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PART I

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY


Examination of aromatic fluorine compounds -- six quinones and three phenol isomers -- by dilution plate and cloth square methods with respect to four cloth deteriorating fungi showed general possession of fungistatic properties. All the quinones and two of the phenol isomers exhibited appreciable fungistatic capacities. The compound 2, 5-difluoro-1, 4-benzoquinone was most potent, completely inhibiting growth of Chaetomium gloeobum on unfavorable and favorable media at concentrations of 62 and 375 milligrams per liter, respectively, and completely protecting through 14 days squares of duck cloth saturated with an aqueous dispersion of the compound containing 500 milligrams per liter. Among the quinones fungistatic potency appeared to vary both with fluorine content -- the higher the content, the more potent the compound -- and, independently of fluorine content, with molecular structure. With phenol isomers, the position of the fluorine atom strongly influenced potency.


Of the twenty-five compounds tested since 1 March 1951, nine are phenols, nine are nitrobenzenes, four are anilines and three are other fluorinated preparations. Among the compounds and included for comparison are five that do not contain fluorine but are similar in structure to those that do.

To determine fungistatic potency, three test methods were employed: the agar dilution plate method, a treatment of squares of cotton fabric, and a treatment of cotton thread. Only those compounds that showed high toxicity by the first procedure were given the second and third tests. With the agar dilution plate method four fungi were used. With the other methods only the fungus Myrothecium verrucaria was used.

All of the compounds inhibited development of the fungi in some degree. Effective concentrations in agar were generally above 500 mg/liter for the phenols, above 200 mg/liter for both the anilines and the two nitrobenzenes, and above 5 mg/liter for the seven dinitrobenzenes.

Of the dinitrobenzenes, the most effective was 1-fluoro-3-bromo-4, 6-dinitrobenzene. It prevented the four test fungi from developing on agar that contained as little of it as 0.8 mg/liter and completely protected impregnated cotton thread that by weight contained only 0.15% of it.


The chemical research program on organic fluorine compounds in reference to new fungicides was resolved into two phases: (1) the synthesis of compound types for rapid screenings and (2) a detailed study of the most promising types of compounds.

Approximately 35 fluorinated compounds belonging to the quinone, hydroquinone, phenol, aniline, and nitrobenzene types were synthesized and furnished the fungicidal testing program. The method of synthesis and the properties of each compound are described briefly. More than half of the compounds described are new and their chemical structures definitely proven. In several instances, 100-g. samples were prepared of the most promising compounds.

All of the compounds submitted for screening showed fungicidal properties with the dinitro and nitrophenols showing most promise. The greatest potency was discovered with 1-fluoro-3-bromo-4, 6-dinitrobenzene as it prevented fungus growth at 0.8 ppm. Complete protection of cotton thread and no loss of tensile strength were obtained by impregnation with the compound.

Reported for the first time is the synthesis of a chlorofluoroquinone by the 1, 4 addition of hydrogen chloride to a fluoroquinone followed by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide.

Illinois State Natural History Survey, TR 6518, Part 3  FUNGISTICAPACITIES OF AROMATIC FLUORINE COMPOUNDS IN RELATION TO CLOTH-ROT TING FUNGI. PART 3 - FLUORINATED ANISOLs, BENZYLs,

The fungistatic activities of eight aromatic fluorine compounds were investigated. The group was heterogeneous, comprising one chlorinated phenol, two nitriles, one benzyl alcohol, three biphenyls, and one biphenyl sulfide.

Potencies of each compound toward four fungi deleterious to cotton fabric were determined first by the agar dilution plate method. Of the more potent compounds, further tests were made to gauge their effectiveness in protecting cotton parachute webbing thread.

Least potent of the compounds was the benzyl alcohol. Most potent with a range of effectiveness of from 8 to 22.5 parts per million for the test fungi, was 4-fluoro-2-chlorophenol. The biphenyls, although only moderately potent, offered such advantages as lack of color, a solid state, and high melting point. Introduction of sulfur in the biphenyl linkage appreciably increased the potency of one compound.

In protection tests with parachute webbing thread, compound content in treated thread of from 1 to 3.7 per cent, depending on the compound, was sufficient to prevent diminution of tensile strength in the presence of an actively growing fungus.


Fifteen aromatic fluorine compounds were prepared for fungicidal screening tests since 1 September 1952. The syntheses and properties of these compounds and intermediates are described in detail except in cases of known or borrowed derivatives. Ten of the test samples are new to the scientific literature. Classes represented are fluorinated benzoic acids, phenols, amine-oxides, toluenes, biphenols, biphenyl sulfide, and benzyl derivatives.

A search was made for colorless and thermally stable fungicides in the biphenyl and biphenyl sulfide classes. Three solid fluorinated hydroxybiphenyls, also called biphenols, were synthesized with 2,2-dihydroxy-5,5-difluorobiphenyl showing the most promise. When a sulfur linkage was introduced into the latter to give a biphenyl sulfide, fungicidal potency was increased so that 24-25 parts per million prevented growth of four test fungi.

Cotton thread impregnated with the sulfur compound showed no discoloration or loss in tensile strength, and when treated with 1000 ppm solution was completely protected. Likewise, 2-fluoro-6-nitrophenol, a potent fungicide, and the difluorobiphenols did not appear to change the tensile strength of the thread.

University of Rhode Island. WADC TR 54-421.


One hundred forty-three candidate antibiotics furnished by twenty-one agencies were tested for their fungicidal activity. The molds specified and used were Aspergillus niger, A. terreus, Myrothecium verrucaria, and Chaetomium globosum. The difficulty to inhibit spores of Alternaria solani, Helminthosporium carbonum and Curvularia lunata were used for germination tests. While most of the compounds were natural antibiotics, others were synthetic organic chemicals. Evaluation of antifungal action was obtained by four techniques: toxic agar in petri plates; spore germination inhibition on glass slides; impregnated cellulose pads on seeded agar; and retention of tensile strength impregnated thread after exposure to molds.

The five most antifungal antibiotics were found to be: comirin, benzylic mucochlorate, endosynycin, netropsin and rimocidin. The Squibb compound, 2,2-dihydroxy-5,5-difluorobiphenyl was used favorably with standard copper 8-quinolinolate as a mildew inhibitor without necessarily staining the cloth. A furfural derivative exhibited evidence of high fungicidal action.

Illinois State Geological Survey. WADC TR 54-146.


Secondary plasticizers and extenders were evaluated for their ability to impart fungicidal properties when incorporated into vinyl coatings and applied to cotton fabric. The evaluations were carried out by determining the tensile strength of coated fabric samples before and after two weeks soil burial as described in Federal Specification CCC-T-919a Supplement Section IV, part 5, pages 54 and 55.
The most satisfactory candidate plasticizers and extenders were then formulated into coatings that would meet the requirements of Military Specification MIL-F-4143.

Of all the secondary plasticizers and extenders, only one, dehydroadibetyl ammonium pentachlorophenoxyide, satisfied all requirements in providing the protection from microbial attack and at the same time giving the vinyl formulator the utmost leeway in producing an unlimited color range in waterproof coatings. Some secondary plasticizers were found to have limited effectiveness where heavy coatings can be tolerated.

WADC TR 55-72

The main object of this work is to provide the designer with a guide for selection of fungus resistant materials in the design and maintenance of Air Force material which will require some degree of protection against microbial degradation.

The materials discussed fall into three general classes: (1) those employing a fungicidal treatment, (2) those without treatment, but which show a natural resistance to fungi because of their chemical composition which does not readily provide fungi with a source of nutrient, and (3) the chemicals or formulations that are toxic to micro-organisms.

Fungicidal treatments which have proven unsatisfactory in the particular formulation tested are also listed. However, those found unsatisfactory may well prove satisfactory when used or tested under other conditions.

Many materials, if selected properly on the basis of their properties, may provide a satisfactory fungus resistant material if the necessity of a chemical add-on treatment is not readily provided fungi with a source of nutrient, and (3) the chemicals or formulations that are toxic to micro-organisms.

WADC TR 55-508

Existing natural cotton materials require the addition of an add-on fungicidal treatment when resistance to fungi is required. Cotton which has been altered chemically under controlled conditions shows inherent resistance to fungi. A material with the properties of cotton but showing high fungus resistance is needed for use where an add-on fungicidal treatment is not acceptable. For this reason, acetylated and cyanoethylated cotton have been evaluated. Some of the advantages of chemically altered cotton fabric compared to cotton treated with an add-on fungicidal treatment are as follows: permanence and stability of physical characteristics after alteration, increased fungus resistance, non-toxic to humans, and ability to remain unaffected by leaching action of water.

Preliminary tests showed that acetylated cotton provided different degrees of fungus resistance as the amount of alteration varied. Work was initiated to find the level of alteration by acetylation which gave adequate resistance to fungi, yet retained the desired physical properties. The cotton acetylated at 12.6% level had 8 ounce or lower weight fabric was found to be the best degree of alteration of those evaluated since it provided satisfactory fungus resistance with the least impairment of the desired physical strength properties. The 10 and 12 ounce fabrics altered at a 12.6% level did not have adequate fungus resistance.

In addition to the chemical alteration of cotton by acetylation, there is the reaction of acrylonitrile with cellulose fibers to produce a partially cyanoethylated cotton material. The degree of chemical alteration by cyanoethylation is measured by the percent nitrogen content of the cellulose fibers after modification. Preliminary testing of cyanoethylated cotton in a 3.6 ounce weight with a 3.6% nitrogen content showed that satisfactory fungus resistance could be obtained by cyanoethylation.

More extensive evaluations are needed before comparison of the two types of chemical alteration under study can be made.

WADC TR 56-208

The effects of fungus growth and moisture upon the strength properties of several reinforced plastic laminates were investigated. Material variations included the type of reinforcement, the chemical type of resin, and the finish on the glass fabric reinforcement. Of the material variations, the type of reinforcement and finish on the glass fabric were significant regardless of both the amount of fungus growth and the reduction of the strength properties. The effect of fungus growth upon the strength properties was not considered significant as compared to the effect caused by the presence of moisture.

WADC TR 56-431
AN ELEMENTARY STATISTICAL APPROACH TO MICROBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH. James L. Mahan. September 1956. ASTIA Document No. AD 97279. PB 121 713.

The statistical approach is illustrated by making an analysis of data obtained from an experiment which was designed to evaluate a number of commercial fungicidal treatments on cotton webbing. The treatment and analysis of the data consists of the following:

1. A statistical summary of the data consisting of the mean, standard deviation, and the standard error of the mean.
2. An analysis of variance of the data. In addition, the Newman-Keuls test is used to arrange the significant treatment combinations according to their effectiveness.
3. The results of the analysis of variance and the Newman-Keuls test are considered in relation to information concerning the phenomena associated with the use of fungicides.
4. The information obtained from the analysis of variance and the statistical summary of the data are used to estimate the minimum sample size required for tests of fungicides according to specification requirements.
5. The importance of random sampling is discussed briefly and illustrated.
6. The importance and value of the statistically designed experiment are discussed. References to selected books concerning experimental design are given.

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APPLIED SCIENCE LABORATORIES, INC.
WADC TR 56-480 Sup 1.
EVALUATION OF FUNGUS RESISTANCE OF COTTON THREAD TREATED WITH SELECTED FUNGICIDAL

Under Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Contract AF 33(600)-26749 Applied Science Laboratories, Inc., has made a statistical analysis of the data obtained in an evaluation of the fungicidal resistance of cotton thread treated with selected fungicides. The data and a description of the test program were reported in WADC TR 56-480. The statistical treatment includes analysis of variance of breaking strengths of threads exposed to the fungus tests and also of the corresponding unexposed control threads. The direct effects of each of the main factors (color, finish, fungicidal agent, level of concentration of fungicide, and test method) upon the loss in breaking strength are Bakanauskas. March 1958. ASTIA Document No. PB 131 913.

WADC TR 56-252.

The fungicide, dehydroabietyl ammonium pentachlorophenate, formulated in experimental yellow and olive drab vinyl coatings on cotton fabric has been evaluated for resistance to weathering. A comparison has been made with copper 8-hydroxyquinoline formulated in an experimental olive drab vinyl coating and with an olive drab USAF stock vinyl coated fabric containing the same fungicide. The evaluations were based on breaking and tearing strength after outdoor weathering at the Alaska, Florida, New Mexico, and Wright-Patterson AFB exposure sites and on color change after weathering. The amount of breakdown in strength of the materials evaluated in this study has been correlated with the amount of light energy received from the sun.

WADC TR 56-384 Pt 1.
AN EVALUATION OF FUNGICIDAL TREATMENTS IN COTTON CARGO PARACHUTE WEBBINGS STORED AT WRIGHT AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER. Emma F. Little, May 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118522. PB 131 158.

Six fungicidal formulations, with or without water repellents, were applied to four types of cotton cargo parachute webbings. Three of the formulations contained copper 8-quinolinolate, one contained dihydroxy-dichloro-diphenyl methane, and one contained dehydroabietyl ammonium acetate. In order to determine the efficiency of these formulations in the webbings, five evaluations were made: (1) soil burial, (2) simulated tropical storage, (3) shelf storage under laboratory conditions, (4) agar plate exposure, and (5) agar plate exposure following laboratory shelf storage. Cellulolytic fungi used as test organisms were Aspergillus terreus, Myrothecium verrucaria, and Chaetomium globosum. Conclusions were based on general appearance and breaking strength data derived from tests of webbings and also from thread tests, chemical analyses and visual observations. All formulations of copper 8-quinolinolate evaluated in this research were equally effective in webbing, providing the minimum metallic copper content as copper 8-quinolinolate was 0.14% by weight of the treated material. Further, webbings containing a minimum of 0.9% dihydroxy-dichloro-diphenyl methane by weight of the treated material, were equally fungicidal. None of the fungicidal treatments caused significant tenderness of the webbings after one year in simulated tropical or in laboratory shelf storage conditions. Webbings containing dehydroabietyl ammonium acetate were not resistant to fungi in soil and this fungicide caused primary skin irritation to human beings. Therefore, this fungicide was not considered satisfactory for USAF use.

WADC TR 58-32.
BACTERIAL ACTIVITY IN JP-4 FUEL. Sam Bakanauskas, Mr. F AFB. March 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 151034. PB 131813.

Studies were made with sludge samples obtained from tanks used to store JP-4 fuel, a kerosene-type fuel used in USAF jet aircraft. The tanks were located at Lincoln AFB, Schilling AFB, and Davis-Monthan AFB. Results of these studies indicated the following:

1. Sludge was caused by bacteria, and by products resulting from bacterial metabolic activity.

2. JP-4 fuel, and additives (corrosion and gum inhibitors) approved for USAF use in JP-4 fuel, are not bacteriostatic agents. JP-4 fuel, and some additives were found to be nutritive for bacteria.

3. A 1.5-2.0% concentration of sodium tetraborate, by weight, or a 2.0% concentration of potassium tetraborate, by weight, in water bottoms of JP-4 storage tanks can produce bacteriostatic conditions within the tank.

Georgia Institute of Technology.
WADC TR 57-711.

Separate rolls of cotton sateen fabric were treated with seven different fungicidal formulations, each formula- tion being applied at three concentration levels, both with or without water repellents. Six of the fungicide formulations contained copper 8-quinolinolate and one contained dehydroabietyl ammonium pentachlorophenate. In order to determine the effectiveness of these treatments, and also to obtain information for use in designing future evaluation and acceptance tests, cloth breaking strength measurements and visual observations were made on specimens of fabric treated as follows: (1) original fabrics, (2) fabrics stored indoors on shelves or hung in a laboratory, and (3) fabrics exposed outdoors. The original fabrics were tested before and after soil burial and agar plate exposure, while only the latter was used on the other test specimens cited in (2) and (3).

For the original fabrics, there was about a 10% strength difference between the strongest and weakest fungicide treated fabric. All treatments prevented fungus growth on agar plate exposure; however, considerable strength loss resulted from soil burial, after which the strongest fabric was almost three times as strong as the weakest fabric.

Twelve months of indoor shelf storage produced a negligible strength loss both before and after agar plate exposure for all fungicides. For open fabric panels hung in the laboratory at W-PAFB for two years, the copper 8-quinolinolate fungicides retained more than 94% of their original strength after agar plate exposure; however, the dehydroabietyl ammonium pentachlorophenate fungicide retained only 7% of its original strength.
The pattern of strength loss resulting from outdoor exposure varied among the test sites because of difference in the physical environment. A single linear equation, applicable to all test sites, was derived relating the strength retention to langley's of actinic exposure and relative humidity.

Fabrics treated with dehydroabietyl ammonium pentachlorophenate consistently had the lowest breaking strength after outdoor exposure at all sites. It is difficult to differentiate between the six copper 8-quinolinolate fungicide formulations because of the inconstancy in their behavior for the different test conditions and specimen types studied.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation. WADC TR 57-366.


This investigation was concerned with determining the effect of shelf storage or outdoor exposure for periods of four, six, ten, and twelve months followed by soil burial for breaking and tearing strengths, low temperature flexibility, gasoline resistance, hydrostatic pressure resistance, weathering resistance, high temperature blocking, and color of 8.0 ounce vinyl coated cotton duck containing in the fabric or in the coating various fungicides. In addition to the fungicides, some of the fabrics contained a stabilizer designed to prevent light deterioration. The exposure sites were in Alaska, Florida, New Mexico, and Ohio. The fungicides utilized in these studies were copper hydroxynaphthate (CuOH Nh), copper 8-quinolinolate (Cu-8-Q), dehydroabietyl ammonium-pentachlorophenate (DAAP), dodecylcyclohexyl-benzyl ammonium-octylcyclopentane-carboxylate (DDBACC), and dihydroxydichlorodiphenylmethane (3DM). The factors of breaking and tearing strength were considered to be of primary importance, while the others were considered as of secondary importance.

The primary factors were subjected to an analysis of variance and an analysis of covariation. The analyses considered main effects of fabric direction, exposure time, sites, and fabrics, and the interactions of fabric direction and time, fabric direction and sites, fabric directions and fabrics, time and sites, and time and fabrics, and sites and time. In addition, differences between fabrics were ranked by using the Duncan Test.

The secondary factors were evaluated by ranking and by examination techniques rather than by any formal statistical tests.

The major conclusions derived were as follows:

1. Fungicides studied had no effect in preventing deterioration prior to soil burial. In soil burial, Cu-8-Q, CuOH Nh, and DDBACC supplied significantly better protection against strength loss than did DAAP and 3DM.

2. The duration of exposure had a significant effect on the loss in strength of fabrics subjected to outdoor exposure, but had no effect on fabrics subjected to shelf storage only.

3. The presence of a stabilizer had no significant effect on the prevention of strength deterioration as compared to similar fabrics not containing such a stabilizer.

4. Light may have a significant effect on strength loss, with a direct and linear relationship existing between increasing light energy and increasing strength loss.

5. The fabrics treated with the fungicides providing best protection against soil burial strength loss also showed the least harm in the low temperature flexibility test.

6. Hydrostatic pressure resistance was not adversely affected by sites, time of exposure, nor types of exposure.

7. Color had a bearing on gasoline resistance as did fungicides. Yellow fabrics and all fabrics treated with 3DM showed more deterioration than the other fabrics.

8. The chemical analyses for residual fungicide content, showed considerably less than was stated to be present for all the fungicides except CuOH Nh.

WADC TR 56-384 Pt II.


Fungicidal formulations with water repellents and without water repellents were applied to four types of cotton cargo parachute webbings made to Specification MIL-W-5665A. Three of the formulations contained copper 8-quinolinolate and the fourth contained dihydroxy-dichlorodiphenyl methane.

Treated and untreated webbings as received from the manufacturer, and warp threads from these original webbings, were tested for initial breaking strength at Wright Air Development Center prior to storage. These breaking strengths were used as the control data for the materials stored for periods of 4, 8, and 12 months at College, Alaska. Threads from stored webbings were broken to detect any losses in breaking strength due to tendering by the fungicidal treatments. After periodic shelf storage, the webbings were evaluated for fungus resistance. The fungi used as test organisms were Aspergillus terreus, Myrothecium verrucaria and Chaetomium globosum. Visual examinations were made after fungus resistance evaluations, and breaking strength data were derived from threads from webbings after storage and after fungus resistance investigations. A statistical analysis was made of these data. Any losses in fungicide efficiency were determined from the data showing the differences in breaking strength retention of the exposed threads when compared to the original controls.

All formulations of copper 8-quinolinolate, except Formulation B, evaluated in this research were satisfactory fungicidal treatments in cotton cargo parachute webbings, Specification MIL-W-5665C, providing the minimum metallic copper content as copper 8-quinolinolate was 0.14% by dry weight of the treated material. On this basis, the minimum amount of copper 8-quinolinolate required to give adequate fungus resistance was 0.83% by dry weight of the treated material. The formulation of dihydroxy-dichlorodiphenyl methane was equally acceptable for USAF use providing the minimum fungicide content was 0.9% by dry weight of the treated material. Water repellents added to the basic fungicidal formulations, slightly improved the overall fungus resistance of the treated webbings. The phthalocyanin dye used for Type XV webbing was not compatible with any of the fungicidal formulations. Untreated webbing containing this dye was badly discolored and tacky. Mineral dye was compatible with all materials.

The Scientific Oil Compounding Co. WADC TR 58-393.

DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE NON-TOXIC FLUORINATED FUNGICIDAL FORMULATIONS FOR COTTON MATERIALS. Charles C. Yeager, Jay C. Chappel.
Methods of formulating 2, 2-dihydroxy 5, 5-difluoro-diphenyl sulfide (DDFDS) were investigated with the purpose of developing effective solvent soluble and water miscible formulations capable of producing fungicidal and fungicidal-water repellent finishes for cotton materials.

Initial investigations included studies on the solubility of the fungicide in a wide range of solvents and storage stability of the resulting concentrated solutions. It was necessary to find solvents, or mixtures of these materials, which would dissolve the greatest amount of the DDFDS and retain it in solution for prolonged periods of time under variable room temperature conditions. A combination of hexylene glycol with a mixture of hexyl and amyl alcohols was found to be the best for the solvent formulations. Di-isobutylketone was found to be the best for water emulsion formulations. Samples of formulations. Samples of formulations. Various materials, which would dissolve the greatest amount of DDFDS and retain it in solution for prolonged periods of time under variable room temperature conditions. A combination of hexylene glycol with a mixture of hexyl and amyl alcohols was found to be the best for the solvent formulations. Di-isobutylketone was found to be the best for water emulsion formulations. Samples of formulations. Samples of formulations.

Various webbings were evaluated for breaking strength after exposure to natural weather for specific time intervals encompassing one year. The exposure sites were Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and College, Alaska.

Data obtained indicate that the service life of the present type of runway barriers can be increased to 180 days in areas of extremely strong sunlight and to 360 days in areas of moderate or small amounts of sunlight by either one of the following two methods:

1. By using 260 denier 17 filament, Type 300, OD color nylon yarn in the manufacture of the webbing.
2. By using Type 330 nylon yarn in the manufacture of the webbing.

Preliminary work indicated that stabilization of the DDFDS can be accomplished with selected amine compounds. Formulations utilizing the stabilized fungicide proved promising when used in a fabric material especially those applied from an aqueous emulsion system.

This program was to obtain data as to what degree solar radiation affected the breaking strength of webbings exposed to natural weather. Four groups of webbings were evaluated for breaking strength after being exposed to natural weather for specific time intervals encompassing one year. The exposure sites were Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and College, Alaska.

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2. By using Type 330 nylon yarn in the manufacture of the webbing.

A study was made to determine the effect of prolonged dynamic vacuums on the viability of selected spore-forming fungi and bacteria. The microorganisms were exposed to pressures ranging from $1 \times 10^{-5}$ to $5 \times 10^{-7}$ mm Hg for periods of 2, 4, 8, 16 and 32 days.

Microorganisms used were: Aspergillus niger, WADC 8, Aspergillus flavus WADC 26, Bacillus globigii, WADC B5, Bacillus mycoides WADC B8, and Bacillus cereus WADC B6. With the exception of B. cereus WADC B6, spores of all microorganisms remained viable after 32 days exposure.
Acoustic Materials and Studies


The experimental investigation of the acoustic impedance of a Helmholtz-type resonator at very high amplitudes of excitation is presented. Sound levels up to 180 db and particle velocity amplitudes in the neck of the resonator up to 1.5 x 10^-7 cm/sec were used. The results at lower levels are compared with those of previous investigators whose work has been confined to levels below 140 db and particle velocity amplitudes in the resonator neck below 4 x 10^-7 cm/sec. Experimental work on the rate of attenuation of repeated shock waves in a 5-in. tube is reported. Qualitative agreement with theory is found, but there is at present no adequate explanation of quantitative discrepancies. The design and construction of a logarithmic amplifier is discussed.

California Institute of Technology. Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics, Pasadena. Technical Note No. 3. AFOSR-TN-55-112.

THEORY OF THE PLANE WAVE ACOUSTIC FILTER WITH PERIODIC STRUCTURE. W. G. Cady. AF 18(600)495. 1955.

After a brief discussion of the general properties of filters of different types (e.g., optical, electrical, mechanical), attention is given to an acoustic filter consisting of an arbitrary number of identical sections placed between any 2 media. Each section consists of 2 plane-parallel layers, which may be of any materials and thicknesses. It is assumed that there are no losses due to absorption in these materials, and that plane waves of arbitrary frequency are incident normally on the filter. The theory of filters of this type is developed, involving an expression for the specific acoustic impedance at any point, and also a convenient iteration factor which facilitates the calculation of reflection and transmission. The formulas are then specialized for the case in which the thickness of each layer is the same fraction of a wavelength, including a discussion of quarter-wave layers. A proof is given of the reversibility of the filter. Numerical calculations have been carried out for filters with assumed constants. The results for one case are presented in the form of curves relating the coefficient of reflection to the frequency.

PART II

MATERIALS


This final report summarises the work done during the 2-yr. contract. After a survey of proposed undertakings, abstracts are given of completed work on composite piezoelectric resonators, theory of acoustic filters having a periodic structure, and theory of compressional waves in crystals. A report is given on the attempts to generate acoustic vibrations at a frequency of 3000 mc/sec. Descriptions are given of the transducer and cavity resonator used in the unsuccessful experimental tests. As a result of this research study, it was suggested that improvements should be made by: (1) obtaining a microwave generator with very high frequency stability, and at the same time having the frequency adjustable over a small range, at least; (2) constructing and mounting a transducer in such a manner as to ensure exposure to a strong electric vector without undue heating; (3) providing greater uniformity in the thickness of quartz or other transducer material; and (4) searching for other substances having piezoelectric properties in high-frequency fields which can be prepared as uniform thin films.


STUDIES OF VERY HIGH AMPLITUDE SOUND. O. B. Wilson, Jr. and D. A. Bies. AF 18(600)495. April, 1955. ASTIA Document No. AD 72433. PB 137767.

A standing wave technique was used to investigate the acoustic impedance of a Helmholtz-type resonator over a wide range of sound levels. At large sound pressure levels above 150 db, the sound waves propagating down the impedance tube became essentially repeated shock waves so that it was necessary to use a filter in the monitoring system, and to consider only the behavior of the fundamental component in the repeated shock wave. In this way, a range of sound pressure levels in the resonator from 100 to 170 db was investigated. Two different methods of mounting the resonator were considered. In one case the resonator was mounted on the side of the impedance tube next to a solid end plate terminating the tube, and in the other case the resonator was mounted on the solid end plate coaxially with the impedance tube. At the higher levels of excitation a rise in resonant frequency and in acoustic resistance was noted in both cases, but the details of the effects in each case were quite different. With the resonator mounted on the side the rise in the acoustic resistance followed Sivian's formula (Jour. Acoust. Soc. Amer., v. 7:94, 1935) while the mass end correction decreased only at very high sound pressure levels. With the resonator mounted on the end, the rise in acoustic resistance was at first more rapid, then less rapid than...
A theorem concerning noise figures. A theorem is formulated and proved which determines the greatest lower bound of the single-frequency noise figure of a general system consisting of amplifying devices and passive coupling elements. According to the theorem, this lower bound is equal to the noise figure of an optimum system using a selected one of these amplifying devices.


A critical review of the more important of the two hundred and fifteen bibliographical references is included. This summary does not represent original research, although of course, the opinions expressed in the description of published work are those of the authors of this report. It is thought that duplication of effort may be avoided and progress advanced by the availability of a comprehensive summary of what has thus far been accomplished toward the understanding and amelioration of a serious difficulty in airframe design.


This report describes the development of equipment and techniques for the measurement of high temperature acoustical and mechanical properties of absorbing materials for use in aircraft engine test cells. An acoustical impedance tube has been constructed to determine the high temperature acoustical properties and the necessary techniques developed to obtain accurate measurements in the presence of the temperature distribution found in the tube. In addition, a test cell has been constructed that simulates the environment to which the acoustical materials will be exposed. This cell is to be used to determine the appropriate mechanical properties of acoustical materials to ascertain that the materials will withstand the environment of the aircraft engine test cells.


Theoretical and experimental investigations for the development of a fatigue testing apparatus for testing honeycomb sandwich panels in service-simulated sonic fatigue are described in this report. These investigations indicate the need of a 200,000-v. AC generator to simulate electrostatic fields of approximately 400,000-v/cm. In addition, it is indicated that the medium surrounding the test specimen must be changed to prevent corona discharge. For this purpose sulfur hexafluoride at 9 to 10 atmospheres may be utilized.

The design of a 200,000-v. AC generator is complicated and expensive. An alternative procedure to accomplish the same objectives is therefore recommended.


The acoustical and mechanical properties of six acoustical materials at high temperatures are described. The materials included wool, Thermofax, J. T. Sound Insulation, Fiberglas, Firebrick and Metal Fiber, were evaluated on the basis of their room temperature acoustical properties and/or their probably mechanical properties at high temperatures.

The acoustical properties of the materials were determined by means of an acoustical impedance tube described in Part I of the reports on this project. Essentially, the standard room-temperature methods of measuring normal absorption coefficient and acoustic impedance are used, modified to correct for the effects of temperature gradients.

The mechanical properties of the materials were measured by means of equipment and techniques developed during Phase I of the program. The properties were determined in a manner that would provide information regarding the ability of the materials to withstand the environment of aircraft engine test cells.

Recordings have been made of the strains induced in a full scale rear fuselage test structure of the Caravelle airliner when one jet engine is running at maximum take-off thrust. The structure is a conventional, sheet-stringer combination attached to pressed out frames.

The analysis has been concentrated on the strains in the centres of panels. Correlation measurements have indicated that the lower frequencies (up to 500 c.p.s.) are associated with overall vibration modes and have low strain amplitude. The larger panel strains occur at higher frequencies with the frames acting as boundaries. In these measurements the main resonance peak in each panel occurs at about 600-700 c.p.s., and has been identified with the fundamental twisting mode (i.e., adjacent panels 180 out of phase). There are generally two smaller peaks in the 800-1000 c.p.s. range but the modes of vibration have not been completely identified due to lack of information.

An attempt has been made to calculate the panel resonant frequencies theoretically, assuming that the frames act as boundaries. Although this work appears promising it has not yet progressed far enough for any definitive conclusions to be drawn from it.

WADC TR 59-676.

This report is composed largely of invited papers and some selected seminar material presented at the Conference on Acoustical Fatigue held at Beecher's Resort, Annandale, Minnesota, from 29 September 1959 through 2 October 1959. The conference was organized jointly by the Materials Laboratory of Wright Air Development Center and the University of Minnesota. It was designed to establish communication between individuals from the several disciplines involved in acoustical problems, namely, acoustics, applied mechanics, and service failure analysis. It was hoped thereby that an improvement in the over-all understanding of the acoustical fatigue problem would ensue. Another important objective was to define clearly the critical problem areas and aspects which would require emphasis in the future. Over 100 participants from the United States and abroad were invited to attend and take part in the discussions. A list of attendees is included in this report.

Ceramics and Cermetes


An investigation was carried out for the purpose of evaluating composite bodies consisting of titanium carbide and nickel-base alloys and intermetallic compounds, produced by the infiltration and conventional powder metallurgical processes for use as structural materials in high-temperature components of aircraft engines.

The nickel alloys and the one compound tested were Nichrome V, Hastelloy "C", Inconel, and NiAl, respectively. Production techniques were developed for nine in. long stress rupture test bars, containing Inconel as infiltrant. These were produced by the infiltration process and submitted to the Materials Laboratory, Research Division, Wright Air Development Center for stress rupture tests together with specimens of similar composition made by sintering.

Tests carried out on the material were:
1. oxidation testing in air at 1600°F, 1800°F, and 2000°F.
2. X-ray diffraction analysis of the oxide products;
3. thermal shock testing at 1250°C and 2300°C;
4. modulus of transverse rupture at room temperature;
5. modulus of transverse rupture at 1800°F;
6. ductility at 1800°F.

It was found that, among the materials tested, titanium carbide-Inconel, infiltrated by the capillary infiltration method, had the most favorable combination of high-temperature strength, ductility, and oxidation resistance at elevated temperatures. Its facility of production, however, was inferior to that of titanium carbide infiltrated with other nickel alloys. While it was possible to produce from Inconel-infiltrated titanium carbide 3 x 1/2 x 1/2 in. specimens of great physical and structural uniformity, nine in. long bars required for stress rupture specimens still possessed some regions of less homogeneity as evidenced by microscopically.

In the modulus of transverse rupture tests, the Inconel-infiltrated type of material proved to be far superior in strength at room temperature, strength at 1800°F, and bending capacity at 1800°F, over a cemented titanium carbide of similar composition made by cold-pressing and sintering.

American Electro Metal Corporation.
TR 52-291.

Production of the alloy NiAl and a modified composition NiAl + 5% Ni has proved feasible as well as its subsequent fabrication by powder metallurgical technique. Properly hot-pressed bars of the NiAl + 5% Ni composition show strengths in modulus of rupture as high as 144,000 psi at room temperature and 68,000 psi at 980°C.

The air oxidation resistance of the modified NiAl + 5% Ni composition is excellent up to 1093°C, with weight gain of the order of 1.25 MG./CM2 being exhibited after 100 hours of exposure.

Heat shock properties are likewise excellent, as judged by NACA tests, and by performance in the Air Force Heat Shock apparatus.

American Electro Metal Corporation.
TR 6601, Part 3.

In addition to the conclusions cited in the previous report (Air Force Technical Report 6601, Part 1), the following significant facts have been established from the work which is reported herein:

1. No firm explanation has been established regarding the mechanism of rapid oxidation of certain of the Molybdenum Aluminum alloys, but its existence under conditions of good ventilation suggest a mechanism different from that of the usual "catastrophic oxidation" of Mo containing alloys.
2. Oxidation resistance data have been obtained for several alloys, and it is shown that a properly chosen Mo/Al alloy, specifically, the No. 2 alloy of 10% Al, or No. 2 + 15% Al, as described in the text, will develop excellent oxidation resistance in all temperature ranges tested (870°C to 1150°C).
3. Hot pressing of shapes of these alloys is extremely difficult due to the sticking tendencies of the material, but three representative parts have been made: a rocket nozzle, a turbocharger bucket, and stress to rupture bar.
4. Control equipment has been developed for the hot pressing operation which makes possible a fair reproducibility of strength in small bars of 40,000-50,000 PSI (modulus of rupture).
5. A pre-alloyed powder of the same overall chemical analysis as the No. 2 alloy + 10% Al has about the same oxidation resistance, but is more difficult to hot press.
6. Methods have been developed for the relatively large scale production (1 kg batches) of Mo/Al powder.
7. Metallographic studies indicate that the physical properties of the alloys under investigation may be influenced by heat treatment.


Theoretical approaches to the mechanism of thermal expansion were reviewed and applications thereof to the alkali halides were examined for clues to the thermal behavior of refractory materials. Inadequate theory and incomplete data precluded any valid generalizations. Crystal structure appeared as an important determiner of expansion behavior.

Aluminum titanate bodies matured only above 1260°C; five hours' heating at 1400°C developed moderate strength and low expansivity. Expansion of such bodies to 1000°C approached zero; a rapid rise accompanying decomposition ensued between 1000°C and 1400°C. Thermal hysteresis was indicated as a time-consuming effect related to reaction equilibrium. The isostructural nature of aluminum titanate and pseudobrookite was confirmed and the expansion anisotropy of the former was investigated. Substitution of equivalent or isomorphous oxides in the alumina titanate formula yielded no marked improvement in overall properties. Addition of numerous high-silica glasses also failed to strengthen the bond of aluminum titanate bodies without sacrifice of low expansivity.

Slip-cast, clay-bonded alumina and beryl turbine nozzle blades failed after 1-4 cycles of thermal shock; similar clay-bonded aluminum titanate blades easily withstood 75 cycles of shock from 889°C to 25°C under simulated service conditions.

A literature review relative to crystallographic investigations indicated the merit of solid soluble constituents or a restraining glassy envelope as means of control of damaging volume changes during thermal cycles.

Pennsylvania State College. TR 53-165.

The preparation of aluminum titanate and its structural, thermal and mechanical properties were investigated. A melting temperature of 1665°C and a region of instability between 1260°C and about 860°C, plus extreme thermal expansion anisotropy in the crystal rise to unusual properties in the matured crystalline aggregate. These include negative expansion coefficients, marked resistance to thermal shock, thermal expansion hysteresis and low transverse strength. The expansion behavior and strength of matured aggregates are variously altered by heat treatment, by kiln atmosphere and by incorporation of minor amounts of oxides or gasses.
Aluminum titanate is recommended as a thermal shock resistant refractory material in applications involving low tensile loads and oxidizing conditions at temperatures within its stability range. Fabricated shapes may serve satisfactorily as nozzle diaphragm blades, flame tube liners, refractory coatings or other ceramic elements of combustion systems.

Armour Research Foundation Illinois Institute of Technology. TR 53-91.

INVESTIGATION OF REFRACTORIES SUITABLE FOR MELTING TITANIUM AND ITS ALLOYS. Marvin Eisenberg and James Stavrakakis. AF 33(038)-23280. July 1953. PB 114343. Order from LC Mi $2.50, Ph $3.25.

Theoretical analysis of the published data pertaining to simple and complex fluorides suggested that it would be possible to produce certain fluorides and oxyfluoride complexes with melting points high enough to render them insusceptible at the temperature of molten titanium. Because of their potentially high chemical stability and the noncontaminating nature of the products of reaction between fluorides and titanium, fluorides seem particularly desirable as possible container materials for molten titanium.

Attempts were made to prepare several synthetic oxyfluorides as well as a number of new oxyfluoride compounds. Though it was possible to produce highly refractory fluoride ceramics, success was not attained in producing the exact compound desired. Nor was the product completely stable within the required temperature range. An analysis of the results suggests that the optimum fabrication technique was not achieved. Under the handicap of pronounced instability, a number of the complex fluoride refractories produced were nevertheless superior to zirconia in resistance to molten titanium. However, a product suitable for industrial application has not yet been produced.


INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECT OF RAW MATERIAL PRODUCTION VARIABLES ON THE PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF CARBIDES, NITRIDES, AND BORIDES. Herman Blumenthal. AF 33(016)-89. February 1954. PB 121110. Order from OTS $1.75.

The purpose of this project is to investigate the effect of raw material production variables on the physical and chemical properties of carbides, nitrides, and borides. In the investigations carried out so far, this aim has been narrowed down to the study of titanium carbide.

Ferrous titanium carbides, produced commercially by as many different procedures as possible, have been purchased and are being used for this investigation. The various materials have been analysed spectrographically, chemically and by x-ray diffraction to determine the amounts and kinds of impurities peculiar to the production technique employed. Changes of chemical composition during ball milling, hot pressing and other processing steps leading to the production of solid pieces have been followed by the same analytical techniques as well as metallographic studies.

The question of the effect of the presence of impurities has been approached from two sides, namely (1) by removing and (2) by adding impurities. Some impurities, such as iron, graphite and oxide films, have been partly removed by purification treatments like leaching with acids and flotation. Other impurities, such as TiO, TiN and graphite, have been added to pure TiC.

The effect of various ball milling media on the chemical composition of the milled product has been studied. In the production of unbonded TiC bars, hot pressing has been used exclusively, while Ni-bonded bars have been produced (1) by hot pressing and (2) by cold pressing followed by sintering either under a protective atmosphere or in vacuum.

Infiltration experiments have been conducted as an attempt to develop a test procedure for the evaluation of quality of titanium carbide powders. Hot pressed unbonded bars have been tested for the following properties: maximum density obtainable, ability to infiltrate, and electrical resistivity.

It has been found that the chemical composition of TiC produced by different procedures varies as to combined and free carbon, oxygen and nitrogen content as well as metallic impurities.

The amount and kind of impurities present influence maximum density obtainable by hot pressing unbonded bars, and their ability to infiltrate.

The amount of iron and oxygen picked up during ball milling in a steel mill varies greatly with the original powder.

University of Illinois. TR 54-27.


A combination thermal cycling and compressive loading apparatus was constructed for investigating the effects of pre-compression on the thermal shock resistance of a pure oxide ceramic body.

It was found that effective compressive loads applied in the direction of the long axis of a rectangular bar composed of alpha aluminas effectively increased its thermal shock resistance. This was indicated by a progressive increase in the average modulus of rupture of each of several bars; each group being uniformly thermal shocked at a compressive load of 1000, 3500 and 7000 psi, respectively. It was also found that about one half of the total improvement was obtained with the initial load of 1000 psi.

The sonic technique was used as a method of detecting flaws in thermal shocked but unloaded specimens. When specimens were thermal shocked in compression, however, the sonic method, as used in this investigation, was unable to indicate the presence of flaws.

National Bureau of Standards. TR 54-1.


The project's principal purpose was to determine, at temperatures of 1200°F to 2000°F, the creep behavior and strength of cermets which may find application in the high temperature areas of aircraft.

Initially a series of bending tests were made on variations of Kemmetal's composition K151A. The variations contained from 5% to 30% nickel bonding. The 5%, 15% and 20% compositions were recommended, on the basis
of their creep resistance and high strength, for further long-term tensile creep tests.

A limited number of tensile creep tests were made on Kennametal’s compositions K138A-20% nickel, K138A-30% nickel, K152A, K162B and on Firth Sterling’s composition, FS-27. The cermet K162B was deemed the most promising of the tested compositions, with respect to the properties of creep resistance and high strength. Metallographic examinations were made of all the tensile tested specimens and, in general, the test strains had been too small to cause any noticeable deformation or changes.

Thermal expansion determinations were made on Kennametal’s compositions K138, K138A, K151 and K151A. The coefficients of expansion between room temperature and 1205°C ranged from 8.1 X 10⁻⁶ to 8.6 X 10⁻⁶.

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WADC TR 52-291 (Part 2).


Work with (N1A1 + 5% Ni) has been continued. Stress-to-rupture specimens 9-1/2 in. long have been prepared, and various methods of preparation are discussed.

The addition of "stiffeners" to increase strength at high temperatures has been tried. These additions usually act to decrease the oxidation resistance considerably.

A new aluminate, TiAl1, is investigated.

WADC TR 53-37.


Ceramic coatings are presently being used on various aircraft components such as inner liners, tailcones, turbosuperchargers, etc., for the protection of the metal from oxidation at elevated temperatures.

Various types of laboratory testing procedures for the evaluation of these coatings are presented. Tests for adherence, thermal shock resistance, oxidation and corrosion resistance are a necessity for proper evaluation of the coatings.

Progressive versus single-step testing should be considered in each phase of the evaluation and the variables in each test should be recognised. Quality control measures presently being taken in the production of ceramic coated exhaust components are described. Metallographic examination of the ceramic coating-metal interface for effects of carbon absorption, surface decarburisation and intergranular corrosion is another method of evaluating the protective value of the coating.

An outline of the Tentative Testing Procedure decided upon at the conference is included in the Appendix.

Pennsylvania State University.

WADC TR 53-9 (Part 2).


During this research period the emphasis on oxide refractory development continued from the previous period; the study of selected carbide systems and examination of thermal shock testing procedures was initiated.

The work with oxide-base materials included investigations of (1) the effects of various metal oxide additions on the crystallographic inversions in SiO₂, Al₂O₃, and ZrO₂; (2) the temperature dependence of the modulus of elasticity determined by the sonic method; (3) the improvement of the mechanical strength and thermal stability of aluminum titanate bodies; and (4) the thermal conductivity, thermal shock resistance, and thermal expansion behavior of aluminum titanate.

Among RO₂-type oxide additions to SiO₂, only TiO₂ was effective in suppressing the low-to-high inversion of cristobalite, the temperature being reduced from 225°C to approximately 120°C. Mixtures of Al₂O₃ and SiO₂ had lower inversion temperatures than either and members by itself. SiO₂ had little effect on the inversion temperature of ZrO₂, but the abrupt shrinkage during inversion was substantially eliminated by 0.10 and 0.20 mole substitutions. Additions of TiO₂ and MgO to ZrO₂ lowered the inversion temperature from 1050°C to approximately 850°C.

Curves for the temperature variation of dynamic moduli of elasticity determined by a sonic method were presented for the following materials: 75-5 aluminum alloy, SAE 1010 steel, fused silica, Armco iron, soft glass, Linde sapphire, Magnesia, titanium dioxide, magnesium spinel, steatite, and a vitrified and semi-vitrified white ware body.

The effects of the following variables on the strength and thermal expansion of aluminum titanate bodies were investigated: (1) composition of manganese compounds, (2) milling media, (4) addition of soluble ammonium compounds, (5) oxidising and reducing firing conditions, (6) source of Al₂O₃ and TiO₂, and (7) reheating. Regardless of firing treatment or any other variable, it was found that the lower the thermal expansion of aluminum titanate the lower the transverse strength and vice versa.

It was shown that aluminum titanate may be stabilised by isomorphous substitutions of iron titanate and magnesium dittitanate. Test bodies stabilised by incorporation of 25 weight percent of iron or magnesium isomorphs had low thermal expansion, but also low strength and excessive crystal growth.

The thermal conductivity of aluminum titanate rings was measured, the mean value being approximately 1.11 kcal/m°C hr. Using the ring test apparatus, the rings were not broken at a ΔT of 428°C, which was the maximum temperature difference obtainable in the apparatus. The static thermal stress resistance of aluminum titanate was shown to be superior to that of other typical ceramic bodies.

Measurement of directional thermal expansion of aluminum titanate by high temperature x-ray powder methods gave coefficients of 1.118, 1.194, and 26 x 10⁻⁵ for the a, b, and c coordinate directions in the interval 25 to 970°C. The extreme expansion anisotropy was believed to be responsible for the low strength, low net expansivity, and high thermal shock resistance of aluminum titanate.

The work concerning carbides mainly involved construction of a Garrett-type carbon tube resistor furnace for investigation of compositions in the system TaC-NiC-TiC. It was planned to obtain intercarbide bodies by reaction between carbides, between equivalent metal mixtures and carbon, and between equivalent oxide mixtures and carbon.

It was shown that two factors must be used to characterise the thermal shock resistance of materials, the thermal conductivity, k, and the thermal stress resistivity, σ. A method for the determination of these factors was described.

The Wright Field simulated service test for turbine blade materials was evaluated in terms of blade failures of seven types.
The predominance of transverse ruptures at a considerable distance from the ends of the blades suggested the possibility of a theoretical treatment of the failures. Thermal stresses in turbine airfoil shapes were approximated by use of a substitute body comprising a plate with rounded edges.

The resistance to flame erosion of Al-Cd-410, a carbon bonded SiC-Graphite composite, was improved by the substitution of larger grain size SiC for the "settling time finest" previously used. A new method of forming and firing carbon bonded SiC-Graphite was developed in which the material was carbonized under pressure in stainless steel dies. The process resulted in a product with 15% higher density and 40% lower porosity than that previously obtained. This improvement in properties also resulted in greater resistance to flame erosion.

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Modification of NiAl by the addition of zirconium or titanium has produced products with improved high temperature properties without decreasing the oxidation resistance.

NiAl 4.4% Zr is so far the best, having an excellent oxidation resistance - a weight gain of 2.9 mg/cm² after 260 hours in air at 1000°C - a transverse rupture strength of 135,000 psi at room temperature and 160,000 psi at 1100°C, and a stress rupture life of 100 hours at 1000°C and 12,000 psi.

Impact strength of this material varies considerably, needing much development work to achieve consistency. The best result’s in the NACA drop impact tests are over 15 inch-pounds.

These materials can be handled by hot pressing, cold pressing and sintering, slip casting, hydrostatic pressing, with machining in the pre-sintered state making complicated shapes possible.

A method of homogenizing and purifying gamma TiAl was developed, and the first physical tests were made with this improved material.

Ohio State University Research Foundation.
WADC TR 54-33.

New York State College of Ceramics.
WADC TR 54-414.
stress, strain rate and delayed fracture, temperature, and flaws. The entire distribution curve of fracture stresses was indicated to be a function of the size and stress state of a brittle body. All the materials investigated, glass, porcelain, nickel-bonded titanium carbide, plaster of Paris, and embrittled steel showed the same qualitative effect of size and stress state.

Weibull's statistical theory of strength predicted the effect of size, and the effects observed in the simple stress states of tension, bending, and torsion. Weibull's theory was not adequate, however, for predicting the effects of combined stresses.

The research indicated that static-fatigue data will require statistical analysis before they are safe for use in the design of certain ceramics under sustained loads. The materials studied exhibited an increase in strength with increasing strain rate.

The Pennsylvania State University.
WADC TR 54-467

The fracture patterns of TiC-Cermets stator blades which had been exposed to a simulated service test and the microstructures of these materials were investigated. An attempt to correlate fracture patterns and microstructures was unsuccessful.

The oxidation behavior of cermets was studied theoretically and experimentally. Theoretically, the tendency to oxidize was derived from an oxidation free energy plot for the reactions representing the complete oxidation of Ti-, Nb-, Ta-, Si-, Fe-, Co-, Ni- and Cr-carbides. Experimentally the oxidation behavior of carbide and metal powders was investigated using the differential thermal analysis technique. The oxidation resistance of carbide powders increased approximately in the following order: VC, TiC, NbC, BC, WC, ZrC, TaC, CrC, SiC. A similar classification has been found for metal powders with Cr and Si ranking best.

The ternary system TiC-TaC-NbC has been investigated, using sintering temperatures up to 2530°C. The reactions were almost complete, indicating a complete solid solution throughout the system. Of all the sintered compositions in this system, TiC exhibited the greatest oxidation resistance.

The sintering and shrinking behavior of oxide mixtures simulating the oxides which are being formed during the oxidation of carbide Cermets, has been studied in search for compositions which form a dense and adherent oxide film.

Aluminum titanate bodies with additions of alumina, manganese carbonate and cesium Pyrex glass showed a modest increase in strength which was offset by an increase in thermal expansion.

An analysis of the applicability of thermal shock tests has been made. It follows that such tests are indispensable for the empirical determination of the maximum stresses as well as for a check on the theory of thermal shock. However, they are not suited as material tests.

A static method to measure the two thermal stress resistance factors R and R' is described and measurements on porous and dense titania, steatite, cordierite and β-spondemene bodies are presented.

Stanford Research Institute.
WADC TR 54-491, Part 3.

The details of the laboratory preparation and laboratory performance of carbon base materials developed for rocket nozzle applications are reported. Rocket nozzles were fabricated from these materials for evaluation at the WADC and Bell Aircraft Corporation rocket test stands.

The most promising nozzle material developed in this program is zirconium-impregnated graphite. The formation of an adherent refractory skin of zirconium dioxide on the surface during operating service is responsible for the dimensional stability of this type of nozzle.

Firth Sterling, Inc. WADC TR 55-327.

The main purpose of this investigation was to determine if useful metal-bonded carbide objects could be produced by the extrusion process. A further aim of this investigation was the comparison of the properties of such objects as might be produced by extrusion, with the properties of objects of the same composition produced by pressing, shaping, and sintering. The principal equipment used was a 1050-ton extrusion press, which had been built to extrude carbide charges.

The investigation revealed that it was possible to extrude these bodies into some shapes. However, shapes with irregular cross sections, or thin, sharp edges, were extremely difficult to extrude and it was impossible to hold size. The physical properties of extruded materials were found to be measurably lower than materials compacted by conventional means. The incidence of flaws in extruded material was found to be greater.

The Ohio State University Research Foundation.
WADC TR 54-33, Part 2.
PRELIMINARY MICROSCOPIC STUDIES OF CERMETS AT HIGH TEMPERATURES. Thomas S. Shevlin, Herbert W. Newkirk, E. George Stevens, Harold M. Greenhouse. AF 33(038)-16911. February 1956. PB 136184. Order from LC Mi $7.20, Ph $44.00.

SECTION 1 - CHANGE IN THE MICROSTRUCTURE OF SOME TiC BASE CERMETS, WITH TIME, AT HIGH TEMPERATURES

The effect of heat treatment in a vacuum or inert-gas atmosphere at 2000°F on the microstructure of Kesten- tum samples K-151-A and K-152-B is discussed. Equipment and techniques employed in carrying out the research are discussed in detail. The effects of a solution-precipitation mechanism are discussed and a tentative theory is advanced relating the observed changes in microstructure to the steep slope of the stress--rupture curves for these cermets.

SECTION 2 - STUDY OF SOME TiC BASE CERMETS BY MEANS OF HIGH TEMPERATURE X-RAY DIFFRACTION TECHNIQUES

High temperature x-ray diffraction studies on phases stable at 2000°F in samples K-151-A and K-152-B and evidence for the solid solubility of TiC in Ni at this temperature are presented. In addition, the thermal expansion
data of Ni from room temperature of 2000°F has been
determined by high temperature x-ray techniques. The
equipment used and the techniques employed in this re-
search are discussed in detail. Evidence is presented
which indicates that a solution-precipitation mechanism
is responsible for the microstructure changes observed
and reported in Section 1.

SECTION 3 - ELECTRON MICROSCOPY OF
SOME TiC BASE CERMETS

A new electron microscopy replication technique is
presented and its application in resolving the micro-
structure of sample K-152-B is discussed. The col-
loidal dispersion present in the Ni phase of this cermet
had been resolved and found to be small particles of TiC.
The origin of this precipitate and its effects on the high
temperature strength of TiC-Ni cermets are discussed.

SECTION 4 - COEFFICIENT OF EXPANSION
STUDIES ON HIGH TEMPERATURE
ALLOYS

The relationship between thermal shock resis-
tance and the linear thermal expansion of the phases com-
posing a cermet is discussed. Techniques and apparatus
for fabricating and testing alloys have thermal expansion
characteristics similar to titanium carbide are presented.
Thermal expansion data for the systems Fe-Co-Ni, Fe-
Co-Co-Ni-Cr, Cr-Mo-Ni, TiC-Fe-Co-Ni and TiC-Fe-Co-
Ni-Cr are listed.

SECTION 5 - PREPARATION OF HIGH Ni-LOW
TiC CERMETS FOR IMPACT AND
THERMAL SHOCK STUDIES

Techniques and apparatus for the fabrication of
TiC-Ni cermets suitable for impact and thermal shock
studies and containing 73.1% Ni, 80.9% Ni, 87.9% Ni
and 94.2% Ni by weight are given.

SECTION 6 - PREPARATION OF TiB2
and MoSi, AS THE CERAMIC COM-
ONENT OF A CERMET

The possibility of using a mixture of TiB2 and
MoSi, as components of a new high temperature cermet
is discussed.

SECTION 7 - STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF HEAT
TREATMENT ON IMPACT
STRENGTH OF K-151-A AND K-
151-B

The effect of heat treatment of the impact strength of
Kentanium samples K-151-A and K-151-B is discussed.
Apparatus and techniques employed in this research are
discussed in detail.

Stanford Research Institute.
WADC TR 54-491.

INVESTIGATION OF CARBON (GRAPHITE) BASE
MATERIALS SUITABLE FOR ROCKET AND RAM-
JET APPLICATIONS. William D. Smiley. AF

The details of the preparation, application, and
testing of high temperature, oxidation and erosion resist-
ant materials for nozzles are reported. A composition
whose starting components were 4 mol percent molybden-
um - 52 mol percent silicon - 44 mol percent carbon and
which was prepared from a mixture of 75 weight percent
silicon carbide and 25 weight percent molybdenum disili-
cide, has shown promising high temperature properties,
including good oxidation resistance and refractoriness.
Solid nozzles have been prepared from this material, to-
gether with liners for graphite nozzles, for testing of the
WADC rocket test station.

The Beryllium Corporation.
WADC TR 57-86.

HOT PRESSING OF BERYLLIA ROCKET NOZZLES.
J. K. Evans, G. D. Kriebel. AF 33(616)-3699.
January 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 132847.
PB 140163. Order from LC Mt $2.40, PB $3.30.

The effects of time, temperature, pressure, and
particle size on the density of hot pressed beryllia oxide
were investigated. Experimental conditions and densities
obtained are tabulated for two types of beryllium oxide
and their mixtures. A description of the equipment, pro-
cedures, and starting materials is included. The fabrica-
tion of rocket nozzles according to the best procedures is
described. Photomicrographs of hot pressed beryllia of
maximum density are shown. A limited study of the mach-
ining of hot pressed beryllia is included.

Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.
WADC TR 56-329.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE IMPACT RESISTANCE OF
CERMETS. A. C. Passi, H. P. Kling. AF 33(616)-2911.
April 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118195.
PB 131093.

This program investigated the possibility of im-
proving the impact resistance of cermets by the applica-
tion of a well bonded ductile metallic coating to the sur-
face. Commercially available bars of K11B were used as
a base cermet. Coating methods investigated included
diffusion bonding of electro deposited nickel, infiltration
of porous sintered coatings, direct application of high
temperature brasses, diffusion bonding to shaped tubing
and vacuum casting. The application of 0.018" of elec-
 tro-deposited nickel, bonded by a suitable vacuum heat treatment,
raised the impact strength 2.56 lbs. and 3.36 lbs.
at room temperature and 1800°F respectively to values
of 21.48 and 18.96 in-lbs. at the same temperatures. Lim-
ited test results indicated that diffusion bonding of shaped
fubing also raised the impact strength appreciably. The
infiltrated coatings showed promising structures when
examined metallographically, but the impact strength was
essentially unchanged with the compositions used. It is
possible that other compositions might be more beneficial.

The direct application of brazing alloys was deemed un-
satisfactory. The vacuum cast coatings had interesting
microstructures but were not evaluated.

Vitro Laboratories. WADC TR 56-521.

PREPARATION OF PROTECTIVE COATINGS BY
ELECTROPHORETIC METHODS. Allen C. Werner,
James J. Shyne, Harold N. Barr, Bernard Triffleman.
AF 33(616)-3110. April 1957. ASTIA Document No.
AD 118224. PB 131062.

An investigation was conducted of the preparation of
oxidation-resistant coatings for molybdenum by electro-
phoretic methods. Multilayer coatings of 50% nickel-20%
chromium and nickel-bonded chromium carbide provided
good static air-oxidation resistance. Inclusion of a 50% 
dense nickel-chromium layer resulted in satisfactory bal-
listic impact resistance. Erosion was fair. All the test
panels failed under severe thermal shock.

Electrokinetic impregnation of graphite to provide
increased oxidation resistance was unsuccessful, a maxi-
mum impregnation of 2.1% by weight being obtained.
The effect of varying suspension concentration, impregnation
voltage, periodic reversal of the current, activators for the
graphites and the suspensions and the use of ultrasonic
energy were studied. Impregnation up to 2.6% by weight
was obtained by pumping a slurry through graphite without
application of any EMF.
The New York State College of Ceramics
WADC TR 57-39


A precision casting technique was developed for the reinforcement of super alloys with ceramic rods. Procedures were found for the electroplating of cermets with nickel and chromium to improve their impact resistance and for the chemical plating of nickel on titanium carbide grains. The effect of molybdenum as an alloying agent in the cermet binder was observed.

The Brush Beryllium Company. WADC TR 57-32.


A preliminary investigation was conducted on the variables of particle size, temperature, pressure, and time as related to the fabrication of beryllia rocket-nozzle throat inserts by hot pressing. Results of this work were applied toward the fabrication of twenty, 100-pound-thrust throat-insert specimens which were submitted for evaluating the feasibility of using this material in uncooled rocket motors. The twenty specimens were composed of four groups representing variations in starting materials with regard to particle size and purity and variations in fabrication procedures, including time, temperature, and heat treatments, which affected the final structure.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. WADC TR 55-500 Pt I.


The development of calcium aluminate glasses permitting useful transmission out to about 6 microns and having satisfactory working properties for present normal casting procedures in 10 pound melts is described. These glasses have high softening temperatures, thermal expansion coefficients equivalent to soda-lime-silica glasses, and can be polished by standard techniques. Investigations of other glass systems are discussed.

A fundamental study to determine if pressed and sintered compacts of small crystals can be made into suitable infrared transmitters is described. Work has been limited to a few materials which transmit infrared energy in their single crystalline forms. Relationships of material preparations, particle sizes, sintering techniques, and transmissions obtained are discussed.

Sintercast Corporation of America. WADC TR 57-135.


The purpose of this investigation is a preliminary study of graded cermet turbine components designed to improve the ductility and toughness of the root and airfoil tip sections. Ballistic impact tests at low and high temperature, before and after heat shock cycling, were performed on a wedge-like simulated turbine bucket shape divided into three general areas representing the root, airfoil tip, and airfoil body sections of a turbine bucket. The wedges were produced of materials believed to have a satisfactory strength to withstand the temperatures and stresses prevailing in high temperature gas turbine operation: For the cermet core of the bodies, a cermet was selected on the basis of preliminary tests which consisted of titanium carbide infiltrated with molten Inconel-X; for the metal-rich layers applied to the root and airfoil tip sections, an alloy was selected consisting of Inconel-X enriched with titanium carbides. The core material had a carbide concentration corresponding to 61-63% of theoretical carbide density as measured on skeleton bodies prior to infiltration. The stress to withstand 100 hours life at 1800°F of this core material was found to be in the order of 1,000 psi. The metal-rich alloy layers analyzed approximately 10% by weight of titanium carbides; the stress of this material to withstand a 100-hour life at 1600°F was found to be in the order of 20,000 psi.

The graded layers were applied during the infiltration of the wedge by filling with an excess of infiltrant a gap formed between the skeleton and an investment mold used in the infiltration process. Thus a structure is obtained in which the graded surface layer constitutes a continuation and extension of the nickel alloy matrix of the cermet core containing dispersed titanium carbide inclusions. The test results indicate a substantial improvement to be gained in ballistic impact strength by providing metal-enriched areas at the edge and tip of the airfoil. An oxidation-resistant ductile alloy layer deposited as a cladding on the entire surface of the simulated turbine component resulted in an equally important improvement of the thermal shock resistance of the titanium carbide cermet bodies.

Marquardt Aircraft Co. WADC TR 57-577 Pt I.


Eight systems of metal reinforced refractory coatings were investigated. These systems were based on sodium silicate, frit, aluminum phosphate, and L-389, sprayed with refractory powders and they were designed to insulate aircraft structural members operating in the thermal range of 2000°F to 3000°F.

Thermal drops of as high as 10°F per thousandth inch of coating thickness at equilibrium were observed with time up to 60 seconds to attain equilibrium under laboratory test conditions.

P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc. WADC TR 57-665.


Since the speeds of aircraft and guided missiles are increasing, the present organic base radomes are becoming obsolete. Various flame spraying methods which might be used to fabricate a radome from inorganic or ceramic materials were investigated.

Numerous compositions were mixed and flame sprayed. Silica, alone or with additions, was the only material which could be fabricated into a hard, dense deposit. Alumina and other miscellaneous compositions were also flame sprayed but in all cases, the deposits were either full of laminations and voids or cracking occurred on cooling.
Means of obtaining more uniform deposits were investigated. These included obtaining a more uniform powder flow and increasing flame temperature both by additions to the powder and by external means. Linde "flame plated" alumina deposits were also investigated. Rain erosion specimens and flat plates were flame sprayed and machined.

Bare were cut from large flame sprayed deposits in order to observe the uniformity obtained with the flame spray technique.

Flame spraying onto silica cloth is also discussed. Flame polishing in conjunction with this method produces a much smoother surface than when the silica is sprayed directly on a carbon block. Several radomes were also flame sprayed using a silica cloth base.

Apparently, the most valuable application of flame spraying would be to patch, adjust electrical thickness or to repair rain erosion damage.

A brief, but comprehensive, summary of all experimental results is given at the end of the report.

University of Illinois. WADC TR 58-12 Pt I.

An investigation was undertaken to develop and evaluate high-temperature electrical insulating inorganic coatings for copper wire, and to develop methods for applying these materials to wire.

Test procedures were developed for determining the dielectric strength, dielectric constant, and dissipation factor of experimental coatings on both sheet copper and copper wire.

Certain coating compositions formulated in the alkali-B2O3-SiO2 system were found to have the requisite dielectric properties at room temperature.

Equipment was designed and constructed for continuously applying and firing vitreous coatings onto copper wire. The considerations relating to flexibility and dielectric properties of the coated wire are discussed.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 58-13 Pt I.

A literature survey was undertaken to review possible methods for use in developing an electrical insulating coating for the high temperature protection of wire.

Ceramic-organic coatings were developed which cover the range from room temperature to 1300°F when applied directly to metal. These coating withstand 1500° -- but a wetting problem was encountered with the enamel on metals. However, since the final ceramic organic coating is applied over a base coating of aluminum oxide the wetting problem is not expected to cause difficulty. The effect of solution of aluminum oxide in the enamel is being investigated.

Curing studies have shown that methods of curing resin-frit coatings is an important parameter in obtaining proper burn-out temperature of resins.

Aluminum phosphate and silica were tested briefly as possible base coatings for the final ceramic-organic coating but adherence and corrosion problems caused this work to be discontinued.

Several anodising baths have been tried, among them boric acid, oxalic acid, and sulfuric acid. Among these, sulfuric acid seems to give the best anodised coating.

Application of aluminum to copper wire has been the area where the most difficulty has been encountered. Although coatings with very good adherence have been obtained, first indications were that the problem in plating seemed to be in pre-cleaning of the copper. For this reason, gold plate was applied as an initial coating in some tests prior to aluminum plating the copper.

WDAC TR 58-184.

Various theories have been offered as to the mechanism of ceramic coating to metal bonding. To date, however, no one theory has proved to explain the phenomenon adequately. This report reviews the literature pertinent to the subject.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. WADC TR 58-275 Pt I.

The fabrication of infrared transmitting materials by hot pressing techniques has been studied. BaF2 was used as a model material. The temperatures studied ranged from 600 to 1250° and the pressures from 1500 to 8000 psi. The equipment used to obtain these conditions is described. The effects of various hot pressing atmospheres including nitrogen, helium, argon and carbon dioxide, were investigated. A study was carried out to identify the impurities present and to study their effects.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. WADC TR 55-500 Pt II.

A limited compositional study of calcium aluminate glasses resulted in several prototype compositions which have superior handling and melting properties than those reported previously.

One of these compositions was melted successfully in a 30 lb. melt. Germanate glasses as well as several silicate glasses were studied on a limited basis.

Some mechanical and chemical property measurements of calcium aluminate glasses have been completed and are compared with conventional glasses.

An investigation of methods to inhibit surface deterioration of calcium aluminate glasses by water or water vapor has been started. Methods for eliminating the water absorption band at 2.7-3.0μ were also studied.

Various methods for compacting polycrystalline materials were studied including cold pressing, hot pressing, controlled freezing and sintering. Compacts that transmit considerable infrared can be produced by these methods. Hot pressing seems the most practical method for continued study. Infrared transmitting compacts of NaCl, BaF2 and MgO have been produced. A mathematical relationship demonstrated the high radiation losses in a compact due to scattering induced by voids.

The water absorption band at 2.7-3.0 μm in calcium aluminate glasses is undesirable so methods to eliminate it were studied. Techniques successful in silicate glasses were not applicable to the calcium aluminate glasses. For example, D₂O added to a silicate glass batch shifted, as expected, the water absorption band to approximately 3.7 μm. A similar addition to a calcium aluminate batch produced no change in the position of the water absorption band. Techniques were developed for protecting the surfaces of calcium aluminate glasses from deterioration by water or water vapor. These glasses were "hardened" by conventional techniques. "Hardening" did not inhibit moisture attack.

The rise time for this process varied from 8 to 14 milliseconds. The observed conduction current as a function of applied voltage was approximately linear at 10-7 amp/cm². The observed conduction current was 0.004 amp/cm² at approximately 3.5 kV/cm, a sign of the conduction current.

The coefficient of friction of sapphire on sapphire indicated an increase in the coefficient of friction with temperature. The coefficient of friction also increased with load in the temperature region reported. The future activities of the project will include the measurement of the high temperature friction data with the Bowden and Tabor and Archard and Hirst mechanisms of wear.

This study was devoted to establishing the importance of gaseous and liquid environments, electromagnetic irradiation, and non-stoichiometry on the deformation and fracture processes in ceramic materials. The surface condition of the material and its chemical environment have been found to have a large effect on these processes. The small ductility of magnesium oxide is reduced by air and basic solutions. Acid solutions produce ductility in previously brittle magnesium oxide. Exclusion of air by a protective coating or a protective atmosphere preserves the ductility. Photochemical reactions essentially stop the creep of silver chloride. A more quantitative evaluation of these effects should be conducted to permit the establishment of the mechanisms operating.


The principal objective of this project is a basic study to evaluate the mechanism of wear of nonmetallic materials at evaluated temperatures. Materials selected for this program included single crystals of sapphire and quartz. A friction apparatus was designed for use at high temperatures and has an operating range of 0 to 50 grams load and a speed range of 10⁻² to 10⁻³ cm/sec.

The friction specimens are placed into suitable holders and heated with an induction generator. Initial tests established the reliability of the design of the friction apparatus to operate effectively from room temperature to 1600°F. Design of suitable specimen holders should permit friction studies at temperatures to 4000°F. Sliding of sapphire on sapphire indicated an increase in the coefficient of friction with temperature to approximately 900°F and a decrease with further increases in temperatures to 1600°F. The coefficient of friction also increased with load in the temperature region reported.

The future activities of the project will include the correlation of the high temperature friction data with the Bowden and Tabor and Archard and Hirst mechanisms of wear.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 59-100. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES LEADING TO THE CONTROL OF ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE RADOMES. Leon M. Atlas. AF 33(616)-5929. October 1959. PB 161423. Order from OTS $1.00.

The rise of dielectric constant and loss tangent in alumina ceramics as they are heated creates serious problems in radome design. This report describes work performed on the first phase of a long range effort to reduce and control this variation in dielectric properties. During the first ten months of the program, attention was concentrated on preparing alumina ceramics of higher purity than is commercially available, and ceramics with low concentrations of added impurities. Alumina batches containing less than 100 ppm of foreign cations were prepared by the acid solution of 99.99% alumina metal, and this material was fired to ceramic disks of similar purity. Specimens were also prepared with introduced Ca and Si at two different levels below 0.1%.

High purity specimens were subjected to annealing treatments in various gases including oxygen, steam, moist hydrogen, and dry hydrogen. Attempts were made to follow effects of these annealing treatments on the defect condition of the samples by measurements of optical reflectance and thermoeluminescence after irradiation with gamma rays.
After grinding and acid leaching, alumina discs were forwarded to the Laboratory for Insulation Research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for electric evaluation. Preliminary results from this laboratory show an appreciably smaller temperature variation of dielectric constant and loss tangent than for the purest commercial aluminas tested.


Intermetallic compounds from thirty-five binary metallic systems were prepared, fabricated into oxidation-test specimens, and tested for oxidation resistance in dry air at 2300°F. Only high-melting (above 2550°F) compounds were studied. These included aluminides, beryllides, silicides, germanides, and nickelides, as well as numerous miscellaneous compounds.

The intermetallic compounds or compositions which are shown to have sufficient oxidation resistance at 2350°F to be potentially useful at this temperature include: NiAl, TaAl, CrBe, MoBe, NbBe, ZrBe, TaBe, TiBe, ZrSi, TiSi, Ti5Si3, TeSi, Zr5Si3, TaC, and Ta2C. A literature survey of intermetallic compounds is included.


TiC/Ni compositions with 10, 20, and 40 percent nickel were tested for transverse rupture strengths up to 1600°C. Transverse bend, cantilever beam, hot deformation, and hot extrusion experiments were performed in order to study the onset of plastic deformation. These materials were plastically deformed, and their microstructures were studied to learn about the mode of deformation. Plastic flow of the nickel binder and alignment of the carbide grains were discovered.

O.K.: x refractory hard-metal compositions, both single-phase and cemented, were tested in transverse rupture up to 1600°C and were also subjected to various forms of hot deformation. Transverse strength peaks, versus temperature, were found for each material in the range 800-1300°C. Reasons for this behavior are developed. Microstructures of these materials were examined in connection with the strength tests and deformation studies.


In this program, the literature on the mechanical properties of nonmetallic polycrystalline compounds and intermetallic compounds with melting points above 1500°C was surveyed. The theoretical concepts of flow and fracture were reviewed. It was determined that the mechanical properties of many potential high temperature materials have not been evaluated. Data for those which have been partially evaluated were in most cases either incomplete, or meaningless because of failure to associate the data with the structure, purity, and thermal history of the material. It was concluded that the intermetallic compounds which are brittle at room temperature and slightly ductile at high temperature (where some of them are also stronger) are more worthy of future study than the much worked-over oxides and interstitial compounds. Another conclusion of this study was that conventional parameters, such as tensile strength, etc., may not be of value for designing high temperature structural components, and that data from tests closely simulating actual use conditions are necessary before the designer can confidently use brittle materials.

Additional research is warranted in certain areas, where there is either a lack of pertinent data on compound classes, or a need for more functional information on prevention and cure of imperfections.


The principal geometric variables involved in ceramic-reinforced metal fiber composites were evaluated using thermal shock resistance as the most important criteria. Several different ceramic-metal fiber composites were investigated. Using the alumina-molybdenum and alumina-mullite-molybdenum fiber systems, the comparative properties of the two basic types of composites were demonstrated. Composites were developed which had flexural strengths exceeding 30,000 psi following four severe thermal shock cycles.


Thirty-five refractory inorganic material systems were evaluated in exploring possible techniques to prepare refractory inorganic materials into high temperature aircraft structural elements. A system as defined in this program is a specific combination of materials and structure. Twenty-one of these systems were designed and fabricated at Bell Aircraft Corporation. The remaining 14 were obtained from various other organizations and agencies. The fabrication techniques were evaluated by the results of room temperature modulus of rupture, impact and thermal shock tests. The best over-all Bell Aircraft system was based on the alumina-silica paper impregnated with alumina-silica cement. This system is tentatively selected for additional investigation in Phase II of this program to begin June 15, 1959. Specimens of this system were tested at elevated temperature (2000°F) for modulus of rupture, compressive strength and compressive shear.

A state-of-the-art survey on refractory ceramics was conducted in this study and is included as an appendix in this report.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 59-484. SYNTHESIS OF NEW HIGH TEMPERATURE MATERIALS. J. L. Engelseth, F. A. Halden, R. P. Varley. AF 33(616)-19
A number of mixed transition metal carbides, borides, and nitrides were prepared and examined in terms of melting point, structure, and oxidation resistance. None of the measured melting points were higher than the value reported for HfC-4TaC (3940°C). The melting point for a series of solid solutions between HfC and NbC increased regularly with hafnium content.

A material with the composition Mo2BC, when heated in an air stream, was found to lose weight rapidly without burning. It was the only metallic crystal of its possible use as an ablation material. A cubic modification of hafnia was obtained in material sprayed from a plasma arc. A low coefficient of thermal expansion and high melting temperature makes this a material of interest.

An implosive-shock technique for compound synthesis, which subjects materials to extremely high temperature-pressure conditions for short periods of time, was developed. The method was used successfully to synthesize boron phosphide.

Carborundum Company. WADD TR 60-124.

Fundamental technology has been developed for the preparation of non-oxidic refractory foams of controlled pore diameter, spacing, and continuity. Foaming procedures used in making commercially available foam plastics were employed to produce the resin-type foams which formed the basis for the final refractory foams.

It was shown that foam structures can be varied as to strength, density and pore size by varying the proportions of resins and solvents used to generate the foams. Lesser controls were also possible by varying the temperature and pressure during the foaming process. Good control and predictable results were obtained.

Foams were prepared of the following materials: carbides of titanium, tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum, and columbium; borides of titanium and of silicon; and silicides of tungsten and of molybdenum.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADD TR 60-108.

Information was developed on the effects of processing variables and microstructure on the fracture strength of ceramics made from sinterable oxide powders. The choice of sintering temperatures and dwell periods associated with low porosities and small average crystal sizes was observed in ceramics of both MgO and BeO, but no quantitative correlation was found. Highest strengths were obtained when the time and temperature of sintering were sufficient for densification above about 90 percent of theoretical, provided that the sintering time and temperature was insufficient to give crystal sizes larger than the smallest observed. 5-6 microns for BeO ceramics and about 15 microns for MgO ceramics.

In the case of BeO powder prepared by pyrolysis of high-purity sulfate, calcining to an intermediate temperature (1700-1800°F) gave powder that densified most readily when compacted and sintered, but one that did not have the greatest tendency toward crystal growth. Thus, this most sinterable powder produced the strongest BeO ceramic.

The lack of quantitative correlations between bulk density, average crystal size, and strength, together with appreciable scatter in strength values, indicated that strength was affected by some factor or factors other than these two. Localized areas of crystal growth found in BeO specimens may have had an influence.

Linde Co. WADC TR 60-52.

This work was undertaken to produce selected crystals in the refractory hard metals class for mechanical and other property determinations. A Verneuil-type process using an arc heat source and argon shield gas was employed. Single crystal boules of titanium diboride and tungsten disilicide, 1/4-inch diameter and up to 4-1/2 inches long, were made. Most of them cracked upon cooling. The largest single crystal pieces recovered were 1/4 inch diameter and over 1/2 inch long. Dimolybdenum carbide boules had large sections of a "single crystal" Mo2C matrix containing about 10% by volume of another phase which was uniformly mixed through it. No Mo2C single crystal pieces free from this phase were made. In very limited work with ditungsten pentaboride only polycrystalline boules were produced. A major problem was encountered in getting powders suitable for Verneuil-type crystal growth. Best results were obtained from compounds prepared by fusing together commercially available pure elements and crushing the lump into a suitable particle size fraction. Process improvements and purer powders are required to produce better quality TiB2 and WSi2 crystals. More experimental information is required on the molybdenum-carbon and the tungsten-boron systems.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADD TR 60-54.

An investigation of the basic factors involved in the wear and friction of ceramics, carmets, and high-temperature alloys sliding at speeds of 100 to 200 fpm and temperatures from 500 to 1000°F (100°F to 100°F) has been made. Bearing pressures covered a range of 3 to 50 psi. Statistical correlation of measured wear rates with friction and material properties indicates that, at these temperatures, the wear rate of ceramics and carmets may be approximately described by the following relationship:

\[ \text{Wear rate} = \frac{\mu \cdot R \cdot D}{1 + 0.75} \]

where \( \mu \) is the coefficient of friction, \( R \) is the thermal-stress-resistance factor, and \( D \) is the thermal diffusivity of the mating material on which wear predominates, which is usually the material with the lowest thermal-stress resistance.

