60.0
	500 <sup>0</sup> F	38.5-39.0	45.0-50.0

Notes:

1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
2. After machining and deburring, material was chem-milled to remove 0.003 to 0.004 inch total thickness.
3. Total exposure time to test temperature was approximately 15 minutes.
4. Load was applied in increments of approximately ten percent of  $F_{TU}$ .

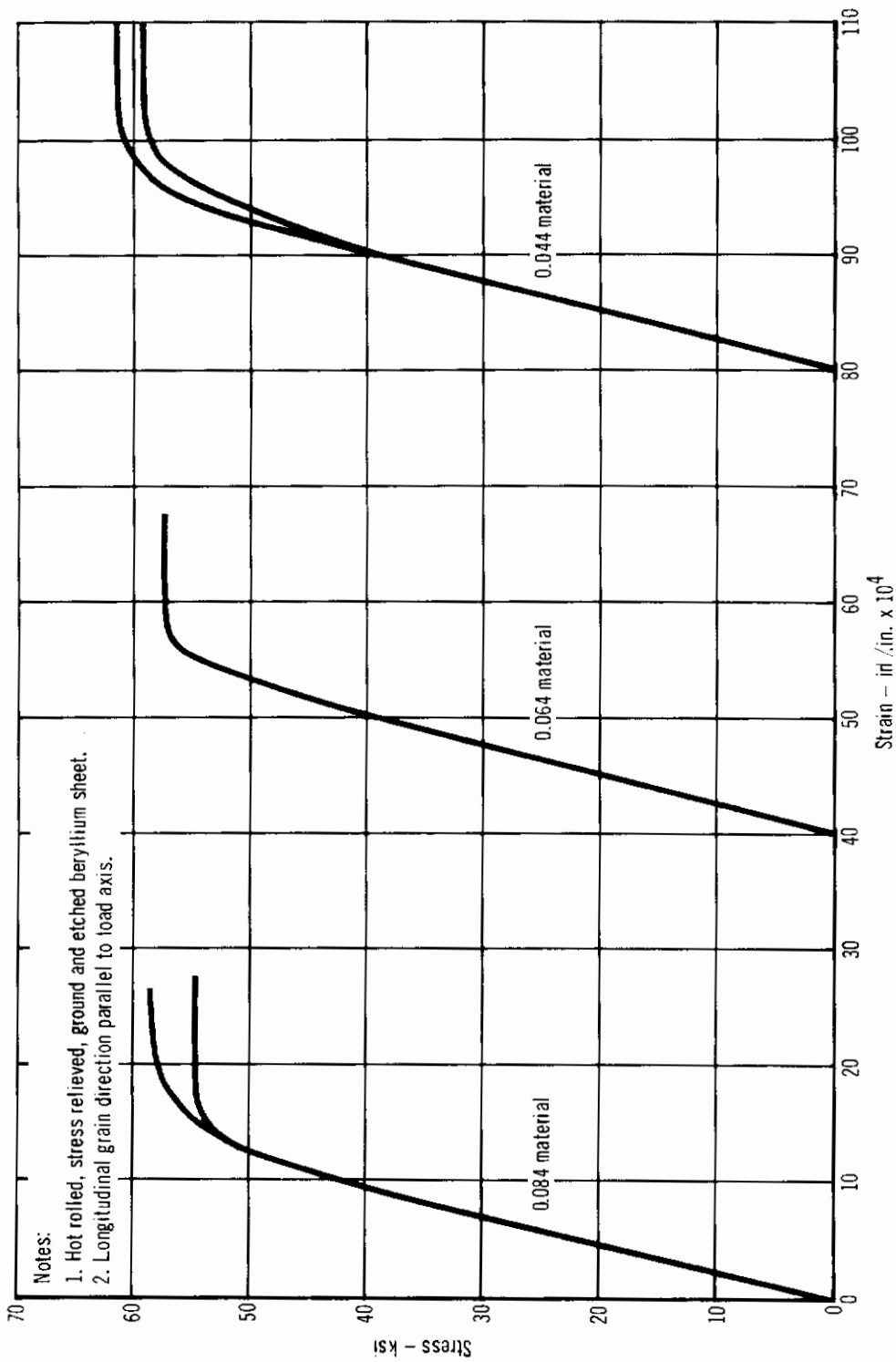


Figure 65 -- Tension Stress-Strain Curves: -65°F

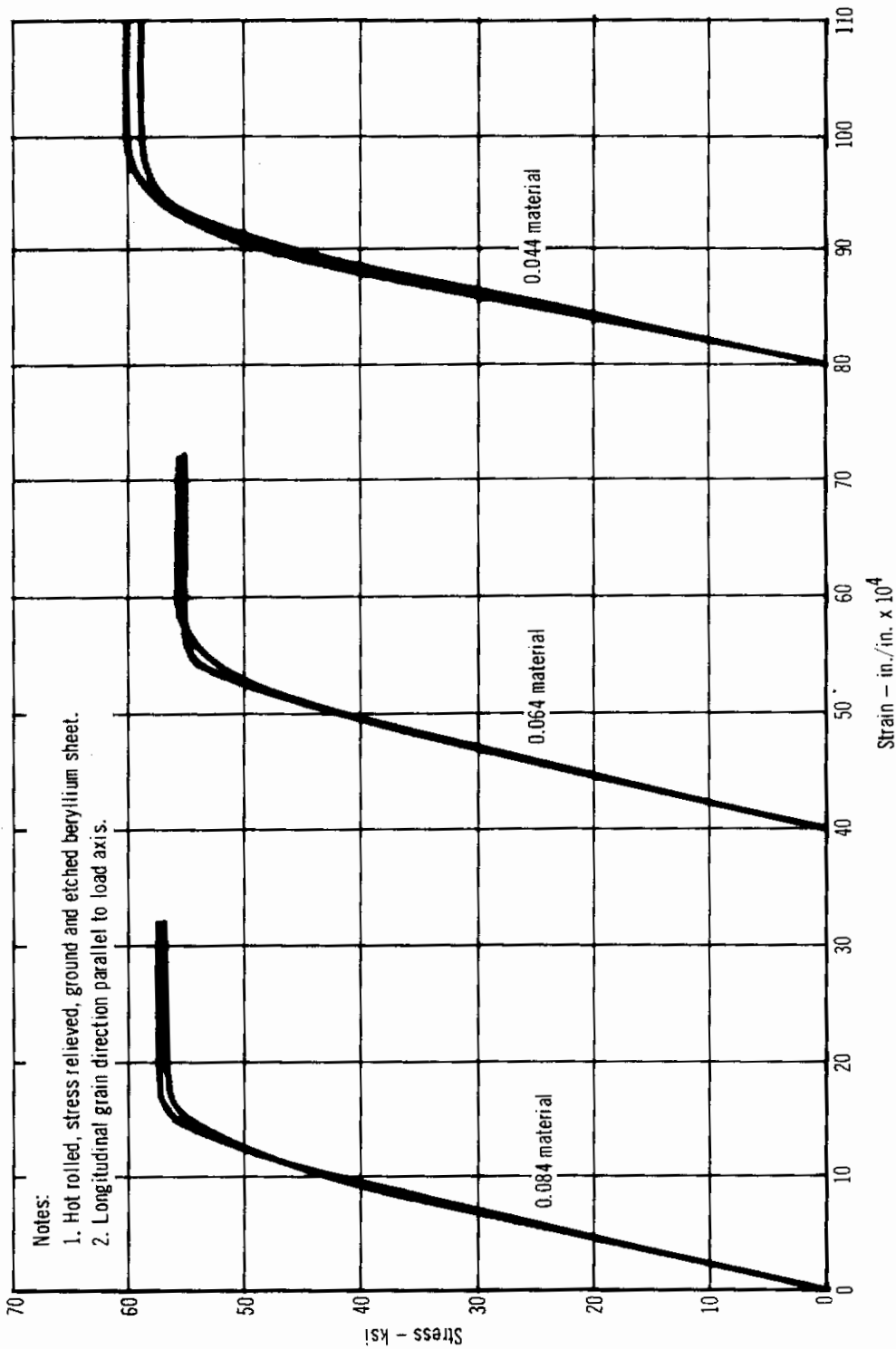


Figure 66 - Tension Stress-Strain Curves: Room Temperature

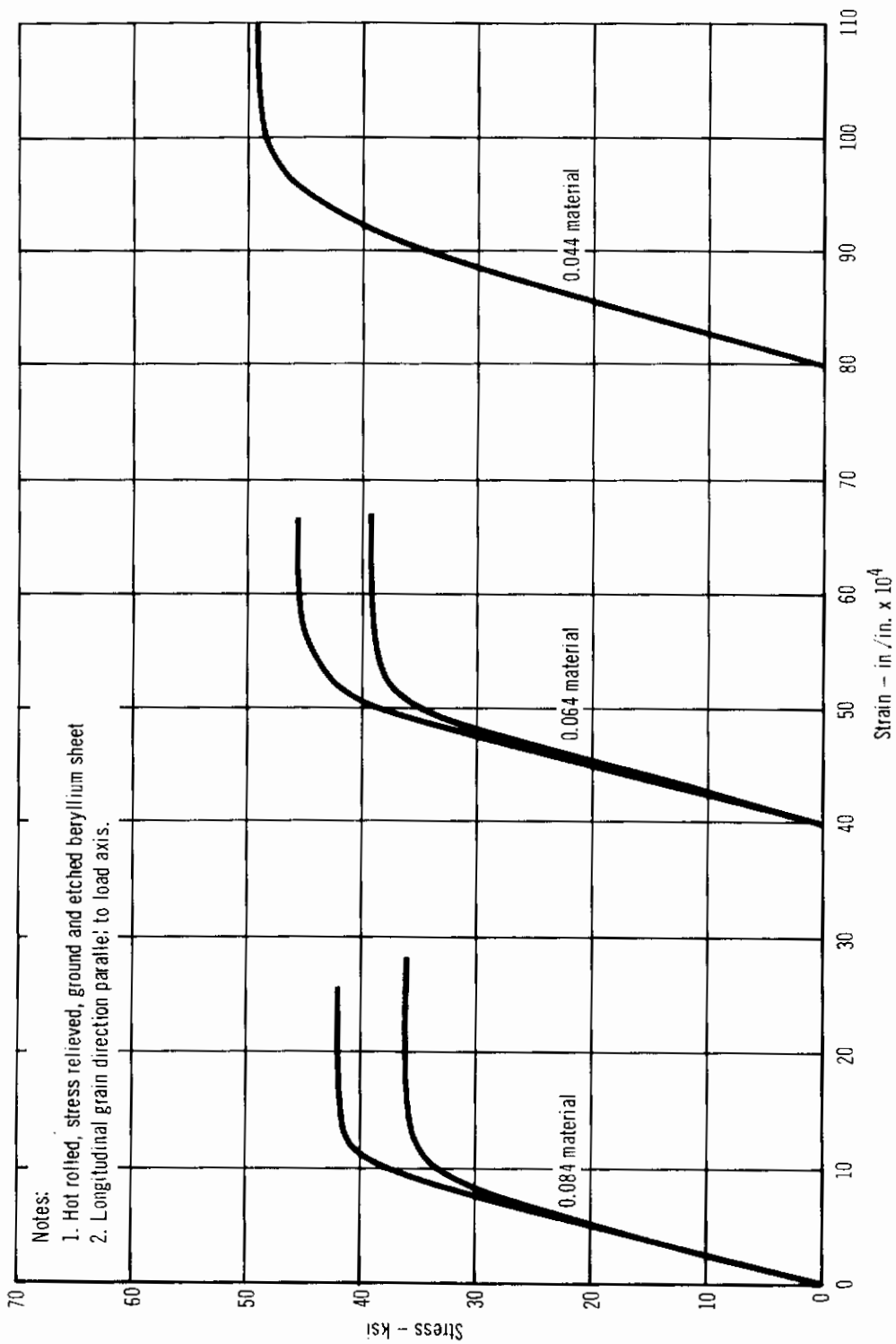


Figure 67 - Tension Stress-Strain Curves: 500°F



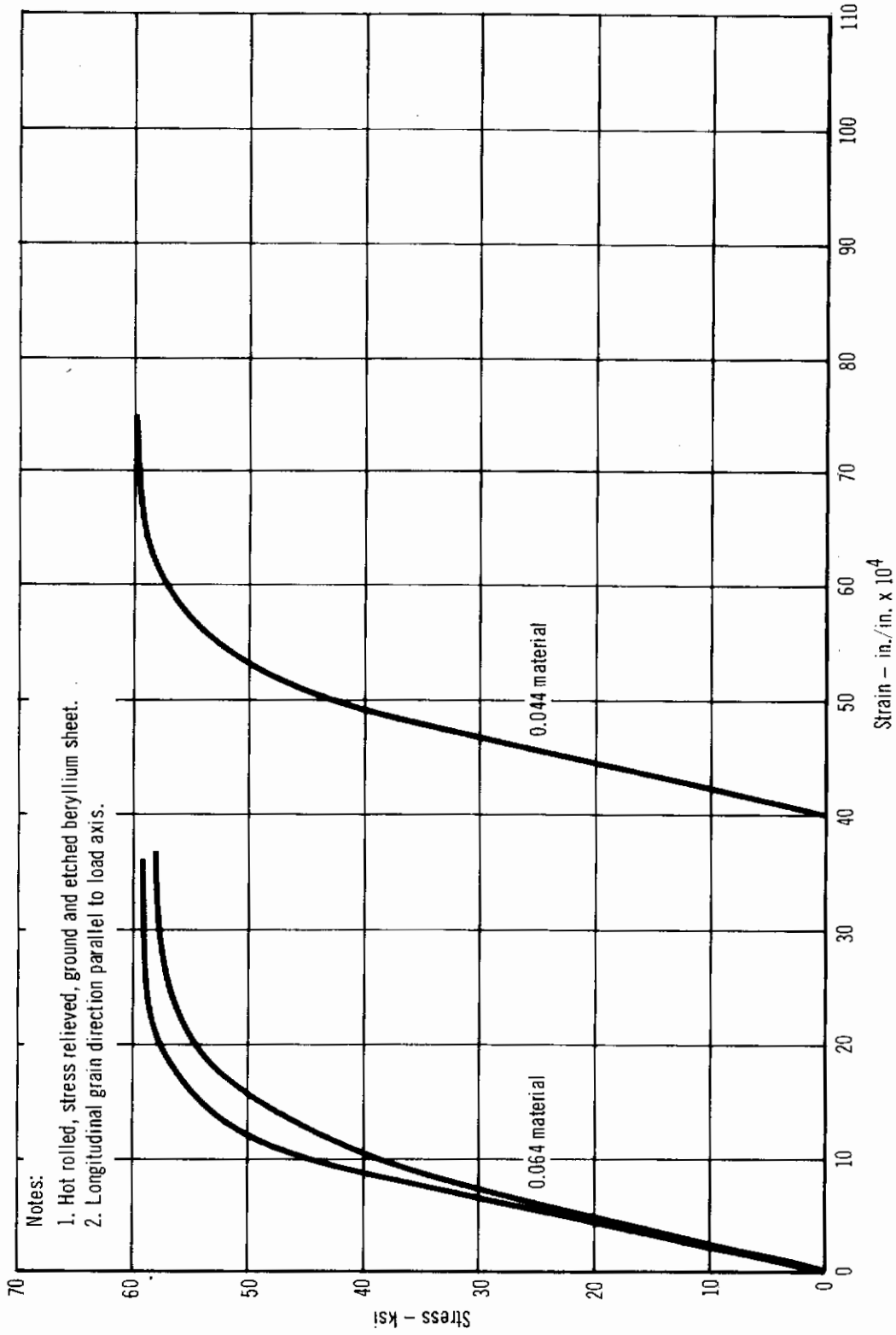
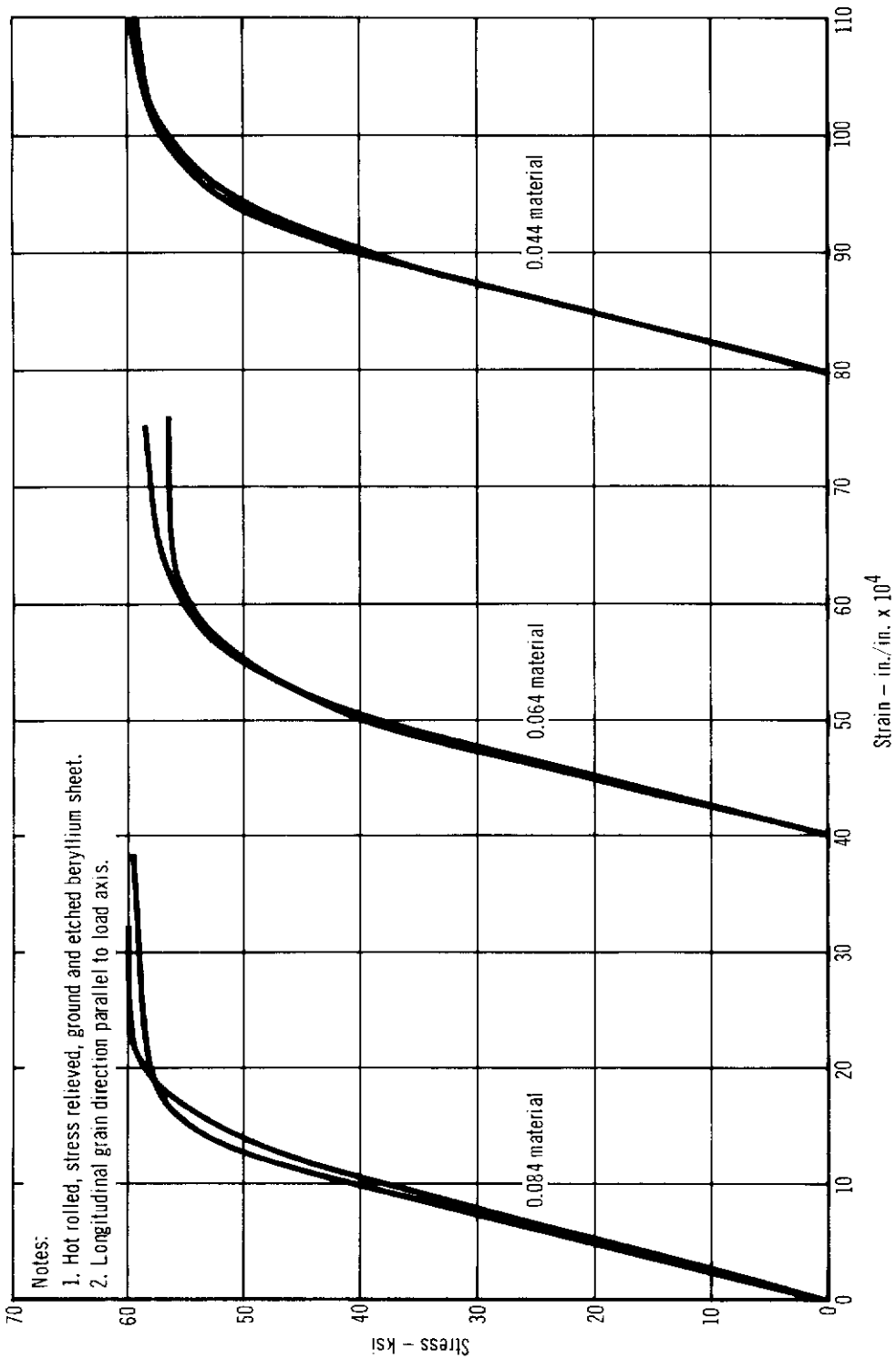


Figure 68 - Compression Stress-Strain Curves: -65°F



Notes:

- 1. Hot rolled, stress relieved, ground and etched beryllium sheet.
- 2. Longitudinal grain direction parallel to load axis.

Figure 69 - Compression Stress-Strain Curves: Room Temperature

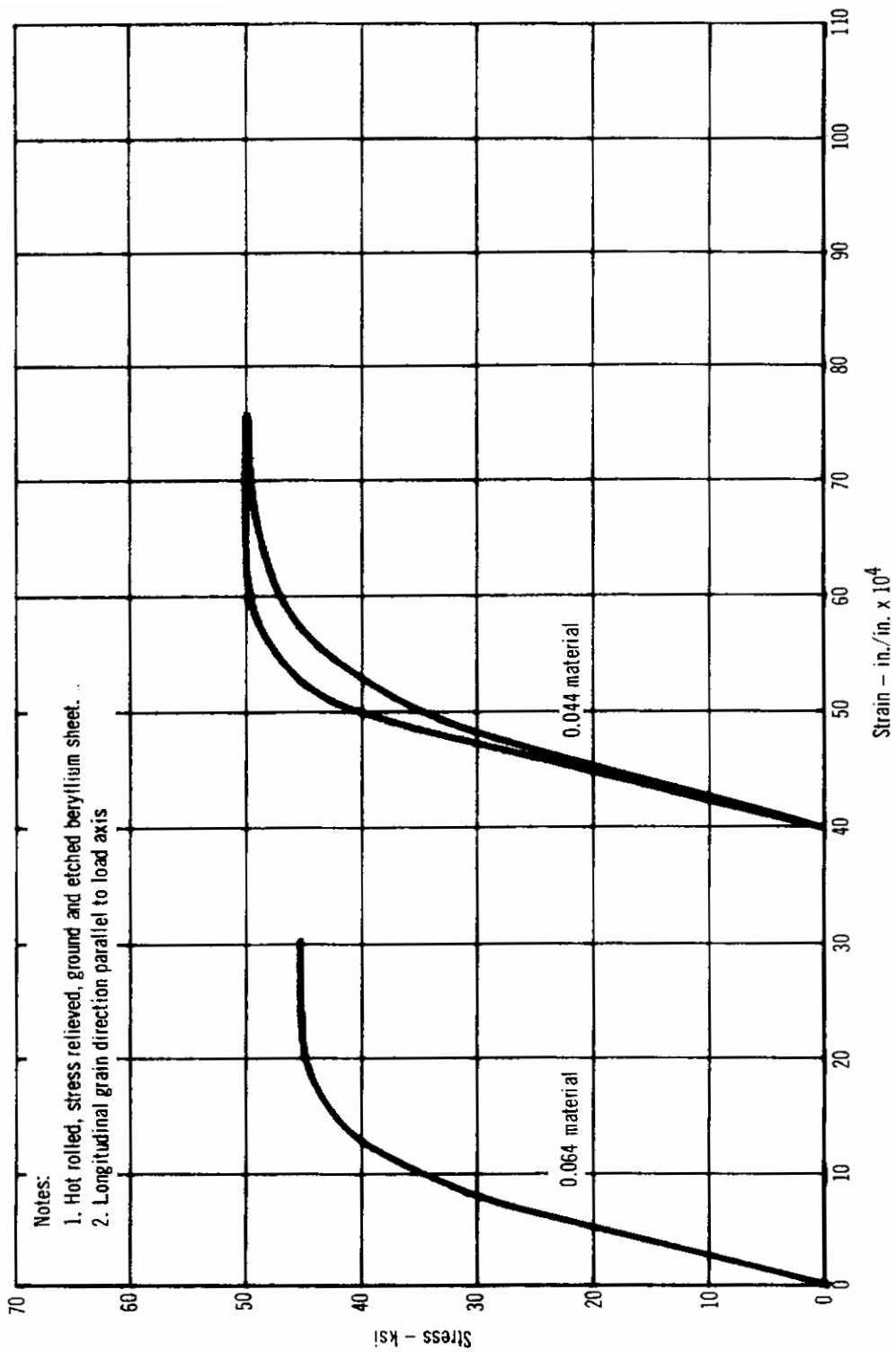


Figure 70 - Compression Stress-Strain Curves: 500°F

## 12. Rudder Composite Section Tests

Tests of the rudder composite section, a virtual replica of a major portion of the beryllium rudder, were conducted to verify the adequacy of the design data and criteria used in the design and analysis of the rudder, and of the manufacturing procedures and techniques subsequently used in its fabrication and assembly. It was anticipated that a successful completion of the composite section tests would provide a good probability of similar success in the ground test program of the complete assembly. Accordingly, the test specimen was subjected to loading conditions closely approximating the design loads existing in the corresponding portion of the rudder assembly. The materials, material thicknesses, detail shapes and sizes, mechanical fasteners, and bonding agent used in the specimen were the same as those in the beryllium rudder. Minor modifications to the mold line tapers in the span and chord directions were incorporated to reduce costs. Fabrication and assembly procedures were identical to those used for the actual rudder, and are described in Section V. Figure 71 shows the relative size of the composite section and the complete rudder. The rudder composite section detail drawings are shown in the Appendix. The set-up, procedure, and results for the testing performed are discussed in the following paragraphs.

A total of 26 strain gages and 8 strain rosettes were used to continuously record specimen strains during each test from 10 seconds before the start of loading until the loading returned to zero at the conclusion of the test. The exact location and identification number of each strain gage and strain rosette are given on the test specimen detail drawings in the Appendix. All strain gages and strain rosettes were bonded to the beryllium with GA-2 bonding agent (Buad Gage Company) and sealed, to prevent accumulation of contaminants or moisture, with DC-140 sealant (Dow-Corning).

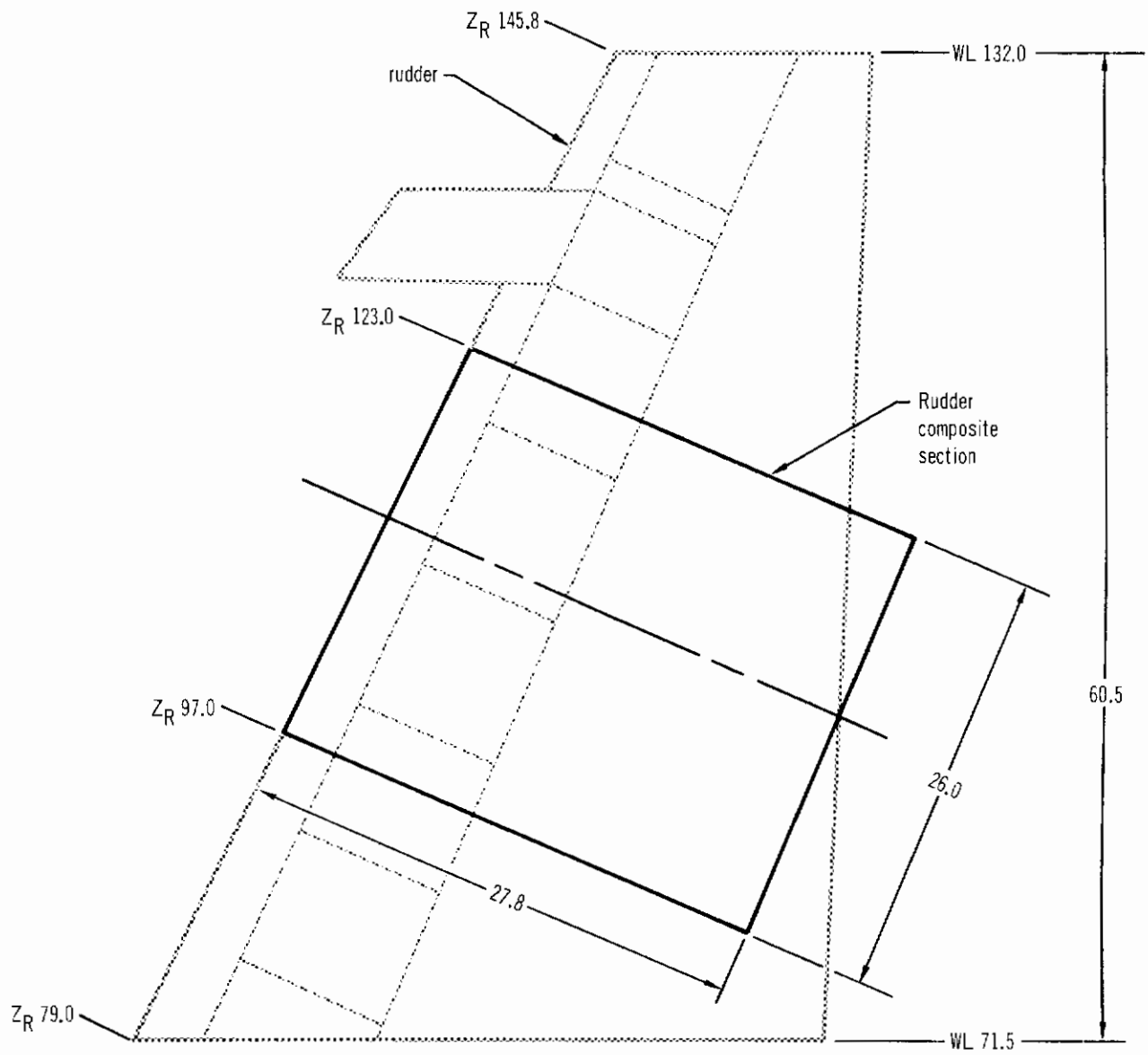


Figure 71- Relative Sizes of Rudder Composite Section and F-4 Rudder

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The rudder of the F-4 aircraft is subjected to airloads, shear, chordwise bending, spanwise bending, and torque. Rudder design loading conditions are presented in Figures 15 through 19 in Section III of this report. In the analysis of the rudder, it was found that the bending moment and torque resulting from Condition III loading, fin bending plus rudder airloads, would be critical for most of the rudder primary structural members. Therefore, the rudder composite section was tested to these Condition III loads.

Four static tests were performed on the rudder composite section. The first three tests were non-destructive with the objective of establishing the behavior of the structure under individual loading conditions. In Test 4, which was carried to destruction, the purpose was to verify the analytically predicted ultimate strength of the structure. Loading conditions for all four tests are summarized below.

Test 1 - Chordwise Bending - Condition III, 100% of limit load.

Test 2 - Torsion - Condition III, 100% of limit load.

Test 3 - Spanwise Bending - Condition II, 120% of limit load.

Test 4 - Spanwise Bending, Torque, Chordwise Bending and Rudder Airloads - Condition III, to destruction.

The rudder composite section test set-up is shown in Figure 72. Loads applied to the rudder composite section for each test are given in Figure 73. The four tests performed on the rudder composite section are discussed below.

12.1 Test No. 1: Chordwise Bending - The loads applied to the rudder composite section during this test represented 100% of the Condition III design limit airload. The applied loads were reacted (see Figure 73) so as to produce a chordwise bending moment equal to that existing in the rudder at design limit load. The maximum loads attained in the test are given in Figure 73.

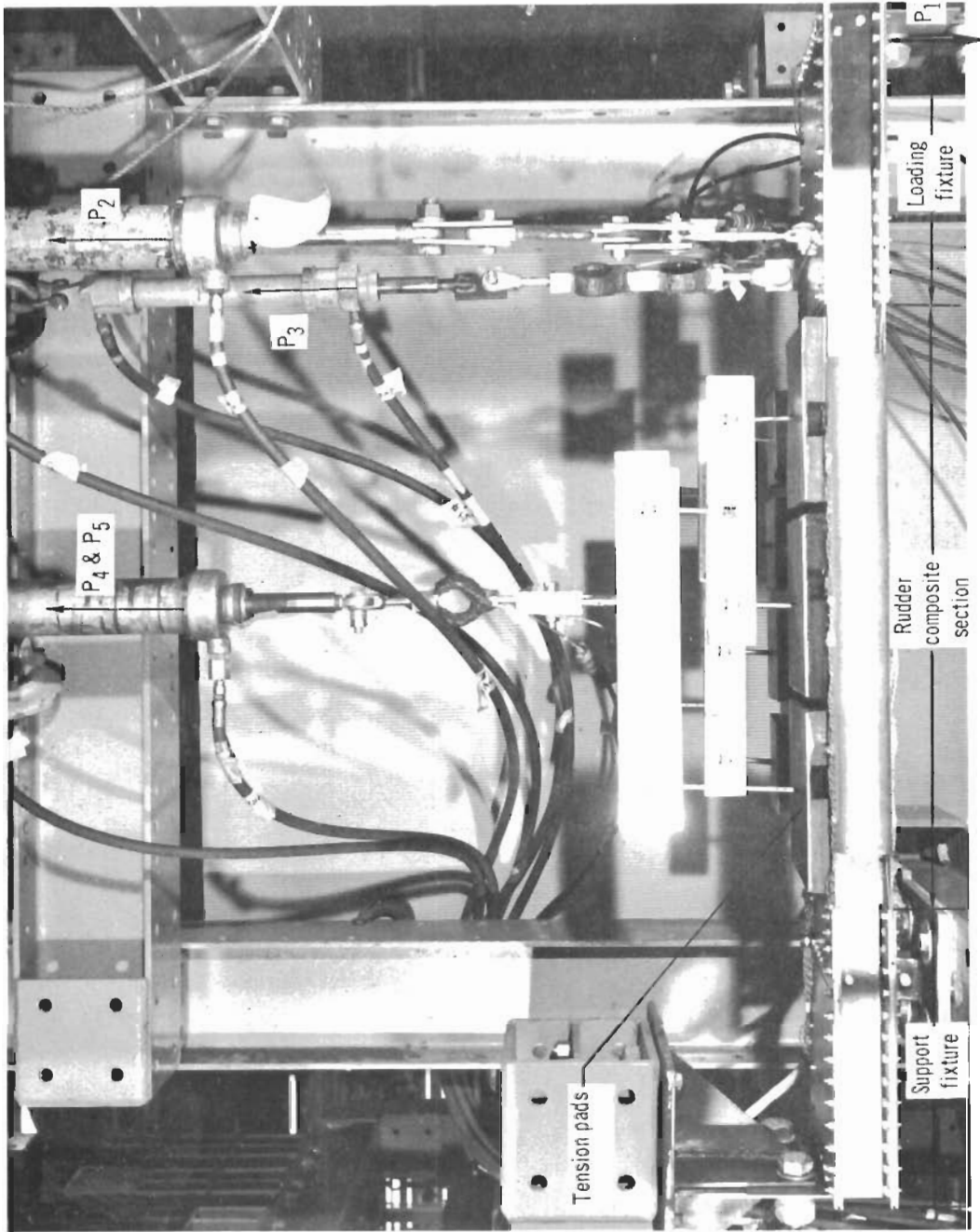


Figure 72 - Rudder Composite Section Test Set-Up

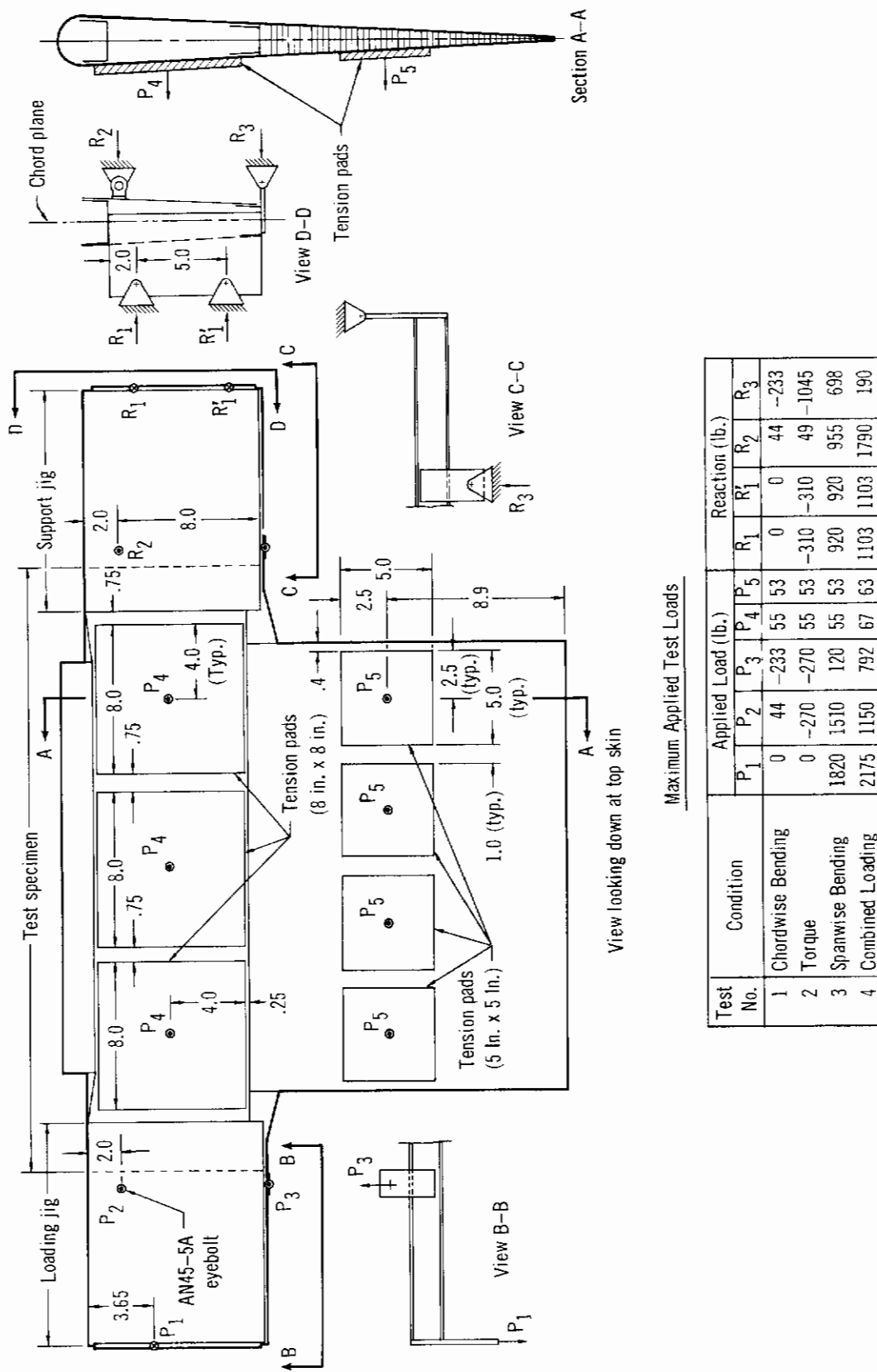


Figure 73 - Rudder Composite Section Test Loads



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There was no evidence of failure or permanent deformation resulting from this test.

12.2 Test No. 2: Torque - During this test the rudder composite section was subjected to a torque equal to 100% of the Condition III design limit torque. Simulated rudder airloads were also applied to obtain the proper variation in torque in the test specimen. The maximum loads attained in the test are given in Figure 73. There was no evidence of failure or permanent deformation from this test.

12.3 Test No. 3: Spanwise Bending - During this test, the rudder composite section was loaded to 120% of the Condition III design limit spanwise bending moment. The maximum loads applied to the composite section during this test are given in Figure 73. There was no evidence of failure or permanent deformation at the conclusion of the test.

12.4 Test No. 4: Combined Loading - The rudder composite section was loaded to failure during this test under combined airloads, chordwise bending, torque and spanwise bending. These loads closely approximated the actual design loads existing in that portion of the beryllium rudder which the test specimen represents. The maximum loads attained in the test (at failure) are shown in Figure 73. In Figure 74, the loads existing in the rudder composite section at failure are compared to Condition III design ultimate loads (150% of design limit loads existing in the corresponding portion of the flight rudder). Figure 75 shows the failed rudder composite section and indicates the areas where the failure occurred.

The rudder composite section failed in two different areas. Both failures occurred at the maximum loading attained during the test (160% of the design limit loads existing in the rudder). Initially, the front spar cap failed in tension adjacent to the loading fixture (see Figure 75). However, after the

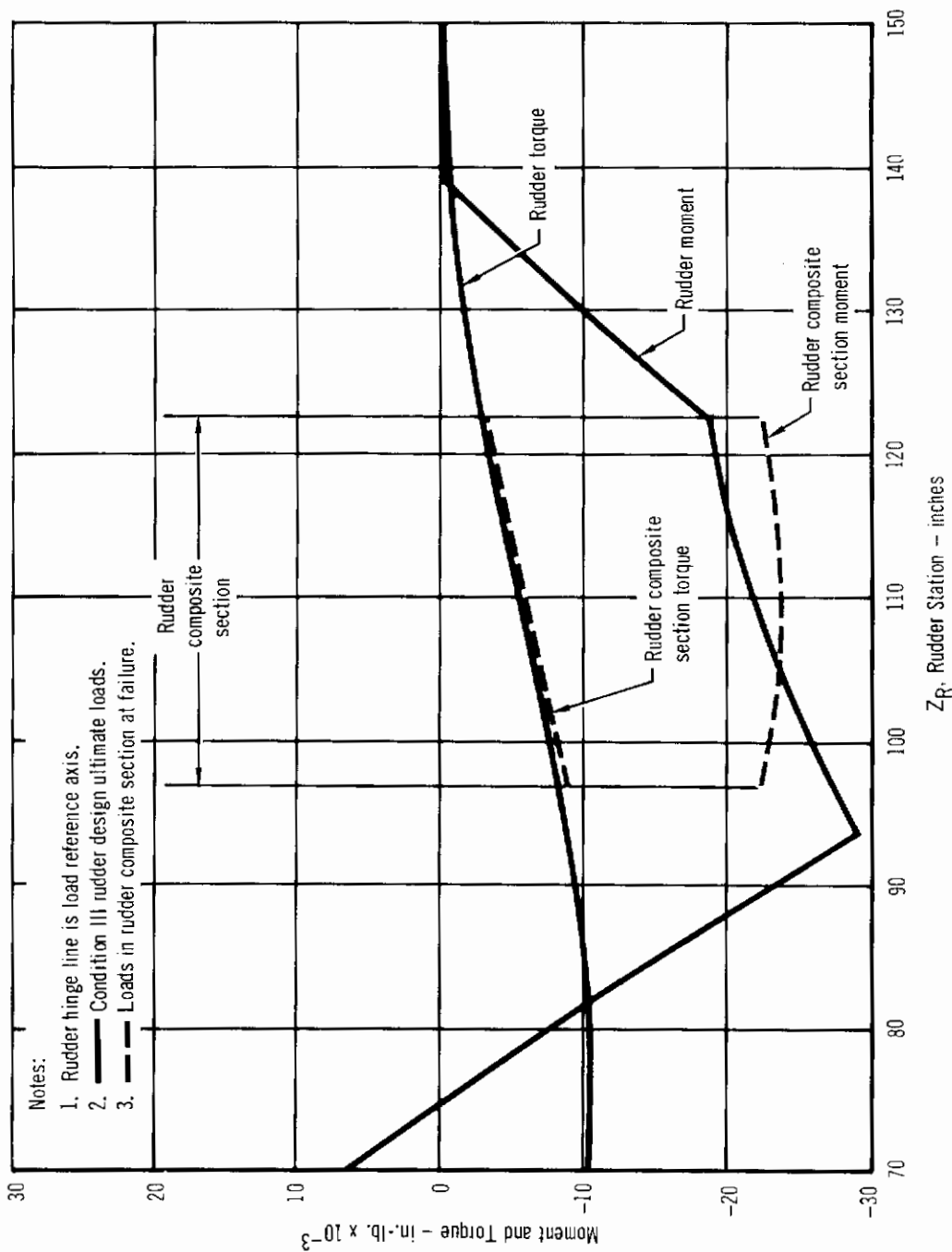


Figure 74 - Loads in Rudder Composite Section at Failure

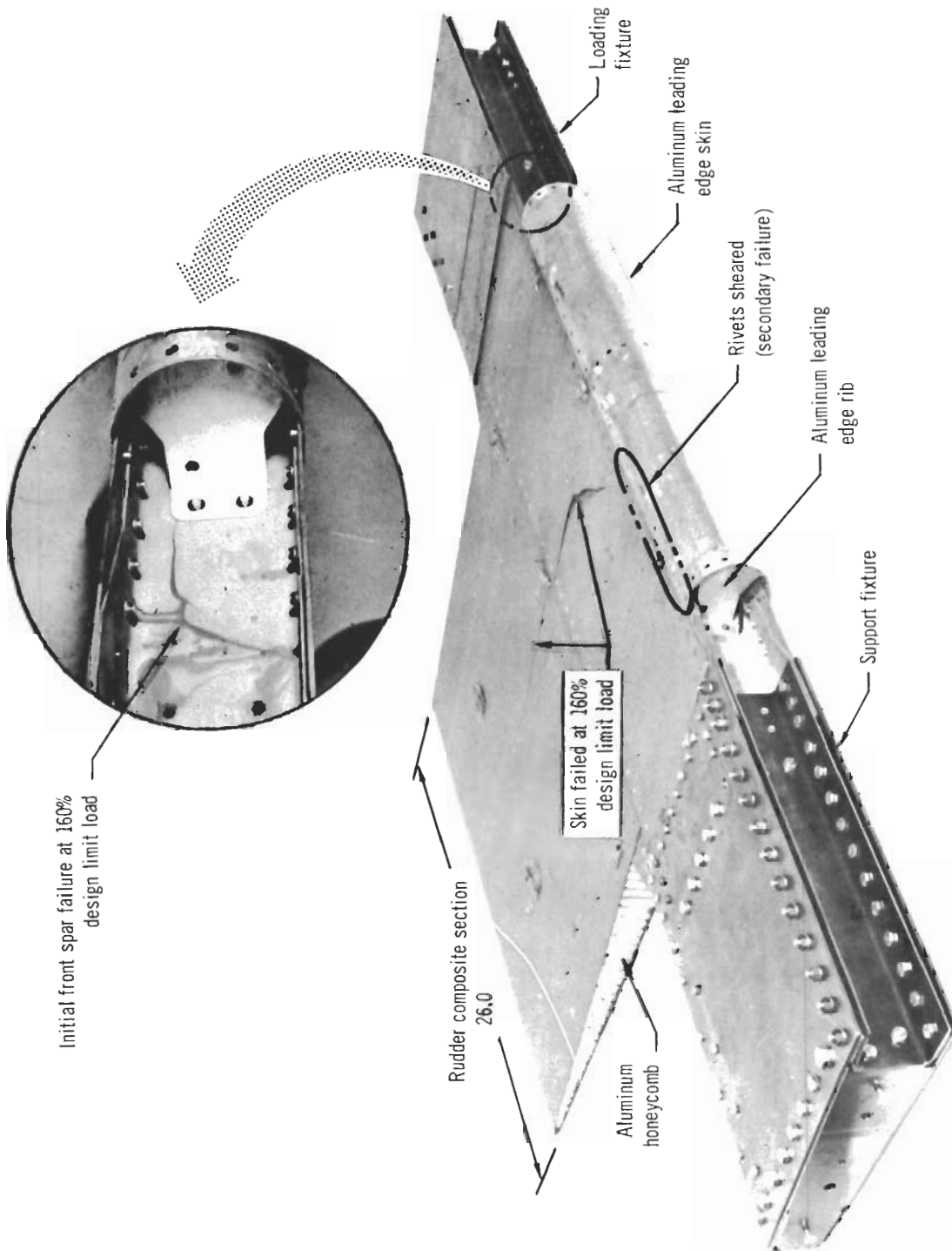


Figure 75- Rudder Composite Section Static Test Failure

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spar cap failed, it was still possible to maintain the same loading that existed at failure while the specimen was being examined and photographed. After the loads had been held constant for approximately four minutes, complete and catastrophic failure occurred near the center of the specimen (see Figure 75). The front and rear spar caps, and all cover skins on one side of the rudder failed. Examination of the area where initial failure occurred (front spar cap) showed that the crack did not originate or pass through an obvious stress concentration (such as a fastener hole) and the beryllium cover skin had not failed. Because the cover skin did not fail, it was still possible to maintain the loads. At the center of the specimen where catastrophic failure occurred, it was not possible to determine with any degree of certainty where the fracture originated or how it propagated. However, since the maximum tensile stress existed at the front spar, it was surmised that the front spar cap, or the cover skin at the front spar cap, failed first. The fracture propagated through the cover skin to the rear spar and then throughout the rear spar and trailing edge honeycomb skin.