A mechanism of wear has been developed based on the above correlation and on the experimental study of friction and wear surface-temperature fluctuations using special transducers and color motion-picture photography. The predominant wear mechanism in the high-speed sliding of ceramic and carmet materials appears to involve
formation of hot spots at asperity contacts and subsequent fracture of the material near these hot spots as a result of thermal stresses. In this situation the wear rate is influenced both by the configuration of the rubbing parts and by the thermal-stress-resistance properties of the materials. When one of the mating surfaces is interrupted, the total wear is greater. Wear tends to predominate on parts with interrupted wear surfaces, such as slider bearings, in comparison with their continuous mating surfaces or ring surfaces, such as in face seals, and on ceramic and cermets materials with low-thermal-stress-resistance factor and low thermal diffusivity.

Promising commercial materials for high-temperature dry sliding bearings, gas bearings, and seals include Al2O3-Cr-NiMo cermets, SiC ceramics, and TiC-Ni-Mo cermets. One experiment with a SiC-Si3N4 ring stator mated against a TiC-Ni-Mo-NbC rotor, as in a face seal, was operated for a total of 20 hours up to 1000°C (about 1800°F), 200-fps sliding speed, and 20-psi unit load with only slight surface damage and a total wear of 6.7 mils, most of which occurred on the rotor.


The program on high-temperature electrical insulation on wire, in its third and final year, covered the work on flexibility of coated wire, coating trials on clad copper wires, firing procedure for two coats of 58C on copper wire, vitreous silica and boron nitride mill additions to glass coating 58C, and vitreous coatings sheather with organics. Also, as a part of the last year’s effort, test data were obtained on high-temperature insulated wire supplied by various manufacturers.

Flexibility studies indicated the ratio of coating thickness to wire diameter and the cooling cycle were important factors affecting flexibility of the coating. It was demonstrated that a heat treatment of the coating may increase coating flexibility. Contrary to what was expected, coatings on inconel-clad copper wire did not show an increase in flexibility over coatings on plain copper wire.

The results of coating trials on inconel-clad, stainless steel-clad (oxalloy), nickel-clad (Kulgrid), silver-clad, and aluminum-clad copper wires are given. A firing study of coating 58C resulted in the optimum firing procedure for two coats of 58C on copper wire.

It was demonstrated that additions of vitreous silica and boron nitride to the mill formula of coatings 56 and 58C enhance the electrical properties of the resulting coating. Sheathing of vitreous coatings with organics showed promise as a method of retaining the flexed vitreous coating on wire. It was thought that in service the organic coating may burn off at a temperature where the vitreous coating could be capable of sealing itself.

Electrical tests of flexed coated specimens, indicated that room temperature dielectric constant and dissipation factor were not sensitive to the first fine cracks which appeared.


A fundamental study was made of the wear mechanism of nonmetallic materials at high temperatures. Single-crystal sapphire was examined in a friction apparatus made for studies up to 2200°C. A sapphire ball loaded at 22, 50, and 127 g was passed over a sapphire plate at 0.0053 cm/sec at 29-921°C. Both slider and plate were oriented such that the CO-axis was normal to the direction of traverse.

With cleaned, as-received materials coefficient of friction values were scattered. Prior heat treatment at 900-925°C reduced scatter and gave peak values of 0.25-0.30 near 600°C. The results suggest that the surfaces of the sapphire were imperfect. Observations by other investigators on variation of modulus of rupture appear to have a common basis.

The wear areas on both ball and plate were 6 micrometers wide, and subsurface changes extended to 30 micrometers. Electron microscopy inspection suggests that extremely high surface temperatures occurred coincidently with the friction process, but direct evidence of an adhesion mechanism is inconclusive.


This report summarizes the results of the first year of a program designed to improve the capabilities of rocket motors which use end-burning grains through:
1. development of laboratory test procedures to be used as criteria for the evaluation of insulating materials, and
2. development of materials for application as motor case insulation. A literature survey and stress analysis of the motor insulation system were conducted. Procedures have been established to measure the elastic properties of tube specimens and the thermal conductivity of composite materials. The pyrolysis of resins and resin-bonded ceramic materials has been studied using a laboratory image furnace, and the gaseous and liquid decomposition products have been collected and analyzed.

The materials development work has included the comparison of insulating behaviors, erosion resistance, and charring rates of several resins in a torch test. It also includes a study of the carbon yield from resins and composite materials. With respect to insulation ability, resins which yield a high percentage of volatile products usually appear best in the torch test, but no simple correlation is evident. The yield of carbon necessary to produce coherent char structure can be investigated by measuring the physical and thermal properties of typical charred residues.

An extension of this program during the coming year, under Contract AF 33(614)-6831, will include specialized motor firings to test materials under service conditions; the laboratory work will be continued to correlate laboratory and motor data.


The purpose of this contract was to investigate the feasibility of utilizing available heat resistant materials in the fabrication of leading edges for hypersonic boost-glide vehicles. This particular volume presents the results of
the preliminary portion of the material evaluation portion of the program. Material requirements were established for this specific application. In order to assess the suitability of a given material, knowledge of many material characteristics is required. Of primary importance are oxidation resistance, high thermal emissivity, high thermal conductivity, low thermal expansion, reproducible strength characteristics, and fabricability. Other characteristics which must be considered are specific heat, modulus of elasticity, erosion characteristics and density. Over 100 technical reports were reviewed, and approximately 50 suppliers and fabricators were contacted to obtain data on materials which might be suitable for leading edge applications at 2500°F to 3000°F. A total of 106 materials were considered including 22 refractory metals, 30 protective coatings and 54 refractory non-metals.

From the review of available materials it was apparent that much of the information required for assessing suitability was lacking. A screening test program was initiated, therefore, to fill the gaps in available data and to provide consistent sets of data upon which to base intelligent selections. The methods used in choosing the materials to be screened considered availability and the complex interrelation among design and material parameters. From the 106 candidates, materials three metals, five coating systems and seven non-metals were subjected to screening tests. Determination of oxidation resistance, thermal emissivity, thermal conductivity, thermal expansion, mechanical strength and modulus of elasticity, were made from room temperature to 2700°F.

Using the data obtained experimentally and the methods developed for assessing suitability, the 5% titanium alloy of molybdenum, Chromalloy W-2 coating, Durak Mg coating and siliconized ATJ graphite were found to be the most promising materials for the specific application. Consequently these materials were selected for further evaluation.

Bell Aircraft Corporation. WADD TR 59-432, Part II.


A process was developed for making both small and large, simple and complex curvature geometric shapes from honeycomb ceramic sandwich constructions. Final fired sections had apparent densities as low as 26 lb/ft³.

A simple mechanical method was developed for continuous fabrication of ceramic corrugated ribbons or sheet for making honeycomb cores. The core is flexible and easily machinable in its prefired condition. The skins are as easy to handle as paper.

Alumina-silica paper impregnated with an alumina-silica slurry was used as a refractory model system for developing the fabrication techniques. The paper originally acts as a carrier but finally becomes an integral part of the fired refractory. The fabrication and processing methods are adaptable to other refractory materials possessing higher strength and temperature stability.

Other types of ceramic and metal-ceramic composites were investigated and evaluated.

WADD TR 60-143.


The work here reported is the result of an investigation of phase equilibria in the ternary system, silicon-boron-carbon. Techniques for extending the high temperature range of measurements have been developed. Accurate phase diagrams for the silicon-carbon and the boron-carbon binaries have been obtained and details of the ternary system have been determined in the high carbon content region. The data were obtained by high temperature differentials thermal analysis and by photoelectric thermal analysis, both supplemented by metallographic, X-ray and chemical techniques.

Results for the boron-carbon binary system indicate that boron melts at 2130 ± 10°C and that B₄C has a congruent melting point of 2470 ± 20°C. Boron and B₄C form a eutectic at 2080 ± 20°C, whereas carbon and B₄C form a eutectic at 2390 ± 20°C.

Results for the silicon-carbon binary indicate a eutectic between silicon and SiC at 1402 ± 5°C. SiC melts incongruently at 2540 ± 60°C. The peritectic point is located at 27 percent carbon.

Results for the ternary system indicate a eutectic between B₄C, SiC and carbon at 2250 ± 20°C. No compound formation has been observed in the high carbon region of the ternary system.

General Electric Research Laboratory. WADD TR 60-184.


To facilitate subsequent studies of the nature of the brittleness in intermetallic compounds, a method for producing sound, uniform, and reproducible test specimens has been devised and an investigation made of the effects of basic physical parameters on the mechanical properties.

Tensile test specimens of B₄C and Ag₉B₄, produced directly by extrusion, have provided information applicable to future studies of the properties of HfAl, a material whose melting point and oxidation resistance render it not impractical as an alloy base should a solution to the ductility problem be found.

A pronounced yield point is found in Ag₉B₄; high strain rate sensitivity of the yield stress has been observed and the effects of grain size, composition, and test temperature have been documented. Specimens will withstand loading only at very slow strain rates; after yielding occurs, however, rapid strain rates may be employed. With total elongations of more than 50 percent, the material is ductile. Under previously brittle conditions, measurement of the yield stress as a function of both strain rate and temperature enables a calculation of the activation energy for the yielding process.

University of Illinois. WADD TR 59-526, Part II.

Various ceramic coating systems for tungsten metal were developed and evaluated. These included silicide coatings, ceramic crystals in a glass matrix, silicon-carbide coatings, vapor-deposited SiO2, and re-crystallizing glasses. The system considered protective for tungsten at temperatures of 3000°F or higher, from a practical viewpoint, was a coating consisting of 35% glass and 65% silicon.

Tungsten wire specimens coated with this glass-silicon coating were protected for ten hours at 3000°F. A study of the nature of the degradation of this coating tested at 3000°F as a function of time was carried out based on microstructural observations and X-ray diffraction analysis of the reaction products. The protective lifetime of the coating was related to the degree of attack of the coated tungsten metal as indicated by inter-granular roughness and tungsten oxide formation, and to the progressive decrease in the thickness of the coating under test.

University of Utah. WADD TR 60-473.


Creep and recovery phenomena in sintered polycrystalline alumina have been studied. Effects of temperature and impurity content on creep behavior and the results of observation of polished and etched surfaces are discussed. The results are analyzed in terms of a tentative conventional mechanical analog.

An electrical study of the behavior of silver ions on a corundum surface is described. Current flow between evaporated silver films on Al2O3 crystals is investigated as a function of geometry, temperature, atmosphere, history, and applied voltage. Migration of silver in some cases leaves visible deposits on the uncoated crystal. In general, the phenomena are complex and atmosphere-dependent.

The initial stages of creep in single crystals of \( \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \) (synthetic sapphire) form of 0.1 inch diameter cylinders three inches long were loaded in three point loading to give slip on the (0001) \( \{112\} \) slip system. Creep rates were measured in the temperature range 1000°C to 1200°C and in the stress interval of 500 to 1000 Kg per cm.\(^2\). The resolved shear stress on the outmost fiber of the specimen is determined in the region from too little stress to initiate creep up to the fracture stress. An approximate sixth power dependence of creep rate on stress was observed. The dependence of creep rate on temperature was measured for total creep less than 1% strain. A plot of log creep rate versus reciprocal temperature gives an activation energy of 85 Kcal/mole. Specimens oriented so that \( \{112\} \) \( \{112\} \) slip system was operative but the (001) \( \{112\} \) slip system had zero resolved shear stress gave no significant creep at these temperatures.

Arthur D. Little, Inc. WADD TR 60-377.

STABILITY OF CERAMIC MATERIALS AT TEMPERATURES TO 3000°C. Joan Barkowita. AF 33(616)-6154. September 1960. PB 171405. Order from OTS $0.75.

A study was made of the oxidation resistance of a number of commercial samples of MoSi2 and WSi2 in the temperature range 1600-1700°C. A thermal conductivity technique was developed to measure oxygen pick-up by the samples continuously. From the thermal conductivity measurement and the net weight change of the samples, an estimate was made of the rates of formation of volatile and non-volatile oxides. On the basis of X-ray analysis, oxidation products are believed to be volatile XD3 (vapor) and non-volatile glass of the form \( \text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{XO}_m \) where \( X = \text{Mo or W} \); and \( n \) and \( m \) are not known. Tests were conducted at a total pressure of one atmosphere in a helium stream containing about 10 mm of oxygen and flowing at 119 cc/min. The oxidation of WSi2 was also studied in a helium stream containing 5 mm of water vapor. The principal solid product in this case was metallic tungsten.

The Marquardt Corporation. WADC TR 59-102, Part II.


A metal reinforced, insulating ceramic coating system has been developed which will successfully withstand temperatures greater than 4000°F. The composite is of the gross type and it consists of a chemically bonded silicon carbide or silicon nitride phase bonded at low temperatures, reinforced with and anchored to a coated refractory metal. The composite system exhibits low thermal conductivity and excellent thermal shock resistance.

The developed macro-composite utilizes the desirable properties of refractory metallic structures by providing both insulation and oxidation protection. The metallic reinforcement, protected in the same manner, strengthens the ceramic layer and serves to anchor it to the basic metal structure.

Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc. WADD TR 60-338.

INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT ON CERAMIC PROPERTIES. George R. Pulliam, Bruce G. Leonard. AF 33(616)-5875. October 1960. PB 171398. Order from OTS $0.75.

This study was concerned with environmental and non-stoichiometric effects on three different materials. The materials used were \( \text{ZrO}_2 \), AgCl, and MgO single crystals. Definite evidences of low temperature plastic strain were found for O-deficient \( \text{ZrO}_2 \). These evidences were non-linear stress-deflection curves at room temperature, appearance of slip lines on large grains after stress, and creep of \( \text{ZrO}_2 \) at 350°C. The creep of polycrystalline \( \text{AgCl} \) was found to be highly sensitive to electromagnetic radiation. When an AgCl specimen in creep was illuminated with 4400mu light the creep rate was reduced. Light of 700mu caused the previously reduced creep rate to be increased. It is felt that precipitates of photolytic silver hardened the AgCl in much the same manner as the precipitates in the precipitation hardenable stainless steels. The 700mu light had the effect of bleaching the precipitates out, and thus, permit the creep to continue. Creep specimens illuminated with 7000mu light with no previous 4400mu treatment were unaffected by the irradiation. MgO single crystals colored brown by u. v. irradiation were found to have an absorption peak at 4.3eV associated with oxygen. Ultra-violet irradiation increased the height of this peak so that it tailed off in the visible region. It is this tailing off that imparted the brown color to the crystals. Vacuum treatment of such specimens to 1300°C removed the peak and prevented further coloration by ultra-violet illumination.
The vapors issuing from mullite and Graphite Knudsen cells containing pure metals and alloys of the triad Cu-Ag-Au have been analysed mass spectrometrically. From the experimental ratios of diatomic to carbide-graphite. The research has been divided into two triad Cu-Ag-Au have

Knudsen tentative relation between the dissociation energy of the most promising coating for this operating temperature. There are uncertainties quoted do not include the uncertainty in REFRACTORY COATINGS FOR TUNGSTEN. C. G. Geotzetel, P. Landler. AF 33(616)-6868. March 1961, ASTIA Document No. AD 258537. Order from OTS $1.50.

A preliminary study of the feasibility of protecting tungsten wires against oxidation at 3300°F (1815°C) was undertaken. A tungsten disilicide coat was found to be the most promising coating for this operating temperature. Several siliconising methods were given a cursory treatment, including vapor plating and dipping into molten copper-silicon bath, and the simplest, cementation, selected for closer investigation. This operation was performed under flowing hydrogen atmosphere and such variables as temperature, time, and composition of the cementation pack were studied as a main part of our exploratory work. A brittle tungsten-disilicide (WSi) layer is formed by this method. The inherent brittleness of tungsten appears further aggravated by the development of micro-cracks in the layer as well as in the substrate during siliconising. Oxidation tests using direct electrical resistance heating were performed. It was found that pack-
siliconised wires can withstand oxidation at 3300°F in still air for prolonged periods up to and exceeding 10 hours. This is accomplished without any destruction of the coating in the high temperature zone owing to the formation of a viscous glassfilm on the surface. A pronounced tendency toward self-healing is a useful property of this type of coat.

A serious drawback of the disilicide coat, however, is its low temperature oxidation ("Disilicide Pest") which occurs in parts exposed to temperatures between 1200° and 2200°F (650-1250°C) for prolonged periods. It causes a destruction of the disilicide layer over a period of 5 to 15 hours, depending on coating thickness. It was the actual life determining factor in those tests where other failures caused by improper technique had been eliminated. Preliminary attempts to deposit ZrO2 on top of siliconised wires by means of poor adhesion. Where bonding was obtained, no improvement in life under high temperature oxidising conditions could be ascertained.

An investigation of the factors which affect the thermal shock resistance of polyphase ceramic systems has been conducted using the model system Sicromium carbide-graphite. The research has been divided into two areas:

1. Theoretical calculations of the individual material properties, which show that the included graphite particles may be regarded as spherical pores.
2. Experimental data, which substantiates the postulate that increased thermal shock resistance is a result of an increase in the ratio of strength over Young's modulus, brought about by the addition of the low Young's modulus phase.
Elastomeric materials with satisfactory resistance during an immersion period of seven days at 160°F have been developed for the following propellants: JP-X fuel mixture, disopropenyl acetylene and hydrazine. Compounds based on an experimental polymer have proved to be very compatible with n-propyl nitrate and unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine, but additional work has been directed toward development of other materials, based on commercial polymers, which will be resistant to these liquids. Compounds have been tested which were resistant to inhibited red fuming nitric acid at room temperature.

No elastomers tested have been found resistant at room temperature to fluorine gas or nitrogen tetroxide. Results are presented for screening tests of plastics and fabrics in several propellants and for tests of elastomers in propellants at 350°F and 400°F.

Products Research Company. WADC TR 58-89, Part II.


This report describes work accomplished during the second year of research on the development of fuel and pressurisation sealants resistant to temperatures up to 700°F.

Service temperature limits were established for sealants developed during the first year, as well as for new sealants. These materials were investigated for resistance to HUF-3 and to gamma radiation. Studies were made on the use of anti-rads to improve radiation resistance.

Viton A based fill and drain, facing surface, and filleting sealants were developed which had satisfactory resistance to JP-5 fuel either at 450°F for 168 hours or at 600°F for 10 hours, and to oven aging either at 450°F for 168 hours, or at 650°F for one hour. A Viton A based sealant system was developed which has satisfactorily withstood thirty-three HUF-3 Vapor cycles.

Sealants based on Viton A and RTV silicones appeared to be serviceable after gamma irradiation up to 8.71 x 10^9 ergs/g DC. A groove sealant based on a combination of Silastic LS-53U and Fluororubber 154 was crosslinked to a rubbery material at 8.71 x 10^9 ergs/g DC. None of the materials which were studied as anti-rads were of any value in improving the radiation resistance of any of the sealant systems which were investigated.

B. F. Goodrich Co. Research Center. WADC TR 55-58, Part V.


The research for this fifth year under the contract included the following: fundamental studies of the mechanism of radiation damage to high polymers, of the influence of molecular weight and copolymer ratios on the relative degree of radiation effects, and of the effect of anti-rads on chain scission and crosslinking rates; basic studies of the effect of state of cure on the radiation resistance of elastomers, and the role of anti-rads in protecting textile materials from radiation damage; further screening of anti-rads for other conventional and newer elastomers; a study of the radiation stability of some of the newer thermally stable elastomers; applied studies of the separate and combined effects of heat and radiation on the stress-strain properties of aircraft rubber compounds and the effect of irradiation in air and in alkyd diphenyl ether (C14-C16) on the compression set properties of aircraft compounds; irradiation and full-scale indoor testing of aircraft tires, with and without potential anti-rad protection.

This work which is reported thus included fundamental, basic, and applied research.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 59-338.

COMPOSITE INORGANIC RESILIENT SEAL MATERIALS. M. Sabanas. AF 33(161)-5793. October 1959.

Research was conducted on essentially inorganic seal materials exhibiting the desirable characteristics common to elastomers, combined with temperature and fluid resistance to at least 1000°F. Materials exhibiting this behavior are a prerequisite to the design concept of power transmission systems for future flight vehicles.

Experimental screening tests were performed on composite refractory materials to provide leads for new materials for ultimate static and dynamic seal applications. Of the numerous refractory material composites tested, the graphite and molybdenum disulfide combination approached the target objectives, but were rapidly oxidized in an air atmosphere at 1000°F.

Materials consisting of stainless steel and molybdenum fibers made into a bonded skeleton of the desired shape and impregnated with various soft ductile phases, were fabricated and their properties studied. The properties of these composites differ from the base metals from which they are made, since the geometrical configuration imparts an elastomeric like behavior to the composite. A longer period of research would be required for further experimental study to explore all the possibilities that these new composite materials offer.

Boeing Airplane Co. WADC TR 56-372, Part IV.


This is a continuation of a study initiated under Air Force Contract AF 33(161)-2867. The purpose of this study was to determine design criteria for O-Rings, back-up rings and other elastomeric seals. A survey of current literature concerning seals and seal materials was conducted with an emphasis placed on seals and seal materials for use in environmental extremes. Tensile properties of a number of silicones and Viton compounds are given. The effects of environment and groove configurations on the sealing force of an O-Ring were determined. Thermal expansion and compression modulus tests were performed on elastomeric materials at cryogenic temperatures. The functional tests included pneumatic seal tests at 600°F, hydraulic rod seal tests at 400°F using O-rings and back-up rings made from a variety of materials and in several configurations; static annulus tests at elevated temperatures using various groove configurations, and static seal tests using helium at cryogenic temperatures.

Certain physical properties were found to be of value to the life of a seal under specific environmental and/or mechanical conditions.

Boeing Airplane Company. WADC TR 59-428.

This is a summation of the work done under Air Force Contracts AF 33(616)-2867 and AF 33(616)-5722. It is presented in the form of a handbook covering the mechanism of O-ring sealing, the relationship of physical properties to sealing, the effect of cavity configuration back-up rings and adverse mechanical conditions on seal life, and the design of seals for specific systems. It also includes the test procedures and a bibliography of published articles pertinent to O-ring seals.


This report describes research and development work directed toward finding materials suitable for fabrication and toward setting up specifications for V-51R design ear plugs and for liquid-filled ear-protection cushions. Section I of the report covers the work on ear plugs; Section II covers the work on ear-protection cushions.

Materials that met the initial specified requirements for ear plugs were found. Molds to make the extra-small size and the extra-large size V-51R design ear plugs were produced. Ear plugs were made with a range of collapsibilities were made from these molds and from the medium-size-ear-plug mold, made on a previous project (AF 33(616)-3488). The most desirable collapsibility measurements for ear plugs was then selected by an "in-service" evaluation program monitored by the project engineer. The changes needed to assure continued procurement of ear plugs with the most desirable properties have been suggested for the Military Medical Purchase Description Number 1, dated 9 January 1958.

Materials to meet the initial specified requirements for liquid-filled ear-protection cushions were studied. Although it was not found possible to get experimental quantities of the plastic film material judged to be the best for liquid-filled ear-protection cushions, it has been established that commercial quantities of such a plastic film would become available if a demand existed. On this basis, a number of liquid-filled ear-protection cushions were submitted for an "in-service" evaluation program monitored by the project engineer.


This is a continuation of a study initiated under Air Force contract AF 33(616)-5722. The purposes of this study was to determine design criteria for O-rings, back-up rings and other elastomeric seals. A survey of current literature concerning seals and seal materials was conducted with an emphasis placed on seals and seal materials for use in environmental extremes. Physical properties of a number of silicones and Viton compounds are given. These properties, including thermal expansion, compression modulus, tensile strength and elongation, tensile and compression stress relaxation and compression set, were determined at temperature extremes in the range of -425° to 800°F. Functional tests included pneumatic seal tests at 400°F and 500°F at 2000 psi, hydraulic rod seal tests up to 600°F at pressures from 1000 to 5000 psi, static oannus tests at 600°F using various grooves and seal configurations, and static seal tests using helium at cryogenic temperatures.

Certain physical properties were found to be of value to the life of a seal under specific environmental and/or mechanical conditions. Hydraulic seal test results were more dependent on the effectiveness of the back-up ring than on any measured property of the O-ring material.


A new approach to O-ring sealing has been attempted in order to improve the physical and mechanical properties of conventional elastomeric O-rings and eliminate the use of anti-extrusion devices. Elastomer-metal composite O-ring seals have been fabricated with a metallic spring concentrically embedded in the elastomer. Special molds and molding processes were required.

Performance evaluation of the prototype composite seals in hydraulic fluids at elevated temperature revealed that rolling or spiralling, a failure frequently experienced with conventional O-rings, was virtually eliminated. The spring cored O-ring performed much better in static impulse tests than in dynamic reciprocating tests. Seal failure in cycling tests resulted from excess nipping and friction wear which were attributed to the greater force exerted on the sealing surface by the elastomer-metal O-ring.


The principal objective of this research program is to investigate and develop new concepts for novel and unconventional material combinations which would have resilience, recovery, strength, and chemical resistance at temperatures up to 1000°F. Major emphasis was given to configurations which would enable these materials to be used as static and dynamic reciprocating shaft seals.

Composite material combinations consisting of stainless steel and molybdenum fibers impregnated with tin, indium, magnesium, silver, and polymeric materials were produced.

Composites made of molybdenum fibers impregnated with silver were evaluated as static seals and showed good ability to seal at 1000°F and retained pulsating pressures from zero to 5000 psi. The relationship between the fiber structure, impregnant, and final composite was studied.

Impregnation techniques and secondary work processes like machining are outline in this report.


This report describes research directed toward the preparation of elastomeric vulcanizates resistant to high energy fuels (HEF) and hydrocarbons fuels. Tests with HEF were made at temperatures up to 325°F, and tests involving the cycling of elastomeric vulcanizates in HEF and JP-6 utilized temperatures up to 450°F.
Tests of vulcanisates in JP-6 were made at temperatures up to 600°F using conventional testing procedures. Static and dynamic tests of experimental vulcanisates fabricated as O-rings were made at 400°F under simulated service conditions.

A variety of vulcanising systems for fluoroelastomers was explored, and swelling studies of the vulcanisates indicated this technique to be applicable in the determination of the comparative degree of vulcanisation of various specimens.

Firestone Tires & Rubber Company. WADC TR 56-331, Part IV.


Compounding of promising heat-stable elastomers to improve their physical properties has been continued. A representative series of 22 vulcanisates has been submitted to extensive high-temperature exposure conditions and tests which included: short term exposures, 3 or 4 minutes, in air at 600° and 800°F, in a nitrogen atmosphere with the sample in contact with a metal surface at 800°F and in nitrogen with the sample exposed to radiant heat from a metal surface 1/4" away at 1000°F; thermal conductivity measurements in the range of 100°F to 500°F; long-term aging, 300-500 hours at 300°F; and compression set determinations up to 500 F. Silicone, Viton, Kel-F 3700 and poly(ethyl acrylate) rubbers show outstanding thermal stability in many of these tests.

A method of constructing wirecord aircraft tires has been demonstrated and prototype tires of methacrylate and silicone rubber having excellent appearance were built. (Six additional methacrylate rubber tires were built under a separate WADC contract.)

The search for possible new high-temperature elastomers has continued. A fairly heat-stable elastomeric polyester has been obtained from 5-pentoxysoprophthalic acid and hexamethylene glycol and progress has been made in modifying this polymer to permit cures.

A new wholly aromatic polyamide fiber with outstanding high-temperature properties has been examined and methods for adhering it to various high-temperature vulcanisates were sought.

A bright aluminum coating applied by vacuum metallising gave considerable surface protection to a resin-cured butyl vulcanisate exposed to 1000°F radiant heat in nitrogen.

Elasticomeric materials resistant to hydrazine, unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine and JP-2 fuel mixture have been found for service at room temperature and 160°F for immersion periods ranging from 21 days to 6 months. Among these is a new commercial polybutadiene elastomer. A semi-commercial elastomer resistant to n-propyl nitrate up to 6 months at 160°F has been found. Compounds which resist inhibited red fuming nitric acid up to 3 weeks at room temperature have been evaluated.

Several flexible plastics have been found resistant to nitrogen tetrazide (3 months), inhibiting red fuming nitric acid (3 weeks) at room temperature and liquid chlorine trifluoride as its boiling point (1 hour). No elastomers tested resisted nitrogen tetrazide or chlorine trifluoride.

Results are presented of fabrication studies, permeability tests and static immersion tests at 350°F and 400°F for resistant elastomers and plastics. A dynamic immersion test procedure has been developed, equipment assembled and a series of 24-hour evaluations run with several propellants.

WADD TN 60-154.


The Air Force has investigated the area of integral fuel tank sealants for advanced design air weapons and has obtained materials which significantly advance the state-of-the-art. Fuel tank sealants are now available that will withstand considerable periods of aging in fuel and air at temperatures up to 600°F. A room temperature cure for fluoroelastomers has been discovered and efforts are now being directed toward suitable sealants using this curing system.

Electrical and Electronic Materials

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Research Laboratory of Electronics, Cambridge. TR 122. U 18523; ATTI-112708.


The role and application of correlation functions in the statistical theory of communication is described in terms of the important basic properties of autocorrelation and crosscorrelation functions. An electronic correlator constructed on the basis of (a) utilising pulse-sampling techniques and (b) multiplication in time-amplitude coordinates is described in detail. General criticisms and suggestions for improvements, based on experience gained from the application of the correlator to several problems, are given. Some additional methods of computing correlation functions are outlined and discussed. The experimental application of the electronic correlator is illustrated by several studies that are concerned with the detection, analysis, or filtering of a desired signal in noise.


This report gives an elementary review of the factors and the philosophy upon which fire control filter theory is based. A close analogy between fire control system sensors and classes of measuring instruments is maintained so that, while the theory of random noise filtering is developed, the difficulties of the measurement and evaluation of such filtering are indicated. The first section indicates the necessity for filtering of noisy signals, the second section develops the required theory, and the third section applies the theory to fire control system sensors and computers and to measuring instruments. The final section contains preliminary conclusions and recommendations for applying filter theory concepts in the selection of instrumentation for evaluating airborne fire control systems.
The physical and chemical properties of the silicon carbide, thorium oxide and zirconium oxide systems are considered in the context of diffusion phenomena and thermoelectric behavior at elevated temperatures. Resistance values of both pure and ceri-doped thoria are measured over a range of temperatures from 700 to 1000°C. Values of the activation energy are computed and compared with the literature. Doping with ceria appears to yield minimal changes in the electrical properties of a thoria matrix. A calcia stabilized zirconia matrix gives a simple band structure; ceria stabilized material is more complex. Zirconia samples evidence considerably lower resistances than comparable thoria specimens.

Apparatus is described for the measurement of thermal conductivity by a relatively simple technique. The sources of error associated with the high temperature measurement of thermal conductivity by more common methods are eliminated.

Experimentally, inductive coupling and spectrometric diffusibility are used to investigate transport phenomena. Impurity distribution in polycrystalline silicon carbide is followed by spectrographic analysis. The data are analysed in terms of an empirical working parameter, p, which describes the sum total of all purification effects in the thermal gradient for selected impurities. Purification trends appear for calcium and aluminum. For polycrystalline silicon carbide P_{Ca} = 32.8 and P_{Al} = 8.4.

The spectrometric diffusibility technique is used to investigate single crystal silicon carbides. This method affords the possibility of establishing in a rapid fashion an index of the ease with which a given impurity can be transported through a solid matrix. The results obtained are discussed in terms of the time dependence of the concentration gradient and temperature gradient generated by the anodic spot. The I/s/C_{i} ratios for copper, calcium, and aluminum are found to be 113, 194, and 58 respectively.

Nuclear Corporation of America. WADD TR 60-17.


Available literature on crystal growing and refining processes has been reviewed. In accordance with the results of the literature survey and analysis of the problem, the zone melting technique has been chosen for modification to study the potential of the Peltier effect for improving crystal properties. Zone melting apparatus, modified according to the criteria developed, has been fabricated, Germanium rods have been zone melted. Concurrent experimental work included measurement of resistivity, Hall effect, magneto-Seebeck effect at the melting point, and Peltier effect as applied to zone melting.

Hughes Aircraft Company. WADD TR 60-111.


This report covers the first fifteen months of a study on organic semiconductors under Air Force Contract AF 33(616)-6026. Experimental results for the temperature dependence of the resistivity are presented for thirteen organic compounds. Experimental results regarding the rectification properties of copper phthalocyanine and other metal derivatives of phthalocyanine are presented. A tentative theory based on the formation of a space charge due to the presence of an oxidizing agent in the system has been developed. Preparation for the study of the effects
of high electric fields on anthracene and phenanthrene are discussed and some qualitative results are presented.

WADD TR 60-364.

The response of a photomultiplier tube is related to its sensitivity and can be improved by using the most sensitive part of the photocathode. This report presents a graph of the response of a photomultiplier tube as a function of the point on the photocathode surface that is illuminated and to indicate the improvement in symmetry of the sensitivity lines that may be achieved by varying the shield voltage. While the observed sensitivities were due primarily to the geometry of the cathode-dynode configuration, they were also due partially to the non-uniform response of the cathode surface.

General Electric Company. WADD TR 59-469.

The specific resistivity as a function of temperature has been determined for a variety of organic compounds including polycrystalline, polycrystalline containing derivatives, 1, 1-diphenyl-1,2-picyrilydrazyl, naphthalene and its 1-amin, 1-nitro-, 2-methoxy-, and 2-phenyl derivatives, 1, 4-diphenyl-1, 3-butenadiene, 1, 8-diphenyl-1, 3, 5, 7-octetraene, and several picrates. The resistivities were obtained on materials in various stages of purification, over a wide range of applied voltages, in nitrogen and in air, and in the solid and (whenever feasible) in the liquid state. A zone refiner was designed and used in the purification of several materials. The results obeyed the semiconductor equation, \( \rho = \rho_0 \exp (E/2kT) \); values for the energy gap \( E \) and the resistivity at infinite temperature \( \rho_0 \) were calculated. A model for conductivity in organic compounds has been advanced postulating that the primary process responsible for conductivity consists in the formation of biradicals. The pertinent literature was surveyed and the available data were tabulated.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation. WADD TR 59-337. Part II.

This report describes the progress during the second year on a research program undertaken to prepare pure dielectrics with improved properties for use as electrical insulation at 500°C. The effort has been concentrated on the materials: boron nitride, alumina, and boron carbide.

Boron nitride has been prepared with better dielectric properties, at 500°C, than any other reported materials. The condition for the hot pressing of the boron nitride disc have been elucidated. Hot pressed boron nitride has been shown to possess electrical properties which are anisotropic.

Anodic oxide. Anodic aluminum oxide films have good 500°C dielectric properties. The films are polarity sensitive and have a resistance which decreases with increasing field.

The adhesion of the electrode metal to the anodised oxide film has been improved appreciably by first evaporating silicon monoxide in vacuum, and then evaporating gold on top of the silicon monoxide without having released the vacuum.

Dielectric measurements of aluminum oxide films formed by hydrolysis of aluminum isopropanoxide have indicated inferior properties for the oxide made in this manner.

Boron phosphide has been synthesised by two means: (1) direct reaction of the elements, boron and phosphorus, and (2) by reaction of boron trichloride, phosphorus and hydrogen.

Harris Research Laboratories, Inc.
WADD TR 58-602.

The development of alternates for the 18 ounce wool serge was the object of the investigation. Twenty experimental fabrics were made and their properties were evaluated, in comparison with those of the standard serge, at Quartermaster Research and Development Center, Natick, Massachusetts. On the basis of the laboratory data, tentative recommendations are made for the selection of alternates, resulting in a conservation of wool, with the least change in functional properties. Of the fabrics studied, a ternary blend of 70% wool, 20% viscose, and 10% nylon is indicated as providing the closest approach to the wool serge.

Goodyear Aircraft Corp. WADD TR 58-298, Part II.

Part I of WADD TR 58-298 covered the initial evaluation of several different types of laminating cements, primarily with glass fabric-asbestos felt reinforcement, and fabrication and test methods. This phase of the program was designed to complete the cement evaluation and to make a more extensive study of other reinforcements. The reinforcements included crocidolite asbestos fabric; met, amosite asbestos mat, ceramic fiber fabric, pure silica fibers and aluminum coated glass fibers.

It was found that the sodium silicate, magnesium oxysulphate, and aluminum phosphate cements came closest to meeting the program objectives. All other cements were eliminated on the basis of poor strength properties. The glass fabric-asbestos felt combination reinforcement provided the highest strengths, both at room temperature and 1000°F. The crocidolite and amosite materials were difficult to impregnate and showed considerable strength loss at elevated temperatures, the ceramic fiber laminates did not exceed 2000 psi in flexural strength and the silica and aluminum coated fibers could not be effectively coated for protection against the corrosive effects of the cements. The highest strength value in flexure, 15,750 psi, was obtained with aluminum phosphate reinforced with acid-resistant glass fabric and asbestos felt. This laminate also had the highest flexural strength and flexural modulus of elasticity at 1000 deg F - 10,540 psi and 2.9 x 10^6 psi, respectively. The
magnesium oxysulphate laminates demonstrated the best resistance to moisture effects, retaining approximately 70 percent of their original strength. The sodium silicate laminates were second to aluminum phosphates in strength but were particularly sensitive to moisture effects, retaining only 10 to 20 percent of their original strength. The program objectives for flexural modulus of elasticity and specific gravity were met but the laminates fell short on ultimate flexural strength, strength retention after moisture exposure, water absorption, and impact strength. None of the systems had a good balance of the required properties and any selection would be a compromise, dependent on the intended application.

WADC TR 59-250.
INVESTIGATION OF A FUNGICIDAL TANNAGE.
A new tannage for leather has been developed. The tanning material is the reaction product of isosorbide (hydroxymethyl) Phosphonium Chloride (HOCH₂)₄ PCl and primary or secondary amines. Leather tanned with this material is without the objectionable properties of leather tanned with the phosphonium compound alone.

The fluorinated diphenyl fungicides, 2,2'-dihydroxy 5,5'-difluoro biphenyl and 2,2'-dihydroxy 5,5'-difluoro diphenyl sulfide, have been condensed with various secondary alkyl amines without loss of fungicidal activity and with the advantage of being soluble in aqueous acid solutions.

The two modifiers fluorinated fungicides, 2 chloro 4 nitro aniline, and p-phenylasoxanilone have been reacted with THPC and permanently bound to leather by tanning.

Arthur D. Little, Inc. WADC TR 59-155.
CANDIDATE MATERIALS FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE FABRICS. AF 33(616)-5880. September 1959. PB 161411. Order from OTS $3.00.

This program involved an evaluation of existing data relating to the development and use of high-temperature fabrics for re-entry parachutes. Anticipated environmental and aerodynamic factors of re-entry from satellite orbits were used as bases for the selection of candidate materials. Among these factors were heating and deceleration rates, surface temperatures, erosion and corrosion rates, strength-to-weight properties at elevated temperatures, porosity, and flexibility. All types of high-temperature materials that could be made into fabric were evaluated, including metals, ceramics, glasses, inorganic and organic polymers, and single crystal systems (whiskers).

Emphasis was placed on a study of forming fibers from a melt, because of the limitations of present techniques with metals and high-melting ceramics. This report presents a new theory on the parameters that govern the ability of a substance to be melt spun into filaments and the maximum cooling time allowed for such spinning.

Although there was very little data on the behavior of fine filaments at the expected environmental conditions, we were able to select commercially available materials that could be used in a high temperature parachute cloth with a minimum of development work. We also defined the type of data necessary to the development of more sophisticated fabrics that would have greater reliability and an extended service temperature.
The resultant studies here reported have fulfilled the stated requirements. The formulation is colorfast; the tolerance range is of a degree of spacing permissible in end use without apparent inconvenience to the industry in attainment. Colorfastness of the tolerance range is relative to standard is such that uniformity in appearance throughout the useful life of the garment seems reasonably assured.

Scientific Oil Compounding Co. WADC TR 59-709.


Formulations of the fungicidal compound 2, 2'--dihydroxy-5, 5'-difluoro-diphenyl sulfide (DDFDS) have been applied to fabric in a commercial textile finishing plant. The material treated was a standard 8.5 ounce corded cotton satin and the colors used were natural, sage green, and olive green. Two levels of fungicide were applied. The lower amount varied from 0.75 to 1.24 percent by weight and the higher level varied from 1.91 to 2.18 percent by weight of the treated material. The fungicidal formulations applied were both water repellent and non-water repellent. Each combination of formulation was applied to approximately 250 yards of each color of fabric. A total of nearly 7000 yards of material were treated. Results show that the formulations are acceptable for commercial application procedures.

Textile Division, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. WADC TR 59-374.


The air flow characteristics of parachute canopy cloth have been measured over an unusually wide range of test conditions. High altitude simulated tests (up to 150,000 feet) have shown the cloth to have markedly low flow rates, as may be predicted from a nozzle flow analogy. A method of predicting high altitude behavior has been proposed. Permeabilities of four cloths have been shown to be significantly dependent on their state of stress at the time of air flow measurement. The magnitude of this relationship is observed to be determined by the biaxial stress-strain behavior of each fabric. The air stream deflection tendency of thick canopy material has been verified and its cause investigated. The role of pore geometry in influencing cloth permeability has been explored.

Cook Research Laboratories. WADC TR 59-694.


Quantities of data have been obtained at Edwards Air Force Base, California, concerning the impact behavior of nylon webbing. The basic aims of this investigation are:

1. To evaluate and analyze the methods used to obtain data acquired nylon webbing impact tests conducted at Edwards Air Force Base, California.
2. To interpret these data and to judge their reliability.
3. To recommend, if necessary, improved or modified testing methods and instrumentation techniques which would result in obtaining data of greater value in future tests.

Analysis and interpretation of the test data indicated that these data were of intermediate reliability. Certain trends were apparent, but relatively large experimental scatter existed. Possible causes of the scatter were investigated and recommendations were made for improvement of testing methods, equipment, data reduction techniques, and data interpretation.

House Glass Corp. WADC TR 58-285, Part II.


Earlier work reported in WADC Technical Report 58-285, Part I, involved the investigation of high melting refractory oxide compositions to obtain continuous monofilaments having high modulus of elasticity and tensile strength at temperatures above 1000°F. Work during the first two months of the period reported herein involved a continuation of effort seeking the development of continuous fiber drawing techniques. Thereafter, effort was devoted solely to composition evaluation and testing of hand-drawn fibers. Use of hand-drawn fiber techniques allowed rapid fiberization trials and the evaluation of many compositions. However, variation in fiber properties with this technique does not allow specific, clear-cut conclusions. From this study however, several fiberizable oxide compositions have been found which merit further study.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. WADC TR 59-699.


Experiments were performed leading to development of methods for producing vitreous silica textile yarns from fused quartz cans or rods by means of electrical heating devices. Both induction and resistance furnace devices were used, best performance being obtained from a resistance unit shielded against radiation losses and operating in a protective atmosphere. Power capabilities of available equipment were insufficient to permit production of a large number of continuous filaments simultaneously, but operation with five filaments were achieved. A limited amount of data on physical properties of filaments and strands were obtained.

Quartermaster Research and Engineering Command. WADD TR 60-294.


Shade standards and tolerances for USAF Tan 505 used in hot weather clothing have been developed in three fabric constructions using a formulation which has had considerable industrial application for a number of related shades. The shade standardization procedure used was based on a technique developed at the Quartermaster Research & Engineering Command, following procedures which are well known in the industry.
The program was monitored by visual as well as colorimetric procedures. The tolerance spacing visually should provide for a reasonable approach to a monotone appearance in uniforms made from two different pieces of fabric in the same construction.

The shade characteristics of the three fabrics are such as to provide for use of any of the fabrics in a single ensemble. Whatever differences occur are more related to fabric texture than to specific differences in color. The colorimetric spacing obtained instrumentally does not coincide with the visual evaluation. The report discusses the reasons for this in detail.

The degree of colorfastness achieved is optimum for the depth of shade.

Quartermaster Research and Engineering Command, U. S. Army. WADD TR 60-150.


The report covers the development of a number of shade standards and tolerances in USAF Blue 84 used by the USAF in the service uniform and also certain optional wear uniforms, and for Blue 584 used in special components. The standardization procedure developed by the Quartermaster Corps along concepts which have been common in the industry for many years was applied to this development.

As part of this work, an extensive study of dye formulations was accomplished from which new highly colorfast formulations were developed. These formulations, in addition to fulfilling the basic colorfastness requirements, have application characteristics suitable for both large and small industry.

The formulation selected represents somewhat of a compromise, a situation which is normal in the usual interaction between colorfastness properties, application characteristics, availability factors, and end use requirements.

The complete program was monitored by application of both standard visual techniques and by colorimetric analysis based on spectrophotometric data transposed in accordance with the tristimulus functions of the CIE standard observer for colorimetry.

The tolerance ranges which have been developed around each of the standards in the several different fabric constructions are visually well spaced, although the colorimetric spacing of the instrumental techniques does not coincide with visual judgment. The reasons for this situation are analysed, and it is concluded that a further review of the theory of color mixtures must be made for the type of blending operations which are involved in a program of shade standard and tolerances of the type being reported.

Carborundum Co. WADD TR 60-246.


Melting and fusing of refractory glass compositions and drawing of continuous filament ceramic fibers have been carried out in a dry, inert-atmosphere glovebox, which permitted the use of refractory metals, graphite, and boron nitride as crucible and heater materials, and prevented the adsorption of moisture by the filaments.

Several refractory glasses in the baria-aluminosilica, calcia-aluminosilica, and magnesia-aluminosilica systems were successfully determined at room and elevated temperatures. Values as high as 138,000 pounds per square inch at room temperature and 132,000 pounds per square inch at 1500°F (815°C) were obtained.

Wyandotte Chemical Corp. WADD TR 60-198.


This report describes research directed to the development of a coated fabric to resist the chemical effects of and be impermeable to high energy fuels (HEF).

This program included the design and fabrication of special test equipment and of a laboratory fabric coating apparatus.

A base fabric (Dacron) was selected on the basis of resistance to HEF, and the majority of the effort was directed toward the coating of this fabric with fluoroplastic based compositions and the necessary subsequent testing.

A coated fabric was approved and 100 yds. of this material were prepared and delivered to the Nonmetallic Materials Laboratory, Materials Central, Directorate of Advanced Systems Technology, Wright Air Development Division.


Shade standards and tolerances have been developed for tropical and gabardine weave fabrics in all wool, wool/polyester and -polyester/ rayon blends. Tolerance spacing is such as to permit interchange of uniform components made for the blend fabrics with components made of all wool so long as the weave construction is common. The limiting factor to such usage is considered to be differences in appearance originating with the gloss of the fibers and not the chromatic and lightness deviations of the tolerance range. Colorfastness is good at 40 Standard Fading Hours for all fabrics, except for the polyester/rayon tropical where the vat dyed rayon permits a rating of good at 120 Standard Fading Hours. Dye formulations selected are practical for routing application and stable to finishing factors.

Fabric Research Laboratories, Inc. WADD TR 60-9.


It is taken as a premise that fabrics used in re-entry drag parachutes (1) require typical textile properties up to deployment but (2) that they need not survive in their original chemical state subsequent to deployment. OUt was occasioned by re-entry conditions (heat, active oxygen, irradiation) does not interact with the deceleration function. The possibility of utilizing organic polymers as the principal chemical species in each material is examined.
Details of re-entry environment conditions, as applicable to the problem, are developed. Some of the textile qualities required of the parachute fabric up to development are reduced to quantitative criteria. Typical organic, metallic and ceramic materials are contrasted and the advantages of the first class are defined.

Recognizing that the principal deficiency of the organic polymer fibers resides in their thermal and thermochemical sensitivity, a survey of the causes of these deficiencies is given. Some speculative arguments are advanced relative to means of overcoming the deficiencies. In addition, a broad concept for a means of employing the organic materials is proposed wherein thermal degeneration is to be anticipated and even used to advantage.

A detailed account of the principles of the so-called "metamorphic" fiber system is given. A number of specific thermochemical reaction schemes and polymer systems are proposed.

Unqualified conclusions regarding the feasibility of the basic principle and any of the specific schemes are not possible in the light of the documented need for further experimental effort.

Quartermaster Research & Engineering Command. WADD TR 60-295.

Shade standards and tolerances for Blue 157 have been developed in two separate fabric constructions used in USAF rainwear, namely, the cloth, nylon-rayon poplin and the cloth, rayon, twill, PVB coated. The formulation used for the former fabric was one prescribed by the USAF. The formulation of the latter was one which was selected after a rather extensive study of colorants. The durability of the formulation of the nylon-rayon poplin to degradative factors is dependent upon the effectiveness of the durable water repellent treatment. The extension formulation used on the nylon twill has inherently good colorfastness. The data reported show that good colorfastness was obtained in both instances. The tolerance spacing and general standardization procedure utilized was one developed by the Quartermaster Research and Engineering Command following procedures which are well known in the industry.

The program was monitored by both instrumental and visual methods and the tolerance spacing provided is such as to be in harmony with the essential military requirements of good appearance and the recognized capabilities of the industry. The tolerance spacing on the nylon-rayon fabric is slightly wider than that on the coated fabric. This was occasioned by the greater complexity of the dying system required for an orbo blend against a single fiber system. In addition, coating tends to a narrowing of the shade range from the precot condition. These tolerances as spaced colorimetrically are different from their visual appearance. The latter has been accepted as the important consideration in light of the fact that the colorimetric theory is under question. Some of the possible reasons for these deviations are enumerated in the report.

WADD TR 60-385

Order from OTS $1.25.

Methods of sample preparation and testing were developed to determine the relative performance of various textile fibers as impediments to applied flame. Tests were conducted on randomly oriented compressed fiber pads.

It was found that residual products of ash-forming fibers continued to obstruct applied flame which temperatures detected on the opposing side increased at a varying rate with time. Melting and non-ash forming fibers receded from applied flame without an increase in temperature until the point of complete flame penetration. In some instances, nylon 66 showed some departure from the normal pattern of other melt type fibers. It was established that increased weight resulted in increased temperature lag time while the most favorable density for each fiber occurred at some intermediate degree of concentration.


A high speed impact test machine has been designed, constructed, and calibrated to test parachute components at high rates of loading. This instrument is capable of rupturing materials of up to 10,000 pounds static breaking strength at velocities of from 200 to 750 feet per second. The impacting force is applied by a free flying missile launched by a gas gun utilizing either nitrogen or helium gas at moderately low pressures. The gun has a bore of 2.5 inches and fires missiles weighing up to 10 pounds.

Pertinent data are obtained by means of multiple exposure photography using a multi-microflash lighting source which provides a maximum of fifteen separate flashes spaced at 10 and 10,000 microseconds. The resulting photograph records the specimen and the impacting missile before, during and after the impact. Measurement of the distances between successive exposures yields information such as the breaking strength, the extension to rupture, and the energy absorbed by the specimen.

Narricot Corporation. WADD TR 60-252.

The basic purpose of this work was to design and evaluate a series of 13 representative webbings, tapes and ribbons, which would maintain maximum breaking strength and minimum shrinkage when subjected to a temperature of 250°F for a period of five hours. Each of the 13 samples was to be made from:
1. Dupont Type 330 or 700 nylon.
2. Chemstrand Type RHB nylon.
3. Dupont Type 51 or 52 Decron

A heat stabilization process was found necessary to accomplish the desired shrinkage. An experimental pilot program, involving three types of stabilization processes, indicated that a "heat stabilized" continuous method (HSCM) using a dry air oven was the most practical method.

Investigation has shown that, with due consideration given to the strength per weight ratio, a woven end item of nylon or Decron can be stabilized with a measureable degree of success. Additional information was sought.
to ascertain strength and shrinkage of all items at room temperatures, and also after five hours at 300°F. All items were checked for seam efficiencies in the natural state and after exposure to 250°F and 300°F for five hours.

Fifty (50) yards of each of the 39 samples were delivered to WADD for evaluation. The decision was made to use nylon materials. The complete set of thirteen (13) samples were finally selected from among the Dupont or Chemstrand nylon webbings, tapes and ribbons.


Having been irradiated in a vacuum and in an inert atmosphere of nitrogen.

Deterioration of these materials is faster for irradiation with short wavelength ultraviolet than it is for long wavelength radiation. Deterioration of polyethylene, nylon, Mylar, and Acrilan is faster in a nitrogen atmosphere than that in a vacuum. However, Teflon deteriorates faster in a vacuum.

Experimental evidence is to the processes of deterioration are discussed in this report and mechanisms are proposed by which deterioration could take place.


Two improved types of nylon yarns (1) Type 330, 30 denier, a higher strength than the conventional nylon yarn, were developed by the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company, incorporated, to be used in materials for personnel and other type decelerators.

Cloth, woven of the two types of nylon yarn, in both natural and International Orange were exposed to (1) outdoor weathering at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, El Centro, California for periods of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 weeks, (2) Accelerated aging in a Weather-O-Meter, Type XIb, for periods of 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 and 150 hours and (3) a temperature of 300°F for 8 to 16 hours.

Data obtained indicates that the Type 330 nylon cloth in natural color retains a very high percentage of strength under all the exposure conditions while the Type 330, International Orange and the Type 300 in both natural and International Orange deteriorated at a very rapid rate after exposure to both outdoor weathering and accelerated aging. The Type 300, natural showed the greatest loss in strength after heat exposure of 8 to 16 hours.

(1) It was determined, in supplemental tests, by the E. I. duPont de Nemours Company that the type of dye used to obtain the International Orange color, was the chief factor in strength loss of the dyed Type 330 cloth. The Type 300 was not developed as a heat or ultra-violet light resistant yarn).

Fuels and Antiseize Compounds

TR 4609.

INVESTIGATION OF AIRCRAFT CLEANING COMPOUNDS. Howard Packer. February 1941.

TR 5636.


TR 5895 (R).


TR 5944.


Shell Development Company. TR 6625.


The general objective of this investigation is to increase the permissible storage life of JP-3 jet fuels by employing methods which will result in the utilization of the simplest possible refinery treatments and which will result in maximum availability. This work is being done in two phases, in the laboratory using accelerated and hot room aging methods and under desert storage conditions at El Centro, California.

The early laboratory work was done under Navy Contract No. NOAs(99)797 and was designed primarily to survey possible experimental methods for investigating stability of jet fuels. On the basis of this work it was concluded that reasonable approaches could be established between accelerated and hot room aging and that the extent of deterioration could best be measured by use of the 500°F steam jet gum procedure. This procedure was found to give much more reproducible and consistent results than the 400°F air jet procedure for determining gum. Subsequently a variety of fuels have been tested to determine the effect of fuel properties, treatments, contaminants, composition and minor components on the storage stability. Numerous compounds have been tested for their effect as oxidation inhibitors. Some data have been accumulated on the effect of gum formation on the freezing point of the fuel. The problem of predicting stability from laboratory data has been given some consideration.

About 30 samples of jet fuels of various types were obtained from the major crude sources of the world (excluding Russia) and were put in storage at the El Centro Naval Air Station, El Centro, California. Containers used for these fuels consist of regular black iron 55 gallon drums and 5 gallon black iron cans. The effect of water contamination was studied in the 5 gallon cans by including similar series with distilled and sea water. Parallel experiments with vented and unvented cans have been run. Some fuels were tested also in 5 gallon galvanized iron and aluminum containers. The extent of deterioration in all these samples has been observed and correlated with the laboratory results.

The results of this study may be summarized as follows: the stability decreases with an increase in the
end point of the fuel and an increase in the proportion of cracked components, high boiling cracked components being more deleterious than low boiling. Thermally cracked materials are more detrimental than catalytically cracked, particularly in the gas oil range. Soluble copper has an adverse effect on stability in thermally cracked and some straight run but not in catalytically cracked fuels. The presence of metallic copper is adverse in some SR fuels and in blends containing thermally cracked components. Generally speaking, water, either sea or distilled, has a beneficial effect. Caustic treatment, particularly of catalytically cracked components, and acid treating show some favorable effect (particularly on inhibitor susceptibility) although the effect is not as marked as with gasoline. Some sulfur and nitrogen compounds catalyze the rate of gum formation. Color develops more rapidly than gum or aging.

Conventional gasoline inhibitors have, generally, little beneficial effect on the stability of these fuels. This includes the three inhibitors permitted in the MIL-F-5624 and 5161 specifications. A number of compounds have been found which show promise as inhibitors, particularly on the minimising of insoluble gum. Dispersants have some beneficial effect in dispersing insoluble gum.

Only limited data are available for the effect of gum formation on freezing point but in two cases the freezing point has been increased significantly by the formation of rather moderate amounts of gum. However, the effect seems to be quite variable.

Gum forms in jet fuel as either soluble or insoluble gum and the latter may be either flocculant or adherent, depending on its physical nature. It is found that the soluble gum can reach quite high values (of the order of 1%) without resulting in the formation of any significant amount of insoluble gum. On the other hand, insoluble gum has been found in fuels containing less than 0.1% total gum. Accelerated conditions generally produce a greater proportion of insoluble gum than do normal aging conditions. Insoluble gum contains appreciably more oxygen than does soluble gum. It is not known if the soluble gum is a precursor of insoluble gum or not but it is possible that they are formed by different mechanisms. Both types of gum always contain more S and N2 than does the substrate.

Elevated temperatures and oxygen pressures (such as are used in the specification test) are slightly less and more severe (respectively) than they are with cracked gasoline.

Correlations between accelerated, hot room and desert aging for the present fuels indicate that the 16 hour aging period in the MIL-F-5624 specifications is equivalent to more than 3 years of desert storage. The previous work (with U. S. samples only) indicated it was equivalent to about 2-1/2 years. In either case the specification appears unrestrictive, in view of the present storage requirements of 3 years temperature some bulk and 90 days desert drum storage.

This work is continuing with particular emphasis on the effect of inhibitors and on methods of minimizing the formation of insoluble residues. The effect of the introduction of JP-4 specifications will be assessed. It has not been possible to analyze, as yet, all the results that have been obtained during the course of the present investigation. This will be done and the results presented in the next report.

M. G. Zabetakis, and J. K. Richmond. AF 33(038)-50-1293-E. June 1952. PB 127339. Order from LC, Mi $5.70, Ph $15.80.

The results of limited of flammability, limit of ignitibility, and ignition temperature tests conducted on aircraft fuel vapor-air mixtures by the U. S. Bureau of Mines Gasous Explosions Laboratory between February 19, 1950 and February 19, 1952 are presented. Two aviation gasolines grades 100/130 and 115/145, and two jet fuels grades JP-1 and JP-3, were investigated. A limited amount of work was done on the ignitibility of JP-1 in mist and sprays, and on the ignition temperatures of aircraft hydraulic fluid AN-0-366.

In addition to the above results, sections are included on definitions and theory, and apparatus used for the investigation is described.

Northrop Aircraft, Inc. TR 52-100.

**IMPROVEMENT OF JET ENGINE DESCALING PROCEDURE.** G. M. Petti. AF 33(038)-23310. August 1952. PB 110879. Order from LC, Mi $3.00, Ph $8.75.

X-ray diffraction analysis of the insoluble scale on combustion tube inner liners revealed that it is composed of nickel oxide, the major component, and lesser amounts of chromium oxide and iron oxide. Metallographic examination demonstrated that heavy scale is associated with precipitation, possibly carbides at the grain boundaries, a fact which can explain intergranular corrosion of scaled Inconel in acid solutions.

Inconel scale could not be taken off in neutral or alkaline solvents but several acid solutions were found which remove most of the scale without seriously attacking the base metal. Oxidizing pretreatments, particularly with the alkaline permanganate solution in current use by the Air Force, were shown to promote efficient acid pickling.

Physical tests of Inconel specimens descaled with the nitric acid-ferric chloride solution revealed that high temperature pickling (160°F) caused a severe loss in tensile strength whereas room temperature pickling caused no appreciable loss in tensile strength.

A full scale test of the nitric acid-ferric chloride solution was performed at Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, and satisfactory results were achieved.

Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas. TR 52-198.

**DEVELOPMENT OF TEST METHODS FOR ANTI-SEIZE COMPOUNDS.** J. W. Cunningham. AF 33(038)-22805. September 1952.

Armour Research Foundation. TR 52-55.

**STUDIES TO DETERMINE THE ELECTRICAL AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF AIRCRAFT FUEL.** G. C. Peterson. AF 33(038)-3765. September 1952. PB 110968. Order from LC, Mi $7.00, Ph $25.00.

Shell Development Company. TR 6628. Suppl.

**STABILITY OF JET (TURBINE) FUELS IN STORAGE.** C. A. Cole and A. C. Niza. AF 33(038)-7277. October 1952.

This is the final report under Supplemental Agreement Number One (May 1 to August 15, 1951) of Contract No. AF 33(038)-7277 on the storage stability of jet (turbine) fuels. This report briefly discusses proposed work to be carried out under the second supplemental agreement as well as recent progress made under the first extension.

Accelerated aging tests on four emergency fuels,
produced in accordance with the requirements of the Military Petroleum Advisory Board Questionnaire, show them to be relatively stable with respect to total gum formed, although significant quantities of insolubles comprised part of the total. Data are also presented which confirm earlier results showing that iron and aluminum as container materials have no significant effect on fuel stability. A rapid filtration test designed for routine work to show relative filter clogging tendencies of fuels is discussed. Water and iron in combination appear to promote the formation of insoluble gum under hot-room conditions of aging although total gum is reduced. Further study of the correlations between desert and accelerated aging shows that accelerated aging tests are relatively more severe on cracked fuels than straight run fuels in comparison with the effect of desert storage.

Foster D. Smell, Incorporated. TR 53-147.  
NONTOXIC SOLVENT FOR CLEANING AIRCRAFT ENGINES AT EXTREMELY LOW TEMPERATURES.  
Two aircraft engine degreasers consisting essentially of methylene chloride and aliphatic petroleum hydrocarbon were recommended on the basis of laboratory evaluations as being suitable for use in Arctic operations. Toxicity, flash point, vapor pressure and stability data on known lowmelting point solvents were compiled and screened for the purpose of selecting basic and additive ingredients of the degreasers. A correlation between evaporation rates at -65°F and 77°F was established for pure compounds. The results of previous government field tests dealing with the evaluation of low temperature engine degreasers were proved to be misleading and incorrect. Synthetic soiling mixtures comparable to actual engine soil were created for this project on the basis of field reports and laboratory tests with engine soil. The recommended degreasers were evaluated for detergency properties, flash point, corrosive action on metals, effect on accessory equipment, toxicity and evaporation rates.

Shell Development Company. TR 53-63.  
STORAGE STABILITY OF JET TURBINE FUELS.  
This investigation was initiated to ascertain the variables influencing the storage stability of jet fuels and to determine the simplest and most practical methods of controlling these variables for a resultant increase in the permissible storage life of the fuels. The work is being done both under laboratory aging and desert field storage conditions. An early program under Navy sponsorship (Contract No. (NAa(S))9970) surveyed and developed the various methods of determining and measuring stability of jet fuels. With development of the 500°F to steam jet gum evaporation unit and the use of the accelerated aging procedure, it was decided that reasonable predictions of stability in terms of field storage could be made if correlations between field and laboratory aging conditions were established. A subsequent Air Force Contract (No. AF 33(038)-7277) led to the limited determination of these relationships as well as the study of various factors influencing stability, such as fuel type, contamination, ignition, treatment, storage temperature and minor components. During the present contract, work on all of these phases of study was continued and extended to include the effects of gum on fuel filterability, dielectric constant and blending compatibility.

The results of the present study may be summarized as follows: Both soluble and metallic copper have an adverse effect on stability. Sea water in the presence of iron appears to promote insoluble gum formation; however, water, generally, reduces soluble gum formation. High boiling materials, contribute more to the instability of a blend than do low boiling materials. The average thermally cracked fuel is more unstable than the average catalytically cracked fuel. Some sulfur and nitrogen compounds catalyse gum formation.

A large number of compounds have been tested as potential jet fuel inhibitors. None tested, including the specification inhibitors, have shown consistent stabilizing action.

The freezing point of a fuel can change with aging of the fuel, but no correlation exists between the quantity of gum formed and the freezing point change. No simple relationship was observed between stability and unsaturation, conjugated diolefins, nitrogen, sulfur, or peroxide content.

Correlations between accelerated and desert aging for all fuels tested indicate that 5 hours' aging (at 100°F and 100 psig O2) is about equivalent to two years of desert drum storage. Fuels correlated on the basis of type show wide variations from this relationship, however.

A method for determining the constant flow filterability characteristics of jet fuels at any practical temperature has been developed which required only 100 ml of fuel. Although only scant data are available as yet, the method appears to give good correlation with large scale results.

On the basis of present data, soluble gum does not appear to affect filterability characteristics. Water, if not present above the saturation point of the fuel, does not affect filterability at temperatures as low as -30°F (no data are available with excess water). Insoluble gum is important in determining the filter clogging tendencies of a fuel, but no relationship exists between the quantity of insolubles present and the tendency of the fuel to clog a filter.

It was found that in some cases quite small quantities of insoluble gum could markedly influence the filter clogging effect of a fuel. This effect was strongly accentuated by lowering the temperature.

Moderate quantities of gum do not affect the dielectric constant of a fuel significantly.

Compatibility of various components of a blend is not affected in most cases by a moderate amount of aging before blending.

This investigation is continuing with emphasis on methods of improving stability by inhibition and treatment utilizing practical jet fuel components and blends and model compounds.

United States Department of the Interior. TR 52-35, Suppl.  
RESEARCH ON THE FLAMMABILITY CHARACTERISTICS OF AIRCRAFT FUELS.  
ASTIA Document No. AD 27722. PB 1273995.  
Order from LC, MI $3. 90, Ph $10. 80.

The results of limit of flammability, limit of ignition temperature tests conducted on aircraft fuel vapor-air mixtures, with various quantities of added nitrogen and carbon dioxide, by the U. S. Bureau of Mines Gas Explosions Branch between 1 February 1952 and 1 February 1953 are presented. Two aviation gasoline grades 100/130 and 115/145, and three jet fuels grades JP-1, JP-3 and JP-4 were used in the investigations.
treatments including sulfuric acid or hydrogenation. Initial development of a tapered pin seizure test method and testing device to evaluate antiseize compounds (WADC TR 52-32) indicated the need for modification of both method and device in order to increase sensitivity, determine the effect of certain variables on the effectiveness of antiseize compounds, simplify the comparison of individual test results, and determine the validity of the tapered pin test method as a means of predicting antiseize compound performance under actual field conditions. To meet these requirements, the tapered pin seizure tester was modified to provide a progressively increasing contact pressure. Tests were conducted to determine the relationship between the effectiveness of antiseize compounds of varied time and temperature exposure, different specimen materials, various specimen surface finishes, specimen assembly design modifications, and vibration at varying frequencies and amplitudes. Visually plotted averages of individual test results were transposed to rectangular coordinates. Antiseize compounds applied to both tapered pin and threaded specimen assemblies of identical materials were tested under identical time and temperature conditions to determine the extent to which the test results were correlative.

In general, the modified and improved tapered pin seizure test method provides more extensive information of greater validity regarding the effectiveness of antiseize compounds. It is believed, however, that the validity and reliability of the data obtained could be greatly increased by further development to facilitate torque measurement, to permit the direct recording of test data on rectangular coordinates, to assure more accurate transmission of thrust load, and to provide a continuous increase in contact pressure.

In the treatment study attention has been focused primarily on gas oil components since previous work has demonstrated that the stability of the final blend is often dominated by the properties of this fraction. The results of this work may be summarized as follows: Relatively severe treatments with sulfuric acid, caustic soda, clay, combinations of the three or mild hydrogenation did not improve the inhibitor susceptibility of any of the fuels tested. Inhibitor response was observed under accelerated aging conditions in the case of full range fuels in which catalytically cracked gas oil made up the sole heavy component. This response, however, became less marked, or negligible, under milder conditions of aging such as in the oven at 70°C, or in the hot room at 110°F. Considerable improvement in stability was observed in the case of the more unstable cracked blends which had received sulfuric acid, or combinations of treatments including sulfuric acid or hydrogenation.

In cases of improved stability, following treatment, significant reductions in maleic anhydride values, mercaptan sulfur, total sulfur and total nitrogen values were observed. Little change in olefin content was obtained following sulfuric acid treatment singly or in combinations of treatments but large reductions in this value were effected by hydrogenation. Hydrogenation appeared superior from the standpoint of stability improvement and fuel loss due to treatment. Treatment improves filterability of ovenaged samples in most cases only in so far as it improves stability with respect to flocculant insoluble gum.

Oxygen availability in desert aging containers has been shown to be important in determining the extent of fuel degradation during storage. The oxygen content of the vapor spaces of drum samples following the summer of 1952 ranged from 0 to 6% for cracked fuels and 1.5 to 17% for straight run fuels. Samples with fuel to air ratios of 9 have shown much lower gum values than the same fuels aged at 1/1 ratios. The JP-4 fuels have a greater inherent instability than their JP-3 equivalents due to their lower vapor pressure and the consequent greater partial pressure of oxygen in the vapor space of the storage containers. Although fuel insoluble gum levels have shown changes during the last year of desert storage from a decrease to an increase, the filter clogging tendencies of the fuels have in most cases increased. Decreases in MAV values greater than 2 meq/liter with these fuels have usually been accompanied by significant increases in the quantities of soluble and insoluble gum formed. Several inhibitors which appeared promising in the laboratory have not been effective in reducing gum formation on further evaluation in desert storage tests. Supplemental data on the effect of fuel aging on dielectric constant have confirmed earlier work and show that neither aging time nor soluble or insoluble gum has a significant effect on this value.

Shell Development Company. WADC TR 52-35 (Sup. 2).

The results of limit-of-flammability, limit-of-ignitability, limit-of-propagation and ignition temperature tests conducted on aircraft fuel and pure hydrocarbon vapor-air mixtures, with various quantities of added nitrogen and carbon dioxide, by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Gas Explosions Branch between 1 February 1953 and 1 February 1954 are presented. Two aviation gasolines, three jet fuels and six pure hydrocarbon fuel components were used in the investigations.

Shell Development Company. WADC TR 54-328.
applicable to gasolines. Further investigation of the method is in progress to establish optimum procedures.

AF TR 5636 (Suppl. 1).

This program comprised a study of the stability of conventional reciprocating engine type fuels and jet propulsion fuels in an attempt to obtain correlation with the results of desert fuel storage presented in the basic report.

Sixty-one reciprocating engine fuels were aged under moderate outdoor climatic conditions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and eighteen jet engine fuels were subjected to aging in a hot room maintained at 130°F. Subsequent to aging under these conditions for various interim periods, these fuels were tested in the laboratory for their residue content by the ASTM air-jet evaporation method.

A majority of the reciprocating type fuels after 59 months under moderate climatic storage conditions had a gum content above the 6.0 milligrams per 100 milliliters of fuel level which was adopted at the outset of the test as the maximum allowable gum content. At 12 months the jet fuels in hot room storage exhibited such good stability that no further tests were conducted until the 35th month of this storage. At that time level exceeded the 6.0 milligrams per 100 milliliters of fuel level.

AF TR 5713 (Suppl. 1).

Paint and lacquer remover formulations containing solvents other than methylene chloride were investigated. Materials evaluated were those submitted by manufacturers, and commonly available solvents and chemicals.

A number of solvents were evaluated for their ability to remove paint and lacquer coatings from metal. Materials for use as surface active agents, activating agents, thickeners, and evaporation retardants were evaluated.

The best experimental formulation developed was nitromethane-toluene-ethanol solvent mixture with dibutyl amine - monoisopropyl aminesadic acid thickener, a surface active agent, and a paraffin evaporation retardant. This formulation is considered unsatisfactory for Air Force use due to slow paint removal and poor storage stability.

Many of the materials tested were not developed or intended by the manufacturer for the conditions to which they were subjected. Any failure or poor performance of a material is therefore not necessarily indicative of the utility of the material under less stringent conditions or for other applications.

U. S. Dept. of the Interior. WADC TR 52-35 (Suppl. 3).
RESEARCH ON THE FLAMMABILITY CHARACTERISTICS OF AIRCRAFT FUELS. G. W. Jones, M. G. Zabetakis, G. B. Scott, A. L. Furno. AF 18(600)-151. February 1955. PB 127339 s. 3. Order from LC. Mi $2.70, Ph $6.80.

The results of limits of flammability, limits of propagation and ignition temperature tests conducted on aircraft oil and on aircraft fuel components in air by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Gas Explosions Branch, between 1 February 1954 and 1 October 1954 are presented. One aircraft oil and a number of pure paraffins and aromatic hydrocarbons were used in the investigations.

Shell Development Co. WADC TR 53-63 (Part 2).

Various methods for improving jet fuel stability have investigated at the Emeryville Research Center of Shell Development Company. Mild hydrogenation of cracked gas oil components appears capable of increasing fuel availability. No effective gum inhibitors have yet been found for desert storage conditions. The effects of other factors on desert storage are summarised. Electron microscopic examination showed filterability to be related to the type of insoluble material formed in aged fuels. The effects of inhibitors, dispersants and fuels were studied in a laboratory test which measured filter clogging tendencies under conditions simulating those in aircraft fuel-oil heat exchangers. Fractionation by distillation and chromatography of a catalytically cracked gas oil into its type components showed that stability under mild aging conditions generally decreased with increasing boiling point and with increasing olefinicity. For this phase of the program, a chromatographic method (chromatagum) was developed for determining gum in small samples.

This investigation is continuing.

Shell Development Company.
WADC TR 54-328 (Part 2).

A novel method for the determination of soluble gum in jet fuel, gas oil and possibly also in gasoline was introduced in a previous report. The gum content is related to the length of a brown zone observed when the fuel is displaced over silica gel in a small chromatographic column with C-methylmalphathalene as solvent and acetone as eluent. This method is superior to the conventional procedure involving evaporation at elevated temperatures in a jet of steam because it is much simpler and permits the use of very small samples which is advantageous in research work on fuel stability.

The present, supplementary report deals with improvements of this "chromatagum" method. The purification of C-methylmalphathalene has been made more effective, the necessity of using a closely specified amount of sample has been eliminated, and a narrower column has been designed to improve the reliability even though smaller samples are employed. Also, the method appears to be applicable to insoluble gum from jet fuels and many gas oils.

WADC TR 54-596.
SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC - CUPRETHOL METHOD FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF COPPER IN AVIATION FUELS. O. M. Bellentine. May 1955. PB 111888. Order from OTS $0.50.

Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company.
WADC TR 55-219.

Continued use of the capacitance type of fuel-quantity gage in modern aircraft has necessitated a study to determine whether significant fuel characteristics are changing for the older fuel grades and to determine the characteristics of the newer fuel grades.
The Minneapolis-Honeywell Aeronautical Division has completed such a study. Measurements were made of dielectric constants, densities, and dissipation factors on 144 samples of aviation fuel, grades 91/96, 100/130, 115/145, and JP-4. This report summarises the results of the investigation and includes a statistical analysis of the data.

It is recommended that the calibration data currently specified by MIL-G-7817 be retained for use in calibrating uncompensated capacitance-type, fuel-gage systems. A new optimum response-line and appropriate calibration data are recommended for use in calibrating the compensated systems.

United States Department of the Interior.
WADC TR 52-35 Sup 4.


A summary of the theory of combustion, explosion and ignition is presented as well as the results of limit-of-flammability, limit-of-ignitibility, limit-of-propagation, ignition energy and ignition temperature tests on current Air Force fuels, fuel components and hydraulic fluids. These data were obtained in air, and carbon dioxide and nitrogen-enriched air at various simulated altitudes by the Bureau of Mines and other laboratories. Most of the experimental results were obtained by the members of the Bureau of Mines Gas Explosions Branch during the period February 1950 to June 1955. The combustibles investigated include the paraffins, aromatics, blends of these, JP-1, JP-3, and JP-4 jet fuels, 100, 130 and 115/145 aviation gasolines, MIL-O-5606 hydraulic fluid and several experimental hydraulic fluids. The data are presented in graphic and tabular form.

WADC TR 55-493.

A laboratory mechanical evaluation test method has been developed by this Center for evaluating anti-seize compounds for use in high temperature applications such as threaded fasteners. Data obtained from a typical gas turbine engine application have established that the developed test method will qualitatively predict the suitability of anti-seize compounds for use at temperatures up to 1500°F. On the basis of the results of this progress, several commercially available anti-seize compounds are recommended for use at high temperature. A recommendation is also made that a performance specification be written for high temperature anti-seize compounds incorporating the developed mechanical evaluation test as a requirement.

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the performance of a number of products for a specific application. Many of the materials tested were not developed or intended by the manufacturer for the conditions to which they have been subjected. Any failure or poor performance of a material is therefore not necessarily indicative of the utility of the material under less stringent conditions or for other applications.

Shell Development Company. WADC TR 53-63 Part 3.

The Emeryville Research Center of Shell Development Company has been investigating the effect of hydrocarbon type, minor constituents, additives and treatment on the storage and high temperature stability of jet turbine fuels.

A heat exchanger test developed here has been used for high temperature stability testing. Although most pure hydrocarbons are more stable in this test than commercial fuels, α,-methyl naphthalene is equally unstable. Small amounts of chromatographic polar fractions reduced the high temperature stability of a stable straight-run fraction; olefin and olefin-diolefins fractions were inert. Dispersants are effective in prolonging filter plugging time although the rate of deposit accumulation on the filter is not changed. Silica gel treatment had a beneficial effect on high temperature performance, but not sodium treatment.

The one successful storage inhibitor was again found effective under mild conditions of aging. Metal deactivator is effective in preventing catalytic action by copper-containing steels but is only partially effective against copper surfaces. The deactivator increases the rate of solution of copper by a factor of about five. With dissolved copper, at least 2.0 times the stoichiometric amount of deactivator is required. The final results of the five year desert storage program are discussed briefly with respect to the effect of fuel type and source, oxygen availability and filterability.

Chromatographic separation of catalytically cracked, thermally cracked and straight run gas oils into type components shows that conjugated diolefins, aromatic olefins and "resin fractions," consisting largely of nitrogen bases and phenols, are responsible for instability and lack of anti-oxidant susceptibility under mild aging conditions. Objectionable olefinic constituents are not appreciable in straight run gas oils. They are more prevalent in thermally cracked than in catalytically cracked gas oils.

Shell Development Company. WADC TR 53-63 Part IV.

The Emeryville Research Center of Shell Development Company has been investigating the effects of hydrocarbon type, minor constituents, additives and treatment on the storage and high temperature stability of jet turbine fuels.

Previously it was shown that conjugated diolefins, conjugated aromatic olefins, alkyl thiophenes, and "resin" fractions were responsible for instability and lack of anti-oxidant susceptibility under mild aging conditions.

To provide a better understanding of the adverse nature of the "resins," this fraction has been separated into its basic and acidic components and a neutral fraction consisting in part of an unknown polymeric unsaturated fraction and partly of aromatic hydrocarbons and thiophenes, similar to the main hydrocarbon fraction. The nitrogen bases were resolved into amine homologs, and pyridine-quinolines. The nitrogen bases do not affect stability adversely; the natural phenols have a small effect only; but the heterocyclic neutral "resin" fraction is extremely unstable.
The nitrogen picture was completed by isolating and evaluating the pyrroles which, together with the bases, comprise the bulk of the nitrogen compounds. Pyrroles are markedly unstable, forming large amounts of insolubles.