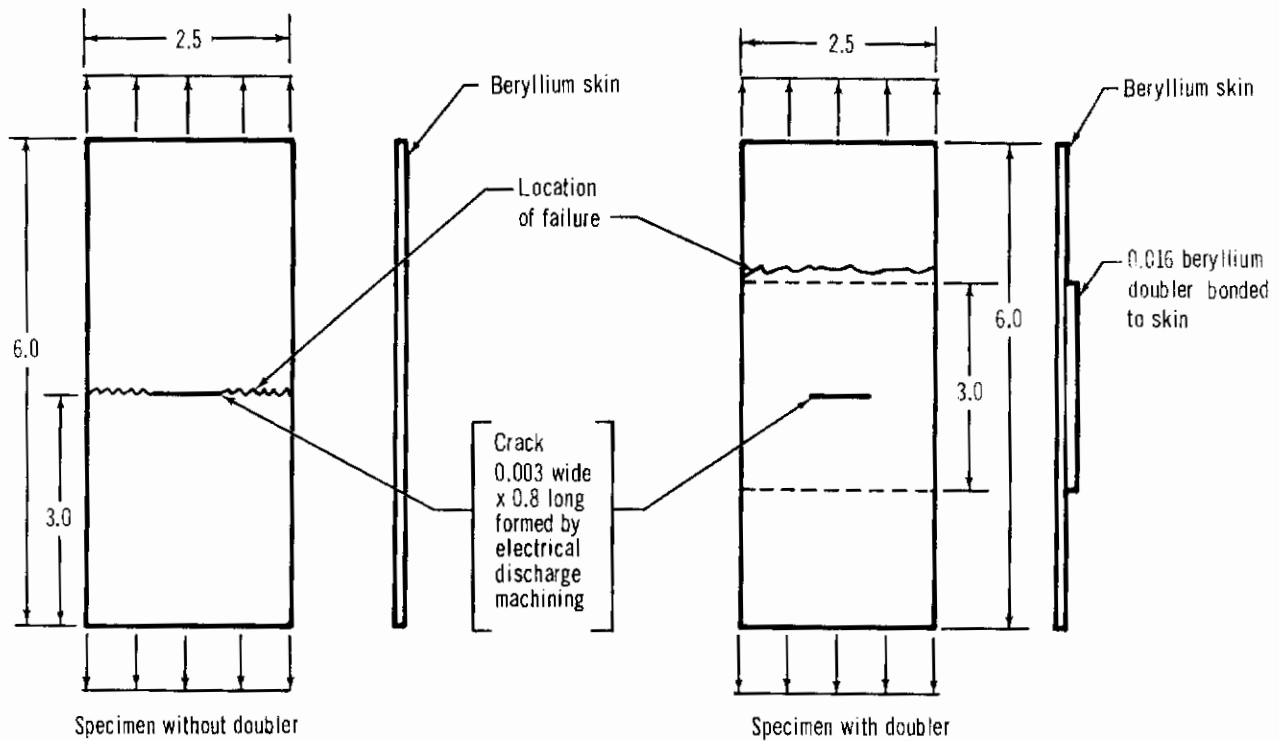
The fact that the rudder composite section withstood loads in excess of the rudder ultimate design loads indicated that the design data and design criteria used for the beryllium rudder were adequate. This conclusion was subsequently substantiated by the successful completion of the ground test program of the complete rudder assembly, as described in Section VI.

## 13. Crack Repair Evaluation Tests

Element tests were conducted to substantiate the structural adequacy of using bonded beryllium doublers for the repair of beryllium structural elements containing cracks or other material defects. Such a repair was used in the fabrication of the beryllium rudder when a crack was discovered in one of the trailing edge assembly cover skins upon completion of the bonding process (see discussion in Section V). Following is a description of the tests and discussion of the test results.

Since the results of these tests were required before rudder fabrication could be satisfactorily completed, test specimen configuration and test procedures were selected which minimized the time required for fabrication and testing. Test specimen configurations are shown with Table 22. Six flat sheet specimens, 2.5 x 6.0 inches, were fabricated from beryllium sheet varying in thickness from .012 to .016 inch. The specimens had cracks, 0.8 inch long and 0.003 inch wide, formed by electrical discharge machining. The cracks were machined in the middle area of the specimen transversely to the specimen longitudinal center-line. Three of the specimens had .016 x 2.5 x 3.0 inch beryllium doublers bonded with FM-61 over the area containing the crack. To minimize the fabrication effort, grip holes were not provided in the specimens nor was the specimen chemically etched after being machined to size (normally all beryllium parts are chemically etched to remove any microscopic surface cracks or mechanical twins resulting from machining operations). The six specimens were tested in tension at room temperature using a 30,000 lbs. capacity Wiedemann-Baldwin Universal Testing Machine. Non-aligning friction grips were incorporated, and the specimens loaded to failure at a load rate of 300 pounds per minute.

**TABLE 22**  
**TENSION TEST RESULTS OF SLOTTED BERYLLIUM COUPONS**  
**WITH AND WITHOUT BONDED DOUBLERS**



Specimen Configuration	No.	Width at Failed Section (in.)	Average Skin Thickness at Failed Section (in.)	Failure Load (lb.)	Net Tension Stress at Failed Section (psi)	Location of Failure
Specimens Without Doublers	1	2.49	0.0150	1040	41,000	All specimens failed at machined crack
	2	2.49	0.0155	1090	41,600	
	3	2.49	0.0145	970	39,600	
Specimens With Doublers	4	2.49	0.0130	1525	47,100 (3)	All specimens failed in basic skin at edge of doubler
	5	2.49	0.0150	1915	51,300 (3)	
	6	2.49	0.0125	1620	52,000 (3)	

Notes:

1. Beryllium skins not chem-etched after machining .
2. Tested at room temperature at load rate of 300 lb/minute.
3. Bending stress not included.

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Test results are presented in Table 22. Because the beryllium material was not chemically etched, and the specimen shape and manner of loading would not preclude load path eccentricities, high failure loads were not anticipated. Of greater interest and importance was the type and location of failure. As expected, the specimens with the machined crack and no doubler failed in tension at the crack. The specimens with the machined crack and bonded doubler failed in tension at higher loads, and in all cases failure occurred away from the crack, near the doubler bond line. This demonstrates the ability of the doubler and adhesive to transfer load and to inhibit crack propagation. The tension stresses presented in Table I for the bonded doubler specimens do not include bending stresses which result from load path eccentricities at the bonded doubler. The test results clearly demonstrate the structural adequacy of a bonded beryllium doubler for the repair of cracks in the rudder area under consideration.

## SECTION V

### BERYLLIUM RUDDER FABRICATION AND ASSEMBLY

#### 1. Introduction

Manufacturing techniques and procedures developed in Reference 2 program, supplemented and improved as needed, were used in fabrication and assembly of the beryllium rudder. Fabrication and assembly operations were greatly facilitated by the experience gained in Reference 2 program. Beryllium is brittle, notch sensitive, and potentially toxic. The limitations these material characteristics impose on fabrication and handling, and some general recommended shop practices, are discussed in Subsection 2. Equipment and techniques used in sawing, machining, drilling, countersinking, forming, chemical milling, adhesive bonding, inspection and assembly of the beryllium rudder are described in Subsections 3 through 11.



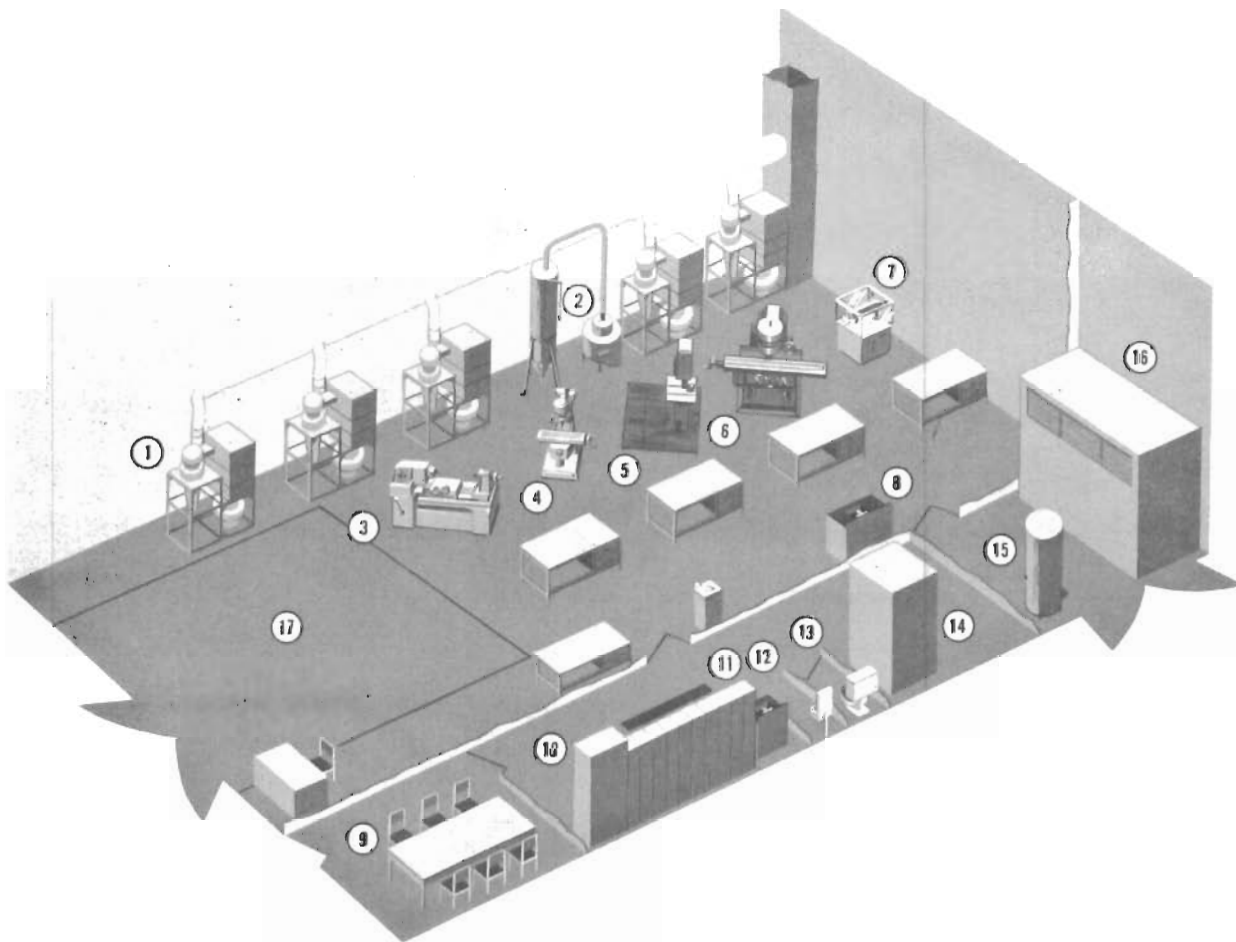
## 2. General Shop Practices

Beryllium is potentially toxic; therefore, precautions should be taken to prevent dispersion of beryllium particles in work areas. An air exhaust system should be provided for collection of beryllium dust wherever sawing, grinding, sanding, or machining operations are performed. This requirement dictates the establishment of a special facility for certain manufacturing operations. The McDonnell beryllium facility used in the performance of this program is shown in Figure 76. This facility is well equipped with all necessary vacuum dust collecting equipment for machining and assembly work.

The need for extreme care in the handling and fabrication of beryllium parts, particularly those made of material less than .030 inch thick, cannot be over-emphasized. In the course of the manufacturing effort for this program, several parts were broken or cracked. In every case, the broken or cracked part was of sheet material less than .030 inch thick. Parts of thicker material are much less susceptible to damage from mishandling and are more tolerant to slight variations from optimum manufacturing techniques.

The application of high local bearing stresses to the material surface during fabrication should be avoided. A foreign object between the part and the die during forming, or on the faying surfaces of mechanically fastened joints, can cause part breakage, as can excessive pressure from a C-clamp being used to hold the part during fabrication.

The use of scribe lines to mark hole locations or trim lines on detail beryllium parts cannot be tolerated. Work areas should be kept clean of metal chips or other sharp objects which could cause surface scratches. Surface defects, such as scratches, are known to seriously reduce strength and ductility, and time consuming rework is required to remove them.



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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Dust collectors (5) | 10. Clean clothes cabinet |
| 2. Vacuum cleaner      | 11. Lockers               |
| 3. Rivett lathe        | 12. Sink                  |
| 4. Tornetic drill      | 13. Rest room             |
| 5. Band saw            | 14. Shower                |
| 6. K & T vertical mill | 15. Hot water heater      |
| 7. Cut-off saw         | 16. Air conditioner       |
| 8. Rinsing sink        | 17. Assembly area         |
| 9. Conference room     |                           |

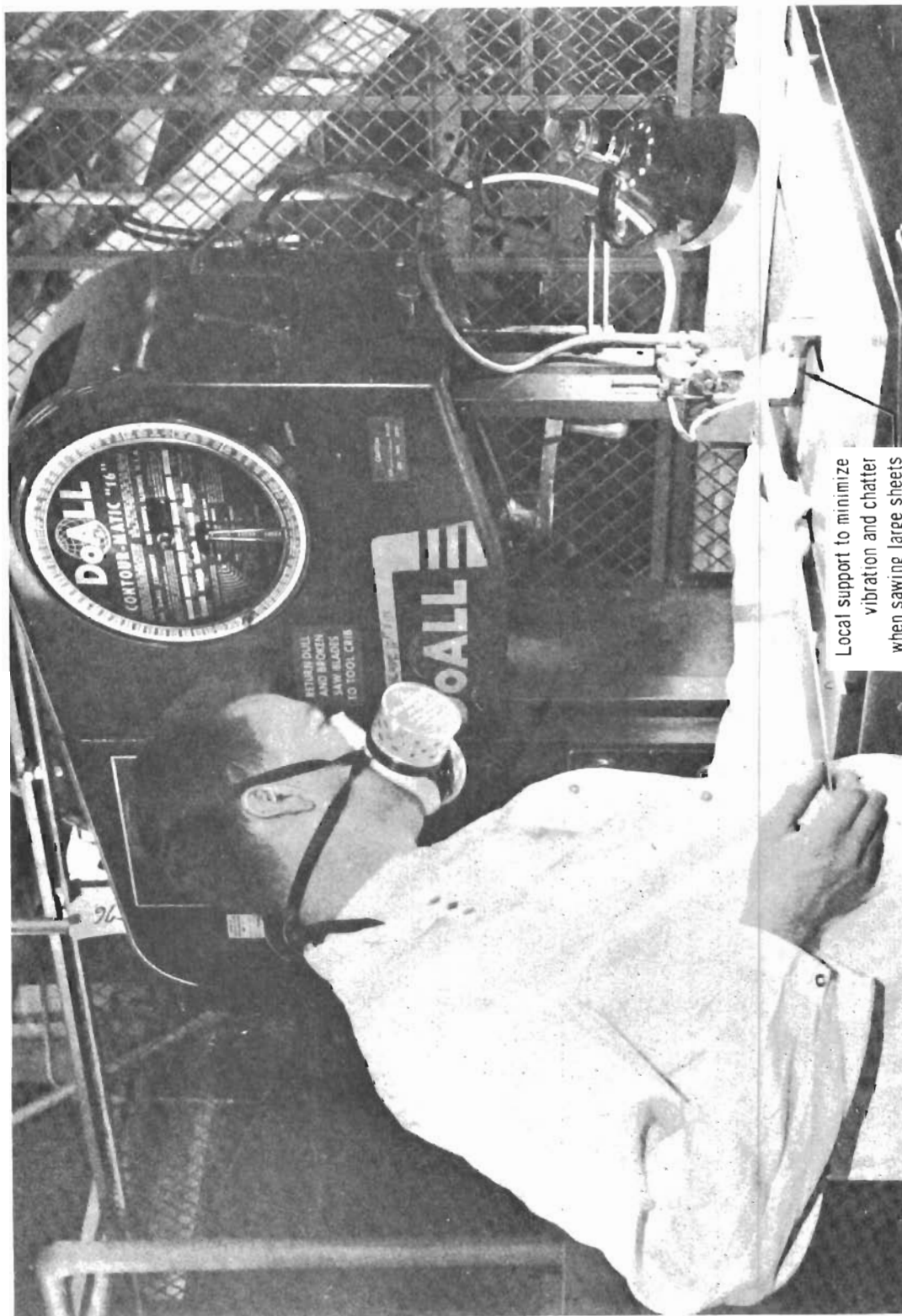
Figure 76 - Beryllium Facility

### 3. Sawing Beryllium

Sawing beryllium sheet was accomplished with a bandsaw. Equipment and procedures used are listed below.

Machine	- DoAll band saw
Blade	- 1/4 inch wide Heller Nucut (T-SBCS #12) with 32 wave set hardened teeth per inch
Blade Speed	- 552 feet per minute
Feed	- Hand feed
Coolant	- 30 parts water to 1 part Macco coolant

It should be carefully ensured that the material being sawed is in direct contact with the saw table at the blade throughout the operation, to reduce vibration and chatter. For sawing large beryllium sheets, which were often quite wavy, a foot-like support was added to the saw table at the blade, as shown in Figure 77. During sawing, the beryllium sheet always rested solidly upon this support, and thus vibration and chatter were minimized. There may be some chipping and micro-cracking along the sawed edge. Therefore, approximately 1/8 inch excess material was allowed on the sawed edge for clean-up by finish machining. Of the more than three hundred beryllium rudder and element test specimen detail parts which were rough sawed in the rudder program, only four parts cracked during sawing.



Local support to minimize vibration and chatter when sawing large sheets

Figure 77 - Set-Up for Sawing Beryllium Sheet

## 4. Machining Beryllium

All beryllium part blanks were reduced to finished dimensions by machining. The use of adequate part support, special tools, proper feed and speed, and small depths of cut results in successful machining of beryllium. Equipment and procedures used for machining beryllium parts are listed below.

Equipment	- Vertical Milling Machine
Cutter	- Square end master mill from Metal Removal Company in 3/8, 1/2, 1 and 2 inch diameter sizes
Speed	- 1115 rpm for the 3/8 and 1/2 inch diameter cutters - considerably slower for the larger cutters.
Feed	- 5-6 inches per minute for thickness up to .08 inch, 3-4 inches per minute for thicknesses from .08 to .25 inch
Depth of cut	- .050 inch maximum depth of cut .010 inch intermediate cuts .005 inch next to last cut .001 inch last cut
Coolant	- None

Stack milling of 3 to 6 parts results in a considerable reduction in machining time. Figure 78 shows a set-up for machining beryllium and Figure 79 shows tools used to machine, drill, and countersink beryllium. Conventional tungsten carbide milling cutters may be used for machining beryllium. However, the square end master mill cutters designed specifically for beryllium are preferred. The number of defects is greatly reduced when the special cutters are used. Two .020 doublers for the rudder were cracked in machining and had to be replaced. No other significant problems were encountered in machining.

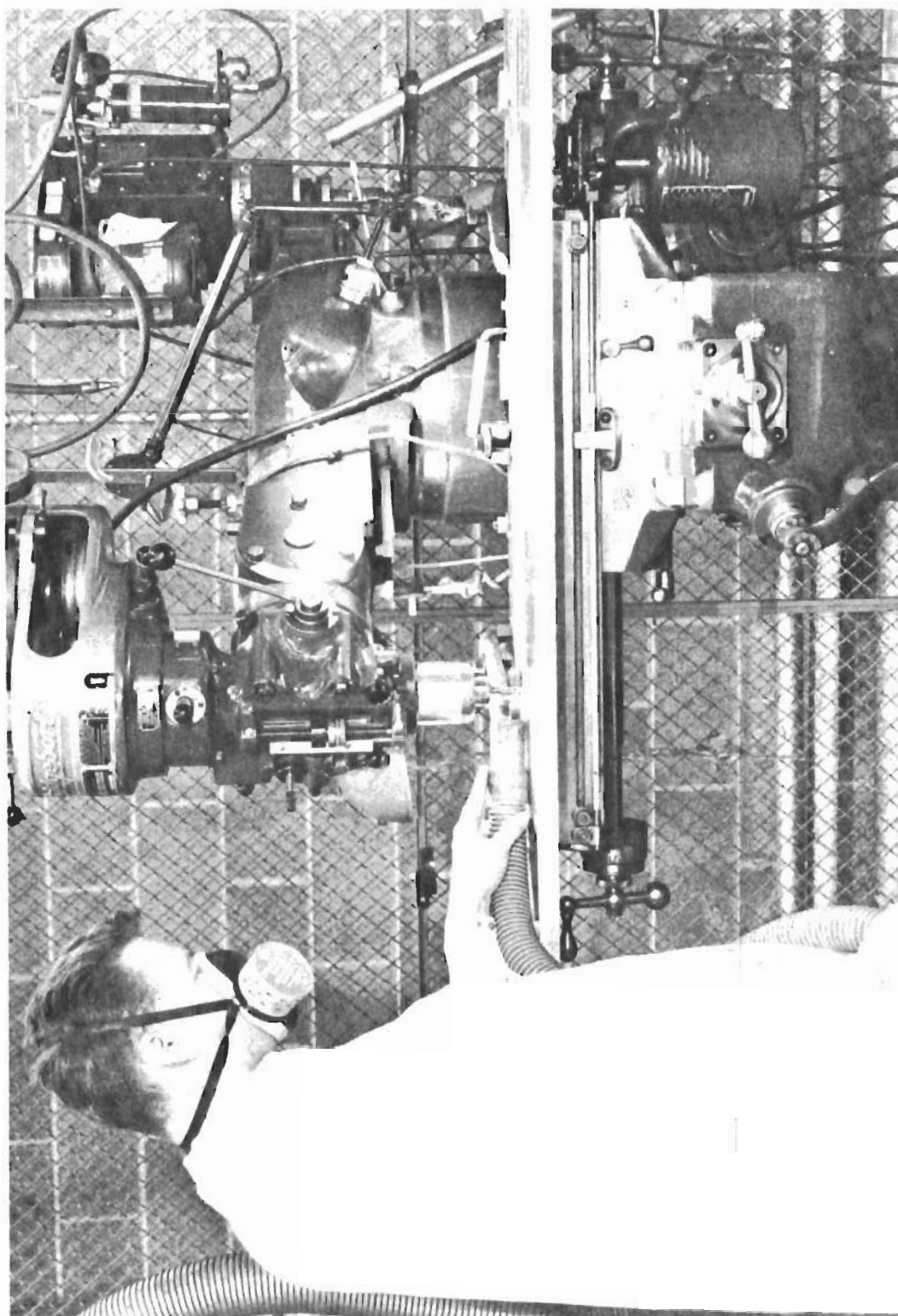


Figure 78 - Machining Beryllium

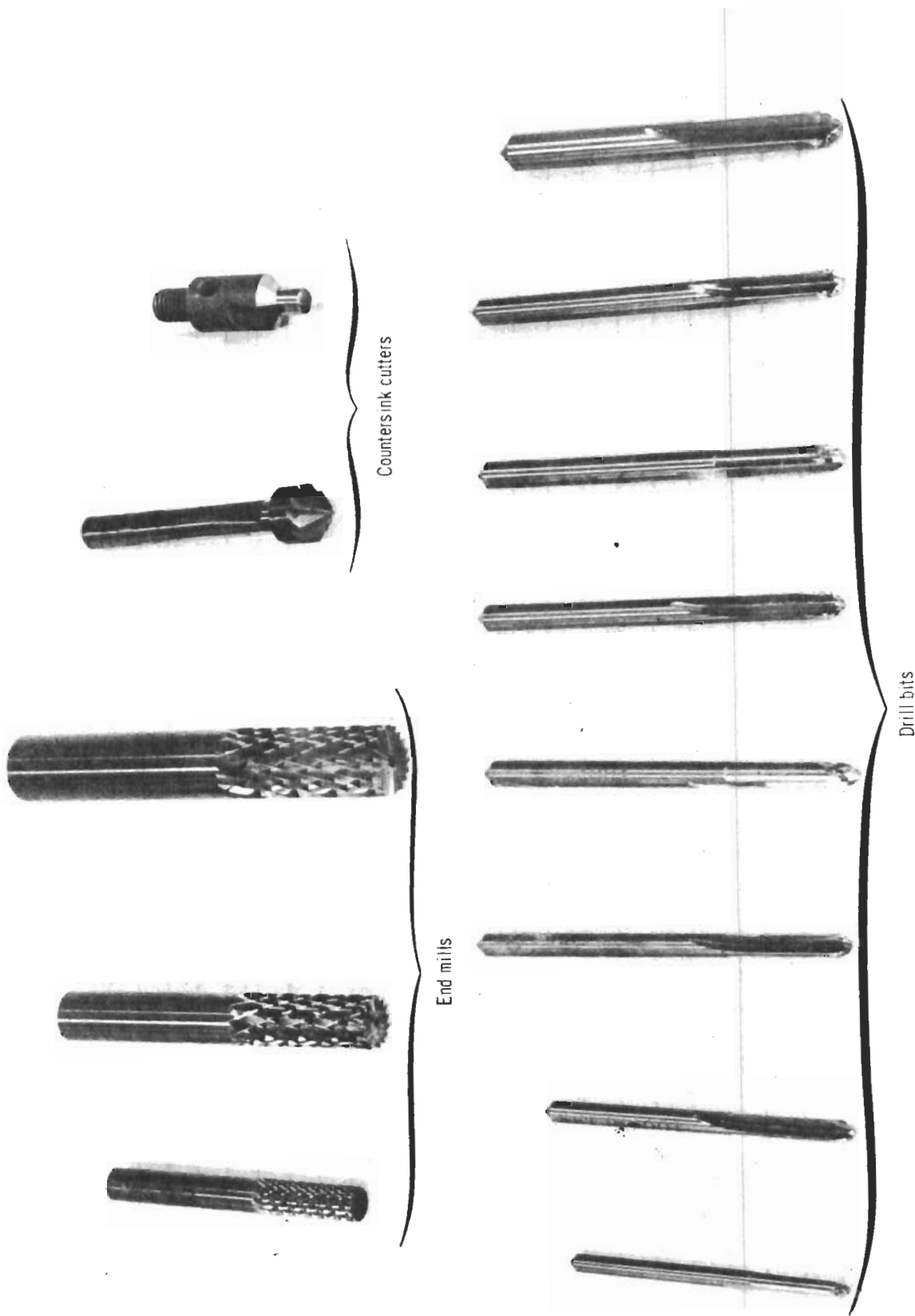


Figure 79 - Tools Used to Machine, Drill and Countersink Beryllium

## 5. Drilling Beryllium

Three types of defects, all of which are cause for part rejection, can occur when drilling beryllium. They are: (1) delaminations, (2) spalling, and (3) cracking. In order to consistently drill good holes in beryllium, special equipment, tools, and procedures are required. The Tornetic driller, shown in Figure 80, and special drill bits designed for beryllium, shown in Figure 79, were used in this program. The Tornetic driller provides positive control of torque and speed to remove material at the most efficient rate. The torque control system senses changes in torque at the cutting tool and compensates for spindle speed and feed. Care was exercised to prevent the work piece from moving during drilling. When the drill bit has a rounded tip, there is a natural tendency for it to "walk." The drill bits were discarded before they became dull. Following is a description of the equipment and procedures used for drilling beryllium.

- Equipment - Tornetic Model CM-100-D-100 Driller (Duna-Systems, Inc.)
- Tools - Special carbide drill for beryllium (Metal Removal Co.)
- Coolant - None
- Back-up - A solid back-up is preferable, especially when drilling through thin flexible members.
- Speed & Feed - Table 23 gives Tornetic driller control settings.

TABLE 23  
CONTROL SETTINGS FOR DRILLING BERYLLIUM

Drill Dia.	Drive Pulley Numbers		Pressure Gauge Setting (psig)	Torque Dial Setting	Speed Dial Setting	Torque Meter Reading
	Motor	Spindle				
0.1250	29	24	30	20	100	10
0.1890	24	29	30	20	100	20
0.2500	24	29	30	20	100	20
0.3750	16	36	30	40	100	20
0.4375	16	36	30	40	100	20



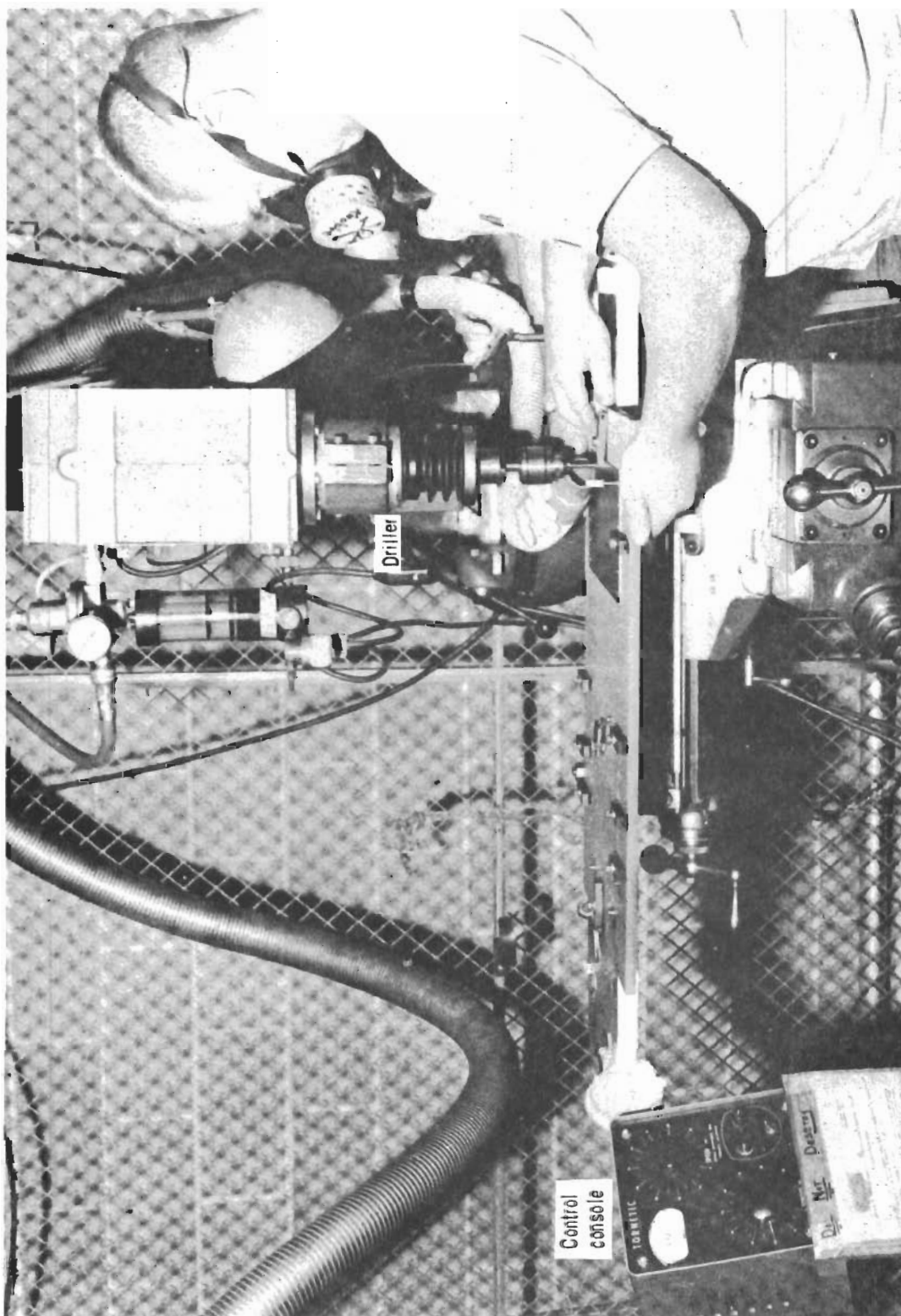


Figure 80 - Torumatic Driller Used for Drilling Beryllium

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As in Reference 2 program, some difficulty was encountered during fabrication of the test specimens in the drilling operation, particularly drilling mating holes through beryllium and other materials. The difficulty stems from the fact that special equipment is required to drill consistently good holes in beryllium, and that beryllium has to be chemically etched after drilling to eliminate surface defects on the machined edges. The special drill bits used for beryllium do not perform satisfactorily in steel or aluminum (the size and shape of the flutes do not allow the free passage of the removed material and, consequently, the bits load up badly). Conversely, the high speed drill bits normally used to drill steel or aluminum do not perform consistently well in beryllium. The requirement for chemical etching of beryllium after machining dictates that all holes be drilled undersize to allow for chemical etching and that all machining be completed before assembly begins. Furthermore, since the Tornetic drill used in this program is not portable, additional time was required for set-up of all drilling operations. The procedure for drilling the holes for the fasteners joining the beryllium rudder to its mating aluminum torque tube is as follows:

The mating aluminum and beryllium parts were located in an assembly fixture and all hole locations marked with a pencil. A small pilot hole was drilled through all parts using a conventional carbide twist drill in a portable air motor or the Tornetic driller. The pilot hole was drilled small enough ( $1/2$  the final hole size) so that any defect introduced in the beryllium would be removed in final drilling and etching. After all fastener holes were pilot drilled, the parts were disassembled and the holes in the aluminum parts were conventionally drilled to final size. The holes in the beryllium were then drilled to full size (less allowance for chemical etching) using the special equipment and procedures described previously.

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This procedure for drilling mating holes in beryllium and aluminum did not yield 100% good holes. Spalling occurred at 12 of the holes in the beryllium. In all cases except one, the spalling was not severe and the rough edges were removed by hand sanding with 180-400 grit emery paper prior to the final etching operation. The more severely spalled hole was redrilled oversize to remove the spalled area, and an oversized repair fastener was installed. No parts were rejected because of defective holes.

Less difficulty was experienced in drilling holes in mating beryllium parts. Fewer than 2% of such holes were found to be defective, and in most cases it was possible to salvage the part. Two of the .020 ribs were found to have cracks resulting from drilling and were replaced. These cracks are believed to have resulted from the lack of an adequate backup during drilling.

When spalling occurred it was always immediately evident. Delaminations were usually not evident until after the part had been chemically etched. If the defective hole was found, and redrilled for a repair fastener after the other holes were chemically etched, it was necessary to locally etch the redrilled hole using a felt rod or 'Q'-Tip. This procedure for salvaging beryllium parts is quite satisfactory for removing the damaged area and eliminating its deleterious effects on material strength. However, when a hole is locally etched by hand, it is often oversized and out of round due to the difficulty of etching all surfaces uniformly. Therefore, this salvage procedure is not suitable for highly loaded joints where all fasteners must be fully effective to develop the required joint strength.

## 6. Countersinking Beryllium

Excellent results were obtained machining the countersink recesses in beryllium for flush fasteners. After the fastener hole was drilled to size (less the allowance for chemical etching), the countersink recess was machined by means of a conventional stop countersink with a carbide cutter in a drill press. Cutter speed was 1115 rpm and hand feed was used. A piloted backup was used to avoid dimpling. It was found that approximately 50 countersink recesses for 5/32 or 3/16 flush fasteners could be machined before the cutter had to be resharpened.

The use of flush fasteners does impose one design limitation. The countersink depth should be approximately .015 inch less than the skin thickness to avoid a knife edge which will invariably chip at the base of the countersink. This limitation does not necessarily result in a weight penalty. The beryllium rudder cover skins were attached with flush fasteners. To accommodate the flush fasteners, the cover skin thickness was varied by chemical milling so that the skin was of greater thickness along the fastener line than between fastener lines. Thus, for axial loading, all of the material was effective and no weight penalty resulted.

## 7. Forming Beryllium

Equipment and procedures used in forming beryllium structural elements are described below.

7.1 Equipment - Forming was performed in a 500 ton hydraulic press. Two electrically heated platens, installed in the hydraulic press, were used to heat the forming dies to the desired forming temperature ( $1325^{\circ} \pm 25^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Temperature was controlled automatically and recorded continuously. The platens incorporated retainers for holding the forming dies in position during forming.

7.2 Form Dies - Mated dies, machined from H-13 steel, were used for all beryllium forming. This is temporary tooling suitable for limited production only, since H-13 steel oxidizes readily at beryllium forming temperature and must be cleaned after use. For volume production, ceramic or super-alloy, e.g., Hastelloy X, dies are more efficient. Some of the forming dies for beryllium channel sections are shown in Figure 81. Figure 82 shows the mated forming die for the rudder balance weight rib at station  $Z_R = 130.87$ . This particular rib is a channel section with closed flanges. To form the closed flanges, the sides of the male and female die halves were slightly tapered in a closed angle shape. In addition, the sides of the female half of the die were made to be moved together slightly with manually operated cams affixed to the base of the die. With the movable sides in the wide open position, the die halves were mated in the press. The closed angle of the rib flanges was then attained by closing the sides on the female half of the die thus forcing the flanges of the formed part to close upon the male die.

Two of the rudder ribs were formed with joggled flanges. This was accomplished satisfactorily, with no modifications to the forming procedure, using dies with joggled faces as shown in Figure 81. Joggle length was ten times joggle depth.

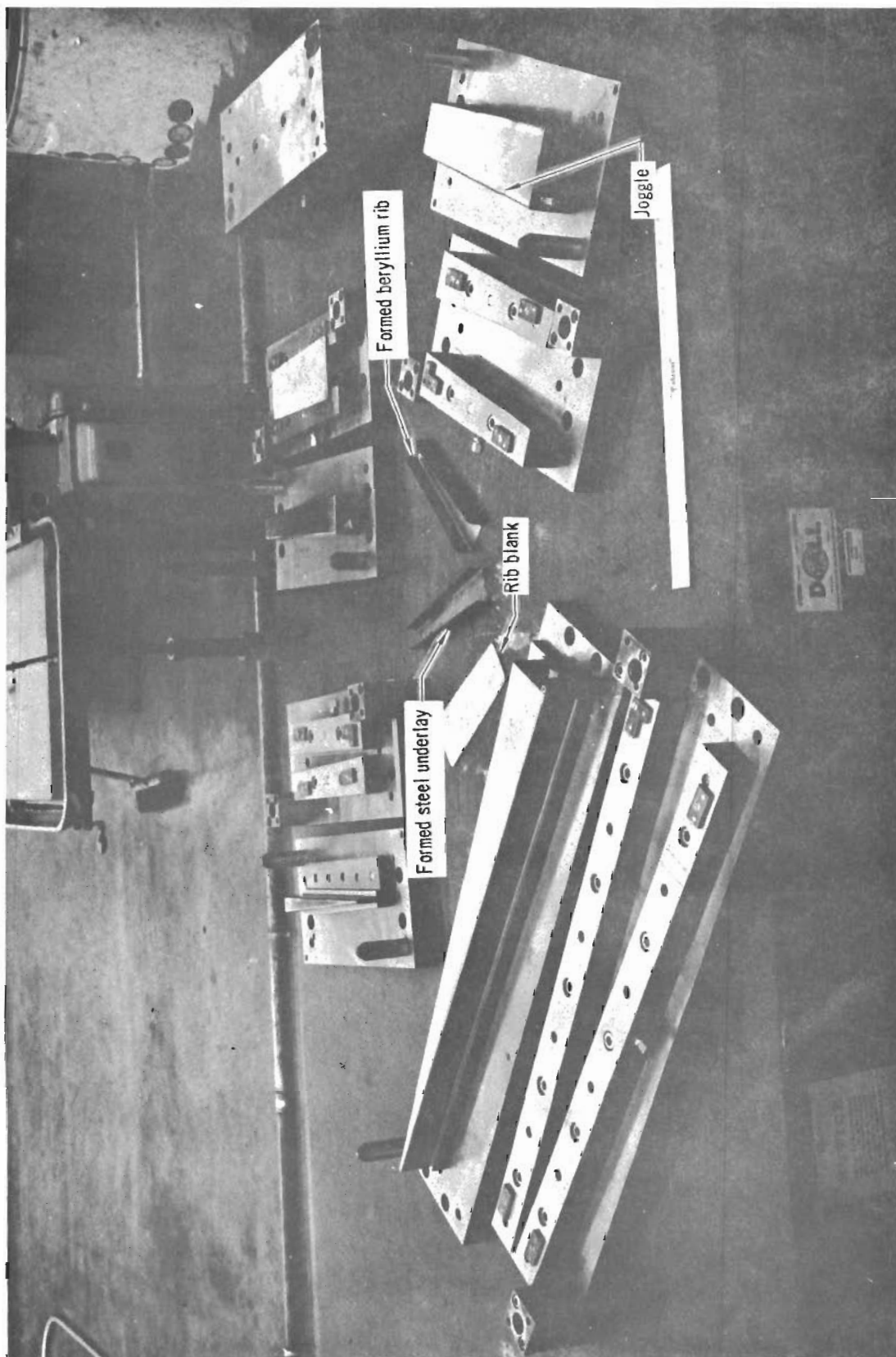


Figure 81 - Mated Hot Forming Dies for Beryllium Rudder Ribs

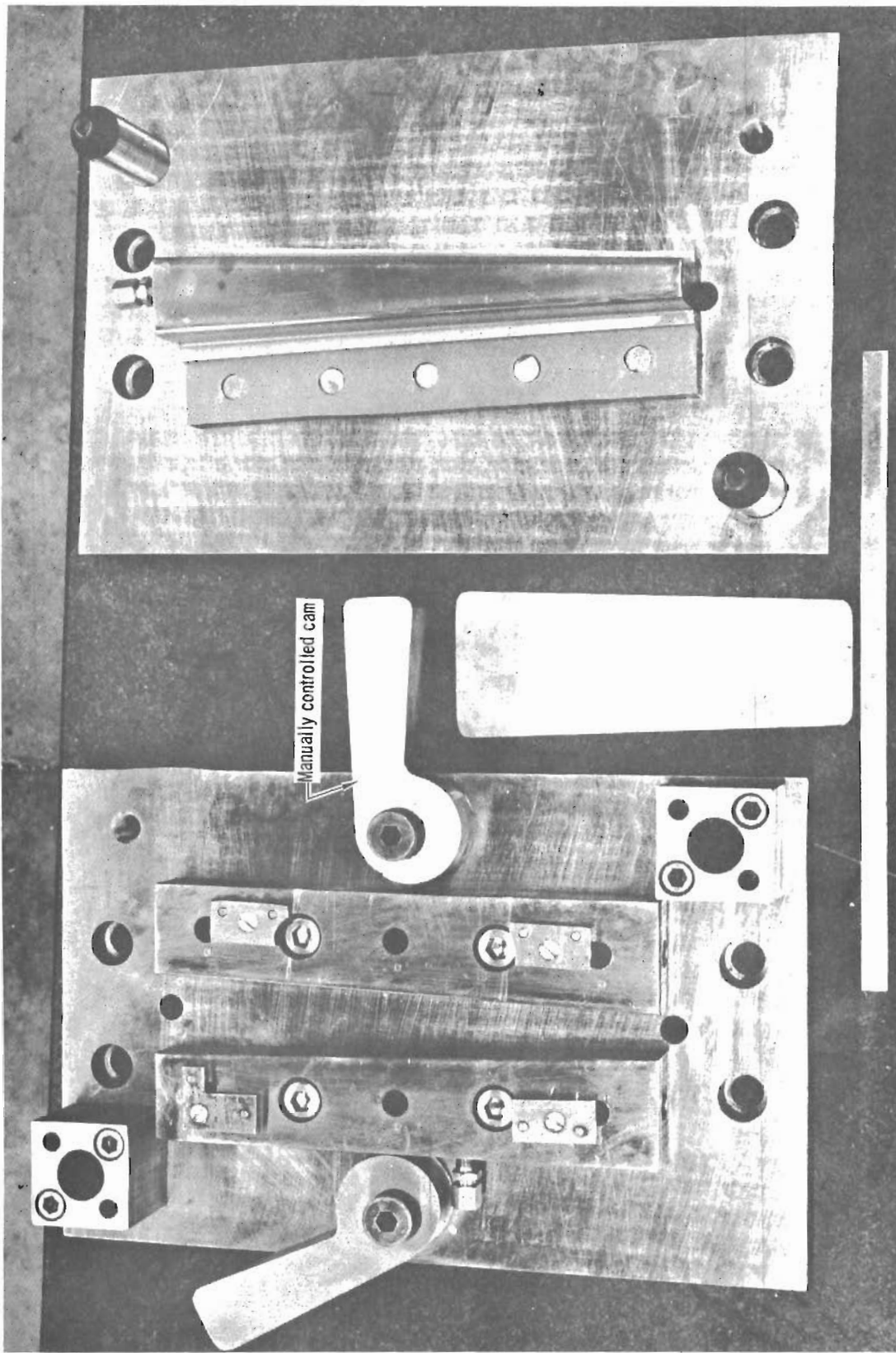


Figure 82 - Mated Hot Forming Die for Rib with Closed Angle Flanges

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The dies were heated by conduction and radiation from the heated platens. Thermocouples were installed on each die half to insure that proper forming temperatures were maintained. No spring back allowance was provided. The dies used in forming the details of the element test specimens had clearances between the mating halves of .004 inch plus the thickness of the material to be formed. A die lubricant (Everlube T-50) was used. The dies used in forming the rudder parts had oversized clearances to allow for the thickness (.012) of an alloy steel underlay (rub strip). This steel underlay was used to prevent abrasive action between the forming die and the beryllium material. With the underlay in place, it was considered unnecessary to use the die lubricant, especially as the lubricant had the tendency to dry into a hard crust at the high forming temperature, and this crust was difficult to remove. Stops were provided on all female die halves to position the beryllium blanks for forming. It is mandatory that sufficient stops be provided to prevent beryllium from slipping on the die during the initial stages of forming.

7.3 Forming Procedure - After the temperature had stabilized at  $1325^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 25^{\circ}\text{F}$ , the beryllium part blank was placed on the die. Approximately three minutes were required to bring the part up to temperature, as determined by a hand-held probe thermocouple. The hydraulic press head was then closed at a rate of .10 to .15 inch per minute until forming was completed. A dwell time of 15 minutes, with the die closed, was allowed to accomplish stress relief. After stress relief, the heating elements were turned off; thereafter, the larger parts were allowed to cool in the die to minimize distortion and warpage. Parts less than 12 inches long were removed from the die immediately after stress relief and air cooled without excessive deformation. The channel ribs and spars were formed with a bend radius of  $5t$  ( $5 \times$  material thickness).



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The 1325°F forming temperature, the slow forming rate of .10 to .15 inch per minute, and the minimum bend radius of 5t are extremely important factors in forming beryllium. If forming temperature is less than 1300°F, cracks may develop in the bend radii regardless of forming rate or bend radius size. If forming temperature exceeds 1350°F, mechanical properties may be affected depending on the exposure time. Experience has shown that forming bend radii smaller than 5t and/or increasing the forming rate may cause cracking in the bend radii resulting in excessive reject rates. The slow forming rate does not significantly affect the total time required to form a part. Most of the time is spent in setup, stress relief, and cool-down after forming. For volume production, several parts could be formed simultaneously by attaching more than one forming die to the platens. This procedure was used in this program to form two ribs simultaneously. Data is not available on the forming temperatures and rates required for forming bend radii less than 5t. Until this data becomes available, 1300°F - 1350°F should be used for the forming temperature of beryllium, with a bend radii of 5t or greater.

All formed beryllium parts were of excellent quality. Bend angle variations were approximately  $\pm 1/4^\circ$  and the parts were straight within .01 inch total indicator reading over their length. The channel web widths were within .005 inch of those specified on the drawings.

7.4 Post Forming Cleaning - Liquid honing with a slurry containing Burr-Al-220 aluminum oxide abrasive was most satisfactory for cleaning beryllium after forming. An air pressure of 60 - 80 psi was used.

## 8. Chemical Milling of Beryllium

A sulfuric acid solution was used for chemical milling and etching of all beryllium parts for this program. The solution is described below, with the surface finish and metal removal rates obtained.

10% sulfuric acid by volume

Balance - tap water

Temperature - 90°F

Surface finish - 100-125 rms

Metal removal rate - .008 inch per minute

Chemical milling was used to vary the material thickness of the detail parts in order to achieve minimum weight consistent with design requirements. Figure 83 shows the extent of chemical milling on the front torque box cover skins. The maximum amount of metal removed from a surface by chemical milling was .080 inch. The tolerance specified ( $\pm .001$  inch) was achieved in all cases. Chemical etching (.0015 - .0025 inch per surface) was required on every beryllium detail part to remove any microscopic surface cracks or mechanical twins that may have been introduced during machining. No difficulty was experienced in chemical milling or etching.

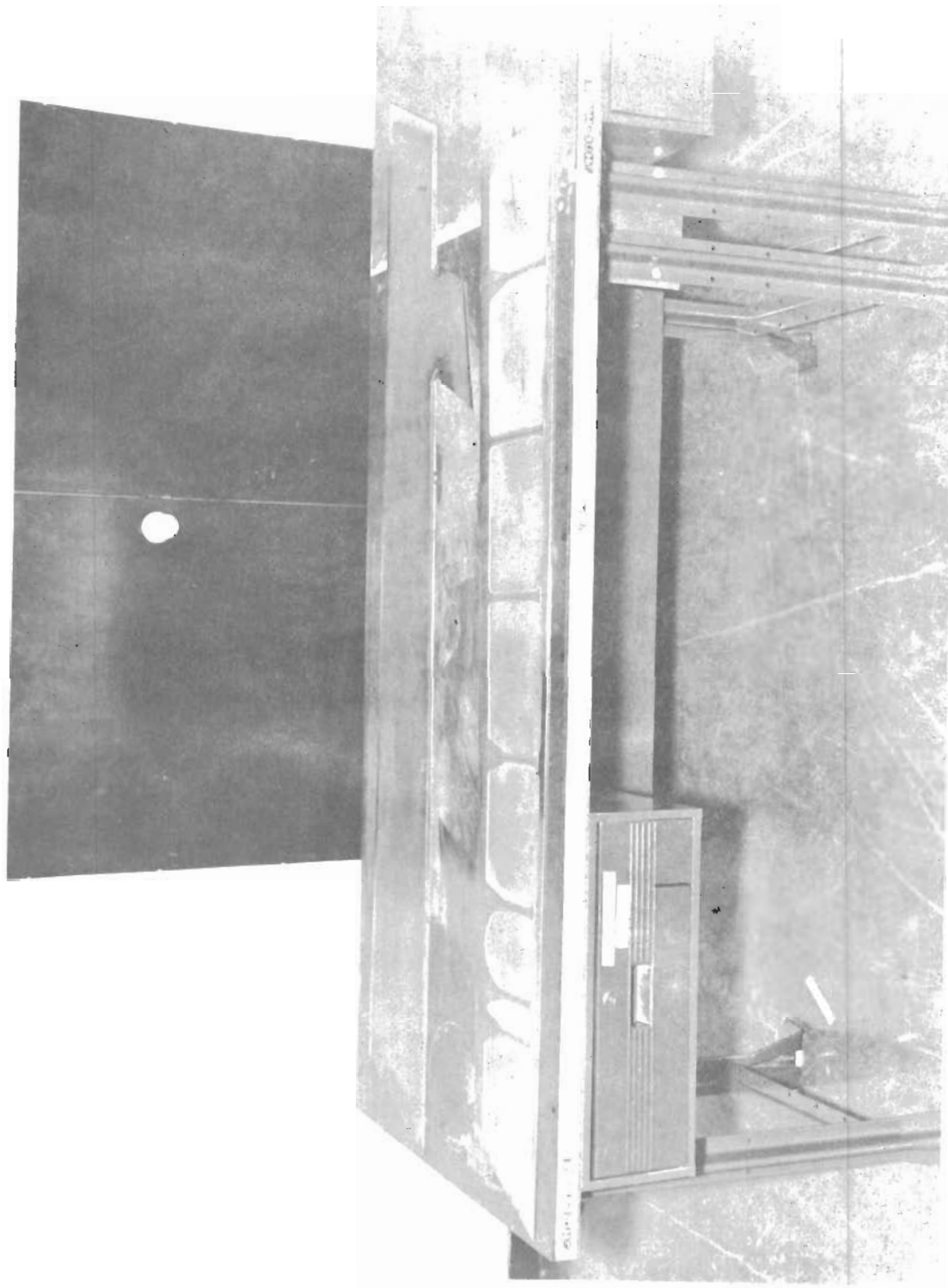


Figure 83 - Beryllium Rudder Front Torque Box Cover Skins

## 9. Adhesive Bonding

The honeycomb trailing edge assembly for the beryllium rudder is a relatively complex structure which was bonded with FM-61 adhesive, a nitrite pehnolic/epoxy film. The trailing edge assembly detail parts are shown before, during, and after the bonding operation in Figures 84, 85, and 86, respectively. The face skins, doublers, and edging members all are beryllium. The non-perforated honeycomb core is 5052-H39 aluminum with 1/4 inch cell size and .001 inch foil thickness. The aluminum core and the adhesive are the same as those used in the trailing edge assembly of the production rudder for the F-4 aircraft.

Bonding materials and procedures are the same as those used to bond aluminum, except that chemical etching is required for cleaning the beryllium parts prior to bonding. It is most convenient if bonding is performed within 24 hours after the beryllium parts received their final chemical etch, provided the parts are protected from contamination during this time. If this cannot be accomplished, a light chemical etch to remove .0005 from the surface is adequate for cleaning the beryllium prior to bonding. After cleaning, all surfaces to be bonded, except the honeycomb core, were treated with an epoxy resin primer (coupling agent), air dried for 30 minutes, and oven dried at 230-240°F. The parts were then assembled on a contoured base with the FM-61 adhesive film between all faying surfaces. Thereafter, the assembly was placed in a vacuum bag and compressed when the bag pressure was reduced to approximately 10 inches of mercury. While maintaining the vacuum condition, the assembly was placed in an autoclave. Autoclave pressure was increased to approximately 25 psig. and the vacuum bag vented to atmospheric pressure. Temperature in the autoclave was raised to 330-345°F and maintained for one hour before the assembly was allowed to cool. Autoclave pressure was maintained during the cooling cycle. Tests of the composite section and all of the other bonded test specimens, discussed in Section IV, substantiated the adequacy of this bonding process for the beryllium rudder.

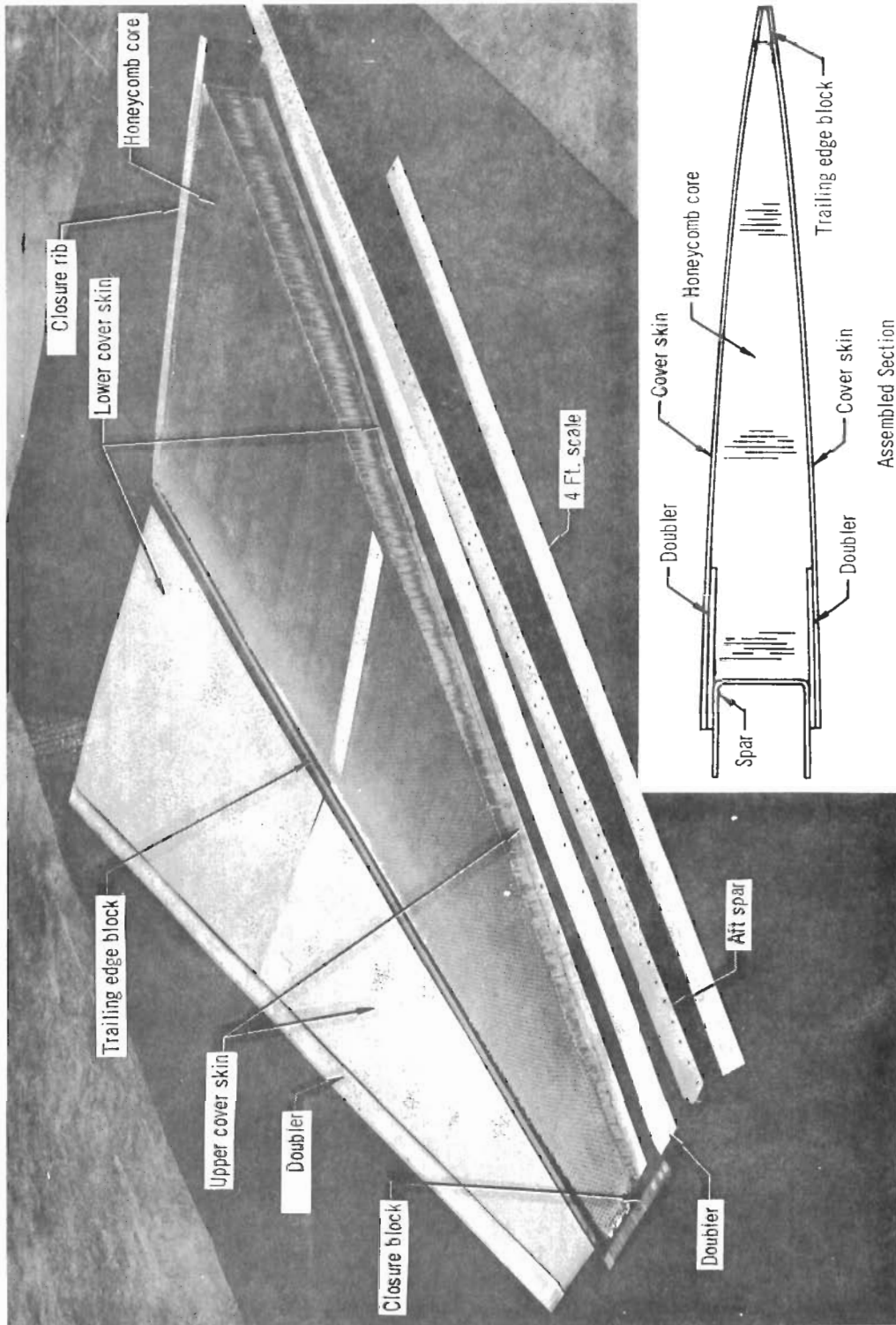


Figure 84 - Rudder Trailing Edge Assembly Structural Details

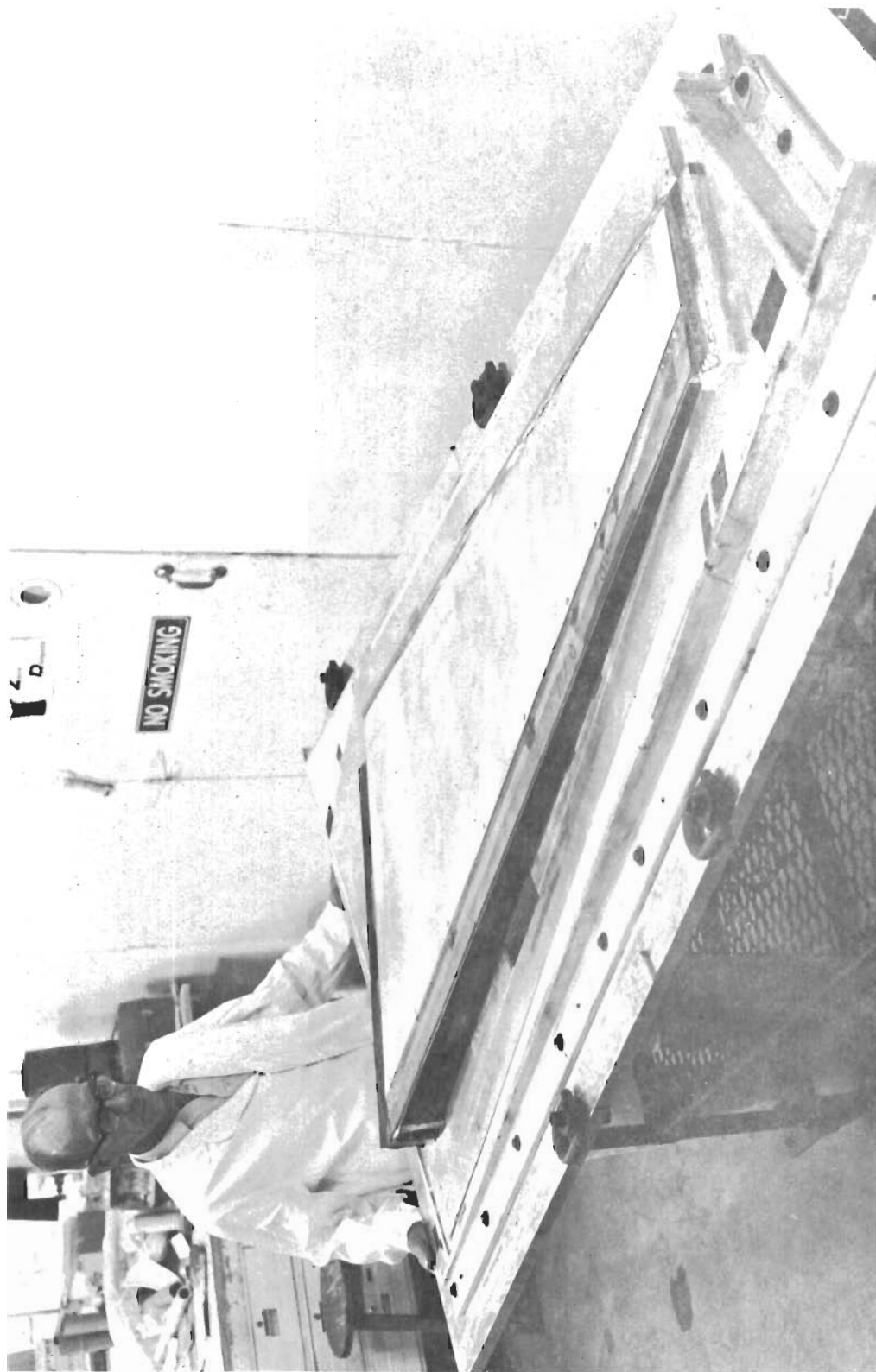


Figure 85- Rudder Trailing Edge Assembly and Bonding Fixture

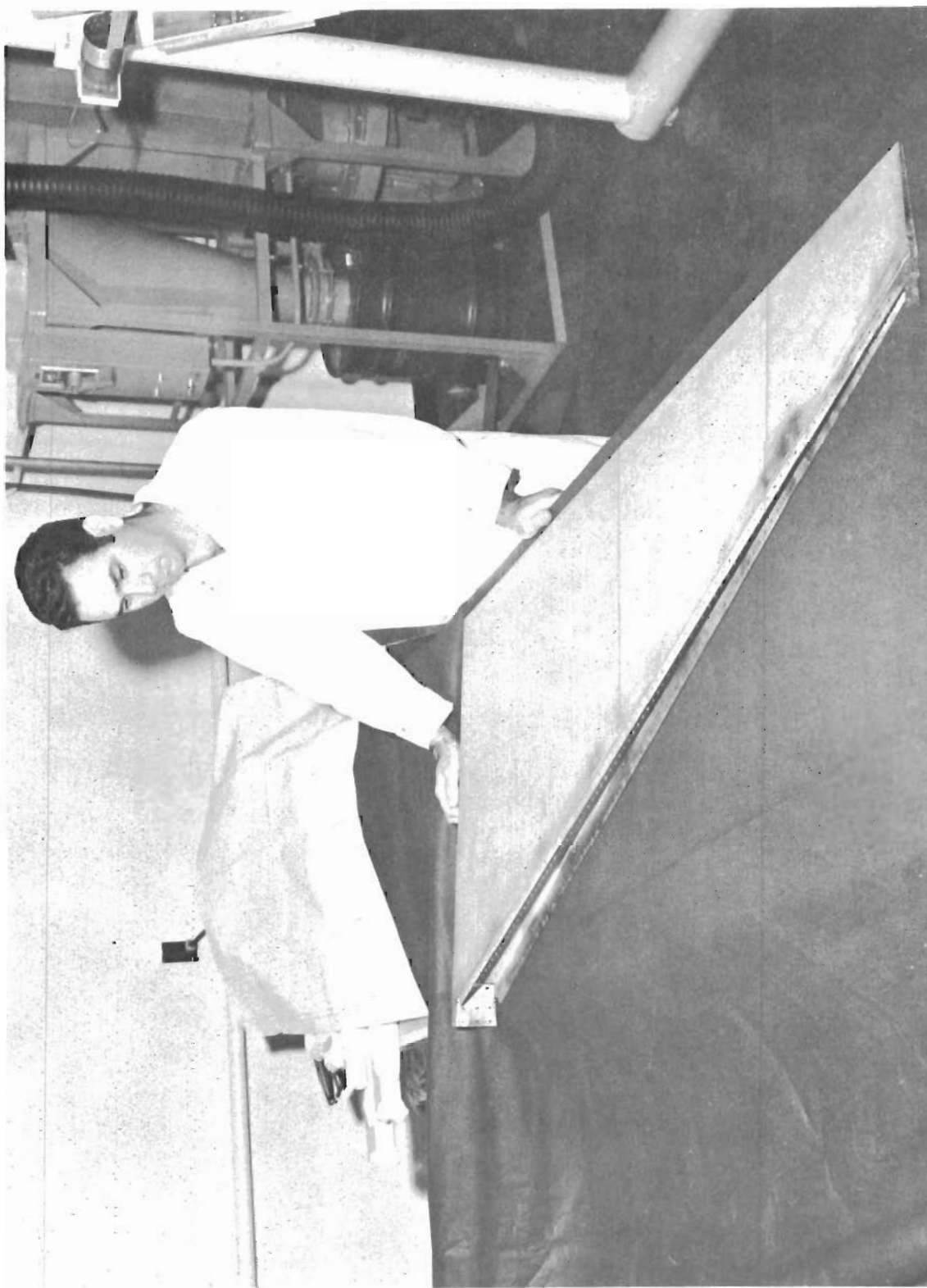


Figure 86- Beryllium Rudder Bonded Trailing Edge Assembly

## 10. Inspection

Standard aerospace inspection procedures were used on the beryllium detail parts and assemblies. Fluorescent penetrant inspection was used extensively as an aid in locating surface defects introduced in manufacturing. Large or complicated parts were fluorescent penetrant inspected several times in the course of fabrication to eliminate defective parts at the earliest possible time, and to aid in determining the cause of the defects. Fluorescent penetrant inspection is not completely reliable for locating defects on a machined surface since the defect is often smeared over in machining and will not show up until the surface is chemically etched. Therefore, final fluorescent penetrant inspection should be performed after chemical etching.



## 11. Rudder Assembly

Assembly of the beryllium rudder was accomplished with only minor difficulty. The knowledge and experience gained in Reference 2 contract and in the fabrication of the test specimens, especially the rudder composite section, for this program, proved very helpful. Following is a description of the rudder assembly sequence.

After fabrication, excluding the drilling of fastener holes, the detail rudder parts were assembled in the assembly fixture using clamps as shown in Figure 87. This was accomplished (1) to determine the need for any final machining operations, shimming requirements, or other procedures necessary to insure proper fit of the various rudder parts and (2) to locate and pilot drill fastener holes as shown in Figure 88. After disassembly, the fastener holes and countersink recesses were drilled to size (less .004 inch allowance for chemical etching of beryllium parts). After the drilling operation, the beryllium parts underwent chemical etching and final fluorescent penetrant inspection. Two ribs (see Subsection 5) and two doublers (see Subsection 4) were found to have cracks resulting from machining or drilling operations and were replaced.

After inspection, the trailing edge beryllium skins, the aluminum honeycomb core, the edging members and the aft spar were cleaned and bonded together, in the manner previously described in this section, into the trailing edge assembly (see Figure 86). Upon completion of the bonding operation, a crack was discovered in one of the upper cover skins at the rear spar. The cause of this crack could not be determined. It may have developed when the skin was deformed under bonding pressure (these skins were quite wavy) because of the differing foundation stiffness or because of a mismatch between the aluminum honeycomb core and beryllium spar (refer to Figure 84 for the trailing edge configuration). Because this area of the rudder is only lightly loaded, an external

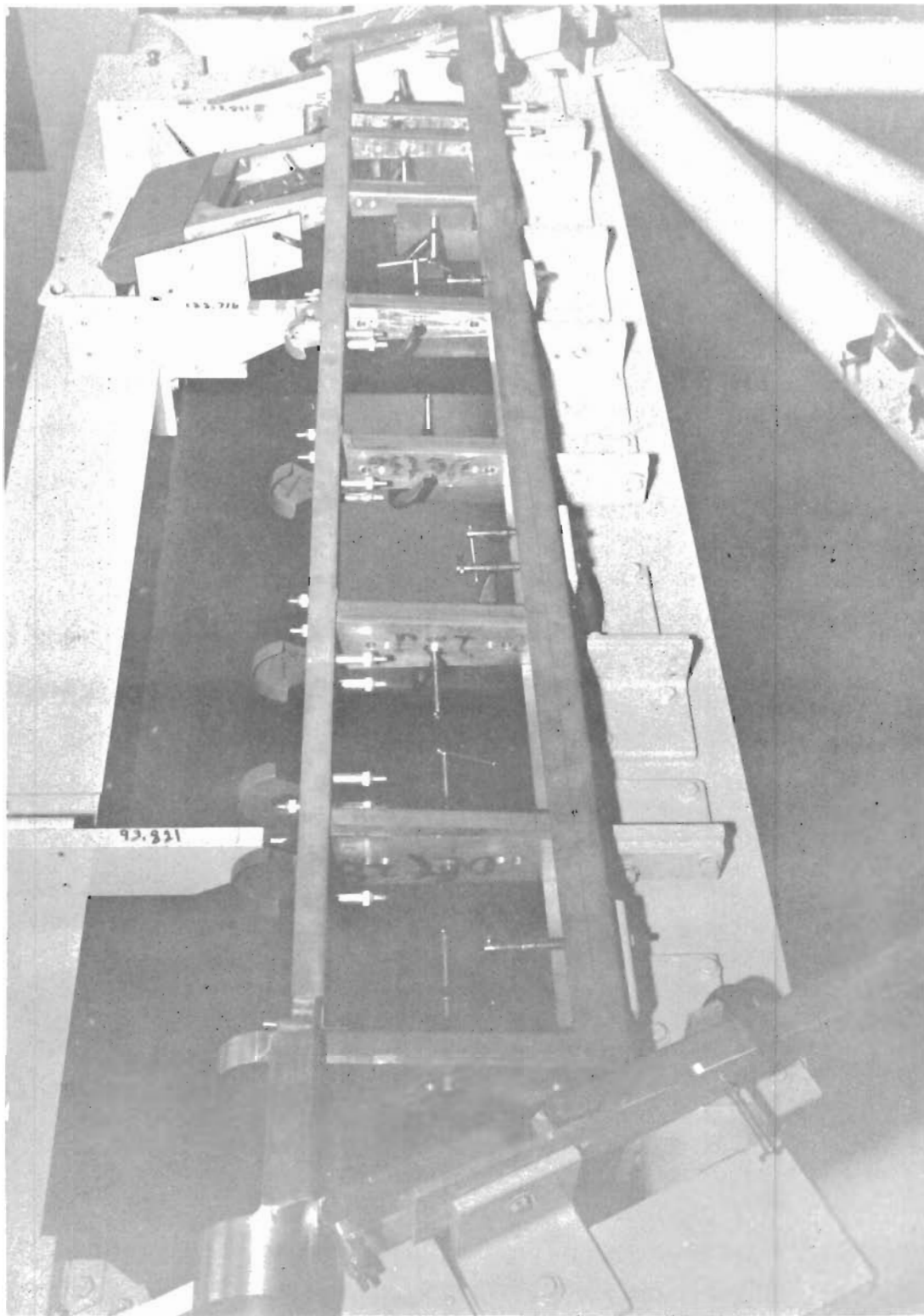


Figure 87 - Pre-Fit Assembly of Beryllium Rudder in Assembly Fixture



Figure 88 - Locating Fastener Holes in Rudder Front Torque Box

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doubler bonded over the area of the skin containing the crack was adequate to completely restore the structural integrity of the assembly. The adequacy of this repair was demonstrated by element testing and is discussed in Section IV.

Final assembly of the beryllium rudder was accomplished using conventional fasteners and installation procedures, except that vibration driven fasteners were not allowed. The front torque box beryllium detail parts shown in Figure 89, the torque tube fitting, the hinge fitting, the balance weight assembly and the leading edge structure were assembled in the fixture and joined with Hi Shear rivets, Hi Loks, Jo Bolts and Cherry rivets. Figure 90 shows the installation of Hi Shear rivets along the front spar. The trailing edge assembly was attached with Hi Shear and Cherry rivets. During assembly, while installing fasteners in the front spar-to-rib shear clip, a portion of one flange of the lower balance weight rib was broken when bumped by the fastener installation tool. An angle splice was fabricated and joined to the rib by both adhesive bonding and mechanical fasteners. With the splice, and the broken section of flange serving as a filler, the rib was secured to the spars and cover skins in a conventional manner. Figure 91 shows the broken rib flange and illustrates the manner in which the angle splice was installed.

Except for the broken flange of the balance weight rib discussed above, the final assembly operation was completed with comparative ease. Assembly of the rudder was greatly facilitated by the positive control of the position of all structural elements afforded by the assembly fixture. Accordingly, hole alignment and subsequent fastener installation was accomplished with little difficulty. Figure 92 shows the final assembly of the beryllium rudder in the assembly fixture. The high degree of accuracy maintained in the fabrication of the forming tools and the care exercised in the forming and chem-milling operations resulted in relatively little mismatching of parts and subsequent shimming requirements. The beryllium rudder, completely assembled, is shown in Figure 93.

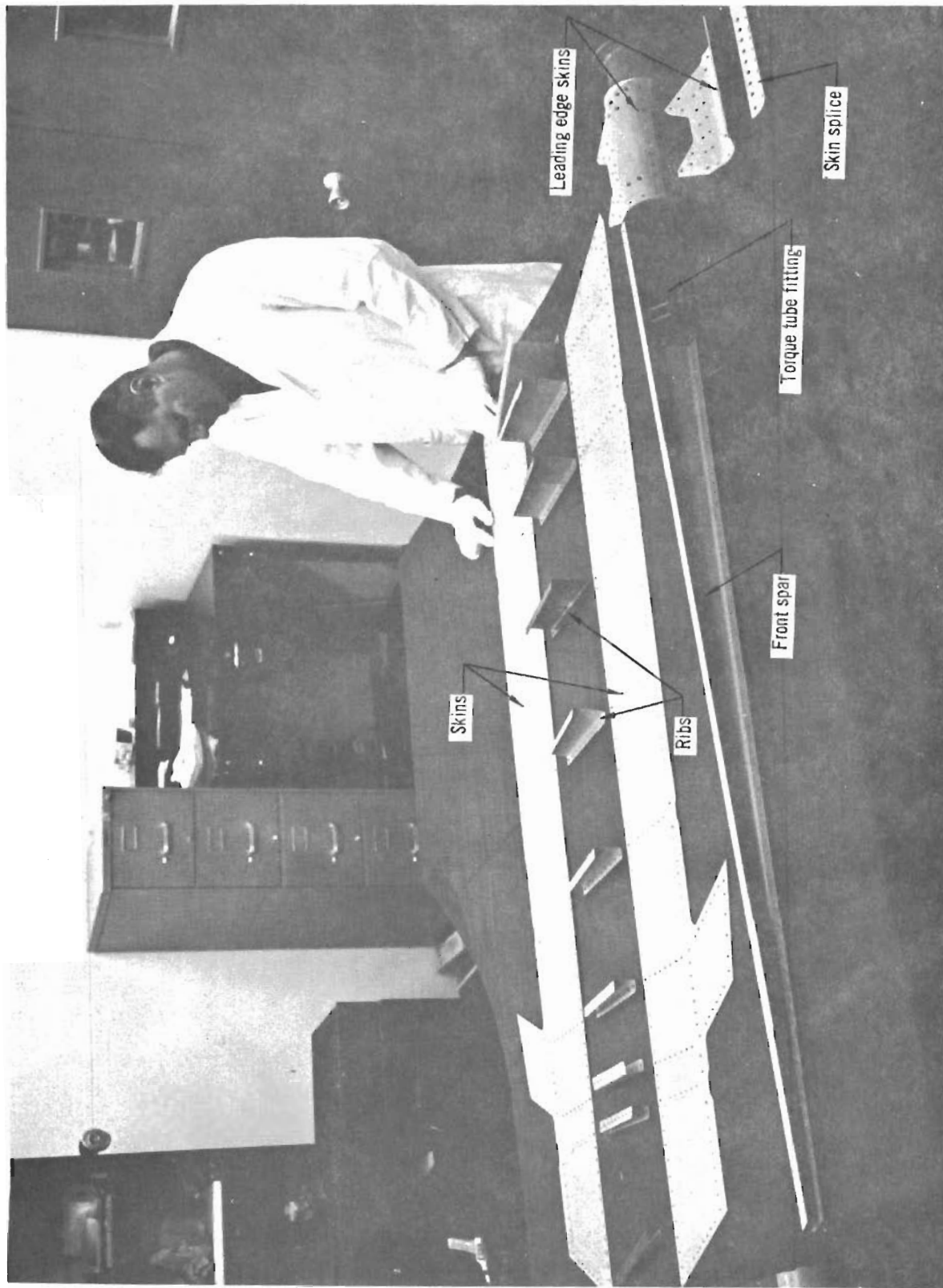


Figure 89 – Rudder Front Torque Box Detail Parts



Figure 90 - Rivet Installation Along Front Spar of Beryllium Rudder

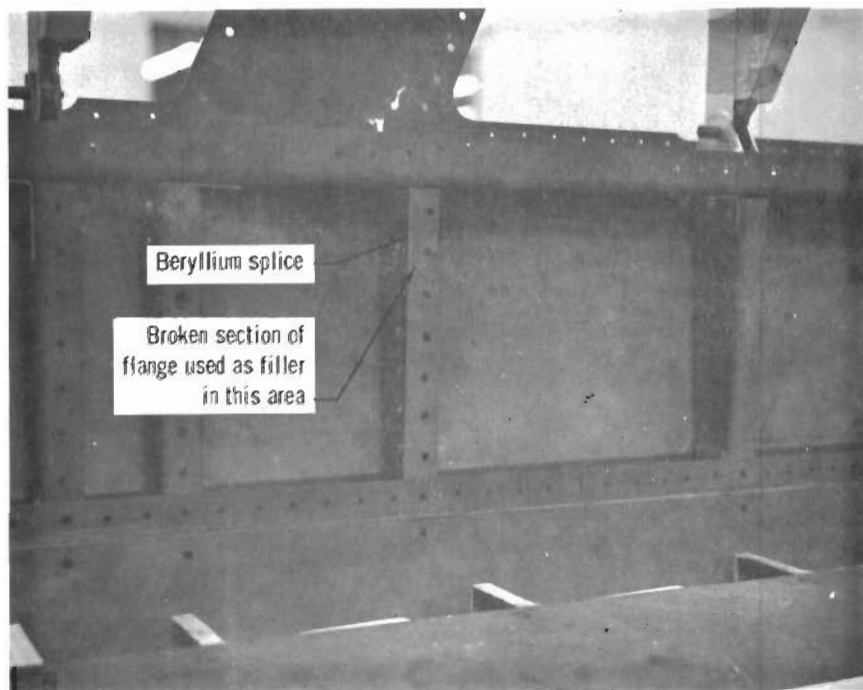
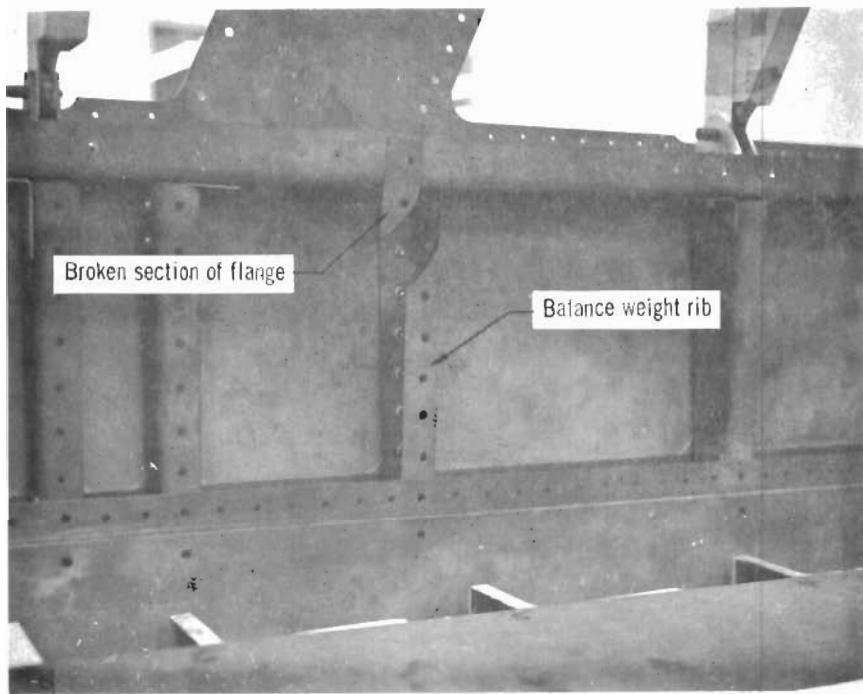


Figure 91 - Beryllium Rib with Broken Flange and Repair Splice

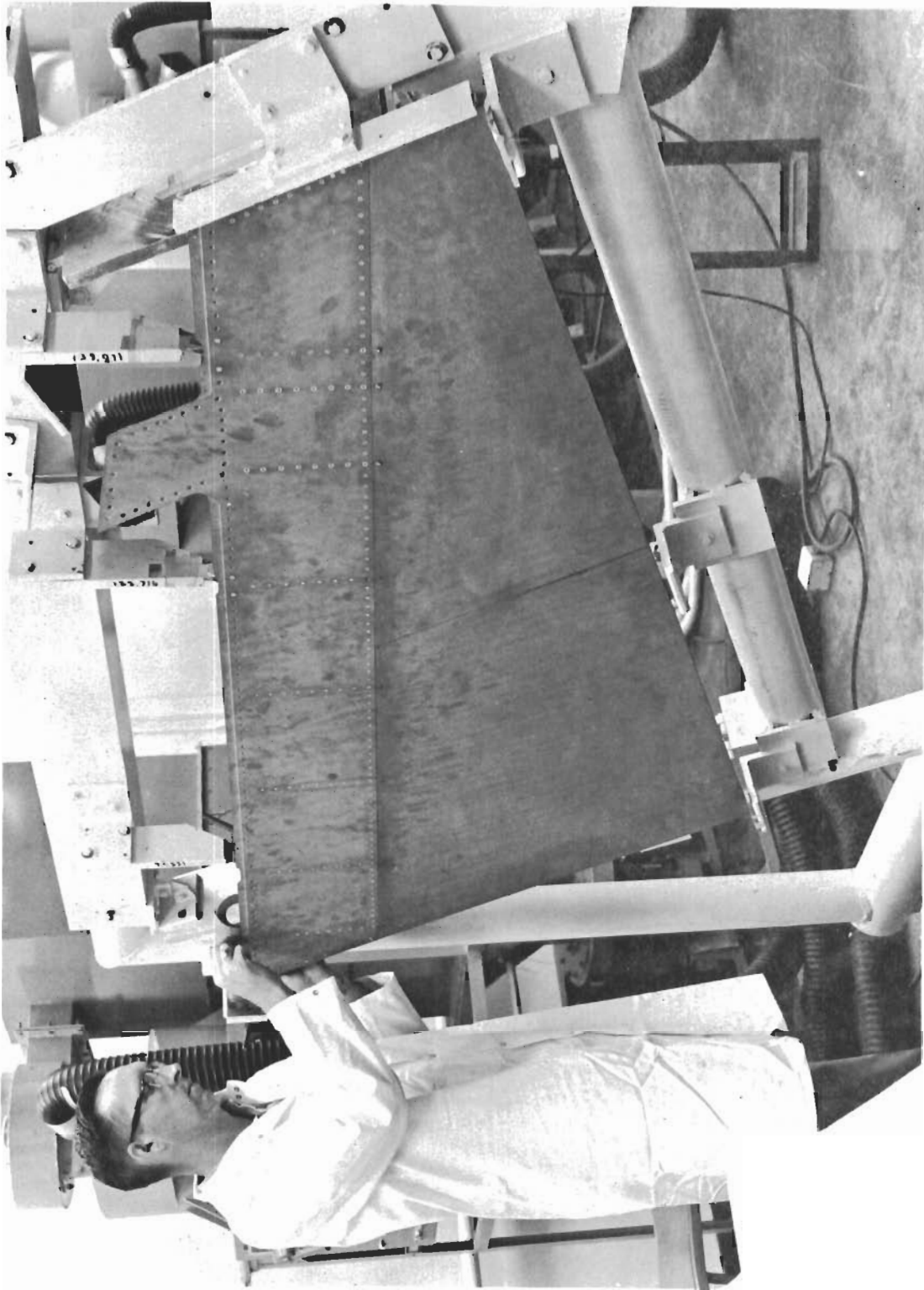


Figure 92 - Final Assembly of Beryllium Rudder





Figure 93 – Completed Beryllium Rudder Assembly

## SECTION VI

### RUDDER TEST PROGRAM

#### 1. Introduction

The objective of the beryllium rudder ground test program was to substantiate the structural integrity of the rudder assembly and thus to qualify it for flight testing on the F-4 aircraft. Test conditions duplicated as nearly as practical the design loading conditions described in Section III. The tests performed are summarized below in chronological order.