With respect to the high temperature performance of the above components, aromatic olefins in combination with aromatics, phenols, nitrogen bases and pyrroles decrease the stability of an aromatic-free solvent. An anilines-rich fraction had a moderate adverse effect whereas pyridines-quinoxalines appeared to exert a pronounced stabilizing action. Prior aging of jet fuels causes a large decrease in thermal stability which cannot be anticipated from the small increases in gum and peroxide content. Of several additives tested only one offered some benefit. A number of other additives are being examined to offset the effect of storage; a few compounds showed some immediate beneficial action with respect to heat exchanger fouling. The effective keto-imine storage stabilizer had an immediate adverse effect on the thermal stability of 3 of 6 CRC fuels tested although it reduced gum formation in the same 3 fuels (and one other) during storage. In the case where this compound had a high temperature performance somewhat, there was an adverse effect on the formation of insoluble gum during storage. In other fuels the keto-imine generally has no effect on high temperature stability although it may significantly reduce formation of gum on aging.

A few compounds in addition to the keto-imine and its analogs have shown some favorable effect in reducing gum formation in fuels. The beneficial action of the keto-imine may be related to its ability to deactivate soluble copper. The latter has been found in most jet fuels in amounts ranging from about 0.05 to 0.25 ppm. The conventional commercial metal deactivator has not always been effective in reducing gum formation.

Repeated exposure (recycle) of jet fuels to high temperature conditions (ca 450°F) is more severe than special kerosene, RATF-99, referred to ppm. The conventional commercial metal deactivator containing 2.

This investigation is progressing in three directions:
1. Evaluation of radiation damage in terms of thermal and oxidative stability.
2. Determination of the chemical changes by spectroscopy and physical separations.
3. Evaluation of the feasibility of "radiation protectors" (e.g., aromatic compounds).

Differences are noted between the damage suffered by various jet fuels, both with regard to chemical changes and stability effects. On the basis of the infrared spectra of the irradiated fuels, three general radiation reactions occur in jet fuels:
1. Formation of carbonyl compounds (in air).
2. Formation of olefins (in both air and nitrogen).
3. Destruction of benzene and naphthalene (particularly in nitrogen).

Irradiation of jet fuels to 1 x 10^6 roentgens increases soluble gum (as measured by chromatogum, with and without prior aging) to about the same level in either air or nitrogen. The insoluble gum level is not altered appreciably in either case.

Of three typical jet fuels, two (a special kerosene and a JP-5 fuel -- Los Angeles Basin crude) improved in thermal stability at high temperature as a result of irradiation in air to 10^6 roentgens. A JP-4 fuel -- San Joaquin crude -- on the other hand, was affected adversely, as judged by filter-plugging tendencies. Filter-plugging time was reduced by a factor of 2 to 3. A start was made toward relating the thermal stability of these fuels to composition changes.

The results of initial studies of "radiation protectors" indicate that the aromatic compounds investigated thus far do not generally extend sponge-type protection to jet fuels; instead they themselves react in substantial amounts on irradiating, in nitrogen or air, jet fuels containing 2.5 to 20%w of added aromatic compounds.

At the present time the best choice for a radiation-stable jet fuel would appear to be one similar to the special kerosene, RAF-99, referred to above.

Shell Development Company. WADC TR 53-63 Pt VI.


The Emeryville Research Center of Shell Development Company has continued the investigation of the effects of various jet engine fuels. During the past year the major effort has been devoted to the study of radiation damage as a function of dosage and fuel composition. The relation between most properties and log dosage follows a somewhat curve in the range 10^7 - 10^9 roentgens. A JP-4 fuel -- San Joaquin crude -- was affected adversely, as judged by filter-plugging tendencies. Filter-plugging time was reduced by a factor of 2 to 3.

The Emeryville Research Center of Shell Development Company is studying the effects of various jet engine fuels and their components, particularly with respect to radiation-induced changes in thermal stability.
In view of the degrading effect of aromatics on thermal stability, a completely saturated fuel seems to be the best choice for a fuel to be used in a radiation environment, although there is some evidence that fuels containing a high proportion of C₅ rings should be avoided.


Previous work with three fuels indicated that neutrons in a mixed gamma-neutron field had a strikingly deleterious effect on thermal stability. Since the experimental conditions could have contributed to this, recent additional experiments have been done in an effort to recheck the results obtained. Five hydrocarbon fuels were irradiated in the Convair reactor at various levels up to 10⁸ rads. Examination of the irradiated fuels confirmed that neutrons were more deleterious to thermal stability than a pure gamma field, although the neutron flux amounted to only 7% of the total and the change in the usual inspection properties was greater than would be expected from an equal amount of gamma-radiation.

From the behavior of the various fuels which were irradiated, it appears that saturated fuels have the best thermal stability properties under these conditions of irradiation and appear adequate to at least 1.1 x 10⁸ rads neutron-gamma and 3 x 10⁷ rads gamma radiation. However, while the refinery-produced fuels which were examined appear to have adequate radiation resistance, the present state of knowledge does not allow us to choose or specify operational fuel with certainty. It is evident that additional work will have to be done in order to develop adequate fuels and specifications for their procurement. It is recommended that such work be initiated with pure compounds and simple mixtures in order to develop exact characterization of suitable fuels in terms of chemical composition as well as physical inspection properties as related to radiation and thermal stability.


A high temperature diffractometer specimen mount is described. This specimen mount makes possible the examination of materials at temperatures up to 1900°C in high vacuum or inert atmosphere. Diffraction patterns of crystalline materials may be recorded in the scanning range 17° to 122° using this specimen mount. Realignment of the sample at temperature may be accomplished from each point of the three point sample suspension system. A power regulator is described which permits automatic temperature regulation by means of a sensing device that maintains an accurate pre-set temperature.


Data are presented on the flammability and spontaneous ignition characteristics of various aircraft fuels. Limits of flammability were determined in air at atmospheric pressure and elevated temperatures under essentially static conditions. Spontaneous ignition temperatures and corresponding ignition delay times were determined under static and dynamic flow conditions. In the static tests, an oxidizing atmosphere of air was used at both reduced and elevated pressures. The dynamic tests were conducted at elevated pressures employing various nitrogen-air concentrations. Other physical properties of these fuels are also presented. In addition, data are reported on the spontaneous ignition of fuel vapor-air mixtures contained in cylindrical and spherical vessels which were heated either uniformly or non-uniformly.

Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation. WADD TR 60-461. AN ANALYZER FOR MOISTURE AND SOLIDS IN JET FUELS. Michael Cauha, Jr., Kenneth W. Gardiner. AF 33(616)-6588. September 1960. Order from OTS $1.00.

An instrument for continuously and simultaneously measuring total water, suspended water, and dissolved water in jet fuels was developed in conjunction with the anti-icing program at WADD. Studies were also made of photometric techniques for solid contamination detection and of the adaptability of a nephelometric method to the moisture analysis equipment to form a united contaminants analyzer.

The continuous coulometric analysis of total and dissolved water in JP-4 and RP-1 fuels furnished by WADD was effected over several ranges in a dual analyzer and the suspended water was determined by the difference in the two readings. The instrument response was correlated with Karl Fischer analyses using a polarized electrode and point indicator.

A positive interference with the instrument reading was observed with methyl carbitol in the fuel as an anti-icing additive used in early studies at WADD.

An optical system utilizing forward scattering of light and multiplier phototubes in a ratio measuring circuit was incorporated into the instrument to detect solid contaminants in the range 0-10 ppm. The response of the analyzer was determined by adding test dust to the fuel and correlating with gravimetric determinations using Millipore filters.


A study was made to determine to what extent fuel corrosion inhibitors interfere with fuel filtration and water separation. Performance was rated on contaminated JP-4 fuel in a single-element filter-separator test facility, using filter housings designed for each of five commercial element types to simulate flow conditions in the corresponding full-scale units. Standard coarse A/C test dust and water were used as contaminants; a brief study was also made using iron oxides.

The corrosion inhibitors interfered with filtration and coalescence, the effects ranging from slight to very severe. The various element types differed in efficiency and in modes of failure. Fuel aromatics content and gravity, within the JP-4 range, had little effect on performance.

The CRC water separatormeter, a bench-scale coalescing test apparatus, gave a general correlation with the single-element results. Interaction of additives with fuel components caused severe repeatability problems in early work, but apart from this the separatormeter repeatability was satisfactory. Preliminary work on a separatormeter reference fluid indicated that an "edible solvent" (glycol) may be suitable.

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The Carborundum Company. WADC TR 57-491 Pt I.
SIC-GRAPHITE BODY FOR ELEVATED TEMPERATURE SERVICE. Carl F. Cline. AF 33(616)-3538. October 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 142022.
A graphite body bonded by silicon carbide has been developed which has physical properties superior to graphite alone. Data are presented for transverse rupture strength, density, chemical analysis, and tensile strength. One composition has an average transverse rupture strength of 12,000 pounds per square inch at 1500°C as compared to 5,400 pounds per square inch for ATJ graphite.
A dynamic high temperature test was developed which utilized the high current arc as its heat source. Data are presented on the stability of the developed bodies as compared with ATJ graphite when the materials are subjected to a preliminary version of the high temperature arc test.

National Carbon Company. WADC TR 57-602.
Recent aerodynamic developments require a material which will endure under conditions of high heat flux with consequent high surface temperatures and high flow of an oxidizing gas relative to a body of the material. Surface temperature rise may be quite rapid, so that the material must possess resistance to thermal shock. Graphite has outstanding high temperature strength, a high sublimation temperature, and excellent thermal shock resistance in comparison to other agglomerate bodies. However, it is quite reactive with oxygen or other oxidizing gas at high temperatures and high relative gas flow rates.

This report summarizes the results of a 6-month period of a continuing program to study the behavior of graphite- or carbon-based materials under conditions of exposure to high heat flux with consequent high surface temperatures at high relative gas-flow rates of an oxidizing gas. Materials which showed promise in earlier work previously reported have been more intensively studied and tested at higher relative air-flow rates. Carbon and graphite materials prepared with normal variations in carbon technology, such as the raw materials for filler component and binder, particle sizing, method of forming, etc., continue to show relatively minor differences in oxidation-erosion rate. Materials of promise, even under the relatively more severe conditions of air-flow rate, include graphite coated with pyrolytic carbon, graphite impregnated with AlF₃, and graphite coated with silicon carbide or silicon nitride. Combinations of graphite with carbides, such as boron carbide and silicon carbide, with the carbide incorporated throughout the body, show substantially improved oxidation-erosion resistances at the more severe conditions of high relative air-flow rate. However, comparatively poorer behavior is to be anticipated at surface temperatures above about 1700°C.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-503.
The two-fold purpose of this investigation has been to correlate the properties of small, multicrystalline graphite specimens with the factors believed to influence them, and to assess the probability that graphite can conform to engineering specifications.
The technique of differential thermal analysis was found applicable to investigating binder pyrolysis. Three promising binder materials were selected for future work: coal-tar pitch, furfuryl alcohol, and phenol-benzaldehyde.
flexural strength when heated to impregnated, molded graphite increased room-temperature strength of about 2500 psi.

Maximum density consistent with good thermal expansion have been found to improve electric resistivity and modulus, strength, density, dynamic (sonic) modulus, volume electrical resistance, and thermal expansion have been investigated in dependence on heat treatment temperature and also the variation of the heat conductivity and electrical resistance of graphite specimens in the temperature range 1200-3000°C. An apparatus for direct determination of the heat diffusivity in the temperature range 100-700°C was set up and reasonably good data for the diffusivity coefficient obtained. Studies of ultrasonic attenuation show that the decay in intensity of transmitted waves is due to: (1) energy losses due to hysteresis effect present for all wavelengths, (2) scatter of waves by pores, observable only when the wavelength becomes shorter than 10 particle diameters. A discussion of the merits of various types of carbons closes the report.

The Carborundum Company. WADC TR 59-10, Part I. DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF MATERIALS FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE APPLICATIONS. Charles E. Schulz, Frank A. Saulino, William T. Adams, Gustave E. Maaggen, James C. Andersen, Howard W. Emmens. AF 33(616)-5542. May 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 214427. Various preparational techniques have been used to fabricate graphite-based bodies which have potential resistance to high velocity, high temperature air. Materials have been evaluated in a high intensity arc testing facility. Results are reported herein.

At least ten compositions have been developed, which are superior to either AC210 graphite or to a graphite-silicon carbide body on the bases of tests imposed.


In continuation of the work, four basic types of carbon were prepared, namely from (1) soft filler and soft binder, (2) soft filler and hard binder, (3) hard filler and soft binder, and (4) hard filler and hard binder. Elastic moduli, permanent set, shrinkage and density, electric resistivity and thermal expansion coefficients were investigated in dependence on heat treatment temperature and also the variation of the heat conductivity and electrical resistance of graphite specimens in the temperature range 1200-3000°C. An apparatus for direct determination of the heat diffusivity in the temperature range 100-700°C was set up and reasonably good data for the diffusivity coefficient obtained. Studies of ultrasonic attenuation show that the decay in intensity of transmitted waves is due to: (1) energy losses due to hysteresis effect present for all wavelengths, (2) scatter of waves by pores, observable only when the wavelength becomes shorter than 10 particle diameters. A discussion of the merits of various types of carbons closes the report.
The techniques of differential thermal analysis, "brittle ring" tensile testing, and dynamic and static flexural loading to temperatures above 5000° developed as part of this work have been reported at the fourth biennial conference on Carbon.

The effects of fine aggregate packing on density, modulus, and strength are discussed, and these properties are given for experimental graphites. Bodies have now been made with coal tar pitch binders which fail in tension at above 3500 psi at room temperature and above 5000 psi at 2000°C; furfuryl alcohol-bonded bodies with a density of 1.80 gm/cc of nearly equal strength at room temperature exceed 8000 psi in flexural strength at 2250°C.


In continuation of the work the elastic properties and permanent set were investigated at room temperature for carbons made of graphitized filler (soft and hard) and for carbons impregnated in the baked or graphitized state in dependence on the heat-treatment temperature. An apparatus for study of deformation at high temperatures (1000-3000°C) was built and calibrated and the first results for the variation of Young's modulus with ambient temperature were reported. Another greatly improved apparatus for studies of heat conductivity at high temperatures was finished and also put into operation. Further studies of corrections to the heat conductivity due to convection by gas across the pores were made and it is shown that such corrections are necessary even in the case of quite dense carbons. Transverse heat diffusivity was investigated in the temperature range 700-2800°C by a transient state method, using a newly constructed apparatus; good fit with the previously found data in the low temperature range is obtained. A general discussion of the aims of the project concludes the report.

Hydraulic and Heat Transfer Fluids


The work performed by the Petroleum Refining Laboratory, Pennsylvania State College, was directed toward the investigation of lubricants and fluids. These studies included oxidation stability, corrosion resistance, low temperature stability, lubeity of fluids and lubricants, thermal stability, shear stability, development of synthetic base stocks, lubricant additives, non-flammable fluids, viscosity index improvers, and fluid volatility.


The requirements for a non-flammable hydraulic fluid possessing favorable viscosity, volatility, and lubricity characteristics led to the investigation of the organo-silicates as possible new base materials to meet this demand. The studies conducted by the California Research Corporation have resulted in the synthesis of a number of siloxanes, disiloxanes, and organo-phosphorus compounds in an effort to develop a fluid that would meet the requirements as outlined in the three phases of their program. Data presented on mechanical test evaluation, viscosity- volatility relationships, viscosity-temperature characteristics, and fluid stability, indicate the potentiality of the organo-silicates as possible aircraft hydraulic fluids.


A high temperature silicate base hydraulic fluid capable of operating from -65°F to over 400°F was formulated from a mixed monomer orthosilicate base stock, a silicone viscosity index improver and a basic amine inhibitor to retard oxidation and hydrolysis. Various additives were evaluated for their effect on oxidation, viscosity, hydrolysis, lubeity, and flammability properties of silicate formulations. Further synthesis work was done on silicate and phosphonate esters as new base materials. Bench-scale wear tests and gear and piston type hydraulic pump tests were carried out on experimental hydraulic fluids.


For use as possible base stocks for non-flammable hydraulic fluids or additives thereof, the following classes of halogen containing compounds were prepared: Sulpho,
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Fluorine-containing alcohols were prepared by bromination of the bonyl group. gated. The compounds were found to be satisfactory in non-flammability, viscosity. Phenclic esters have better thermal stability than aliphatic esters. The ment of a high-temperature (700°F) hydraulic fluid.

An extensive literature search resulted in the synthesis of a number of silicones and disiloxanes in an effort to develop a finished fluid that would meet the requirements set forth in the program. Data are presented on compounds synthesized and on evaluation of fluid blends.

Fluorinated phosphonate esters RPO(OCH$_2$CF$_3$)$_2$ were obtained from bis-trifluoroethyl chlorophosphate by action of Grignard reagents or from tria-trifluoroethyl phosphpite and alkylithium compounds and air oxidation of the resultant alkyl phosphonites. The compounds were found to have poor hydrolytic stability.

Perfluoralkyllithium compounds were prepared by lithium-halogen interchange at low temperature and were utilised in addition reactions with carbonyl compounds.

The reaction between ethyl orthosilicate and heptfluoropentylmagnesium bromide was further investigated. The compounds (C$_2$F$_6$CH$_2$Si) and (C$_2$F$_6$CH$_2$)$_2$Si(OEt)$_2$ were separated from the products and purified. The latter was polymerised by heating with hydrochloric acid. A distilled fraction of the polymer showed good resistance to burning (high AIT) but very poor viscosity properties.

Fluorine-containing alcohols were prepared as intermediates from fluoroalkylmagnesium halides by reaction with oxygen and paraformaldehyde. By direct oxidation of these primary alcohols the corresponding acids were produced in good yield. The degradation of their silver salts with bromine furnished fluoroalkyl bromides. The esters of the fluorinated acids were converted to secondary alcohols by reactions with primary alkylmagnesium halides and isopropylmagnesium bromide.

**DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE AIRCRAFT HYDRAULIC FLUIDS.** Neil W. Furby, AF 33(038)-9831. September 1953.

Progress for the year 1952 in the development of a high temperature aircraft hydraulic fluid for operation from -65°F to 400°F is described. Compounds synthesized for investigation as base materials included silicates, trisiloxanes, silicon-phosphorus compounds, phosphonates, and miscellaneous compounds. Diethyl and methylphenyl silicones as well as polymethacrylates were investigated as V. 1 improves for silicate base fluids. Additives were evaluated for effects on high temperature stability, hydrolytic stability, and antwear properties. Four-ball wear tests and 3000 psi Vickers hardness tests were conducted on several experimental fluids to determine lubricating properties.

Purdue University. TR 53-462.


Flash point, fire point and autogenous ignition temperature were determined for mixtures of 25 bromine compounds with hydraulic fluid MIL-0-5606. None of the additives raised the autogenous ignition temperature of the hydraulic fluid appreciably. Flash point and fire point were increased by the addition of bromoform, and good flash point, fire point and autogenous ignition temperature.

A series of alkylphosphonocyanates and alkylphosphonoethersilanes was prepared from alkylchlorosilanes and appropriate phosphorus compounds. The entire group exhibited good viscosity and resistance to burning but relatively poor hydrolytic stability. The compound [CH$_3$-BuO]$_2$F$_2$SiEt$_2$ (code No PS-52) was found to possess superior viscosity properties and good non-flammability.

Fluorine-containing polyethers were obtained from F$_2$OCH$_2$CH$_2$ and sodium ethoxide. A fraction of the polymer, presumably [H(OCH$_2$CH$_2$)$_3$]OEt, was unsatisfactory in all respects as hydraulic fluid.

The ester (C$_2$F$_6$CH$_2$OEt)$_2$ was prepared from silicon tetrachloride and heptahfluorobutanol. It has a high flash point, fire point and autogenous ignition temperature.

Fluorine-containing esters and acids were prepared as intermediates from polyfluoromaldehydes by use of the Reformatsky reaction with eth-bromo esters. The ionisation constants of the acids were determined and interpreted in terms of electronic effects. Both esterified and unsubstituted esters were converted to alcohols through reduction.

**Fluorinated Phosphonate Esters RPO(OCH$_2$CF$_3$)$_2$ were obtained from bis-trifluoroethyl chlorophosphate by action of Grignard reagents or from tria-trifluoroethyl phosphite and alkylithium compounds and air oxidation of the resultant alkyl phosphonites. The compounds were found to have poor hydrolytic stability.**

**The reaction between ethyl orthosilicate and heptfluoropentylmagnesium bromide was further investigated. The compounds (C$_2$F$_6$CH$_2$Si) and (C$_2$F$_6$CH$_2$)$_2$Si(OEt)$_2$ were separated from the products and purified. The latter was polymerised by heating with hydrochloric acid. A distilled fraction of the polymer showed good resistance to burning (high AIT) but very poor viscosity properties.**

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A procedure has been devised which, within short test periods, will evaluate the shear stability of hydraulic fluids and lubricating oils containing polymeric materials. This procedure utilizes the Raytheon, IOKC, Magnetostriective Oscillator Model DF-101. The test fluids are subjected to sonic vibration for a specified length of time, after which viscosity measurements are taken in order to determine the extent of molecular decomposition. Data of typical shear-time relationship of several hydraulic fluids are presented.

WADC TR 55-89 Part 1.


A physical and chemical evaluation has been conducted by the Wright Air Development Center, Director of Research, Materials Laboratory on an experimental high temperature hydraulic fluid, OS-45 developed by the Monsanto Chemical Company. This silicate base fluid was evaluated against proposed requirements for a -65°F to 400°F hydraulic fluid for long life piloted aircraft. This fluid conformed to such proposed requirements as spontaneous ignition temperature, pour point, hydrolytic stability at 200°F and foaming tendency. The oxidation and corrosion characteristics of the fluid at 400°F were good in all respects with the exception of a high acid number signifying some oxidation of the oil. The viscosity of OS-45, 1.2 cs at 400°F, failed to meet the desired specification value of 2.5 at 400°F. Additional hydrolytic stability tests at 400°F have shown that the fluid will break down in the presence of very small percentages of water. This instability at high temperatures seems to be one of the major efficiency of this type of fluid. It is apparent from the mock-up and high temperature test data available, that the present hydrolytic stability test at 200°F needs revision. Fluid stability testing above 400°F indicated that OS-45 has marginal resistance to both oxidation and thermal stability, especially when in the presence of metal catalysts. However, this fluid is comparable to other silicate fluids evaluated under these requirements.

WADC TR 55-89 Part 2.


A physical and chemical laboratory evaluation has been conducted by the Materials Laboratory, Directorate of Research, Wright Air Development Center, on an experimental high temperature hydraulic fluid, 71852-B, which was developed by the Hollingshead Chemical Corporation. This silicate base fluid was evaluated against proposed requirements for a -65°F to 400°F hydraulic fluid for long life piloted aircraft. This fluid conformed to proposed requirements as spontaneous ignition temperature, pour point, hydrolytic stability at 200°F, oxidation-corrosion, foaming, and viscosity-temperature requirements. The fluid however, failed to meet proposed requirements covering rubber compatibility. Insufficient fluid was available to perform the more significant 400°F hydrolytic stability test. This fluid had properties comparable to other fluids evaluated under the procedures contained in this report.

Monsanto Chemical Company. WADC TR 54-532 Part 2.


Fifty compounds have been screened for thermal stability.

Tert-alkylcarbinyl sebacates have been shown to be remarkably more stable (104-122°F) than a-alkyl sebacates. One new tert-alkylcarbinol, 2,2,4-trimethyl-l-pentanol, and eight new esters were synthesized. A polycarboly phosphate as a V. I. improver for thermally stable triarylhyphosphate appeared to degrade on heating. A sufficient number of aromatic ethers were made and tested to reaffirm the high thermal stability of this chemical class and to indicate a high probability that the melting points of the aromatic ethers can be sufficiently lowered, without sacrifice in their thermal properties, to make them promising as base stock for high temperature functional fluids.

WADC TR 56-25.

EVALUATION OF CHLOROPHENYL PHOSPHATES AS POTENTIAL BASE STOCKS FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE HYDRAULIC FLUIDS. Dr. J. C. Dacons, H. M. Schiefer, 1/Lt., May 1956. PB 121446. Order from OTS 50.75.

Three phosphate ester fluids, all containing phenyl and/or chlorophenyl groups have been evaluated for potential high temperature hydraulic fluid application. These fluids are so chosen that they represent three different classes of chlorophenyl phosphate fluids and results obtained form a basis for predicting the success or failure of the chlorophenyl phosphates in general for this application. The fluids were tested extensively for thermal and oxidative stability since these are the areas in which they were particularly controversial. Other tests include viscosity, pour point, flash point, fire point, and foaming tendency determinations. Results indicate good thermal stability in glass apparatus only and poor thermal and oxidation stability particularly at high temperatures in the presence of metals. The flash points, fire points, and foaming tendencies are good, but the viscosity-temperature relationships are poor. Some wear data were obtained but are inconclusive due to the non-availability of equipment for testing at high temperatures. Such equipment is in the process of being developed. Low temperature wear test results indicate that these fluids would probably be poor in lubricity at high temperatures, but may have possibilities as extreme pressure additives.

Denver Research Institute. WADC TR 56-207.


A comprehensive literature survey on biphenyl and other "chain type" polyphenyl compounds was conducted and abstracted data stored in a central card file and on IBM punch cards. Based on the collected data and correlations thereof a series of biphenyl and terphenyl compounds were synthesized and tested for thermal stability and other physical properties.

Alkyl derivatives of biphenyl and of m-tolylphenyl showed considerable thermal stability. It is suggested that, among the other alkyl-m-tolylphenyl derivatives, compounds with good thermal stability and wide liquid range may be expected.
HYDRAULIC FLUIDS FOR 400°F TEMPERATURE SYSTEMS. H. M. Schiefer, 1/Lt., Bernard Rubis. February 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118073.

The properties and some of the performance characteristics of a group of silicate-ester compositions evaluated as -65°F to 400°F hydraulic fluids are described.

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Specification MIL-H-8446 has been prepared and issued. Producers of silicate-ester fluids have been requested to submit samples for qualification.

Effects of the silicate-ester fluids on elastomers are also reported. Pressure showed that the ignition temperature of this fluid decreases to approximately 510°F at high pressures. This phenomenon also present in other silicate base fluids tested under these conditions.


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The evaluation of chlorophenyl siloxane systems showed that this class of silicones showed some improvement in lubricity over previously evaluated dimethyl silicones and phenyl methyl silicones of comparable viscosity-temperature characteristics and offered promise in the development of 700°F hydraulic fluids and high bulk oil temperature steam engine oils. However, improvements were required in thermal stability, oxidation stability, lubricity, and foaming tendencies. Development effort based on improvements of the chlorophenyl silicone Versilube F-50 (No. 81406) by additives has shown that: (a) Reaction of F-50 with tin compounds, such as stannic chlorides, yields a product with greatly improved lubricity at 300°F to 700°F temperature range over that of the original silicone. However, viscosity-temperature properties are much poorer; (b) Addition of iron octoate improves the oxidation resistance of F-50 at 500°F to within the contract requirements for turbine oil development; (c) Perfluoro acids and amines greatly reduce the foaming tendency. However, these materials are too volatile within the desired temperature limits for turbine oil use; and, (d) F-50 type chlorophenyl silicones become thermally unstable and undergo rearrangement and degradation in the 600°F to 620°F range. None of the materials studied showed any improvement in thermal stability over the initial starting material.

Further study of chlorophenyl silicone formulations will be aimed at improving this performance.

WADC TR 55-89 Pt. IV.


A physical and chemical evaluation has been conducted by the Materials Laboratory on an experimental high temperature hydraulic fluid, MIL 8200, which has a distearene base fluid. It was evaluated against the requirements of Specification MIL-H-8446 (UARF) and for higher temperature applications to 550°F. It passes all the requirements of MIL-H-8446 with the exception of rubber swell.

Some additional tests were performed on this fluid which indicated that, as other silicate fluids tested, the hydrolytic stability at 400°F seems to be one of the major deficiencies of this type of fluid. It is apparent from mock-up and 400°F laboratory hydrolytic stability tests that the present hydrolytic stability test at 200°F needs revision. Some wear data were obtained with this fluid at 167°F and 400°F which indicated that the fluid should have sufficient lubricity to lubricate high temperature pumps. Some minimum spontaneous ignition temperatures obtained with the fluid when sprayed from varying pressure levels into a glass vessel at atmospheric pressure showed that the ignition temperature of this fluid decreases to approximately 510°F at high pressures. This phenomenon is also present in other silicate base fluids tested under these conditions.

Monosoto Chemical Company. WADC TR 54-532 Pt III.


Over fifty alkyl-substituted and unsubstituted aromatic ethers have been synthesised, many of which are new compounds. The melting point, pour point, vapor pressure, viscosity, and thermal stability of most of these ethers have been measured from which correlations have been made by which the boiling point, 210°F viscosity and 210-400°F ASTM slope, and thermal stability of a new ether can be predicted. From the data at hand it should be possible to synthesise aromatic ethers stable to 700°F, liquid at 0°F, viscosity <550 cs at 32°F and with a vapor pressure <600 mm/760°F.

Denver Research Institute. WADC TR 56-207 Pt 2.


This report describes the synthesis of alkyl biphenyl and terphenyl derivatives and their intermediates. These compounds have been synthesised in the course of investigations for the development of thermally-stable fluids. Modifications for the synthesis of isopropyl-m-terphenyl have been introduced for the achievement of higher yields.

In the terphenyl series the cyclotetraphylation of m-terphenyl has been investigated and isomerisation of m-terphenyl attempted. Thermal stability tests on isopropyl-m-terphenyl and amyloseopropyl-m-terphenyl have been carried out by heating over a longer period of time at elevated temperatures. These tests indicated that among m-terphenyls substituted in the 4 position, the isopropyl derivative is more stable than the corresponding amyl derivative.
Bureau of Mines. WADC TR 57-151.


The results of minimum spontaneous ignition temperature tests conducted on seven hydraulic fluids while in contact with seven surfaces found in aircraft under conditions likely to be encountered in practice are presented here. These tests were conducted by members of the Branch of Gas Explosions, Division of Explosives Technology, U. S. Bureau of Mines between 1 November 1955 and 31 October 1956. Hydraulic fluids Esso Univix J-43, conforming to specification MIL-0-5606, MLO 53-446 (General Electric GE 81406), MLO 56-540 (Monsanto OS-45), MLO 54-581, MLO 54-645 (85% Orimits 8200-91 15% Ilexoll), MLO 54-856 (Kollingshead 72073C), and MLO 8200 (Orimits 8200) were tested while in contact with heat-stored aluminum, beryllium-copper, copper, magnesium, pyrex glass, stainless steel and titanium surfaces. The effects of both test chamber pressure and injection pressure variations were investigated.

WADC TR 57-266, Pt I.


A study was made of the stability to gamma radiation of certain refined petroleum oils and diester fluids. Testing of the irradiated fluids by means of lubricant evaluation procedures, such as viscosity, flash point, and oxidation-corrosion resistance, indicated that for the tests conducted, the mineral oils of the type studied should have general resistance to gamma radiation up to a dosage of about $1 \times 10^5$ roentgens. The diester fluid di-(tert-butoxy)di-(Z-octoxy)silane had very poor stability to gamma radiation over the same range. A 0.5% phenothiazine improved the radiation resistance of this base fluid, except for the loss of oxidative stability experienced at dosage levels of $1 \times 10^5$ roentgens and lower.

Examination was made of the test data for the irradiated fluids to determine if any property changes followed the radiation exposure history. This was to discover if either the mineral oil or diester type fluids could be used as secondary reference standards for radiation calibration of non-uniform geometries exposed to nuclear radiation, such as bearing assemblies or circulating fluid loops. The changes offering the most promise were the increase in neutralization as number of the diester fluid and the gas evolution of the mineral oils.

California Research Corporation. WADC TR 57-119.


This report covers the first year's work on a contract to improve the hydrolytic stability of silicate based hydraulic fluids operating in the -65°F to 400°F temperature range.

A literature search was made of the mechanism and factors affecting the rate of hydrolysis of alkyoxysilanes. Steric effects were found to be the most important factor.
WADC TR 55-89 Pt V.


Silicate-esters are being considered for use in 400°F hydraulic systems. Previous study had established evidence of the hydrolytic instability of the silicate-ester formulations.

The behavior of four silicate-ester base formulations toward extended storage with varying quantities of water was studied. The formulations presented varying degrees of hydrolytic stability. Solids formation was encountered with all formulations. However, the disiloxane formulation (MLO 8200) produced significantly lower quantities of solids than the other three formulations. Addition of a diester to this disiloxane formulation resulted in a large increase in the amount of solids formed. The solids formed were not a linear function of water present. Instead, maximum solids occurred at intermediate water concentrations.

WADC TR 57-167.


A review of the status of extreme high temperature hydraulic fluid development is presented. Progress in research and development for fluids with a high temperature capability of 550°F to 700°F and a low temperature capability of 0°F to -65°F is described in detail. The fluids within this temperature range and described in this report fall into the following classes of compounds: Organosilicates, disiloxanes, silicones, mineral oils and silicones. The available data on properties of these research fluids, important to hydraulic system design, are reported. Data include the following: viscosity-temperature, density-temperature, thermal stability, compressibility. Some eutectic mixtures were established that have melting points lower than the 0°F to 400°F range in which reliable hydraulic fluids are manufactured. These compounds include compounds which include sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, barium, and strontium salts of the sugars and dicarboxylic acids. Two classes of compounds are reported: sodium and potassium salts of the dicarboxylic acids and sodium and potassium salts of the sugar alcohols.

The large amount of design data on -65°F to 400°F type fluids obtained by industry and the military services is compiled and reported. This includes both previously published and unpublished data.

Sundstrand Aviation Division. WADC TR 57-2.

HIGH TEMPERATURE HYDRAULIC FLUID EVALUATION TEST STAND. Donald B. Reiske. AF 33(616)-3126. September 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 131080.

A hydraulic fluid test stand with the capability of evaluating fluids at temperatures up to 700°F and pressures up to 3000 psi has been constructed. A survey of the industry showed several areas in which reliable aircraft type components were not available, and in such instances the best available non-aircraft components were adapted to complete the test stand.

This report describes the fluid evaluation parameters, the finalised test procedures to be used for fluid analysis, the selection of components, and the results of initial check-out tests. Evaluation of hydraulic fluids at the temperature level for which this stand is built represents a potential fire hazard. Safety and automatic control provisions are noted.

WADC TR 57-973.


The hydraulic fluids OS-45 and OS-45-1 were exposed to gamma radiation over the range 4.36 x 10^6 ergs/gm C to 8.71 x 10^6 ergs/gm C. Changes in the physical and chemical characteristics of the fluids were determined following the static irradiations. It was observed that many changes took place in most of the properties at the higher exposure levels. Relationships were derived between the change in certain properties and the gamma dosage. It was concluded that although the effects of gamma radiation on the fluids indicated possible difficulty in their use in a radiation field, dynamic in-source testing in a mock-up in their use in a radiation field, dynamic in-source testing in a mock-up hydraulic system would be necessary to establish their use limitations.

Monsanto Chemical Company. WADC TR 57-437.


A limited study was made on the variables involved in the production of a quantity of bromine-free non-crystallisable mixed bis-(methylphenyl)benzene, by the Ullman reaction.

Thermal stability and other physical data are reported on 61 compounds which include seven classes not previously reported, namely amides, sulfones, aromatic amines, ketones, silicon fluorides, triaryl derivatives of Group V-B elements below nitrogen and ferrocenes. Twenty chemical classes are compared in thermal stability, and the useful life for eight potential base stocks is estimated.

The limits of error for the WADC TR 55-449 oxidation and corrosion test were determined using esters without antioxidants as test fluids. This test was used to determine the oxidation susceptibility of certain compounds and substituent groups in aromatic ethers. An attempt was made with some success to adapt a modified Warburg apparatus for simplified oxidation studies.

Some eutectic and crystallisable solutions on various aromatic ethers are reported. Numerous syntheses were made.


The eutectic alloy of sodium (23 weight percent) and potassium (77 weight percent), known as NaK 77, has been determined from a technical survey of liquid metals and salts as the most feasible liquid known for 100°F to 1000°F hydraulic system applications. A single cylinder test pump in an inert atmosphere glove box has pumped NaK 77 up to 3600 psi at 100°F and up to 2000 psi at 1000°F. A total of about 100,000 cycles at 1 cycle per second and an average pressure of 1500 psi have been accumulated. Results of literature survey, consultation, and laboratory tests are included in this report.

General Electric Company. WADC TR 56-168 Pt E.


Continued study of the chlorophenyl silicone formulation has resulted in development of an additive which greatly improves the lubricty of the base fluid (F-50)
This report describes the preparation and investigation of alkyl-biphenyl and alkylterphenyl derivatives and their intermediates. In particular, homologous series of 4'-alkyl-m-terphenyl and 3-alkyl-m-terphenyl compounds have been prepared in connection with a closer investigation of the correlations between chemical structure of these classes of compounds and their physical properties, thermal stability, and their feasibility as thermally stable and radiation resistant fluids.

Two half-gallon samples of the more promising fluids, 4'-n-nonyl-m-terphenyl and 3-n-heptyl-m-terphenyl, have been prepared for WADC's Materials Laboratory under contractual terms for the purpose of additional testing.

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 58-84.

A program for the development of thermally stable liquid ureas was undertaken. This program consisted of the syntheses and evaluation of new compounds which contain only carbon groups, nitrogen atoms and organic radicals. The first class of compounds to be investigated has been the tetra-substituted ureas.

During the synthesis program, a total of 36 tetra-substituted ureas were prepared 25 of which are new compositions of matter not reported in the literature. These compounds are representative of the following types of tetra-substituted ureas: tetraalkylureas, diaklydiarylmethanes, diaklydiarylmethane, N-(substituted phenyl)triphénylurea, and tetraarylmethane.

During the evaluation program, primary emphasis was placed upon thermal stability. As a result of this work, it was found that the basic urea structure was very stable. Also, it was found that the following substituent groups were thermally stable: diphenylethyl, phenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-biphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 1- and 2-naphthyl, n-octadecyl, methyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, and n-butyl.

The basis of the present experimental data, tetra-substituted ureas as a class of compounds show promise as base materials for high-temperature hydraulic fluid and lubricant applications.
This report covers the second year's work on a contract to improve the hydrolytic stability of silicate ester hydraulic fluids for operation in the -65°F to 400°F temperature range.

Significantly improved hydrolytic stability was found for the following classes of compounds: (1) tetraalkoxysilanes containing two or three tert-butoxy groups; (2) alkyltrialkoxysilanes containing alkyl groups higher than methyl and one tertiary alkyl group; (3) hexalkoydisiloxanes containing four tertiary alkyl groups; and (4) dialkyltetraalkoxysiloxanes containing two tertiary alkyl groups with the alkyl groups preferably ethyl or higher. Compounds which hydrolyzed at 400°F but which did not form significant quantities of insolubles were (1) alkyltrialkoxysilane containing ethyl or higher alkyl groups and (2) dialkyltetraalkoxysiloxanes containing ethyl or higher alkyl groups. Glycol silicates, trisiloxanes, and dialkysilanes derivatives did not show the required hydrolytic stability. Considering all known properties of these compounds, 1,3-diethyl-1,3,3-tetra(2-ethylhexoxy) disiloxane was chosen as the best available base stock for the final hydraulic fluid.

Rate studies with H2O18 showed that the siloxane groups were more easily hydrolyzed than the corresponding alkoy groups, indicating a limitation of the polysiloxane structure.

Formulation work on the best disiloxane base stock led to a choice of low viscosity methyl phenyl silicone as Y. 1. improver and isodecyl palerogen as rubber plasticiser. The new formulations tested greatly exceeded 8515 fluid in hydrolytic stability and had better shear stability. Oxidation stability was poorer, indicating need for further formulation work on oxidation inhibitors. Other properties tested were comparable to 8515 fluid.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-171

Pt I.

The objective of this research program was to synthesise and evaluate selected organic compounds as high temperature oxidation-corrosion inhibitors in mineral and synthetic ester lubricants, and silicone and silane fluids. As a result of this and continued studies, specific inhibitors will be recommended for use.

During this 12-month period, known inhibitors were appraised and rated. On the basis of this appraisal, organic structures and functional groups effective in corrosion inhibition were determined and organic molecules incorporating these structures and groups designed to overcome the limitations found in known inhibitors.

The synthesis of the selected compounds was started. Simultaneously, outside sources were checked for compounds not yet tested as oxidation-corrosion inhibitors, and some of these compounds were selected for screening. These selections were made on the basis of structures related to those found to be effective by the appraisal program and also structures with potential use as inhibitors.

The compounds were evaluated by a micro oxidation-corrosion test developed at Wright Air Development Center. The testing was directed mostly toward evaluating additives in silane and ester base fluids. Compounds on hand were first submitted to a screening test, followed by specification testing of the most promising compositions.

Some of the compositions evaluated were very active in the silane fluids, and the specifications for a 500-700°F lubricant can probably be filled by such mixtures. Specifically, a mixture of 1,10-diaminododecane and isonicotic acid thioharnamide and a mixture of 1,10-diaminododecane, isonicotic acid thioharnamide, and triphenylarsonium were the most effective inhibitors in the silane fluid. No composition tested in the ester was more active than the ester alone, and more work will have to be done to stabilise this lubricant for use above 500°F.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 58-335
Pt I.

During the period covered by the current report, candidate antioxidants have been screened in the following lubricating fluids: F-50 silicone fluid, paraffin mineral oil MLO 57-574, silane fluid MLO 57-661, silane fluid MLO 57-628, and napthenic mineral oil MLO 57-573.

A number of additives at 0.2% concentration were found to be effective in retarding high temperature oxidative degradation (i.e., gelation) of F-50 silicone oil. Condensed aromatic ring structures containing three or more rings were effective as a class.

Severia of the effective additives were soluble enough in F-50 silicone fluid at low temperatures to warrant their consideration for practical use. Fluoranthene at 0.2% concentration, for example, did not come out of solution at -65°F. Solubility studies are still in progress. A mechanism study was initiated to determine how condensed aromatic ring structures inhibit gelation of F-50 silicone fluid.

Following the lead uncovered by the effectiveness of N-phenylferrocene-carboxamide, a number of ferrocene derivatives were prepared and evaluated. None of these compounds showed pronounced antioxidant activity.

None of the additives evaluated to date showed any antioxidant activity in the silane fluids or in the mineral oils.

Bureau of Mines. WADC TR 57-151 Pt II.

The results of limit of flammability and spontaneous ignition temperature tests conducted on six high density fuels and JP-4 are presented. The former tests were conducted at atmospheric pressure and elevated temperatures and the latter at reduced and elevated pressures with the fuels in contact with pyrex and stainless steel surfaces in air and oxygen. In addition, spontaneous ignition temperature tests were conducted at atmospheric pressure on seven hydraulic fluids in oxygen and oxygen-enriched air with the fluids in contact with a pyrex surface. All tests were conducted by members of the Branch of Gas Explosions, Division of Explosives Technology, U. S. Bureau of Mines between 10 December 1957 and 30 June 1958. Monoethylpropylcyclohexyl (HFT-27), monoethylpropylbiphenyl (HFT-55), tetraethyl (HFT-30), bicyclohexyl (HFT-31), decaethyl (HFT-32), and methylcyclopentadiene (HFTP-33), and hydraulic fluids M5O-2,46 and Reso Utrie 2-43 (Spec. MIL-H-83466A), MLO 53-446 (General Electric Co B1606), MLO 54-940 (Monomer Co 645), MLO 54-981, MLO 54-445 (65% Ormaza 8000 + 15% Plezol), MLO 94-996 (Hillinghead and 72073C) and MLO 8390 (Ormaza 8200) were tested.

The past year's work has been concentrated on both thermally stable fluids and improved oxidative stability. The most promising materials for thermal stability were the sliphenylene polydiphenyl fluids. They show no silicone rearrangement as more conventional silicone fluids do and have stabilities up to the temperature range of 800-850°F.

Polymer modifications gave good low temperature properties indicating a wide fluid range. Evaluation of various types of oxidation inhibitors showed that iron type additives still do the best inhibiting of silicone fluids. A new processing of 51644 has produced a fluid which is clear at room temperature and does not sludge after prolonged exposure at 500°F.


The objective of this research program was to synthesize and evaluate selected organic compounds as high temperature oxidation-corrosion inhibitors in paraffinic mineral oils, synthetic ester lubricants, methyl-chlorophenyl silicone, and diphenyldiododecylsilane.

After promising results were obtained with a compound containing a thioamide function attached to a heterocyclic ring, more substances from the same chemical class were selected and tested. A few of these compounds showed a certain degree of antioxidant action.

The compounds were evaluated by a micro oxidation-corrosion test. The results confirmed previous observations which indicated that the test method lacks sufficient reliability to permit conclusive and dependable evaluation of all the compounds tested.

Selected compositions were submitted to this oxidative test and in this case the oxygen uptake was also measured. This procedure indicated that the oxidation can be reduced to a limited degree with some of the mixtures used. However, no composition was able to satisfy all the specifications set as the goal of this program.


This report covers efforts to formulate (1) a silane-based high temperature hydraulic fluid suitable for use in the 0°F to 700°F range and (2) a silane-based engine oil suitable for use at 450°F to 500°F bulk oil temperature. A large number of viscosity improver additives were evaluated. These included commercial and synthesized materials. None yielded the target viscosities. To date, the combination of thermal stability and viscosity improvement of a petroleum resin (Krendex) have not been surpassed.

Oxidation-corrosion does not appear to be a major problem under the test conditions of 24 hours at 500°F and 700°F, in presence of 99% N2-9% O2. However, some of the antioxidants were satisfactory under engine oil test conditions which include 1 liter dry air per hour through a 25 ml. sample of fluid held at 500°F for 24 hours.
Synthesis work during this contract period had several parts. A synthetic base fluid, isopropyl-1, 9-diphenylmethane, having an excellent combination of viscosity-temperature properties and superior stability against the common types of degradation, was developed. gallon quantities of this material were prepared for formulation studies and evaluation tests.

Various polyalkylaromatics were synthesized for evaluation as viscosity-temperature improvers. A large laboratory batch of the C(14-16) alkyl diphenyl ether-p-xylene copolymer was prepared for use in the final fluid formulation, CALRESEARCH 59R-439. Starting with the base fluid, isopropyl-1, 9-diphenyl-nona-1, this fluid was prepared after extensive formulation studies.

CALRESEARCH 59R-439 has substantially better oxidative, thermal and hydrolytic stability, a greater low temperature capability, and superior radiation resistance than CALRESEARCH 216. CALRESEARCH 216 was developed under the previous contract effort, and is composed of a C(14-16)-alkyl diphenyl ether base fluid plus additives. New leads, related to the in situ formation of polymeric materials in C(2-24) -diarylalkanes by treating with aluminum chloride, may make possible the development of superior fluids. This opens a fertile field for future research.

New experimental fluids were tested before and after irradiation. Much valuable knowledge pertaining to factors contributing to stability against radiation, thermal, oxidative, shear, and hydrolytic damage was gained. A radiation process which enhances shear stability of thickened fluids was discovered.


A hydraulic fluid test stand with the capability of evaluating fluids at temperatures up to 700 F and pressures up to 3000 psi, has been constructed. A survey of the industry showed several areas in which reliable aircraft type components were not available, and in such instances, the best non-aircraft components were adapted to complete the test stand.

The report describes the fluid evaluation parameters, the finalized test procedures to be used for fluid analysis, and the selection of components.

The test results of two fluid evaluations are included in the report.

WADD TN 59-160, Part I.

A study was made to observe the nature and intensity of chemical degradation resulting from severe mechanical shearing stresses at elevated (400°F) temperature. The degradation of these four fluids (two silicones, a silane, and an alkyl disiloxane) were also studied under static thermal conditions. The physical and chemical properties, particularly viscosity, neutralization number, and flash point showed changes in direction of values with time. Possible mechanisms of break-down to explain observed differences between the static and dynamic tests are discussed.

This summary technical report of the irradiation of an electro-hydraulic servo test loop dynamically operated in a gamma environment includes a brief historical background, the object and scope of the program, and the procedures and results. The test was conducted for 260 hours with an average dose rate of 1.1 x 10^6 erg/gm-hr (C). The fluid temperature was maintained at 275°F, and the nominal pressure was 3000 psi.


Fluid breakdown and pump wear were investigated in a pump loop at 275°F and 3000 psi on five petroleum based hydraulic fluids.

The mechanical shearing of these fluids resulted in excessive loss of viscosity, although their resistance to oxidation was not appreciably changed. The wide variations in the wear data of these fluids indicated their difference in lubrication characteristics in the particular system employed. Bench wear data did not correlate with the pump wear results.


This program was conducted to test and determine the feasibility and potential of high temperature power transmission fluids for use in 550 F hydraulic systems. These fluids were tested for a particular purpose, and the results do not reflect on the ability of the fluids to operate satisfactorily under other conditions. The following fluids were tested under contract AF 33(616)-6398:

2. Silicone MLO 59-250 - A halogenated methyl phenyl silicone.
4. Silane Mixture - 50% Silane MLO 59-92 and 50% Silane MLO 59-91 (MLO 59-91 is essentially the same as MLO 59-92, but contains a lesser quantity of viscosity index improver).
5. TMP Ester MLO 59-699 - ester derivative of trimethanol propane.
7. M-Bis (m-Phenoxynaphoxynaphoxy) Bensene MLO 59-692.

The test fluids were subjected to 550°F testing at 3000 psi in a Vickers axial-piston pump designed for high temperature operation. Of the fluids tested, the silane-base formulations, Silane MLO 59-92 and Silane Mixture (MLO 59-92 and MLO 59-91), exhibited the best apparent potential for 550°F operation, enabling pump runs of 90 and 100 hours respectively.

The low viscosity of MLO 7660 at 550°F resulted in pump bearing failures; nevertheless, this fluid appears to offer a good potential for high temperature applications. The MLO 59-692 fluid, m-Bis(m-Phenoxynaphoxynaphoxy) Benensene, exhibited excellent thermal stability, but the 550°F viscosity was too low to enable continued operation of the test pump. Silicone MLO 59-250, TMP Ester MLO 59-699, and Silicone-Ester Blend MLO 59-700 did not maintain adequate chemical stability at 550°F. The consequent increase in acid content resulted in pump damage and necessitated early termination of tests.

The results of this program indicate that operation of a hydraulic pump on existing hydraulic fluids at 550°F is feasible. It is further concluded that the present high temperature pump design can be modified to enable extended operation on some of the fluids tested.


This report presents conclusive proof that shear stability data obtained on hydraulic fluids by sonic irradiation compares quite favorably with data obtained by the present shear stability test procedure (pump-testing) in the MIL-H-5606 Specification. The sonic irradiation method should be used to replace the present pump testing procedure since it reduces test time from hours to minutes and sample quantities from gallons to milliliters.


The lubricity of several experimental high temperature power transmission fluids of widely varying chemical types was investigated. A New York Air Brake Company pump was used at 275°F as a means of studying the wear behavior. Four-Ball wear tests also were run. The fluids considered include silicone-esters, ethers, and other and two disiloxanes. In general, these high temperature fluids gave comparable lubrication to that afforded by normal temperature petroleum fluids. In most cases the desired five hundred hours of operation were successfully completed. Such performance demonstrates the feasibility of the experimental fluids. No correlation could be obtained between the Four-Ball wear tests and the pump wear tests.


The increased performance demands of advanced aerospace systems dictates the requirement for new and improved heat transfer materials capable of operating over extreme temperature ranges. A review of the status of extreme temperature range (ETR) coolants for electronic equipment is presented. The fluids considered for use over a -80°F to 40°F temperature range are described in this report and fall into the following class of compounds: amines, chloro-flouro-carbon oils, fluorochemicals, silicones, silicone esters, and siloxanes. Results show that the silicone fluids comply most closely to the physical properties required for ETR electronic coolants. It was observed that they are the only group of materials that possess high boiling points and thermal stabilities above the 400°F bulk operational temperature, and still display reasonably low viscosity values within the extreme temperature range. The electrical properties of these materials are also very desirable.

The data on the new experimental research fluids, reported herein, list properties important to future coolants for electronic components. These data include the viscosity temperature relations, vapor pressure-temperature properties, electrical characteristics, thermal properties and flammability characteristics.
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Lubricants and Solid Film Lubricants

TR 5685.

The results of seven 100-hr fluid shear stability experiments, six at 350°F and one at 275°F, indicate that MLO 56-834 (chlorinated phenylsilicones) and MLO 57-637 (di-n-dodecylidiphenylsilanes) resist degradation from high shear stresses. MLO 59-98 (50-50 blend of phenyl methyl silicone and ester of TMP), and MLO 8200 (hexa-2-ethyl butyrosiloxane) experienced a molecular change which substantially altered their properties. MLO 7277 (superfine mineral oil) experienced a slight molecular change, and its properties were slightly changed. An experiment is described where the wear of various lubricated contacts can also be studied along with the wear stability of experimental fluids.

An apparatus for studying lubricant behavior in rolling and rolling-sliding contacts is described and results for initial runs are presented. The initial wear-life results of solid film lubrication of spherical surfaces are presented and discussed. Based on data from a plane on a cylinder configuration, these results were lower than expected. Steps taken to make the high pressure viscometer a self-contained working unit are outlined and the pressure limitation resulting from bellows configuration and fluid compressibility is discussed.

Results for extreme pressure behavior of lubricants are presented for a series of runs at 600°F and 275°F. Mating surfaces of M-10 tool steel were used for the 600°F runs while 52100 steel was used for the 275°F runs.

APPARENT VISCOSITY OF GREASES. Bernard Rubin. April 1948.

Shell Development Co. WADC TR 59-173.


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Oxidation and corrosion characteristics of experimental synthetic ester gear oils have been measured by means of six different procedures using aluminum, magnesium, steel, copper, cadmium-plated steel, silver-plated steel, and lead-indium coated silver-plated steel as metal catalysts in some of the tests. A survey of the thermal stability of various esters has been made to 500°F under a nitrogen atmosphere.

Wear characteristics of several ester type gear oils have been determined after subjecting the fluid to various oxidation and corrosion tests. These values are then compared with similar values for the unused fluids. These results are indicative of the persistence of the anti-wear and E.P. additives under conditions of severe accelerated use.

PRL 3161 fluid has been service tested for a total of 237 hours in a T-38 Allison turbo-prop engine. The lubrication problems encountered in this test are outlined briefly. Properties of the used PRL 3161 fluid taken from this test are discussed. The properties evaluated include viscosity, neutralization number, wear and lubrication, and oxidation and corrosion stability. PRL 3161 exhibits excellent stability in service use.

Many of the studies in this report are based on fluids using di-2-ethylhexyl sebacate as the base stock. An additional investigation has been made on other esters that are important commercially for the preparation of PRL 3161 type fluids.

A specification has been suggested for use in the commercial procurement of synthetic gear lubricants of the type discussed in this report.

Engineering Research Institute, University of Michigan. TR 53-65 (R).

This project was established to study the possibility of synthesizing a pure compound to be used as a synthetic lubricant in aircraft engines operating at ambient temperatures ranging from -65 to 160°F. The syntheses of the 84 compounds prepared are described in this report. The viscosity-temperature characteristics and melting points of the compounds have been determined. Other physical properties such as density, vapor pressure, specific heat, thermal conductivity, etc., have been determined on some of the compounds.

None of the compounds synthesized met the viscosity specifications of 65 cSt. at 210°F and 3000 cSt. at -65°F. The compounds which most nearly meet this specification and which show the greatest promise of meeting the specification are compounds having the "dumbell" structure with terminal cyclopentyl rings along with the thioether structure.

Standard Oil Company. TR 53-83.

In the work directed toward the development of an aircraft grease suitable for use over a wide temperature range, emphasis has been placed on the development of thickeners for silicone oil and on the evaluation of silicone-oil greases at high temperatures. Studies were made on one hundred and one silicone-oil greases containing as thickeners representatives of ten classes of materials that might be expected to produce thermally stable greases. Each composition was subjected to simple laboratory tests for preliminary evaluation, and twenty-nine compositions were run in the ABEC-NLGI bearing tester. The greases containing inorganic thickeners showed poor performance in the bearing tester, all failing in less than one hundred hours at 450°F. Several tests of two hundred hours or more were obtained with copper phthalocyanine, calcium acetate, and urea greases. One test of six hundred and fifty hours was obtained with a grease containing p-carboxyphenylhexahydroazulene as thickener. This test satisfies the high-temperature bearing-test requirement of the contract.

University of Virginia. TR 53-293 Part I.

PHASE I. Literature Survey. The literature on oxidation and corrosion inhibitors for the various oils was completely surveyed for the period 1916 to date. There seem to be no pertinent references earlier than 1916. Each of the approximately 2500 references to research reports, patents, reviews, etc. was recorded and coded on a McBee Keysort punch card. Three punch card indices were devised covering 105 entries, each being designated by a four letter code word. A novel card needle box was designed and constructed to facilitate the use of the punch card file. A detailed report on the literature will be the subject of a separate memorandum report.

PHASE II. Evaluation of Additives and Mechanism Studies. With a specially constructed aluminum block thermostat, 60 likely-looking compounds of various types were tested as oxidation-corrosion inhibitors for di-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate (Rohm and Haas, Plexol 201). Substances of the phenothiazine type were the most effective at 400°F. These types were exhaustively studied and the effects of concentration, small changes of temperatures, metals, and substituents shown. Probably the most effective compounds were N-methyl- and N-ethyl-phenothiazine. At 400°F a concentration of about 1.6% is needed to hold the oxidation induction period for 72 hours in the presence of copper.

Systematic studies were started on the mechanisms of pyrolysis and oxidation of diesters, the chemistry of phenothiazine and the mechanism of its action, the rate of depletion of additives, and the role of metals in the oxidation phenomena. Each of these is of a complex nature and only tentative conclusions were reached.

PHASE III. Research and Development of New Materials. Efforts were directed toward improving syntheses of some of the substances tested in Phase II and preparing new compounds together with the study of properties of the more interesting compounds. Work was under the following headings: Purification of phenothiazine; preparation of p,p'-dihydroxydiphenylamine, p-benzoxydiphenylamine, 3-benzyloxybenzothiazine, p-t-butyldiphenylamine, 10-methylbenzothiazine, 3-formyl-10-methylbenzothiazine, 3-formyl-10-methylbenzothiazine oxide, 3-(10-methylbenzothiazinyl)methanol, p-[3-10-methylbenzothiazinyl] acrylic acid, 1-nitro-2-[3-10-methylbenzothiazinyl]ethene, phenyl-etha-naphthylamine and 7-benzo(c)phenothiazine; nitration of 7-benzo(c)phenothiazine; preparation of N-acetyl-7-benzo(c)phenothiazine; nitration of N-acetyl-7-benzo(c)phenothiazine; Friedel-Crafts acetylation of N-acetyl-7-benzo(c)phenothiazine; preparation of N-acetyl-7-benzo(c)phenothiazine oxime; attempted rearrangement of the oxime of p-acetyl-7-benzo(c)phenothiazine; preparation of N-methyl-7-benzo(c)phenothiazine, N-methyl-7-benzo(c)phenothiazone-S-oxide, 7-benzo(c)phenothiazine-S-oxide and p-carboxy-7-benzo(c)phenothiazine.
Due to the very great difficulty in the preparation of pure mono-esters of glycols of the types C3F7COO(CH2)n OH and C3F7COOCH2CH2OCH2CH2OH, as well as in the preparation of pure half-ester-acids such as C3F7COOOC (CH2)4COH, only impure tetrasteres could be obtained on reacting these intermediates with various dicarboxylic acids and glycols, respectively.

The completely branched teta ester, pentaerythritol monacrapte triperfluorobutyrates have been synthesized.

The preparation and properties of the polyester, poly-(diethylenglycol perfluoroglutarate) are reported.

Correlations on the viscosity and surface tension characteristics of the various series of ester-type materials have been made.

Southwest Research Institute. TR 53-337.
POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC COMPOUNDS FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE LUBRICANTS. Charles F. Raley, Jr. AF 33(616)-276. November 1953. PB 130242. Order from LT, Mi $3, 38, Ph $7.80.

A literature survey covering the field of polynuclear aromatic compounds, with two or three nuclear rings, was made. All materials liquid at 350°F and stable up to 1000°F were entered on file cards. From the data thus gathered, a list of seventeen compounds, considered to be representative of the common chemical structures, was compiled. These compounds were synthesized and evaluated as to thermal stability, viscosity at 100°F, 210°F, density, and boiling point. On the basis of this evaluation, the field of aryl phosphates was considered to have the most likely chance of providing compounds with the desired properties. Further research in this field has produced three liquid compounds with exceptional thermal stabilities, i.e., above 700°F; di-p-tolyl 1-naphthyl phosphate, di-m-tolyl 1-naphthyl phosphate, and tri-o-chlorophenyl phosphate. In the case of the first two compounds, all other screening tests, such as flash and fire point, autogenous ignition temperature and hydrolytic stability, gave excellent results. Other compounds which will be synthesized offer a reasonable chance of possessing even better properties.

University of Virginia, TR 53-293, Part II.

A total of approximately 200 compounds has been evaluated as oxidation-corrosion inhibitors in various ways in a total of 13 synthetic base oils. The base oils used included diesters, phosphonates, silicones and silicones. Various methods of comparing effectiveness of additives are discussed. There is as yet no satisfactory method for rating a particular compound in a specific oil.

Phenothiazine and some of its derivatives remain the best inhibitors, as a class, for the diesters at 204.6°C. Preliminary results suggest that phenothiazine-3 may be the best of this type. Two N-alkyl-alpha-naphthylamine derivatives, N-methyl- and N-ethyl-, also show good inhibitor properties in di (2-ethylhexyl) sebacate.

Many rubber antioxidants, particularly those containing sulfur, showed good antioxidant properties in the diesters. However, these attached copper in excess of that allowed in the specifications.

In mixed C6-C12 silicates and tetr (2-ethylhexyl) silicates, N-phenyl-alpha-naphthylamine continues to be one of the most effective oxidation inhibitors. Preliminary tests indicate that N-ethyl-alpha-naphthylamine, some
p-aminophenols and some p-phenylenediamines may be of equal activity.

DC Silicone 550 apparently needs no oxidation-corrosion inhibitors to meet the specifications at 204.4°C since it has an induction period in excess of 75 hours. Indeed, the change in measured properties of DC Silicone 550 is generally greater in the presence of these additives than it is in the absence of additives. This increase in apparent oxidation in the presence of additives might be expected to be due to changes in the additives.

Mechanism studies have been conducted on the action of additives and the media under conditions of oxidation, pyrolysis and metal catalysis. The products of pyrolysis of di-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate in the range 260-305°C over the first 10% of the reaction have been identified as 2-ethylhexane-1 and the mono-ester, 2-ethylhexyl hydrogen sebacate.

Studies have been made on the rate of disappearance of phenothiazine in di-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate in the presence and absence of copper, either as the metal or as a salt. The rate of disappearance of phenothiazine is slowed in the presence of copper but the length of induction period is shortened. An attempt is made to explain this phenomenon on the basis of accepted reaction mechanisms. It is also shown that the rate of disappearance of phenothiazine closely resembles first-order kinetics.

University of Virginia. TR 53-293, Part 3.

A brief survey of the literature is given describing the proposed mechanisms by which esters of this type in question decompose. The determination of the rate of thermal decomposition of di-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate in the liquid phase in the temperature range of from 260° to 305°C is described. Conclusions to be drawn are that the decomposition proceeds only at a very slow rate at 204°C, yet it does occur; and that it is a simple reaction, i.e., not of the free radical type, nor is it affected by acids or a copper surface.

From the literature it is concluded that certain ester types which might be expected to be stable at these temperatures should be prepared and subjected to conditions analogous to, or more drastic than those described herein.

University of Virginia. TR 53-393, Part 4.

This is a detailed study of several temperatures in the neighborhood of 200°C of anomalous behavior encountered in the oxidation studies of diester lubricants in the presence of phenothiazine and copper and was designed to shed more light on the mechanisms of inhibitor action and metal catalysis. The behavior of phenothiazine in di-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate under controlled oxidation conditions was followed by noting the change in the characteristic ultraviolet absorption spectra and by chemical methods. The rates of decrease of absorption of phenothiazine at its characteristic maximum, 2520 Å, indicated that phenothiazine disappeared less rapidly in the presence of copper than when the substance was absent, even though the overall oxidation as measured by rate of oxygen absorption was more rapid. The effect of copper salts of the dibasic acids, sebacic and succinic, was of the same order, but the detailed effect of concentration of the dissolved salts was complex. The results were interpreted in terms of possible reaction mechanisms. It appears that phenothiazine is rapidly converted to an intermediate oxidation state of finite life through energy-rich chains formed in the medium. The slower rate of disappearance in the presence of copper apparently arises from the action of the metal converting the energy-rich chain carriers relatively faster into free-radical chains and thereby reducing the concentration of the energy-rich units which act to convert phenothiazine to the intermediate oxidation state. The net effect in the presence of copper is that phenothiazine has less opportunity to become activated while at the same time the active form is dissipated more rapidly and inactive oxidation products form at a faster rate. A rate equation is derived for the disappearance of phenothiazine and the mechanisms proposed are related to the possibility of predicting antioxidants for higher temperatures.

TR 54-44.
INVESTIGATION OF "BENTONE-34" AS A GREASE THICKENER. Herbert Schwender. RDO No. 613-11 (E-A). April 1954.

The project was initiated to develop greases from domestic, non-critical materials that will ensure the Air Force a supply of greases whose source will not be limited or cut off because of war or other emergencies.

"Bentone 34" was used as a thickening agent with various synthetic and petroleum oils in preparing greases. The greases were tested for their physical and chemical properties as possible aircraft lubricants. The tests results indicated that it may be possible to formulate aircraft lubricating greases using "Bentone 34" as a thickener which will be equal in performance to the soap-type greases now in use.

Iowa State College. WADC TR 53-426 (Part 1).

University of Virginia, WADC TR 53-353, Supp. 1.

The literature was surveyed on oxidation and corrosion inhibitors in various media at elevated temperatures. Particular attention was given to phenothiazine types of additives and to lubricants of the synthetic-base type. Media, such as rubber, were included where the effects noted might have analogies in synthetic base lubricants. The literature revealed very few antioxidants or anticorrosion combinations for synthetic base lubricants at extreme temperatures. The survey covered the period 1916 to June 1953. There were very few significant literature references prior to 1916. The survey can be readily brought up-to-date when the 1958 subject index of Chemical Abstracts becomes available. Approximately 3500
abstracts of research reports, patents, reviews, articles, etc. were recorded on McBee Keystart Punch Cards of special design. Three punch card indices were devised covering approximately 100 entries, each entry being designated by a four-letter code word. A novel card-needling box was designed and constructed to facilitate use of the card file.

WADC TR 54-46.
AN INVESTIGATION OF LITHIUM 9/10 HYDROXY- STEARATE GREASES. Harvey C. Markle, Jr., Herbert Schwenker, August 1954. ASTIA Document No. 45579. PB 129527. Order from LC, Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

The melting points of lithium soaps, which were prepared from hydroxystearic acids, were determined. These soaps were combined with synthetic oils to prepare greases which, in turn, were analysed to determine their physical and chemical properties. Except for water resistance, oil separation, and mechanical stability, the greases made from lithium 9 or 10 hydroxystearate were found to possess properties equal to those of lithium 12 hydroxystearate.

Western Gear Works. WADC TR 54-37.

Results of a compilation of lubricants, lubrication, and lubricant tester data include a selected bibliography with abstracts which has been arranged so that references are listed under the subject heading most applicable.

Design of a gear and spline lubricant tester which will accommodate, as test specimens, all the most popularly used types of gears; such as, spur, helical, worm, straight bevel, spiral bevel, and hypoid, as well as splines, is described. The lubricant tester will be capable of test gear speeds up to 30,000 RPM and tooth loads up to 6000 pounds per inch of face width.

The design of the tester was based on the analysis of information from sources listed in the bibliography, gear lubrication experience, and preliminary design studies of possible new simulation, as well as gear type testers.

It is concluded that a universal type, gear lubricant tester should prove advantageous in selecting lubricants for specific applications, as well as placing lubricants into a general classification of usefulness as gear lubricants.

The compilation of information, analysis, and final design of a gear and spline lubricant tester was conducted by Western Gear Works' Research Engineering Group.

WADC TR 54-157.

As military aircraft fly at higher altitudes and speeds, the requirements for lubricants to afford greater resistance to thermal effects, wider liquid or usable temperature ranges, and longer life has and will continue to be an interesting research and development program. Petroleum oils as a source for greases, aircraft hydraulic fluids, engine oils and special purpose lubricants are rapidly being replaced by synthetic materials and will soon be only of historical interest.

Development of a -65° to 450°F grease for use in anti-friction bearings, electronic devices and other types of aircraft equipment is in progress. Emphasis is being placed on improving the wear characteristics of this grease and extending the low temperature limits. In addition, research and development in greases is being devoted to improvement of grease availability and the investigation of oils and thickening agents.

Synthetic lubricants for turbo-prop and turbo-jet applications have been formulated for use at temperatures of -65° to greater than 400°F. High gear loadings encountered in some engine and accessory applications have required extensive research and development of suitable anti-wear additives.

The presently available hydraulic fluids offer a maximum usable temperature range of approximately 250°F. Speed, miniaturization of equipment, together with the necessity of operating hydraulic systems near heat producing bodies has increased this temperature range to greater than 400°F. Experimental fluids of the diester and the organosilicon classes have been developed and are being evaluated.


Oxidation of alkoxy- or aryloxy silanes is inevitably accompanied by hydrolysis. Oxidation rates were determined for tetraphenoxylsilane, tetra(2-ethylhexoxy)silane, hexa(2-butoxydisiloxane), and a series of isomeric tetrapentoxysilanes. The presence of 1020 steel, titanium, and copper during oxidation did not produce large changes in rate as compared to the rate for the test material alone.

The hydrolysis of tetraaryloxysiloxanes apparently proceeds through a stepwise degradation. The rate of hydrolysis is affected largely by structure, being very rapid for tetraphenoxysilane, less rapid for tetra(2-ethylhexoxy) silane, and slow for branched tetrapentoxysilanes.

Pyrolysis is probably the least important factor in the degradation of the tetraaryloxyl or alkoxy silanes. No significant degradation was observed with tetraphenoxysilane while tetra(2-ethyl hexoxy) silane was degraded only slightly by thermal cracking of the 2-ethylhexyl group.


This report is the first of a series of reports concerning the effect of metals on the stability of lubricants at elevated temperatures. In order to accomplish this, equipment capable of attaining these temperatures was required.

This report describes the design, development and instrumentation of a high temperature bath capable of attaining and maintaining temperatures up to 700°F, 10°F.
The properties of triarylethers of phosphoric acid were studied with regard to their suitability as high-temperature lubricants and related materials. It was found that naphtaldehyde derivatives did not have sufficient thermal stability to compensate for the unwanted increase in viscosity and melting point. The 4-biphenyl group possessed all the advantages of the naphtaldehyde group with much better thermal stability. One particular compound prepared, bis(chlorophenyl) 4-biphenylphosphate, had a thermal stability of over 510°F (950°C), by far the highest stability of any compound prepared under this contract. It was found that the chlorophenylphosphates possessed outstanding thermal stability and seemed to be the most promising type of compound for further development. It was found possible to vary considerably the physical properties of a compound by incorporating three different groups. Finally, the pronounced volatilising and viscosity-reducing effect of the trifluoromethylphenyl group was observed in several compounds which contained one or more of these groups. It was also found possible to compile a table of approximate thermal decomposition temperatures of numerous aromatic groups.

Standard Oil Company (Indiana). WADC TR 53-83 (Part 2).


In the work directed toward the development of an aircraft grease suitable for use over the temperature range of -65°F to 450°F, emphasis has been placed on the development of thickeners for silicone fluid and on the evaluation of greases at high temperatures. Studies were made on silicone greases thickened with substituted azares and other materials which might be expected to produce thermally stable greases. A new class of non-soap, organic thickening agents, called arylureas, has been developed. Greases made with arylureas are extremely heat stable, are easily made in conventional grease equipment, exhibit good rheological properties, and have out-performed all other greases in the bearing test at 450°F. The lowest temperature at which these greases meet the values given in the requirements is around -60°F. Twenty-six of thirty tests on eleven compositions made with DC-550 Silicone Fluid and arylureas ran between 330 and 1170 hours. On two greases designated MILG-9500 and MILS-9301, ten of fourteen tests ran well over 500 hours. They meet all of the other Air Force requirements except performance in the Navy gear-wear test. Failure in this test is caused by the inherently poor lubrication characteristics of silicone oil and attempts to improve the lubricity by the incorporation of additives have been unsuccessful.

Another arylureas grease made with DC-510 Silicone Fluid closely approached the Air Force requirements. This grease weighs for use in -90°F. Three bearing tests at 450°F yield 270 hours.

Bearing tests on greases comprised of DC-550 Silicone Fluid and the following miscellaneous thickeners—carbon black, copper phthalocyanine, calcium acetate, indigo, and N-benzy1-p- amino-1- benzoic acid ran between 20 and 427 hours.

The utility of arylureas is not limited to silicone fluids. Arylureas greases with good rheological properties were made with the following types of fluids: petroleum oils, monoesters, diesters, fluorocarbons, phosphate esters, alky1 silicates and polyalkalene glycols. If high stability of a fluid could be combined with good lubricity, a truly multipurpose grease could be made.

The Pennsylvania State University. WADC TR 55-30 (Part 1).


This report describes the current status of development work on Specification MIL-L-7808 oils and turbo-prop lubricants. Fluids of the PRL 3161 and PRL 3313 types are covered in this discussion. A more complete review of the PRL 3161 type of lubricant is given in Wright A'ir Development Center TR 53-25 entitled "DEVELOPMENT WORK ON LUBRICANTS FOR AIRCRAFT TURBINE ENGINES".

The viscosity-temperature characteristics of synthetic lubricants are important. On the one hand, a low viscosity at low temperatures is desired to enable low temperature starting, while a high viscosity is desired at high temperatures to provide adequate lubrication, particularly to gears. Linear types of polymeric thickening agents with good shear stability are useful in preparing such lubricants.

A single composition can be formulated to meet both Specification MIL-L-7808 turbine engine lubricant and Specification MIL-L-6387 synthetic hydraulic fluid. Five samples of Specification MIL-L-7808 type fluids have been submitted to the Wright Air Development Center by potential commercial suppliers. Data presented in this report indicate that only one of the five commercial fluids meets the viscosity-temperature requirements of the specification.

Lubricants of the PRL 3313 type containing acyclic organo-phosphorus compounds have been investigated. Approximately 15 organo-acid-phosphates and -phosphites have been studied in a PRL 3313 type gear lubricant composition. For the most part, these materials are essentially simple chemical compounds. The organo-acid-phosphates, and -phosphites, appear to be considerably more effective than the tri-organophosphates and -phosphites in improving the wear and lubrication characteristics of synthetic lubricants. These materials have been evaluated in terms of wear and lubrication, oxidation and corrosion, hydrolysis stability, and their foaming tendencies after mild thin
film (250°F) oxidation and corrosion test.

Certain acid phosphites appear to be competitive with acid phosphates as lubrication additives and, in addition, show better corrosion characteristics and hydrolys- 5000°C has been studied in some bulk oil and thin film oxidation and corrosion characteristics at 500°F of several types of esters. The program with lubricants designated as PRL 3161, PRL 3312, and PRL 3313 show good general agreement. The relative ratings of these synthetic lubricants by this Laboratory are confirmed by the cooperative tests at other laboratories. A comprehensive study of the oxidation and corrosion characteristics of synthetic turbine engine lubricants has been conducted. Emphasis has been placed on the bulk oil and thin film oxidation and corrosion characteristics at 347°F (175°C), the corrosion of lead and lead alloys, the storage stability, and the hydrolysis stability of these synthetic lubricants. Synthetic lubricants of the PRL 3313 and PRL 3161 types show good overall oxidation and corrosion stability at 347°F. These tests include the corrosion of the lead-indium coated bearing surfaces of a Pesco gear pump operating at a test temperature of 350°F. In general, it has been found that large differences exist between the corrosion of pure lead and some lead alloys, such as lead-indium. Indica- tions are that small changes in the neutralization number of some PRL 3313 oils on storage are probably related to the catalytic hydrolysis of the ester base stock.

Foaming in certain of the used samples from turbo-prop engines has been noted. After some research, it has been possible to produce a similar foaming behavior in the laboratory by a 250°F thin film oxidation and corrosion test. Foam is not a property common to all ester types fluids containing organo-acid- phosphor compounds as lubrication additives. It is possible to avoid foaming by proper selection of the additives.

Used samples of PRL 3161 and PRL 3313 fluids from turbo-prop engines have been evaluated in terms of viscosity stability, foaming characteristics, wear properties, and other corrosion characteristics. With the exception of the foaming properties of used PRL 3313 fluid, all of these lubricants show good service stability. Analysis of a deposit from the combustion chamber of a turbo-prop engine has been made by this Laboratory. This deposit resulted from the leakage of PRL 3313 fluid into the combustion chamber through a faulty oil seal. There is no evidence that the polymeric thickener, oxidation inhibitor, or phosphorus lubrication additives are concentrated in this deposit. The deposit does not differ from that expected from the synthetic ester base stock.

Viscosity-temperature characteristics and oxidation and corrosion stabilities have been evaluated for improved Specification MIL-L-6387 synthetic fluid compositions. The applicability of synthetic fluids and lubricants of Specification MIL-L-7808 and Specification MIL-L-6387 types to use as crankcase lubricants in aircraft piston engines and hydraulic fluids in certain Navy applications is discussed briefly. A brief comparison is given of some of the various types of synthetic hydraulic fluids and lubricants now under development by the Services.

A trend toward decreased oxidation and corrosion resistance since World War II in Specification MIL-O-5606 has been completed. Toxicity studies and tests in a hy- draulic "mock up" system are now being conducted by the Wright Air Development Center. Limited evaluations have been completed for a phosphate-base fluid and a silicone-diester-fluoro-carbon fluid.

The quantitative distribution of oxygen in oxidized esters has been measured. A satisfactory oxygen balance has been obtained with these techniques.

Studies have been made on the effect of metal cata- lysts on the oxidation and corrosion stability of certain phenothiazine-inhibited esters. The effectiveness of phenothiazine in esters and the effect of oxidation and corrosion conditions on the concentration of phenothiazine are reported. A technique is given for measuring quantitatively the concentration of phenothiazine in various esters. There is some indication that diphenyl amine or other materials containing aromatic ring structures may result from the oxidative deterioration of phenothiazine.

A survey has been made of the oxidation and corrosion characteristics at 500°F of several types of esters and other synthetic lubricants. The oxidation stability of di-ethylhexyl sebacate at 500°F has been studied in some detail. Little or no induction period has been noted in these tests at 500°F. The variables affecting oxidation rate appear to be quite critical in achieving reproducibility.

Some bulk oil oxidation and corrosion tests have been conducted at 400°F with conventional phenothiazine-inhibited ester type lubricants. The induction period at 400°F, appears to be about one-eighth the induction period at 347°F. This rate of change in induction period with temperature is in good agreement with similar data for mineral oil compositions inhibited with Paraxon 441 and meeting Specification MIL-O-5606.