- o Test 1 - Fatigue test of the upper balance weight support structure, in which the rudder was subjected to 50,000 cycles of  $\pm 40g$ 's inertial load on the upper balance weight, perpendicular to the symmetry plane of the aircraft. This test was completed with no apparent damage to the beryllium structure.
- o Test 2 - Rudder ultimate static test to Condition I loads, in which the rudder was subjected to 150% of the maximum airload, with center of pressure at 30% chord, which produces the maximum torque that the rudder structure can sustain without overpowering the rudder actuator. This test was completed with no apparent damage to the rudder structure.
- o Test 3 - Rudder ultimate static test to Condition III loads, in which the rudder and the fin were subjected to 150% of maximum total load on the vertical tail, producing the maximum vertical tail bending and deflections and hence the maximum bending and shear in the rudder due to the compatibility between the rudder and fin structures. This test was completed with no apparent damage to the rudder structure.
- o Test 4 - Test 2 above was repeated, with the load allowed to increase beyond the 150% level to provide a direct comparison with the production aluminum rudder which had previously sustained 225% of the

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maximum limit load of Test 2. After approximately 205% of the limit load had been applied, a crack occurred at the forward end of the trailing edge lower closure rib. However, the load did not fall off. It was subsequently increased to 250% of the limit and held for 30 seconds, after which the test was discontinued.

The beryllium rudder test program was more stringent than the one undergone by the production aluminum rudder. The successful completion of this test program demonstrated the structural integrity of the rudder and qualified it for eventual flight testing on the parent F-4 aircraft. Following is a description of the tests and a discussion of the test results.

## 2. Test 1: Fatigue Test of Upper Balance Weight Support Structure

The objective of this test was to demonstrate the structural integrity of the upper balance weight support structure for repeated inertial loading, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section III. The lower balance weight support structure is identical to that which had already been qualified on the production rudder and, therefore, was not tested. Following is a description of the test set-up and a discussion of the test results.

2.1 Test Set-Up - The set-up for the fatigue test of the beryllium rudder is shown in Figure 94. The rudder was installed in a vertical fin - aft fuselage assembly, with the fin in a horizontal position. Rudder hinge points were connected as in a normal service installation. The fuselage section was bolted to a fixed support at its forward end (fuselage station 515.00). A torsion spring bolted to a support fixture was connected to the control horn attachment of the rudder, as shown in Figure 95, to simulate the actuator back-up stiffness. A large exciter (Model C-10, MC Electronics Co.) was connected by a loading link to the balance weight. The connection was made by bolting through a 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) hole drilled through the balance weight's center of gravity. To reduce inertial loads in the fin, it was restrained during the test with lead weights and a link attached to the tip of the fin and the platform supporting the exciter. The tension pads shown in Figure 94 had been installed for subsequent use in static testing the rudder, but were not used in the fatigue test.

The test load was measured by a 500 lbs. (2224 N) capacity force gage (Model 2103, Endevco Corp.) attached to the loading link and monitored on a voltmeter (Model 320, Balantine Laboratories, Inc.). In addition, an accelerometer (Model 2235C, Endevco Corp.) and a vibration pickup with meter (Models 115 and

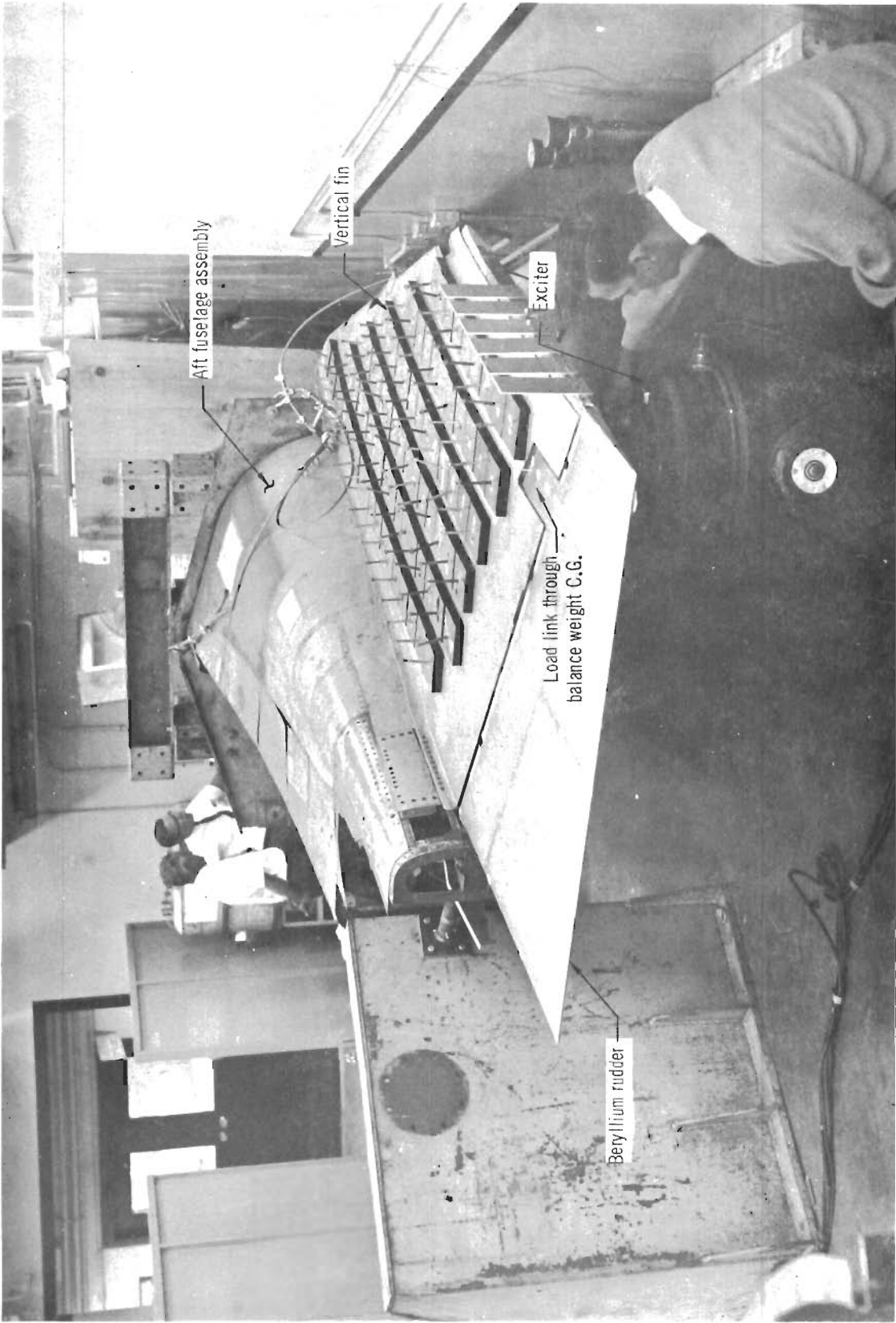


Figure 94 -- Set-Up for Balance Weight Support Structure Fatigue Test

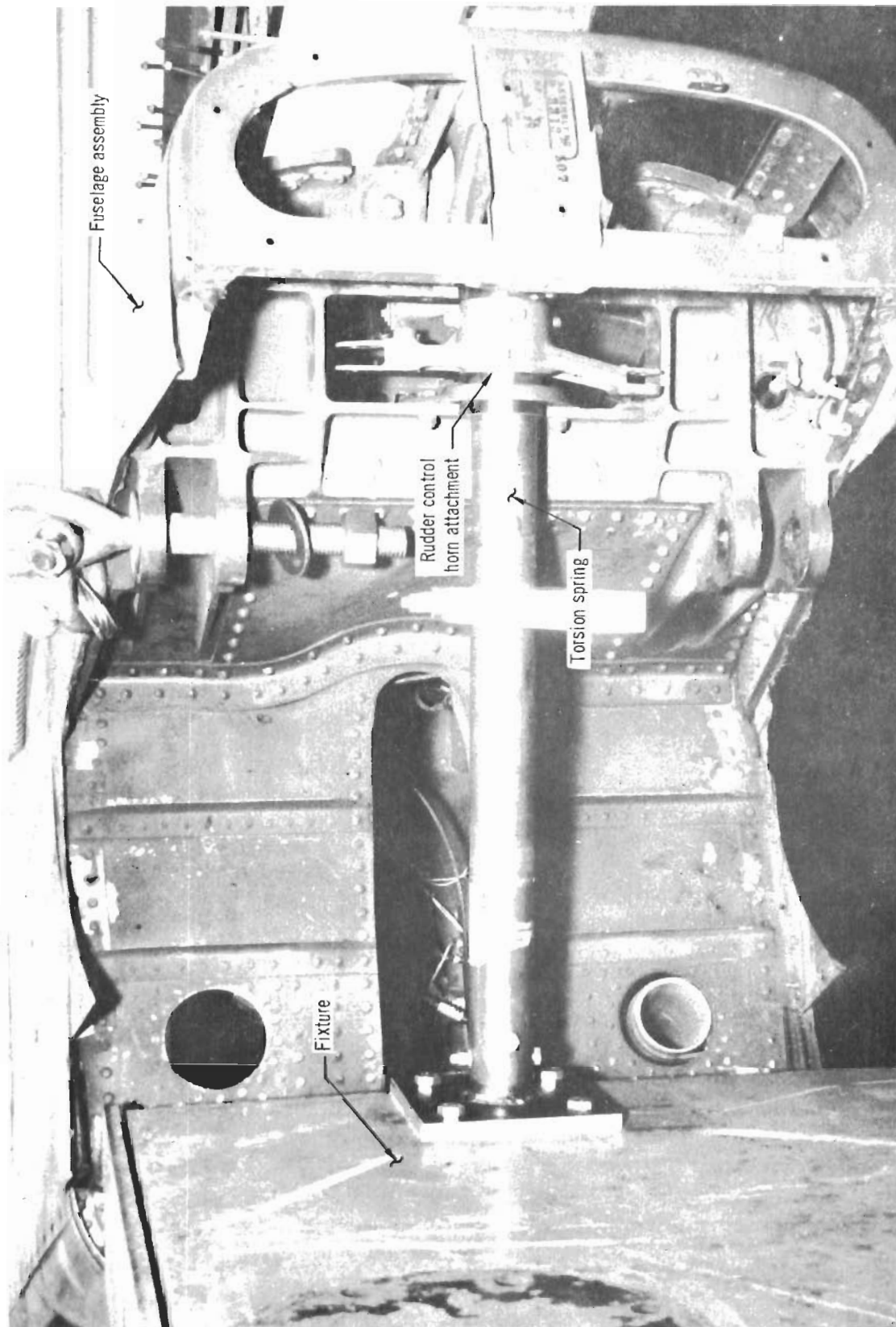


Figure 95 - Torsion Spring Installation

M-6, respectively, MB Electronics Co.) were used intermittently during the test to measure the deflection, acceleration and velocity at various positions on the rudder structure. These readings were correlated with the loading frequency to provide a check on the input load.

2.2 Test Procedure and Results - In this test, a 5-cps (Hz) sinusoidal force perpendicular to the symmetry plane of the aircraft and equal to a 40 g's peak load was imparted to the rudder structure at the balance weight center of gravity. This force was applied for 50,000 cycles and was equal to 40 times 8.87 lbs. (4.02 kg) of balance weight; force = 355 lbs. (1579 N). The counter for recording the number of cycles was not activated until this peak load was reached as indicated by the force gage.

A loud sharp noise was heard at 28,275 cycles, and testing was immediately halted. Examination showed the rudder structure to be unharmed, but a rivet failure had occurred. The rivet was one of four aluminum Hi-Shear fasteners used to attach the hinge fitting at station  $Z_R = 122.72$  to the rudder spar flanges (refer to Figure 12, Section III, for hinge location). Figure 96 shows the failed rivet which had fractured at a section in the collar retention groove and also had microscopic cracks in the head-to-shank filler radius. The failure probably resulted from the prying action of the test load which was reacted at that hinge. The failed rivet was replaced with a steel Hi Lok threaded fastener and testing was continued; the other three Hi Shear rivets at this hinge were similarly replaced after the test was completed. The required 50,000 cycles were attained with no further incident. A post-test inspection did not reveal any damage to the beryllium rudder assembly.

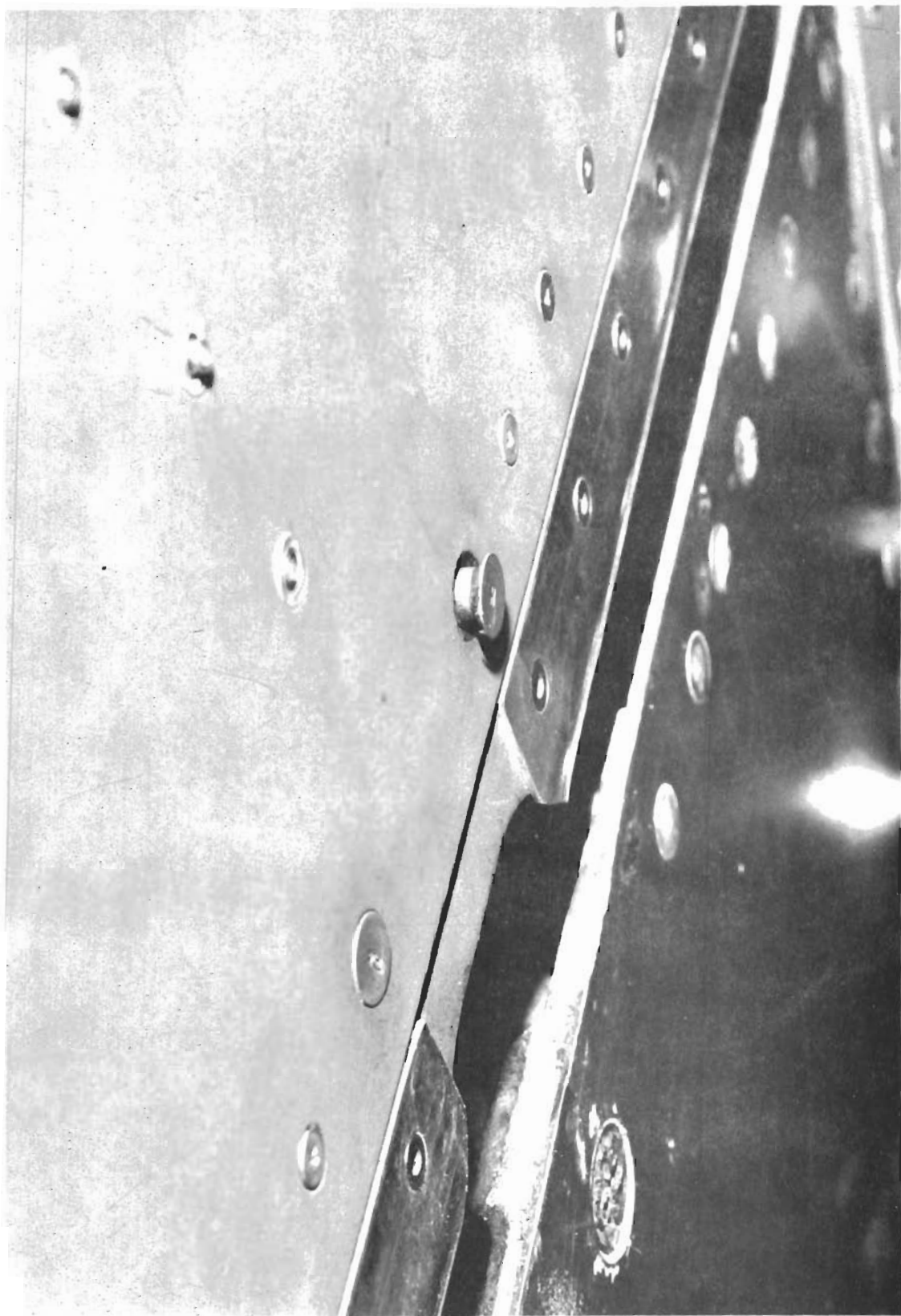


Figure 96 - Rivet Failure During Fatigue Test



### 3. Test 2: Rudder Ultimate Static Test With Maximum Airload at 30% Chord

The objective of this test was to demonstrate the structural integrity of the rudder structure under airloads producing the full available actuator hinge moment with the airloads center of pressure at 30% chord. The test loads simulated the loads of Design Condition I, described in Section III, and were carried to ultimate (150% of limit). Following is a description of the test set-up and a discussion of the test results.

3.1 Test Set-Up - The test set-up is shown in Figure 97. The rudder was installed in a vertical fin - aft fuselage assembly with the tail in a horizontal position. Rudder hinge points were connected as in a normal service installation. The aft fuselage assembly was cantilevered from a fixture, shown in Figure 98, at Fuselage Station 515.00. A fixed length jig assembly simulating the actuator was installed between the rudder and fuselage to maintain the rudder in neutral position during the test.

Neoprene rubber tension pads for applying test loads were bonded to the upper surface of the rudder using EC1300 adhesive (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing). The rudder, with the tension pads installed, is shown in Figure 99. The pads were linked through a whiffletree loading system to a hydraulic actuator. Loads were controlled by load programmers (made by Research, Inc.) through a calibrated strain link - feedback system. Only the rudder was loaded in this test; the separate tension pad - whiffletree loading system for the fin, shown in Figure 97, was used in Test 3.

Strain gages (Baldwin - Lima - Hamilton, AD-13) were bonded to the rudder at the locations shown schematically in Figure 100. Deflection indicators (rotary potentiometers) were placed on the underside of the rudder at the locations shown schematically in Figure 101. These deflection indicators installed

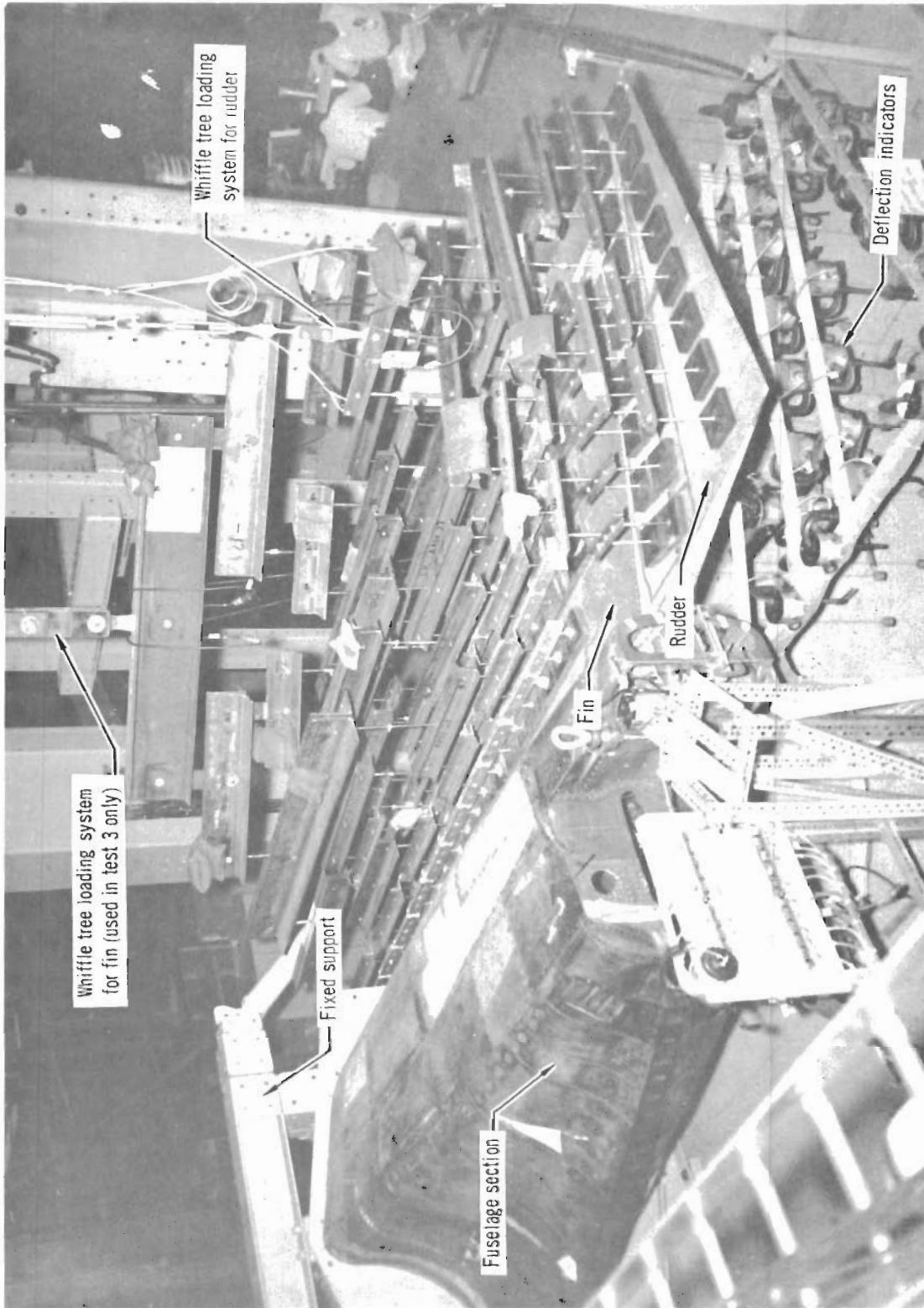


Figure 97 - Set-Up for Static Tests of Beryllium Rudder

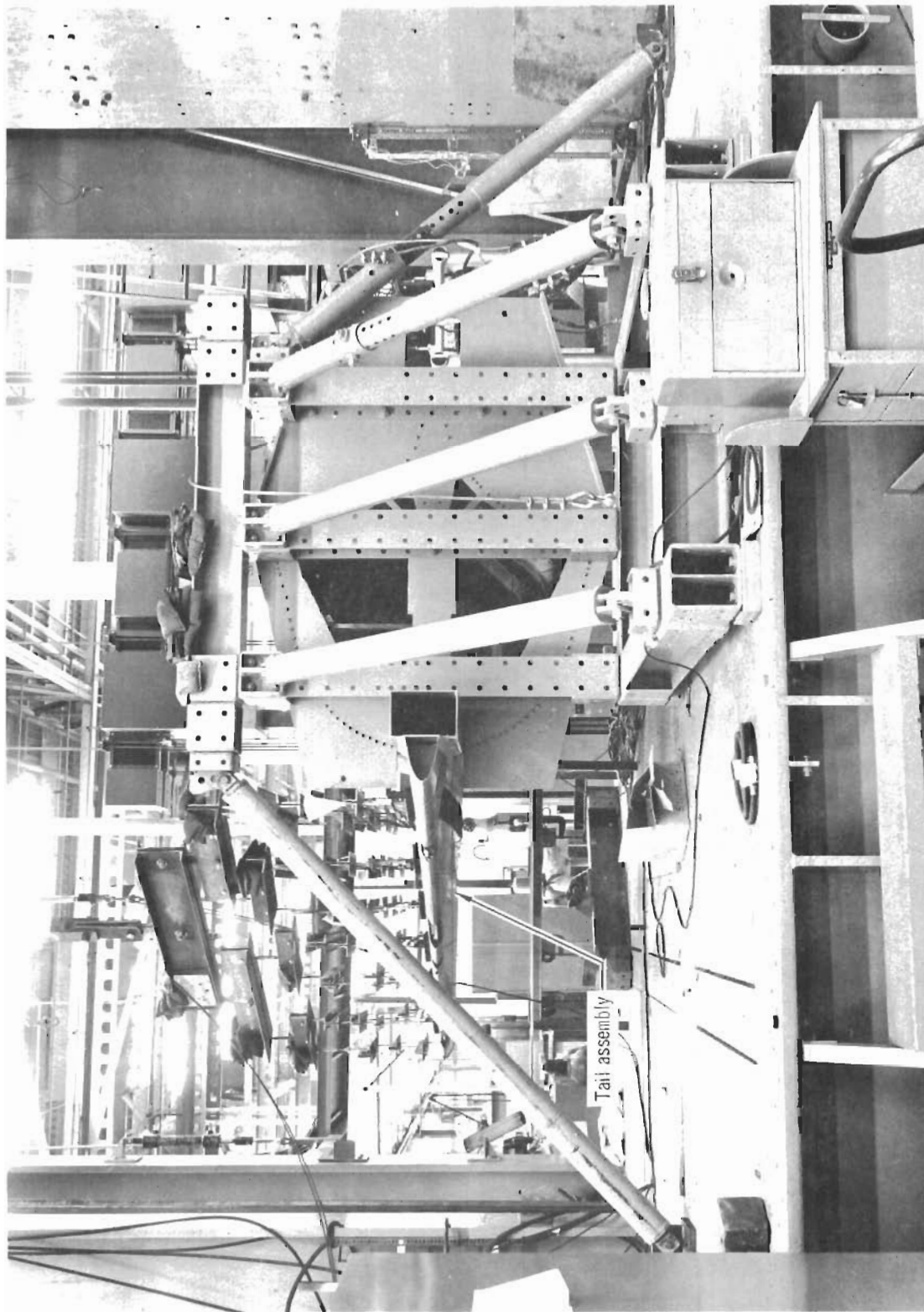


Figure 98 — Aft Fuselage Support Fixture for Beryllium Rudder Static Tests

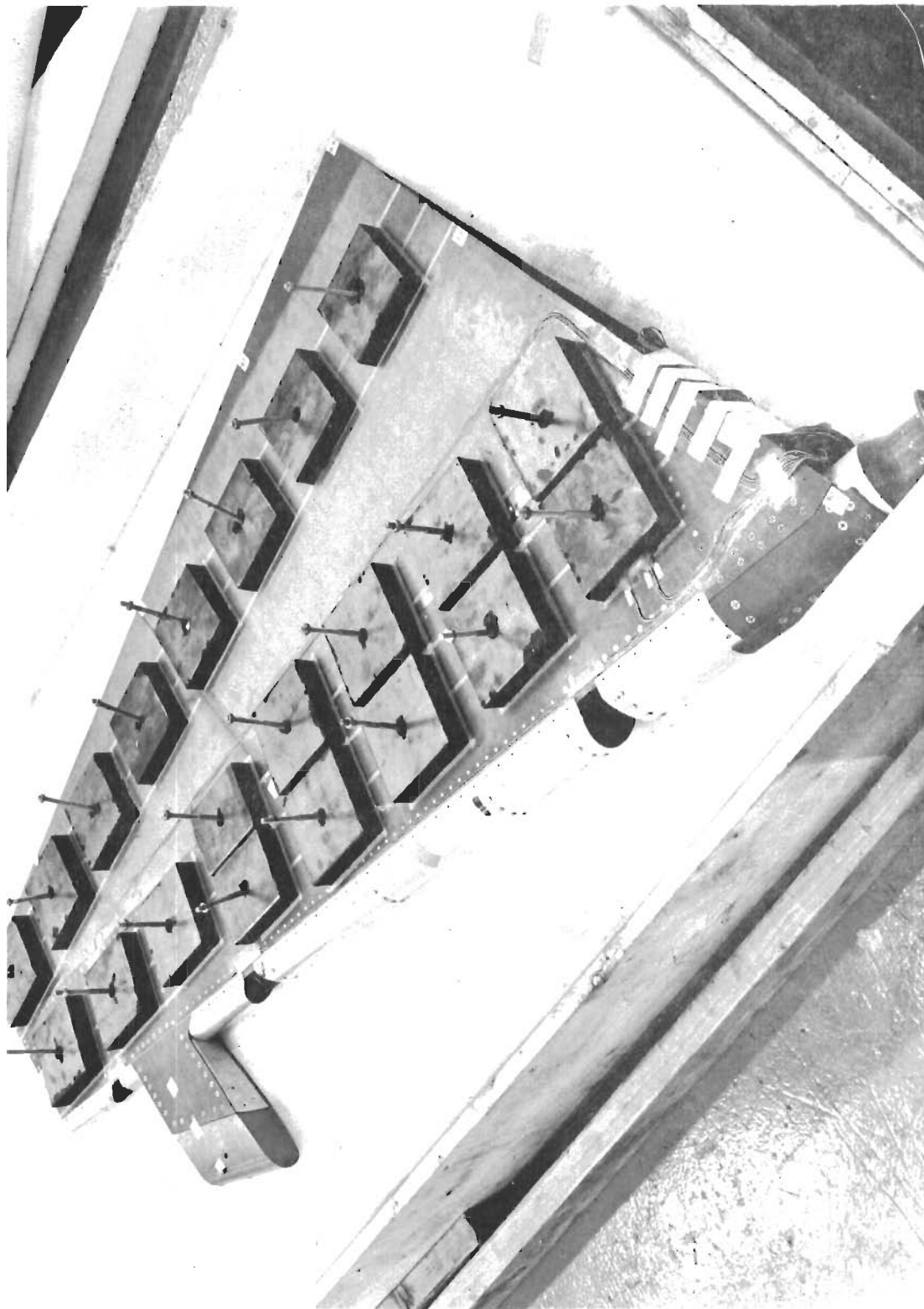
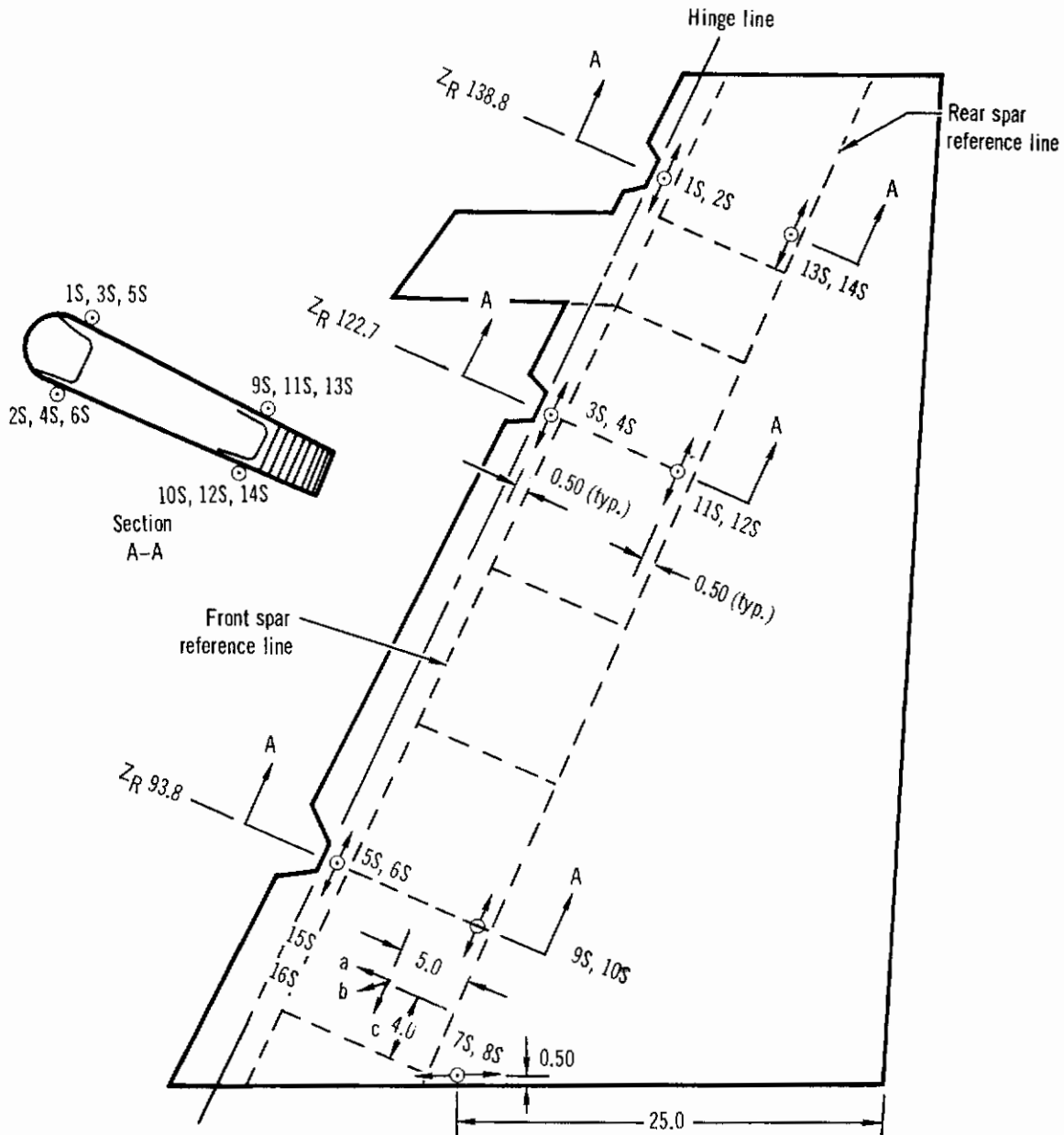


Figure 99 - Beryllium Rudder With Tension Pads Installed





- Notes:
1. Instrumentation installed on both sides of rudder at locations indicated.
  2.  indicates axis of strain gages.  
 indicates strain rosette.
  3. All instrumentation installed on rudder external surfaces.

Figure 100 - Beryllium Rudder Strain Gage Locations

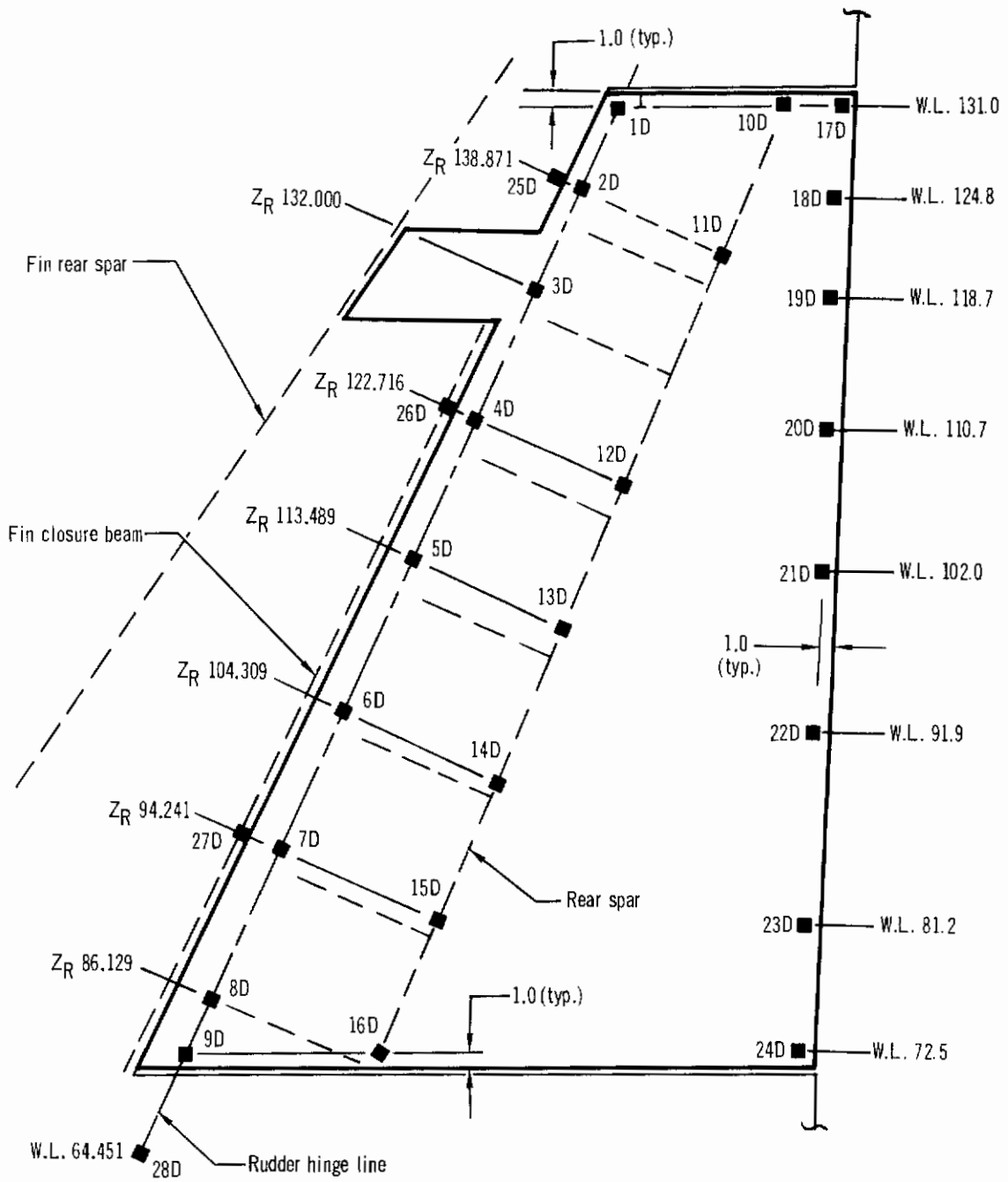


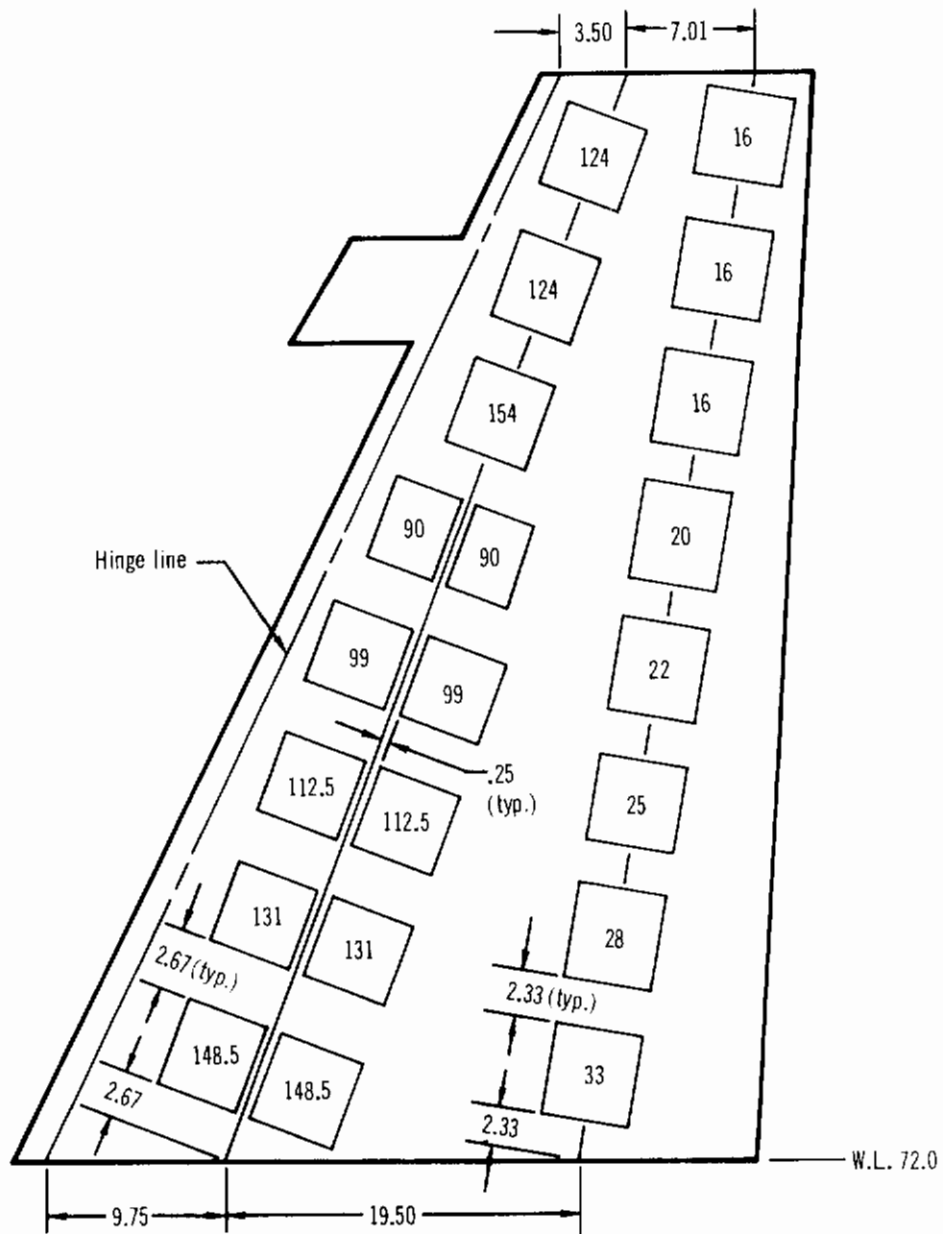
Figure 101 – Beryllium Rudder Deflection Point Locations

on the rudder are shown in Figure 97. Test data was recorded with the McDonnell Central Data Acquisition System. Strain gage and deflection instrumentation were the same for all static tests.

3.2 Test Procedure and Results - Test loads, simulating rudder airloads, were applied to the tension pads at a maximum rate of 20% of limit load per 30 seconds, in increments of 20% of limit load, up to limit load. From limit to ultimate load, loads were applied in increments of 10% of limit load. Loads were held constant for approximately 30 seconds after each load increment. Figure 102 shows a schematic of the tension pad layout and the maximum loads applied to the rudder in Test 2. Figure 102 presents a comparison of test and design loads for Condition I.

The strain data recorded during the test are shown in Figures 104 through 106. As shown, loads were first applied up to their limit value, then reduced to 20% of limit, and finally increased to 150% of limit (ultimate). As expected, the spanwise spar cap strains are relatively low; the maximum recorded value is  $290 \times 10^{-6}$  in./in. (equivalent to a stress of approximately 12 ksi (83 MN/m<sup>2</sup>)). The maximum stresses for this loading condition occur in the trailing edge cover skins as a result of the airloads being carried forward to the rudder front torque box and in the drive ribs where the rudder torque is transferred to the torque tube.

Deflection data are presented in Figures 107 through 110. Figure 111 presents a schematic of the rudder with deflections at 150% of design limit load. There was no damage to the rudder during Test 2.



- Notes: 1. □ indicates tension pad and load in pounds.  
 2. All tension pads were 5 inches x 5 inches except two pads with 90 lb. loads. These pads were 4 inches x 5 inches.  
 3. Ultimate load = 1,740 lbs. Ultimate hinge moment = 13,500 in.-lbs. Center of pressure at 30% chord.

Figure 102 – Rudder Tension Pad Layout and Ultimate Loads for Test 2



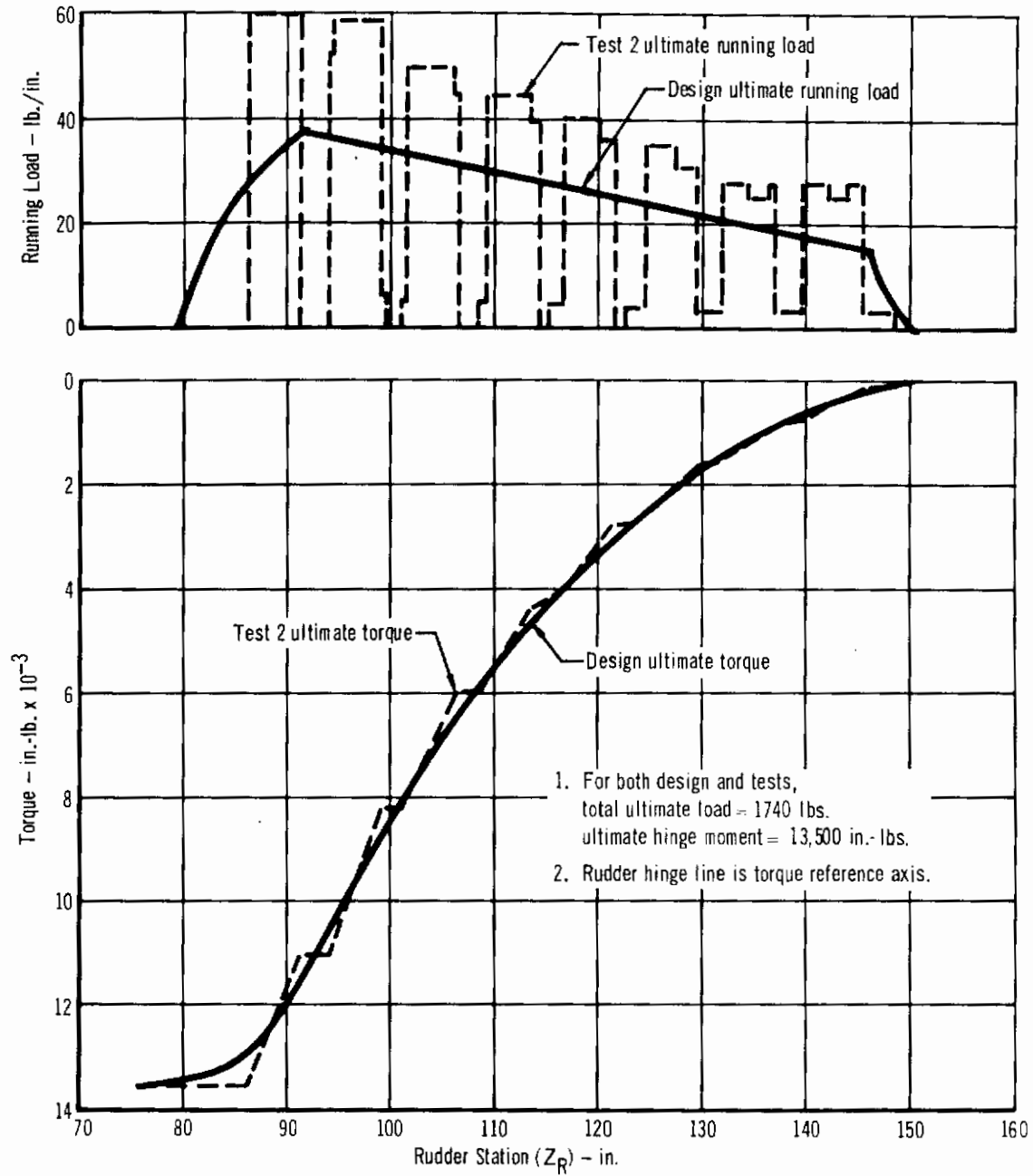


Figure 103 – Comparison of Test and Design Loads: Design Condition I

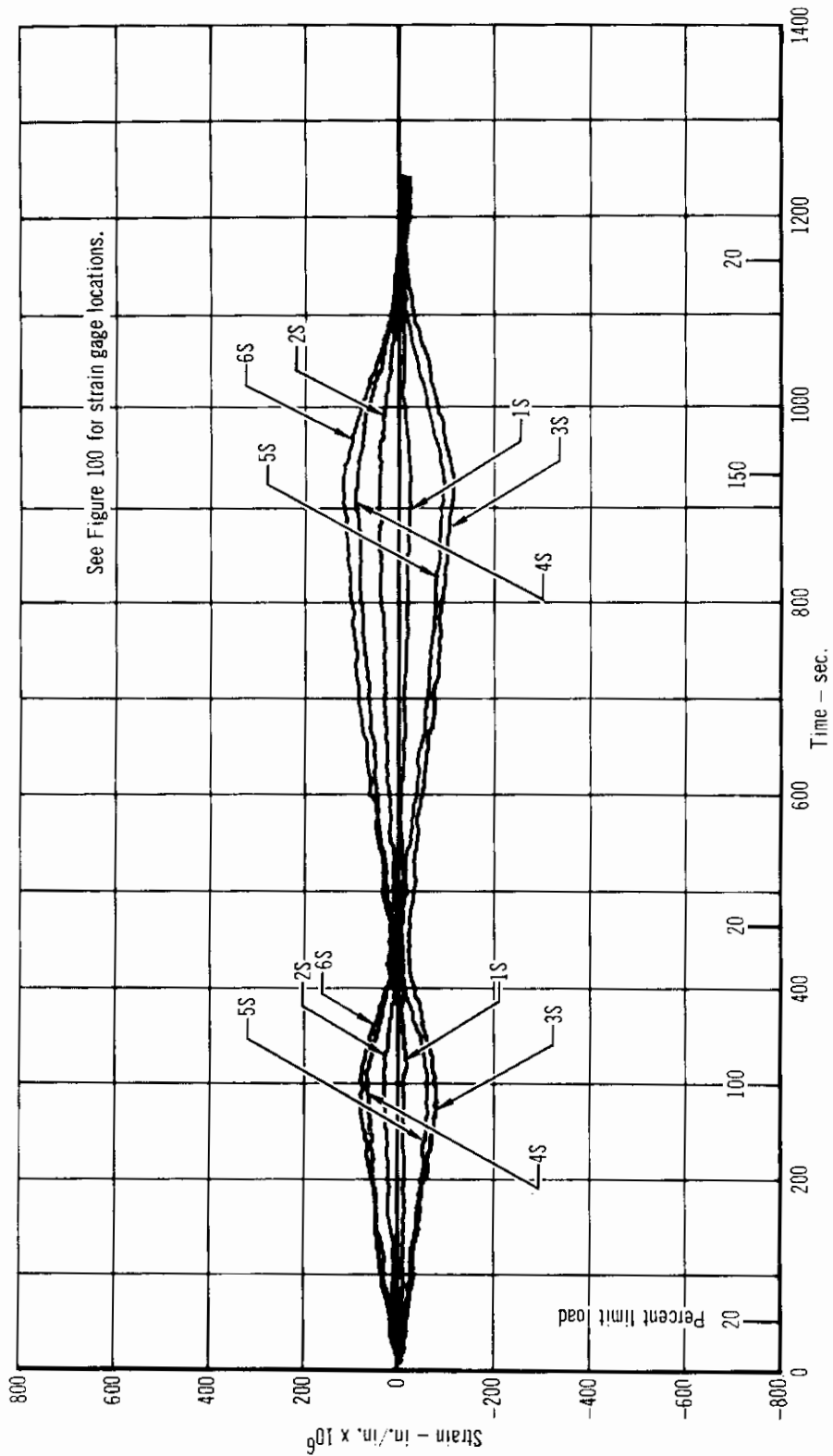


Figure 104 - Front Spar Strains: Test 2

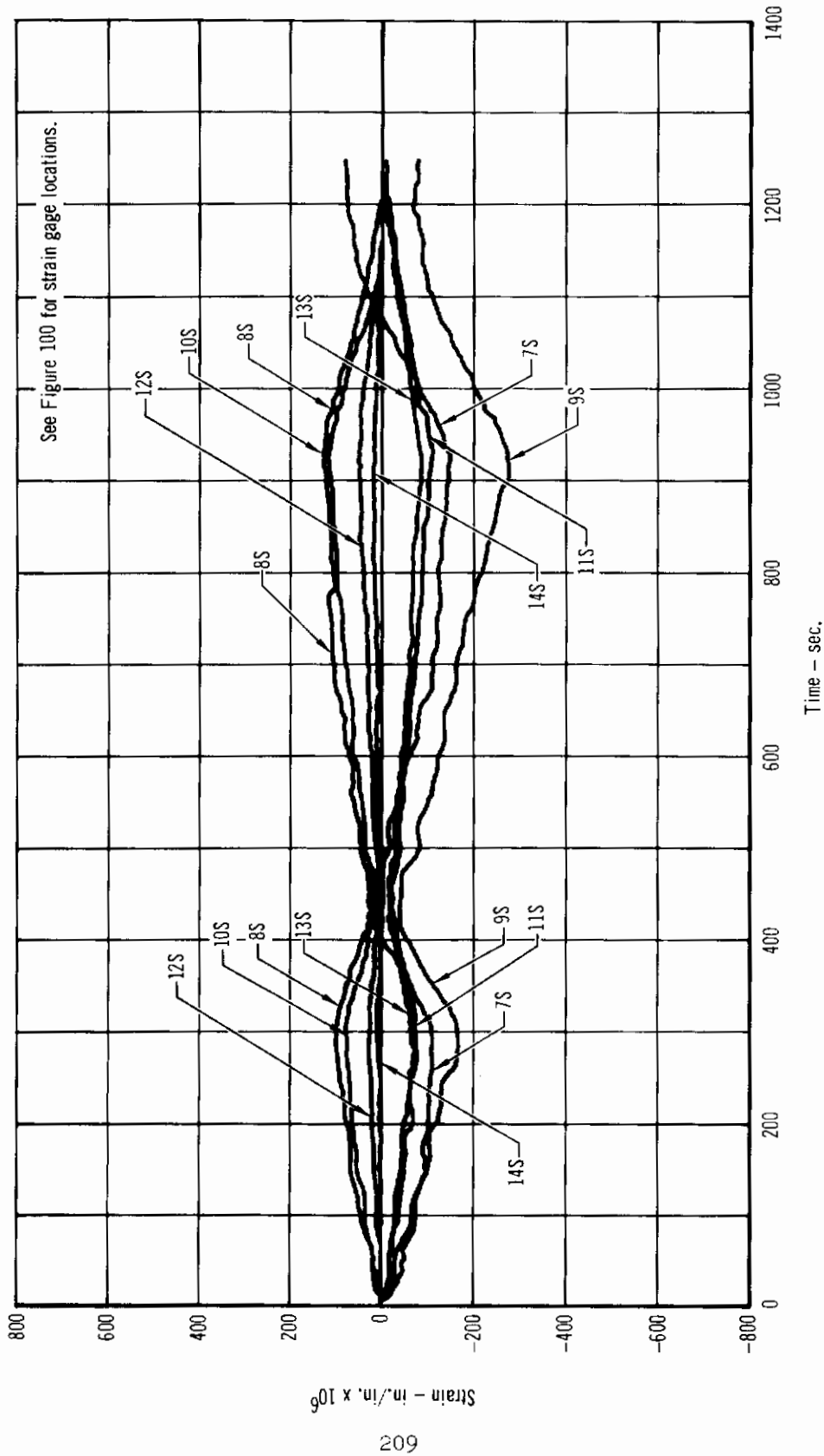


Figure 105 - Rear Spar and Trailing Edge Strains: Test 2

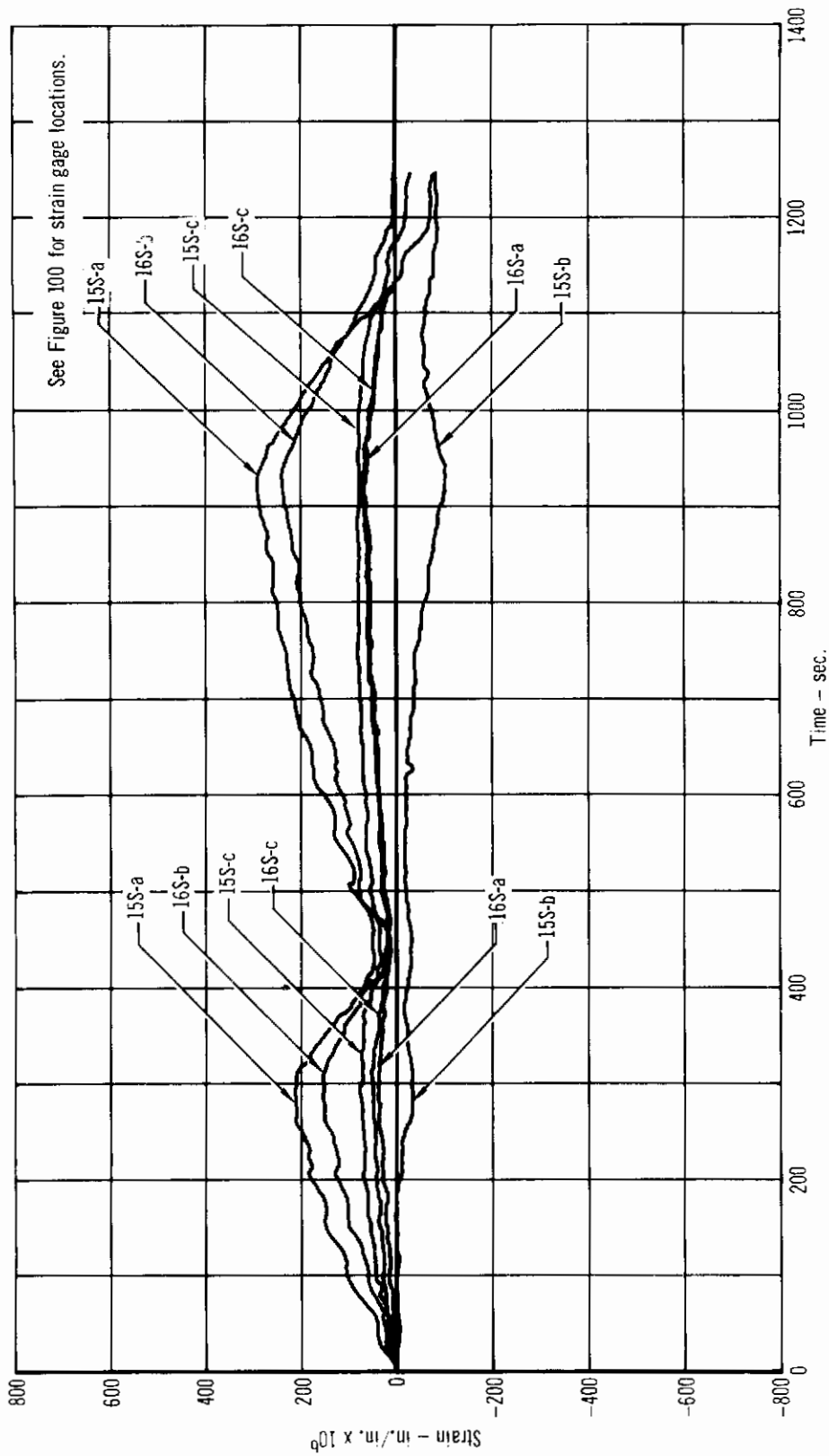


Figure 106 - Forward Cover Skin Strains: Test 2

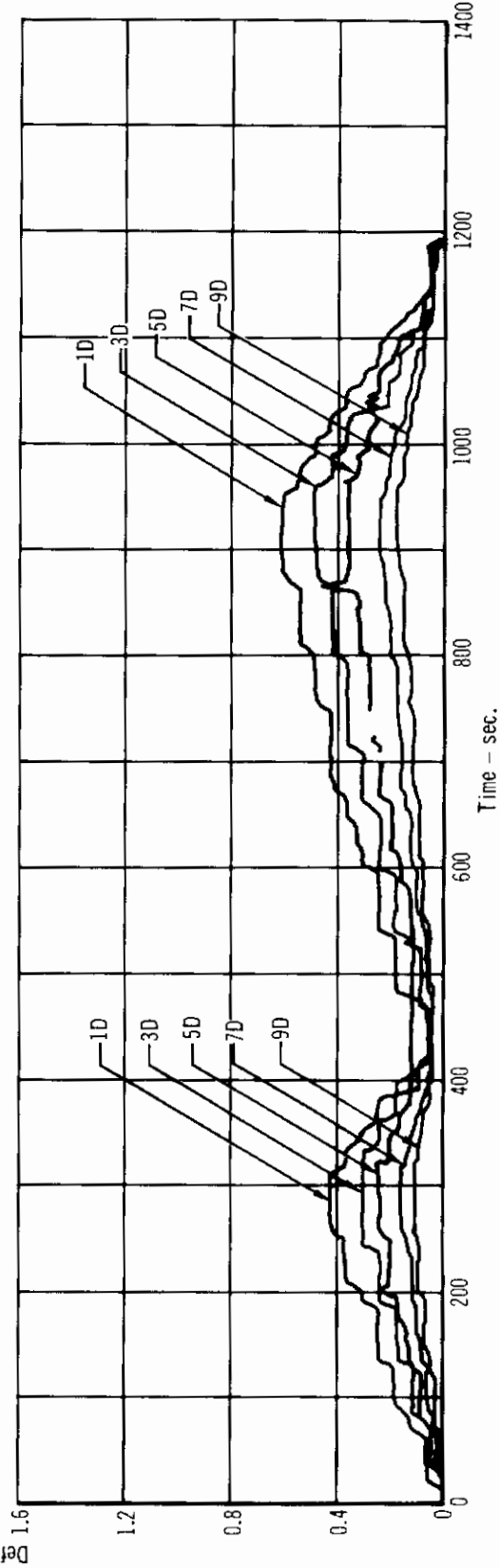
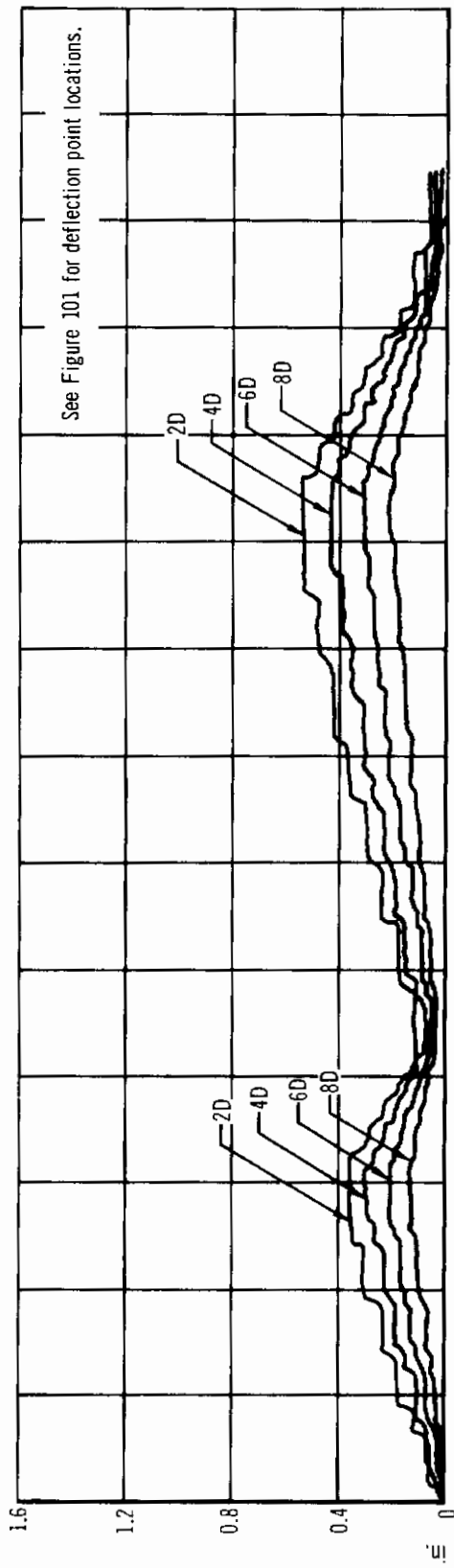
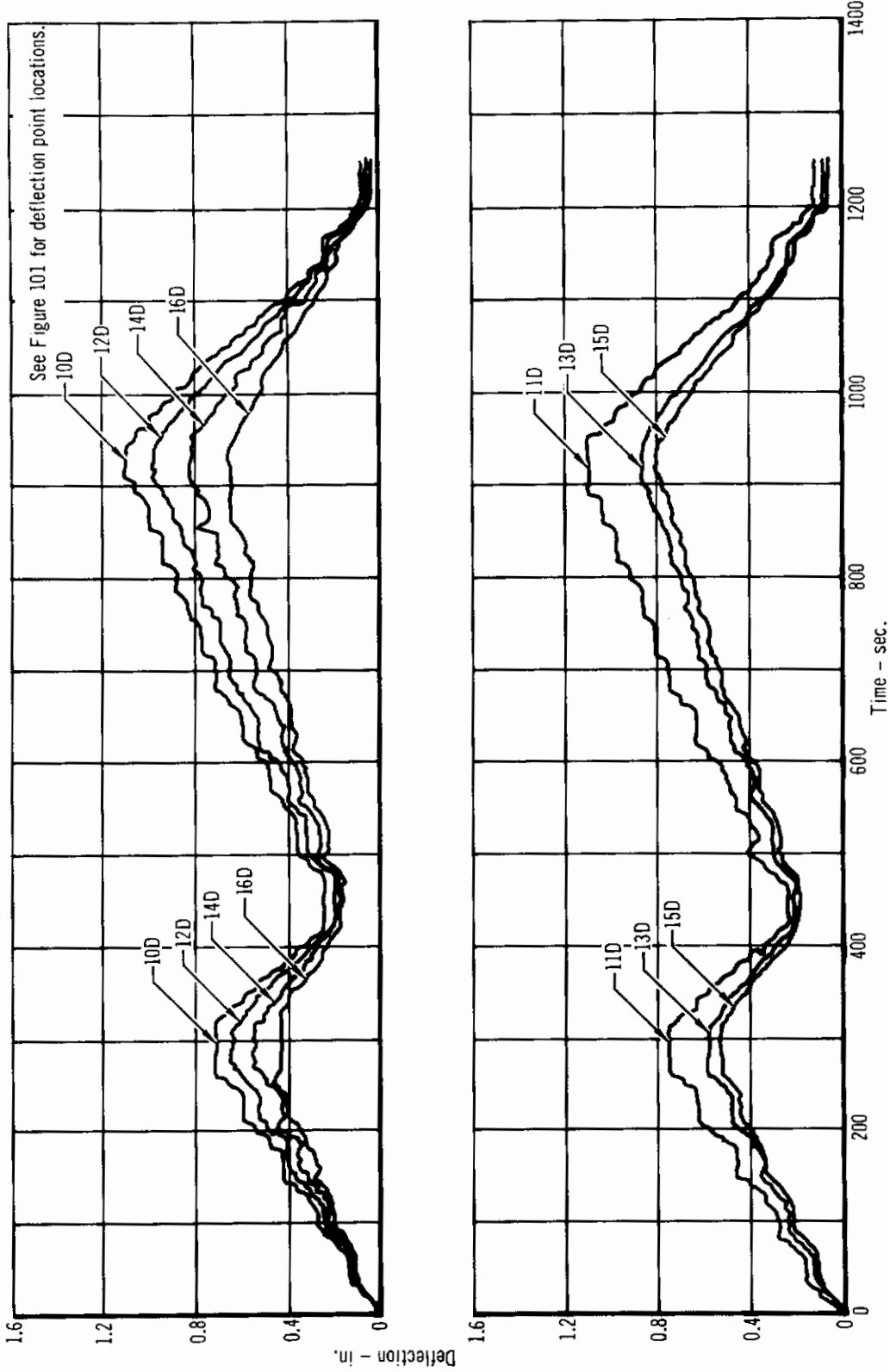
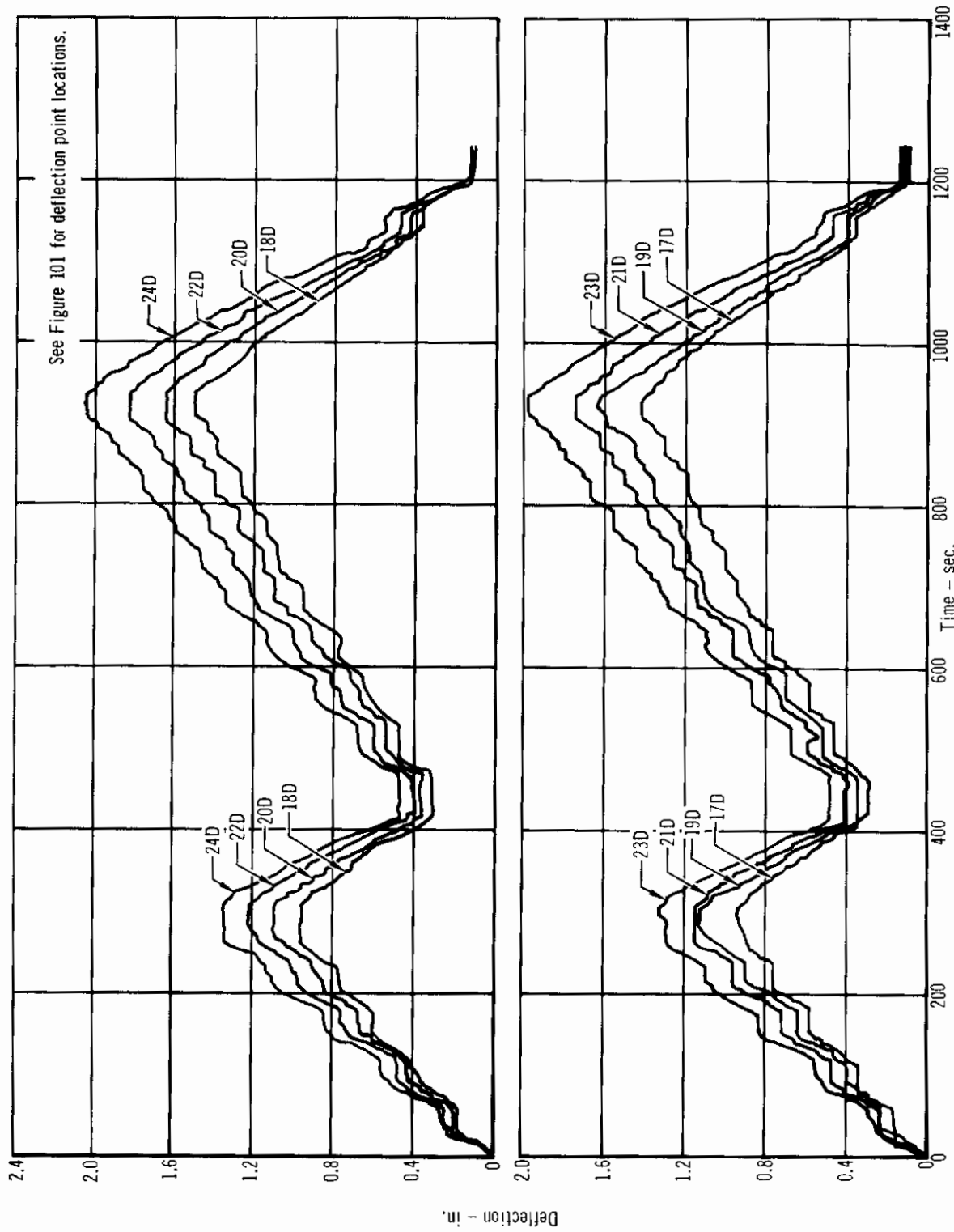


Figure 107 - Front Spar Deflections: Test 2



See Figure 101 for deflection point locations.

Figure 108 - Rear Spar Deflections: Test 2



See Figure 101 for deflection point locations.

Figure 109 - Trailing Edge Deflections: Test 2

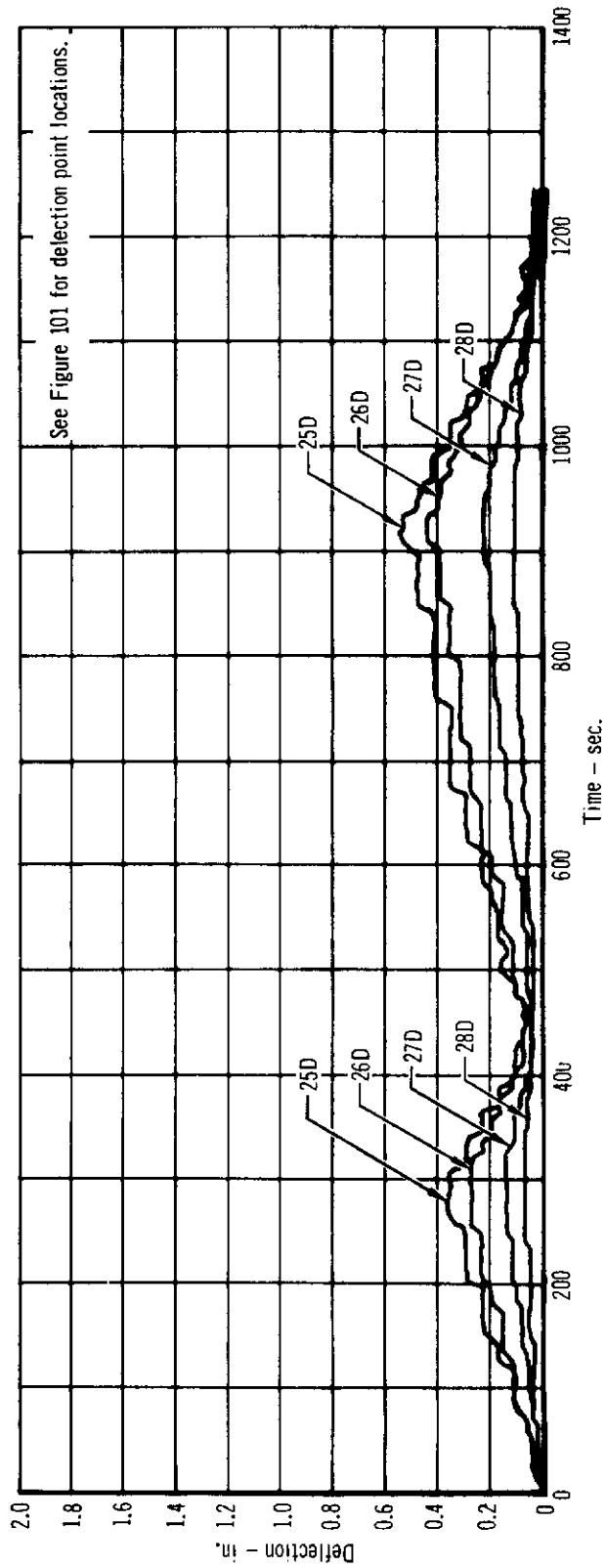
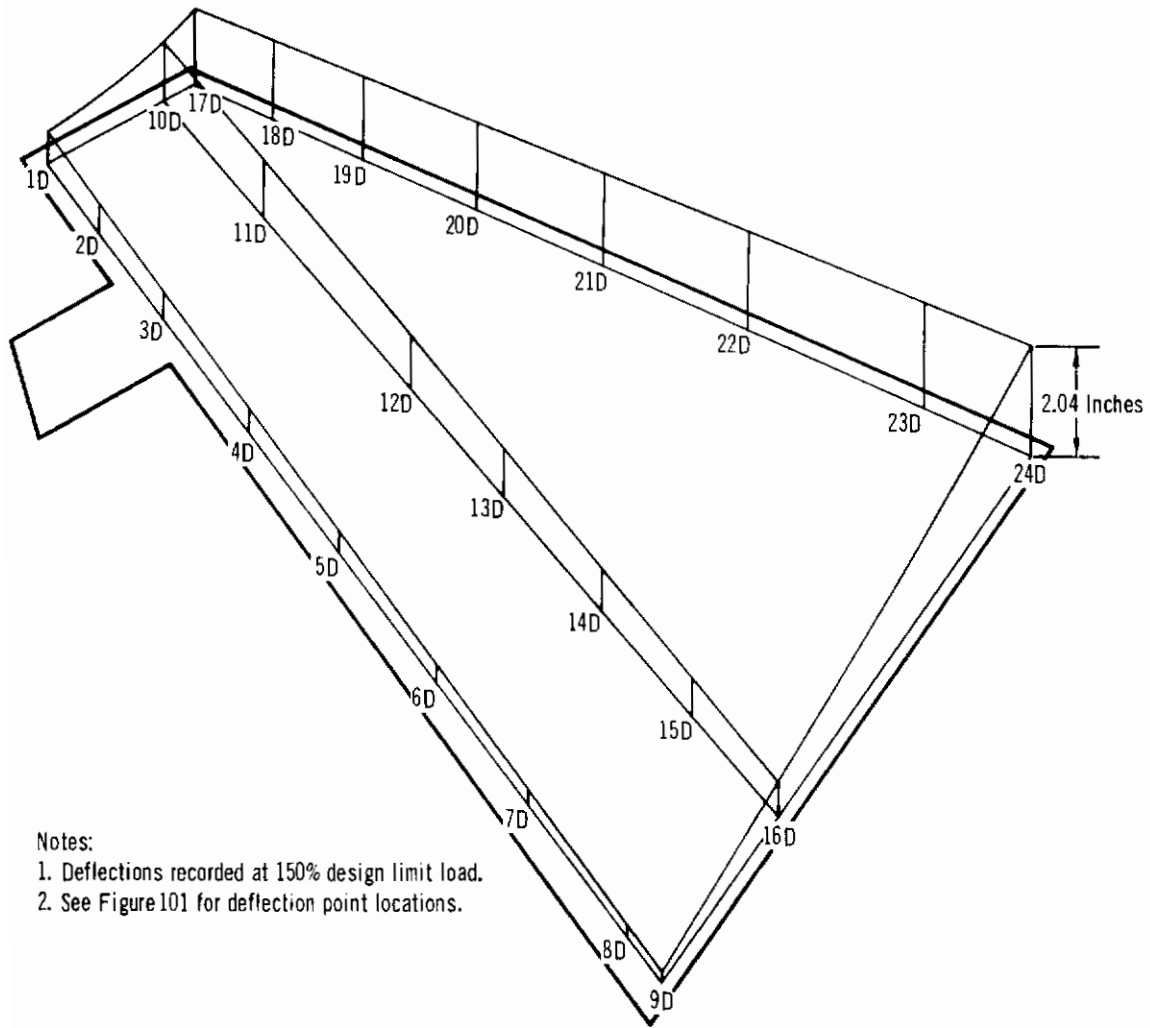


Figure 110 - Hinge Deflections: Test 2





- Notes:
1. Deflections recorded at 150% design limit load.
  2. See Figure 101 for deflection point locations.

Figure 111 – Rudder Deflections: Design Condition I

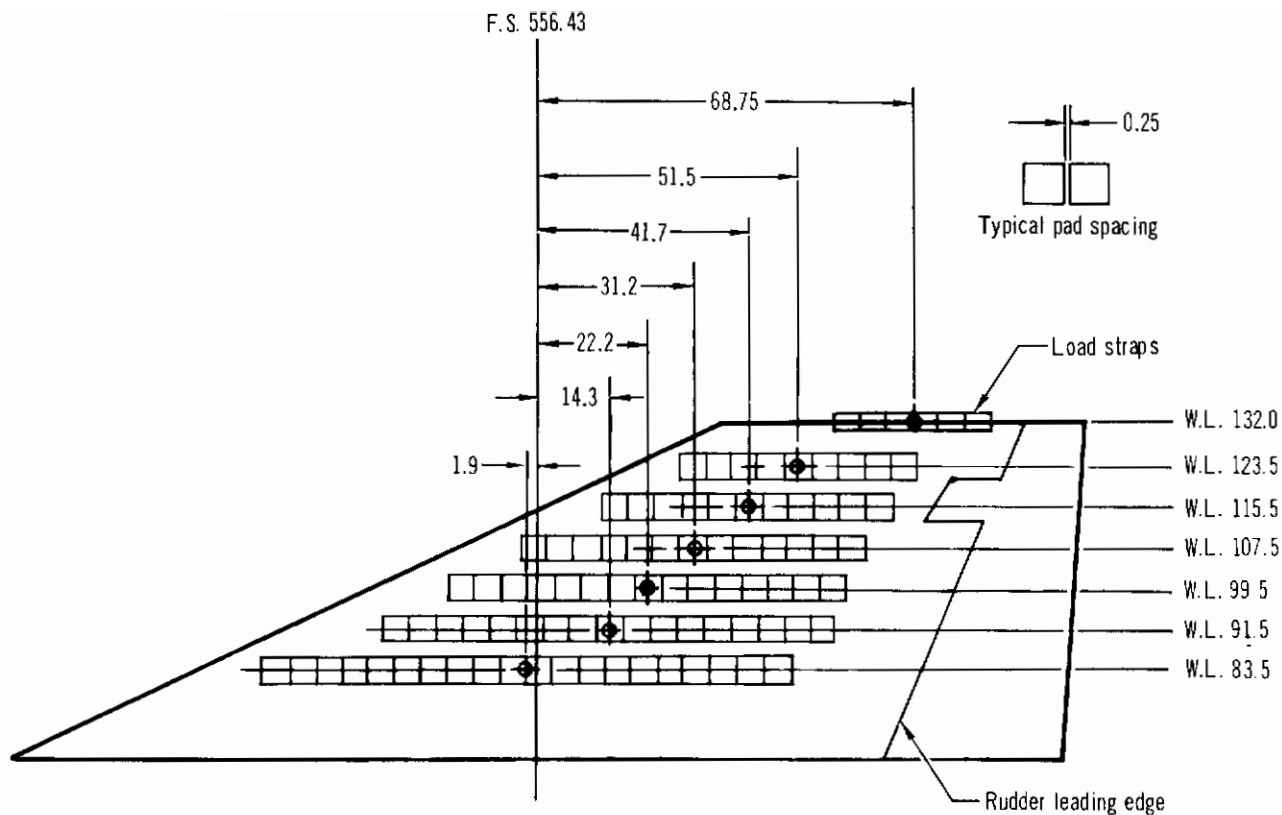
#### 4. Test 3: Rudder Ultimate Static Test With Maximum Loading on Vertical Tail

The objective of this test was to demonstrate the structural integrity of the rudder assembly for the maximum loading developed on the aircraft vertical tail during rooling pull-out maneuvers. The test loads simulated the load of Design Condition III, described in Section III, and were carried to ultimate.

4.1 Test Set-up - The set-up for this test is shown in Figure 97. The rudder was installed in a vertical fin - aft fuselage assembly with hinge points connected as in a normal service installation. The fuselage assembly was cantilevered from a fixture, at fuselage station 515, with the vertical tail in the horizontal position. For the loading conditions to be duplicated in this test, a jig assembly simulating the rudder actuator was installed between the rudder and fuselage to maintain the rudder in a position four degrees (.07 rad) from neutral in the direction of the applied loads. The tension pad-whiffletree loading systems for both the fin and rudder were used for applying test loads. Loading was applied simultaneously to the fin and rudder and controlled by programmers in conjunction with calibrated strain links.

The instrumentation described in Subsection 3.1 was the same for all static tests. The locations of the strain gages and deflection indicators are shown in Figures 100 and 101, respectively.

4.2 Test Procedure and Results - Test loads, simulating air and inertial loading on the tail assembly, were applied to the fin and rudder tension pads at a maximum rate of 20% of limit load per 30 seconds, in increments of 20% of limit load, up to limit load. From limit to ultimate load, loads were applied in increments of 10% of limit load. Loads were held constant for approximately 30 seconds after each load increment. Schematics of tension pad layouts with maximum test loads are shown for the fin and rudder in Figures 112 and 113, respectively. The rudder, before and after maximum test loads were applied,

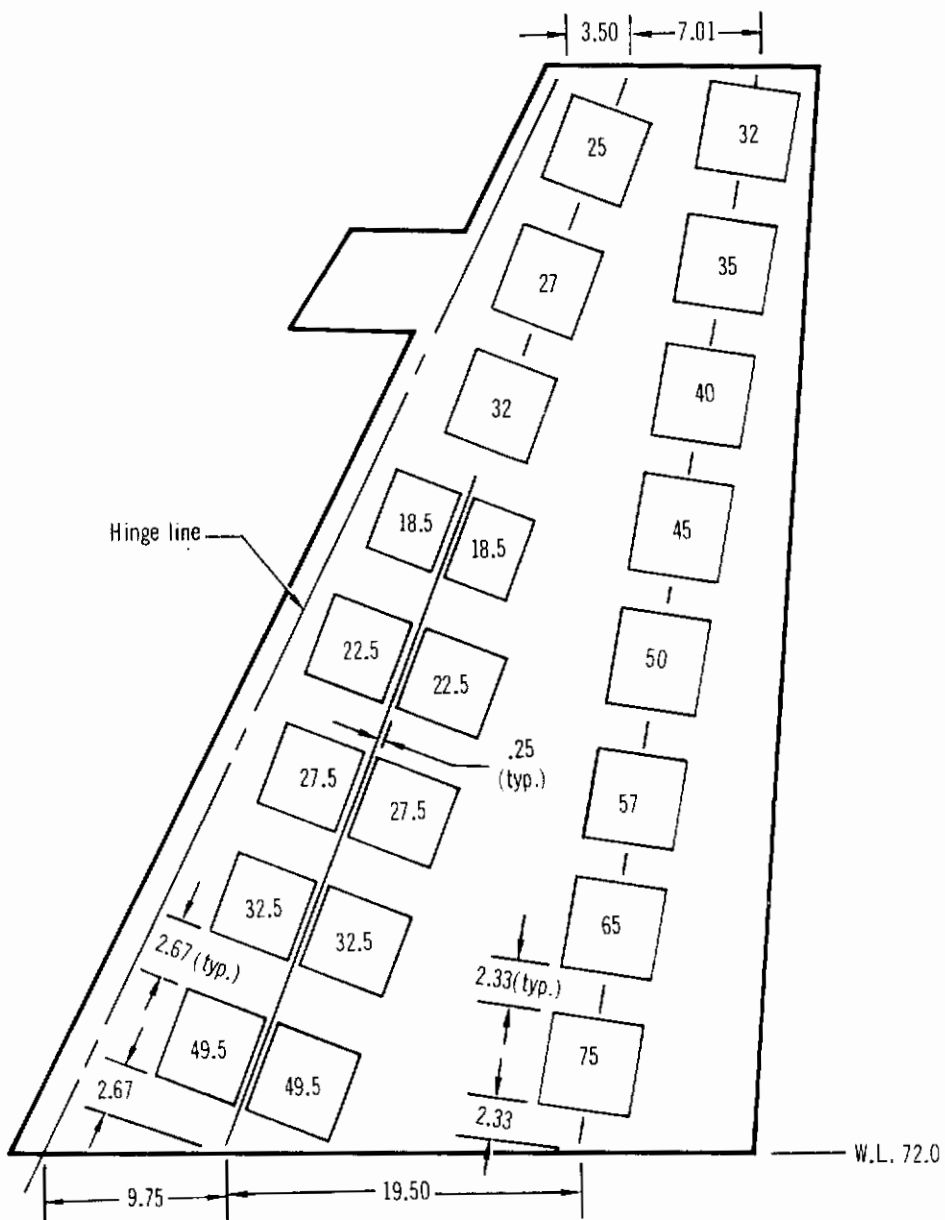


- NOTES: 1) All pads 5 inches x 5 inches.  
 2) Total ultimate load = 22,213 lbs.  
 3) Geometric center (⊕) of each row of pads located from F.S. 556.43  
 4) In a given row, all pad loads are equal.

Row	No. of Pads	Ultimate test load/pad (lb.)
W.L. 132.0	6	485
W.L. 123.5	9	248
W.L. 115.5	11	229
W.L. 107.5	13	217
W.L. 99.5	15	207
W.L. 91.5	17	198
W.L. 83.5	20	263

- 5) Vertical fin test loads were applied in conjunction with and in the same direction as the rudder loads shown in Figure 113.  
 6) Vertical fin design and test loads are compared in Figure 116.

Figure 112 – Vertical Fin Tension Pad Layout and Ultimate Loads for Test 3



- Notes: 1. □ indicates tension pad and load in pounds.
2. All tension pads were 5 inches x 5 inches, except two pads with 18.5 lb. loads. These pads were 4 inches x 5 inches.
3. Ultimate load = 784 lb. Ultimate hinge moment = 10,260 in.-lb. Center of pressure at 45% chord.
4. These loads were applied in conjunction with and in the same direction as the vertical fin loads shown in Figure 112.

Figure 113 – Rudder Tension Pad Layout and Ultimate Loads for Test 3

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is shown in Figures 114 and 115, respectively. Comparisons of test and design (Condition III) loads for the fin and rudder are shown in Figures 116 and 117.