The thermal stability of various types of synthetic lubricants has been evaluated at 500°F. Thermal stability studies of Acryloid solutions have also been conducted. Studies have been completed on the effect of these 500°F conditions on the oxidation, corrosion, and shear properties of Acryloid polymers. The effect of mechanical shear, oxidation, and corrosion on thermal stability has also been determined. These results indicate that certain Acryloid polymers are satisfactory for use in high temperature (500°F) lubricant compositions.

Lubricant studies on esters in the Shell four-ball wear and extreme-pressure lubricant tester are discussed. The results indicate that acid phosphates are anti-wear additives. The effectiveness of acid phosphates is compared with the tricresyl phosphate susceptibility of various esters. A study of the relative ease of lubrication of titanium and titanium alloys will be conducted in cooperation with Army Ordnance.

Current and future programs are outlined for tests using the Pesco 3000 psi gear pump, the Vickers 3000 psi piston pump, and the revised PRL high shear viscometer. The latter apparatus measures both permanent and temporary viscosity loss.

The current status of new specification tests suggests for inclusion in synthetic lubricant specifications such as Specification MIL-L-7808 and Specification MIL-L-7493 is discussed. These tests include (1) the thin film oxidation and corrosion test, (2) a wear test in the Shell four-ball wear and extreme-pressure lubricant tester, and (3) a vapor pressure and evaporation test.

This Laboratory will likely also carry out a study of thin film rust and corrosion preventives for Navy Ordnance. A list is given of the low temperature viscosity standards, synthetic lubricants, and synthetic lubricant components that this Laboratory distributed during the past year.
The Pennsylvania State Univ.
WADC TR 55-30 (Part 2).
FLUIDS, LUBRICANTS, FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS. Merrell R. Fenske, E. Erwin Klaus.

This report describes work carried out on a continuing project to develop improved fluid and lubricant formulations for use by the Air Force. The report was prepared by Erwin Klaus. SYNTHESIS OF NEW COMPOUNDS AND MECHANISM OF ANTIOXIDANT ACTION. University of Virginia. WADC TR 53-293 (Part 5).

FLUIDS, LUBRICANTS, FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS. Merrell R. Fenske, E. Erwin Klaus.
AF 33(038)-18193. March 1955. PB 121510. Order from OTS $5.50.

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The oxidation characteristics have been determined of various blends of synthetic fluids with fluids of the diester, silicate, silicone and tri-(ortho-chlorophenyl) phosphate types in the absence and presence of aluminum, copper, magnesium, silver, cold-rolled steel and titanium. The temperature range was 200-250°C (400-482°F) with the majority of the runs at 240°C (465°F). A few runs with DC Silicone 550 were conducted at 600°C and 700°C. Two experimental methods were employed. One was the previously described standard oxidation-corrosion method in which the fluids were heated under reflux with dry air bubbling through for specified periods of time. The other involves the same test cell, modified for removing small samples of the heated fluid at intervals. Many additives were compared with phenothiazine in dilaurylphenylamine and with phenyl-alphasulfophenyl amine in mixed C₆-C₉ silicates. A number showed promise and recommendations are made for further study. At 400°F, silver was needed to bring the oxidizing mixture to a definite break in the viscosity which was roughly proportional to the molar equivalent concentrations. As the temperature was raised the effect of the additives became less pronounced until at 482°F the effect was only a slight decrease in the overall rate of oxidation. The behavior of the test metals was not always uniform but in general it was shown that magnesium was most active followed by copper and silver. A spectacular formation of Cu₃Se and Ag₃Se was observed with dilauryl selenide which was otherwise an effective antioxidant. Titanium, aluminum and cold-rolled steel were mostly without well defined effects.

A blend of disiloxane-silicones (MLO 8200 type) was examined to determine its oxidation pattern in the range 400-482°F. Oxidation promoted a decrease of about 30% in viscosity which was not dramatically affected by additives at the upper temperatures. After a short intermediate period of little change, the viscosity of the uninhibited fluid increased rapidly to about 50% of the original in 72 hours at 240°C. The presence of 2% dioctyl diphenylamine held the viscosity unchanged from the initial decrease for about 30 hours after which there was a steady increase in viscosity. Several additives prolonged the intermediate period of little viscosity change, but none was superior to diphenylamine. The silicone-esterified ethers, chlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons, and aryl phosphates. The properties measured include: viscosities from 0 to 70°F, thermal stabilities from 500°F to 750°F, oxidation and corrosion stability at 347°F and 500°F, and operation in a hydraulic pump (vane type) at 500°F to 600°F.

The jet engine lubricant goal is a fluid suitable for use at temperatures in the range of 300°F to 800°F. The oxidation behavior of various classes of synthetic fluids and hydrocarbons has been examined at temperatures of 300°F to 500°F. Thermal stability of many of the fluids has been determined at temperatures up to 500°F. Small quantities of dibasic acids have been shown to be effective metal deactivators for controlling metal corrosion in dibasic acid ester-base fluids and lubricants.

A survey of several brominated aromatics has been made to determine the applicability of these materials as base stock constituents for non-inflammable fluids.

The hydraulic fluid development goal is a fluid suitable for use at temperatures in the range of 70°F to 200°F for a limited time in a sealed hydraulic unit. The properties of high quality examples of the following chemical classes have been measured: silicones, silicate esters, diesters, pentaerythritol esters, silicone-ester blends, mineral oils, synthetic hydrocarbons, phosphoric esters, chlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons, and aryl phosphates. The properties measured include: viscosities from 0°F to 70°F, thermal stabilities from 500°F to 750°F, oxidation and corrosion stability at 347°F and 500°F, and operation in a hydraulic pump (vane type) at 500°F to 600°F.

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- The utilization of small size samples (2.0 to 3.0 grams), a wide temperature of operation (up to 1500°F), a high degree of accuracy in the final results, simplicity of operation (requiring one operator), and increased rapidity of operation.

- Polyfluoroethylene derivatives have been employed successfully as seals, gaskets and in lubricants in aircraft reaction motors and nitric acid-refueling trailers. Various fluorocarbons, especially chlorofluorocarbons, have been evaluated as “smiffer” and anti-wear additives for hydraulic fluids. Amongst the “fluorolatometric” materials, the poly-1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkyl acrylates, \( \text{[-CH}_2\text{CH(OOCCH}_3\text{)]}_n \), have shown the most promise from the standpoint of solvent resistance and low-temperature flexibility. Polyfluoroethylene derivatives have found use in electronic components of military aircraft. Recently, fluorodinitrobenzenes have been shown to be effective agents for protecting fabrics against fungi attack.

Polyfluorothiolane derivatives are reported. Attention was given to synthesis of derivatives in the three, four and ten positions and to synthesis of derivatives of 7-benzo(c) phenothiazine. Where sufficient quantities were prepared they were evaluated as antioxidants. Several were highly effective especially the nitrogen substituted alkyl derivatives.

**WADC TR 54-417.**


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**General properties and methods for the identification, determination, and separation of components of synthetic greases and synthetic lubricants are presented and discussed.**

**Included in these components are inorganic and organic gelling agents, soap and urea type thickeners, and such additives as antioxidants. A schematic analytical procedure for the separation of grease components is presented along with the application of paper chromatographic methods for the identification and separation of antioxidants in greases and synthetic lubricants. Initial investigations for the separation and identification of dibasic acid esters in synthetic lubricants are presented.**

**WADC TR 54-580. EVALUATION OF ORGANIC FLUORINE COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN MILITARY AIRCRAFT.** Harold Rosenberg, J. C. Mostaller. April 1955. PB 111983. Order from OTS $0.75.

**The evaluation of fluorine compounds for use in military aircraft is one phase of a general Air Force program which has been established for the purpose of obtaining materials of unusual properties and capable of advancing the design of new high-speed aircraft and guided missiles. The desirable properties of fluorine-containing organic compounds include wide liquid range, unusual chemical stability, good electrical conduction, desirable heat transfer characteristics and decreased flammability. Fluorine compounds have, accordingly, been studied for use as fire-extinguishing agents, acid-resistant coatings and greases, non-flammable hydraulic fluids, elastomers, electronic equipment and fungicides.**

**For extinguishing aircraft fires, particularly those involving rocket-propellent mixtures, dibromodifluoromethane and bromotrifluoromethane have been shown to be quite effective. Polymers of monochlorotrifluoroethylene and tetrafluoroethylene have been employed successfully as seals, gaskets and in lubricants in aircraft reaction motors and nitric acid-refueling trailers. Various fluorocarbons, especially chlorofluorocarbons, have been evaluated as "smiffer" and anti-wear additives for hydraulic fluids. Amongst the "fluorolatometric" materials, the poly-1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkyl acrylates, \( \text{[-CH}_2\text{CH(OOCCH}_3\text{)]}_n \), have shown the most promise from the standpoint of solvent resistance and low-temperature flexibility. Polyfluoroethylene derivatives have found use in electronic components of military aircraft. Recently, fluorodinitrobenzenes have been shown to be effective agents for protecting fabrics against fungi attack.**


**An extension has been made of the preliminary screening of organo-metallic and organo-metalloid compounds for thermal stabilities in connection with applications involving high-temperature lubricants and related materials. On the basis of current studies it appears not desirable to give serious consideration to organo-metallic compounds of tin and of lead. Organosilicon compounds of various types are distinctly promising, and the studies now reported and in progress indicate some of the more promising radicals or groups that warrant incorporation in the organo-metallic and organo-metalloid types. The effects of some of these groups are considered in the discussions which follow the experimental sections.**

**It is desirable to extend the organogermanium studies, for some of these may enjoy an advantage over corresponding organosilicon compounds in a property like higher thermal stability. Interesting properties have been observed with amines and with some organic phosphorous compounds (of the R3PO type).**

**In the experimental part there is included a table which outlines the preliminary screening of one hundred and thirty-seven compounds.**

**Southwest Research Institute. WADC TR 55-90. LITERATURE SURVEY OF LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYNUCLEAR AROMATIC COMPOUNDS.** Charles F. Raley, Jr. AF 33(616)-276. May 1955. PB 121664. Order from OTS $4.75.

**A literature search was carried out covering the field of low molecular weight polynuclear aromatic compounds with the object of determining the usefulness of such compounds as high-temperature lubricants. The highest literature boiling point, calculated atmospheric boiling point, melting point, and literature reference are given. Recommendations are made as to the compounds or types of compounds which appear promising as high-temperature lubricants.**


**This report describes the history and present status of the development of a general purpose grease to be operational over a -100°F to +350°F temperature range. Experimental work has been conducted during the past 12 months by Continental Oil Company under AF 33(616)-2364 and is to be continued under a nine-month extension contract.**

**These studies have been limited to development of greases thickened by colloidal calcium carbonate coated**
with calcium salts of aliphatic dicarboxylic acids. Using
diesel vehicles, it now appears probable that a balanced
formulation can be made which will meet specifications
for consistency, bleeding, work stability, dropping point,
evaporation loss, low temperature torque, and water re-
sistance. Some revision in composition for present
greases will be required since incorporation of work sta-
bility and water resistance additives has been found to
induce changes in consistency and bleeding which must be
offset by slight changes in the thickener. In addition, an
oxidation inhibitor must be incorporated prior to starting
prolonged bearing tests at high temperatures.

Standard Oil Company (Indiana).
WADC TR 53-83 Part 1.
DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF HIGH TEMPER-
ATURE GREASES. Edward A. Swakon. AF 33(038)-

In the work directed toward the development of an
aircraft grease suitable for use over the temperature
range from -65 to 450°F and higher, emphasis was placed
on the development and evaluation of arylurea greases
made with the best available fluids. The chief crite-
rias of laboratory evaluation were performance in the ABE-
NLGI Bearing Tester and the Navy Gear-Wear Tester.
Sixty-seven bearing tests at 350°F, 400°F, 450°F, and 500°F
were run on thirty-two compositions. Studies were made of
the effect on gear-wear tests of base fluid and thickener,
of anti-wear additives in silicone greases, of diester-
silicone and of Arcoil-silicone blends, and of composi-
tion of brines. Arylurea-silicone greases come closest to
meeting the proposed temperature requirements, but
have limited utility because of the inherently poor lubri-
cation characteristics of silicone fluids. Six of seven ary-
leuran-silicone greases tested have out-performed a
MIL-G-3278 grease in bearing performance at 350°F.
The limiting component in the development of a grease
with good lubricity for the temperature range from -65°F
to 450°F and above is a suitable oil.

Shell Development Company.
GREASE LUBRICATION OF HIGH SPEED ANTI-FRIC-
TION BEARINGS. John B. Accinelli, Charles R. Greene.
AF 33(616)-2443. July 1955. ASTIA Document No. AD
64311. PB 138656. Order from LC, Mi $3.90 Pb $10.80.
A study of the failure mechanisms of grease lub-
ricated antifriction bearings operating in the DN range
from $1.0 \times 10^6$ to $2.0 \times 10^6$ was the main object of this
project. All test work was conducted at the Shell Devel-
opment Company using a rig designed by this company.
After necessary rig development work and bearing selec-
tion tests, preliminary work on the effect of various
grease and operational variables on the performance of
ball bearings operating up to DN values of $1.5 \times 10^6$ was
initiated. The problem seems to be one of maintaining
an effective lubricant film on the working surfaces of
the bearing under the very strong stripping action of
centrifugal force, high sliding velocity and very high
rate of shear. The grease property apparently most crit-
ical to lubrication at high speeds is viscosity of the oil.
Operation at high (300°F) temperatures also seems to
aid lubrication.

Peninsular Chem Research, Inc.
WADC TR 55-187.
INVESTIGATION INTO THE USE OF HETEROCLIC
COMPOUNDS AS LUBRICANT ADDITIVES. George B.
Butler, O. Lee Gordon, Louis A. Hayes. AF 33(616)-

PB 132107. Order from LC, Mi $3.90 Pb $10.80.
A literature survey and synthesis program were
carried out in order to prepare various nitrogen and sulfur,
selenium, or oxygen-containing heterocycles for evaluation
as antioxidant, anti-wear and extreme pressure additives
for lubricants, hydraulic fluids and greases. In addition,
a number of organoselenium compounds of the selenide
and diselenide types were synthesised, primarily for eval-
uation as high-temperature oxidation inhibitors. Solubili-
ties of the prepared compounds in various referenced
fluids were determined.

WADC TN 55-372.
A SURVEY OF THE LITERATURE ON THE LUBRICA-
TION OF TITANIUM. Robert Bensinger, 1/Lt., USAF, Ray E.
Bryant, 1/Lt., USAF. August 1955.
A survey of the literature on lubrication
of titanium was made. The work studied is broken down into
three main groups: Frictional and Lubricating Properties,
Surface Coatings and Treatments, and Machining Practices.
A brief discussion summarizing the literature is given
which outlines the present status of the work with sugges-
tions for future practices.

Lehigh Univ. WADC TR 55-240.
BASIC FACTORS IN THE FORMATION AND STABILITY
OF NON-SOAP LUBRICATING GREASES. G. J. Young,
J. J. Chessick, David Chu, A. Ulince, E. Borger, A. C.
Zettlemoyer. AF 33(616)-2640. December 1955. ASTIA
Document No. AD 84149. PB 129918. Order from LC,
Mi $3.00, Pb $6.30.
Pertinent physical properties of several oils and
surface characteristics of various types of thickening
agents have been determined in order to index the nature
and extent of the oil-thickener interface in non-soap grease
systems. These properties of the oils and thickening
agents are correlated with the behavior of grease systems
formulated from them. In addition, modifications of the
oil-thickener interfacial region by traces of water and by
polar organic additives have been studied. Ramifications
of the alteration of this interfacial zone on gel structure and
stability of grease systems are discussed.

WADC TN 55-554.
INVESTIGATION OF LITHIUM Dihydroxy AND POLY-
HYDROXY STEARATES AS GREASE THICKENERS.
Robert J. Bensinger, 1/Lt., USAF. January 1956.
A dihydroxy and a polyhydroxy stearic acid supplied
by the Baker Castor Oil Company were evaluated as poten-
tial raw materials in the reproduction of thickening agents
for lithium soap greases. The greases made with these
acids are highly thixotropic, but the greases made from
the dihydroxy stearic acid are better in this respect than
the greases made with the polyhydroxy stearic acid.

Shell Development Company.
WADC TR 55-102 Part 2.
GREASE LUBRICATION OF HIGH SPEED ANTI-FRIC-
TION BEARINGS. John B. Accinelli, Charles R. Greene.
AD 80397. PB 133015. Order from LC, Mi $3.60,
Pb $9.30.
The work reported is a continuation of the study of
grease lubrication of ball bearings operating at very high
DN values (1.0 x 10^6 to 2.0 x 10^6). The work was per-
formed by the Shell Development Company on two high-speed
rigs designed and built for the Air Force by this company.
These rigs, utilising 20 mm ball bearings, required con-
siderable development work in order to obtain satisfactory
operation at the desired DN values. Before work on greases was initiated each rig was calibrated with oil-air mist lubrication by running continuously for 100 hours at 1.2 x 10^3 DN in duplicate tests with two oils, a mineral oil of SAE grade 1010 (MIL-O-6081) and a diester synthetic oil (MIL-L-6085A). The rigs are now ready for the grease studies. In the course of these calibration runs it was found that slight dynamic unbalance of the rotating components has a very deleterious effect on bearing operation, and that for successful operation, in the very high range of DN, micro balancing of the rotor is required. The very high centrifugal forces encountered in very high speed operation seem to cause continuous stripping of the lubricant film, and this action requires that lubricant be continually applied to the bearing at a fairly high rate of flow in order to obtain prolonged operation. This factor may limit the applicability of greases as lubricants for very high speed ball bearing application.

The laboratory investigation of grease properties in a force field obtained by centrifugation has been continued. It has been shown that bulk greases will not adhere to metal surfaces subjected to the unimpeded stripping action of centrifugal forces comparable to those encountered in some areas of the operating high speed bearing. Oil loss from grease structures, through the shearing and crushing action of centrifugal force, has been shown to vary with grease type and composition. The results obtained have permitted some qualitative conclusions on the way the grease properties studied may affect bearing operation.

Peninsular Chem Research, Inc.
WADC TR 55-187 Part 2

A literature survey and synthesis program were carried out in order to prepare various nitrogen and sulfur-selenium, or oxygen-containing heterocycles for evaluation as antioxidant, anti-wear and extreme pressure additives for lubricants, hydraulic fluids and greases. In addition, a number of organoselenium compounds of the selenide and diselenide types were synthesized, primarily for evaluation as high-temperature oxidation inhibitors. Solubilities of the prepared compounds in various referenced fluids were determined.

WADC TR 55-449 Part 2
MICRO LUBRICANT TEST METHODS Part 2 Swelling of Synthetic Rubber Color of Lubricating Oil and Petroleum Hydrolytic Stability. John B. Christian, Harry M. Schlefer, 1/Lt., USAF. March 1956. PB 121336. Order from OTS $0.75.

This report introduces micro methods for the determination of the swelling of synthetic rubbers in aircraft greases and hydraulic oils, and the determination of color of lubricating oil and petroleum through the use of the A.S.T.M. Union Colorimeter, and the determination of hydrolytic stability of aircraft oils.

These methods were arrived at through the comparison of modified small scale tests with the full scale tests.

Continental Oil Company. WADC TR 55-190 Part 2

AF 33(616)-2364. April 1956.

The thickener for this wide temperature range grease development has been limited to a colloidal calcium carbonate coated with the calcium salts of aliphatic dicarboxylic acids. The aliphatic diesters were studied as possible base fluids. Although promising in many respects, their use is precluded because of high evaporation rates and lack of a sufficiently active oxidation inhibitor at 350°F. Greases prepared with certain hexa alkyl disiloxanes appear promising. Formulations using the base oil hexa (2-ethyl hexyl) disiloxane very nearly meet or surpass target requirements, the lone exception being high temperature performance. Here a maximum of 350 hours has already been achieved. Formulation changes designed to improve performance of such greases have been developed, but testing has been hampered because of the short supply of the base fluid.

University of Virginia. WADC TR 53-293 Pt 6

The object of this work is the evaluation of promising additives and the determination of their mechanism of action as anti-oxidants in non-petroleum base hydraulic and lubricating fluids at temperatures in the range 400° to 700°F. This report contains the effects of structure and concentration of the additives and the effects of test specimens of copper, silver, aluminum, titanium, magnesium, and steel in diester, silicate, disiloxane-silicone, silicone, and phosphate base fluids. Mechanisms of oxidation and anti-oxidant activity have been postulated with radioactive sulphur being used as a tracer in some of these qualitative studies.

Phenothiazine and its derivatives showed some effectiveness as anti-oxidants in a representative diester sebacate fluid over the temperature range 400° to 500°F. Several other additives, including aryI amines and selenium derivatives, appear promising in the higher temperature range. Magnesium, copper and iron were most severely attacked with titanium, aluminum and silver generally being unaffected.

No additive system appears to meet specifications for use in mixed Cs-Cs silicates, blended disiloxane-silicone, and DC silicone 550 although some had anti-oxidant activity.

Additives showing promise for use in a G. E. silicone in the range 500° to 700°F are p, p'-dioctyldiphenylamine, phenyl-alpha-naphthylamine and N,N'-di-2-naphthyl-p-phenylenediamine.

Mechanism studies were performed in a special apparatus using small amounts of fluid under controlled conditions of flow, temperature and pressure. Radiochemical studies of 3H phenothiazine in di-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate show the rate of formation of insoluble matter and indicate the relative contribution of the fluid and additive in forming sludges and in attacking metal surfaces.

WADC TR 55-449 Pt 1
MICRO LUBRICANT TEST METHODS VISCOSITY-NEUTRALIZATION NUMBER. John B. Christian, Arthur L. Miller, Vernon A. Lauer, Harry M. Schlefer, 1/Lt. April 1956. PB 121355. Order from OTS $0.50.

This study was initiated to develop miniaturized tests for petroleum, petroleum products, and related materials. Procedures for determining neutralization number, and viscosity are described and their correlation with macro tests provided.

The small scale test techniques discussed herein are considered as satisfactory as their full scale counterpart for their intended purpose.
The foaming characteristics of several lubricating oils were studied in connection with power plant and propeller installation difficulties ascribed to oil foaming. Wide variations in quantity and collapse time of foam formed during aeration were observed in laboratory tests. Chemical additives of silicones or sorbitan type proved effective as leave petroleum oil defoamers. No really effective defoamers for light oils were noted. A laboratory test which gives a sharper delineation between a group of light oils than the present ASTM test has been studied and may with sufficient refinement provide a better index of foaming tendency of oils than the present test.

This report contains the following test methods: Corrosion and Oxidation, Separation of Oil From Lubricating Greases, and Corrosiveness of Greases and Oils. These test methods are designed for the micro analysis of petroleum, petroleum products, and related materials. They were arrived at through the modification of existing test procedures which require greater quantities of test samples.

The program of investigation of the class of aryl phosphate esters was continued. These materials possessed the most promising high-temperature properties of those examined. The aryl groups found to be the most thermally stable were phenyl, fluoro- and chlorophenyl, m-trifluoro-methylphenyl, 4-biphenylyl, and dimethylphenyl. 5-indanyl and naphthyl. The simple phenyl phosphate structure was found to be quite stable. Pyrophosphates had the drawbacks of mediocre thermal and hydrolytic stability, although apparently possessing good oxidative stability.

Compositions prepared by reacting two or three different phenols with the proper amount of POCl₃ were also investigated. These compositions exhibited marked lessened tendency to crystallisation. Many of the compositions possessed properties almost identical to pure compounds having equivalent phenol proportions, and had the advantage of greater ease of preparation. A total of nine fluids were prepared which possessed a liquid range of at least -20 to 800°F. Many of the compounds and compositions prepared, including others not meeting this liquid range, are considered to have potential use value.

Several generalisations were drawn from the results of the over-all program. It was found that thermal and oxidative stability do not necessarily go together. Strongly polar substituents on the aromatic ring adversely affect hydrolytic stability. Two or more polar groups on a monocyclic ring adversely affect the thermal stability; one polar group on a bicyclic ring adversely affects the thermal stability. A marked effect on such physical properties as boiling point, melting point, viscosity, etc., is observed, depending on the nature of the substituent groups. The more compact molecules generally have the greatest tendency to crystallise, with boiling point increasing with the molecular weight.

Recommendations are made for improvement of test procedure for specification purposes.

Notable reports include:

- **AFC TR 56-175.** Starting and Running Low Temperature Torques. Bernard Rubin. May 1956. PB 121440. Order from OTS $0.75.
  - Low temperature (-65°F) starting and running torque data for greases are reported in size 104, 204, and 306 bearings using a procedure under investigation by the ASTM Technical Committee G on Lubricating Grease. The investigation with the 204 bearing was a part of the cooperative effort with other laboratories within the ASTM group working towards the standardisation of a low temperature torque procedure. Volume of grease in the bearing could not be directly correlated with starting and running torque.
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  - General properties and methods for the identification and determination of components of synthetic lubricants and base-oils and their additives are presented and discussed.
  - Included in these compounds are dibasic acid esters, silicate esters, and silicone oils, and such additives as antioxidants. Analytical procedures employing column and paper partition chromatographic techniques are presented for the identification and separation of different groups of components, such as dibasic acid esters from silicate esters and silicone oils as well as different dibasic esters from each other, along with methods for the paper chromatographic identification and separation of antioxidants in synthetic lubricants.

  - Arylurea compounds prepared from aromatic isocyanates or aromatic diisocyanates and aromatic amine or combination of aromatic amines have been shown to be good grease thickening agents having high temperature (500°F) stability. In this report, preliminary data are presented on polyaryleurea thickening agents prepared from aromatic diisocyanates and aromatic diamines.
  - Initial data show that polyaryleureas have much better thickening ability than the simple arylurea with equivalent heat stability.

  - In a survey of fluids and lubricants for use at 400°F to 700°F, certain types of mineral oils were found to be among the most promising materials studied. While synthetic lubricants have better performance...
characteristics than most mineral oils and hydrocarbons in the moderate temperature range (200°F to 400°F), they do not possess this margin of superiority in the high temperature range (400°F to 700°F). Certain synthetics have better viscosity-volatility and viscosity-temperature characteristics than hydrocarbons.

Some mineral oils and esters of the Spec. MIL-L-7808 type have good lubricity properties at high temperatures. Using a hydraulic pump and a laboratory wear tester, it has been found that there are lubricity additives that are still effective at 500°F to 700°F in mineral oils and esters.

Mineral oils and certain types of hydrocarbons have better thermal stability and oxygen tolerance than many synthetics at 600°F to 700°F. The concept of oxidation stability, or inertness toward oxygen, is not normally applicable at these temperatures. Oxidation rate and oxygen tolerance are better criteria for judging oxidative deterioration at 500°F to 700°F.

It appears that some additives and additional refining techniques (such as hydrogenation) will be beneficial in improving the oxidation behavior of mineral oils and certain other hydrocarbons at moderate and high temperatures.

The thermal and oxidative components of high temperature coking on metal surfaces are demonstrated in a controlled atmosphere panel coker. It may be necessary to control the atmosphere in engine parts requiring lubrication at 500°F to 700°F because of the possibility of spontaneous ignition of the lubricant or of fragments from its decomposition.

In a lubrication system where the oil is used for a limited time and then discarded (perhaps to the burners), it is necessary to know the effect of contaminating the fresh oil with oxidized or deteriorated oil. Data have been obtained indicating that this effect need not be serious with esters and mineral oils at 500°F.

Iowa State College. WADC TR 53-426 Pt 3.

The purpose of this investigation is to synthesize and evaluate organometallic and organometalloidal compounds as base stock materials for high-temperature lubricants and hydraulic fluids. Preliminary screening has been extended and has shown that some of the more promising types are cyclonaphthalene where silicon or germanium is part of the heterocycle. In addition, the biphenyl group, the phenoxyl groups, the long-chained alkyl groups and the haloheryl groups are very promising.

New syntheses have been developed for a number of these types, and these are described in the experimental section. There is also included, in the experimental part, a table which outlines the preliminary screening of forty-one compounds.

Lehigh University. WADC TR 55-240 Pt II.

Physical properties of several oils and surface characteristics of a variety of thickening agents were measured in order to index the nature and extent of the vehicle-thickener interface in non-soap grease dispersions. These properties of the oils and solids were correlated with the behavior of grease systems formulated from them. Modification of the interfacial region by water and polar organic additives was also investigated.

The combined results of these studies have led to some interesting conclusions regarding the mechanism of flocculation with consequent gel formation of polar and nonpolar solids dispersed in grease vehicles. The relatively low area polar solids used in this work require the presence of small amounts of water in the grease system for flocculation to occur in nonpolar vehicles. These polar solids, at least in the quantities used in this work, would not be effective thickeners in pure liquids or in liquids which do not contain water. On the other hand, the nonpolar thickeners when dispersed in a vehicle do not need water to flocculate into a gel structure. These nonpolar materials were shown to be effective thickeners in both polar and nonpolar liquids. A proposed mechanism to explain the flocculation of these solids is based on the reduction in free surface energy brought about by the flocculation.

In addition, the mechanism of additive action has been explained qualitatively in terms of the mechanism of flocculation of these solids in the simple grease systems. A variety of experimental approaches were used to gain a better understanding of grease structure. These included electrokinetic and conductance measurements and low angle X-ray scattering. X-ray scattering techniques have proved to be the most rewarding; indeed, marked differences have been observed in the spacings of the order of 100 to 2000 Å units for copper phthalocyanine thickened greases.


In the work directed toward the development of an aircraft grease suitable for use over the temperature range from -65°F to 450°F and higher, emphasis was placed on the development and evaluation of alyrnes greases made with the best available fluids and the development of thickeners for use as high as 700°F. The chief criteria of laboratory evaluation were performance in the ABEC-NLGI Bearing Tester, the Navy Gear-Wear Tester, low-temperature torque test, apparent viscosity and linear screw-and-nut actuator.

The grease selected to replace MIL-9305 consists of DC 550 Silicone Fluid thickened with para-tolyl and para-chlorophenyluret derivatives of bis(hydroxymethyl)aniline. It was designated MIL-9349. All the thickener ingredients are commercially available and the manufacturing procedure was greatly simplified by this choice of ingredients. The corresponding grease made with DC XF 258 Silicone Fluid was designated MIL-9360 and comes closest to meeting the proposed requirements for a grease for the temperature range from -65°F to 450°F. Arylurea grease of Herculox 600 (polyurea) is the best choice for a grease for use from -65°F to 350°F with good lubricity; bearing wear performance at 350°F averaged about eight times longer than that obtained with MIL-G-3278 greases. Peroxylic derivatives were the most promising compound uncovered during this period for thickeners for use in greases in excess of 450°F and as high as 700°F. An anti-oxidant, MIL-55-535, was as agile as good as phenothiazine or diisaryl maleate in ester greases. An anti-wear agent, MIL-55-499, in silicone greases was effective in reducing wear in the Navy wear test, but not enough to pass the requirements under the ten-pound-load conditions. The fluid continues to be the limiting component in the development of a grease with good lubricity for the temperature range from -65°F to 450°F and above.
A large number of commercial films were evaluated by the previously reported Falex Test procedure and wide variation in wear endurance life noted. The nature of failure pattern and effect of load are noted for some of these films. Certain films showed very good life in the repeatable 30 minute test procedure. Titanium disulfide in a resin binder had poor fraction and endurance properties. Tung-Lube, a proprietary friction reducer, showed some promise and should be evaluated further.

Preliminary data at elevated temperatures indicate that high temperature static soak (to 500°F) and subsequent test at room ambient temperature is much less severe on endurance life than evaluation at 220°F. Endurance life of films on line contact specimens (block and cylinder) is shown to vary inversely with speed and load. However, at light loads sliding velocities of 300 to 400 feet per minute for significantly useful periods of time under unidirectional motion have been observed for a representative dry friction reducing film.

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This paper attempts to remedy somewhat this situation, at speeds up to 30,000 revolutions per minute, in the 2000 to 350°F data. However, at light loads sliding velocities of 300 to 400 feet per minute for significantly useful periods of time under unidirectional motion have been observed for a representative dry friction reducing film.

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"protective atmosphere" system is applicable to bearings constructed from ferrous alloys. Bearings with tool steel balls and races and steel cages appear best suited. The desired films cannot be formed on metals of low oxidation potential such as bronze or silver nor on the oxidation resistant alloys such as the stainless steels. The contribution of the organic portion of the atmosphere to the protective film formation has only recently been recognized. Exploitation of this discovery may lead to further improvements in "protective atmosphere" composition.

Best results thus far have been obtained with a "protective atmosphere" consisting of a mixture of air and JP-4 fuel vapor in a weight ratio of 8 to 1. The JP-4 used contained about 0.2% sulphur. In this atmosphere a size 206 all ferrous metal bearing has been operated 100 hours at 10,000 rpm and 700°F without appreciable wear or other indications of bearing deterioration. The limits of the "protective atmosphere" system with respect to bearing temperature, speed and load are yet to be determined.

WADC TR 55-449 Part 4.

This report describes test methods for the determination of evaporation loss of lubricating greases and oils, viscosity of lubricants at -65°F, and the foaming characteristics of crankcase and aircraft engine lubricating oils. All procedures were arrived at through the comparison of the micro test results with results obtained through the use of existing test procedures.

WADC TR 56-229.

A series of rust-inhibitors were investigated for their effectiveness in a Lithium 12 hydroxyoleate-dii (ethyl-hexyl) sebacate grease and in a Bentone 34-dipropylene-glycol-dipropylacronate grease by means of the Humidity Cabinet Test. Mechanical stability tests were made on the soap greases and electronmicrographs taken of several of the test greases. Sulfonates and amines were the most effective inhibitors in the soap-diester greases. The amount of inhibitor used was also found to be critical with regard to the effectiveness of certain additives. Mechanical stability of the soap-diester type greases was not affected by the various rust-inhibitors. Some effect on the unworked penetrations of the soap-diester greases when different inhibitors were used was noted. Electronmicrographs of the soap-diester greases revealed a difference in the dispersion and growth of the soap fibers when in the presence of certain inhibitors. However, no significant effect on the consistency of these greases was noted.

The Bentone 34-dipropylene-glycol-dipropylacronate greases were not particularly susceptible to rust-inhibitors of any type. The best results obtained were with sulfonates and dibutyl ammonium oleate. However, these inhibitors provided only borderline protection at most.

No effect on the mechanical stability of these greases by the use of rust-inhibitors was noted.

WADC TR 56-430 Part I.

A portion of the Air Force effort toward the development of nuclear radiation resistant lubricants is devoted to an evaluation of the effects of gamma radiation on available specification and non-specification greases. Data are presented on the effects of gamma radiation on forty-seven greases. Many of the greases tested appear to be satisfactory for use after exposure to about 1 x 10⁸ roentgens, the screening dosage used for these studies.

WADC TR 56-475.

Several types of arylurea-silicone greases have been evaluated in various types of test equipment. Some of the tests were conducted with actual aircraft components, while other tests consisted of mock-ups of various aircraft systems. Arylurea-silicone greases have good performance in the following high temperature applications: airframe oscillatory bearings, electric motor bearings, low speed roller bearings, instrument bearings.

Arylurea-silicone greases did not function satisfactorily in screw jack actuator applications and in high speed ball bearings.

The type of application, equipment design, materials used in construction, and the surrounding environment all were found to be significant factors influencing the success or failure of arylurea-silicone greases to function as lubricants.

WADC TR 56-11.

The preparation and properties of six different types of fluorine-containing diesters for possible use as high temperature lubricants and hydraulic fluids are described. Both dicarboxylic acid diesters and glycol esters were prepared from fluorine-containing mono- and dicarboxylic acids, acids and glycols. Diesters derived from fluorine-containing acyl and fluorocarbon acids or glycols were readily prepared by direct esterification. Diesters derived from fluorine-containing acids or glycols and fluorocarbon acids or fluorine-containing acids were prepared from the acid chloride and alcohol or glycol. The fluorine-containing diesters most resistant to hydrolysis were derived from the fluorine-containing acids or glycols and the fluorocarbon acids. The boiling point, refractive index, and surface tension of the fluorine-containing diesters were lower than those of their hydrocarbon analogs, whereas the density and absolute viscosity were higher. The infra-red spectra of the diesters were recorded and the effect of fluorine atoms on the ester carbonyl frequency is described.

WADC TR 56-1.

A program was undertaken to determine the effect of prolonged outdoor unbeated shed storage on the pour
points of several specification oils of mineral oil and diester base stock origin. Permanent increases in pour point following prolonged cyclic low temperature storage had previously been reported for automotive and industrial oils. Qualitative daily visual observation and monthly pour point data on ten mineral oils and four diester oils covering two years of observation in Fairbanks, Alaska, are reported.

Petroleum oils, in general, showed increases in pour points after storage while the synthetic base oils had stable pour points. The conclusion drawn was that with the increase of use of synthetic oils, no problem should be experienced in low temperature use after storage.

Shell Development Company.

WADC TR 55-102 Part III.


The report summarizes the final work done on gear lubricated anti-friction bearings at speeds of 1.0 x 10^6 DN and higher. The work was performed at the Shell Development Company on two 20 mm ultra high speed ball bearing rigs (Rig No. AF-2443-1 and -2) designed and built by this company for the Air Force. Work with gear at 1.0 to 1.2 x 10^6 DN suggests that the interplay of mechanical factors such as rotor dynamic unbalance, bearing type, size and precision, load alignment, bearing-to-housing fit, etc., will affect performance more than changes in gear properties. Gear lubrication at these ultra high speeds appears to be affected considerably more by mechanical factors than is oil-air mist lubrication, indicating that gear lubrication must be inherently more marginal. One test at 1.0 x 10^6 DN with a grease meeting MIL-G-1278 ran well for 109 hours, thus demonstrating that under the proper conditions satisfactory long term lubrication with grease is possible.

With all greases, operation of the rig at 30,000 rpm was significantly better than operation at 50,000 rpm. A grease containing silicone oil was poor at both speeds.

Univ. of Virginia. WADC TR 53-293 Part 7.


The object of this work is the evaluation of selected antioxidants as oxidation inhibitors for non-petroleum base lubricating and hydraulic fluids in the range 400° to 700°F. The emphasis in this report is on the further examination of selected amines in methyl phenyl silicones, chlorophenyl silicones, and a tetraakis-dodecylsilane in the presence of aluminum, silver, copper, stainless steel and titanium. Acridines, dipropyldiamines and aryl phenylene-diamines showed considerable promise as inhibitors of increases in viscosity arising from oxidative attacks. Variations in the relative effectiveness of other amines examined do not allow the establishment of definite relationships between structure and antioxidant activity at the upper temperatures.

Some studies with selected additives in a pentaerythritol ester and in bis-(1-methyl cyclohexylmethyl) sebacate in the range 400° to 500°F showed the same general oxidative phenomena as previously described for bis-(di-2-ethylhexyl) sebacate. Experience are described with five chlorophenyl phosphate fluids in the range 600° to 700°F. This type has considerable inherent stability to oxidation in the absence of additives and metals. No additive was found which inhibited oxidation in the presence of metals.
The "protective atmosphere" system for operation of high temperature levels was utilized in the determination of the stability of a lubricating grease with respect to high temperatures. This system involves the use of high temperature levels and the operating bearing is surrounded by a "rich" mixture of organic vapor and air with small additions of volatile film forming compounds. The reducing environment prevents the formation of destructive abrasive metal oxides. Reactions of the additive and organic vapor with the metal surfaces result in the formation of films which provide the necessary "lubrication" for high temperature operation.

Phase I work on mechanisms and atmosphere compositions continued using size 206 bearings operating under light load at 10,000 rpm. The upper temperature limit of a specific atmosphere composition was found to be 800°F. The pure grade is not commercially available at this time. Phase II work, outlining the load, speed, and life characteristics of bearings operated in a "protective atmosphere" was started using size 209 bearings operating at various speeds and loads. A bearing operated at 700°F under 2/3's of catalog load rating successfully completed 31 hours. Wear was appreciable during this test but the presence of 30% concentration and atmosphere composition were necessary in order to work with available bearings. These may have affected the wear results.


The shear stability of various high temperature lubricating greases was determined at temperatures up to 600°F by use of a Shell Roll Tester which was adapted for high temperature testing. The greases evaluated were of both soap and non-soap types and contained the following types of base fluids: silicone, pentaerythritol ester, diester, substituted m-terphenyl and biphenyl, and petroleum oil.

Bar graphs plotting time in the Shell Roll Tester at a given temperature and rotational speed versus the resultant grease consistency were prepared for each of the lubricating greases evaluated. Although the main emphasis in this work was on the determination of the shear stability of a given grease at various temperatures, some testing was done in an effort to determine what effect, if any, rotational speed had on the change in grease consistency in this test.

The High Temperature Shell Roll Tester has been shown to be an effective method to determine the shear stability of a lubricating grease at high temperatures.
Analytical chromatographic procedures employing column partition, paper partition, and adsorption techniques for the separation and identification of different groups of components are presented and discussed. Column partition chromatography is shown to be a useful means for isolating high molecular weight dibasic acid esters from silicate ethers, dialkoxanes, and silicone oils. Adsorption chromatography is employed for the separation and concentration of antioxidants from base oils, for the removal of impurities from lubricants, and for qualitative comparisons of lubricants of known composition.

Qualitative and quantitative procedures for the detection and determination of selenium-containing antioxidants are presented. Attempts to detect phenol-type antioxidants by volatilization were unsuccessful.

Preparation of the laboratory manual, an outline of the analytical methods in the manual, and a list of ASTM methods included in whole or in part in the manual are discussed briefly. The manual itself, resulting from the work done from June 1954 to December 1956, is presented in Part IV of this report.

Coordinating Research Council, Inc.

WADC TR 57-36 Part I.

AIRFRAME LUBRICANTS, Airframe Lubricants Group, AF 33(616)-2888, May 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118277. PB 131220.

The annual report on Airframe Lubricants is a status report that reviews the activities of the various projects undertaken to assist the Air Force in conducting research on the problems of mutual adaptation of airframe lubricants and equipment, with particular emphasis on the work done from June 1954 to December 1956. The report, covering seven projects in all (High Temperature Testing of Greases in Antifreeze Bearings, Fretting Corrosion, Rust-Preventive Properties of Greases, Plain Bearings, Screw Thread and Gear Mechanisms, Bonded Solid-Film Lubricating Coatings, and Methods for Cleaning Bearings Prior to Use in Laboratory Tests), describes the charges and objectives of each project, the work of the Laboratory and Service Evaluation Panels for each, the conclusions reached, and the plans under consideration for future work along the same lines.

WADC TR 57-299.

NUCLEAR RADIATION RESISTANT LUBRICANTS.


This report presents a general summary of the state of the art of nuclear radiation resistant lubricant development. Data are presented on the effects of gamma radiation on currently available fluids and lubricants, showing the limitations of each. Development of advanced materials is discussed, with a general outline presented of the approach taken by the major support contractors.

It is estimated that on the basis of information to date, conventional ester type lubricants should prove operable to at least 1 x 10^10 roentgens of gamma radiation at temperatures from -65°F to 350°F. Improved ester types, of the aromatic ester or complex ester variety, with proper additives, are expected to give suitable performance up to about 1 x 10^10 roentgens, operating in the temperature range -40°F to 400°F or higher. Selected mineral oils, usable from about 0°F to 400°F, may possibly be reliable to about 2 to 3 x 10^10 roentgens. The aromatic ethers, which are expected to be stable at temperatures well above 400°F (laboratory tests show thermal decomposition temperatures of 700°F to 800°F), have not been evaluated for radiation resistance, but based on similar types of aromatic compounds they should be stable in the range 10^8 to 10^10 roentgens. Much further work is required to verify this estimate.

A summary is presented of the future plans and major problem areas remaining in the fluid and lubricant development programs.

Iowa State College. WADC TR 53-426 Part IV.


This project is concerned primarily with the synthesis of new compounds to be examined as potential hydraulic fluids and lubricants. The synthetics and preliminary screening of organo-metallic and organo-metalloidal compounds has been extended. New cyclic compounds continue to be promising. It has also been found that the meta-phenylphenyl group can be added to those groups which impart desirable physical characteristics. The methyldi-benzylisopropyl group is also of significant promise.

In the experimental part, there is included a table which outlines the preliminary screening of thirty-six compounds.

Lehigh Univ. WADC TR 55-240 Part III.


This project is aimed at the determination of the fundamental factors in the formation of non-soap greases, and the relation of these factors to their thermal, chemical and mechanical stability. The vehicle-thickener interface was early recognized as the seat of important properties in non-soap greases. In order to index the nature and extent of this interface, first the physical properties of several oils and the surface characteristics of a variety of thickening agents were measured. These properties of the oils and solids were correlated with the behavior of grease systems formulated with them. Modification of the interfacial region by water and its effect on grease building by inducing flocculation was then investigated.

The influence of concentration and surface area of hydrophobic thickeners on the consistencies of various greases was determined specifically. Above 200 m^2/m^3, grease building varies directly with surface area, but falls off sharply below this level. To give greases of a specified consistency, the amounts of thickeners required varies as the square of their surface areas. It appears also that the effect of area is similar for all thickeners. Grease consistency was found to be directly proportional to the amount of water adsorbed at the oil-thickener interface for hydrophilic thickeners. As might be expected, the hydrophilic thickeners adsorb relatively large amounts of water and yield much larger changes than greases built with hydrophobic thickeners. The amount of water in a grease varies considerably with temperature, amount of working and the relative humidity.

While water enhances the gel forming ability of hydrophobic solids in nonpolar vehicles, somewhat surprisingly, the opposite effect is found for these solids dispersed in polar liquids miscible with water. The thickening effect of hydrophobic thickeners is not nearly so sensitive to the polarity of the vehicle, since very little water is adsorbed to develop flocculation.

These and related data were used to develop a mechanism for the flocculation of hydrophobic and hydrophilic solids in grease vehicles to form non-soap gels. Of great importance was the finding that in gelling pure liquids, the
particle size of the thickener is more important than the polarity of the surface. However, in the presence of trace amounts of water, commonly present under practical conditions, grease consistency is strongly dependent on the polar nature of the solid surface. For thickeners dispersed in oils containing both water and additives the polarity of the surface determines whether the water or additive will be preferentially adsorbed.

Further studies of the influence of heptyl additives, their benzene analogues, as well as more complex additives were carried out. In addition, rheological measurements of a number of thickener solids in several grease vehicles were made. The preparation of arylurea thickeners was also recently begun. These studies have not yet proceeded to a point where a quantitative discussion can be offered.

Low angle X-ray scattering techniques have been used to study grease structure. Marked diffraction maxima have been found corresponding to spacings of the order of 100 to 2000 Å units for copper phthalocyanine thickened grease.


The Annual Air Force-Navy-Industry Conference on Aircraft Lubricants was held at the Hilton Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, on November 5, 6, and 7, 1956. Approximately 300 representatives from the Department of the Air Force, the Department of the Navy, other government agencies, and the industry, attended. A total of 36 papers were read on gas turbine lubricants, 7 on greases, 5 on hydraulic fluids, and 4 on solid film lubricants.


Laboratory methods and techniques for the analysis of ester or hydrocarbon base oils, are highly sensitive to radiation damage even in absence of oxygen. The effect on the base oil itself, measured by such properties as viscosity change or formation of acidic products, is generally relatively small at radiation doses less than 10^7 reps. The antioxidant, however, acts as a radical scavenger. While protecting the base oil against radiation-induced change, it is selectively inactivated. Loss of the antioxidant activity leaves the lubricant unprotected against attack by oxygen, which leads to formation of corrosive materials and deposits. Degradation products formed during irradiation of ester oils also greatly reduce the oxidation stability of inhibited lubricants. For example, a di-2-ethylhexyl sebacate blend, containing 0.5% phenothiazine as an inhibitor, had all antioxidant activity destroyed during irradiation. The stability of inhibited oils, their benzene analogues, as well as more complex additives were described in detail, including drawings and photographs of equipment when necessary. As stipulated by WADC, none of the methods includes optical or elaborate instrumental techniques of analysis. Most of the methods employ simple wet chemical manipulations, or such techniques as adsorption or partition paper or column chromatography. The individual methods are numbered and patterned after Federal Test Method Standard No. 791.

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used in much higher concentrations (2) fluid formulation, (3) distribution of standard fluid samples, (4) preparation of WADC Technical Reports and papers on specific topics of interest, and (5) evaluation of specific fluid properties.

WADC TR 57-166.

A general description is given of the modifications required to increase the operating temperature potential of the following four lubricant testers: Shell Four-Ball Wear Tester used for evaluating the lubricity of fluids; Shell Roll Tester used to examine the effects of mechanical shearing on grease consistency; bearing endurance grease tester for evaluation of the high speed and high temperature performance of greases; and hydraulic fluid pump stand for determination of dynamic effects of circulation on shear stability of fluids. The British IAE gear machine, recently acquired for evaluation of the anti-scuffing properties of lubricants, is described.

Lubricity data obtained with the four-ball tester are reported for Specification MIL-O-5566 hydraulic fluid and MIL-L-7808B turbine engine oil. The wear scar data for a wide variety of experimental fluids are compared to the wear patterns for the two specification materials.

WADC TR 57-199.

The use of Specification MIL-L-3545 greases in wheel bearings of internal type brake assemblies has proven unsatisfactory. High temperatures encountered in wheel bearings as the result of heat dissipation from the brakes during aircraft take-off and landing operations have caused MIL-L-3545 greases to run out of the wheel bearings. An arylurea-pentaerythritol grease (MLG-9373) developed by Standard Oil Company (Indiana) under Contract AF 33(038)-23687 was subsequently evaluated in wheel bearings of laboratory test rigs of internal type brake assemblies and in wheel bearings of aircraft using the internal type brake assembly. Complete physical, chemical, and mechanical laboratory tests were performed on MLG-9373. MLG-9373 grease gave satisfactory performance in all the wheel bearings of the various internal type brake assemblies tested from -65°F to temperatures in excess of 350°F while under heavy loads.

Specification MIL-L-25760 (USA) has been written covering this type of grease. In the near future, greases qualified under Specification MIL-L-25760 (USA) will be required as wheel bearing lubricants for internal type brake assemblies and other wheel bearing applications requiring a lubricant having a wider temperature range than Specification MIL-L-3545 greases.
NUCLEAR RADIATION RESISTANT TURBINE ENGINE LUBRICANTS. Alfred H. Matsusak. AF 33(616)-3181, September 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 131065.

This report covers the results of work aimed at developing radiation resistant turbine engine lubricants. The work has been divided into two parts: (1) those involved in screening finished lubricants and (2) Phase II covering potential lubricating oil base stocks, all screened at dosages up to $10^8$ roentgens.

In the Phase I program, twenty-four oils were screened. These included finished or slightly modified mineral-based aviation oils, ester-based synthetic lubricants and a polyethylene glycol mono ether lubricant. At $10^8$ roentgens, certain modifications of the mineral oils evaluated showed good retention of original physical and chemical properties. At $10^9$ roentgens, certain modifications of the mineral oils evaluated showed good retention of original physical and chemical properties. With uncompounded oils (Esso Aviation Oil 65 and 100) borderline performance was obtained in the MIL-L-7808 foam test and in the $347^\circ F$ oxidation-corrosion stability test. These deficiencies can be partially overcome through the incorporation of additives. For improved oxidation-corrosion stability, phenyl-alpha-naphthylamine is beneficial. However, silicones are not very effective in maintaining foam suppression after irradiation. Additional work will be required to improve the foaming tendencies of mineral oils. This work will be undertaken using Barosa 56 as the base oil because of its slightly better test performance.

WS-3019, an MIL-L-25336 type synthetic lubricant, showed somewhat greater stability toward irradiation than any of the other synthetic materials evaluated. It retained most of its original properties and generally met the MIL-L-25336 requirements deviating only slightly in the $347^\circ F$ oxidation-corrosion stability test. It exhibited an undesirable flash point depression (from 450 to $355^\circ F$ after $10^8$ roentgens) which can be attributed to a small amount of irradiation-produced contaminants.

A third oil, LO-2062, an MIL-L-7808 type adipate oil was indicated to have some promise providing its copper corrosion tendencies after irradiation can be corrected. The addition of about 1% tricresyl phosphate appears to offer a possible fix for improved stability up to gamma dosages of $10^9$ roentgens. The effect of tricresyl phosphate in reducing copper corrosion at higher dosages will be investigated.

In the Phase II program twenty-three base stocks of varying chemical structures were screened at $10^7$ and $10^8$ roentgens. As in the case of Phase I lubricants the Phase II lubricant base stocks were evaluated against MIL-L-808 and MIL-L-9236. The most attractive materials evaluated were the inhibited mineral oil base stocks of which Barosa 56, a paraffinic base, is representative. Evaluation of this material at higher gamma dosages ($5 \times 10^8$ and $10^9$ roentgens) is contemplated. A sample of this base stock has been sent to WADC for more extensive laboratory and engine evaluation.

In the ester field, di-tridecyl carbonate appeared to be the most resistant to $10^8$ roentgens. It exhibited good retention of physical properties but showed moderately high panel coking deposits. Additional work is planned with other carbonates at higher screening dosages. Higher flash diesters, such as di-tridecyl adipate, azelate and sebacate also showed promise of approaching a reasonable lubricant resistance to $10^8$ roentgens. Their tendency to corrode copper and magnesium will require some additional attention. In this connection, the ameliorating effect of tricresyl phosphate will be investigated.

In the future program this initial effort to develop a radiation resistant lubricant will be expanded to include the evaluation of other synthetic and petroleum type finished oils and base stocks. Particular stress will be placed on higher flash base stocks, many of which are available commercially. Others may have to be synthesized. Any promising materials coming out of this screening program will be tested at higher gamma dosages. The most attractive base stocks will then be blended into finished lubricant formulations and finally evaluated further as radiation resistant engine lubricants.

Clevite Research Center.

WADC TR 57-61 Part 1.

LUBRICATION OF TITANIUM. Richard O. Lee, Nicholas Fatica. AF 33(616)-3350, December 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 131650.

The susceptibility of titanium to galling and seizure prevent it from replacing many steel parts involving sliding contacts in spite of the favorable strength-weight ratio of titanium. Particularly in aircraft, where one pound of steel replaced may result in gains of up to five pounds in pay load, the lubrication of moving parts involving titanium is an urgent problem. Past efforts to solve this problem have uncovered special lubricants and various surface treatments that have shown promise.

This investigation sought to explain the role of the oxide film on titanium, to obtain some information about the frictional properties of modified titanium coatings, and to make a direct comparison of the wear resistance of the base surface treatment in the presence of various lubricants using equipment generally acceptable for wear tests under conditions of boundary lubrication.

Studies on the stick-slip machine have shown that the oxide layer on titanium is easily penetrated even at moderate loads while the friction coefficient remains practically constant through this transition.

Other results on this machine show that moisture normally present in the test area is an important factor in determining the frictional properties of titanium. Although its effects depend on both the treatment of the metal and the lubricant used, generally speaking the moisture acts as a lubricant.

Temperature was found to be an important factor in the frictional properties evaluated on the stick-slip machine but its effect cannot be predicted even qualitatively without taking into account the surface treatment, the lubricant and the test condition.

Tests on the stick-slip apparatus also showed Halocarbon 11-14 to be generally effective as a lubricant on both untreated and treated titanium surfaces.

Studies on the Shell Four-Ball Wear Tester also showed Halocarbon 11-14 to be the most generally effective lubricant on both treated and untreated surfaces. There were no significant differences among the wear properties of untreated metals (Ti 75A, Ti 6Al 4V, Ti C-130 AM) using Halocarbon 11-14. Nitriding improved the wear properties and generally lowered the friction coefficient in the presence of practically all of the lubricants tested.

Carburizing improved the wear and frictional properties of Ti 75A but it is only of the lubricants tested. Carburizing Ti 6Al 4V lowers the friction coefficient but seems to be without effect on the wear resistance.

Polypropylene glycol 1025 and Halocarbon 11-14 have practically identical frictional and wear properties for any of the nitrided metals. The same may be said for carburized Ti 75A. However Halocarbon 11-14 is definitely superior to polypropylene glycol 1025 for carburized Ti 6Al 4V.

In general, it may be said that all the other lubricants used were inferior to Halocarbon 11-14 and polypropylene glycol 1025 in performance with any metal surface. Where it was possible to compare the performance of the individual members of the inferior group [Nujol+1% fatty acid] with those of the superior group [Halocarbon 11-14] a marked difference in performance was observed. The lubricant shown to be the most generally effective for the nitrided metals was Halocarbon 11-14.
acid addition. Carbowax, di-iso-octyl sebacate, Versilube F-50, Silicone (Dow F-60), Dow #41 grease, and silicate ester (MLO 8200), the results showed that they were practically equivalent.

Bronze sliding against titanium is an effective answer to the frictional and wear properties of Ti 75A for any lubricant tested. However, the use of this material partially defeats the objectives for using titanium in the first place.

The best wear values listed for any titanium specimen in the best lubricant are still about twice as large as those found for steel.

WADC TR 55-449 Pt VI.

Miniaturized methods have been developed for the determination of cloud point, pour point, and cloud intensity. The methods described herein require a 5-milliliter sample for the three determinations.


Several novel synthetic procedures have been developed in connection with studies concerned with the preparation of organometallic and organometalloid compounds to be examined as potential hydraulic fluids and lubricants. The promising cyclic compounds have been extended by making available cyclic-Si-M types. Procedures have been developed for the synthesis of non-cyclic unsymmetrical R3SiM compounds. One of the new developments involving tetrahydrofurran as a solvent in organo-silicon chemistry is the stepwise introduction of a wide variety of R groups by reactions between the Si-H group and some RM compounds. This provides the opportunity of synthesizing R4Si compounds, where all R groups may be unlike, and where there is a maximum promise of obtaining liquids.

The experimental part contains a table which describes the preliminary screening of twenty-eight compounds.

The security classification of this report is unclassified.

WADC TR 54-576 Pt II.

This report presents data which deals with the general effects which silicates and siloxanes have on various metals; and the effects which these metals have on the fluids under severe conditions.

The corrosion and oxidation stability of a diester blend, a siloxane, and a silicate in the presence of various metal specimens is discussed.

University of Virginia. WADC TR 53-293 Pt VIII.

PB 131975. Order from OTS $2.00.

This is a continuation of a laboratory program on the evaluation of the oxidation patterns of synthetic fluids in the presence and absence of inhibitors and metals in the temperature range 400°-700°F. Two methyl chlorophenyl silicones, F-50 and F-60 were examined at 500°F and 600°F. N,N'-di-naphthyl-p-phenylenediamine in 0.1 - 0.2% was the most interesting additive. Work with a mineral oil, MLO 57-30, did not reveal additives of outstanding activity. Substances containing sulfur and selenium showed promise, but some attack on silver and copper. The experience with four tetra-substituted silanes showed that these substances did not have outstanding response to additives. A series of runs with a pentaerythritol ester, MLO 55-584, indicate that ring substituted aryl amines have considerable antioxidant activity over the range 400°-500°F. Some additional data for bis-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate are included to compare the promising amines with the phenothiazine type. The former retain the inhibition of activity over a wider temperature range. Some attention was given to determining the nature of the components in an oxidized diester which contributes to the acidity. It appears that some improvement may be achieved in a partial oxidized fluid by washing with hydrocarbon solvents. The limitations of a laboratory test procedure are discussed, especially with respect to the evaluation of the effects of the test metals, aluminum, silver, copper, titanium and several steels.

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 57-455.
HIGH TEMPERATURE SOLID DRY FILM LUBRICANTS. Melvin T. Lavik. AF 33(616)-3684. February 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 150982. PB 131986. Order from OTS $0.75.

This report covers the development and evaluation of a dry lubrication test machine and the testing of several dry film lubricants. In order to meet the very high temperature and pressure requirements currently placed on lubricants in the aircraft industry, it was necessary to devise a suitable test instrument. The first part of this program was spent in designing, constructing and calibrating such a device capable of testing dry film lubricants at pressures as high as 50,000 psi and at temperatures up to 800°F. Several minor revisions have been made during the program leading up to the machine as reported here.

Several commercial dry film lubricants and also some materials prepared at the Institute were investigated for both friction coefficient and wear life at the various temperatures and pressures available with the test machine. In general, the materials worked with, while effecting reasonable lubrication, did not exhibit the wear life which is desired. The lubricant properties of several materials are discussed in this report, with the discussion serving mainly to point out areas in which further information is needed to realize the full benefits available from these materials.

Standard Oil Company, Indiana. WADC TR 53-83 Pt VI.

This work was directed toward the development of new grease thickeners operable at temperatures above 450°F and as high as 700°F. During this period a variety of substances were prepared and tested as thickeners for silicone and ester fluids. Those which proved to be effective thickeners in less than 40% concentration were given preliminary screening tests and the better samples were run in the ABEC-NLGI bearing tester.
The general types of materials tested as high temperature thickeners were polar organic compounds, polymers, and organo-metal compounds. Selection of materials for test was based on thermal stability, ease of preparation, and ability to prepare the substance in small particle size. Of the many materials tested, those which have shown the greatest promise are, in decreasing order of their effectiveness, a new substituted pteridine, derivatives of hydrasine with butylene diisocyanate, phthaloyl melamine and some derivatives of cyanuric acid. However, at present none of these appears to be a good a high temperature thickener as the arylyureas developed previously.

In addition to the usual 450°F high-speed bearing tests, 600°F bearing tests were conducted on silicone greases thinned with the two better thickeners, arylyurea and a pteridine derivative. The tests were run both in air and under a slow stream of nitrogen. Both greases ran 85 to 120 hours under nitrogen. In air the arylyureas had better oxidative stability running 40 to 60 hours in contrast with approximately 20 hours for the pteridine thickened grease.


Rheological measurements of dispersions of grease thickeners in pure vehicles or in vehicles containing water, additives or both these components have been carried out. Previous studies were made with the systems Aerosil-Plexol 201 and Santocel C2-paraffin oil. These types of measurements have been extended to include both polar and nonpolar solids dispersed in grease vehicles. The solids studied now include Copper Phthalocyanine, G. S. Hydrophobic Silica, HiSil, Aerosil, Santocel and Permagel. It was demonstrated that surface hydrophilicity and the presence of trace water far overshadow the influence of particle diameter and shape in the formation of gel structure by solid thickeners.

Further studies of the behavior of commercial additives have been made by measuring the change in consistency of a grease with increased concentration of additive. Because of the very complex nature of additive behavior a fundamental program has been developed to learn more of this phenomenon. This study has begun and includes measurements of additive adsorption from solution by selected solids as well as heat of immersional wetting measurements of solids in additive solutions at various concentrations. Studies thus far indicate that the heat of solution of additive in the grease vehicle and the heat of wetting of the solid thickener by pure additive relative to the vehicle appear to govern adsorption from solution. With Aerosil, a weakly polar solid, the heats of solution of the additives studied appear to predominate, and only those additives which dislike the vehicle (high endothermic heats of solution) adsorb and fluidize Aerosil-built greases. With rutile-built greases, however, the surface polarity of the thickener and consequent heat of adsorption is sufficiently high to influence adsorption of additives ineffective in Aerosil-built greases.

The program for the preparation of arylyurea thickened greases has progressed satisfactorily. Several variables have been found to influence the particle diameter of the thickener solid formed. These include type of reactant, method of addition of reactants and the temperature of the reaction. Trace or larger quantities of water drastically increase particle size of arylyurea thickeners prepared in solvents from which they can be isolated. The effect on greases prepared "in situ" is believed to be similar. This point is being checked.


The objectives of the work reported included the development of radiation resistant lubricants and a survey of the radiation stability of jet fuels.

Aromatic base materials were needed in the lubricant work, and most of these had to be synthesized. Exploratory synthesis evolved alkaryl ethers, alkaryl esters, alkylbiphenyls, alkyl diphenyl ethers, and diarylalkanes. Chemical structure was correlated with physical properties and also with oxidation, thermal, and radiation stability. Although esters were inferior, each class had members with good radiation stability. Over-all, the alkyl diphenyl ethers offer the most promise for lubricant development. Polymers were also synthesized. These were used in an alkyl diphenyl ether to improve viscosity index and to increase viscosity. Compared to conventional thickeners, alkylated poly(6-methyl-1,3-phenylene)(APAMS) and poly(alkylphenoxyethyl methacrylates) (APEMS) show promise for use as radiation resistant lubricants.

The grease research produced CALRESEARCH 150, a material of enhanced radiation stability. It is a selenide-inhibited alkyl diphenyl gelated with an aromatic salt. Promise of improved products was shown in work on new oils, e.g., tria phenoxypentyl dodecylsilane; on new gelling agents, e.g., sodium p-tolylterephthalate of mixtures of aromatic salts; and on new additives, e.g., N,N'-di-2-naphthyl-p-phenyl-enediamine.

Many formulations of various hydraulic fluids were evaluated before and after irradiation. The alkyl diphenyl ethers looked best in radiation stability and in thermal stability at 700°F. CALRESEARCH 216 evolved from the formulation work. It is an alkyl diphenyl ether inhibited with a selenide and thickened with a polybutenyl. Chemical inhibitors improved oxidation stability both before and after gamma irradiation. Aromatic hydrocarbon additives in MLO 8200 fluid reduced viscosity change and gassing caused by irradiation. This fluid was shown to be usable to about $10^{10}$ ergs/g C of gamma radiation. Original and irradiated aromatic base fluids operated satisfactorily in aircraft piston pumps at 275°F. Isothermal bulk modulus was found to decrease markedly in a gas-liquid system such as would prevail under irradiation.

The alkyl aromatics were found best as base materials for gas turbine oils. Esters, mineral oils, and polyglycols tested were deficient in radiation or thermal stability. CALRESEARCH 230 was developed in the work; it is a selenide-inhibited alkyl diphenyl ether containing a petroleum bright stock and other additives. The alkyl diphenyl ethers showed good oxidation stability before and after irradiation. Their tendency towards high coking and low lubricity was improved by additives. Irradiation lowered coking in these bases and also in alkylbiphenyls. In all base stocks, foaming increased after irradiation, with or without silicone being present. Coking was reduced by blending with high boiling materials, e.g., bright stocks. Certain oil soluble dyes showed synergism with the beneficial dialky l selenides in oxidation tests.
WADC TR 54-576 Pt III.  

This report shows the effects which an easter and a disiloxane have on various metals, and the effects which those metals simultaneously have on the fluids at elevated temperature (550°F). The disiloxane proved to be compatible with all of the metals tested, while the easter showed signs of being generally incompatible with all of the metals under the test conditions.

Clevite Research Center. WADC TR 57-61 Pt II.  

This investigation sought to obtain some information about the frictional properties of modified titanium coatings and to make a comparison of the wear resistance of the best surface treatments in the presence of various lubricants using the Shell Four-Ball Wear Tester and the Falex Tester.

It has been found that systems showing high wear rates in one tester will also show high wear rates in the other. If wear is expressed as volume or weight loss (W), it may generally be correlated with load (L) and time (t) by an expression of the form W = KLt for either tester. The constant K includes the characteristics of the machine, the nature of the specimen and the nature of the lubricant. It is concluded that the essential nature of the action taking place in either tester is identical and that therefore any lack of correlation must be attributed to operation in widely different pressure and temperature ranges.

The correlation of wear rates with the frictional characteristics of the different systems was attempted in both testers with moderate success.

The reproducibility of the results for various systems is too poor to permit differentiating between the different titanium base alloys used in any particular treatment. As for the various surface treatments investigated, it appears that it is possible to obtain equivalent wear resistance in many cases using electrosheet nickel plates, cyanided, carburized, oxidized, or carburized iron-plated titanium. Of these, oxidized and electrosheet nickel plated titanium fail at high loads. The use of conventional lubricants for any but electrosheet nickel and carburized iron-plated titanium is unreliable. Halogenated materials appear to be the best lubricants for the other treatments. It has been shown that the higher the halogen content of the lubricant, the better its lubricating properties.

Resin-bonded coatings fail at higher test temperatures.

WADC TR 57-299 Pt II.  
NUCLEAR RADIATION RESISTANT LUBRICANTS. William L. R. Rice, 1/Lt., USAF. May 1958. ASTIA Document No. 155591.

This report presents a summary of current information on the state of the art of nuclear radiation resistant lubricant development. Data are presented on the effects of gamma radiation on a number of commercial fluids and lubricants, with a discussion of potential problem areas. Advanced materials for extremely high temperatures and radiation exposures are discussed, and the present status of preferred lubricants is outlined.

Of the new base materials for use in extreme conditions of temperature and radiation, the polyphenyl ethers show the most promise. Relatively low melting compounds can be prepared that undergo minor change in 500°F oxidation-corrosion tests and form little coke at temperatures as high as 800°F. Stability during in-source oxidation-corrosion tests has been shown to be good. The major drawback to use of the polyphenyl ethers is their low temperature limitation. At present, the majority of these materials melt at temperatures in the range 100°F to over 200°F.

Western Gear Corporation. WADC TR 57-773.  

The load carrying ability of three lubricants, Dow Corning XF-258, General Electric Versilube F-50, and MIL-L-7808, was determined on spur and helical gears. Tests were conducted on 2.000 inch gears at speeds from 2500 rpm to 15,000 rpm and inlet lubricant temperatures from 165°F to 700°F.

This report includes the results of these tests displayed in graph and table form, a discussion of these results, and conclusions. Also included in this report are test results previously obtained from WADC Universal Gear and Spline Lubricant Tester and the operating procedure to be used on the evaluation of gear and spline lubricants at high temperatures.

Pennsylvania State University. WADC TR 55-30 Pt VI.  

This report describes work carried out on a continuing project directed toward the development of improved hydraulic fluids and jet engine lubricants for use in the high temperature range of 400°F to 7000°F bulk oil temperatures. With few exceptions these studies are equally applicable to hydraulic fluid and jet engine oil development.

Extensive laboratory evaluation studies are presented for a series of mineral oils and hydrocarbons which have been super-refined by a pilot plant hydrogenation over nickel catalyst. Advanced synthetic hydrocarbons developed and exhaustively acid-refined mineral oils and hydrocarbons over conventionally refined mineral oils are demonstrated for application as base stocks for hydraulic fluids and lubricants. Completed hydraulic fluid formulations containing antifoam, antioxidant, and lubricity additives and jet engine oil formulations containing, in addition to these three additives, Acreloid and paraffinic resin dispersants are described. A slume, several esters, Spec. MIL-L-7808 fluids, and an improved lubricity silicone hydraulic fluid are evaluated critically in high temperature tests.

Properties of used samples of several jet engine oils evaluated in the J-57 jet engine are presented. These samples indicate more fluid deterioration than is predicted by Spec. MIL-L-7808 type stability tests. Several more severe oxidative tests, including the Petroleum Refining Laboratory thin film oxidation test and the isothermal and non-isothermal successive oxidation tests are described. These tests are designed to simulate more nearly the severity encountered in the J-57 engine test.

The effects of several variables, including fluid type, fluid molecular weight, additives, fluid flow rate, and air flow rate, on the high temperature single-pass lube rig are illustrated. Procedures for the analysis of exhaust gas from the single-pass lube rig have been established to place oxidation encountered in this test on a quantitative basis.

Bulk oil oxidation tests of high temperature fluids are shown for test temperatures of 347°F, 500°F, and 700°F.
The effect of fluid type and mineral oil class, degree of refining, and molecular weight are discussed for the 700°F tests. An evaluation of the character of the volatile products of the 700°F oxidation tests is presented.

Wear and lubrication studies in the four-ball testers are used to illustrate the additive effects of silicone, silicates, thiodicarbamates, and diisooctyl acid phosgene in ester and mineral oil fluid types.

Panel coker data in the Model C and controlled atmosphere units are compared and summarized for the effects of fluid type, degree of refining, molecular weight, and additives.

The construction of an evaporation unit of the type used in the Federal Test Method Standard No. 791 is described.

Some additional miscellaneous duties have been performed at the request of the Wright Air Development Center. These duties include: (1) distribution of laboratory reports, (2) formulation of fluids, (3) distribution of standard fluid samples and, (4) evaluation of specific fluid properties.

Coordinating Research Council, Inc. WADC TR 57-36 Pt II.


This final report on rust-preventive properties of lubricating greases describes the work of CRC laboratory and service evaluation panels in their objective to develop test techniques for predicting the performance in actual service of airframe and accessory lubricants. A description is included of the three test techniques developed and the reasons for ultimately recommending one of them, the Research Technique for Determining Rust-Preventive Properties of Lubricating Greases in the Presence of Free Water (CRC Designation L-41-957).

Esso Research and Engineering Company. WADC TR 57-255 Pt II.


Work performed under Contract No. AF 33(616)-3181 on the development of radiation resistant turbine engine lubricants for possible use in aircraft nuclear power plants is described. This is a continuation of work reported in WADC TR 57-255 and completes the screening and evaluation of one hundred mineral and synthetic materials consisting of finished lubricants (Phase I) and inhibited lubricant base stocks (Phase II). These materials were irradiated at the MTR and at Hanford under static conditions using a screening dosage of about 10^10 ergs/gm C (10^8 roentgens) and a dose rate of about 3 x 10^7 ergs/gm C/hr. Extended irradiations were done at 5 and 10 x 10^10 ergs/gm C on the more promising lubricants.

In the Phase I work finished mineral oils generally showed greater retention of original lubricant properties at 10^10 ergs/gm C than did the finished synthetic oils. Of the mineral oils investigated a Paraffinic Grade 1065 Aviation Oil meeting MIL-L-5082B requirements but inhibited with phenyl-alpha-naphthylamine was the most promising. Foaming was a problem at 10^10 ergs but not at higher doses. Lubricant degradation in general was more severe, however, at the higher levels. The most serious deficiencies resulting from the irradiation of the Grade 1065 oil over the range 10^{10} to 10^{11} ergs/gm C were its viscosity increase and flash point decrease. Metal corrosion was negligible. Overall, the Grade 1065 Aviation Oil is indicated to possess reasonably good resistance to radiation under static conditions to dosages between 10^{10} and 5 x 10^{10} ergs/gm C, and its viscosity and flash point are not limiting, to possibly 10^{11} ergs/gm C. Although the changes noted are not considered excessive except for viscosity increase and flash point, dynamic in-source testing will be necessary to establish the usefulness of this oil as a nuclear powered aircraft lubricant.

In the Phase II mineral base stock work wherein 19 base stocks and blends were screened during the second year an inhibited paraffinic base stock looked the most attractive. It paralleled very closely the performance of the Paraffinic Grade 1065 Aviation Oil. Hydrogenation of this as well as a more viscous paraffinic bright stock did not effect improvements in stability toward radiation and oxidation. The addition of stable aromatic base stocks to the paraffinic base resulted in several expected improvements.

As in the case of the Grade 1065 Oil, dynamic testing will be required to evaluate this oil further. Other stable base stocks were Kenflex B and Philrich 5. These are viscous aromatic hydrocarbon oils which may be useful as blend components with other attractive oils.

In the more recent Phase I work on "finished" synthetic oils thirteen blends newly formulated from attractive base stocks and a MIL-L-25336 approved oil were screened as possible Phase II type oils. Three oils showed promise. Two of these were di-octyl sebacate based oils containing Plasticizer HM (an aromatic polyester) as a stabilizer against radiation. One contained TCP. These showed moderately good radiation and oxidation stability at the 10^{10} ergs/gm C. Radiation at higher dosages unfortunately was not carried out. This will be necessary to determine their value as more stable radiation resistant lubricants. The Kenflex HS-10 oil, an all aromatic blend containing Carbflex HS-10 and Kenflex B, likewise showed good radiation and oxidation stability. It is comparable with the paraffinic mineral oils in many respects. It shows less viscosity change but tends to be slightly corrosive as a result of the greater acidities developed only during higher radiation dosages.

In the Phase II base stock evaluation program aromatic esters were generally more stable than aliphatic esters, complex esters, glycols or polyalkylene glycol monoethers. Of the thirty synthetic base stocks screened in the more recent work Carbflex HS-10 (an alkylaryl phthalate), isodecyl phthalate and Plasticizer HM were the most stable. Although these materials showed less viscosity increase than the mineral oils they exhibited somewhat greater changes in flash point, acidity and corrosivity. The changes noted after irradiations up to 5 x 10^{10} ergs/gm C would not be considered prohibitive however as far as lubricant performance is concerned. Some question would arise as to their usefulness at 10 x 10^{10} ergs/gm C, however.

It is recommended the oils mentioned above be further evaluated in dynamic in-source tests to more clearly define their usefulness as radiation stable lubricants.


The object of this study has been to develop greases which are capable of lubricating heavily loaded (50,000 to 75,000 psi.) - rod ends, pulleys, anti-friction bearings, sliding surfaces of hinge components, gear boxes, and
plain bearings subjected to oscillatory motion. The temperature range over which these greases are to operate is from -65°F to 425°F. Greases were prepared from both conventional and recently developed silicone and ester base fluid thickeners by Bentonite 38 or alky substituted urea materials. Various blends of these base fluids have been formulated into greases to obtain optimum lubricity, thermal stability, and good low temperature characteristics.

A number of silicone oils were heat treated with a wide range of metal salts in an effort to improve one or more of the above properties. Greases prepared from the treated fluids did not show any significant improvement over those greases made with the untreated base fluids.

The incorporation of commercially available extreme pressure additives, a new class of extreme pressure additives has been developed based on pentachlorobenzene thiol and pentachloromercuric acetic acid and their respective derivatives.

Several of these derivatives in 3 to 6% concentration tripled the load-carrying capacity of silicone and silicone-ester base fluid greases as shown by Mean Hertz Load values as high as 98.

Shell Development Company.
WADC TR 57-177 Part II.


Conventional ester and petroleum hydrocarbon based lubricants, depending on inhibitors for resistance to oxidation, are very sensitive to radiation damage and lack sufficient stability for high temperature use. Selected aromatic compounds, designed for stability in absence of inhibitors, appear to be capable of withstanding considerably higher temperatures and radiation levels than present oils. Aromatic esters, carbonates, silanes and polyphenyl compounds have been investigated but polyphenyl ether derivatives have shown the greatest overall promise.

The unsubstituted polyphenyl ethers are very stable materials. They undergo little change in oxidation-corrosion tests at 500°F and form only small amounts of coke in panel coke tests at 900°F. Their initial thermal decomposition temperatures are over 800°F. Physical property changes are moderate at radiation levels of 10^9 rad. Their wear characteristics are very much better than most other classes of highly aromatic compounds.

Alky substituted generally lower the melting points of polyphenyl ethers but only carefully selected groups, such as the -cumyl- and tertbutyl-, can be used without seriously affecting the stability. These alkyl-substituted polyphenyl ethers are not as stable as the corresponding unsubstituted ethers but undergo little change in 675°F oxidation-corrosion tests, form little coke at 900°F and have initial thermal decomposition temperatures of 700 to 770°F. Physical property changes in these alkyl substituted polyphenyl ethers are also moderate at radiation levels of 10^9 rad but radiation greater than 2.5 x 10^10 rad seriously lowers their resistance to oxidation.

Several methods of lowering the melting points of polyphenyl ethers are being investigated. These include process time, Initial results with isomerization procedures have been very promising. Several stable liquid alkyl substituted ethers have been prepared. Additional work with alkyl derivatives is planned and some effort is being made to lower the melting points of unsubstituted ethers through use of isomerisation reactions.

Shell Development Company. WADC TR 56-370 Part II.


A method of operating rolling contact bearings at high temperatures without using conventional liquid lubricants has been evolved. This method employs a "protective atmosphere" around the bearing. The atmosphere has two functions, the prevention of the formation of abrasive oxides at the bearing surfaces and the formation, by reaction with the bearing surfaces, of antiscuffing films to prevent catastrophic wear at sliding contacts. Factors involved in the selection of atmosphere compositions and bearing materials for use with this method of operation are discussed. Test operations which have demonstrated the performance of this system at various temperatures from 600 to 1000°F are described.


The research and development effort discussed in this report concerns the feasibility of using esters of the neopentyl type as lubricants up to 400°F to 500°F. Although the absence of the beta hydrogen on the alcohol moiety has, in previous investigations, resulted in superior or thermal stability of the esters of such alcohols. This increase in thermal stability appears to be in the range of approximately 100°F. This is accomplished by forcing thermal degradation to proceed through free radical formation. Although these neopentyl type esters have improved thermal stability over conventional diester blends, they do not necessarily possess superior oxidation stability. The use of neopentyl type ester fluids in an oxidizing environment at 400°F or 500°F will definitely depend upon the development of an efficient oxidation inhibitor.

The over-all assessment of the chemical and physical properties of the neopentyl type ester fluids shows considerable promise for high temperature application.

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 58-297.

A Shell four-ball wear tester has been modified for operation up to 800°F. A lubricant circulating system was included in the modification, and comparable noncirculating and circulating lubricant evaluation programs were completed. Silicone fluids and silanes next and with anti-wear additives, a mineral oil, pentanehydride and disiloxane fluids, and lubricants were evaluated at 167°F, 400°F, and 700°F. 10 kg. and 40 kg. loads, and 600 rpm and 1,200 rpm spindle speeds. Wear scar, frictional torque, and wear rate data were recorded. The lubricants have been rated relative to each other by applying the results of a statistical analysis performed on the wear scar data. A partially completed analysis of the energy dissipation and heat transfer in a rolling bearing is reported. The analysis will ultimately provide scaling relations to be used in the design of a bearing temperature stabilization tester. The major simplifying assumptions and results may be listed as follows:

The lubricant is assumed to have constant viscosity.
and density. Also, the lubricant flow through the rolling-slipping contacts is calculated without consideration of the local body distortions. The friction force which occurs as the result of direct contact between bearing elements is described with a constant coefficient. The extent of the physical contact is dependent on the load carried directly (rather than hydrodynamically) and the statistical description of the surfaces.

Equations of motion for the bearing assembly are formulated for pure hydrodynamic lubrication and for a combination of hydrodynamic and direct contact situations. The equations are solved for the pure hydrodynamic case using the assumption of constant roller and cage speeds. The assumption of constant roller spin is found inadequate for those cases in which sizeable loads are carried by direct contact and no proper solutions for this case are reported.

In preparation for heat transfer calculations, the lubricant streamlines are obtained in a generalized form as are the lines of constant dissipation. The heat transfer problem is introduced.

A survey of machine components which required extreme pressure lubrication was performed. The functional characteristics of these components were compared to the test elements of extreme pressure lubrication testers. As a result of this comparison and the limited operational temperature range of existing testers a new extreme pressure lubricant tester was designed for operation up to 700°F. This new tester possesses more flexibility than existing testers. The test results should correlate better with performance data at the conditions of testing may be selected nearer to the operating conditions of a machine component.

An evaluation facility has been designed in which accessory components may be mounted and used as test rigs for the practical evaluation of lubricants and hydraulic fluids. A variety of types and sizes of components may be tested over a temperature range of -100°F to 800°F. This facility consists of a 5 ft. by 9 ft. by 5 ft. environmental chamber, 50 h.p., 12,000 rpm variable speed, mechanical drive, and AC and DC power supplies for various components.

Gulf Research & Development Company.

WADC TR 58-350.


Performance life of ten greases approved under Specifications MIL-L-7711, MIL-G-3278 or MIL-L-3545 was determined in a modified Pope Spindle Tester at 20,000 rpm. and at the temperatures shown below:

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<td>(b) Petroleum Oil</td>
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<td>(a) Lithium soap</td>
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<td>(b) Calcium soap</td>
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<td>MIL-G-3278</td>
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Consistency, dropping point, oil separation, evaporation, shear stability and oxidation stability tests were run on the same greases in an attempt to correlate properties of the greases determined by such tests with performance life in bearings.

Both commercially obtainable as well as new experimentally prepared fluids and thickeners were evaluated as components for improved high temperature greases. Of the fluids, the silicones showed the best thermal stability; 5, 5-diphenylhydantoin proved to be the best thickener. Experimental greases containing combinations of silicones and 5, 5-diphenylhydantoin, in general, gave the longest performance life at 400°F and 20,000 rpm. All experimental greases, however, failed to consistently meet the target requirement of 500 hours minimum life under the foregoing conditions. The longest single run (891 hours) at 400°F and 20,000 rpm was obtained with an ary lurea grease "RLG 216-54".

A high speed bearing test rig, believed to be capable of operating under the following conditions, was designed:

- **Speed:** DN value of 0.9 x 10^6 using ball bearings of 20 and 25 mm. bore
- **Temperature:** Ambient to 600°F
- **Radial Load:** Up to 75% of the rated capacity of the bearings in the test section at the maximum speed of 45,000 rpm.

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 57-455 Pt II.

HIGH TEMPERATURE SOLID DRY FILM LUBRICANTS.


Solid dry film lubricants appear to be the answer for many high temperature lubrication problems. However, the wear-life of these films is dependent upon a large number of factors which complicate the choice of a particular lubricant film and its proper application. This report describes three phases of work directed toward the development of high temperature solid dry film lubricants.

1. **Parametric study of wear-life factors:** The fractional factorial design of experiments (total of five) is used to evaluate the effect of ten factors upon the wear-life of several solid film lubricants. The factors studied are environmental temperature, bearing load, substrate hardness, film thickness, relative linear surface speed, lubricant material, film binder, lubricant-to-binder ratio, type of motion, and geometry of rub shoe. In the range of values investigated, the temperature (400-550°F) and the load (10,000 to 65,000 psi) had the greatest effect upon the wear-life of the lubricant films. Although the results are limited, a procedure is developed for evaluating a lubricant (for a particular application) with a minimum number of tests.

2. **Nuclear radiation effects:** Four commercial solid dry film lubricants were submitted to gamma and neutron irradiation. Three of the films were resin-bonded mixtures of graphite and molybdenum disulfide. The other film was a mixture of lead oxide and graphite bonded with a glass-like material. Only the gamma irradiated specimens have been tested. The wear-life of one lubricant film is possibly effected by gamma irradiation; the others.
 showed no significant effect.

(3) Search for high temperature lubricants: A group of 16 inorganic materials have been selected for further investigation as possible high temperature (800°F) lubricants. This selection was made on the basis of a literature survey and the present knowledge of lubrication mechanisms. These materials are simple compounds and are mostly sulfides, oxides and chlorides of metals occurring in periods 3, 4, or 6 of the periodic table.


A high-pressure viscometer to measure the viscosities of some aircraft lubricating oils at elevated temperatures and pressures was constructed. The equipment was calibrated, but viscosities of the various oils will be determined on a subsequent contract.

A maximum pressure of 188,000 psi was obtained during a test of the equipment. The apparatus was designed for tests at temperatures from ambient to 400°F.


The qualitative effects which several aircraft fluids and lubricants have on the surface of various metals at room temperature and at 400°F for periods up to 528 hours are reported.

Sixteen different metals were cut into one-inch square specimens and stored with aircraft fluids and lubricants in capped bottles under the above conditions. Each was observed at the end of 48 and 96 hours, and every 72 hours thereafter until the end of 528 hours.

Qualitatively, all metals, with the exception of lead, and fluids were compatible at room temperature up to 528 hours, but at 400°F compatibility generally ceased at 384 hours.


Forty-four esters, ether esters, and polyesters based on hexa, tetra, tri, and di methylol neopentyl alcohols were prepared. Of these, twenty were submitted to Wright Air Development Center for bench screening. This report tabulates data obtained on these compounds.


The effect of nuclear radiation on twelve commercial solid film lubricants was determined. The lubricants were typically phenolic or epoxy resin bonded, incorporating graphite or molybdenum disulfide. Gamma exposures covered the range 8.71 x 10^9 through 2.61 x 10^{11} ergs per gram carbon. Neutron exposures were over the range 1 x 10^{15} to 3 x 10^{16} nvt fast.

Data were obtained on the wear life, corrosion resistance, fluid resistance, and thermal stability. It was observed that radiation, in certain instances, improved wear life rather than decreasing it. Also, those solid films that possessed good corrosion and fluid resistance and good thermal stability prior to irradiation generally were not seriously changed in these properties. Films of poor initial properties were greatly degraded by the radiation.

It was concluded that certain of the films should be usable up to the maximum dosages used, but that careful selection would be necessary.


Evaluation methods, including functional tests, were devised to determine grease and elastomer compatibility in a pneumatic system operating at -65 to 275°F and 0 to 3000 psi pressure range.

O-rings fabricated from Buna-N and Butyl rubber compounds lubricated by a commercially available silicone grease, operated successfully under the environments desired.

The compatibility of these materials at temperatures in the 165°F to 275°F range relieves design limitations that had hitherto been encountered in operational pneumatic systems.


The purpose of this study was to develop high temperature greases capable of lubricating heavily loaded surfaces moving against each other in sliding, oscillatory, rolling and rotational motion. Examples of such surfaces are found in actuators, gimbal rings, rocket devices, control mechanisms, hinge pins and rod end bearings.

The development of an extreme pressure grease with a -65°F to 425°F operating capability was completed. Two arylene thickened greases have successfully completed all the parameter screening tests. One grease contains a methyl phenyl silicone base fluid while the other has a blended base fluid of a methyl phenyl silicone with a high molecular weight ester oil. Pentachlorophenyl mercapto acetic acid is the extreme pressure additive utilized in both greases. Functional testing is now being conducted in heavily loaded bearings and actuators.

Work was initiated to obtain extreme pressure grease systems capable of operating in the temperature ranges of -40 to 500°F and to 600°F. Presently there is no oil commercially available which will operate successfully for prolonged periods at temperatures above 450°F. There are, however, several experimental fluids which show promise for high temperature use in the near future. Various silicone, ester and mineral type oils with relatively low volatility and high flash points were employed to evaluate the thickening ability of the experimental high temperature materials. The following types of materials were investigated for use as high temperature grease thickeners - graphite, urethanes, imidasaolides and imides of both aromatic and aliphatic dibasic acids. One type of thickener developed - the aluminum complex of pyromellitimides - has melting points above 900°F and shows excellent thickening properties.
The load carrying abilities of the following seven lubricants were determined on 16-pitch 2.000 in. pitch diameter spur gears:

- Octadecyl tri (decyl) silane
- MLO 57-426 -- Pentaoxyrithiol tetracaprate
- MLO 58-431 -- 10% silicone, 90% pentaerythritol tetracaprate
- MLO 7379 -- Super refined bright stock
- MLO 7380 -- Super refined paraffinic neutral
- MLO 7381 -- Super refined paraffinic neutral with 0.2% alkyl acid phosphate
- MLO 7383 -- Super refined naphthenic mineral oil

Tests were conducted at speeds up to 20,000 rpm and lubricant temperatures to 600°F. Octadecyl tri (decyl) silane lubricant exhibited the best load carrying ability of 2500 lb./in. of face width at 10,000 rpm and 600°F. MLO 58-431 and MLO 7379 ranked second and MLO 7381 third in overall mechanical performance. MLO 7383 scored at a higher load at 600°F than at 400°F. The load carrying ability of MLO 57-426 decreased the greatest with increasing temperature from 400 to 600°F.

Modifications made on the Universal Gear and Spline Tester included a more efficient test lubricant heating system, a temperature controller and recorder, an electronic speed indicator and an optical system. Operating procedure of the modified tester is included in the appendix.

Coordinating Research Council, Inc. WADC TR 57-36, Part IV.


This report reviews the activities of the various projects undertaken to assist the Air Force in conducting research on the problem of mutual adaptation of airframe lubricants and equipment, with particular emphasis on the work carried out during the period from April 1958 to December 1958. This report, describing work on five phases of activity (high-temperature testing of greases and hydraulic fluids for greases. Of the experimental greases tested at 20,000 rpm and 400°F, those containing as thickeners spiro (hydantoin-5, 1'-indan) and 5, 5'-diphenylhydantoin performed satisfactorily for the longest periods (304 to 690 hours). In performance tests at 10,000 rpm and 400°F, greases containing as thickeners 4, 4'-biantipyrine, 4, 4'-biphenyldicarboxylic acid, disodium tetrachlorophthalate, disodium tetraphenylphthalate, and benzo-guanamine showed good promise.

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Gulf Research & Development Co. WADC TR 58-350, Part II.


Work was continued towards the development of greases capable of lubricating, for a minimum period of 500 hours, antifriction bearings operating at 20,000 rpm and 400°F. Approximately 60 materials were synthesized or obtained from other sources for trial as thickeners, antioxidants or fluids for greases. Of the experimental greases tested at 20,000 rpm and 400°F, those containing as thickeners spiro (hydantoin-5, 1'-indan) and 5, 5'-diphenylhydantoin performed satisfactorily for the longest periods (304 to 690 hours). In performance tests at 10,000 rpm and 400°F, greases containing as thickeners 4, 4'-biantipyrine, 4, 4'-biphenyldicarboxylic acid, disodium tetrachlorophthalate, disodium tetraphenylphthalate, and benzo-guanamine showed good promise.

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Petroleum Refining Laboratory. WADC TR 55-30, Part VII.


This report describes work carried out on a
hydrocarbons are evaluated for use as base stocks. The Ceramic materials used appear to be compatible with
continuing program to characterize the behavior of various base stocks and fluid formulations for application
as hydraulic fluids and/or jet engine lubricants in the temperature range of 350°F. Esters, mineral oils, and
hydrocarbons are evaluated for use as base stocks. The use of selected structures is shown to result in improve-
ment in thermal stability and/or low temperature prop-
eries for esters and polyolefins. For mineral oils and
hydrocarbons, the emphasis is on the achievement of
improved additive response by super-refining, optimum
viscosity-volatility properties by close cut fractionation,
and improved viscosity-low temperature relationships
by deep dewaxing. Oxidation tests of bulk oil, thin film,
deposition, and successive (conversion) types are
critically compared and contrasted for a series of super-
refined and conventional mineral oils containing various
additive packages. The additive package ranges from a
single additive to an integrated package designed to con-
trol oxidation, corrosion, dirtiness, foaming, lubricity,
low temperature fluidity, and viscosity level. Four low
molecular weight, shear stable polymeric thickeners
have been evaluated and compared with the conventional
polymeric thickeners. Two of these materials provide
multifunctionality as dispersants and pour depressants
as well as thickeners. Used jet engine oils (silicones,
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plated specimens of six titanium alloys. The results show that electroless-nickel plated titanium, using conventional lubricants, is superior to the best cyanided titanium systems studied. Significant differences are shown between the wear resistance of the six nickel plated alloys in the same lubricant, and the same may be said for the various cyanided titanium alloys.

The best lubricants to use with cyanided titanium alloys are the same as for the untreated alloys; Halocarbon 11-14 is generally superior to polypropylene glycol 1025, while lubricants normally used for steel and electroless nickel are definitely inferior of these two.

The comparison of wear rates for two metals having widely different moduli of elasticity has been considered, and a method of handling the problem proposed. On the basis, it is shown that the wear rate of the best electroless nickel-plated titanium alloy is equivalent to 52100 steel. Carbürüsed iron-plated titanium was also investigated to a limited extent and found to give results approaching 52100 steel.

University of Michigan. WADC TR 59-185.


An all-metal concentric cylinder type of thermal conductivity cell was used to measure the thermal conductivity of twelve natural and synthetic base lubricating fluids.

Thermal conductivity values in the temperature range of 70 to 500°F are reported for fluids considered stable to the higher temperature. The maximum temperatures for other fluids were limited by their instabilities under test conditions. Since each fluid has individual characteristics, no correlation of conductivity values appears possible. Values are considered precise and for possible correlation can be compared to those of a fluid chosen as a "standard reference".

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 59-203.


A literature retrieval program was initiated to aid in guiding research on high temperature lubricants. A group of about 22,250 IBM punch-cards has been prepared, each card representing a different inorganic or metallo-organic compound. For each compound one card was prepared which included the literature source, the empirical formula, formula weight, structural codes, and the boiling point, melting point, liquid range, and thermal stability, provided one or more of the last four items were known. These data were obtained from an extensive search of the chemical literature and Government research reports. Preliminary analysis of the data is described as well as a discussion of the limitations of data correlation programs with particular emphasis on their application in this program.

WADC TR 59-191, Part I.


An extensive literature system consisting of 11,861 abstracts (about 900 pages) and a set of IBM cards describing each abstract has been compiled on additives for lubricants and hydraulic fluids. The necessary explanatory material for the use of the system is described.

An experimental program to synthesize and evaluate extreme pressure agents, anti-wear materials and viscosity index improvers for esters, silane and specially refined mineral oil base stocks for use in the 400 to 700°F temperature range has been started. The experimental program which was exploratory in nature, has shown the triaryl phosphine sulfides and the phosphorus pentasulfide treated polyisobutylene to be potentially useful additive materials. The tri-aryl- and tripryldiphosphine sulfides have given good results in the Shell 4-Ball machines as anti-wear and extreme pressure agents. The phosphorus pentasulfide treated high molecular weight (10,000) polyisobutlenes have anti-wear properties. The phosphorus pentasulfide treated polyiso- butylene also show viscosity index improving properties in the mineral oil. The majority of these additives act as anti-oxidants in the oxidation corrosion test. The triarylsulfide appear to be corrosive to copper and are not so soluble in the base stocks as would be desired. The polyisobutylene-phosphorous pentasulfide reaction products are quite soluble in the silane and hydrocarbon, but only slightly soluble in the ester.

WADC TR 59-244.


This report is a compilation of papers presented at the Air Force-Navy-Industry Lubricants Conference held 17-19 February 1959, at the Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. The conference was attended by over 400 representatives of industry and the Department of Defense and other Governmental agencies. Thirty-four papers were presented providing a review of requirements for fluids and lubricants and of contract, industrial, and internal research and development in greases, dry friction-reducing films, engine oils, hydraulic fluids and missile component lubrication.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. WADC TR 59-603.

FRICTION AND WEAR AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. Ernest Rabinowicz. AF 33(616)-5963. January 1960. PB 161719. Order from OTS $0.75.

A new high-temperature friction apparatus has been constructed which allows sliding experiments to be carried out at temperatures to 2000°F, in controlled atmospheres, and at speeds varying over a wide range. Tests have been run on this machine an an older machine. These and other results are discussed theoretically in terms of the surface energy-hardness ratio and of the wear coefficient. From the experimental results, it appears that the main influence of temperature on the friction and wear results is in the changes of hardness, of surface energy, and of tensile strength.

WADC TR 59-764.


This report describes the investigation of the lubricating behavior of liquid metals in two categories: hydrodynamic and boundary lubrication. The basic theory of the hydrodynamic study is that of the Reynolds equation. This theory has been extended, after the manner of Christopherson, to a new state of development in this report. An experimental device has been designed and constructed for confirming this theory as it relates to liquid
metals. The complex and elaborative aspects of this apparatus are described in detail in the report. The study of a variety of liquid metals with this apparatus is anticipated. A microscopic theory of the boundary lubrication region has been employed. This theory has been applied to a cylinder-flat combination, and the lubricating behavior has been seen to depend upon the state of contact stress for this configuration. An apparatus for these investigations is also described in the report.


A systemization of the most probable states for solids dispersed in organic media has been made. Specific attention has been paid to the development of more rigorous definition where ambiguity existed previously. Flocculation is discussed in terms of (primary) van der Waals type attractive forces and secondary and tertiary attractive forces. These latter two result from the influence of flocculating agents. Reduced deflocculation occurs due to steric hindrance, adsorbed lyosphere, entropic repulsion or double layer effects.

An investigation designed to determine the causes of structural instability of grease materials during use, and the application of the knowledge obtained to the production of superior greases was initiated. Various techniques such as ion incorporation or resin treatment of thickener solids were employed to increase the mechanical and temperature stability of greases containing various inorganic thickeners. Good success was achieved here, apparently. Grease with excellent stability properties can be prepared with surface modified thickeners. Surface modification was accomplished by deposition of phenol-formaldehyde type resins onto the surfaces of the solids in question followed by curing at elevated temperatures to a stable, coherent, though not necessarily, a mono-molecular film.

Miscellaneous work included the construction of a high temperature Shell Roll Tester and limited studies of the influence of additives on grease structure.


An investigation was undertaken with the objective of developing a high temperature instrument lubricant for application in the temperature range of -65 to 400°F. This project is being directed not toward the synthesis of new high temperature lubricant materials (fluids, additives, etc.) but rather toward the utilization of existing materials for the formulation of a satisfactory lubricant.

A screening procedure was developed for the evaluation of the materials chosen for investigation on the basis of preliminary studies and surveys of high temperature fluids and additives. Sliding and rolling wear tests, coast-down time studies, and thin film static oxidation tests combined with coast-down time tests were used to select materials for further investigation. Studies to determine the effect of the properties of the test materials on their behavior in bearings were also carried out.

Full scale performance tests in instrument bearings are under way. Major emphasis in these tests is being placed on the silicone fluids because of their desirable physical properties and superior performance in the screening tests. Results to date indicate that lack of lubricating effectiveness may be the main obstacle in the path of the successful application of these fluids. Work is currently under way to find ways and means of remedying this deficiency. In this connection, lubricity improving additives and blends of silicones with other types of fluids are being investigated.

A simulated gyro gimbal assembly has been constructed. This assembly is designed to evaluate lubricated bearing surfaces undergoing small oscillatory motions at relatively slow speeds. This is similar to the motion experienced by the gimbal bearings in an operational gyro except that this system is designed to perform at 400°F.

High speed gyro motors have been completely redesigned to operate successfully at 400°F. This required development of a high temperature insulation system, high temperature adhesives and the use of stainless steel for bearings and shafts.


This report is intended to present a summary of the state-of-the-art of extreme temperature, nuclear radiation resistant fluid and lubricant development. It presents data on the effects of gamma radiation on a number of commercial fluids and lubricants, with a discussion of potential problem areas. Selection of improved materials of greatly increased thermal and nuclear radiation stability is discussed and the present status of preferred lubricants is outlined.

It is estimated that on a basis of information to date, the following conclusions can be made:

1. That up to the dosages (2.6x10¹¹ ergs/gm carbon gamma and 3x10¹⁰ net fast neutrons) investigated ambient temperature wear life of commercial solid film lubricants did not show significant changes on irradiation.

2. Data on the silicone base greases show that the large changes which do occur in dropping point, bomb oxidation, bomb copper corrosion, and oil separation had little to no effect on the bearing performance tests. Preliminary in-source bearing tests on an alylurea silicone blend have performed satisfactorily for an average of 500 hours at 450°F and at a dose rate of 4.5x10⁶ ergs/gm carbon hour.

3. The most promising candidate high temperature radiation resistant engine oils are the polyphenyl ethers. Laboratory tests indicate that they should be usable to bulk oils at temperatures as high as 600°F in the presence of integrated nuclear dosages of 1x10¹¹ ergs/gm carbon.

4. In-source testing of a hydraulic loop showed that failure of Viton A dynamic seals could be expected at 3.0x10⁹ ergs/gm carbon gamma dosage and at 275°F.

5. Aircraft instrument oils (MIL-L-6085) oxidation-corrosion stability was severely diminished at gamma dosages as low as 8.71x10⁶ ergs/gm carbon.


Eleven greases qualified under Military Specifications MIL-G-3278, MIL-L-3545, MIL-L-4343, MIL-G-7421, and MIL-L-7711, and supplied by various manufacturers were placed in storage at room temperature for two years. The greases were examined periodically to determine if storage had affected any of their properties.
At the termination of two years of storage, it was discovered large changes in consistency had occurred in three out of four Specification MIL-L-7711 greases. The properties of these greases were no longer within specification limitations. All other greases maintained minimum requirements.

WADC TR 59-736, Part II.

The design and operating characteristics of a gear and spline lubricant tester are described. Results of studies to determine the effects of lubricant flow rate, gear speed, and inert atmosphere on gear scuff load are presented.

Lubricant load carrying ability decreased sharply in the 5000 to 10,000 rpm range but leveled off in the 15,000 to 20,000 rpm range. A slight increase in scuff load with increasing speed was noted in some cases.

The use of an inert atmosphere caused a decrease in scuff load rating with a mineral oil, a sebacate, and a silicone-ester blend. Two silicone fluids showed no significant change in scuff load when tested in an inert atmosphere.

Gulf Research and Development Company.
WADC TR 58-350, Part I.

During this phase of the contract, approximately forty fluids and ninety experimental thickeners were evaluated as components for greases intended for operation at 20,000 rpm and 400°F.

The most promising of the fluids were certain of the silicones, m-bis (m-phenoxynaphoxy) benzene, and a silphenylene. Since the m-bis (m-phenoxynaphoxy) benzene and silphenylene were in short supply, very limited work was done with these fluids.

Of the thickeners used primarily in conjunction with DC-550, certain lots of spiro (hydantoin-5,1',5' indan) and 1,1'-methylenebis (5,5-dimethyl-hydantoin) produced experimental greases which operated satisfactorily for a period of 500 hours at 400°F and 20,000 rpm. Greases prepared with other lots of the same materials failed in much shorter periods. Arylureas and combinations of arylureas and Bensidine Yellow as thickeners may provide greases showing even better performance under the above conditions. More extensive evaluation is needed to substantiate this.

Statistical analyses to determine (a) correlation between screening tests and performance of greases in antifriction bearings and (b) precision limits on performance life tests at 20,000 rpm and 400°F were made. Results on the analyses indicated no correlation for (a) and very poor precision for (b).

Construction of two 45,000 rpm extremely high speed testers was completed and one of these testers put into operation. The second tester will be in operation by February 10, 1960. Operation of the tester and accessory control equipment is very good. Sixteen trial runs on two greases showed very short life (0.25 to 10 hours) for the greases and bearings at speeds above 30,000 rpm.

Pennsylvania State University. WADC TR 55-30, Part VIII.

This report describes work carried out on a continuing program to characterize the capabilities of various base stocks and fluid formulations for application as hydraulic fluids and/or jet engine lubricants under a wide variety of conditions. An antwear or chemical polishing mechanism is suggested for tricresyl phosphate is shown for silicone-containing fluids with ferrous bearing surfaces. Variables designed to improve yield, efficiency, and fluid properties are discussed for low temperature solvent dewaxing. In many cases, the viscosity-temperature characteristics of the oil and wax fractions are both better than those of the original oil prior to separation. Formulation, distribution, and hardware testing of several mineral oil fluids for use over the range of -65°F to 700°F are noted. Results obtained in a 550°F vickers pump test program are discussed. The basic trends in thermal degradation with mineral oils have been studied in a pressure cylinder. Quantitative evaluation of the gaseous and liquid reaction products suggests different mechanisms for the gas and liquid phase reactions. The effectiveness of inhibitor combinations as antioxidants versus a single inhibitor is illustrated at temperatures of 347°F, 400°F, and 500°F. The use of a small volume test to evaluate materials available in limited quantities is discussed. A series of samples have been in storage for periods of 2 to 17 years and have been reevaluated for changes in properties due to storage. An insight into the mechanism of oxidation on or in the vicinity of hot metal surfaces is provided by quantitative oxidation studies in the controlled atmosphere panel coker. A series of successive tests in the panel cokers has been used to explore further the mechanism of coking and the variables governing the deposit. Deposition type tests in a single-pass lube rig are also discussed.

Midwest Research Institute. WADD TR 60-530.

Thirty-three compounds were screened for their effectiveness in carbonaceous films in a high vacuum system. Sixteen compounds indicate less than 50 percent conversion to oxides after 4 hrs. at 1000°F. The same compounds were screened for frictional properties from 80°F to 1000°F at light loads. Seven of them indicated a friction coefficient below 0.50 over a large portion of the temperature range.

Four high temperature bonding agents were selected for bonding films of the most promising solid lubricants. Outstanding results were obtained at 1000°F with PbS films bonded with B2O3. Wear-lives as high as 50,000 revolutions were recorded at 1000°F, 100-lb. load and 370 rpm, with friction coefficients from 0.07 to 0.15 and negligible wear on the rub shoes. The wear-life of the PbS/B2O3 films falls off very rapidly with decreasing temperature. Films combining MoS2 or graphite with PbS/B2O3 films have not shown good results at 1000°F.

Standard Oil Company. WADD TR 60-557, Part I.
DEVELOPMENT OF GREASES FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE BALL AND ROLLER BEARINGS.

The objective of this contract is the development of grease systems for use in ball and roller bearings of...
The use of better bearings is expected to increase bearing life and decrease the effects of atmospheric and ionizing radiation stresses. Based on the evidence obtained, it appeared that all lubricants suffer an increased running time.

Fluids and thickeners, believed to be potentially useful in -40°F to 700°F greases, were synthesized or obtained from outside sources and screened in bench tests for adequately high thermal stability and low volatility. Thickeners were also screened for thickening ability over the temperature range. Materials that appeared promising after screening were made into greases and tested. Fluids were thickened with the best high-temperature thickener available, and thickeners were dispersed in the best high-temperature fluid to obtain the greases for these tests.

Most bearing tests were run at 600°F, under modified CRC L-35 conditions, on Pope-Texas type spindles. Under these conditions, the best of the currently available greases, methylphenyl silicones, thickened with one of several high-melting organic thickeners ran for about 55 hours. Greases made with several experimental silicone fluids gave results that ranged from slightly worse to significantly better than those obtained with the best available grease. The best results were obtained with DC-QF-6-7024 Silicone Fluid which ran from 100 to 400 hours in various tests. Failures were due to the instability of the silicone fluids. The best phenoxyphenyl ether and chain-type polyphenyl greases ran as long as the best of the currently available greases. Failures were not due to fluid instability, but fluid volatility. Preparation of lower volatility fluids of these and the best greases are under way. Surface treated silica, carbon black and glass fiber thickeners gave better results than the best of the currently used high-temperature thickeners. In addition, some promising initial results were obtained with high melting polymers, complex sulfonyllic and sulfonamides, and some organic pigments. None of these thickener systems has been completely perfected and even better results are to be expected as they are further developed.

Running similar bearing tests on MRC spindles gave results equivalent to those obtained on the Pope-Texas spindles, when similar load conditions were used. Under higher load conditions, shorter test runs were used. The DC-QF-6-7024 Fluid grease ran only 6 hours when the axial load was increased from five to fifty pounds. Load carrying additives improved bearing performance at higher loads. One additive in the QF-6-7024 grease lowered the five pound axial load running time to about 60 hours, but raised the fifty pound running time to over 30 hours. Another additive when added in this grease, did not affect the five pound load life, and ran for over 400 hours at fifty pounds load.

Increasing the temperature to 650°F decreased the running time. Increasing the amount of grease filled into the bearing increased the running time.

No tests were run with relubrication, but the development and use of such a technique coupled with the use of better bearings is expected to increase bearing running times.

A research program has been initiated to investigate the friction mechanism of graphite. The effects of atmosphere, crystal orientation, etc., on the lubricative process are being observed.

A search for satisfactory graphite samples has been undertaken with graphite whiskers being considered first. The whisker structure was first found to be imperfect when it was physically removed from the growth matrix. A technique of selective oxidation was developed to extract the whiskers from the matrix without physical damage. Whiskers thus extracted, while still not ideal, are useful in some phases of the study. In particular, they contain a uniform inner core which is useful for surface friction, atmosphere, and wear damage studies.

Single crystals of graphite were produced by the thermal decomposition of aluminum carbide single crystals. These samples have the regular graphite crystalline orientations throughout, and are representative of the fundamental graphite system.

Aluminum-oxide whiskers were grown as a by-product of the technique for producing graphite single crystals. Their structure and the mechanism by which they were produced are of interest because they indicate the temperature conditions which existed during the production of graphite crystals.

X-ray diffraction analysis of the single crystals showed uniform crystallographic orientations and interatomic spacings in close agreement with those reported for natural graphite. The graphite whiskers show normal graphite spacing, but their crystal orientations were not uniform. The aluminum-oxide whiskers were found to consist entirely of the alpha phase and to contain no measurable impurities.

Structural features of the graphite whiskers and single crystals as determined by optical microscopy and induced damage experiments indicate the type of experiments for which the whiskers and single crystals are suitable.

High temperature lubricants for advanced gas turbines are under development and screening for adequately high thermal stability and low volatility. The current program is aimed at the development of a -40°F to 700°F grease. The high temperature performance is being developed and screened fluids, thickeners and greases at 600°F. 600°F was chosen because long time performance at this temperature is required by the contract and it was close to the limit of significantly long performance of available grease and test equipment at the beginning of the contract.

Equipment was built or obtained for running loaded bearing tests, dropping points, evaporation, and roll stabilities at temperatures up to 900°F. Several types of bearings, said to be better for high temperature use, were tested. Bearings used in this period, were received at the end of this reporting period, but no tests have yet been run on them.

The work presented is an investigation of lubrication in the presence of high temperature performance. The lubrication of electrical equipment over an ultimate temperature range of -65°F to 700°F. The current program is aimed at the development of a -40°F to 700°F grease. The high temperature performance is the developing and screening fluids, thickeners and greases at 600°F. 600°F was chosen because long time performance at this temperature is required by the contract and it was close to the limit of significantly long performance of available grease and test equipment at the beginning of the contract.
appreciable decrease in load carrying capacity at elevated temperatures, but preserve their lubricating properties under the most severe environments, providing the flow of oil to the load bearing elements is not impeded in any manner. Since the flow of oil is highly affected by degradation due to heat, oxidation and ionizing radiation, the stabilities of unsubstituted polyphenyl ethers and MIL-L-9236A oil were studied. The results showed a great superiority of the polyphenyl ethers over the conventional oils. Regarding the effect of ionizing radiation, it was noted that at levels below 100 krad C, its effect is negligibly small and in this radiation range the main causes of lubricant degradation are heat and oxidation.

General Electric Company. WADC TR 59-633, Part II.

Studies were made on lubricity improvers and oxidation inhibitors for silicone fluids, which had been found in our earlier work to be the most promising base stocks. Preliminary screening of the various fluid additive combinations were carried out using procedures developed in Part I of the program. Full scale performance tests in instrument bearings were run in air and in argon atmosphere. Significant improvement in performance in both the preliminary screening and the bearing tests was achieved with several of the lubricity additives. A vendor-developed dry lubricated ball bearing looked very promising in the bearing life tests.

Evaluation of the base stock, the most promising fluid formulation, and the vendor-developed dry lubricated ball bearing was carried out in a simulated gyro gimbal assembly and in high speed gyro motors designed to operate at 400°F. Significant improvement over the silicone base oil was obtained with the oil compounded with a lubricity improver, especially in the slow speed gimbal tests. Lubrication of the high speed gyro motors with these lubricants was not as satisfactory as the slower speed application.

The dry lubricated bearings developed by the outside vendor appear promising for moderate to high speed applications, such as the tachometer generator, where torque requirements are not critical. These bearings did not prove to be satisfactory in the gyro gimbal test since bearing torque increased rapidly during the first 200 hours of operation.

Cleveland Graphite Bronze. WADD TR 60-757.

The advent of higher power jet engines necessitated a suitable high temperature lubricant. Silicone oils became attractive candidates for this field primarily because of their thermal stability at high temperatures. However, one problem presented itself in the form of deposits at carbon seal areas. It was originally theorized that these deposits were formed by a basic incompatibility between silicone oil and the carbon used for mechanical seals.

Static immersion tests using 10 grades of carbon in combination with three silicone oils, one ester, and one silicone-ester blend at bath temperatures of 400°F, 500°F gave no indication that carbon has an effect on viscosity increase or high temperature breakdown of the oils tested. In tests where radical changes occurred in samples containing carbon, there were also radical changes in control samples not containing carbon. This point was also confirmed in dynamic tests.

In a test setup simulating sealing conditions, silicone sludges were formed at indicated interface temperatures of 280°F. This temperature is considerably below the oxidation and thermal decomposition temperatures of the lubricants. Localised hot spots were found to be the source of the high temperature. In one case, temperatures 300°F higher than the average were recorded.

Bench rig tests of shaft and face seals produced silicone sludge under conditions far less severe than those encountered in the field. Tests run with a nitrogen blanket show that excluding oxygen from the seal interface inhibits or stops the formation of silicone sludge. This method of seal protection will be satisfactory until the seal interface temperature reaches the thermal decomposition limit of the silicone oil, approximately 620°F.

WADD TR 60-770.

High melting imide solids synthesized from anthraquinone, pyromellitic acid, pyromellic dianhydride, phthalic anhydride and various amines were investigated as potential high temperature grease thickeners. Several commercially available high melting solids such as asbestos, resins and amine anthroquinone thickening compounds were included in this investigation.

Greases were formulated from these materials by solvent, heating, and milling techniques. Physical characteristics of the resulting greases were also determined. An imide thikener combination comprised of two separate components, the aluminum complex of pyromellitic benzoic acid and phthalimido benzoic acid proved to be the most promising material investigated. It proved to have good thermal stability, excellent gel characteristics and a melting point above 1200°F.

The commerically obtainable high melting point solids were generally ineffective as grease thickeners. Better methods of dispersion and of keeping article size uniform would greatly facilitate this work.

Ferrous Metals and Rare Metals

TR 4773.

TR 4799, Part 1.
INVESTIGATION OF ALTERNATE STEELS. A. C. Willis, 2/Lt. Morse Hill. July 1942.

TR 4802.
HARDENABILITY OF STEEL. Morse Hill. July 1942.

TR 4799, Part 2.
INVESTIGATION OF ALTERNATE STEELS. Morse Hill. December 1942.
CONSERVATION of strategic metals may be accomplished in the production of jet aircraft engine parts provided suitable lean alloy substitutes are made available, capable of operating at elevated temperatures. In this respect, the Ti-B type of ferritic steels have been investigated and their creep and rupture properties evaluated and improved for service temperatures in the neighborhood of 1200°F. It was demonstrated, through testing the properties of a 600 pound heat of 3 Cr-1 Mo-Ti-B sheet steel with a 2.2 Ti/C ratio, that such a composition not only could be steel mill processed satisfactorily on a semi-commercial basis, but also that 1200°F rupture and creep strength properties, equivalent to the Cr stainless steels, could be obtained for several hundred hours of life.

A detailed investigation of this steel provided design type creep data for several conditions of heat treatment and hot rolling procedures. Other tests indicated that high strength properties (Rockwell C39) could be retained in the neighborhood of two to five percent produced no significant increase with increasing temperature at 1200°F. Molybdenum was most effective in improving the high temperature strength properties of the Ti-B steel while chromium served more in providing resistance to scaling and oxidation. Tungsten and vanadium, added to the Cr 1 Mo-Ti-B steels to the maximum extent of about 1.5 percent individually or in combination, caused only minor gain in creep and rupture strength properties.

The unusual high temperature strength of the Ti-B steels is the result of their ability to form a hardened low temperature transformation product of acicular ferrite exceptionally resistant to tempering. This is accomplished as a result of the following:

(a) Solid solution hardening and diffusion interferences effects of both boron and titanium.
(b) The retention of titanium and carbon in the supersaturated ferrite.
(c) The dispersion hardening effect of the precipitated titanium carbide.

DEVELOPMENT OF LOW ALLOY TI-B STEELS FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE SERVICE APPLICATIONS.

Mechanical properties of a chrome-nickel-molybdenum-vanadium general purpose medium carbon alloy steel (modified SAE 4330 plus vanadium), developed and fabricated by the Republic Steel Corporation, were determined by the Materials Laboratory, Research Division, Wright Air Development Center, to evaluate the suitability of the steel for aircraft applications where the combination of high strength and toughness are required. The properties of the Republic alloy steel were compared with the properties of an alloy steel, designated as "Hy-Tuf", developed by the Crucible Steel Company for the same purpose and with the properties of the well established SAE 4340 general purpose alloy steel. When heat treated to the same nominal hardness and strength levels, the Republic steel had approximately the same percentages of elongation and reduction of area as the other steels. The Republic alloy steel showed superior load impact properties to those of Hy-Tuf and SAE 4340 alloy steels when each was heat treated to a tensile strength approximating 170,000 psi (Rockwell C39) both at room and low temperatures, but its impact properties were not as high as those for Hy-Tuf when heat treated to strength levels around 220,000 psi either at room or low temperatures. Both the Republic alloy steel and Hy-Tuf alloy steel had impact properties superior to 170,000 psi (Rockwell C39 to Rockwell C50), covered in this investigation, at room temperature and at low temperatures (-67°F or below). The end-quench hardenability curve for the Republic alloy steel fell along the minimum curve for SAE 4340 alloy up to a distance of 3/4 inch from the quenched end of the specimen, beyond which distance it approached the median of the hardenability range for SAE 4340. The Republic steel can be successfully welded by the same procedures used for welding SAE 4340 alloy steel.

This report presents the test procedures and results of a fatigue investigation at room and elevated temperatures on SAE 4340 steel, oil quenched and tempered to 160,000 psi in the unnotched and notched condition. The notch used in the investigation is a 60° V-notch with 0.010" radius and 0.025" depth.

The results, which are presented in the form of S-N diagrams, normal and non-dimensional modified Goodman stress-range diagrams, reveal the effect of temperature and stress-ratio on the unnotched and notched fatigue properties.

The fatigue tests were supplemented by stress-rupture and creep-rupture tests and by dynamic creep measurements. The investigation was conducted at room temperature, 600°, 800° and 1000°F.

In general, the fatigue strength was found to decrease with increasing temperature at all stress levels and all stress-ratios except for the life times between 105 and 15 x 10⁶ cycles in the notched condition, where at 600°F the value is lower than at 800°F and even lower than at 1000°F, dependent upon stress ratio. This can probably be related to an increase in brittleness in the 600° region, which is also confirmed by the fact, that the notch sensitivity at 600°F was found to be higher than at any of the other temperatures investigated.

The notch-sensitivity factor, based on maximum stress, is dependent upon temperature, stress-level and stress-ratio. It generally decreases with increasing stress level, increasing temperature and decreasing stress-ratio. The peak of notch-sensitivity is produced at completely reversed load for all temperatures.
The tests indicated that creep is dependent upon mean stress rather than upon maximum stress. Two distinct types of creep-time diagrams were obtained, determined by stress-ratio, mean stress and temperature. A fracture study revealed certain relations between the type of creep diagram and type of fracture, inter and transgranular.

TR 53-256.

Several alloy steels are used in aircraft. These have been investigated with the purpose of determining the fatigue strengths at stresses higher than those found in the stress-cycle fatigue diagrams as usually determined. The stress-cycle diagrams have been extended down to about 1000 cycles and the effects of internal heating at high stresses shown.

Syracuse University. TR 53-254, Part 1.

In Part I data on hydrogen embrittlement of high-strength steels are presented and analyzed. Many failures in aircraft parts have been reported as high-strength steels. Some of these failures have been associated with changes in the basic mechanical characteristics of the steels caused by cadmium plating or chromium plating. Heat treating or baking applied to relieve this hydrogen embrittlement were frequently only partly effective.

Hydrogen in steel is highly mobile and this explains the unusual mechanical features of hydrogen embrittlement and the conflicting results of the many tests which were applied to disclose and measure hydrogen embrittlement. The normal strength of a high-strength steel is found to be rarely affected while its ductility may be greatly reduced. Consequently the stress testing specimens and parts which depends upon ductility may also be much reduced by hydrogen embrittlement. Furthermore, these effects are pronounced at low rates of straining or sustained loading but probably of no significance on impact loading.

The magnitude of hydrogen embrittlement also depends greatly upon numerous mechanical, chemical and electrochemical factors which are encountered in the making, shaping, heat treating, and finishing of aircraft parts.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 53-254 (Part 2).
SURVEY OF LOW-ALLOY AIRCRAFT STEELS HEAT TREATED TO HIGH STRENGTH LEVELS. George Sachs. AF 33(616)-392. August 1954. PB 123090. Order from LC Mi $6.00, Ph $18.30.

In Part II the information available on fatigue characteristics of high-strength steels is assembled. The data obtained from various sources frequently show great differences even where the testing conditions were presumably identical. Still larger variations resulted from slight differences in testing or in steel conditions the nature of which was frequently unknown.

Contrary to common concepts, high-strength steels may exhibit endurance-strength values considerably superior to those of steels heat treated to a strength of 200,000 psi or lower. This applies to such values in the presence of stress concentrations. It appears, in general, that any specific steel exhibits fatigue strength characteristics which may be particularly unfavorable at certain tempering temperatures. High-hardenability high-strength steels usually possess endurance limits considerably above those of other steels heat-treated to high strength levels.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 53-254 (Part 3).

Part III of the report presents descriptions of actual failures encountered in high-strength steel aircraft parts and of the experimentation performed for the purpose of analyzing the conditions of failure and determining the sources of it. Practically all of such information relating to aircraft parts has been supplied by aircraft and aircraft parts industries.

The attempt to systematically arrange this information leads to the conclusion that there exists a number of different sources of the failures in high-strength steel aircraft parts. Furthermore, as a rule a failure resulted from a combination of several factors which deviated from those encountered in regular manufacture rather than from a single factor. From the analysis of the failure cases it may be deduced that a change in one particular factor would have been sufficient and was sufficient in a number of instances to prevent any further failures of the same part.
800°F are preferably used. Also, high-strength steels with optimum impact strength at a given strength level are obtained by holding the carbon content as low as possible. The effects of the numerous variables encountered in processing and heat treating steel on impact strength and notch strength are apparently not universal and not well clarified and frequently are obscured by secondary effects, such as the softening associated with slack quenching.

In contrast, the notch-strength in tension of high-strength steels appears to respond sensitively to a number of variables of different types such as magnitude of stress concentration, eccentricity of loading, section size of quenched and tested specimen, section size of product and method of quenching. The data available in these respects, rather limited but appear to indicate universal trends.

In certain instances a parallelity between impact strength and notch strength has been noted.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 53-259 (Part 6). SURVEY OF LOW-ALLOY AIRCRAFT STEELS HEAT TREATED TO HIGH STRENGTH LEVELS. George Sachs and E. P. Klier. AF 33(616)-392. September 1954. ASTIA Document No. AD 52663. PB 121506. Order from OTS $0.50.

The appendix presents a number of suggestions for future research work on low-alloy aircraft steels heat treated to high strength levels.


Knowledge of the mechanical properties of many medium-carbon, boron-treated steels is insufficient for proper evaluation of the suitability of these steels for aircraft use.

The hardenability, tensile, impact, notched tensile, and fatigue properties of boron steels 81B40, 98B40, and 818B30 have been determined and are reported. The hardenabilities of carburizing steels 94B17 and 43BV10 have been investigated for different carburised case depths and carbon contents. Impact properties of pseudo-carburised specimens have been determined. Detailed test results are reported for all investigations.

Results of this investigation can be used to determine the suitability of these boron treated steels for aircraft applications by comparison to the properties of alloy steels now used in the aircraft industry.


The effects of increasing the silicon content in 4340 and 4325 steels to 1.5 percent have been observed as a function of tempering temperature. The softening on tempering is retarded by silicon, and it appears possible to obtain somewhat higher strengths in the silicon steels without a corresponding loss in ductility or in Charpy impact strength. At high strength levels the elastic limit is approximately one-half of the engineer yield strength; silicon additions have no influence on the maximum elastic limit. Although the introduction of silicon has several beneficial effects at high strength levels, undesirable impact properties may be introduced by tempering at high temperatures (temper embrittlement).

Retained austenite data are presented as a function of cooling rate from the hardening temperature, and it is shown that substantial amounts of retained austenite may be developed on retempered cooling. There exists also some indication that the fatigue endurance limits and the elastic limits may be related.


A study was made of the relationship between current density and the permeation of hydrogen through a thin steel membrane which was the cathode in an electrolytic cell. The established relationship was used to study the effect of the variation in hydrogen-absorption rate on the time for rupture to occur under sustained stress. It was found that the relationship between the rupture time and the rate at which hydrogen was absorbed by the steel could be expressed by the equation $T_f = kP^{-2/3}$ where $T_f$ was the rupture time, $k$ was constant for each applied stress, and $P$ was the permeability rate.

A study was made of the incubation times for crack nucleation and of crack growth rates under various experimental conditions. Incubation times increased with decreasing applied stress. Crack growth rates also increased with decreasing applied stress, whereas, it was expected that they would decrease.

The effect of other factors, such as austenitising temperature, prestrain, precharging, composition of the steel, and torsion loading, upon the rupture time also was studied.


Two series of steels, melted to the base composition of 8140, were studied to ascertain whether titanium and zirconium (present in many commercial boron addition agents) had any adverse effect upon the impact properties of the base steels, particularly with reference to temper brittleness. All steels were given the same hardening treatment (1/2 hour at 1600°F, oil quench) and were tempered 1 hour at 1200°F. The rates of cooling from the tempering temperature was varied so as to develop temper brittleness and isothermal embrittling treatments also were employed.


A single heat of aircraft quality SAE 4340 steel, heat-treated to 190,000, 260,000, and 300,000 psi ultimate tensile strength, was tested by the increasing load method (similar to Prot's method) in axial loading to determine the variation in fatigue properties under each of the three mean stress conditions, zero, 60,000 and 90,000 psi. Conventional S-N curves were determined by axial load tests at 190,000 psi ultimate tensile strength, under zero mean stress and 90,000 psi mean stress, to provide factors for adjusting the Prot-type failure stresses to standard mean endurance limit values. In addition, Prot rotating beam tests were performed at 190,000 psi ultimate tensile strength.
The endurance limit under completely reversed axial stress increased with an increase in ultimate strength from 190,000 psi to 260,000 psi, but appeared to decrease when the same material was heat-treated to 300,000 psi. Under high mean tensile stress the 300,000 psi material may have a fatigue strength superior to that of the 260,000 psi material.


The mechanical properties of 43XX steels, containing 0.15%, 0.25% and 0.37% carbon, with an without 3% silicon, were determined as a function of tempering temperature. 4337 steels with 1.5% silicon and with variations in nickel, molybdenum and boron were also tested. The chief advantage of the silicon addition appears at high strength levels. Silicon retards the third stage of tempering, and an ultimate strength of 300,000 psi is developed in 4337 (3.0 Si) even after tempering as high as 600°F. The ductility and impact properties are not adversely affected as this strength level by the silicon. Silicon was also found to increase the as-quenched hardness, especially in the two lower carbon grades.


An investigation was carried out to determine the effect of cadmium plating on the tensile and stress rupture properties of high strength steel at elevated temperatures. Tests were conducted on SAE 4340 steel, and properties of this material were investigated in the annealed and heat treated conditions. The annealed material was investigated at 600°F and 611°F, effects on properties of the heat treated material were investigated at 500°F, 600°F and 611°F. The properties of cadmium plated steel in both conditions, annealed and heat treated, were compared with the properties of unplated steel subjected to the same test conditions.


Two possible methods of obtaining steels in the high strength range were investigated, namely, the superimposition of plastic deformation on the transformation of austenite to martensite, and the production of high nitrogen-low carbon (0.25% maximum) martensite. In the deformation of austenites prior to transformation, increases in tensile strength up to 10% and in elastic limit up to 30% were obtained. In steels of base composition C-0.20, Si-1.00, Mn-0.75, Cr-1.40, increasing the nitrogen content from 0.004 to 0.009% increased the 0.2% offset yield strength about 6% and the tensile strength about 3.5%. The ductility was essentially unaffected by this increase in nitrogen content.


A survey has been made of the unclassified literature relating to the rare earth elements, hafnium, rhodium, and ruthenium. The best available data has been compiled for the abundance and distribution of elements, the methods of recovery from ores and purification, the reduction to metal, and the physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of the elements and their important compounds.


Studies have been made of the properties of yttrium and the rare earth metals. Those have included metallographic studies, oxidation and corrosion resistance studies, mechanical property determination and studies of alloys of titanium and beryllium with rare earth additions.

Improved methods for the production of pure metals are described. A complete metallographic procedure has been developed. Procedures for the chemical and spectrographic analysis of metals and alloys are provided including a method for oxygen analysis.

Corrosion studies include determination of the rate of moisture absorption of the rare earth oxides under controlled conditions of temperature and humidity, and determination of the rate of atmospheric corrosion of the metals in dry and humid atmospheres at 35 and 95°C, and at 200, 400, and 600°C. The rate of atmospheric corrosion was found to vary widely; from europium, a fresh surface of which starts to oxidise immediately on exposure to air, to samarium for which oxidation was very slow even at the elevated temperatures.
Mechanical properties of case and wrought rare earths are presented for both room and elevated temperatures. Tensile properties vary widely. Yttrium and the heavy rare earths appear to have the best mechanical properties, and maintain a considerable percentage of room temperature strength to temperatures of 427°C (800°F). The methods of preparation, analysis, and examination of titanium and beryllium alloys containing up to 10% rare earth elements are presented. Tentative partial constitutional diagrams are constructed. Very low solubility was found except for lanthanum which had an indicated solubility between 0.2 and 1.5 weight percent.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. WADC TR 59-57.

The tempering of steels with a base composition of AISI 43XX and up to 3% silicon was studied by measuring longitudinal mechanical properties and kinetic behavior. The kinetic analysis was performed on precision-length measurements after isothermal tempering treatments from 720°F to 850°F; mechanical properties were evaluated after one hour tempers at temperatures up to 1100°F.

It was found that silicon affects the temperature at which the first-stage decomposition products transform to cementite and ferrite, although silicon has no marked influence on the first stage itself. In steels without added silicon, the transformation of low-carbon martensite and epsilon carbide to ferrite and cementite (which is the third stage in iron-carbon alloys) is split into two substages because of the stabilizing effect of the alloying elements on epsilon carbide. The first substage is the transformation of low-carbon martensite to thin-plate cementite and ferrite, and the second is the resolution of epsilon carbide and the precipitation of cementite. In silicon steels, the last two reactions occur simultaneously because of the higher transformation temperatures. The changes in the matrix and carbide phases are reflected in the mechanical properties. A decrease in matrix carbon content causes a decrease in hardness and ultimate strength. Likewise, an agglomeration of carbide also causes a decrease in these properties. The influence of silicon on the as-quenched hardness is considered to be due, at least in part, to its effect on quench-tempering. The "500°F embrittling phenomenon" is attributed to the morphology of the first-formed cementite. Silicon permits tempering to higher temperatures by inhibiting both the softening effect of carbon depletion from the matrix as well as the embrittling effect of cementite precipitation.

Metals and Brazing Alloys

TR 4796.

TR 4814.
STUDY OF MATERIALS USED IN AIR FRAME OF JUNKERS 88 AIRPLANE. Morse Hill. August 1942.

TR 5925.
PROCEDURES USED IN PRECISION CASTING FOUNDRY. William F. Davenport, 1/Lt. and Adolph Strott. September 1949.

TR 6191.

TR 6222.
STUDY OF INVESTMENTS FOR PRECISION CASTING PROCESS. William F. Davenport, 1/Lt. and Adolph Strott. October 1950.

TR 6678.
SURVEY OF CRITICAL AND STRATEGIC METALS. Howard J. Siegel, 2/Lt. November 1951.

Data are presented pertaining to three groups of critical metals (structural, ferroalloy, and plating metals) relevant to applications, production (world and domestic), and substitutes for these metals.

EQUIPMENT FOR TESTING THE CREEP PROPERTIES OF METALS UNDER INTERMITTENT STRESSING AND HEATING CONDITIONS. Lawrence A. Shepard and John E. Dorn. AF 33(038)-11502. July 1952. ASTIA Document No. AD 167643. PB 124052. Order from LC Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

Very little is known about the separate or combined effects of intermittent heating and stressing on the elevated temperature creep and creep-rupture characteristics of aircraft structural metals. Such information is important since aircraft and engines will be subject to these conditions. Between flights, loads and temperatures are low; during flights, they are high. Exact service conditions cannot be reproduced in the laboratory, but arbitrary cycles have been chosen for initial work. In view of the need for more complete information on the effects of such intermittent heating and stressing on the creep and creep-rupture properties of structural sheet materials, an experimental program on this subject was initiated. (Possible theoretical analyses of the results will be made later.) One of the major problems of the program was the development of suitable equipment for the investigation. A description of four creep-testing machines, specially designed for this program, with automatic electronic control units is given herein. This equipment is designed to produce any combination, separately or simultaneously, of intermittent heating and stressing of creep-rupture specimens, in or out of phase.

University of Illinois. TR 52-89, Part 1.

This paper presents a theoretical method for constructing dimensionless interaction curves for members subjected to combined tension and bending loads that produce inelastic strains, and presents experimental results which verify the theory. Each interaction curve represents the total range of the ratios of axial load to bending moment which will cause inelastic strains to extend a given depth in the member. Experimental interaction
curves were obtained from eccentrically loaded tension members of rectangular cross sections made from three strain-hardening materials, namely, annealed nickel and aluminum alloys 24S-T4 and 75S-T6. Good agreement was found between theory and experiment. In order to design a member subjected to combined axial and bending loads by use of the interaction curves, the lateral deflection of the member must be estimated. Three orders of approximation for the lateral deflection of eccentrically loaded tension members are presented. The problem of combined bending and axial compressive loads is discussed and research based on the methods of analysis developed in this investigation is suggested for solving the buckling load of a member subjected to combined bending and axial compressive loads. Some illustrative problems are solved in the appendix which show how the results of this investigation may be used.


This project was undertaken to determine the short-time creep strengths of several aircraft structural sheet materials at times up to approximately 100 minutes.

The materials tested included two magnesium alloys, three aluminum alloys, four steels, and two high-temperature alloys. Each group of materials was tested over the useful temperature range for the material in that group.

The testing procedure was to load the specimen cold, heat to the desired temperature by resistance heating, and hold at the test temperature until the test was completed. A slide-wire extensometer was used and the total extension of the specimen was recorded on a high-speed General Electric recorder.

The data are presented as time-deformation curves, design curves, and curves comparing the materials after one, ten, and sixty minutes of loading. Among the light alloys, 24S-T had the highest strength at all test temperatures. Steels containing titanium and boron had high strength but were very brittle. The high-temperature alloy L-605 in the hot-rolled condition had very good properties between 1200°F and 2000°F.


In order to establish important design criteria, the compressive, bearing and shear properties have been determined for (1) HA785-T6 aluminum alloy sheet (clad), and FS-1 magnesium alloy at room temperature and at elevated temperatures ranging from 270°F to 600°F for exposure periods ranging from 0.5 to 1,000 hours. (2) Heat Treat Nos. 1 and 2 of SA783-T6 alloy steel, SA5410 alloy steel, annealed stainless steel, and half-hard stainless steel, at room temperature and at several elevated temperatures between 400°F and 1200°F for exposure periods ranging from 0.5 to 100 hours. These properties have been compared with the tensile data obtained under corresponding conditions in an attempt to establish whether a correlation exists which would permit prediction of the compressive, bearing, and shear characteristics from the tensile properties of the individual material at room and elevated temperatures.

The test specimens, equipment, and procedures are described in detail. The test results are presented in the form of tables and figures to illustrate the effect of temperature and exposure time on the physical properties of the various materials under investigation.


This supplement has been prepared to present typical stress-strain curves in tension and compression, and stress-deformation curves in bearing for all materials tested on the basic contract. These curves were drawn from the original data obtained by laboratory tests. In presenting this information on the aluminum and magnesium alloys, families of curves were drawn for each test temperature in which time is a parameter. Therefore, each figure consists of five curves which represent the stress-strain or stress-deformation relationships existing at each elevated temperature for exposure times of 0.5, 2, 10, 100, and 1000 hours. For the titanium materials, each figure consists of five curves illustrating the stress-strain or stress-deformation relationships which exist at each of the two exposure periods at temperatures of 78, 400, 600, 800, and 1000°F.

These curves are presented for (1) 24S-T3 aluminum alloy at room temperature and at elevated temperatures between 212°F and 700°F with exposure periods ranging from 0.5 to 1000 hours, (2) 75S-T6 aluminum alloy. FS-1H and MA magnesium alloys at room temperature and at elevated temperatures ranging from 300 to 600°F for exposure periods between 0.5 and 1000 hours, and (3) annealed cold-rolled titanium materials at room temperature and at several elevated temperatures between 400°F and 1000°F for exposure periods of 0.5 and 100 hours.


This report describes the methods employed in the testing of aircraft structural sheet materials for times ranging from a few seconds up to approximately 100 minutes. The methods and procedures described herein, which were used in obtaining test results and design curves published in AF Technical Report 6731, Part 1, are presented in detail. Such information is no longer generally available and modifications have been incorporated in their current usage.

This report covers all phases of the testing procedures, including the test specimen shape and size, testing frame and loading system, main heating power supply and control, temperature-measurement and control, and strain-measurement and recording system.

Methods of reporting test results are shown for a previously tested aluminum alloy. These results are given in forms of time-deformation curves, design curves and stress-total deformation curves.
Four creep testing units were constructed at the University of California to test the creep strength of aircraft metals under intermittent loading and heating conditions. The equipment was designed to permit operations of loading, unloading, heating and cooling of the test specimen to occur automatically and periodically on a preset cycle. Special care was taken to provide smooth and vibration-free function of the equipment. Provisions were made for the accurate and continuous recording of both strains and temperature throughout the test.


Porous specimens were prepared from six particle size fractions to densities ranging from 75% to 90% of the density of the solid material and the thicknesses ranging from 0.040 inch to 0.200 inch by various combinations of compacting and coining pressures. Sintering time, temperature, and atmosphere were held constant. Methods of separating spherical particles from an aggregate of particle shapes are discussed.

The permeability data are presented in the form of a D'Arcy coefficient of permeability and also as a relationship between the pressure differential across the compact and the volumetric rate of air flow through the compact.


A study of the elevated temperature wear resistance of potential cage materials for aircraft turbojet bearings was conducted using a special wear testing machine to simulate roughly the conditions to which such bearings were subjected in service. All tests were conducted in the Mechanical Metallurgy Department of Horizons Incorporated. It has been found that:

1. Several alloy compositions have been developed which have superior bearing properties than "S" Monel and iron-silicon bronze. All of the promising materials except one contain silver as a major alloying element.
2. It has been established that the addition of from 2 to 4% silicon is distinctly beneficial to the wear properties of several classes of metallic alloys.
3. It has been shown that the alloy composition can be varied considerably with respect to the strength and temperature properties of several structural aircraft sheet materials.


An investigation has been carried out to develop new materials for cages for rolling-contact bearings used in jet aircraft. Two machines have been constructed to evaluate prospective materials. There are the rubbing-button-test machine and the cage-material testing machine. The rubbing-button machine is designed to screen the various materials in the simplest way possible, evaluating their resistance to galling and to seizure under thin-film lubrication at high rubbing velocities. The cage-material testing machine was designed to further evaluate promising materials from the screening tests under conditions simulating actual turbine-bearing operation. Material comparisons are based on the performance of silicon-iron bronze in these machines. At present, this cage material is used more widely than any other material for turbine bearings.

Two promising materials have been developed in the course of this research. These are chromized steel and boron nitride cermet. These materials have exhibited good corrosion resistance to hot MIL-L-7803 products used in the lubrication of turbine bearings.

An initial series of runs using the cage-testing machine with silicon-iron bronze specimens has proved the machine to be a valuable tool for simulating cage-pocket wear by the rolling elements. Comparison of cage specimens from this machine with cages from a bearing operated in a high-speed turbine showed marked similarity in the wear patterns. The loads on the cage pockets were measured with a strain-sensing device.


Short-time, high-temperature creep properties are reported for several structural aircraft sheet materials. The materials include a titanium alloy, three Alclad aluminum alloys, four low-alloy steels, and two stainless steels. Each group of materials was tested over a useful temperature range. The time of interest for each material ranged from about 1/2 to 120 minutes.

The test results are reported as (1) time-deformation curves, (2) design curves including total deformations, (3) stress-total deformation curves which rate the materials after 1, 10, and 60 minutes in test, and (4) creep-design curves. The creep-design curves contain only actual creep deformation in the range of 0.1 to 5 percent.

This report is Part 3 of a project that was undertaken to obtain the aforementioned data.


Creep properties are reported for several commercial sheet materials including RC-70 titanium, 61S-T6 and 75S-T6 aluminum alloys, SAE 4130 steel, the heat-resistant Alloy Steel A-286, and two stainless steels---17-7PH and Type 410. The test results were obtained under special load conditions (1/2 to 120 minutes), rapid-heating (50 to 250°F per second) test conditions to simulate service conditions. Each alloy was tested over the useful temperature range of the particular material.

Applications of these alloys under special short-time conditions might include skin material for supersonic
vehicles, combustion chambers for rockets and missiles, and other structural parts in aircraft and missiles.

This report is Part 4 of a project that was undertaken to obtain the creep properties of numerous sheet materials. Previous work was similarly done on a wide range of other commercial and some experimental sheet materials.

Battelle Memorial Inst. WADC TR 56-83.


The effect of hydrogen on the delayed, brittle failure of high-strength steel was investigated by the use of room-temperature stress-rupture tests on unnotched, cathodically charged specimens. The principal variables in these tests were stress, strength level, structure, composition, and hydrogen content. The time for failure to occur decreased as the strength level of the steel or the applied stress was increased, but changes in structure or composition had little effect on the time to failure.

The martensitic and bainitic reactions were found to be unaffected by the variations in hydrogen content.

The diffusion of hydrogen through cathodically charged steel was investigated. In this study, stress was found to have no measurable effect on either the diffusion or the distribution of hydrogen in steel.

Hydrogen contents of steel cathodically charged under various conditions were determined.

Crucible Steel Company of America. WADC TR 54-472 Part 2.

DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTENITIC IRON-BASE SHEET ALLOY. Roy R. Rothermel. AF 33(616)-2047 May 1956. PB 121438. Order from OTS $0.79.

Results of the investigation of the weldability of a type II, AD30 alloy (conducted in the welding laboratory of the contractor) indicate that this material can be welded when adequate measures are taken to limit stresses set up during welding and where proper protection from the atmosphere is afforded the material during welding.

Satisfactory welds were made in representative types of weld joints by the metallic arc process using types 310 and 312 mod. (2-3% Mo) electrodes and by the inert gas process using AD10 filler.

Satisfactory welds were obtained by the butt flash-welding process.

Bend test results of various welded specimens show good ductility, and evidence of formability of a welded section in the as-welded, solution treated condition.

Short-time tensile test results indicate welded specimens to have strengths (at a 1500°F testing temperature) comparable to the AD30 base material.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 56-282.


Microhardness is investigated as a function of test load for mild steel, Armco iron, copper, brass, zinc and cadmium. At light loads a discontinuity of slope in the hardness-load curve is observed which can be attributed to subgrain structure. A tension-compression fixture was developed and used to study the effect of stress on the microhardness of mild steel, brass, and copper specimens. For initially stress-free specimens, tensile stress causes a decrease in microhardness over a certain range of test load, and compressive stress results in a slight increase. The effect of stress on microhardness is complicated by the discontinuous slope in the hardness-load curve introduced by subgrain structure effects.

Horizons Inc. WADC TR 56-294.


This study was made with the purpose of developing new cage materials to be used in gas-turbine jet engines. The materials being used presently are operating near their upper temperature limits and the demands for greater efficiency and power will necessitate the use of materials with high temperature wear characteristics superior to those presently being used.

The development work was concentrated on nickel base silver impregnated materials produced by powder metallurgy techniques. Various boride, carbide, and silicide additions were made to the nickel base, and several compositions were found which had superior wear characteristics. In addition to this work a series of oil evaluation tests were made, and the wear rates of both the new and the standard materials were determined while using these oils as lubricants.

The Ohio State Univ. Research Foundation.

WADC TR 56-242.


The effect of austenitizing temperature on the hardness, impact strength, and microstructure of Types 403, 402, and 431 stainless steel was determined. The optimum combination of these properties occurred with austenitizing temperatures of 1725°F, 1850°F and 1900°F respectively for the 403, 420, and 431 materials. Tempered structures displayed minimums in the impact strength, tempering temperature curves at 1000°F, 900°F and 1000°F for the 403, 420 and 431 materials respectively.

Metallographic studies were made of stress-corrosion specimens tested in a 1:1 HCl and water solution containing 1% SeO₂. These studies showed that pitting was initiated at MnS inclusions and that cracking was associated with the pitting. Also, pitting characteristics were dependent on tempering temperatures and therefore are related to the microstructure of the alloy. Cracking does not occur in Type 403 alloy when it is tempered at 1050°F or higher.

This temperature is lowered to 900°F for the Type 420 material, and it is less than 700°F for Type 431 stainless steel stressed to 75,000 psi and tested in the above solution.

Electron microscopy and diffraction studies were made of tempered Type 403 stainless steel. These studies indicate several carbides to be present in the alloy after tempering in the 1000°F - 1200°F temperature range. Diffraction patterns vary for specimens tempered in this range.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 56-402.


A general study was made on the effect of prestraining in tension at +25°C on the tensile properties at -196°C and +100°C of notched and unnotched specimens of (1) a commercially pure titanium, Ti-75A, and (2) a 4% Al, 4% Mn titanium alloy, C130AM. Included in this general study were (1) a preliminary investigation on both materials to determine the effect of the notch sharpness, as varied by a change in root radius or notch depth, on the tensile
properties. (3) a study of the combined effect of notch sharpness (as varied by a change in notch depth) and pre-strain at +25°C on the tensile properties of notched specimens of these materials at -196°C or +100°C, and (3) a determination of the impact properties of Charpy V-notch specimens of both metals over the temperature range of -196°C to +300°C.

Prestraining in tension at +25°C had considerable effect on the ductility retained by both the notched and un-notched specimens of each material at -196°C or +100°C. Furthermore, the retained true strain at initial fracture (total true strain at initial fracture in the second stage of test at -196°C or +100°C minus the true strain at the end of the first stage of test at +25°C) decreased with increase in the prestrain at +25°C. The results indicate that Ti-75A and C130AM are not subject to "rheotropic embrittlement" as the retained ductility of the specimens at -196°C was not improved by prestraining at +25°C.

Prestraining in tension at +25°C has little, if any effect on the tensile strength or notch strength of Ti-75A or C130AM, except for some impairment in the notch strength of the deep-notched specimens of C130AM that did not retain any appreciable ductility at -196°C.

The change from a ductile to brittle behavior in the impact tests on Charpy V-notch specimens (based on the energy absorbed in fracturing the specimens) occurred over temperature ranges of approximately +150°C to +200°C or +100°C to +100°C for Ti-75A and C130AM, respectively.


Criteria were determined from designers for comparing various commercial porous sheet materials for use in boundary-layer control associated with high-lift systems. Sintered metal powders, special woven and sintered wire materials, a compressed glass-fiber product, woven wire cloths, and perforated metal sheets were evaluated and compared for the following properties: average permeability, uniformity of permeability, resistance to clogging and corrosion, mechanical properties including room temperature tensile strength, modulus of elasticity, Poisson's ratio, and minimum bend radius. An evaluation of economic factors, including production facilities, product limitations, requirements for and availability of raw materials, and cost of product, was carried out on those porous sheet materials which attained most nearly the physical and mechanical properties desired by the aircraft designers.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330 Part I. THE EFFECTS OF INELASTIC ACTION ON THE RESISTANCE TO VARIOUS TYPES OF LOADS OF DUCTILE MEMBERS MADE FROM VARIOUS CLASSES OF METALS. Part I: Inelastic Behavior of Aluminum Alloy I-Beams with Rectangular Web Section Cutouts. Will J. Worley, Shuji Taira. AF 33(616)-2753. April 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118165. PB 131028. This report contains an exploratory investigation of the plastic bending of aluminum alloy I-beams with rectangular web section cutouts. The mechanism method of analysis employing the upper bound theorem was employed in predicting the ultimate loads of the various beams. The experimental results are in good agreement with the predicted ultimate loads.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330 Part IV. THE EFFECTS OF INELASTIC ACTION ON THE RESISTANCE TO VARIOUS TYPES OF LOADS OF DUCTILE MEMBERS MADE FROM VARIOUS CLASSES OF METALS. Part IV: Eccentrically-Loaded Columns Having Angle- and T-Sections. M. E. Clark, O. M. Sidebottom. AF 33(616)-2753. May 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 130765. PB 131252. This paper presents the results of an analytical and experimental investigation for the determination of the load necessary to produce any given depth of yielding in angle- and T-section columns subjected to eccentric loads. This load is found analytically from the intersection of a constant depth of yielding interaction curve and the moment-load curve (see Part 1 of this Report). The collapse load of the column can be taken as the maximum load given by the moment-load curve.

In the experimental investigation, tests were made on eccentrically-loaded angle- and T-section columns made from type 304 stainless steel. The angle-section columns were so oriented that some buckled about the minimum axis of inertia and some about the maximum axis of inertia. The effects of variations in initial eccentricity and slenderness ratio on the collapse load were investigated. In all cases the experimental and theoretical moment-load curves were of the same general shape; the experimental collapse load being less than the theoretical by 2 to 16 percent. Since
the theory is based on assumptions which make it conservative, the fact that the experiments showed it to be unconservative was attributed to time-sensitive behavior of the stainless steel material. The stress-strain properties obtained from tension and compression tests did not represent the stress-strain behavior of the material in the column. When these stress-strain properties were adjusted by a 25 percent reduction in the modulus of elasticity, the experimental collapse load varied from 9 percent to 11 percent less than the theoretical value with most of the values comparing very favorably.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330 Part V.
THE EFFECTS OF INELASTIC ACTION ON THE RESISTANCE TO VARIOUS TYPES OF LOADS OF DUCTILE MEMBERS MADE FROM VARIOUS CLASSES OF METALS.
This report represents an extension of WADC Technical Report 56-330, Part II, April, 1956.
This extension was undertaken to investigate the plastic bending behavior of aluminum alloy I-beams with elliptical web section cutouts. As in the above report, the mechanism method of analysis employing the Upper Bound Theorem was used in predicting the ultimate loads of the various beams. This procedure could not be applied in all cases since several of the beams failed by buckling failures in the web sections. The I-beams were loaded in pure bending using quarter point loading and in combined shear and bending using center point loading. The span lengths were varied for a given depth of I-beam in order to investigate the effects of shear on the failure mechanism. Where the mechanism analysis applies, it permits the prediction of loads which are in good agreement with the experimental results.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330 Part VI.
This paper presents the results of a study undertaken to determine the feasibility of using the digital computer to make the time-consuming calculations necessary to construct moment-load interaction curves. A strip method of numerical integration was set up to solve the equations of equilibrium for the members; this method allowed a generalization of the procedure to all shapes of cross-section.
In setting up the problem for the digital computer, it was not convenient to work with the actual stress distributions. Instead, it was found that the actual stress distribution could be represented by three linear stress distributions having the same stress gradient. Load- and moment-functions were computed from these stress distributions and the actual load and moment in the section were determined from these load- and moment functions.
Load- and moment-functions for some 86 different conditions for T+, angle-, and channel-section members were determined using the digital computer. The great number of additional computations required to construct the interaction curves once the load- and moment-functions are available renders the digital computer method reported herein of questionable use. Further study of the problem could possibly produce methods by which these additional computations could be made by the computer and thereby make the method more efficient and useful.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330 Part III.
This report contains an exploratory investigation of the plastic bending of tapered members. Two analytical approaches are employed. The first considers a rigorous treatment by the classical theories of elasticity and plasticity while the second resorts to the more tractable mechanics of materials methods. A limited amount of experimental work is presented in support of theory.

WADC TR 57-131.
The Safety of Aircraft Structures.
The concept of structural safety of airframes is analyzed on the basis of its relation to the probability of structural failure, with a view of establishing procedures of quantitative evaluation of safety factors for a predetermined "acceptable" risk of failure.
The difference in the approach to the concept of safety for ultimate strength and for fatigue is discussed, considering recent developments in fatigue research, particularly the results of fatigue tests under random loading, and methods of safety analysis for both conditions are proposed.
In this analysis the "limit load" or "limit load factor" is a basic concept. It should, however, be noted that this concept is not identical with the conventional structural design criterion of the same name. The difference is fundamental: while in conventional design the "limit load" is a derivative concept obtained simply by dividing the "ultimate load" by an arbitrary "safety" factor, usually 1.5, the concept as used here is the primary load criterion defining, independently of the ultimate load, a limiting condition of service by the aid of which fatigue design and design for limit load can be correlated.
Since it is a purpose of the present analysis to discuss and develop procedures for the rational evaluation of safety factors, expediently defined in terms of ratios of the ultimate to the limit load factor, it is obvious that both load factors have to be independently derived from operational criteria. Thus, while the meaning of the concept of "ultimate load" used in this report does not differ significantly from its meaning in conventional design, the "limit load" concept is significantly different.

WADC TR 57-311.
Slow and rapid loading tensile shear tests were conducted at room temperature on single and multiple rivet lap and butt joints. The joints were manufactured with a standard pneumatic type rivet squeezer using 2117-T3 aluminum alloy rivets, 0.064" inch diameter, and Alclad 2024-T3 aluminum alloy sheet, 0.064" thick. The ultimate strengths of the joints were determined with times to the ultimate load of 0.02 and 60 seconds. All failures were by rivet shear.
The results indicate that the effect of rapid loading is to increase the strength of single riveted joints that this effect is diminished as the number of rivets in the joint increases and that when the number of rivets in the joint is four and above the effect of rapid loading is to decrease the joint strength slightly.
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This continuation was undertaken to investigate the fully plastic bending behavior of aluminum alloy I-beams with elliptic-type web section cutouts. As in the two earlier reports, the mechanism method of analysis employing the Upper Bound Theorem was used in predicting the ultimate loads of the various beams. The I-beams were loaded as simple beams with center loading. The mathematical relations were developed to enable solution by means of an electronic digital computing machine, the Illiac. The results obtained on the Illiac indicated that a diamond shape web section cutout was the most favorable type for resisting fully plastic bending. Tests were conducted with substantiated the results obtained on the Illiac.


The first year's work has been completed at Armour Research Foundation on a program which has as its objectives: (1) the development of filler metals for brazing type 310 stainless steel to Inconal, the braze to be resistant to oxidation and attack by molten sodium at 1650°F, and (2) the development of a simple test for the ductility of a brazed joint.

Three metals -- iron, chromium, and nickel -- were selected from oxidation and sodium resistance considerations, as the base metals from which to develop acceptable brazing alloys. From a study of all the available pertinent phase diagrams 91 alloys were devised, of which 16 satisfied the flow temperature and flowability requirements of the program. The flow temperature was between 1750°F and 1900°F. Minimum flowability was three inches of length along a six-inch T-specimen.

T-specimens brazed with these 16 alloys were subjected to an oxidizing atmosphere for 500 hours at 1650°F. Four alloys successfully withstood oxidation to a depth of less than 0.003 inches.