The strain data recorded during the test are presented in Figures 118 through 120. Nearly all of the strain in the structure was caused by bending loads. This is indicated by the nearly equal magnitudes and reverse directions of the strains for any two opposite gages at a section of the rudder. As predicted, the maximum strain ( $785 \times 10^{-6}$  in./in.) occurred in the front spar at the lower hinge (station  $Z_R=93.82$ ). The stress associated with this strain is approximately 33 ksi ( $228 \text{ MN/m}^2$ ) and represents only 65% of the calculated crippling strength capability of the spar cap. In the design of the front spar, the conservative assumption was made that all bending was carried by the front spar (see design and analysis discussion, Section III). As shown by the data, however, the corresponding strain in the aft spar at this station is  $370 \times 10^{-6}$  in./in., and the stress associated with this strain is approximately 15.5 ksi ( $107 \text{ MN/m}^2$ ). Because the rear spar carries some of the bending loads which the front spar was designed for, the front spar has a reserve bending strength capability for this ultimate loading condition. The maximum total moment carried by the front and rear spars in combination, as determined by the strain data and the physical characteristics of the spars, is approximately 24,000 in.-lbs. (2712 m-N). This is in reasonable agreement with maximum ultimate design moment of 28,000 in.-lbs. (3164 m-N) shown in Figure 18, Section III, and indicates a certain degree of conservatism in the redundant analysis.

The deflection data recorded during this test are presented in Figures 121 through 124. Figure 125 presents a schematic of the rudder with maximum recorded deflections. As a result of the conservatism previously discussed, the curvature of the deflected hinge line was less pronounced than that used in design. A comparison of the deflected hinge line used in design with that developed from the test data (taking out fuselage station) is shown in Figure 126.



Figure 114 -- Beryllium Rudder Prior to Loading

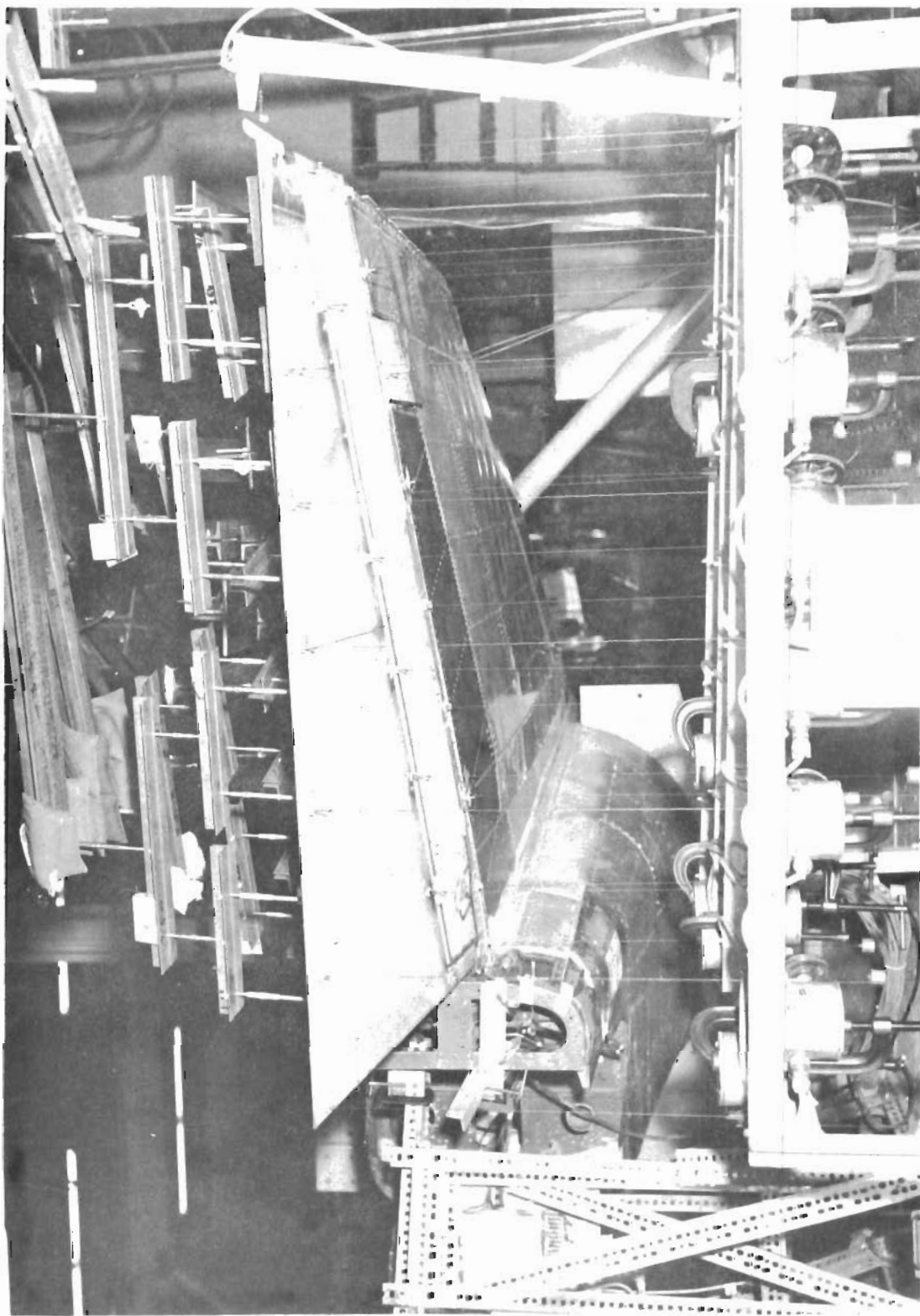


Figure 115 - Beryllium Rudder with Condition III Ultimate Loads Applied

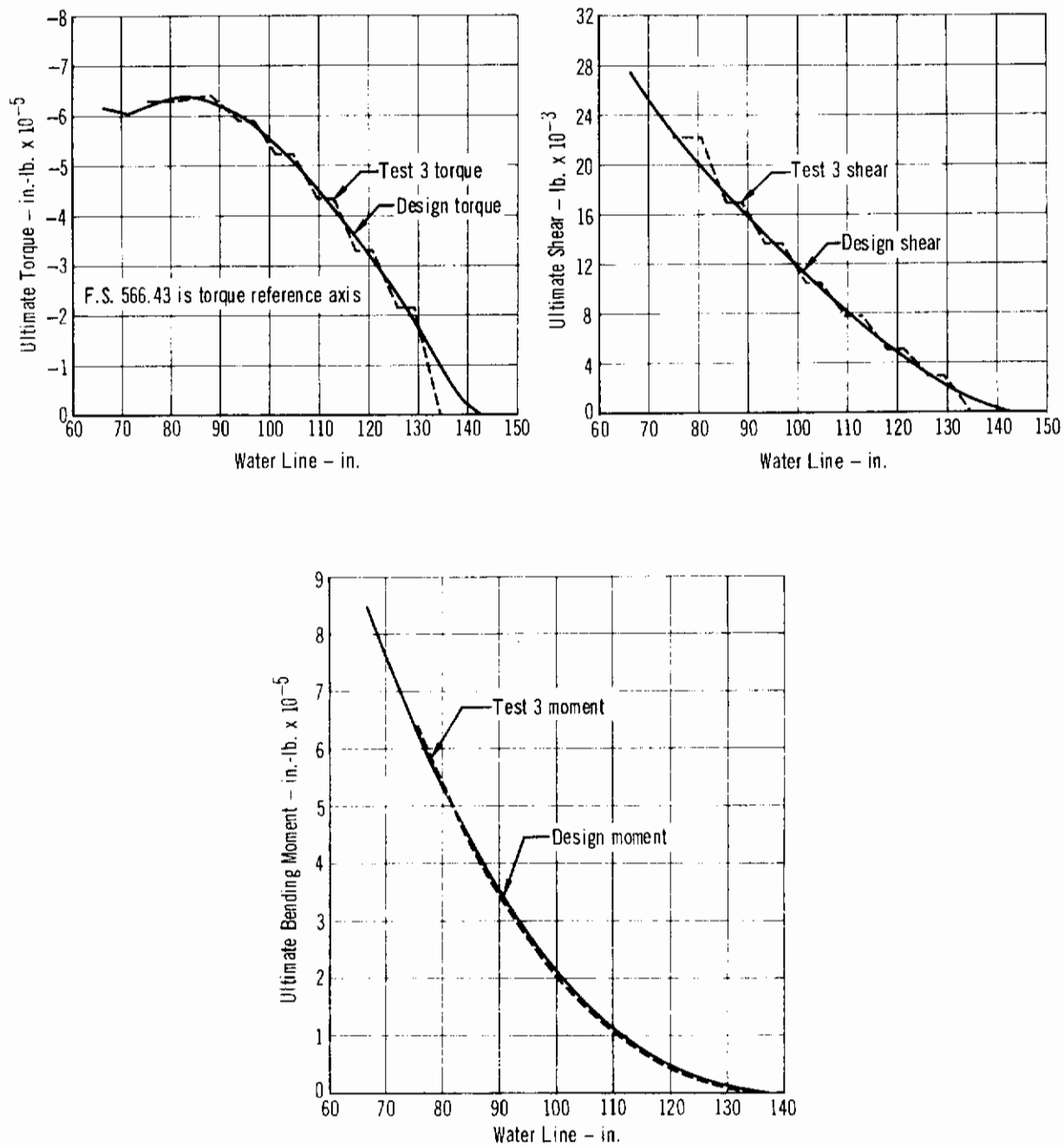


Figure 116 – Comparison of Fin Test and Design Loads: Design Condition III



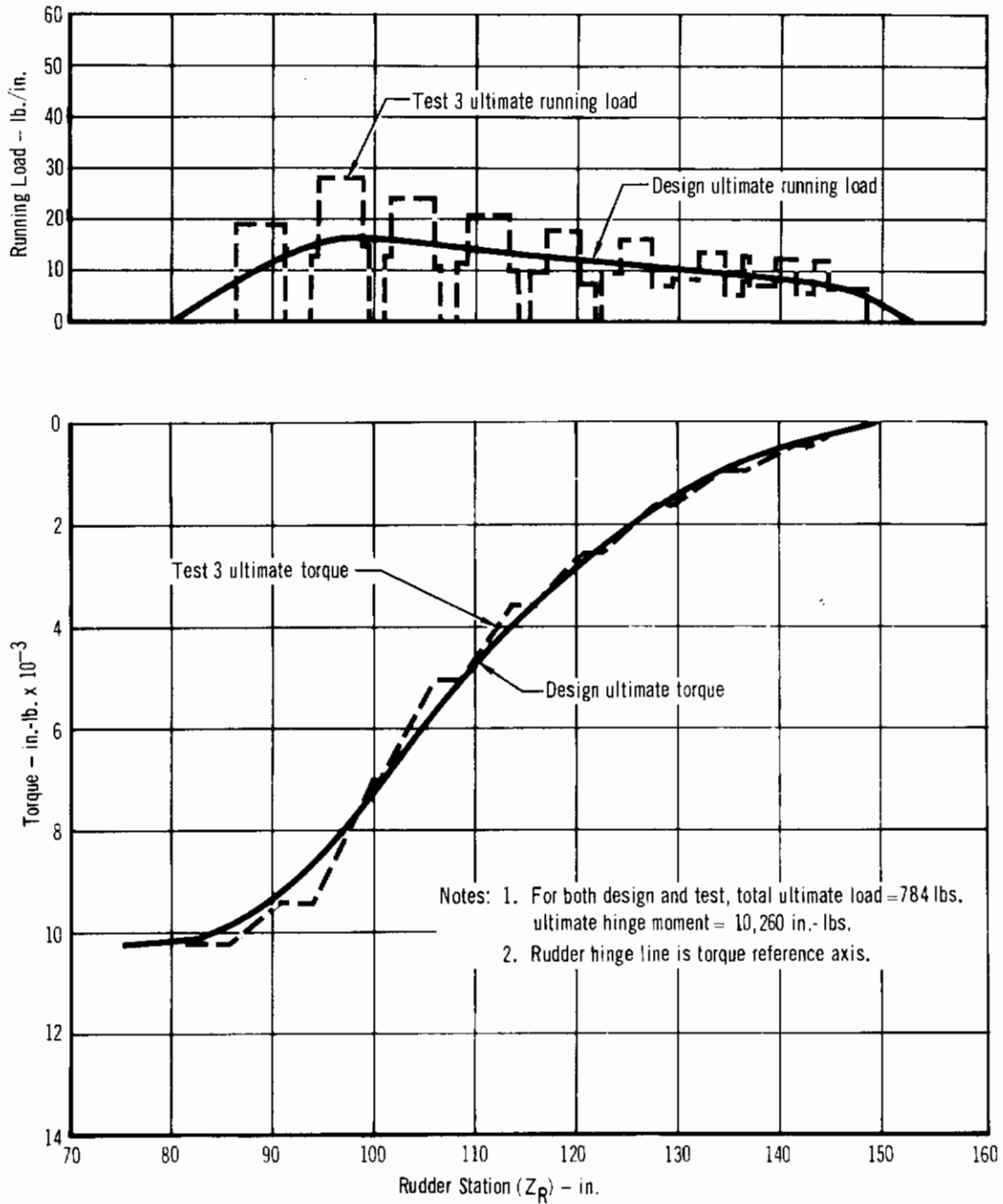
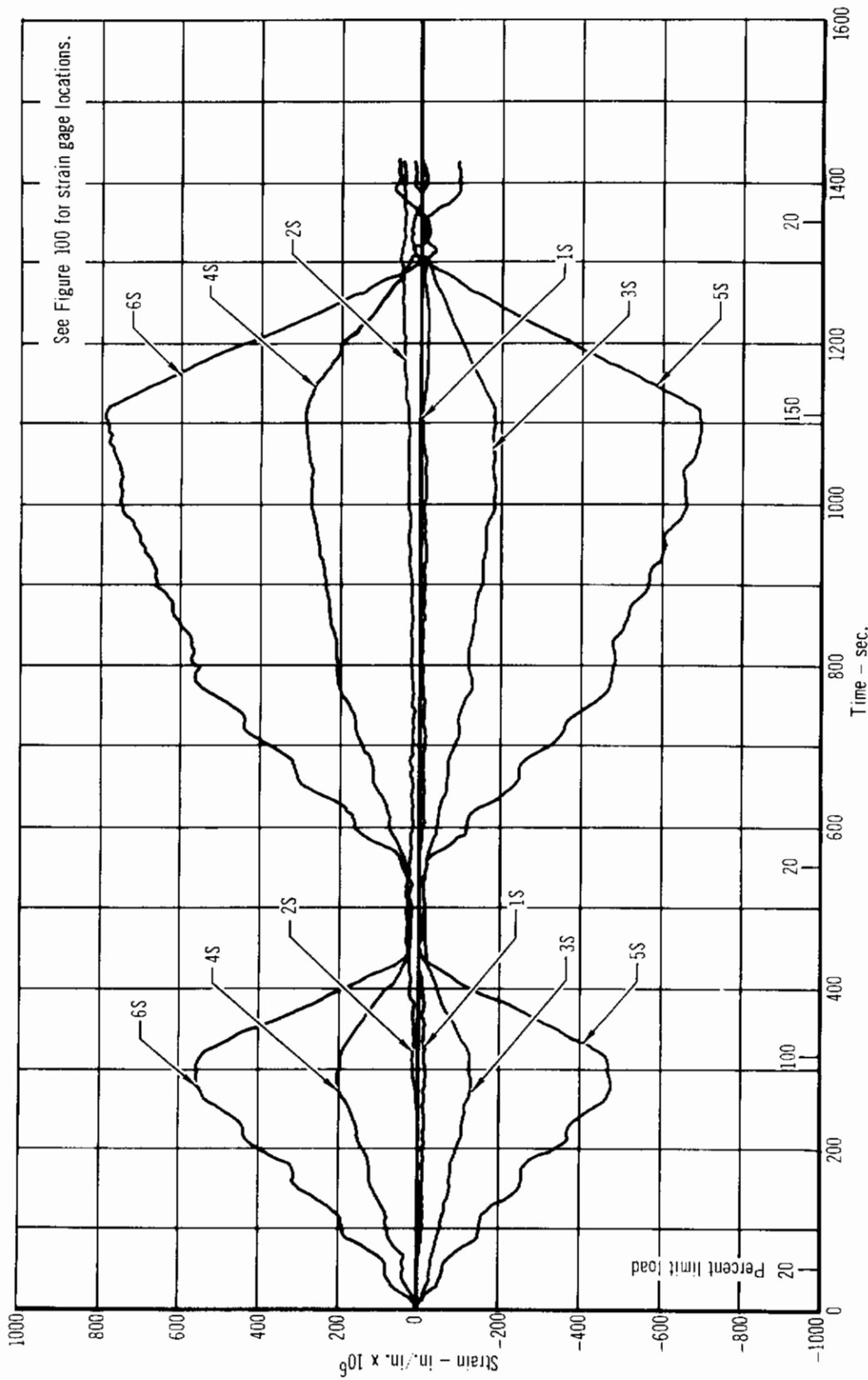


Figure 117 - Comparison of Rudder Test and Design Loads: Design Condition III



See Figure 100 for strain gage locations.

Figure 118 - Front Spar Strains: Test 3

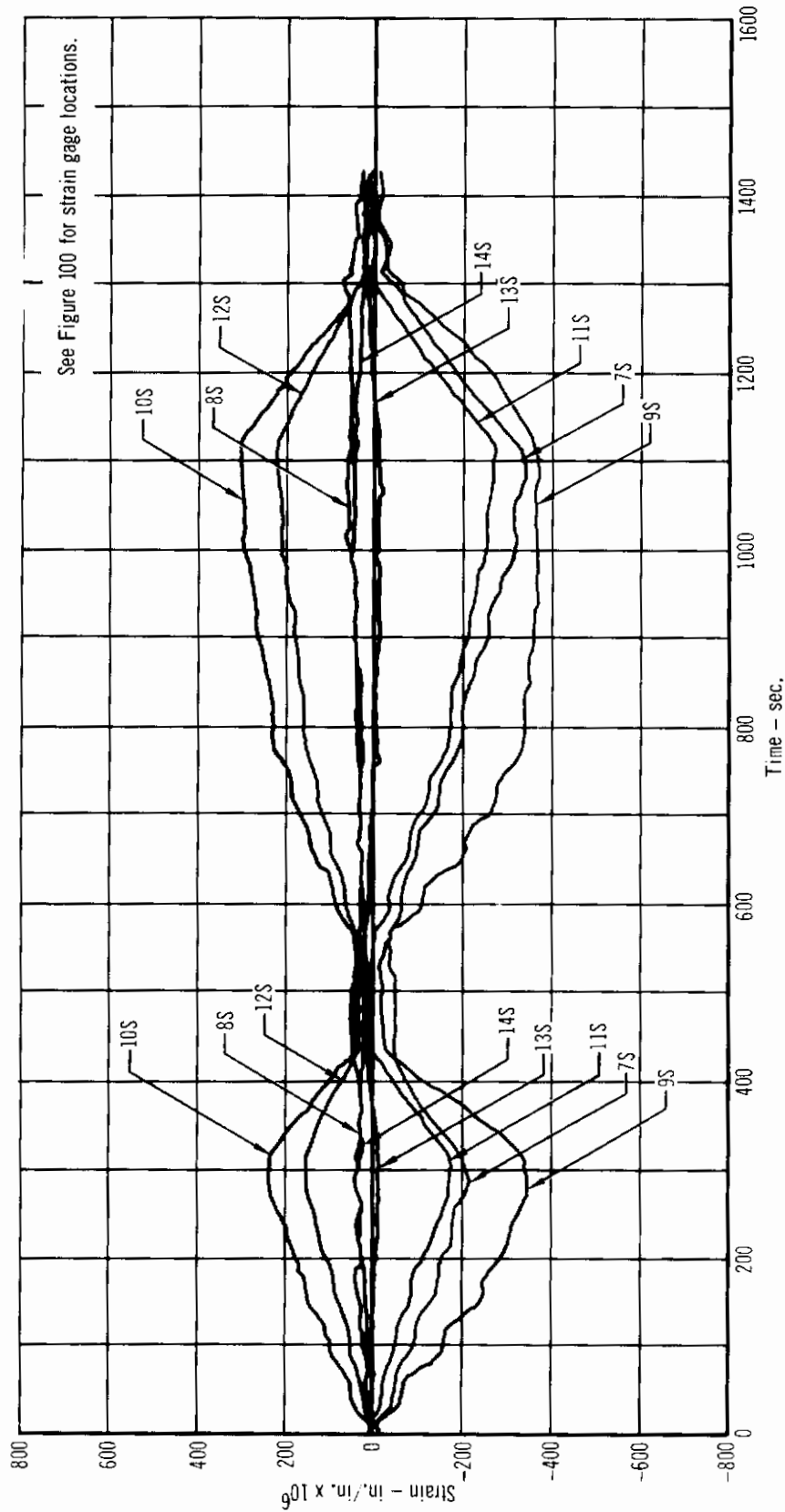


Figure 119 - Rear Spar and Trailing Edge Strains: Test 3

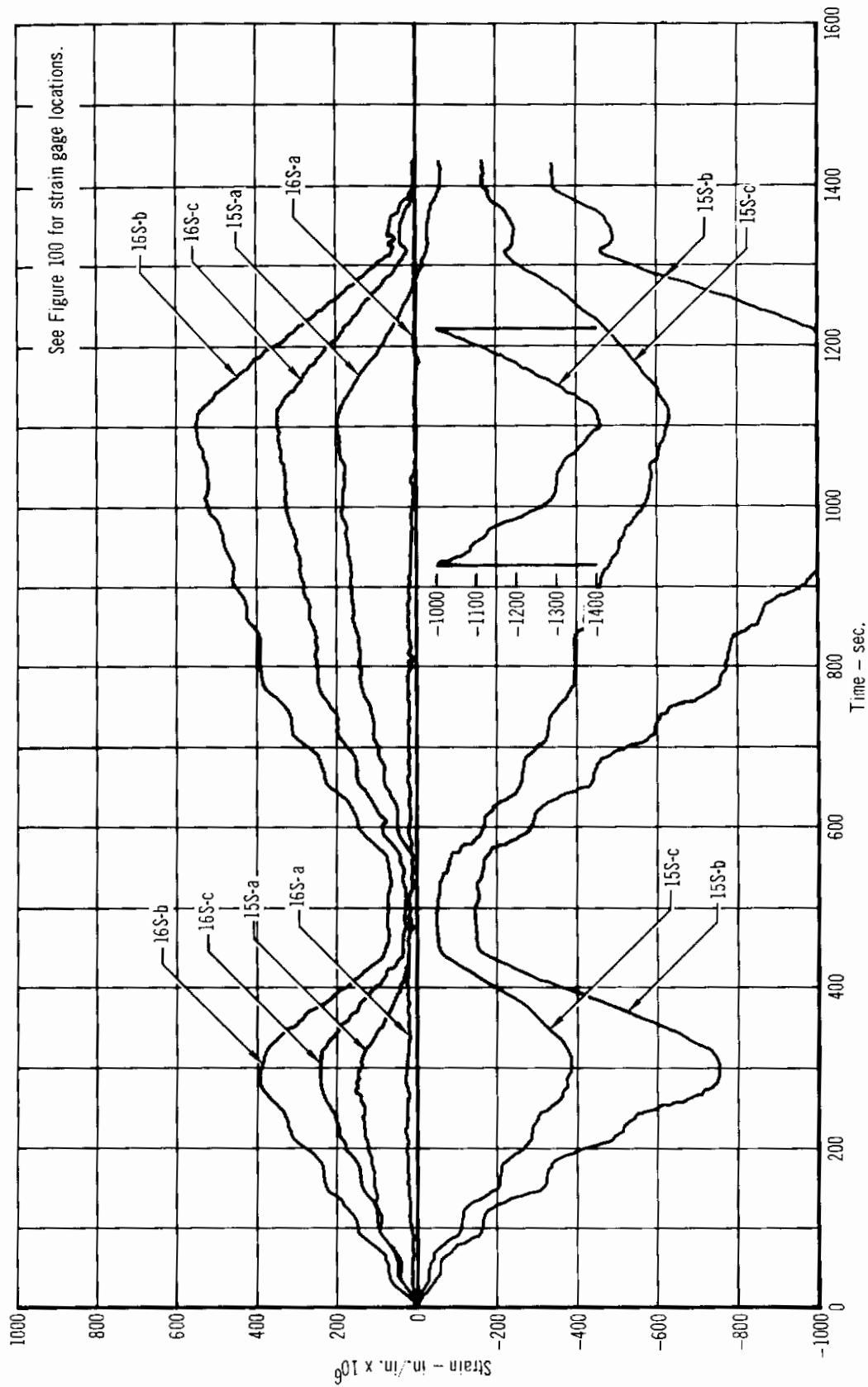


Figure 120 - Forward Cover Skin Strains: Test 3

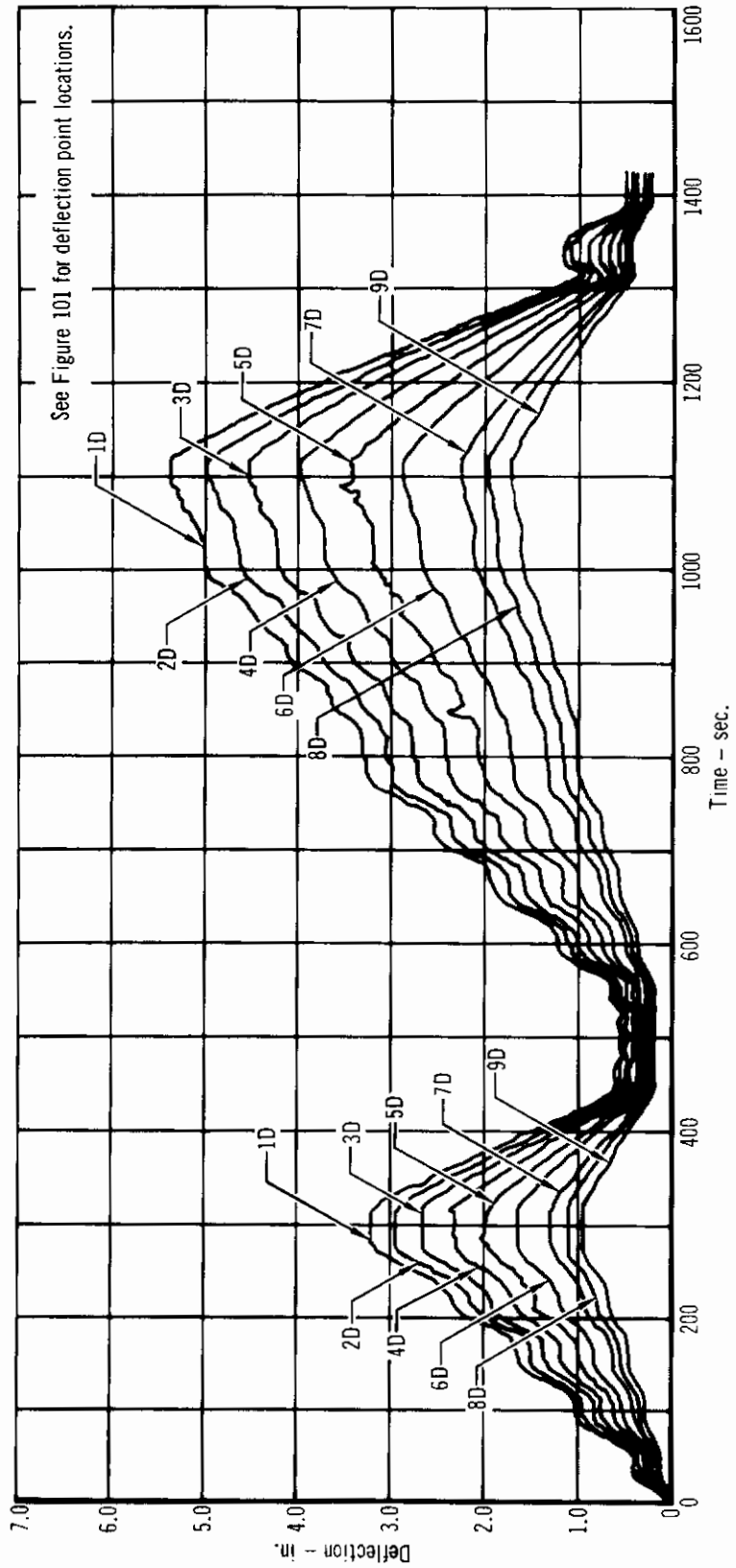


Figure 121 - Front Spar Deflections: Test 3

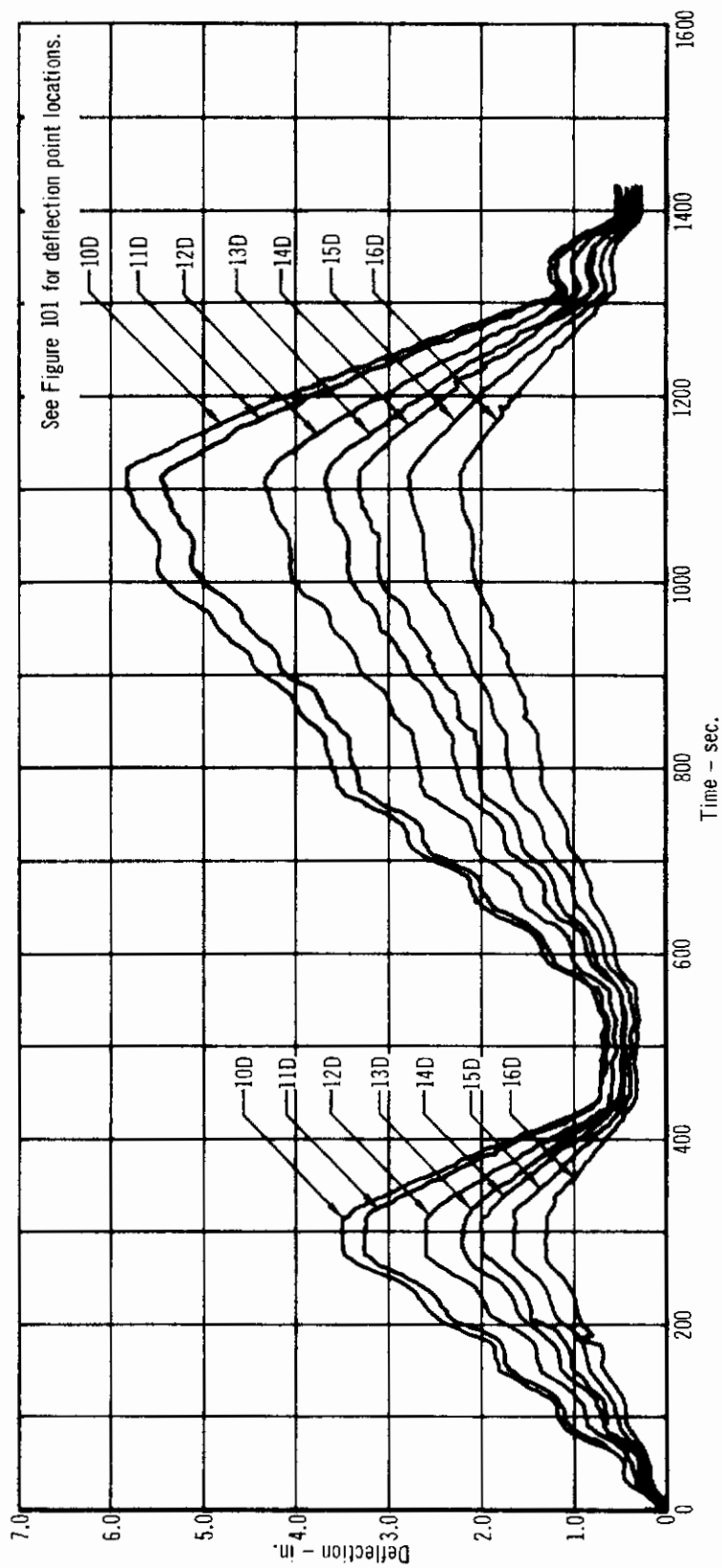


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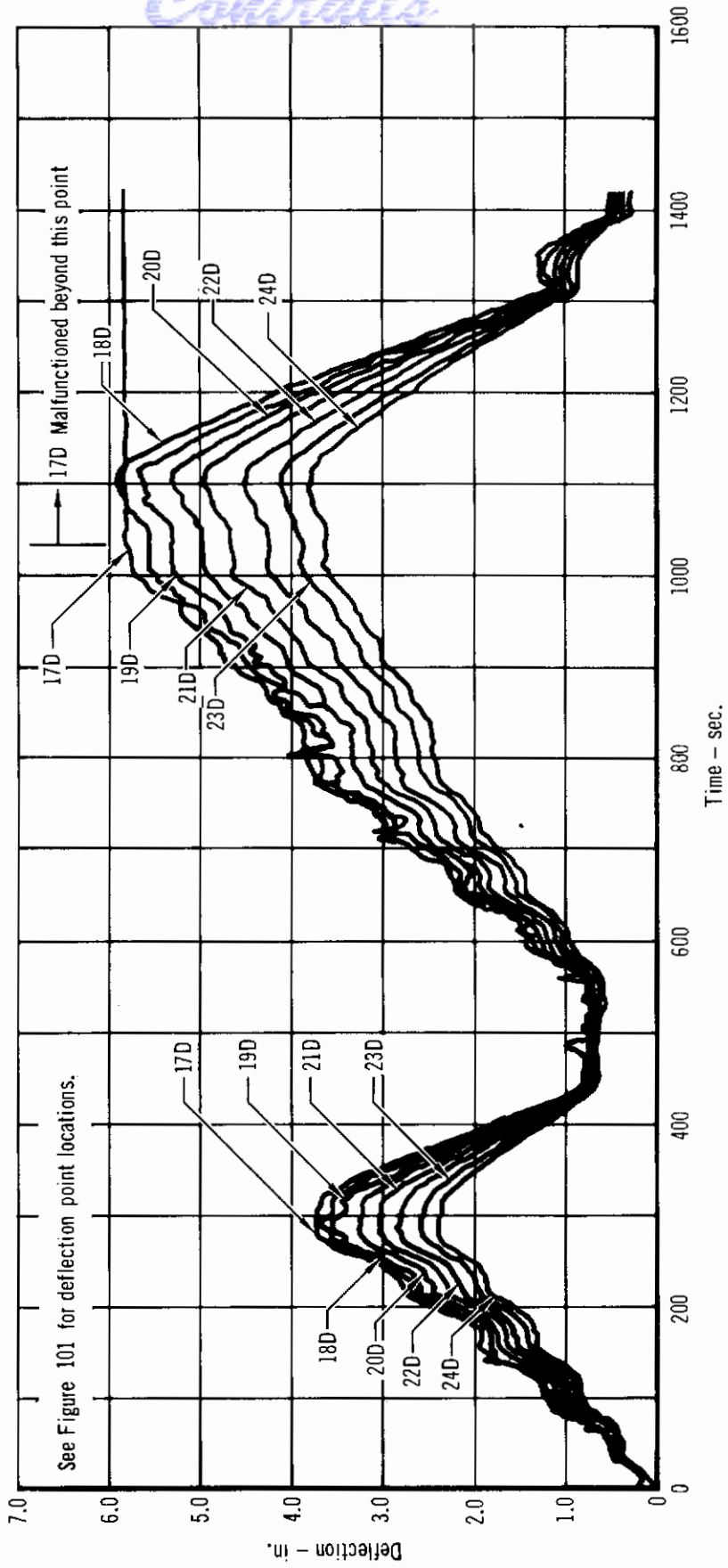


Figure 123 - Trailing Edge Deflections: Test 3

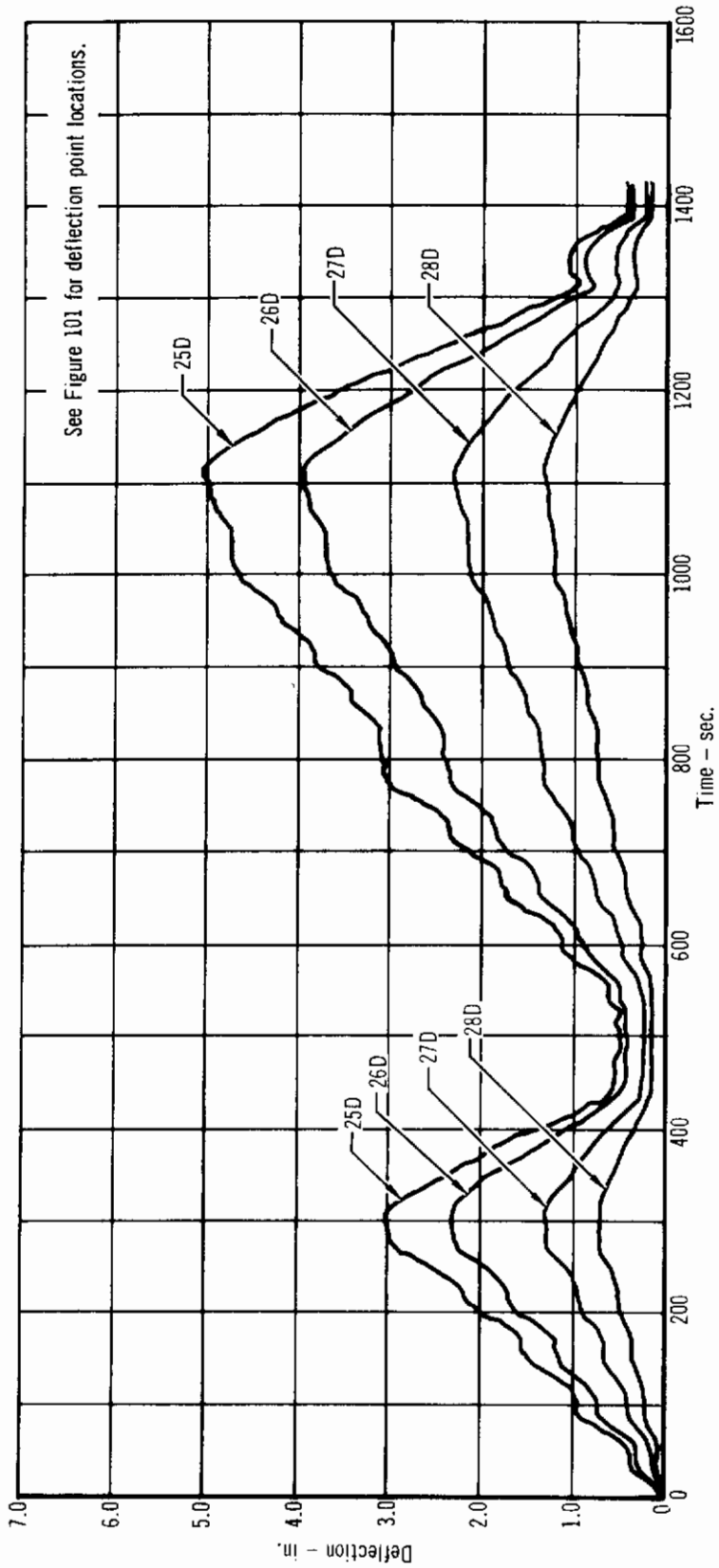
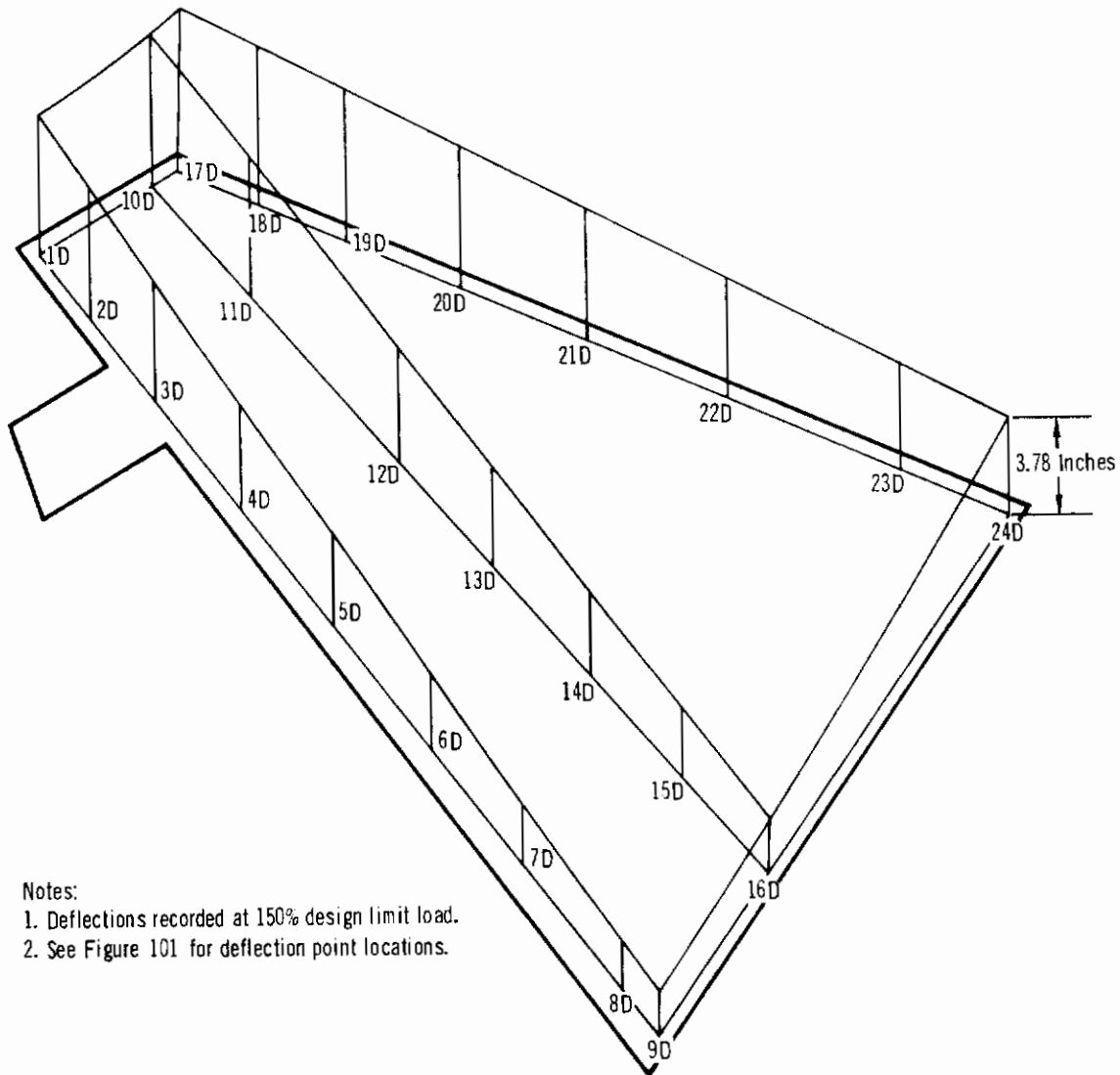


Figure 124 - Hinge Deflections: Test 3





- Notes:
- 1. Deflections recorded at 150% design limit load.
  - 2. See Figure 101 for deflection point locations.