A test for ductility of brazed joints, based on the premise that the load necessary to cause cracking in the fillet of a braze is a measure of the ductility of the brazing alloy, has been developed. The test has shown itself to be capable of differentiating two filler alloys, although the large amount of scatter obtained required that a statistical analysis of the data be applied. Further development should reduce the scatter.


The mechanical properties of a high purity lead and a 0.058% copper-lead alloy were determined at test temperatures of 100, 175, 250, and 325°F. Tensile properties evaluated included the ultimate strength, elongation, modulus of elasticity, proportional limit, and yield strength. Compression properties evaluated were the modulus of elasticity, proportional limit, and yield strength. Ultimate shear strength and the bearing yield strength and ultimate bearing strength were determined. Stress-creep time curves were obtained for total strain values of 0.2, 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0%, for creep time of from 1 hour to 500 hours.

The data obtained are summarized in graphic and tabular form, in the Experimental Results section of this report.


This report presents the results of an analytical and experimental investigation for the determination of the load necessary to produce a specified amount of inelastic deformation in rectangular-section members subjected to eccentric tensile loads at elevated temperatures. Two different theories were used. In one theory each isochronous stress-strain diagram was represented by two straight lines, and the load and deflection of the eccentrically loaded members were obtained from interaction curves and moment-load curves. In the other theory each isochronous stress-strain diagram was represented by a hyperbolic sine curve, and the resultant theory is called the hyperbolic sine theory.

In the experimental investigation, tests were made on eccentrically-loaded rectangular-section members made of type 304 stainless steel at a test temperature of 1000°F and 17-7 PH stainless steel at test temperatures of 1000°F and 1200°F. Some of the 17-7PH stainless steel specimens were given a precipitation hardening treatment and some were tested in the untreated condition. The type 304 stainless steel did not creep at 1000°F. The interaction curve--moment-load curve theory was found to give satisfactory results. The heat treated 17-7PH stainless steel was found to have higher strength than the untreated, and it was found to exhibit a small amount of inelastic deformation for zero time but a larger amount of creep in 30 minutes when tested at 1000°F. The untreated 17-7PH was found to creep a small amount at 1000°F and a much greater amount at 1200°F. In each case the isochronous stress-strain diagram could be represented by a hyperbolic sine curve. It was found that the load and/or deflection for the eccentrically loaded members could be adequately represented by either the hyperbolic sine theory or the interaction curve--moment-load theory. The former gave the best results.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330 Part IX. THE EFFECTS OF INELASTIC ACTION ON THE RESISTANCE TO VARIOUS TYPES OF LOADS OF DUCTILE MEMBERS MADE FROM VARIOUS CLASSES OF METALS. Part IX - T-Section Eccentrically-Loaded Tension Members Made of Type 304 Stainless Steel and Tested at 1000°F. O. M. Sidebottom, S. Dharmarajan. AF 33(616)-2753. October 1958. ASTM Document No. AD 202496. PB 151674. Order from OTS $0.50.

This report presents the results of an analytical and experimental investigation for the determination of the load necessary to produce a specified amount of inelastic deformation in T-section members subjected to eccentric tensile loads at 1000°F. The interaction curve--moment-load curve theory was used in predicting the load and deformation of the eccentrically-loaded members.

The material used in making the test members was type 304 stainless steel. Creep deformation tests indicated that this material was extremely time-insensitive, at least for
the first 30 minutes. The stress-strain diagram of the material at 1000°F was similar in shape to that at room temperature.

The comparison between the theory and experiment for the T-section eccentrically-loaded members was excellent for those members with sufficiently small initial eccentricity that yielding did not occur in the most stressed compression fibers. For those members with larger eccentricity, the experimental moment-load curves fell appreciably below the theoretical curve over the range of the curve for which yielding had occurred on the compression side of the member. It is believed that this discrepancy results from the fact that the yield stress in compression was less than in tension.

WADC TR 58-168.
STRESS RELAXATION IN STRUCTURAL MATERIALS.
The phenomenon of stress-relaxation is discussed in relation to its physical origin, its mathematical representation, its experimental determination and its design significance, with particular emphasis on the relationship between creep and relaxation in metals and in polymers.

While the relaxation behavior of materials is of primary importance in design, particularly with regard to flight structures operating under conditions of varying temperatures, it appears that neither the present methods of direct "relaxation testing" nor the conversion of creep data into relaxation data provide useful and reliable information concerning the relaxation behavior of the material.

Univ. of Michigan. WADC TR 57-58 Part II.

Circumferential notches with theoretical stress concentration factors (K_t) of 3.0 or less increased rupture time of materials with a 2200°F solution temperature, despite smooth-bar elongations as low as 0.3% or below.

Notch behavior varied widely with notch geometry in tests on specimens with 1800°F solution temperature. Transition to notch sensitivity at longer time periods was, however, positively demonstrated for several notch geometries.

The creep rate of a smooth bar at any time in a variable-stress test appeared to be a unique function of the existing stress level and the cumulative portion of rupture life already expended. No exact criterion was found for rupture of A-286 alloy after creep under variable simple tension; for engineering purposes the portion of rupture life consumed in a time interval (Δt) during which creep deformation (ΔC) occurred could be evaluated by M(t)ΔC, where M and Δt are the rupture time and (R) (Q) creep deformation at rupture in a normal test at the existing stress.

Firm criteria for creep rupture under a general state of variable complex stress are still lacking for the desired evaluation and extension of the proposed calculation method.
elongation values of 12% were not obtained consistently. High purity raw materials had a definite beneficial effect on ductility both at the 180,000 psi and the ultra high strength level.

Two vacuum melted heats met all of the above requirements quite easily.

Air hardening die type steels were also investigated. Exceptionally good properties were obtained with high purity raw materials and a base analysis of about 3.0% carbon, 5% chromium, 1.5% molybdenum and 0.5% vanadium.

Simple plate castings of varying thickness and length were poured to investigate thefeeding characteristics of the 8740 type steel. The castings were made in ceramic and sand molds with and without end chillis. Tensile bars cut from the castings had properties which correlated well with radiographic soundness of thin slices cut adjacent to the tensile specimens.

Both the 8740 and the 5% chromium steels were poured in three typical airframe castings. Tensile properties in the castings were not as good as from test bars. Although this was expected, the in-casting properties of these particular castings could probably be improved if time were available to revise patterns and rigging systems.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 59-86, DEVELOPMENT OF ULTRA-HIGH STRENGTH, TEMPER RESISTANT STEELS DESIGNED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FATIGUE PROPERTIES THROUGH RELIEF OF RESIDUAL STRESS, Harvey B. Nudelman, John P. Sheehan, AF 33(616)-3299, June 1959. PB 151971. Order from OTS $1.00.

Various experimental alloy steels were investigated with reference to temper resistance, which was evaluated on the basis of hardness measurements. Molybdenum was the major alloying element used for improving tempered tensile values in steels having carbon contents in the range of 0.30 to 0.55 percent. Chromium, vanadium, and tungsten were utilized in minor amounts as alloying elements. It was found that austenitizing at 2200°F was required to dissolve all of the carbides and provide a fully martensitic structure upon quenching or air cooling. Alloys were developed capable of maintaining hardnesses of Rc 40 to Rc 59 after tempering for one hour in the range of 1200°F to 1300°F.


A study was made of the mechanical properties and microstructures of 17-7 PH stainless steel as affected by heat treatment. Although optimum room temperature mechanical properties were obtained by a treatment slightly different from the TH 950 and TH 1050 treatments recommended by the manufacturer, the best tensile and stress-rupture properties at elevated temperatures (600 and 800°F) were obtained with the TH 950 treatment.

When this steel in either the TH 950 or TH 1050 condition was subjected to prolonged exposure at 800°F, either with or without stress, a definite embrittlement resulted. The material may be restored to approximately its original properties by re-aging.

Although extensive metallographic and X-ray examinations were made to ascertain the mechanism of aging and the precipitation-hardening compound, no definite conclusions were reached. The microstructure of this steel is extremely complex and could be a fertile field for study.

Case Institute of Technology. WADC TR 59-223.


The effects of varying interstitial element content (oxygen, carbon and nitrogen) on the tensile properties of alpha-beta titanium alloy, Ti-140A, were determined at test temperatures ranging from room temperature to above 1000°F and at strain rates from 0.05 to 19,000 in/min/min. The stress rupture properties of such alloys and similar interstitial bearing modifications of an alpha alloy, A-110A, were also determined between 400°F and 1000°F.

The tensile properties of the alpha-beta modifications were strongly dependent on the nitrogen content alone, while the appearance of a strain rate-dependent high temperature embrittlement in an alloy modification heat was governed by the identity of the principal interstitial present. The controlling mechanism for this high temperature embrittlement was found, by comparison of activation energies for the processes, to be the diffusion of the principal interstitial element in, probably, the beta phase. The relatively interstitial free heat also exhibited such embrittlement, but its cause could not be linked to interstitial diffusion. Correlation of embrittlement with manifestations of strain aging noted during testing was not consistent.

A time dependent embrittlement was also discovered during stress rupture testing of alpha alloy modifications at 800°F and 1000°F and in alpha-beta modifications at 400°F.

Crucible Steel Co. of America. WADC TR 59-390.

DEVELOPMENT OF A CORROSION-RESISTANT BEARING STEEL FOR SERVICE IN AIRCRAFT AT TEMPERATURES UP TO 1000°F. G. Steven, T. V. Philip. AF 33(616)-5428. Phase B. October 1959. PB 161338. Order from OTS $1.75.

The present study is an extension of that completed in the development of the high-temperature bearing alloy WB49 (See WADC TR 57-343, Part II). In the current work corrosion resistance was added to the high initial hardness, adequate temper resistance (in the range 600 to 900°F), and good dimensional stability of the alloy.

To produce secondary hardening, the base composition of a quench hardenable stainless steel, 440C, was modified with carbide-formers V, W, and Mo. Cobalt was added to counteract the ferrite phase field expansion caused by these elements at the austenitizing temperature. By increasing the carbide solubility at high temperatures and thereby raising the chromium content in the matrix, cobalt also enhances the corrosion resistance.

As a result of an evaluation of forty-nine air-melted and seventeen vacuum-melted steels, the following composition is recommended for use as a stainless bearing steel for 500 hours of operation at temperatures up to 900°F:

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For best performance, the steel should be heat treated as follows: heat to 2200°F, oil quench, and refrigerate to minus 100°F. Rockwell 'C' 66 is achieved (2% retained sustitute) by tempering the steel for 1 1/2 hours at 1000°F with intermediate subzero cooling after the first and second draws. However, tempering twice for 2 hours at 1000°F also results in a useful structure. After 500 hours at 900°F the hardness drops to RC 65 (hot hardness of RC 57), and the structure contracts 12 in./in.
After three cycles of a water vapor corrosion test, the surface of fully heat-treated WADD 66 is only slightly more pitted than that of annealed 430 stainless steel.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.

WADC TR 59-353.


An investigation was conducted to develop steels that have a combination of very high strengths at ambient temperature and at temperatures approaching 1200°F. The results show that with proper balancing of the composition and optimum heat-treatment the objective of the program could be attained.

At temperatures up to 1100°F, the steels developed under this project had higher strengths than any other steel known today. The highest strengths were obtained on steels that contained 0.35 to 0.40% C, 7 to 9% Cr, 0.5 to 1.0% V, 5 to 7% Mo, 5 to 8% Cu, up to 1% Ti, up to 1% Ta/Cb, up to 1.5% W, and up to 0.01% B. For example, one steel that contained 0.36% C, 7.72% Cr, 1.15% V, 5.72% Mo, 4.93% Co, and 0.009% B had a tensile strength of 310,000 psi at room temperature and 201,000 psi at 1100°F; the 100-hour creep-rupture strength at 1100°F was 96,000 psi. Also, excellent strengths were obtained at 1200°F.

In some cases, beneficial effects on strength and ductility were derived from using a novel heat-treating schedule.

Microscopic studies indicated that the fracture behavior and the creep-rupture strength were significantly influenced by the formation and coalescence of carbides at the grain boundaries.

WADC TR 59-263.

EFFECT OF HEAT TREATMENT ON THE METALLURGICAL AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF 7AI-3MO TITANIUM ALLOY. Paul L. Hendrickx. November 1959. PB 161363. Order from OTS $2.50

Metallurgical and mechanical properties of 7AI-3MO titanium alloy were determined on a production size ingot. The investigation included heat treatment, the determination of tensile properties, stress rupture, creep stability, compressive yield, modulus, and impact strength. The conditions under which testing was accomplished varied from room temperature to 1000°F.

Manufacturing Laboratories, Inc.

WADC TR 59-342.


An investigation of the strength and ductility relationships in a series of Ti-Al alloys varying from 6 to 15% aluminum were carried out. The activation energy for the embrittlement reaction in a Ti-8Al alloy was found to be about 34,000 cal/mol, which is compatible with present knowledge of diffusion of aluminum or interstitial elements. More complete evidence was obtained that striae represent sub-boundaries that form as a result of the beta-alpha transformation and at which micro-segregation occurs. Striations can be eliminated by cold working and recrystallizing, or by quenching and recrystallizing. Rapid quenching results in a martensitic structure which exhibits high resistance to embrittlement on subsequent aging at 750°F in a Ti-8AI alloy.

In the embrittled condition, fracture takes place by transgranular cleavage. The primary cause of embrittlement appears to be high resistance to plastic flow caused by aluminum content and microsegregation. Recommendations are given for extending the useful range of aluminum content in Ti-Al alloys for commercial applications.

Armour Research Institute. WADC TR 59-500.


Various aspects of the casting of beryllium have been investigated to obtain information and understanding leading to the development of sound, fine-grained cast material. Areas investigated were: (1) X-ray determination of the direction of columnar growth in cast beryllium; (2) consumable arc casting of beryllium; (3) reported allotropy of beryllium by thermal analysis; (4) determination of grain-refining inoculants; and (5) application of vibration to cast beryllium for grain refinement.

Evidence in support of the reported allotropy of beryllium was obtained. The pertinent findings were the following: (1) the occurrence of a very pronounced thermal arrest 5 to 10°C below the solidification temperature of beryllium; (2) metallographic observations of transformation markings; and (3) lack of a preferred orientation for columnar grains in cast beryllium.

Consumable arc-melting experiments showed promise. Significant zones of equiaxed grains were obtained in an ingot prepared by a special technique. Vibration of cast, induction-melted beryllium was also promising. One ingot cast under vibration at 5g acceleration and 60 cps showed substantial zones of relatively fine, equiaxed crystals. Representative grain size measurements gave 60 grains/in.² for this ingot compared to 316 grains/in.² for a static (standard) casting. Interrupted rotation was demonstrated to be very effective in grain refining aluminum and is considered to be promising for beryllium.

A rust-colored tantalum nitride (identity uncertain), tungsten carbide, and possibly titanium diboride apparently nucleated beryllium solidification to produce grain refinement. Also, an alloying addition of 1 atomic pct of germanium produced grain refinement. The germanium alloy showed very high fluidity relative to other beryllium and beryllium alloy melts. The grain refinement was apparently due to some insoluble particles becoming effective nucleating agents in the Be-1 a/o Ge alloy.

Univ. of Michigan Research Institute

WADC TR 59-681.


A study of the effect of prior creep at 650°F to 800°F on the short-time mechanical properties of C110M sheet showed property changes characteristic of the Bauschinger effect. After creep in tension, the tensile yield strength was increased and the compressive yield strength was decreased. Creep-exposure at 700°F was found to cause Bauschinger effects almost as large as those reported in the literature for cold-stretching. The magnitude of the effect depended to some extent on the direction of the applied stress with respect to the rolling direction of the sheet, possibly due to a Bauschinger effect present in the original sheet as well as preferred orientation effects. The time of
creep-exposure also governed the extent of the effect. A study of variable strain paths indicated that there was no apparent difference between the effects of short-time plastic strain and creep strain in inducing a Bauschinger effect. However, for a given deformation, recovery effects caused a reduction in the effect as the creep time or temperature was increased. Periods of exposure at no load at 700°F were found to be effective in removing the Bauschinger effect.

The test material was also found to be subject to a structural instability during testing which accounted for increased strength and decreased ductility. The instability was a stress-activated breakdown of non-equilibrium beta to form a secondary alpha phase. Strain hardening during testing was at most a minor factor.


The relationships between mechanical properties, alloy composition, microstructure, and thermal history have been studied for high-purity titanium-base alloys. The alloys investigated include Ti-V, Ti-Cr, and Ti-W binary alloys, and Ti-Al-V, Ti-Al-Cr, Ti-O-V, Ti-O-Cr, and Ti-O-Mn ternary alloys. Mechanical-property data include tensile and flow properties, impact behavior, hardness, aging, and cooling-rate data. The effects of dispersions on the creep of Ti-W, Ti-Cu, and Ti-Si alloys were investigated. The metallurgical principles involved here and in previous work are discussed.


This report covers work done during the past year aimed at the production of high-purity beryllium. The investigation concentrated on the following three approaches:

1. Zone purification in moderate and high vacuum
2. Distillation under high vacuum
3. Purification through halide reduction techniques

As a result of this work, it has been determined that purification by zone melting in moderate or high vacuum is not feasible. Purification by vacuum distillation, zone purification in a high-purity inert atmosphere, and by halide reduction techniques, do appear promising and further work is recommended.


Joining of beryllium plates and rods by brazing welding, fusion welding, and pressure welding was investigated, with the objective of developing improved methods for applications at both room and elevated temperatures. From the work described in this report, it can be concluded that brazing welding with silver filler metal and pressure welding without filler offer the most promise as useful joining techniques for beryllium.

It was found that room temperature joint strengths of aluminum-12% silicon braze welds, made by the argon shielded, a-c tungsten arc process, are in the range of 20,000 to 25,000 psi. While the low melting point of the aluminum-silicon filler metal would seriously limit its high temperature use, silver braze welds are more promising in this respect. Room temperature joint strengths of about 21,000 psi are retained up to about 1000°F. Even at 1300°F, the strength is 11,000 psi, corresponding to a joint efficiency of 83 percent, compared to the tensile strength of the base material at that temperature.

Hot tearing during argon shielded, tungsten arc welding can be minimized by preheating the beryllium and using low arc travel speeds combined with low currents. Maintenance of base material aluminum content at a low level is advisable, since aluminum was found to promote hot tearing in the composition range present in commercially pure beryllium.

Oxidation of beryllium during welding can be effectively controlled by the use of a dry box evacuated and filled with pure argon and by the use of argon as shielding gas for the arc. While porosity occurred during welding some lots of beryllium, it was absent in others and no correlation with composition was found. Neither shielding gas differences, vacuum outgassing, nor preheating was found to affect porosity.

Joint efficiencies of 100 percent can be attained by pressure welding at temperatures less than 1650°F (900°C) and weld deformations less than 0.5 percent. Maximum strengths were about 40,000 psi for hot-pressed and 55,000 to 60,000 psi for extruded beryllium. Both welding temperature and surface roughness were found to affect joint strength. Room temperature tensile strengths of 10 ksi with an increase in the pressure welding temperature up to about 1560°F (850°C), then decreased above 1830°F due to grain growth.

Surfaces of beryllium finished with 180 grit, silicon carbide paper produced weaker joints than did metallographically polished surfaces, especially at welding temperatures up to 1920°F (1050°C). Under optimum welding conditions, however, joint strength is limited apparently only by the strength of the base material.


A program to investigate the tensile properties of three commercial hot-work die steels, Vasocel 1000, Potomac M, and Peerless 56 has been carried out. The results indicate that in sheet form these materials are essentially equivalent and develop the following nominal peak properties when air cooled from 1850°F and double tempered at 100°F: 295,000 psi ultimate tensile strength; 233,000 psi yield strength at 0.2% offset; and 7% elongation in 2 inch gage length. Those materials which had been cross rolled showed little or no difference between longitudinal and transverse properties. Furthermore, no significant differences were obtained in longitudinal tensile properties by vacuum arc remelting of commercial bar stock.

Approximately 30 experimental alloy steels were melted, in which most of the common alloying elements were investigated to determine their effects on tensile properties. Of these, several developed yield strengths of 280,000 to 290,000 psi, ultimate tensile strengths of 340,000 to 360,000 psi and tensile elongations of 3-5% in 2 inch gage length on sheet material approximately 0.080 inch thick.
A temper-resistant, high-strength steel was investigated with reference to fatigue strength. This alloy was prepared by two different melting techniques. The first method consisted of induction melting in air using standard deoxidation techniques. The second method involved the application of a special deoxidation practice to induction melting: silicon-free steel was deoxidised with carbon and silicon to minimise the presence of silicate inclusions. These alloys were tested in fatigue using the Prot accelerated method. The results of the samples melted with standard practice indicated that fatigue strength is improved slightly by tempering at elevated temperature. The application of a special melting process showed that a very significant increase in the Prot fracture stress to ultimate tensile strength ratio (E/UTS) can be obtained by eliminating the presence of silicon and deoxidising with carbon and aluminium.


A review of the literature indicates that titanium is impact sensitive under liquid oxygen below the acceptable limit for other metals.

An experimental program was begun to determine the mechanism of the titanium-LOX reaction. Several factors were investigated singly in a controlled manner using unalloyed titanium (75A) and an alloy (6Al-4V) that were carefully cleaned. The factors were:
1. Exposure of a fresh surface by fracture and tearing
2. Deformation by impact using steel balls
3. Impact of smooth specially cleaned flat surfaces
4. LOX pressure and velocity
5. Galling

The results from this program indicate that no one of the above, per se, is a primary cause of this reaction. A proposed mechanism is that heat generated by impact produces gaseous oxygen, which is compressed at local sites. A fresh surface exposed by the impact reacts with the high-pressure gaseous oxygen. Propagation is dependent on the amount of heat generated and the rate of heat loss from the affected area.

Lockheed Missiles and Space Division, California Division of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. WADD TR 60-116.


The mechanical properties of beryllium sheet with various surface finishes were investigated. The best properties were obtained on sheet which had been etched to remove surface defects caused by machining.

Ductility was low in all cases, being limited by the presence of notches and by preferred orientation in the sheet. Ductility was increased by heating to 400°F to 600°F.

The fatigue endurance limit was as high as the static tensile strength, and was improved by etching. Impact tests were found to be most suitable for distinguishing between various surfaces.

Theoretical analyses were made of the effect of including residual stress in the Griffith crack theory, and of the dynamic stress at the leading edge of a crack in a uniaxially stressed plate.
American Brake Shoe Company. WADC TR 59-63, Part II.

Cast high strength steels were investigated in an effort to facilitate the production of high integrity, high strength castings for aircraft and missile applications.

A study was made of heat treatments and compositions for optimum properties in heavy sections. Acceptable properties were developed in the modified 8735 and 4335 alloys in two and three inch sections, but the problem of poor ductility in heavy sections of 5% chromium steel was not solved.

Spectrographic analyses and sulfur additions to high purity heats failed to reveal the factors responsible for improved properties in high purity heats. Fatigue properties of normal and high purity and vacuum melted low alloy steels were rather disappointing. An endurance limit of approximately 55,000-60,000 psi was observed.

Excellent properties were developed at room temperature and 1000°F in the 5% Cr air hardening steel with a 3% tungsten addition and proper heat treatment. The effect of soundness and feeding distance on the properties of the 5% Cr air hardening steel was also studied.

Finally, analysis of production heats indicated good reproducibility of properties in cast high strength steels. High purity production heats were shown to be somewhat superior to normal purity heats.

WADC TN 59-326.

New aircraft and missile developments have required the development and use of structural steels having optimum strength and ductility over a wide range of temperatures.

In this survey an attempt is made to point out some of the significant areas of investigation in which efforts are being expended toward developing and improving steels having tensile strengths in excess of 260,000 psi. In order to complete the survey of the field of interest, the sources known to have research and development interest in this area were contacted either by personal visitation or through official correspondence.

The results of the contacts made were gratifying and the many investigations and studies being carried on are commented upon in the text of this report.

New York University. WADD TR 60-316.

1. Ti-Al-V System -- The Ti-Al-V system has been reinvestigated from 50 to 100 wt percent titanium and from 500°C to 1400°C, using X-ray diffraction and metallographic techniques. Isothermal sections were delineated at 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300 and 1400°C. Vertical sections at 2, 4, 6, 10, and 16 wt percent aluminum; 2, 4, 6, 10, and 16 wt percent vanadium and 90 wt percent Ti were constructed. The phases encountered in the portion of the system reinvestigated Ti3Al, Ti5Al and TiAl.

The Brush Beryllium Company. WADD TR 58-478, Part II.

Mechanical and physical properties are reported for extruded and/or rolled products fabricated from beryllium-rich alloys of silver, tin, cadmium, zinc, nickel, and copper, as well as beryllium fabricated from subsieve size powder and powder of higher than normal beryllium oxide content.

WADD TR 60-425.

The test procedures and results of a mechanical properties' determination program which included tensile, torsion, pin shear, creep rupture, and fatigue data on two lots of beryllium are presented. One lot of material was hot pressed with a BeO content of 1.45%; the other lot was hot pressed and hot extruded and contained 1.55% BeO.

Emphasis was placed on the fatigue and creep rupture data. Fatigue tests were conducted at room and elevated temperatures with stress ratios of A and 0.67. Both lots of material showed surprising strength under fatigue loading conditions whereas beryllium's inherent brittleness manifested itself under static loading conditions by the brittle fractures.

The hot pressed-hot extruded material was uniformly stronger and therefore more desirable for design purposes than the material that was only hot pressed.

New York University. WADD TR 60-443.

The partitioning or segregation of excess interstitial solutes at the grain boundaries in alpha phase and beta phase, titanium alloys was investigated. Internal friction spectra of dilute alloys of titanium with oxygen, nitrogen and carbon were obtained. From these spectra the activation energy for grain boundary stress relaxation, the net interaction energy of a solute atom with a grain boundary, and the excess solute concentration were calculated.

As in previous investigations of this type the partitioning of excess solute was found to obey a relation of the form:

$$ C_s = C_0 \exp \left( \frac{V}{kT} \right) $$

The interaction energy of an atom and the excess solute concentration was observed. In the case of carbon and nitrogen alloys the activation energy increased with increasing solute concentration. Observation of the nature of the curve indicated approach to
in the range of saturation, the carbon alloys developed a second peak, the composition at which the peak was fully evident being close to the solubility limit of carbon in alpha titanium. From the nature of the curves obtained it may be inferred that the double peak may be associated with the formation of the delta phase, which causes local depletion of the carbon atoms segregated at the grain boundary.

Tensile measurements indicated that the increase of excess solute at grain boundaries and dislocations brought about by either increasing the bulk concentration or decreasing the equilibrium annealing temperature resulted in an increase in yield strength. The effect of excess solute on yield stress was found to be parallel to its effect on the internal friction spectra.

A unique testing technique for determining the rate-controlling process for compressive deformation of high purity aluminum over the temperature range of 297 K to 358 K is discussed, and an attempt is made to correlate the activation energy for compression with some recognised rate-controlling process for tensile deformation of aluminum. It is shown that the compressive activation energy obtained, 5,400 cal/mol., cannot be related to any known tensile deformation process.

The results of this study indicate a need for further experimental investigations to define the compression activation energy spectrum for aluminum over a broad temperature range.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
WADD TR 60-340.

VOID FORMATION AND GRAIN BOUNDARY SLIDING IN ALUMINUM-MAGNESIUM SOLID SOLUTION ALLOYS.
Arthur W. Mullendore, Nicholas J. Grant. AF 33(616)-5926. September 1960. PB 171399. Order from OTS $1.00.

Void formation and growth during creep were observed in aluminum -- 1.92 percent magnesium and aluminum -- 5.10 percent magnesium as a function of temperature, stress, and time. The origin of voids is related to the development of an irregular (serrated) grain boundary and to grain boundary sliding. Grain boundary sliding is shown to result largely from crystal slip crossing the grain boundary.

REFRACTORY METAL CONSTITUTION DIAGRAMS.

Nine binary constitution diagrams and one ternary constitution diagram of some of the refractory metals are presented. The binary diagrams include Hf-Mo, Hf-Re, Hf-W, Nb-Re, Os-Ta, Os-W, Re-Ta, Ru-Ta, Ru-W, and the ternary is Re-Ta-W.

Care was taken to obtain reliable diagrams. In particular, the purity of the constituents (99.9 percent plus) was protected at all times, and the temperatures were measured to an accuracy within ±0.5°C.

High Temperature Metals

TR 5435.
COMPARISON OF HIGH TEMPERATURE PROPERTIES OF TURBINE WHEEL ALLOYS OF LOW ALLOY CONTENT. Isaac Perlmutter. March 1946.

TR 5649.

TR 5712.

TR 5716 (R).

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation. TR 5731.
C. "Alloys developed under the preceding contract AF 33(038)-...

U.S. Bureau of Mines. TR 52-54.


Syracuse University. TR 52-243.


The damping, elasticity and fatigue properties of several temperature-resistant materials were investigated in rotating cantilever-beam testing equipment. The room and elevated temperature tests were designed to reveal changes in damping energy and dynamic modulus of elasticity during constant cyclic stress fatigue tests at engineering stress levels. Usual S-N fatigue curves are presented in addition to a series of new diagrams designed to show the effects of both stress magnitude and stress history on the damping and elasticity properties. Two methods for comparing the damping energies of a group of materials are offered and the merits of each discussed. Diagrams are also presented to facilitate comparison of the elasticity properties among materials tested at a given temperature.

Syracuse University. TR 52-227.


Newly developed grips and machine improvements are described for fatigue loading under direct stress (tension-compression) ratios of alternating to mean stress from zero to infinity. Data are presented to indicate the uniformity of stress distribution possible with these grips and accuracy of the average stress. Dynamic creep, rupture and ductility data are reported on N-155, S-590 and Vitallium at 1350°F and 1500°F under direct stress combinations from static to reversed loading. Stress range diagrams (alternating stress versus mean stress) are presented to indicate the stress combination which will produce rupture and various degrees of creep in 5 to 1500 hours. Percent elongation data are analysed in terms of alternating-to-mean stress ratio and stress magnitude, and it is shown that both are significant variables. Elongation up to the start of third stage of creep is also analysed in terms of stress ratio and stress magnitude and only stress magnitude was found to be significant. The implications of these findings are discussed.

Work reported herein represents a continuation of earlier metallographic studies on heat-resistant alloys. The specimens studied in this program were N-155 previously tested under fatigue stress having various stress ratios. An attempt was made to determine the effect of each of the four test variables: time, temperature, static stress, and alternating stress. Visual and macroscopic classifications of the fractures were attempted and microscopic structure and microhardness data are reported.

University of Minnesota. TR 53-70.

Data are presented on the damping, elasticity, and fatigue properties of N-155 under rotating bending stress. Unnotched and notched specimens at room temperature, 1350°F, and 1500°F are included in this study. Properties at the three temperatures are compared on two bases, equal stress and equal stress ratio. The change in vertical deflection and run-out for notched specimens are associated with the first evidence of the formation of a fatigue crack. Curves for these first-evidence-of-crack points plotted against stress are compared with the usual S-N fracture diagrams. Effective stress concentration factors are determined from both the fracture and first-evidence-of-crack data and the latter values are found to be nearly independent of the number of fatigue cycles. Data are presented for both unnotched and notched specimens on the dynamic proportional limit and its relationship to the fatigue strength. Equations are developed for interpreting rotating cantilever beam data so that the effective length of specimen fillets, specific damping energy, and dynamic modulus of elasticity may be calculated.

University of Minnesota. TR 52-226, Part 2.

An exploratory study of effect of the test variables on the macroscopic appearance of the fracture surface was continued. Fracture profiles were investigated microscopically and an attempt made to quantitatively analyze the nature of the fracture profile. From this analysis is shown that the tendency for an intercrystalline fracture to occur decreases with increasing stress and stress ratio. Investigation of the metallographic structure and hardness of untested N-155 verifies prior work concerning the precipitation hardening characteristics of this material. Rockwell "B" hardness tests were conducted on both the surface and longitudinal sections of the stressed specimens in the longitudinal variable stress regions. Tukon Vickers diamond pyramid hardness tests were also conducted on transverse sections of rotating beam fatigue specimens in the transverse variable stress regions. The study of effect of stress variables, while not completely investigated, indicate an acceleration of the precipitation hardening phenomenon as revealed by hardness tests. The acceleration of the precipitation hardening phenomenon is not observed in the metallographic structure of the material.

TR 5936, Part 2.

The fatigue investigation of turbine blades in a special device, permitting the application of static axial and superimposed vibrational bending loads by means of an electromagnet, is discussed. The excitation of the vibration of the axially loaded bucket was adjusted to the fundamental frequency of this system. The most important factors causing damping effects and energy losses during vibration is considered. Special attention is given to the measuring methods for obtaining stress and deflection values of the vibrating bucket under dynamic load. The tests were conducted at room and at elevated temperatures. The results are discussed and compared with fatigue tests under similar conditions using simple specimens and standard testing devices.

University of Minnesota. TR 52-226, Part 1.

Dynamic creep and rupture data are presented on N-155 at room temperature and 1000°F, correlated to some extent with prior work. Temperature increases were observed in certain temperature and stress ranges immediately after the application of alternating stress to a test specimen. These are discussed in terms of the internal damping capacity of the material and the possibility of utilizing these observed temperature increases as a qualitative indication of damping is suggested. A vibration analysis of the Minnesota direct stress fatigue machine is presented and used to correlate calibration data procured by three independent methods.


Binary alloys of 60 Cr-40 Fe with oxygen analyses of 0.01 to 0.03 show elongations of 15 and 17% in the hot worked and heat treated conditions. Similar alloys with 0.2% oxygen show up to 14% elongation in the heat treated conditions with little or no elongation in the hot worked state. Alloys with 70% chromium show evidence of ductility. Addition of deoxidizers lowers the ductility by causing intergranular failure. Creep rupture values are given for 60 and 70% chromium balance iron alloys. High chromium alloys can be worked at relatively low temperatures.


Properties in 1000°F, 1100°F and 1200°F are reported for jet-engine turbine wheels made from four low-alloy hardenable steels. The steels were SAE 4340, 1.25 Cr-Mo-Si-V ("17-22A"), 3 Cr-Mo-W-V (H-40), and 12 Cr-Mo-W-V (C-422). The wheels were contour forged from commercial heats. Wheels of each alloy were heat
treated by normalising, oil quenching, and by an interrupted quench. All were tempered to an aim hardness of 280 to 320 Brinell.

There was very little difference in strength between the alloys for the wheels with the best heat treatment at short time periods. The 4340 steel fell off rapidly in strength with time. The "17-22A"S steel had the highest strength at 1000°F, but fell off with time at 1100° and 1200°F. The H-40 and C-422 steels maintained their strength better with time and temperature. Heat treatments producing intermediate transformation products in the structures of the steels resulted in highest strength, except for C-422 alloy. The latter 12 Cr alloy could not be heat treated to such structures. The treatments producing the best properties were normalising for 4340 steel, oil quenching for "17-22A"S steel, oil quenching for H-40, and oil quenching for C-422 alloy.


Wrought nickel-base alloys and chromium-manganese austenitic steels, as well as cast iron-nickel-cobalt-chromium alloys were investigated with an aim toward lowering the strategic alloy content of materials for gas turbine service at temperatures of 1200° to 1600°F. The best nickel-base alloys contained around 10% cobalt and over 5% molybdenum in addition to the age-hardening agent and aluminum. The austenitic steels, containing 17% manganese and 12% chromium showed promise for service at 1200°F. The addition of boron contributed materially to the high-temperature properties of the cast alloys.


The development of a forgeable high-strength, high-temperature, chromium-rich, chromium-iron alloy by Battelle Memorial Institute is described. Experimental alloys were produced by induction melting 4- and 12-pound charges of commercially available melting stock, casting into rammed zirconite molds, and forging to 5/8-inch-square bars for testing. Stress-rupture properties of alloys containing approximately 70 Cr, 30 Fe, 9 Mo, 2 to 3 Ti, and up to 1/2 Al (parts by weight) were excellent, but room-temperature ductility was poor. Some ductility was obtained after heat treatment in warm-rolled strip of the compositions 55 Cr, 45 Fe, 1 Ti and 60 Cr, 40 Fe, and 1 Ti. It is concluded that the 70Cr-30Fe-base alloy containing about 9Mo, 2 to 3 Ti, and up to 1/2Al shows promise as a material of construction for turbine buckets in turbojet aircraft.


Constant and intermittent load creep tests were performed on clad aluminum alloys 755-T6 and 24S-T3 at 300°, 450° and 600°F, and on cold rolled titanium at 400°F. Constant load creep tests were also conducted on annealed titanium Ti-75-A at 400°F.

Two groups of intermittent load tests were performed, each having a full cycle of two hours. One group was maintained under load for one hour out of every two, and the second for one and one-half hours out of every two. An empirical method for estimating and correlating creep curves for various stresses at constant temperature has been determined and shown to be applicable to both static and intermittent creep of a number of metals and alloys.

On the basis of total test time, constant load creep was more rapid than creep under either of the two load cycles.

The two alternate types of interrupted loading cycles used in the present investigation gave practically the same creep strain versus net time under load curves. Undoubtedly other types of on and off loading periods would have revealed differences in the creep behavior.


Intermittent temperature, constant load creep tests were performed on clad aluminum alloys 755-T6 and 24S-T3 at 450°F, and the test data are reported herein.

Aluminum alloy 755-T6 creep specimens were held at 450°F for 1/2 hours out of every two hour temperature cycle. During the remaining half hour of the two hour temperature cycle the specimens were cooled to room temperature, held at room temperature, and then reheated to 450°F prior to the start of the next 2 hour cycle. The 24S-T3 aluminum alloy specimens were held at 450°F for 1 hour out of every two. During the remaining hour of the two hour temperature cycle the specimens were cooled to room temperature, held at room temperature and then reheated to 450°F prior to the start of the next two hour cycle. All specimens were maintained under constant load throughout the test.

Comparison of cyclic temperature creep data obtained in this investigation with isothermal data under
the same conditions of stress reveal that approximately equivalent plastic strains are achieved when the comparison is made on the basis of net time at test temperature.

A survey of existing literature on metallic creep under cyclic temperature conditions is also included.


THE CREEP PROPERTIES OF METALS UNDER INTERMITTENT STRESSING AND HEATING CONDITIONS. Lawrence A. Shepard, C. Dean Starr, Carl D. Wiseman, John E. Dorn. AF 33(038)-11502. July 1954. PB 130 204. Order from LC, Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

Tests on the combined effect of intermittent loading and intermittent heating on the creep strength of aluminum alloy 755-T6 at 450°F were performed.

In all constant and intermittent tests the specimens were initially heated to test temperature in a three hour period. Two types of combined intermittent loading and heating cycles were used after the initial heating and loading which incorporated 1-1/2 hour periods of stressing and heating within a two hour interval. In one type, the "in phase" condition, the time of load application and the acquisition of test temperature were simultaneous. In the other type, the "out of phase" condition, cooling preceded unloading by 45 minutes.

Within the limits of scatter, simultaneous cycling of the load and temperature in phase produced little effect other than to extend the creep test by the time periods at room temperature and no load. In the case of out of phase cycling of the load and temperature, an acceleration of the creep rate was obtained as compared with isothermal, constant load creep tests assuming that little or no creep should occur at no load, or when the specimen is below test temperature.

University of Michigan. WADC TR 54-206.


A program of investigation has been undertaken to evaluate the resistance of various materials to thermal shocking. A preliminary analysis of thermal-shock damage has been carried out on a theoretical basis. The results of this theoretical work, which are presented in this paper, indicate that the scope and fracture, metallurgical changes, and surface condition. The influence of some of these factors can vary considerably from alloy to alloy. It does not appear possible, therefore, to evaluate the notch and unnotched stress-rupture behavior of a given alloy completely by any simple method. Rather, an evaluation should be based upon the combined consideration of those factors that are influential in each individual case.

Allegeny Ludlum Steel Corporation. WADC TR 54-276.


The welding qualities of 4- and 12-pound ingots were found to improve as their soundness was improved by the use of preheated alloy charges and slag materials. A portion of this material was successfully hot rolled to thin strip. Little success was achieved in attempts to forge larger ingots. No room-temperature ductility as indicated by bend tests, was found in rolled strip before or after heat treating. However, the heat treatments affected the hardness and the microstructure. Specimens machined from forged bars of the alloy exhibited remarkable thermal-shock properties when tested at 1800°F to 2000°F.
cast alloys containing the highest Co. No correlation was apparent between thermal shock characteristics and other commonly measured properties.


The test procedure involves two types of artificially created environments. The first step is a cyclic or repeated exposure for one week at the desired temperature in an atmosphere of products of combustion. The second step is a cyclic exposure for one week in an alternate condensation corrosion test unit at room temperature or slightly above.

The atmosphere containing products of combustion is obtained by the use of a kerosene torch, kerosene plus suitable additives and an excess of air. The atmosphere produced in this manner is conducted into a full muffle in a temperature controlled furnace. The panels are hung on racks in the furnace muffle where they are heated to the desired temperature for 6 hours each day for five continuous days. During the remaining 18 hours of each day they remain in the closed muffle with no heat applied to the furnace and no artificial atmosphere being introduced into the muffle.

The alternate condensation test equipment has a large turntable revolving about 15 times per hour and on which the specimen panels are mounted. The turntable carries the panels successively through (a) a tunnel where they are cooled with dry air, (b) a tunnel where they encounter warm moist air so as to collect a layer of condensate and (c) an open space where the condensate may evaporate into the room atmosphere.

Sixteen different coatings have been tested. Some of the coatings were tested at temperatures of 600°F, 800°F and 1000°F, others, at 1000°F, 1200°F and 1400°F in the atmosphere of combustion products of kerosene with additives. Eight of the sixteen coatings mentioned above have been tested at 1000°F in the atmosphere of the combustion products of kerosene without additives.

When the additives were not used, different corrosion effects were observed. These panels withstand the testing conditions in the furnace and in the alternate condensation test better than when the additives were used.

It should be pointed out that this test method is specialised and rather severe; the success or failure of a coating in this test does not imply similar results under other conditions of service or tests.


Diffusion coatings produced by chromizing or siliconizing offer considerable promise as heat resistant corrosion protective coatings for use on low to medium carbon, plain carbon or low alloy steels for service at temperatures up to 1200°F. Either of these types of coatings can be applied by the paint process. The paint used consists of a suspension or slurry containing (a) the desired metal powder (chromium or silicon), (b) a fluoride, (c) glass frits of low and high melting points, (d) a liquid vehicle containing suspension agents and binders, and (e) a volatile thinner.

Substantially no pre-preparation of the steel surface is necessary. The paint is applied by brush, dip or spray. Several coats with intermediate air drying are required. After preheat, the work is heated or fired in an open furnace. Temperatures of 1900°F to 1950°F for 1 to 3 hours are required for chromizing. Temperatures of 1750°F to 1850°F for 10 to 30 minutes are required for siliconizing. In either case, as furnace heating proceeds, the binders in the paint burn away and the glass frit melts to form a molten protective, but reactive, blanket enveloping the work and protecting it from oxidation as the chromizing or siliconizing reaction takes place. Upon removal from the furnace and cooling, the glass freezes, shrinks and cracks away, leaving the treated surfaces relatively clean.

The low alloy titanium-boron steels can be paint chromized or paint siliconized. The coatings provide protection against scaling during solution heat treatment at temperatures as high as 2100°F.

The chromized cases on low carbon steel are continuous, uniform, ductile layers that withstand bending and forming operations and can be welded. The siliconized cases are hard, brittle and sonal in nature, with a thin interfacial zone that is continuous.

Further development work on both the paint chromizing and the paint siliconizing processes is outlined and recommended.

 Crucible Steel Company of America. WADC TR 54-472.


Two types of high-phosphorus austenitic precipitation-hardening steels were investigated to determine their suitability as sheet alloys for jet engine components. One of the steels which contained approximately 0.4 C, 8.0 Mn, 2P, 8.0 Ni, 19.5 Cr, 1.2 Mo, ZN was tested in sheet form. This steel largely met the objectives of the investigation, in that it contained not less than 50% iron, and was stronger than N-155 at 1200°F, 1350°F and 1500°F. Also, this steel had oxidation resistance only slightly inferior to that of N-155 at 1700°F. However, the steel was not readily weldable, and further investigation of this property would be required to properly evaluate the steel.


The relationships between type of microstructure and properties at 700°F to 1200°F were surveyed for four low alloyed steels. The steels were SAE 4340, 1.25 Cr-Mo-Si-V ("17-22A"), 3 Cr-Mo-W-V (H-40), and 13 Cr-Mo-W-V (C-422). Near pure structures were produced by isothermal transformation at a series of temperatures. Martensitic structures were produced by oil quenching. Normalized specimens were also included. Maximum Brinell hardness was kept at 280-320 by tempering the structures which had higher hardness as transformed.

The results indicated that bainitic structures had maximum strength over the temperature range. Tempered martensite in general had intermediate to low strengths. Pearlites were relatively weak at low temperatures, but became similar to the bainites at the higher temperatures. There was considerable variation between
high and low temperature bainite and between fine and coarse pearlite. Normalized materials apparently have generally high levels of strength because the usual structures developed are predominantly bainite.

In most cases, rather wide variations in structure were possible with rather uniform properties. There were, however, usually a predominantly strong and an abnormally weak structure within the generalizations. Alloy content controlled the level of strength for a given structure. Thus, while martensitic structures compared unfavorably to the bainites for SAE 4340 and "17-22A", the martensitic structure of the C-422 alloy was superior to the lower alloyed steels at the higher temperature and longer time periods. Reasonably good correlations were developed between the structures and properties of turbine wheels of the four alloys on the basis of the results of the survey. The general results from the survey appear to be useful for general guidance in heat treating alloys for high temperature service. However, the survey is very limited and care should be used in extending the data until all the factors have been investigated.


Fatigue and stress-rupture data obtained under various combinations of mean and alternating axial stress and static creep data are presented and discussed for S-816 alloy at 750°, 1350°, 1500° and 1650°F. Tests were performed under axial stress on unnotched specimens and specimens having theoretical notch sensitivity factors of 2.4 and 3.4. The data are presented as S-N curves and stress range diagrams to show the effect of specimen notch, temperature, alternating-to-mean stress ratio, and stress magnitude on the fatigue and stress-rupture properties.

The role of both creep and fatigue as factors in rupture is discussed with particular reference to temperature and alternating-to-mean stress ratio.


The high temperature stress rupture properties of alloys of 60Cr-40Fe to which was added either molybdenum, nickel or cobalt were investigated. Improvements in alloy preparation involving the use of high purity stock and consumable arc melting lowered the oxygen content from approximately 3000 ppm to 300 ppm and improved ductility. These alloys showed very short creep rupture life at 1500°F and 20,000 psi.


This report describes the development of methods to produce coated molybdenum gas turbine guide vanes (nozzle blades) conforming as closely as possible to USAF Drawing X52D9613. Under this contract 60 vanes have been fabricated and 6 vanes have been coated, using two different coating procedures. The detailed fabrication procedures, coating experiments, and detailed coating procedures are presented in the report.


Developmental studies were conducted on wrought Fe-base and both wrought and cast Co-base alloys for applications at high temperatures. A heat treatable, Fe-base, austenitic alloy containing Mn and Cr was modified with B to give excellent stress-rupture properties at 1200°F. Oxidation resistance was greatly improved by small Al additions. A wrought Co-base alloy with good stress-rupture properties at 1600°F and 1700°F and improved oxidation resistance was developed. Composition levels giving optimum properties were determined for the cast Co-base alloys. Modifications involving B were investigated in both wrought and cast Co-base alloys.


Chromel alloys ASM, ARM and D, and type 310 stainless steels were oxidized for 100-hour periods in the stressed condition. The above alloys and Inconel were oxidized for times up to 500 hours in the unstressed condition. Intergranular oxidation measurements were obtained microscopically. The influence of stress was to cause an increase in the intergranular penetration increased with increasing time and temperature. Increasing the water-vapor content of the air increased the intergranular penetration slightly. The effect of a preferred orientation decreased the intergranular penetration slightly. The weight gained during oxidation was determined. It was found that in the alloys tested that a plot of the square of the specific weight gain versus temperature resulted in a straight-line relationship. Visual and magnetic examinations were made on the oxidized specimens and their oxides. No correlation between these observations and oxidation properties could be determined. X-ray diffraction patterns were made on representative oxides. This analysis showed the scales encountered to be of a protective nature by Randall and Robs criteria of the presence of CrO₂ or high-parameter spinel. Electron diffraction examination of the subsurface structure was performed on type 310 stainless steels oxidized in the unstressed condition. It was found that the oxidation products in the subsurface region were substantially the same as the surface oxides as determined by X-ray diffraction techniques.


Vacuum-melted Waspaloy was made with controlled carbon content and varying ratios of titanium to aluminum. All nominal compositions were within the chemical specification ranges for commercial Waspaloy. Standard melting and casting procedures were satisfactory, except
that an unusually large hot top appears necessary for producing sound ingots. All ingots forged readily, increasing Ti/Al ratio from about 1.5 to 3.0 had no appreciable effect on rupture life or minimum creep rate at 1500°F for stresses from 30,000 to 35,000 psi. Both elongation and reduction of area at failure appeared to decrease with increasing Ti/Al ratio. None of the alloys were notch sensitive in stress-rupture at 52,500 psi and 1350°F. There was an indication of a minimum notch sensitivity at a Ti/Al ratio of about 2.0 for both stabilised and unstabilised vacuum-melted Waspaloy.


For the purpose of developing iron-base substitute alloys for the cobalt-base alloy H.S. 21, distinguishable by:
1. a minimum iron content of 45%
2. a fully austenitic microstructure
3. adequate oxidation resistance at 2000°F
4. a creep-rupture strength at 1600°F and 1800°F similar to that of H.S. 21, and
5. suitability for fabrication by the investment-casting or shell-molding process

over 100 investment-cast experimental compositions were studied. A base composition containing 45% Fe, 20% Cr, and 27% Ni was found to possess the required lattice structure and oxidation resistance and to retain these characteristics when strengthened by the addition of 4-7.5% of carbide- and compound-forming elements.

For strengthening purposes, dual and triple additions of Ta, Nb, Ti, Zr, Be, Mo, and W, at concentration ratios of 1:1:1 (1:1), 2:1:1 (2:1), 1:2:1 (1:2), and 1:1:2 were investigated. The most-promising composition found was an alloy containing:

0.52Cr, 1.11Mo, 0.75Si, 19.8Cr, 27.8Ni, 2.02Cb, 0.63Ta, 2.2W, 0.05CeLa.

Its rupture strength at 1600°F and 1800°F was equal to about 80% of that of H.S. 21. Preliminary tests indicated the possibility of raising the strength level of this alloy further by increasing the tungsten content relative to that of CbTa and by replacing part of the nickel by cobalt.


The tensile, fracture, and short-time creep properties of electrolytic copper sheet, ingot iron sheet, tantalum sheet, molybdenum sheet, and four types of graphite -- types GBE, 347A-D, 7087, and GBH -- were determined at temperatures up to the melting points of the metals and up to 5200°F for the graphite. High rates of heating were used in all tests, and the tensile tests were conducted at moderate to rapid strain rates after relatively short holding times at the test temperatures.

The metals decreased in tensile strength continuously with increasing temperatures, but they did retain some strength at temperatures approaching the melting points. The graphite materials decreased little in strength between room temperature and 5200°F, but their ductility was lowered for conditions approaching the melting points.

The copper and iron were capable of supporting a stress of 200 psi for five minutes at temperatures near the melting points. For five minutes at temperatures between 4600°F and 4800°F, each type of graphite supported a load equivalent to two-thirds of the room-temperature strength. Because of deterioration of the specimens due to oxidation, molybdenum and tantalum were not able to support a stress of 200 psi for as long as one minute at temperatures near their melting points. At maximum temperatures of 1900°F and 2200°F, the molybdenum and tantalum, respectively, were capable of supporting a stress of 10,000 psi for five minutes.

WADC TR 54-391, Suppl. 1. INVESTIGATION ON NOTCH SENSITIVITY OF HEAT RESISTANT ALLOYS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. Suppl. 1. APPARENT VOLUME INCREASE DUE TO TRIAXIAL STRESSES. W. E. Dirkes, Capt., USAF. January 1956.

The volume of structural metals is generally considered to remain constant even with extremely high stresses applied. Some data recently published indicate significant changes in volume under stress-rupture test conditions for specimens having stress gradients. More recent analysis of the same data and specimens together with additional measurements from these specimens show that significant volume changes did not actually occur, but that plane cross-sections of specimens did not always remain plane when subjected to stress gradients.


The relationships between microstructures formed with various cooling rates and austenitising temperatures and properties at 700°F to 1200°F were surveyed for three low-alloyed steels. The steels were Ni-Cr-Mo-(SAE 4340), 1.25Cr-Mo-V ('17-27A'S), and 3Cr-Mo-W-V (H-40). Martensite, martensitic-bainitic, bainitic, and bainitic-ferritic structures were produced by oil quenching 1-inch rounds and air cooling 1-inch and simulated 3- and 6-inch rounds. Modifications of the oil-quenched and normalised structures of the 1-inch rounds resulted when the austenitising temperature was raised from 1750°F to 2100°F. The hardness level was maintained at 280-320 BHN by tempering the structures which had higher hardnesses in the as-transformed condition.

The results indicated that the fully bainitic structures which were predominantly upper bainite had maximum strength over the range of testing temperature used. In general, such structures were found in the larger, normalised sections and with the higher austenitising temperature. Since low values of ductility resulted from the higher temperature treatments, however, the best combinations of strength and ductility were obtained when the largest sections were normalised from the lower austenitising temperatures (1750°F for SAE 4340 and '17-22A'S, and 1950°F for H-40).

Regarding the effect of varying the cooling rates of normalised bars, it was found that increases in strength occurred for all three steels as the effective bar diameter was increased from 1 inch to 6 inches. The effect of raising the austenitisation temperature from 1750°F to 2100°F was to increase the strength, with the H-40 steel being affected the most. Ductility was lowered for all three steels as the heat-treating temperature was raised.
Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. WADC TR 55-501.


Hot forging techniques were utilized in the production of Cr-W-Co alloys, to meet a stress rupture specification of 100 hours life at 870°C and 25,000 psi. Attempts to produce chromium-base alloys with room temperature ductility and/or high density were unsuccessful. The use of a master alloy improved the densities of the cobalt-base alloys. Stress-rupture properties of the cobalt-base alloys at 870°C and 25,000 psi appeared to approach those of the weaker Stellites but failed to meet the 100-hour requirement. Nickel additions lowered the stress-rupture strength but gave increased ductility. Attempts to retain carbon as an alloying addition were unsuccessful.

Universal-Cyclops Steel Corporation. WADC TR 56-114.


An investigation was made of the effect of various hardening elements on the high temperature properties of vacuum melted alloys having a base composition of 60 atomic % Ni, 20 atomic % Cr, 10 atomic % Fe and 10 atomic % Co. Stress-rupture properties of these alloys at 1600°F were largely dependent on (1) the vacuum obtained during melting, (2) the fabrication methods, and (3) the total amount of hardener. On the basis of atomic misfit, the hardening elements B, Zr and Cb were equivalent to Mo in increasing the rupture strength of these alloys. On this same basis, however, Ti was more potent and Al less potent than Mo. A maximum in stress-rupture stress occurred at a hardener level of about 35 equivalent atomic percent Mo. It was found that, in general, a high level of strength was more likely to occur at a given hardener level when greater variety of hardening elements were added.

P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc. WADC TR 56-190.


A study of the possibility of reinforcing 80 Ni-20 Cr alloy by the addition of such refractory oxides as Al₂O₃, TiO₂, ZrO₂, Cr₂O₃ and SiO₂ was made.

Several powder metallurgical fabrication techniques were investigated such as (1) pressing and sintering, (2) pressing, sintering and repressing, (3) pressing, sintering followed by hot working, (4) hot pressing and (5) liquid phase sintering.

In the "press-sinter" method of fabrication, bars with 1% TiO₂ showed better stress-rupture properties than bars with any of the other oxide additions investigated. Rupture times were 7.45 and 8.7 hours at 1600°F and 7000 psi.

Hot forging techniques were found to be applicable for working bars containing oxide additions of 1.0% or less.

An 80 Ni-20 Cr alloy reinforced with 1% Al₂O₃ and densified by a liquid phase sintering technique resulted in improved stress-rupture properties compared to wrought 80 Ni-20 Cr alloy. This material had a rupture life at 1600°F and 7000 psi in excess of 268 hours; while at 1800°F and 6650 psi, the rupture life was almost 47 hours.

The room temperature impact and ultimate tensile strength appeared adequate and the oxidation resistance and thermal shock properties were good.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 54-270, Part 2.


The establishment of high-temperature creep and rupture properties of materials is a prerequisite for design if exposure to elevated temperature in service is anticipated. These properties, which are determined from the conventional tensile creep test, are of questionable value if stress conditions other than tension are encountered. To supplement these existing tensile creep and rupture data, this project was initiated to determine the high-temperature creep strengths of a number of structural aircraft alloys when subjected to compression, bearing, and shear stresses.

Tensile creep data are included for A-70 commercially-pure titanium, C-110M titanium alloy and SAE 4130 alloy steel sheet. Bearing creep data are presented for A-70 and C-110M titanium, 4130 steel and type 321 stainless steel. In addition, results of shear-pin deformation tests on 2117-T4 aluminum, Monel and type 301 stainless steel wire and compression creep test results for 2024-T3 aluminum sheet and plate and C-110M titanium alloy sheet are included.

University of Michigan. WADC TR 54-175, Part 3.


Earlier parts of this report summarized rupture lives for smooth and notched round specimens of three heat-resistant alloys, together with pertinent experimental data on tensile stress-strain properties and creep-relaxation characteristics for these alloys. Similar types of data have now been obtained for flat specimens, and for two other types of material (a Cr-Si-Mo-V steel and an age-hardening aluminum alloy).

Results gathered during the over-all program lead to the following conclusions:

1. Elevated-temperature rupture characteristics of notched specimens under a steady tensile load appear to depend on three major factors:
   a. The distribution and level of the initial stress pattern, determined by the notch configuration and tensile characteristics of the alloy.
   b. The rate at which variable creep rates at different locations in the cross section are able to relax the peak stress originally concentrated near the notch. Under multiaxial stressing the effective stress can easily become less than the nominal value for alloys with low creep resistance.
   c. Rupture characteristics of the material at the prevailing stresses and for the prior history experienced by different fibers in the notched bar. If too large a portion of the total life is used up
at the initial high stresses, the remaining service life will be short even if the final stress is low.

2. It appears that rupture life of a structure in the presence of a concentrated complex stress involves new factors beyond those which determine rupture under simple stress. If one can predict the strain-time history at points throughout a body, the time until rupture at any point seems amenable to calculation from data obtained with smooth specimens. The major uncertainty is choice of the proper criterion for initiation of rupture following creep under variable complex stresses.

3. For some alloys a small amount of plastic deformation near the notch when the load is added may radically alter subsequent creep-rupture characteristics. This may be the major factor in notch weakening under some conditions.

Allegeny Ludium Steel Corp. WADC TR 56-327.

INVESTIGATION OF FORGED COBALT BASE ALLOYS FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE APPLICATIONS.

Developmental studies were made of a wrought Co-base alloy for applications at high temperatures. Additions of Al improved oxidation resistance and lowered rupture strength. B additions up to 0.2 percent increased rupture strength and ductility. This increase was limited by a necessarily low solution temperature of 2150°F since, at 2200°F, eutectic melting of a B phase occurred. Ti additions resulted in a large increase in room temperature hardness through an aging reaction but yielded no improvement otherwise. Attempts at improving the workability of unforgeable air melted modifications by vacuum consumable electrode and vacuum induction melting techniques were not successful.

Univ. of Michigan. WADC TR 55-470 Part 2.

AN INVESTIGATION OF INTERGRANULAR OXIDATION IN STAINLESS STEELS AND HIGH-NICKEL ALLOYS.
C. Clarence A. Siebert, Maurice J. Sinnott, Lynn H. DeSmyter, R. M. Ferrari.

Specimens from Chromel ASM, Hastelloy B, and commercial and vacuum-melted type 310 stainless steel alloys were oxidized for 100-hour periods in the stressed condition. Intergranular oxidation measurements were obtained microscopically. In general, the intergranular penetrations increased rapidly with stress after a certain minimum value was reached. This minimum value, denoted as the threshold stress, was determined for each alloy at various temperatures. The weight gained during oxidation was determined. It was found that most of the alloys tested followed the parabolic oxidation law.

The Babcock & Wilcox Company Research Center.

WADC TN 55-290 Part II.

DEVELOPMENT OF CAST IRON-BASE ALLOYS OF AUSTENITIC TYPE FOR HIGH HEAT-RESISTANCE AND SCALE-RESISTANCE.

Iron-base alloys containing a minimum iron content of 45%, a minimum carbon content of 0.50%, a chromium content of not less than 20%, and between 7 and 12% nickel, part of which may be replaced by cobalt, can develop a creep-rupture strength at 1600°F to 1800°F approaching that of the cobalt-base alloy H. S. 21 when they are strengthened by not more than 1% additions of Cr, Mo, and W in certain combinations and relative concentrations. These high-creep-rupture-strength iron-base alloys are equal to Ni. S. 21 in oxidation resistance at 2000°F, but inferior to the former in short-time cold and hot tensile strength, in cold ductility, and in resistance to thermal shock and thermal fatigue. The possibility of improving the latter by lowering the carbon content and compensating the resulting decrease in rupture strength with suitable modifications in composition has not been explored.

Climax Molybdenum Company of Michigan.

WADC TR 56-454.

INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECTS OF HOT-COLD WORK ON THE PROPERTIES OF MOLYBDENUM ALLOYS.
M. Seymehsen, Robert Q. Barr.

Two alloys, molybdenum-0, 28% niobium and molybdenum-0, 50% titanium, were investigated from the standpoint of effect of fabrication variables on the degree of strain hardening and the resultant mechanical properties after subsequent stress-softening with exposure to elevated temperatures. Fabrication was accomplished either by rolling or forging.

The hardness of the rolled bars increased rapidly with increasing amounts of reduction by rolling up to reductions of about 20%, then increased at a lower rate at successively higher reductions. When rolled bars were subjected to one-hour exposures at elevated temperatures, those sustaining the highest reductions displayed a rapid decline in hardness and complete recrystallization in the range from 2250 to 2400°F for the niobium alloy and 2600°F to 2800°F for the titanium alloy. Bars sustaining less reduction by rolling generally displayed a gradual approach to minimum hardness with increasing exposure temperature.

Forging studies revealed a rather complex dependence of degree of strain hardening upon composition, specimen condition prior to forging, forging temperature, and amount of reduction. Specimens in the strain hardened condition prior to forging developed substantially higher hardness than specimens partially or fully recrystallized prior to forging. At the highest forging temperature investigated, 2400°F, specimens from the niobium alloy were less severely strain hardened than comparable specimens from the titanium alloy, owing to the relatively greater structural stability of the latter. A relationship was evolved between as-forged hardness and softening on exposure to elevated temperatures.

Tensile tests at room temperature and 1800°F taken from specimens containing a gradient in the degree of strain hardening invariably failed at locations corresponding to minimum strain hardening. Certain creep-rupture tests at 1800°F, however, failed at locations corresponding to maximum strain hardening. Examination of these specimens indicated that partial recrystallization and softening had occurred under the combined influence of time, temperature and stress at locations where no structural changes had taken place after exposures under similar conditions of time and temperature only.

Univ. of Michigan. WADC TR 57-40.

AN INVESTIGATION OF THREE FERRITIC STEELS FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE APPLICATION.
A. Phillip Golden, James W. Freeman.
AF 33(616)-3230. APRIL 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118204. PB 131069.

An investigation was carried out to survey the relationships between microstructure and properties at 700°F to 1100°F for low-alloy, hardenable steels. A Ni-Cr-Mo

Generalisation of notch sensitivity characteristics of materials evaluated by conventional notch rupture data without due regard to the specific application may represent an unjustified material penalty and unnecessarily preclude the use of a material for a specific application. Elevated temperature spin test data for several alloys is included which indicate that certain alloys are notch insensitive in thin disc tests even though they show significant strength reduction in the conventional notch rupture tests. This difference in behavior is attributed to the greater constraint existing in the notched cylindrical specimen and indicates that the constraint factor may be fully as significant as the stress concentration.


An extensive program is being carried on to study the mechanical and physical behavior of recrystallised iron-aluminum alloys containing up to 18.5 weight percent aluminum. Data are presented illustrating the effect of aluminum on the stress-rupture and tensile properties. It is concluded that the recrystallised binary alloys are too low a hot strength to consider for use in moderate stress applications at temperatures in excess of 1000°F. Special attention has been given to the development of higher hot strength alloys. The effect of titanium on hot strength is demonstrated.

The effects observed of order-disorder transformations on mechanical properties are of fundamental interest. Some interesting and unique magnetic phenomenon have been discovered in the binary alloys among which is a continuous change from ferro-magnetic to antiferromagnetic behavior.


During the period April 1956 to April 1957 the Process Development Department of the Manufacturing Engineering Office of Ford Motor Company air-melted a series of heats of iron-aluminum alloys in the 6 to 10% aluminum range. The melting and deoxidation of these heats, performed in indirect-arc type furnaces, are described. Mechanical properties obtained on bar stock rolled from ingots cast from a number of these heats are compared with established properties of vacuum-melted alloys of similar composition. Results of some exploratory heats involving changes in basic melting stock, as well as some with small additions of third elements, are presented. Initial attempts to produce sound castings in sand molds are described. Performance of certain iron-aluminum alloy samples and fabricated articles in service is described.


Investigations were conducted to develop fusion welding and resistance welding procedures for three (3) heats of iron-aluminum alloy. Successful fusion welding procedures were developed using the tungsten inert gas shielded arc process. Variables of power type, current, voltage, shielding, travel speed, cleaning, preheat and postheat were investigated. No definite resistance welding schedule was established, although successful welds were realized with several schedules. Three fabrications were made using the fusion welding process in order to evaluate weld and material performance under service condition. The service evaluations had not been completed at the time of writing this report.


This program was designed to extend previous analyses of the creep-rupture behavior of notched test specimens held under steady axial load. Experimental studies have also been planned and carried out in an effort to clarify the factors controlling rupture life in the presence of a nonuniform complex stress.

Vacuum melted A-286 alloy produced by the consumable electrode process was chosen for this investigation with the expectation that a range of notch sensitivity could be developed by increasing the temperature of solution treatment. Extensive tests had been planned to study changes in smooth-bar properties corresponding to marked differences in notched-bar strength, in hopes of isolating all the major factors associated with notch sensitivity. For solution temperatures ranging from 1650°F to 2300°F, the lot of material studied exhibited strong notch strengthening at 1200°F for nearly all specimens tested with Kc's of 1.8, 3.0 and 4.1 despite elongation at fracture as low
as 1% or less for certain solution temperature near 2200°F.

Additional smooth- and notched-specimen data were obtained for 17-7PH (TH 1050) sheet material at test temperatures of 600°, 800°, and 900°F, and for two small lots of Waspaloy at 1350°F. The 17-7PH alloy exhibited a high degree of freedom from notch sensitivity. The Waspaloy was notched weakened for nominal stresses where yielding occurred at the notch root during load application. For lower nominal stresses, notch strengthening was indicated.

Results obtained indicate that reduction of an alloy's inherent strength by prior plastic deformation may be a prominent factor in notch sensitivity. Examination of all available data discloses no case of notch weakening without accompanying loss of life in smooth bars which are pretrained at the test temperature. Conversely, in no known case of marked notch strengthening has the material been found to be weakened by plastic prestrain.

Prestrain effects alone may not be able to explain all notch behavior, but response of the material to plastic strains appears to be a necessary part of any complete analysis of notch effects.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc.
WADC TR 54-270, Part 1.

The emphasis of this investigation is to supplement conventional tensile creep data of several aircraft structural alloys with compression, bearing, and shear properties as well. While these data alone are of interest, a correlation is being attempted between tensile creep and compression, bearing, and shear creep properties so that the latter type of data may be predicted from tensile creep properties alone.

This report includes descriptions of equipment and fixtures for conducting tensile, compression, bearing, and shear creep tests. Tensile creep properties are reported at several test temperatures for the following alloys: (1) 2024-T3 aluminum sheet, 0.064 and 3/16 inch thick; (2) C-110M titanium sheet; (3) type 321 stainless steel sheet; (4) 2117-T4 aluminum rivet wire; (5) Monel rivet wire; and (6) type 301 stainless steel sheet.

Westinghouse Research Laboratories. WADC TR 57-309.

An examination of available metallurgical data on molybdenum base alloys indicated that additions of aluminum, titanium, carbon, and zirconium should provide good welding properties. A group of the alloys selected was welded in a chamber containing an atmosphere of argon. Mechanical and metallurgical tests showed that aluminum additions in the range of 0.18 to 0.22% gave welds that could be deflected 120° at room temperature. However, all the alloys containing aluminum showed fine porosity. Titanium additions of 0.5% produce welds which can be deflected 120° at temperatures between 80 and 120°F depending upon the amount of carbon in the alloy. Welds in 0.5% Ti with 0.05% C produced the best results. No porosity was observed in titanium alloys. Carbon in molybdenum-carbon alloys was shown to improve the weld metal ductility by reducing the oxygen content of the base material and by a protective decarburization action during welding. Molybdenum with 0.06% carbon showed the best bend ductility within the carbon range examined.

The effect of welding speed on the grain size of the weld metal was examined. While it is theoretically possible to reduce the weld metal grain size by increasing the welding speed, experimental difficulties were encountered due to retraction of the weld metal at speeds of 2 cm/sec. Chilling the weld failed to overcome these difficulties.

Post-welding residual stresses were measured and it was found that these stresses could be eliminated by a vacuum heat treatment at 1832°F. The residual stresses found in the welds prior to heat treatment are sufficiently large to produce fracture without additional applied stress. The post-welding stress relief was accomplished before the weld had cooled to the transition range. Crater cracking was effectively prevented by this heat treatment.

Crucible Steel Company of America. WADC TR 57-242.

A comprehensive study of wrought Cr-Mn-C-N steels was conducted with the objectives, (1) of developing outstanding elevated-temperature steels that contain a minimum amount of strategic alloying elements, and (2) of advancing the existing knowledge of this new type of steel. Based on the results of the present investigation phase boundaries of the base compositions of stable austenitic Cr-Mn-C-N steels have been established, and the effects of these elements and of V, W, Mo, and Nb on the microstructures, and the room- and elevated-temperature properties of the steels have been evaluated. A nomograph was prepared to facilitate the designing of the base compositions of these steels, and the estimating of their room- and elevated-temperature properties.

These steels are not as resistant to oxidation as are the Cr-Ni steels at comparable Cr levels. However, Cr-Mn-C-N base steels that have properly balanced compositions possess an excellent combination of strength and ductility at both room- and elevated-temperatures. For example a steel containing 6C, 12 Mn, 24 Cr, .7 N, .4 V, 2 W and .9 Nb, had a 185,000 psi tensile strength,
a 120,000 psi yield strength, a 49% elongation, and a 40% reduction of area. Also, its rupture strength was superior to those of 16 Cr-25 Ni-6 Mo, Ni55, 19-9DL and A-286 in the temperature range of 1200° to 1400°F.

Crucible Steel Company of America. WADC TR 57-343.


The use of bearings made from hot work steels and other tool steels in experimental engines has resulted in a few premature engine failures. Unfortunately, very little has been known about the elevated temperature properties such as hot hardness, compressive yield strength, resistance to softening and structural and dimensional stability of these hot work and other tool steels. This report describes the work done to obtain these material properties for 29 steels ranging in type from SAE 52100, its modifications, to hot work and other tool steels. An analysis of the data obtained shows that Halmo, VSM, M50, M10, Ti, M2, M1 and two experimental compositions one, Steel B, containing 0.70 carbon, 4.20 chromium, 0.60 vanadium, and 5.30 molybdenum, and the other, Steel G, containing 1.31 carbon, 4.07 chromium, 4.13 vanadium, 5.75 tungsten, and 4.87 molybdenum, are suitable for elevated temperature aircraft bearing application. From a point of view of temperature range of application these steels have been classified as follows:

- Room Temperature up to 700°F Halmo 1
- Room Temperature up to 800°F VSM, M50, M10 and Steel B
- Room Temperature up to 900°F Ti, M2, M1 and Steel G

None of the steels investigated appeared suitable for application at 1000°F.

WADC TR 57-717.


Fifty-three alloys have been examined in the Fe-W and Co-W alloy systems in an attempt to verify the finding of sigma phases in these systems as reported by Goldschmidt. Selected regions of both binary equilibrium diagrams were investigated by examining alloys metallographically and by X-ray diffraction techniques. The results of this investigation indicate that neither of these systems contains a sigma (σ) phase. However, they do contain an xi (ξ) phase (M₃,W₂), originally labeled (μ) by Arnfelt and Westgren, and Magneli and Westgran (M₆,W₆).

It was also found that some portions of the existing equilibrium diagrams should be changed.

Universal-Cyclops Steel Corporation. WADC TR 57-426.


An investigation was made of the effect of five combinations of incongruous elements on the high temperature properties of vacuum melted alloys with a base composition of 60 atomic % Ni, 20 atomic % Cr, 10 atomic % Fe, 10 atomic % Co. Balanced experimental designs were used for each group.

In the group of alloys containing additions of Al, Ti and W to the base, a cast alloy had a stress-rupture life of 133 hours at 1800°F and 15,000 psi. A forged alloy of this series obtained a life of 149.1 hours at 1750°F and 15,000 psi.

The value and limitations of balanced experimental designs are discussed.

A metallographic study of cast and wrought alloys is appended.


Structural components in high-speed aircraft and in missiles must function for short periods of time at high temperatures and at high stresses. The heating time in conventional tests for design data usually exceed those that apply in high-speed aircraft and in missiles. A study was made, therefore, of the mechanical properties -- tensile, creep, fracture, compression, shear, and bending -- of several structural materials under conditions of moderate to rapid rates of heating and of loading.

The materials involved in this investigation included electrolytic-tough-pitch copper, oxygen-free high-conductivity copper, A-nickel, ingot iron, molybdenum, tantalum, Type GBH graphite, and composite OFHC copper plus 316 stainless steel sheet. The testing temperatures ranged from room temperature to the melting points of the metals and to 5750°F for the graphite. The total heating, holding, and loading times to failure ranged from about three seconds to about 30 minutes. Many of the tests were carried out both in air and in inert atmospheres.

It was found that the strength of the test metals decreased continuously with increasing temperatures. The graphite, however, increased in strength up to 4500°F and then decreased in strength with further increases in temperature. With constant load and constant temperature and with transient load or transient temperature, the inherent load-carrying capacity of the metals increased with decreasing times under load. The inherent strength of the graphite was not significantly affected by variations in time under load.

The mechanical properties of the copper and of the nickel test materials were not significantly affected by exposure to air at temperatures up to their melting points within the time limitations of the various tests. Because of oxidation, the apparent strength of the iron, molybdenum, tantalum, and graphite decreased with increasing exposure times to air at elevated temperatures.

P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc. WADC TR 57-535.


This investigation was concerned with attempting to reinforce 80 Ni-20 Cr alloy by the addition of such refractory oxides as TiO₂ and Al₂O₃.

Several powder metallurgical fabrication techniques were investigated such as (1) pressing and sintering, (2) pressing and sintering followed by various working procedures, (3) internal oxidation and (4) liquid phase sintering.
In the press-sinter method of fabrication, the best stress-rupture characteristics at 1600°F were obtained with additions of 3.0 - 4.5 TiO₂. An addition of 4.5 TiO₂ resulted in a rupture time of 29.6 hours as compared to a rupture time of 1.0 hour obtained on bars containing no TiO₂.

Various hot and cold working procedures did not result in any improved stress-rupture properties.

The liquid phase sintering technique produced the best stress-rupture properties. Stress-rupture tests at 1800°F showed a stress of 6200 psi for an 80 Ni-20 Cr + 1.0% TiO₂+C material which was more than three-fold better than wrought Nichrome V. Stress-rupture tests on the same materials at 1975°F showed the liquid phase material to have twice the strength of Nichrome V. The impact strengths varied from 10 to more than 50 inch pounds. Room temperature tensile strengths which were fairly consistent, averaged about 75,000 psi. The thermal shock properties were excellent and the oxidation resistance, although not quite as high as Nichrome V, was considered good.


The objective of the research program for USAF Contract No. AF 33(616)-3468 was the investigation of the potentialities for improvement of the mechanical properties at elevated temperature of heat resisting alloys by varied practices of melting and investment casting. Two cobalt and two nickel base alloys were prepared under the following casting conditions:

1. Stellite 31 was melted and investment cast in air and in vacuum, with an argon atmosphere for pouring.
2. He 1049 was melted and investment cast in air and in vacuum, with an argon atmosphere for pouring.
3. Umitet 500 was melted and investment cast in vacuum with and without additions of zirconium and boron.
4. Guy Alloy was melted and investment cast in vacuum and in argon.

The effects of melting and casting procedures upon the gas (hydrogen, oxygen, oxygen and nitrogen) contents, the tensile properties at room and elevated temperatures, the stress-rupture properties in the range of 1300 to 1800°F, and the oxidation resistance to air at constant temperature of 2000°F and intermit- gent exposure to air at room temperature and 2000°F were studied.

The data obtained on this program failed to support general conclusions applicable to the four alloys under investigation. Tests of specimens of one alloy failed to substantiate data obtained from the other tests for related properties. The data must be evaluated for each alloy with close correlation to service conditions for design applications.


The activities of the components in melt iron-aluminum alloys at 1600°C have been calculated by utilizing the phase diagram. Consideration was made of the equilibrium along the liquidus boundary of the intermetallic compound Fe₃Al₂ and known distribution data for aluminum in iron to determine the activity of aluminum in iron-aluminum melts at 1600°C. The activity of iron was then found by graphically integrating the Gibb's-Duhem relationship.


During the period April 1957 to September 1957, the Process Development Department of the Manufacturing Engineering Office of Ford Motor Company air-melted a series of heats of iron-aluminum alloys in the 6 to 10% aluminum range. The melting and deoxidation of these heats, as well as properties of the as-cast alloys are listed.

Further attempts to produce sound castings in sand molds are described. Performance of iron-aluminum alloy fabricated articles in service is described.
The Babcock & Wilcox Company Research Center.

THE STRENGTHENING OF Austenitic Solid Solutions.
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Among vacuum-melted wrought carbon-free alloys of Fe-Cr-Ni, Fe-Cr-Co, and Fe-Cr-Ni-Co, the compositions 10Fe-20Cr-70Ni and 20Cr-80Co have shown highest 100-hour rupture strength at 1800°F. Strengthening susceptibility studies with these two base compositions by solid solution hardening, complex carbide hardening, and intermetallic compound hardening revealed that the nickel base responds most effectively to intermetallic compound hardening with Ti and Al, less so to complex carbide hardening, and not at all to solid solution hardening. The cobalt base responds to all three methods of strengthening; however, it does not attain as high a level of rupture strength at 1800°F as the nickel-base alloys.

Westinghouse Electric Corp.
WADC TR 57-344.