Figure 125 – Rudder Deflections: Design Condition III

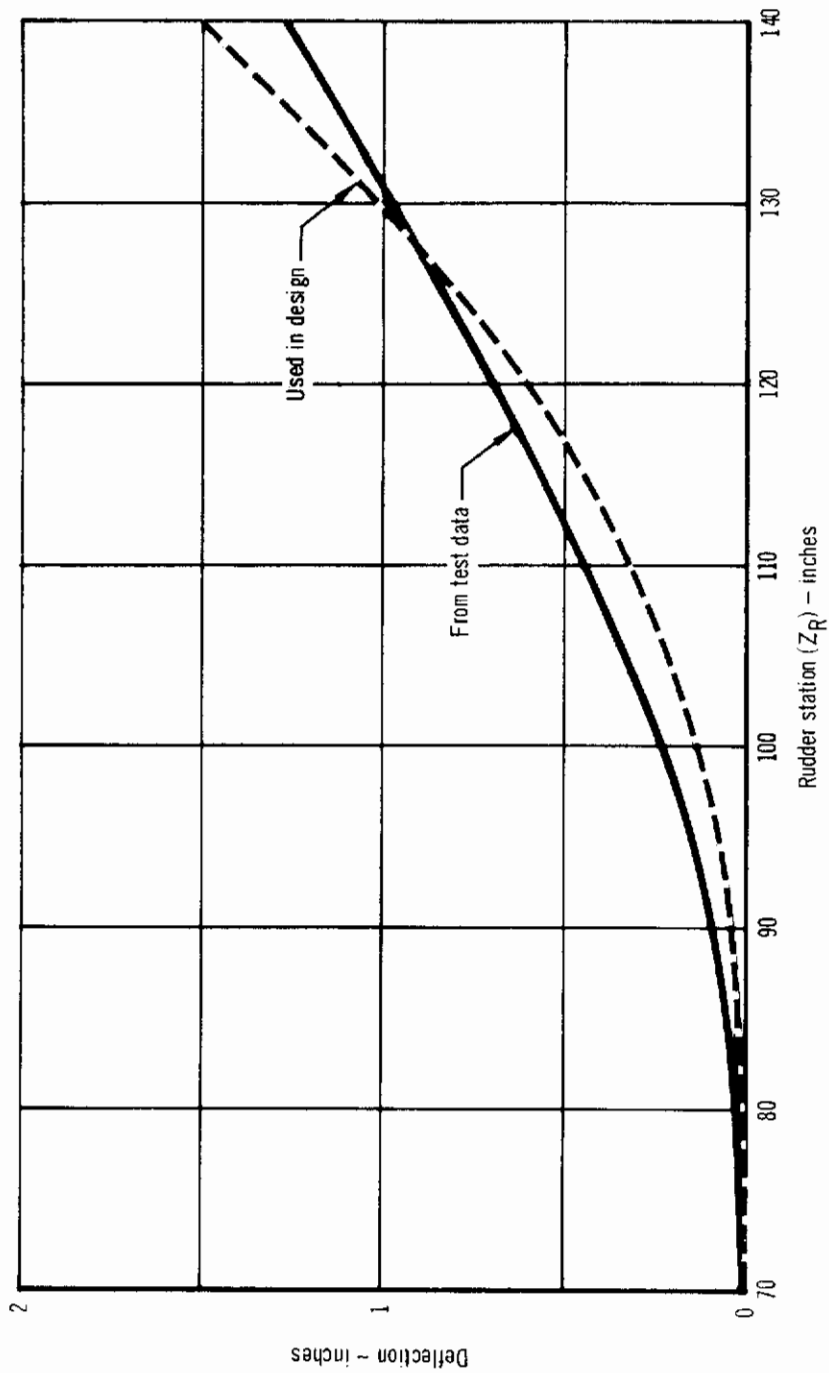


Figure 126 - Deflected Hinge Line: Design Condition III

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There was no damage to the beryllium rudder at the conclusion of Test 3. It should be noted that at that point in the test program, with the successful completion of the fatigue test and the two ultimate load static tests, the beryllium rudder was structurally qualified for flight use.

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## 5. Test 4: Same as Test 2, With Loading Carried Beyond Ultimate

The objective of this test was to provide a direct strength comparison with the production aluminum rudder which had sustained 225% of Design Condition I limit load without catastrophic failure. In Test 4, therefore, the beryllium rudder was subjected to Design Condition I loading in a manner identical with that described for Test 2, but with loads increased incrementally beyond ultimate (150% of limit). The test set-up and instrumentation were identical with those described previously in Subsection 3.1.

5.1 Test Procedure and Results - Only the rudder was loaded in this test. Test loads were applied at a maximum rate of 20% of limit load per 30 seconds, in increments of 20% of limit load, up to limit load. From limit load to the conclusion of the test, loads were applied in increments of 10% of limit load. Loads were held for approximately 30 seconds after each load increment.

When the loads on the rudder reached approximately 205% of limit, a sharp noise was heard. However, the load did not fall off, and the test was continued, with incremental load increases of 10% of limit load, as before. After the rudder had sustained 250% of design limit load (1.67 times loads shown in Figure 102) for 30 seconds, testing was discontinued. It was felt that testing beyond that point would be of little significance at the conclusion of an already successful test program.

During the post-test examination, a small crack was discovered in the web of the trailing edge lower closure rib where that rib connects to the closure rib of the front torque box at the rear spar line. As shown in Figure 127, the crack passes through a fastener hole, an area of high stress concentration. The crack very likely was caused by the shear load transferred from the trailing edge assembly at the rib joint. No other damage to the rudder structure was found.

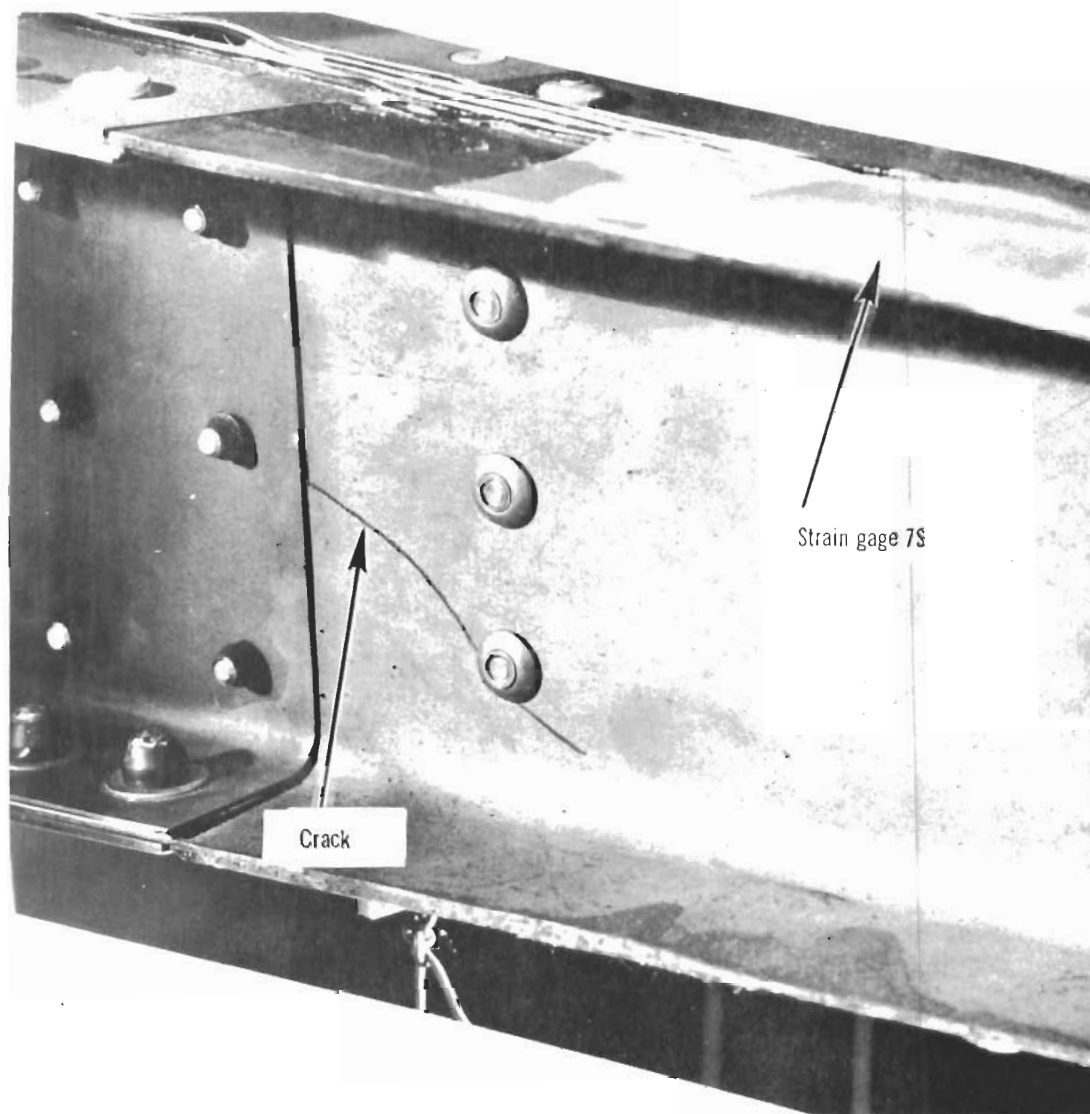


Figure 127 – Crack in Trailing Edge Lower Closure Rib of Beryllium Rudder

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The strain data recorded during the test are shown in Figures 128 through 130. Note the reaction of strain gages 7S and 8S, approximately 760 seconds after the start of testing. These gages are located adjacent to the area of the cracked web on the outer surface of the rib caps. This test time corresponds to the occurrence of the noise after 205% of design limit load has been applied to the rudder. This confirms the statement that the crack occurred at this load level. Deflection data for this test are shown in Figures 131 through 134. The load-deflection relationships are as expected, with no unusual occurrences.

The ability of the beryllium rudder to sustain 250% of Design Condition I limit load without catastrophic failure demonstrates a strength capability for this condition comparable to that of the production aluminum rudder. Moreover, the beryllium rudder sustained this load after being fatigue tested and twice static tested to design ultimate loads - a ground test program more stringent than any undergone by its aluminum counterpart.

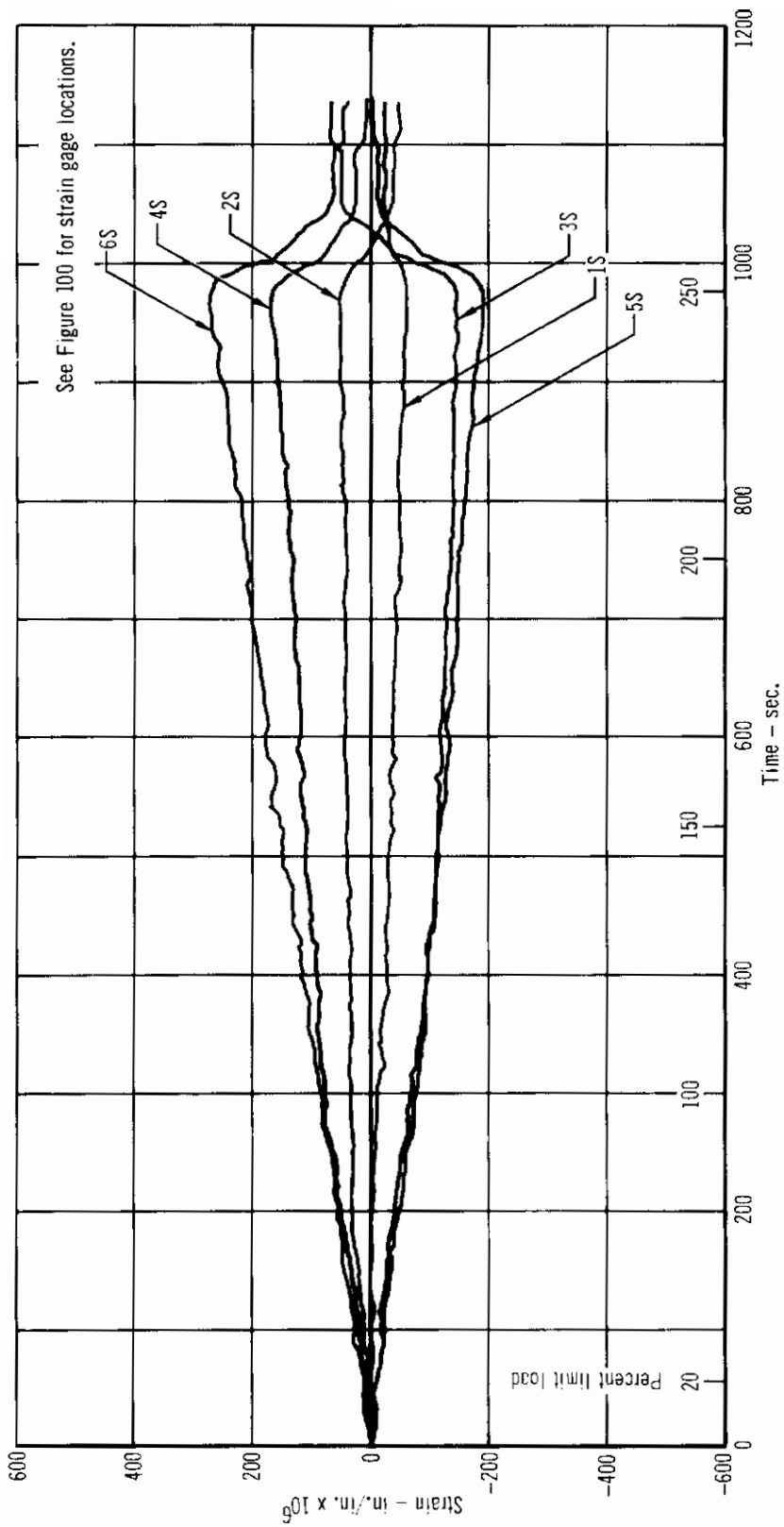


Figure 128 - Front Spar Strains: Test 4

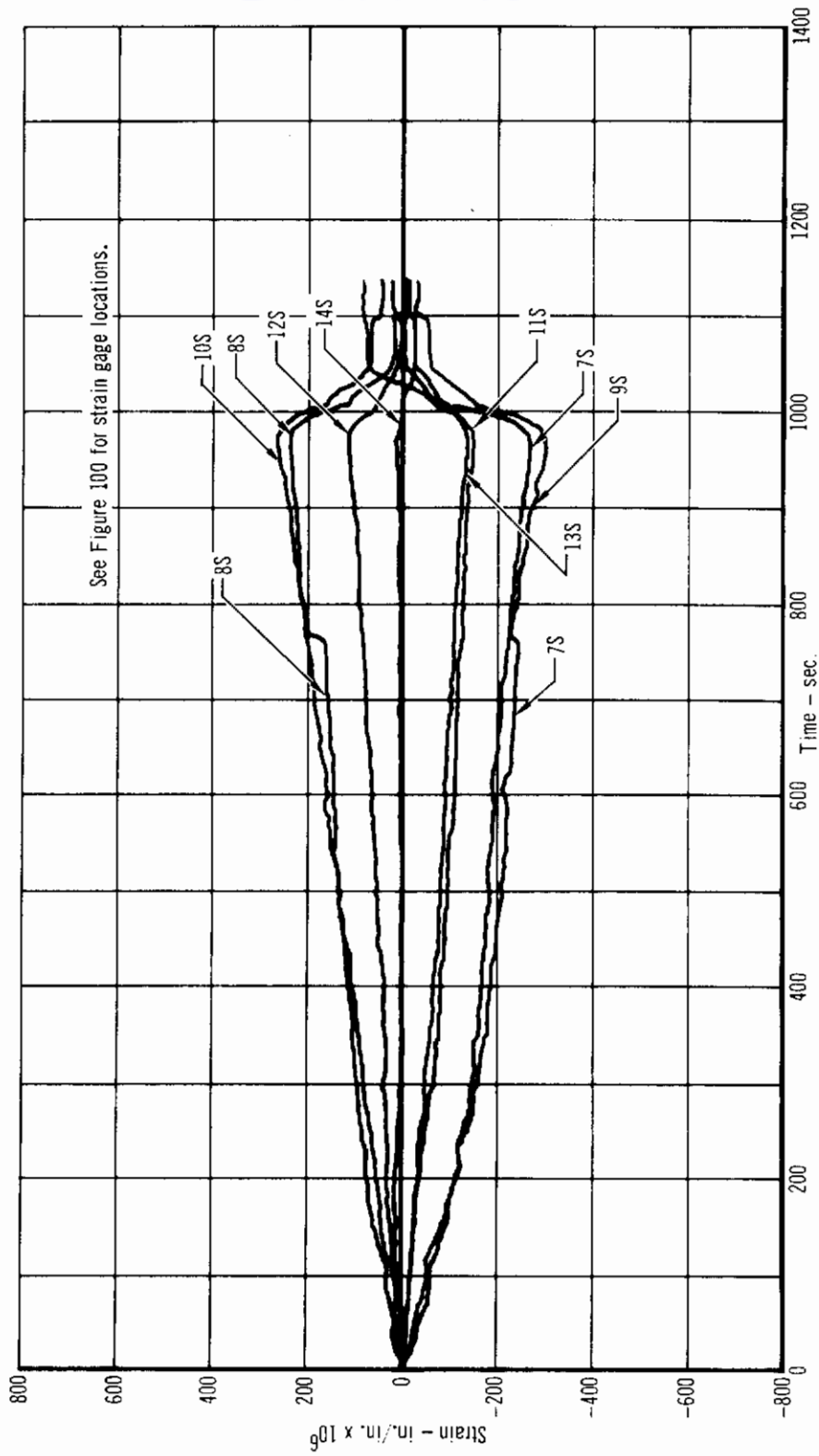


Figure 129 - Rear Spar and Trailing Edge Strains: Test 4



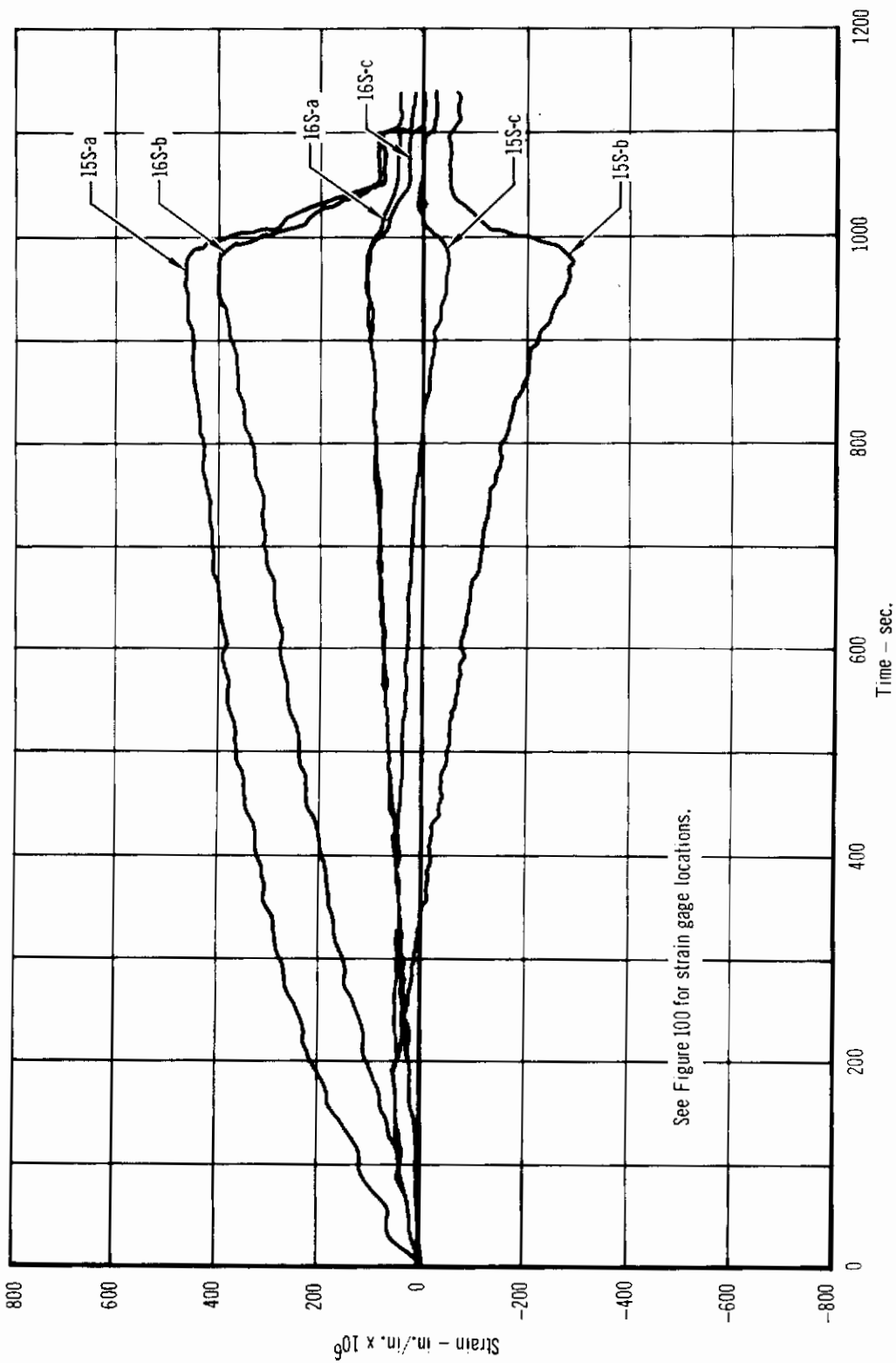


Figure 130 - Forward Cover Skin Strains: Test 4

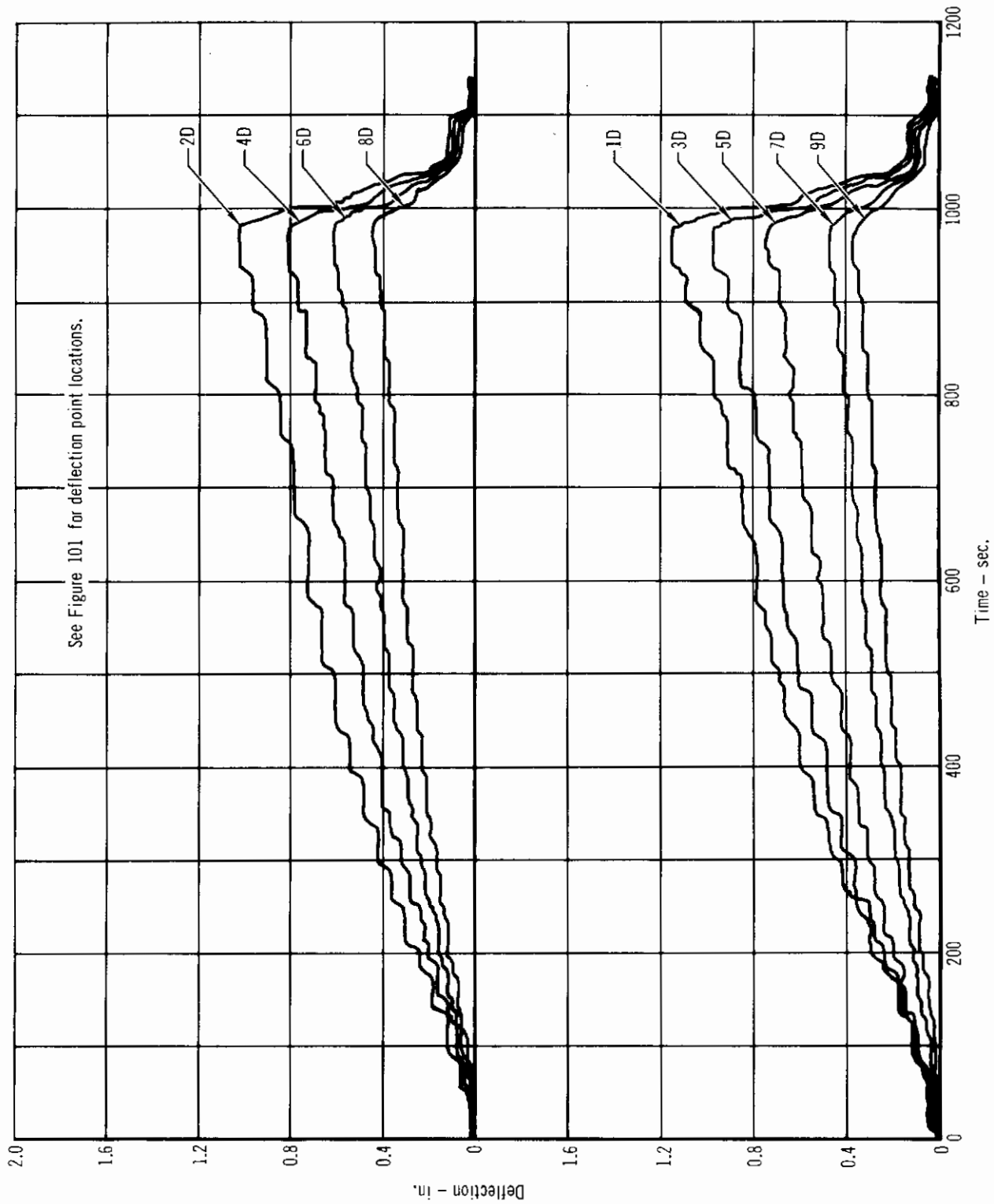


Figure 131 - Front Spar Deflections: Test 4

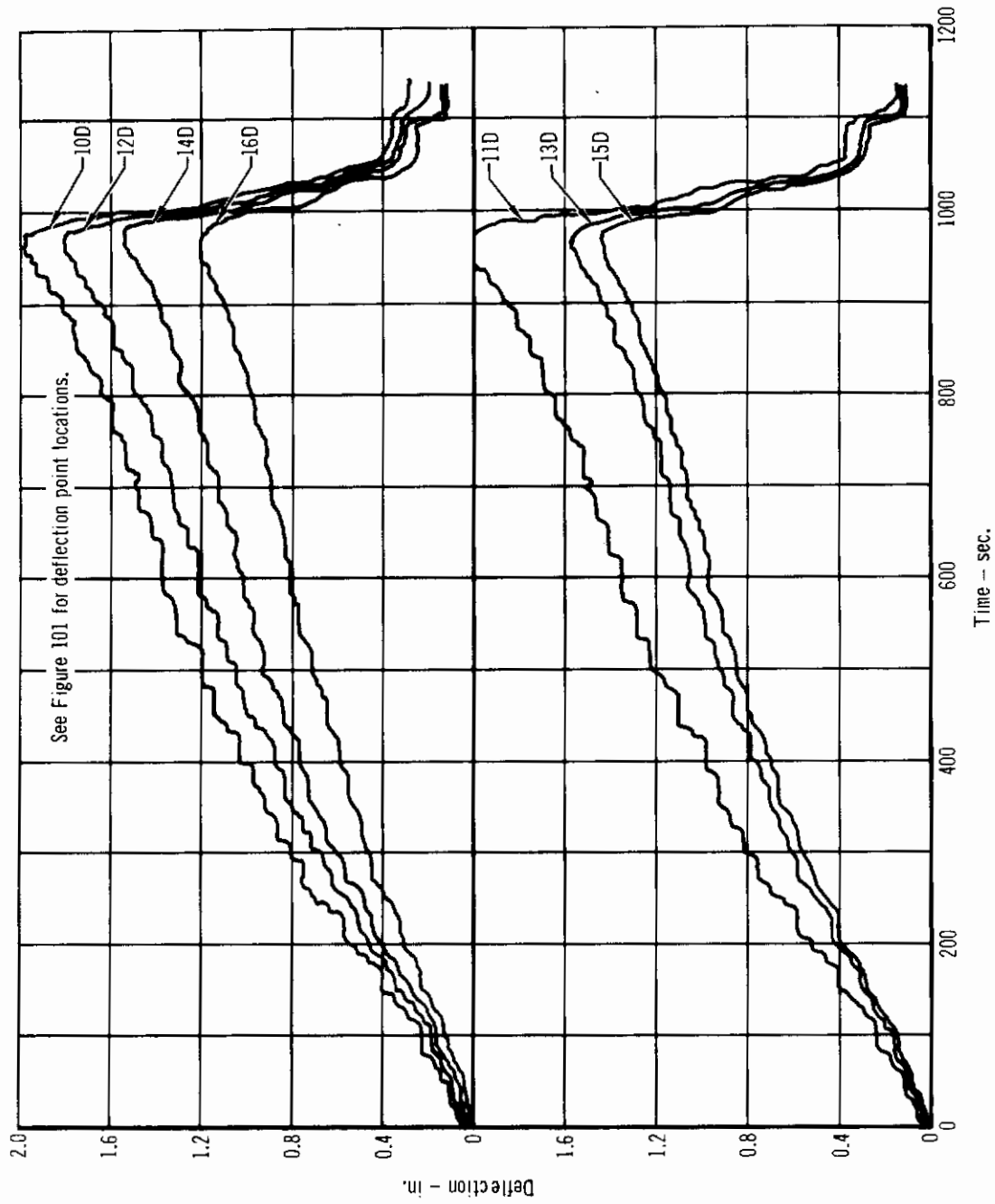


Figure 132 - Rear Spar Deflections: Test 4

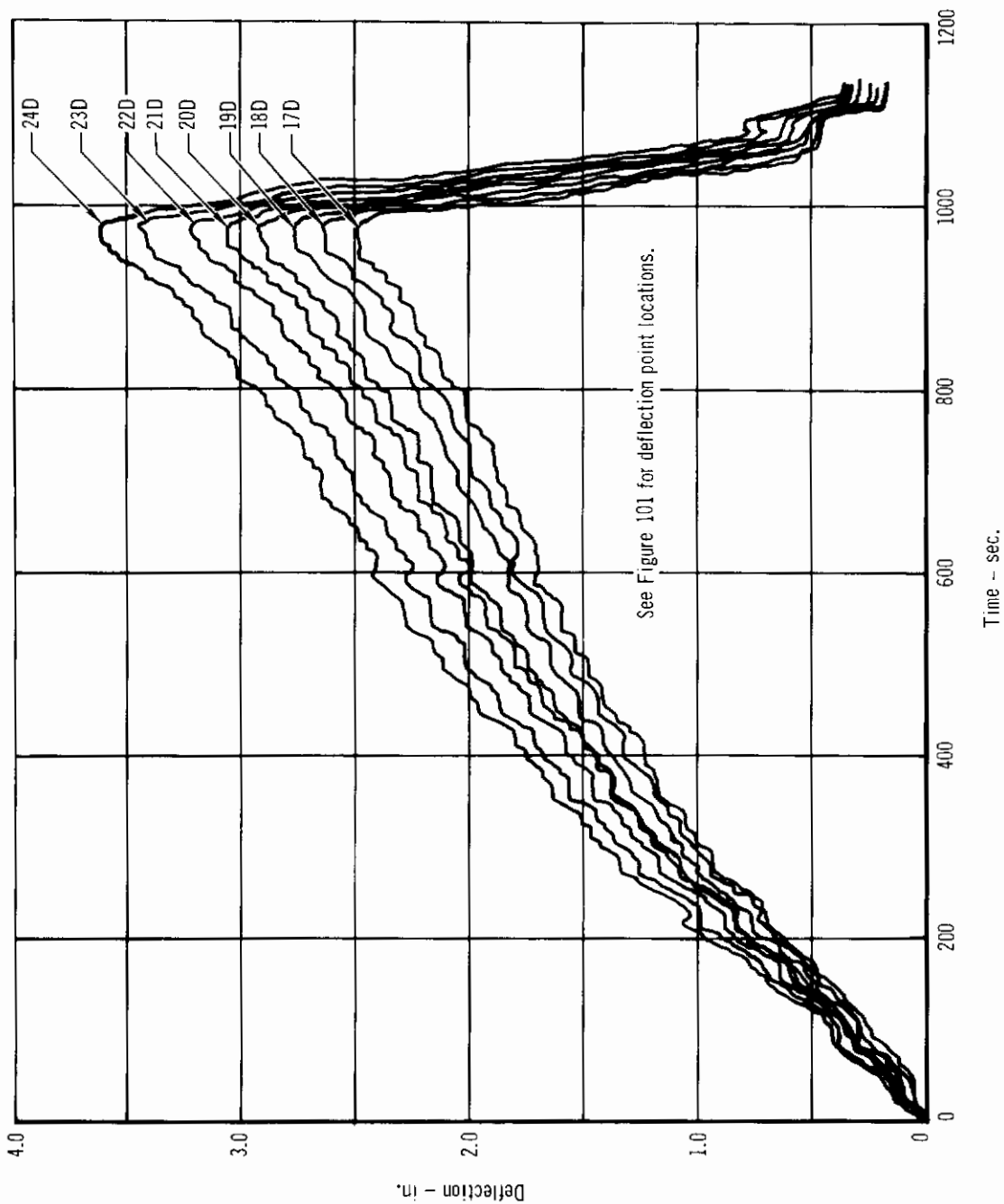
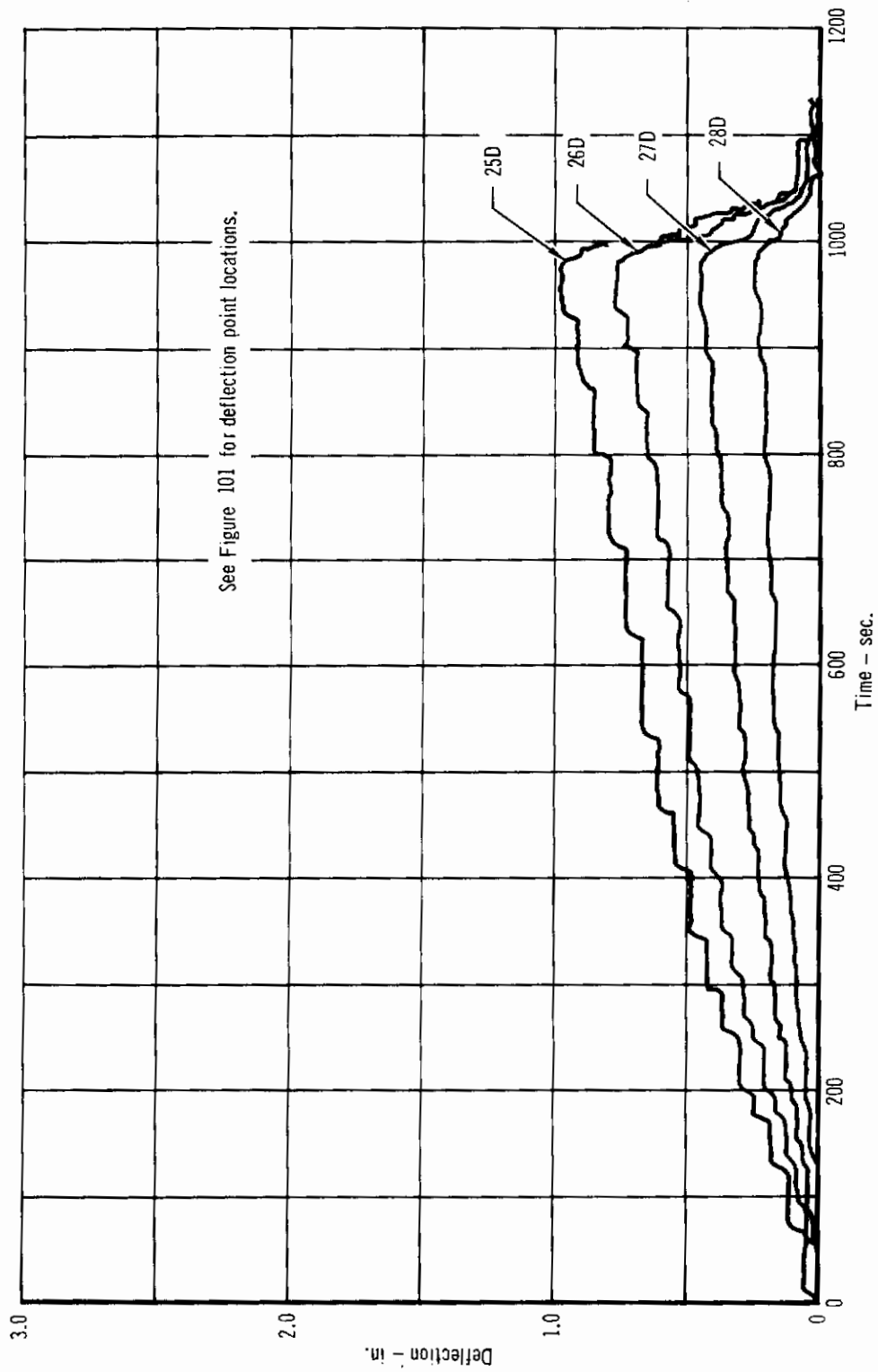


Figure 133 - Trailing Edge Deflections: Test 4



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Figure 134 - Hinge Deflections: Test 4

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## APPENDIX

### DETAIL DRAWINGS

#### Composite Section Drawing

No. 404-005, "Rudder Composite Section" (3 sheets)

#### Beryllium Rudder Drawings

No. 404-100, "Rudder Installation Beryllium Rudder"

No. 404-101, "Rudder Assembly"

No. 404-102, "Structure Assembly Beryllium Rudder"

No. 404-103, "Trailing Section Assembly - Rudder Honeycomb (2 sheets)"

No. 404-104, "Forward Spar Assembly"

No. 404-105, "Fitting - Rudder Torque Tube Upper"

No. 404-106, "Hinge - Rudder"

No. 404-107, "Rib Assembly Rudder Upper Balance Weight"

No. 404-108, "Rib Assembly"

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No. 404-110, "Ribs - Rudder Assembly"

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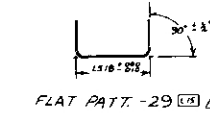
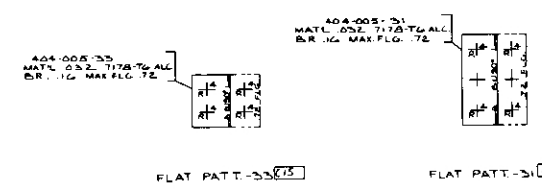
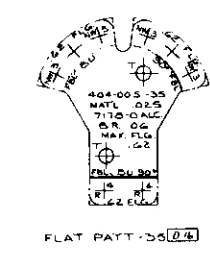
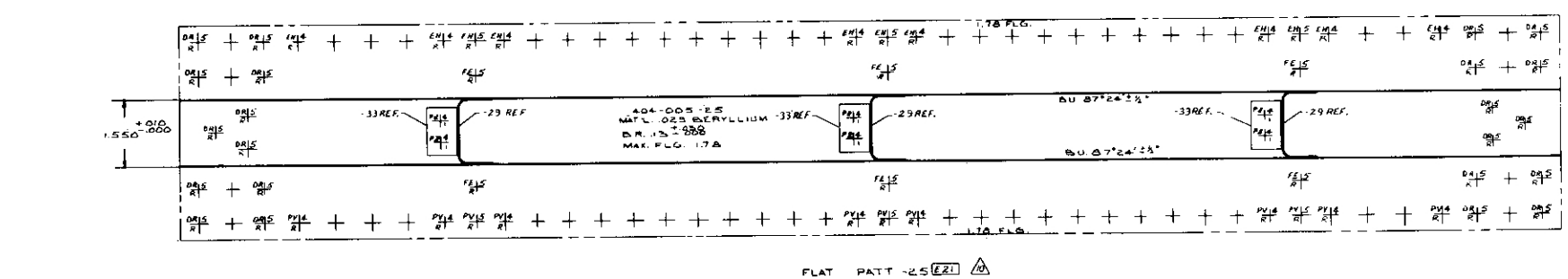
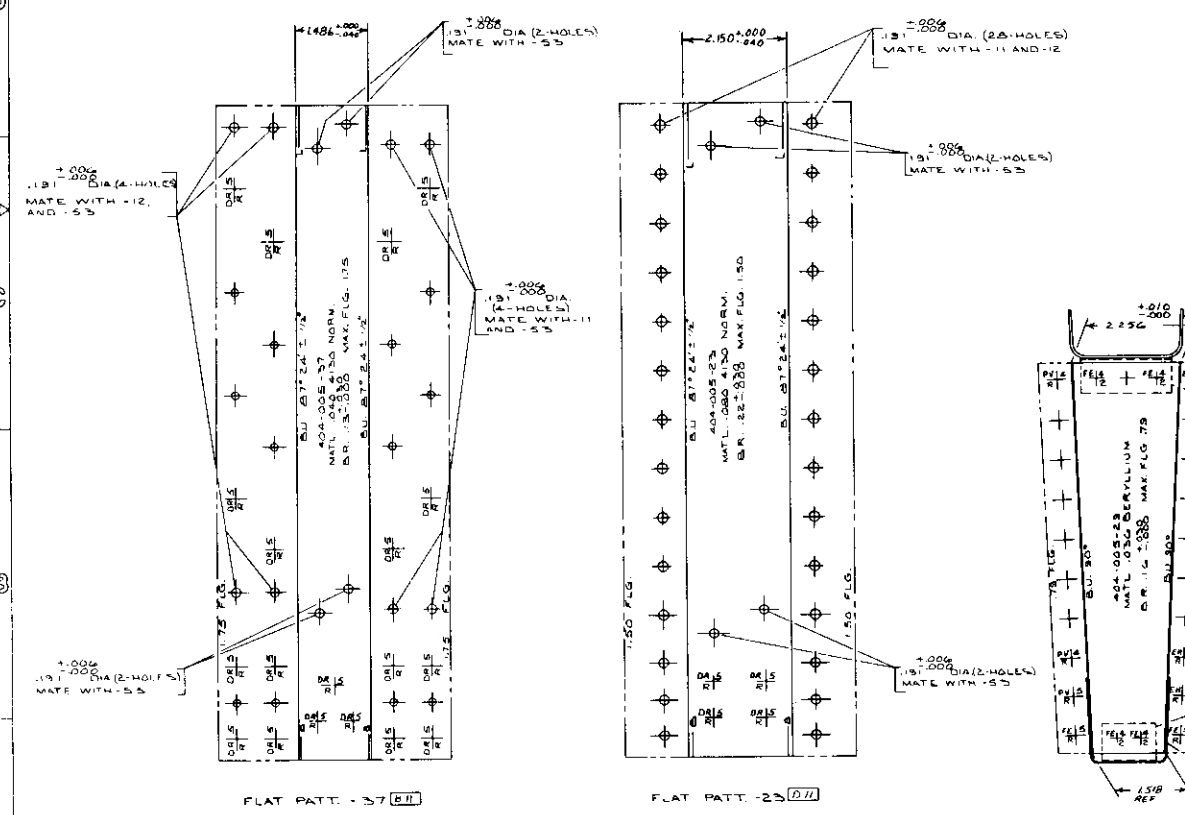
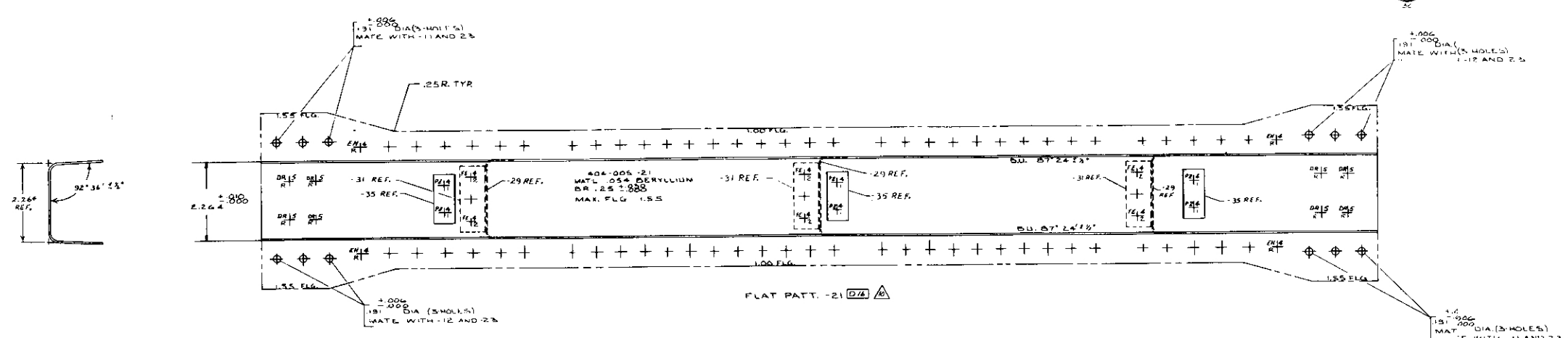
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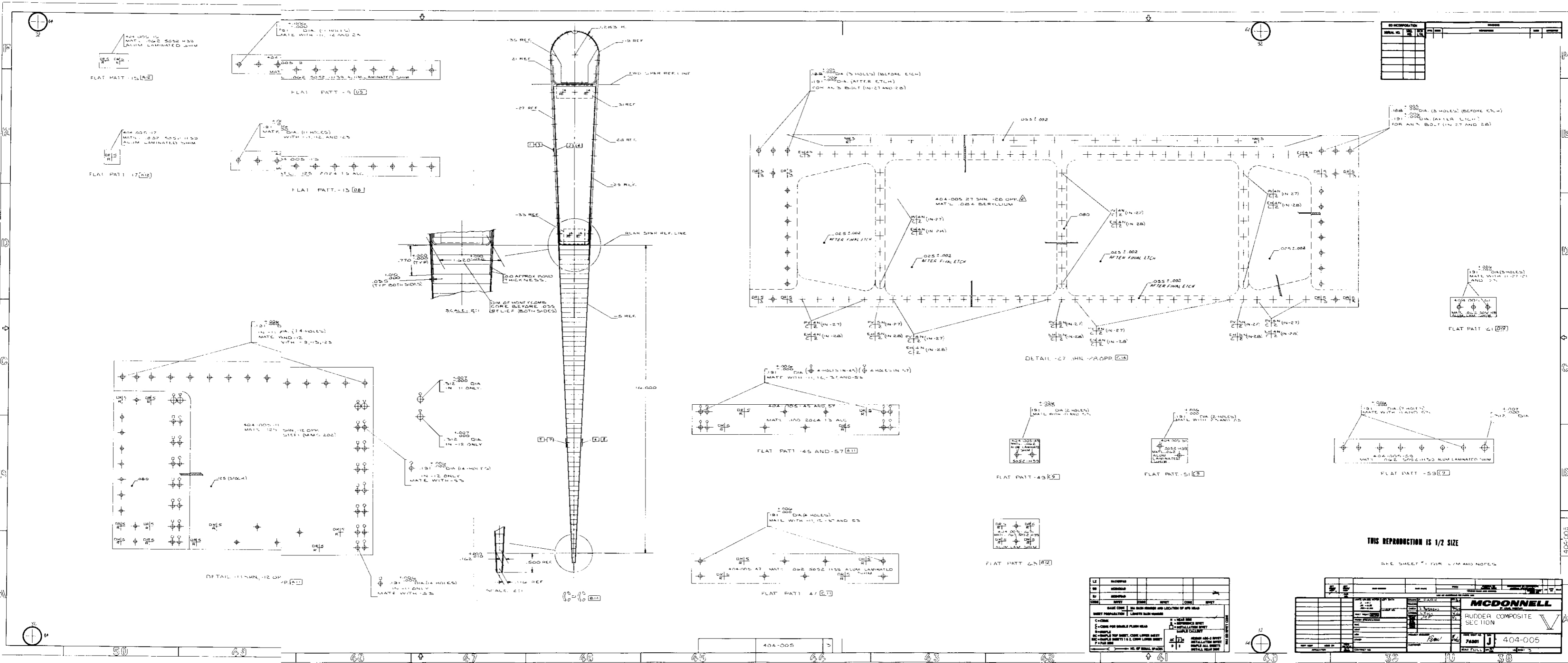