DEVELOPMENT OF Niobium-Based Alloys.
Richard T. Begley.
AF 33(616)-3316.
May 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 155583.
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The flow and fracture characteristics of commercial purity powder metallurgy niobium were investigated in the range 250 to -196°C. Niobium was found to undergo a ductile-brittle transition in the range -125 to -196°C, and the transition temperature range of niobium was found to be less affected by the presence of interstitial impurities than many other body-centered cubic metals.

The creep-rupture properties of powder metallurgy niobium were investigated at 982 and 1093°C (1000 and 2000°F), and the 100-hour rupture strength of commercial niobium in vacuum was determined to be significantly greater than unalloyed molybdenum. The creep-rupture results suggest that small quantities of gaseous contaminants may be responsible for the high strength of commercial niobium at elevated temperatures.

The oxidation behavior of niobium was investigated in the temperature range 350 to 700°C. At the higher temperatures, oxidation followed a linear rate law. Between 500 and 625°C, rate of oxidation was found to be nearly independent of temperature.

Oxygen and nitrogen contamination of welding atmospheres was studied to determine its effect on the weld properties of niobium. Oxygen was established to be very detrimental to the mechanical properties of niobium welds:

High-purity niobium, having a hardness of less than 60 VPH, was produced by cage-zone refining techniques.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc.
WADC TR 54-270 Part 3.

INVESTIGATION OF THE COMPRESSIVE, BEARING AND SHEAR CREEP-RUPTURE PROPERTIES OF AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL METALS AND JOINTS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES.
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Order from OTS $1.75.

The establishment of high-temperature creep and rupture properties of materials is a prerequisite for efficient design if exposure to elevated temperatures in service is expected. These properties, which are generally determined from the conventional creep test, are not necessarily applicable if stress conditions other than tension are encountered. This project was initiated to supplement the usual tensile creep and rupture data.

The high-temperature creep strengths of a number of structural aircraft alloys were determined when under the influence of compression, bearing, and shear stresses. Specifically, data of these types are required to formulate high-temperature joint design criteria.

This report summarizes three years study on the creep behavior of fifteen sheet, plate, and bar alloys creep tested in tension, compression, bearing, and shear. In addition, correlations of tensile creep and rupture properties with compression, bearing and shear creep rupture properties have been made and are presented in tabular form.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc.
WADC TR 54-270 Part IV.

INVESTIGATION OF THE COMPRESSIVE, BEARING AND SHEAR CREEP-RUPTURE PROPERTIES OF AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL METALS AND JOINTS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES.
AF 33(616)-3456.
Order from OTS $2.50.

The establishment of the high-temperature mechanical properties of aircraft constructional materials is a prerequisite to efficient design when elevated temperature service is expected. These properties, which normally are determined from the conventional short-time tensile tests and the tensile creep test, are not necessarily applicable if stress conditions other than tension are encountered. The present program was initiated to examine the high-temperature strength characteristics of a number of aircraft structural alloys when subjected to a variety of stresses under both short and long time loading with the specific purpose of applying these high-temperature characteristics to riveted joint configurations.

This report summarizes in tabular form the high-temperature short-time strength properties of a number of test alloys in tension, compression, bearing, and shear. Data representing the bearing creep behavior of 2024-T3 aluminum alloy sheet for a number of variables associated with bearing are also included. The creep behavior of several selected joint designs undergoing bearing and shear creep are illustrated as time-deformation charts, and comparisons between the predicted and experimental performances are made.

Ford Motor Company.
WADC TR 57-298 Part 8.

IRON-ALUMINUM ALLOY SYSTEMS.
Part 8 - Mechanical Properties of Fe-Al-Si Alloys at Room and Elevated Temperatures.
V. F. Zazzay.
AF 33(616)-32448.
ASTIA Document No. AD 155659.

An investigation of the mechanical properties of iron-rich, iron-aluminum-silicon alloys was conducted. Silicon was used as the independent variable at three aluminum levels; 5, 7, and 9 weight percent. Silicon increased the strength at both room and elevated temperatures. Ductility was markedly decreased by silicon and interstitial elements, such as carbon. Silicon appeared to be more than additive to aluminum in improving the oxidation resistance. Room temperature electrical resistivity measurements on quenched and slow cooled alloys indicated silicon was additive to aluminum in initiating order. Silicon also raised the ordering temperature rapidly. A correlation between ordering temperature, as determined by electrical resistivity and creep rate was noted.

Ford Motor Company.
WADC TR 57-298 Part 9.

IRON-ALUMINUM ALLOY SYSTEMS.
William J. Zager.
AF 33(600)-32448.

During the period October 1, 1957 through March 31, 1958, the Process Development Department of the Manufacturing Engineering Office of Ford Motor Company air-melted several heats of iron-aluminum alloys in the 6 to 10% aluminum range. The melting and deoxidation of these heats, performed in induction furnaces are described. Mechanical properties obtained on cast tensile bars are listed.

Effect of cold deformation (compression) tests on one of the wrought alloys is described.

Performance of iron-aluminum alloy fabricated articles in service is described.


The work conducted during this reporting period is a continuation of the investigations to develop both fusion and resistance welding processes for iron-aluminum alloy fabrication as reported under Document No. 151104. The limited work conducted using the tungsten arc gas shielded process further verified the need for pre-positioning of the workpiece material. A new investigation is initiated to develop coated manual arc welding electrodes for welding iron-aluminum alloys. With aluminum added to the coating, it was possible to obtain a weld metal deposit with up to 10% aluminum content. Resistance spot and continuous welding schedules were developed for the material thicknesses to be used in fabricating the J-57 engine turbine exhaust cones. Two different approaches in making the cone blank were tried to eliminate cracking during hot spinning of the cone detail without success. A two part blank welded together after spinning to form the complete cone body is now in process. A large carburizing box was fabricated and put in service. Severe cracking was experienced during welding and in service.

National Bureau of Standards.
WADC TR 58-164 Part I.
OXIDATION OF EXPERIMENTAL ALLOYS.

A study was made of the oxidation resistance of ten high-temperature alloys: (1) aluminum-modified Nichrome V, (2) Nichrome V, (3) niobium-modified Nichrome V, (4) an iron-chromium-aluminum alloy, (5) Inconel 702, (6) Hastelloy R 235, (7) Hastelloy W, (8) type 316 stainless steel, (9) Inconel X, and (10) Inconel. Tests included the measurement of the average depth of external oxidation and maximum depth of oxide penetration on specimens that had been subjected to stress in air at high temperatures for 100 hours, and on specimens that had been subjected to stress in air under fluctuating-temperature conditions for an equivalent length of time, plus continuous recording of the weight change of specimens oxidized in air at high temperatures.

Horizons Inc. WADC TR 58-181.

Nobel rotating seal materials for potential aircraft applications at high speed and high temperatures were developed and tested under conditions of no external lubrication. These materials were arrived at after a systematic study of the wear behavior of:

1. Pure refractory hard metals
2. Binary alloys of pure refractory hard metals, bonded with nickel
3. Ternary alloys of pure refractory hard metals, bonded with nickel and infiltrated with silver

Tests were conducted to determine the benefit derived from additions of nickel or silver to the refractory hard metals. The nickel acts as a tough, oxidation-resistant matrix. The silver was added to act as a lubricant as it softens at high temperatures. This side the shearing action between mating surfaces and lowers the surface friction.

Two ternary alloys prepared by powder metallurgy techniques and consisting of high percentages by weight of a refractory hard metal, with nickel and silver additions, show superior wear qualities when run against either tool steel or Inconel. Tests were made at sliding speeds of 30,000 fpm and ambient temperatures up to 1350°F. The best alloys contained either tungsten boride (WB) or chromium nitride (CrN) as the hard refractory metal.

The WB alloy exhibited a constant wear rate at all temperatures against tool steel. The wear rate of the CrN alloy decreased at the higher temperatures.

All ternary alloys run against Inconel displayed a decrease in wear rate at ambient temperatures over 600°F. The wear decreased as a function of temperature for several ternary alloys against tool steel.

An unimpregnated graphite seal coated with an oxidation resistant layer of zirconium carbide showed improved wear properties over a regular graphite impregnated seal at an ambient temperature of 1050°F and sliding speeds of 14,000 fpm against stainless steel type 303.

The finest wear performance was attained when Kentanium K162B ran against Kentanium K162B at sliding speeds of 14,000 fpm in an ambient temperature of 1100°F. It is hypothesized that the wear process is drastically influenced by the oxidation occurring on the rubbing surfaces and that with proper choice of materials, stable, complex oxides are formed which provide the correct solid lubricating film on each component and markedly lower the wear rate as the temperature is increased.

Crucible Steel Company of America.
WADC TR 57-242 Part II.

Austenitic Cr-Mn-C-N steels containing various combinations of V, Nb, W, and/or Mo had, after heat-treating, room- and elevated-temperature tensile properties and creep-rupture strengths that compared favorably with those of such superalloys as A286 and Inco 901.

Proper selection of composition and heat-treatment enabled development of adequate ductility in tension and creep rupture although a marked decrease in impact properties could not be avoided.

Calcium additions improved the creep rupture strength of Cr-Mn-C-N steels that did not contain additions of strengthening elements (V, Nb, W, and/or Mo). A silicon addition of about 2% to high-chromium Cr-Mn-C-N steels increased the oxidation resistance at 2000 and 2200°F so that these steels compared favorably with Type 310 stainless steel.

Both strengthened and unstrengthened austenitic Cr-Mn-C-N steels could be hot-rolled to sheets without formation of edge cracks or surface defects, but rolling pressures higher than those for Type 310 stainless steel were required.
The depth of oxidation was found to increase with temperature and with stress. There was little effect of stress at stresses below that required to produce 1% extension in 100 hours. All of the alloys formed reasonably well to the parabolic rate law in the weight-gain oxidation tests.


To develop a bearing steel for operating temperatures up to 1000°F, fifty-one experimental compositions were studied. This report describes the theoretical considerations which formed the basis of the formulation of these steels as well as the annealing cycle, austenitizing temperature survey, and the tempering survey. The results of the tempering studies are plotted as "master tempering curves".

From the study of the temper resistance, eight steels were selected for further evaluation tests. These tests consisted of (1) hot hardness determinations, (2) dimensional stability measurements, (3) compression tests at room temperature and elevated temperature, (4) oxidation resistance, and (5) hot oil corrosion resistance.

As a result of the foregoing tests, a steel of the following composition is recommended for use as a bearing steel for operating temperatures up to 1000°F:

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The steel should be heat-treated as follows: austenitize at 2225°F, oil quench, and temper for two consecutive 2-hour periods at 1050°F.

The work has not only developed a steel for elevated-temperature bearing applications but it has also clarified the effects of alloying elements on secondary hardness, hardness retention at elevated temperatures, and other properties desired of a high-temperature bearing steel.


A number of ceramic, carbide, and cermets, and high-temperature alloy materials have been evaluated for corrosion resistance and for friction and wear behavior in an oxidizing atmosphere from 1000 to 1800°F. Rubbing-wear experiments were conducted at 200 feet per second sliding speed with about 20-psig load pressure usually applied to the contact surfaces. Several materials involving an alumina-chromium carbide, alumina, and γ phase nickel-molybdenum cermets may be satisfactory for short-life rubbing-seal applications under these conditions.

The applications of these materials are limited since they wear rapidly and exhibit erratic frictional behavior. Superficial surface cracking was observed on the wear surfaces of all specimens containing brittle ceramic phases except possibly silicon carbide. A wear-failure mechanism for refractory materials under sliding contact is postulated, and some correlation of the experimental results with conventional thermal-stress-resistance parameters is obtained.

Two rubbing-wear experiments were conducted in a high-temperature reducing atmosphere. The static corrosion resistance of several potential bearing and seal materials was determined in a nitric acid oxidizer used in some rocket-propellant pumps. Experimental ceramic and cermets were fabricated, and some of these specimens were evaluated in rubbing-wear experiments in the oxidizing atmosphere to study certain material-property effects on friction and wear behavior.


The purpose of this project was to develop a process for bonding tantalum sheet to OFHC copper. This was successfully accomplished both by casting molten copper directly into an annealed tantalum cone under controlled vacuum-inert gas atmospheres, and by using intermediate brazing alloys to produce high integrity, vacuum-bonded joints between OFHC copper and annealed tantalum.

Metallurgical and microhardness evaluations reveal that sound, continuous bonds can be effected, with ductile interfaces, in joining OFHC copper to annealed tantalum by vacuum-inert gas techniques.

Physical tests on brazed copper tantalum composite plates show excellent bond strengths under multi-axial stresses encountered in 180°F flat bends and in cold forming of flat composite plate into nose-cone shapes.

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2200°F and for periods of up to 500 hours.

Attempts to quantitatively determine weight gain of Fe-Al alloys were not successful. The lack of reproducible weight gain data is suggested to be a result of oxide seams and inclusions.

The addition of chromium was found to be beneficial only at the 7.50 percent chromium level. The apparent deleterious effects of chromium at levels both higher and lower than 7.50 percent is to be further investigated. An alloy containing 7.50 percent aluminum and 7.50 percent chromium is recommended for further study in view of its good oxidation resistance, corrosion resistance, and ductility.


During the period from March 31, 1958, through September 30, 1958, further investigations were conducted for both fusion welding and resistance welding procedures for iron-aluminum alloys. Additional resistance spot and stick welds were developed for tests E-1005 and E-1006. Fabrication of a J-57 Turbine Exhaust Cone made from iron-aluminum alloys was completed and submitted for testing. The forming and fusion welding processes used for this cone were described in WADC Technical Report 57-298, Part 10. Information on the resistance welding of the stiffener and flange to the cone body are contained herein.

Investigations were continued toward the development of coated iron-aluminum electrodes for manual arc welding to provide a weld metal deposit containing 7-9% aluminum content.

A program for investigating High Temperature Brazing was initiated for two reasons, (1) to develop a high strength brazing joint in iron-aluminum alloys suitable for use at elevated temperatures, and (2) to investigate brazing problems which would be likely in connection with aircraft fabrications.


The selection of materials for use in high mach number aircraft gears requires consideration of high temperature physical, mechanical and chemical properties, and of rubbing compatibility. This program was designed to obtain bench test data on ten different materials for application as gears at operating temperatures to 700°F. Oils representing two important classes, silicone and mineral, were chosen for scoring tests.

High temperature data were obtained on hardness, dimensional stability, tensile, impact and tooth fatigue strengths, corrosion and oxidation, and on surface scoring resistance.

The most fatigue resistant material was Modified 5150. Carburized, while Matrix M2 was the best of the through-hardened steels. In score resistance, the best material depended on the oil; L.P.D. (Vacuum) Nitrided was the best with silicone, but M1 rose from second place with silicone to first with mineral oil. Choice of material for any application must depend on whether tooth breakage or scoring is the limiting factor, however, the L.P.D. (Vacuum) Nitrided is the best compromise since it ranked high in all tests.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 54-270, Part V.


The establishment of the high-temperature mechanical properties of aircraft structural materials is a prerequisite to efficient design when elevated temperature service is expected. Normally these properties are determined from the conventional short-time tensile and creep-rupture tests and as such are not necessarily applicable for stress conditions other than tension. The present program was conducted to examine the high temperature strength and deformation characteristics of two high-strength airframe alloys when subjected to a variety of stresses under both short and long time loading. Specifically the object of the program was to determine the high-temperature tension, compression, bearing and shear properties of selected airframe alloys with the ultimate purpose of correlating tension behavior with behavior under the various other types of loads and applying these basic data to predict the behavior of riveted joints undergoing creep deformation in tension, bearing, and shear.

This report summarizes in tabular and chart form the high temperature properties of Phl5-7 Mo stainless steel and 6Al-4V titanium alloy in tension, compression, bearing, and shear. In addition correlations of the tensile creep-rupture properties with corresponding compression, bearing, and shear creep-rupture properties are presented. The creep-rupture characteristics of doubler type riveted joints, which represent single units of a multiple riveted assembly, prepared from the test alloys are presented herein. Correlations between measured joint creep-rupture and predicted joint creep-rupture are also included.

Firth Sterling, Inc. WADC TR 58-432.


A summary of cermet literature, especially that pertaining to microstructure, was made. Using 60 TiC-40 Ni as the test material, seven different test groups were formulated, comprising changes in original particle size, processing procedure, and controlled binder addition. Each test group was heated in seven different fashions.

Each test batch so obtained was tested for physical properties and its microstructure was investigated. The microstructures were correlated with changes in physical properties.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 58-164. Part II.


A study was made of the oxidation resistance of five newly-developed high-temperature alloys: two nickel-molybdenum-chromium alloys and three iron-chromium-aluminum alloys. Tests included the measurement of the average depth of external oxidation and maximum depth of oxide penetration on specimens that had been subjected to stress in air at high temperature for 100 hours, and on specimens that had been subjected to stress...
in air under fluctuating-temperature conditions for an equivalent length of time. The weight change of specimens oxidized in air at high temperatures was continuously recorded for periods up to 100 hours. This depth of oxide penetration was found to increase with temperature and with stress. There was little effect of stress at stresses below that required to produce one percent extension in 100 hours. All of the alloys conformed reasonably well to the parabolic rate law in the weight-gain oxidation tests.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation. WADC TR 57-344, Part II.

Flow and fracture studies indicate that the ductile to brittle transition of niobium is little affected by oxygen content in the range 0.01 to 0.1% O₂. The impact transition range of electron-beam melted niobium was found to be considerably below that of powder metallurgy niobium of somewhat higher oxygen concentration.

Strain-hardening and strain aging in niobium were studied. An activation energy of 27,100 cal/mol was determined for strain aging in niobium. The recrystallisation behavior of electron-beam melted niobium was studied in detail.

Creep-rupture data were obtained on electron-beam melted niobium at (671°C) 1600°F and (982°C) 1800°F. The electron-beam material had much lower rupture strength than powder metallurgy niobium containing 0.6% Zr tested previously. The effect of temperature on the modulus of elasticity of niobium and tantalum was determined in the range 25°C to 900°C.

Studies of the thermodynamics of niobium oxides and the kinetics of Nb-water vapor reaction were carried out. The thermodynamic functions obtained in this study for the formation of Nb₂O₅ from Nb₂O₄ are in excellent agreement with calculated values.

A selection of the most promising weldable niobium-base alloys was made on the basis of available physical and mechanical property data. Niobium of low oxygen and nitrogen content was produced by cage-zone and floating zone melting techniques. Evaluation of material prepared by electron-beam melting and vacuum arc melting was carried out.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 59-682.

In this work specimens of several materials, both with and without protective coatings, were subjected to severe heat pulses to determine their capacity as a heat sink. Results were compared on the basis of the amount of heat a specimen could absorb without experiencing surface failure by melting or chemical reaction. The heat pulses were imposed by placing the materials in the throat of an H₂O₂ rocket motor and operating the motor in such a manner that the heat flux increased to a maximum in 12 seconds and decreased during the next 12 seconds. By suitable calibration, the instantaneous applied heat flux and the integrated heat impulses were determined. It was found that 1-inch-thick copper can absorb an integrated heat impulse of 12,000 Btu/(ft²) in a 24-second period when the maximum heat flux at the midpoint of the pulse is 822 Btu/(ft²) (sec). Similarly, nickel can absorb 7500 Btu/(ft²) with a maximum flux of 570 Btu/(ft²) (sec). Graphite protected}

by a coating of silicon carbide formed in place can absorb approximately 9000 Btu/(ft²) in a strongly oxidizing atmosphere with a peak heat flux of 600 Btu/(ft²) (sec) before the protective coating is destroyed. More severe exposure caused drastic failure of the surface of each of these materials.

The Carborundum Company. WADC TR 59-10, Part I.

Various preparational techniques have been used to fabricate graphite-based bodies which have potential resistance to high velocity, high temperature air. Materials have been evaluated in a high intensity arc testing facility. Results are reported herein.

At least ten compositions have been developed which are superior to either AGKSP graphite or to a graphite-silicon carbide body on the bases of tests imposed.


Utilization of oxidation-resistant iron--7 percent aluminum as a basis for creep-resistant high temperature materials was the objective of the research described in this report. Data are presented to illustrate the effects of 1 to 4 percent molybdenum and 1/2 to 1 percent titanium upon the mechanical and metallurgical properties of iron--7 aluminum. All the compositions except those containing a nominal 0.25 percent silicon demonstrated good room temperature mechanical properties, after oil-quenching or air cooling from the recrystallisation anneal, but only alloys of 3 and 4 percent molybdenum and 1/2 to 1 percent titanium possessed promising elevated temperature properties. From correlation of age-hardening studies with stress-rupture test results it was concluded that molybdenum and titanium served primarily as solid solution strengtheners. Suggestions for the modification of the composition to improve the high temperature performance are presented.


During the period from October 1, 1958 to January 31, 1959, investigations were continued to develop fusion welding procedures for iron-aluminum alloys. Fabrication of a furnace hearth and heat-treatment box made from iron-aluminum alloys was completed and they were submitted for service. The manufacturing and fusion welding processes used for these applications are described herein.

A 7-57 Turbine Exhaust Cone of iron-aluminum alloy that was submitted for testing was returned to the Welding Development Department. This cone was damaged during endurance testing. Metallographic examination and mechanical testing were conducted on material from the damaged cone.
Climax Molybdenum Co. of Michigan. WADC TR 59-280.


Some significant advancements have been made in the development of high strength, high recrystallization temperature molybdenum-base alloys. Of the new alloys developed in the course of this investigation, the following four were of particular interest, and represent the strongest known metallic materials for service at 1800°F to 2400°F:

1. Mo + 1.45% Nb + 0.25% C
2. Mo + 3.20% Ti + 0.50% C
3. Mo + 1.27% Ti + 0.29% Zr + 0.30% C
4. Mo + 25.1% W + 0.11% Zr + 0.05% C

An ultimate recrystallization temperature in excess of 3200°F was displayed by the alloy designated as No. 3 above. Alloy No. 1 above had ultimate strengths in tension of 155,600 psi at room temperature and 101,300 psi at 1800°F. The tensile strength of Alloy No. 4 at 2400°F was 73,500 psi. The strength values noted here were significantly higher than had previously been recorded for molybdenum-base alloys. Alloy No. 1 had a 100-hour creep-rupture strength of 80,000 psi at 1800°F, and Alloy No. 3 a 32,700 psi at 2400°F.

Nominally 1/16-inch-thick molybdenum-base sheets containing alloy additions of (1) 0.5% titanium, (2) 0.05% zirconium, and (3) 0.5% titanium + 0.07% zirconium exhibited recrystallization temperatures comparable to those of similarly alloyed wrought (1/2 to 5/8 inches diameter) bar stock. Annealing temperatures sufficient to recrystallize the core of the alloy sheets were inadequate to recrystallize the extreme surface layers. The case effect was attributed to an increased level of contamination at the surface of the sheet resulting from rolling and annealing steps. Tensile strengths and elongation values obtained for the alloy sheets tended to be lower than those of wrought bar stock of similar compositions. Bendability of the sheet materials was substantially improved when the extreme surface layers were removed by chemical milling.


PREPARATION OF HIGH PURITY W, Mo, Ta, Nb, and Zr. George A. Moore, L. L. Wyman. AF 33(616)-49-11. October 1959. PB 161365. Order from OTS $0.50.

This project has been undertaken to prepare refractory metals of the highest possible purity in massive forms suitable for spectrochemical standards and for other essential applications. Experiments were made leading toward the preparation of purified volatile halides, taking advantage of fractional distillation and ion exchange reactions. An apparatus for the formation of refractory metal rods by the thermal decomposition of purified volatile halides, taking advantage of fractional distillation and ion exchange reactions, was developed. This apparatus for the formation of refractory metal rods by the thermal decomposition of purified halides was completed. A large zone melting unit for the final purification of these rods was approaching completion at the end of the project year. In this unit electric bombardment heating is provided for the most refractory metals and an RF heating unit is provided for some melting larger quantities of the less refractory metals.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 59-483.


In order to obtain information for the development of vanadium-base alloys, binary systems (V-La, V-Ce, V-Fr, V-Nd, V-0d, V-Sn, V-Hf, V-Th, V-W, and V-Re) and ternary systems (V-W-Mo, V-Ti-Ta, V-Ti-W, V-Ti-O, V-Ti-Si, and V-Ti-Be) were investigated:

1. The extent of the vanadium-rich solid solution between 800°F and 1500°F.
2. The character of the second phase in equilibrium with the solid solution, and,
3. The possible melt reaction.

Metallographic examination, X-ray powder diffraction analysis, incipient melting point determination, differential thermal analysis, and micro-hardness tests were used as experimental technique.

The experimental results are illustrated by partial phase diagrams, where it was necessary. In some cases work was done on compositions with less than 50 w/o V to resolve certain problems.

Precipitation kinetics studies were carried out on selected alloy compositions in ternary systems V-Ti-O, V-Ti-Si, and V-Ti-Be. The age hardening of the alloys at 550°F, 650°F and 750°C was followed by routine Vickers hardness tests.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation. WADC TR 59-575.


This report describes work on a fundamental study of the oxidation of tungsten and its alloys.

To understand the tungsten-oxygen system thermodynamic measurements were made on the oxides WO3, WO2.9, and WO2.72: The W3O9 (g) pressure over the solid oxide phases from WO3 to WO2 was measured and the homogeneity range of the several oxide phases determined.

Kinetic studies were made on sheet and wire specimens from 500°F to 1300°C and for a broad pressure range. Crystal structure studies and photographic studies were made on the oxide scales.

All of the results suggest that the mechanism of oxidation is very complex. At 500°C and lower the reaction is probably diffusion controlled. Above 600°C localized edge type of reaction adds a complication. Above 1200°C the oxidation reaction is similar to the combustion of graphite. The rate of oxidation is limited by the access of oxygen to the surface.

University of Michigan Research Institute. WADC TR 59-624.


Results are reported for an investigation that was carried out to show the effect of hot working on the structure and creep-rupture properties of heat resistant alloys. Three types of materials were studied a commercially-pure metal ("17-A" Nickel), a precipitation-strengthened, austenitic alloy (A-286), and a low-alloy, ferritic steel ("17-22-A" Ni).
In the case of "A" nickel, rupture tested at 1100°F, near the static recrystallization temperature, the studies indicated that substructures were the major factor affecting strength and that internal lattice strains as measured by hardness were relatively unimportant. At 800°F, the creep resistance of "A" nickel appeared to depend on internal strains and substructures more or less equally.

For A-286 alloy, the rolling temperature influenced rupture properties at 1200°F and 1350°F more than the amount of reduction. Rough correlations between strength and grain size were found, but it was not clear whether solutions of excess phases or grain size per se was the strength-determining factor. A small effect of G phase in the grain boundaries was observed.

The rolling experiments on "17-22-A"V steel demonstrated that beneficial effects on both rupture strength and ductility at 1100°F can be produced by working thoroughly-solutionized austenite at temperatures too low for simultaneous recrystallization. The results suggested that the more severely strained the austenite the greater the improvement in properties.

A second phase of the investigation dealt with the effects of strain-aging-type phenomena on strength at high temperatures. The results of constant-strain-rate tension tests on 1020 carbon steels and A-286 alloy suggested that forces of chemical attraction between nitrogen atoms and silicon, aluminum, or titanium atoms stabilize Cottrell-type atmospheres, permitting them to be effective at higher-than-normal temperatures.


The reactions of unalloyed tantalum with air, nitrogen, and oxygen were studied. Vacuum sintering of high-purity and high-impurity-content tantalum powders was investigated to determine the conditions required for purification. The effects of alloying on the oxidation behavior of tantalum were determined. Several alloying elements were found to be effective in reducing both scaling and contamination. Interstitials were studied for their effects on mechanical behavior at low and elevated temperatures. Screening studies were conducted on the effects of substitutional alloying on mechanical properties at room temperature and at 2200°F. References are included.


Phase relationships in 36 ternary refractory metal systems were investigated. Some 28 related binary systems were first established by reviewing the literature and doing whatever supplementary experimental work necessary to assure a valid basis for the ternary studies.

Nearly 200 ternary alloy compositions were prepared from high-purity alloying ingredients by non-consumable electrode arc-melting procedures. These alloys were studied metallographically in the as-cast condition as well as after annealing at and quenching from 1500°F and 1000°F.

The main purpose of this effort was to scan the solid solubility limits of ternary systems based on tungsten and/or tantalum and involving the following metals: molybdenum, niobium, vanadium, chromium, osmium, and rhenium. The diagrams presented herein are intended to serve as a foundation for future alloy development. Because none of the systems presented is completely detailed, definitive work can and should be done as the specific need arises.


Alloys containing a minimum of 90 wt % tungsten were developed for use at temperatures up to 2000°F. Compositions based on the W-Ni-Fe system were prepared by cold-pressing blended metal powders, followed by liquid-phase sintering in hydrogen. The sintered products consisted of rounded, tungsten-rich grains in a W-Ni-Fe solid solution matrix. Ternary alloys containing up to 98 wt % tungsten were investigated; materials at the 95 wt % tungsten level were very ductile and could be rolled at room temperature. The hardness of cold-rolled specimens decreased upon annealing at temperatures above 600°F. Maximum strength values of 34,000 psi at 2000°F occurred at the 97 wt % tungsten level. Tensile elongations decreased above 1000°F, and these ternary materials had a 100-hour rupture life at a stress level of about 2500 psi at 2000°F.

The effects of tungsten contents, nickel-to-iron ratios, and quaternary additions on properties of W-Ni-Fe alloys were studied at room temperature and at 2000°F. Increasing amounts of tungsten resulted in lower ductility and slightly higher strength; a slight improvement in stress rupture life at 2000°F was noted. Optimum nickel-to-iron ratios were dependent on the tungsten levels. Proportionally higher iron contents increased tensile strength and decreased elongation at elevated temperature. The elements Al, Cr, Mo, Nb, Ta, and Ti were added to a 90W-Ni-Fe-base. Room temperature strength and ductility of this base were lowered by 2.5 wt % of Cr, Nb, and Ta, and by 0.5 wt % of Al and Ti. Moderate improvements in elevated temperature properties were noted in alloys containing 2.5 wt % Cr, Mo, and Ta. Oxidation resistance, slightly inferior to that of unalloyed tungsten, was not materially affected by the small quaternary additions.

Blended W-Ni-Fe powders were hot-pressed in graphite dies, using induction heating. The compacts were relatively fine-grained and had a thin carbide layer on the surfaces. Densities were usually above theoretical values due to squeeze-out of the very fluid matrix phase. Ingots of unalloyed tungsten and a 90W-10Nb alloy prepared by consumable-electrode arc-casting had a coarse, columnar grain structure and were not amenable to working.


To establish a comparative standard for evaluation of changes in properties brought about by the addition of alloying constituents to tungsten, base line data and fundamental physical metallurgical information on tungsten of various purity levels were obtained and studied.

Base line data on high purity and commercial powder metallurgy tungsten have revealed differences in tensile transition and recrystallization temperatures believed attributable to variations in metallic impurity concentrations. High temperature (to 2700°F) tensile properties of
these materials are little affected by differences in levels of trace impurities except for the possibility that observed anomalous and poorly reproducible creep rupture behavior is impurity-induced.

The tensile transition temperature of electron beam zone melted single crystal tungsten lies between -196°F and 10°F, the main influence being surface condition. Deformation of these crystals is accompanied by twinning, and observed low temperature yield point phenomena are tentatively attributed to hydrogen.

Plycrystalline tungsten exhibits several low magnitude internal friction peaks of undetermined origin in the 20°F-800°F region. Annealed single crystals show no such behavior.

Purposeful introduction of carbon by carbidizing and annealing and of oxygen by either direct gas-metal reaction or soaking in tungstic oxide at elevated temperatures does not produce homogeneous distribution of these elements in concentrations above 20-40 weight parts per million.

Addition of thorium as a dispersed second phase to tungsten raises the recrystallization temperature of tungsten and thus improves the high temperature (2700°F) yield strength by a factor of 2-3.5 and the 100 hour creep rupture strength by a factor of about 2. Significant improvement over these values is indicated for the addition of tantalum carbide in place of the thorium. Other dispersed second phase systems employing ZrO₂, B₄C, NbC, SiO₂, or Wβ have been studied. Data are incomplete.


A mechanical-testing system has been established which is capable of providing tensile and compressive stress-strain data and shear-strength data up to 4000°F in vacuum. The results of an evaluation of the system using a molybdenum-0.5 percent titanium alloy in the bar form are presented. Tension, compression, shear and bearing tests were conducted at temperatures up to 3500°F. A detailed description of the testing system and specimen design is presented. An optical strain-measurement system which permits displacements to be measured directly in the gage section is described.

The state-of-the-art report on the development of equipment and techniques of mechanical-properties measurement is based on a survey of literature and discussions with researchers at Battelle and other laboratories. With the objective of developing equipment and techniques for use up to 6000°F or higher, problems to be solved in order that accurate data will be obtained are considered. Recommendations are made concerning furnace design, temperature and strain measurement, and specimen, grip, and loading design. In particular, the probable advantages of graphite heaters coated with tantalum carbide are pointed out; plans for experimental investigations and a description of apparatus built to study carbide coatings are presented. The further investigation of two-color pyrometry was also recommended.


The preparation, fabrication, and properties of intermetallic compounds under development for service in the temperature range of 2300°F to 3000°F are described. The compounds, principally beryllides, have exhibited strengths as measured by the modulus-of-rupture test of up to 30,000 psi at 2700°F and resistance to oxidation for 100 hours to 2800°F and have indicated good thermal conductivity.

The compounds were prepared by solid-state reactions and fabricated chiefly by hot-pressing techniques. Oxidation tests were made in dry air at 2500°F to 3000°F and in moist air (57°F dew point) at 2300°F to 2500°F. Transverse-rupture tests were carried out at 2300°F, 2500°F and 2750°F. Room temperature hardness data and melting points are reported for some compounds. Thermal-expansion and thermal-conductivity data for selected compounds are also presented.

The intermetallic compounds included in the investigations were NbAl₇, TaAl₇, CrBe₂, MoBe₁₂, NbBe₁₇, NbBe₁₂, TaBe₂, Ta₂Be₁₇, TaBe₁₂, TiBe₂, TiBe₁₂, ZrBe₁₃, Cr₂Si, Ti₃Si₁₇, with CrBe₂, TiBe₂, and the silicides receiving only a very limited effort (chiefly oxidation tests). The more promising intermetallic compounds for high-temperature applications are concluded to be ZrBe₁₃, NbBe₁₇, NbBe₁₂, Ta₂Be₁₇, and TaBe₁₂.


1. Bars of iron-molybdenum alloys, intended for study as to suitability for ball bearings at temperatures up to 1000°F, were found to be so non-homogeneous and brittle that specimens could not be machined from them.

2. High temperature torsion tests of relaxation were made to study the suitability of two alloys, M-1 tool steel and Inconel X, for springs at 1000°F, and of two alloys, Waspalloy and Udinmet 500, for springs at 1500°F. Allowing torsion of ±10 kip was imposed on an initial steady stress of 25 kip, was applied to specimens of each alloy. Inconel X lost about 10 to 15 percent of the steady load in about 100 hours. The three other alloys relaxed two to three times as much when tested at the respective temperature mentioned above.


Twenty-three base-barrier metal combinations were screened by annealing diffusion couples at 1700 ± 15°C. Measurements indicating the extent of interdiffusion between barrier and base metals were made by metallographic examination, microhardness tests, and electron microbeam analysis.

From these measurements, it is concluded that Hf and Ir are the most promising barriers for W at 1700°C, with V as a third choice. It appears to be the best choice for Ta and Mo. No recommendations could be made for Nb base metal, primarily because of melting at the screening temperature.

A comparison of interdiffusion behavior with base-barrier phase relations indicates no correlation with either
solid solubility or presence of intermediate phases. The melting points of both barrier and base appear to be the most important factors affecting the extent of interdiffusion.

Manufacturing Laboratories, Inc. WADD TR 60-566.

SURFACE TENSION OF REFRACTORY METALS.

An electron-bombardment heating technique has been applied to the measurement of the surface tension of solid niobium by a modification of the Udin method. The value obtained is 2100 dynes/cm at 2250°C in a vacuum of approximately 10⁻⁵ mm. This result is consistent with a theoretical estimate and provides support for Taylor's estimates of the surface tension of the refractory metals.

From measurements of the dihedral angle of grain boundaries formed in niobium by thermal etching, the interfacial energy (γ) was computed to be 0.36 of the surface energy.

An electrical-resistance heating technique has been applied to the measurement of the surface tension of solid tungsten, molybdenum and niobium by a modification of the Udin method. The method in this form was found to be unsuitable for these metals.

General Electric Company. WADD TR 60-646, Part I.


This report presents details of the conduct of, and the results obtained from, experimental investigations concerned with (1) the rate and mechanism of the carbonization of plastics; (2) the measurement of the vapor pressure of refractory materials; and (3) the determination of the spectral emissivities of refractory materials. These investigations are continuing.

Three complementary experimental techniques were, and are being used to study the carbonisation of plastics. These are (1) thermogravimetric analysis, which gives an over-all picture of reaction rates under slow heating; (2) fluid-bed carbonization of powdered resin, which provides insight into the mechanism; and (3) arc image furnace experiments in which the plastics are exposed to temperatures approaching those of actual ablation applications.

Vapor pressure studies are being conducted using the Langmuir evaporation technologies. In addition matrix-isolation techniques and resonance-line absorption spectroscopy are being applied to the study of vapor species. Materials studied are tantalum carbide, zirconium carbide and thorium.

Normal spectral emissivities of tungsten, tantalum carbide and zirconium carbide have been measured between 1800K and 3000K using an emirometer designed and built for this purpose.

Results of these studies are given and discussed.

Crucible Steel Company of America. WADD TR 60-405.

The static tensile strengths of the welded joints varied from 46 to 69% of the tensile strengths of the sheet materials. The fatigue strengths were from 39 to 65% of the fatigue strength of the sheet material, depending upon the sheet material, the filler material and post weld heat treatment. The argon gas shielded tungsten arc welding process therefore does not produce joints in 75S-T or 148-T alloys of satisfactory fatigue strength.

Aeroprojects, Incorporated, TR 6675.
ULTRASONICS APPLIED TO SOLIDIFICATION AND SOLID-STATE TRANSFORMATION. J. Byron Jones. AF 33(038)-11208. October 1951.

Ultrasonic energy was applied to 24S and 75S aluminum alloys after solution heat treatment, and the effect on age hardening evaluated, primarily by means of Rockwell hardness readings, and tensile tests. The effects were small and indicate that high intensity elastic energy retards precipitation hardening.

Ultrasonic energy was applied to eighteen cubic inch melts of pure magnesium, pure zinc, a 3.5 percent magnesium-zinc alloy, and magnesium-zirconium alloys. Grain refinement was accomplished and sounder ingots resulted from the use of ultrasonics. Zirconium sponge was alloyed with pure magnesium by the application of ultrasonics.

FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF ALUMINUM ALLOYS AT VARIOUS DIRECT STRESS RATIOS. Part I -- ROLLED ALLOYS. B. J. Lazan, A. A. Blatherwick. AF 33(038)-20840. December 1952. PB 116164. Order from LC, Mi $4.00, Ph $11.50.

Newly developed equipment for axial stress fatigue testing in the tension-compression range is described. Fatigue data on 145-T6, 245-T4, and 755-T6 aluminum alloys are presented as S - N curves and stress range diagrams to illustrate and analyze the effects of: (a) stress ratios in the range from static tension to reversed axial stress, (b) stress magnitude which causes failure in the range from $10^3$ to $10^7$ cycles, and (c) severity of circumferential notches having four different theoretical stress concentration factors in the range between 1.0 and 3.4. The extreme flatness of the stress range diagrams for severely notched specimens at long life is discussed in terms of the large reduction in mean load carrying capacity resulting from the addition of relatively small alternating stress. Unitless stress range diagrams are presented which indicate how material, life, and specimen type affect the combinations of alternating and mean stress which cause failure in a specified number of cycles. Data on the reduction in fatigue strength caused by notches are diagrammed to clarify the significance of mean stress, alternating stress, stress ratio, and cycles to failure as factors in fatigue notch sensitivity. The fatigue properties determined in this program are compared with prior work. The low fatigue strengths observed for 75S-T6 are briefly discussed.

University of Minnesota, TR 52-307, Part 2.
FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF ALUMINUM ALLOYS AT VARIOUS DIRECT STRESS RATIOS. Part II -- EXTRUDED ALLOYS. B. J. Lazan, A. A. Blatherwick. AF 33(038)-20840. December 1952. PB 116165. Order from LC, Mi $2.50, Ph $5.25.

Axial stress fatigue tests were performed at various stress ratios on extruded aluminum alloys 148-T6, 245-T4, and 755-T6 using one unnotched and one notched type of round specimen. The data are presented in the form of S-N curves and stress-range diagrams to analyze...
the effect of: (a) stress ratio, ranging from static tension to reversed axial stress, (b) stress magnitudes which cause failure in the range from 10^3 to 10^7 cycles, and (c) stress concentration resulting from a circumferential V-notch. The notch-sensitivity data are further analysed by diagrams which display the importance of stress ratio, stress level, and life on fatigue strength reduction. The fatigue properties of the three extruded alloys are compared both with each other and with rolled aluminum alloys.


An investigation has been conducted to determine the effect of mean stress on the axial loading fatigue life of two alclad aluminum alloys in sheet form with stress concentrations. The alloys were 24S-T3 and 75S-T6. The specimens were rectangular, 0.8 inches wide and 6.5 inches long with a 0.125 inch diameter hole drilled at the center. Tests were conducted using a lever type machine.

The range of mean stress was from 20,000 lb/in^2 to 20,000 lb/in^2 compression and the alternating stress ranged from zero to ± 30,000 lb/in^2. Some of the specimens tested in all compression stress range failed with axial as well as transverse cracks emanating from the edge of the hole.

The results showed that: (1) The effect of mean stress on 24S-T3 and 75S-T6 was the same, (2) At any alternating stress amplitude fatigue life increases as the mean stress decreases, (3) The effect of mean stress on fatigue life is increased as the alternating stress amplitude is decreased and (4) As the tensile mean stress decreases the allowable amplitude of alternating stress increases, in the compression range the allowable amplitude of alternating stress also increases as the compressive mean stress increases, at least as far as the range of this test.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc.

TR 53-151.

STUDY OF HARD COATING FOR ALUMINUM ALLOYS. F. G. Gillig. AF 18(600)-98. May 1953. PB 111320. Order from OTS $2.00.

A study has been made of the effects of hard oxide coatings produced by the MHC process on the properties of five wrought and two cast aluminum alloys. Coating thicknesses ranging from 0.0005 inch to 0.005 inch were studied. Of the many properties that were studied, the abrasion resistance of the coatings and their effect on the fatigue strength of the parent metal are the most significant. The abrasion resistance of the hard coatings is far in excess of that of coatings produced by standard anodising treatments and has been demonstrated to be equal to or better than that of thin cyanide coatings on steel. In addition to this, the coatings impart increased corrosion resistance to the aluminum alloy surface. The abrasion resistance decreases with exposure to humidity and atmospheric conditions but proper post-treatments, other than boiling water which is used for sealing regular anodised coatings, will undoubtedly prevent this. The most serious shortcoming of the coatings has been found to be their drastic lowering of the fatigue strength of the coated alloy. Decreases as much as 65% in the base metal fatigue strength have been found. The effect is not proportional to coating thickness and coatings of 0.001 inch produce practically the same effect as 0.005 inch coatings.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. TR 53-151. Suppl. 1.

STUDY OF HARD COATING FOR ALUMINUM ALLOYS. F. J. Gillig. AF 18(600)-98. October 1953. PB 111320a. Order from OTS $0.75.

The program for the study of the effects of hard oxide coatings produced by the MHC Process on the properties of aluminum and its alloys was extended in order to provide additional data. The corrosion resistance in three environments was evaluated up to 11 months. The abrasion resistance showed another small decrease with the five-month additional exposure to atmospheric and high humidity conditions. Two treatments that were given the coatings of 61S and 75S alloys appear to alleviate the drastic reduction in fatigue strength brought about by the coatings. Attempts at retaining the abrasion resistance in a humid atmosphere were only moderately successful. Oil was found to have a detrimental effect on the resistance to an erosion type of wear.

Aeroprojects, Incorporated. TR 53-527.


In this study an attempt has been made to degas molten aluminum by causing gas to collect and rise to the surface from the nodes of sound waves introduced into a melt. The apparatus for effecting this phenomena has been successfully built and demonstrated. In this work certain problems remain unanswered however, since the degassing was erratic and accompanied by serious contamination of the melt by erosion of the transducer coupler material. Efforts to solve the problems will be made in future work.

Univ. of California. WADC TR 54-104.

THE EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE, FREQUENCY, AND GRAIN SIZE ON THE FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF PURE ALUMINUM. N. H. G. Daniels, John E. Dorn. AF 33 (038)-22608. October 1954.

A comparison of the fatigue strength of coarse and fine grain high purity aluminum was made at room temperature and at 250°C. The superiority of the fine grain material as evidenced at room temperature was not maintained at the higher temperature where no difference was found between the fatigue properties of the two grain sizes.

A preliminary investigation of the effects of temperature on the fatigue behavior of pure aluminum was also carried out at frequencies of 25 and 1440 cycles per minute. The results suggest that high temperature fatigue of aluminum might be controlled by an activation process with an activation energy of approximately 34 K cals/gm atom, a value closely similar to that found for self-diffusion, creep, stress-rupture, recovery, and grain boundary relaxation. The change of fatigue properties with temperature and frequency is explained in terms of recovery. Supporting metallographic studies showing the corresponding changes in structure with particular reference to polygonisation have been made.

Other metallographic studies relative to the mode of failure and crack propagation are also described.

Aeroprojects Incorporated. WADC TR 54-490.

THE EFFECT OF ULTRASONICS ON MOLTEN METALS. J. Byron Jones, John G. Thomas, Carmine F. DePrisco.
The application of ultrasonics at a frequency of about 15 kc to small melts of 195 aluminum alloy resulted in accelerated degassing. Grain refinement was observed only when ultrasonic energy was introduced at or above the liquidus temperature. A microphone to appraise elastic energy levels in liquid melts was devised. Extensive investigations of the problems incident to the transmission of elastic vibratory energy into the molten metals were carried out, and the requirements therefore are reported.


Three aluminum powder metallurgy products were forged into gas turbine compressor rotor blades to determine if these materials were amenable to such processing. Forgesability was evaluated through a series of temperatures under various types of working, including: rolling, flat forging, up-setting, extruding, blocking, coining, and trimming.

The effect of forging temperatures on stress-rupture, tensile and fatigue strengths was evaluated by means of specimens prepared from flat forgings. Also, stress-rupture, tensile, and fatigue strengths, along with impact data were obtained on the as-received bar stock for a comparison base line.

Using strength data as a means of appraisal, one material and its optimum forging temperature were selected. Finished compressor blades were processed in accordance with optimum material-forging conditions, and subjected to limited fatigue and metallographic evaluation.

It was found that these materials could be processed into finished compressor rotor blades by substituting extrusion for rolling, and that processing is possible in the temperature range of 500-1000°F.

The two materials with oxide contents in the vicinity of 14% were found to have room temperature strengths comparable to a heat treated wrought aluminum alloy currently used for compressor rotor blades. However, the elongation and impact properties at all temperatures tested were inferior to the wrought aluminum alloy.


Tensile tests at room temperature and at 500°F were conducted on Alclad 2024-T3 (formerly designated as clad 245-T3) aluminum alloy sheet specimens after they had been subjected to various amounts of creep deformation. This prior creep deformation was obtained by stressing the specimens at constant loads in tension for periods of approximately 20 hours and 90 hours. The amounts of prior deformation varied from 0% in 2 inches for no applied stress to 2% in 2 inches with a stress of 15,000 psi applied.

At room temperature the tests showed a decrease in ultimate tensile strength properties as the amount of prior creep deformation increased toward the maximum values considered in this investigation. However, at 500°F the tensile yield strengths were much nearer the ultimate tensile strengths on a percentage basis than was shown for the room temperature tensile tests. There was a notable decrease in ultimate tensile and tensile yield strength values as the amount of prior creep deformation increased. This was particularly true for those specimens in which the prior deformation had been obtained in 90 hours.

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. WADC TR 54-590. POWDER FABRICATION OF ALUMINUM ALLOYS. J. B. Hess, R. S. Mateer. AF 33(616)-2296. September 1955. PB 121138. Order from OTS $0.75.

A fabrication method, combining powder metallurgy techniques and conventional extrusion, was developed for the purpose of alloying aluminum with refractory compounds and other unusual constituents. Additions of B₄C, Al₂O₃, TiC, Si₃N₄, WC, TiAl, MnAl₆, FeAl₃, Mo, Cr, Si and Cu were made to a base of commercial atomized aluminum powders, and the resulting alloy properties were determined.

Outstanding improvements in Young's modulus were achieved by means of the SiC and B₄C additions; however, accompanying tensile properties were only mediocre. Current attempts to improve these tensile properties by utilizing prealloyed powders as bases for the refractory additions are still in preliminary stages of study.


The mechanical and metallurgical properties of XA78S aluminum alloy clad sheet, plate and extrusions have been evaluated in this work. Long time tests will be reported in a supplement to this work. The results when compared with the evaluation by other investigators, may lead to the acceptance of this alloy as an aircraft material. The XA78S aluminum alloy has approximately 10 percent greater strength than other high strength aluminum alloys. It has corrosion resistance, fatigue strength, microstructural characteristics, response to heat treatment and spot welding properties comparable to other commercial aluminum base alloys containing zinc, magnesium, and copper. This alloy offers greater resistance to bending therefore, the forming will be more difficult. As a result of this evaluation three specifications have been issued. The designations for XA78S, 75S and 24S aluminum alloys have been recently changed to X7178, 7075, and 2024, respectively.


The mechanical properties and stress corrosion characteristics of 6066-T6 extrusion were studied. The effect of salt spray exposure on 6066-T6 sheet was determined and found to approach 2014-T6 alloy. In addition, the welding characteristics of 6066 were investigated and it was found that 6066 alloy can be arc welded using 6066, 716 and 195 alloy filler metals.

A new approach to aluminum alloy development, involving the use of powder metallurgy techniques to produce "superalloys" of aluminum, is described; and the preliminary results obtained in an evaluation survey of aluminum alloy systems using this approach are given. These results show that, by this approach, excellent prospects exist for the development of aluminum base alloys having improved mechanical properties at elevated temperatures. The alloy systems found to show promise as a base for alloy development were AI-Mn, Al-Fe, Al-Ti, and Al-Cr.

Mixtures of aluminum alloy powders and low density refractory carbides having high moduli of elasticity were fabricated by hot compaction and extrusion, and evaluated by tensile testing at room and elevated temperature (600°F) and by microscopic examination. These fabrications were found to have high moduli of elasticity but were generally inferior in tensile properties to fabrications of the base aluminum alloys without carbide additions. Extrusions were also prepared from AI-Cu-Mn, Al-Cu-Mg, Al-Mg and Al-Zn-Cu-Mg type alloy powders and evaluated. Significant improvements in the tensile yield strengths at 600°F were found to be effected by powder metallurgy fabrication as compared to conventional wrought fabrication for the AI-Cu-Mn and Al-Cu-Mg type alloys, but no benefits were obtained with the Al-Mg and Al-Zn-Cu-Mg type alloys.

The H2O present in the surface film of aluminum alloy powders was measured and its effects on the characteristics of subsequent extrusions are discussed.

Northrop Aircraft, Inc. WADC TR 56-585, Part I.


In order to establish realistic design criteria applicable to aerodynamically heated materials and their carbon combinations of temperature, time and stress exposure and inspection criteria for materials after exposure to complex service conditions, the tensile properties of 2024-T3 clad and 7075-T6 clad sheet were determined at room temperature, 200°F, 300°F and 400°F after single and sequential multiple exposure in the range 250°F through 600°F. In addition, the Rockwell hardness properties at room temperature after the above exposure conditions were determined to provide a basis for inspection of aircraft after service exposure to aerodynamic or engine heating.

Five tensile properties were determined for each exposure and test condition. Three of these, the proportional limit, modulus of elasticity, and percent elongation were tabulated and graphed in a non-dimensional form to generalize the data with respect to test material variability. Since the yield and ultimate strengths determine the load carrying ability, these tensile properties were analyzed carefully and generalizations with respect to exposure temperature and time and testing temperatures were accomplished. Statistical calculations were made to determine the accuracy of the various analyses. The conclusion was reached that the yield and ultimate strength analysis is adequate for establishing design criteria in the range room temperature through 400°F, after complex exposures to times from 1.0 to 1000 hours at temperatures from 250°F to 600°F.

Material, equipment, specimens and procedures are described in detail. Test results are presented in the form of tables and curves to illustrate the effect of the exposure and test conditions on the materials under investigation and the effect of normalization analyses on the generalization of the data.

WADC TN 58-57.


This investigation was undertaken to determine some design properties of aluminum alloy X2219-T6 at room and elevated temperatures. The investigation including the determination of tensile properties, fatigue properties, stress rupture properties and stress corrosion characteristics of aluminum alloy X2219-T6 under various temperature conditions up to 600°F.

Nonferrous (Magnesium) Metals

TR 4514.


TR 4556.

CORROSION RESISTANCE OF MAGNESIUM ALLOY SHEET IN CONTACT WITH DISSIMILAR METALS. M. R. Whitmore. July 1940.

TR 4725.


TR 4780.

PROPERTIES OF MAGNESIUM CASTING ALLOYS. J. L. Gregg, S. J. Broderick. May 1942.

TR 5156.


TR 5246.


TR 5349.


TR 5517.

TR 5755

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. TR 5734.

TR 6173.
MAGNESIUM ALLOYS CONTAINING ZIRCONIUM. G. W. Orton, 1/Lt. June 1950.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. TR 6174.

TR 6594.
CLADDING MAGNESIUM. George W. Orton, Captain, USAF, and A. David Gibson, Captain, USAF. July 1951.
Results of experiments to clad a strong magnesium alloy with aluminum alloys and anodic magnesium alloys are reported. It was demonstrated that magnesium alloys are easily clad with other magnesium alloys but cladding with aluminum is more difficult.

TR 5926.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. TR 52-169.

Diagrams are presented to show the constitution at 500° and 700°F for the magnesium-lithium-aluminum and magnesium-lithium-zinc alloy systems. These diagrams were determined mainly by microscopic examination of alloys quenched from elevated temperatures. Corrosion and loss of lithium prevented the successful use of x-ray diffraction and electrical resistivity measurements at elevated temperatures. The solubility for aluminum and for zinc was less at 500° than at 700°F but the solubility for lithium was almost the same at these two temperatures.

The study of dilute magnesium alloys found a good combination of properties for magnesium-1.0% zinc-0.4% cerium. The addition of cerium refined the grain structure and introduced a small amount of a second constituent. The best properties were obtained with a fine equaxed grain structure produced by warm rolling and annealing just above the recrystallisation range. These properties were obtained by a single cycle of cold rolling and annealing.

Single crystals of high purity magnesium were grown by controlled solidification in a gradient furnace. The furnace and the mold remained stationary and only the temperature gradient moved. The conditions of growth were found to be more critical for single crystals of magnesium-aluminum and magnesium-zinc alloys. No alloy single crystals were produced but favorable conditions for their growth were approached. Causes and remedies are discussed for the failure to produce magnesium alloy single crystals.


High strength sheet has been produced through development of rolling techniques for ZK + A20 powder extrusions. Excellent properties and rollability have been obtained by rapidly heating ZK60 powder extrusions to the rolling temperature, hot rolling in one heat, and warm rolling to the desired gage. High quality ZK60 powder extrusions which have corrosion rates equal to those of billet material have been produced. Illustrative properties of ZK60 sheet hot rolled on the 8" mill under the above technique are compared below with typical values of FS-H24, our present high strength commercial sheet alloy:

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As development work has been completed on laboratory equipment, we are now ready to make preliminary evaluation of powder fabricated ZK60 sheet on production equipment. Further improvement of the properties of ZK60 by small melt additions of Ca, Ce, Th, Cd, and Ag will be tried on the 3" mill.

Dow Chemical Company. TR 53-18, Part 2.

Approximately 7,000 pounds of ZK60A alloy powder have been extruded into various shapes on production equipment.

A kiln type powder heater, a portable powder loader, and a small extrusion former extension have been constructed and operated. Other equipment necessary for production extrusion of ZK60A alloy powder has been studied.

It has been demonstrated that high purity ZK60A alloy powder possesses a corrosion rate similar to that of billet extrusions.

It has been demonstrated that blisters are caused by flux and rust inclusions. The best method of eliminating blisters is screening the powder to -20 mesh, and heating it to 650°F prior to extrusion.

Typical properties and properties which 95% or more of the powder extrusions will meet based on the thickness of the extrusion are as follows:

| Thickness Inches | %E1 | TYS | CYS | UTS | %E1 | TYS | CYS | UTS |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Less than 0.2   | 17  | 38  | 37  | 48  | 7   | 32  | 33  | 42  |
| 0.2 and Greater | 17  | 39,5 | 41  | 50  | 10  | 36  | 36  | 47  |

WADC TR 53-405.
Axial-stress fatigue tests were conducted on specimens of extruded magnesium alloy ZK60A-T5 under five selected ratios of alternating to mean stress. The data thus obtained are presented in the form of S-N diagrams, one curve for each stress ratio. The effects of varying the combinations of alternating and mean stresses are demonstrated by a series of stress-range diagrams. Three types of specimens (one unnotched and two notched) provide data for analysis of the fatigue strength reduction due to stress concentration. These data are illustrated by two types of charts showing the fatigue strength-reduction factor as a function of stress ratio, life, and stress magnitude.


A tentative constitutional diagram is presented for the magnesium-rich portion of the magnesium-thorium alloy system. This diagram shows limited solid solubility and a eutectic. The maximum solid solubility is estimated as 10 percent at the eutectic temperature of 1105°F. The eutectic composition contains about 35 percent thorium and the eutectic structure consists of an alpha solid solution and an intermediate phase containing about 55 percent thorium.

Tentative diagrams are given to show the effect of zirconium on the phase boundaries for magnesium-zinc-zirconium alloys containing four and six percent zinc, respectively. These diagrams are from data obtained by thermal analysis, microscopic examination, and, to a limited extent, x-ray diffraction of a small number of alloys. The liquidus temperature increases slightly with an increase of zirconium in the four percent zinc alloys but remains nearly constant in the six percent zinc alloys. Very little data are given for the solidus and solvus temperatures.

Mechanical property data are given showing a good combination of strength and elongation in magnesium-1% zinc-0.4% cerium, magnesium-1% zinc-0.5% calcium, magnesium-1% zinc-0.4% cerium-0.001% lithium and magnesium-1% zinc-0.4% cerium-0.005% calcium. Cerium refines the grain structure and introduces a second constituent. The best properties are associated with a fine equiaxed grain structure.

Conditions and procedures are given for the controlled solidification method which produced magnesium and binary magnesium alloy single crystals with a nominal diameter of 1/2 inch and a length of about 8 inches. These crystals contain up to 5 percent indium, 5 percent cadmium, 0.5 percent zinc, 0.5 percent silver and 0.3 percent aluminum, respectively. Procedures are given for stressing the crystals in tension to establish the strengthening effects of the individual solutes. Work is reported up to the actual experimental stressing of the single crystals.
The effect of crystal orientation on the electrical resistivity of high-purity magnesium was determined. The results, at 24°C, may be represented by the equation:

\[ \rho(\theta) = 4.60 - 0.75 \cos^2 \theta \]

where \( \rho \) is the angle between the hexagonal axis and the direction of current flow.

The effect of temperature on the electrical resistivity for varying orientations was investigated, with temperature coefficients of .00390 and .00408/°C obtained perpendicular and parallel to the hexagonal axis respectively for the temperature range of 24 to 200°C.

Extruded high-purity magnesium and ZK60A-T5 alloy were stressed in tension to various levels and the effect of this prestressing operation on the electrical resistivity recorded. There was no significant change in electrical resistivity at the levels investigated for either alloy.

Apparatus for the measurement of thermal conductivity, electrical conductivity and linear thermal expansion have been purchased or designed but are still in either the construction or calibration stage.

The advantages and disadvantages of electric resistance strain gages as a method of measuring the coefficient of linear thermal expansion are discussed.

TR 54-83, Part 4.

This phase of work on contract No. AF (600)-19147 includes the testing and evaluation of production rolled HK31XA sheet. The results are preliminary insofar as the overall production development of this alloy is concerned but do indicate the good combination of room and elevated temperature properties previously obtained in the laboratory can be produced under plant-scale rolling conditions. Continued development work and customer evaluation is warranted.

TR 54-83, Part 5.

The arc, gas and spot welding characteristics of HK31A sheet and plate were investigated. The alloy was very weldable by the arc and spot methods but difficulty was encountered in gas welding. Heavy plate, multiple pass arc welds were subject to oxide inclusions, the cause of which has not been definitely established. Weld strengths could be improved by aging heat treatments. The welds were subject to germination when solution heat treated at the recommended 1050°F temperature. The short time high temperature properties of the welds were not significantly different from the unwelded material. Spot welding techniques and properties appeared to be similar to those obtained on AZ31A sheet. Suggestions for continuing the evaluation of the welding characteristics of HK31A were included.


Tentative optimum procedures to add chromium, antimony, strontium, barium, calcium and manganese to AZ31-based alloys are described. Relative recoveries of additions of chromium, strontium and barium were extremely low. Recoveries of antimony, calcium and manganese approached the intended additions. These additions were made singly and in combination to determine their influence on the mechanical properties and resistance to corrosion of AZ31 alloy.

The most promising combination of mechanical strength and ductility was associated with alloys containing single additions of chromium and additions of chromium and manganese together in the as-fabricated condition. Cold rolling of sheet and cold rolling followed by a stress relieving heat treatment improved high strength wrought Mg alloys. The work on this contract was directed toward the improvement of high strength wrought Mg alloys through alloy survey based on Mg-Zn and evaluation of promising combinations in pellet fabrication. A Mg sheet alloy containing 4-5% Zn, 1-2% MM, and 1-2% Mn with an excellent combination of workability, strength, and ductility was developed. A typical yield strength of 35,000 psi or higher should be realized through proper fabrication of these alloys. Further study of the Mg-Ag-Zn-Zr system indicated that high strength sheet can also be obtained by work hardening Mg-Ag-Zn-Zr alloys such as QZ66 and QZ63. Additional work is necessary to determine if higher strength can be obtained in these alloys than in the Mg-Zn-MM-Mn (or Zr) system. Considerable promise is also shown by HM31 pellet extrusions. Pellet fabrication of this alloy substantially increases static strength, particularly at temperatures up to 600°F. It has the highest static strength in the range of 300-600 F of any Mg extrusions yet developed.

INVESTIGATION OF ALLOYS OF MAGNESIUM AND THEIR PROPERTIES. PART 2 - Physical Properties of Mg Base Alloys. J. D. Wood, 1/Lt., USAF. AF 33(616)-2337. October 1955. ASTIA Document No. AD 90584. PB 135201. Order from LC, Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.
The coefficients of linear thermal expansion have been determined for pure magnesium, AZ31A, E231A, HK31XA, and HZ32X A using a high precision dilatometer. The electrical conductivities of AZ31A, AZ31B, AZ63A, AZ92A, cast ZK60A, and pellet extruded ZK60A have been determined using a Kelvin Bridge. Values obtained compare favorably with previous determinations. Thermal conductivities of the alloys were calculated from the electrical conductivity data using the Powell and Bungardt equations. The heat capacity and heat fusion of pure magnesium are also reported.

The effects of heat treatment, composition, mechanical history, and working direction on electrical conductivity were noted. There was no significant effect of these variables on thermal expansion.

**Dow Chemical Company. WADC TR 55-160, Part 3.**

**INVESTIGATION OF ALLOYS OF MAGNESIUM AND THEIR PROPERTIES, PART 3.** J. D. Wood. AF 33(616)-2337. November 1955.

Inhomogeneous deformation has been studied in high-purity magnesium and magnesium-calcium alloys. Metallographic examination of cold-rolled sheet disclosed that narrow bands of preferential recrystallization had occurred in the alloys containing less than 0.055 percent calcium. These bands rotated toward the rolling plane with increasing reduction while newly formed bands subtended an angle of 30°. Room temperature compression tests on hot-rolled materials showed that the magnesium showed banding whereas a Mg-0.5 Ca alloy did not, in agreement with the observations on sheet. The homogeneity of deformation also showed an isotropy in the compression tests. In both compression and rolling the bands became eventual crack loci.

A large amount of information on preferred orientation of flat magnesium alloy extrusions has been obtained. As in the case of rolled magnesium alloy sheet, various deviations from the ideal orientation occur. These deviations are primarily rotations of the maximum basal pole density about the transverse direction as an axis. In addition, marked variation of preferred orientation with depth below the surface has been found. Profile plots of the rotation as a function of depth fall into two broad groups: (1) those which show a double orientation at the center and (2) those which show a single orientation at the center. A theory is outlined in an attempt to explain these general categories of sheet and flat extrusions. Basal slip and twinning are assumed of primary importance. Compressive strains are modified by shear strain in such a way as to explain many of the experimental observations in a consistent manner.

**WADC TR 56-409.**


An autoradiographic study of magnesium alloys containing 3% and 13% thorium has been performed. The stripping film method was slightly modified because of the extreme reactivity of magnesium. The results show qualitatively that a large percentage of the thorium is located in or very near to the grain boundaries.

**Dow Chemical Company. WADC TR 56-88.**


The work reported under this contract is divided into three sections. Section 1 deals with the development of improved Mg wrought alloys. Two Mg-MM-1/2-Th-Zn-Zr wrought alloys—ZE11 (1/2-Th-Zr) in sheet and ZE31 (1/2-Th-Zr) in extrusions—have excellent properties at moderate temperatures, unobtainable in any conventional Mg alloy yet developed. Excellent properties at moderate temperatures can also be obtained by pellet extrusion of high-temperature Mg alloys such as HZ32X A. High strength Mg-4Zn-1.5Mn-1.5Zr-1.5Mn sheet has been developed for room temperature service but is slightly inferior to ZE41X A, a new experimental sheet alloy.

In Section 2, recent measurements of the thermal and electrical properties of several Mg alloys—AZ31A, HK31XA, HZ32XA, EZ33A and HM21XA—are reported. Electrical resistivity varies from $5.3 \times 10^{-10}$ ohms/cm for cast AZ31A-F at room temperature and from $9.2 \times 10^{-10}$ to $12.9 \times 10^{-10}$ for the same alloys at $500^\circ$F. The temperature coefficient of electrical resistivity is essentially constant at $6.90 \times 10^{-8}$ ohms/cm/°F. The thermal conductivity of these alloys varies in the reverse order of their electrical resistivity and increases with temperature.

The plastic deformation and preferred orientation of wrought Mg alloys are discussed in Section 3. Mechanical twinning is significant (15-20 volume percent) in the cold rolling of AZ31A and AZ31B. The attempt to measure indirectly twin volume was only partly successful. Bend tests of Mg-2A1 sheet indicate that twin volume decreases with increasing temperature but is still appreciable as high as $815^\circ$F. The role of heterogeneous deformation or banding in compressive working of Mg alloys is also discussed.

**Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 56-405.**


The feasibility of vapor plating magnesium and magnesium-base alloys with aluminum is evaluated on the basis of information available in the literature on volatile aluminum compounds with the stability range required for vapor-plating "atmospheres".

Pyrolysis of aluminum alkyls and of aluminum hydride and its derivatives is considered of sufficient interest to warrant experimental investigation.

Reduction of aluminum halides with magnesium and disproportionation of aluminum monohalides are considered technically feasible but of lesser interest because the conditions for procuring satisfactory coatings are critical.

**WADC TN 56-461.**


A gravimetric procedure suitable for the determination of trace amounts of calcium in magnesium-base alloys has been developed in this laboratory.

The sample is dissolved in hydrochloric acid and the magnesium is removed by a double precipitation as the phosphate. The calcium is then
precipitated at a pH of six as the oxalate and the washed precipitate is titrated with potassium permanganate.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. WADC TR 56-453.


A vacuum fluidity apparatus was used to determine the fluidities of magnesium alloys. The alloy systems studied were:

1. Magnesium-aluminum binary system from 0 to 20% aluminum.
2. Magnesium-zinc binary system from 0 to 20% zinc.
3. Magnesium-aluminum-zinc ternary system up to 20% alloy content.
4. Magnesium-zinc-siliconium system from 0 to 20% silicon.
5. Magnesium-thorium-zirconium system from 0 to 20% thorium.

Fluidity was determined as a function of temperature for each alloy. Then fluidity at 1400°F was plotted as a function of alloy content. Fluidity at 100°F was plotted for those alloy systems for which the liquidus temperature had been established. Comparison of commercial alloys with the experimental alloys was good. Fluidity curves as a function of alloy content were found to vary as the inverse of computed, non-equilibrium freezing range curves.

A hot tear pattern was adapted for studying the effect of geometry on the hot tearing of magnesium alloys, and for determining the susceptibility of various magnesium alloys to hot tearing; the pattern is stressed in simple tension during solidification. The portion of the test casting susceptible to hot tearing is well defined. Hot tearing in Mg-4% Al alloys was shown to increase with decreasing fillet radius, increasing casting length, increasing section size change and decreasing gas content.

An experimental apparatus was developed for the measurement of alloy rupture stress and ductility at temperatures below and above the solidus. The apparatus permitted stress rupture measurements without first cooling the cast alloy to room temperature.


An exploratory investigation was made to determine the alloying characteristics and the influence on microstructures, mechanical properties and resistance to corrosion of small additions of titanium, hafnium, tantalum, nickel, cobalt, vanadium, boron, chromium, yttrium, rhenium, niobium, tungsten and molybdenum to magnesium and to selected magnesium-base alloys.

A potentially attractive method for the pronounced grain refinement of as-cast structure of magnesium-base alloys was found. Additions of small amounts of titanium dioxide and several forms of vanadium produced a moderate refinement in un-alloyed magnesium. These additions were particularly effective when made to magnesium alloys with one or more soluble components. The mechanism of this action was believed to be extensive grain nucleation by stable foreign nuclei in constitutionally super-cooled liquid.

The solubility of titanium, hafnium, vanadium, boron, chromium, niobium, tungsten and molybdenum in magnesium was believed to be extremely limited.

Additions of these elements to magnesium and to selected magnesium-base alloys did not influence significantly the mechanical properties or resistance to corrosion of hot rolled sheet. A consistent increase in tensile mechanical properties without loss in ductility in the extruded condition was associated with increased chromium additions to AZ31 composition reaching an optimum threshold at approximately 0.3 to 0.5% chromium, intended additions. The retention of rhenium and tantalum in magnesium and magnesium alloys was also believed to be of low magnitude and no improvement in mechanical properties or general resistance to corrosion was observed. Exceptionally high resistance to corrosion was exhibited by two alloys with additions of rhenium and two alloys with additions of tantalum to unalloyed magnesium in the form of hot rolled sheet. The result was considered significant but the specific cause of the benefit was not isolated.

Nickel and cobalt exhibited limited solubility in magnesium and magnesium alloys. Nickel additions produced a small improvement in room and elevated temperature mechanical properties of hot rolled sheet but lowered sharply the resistance to corrosion. Cobalt additions were less effective in improving mechanical properties and also lowered resistance to corrosion.

Microscopic examination indicated that the solid solubility of yttrium in magnesium was at least 0.5%. Yttrium additions to unalloyed magnesium produced an increase in tensile yield and ultimate strengths of 36 and 26%, respectively, in the form of hot rolled sheet at room temperature.

Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. WADC TR 57-241, Part I.


A novel way for finding alloys of magnesium with better corrosion resistance has been evolved. This scheme relies upon alloying magnesium with elements which, owing to their lower surface tension, are expected to concentrate on the surface and thus alter the corrosion behavior. From a number of elements having a lower surface tension than magnesium the following have been considered: Mg, Hg, Pb, Ge, In, Bi, Sn, Cd, Ca have been added to it to form very pure, dilute, binary alloys. Since this was a feasibility study, insufficient data was obtained to allow a statistical analysis of results. The preliminary results obtained in general, however, indicate that magnesium alloys containing Sn, Sb, Ge, Cd, and In compare favorably with pure magnesium in the QQ-M-151A Salt Spray Test.

Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. WADC TR 57-241, Part II.


Experimental and estimated values of surface tension of 75 elements have been gathered. This unique collection was of value in elucidating the magnesium alloying program and should be of use to workers in other fields.
Correlations for estimating surface tension values of elements have been scrutinized, augmented and used. Extensive bibliography on the subject of surface tension is presented.

WADC TR 56-415.


A very promising magnesium alloy system was developed which appears superior to AZ31 sheet alloy. This alloy has been designated as ZM41 and has a nominal composition of 4 zinc, 1.0 Manganese, 0.7 Mischmetal balance Magnesium. Some of the features of ZM41 alloy compared to AZ31 are higher strength, more uniform longitudinal and transverse tensile properties, and a much greater tolerance for iron without the corrosion resistance of the alloy being adversely affected.


The electrical resistivities for cast AZ31A & B, AZ63A, AZ81A, AZ91C, AZ92A, AM100A, EZ33A, HK31A, rolled HK31A and HM21XA, and cast HZ32A were determined at room temperature and in some cases up to 500°F. The values at 70°F ranged from 1.72 microhm/cm² for AM100A-T4 to 9.2 microhm/cm² for AZ31A & B - F & - T4, and from 7.7 microhm/cm² for cast HK31A-T6 to 5.0 microhm/cm² for rolled HM21XA-T8.

At 500°F the values ranged from 1.16 microhm/cm² for EZ31A-T6 to 9.1 microhm/cm² for HM21XA-T8 for the RE and Th containing alloys. Room temperature resistivity measurements on cast EM31 and EZ31 ranged between 7.8 and 5.5 microhm/cm² for the -T6 and -T7 tempers respectively. The temperature coefficients of electrical resistivity were fairly constant ranging from 0.8 to 1.0 microhm/cm² -1/F. Calculations of thermal conductivity from electrical data are reported for AZ31A & B, AZ63A, AZ81A, AZ91C, AZ92A, AM100A, EZ31A, EZ33A, HK31A, HM21XA, and HZ32A. The temperature coefficients of thermal conductivity were all positive and decreased with increasing temperature.

Enthalpy, specific heat and heat of fusion were measured for AZ31B, HK31A, HM21XA, HM31XA, and ZK60A. The heat of fusion seemed to decrease with increasing alloy content from 82 cal/gm for HM21XA to 76 cal/gm for ZK60A. At temperatures around 500°F the specific heats of the alloys were about the same as that of pure magnesium except the specific heat of AZ31B which was somewhat higher.


A polarized-light metallographic technique capable of supplying information on the orientation of individual grains in a polycrystalline magnesium aggregate has been developed and used as a tool in several orientation studies. The distribution of preferentially oriented grains in various extruded alloys has been examined and it was found that elongated clusters of grains of one orientation alternate with clusters of another orientation throughout much of the extrusion thickness. Inhomogeneous flow or "banding" has been found to be an important deformation mechanism during the cold rolling of certain alloys and the hot compression of alloy cylinders. The bands are believed to be formed by a fracture-glide mechanism. Banding may be operative during hot rolling with large reductions per pass and could account for the observed double peak in the preferred orientation of most rolled alloys. Polycrystalline material with a preferred orientation close to the ideal can be twinned almost completely by the application of a sufficient compressive stress parallel to the sheet surface; on annealing, the heavily twinned metal recrystallizes in a preferred orientation markedly different from the initial ideal orientation.


This report represents a literature survey of the corrosion of magnesium and magnesium alloys, and emphasizes papers published since 1940. In view of the complexity of the phenomena and controversial or insufficiently documented experimental results only very few generalizations concerning the corrosion process can be made.


This report constitutes the final report of the work done under the present contract. Attempts to obtain a perfectly clean surface of magnesium are described. Due to limitations in time no definite results on the oxidation of Mg were obtained; however, some preliminary results on the patterns obtained from pure Mg in a field emission microscope, and the oxidation at low temperatures are reported.


This laboratory forging program was established for the purpose of selecting the best magnesium alloy or alloys for elevated temperature service. The alloys investigated were three Mg-Th alloys (HM21XA, HK31A, H32ZA) and four Mg-RE alloys (EK31(MM), EZ33A, EK31(DD), EM41XA); two commercial alloys (AZ60A, ZK60A) were included for comparative purposes. Both cast ingot and extruded billet were used as forging stock. Static properties and creep resistance of the alloys were determined on forged discs of 90% reduction. The data, therefore, cannot be considered as representative of die forgings.

Of the alloys investigated, HM21XA-T5 exhibits the best combination of properties in the range of 500 to 700°F while EK31XA-T6 presents the optimum values at 70 to 500°F. Pre-forging cast ingot has no significant effect on the properties of forgings when the final forging reduction is as great as 70%; however, increasing pre-forging temperature has a deleterious effect on the final forged properties.
Nonferrous (Titanium) Metals

Ohio State University Research Foundation. TR 5732.

TR 5935.
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES, WELDABILITY AND CORROSION OF COMMERCIALLY PURE TITANIUM. Dr. H. K. Adenstedt. February 1950.

Ohio State University Research Foundation. TR 5946.

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 6218, Part 2.

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 6623.

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 6516, Part L.


Covering the period of September 30, 1949 to December 1, 1950, this report presents the data obtained by the Research Division of New York University. The titanium-nickel phase diagram has been investigated up to 90 percent nickel, and the features up to 40 percent nickel have been established. An eutectic horizontal is found between 950° and 965°C, and an eutectoid transformation between 750° and 775°C. Little solubility of nickel in alpha titanium is indicated. The titanium-nickel system has been investigated up to 90 percent nickel. Nickel have been established. An eutectoid horizontal is found between 950° and 965°C, and an eutectoid transformation between 750° and 775°C. Little solubility of nickel in alpha titanium is indicated. The titanium-nickel system has been investigated up to 90 percent nickel. Because of possible contamination, further work is necessary to determine whether any difference actually exists. Also included are accounts of alloy preparations, heat treatment, polishing and X-ray techniques employed in this investigation.

New York University. TR 6596, Part 2.

This summary report presents the data obtained by the Research Division of New York University for Part 2 of the investigation of the Titanium-Nickel Phase diagram during the period 1 December 1950 to 30 September 1951. The complete diagram from 0-100% nickel and a comparison of the phase diagrams for Process A sponge and oxide titanium-base nickel alloys up to 15% nickel are presented. Comparisons of results have been made with other work described in the literature. Copper contamination encountered in high-nickel alloys was almost entirely eliminated by using smaller charges and shorter melting times.

Summaries of procedures for alloy preparation, melting, heat treatment, metallographic and X-ray investigations are included.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. TR 6595, Part 1.

The titanium-chromium binary system has been partially completed in the range from 0 to 63 percent chromium, using high purity (99.7 percent) sponge titanium and electrolytic chromium. A preliminary diagram has been drawn of the titanium-copper system from X-ray and metallographic investigations.

An investigation in process for determining a reliable method for analysing the oxygen and nitrogen content of titanium by the use of vacuum fusion.

University of Notre Dame. TR 6597, Part 1.