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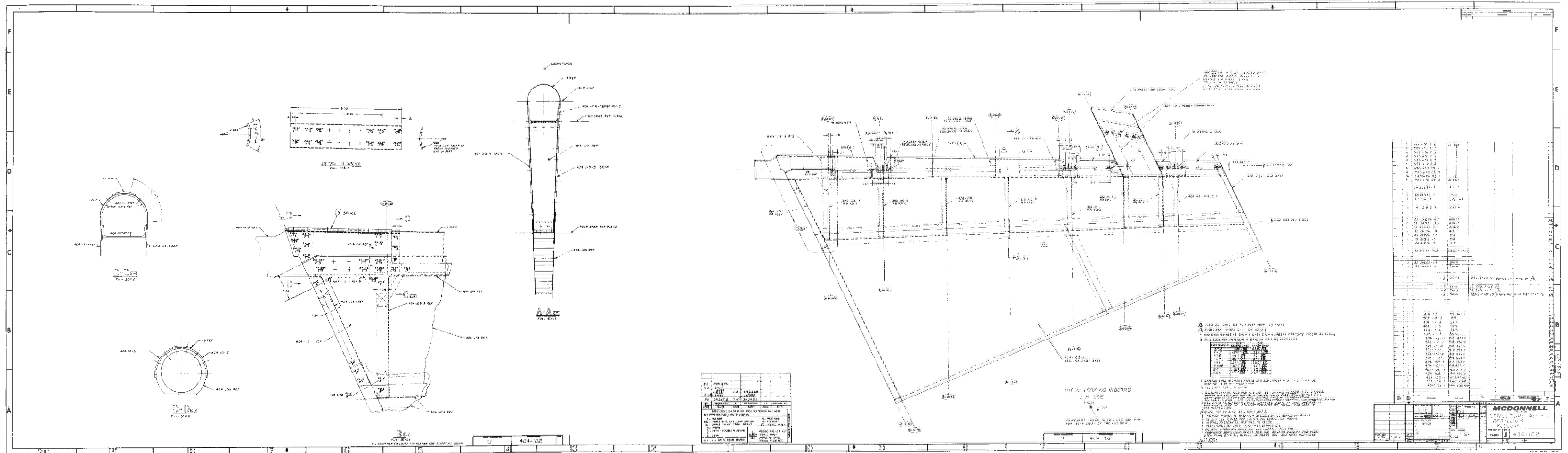
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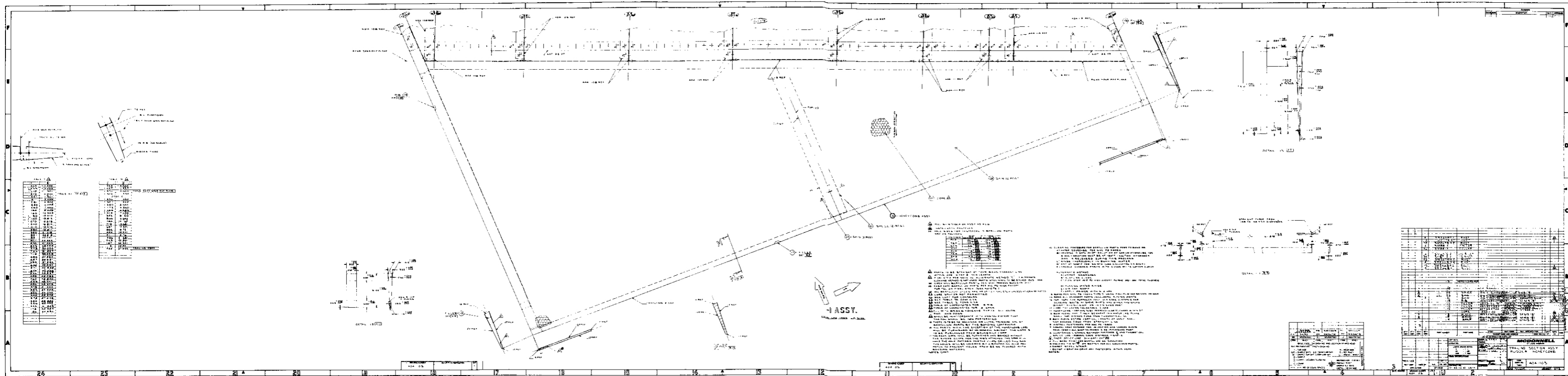
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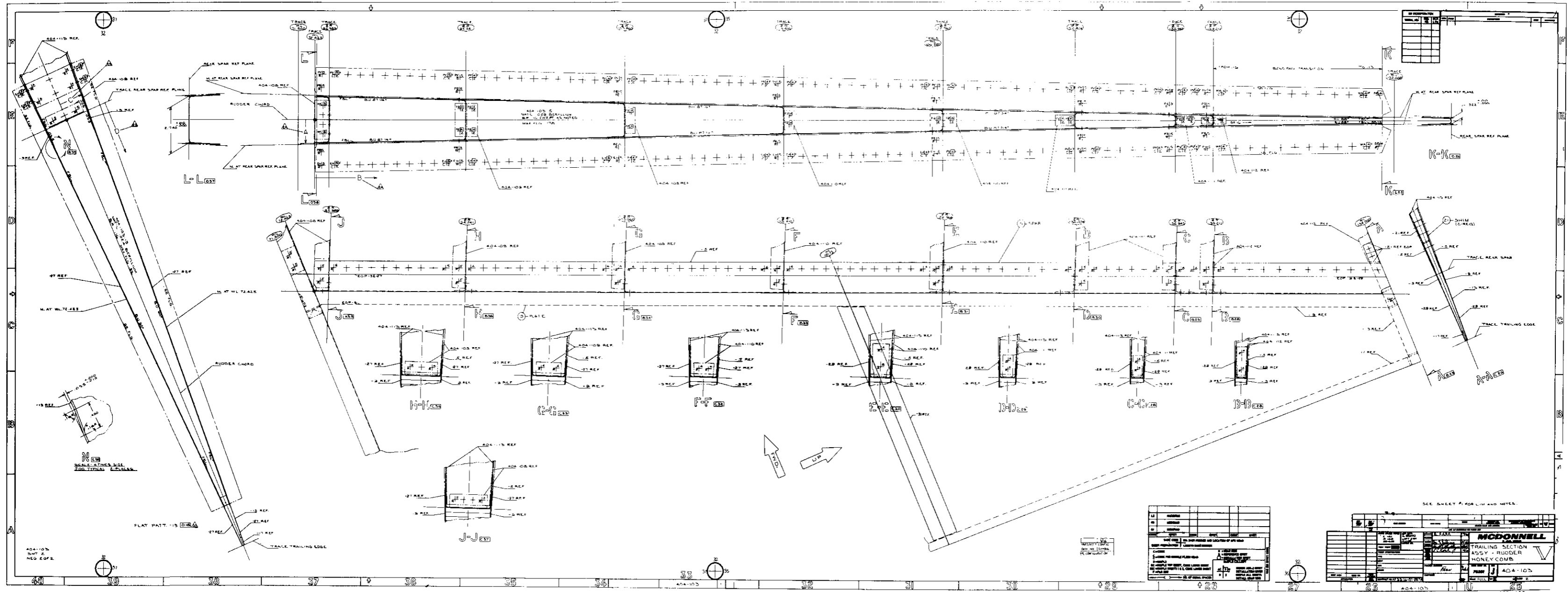


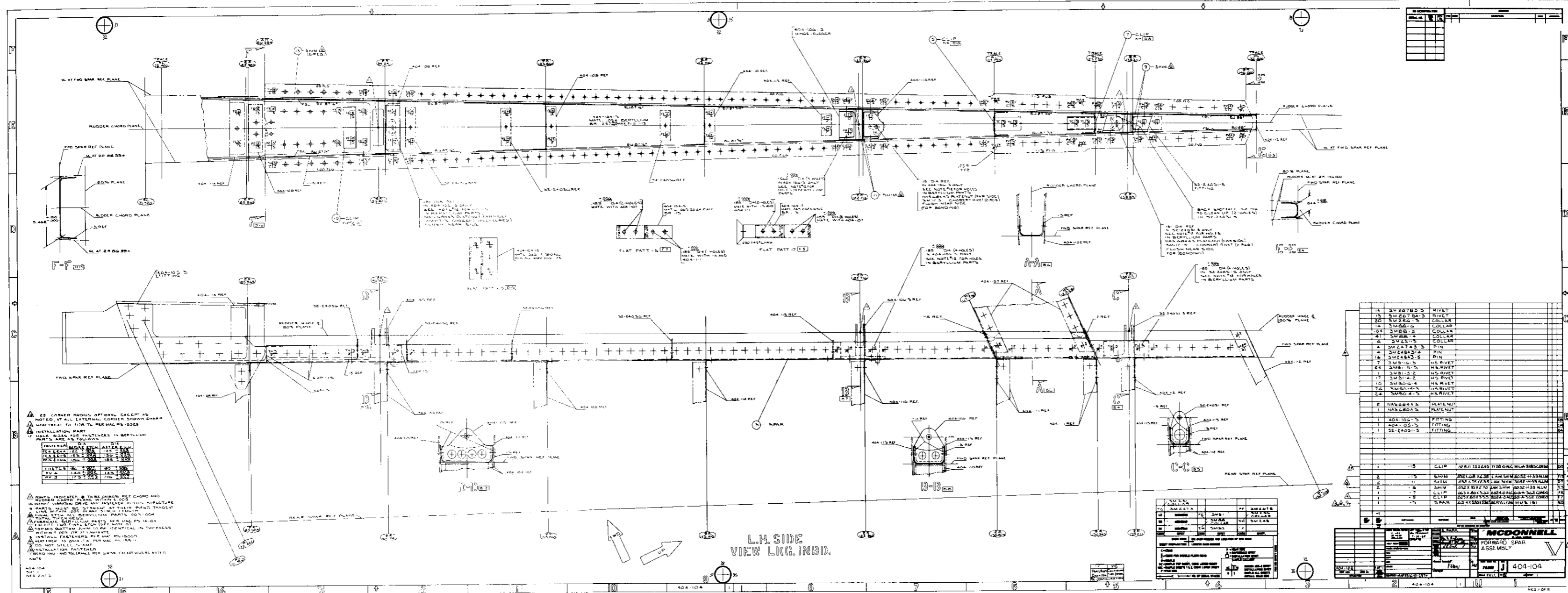




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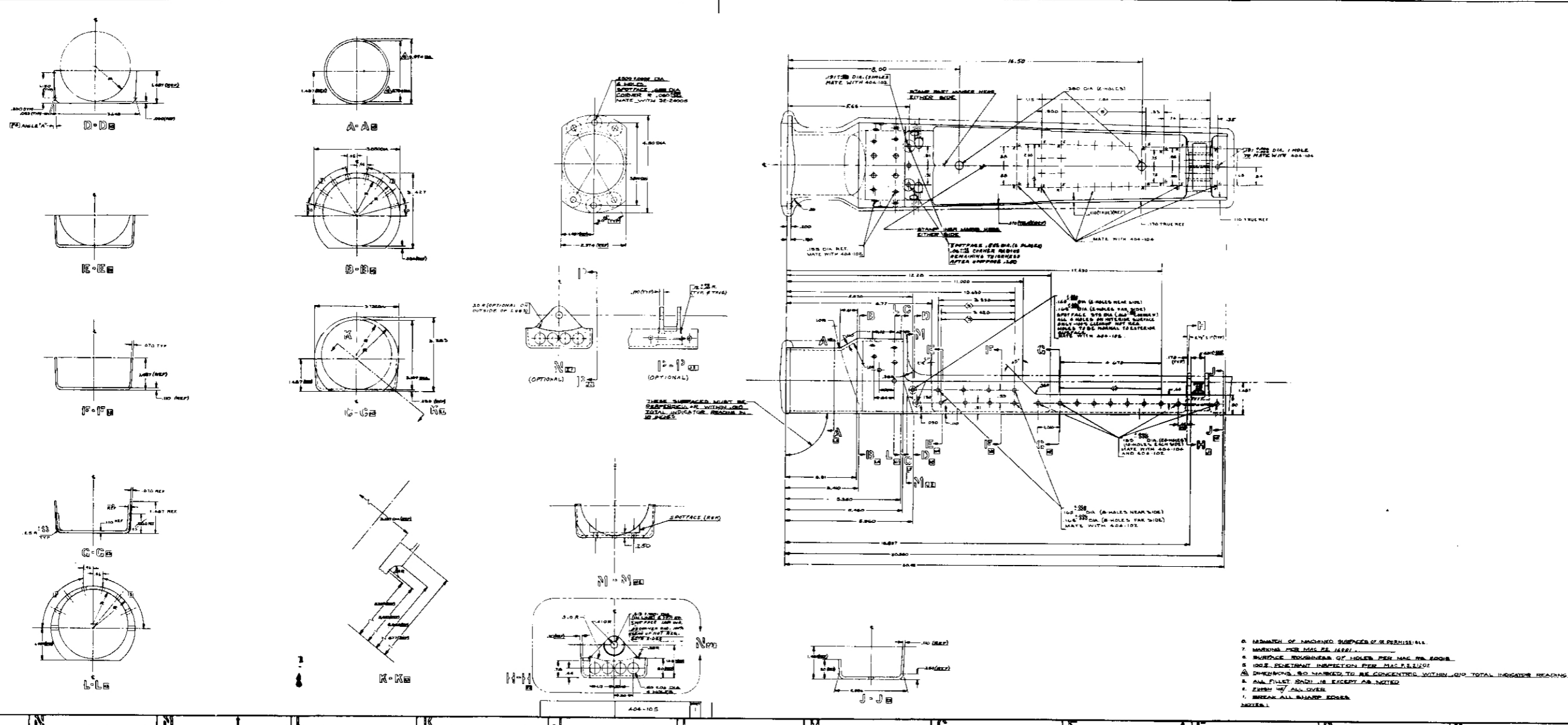


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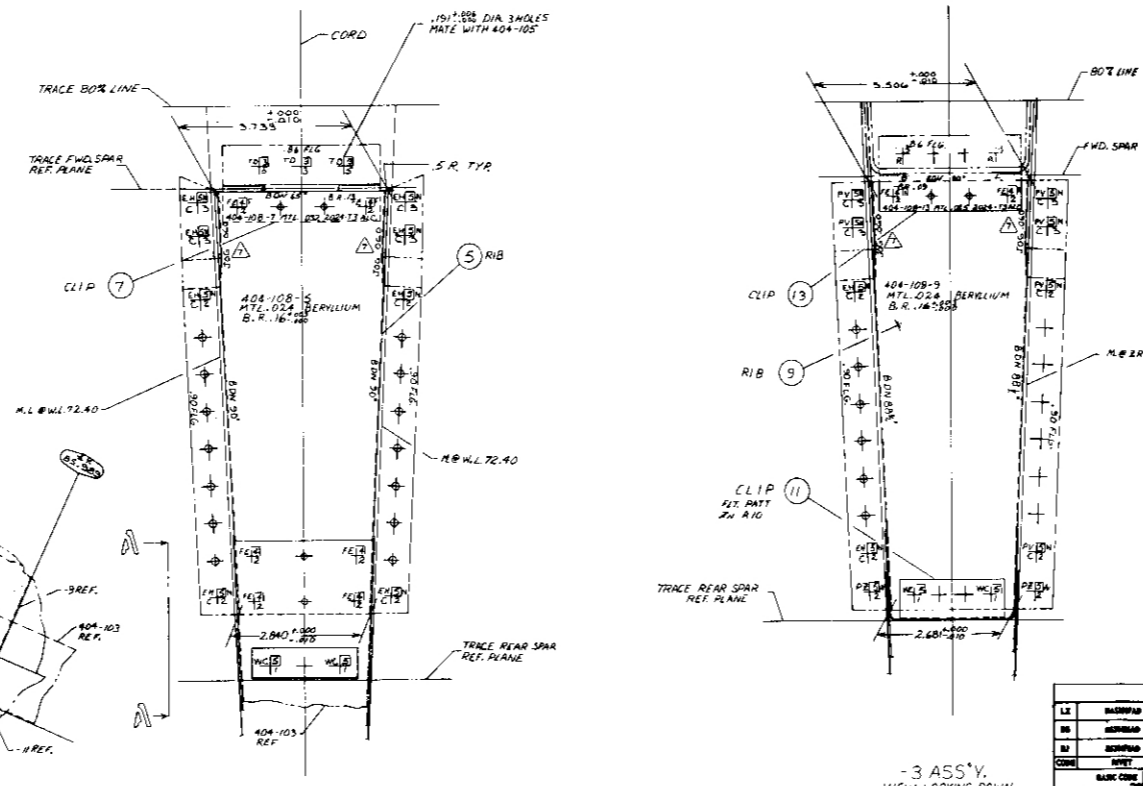
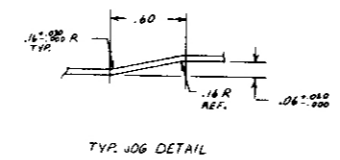
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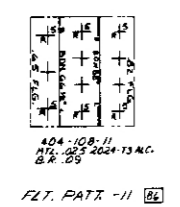


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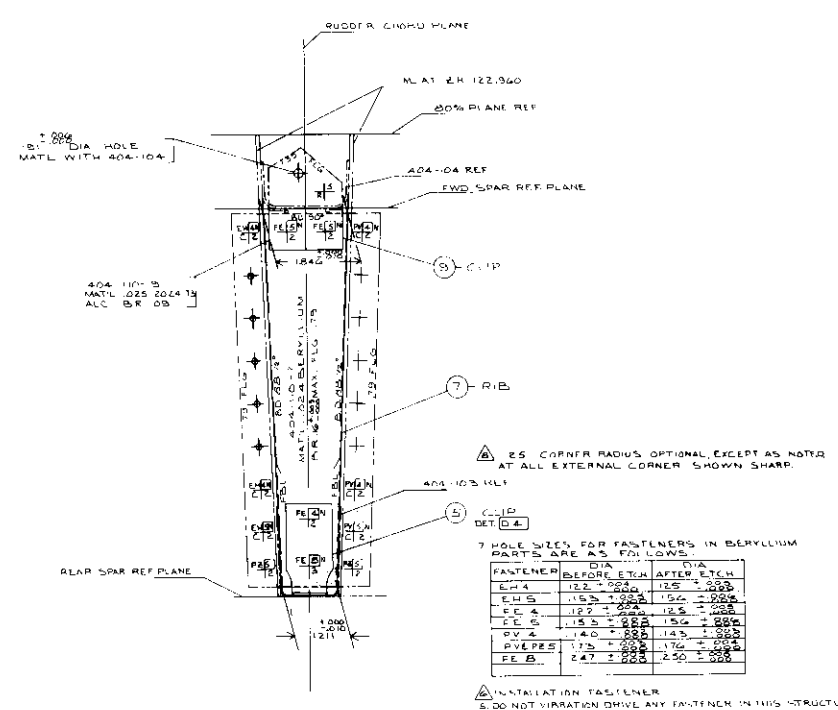
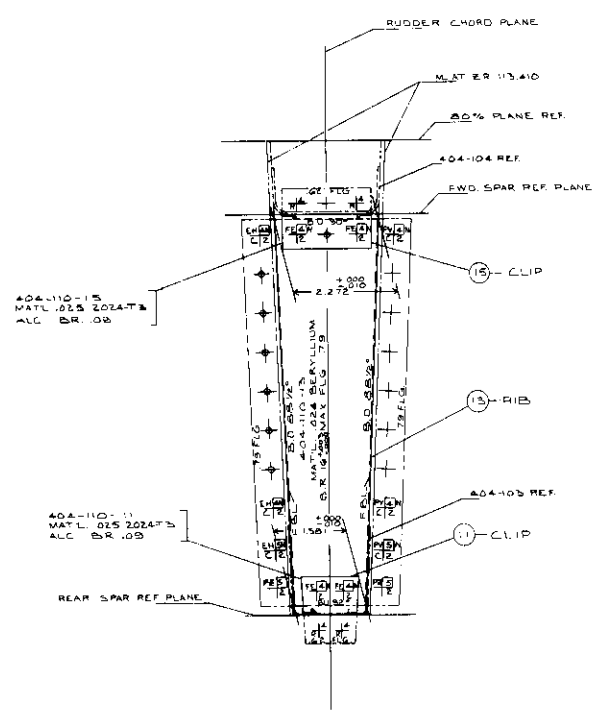
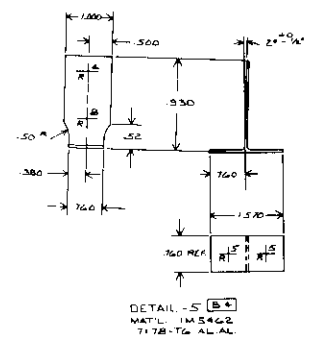
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REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	CHK



25 CORNER RADIUS OPTIONAL, EXCEPT AS NOTED AT ALL EXTERNAL CORNER SHOWN SHARP.

7 HOLE SIZES FOR FASTENERS IN BERYLLIUM PARTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FASTENER	DIA BEFORE ETCH	DIA AFTER ETCH
EH 4	122 ± .000	125 ± .000
EH 5	153 ± .000	156 ± .000
FE 4	122 ± .000	125 ± .000
FE 6	153 ± .000	156 ± .000
PV 2	140 ± .000	145 ± .000
RVE RES	175 ± .000	176 ± .000
EE B	247 ± .000	250 ± .000

INSTALLATION FASTENER & DO NOT VIBRATION DRIVE ANY FASTENER IN THIS STRUCTURE & PARTS MUST BE STRAIGHT AT THEIR BEND TANGENT LINE WITHIN .005 IN ANY 1 INCH LENGTH. INSTALL FASTENERS PER MIL-R-15000. (FINAL ETCH ALL BERYLLIUM PARTS 009 009 TOTAL THICKNESS FABRICATE BERYLLIUM PARTS PER MIL-R-15000 & CLIP FOR FINAL ETCH (SEE NOTE 2) NOTES.

LT	MATERIAL	PR	SM 267B	PR	SM 266 B
12	BERYLLIUM	PR	SM 267B	PR	SM 266 B
13	BERYLLIUM	PR	SM 56	PR	SM 56
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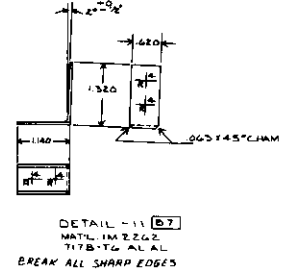
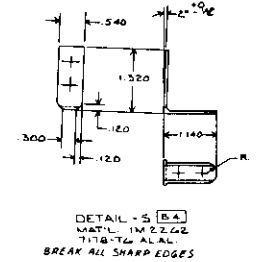
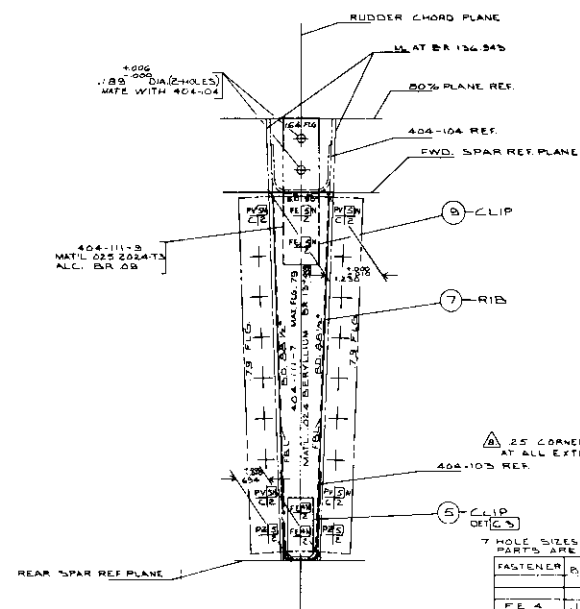
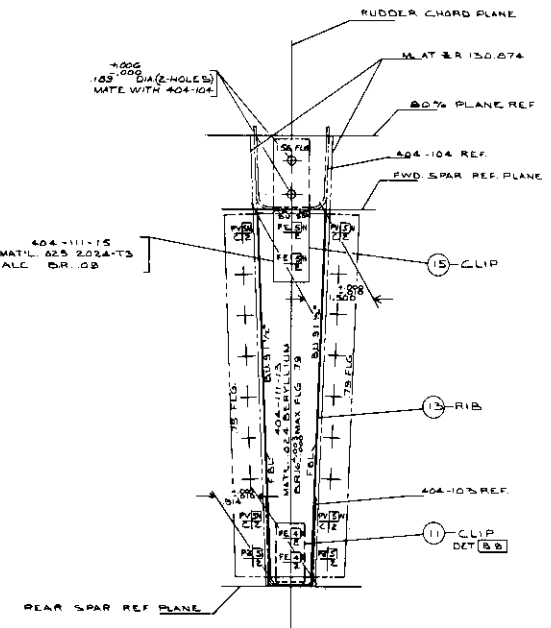
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1	SM 56-5	HS RIVET		
1	SM 267B-5-2	COLLAR		
1	SM 267B-4-2	RIVET		
1	SM 56-5	COLLAR		
1	SM 56-4	COLLAR		
1	SM 56-5-2	HS RIVET		
1	SM 56-4-2	HS RIVET		
1	SM 266B-5-2	RIVET		
1	15	CLIP	025X130X2.00	2024 T3 AL 60 A 362 COND 7
1	7	CLIP	025X130X1.45	2024 T3 AL 60 A 362 COND 7
1	9	CLIP	025X110X2.20	5074 T3 AL 60 A 362 COND 7
1	11	RIB	024X54X7.50	BERYLLIUM MM 5 19 1
1	5	CLIP	1M 5 426 X 1 60	7178-T6 AL MIL-A-886 COND 7

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RIBS-RUDDER ASSY  
Z.R. 113.410 AND  
Z.R. 122.960

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7 HOLE SIZES FOR FASTENERS IN BERYLLIUM PARTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FASTENER	DIA BEFORE ETCH	DIA AFTER ETCH
FE 4	122 + .002	125 + .002
FE 5	152 + .002	155 + .002
PV 4	140 + .002	143 + .002
PV 5	173 + .002	176 + .002
PE 5	173 + .002	176 + .002

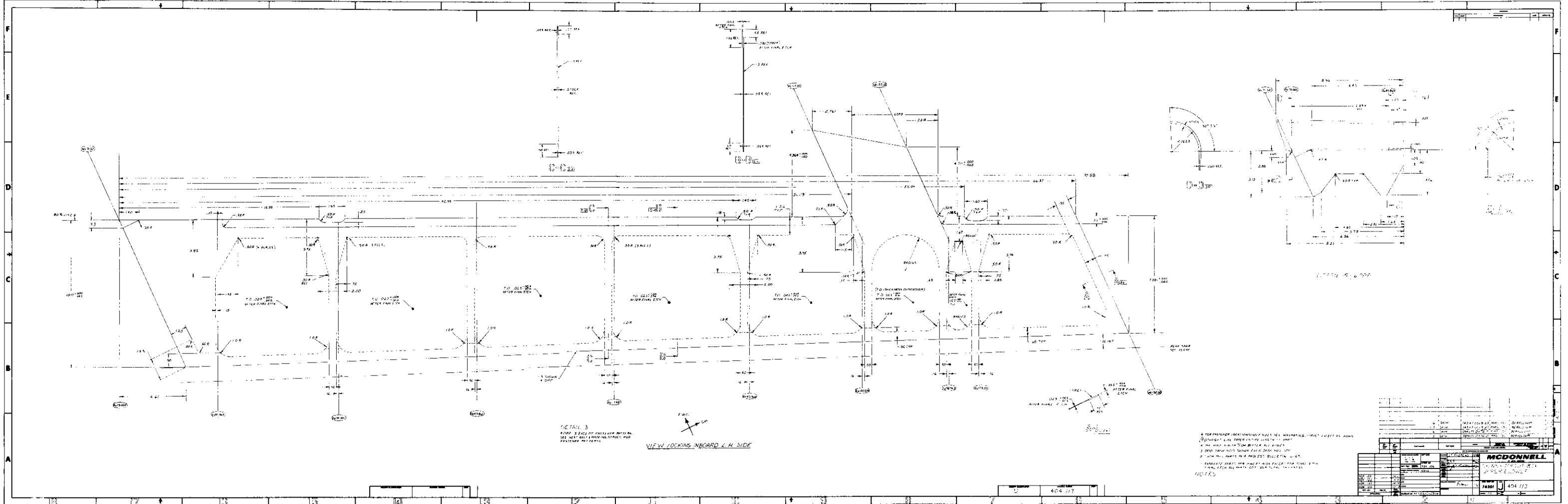
- 1. INSTALLATION FASTENER
- 2. DO NOT VIBRATE DRIVE ANY FASTENER INTO STRUCTURE.
- 3. PARTS MUST BE STRAIGHT AT THEIR BEND TANGENT LINE WITHIN .005 IN ANY 5 INCH LENGTH.
- 4. INSTALL FASTENERS PER MAF 05 15000.
- 5. FINAL FTTH ALL BERYLLIUM PARTS NOT FOR TOTAL THICKNESS.
- 6. FABRICATE BERYLLIUM PARTS PER MAF 05-150104 EXCEPT FOR FINAL ETCH (SEE NOTE 2).
- 7. NOTES.

LI	MATERIAL	PV	SM267B	PE	SM267B
RI	BERYLUM	FE	SM267B	PE	SM267B
BI	BERYLUM	FE	SM267B	PE	SM267B
CI	CLIP	FE	SM267B	PE	SM267B

QTY	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	MATERIAL	COND.	COND.	COND.	COND.	COND.	COND.	COND.
2	RIVET	3M267B-52								
16	RIVET	3M267B-52								
2	COLLAR	3M267B-5								
2	COLLAR	3M267B-4								
2	H.S. RIVET	3M267B-5-E								
2	H.S. RIVET	3M267B-4-2								

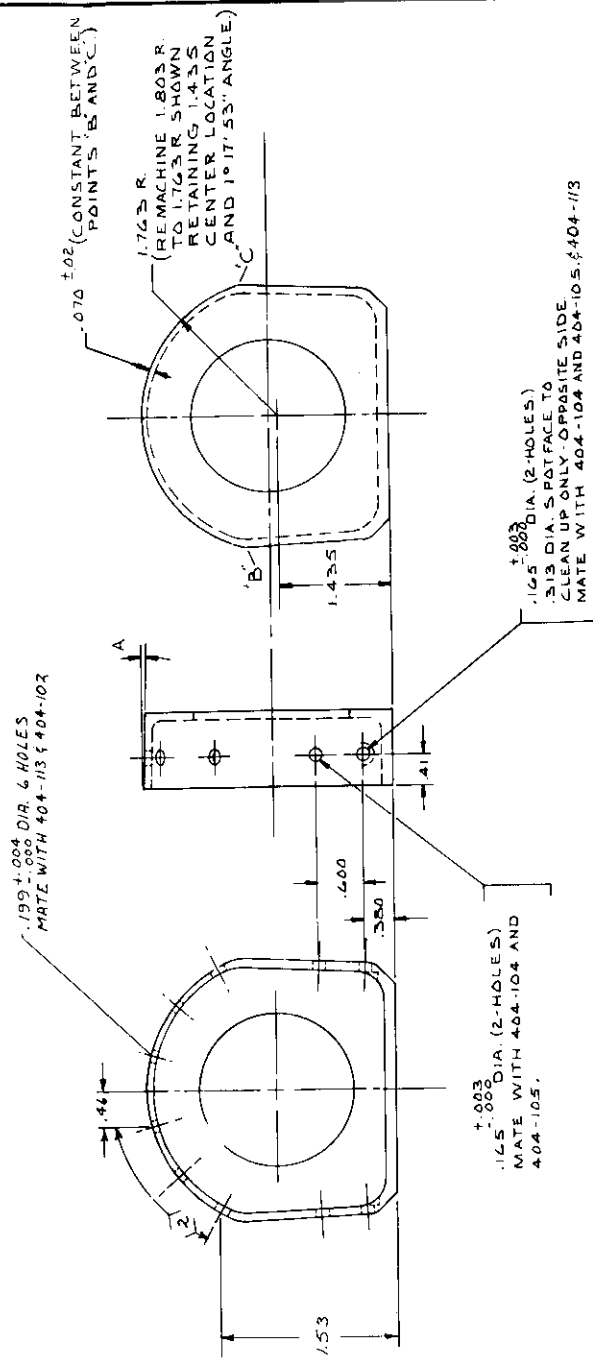
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.199 ± .004 DIA. 6 HOLES  
MATE WITH 404-103 & 404-102

± .003  
1.65" DIA. (2-HOLES)  
MATE WITH 404-104 AND  
404-105.

± .003  
1.65" DIA. (2-HOLES)  
2.13 DIA. SPOTFACE TO  
CLEAN UP ONLY, OPPOSITE SIDE  
MATE WITH 404-104 AND 404-105 & 404-113

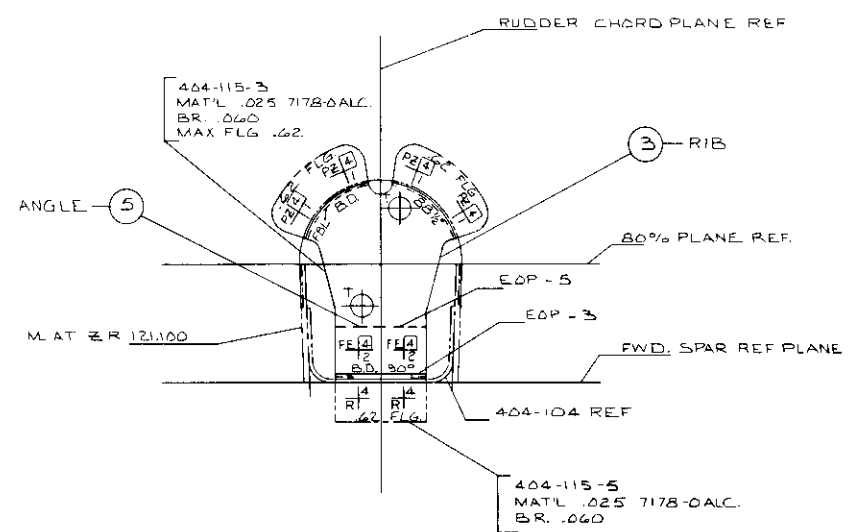
- △ USE 32-24037-5 FINISH MACHINED PART WITHOUT HOLES AND REWORK AS SHOWN. ALL MACHINING DIMENSIONS NOT SHOWN ARE SAME AS 32-24037-5.
- △ PART TO BE STRAIGHT WITHIN .016.
- △ 100% PENETRANT INSPECTION PER MAC P.S. 21202.
- △ ALL MACHINED SURFACES <sup>2407</sup>
- △ MARKING PER MAC P.S. 162001.
- △ SURFACE INSPECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAC P.S. 23030.
- △ BREAK ALL SHARP EDGES.
- NOTES.

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DESIGNER <b>Finn</b>	CHECKER <b>W. J. ...</b>
DRAWN <b>E. PARK</b>	DATE <b>4/3/54</b>
CHECKED <b>W. J. ...</b>	DATE <b>4/7/54</b>
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DATE <b>4/7/54</b>	TIME <b>10:45</b>
SCALE <b>1:1</b>	UNIT <b>INCHES</b>
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-1 ASSY.  
VIEW LKG. DN.

7. INSTALLATION FASTENERS
- NOMINAL EDGE DISTANCE FOR 1/8 INCH DIA. AND LARGER RIVETS EXCEPT HI-SHEAR: (2 DIA+.06) SHOP TOLERANCE ±.08 EXCEPT AS SHOWN.
  - BREAK ALL SHARP EDGES.
  - USE .25 RADIUS ON ALL CORNERS SHOWN ROUNDED.
  - MARKING PER MAC. PS. 12001.
  - BEND RADIUS PER GM39.
  - HEAT TREAT TO 7178-T6 PER MAC. PS. 15529.
- NOTE:

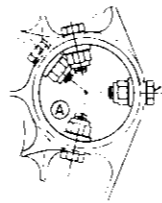
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BB	RESIN/AD		3M88		
BJ	RESIN/AD	FE	3M91		

CODE	RIVET	CODE	RIVET	CODE	RIVET
BASIC CODE DIA DASH NUMBER AND LOCATION OF RIV HEAD					
SHEET PREPARATION LENGTH DASH NUMBER					
C	CSINK				
S	CSINK FOR DOUBLE FLUSH HEAD				
D	DIMPLE				
DC	DIMPLE TOP SHEET, CSINK LOWER SHEET				
DDC	DIMPLE SHEETS 1 & 2, CSINK LOWER SHEET				
F	FAR SIDE				
H	NEAR SIDE				
R	REFERENCE RIVET				
I	INSTALLATION RIVET				
SAMPLE CALLOUT					
AC	3	5	11	152981	ADS-2 RIVET
D	2				INSTALLATION RIVET
DIMPLE ALL SHEETS					
INSTALL NEAR SIDE					

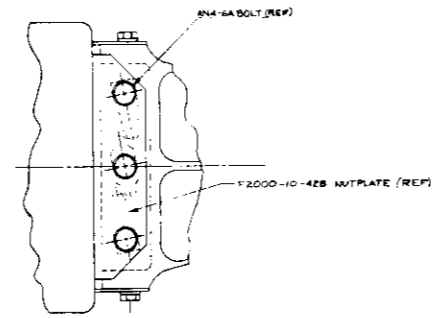
4	3M266B-4-1	RIVET							
2	3M88-4	COLLAR							
2	3M91-4-2	H.S. RIVET							
1	-5	ANGLE	.025 X 1.30 X 1.30	7178-0 ALC.	MIL-A-9183 COND-0				B5
1	-3	RIB	.025 X 3.65 X 3.10	7178-0 ALC.	MIL-A-9183 COND-0				B4

LIMITS UNLESS NOTED		MKT DATA		DESIGN		E. FARK	
S = .01	Z1 = .02	LOFT 1	REQ 1	STAMPED	TRACED	DATE	8/16
TE = .02	20	J. HESSWAMP	8-11-65	CHECK	DATE		
HEAT TREAT (NOTED)				PROJECT NUMBER			
FINISH SPECIFICATIONS				CUSTOMER			
MAC				76301			
LEAF				404-115			
LEAF				SCALE FULL			
OTHER				CONTRACT NO AF 33(615)-2974			
404-102				LEAD SHEET 1			
NEXT ASSY				APP. DATE			
USED ON				DATE			
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NAS 625-T (10, 5000)  
 WASHERS (4 REQ)  
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 BE-COON (10, 5000)  
 TORQUE NUTS TO 50-60 IN-LBS

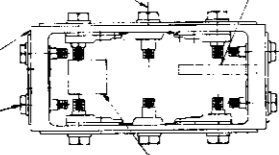
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AN4-6A BOLT (REP)

F2000-10-42B NUTPLATE (REP)

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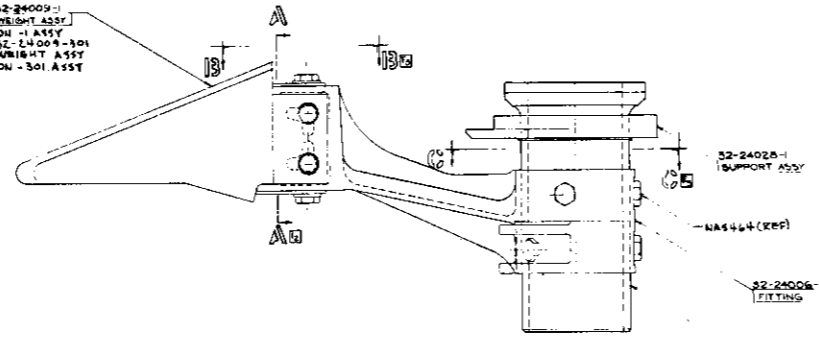


AN4-6A BOLT (4 REQ)  
 AN60016 WASHER (4 REQ)  
 F2000-10-42B NUTPLATE (4 REQ)  
 F1000-42B NUT ANCHOR (4 REQ)  
 AN3-7A BOLT (4 REQ)  
 AN3760-D16 WASHER (4 REQ)  
 AN486-ADD RIVET (8 REQ)  
 AN486-ADD RIVET (8 REQ)  
 TORQUE NUTS TO 50-60 IN-LBS

PART NO. HERE FOR SIDE

32-24009-1  
 WEIGHT ASSY  
 ON -1 ASSY  
 32-24009-301  
 WEIGHT ASSY  
 ON -301 ASSY

A-A



32-24025-1  
 SUPPORT ASSY

AN4464 (REP)

32-24006-5  
 FITTING

32-24005-3  
 TUBE

DETAIL OF -1  
 DETAIL OF -301 SAME AS -1 EXCEPT AS SHOWN  
 -301 SUPERCEDES -1

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-1				
-301				

4. INSTALL FASTENERS PER MAC P5.19000.  
 3. LAST SECTION LETTER USED C-G  
 2. NOMINAL DIMENSIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.  
 1. MARKING PER MAC P5.19001

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QTY	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	REVISION
4	AN4464	WASHER	EA	1
4	AN3760-D16	WASHER	EA	1
4	F2000-10-42B	NUT ANCHOR	EA	1
4	K3000	NUT ANCHOR	EA	1
4	AN310E1C	NUT	EA	1
4	AN3-7A	BOLT	EA	1
4	NAS 625-T	BOLT	EA	1
4	AN4464	BOLT	EA	1
4	AN3760-D16	WASHER	EA	1
4	32-24006-5	FITTING	EA	1
1	32-24025-1	SUPPORT ASSY	EA	1
1	32-24005-3	TUBE	EA	1
1	32-24009-1	WEIGHT ASSY	EA	1
1	32-24009-301	WEIGHT ASSY	EA	1

SUPPORT ASSY -  
 BALANCE WEIGHT & HORN

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