This project was concerned with the development of a phase diagram of the titanium-iron system, with special emphasis on that region of the diagram between 0 and 50 percent iron and from room temperature up to and including the solidus of the system. An arc melting furnace, employing a water cooled tungsten electrode and copper crucible, was constructed and operated with an argon atmosphere. Approximately seventy-seven arc melted alloys were prepared covering the composition range from 0 to 71 percent iron. Hardness data on the as-cast alloys were collected and metallographic examination of all as-cast alloys performed. A tentative diagram was constructed from the information obtained from metallographic examination of the arc melted alloys, and from published information appearing in the literature. The eutectic composition of the system was estimated to be at approximately 32 percent iron as determined by examination of the as-cast structures. The eutectic temperature of the Process A titanium -- 32 percent iron alloy was determined to be 1094° ± 5°C. The thermal analysis of a 10 percent iron alloy established an arrest at approximately 550°C. At the present time, this is believed to be an eutectoid reaction although typical eutectoid microstructures have not been obtained.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. TR 6595, Part 2.
In view of the recognition of the potentialities of titanium and its alloys as important structural materials, there has arisen a need for a systematic investigation of various binary diagrams. Of these, the titanium-copper, and the titanium-chromium systems were investigated under this contract.

The titanium-copper system was found to contain four inter-metallic compounds: Ti2Cu, TiCu, Ti2Cu2, and Ti2Cu3. It is an eutectoid type system offering heat treatment possibilities due to a suppression of the alpha to beta transformation.

The titanium-chromium system was of particular interest because of the improved properties imparted to titanium by small chromium additions. It was found that a continuous series of solid solutions existed between titanium and chromium. An intermetallic compound, TiCr2, which decomposes upon heating, was found at 60 to 65 weight percent chromium. At the titanium end of the diagram there is an eutectoid type of reaction at 15 weight percent chromium.

In the as-hot-rolled condition, the mechanical properties of the two heats of each alloy varied considerably. Other specimens from the same heats will be tested in various heat-treated conditions to determine whether such treatments will produce more consistent properties.

Four of the selected alloys, having the nominal compositions listed below, were melted as five-pound ingots, fabricated to sheet, and tested in the as-hot-rolled and annealed conditions.

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\begin{align*}
\text{Ti-3.5Cr-3.5V} \\
\text{Ti-3.5Cr-3.5Mn} \\
\text{Ti-2.5Cr-5Mn} \\
\text{Ti-1.5Cr-1.5Fe-0.5Mn} \\
\text{Ti-1.5Cr-1.5Fe-1.5Mn-1V} \\
\end{align*}
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In general, the properties of all four heats were within the high strength range in the as-hot-rolled condition, but considerable variations were found in specimens taken from different sections of the same heat. Chemical analyses of these specimens revealed relatively large differences in composition, in some cases. Annealing at 1300°F-1400°F followed by air cooling produced much more consistent properties within individual heats. Average properties of the four alloys after annealing at these temperatures are given in Figure II. Specimens annealed at 1300°F had excellent ductility at strength levels of 137,000 to 150,000 psi. Annealing at 1400°F resulted in somewhat higher strengths and much lower ductility. A 1500°F anneal produced relatively poor properties in all of the alloys and erratic test results in two individual alloys.

Heat Treatment of Exploratory Alloys

While ingots of the selected alloys were being prepared, several groups of exploratory alloys for which sheet material was already available were heat treated and tested to determine the general effects of different thermal cycles on tensile properties.

Sheet specimens annealed at 1300°F and air cooled generally had excellent ductility but relatively low strength. Increasing the annealing temperature to 1400°F-1500°F resulted in higher strength and lower ductility. In some cases, strengths comparable with those obtained in the as-hot-rolled condition were produced by the latter treatments. Solution treatments in the alpha-beta- or beta-phase fields (1300°F-1600°F) followed by quenching and subsequent aging in the temperature range 600°F-825°F produced high strengths in many alloys, but, in general, ductility was very low. However, some of the alloys, as solution treated, had excellent intermediate strength properties. For example, the Ti-3.5%Cr-3.5%Mn alloy solution treated at 1450°F and water quenched had an ultimate tensile strength of 145,800 psi with an elongation of 24 percent in one inch.

In conjunction with this exploratory heat-treatment program, the effects of quenching media and low-temperature (200°F-300°F) aging on the hardness of binary Ti-Cr and Ti-Mn alloys were investigated. The hardness, as quenched, of heats containing 3 to 8 percent of alloying element increased sharply with decreasing cooling rate. It was discovered that the highest hardness values were obtained in what appeared to be single-phase beta structures. The hardness was a function of alloy content and quenching rate. As a result of these observations, the hypothesis was proposed that the beta phase, in this type of alloy, is susceptible to a hardening phenomenon involving a submicroscopic precipitation of the alpha phase. This
"coherency" hardening may occur during cooling at critical rates from the alpha-beta- or beta-phase fields, as well as during artificial aging treatments.

In connection with the above work, it was found that aging occurred at relatively low temperatures in certain of the binary Ti-Cr and Ti-Mn alloys cooled at various rates from the beta field. Hardness increases up to 1000 AHN resulted from aging treatments of 48 minutes at 212°F. Similar hardness increases were produced by the heating involved in mounting metallographic specimens in Bakelite. Alloys in the as-hot-rolled condition did not harden appreciably at these low temperatures. Recrystallization Experiments.

Beta-stabilized titanium alloys develop undesirably large grain sizes when heated in the beta-phase field either during fabrication or subsequent heat treatment. Grain refinement of such alloys by cold working and annealing is desirable from a physical property standpoint. Experiments with a series of binary Ti-Cr alloys indicated that those containing 5 percent or less of chromium could be recrystallized into a fine-grained structure by suitable thermal-mechanical treatment. However, heats containing 10 to 30 percent chromium could not be recrystallized by conventional cold rolling and annealing techniques.

Isothermal-Transformation Studies.

A study of the isothermal transformation characteristics of three binary Ti-Cr alloys was carried out to provide basic information which has contributed to the proper understanding of the heat-treatment reaction.

Time-temperature-transformation curves were established for three binary Ti-Cr alloys containing 2.35, 4.64, and 7.54 percent chromium, respectively. The initiation of proeutectoid alpha separation was very rapid in all of the alloys. This phase was detected at transformation times of the order of 10 to 30 seconds at all temperatures investigated. The compound Ti_(3)Cr appeared in all of the alloys in about 1 hour at temperatures of 1022-1112°F (550-600°C). At 1256°F, initiation of this reaction was prolonged to very long times (more than 100 hours). M_s temperatures were established for the 2.35 and 4.64 percent chromium alloys at 1004-1040°F (540-560°C) and 932-968°F (500-520°C), respectively. The 7.54 percent Cr alloy did not transform to martensite. Hardnesses of isothermally transformed specimens, in general, decreased with increasing transformation temperature and with increasing time at a given temperature.

Welding Studies.

One of the most promising alloys reported early in last year's work was a binary which contained 15 percent chromium. In the first attempt to weld thin sheets of this alloy, it was found that a single-pass helical weld could be bent in the as-welded condition over a radius of 37. This success led to the welding of several other intermediate and high-strength alloys, all of which could be bent either in the as-welded condition or after a heat treatment. The welding studies are being continued on some of the selected alloys mentioned above.

Extrusion Studies.

The contract between Wright Field and Metal Trims, Inc., providing for extrusion studies of titanium was delayed and, therefore, extrusion ingots were not melted at Battelle until late in this contract year. The first shipment of extrusion billets, 4-7/16 inches in diameter by about 6 inches long, has been made.


INVESTIGATION OF COMPRESSIVE-CREEP PROPERTIES OF ALUMINUM COLUMNS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. R. L. Carlson, A. D. Schwepes, AF 33 (038)-9542. September 1952. PB 122199. Order from

LC, Mi $4.50, Ph $13.80.

An experimental investigation of the behavior of 245-T4 (stabilized) aluminum columns at three elevated temperatures has been conducted. Tests were performed on long- and short-hinged-end columns of five slenderness ratios. By using an adjustable end eccentricity, it was possible to fix the eccentricity for a column of a given slenderness ratio and thereby obtain comparable results for different loads. Deflection measurements were taken at the mid-point throughout the duration of each test, and curves of deflection versus time with load as the parameter were obtained for each slenderness ratio. Test results indicate that, for a column of a given slenderness ratio and eccentricity, there is a limiting load below which collapse due to creep will not occur. It is concluded that this lower limit should be considered the limiting or allowable load. It is suggested that an approximate method of the type introduced in the report should be employed to determine this load.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. TR 52-255.

TITANIUM RICH TITANIUM-CHROMIUM-OXYGEN TERNARY SYSTEM. Chih-Chung Wang, Nicholas J. Grant, Carl F. Floe, AF 33(038)-8754. November 1952.

The existence of a ternary phase, Ti_(3)CrO, has been confirmed. It has a facc-centered cubic structure with a lattice constant of 13.80 A. This phase does not form directly from the liquid phase. The temperature range in which Ti_(3)CrO is stable has not been determined, but it is possible that it may transform to alpha or other phases at higher temperatures.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology intends to continue independently the investigation of this system. Inquiries concerning further publications should be referred to Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 52-334.


The development of heat treatments for the high-strength alloys has been developed. By varying the heat treatment it has been possible to obtain tensile strengths of 150,000 psi with an elongation of 25% in one inch. Solution treating at higher temperatures generally increases the strength but with a corresponding loss in ductility. It now seems commercially probable to solution treat, machine, and subsequently age, thus producing alloys with a high strength level.

A new phase, called omega, has been discovered by X-ray diffraction studies. This omega phase seems to be responsible for the loss in ductility, or embrittlement which accompanies an increase in tensile strength upon heat treatment. Results indicate that the omega phase vanishes after a certain time at elevated temperatures. Therefore, the omega phase may be a transition product from beta to alpha. The omega phase is pseudocubic in nature and localized increase in concentration of alloying elements indicate that the omega phase is lower in alloy content than the original alpha. The omega phase definitely appears to be connected with the high hardness characteristics of beta stabilized alloys.

A significant development has been the production of ductile arc welds in alpha-beta alloys; varying degrees of ductility have been obtained in beta stabilized alloys by annealing or tempering after welding. A program has been initiated whereby industrial concerns will evaluate the newly developed alloys of titanium for large scale usage.
Armour Research Foundation, Illinois Institute of Technology. TR 52-16.


Partial phase diagrams are presented for the systems titanium-aluminum, titanium-chromium, titanium-iron, titanium-chromium-iron, and titanium-oxygen. All studies are completed except for the titanium-chromium-iron system, which requires further confirmatory work in certain areas. The results are outlined in Section IV of this report (page 78).

TR 52-202.


The evaluation of the effects of various treatments on the fatigue properties of titanium bar stock alloys Ti-150A and RC-130B was made. The various treatments of Ti-150A and their corresponding fatigue endurance limits are as follows:

1. Machined and polished - 68,000 psi
2. Ground - 63,000 to 70,000 psi
3. Ten percent permanently stretched and ground - 54,000 psi (wide scatter of data)
4. Ground and scaled - 56,000 psi
5. Machined noncylindrical - 58,000 psi
6. Ground and notched - 21,000 psi

The fatigue strength varied from about 35 to 45 percent of the tensile ultimate strength for the different treatments, except for the notched condition as would be expected. RC-130B gave endurance limits of about 67,000 psi (approximately 45 percent of tensile ultimate strength) for the ground, unnotched condition, and about 24,000 psi for the ground notched material. The wide range of values for the ground Ti-150B alloy and for the 10% stretched and ground Ti-150A alloy may have been due to various degrees of surface cold work, and surface discontinuities, caused by grinding and cold work. In addition, radiography identified tungsten inclusions which were probably a contributing factor. In general, the surface treatment has marked a effect upon the fatigue strength of titanium and its alloys. For the conditions tested, a machined and polished surface produced the optimum fatigue properties.

Armour Research Foundation, Illinois Institute of Technology. TR 52-245.


The theoretical aspects of the development of titanium alloys for use at elevated temperatures are presented. The results of a preliminary tensile test survey of binary alloys are given. These results indicate that aluminum is one of the most promising strengtheners of titanium at elevated temperatures. Therefore, titanium-aluminum alloys were used as a base for ternary alloys which were surveyed by means of the hot hardness test. From the results of this survey twelve ternary alloys and two binary titanium-aluminum alloys were selected for further differentiation by creep rupture testing. Some creep rupture results at 425°C and 550°C are reported and give considerable promise for the development of alloys having equivalent if not better properties than Type 403 stainless steel (13 Cr, balance Fe).

Concurrently with the hot hardness survey programs, stabilization studies were made as an aid in developing heat treatments for these alloys.

Oxidation studies were made on some of the alloys and are reported. The results show that generally the oxidation rate decreases with time. Also, the results indicate that at 550°C and 675°C the oxidation resistance of some of the alloys may be as good as that of Type 403 stainless steel.

TR 53-109.


Silver is a beta former when alloyed in small amounts with titanium. There is a large range of solubility of silver in alpha titanium and it reaches a maximum of 9±1 wt. % silver at 1560±7°F, at which temperature an eutectoid reaction, α + γ → TiAg, occurs at 17±0.5 wt. % silver. The beta solid solubility increases to 30.5±1 wt. % silver at 1903±5°F.

Contrary to general opinion, the existence of the compound TiAg (69±23 wt. % Ag) has been established. It is formed at 1903±5°F by the following peritectic reaction: 7 Ti + 1 Ag → TiAg. The composition limits of the compound
Titanium is soluble in silver in an amount of less than 0.5 wt. % as two phases are present in 99.5 wt. % silver as-cast alloys.


Results on the following phases of the investigations are presented: (1) homogeneity of the double melted eight-pound ingots, (2) density determinations, (3) structural stability studies, (4) creep rupture testing, (5) room and elevated temperature tensile testing and (6) an evaluation of the effect of exposure to air at elevated temperatures on stress rupture properties. Alloys for which experimental data are reported are: 2% Al, 4% Al, 6% Al, 8% Al, 6% Al-1% Si, 8% Al-1% Si, 8% Al-4% Mo, 6% Al-1, 3% and 5% Ta, 8% Al-1, 3% and 5% Ta and 30% Mo.

Homogeneity of the eight-pound ingots was generally good. The structures developed by the heat treatments used appeared to be stable under the conditions of creep rupture testing. At 550°C for a service life of approximately 1000 hours, the results show that the alloys 6% Al-1% Si, 8% Al-1% Si and 8% Al-4% Mo are superior in creep resistance to stainless steel, Type 410 (12.5% Cr-bal. Fe). Also, at 425°C and probably 550°C for 1000 hours service life, the 6% Al alloy is shown to have superior creep resistance to Type 410. Alloys 6% Al-1, 3% or 5% Ta and 8% Al-1, 3% or 5% Ta show little, if any, advantage in rupture strength over their 6% Al binary counterparts at 550°C and are inferior to the 6% Al-1% Si alloy. Exposure to air at elevated temperatures for 100 hours appears to have little or no effect on the creep rupture properties of the titanium-aluminum-base alloys.


Using high purity arc melted alloys and micrographic analysis of annealed samples as the principle method of investigation, titanium-rich, partial phase diagrams were determined for the following systems:

Ti-Cr-Fe: The titanium-rich portion of the diagram was studied in detail to 70 weight % titanium. The isotherm at 800°C was determined for the section bounded by Ti, TiFe₂, and TiCr₂. The solubility of chromium and iron in alpha titanium is less than 1% total alloy content. There is a continuous space of ternary beta solid solution between the Ti-Cr and Ti-Fe systems. A ternary eutectoid, TiCr₂ + TiFe, occurs at approximately 8% Cr-12% Fe and about 540°C. The beta phase of alloys lying on the low titanium side of a tie line between 7% chromium and 4% iron is retained upon water quenching from the beta space. Hardness data are presented, illustrating the marked effect of heat treatment.

Ti-Al-O and Ti-Al-N: Titanium-rich corners of the systems from 0 to 10% aluminum and 0 to 1% oxygen or nitrogen were investigated. Aluminums, oxygen and nitrogen are alpha-stabilisers, the ternary alpha spaces extend to temperatures well above the transformation temperature of titanium (985°C). Nitrogen is more effective than oxygen in raising the Ti-Al phase boundary of the Ti-Al system. Upon water quenching the alloys, the beta phase transforms to alpha prime. Oxygen and nitrogen additions increase the hardness of the Ti-Al alloys.

Ti-Al-C: The phase diagram was determined using alloys containing 0 to 10% aluminum and 0 to 1% carbon. A study of several as-cast carbon master alloys permitted an outline of the Ti-C diagram to be constructed. A high melting compound, TiC, appears to exist over a range of compositions. A eutectic occurs at about 30% carbon between TiC and carbon.

Aluminum raises the temperature of the peritectoid reaction of the Ti-C system, TiCr₂ + TiC (920°C). The maximum solubility of carbon in alpha titanium is increased by aluminum additions from about 0.5% in the binary Ti-C system to 1% at 10% aluminum and carbon increase the hardness of the alpha solid solution.

Ternary OXide Phases: A family of ternary oxides isomorphous with Fe₃W₃C was discovered in which titanium was associated with one of the elements of the first transition series. The phase relationships between these ternary phases were investigated for the Ti-Cr-O, Ti-Fe-O and Ti-Ni-O systems. An isothermal section for the Ti-Mo-O system was constructed.


The reactions of three basic categories of titanium alloys to heliarc welding have been studied. The report covers work performed during the period 15 June 1952 to 15 July 1953. Studies included the influence of preheating postheat treatments on the mechanical properties of welded specimens. Mechanical properties included bend ductility, tensile strength and elongation, and hardness. Microstructures were examined extensively with a view to recording their relationships to weld behavior. A large number of alloys proved extremely brittle in the as-welded state. In almost every case, a large measure of ductility could be restored by postheat-treatment. Preheat treatment did not generally improve the ductility of the as-welded state. No single postheat-treatment procedure was found applicable to all alloys. A number of commercial alloys were examined. In particular, the RC-130A alloy was studied in some detail, and brittle welds could be rendered ductile by postheat treatment.


Phase diagrams for the binary systems Ti-Mn, Ti-W and Ti-Ta were determined using both high-purity and commercial titanium. Manganese shows appreciable solubility in beta titanium, and the beta phase field terminates in a very sluggish eutectoid reaction. Two compounds were found over the alloy range of the Ti-Mn system investigated.

The Ti-W system is characterised, at high temperatures, by a broad beta-plus-tungsten field which originates from a peritectic reaction. At lower temperatures, an alpha-plus-tungsten phase field extends across the diagram as a result of eutectoidal decomposition of the beta phase. Beta titanium and tantalum are completely isomorphous. Tantalum shows appreciable solubility in alpha titanium. An extensive alpha-plus-beta field exists at low temperatures.

Investigation disclosed that additions at the con-taminant level of oxygen or nitrogen to high-purity Ti-Mn alloys have a profound effect on alloy structure.
Data were also obtained on the density, hardness, hot-air oxidation resistance, and mechanical properties of binary titanium-rich manganese, tungsten, and tantalum alloys prepared using iodide titanium.

The research program during the past year was centered around six alloys which had shown considerable promise in earlier work as potential aircraft structural materials. The tensile properties of the alloys, as affected by variations in hot working procedures and heat treatments, were evaluated.

Outstanding properties were obtained in two alloys:

Ti-3Mn-1Cr-1Fe-1Mo-1V
Ti-5Mn-2.5Cr

Several ingots of the Ti-3Mn-complex alloy were prepared. These ingots have been forged and rolled to bar stock for evaluation by several industrial organizations.

A contact survey of the major commercial producers of aircraft engines and aircraft in the United States was conducted for the purpose of determining the difficulties and problems that have been encountered in the fabrication and processing of titanium and titanium alloys for aircraft applications. Thirty-four companies were contacted, some of which were visited several times.

Upon the completion of the contact survey, the results were assembled and analyzed for trends and outstanding difficulties. Three specific problem areas were selected for further evaluation. In order to obtain additional pertinent information on these problems, questionnaires were sent out to the aircraft companies contacted previously who had reported encountering one or more of the problems. These questionnaires were returned together with test data and reports that substantiated the answers contained therein.

All of the above data have been summarized and are presented in a generalized form in this report.

Avco Manufacturing Corp. WADC TR 54-305 Part 1.

HANDBOOK ON TITANIUM. Heinrich K. Adenstedt, AF 33(616)-2222. August 1954. PB 111631. Order from OTS $3.00.

Information has been collected on specific properties and procedures of titanium by literature survey and by personal contact with the proper persons and institutions. The data have been evaluated and are condensed in this report. The three major sections of titanium technology covered are: production, physical metallurgy and properties.

University of Michigan. WADC TR 54-112. INTERMEDIATE TEMPERATURE CREEP AND RUPTURE BEHAVIOR OF TITANIUM AND TITANIUM-BASE ALLOYS. Jeremy V. Gluck, James W. Freeman. AF 33(616)-244. September 1954. PB 119041. Order from LC, Mi $6.00, Ph $18.30.

This report summarizes the work performed under Contract No. AF 33(616)-244 during the period from 1 July 1952 to 30 September 1953. The object of the investigation was to determine the relationship between typical structural conditions of representative titanium-base alloys and their mechanical properties in the range from 600°F to 1000°F.

In order to accomplish this purpose, tensile, short time rupture, and creep properties were determined. The materials studied were: commercially pure titanium, Ti 75A; a commercial alpha-beta alloy, Ti 150A; an experimental stable alpha alloy, 6% Al-94% Ti; and an experimental stable beta alloy, 30% Mo-70% Ti. In addition, hardness, X-ray, and metallographic studies were made.

The results indicate that the single phase alpha alloys possess the best combination of properties at 1000°F. Commercially pure titanium, Ti 75A, exhibited lower properties than the alloys at all test temperatures. Wide ranges of strength variation through heat treatment were found for Ti 150A at 600°F and 800°F; however, at 1000°F no essential difference between heat treatments was evident, and the absolute level of strength was quite low. The alloy, 30% Mo, showed little or no response to prior treatment, but had the best combination of creep rupture properties at 1000°F of the four materials tested. Both Ti 75A and the beta alloy, 6% Al, showed improvement in strengths at 600°F from small amounts of cold working. At 1000°F, however, an optimum amount of cold work, less than 10%, existed, above which properties were lowered through metallurgical instability.
Information on the other systems is presented in the form of nine partial vertical sections. From this information, selection of the amounts of third component additions and solution treatment temperatures for aging studies will be made.

The formation of two separate and reproducible martensites (both based on a hexagonal lattice) upon quenching binary alloys containing 7 and 9% molybdenum was discovered. No such dual martensitic phases were produced upon similar treatment of Ti-Cr and Ti-Mn alloys.

The method of integrated X-ray diffraction line intensities was proved to be unsuitable for determining the relative amounts of α and γ phases in titanium alloys.

New York University. WADC TR 54-280, A METHOD FOR RETAINING BETA PHASE IN THE CORE OF PLATES AND RODS OF TITANIUM ALLOYS, P. Hersymenko, J. Winter, AF 33(616)-2259, November 1954.

Twelve 1-kg ingots were prepared having the following nominal compositions: Ti-(6, 8, 10, 12%) Cr, Ti-3%Al-(6, 8, 10%) Cr and Ti-(6, 9, 12%) Mn. The ingots were forged to 1/2-inch and 3/4-inch square bars, which were heat treated using two-step quenching. Microstructures and hardness on the cross-section of bars were investigated.

Evidence is presented that soft beta can be retained in the center of bars and plates by step-quenching in alloys containing 12% Cr in the Ti-Cr series, 10% Cr in the Ti-3%Al-Cr series and 12% Mn in the Ti-Mn series. The outer layers of bars are considerably harder than the core after step-quenching.


Representative alloys of the Ti-Cr, Ti-Fe, and Ti-Mo systems were quenched to retain the beta phase and aged at temperatures in the range of 500°C to 1000°C for periods up to 1000 hours. The changes which occurred in the alloys were followed by means of X-ray diffraction, hardness, and electrical resistivity. From this data it was concluded that the decomposition of the retained beta phase occurred in three major stages:

1. Precipitation of a metastable transition phase, omega, which apparently causes age hardening. At the same time the beta phase seems to become locally enriched in alloy. Hardness increased to very high values during this stage.

2. The omega phase disappears and the alpha phase makes its appearance. The remaining beta phase becomes highly enriched in alloy. Both hardness and resistivity decrease sharply during this stage.

3. In the eutectoid systems (Ti-Cr and Ti-Fe), the highly enriched beta decomposes into alpha plus compound, in the Ti-Fe alloys, this stage was accompanied by a further drop in hardness and resistivity. In the Ti-Cr system there is little change in these properties.

The structure of the omega phase has not yet been determined. However, it was shown to be common to at least the majority of beta-stabilised titanium alloy systems, and was apparently not affected by the interstitial impurity content of the alloys.


Hydrogen contamination in alpha-beta titanium alloys can cause low ductility in slow strain rate, room temperature tensile tests, and premature brittle fracture in room temperature rupture tests. The combination of stress concentrations and hydrogen contamination can lead to a drastic decrease in the load carrying capacity of these alloys. Another result of hydrogen contamination is increased susceptibility to embrittlement as a result of exposure to stress and elevated temperature.

At the present time, a maximum hydrogen content of 125 parts per million is suggested as a tolerance for aircraft quality alpha-beta titanium forging alloys. Data are presented which show that in the future it will be possible to produce alloys which have much higher tolerances for hydrogen.


The second year of work on a project directed toward an assessment of the potentialities of 36% aluminum-titanium-base alloys as aircraft structural materials is reported. Experimental data are given concerning the stress-rupture strength of Ti-36%Al at 800°C, 900°C, 950°C and 1000°C; the room temperature and 1000°C tensile strength of Ti-36%Al; the impact strength of the same alloy at room temperature, 700°C and 1000°C; and the oxidation resistance of this material at 1000°C and 1200°C in still air environments.

Less extensive data are reported concerning the effects of binary additions, especially niobium and tantalium, on the properties of the base alloy.

Casting and powder metallurgy techniques applicable to this type of alloy are discussed. Hammer forging was successfully used to prepare material of wrought structure, although this method of forming did not appear useful for the fabrication of finished shapes.

It is concluded that additional research effort directed toward the possibility of modifying the properties of Ti-36%Al to meet the particular demands of various high temperature applications is warranted. Immediate application on other than an experimental basis undoubtedly would be restricted by insufficient development of fabrication processes.
strength for unnotched and 42 percent for notched specimens.

The grain size for the metastable beta alloy (Ti-7, 5 Cr-7, 5Mo) also has only a minor effect on the mechanical properties so long as the alloy is single phase. The presence of alpha in the structure lowered the bend ductility, tensile ductility, and impact resistance. Notched fatigue properties appear to be relatively unaffected by changes in grain size or microstructural condition. The plates of alpha phase in the beta matrix act as stress raisers similar to notches and lower the unnotched endurance limit.

The alpha-beta alloy (Ti-2, 5Cr-2, 5Mo) was tested in the stabilized condition so that the only variables would be grain size and grain shape. Only minor changes in properties occurred as a result of changing the alpha-beta grain size. Strengths were unaffected by changing grain shape, although the equiaxed alpha-beta specimens had higher tensile ductilities and impact resistance than the acicular alpha-beta specimens. The fatigue endurance limits generally were unaffected by grain size or shape. The unnotched fatigue strength was 54 percent of the ultimate tensile strength, and the notched fatigue strength was 20 percent of the ultimate tensile strength.

Vacuum annealing to remove hydrogen had little effect on the properties because these alloys contained only 30 to 60 ppm hydrogen originally.

Battle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 55-555.

Extrusion tests were conducted on unalloyed titanium and the Ti-3Mn-complex alloy to study the effects of extrusion temperature and die design and to evaluate various lubricants and die materials. Optimum mechanical properties were attained at extrusion temperatures in the alpha-phase region for unalloyed titanium and in the alpha-beta region for the Ti-3Mn-complex alloy.

The surface finish of round bars extruded with flat-face dies was very poor. Improved metal flow and surface finish were obtained with conical dies. The optimum die angle appeared to be about 130 degrees.

Lubricants containing graphite, molybdenum disulfide, and mica produced acceptable surface finishes. The best results were obtained with these materials suspended in a Bentone lubricant mixture.

University of Kentucky. WADC TR 54-109.

A preliminary study of the scaling characteristics in air of experimentally produced titanium and titanium-base alloys, and commercially produced titanium and titanium-base alloys was conducted at temperatures of 1200°F, 1400°F, 1600°F, and 1800°F (650°C, 760°C, 870°C, and 980°C) in the time range of approximately four to three hundred hours. A total of forty-three titanium-base alloys, one commercial grade of titanium (RS-70), and Type 302 stainless steel were scaled at each of these temperatures; two additional alloys were employed at temperatures of 1200°F and 1600°F. Scales formed on a 4.02% Al-Ti alloy were studied in detail and a scaling mechanism was suggested; scales formed on a 4.03% Cr-Ti alloy and a 2.95% W-Ti alloy were studied in less detail. Scaling propensity of titanium-base alloys, relative to titanium and stainless steel, was evaluated on the basis of weight gain with time. Attempts to evaluate scaling propensity on the basis of weight loss with time, through the application of various descaling processes, were unsuccessful; however, results of essentially the same nature were obtained in terms of inches penetration of oxide scale. Isothermal transitions in the parabolic scaling rate were observed for experimentally-produced titanium at 1200°F; transitions were observed, but not studied in detail, for 3.9% Mo-Ti at 1400°F, 1.19% Mo-Ti at 1600°F, and 0.91% Ni-Ti at 1600°F; transitions were indicated, but not studied in detail, for experimentally-produced titanium at 1800°F.

Battle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-609.

A study of the spot welding of titanium and titanium alloys was made to determine the behavior of six-spot weldments under fatigue loading and to compare the fatigue behavior of similar weldments in titanium aluminum, and stainless steel. Commercially pure titanium sheet, commercial titanium -- 7 percent manganese alloy sheet, experimental unalloyed titanium sheet, and Type 321 stainless steel sheet, all of 0.040-inch thickness, were used. Static tension-shear and cross-tension tests were made on single spot welds in the materials and the tension-shear ratios were calculated. For equal gages and spot spacing, six-spot joints in the stainless steel sheet were slightly better in fatigue than similar joints in the titanium materials under similar loading conditions. The joints in the titanium materials were significantly better than similar joints in clad 24S-T and 75S-T aluminum alloys. (The data on the aluminum alloys were developed in previous work.) Under static tension-shear loading, the joints in the titanium materials were stronger than similar joints in the stainless steel and the aluminum alloys.


Case Institute of Technology. WADC TR 55-5.

The unnotched and notched tensile properties are described as a function of testing temperature for a series of titanium-nitrogen, and titanium-manganese binary alloys as well as for the commercial alloy, Ti 140 A, and the experimental 3 Mn-complex alloy.

It was shown that the nitrogen embrittels alpha titanium by elevating its transition temperature. This brittleness can be partially eliminated by taking advantage of a rheotropic recovery.

The Ti 140A alloy in the "as-received" condition was high in hydrogen, and a brief investigation of the effects of hydrogen in this alloy was also conducted.

Recrystallisation embrittles in commercial unalloyed molybdenum was found to be a manifestation of rheotropic brittleness.
The heat-treated properties of 24 alpha-beta titanium alloys have been evaluated. Manganese, molybdenum, and vanadium were the principal alloying additions. Some of the alloys had room-temperature properties slightly better than those of any of the other alloys tested. However, a Ti-5Al-2V alloy exhibited excellent elevated-temperature stability at 650°F. A binary Ti-6V alloy was very interesting in that it could be quenched from the beta-phase region and aged to give very good properties. Most alloys are embrittled as a result of being heated into the beta-phase region.

An evaluation of elevated-temperature properties of the Ti-3Mn-complex alloy indicated that the short-time tensile and 100-hour stress-rupture strengths were improved by heat treating initially to a tensile strength of 180,000 psi, instead of annealing to a level of 135,000 psi. However, there was no difference in the 1000-hour stress-rupture strengths for specimens initially heat treated to 135,000 or 180,000 psi strengths.

It was found that pickling to remove the air-contaminated surface of alloy sheet added large amounts of hydrogen. A process was worked out for descaling and pickling titanium-alloy sheet without appreciable hydrogen pickup. Using this process, the Ti-3Mn-complex alloy sheet has been heat treated to 180,000 psi tensile strength with over 10 percent elongation in 1 inch.

Increasing the hydrogen content of the Ti-3Mn-complex alloy to 260 ppm decreased its tensile ductility and caused premature stress-rupture failures of notched specimens at room temperature. The hydrogen level that caused embbrittlement in this alloy is a function of the heat-treated strength of the alloy. As the strength is increased through heat treatment, the hydrogen content required to cause embbrittlement is decreased.


The structure of the metastable transition phase, omega, which is involved in the age hardening of titanium alloys, was determined. It is a complex body-centered-cubic cell of the gamma-brass type containing 54 atoms. The phase contains 3.7 atomic percent of the alloying element. The (100) directions of the omega phase and the parent beta phase are parallel. Tentative mechanism for the age hardening of titanium alloys is proposed.

The formation of the omega phase during aging was found to be inhibited by increasing alloy content. Leaner alloys which transformed to alpha prime upon quenching exhibited some degree of age hardening.

Mechanical-property tests on quenched and aged Ti-4Fe and Ti-8Cr alloys confirmed the severe embbritting effect of the omega phase. Further aging to convert omega to alpha resulted in high strengths with recovery of some ductility.

Attempts to detect the omega phase by metallography or autoradiography were not successful.
Results on the following phases of the investigation are presented: (1) effect of carbon, nitrogen and oxygen on the tensile, impact and creep-rupture properties of Ti-6% Al alloy; (2) tensile test evaluation of experimental alloys including binary alloys of stabilizing additions to titanium; (3) effect of vacuum annealing on tensile ductility of alloys containing 8% or more of aluminum; (4) creep-rupture evaluation of alloys; (5) creep evaluation of alloys; (6) evaluation of stability of room temperature tensile properties upon exposure to creep at elevated temperatures; and (7) evaluation of the rolling and welding characteristics of the alloys: 6% Al-0.5% Si, 6% Al-4% V and 7% Al-3% Mo.

The additions carbon, nitrogen and oxygen were found to improve tensile strength of the 6% Al alloy at temperatures to 500°C, the highest test temperature. Additions of 0.3% nitrogen and 0.5% oxygen produce complete embrittlement at room temperature. All impact values were low and it is believed that this was due to hydrogen contamination. The additions improved creep and rupture performance of the 6% Al alloy at 425°C, but not 550°C. Their contributions were less significant.

In general, the tensile ductility of alloys containing 6% or more aluminum was not improved by vacuum annealing to remove hydrogen.

Of the alloys having less than 10% tensile elongation as heat treated to a stable condition, the 7% Al-1% Mo alloy showed the best creep and rupture strength properties. Also, specimens of this alloy were found to be ductile after exposure to elevated temperature creep conditions for 1000 hours. Specimens of the 6% Al-2% V and 4% V alloys were also ductile after exposure to creep conditions for 1000 hours. The 6% Al-0.5% Si and 1% Si alloys were found to embrittle upon exposure to creep conditions.

The three alloys: 6% Al-0.5% Si, 6% Al-4% V and 7% Al-3% Mo were readily rolled. Tensile and bend tests on weldments of these alloys were somewhat disappointing. However, the results indicated that further study of the factors influencing ductility in unwelded and welded sheet should prove fruitful.

Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. WADC TR 54-276, Part 2.

The investigations directed toward development of superior titanium-base alloys for elevated temperature applications during the contract period June 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954 are reported.

Testing was completed on a series of binary and ternary alloys not completely evaluated during the previous contract period. None of these alloys provided combinations of properties (creep and creep-rupture, room temperature ductility, and stability upon stress-aging) which were superior to previously developed alloys, particularly Ti-7% Al-3% Mo.

Room and elevated temperature tensile, creep-rupture and stability tests were made for a number of Ti-Al and Ti-Al-Mo alloys containing B, Be or C as dispersion or precipitation strengtheners and for the new ternary compositions Ti-5% Al-5% Mo, Ti-6% Al-4% Mo and Ti-5% Al-0% Mo. Again, none of the alloys demonstrated better combinations of strength, ductility and stability than Ti-7% Al-3% Mo. Boron was apparently added in insufficient quantity (0.04%) because, while ductility and stability were unaffected, negligible strengthening was obtained. Beryllium additions were apparently too high (0.5%) and caused embrittlement.

Alloys containing 5% Al-5% Mo, 6% Al-4% Mo and 7% Al-3% Mo were quite successfully fabricated to 0.060 in. sheet. Good bend properties appeared to depend upon pickling prior to heat treatment. Tensile properties for the three sheet alloys in both the welded and unwelded states are tabulated.

Variations in the previously recommended heat treatment for the Ti-7% Al-3% Mo alloy were studied with the aim of increasing commercial practicability. Solution treating must be accomplished at 800°F or higher to maintain adequate ductility. Four hours are adequate at 850°C, but longer periods of time are necessary as the temperature is lowered.

The notched specimen fatigue endurance limit of Ti-7% Al-3% Mo (K=1.8) was determined to be 43,000-45,000 psi.

Studies of the effects of sponge quality, alloy content variations, and forging practice on the properties of Ti-7% Al-3% Mo were made. Increasing the sponge hardness incrementally from 103 to 180 BHN resulted in a steady decrease of room temperature ductility in the alloy. Varying the alloy contents by 1% of each addition appeared to have little effect upon the creep and creep-rupture properties of Ti-7% Al-3% Mo. Forging practice proved to be extremely important in controlling the alloy's tensile properties. Specimens were forged initially at 2000°F to varying degrees of reduction and finished in the field at 1650°F to 1800°F. There was an excellent correlation between the amount of reduction at the finishing temperatures and the tensile reduction in area of heat treated specimens. However, there was no correlation of microstructures with ductility. A need to consider the entire thermal history was indicated.


Information has been collected on specific properties of titanium and procedures for the treatment and utilization of titanium and its alloys by literature survey and by personal contact with the proper persons and institutions. The data have been evaluated and are condensed in this report. The two major sections of titanium technology covered are: laboratory procedures and fabrication.


Titanium and its alloys, although possessing many attractive properties, exhibit a somewhat lower elastic moduli to density ratio than other competitive engineering metals. It was the purpose of this investigation to examine alloy additions and structural conditions which might introduce improvement in the elastic modulus to density ratio.

Elastic modulus values were measured by means of a dynamic method employing electrostatic excitation and detection. The effects of variables on the elastic properties were examined at room temperature, 500°F and 750°F. The results evaluated using the elastic modulus (E) and the elastic modulus to density ratio (E/ρ) as the definitive criteria.

Unalloyed titanium was found to exhibit an E of 16.2 x 10^6 psi for the magnesium reduced variety, and a slightly higher value for the iodide type. The alpha stabilizing elements oxygen and nitrogen
were found to affect the E and \(E/\rho\) ratio but slightly at low concentrations. The addition of aluminum, up to 8%, was found to result in marked improvement in E and \(E/\rho\) ratio.

The presence of intermediate phases on the E and \(E/\rho\) ratio was quite beneficial in some cases. TiC and TiB in their respective binary systems resulted in greatly improved elastic properties. Intermediate phases TgSi3 and TiBe in their respective binary alloys exhibited only a minor effect. Ti2Cu produced by eutectoidal decomposition in Ti-Cu alloys up to 11.2% Cu produced no significant increase in E or \(E/\rho\).

A survey of the E and \(E/\rho\) ratio for various crystallographic directions in the base plane of a-Ti in a state of preferred orientation was made. The results showed that E and \(E/\rho\) were essentially constant for various directions, and the value of \(E, 15.2 \times 10^6\) psi, was somewhat lower than that for randomly oriented material.

The effect of heat treatment was found to influence the elastic modulus simply in terms of the ratios of proportions of alpha and beta.


A preliminary study of the scaling characteristics in air of experimentally produced titanium and titanium-base alloys was conducted at temperatures of 1200°F, 1400°F, 1600°F, and 1800°F (650°C, 760°C, 870°C, 980°C) in the time range of approximately four to three hundred hours. A total of thirty-six titanium-base alloys were scaled at each of these temperatures. Scales formed on all of the alloys at 1600°F were studied using X-ray diffraction. Scaling propensity of titanium-base alloys relative to unalloyed titanium were evaluated on the basis of weight gain with time. Isothermal transitions were noted for many of the alloys but were not studied in detail. An investigation of gaseous penetration in the commercial materials RC-70, RC-130A, and RC-130B was made at 1600°F and 1800°F.


Six alloy compositions were investigated to determine their suitability as high strength weldable sheet to be used at elevated temperature. These compositions were: Ti-4 Al-2 V, Ti-4 Al-4 V, Ti-6 Al-1-2 V, Ti-6 Al-4 V, Ti-7 Al-1-4 V and Ti-6 Al. Tensile tests were performed on these alloys, after suitable heat treatment, both at room temperature and at 700°F and 900°F, and in both welded and unwelded conditions. Bend tests were employed as a measure of the formability of the material. All bend tests were carried out at room temperature on heat treated material in both welded and unwelded conditions. Metallographic structure of the alloys after various heat treatments was correlated with the mechanical properties.

All of the Ti-Al-V alloys were found to provide easily rollable sheet material capable of being heat treated to a strength level competitive with stainless steel at elevated temperatures, on a strength-weight basis. The alloys were weldable, producing ductile welds which required no post-welding heat treatment. By proper heat treatment, a low ratio of yield strength to ultimate strength was obtained, indicative of good formability; subsequent aging raised the strength to a high level.

Good properties were retained in these alloys when prepared of commercial quality sponge and when subjected to commercial heat treatments.

The optimum compositions were found to lie in the composition range of Ti-4 Al-4 V to Ti-6 Al-4 V.


Studies have been made on the effects of alloy composition and heat treatment on the thermal stability of titanium alloys. Additions of molybdenum increase thermal stability of an alpha-beta alloy, whereas chromium decreases stability. Eutectoid decomposition products were observed in the microstructures of a Ti-5Cr alloy after 200-hour aging at 800°F or 1000°F. Oxygen additives increase strength and lower ductility, without a pronounced effect on thermal stability.

Heat treatments to produce a thermally stable condition are most effective when the alloy has an acicular-type structure. This is most effectively accomplished by starting the stabilizing heat treatment in the beta field, although some improvement was observed when the alloy was originally worked in the beta field and stabilized in the alpha-beta.

Exposure to a stress of 25,000 psi during aging at 600°F did not affect thermal stability.

Stress-rupture tests did not indicate a strain-aging process in the conditions tested.


Fifteen heats of titanium alloy C-110M have been sampled and tested at room and elevated temperatures. These data are analyzed for reproducibility and relationships between the room temperature and high temperature properties at 500°F and 700°F. The results indicate that a correlation exists between the room temperature properties and the high temperature properties at 500°F and 700°F. However, the creep rupture properties appear to be independent of the short time tensile strength results even at 700°F, which was the temperature used for creep testing.


Cold-extrusion studies were conducted on two grades of unalloyed titanium - AMS 4900 and AMS 4921 - to evaluate the effects of die design and extrusion reduction. By utilizing a fluoride coating and a conventional oil-graphite-molybdenum disulfide lubricant, forward extrusion with reductions of 40, 50, and 60 percent were successfully accomplished on 1-1/2-inch-diameter by 3-inch billets. Conical dies with included angles of 90, 120, and 150 degrees were used for each reduction. Working pressures were comparable to those required for cold extruding steel. For a given die angle, the extrusion pressure and average work of extrusion increased in an
approximately linear relationship with the percentage reduction.

Metal-flow studies were conducted on split billets inscribed with grids. Deformation by compression and elongation was uniform over the cross sections of the bars, with maximum shear deformation occurring in the outer fibers. The amount of shear deformation increased as the die angle and percent reduction increased.

Work hardening during extrusion was nearly uniform within the bars, the overall hardness variation from center to surface being within 20 Bhn. Increases in strength ranging from about 25 to 60 percent were produced under the various extrusion conditions. However, adequate ductility (elongation greater than 10 percent in 1 inch) was maintained.

The extruded bars had a smooth surface finish, with few traces of galling. No measurable die wear occurred, indicating the fluoride coating functioned satisfactorily. Dimensional tolerances on the extruded bars were maintained within 0.001 inch.

Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. WADC TR 54-546.


Melting procedures and equipment to produce ingots weighing up to 100 pounds of promising titanium-base alloys developed under Air Force Contract No. AF 33(608)-22806 are described. In order to furnish ingots of this size, it was necessary to expand the existing arc melting facilities substantially. A non-consumable electrode arc furnace of 20-pound capacity employing a magnetic field to direct the arc was designed and fabricated. The capacity of the consumable electrode furnace previously developed at Armour Research Foundation was increased to a theoretical maximum of 300 pounds of titanium by the incorporation of a continuous casting mechanism and increasing the diameter of the mold. Ingots weighing up to 113 pounds and up to 6 inches in diameter were successfully cast. Titanium-base alloy stock of the following compositions was supplied to the Air Force's contractors: (1) 6% aluminum, (2) 6% aluminum-4% vanadium, (3) 6% aluminum-5.5% silicon, and (4) 7% aluminum-3% molybdenum. It was recommended that the 6% Al-0.5 Si alloy be dropped from the program since it proved to embrittle upon exposure to elevated temperature creep conditions.

Evaluation reports were received from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Aircraft, Wright Aeronautical Division of Curtiss-Wright and the General Electric Company, Aircraft Gas Turbine Division. These reports cover only the 6% Al alloy. In general, the 6% Al alloy was found to possess good creep resistance, good weld bend characteristics and satisfactory fatigue properties. With a load of 40,000 psi at 800°F for 300 hours, a creep extension 0.08% was obtained. An as-welded bend ductility of 3.5% and endurance limits of 55,000 and 60,000 psi were found. The alloy meets several of the requirements originally listed as desirable for titanium-base alloys early in the program.

Crane Company. WADC TR 55-458, Part I.

RELAXATION BEHAVIOR OF TITANIUM ALLOYS. Ernest A. Schacht. AF 33(616)-2400. February 1956. PB 121068. Order from OTS $1.00.

Relaxation resistance of three titanium alloys in the temperature range 400°F to 800°F was determined to assist in evaluating possible use of titanium fasteners in aircraft for the purpose of saving weight. Tests performed in the Crane Company Engineering Laboratories showed A-110AT alloy to have the best resistance to relaxation, C-130AM alloy the next best and the 3Mn complex alloy the least. Diaphragm thickness between sections of the alloys are greatest at 800°F and almost disappear at 400°F. All three alloys suffered some loss of impact resistance during testing at 700°F and 800°F but the cause of embrittlement was not apparent in the microstructure. Heat treatment of the alpha-beta alloys and cold working of the all-alpha alloy to higher strength properties failed to improve relaxation resistance at the higher temperature levels.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 55-454, Part I.


The limits of uniform elongation were measured for typical alpha, alpha-beta, and beta titanium alloys. Each alloy was studied in three microstructural conditions over a temperature range from -75°F to 300°F.

Highest uniform elongation was obtained for commercial titanium (alpha), whereas that for the beta-quenched Ti-6% Al-4% vanadium, Ti-6% Al-0.5% Si alloy was low. The presence of massive alpha in the alpha-beta alloys increases their uniform elongation.

The dependence of uniform elongation on temperature is marked particularly in the two-phase alloys. Maximum values were obtained at about 200°F.

Measurements of uniform elongation from residual strain agree well with values of @max; the values of the flow exponent n (from the flow equation o = Bo^n) are consistently higher.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 55-325, Part I.


The notch-tensile properties of sponge titanium contaminated with oxygen, nitrogen and carbons have been determined. The merit rating of sponge titanium in the notch-tensile test does not conform to that in the impact test.

In the small (0.3 inch diameter) specimen the levels of interstitial contamination in unalloyed titanium which may be expected to give a notch-strength ratio of unity at -65°F are as follows:

- Ti-base 0.2% 0.035% Carbon
- Oxygen 0.4% 0.13% Nitrogen
- Oxygen 0.25% 0.13%

Limited data for impact tension and sustained load tests are presented and discussed.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 54-278, Pt 3.


The principal objective of the work reported herein was a determination of the effects on mechanical properties of complexing the alpha and beta phases of a promising d-beta type alloy, Ti-6Al-3Mo. Tins and iron were employed as d-complexers and chromium, manganese, and vanadium
were employed as complexes.

Complexing was found to improve creep resistance and rupture strength, while complexing reduced these parameters below the level of the base composition.

In addition, aging hardening characteristics of Ti-Al-Ag alloys were determined. Limited creep-rupture data indicated inferiority to a Ti-6Al binary composition.

Further studies on the nature of embrittlement in binary Ti-Al alloys were carried out and results of these studies are reported.

WADC TR 56-121.

Four series of interstitial alloys were melted and rolled into sheet. The first series contained three levels of hydrogen ranging up to 0.063 weight percent. The second series contained three levels of the elements oxygen and carbon combined, ranging up to 0.200% oxygen and 0.239% carbon. The third series contained oxygen and nitrogen in three levels ranging up to 0.166% oxygen and 0.120% nitrogen. The fourth series contained nitrogen and hydrogen in three levels ranging up to 0.102% nitrogen and 0.088% hydrogen. In addition to these alloys, a base metal ingot which contained no intentional addition was also melted and rolled into sheet.

Inert gas shielded arc welds were made in 1/8 inch sheets of each of the thirteen alloys. The physical properties of these alloys were determined by bend tests, tensile tests, impact tests, hardness measurements and metallographic observations for both the welded and unwelded material. These data will aid in establishing maximum allowable combined percentages of carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen for weldable titanium sheet.

New York University Research Division. WADC TR 56-146.
The microstructure and mechanical properties of Ti-5Cu-3Al, Ti-8Cu-3Al, Ti-5Cu-3Al-2Sn and Ti-8Cu-3Al-2Sn alloys were studied. Room-temperature and elevated-temperature properties are quite comparable to those of annealed commercial alloys. A stable alpha-plus-compound structure shows the best combination of strength and ductility. In order to obtain highest ductility it is necessary to avoid long semi-continuous paths of compound. T-T-T curves and microstructural observations are presented.

Microstructular and mechanical properties of binary Ti-Ni alloys were investigated. They are quite similar to those of binary Ti-Cu alloys.

In line with some recent work on steel, nickel and zinc, some preliminary data on a binary Ti-2Cu alloy show a considerable increase in the strength of this alloy without loss of ductility, by a suitable prestrain and anneal treatment. The strengthening may be attributed to sub-boundaries produced thereby.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 55-325 Pt II.
The notch-tensile properties of alloy titanium contaminated with oxygen, nitrogen and carbon have been determined. In all six alloys have been studied and the effects of the various contaminants on the notch sensitivity have been presented in discussion of the results for each alloy.

Notch sensitivity has been shown to depend on the tensile strength, and becomes potentially severe as the strength exceeds about 150,000 psi. Metallographic structure and alloy content also profoundly affect notch sensitivity in these alloys.

The effects of testing temperature, contamination level, and strain rate on promoting notch sensitivity in the respective alloys are also discussed.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 55-510.

The causes and effects of residual stresses in titanium aircraft parts were critically examined and a means of reducing these residual stresses to a practical value by thermal treatments was evolved. The purpose of the work was twofold: (a) To present a summary of residual stress effects and attempted residual stress measurements in titanium aircraft parts; (b) To obtain experimental data on the effectiveness of various time-temperature combinations for stress relief of elastically restrained unalloyed and alloyed titanium sheet.

The fundamental principles underlying the build-up of residual stress are reviewed. The difference between micro and micro stresses is discussed and the relationship between these stresses and the properties of the material are pointed out. Methods of relieving residual stresses are outlined. The X-ray diffraction, brittle lacquer and strain relaxation methods of residual stress analysis were attempted. All but the latter were unsuccessful.

The method of setting up simulated residual stresses in a simple beam specimen and measuring their decay with time and temperature is described. Using this method, relaxation tests were made on four titanium compositions: A-35, C-110M, 6Al-4 V and A-110AT. Three stress levels corresponding to the room temperature elastic limit and approximately 50 and 75% of the room temperature tensile yield strength were imposed on the test specimens as simulated residual stresses. As a result of these tests, recommended stress relief treatments are given for the above alloys.

WADC TR 56-343.

An investigation was undertaken to observe the influence of various factors such as temperature, time-temperature, stress, and hydrogen contamination on the stability characteristics of commercial alpha-beta titanium alloys, as well as to gain an insight into the nature of the reactions responsible for the ductility loss in an unstable microstructure. Commercial alloys utilised in one phase or another in this program included Ti-150A, Ti-155A, Ti-140A, C-130AM, C-110M, Ti-6Al-4V, RS-140X, and 3Mn Complex. Tests show that in the absence of hydrogen contamination of the alpha-beta type alloys can be rendered quite stable up to the maximum temperature at which they retain useful strength for stressed applications. The Ti-150A alloy loses a considerable amount of room temperature ductility after being exposed to 800°F for 200 hours and can subsequently be rendered ductile by annealing at 1200°F for 24 hours. Mechanisms of embrittlement are

In a study of factors which affect the limit of uniform elongation of titanium and titanium-base alloys, iodide titanium is shown to have the largest uniform elongation. Other materials of the high uniform elongation class generally had low strengths, although the metastable Fe-alloys did exhibit moderate strength. The much lower values of the sponge alloys (outside of the metastable Fe-alloy) are ascribed to interstitial contents.

The effects of grain size and grain shape are secondary to those of alloying and temperature of test. Strain-induced decomposition of metastable Fe is shown to be a suitable time of the elongation at maximum load. The other idea of increasing the uniform elongation by strain-induced age hardening is still untested; the apparently most likely system failed to age harden, or even strain-age harden. In the anisotropy studies, maximum uniform elongation and divergence between yield and ultimate strengths is found in the rolling direction of the sheet.

WADC TR 54-616 Pt II.

Description of various analytical methods for hydrogen determination in titanium and its alloys are presented, with information on operating procedures and costs. Laboratories using these methods in general are in disagreement, and vary considerably in analytical reproducibility. Material non-uniformity in hydrogen distribution from position-to-position in a sheet examined in relation to experimental error is found to be a significant factor. A suggested experiment for a single sheet disected between two laboratories is given as a model by which appropriate experiments can be devised to incorporate the sources for disagreement found in this investigation.

WADC TR 54-616 Pt III.

It is now well recognized that hydrogen contamination in alpha-beta titanium alloys can lead to sudden, brittle fracture during the use of these materials. The strain aging embrittlement which causes such fracture has been investigated.

Strain aging hydrogen embrittlement in alpha-beta titanium alloys has its greatest effect on mechanical properties measured at slow strain rates. It can cause low ductility in room temperature tensile tests and premature brittle fracture in room temperature rupture tests. Fracture due to this process tends to be intergranular. Metallographic examination of many hydrogen contaminated alpha-beta alloys shows no evidence for a third phase before or after fracture. In at least one alloy, however, a third phase was visible after fracture. Both alloy composition and micro-structure affect susceptibility to strain aging embrittlement. Increasing test temperature seems to decrease the tendency towards embrittlement. Increasing test temperature seems to decrease the tendency towards embrittlement, but increases the rate at which embrittlement can occur. A mechanism for strain aging embrittlement is proposed. Other types of embrittlement which may be caused by hydrogen are mentioned.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 56-269.

The electron microscope has been found useful in the study of a number of titanium-alloy structures. Those structures that contain several phases or that otherwise require high magnification and resolution for complete study are candidates for electron microscopy.

Among the subjects investigated, three appeared of particular interest: (1) the decomposition of martensite, (2) the aging process in alpha-beta and beta alloys, and (3) studies of deformation processes in two-phase alloys.

Suitable techniques for electron microscopy already have been developed, but further work is desirable. It seems probable that the electron microscope will take its place among the other useful tools in the research on titanium alloys.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-355 Pt 3.

The age-hardenning behavior of a series of alpha-beta titanium alloy was investigated. Hardness, tensile, and X-ray diffraction data were used in following the course of the aging behavior of alloys of the systems Ti-Mn, Ti-Mn-Al, Ti-V, Ti-V-Al, and Ti-Fe. The data presented show the effects of solution temperature, aging temperature and alloy composition on the aging reaction. Comparison of the data for the nominal alloys Ti-8 Mn and Ti8Mn-2Al, as well as other data, indicate that the effect of aluminum is to cause the peak strength and hardness to be maintained over longer aging times and to apparently weaken the tendency for omega phase formation.

In a separate phase of the research, a survey was made of possible contributing factors to beta embrittlement (the low ductility characteristic of high-strength alpha-beta alloys after fabrication or heat treatment in the beta field). It was noted that beta-embrittled materials generally have a combination of microstructural features, such as coarse prior beta grain size or acicular alpha precipitates, which might be expected to impair ductility, especially at high strength levels.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 55-458 Pt II.

A relaxation test unit has been designed which provides practically continuous control of the total strain by automatically decreasing the load as the specimen tends...
to elongate due to creep. The unique feature of this equipment is the ability to apply the initial load in a matter of seconds so that very little relaxation occurs during loading.

Relaxation tests have been made using this equipment for three titanium compositions: A-70, C-130AM, and A-110AT. The A-70 and A-110AT were heat treated to produce two different grain sizes and the C-130AM was heat treated to three different grain sizes. Relaxation tests were made on the three compositions in all of the microstructural conditions at room temperature, 600, and 800°F. The effect of grain size on relaxation characteristics was found to be much the same as in creep testing where the larger grain sizes possess greater resistance to deformation only at the higher test temperatures.


A series of 27 experimental alpha-beta titanium alloys were melted, forged, rolled to sheet, and evaluated as potential formable and heat-treatable sheet alloys. Formability was evaluated by true stress-true strain tensile data and by bend tests. In general, the solution temperature had greater effect than alloy composition on the relative formability of the alloys in the as-quenched condition. However, several compositions appeared to offer greater promise than the others from the standpoint of formability and ability to be aged, after forming, to a high strength level. A Ti-3Fe-3Mo-2Al alloy was of particular interest. Additional research on this and other alloys is recommended.


The effect of microstructure on the fatigue behavior of the commercial alloys Ti-5Al-2.5Sn, Ti-6Al-4V, and Ti-3Sn Complex has been investigated. Microstructure was found to have little effect on the endurance limit of these alloys unless the structure was extremely coarsened or embrittled.

The effect of interstitial contents representative of the basis for commercial titanium specification, i.e., .07% N2, 2% O2, .2% C taken singly or grouped together, has been investigated for unalloyed titanium and the commercial alloys Ti-5Al-2.5Sn, Ti-6Al-4V, and Ti-3Sn Complex. Titanium and the three titanium alloys investigated generally show increased or unchanged fatigue life at all of the interstitial contents specified above.


Studies were made to determine the factors that influence the stabilisation and the thermal stability of alpha-beta titanium alloys. Thermal stability for three commercial alloys MST-6Al-4V, Ti-155A, and C-130AM, was good for three heat-treatment conditions under creep exposure tests through 800°F. Some loss of ductility was observed for the Ti-155A and C-130AM alloys fabricated in the beta field and aged in the alpha-beta field.

Substitutions of various beta stabilisers in a Ti-5Cr-5Mo alloy were made to check their effects on thermal stability. The active eutectoid formers, nickel, copper, and chromium, were detrimental; thermal stability was improved by substitutions of manganese or molybdenum, and by aluminum additions.

Small amounts of strain, introduced either before equilibration or before stabilisation, had no significant effect on thermal stability of a Ti-5Cr-5Mo alloy.


The effect of various heat treatments on the mechanical properties of 5/8" diameter bar from four titanium alloys of five interstitial content levels each was determined. Three major types of heat treatment were employed: (1) a solution treatment and age cycle, (2) a step quench cycle and (3) a solution treatment, isothermal transformation cycle. The alloys investigated were Ti-5Al Complex (Ti-5Al-1.7Cr-1.6Fe-1.6Mo), Ti-3Mn Complex (Ti-3Mn-1Cr-1Fe-1Mo-1V), Ti-6Al-4V and Ti-4Al-4Mn. Interstitial levels were (1) low (100 BHN sponge base), (2) high oxygen (.24%), (3) high nitrogen (.07%), (4) intermediate oxygen and nitrogen (.16% and .04% respectively) and (5) high carbon (.2%).

Three hundred hour creep tests were performed on materials of interstitial levels 1, 2, and 4. The elevated temperature tensile properties, room temperature notch strength, and Charpy impact data of material of interstitial level 4 were determined. Beta transi. T-T-T curves and end quench curves were determined for all material.

The effect of section size on the mechanical properties and the heat treatment response of the Ti-5Al Complex alloy was determined.


This investigation follows a previous investigation which covered the weldability effects of the interstitials, carbon, nitrogen and oxygen, when added individually to several titanium base alloys. Included in these alloys were: 5AI-Ti, 7Al-3Mo-Ti, and 25 V-Ti. For the present study a fourth composition, 6AI-4V-Ti, was added to complete the list of base alloys which were investigated as reported herein.

To 5AI-Ti, an alpha alloy, were introduced combinations of N, O2, and O2, intended to total 0.33% interstitial. Each of the five resulting alloys was divided into 3 parts: the first part was vacuum annealed to reduce the Hg to less than 50 PRM; the second part was hydrogenated to 100 PRM; and the third part was hydrogenated to 200 PRM. Each of the fifteen alloy heat "parts" was then tested mechanically in the following five conditions: as fabricated to 0.063 inch sheet, as-welded, and after three
separate post weld heat treatments. Mechanical testing included tensile and free bend tests, both oriented such that the major loading stresses were transverse to the welding direction. Weldability was determined by these mechanical test results.

A similar program was accomplished with the 6 Al-4 V-Ti alloy. Since background was missing, eleven 6 Al-4V-Ti plus interstitial alloys were produced. Each was divided into a low and a high H\textsubscript{2} part. The 22 alloy parts were similarly tested in five conditions as above.

The base 7 Al-3 Mo-Ti alloy with only hydrogen added was mechanically tested at 3 hydrogen levels times the five conditions; as fabricated to 0.063 inch sheet, as welded, and after three heat treatments. This same program, with different post weld heat treatments, was applied to the base 25 V-Ti alloy. The total number of thermal history-interstitial content-alloy condition tests was over 200.

The results indicated generally that:

- The 5 Al-Ti becomes not weld ductile when the N\textsubscript{2}+O\textsubscript{2} additions total 0.25%. This was true with both 0.045% C and 0.123% C. Some ductility was indicated in both alloys. However, the 6 inch long welded bend specimens were not able to fold to less than one inch end distance separation without failure. Ductile welds were obtained (<1 inch fold) with N\textsubscript{2}+O\textsubscript{2} of 0.16% even with moderately high (0.128%) C. A completely brittle alloy was obtained when N\textsubscript{2}+O\textsubscript{2} totaled 0.28%.

- The 6 Al-4V-Ti alloy becomes weld embrittled at C+N\textsubscript{2}+O\textsubscript{2} as low as 0.26% when N\textsubscript{2} is 0.11%. If the N\textsubscript{2} is held lower (<0.09%), a C+N\textsubscript{2}+O\textsubscript{2} of approximately 0.29% can be tolerated. Nitrogen appears to be a much more effective embrittler than O\textsubscript{2}. Oxygen up to 0.21% does not cause complete loss of ductility and an 0.17% O\textsubscript{2} alloy was weldable. An 0.16% N\textsubscript{2} (0.256% C+N\textsubscript{2}+O\textsubscript{2}) however, was brittle.

Case Institute of Technology. WADC TR 57-251 Pt I.


An alpha-titanium alloy (A-110-AT) containing 5% Al and 2.5% Fe in an alpha-beta titanium alloy (Ti-140-A) containing 2% Cr, 2% Fe, and 2% Mo were each prepared (a) free from impurities, (b) with 0.2% O, (c) 0.2% C, and (d) 0.1% N for a program designed to explore strain aging phenomena, high temperature brittleness, and stress-rupture behavior of titanium alloys.

Tensile tests at different strain rates have been made on the alpha-alloy containing 0.1% N. The tests revealed a brittle range at 680°F (360°C) at a strain rate of 0.05 in/in/min. This brittle range was moved to 1020°F (550°C) employing a strain rate of 100 in/in/min. The minima in the ductility vs. temperature curves for the two strain rates when plotted on log strain rate vs. reciprocal absolute temperature coordinates gives a straight line (assumed) having a slope which is parallel to the line defining the diffusion coefficient of nitrogen in alpha-titanium. On the other hand, tests are still to be made on the impurity-free, alpha-alloy to see whether the brittleness occurs in the absence of nitrogen.

A review was made of the various types of brittleness found at elevated temperatures in metals and alloys so that any brittleness encountered in titanium could be compared and identified.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-616 Pt IV.


A comprehensive investigation of hydrogen in titanium alloys was carried out. Tests were conducted to gain an insight into the mechanism of the slow-strain embrittlement of titanium alloys by hydrogen, and a tentative theory is presented. Eighty titanium alloys were examined in the stabilized condition to determine the effect of composition on the tendency toward hydrogen embrittlement. The effect of microstructural variations on the tendency toward embrittlement was also studied. In addition to studying the effects of hydrogen on the properties of titanium, factors affecting hydrogen pickup by titanium and methods of removing hydrogen from titanium were investigated. Included were investigations of low pressure solubility, degassing methods, and the pickup of hydrogen from various atmospheres.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 54-278 Pt IV.


The objectives of this research program were as follows:

1. To determine the effect of forging and heat treatment variables on the mechanical properties of the Ti-7Al-3 Mo alloy. Evaluations were made of tensile specimens, both machined from bar stock and cut from plate fabricated in such a manner as to simulate compressor blade forging practice. The purpose of this dual evaluation was to determine what effect the forged skin had on mechanical properties.

2. To determine the effect of sponge quality on mechanical properties of Ti-7Al-3Mo alloy.

3. To evaluate the tensile, creep-rupture and stability properties of the alloys Ti-6Al-3 Nb, Ti-6Al-3Mo-2 Ge and Ti-6Al-3Mo-4 Ge.

The program for the evaluation of the Ti-7Al-3Mo alloy encountered considerable difficulties with the result that the work was halted before evaluation was completed. The material with which the program was started was discarded because of substandard ductility which was attributed to high oxygen content. While considerable data were collected on the replacement material, it too proved to have substandard ductility. The cause of the low ductility in the replacement material could not be attributed to off-chemistry of aluminum, molybdenum, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen or oxygen. The sulfur content was indicated to be 0.034% by analyses conducted at the Foundation and 0.01% by analyses conducted by Mallory-Sharon. While the low ductility of this material cannot with any degree of surety be attributed to sulfur, it is a possibility. The significant findings from the data collected on the low ductility replacement 7Al-3Mo material were the following:

1. In heat treating, increasing the solution treating temperature followed by water quenching increases the time required to achieve overaging.

2. The Widmanstätten structure has creep-rupture properties at 1000°F superior to the equiaxed structure.
(1) A study of the solute atom-interaction action of Ti-0 alloys was performed. It was found that the behavior of the phenomenon was in accord with the relationship, $C = C_0 \exp (V/KT)$. The interaction energy between an oxygen atom and a dislocation was calculated to be $0.015 \text{ eV}$. (2) The oxygen content required to saturate the dislocations was found to be approximately 1.5 atomic percent. It was also observed that the transition from ductile to brittle behavior occurred at the same composition. (3) It was suggested that the transition phenomenon was due to the adsorption of oxygen atoms at the dislocations. In view of this suggestion it was possible to predict the proper treatment to shift the onset of the embrittling effect to higher oxygen contents. This was demonstrated experimentally and it was possible to increase the ductility of Ti-0 alloys. (4) It was demonstrated that an interstitial stress relaxation phenomenon could be observed in "super-purity" titanium. (5) The development of the interstitial peak in alpha titanium is shown to be directly related to the atomic size of the substitutional element in solution with the oxygen. The greater the difference in size factor between the solute and the titanium atom, the greater the enhancement of the "interstitial" peak. (6) It is suggested that the mechanism whereby the substitutional solute atoms enhance the appearance of the interstitial peak is as follows: The out-of-scale substitutional atom causes a localised distortion of the lattice which effectively destroys the isotropic nature of the octahedral interstitial sites. Hence, one site becomes energetically favorable to another upon the application of an external stress. This causes a stress-induced interstitial relaxation phenomenon which is manifested by the appearance of an internal friction peak. (7) The effect of oxygen on the grain boundary stress relaxation phenomenon was investigated. The necessary data is now available for the adsorption analysis and microdistribution part of this overall study of interstitial effects in titanium.
The mechanical properties of two commercial alloys, Ti-8 Mn and Ti-4 Al-4 Mn were investigated in the as-received, helium annealed, vacuum annealed, and 150, 225 and 300 ppm hydrogen conditions. The Ti-8 Mn alloy in the form of 1/16 inch sheet and the Ti-4 Al-4 Mn alloy in the form of 1/2 inch round bar were each ordered from three vendors to represent the range of interstitial content found in present production. Slow room temperature notched and unnotched tensile and tensile stress rupture tests up to 1000 hours were performed on both alloys. Slow room temperature notched and unnotched torsion, bend and bend stress rupture tests up to 1000 hours were made on Ti-4 Al-4 Mn alloy. None of the unnotched specimens in any of these tests failed in a brittle manner. The notched tensile stress rupture tests showed that the stress required for fracture at a given time slightly decreased with increasing hydrogen content. In contrast, the notched bend stress rupture tests showed an increase in stress required for fracture.

Longitudinal and transverse tear tests at 80, 32 and -40°F were made on the Ti-8 Mn alloy sheet in the vacuum annealed and 300 ppm hydrogen condition. No apparent relationship was found between tear test failures and hydrogen content. Pin shear tests on Ti-4 Al-4 Mn alloy specimens containing similar quantities of hydrogen failed with ductile fractures.

Room temperature unnotched slow tensile tests on pretrained and aged specimens showed good ductility in both alloys. Specimens in the vacuum annealed and 300 ppm hydrogen condition were pretrained 5% in tension at room temperature and aged at 500°F for 24 or 48 hours prior to test.

Comparison of results in this investigation with earlier work on hydrogenized specimens of these titanium alloys indicates that brittle fractures would have been expected in both alloys when tested in stress rupture at the 300 ppm hydrogen level.

The University of Michigan. WADC TR 54-112
Pt II.

An investigation was carried out to establish the relationships between types of microstructure and creep-rupture properties of titanium alloys at 600°F to 1000°F. Chemical composition and the influence of heat treatment was investigated to a limited extent for each type of alloy. The data are fairly complete for some alloys and consist of survey test data for others.

Alpha titanium as represented by commercially pure titanium had the lowest strength. Stable alpha alloys (6% Al and 6% Al - 0.5% Si) and stable beta alloys (30% Mo and 50% V) had similar strengths. These alloys had the highest strength at 800°F and 1000°F where creep was a major factor. The alpha-beta alloys (Ti 150A and Ti 155A) and the meta-stable beta alloys had high strengths through 600°F and for short time periods at 800°F by virtue of strengthening from transition structures from the beta to alpha transformation.

Compositional differences between alloys had rather small effects in most cases. Properties of the alpha-beta and meta-stable beta alloys were markedly influenced by heat treatment except at 1000°F. The other structures were little influenced by heat treatment. Ductility varied considerably between alloys and with heat treatment and test conditions.

None of the alloys were subject to appreciable creep at 600°F and strength was governed by tensile properties for time periods up to 1000 hours. Increasing tensile strength by cold work or by heat treatment permitted application of high stresses which usually caused immediate failure at 600°F when the stress was above the yield strength. This seemed to be a delayed tensile fracture rather than true creep to rupture. Creep and structural stability were the major factors in strength at 800°F and 1000°F.

The University of Michigan. WADC TR 54-112
Pt III.

Three major factors involved in the properties of titanium alloys at high temperatures were investigated:

1. A limited study was made of the influence of hot working conditions on creep-rupture properties at 600°F to 1000°F.

2. The changes in room temperature tensile test ductility as a measure of embrittlement during creep testing at 75°F to 1000°F were evaluated for a considerable number of specimens of several alloys.

3. A limited study was carried out on the influence of hydrogen content and the hardness of the sponge (interstitial alloying elements) used in making alloys. Creep-rupture properties and embrittlement during stressed exposure were evaluated for temperatures of 600°F to 1000°F.

WADC TN 57-396.

An investigation was undertaken to observe the influence of heat treatment on the stability of a Ti-Al-Mo ternary alloy. Tests show that the instability of the alloy is innocuous and that transformation during testing helps to maintain the material strength. The creep resistance of the alloy was improved by heat treatment, and the stress-rupture properties were not deteriorated. A mechanism of embrittlement by heat treatment is discussed.

Titanium Metals Corporation of America. WADC TR 57-630.

The effect of duplex solution and age type heat treatments on the properties of one commercial heat each of the Ti-140A (Ti-2Fe-1Cr-2Mo), Ti-155A (Ti-5Al-1.5Fe-1Cr-1.5Mo) and Ti-6Al-4V alloys were investigated. The properties studied included tensile, notch tenability, notch bend impact and elevated temperature stress-stability.
A metallurgical investigation of the embrittlement reaction that occurs in binary Ti-Al alloys was carried out in the range of 6 to 12 wt. pct. aluminum. Changes in bend ductility, hardness, precision length, electrical resistance, lattice parameters, and in microstructure that occur on solutionising and aging were determined. It was found that the embrittlement reaction that occurs on aging in the vicinity of 1020°F (550°C) is characterised by a decrease in both specific volume and electrical resistivity as well as a marked change in the character of striations that exist within the primary grains of the alpha solid solution matrix. The observed changes in properties are best explained on the basis that these striations represent the formation of aluminum-rich segregations. Evidence was found that cracking in a bend test occurs more readily along rather than across these striations. Recommendations are given for future work on this problem.


Studies have been made to establish the relationships between thermal history, microstructure, and mechanical properties for high-purity titanium-base alloys. These have included the following alloy systems: Ti-Al, Ti-O-Mo, Ti-C-Mo, Ti-O-Al-Mo, Ti-O-Mn, Ti-Cu, Ti-C-Cu, and Ti-Cu-Mn. Mechanical test data reported include tensile and flow properties, impact behavior over a range of temperatures, hardness, aging, and cooling-rate test data. The basic physical metallurgical principles involved here are discussed.


The objective of this research program was to develop heat treatable titanium sheet alloys capable of providing 160,000 psi yield strength, 0.2% offset, at room temperature. The material should be easily rolled to light gages, of the order of 0.020 in., possesses excellent formability in the solution-treated condition, and be stable under stress, as heat treated, for at least 500 hours at 600°F and 800°F. Good weldability was secondary in desirability to the foregoing requirements.
The program was divided into two parts, designated as Phase I and Phase II. Phase I had as its purpose the screening of fifteen alloys in order to select the four most promising for more intensive investigation in Phase II. Of the fifteen alloys, four were of the alpha-beta type, utilizing the strengthening effect of a precipitation-hardener, beryllium; seven alloys were alpha-beta type, based on well-known successful combinations of aluminum with the beta-formers, manganese, molybdenum, and vanadium, and dependent for strengthening on the substitution of the alpha-formers, tin or zirconium, for part of the aluminum; the remaining three alloys were of the metastable-beta type, containing 2.5% aluminum for alpha strengthening, and sufficient amounts of manganese, molybdenum, or vanadium to produce a mechanically unstable beta phase after suitable heat treatment. The optimum heat treatments for each of these alloys were determined by bend testing to establish the best solution-treating temperatures, followed by an aging program to fix the temperatures and times of aging which yielded promising hardness values. These combinations of solution treatment and aging were then checked out by tensile testing.

The four alloys selected for work under Phase II were:

Ti-3Al-7Mo-0.25Be
Ti-3Al-25Mn-4Mn
Ti-2Al-7Mo-7Mn
Ti-2-5Al-7Mn

In Phase II of the program these four alloys were evaluated by bend testing and tensile testing, by measurement of uniform elongation in the solution treated condition, and by stress stability testing for 500 hours at 800° and 600°F. Two alloys, Ti-3Al-7Mo-0.25Be and Ti-2-5Al-7Mn, reasonably fulfilled the objectives of the program with regard to bend properties and tensile properties, and were stable under a stress of 25,000 psi for 500 hours at 800°F; however, neither alloy is weldable.

New York University, WADC TR 58-105.

The Ti-Cr and Ti-V systems have been investigated in the range of 2-36% Cr and 2-36% V in the temperature range 500°-1200°F. The Ti-Cr system is much more stable than that generally obtained by conventional quenching. New York University. WADC TR S8-328. DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVE-EUTECTOID BASE ALLOYS. R. F. Bunshah, H. Margolin. AF 33(616)-3472. October 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 202501. PB 151 518.

Tensile strength and yield strength values were obtained for the alloys in the range 1200-1400°F. These were compared with the values for conventionally quenched and annealed alloys. A miscibility gap in the field is produced by the interaction of the phases TiAl and Ti4Cr. The TiAl phase is encountered microscopically and this phase is believed to be a binary Ti-Al phase occurring in the binary Ti-Al system in the vicinity of 12% Al below approximately 1100°C.

The Ti-Al-V system:

The titanium-rich corner of the Ti-Al-V system has been investigated in the region up to 45 wt% Al and up to 35 wt% V and between 700 and 1400°C. Eight isothermal sections at 100°-degree intervals are presented.

The phases encountered in this region were those which have been identified as being present or probably present in the binary Ti-Al system, namely TiAl and Ti4Al.

Battelle Memorial Institute, WADC TR 58-161.

Studies were conducted to determine the importance of beta grain size as a contributing factor to the loss of ductility that occurs when titanium alloys are heated at temperatures above the beta transus. In a second phase of the research a heat-treatment program was carried out in an effort to develop procedures for restoring ductility in beta-embrittled material. To supplement these studies, a microscopic study of deformation in pertinent microstructures was conducted.

As a result of these investigations, it was concluded that:

(a) The primary cause of beta embrittlement is the large grain size which is obtained so rapidly in many alpha-beta titanium alloys when heated into the beta field. Grain-boundary alpha and acicular intragranular alpha in the microstructure are not detrimental if the beta grain size is fine.

(b) The structures resulting from beta treatments are quite stable and cannot be significantly altered in a beneficial way by heat treatment alone.

(c) Certain alloys (such as Ti-16V-2.5Al) show a relatively low rate of beta grain growth. Development of alloys exhibiting this property appears to offer the most promising means of avoiding or minimizing beta-embrittlement effects.

Trends in Titanium Alloys.
Battelle Memorial Institute, WADC TR 58-438.
The notch tensile properties of three commercial titanium-base alloys, Alcoa (Ti-5, 0Al-2, 5Sn), 6Al-4V, and Ti-140A (Ti-2Fe-2Cr-2Mo), were investigated at six interstitial levels, four microstructural conditions, and over a range of temperatures from -196 to 200°C, notch sensitivity generally increased by increased interstitial content, low temperature, and acicular-type microstructures. In addition, sensitivity to slow-strain hydrogen embrittlement was observed in the temperature range near 0°C at hydrogen levels well below specification limits.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-457.
The purpose of this project was to study the feasibility of fabricating titanium alloy face sheet honeycomb sandwiches by brazing techniques. The program was conveniently divided into several phases: selection of face sheet alloy and brazing alloys, fabricating of sandwiches by various experimental methods, and mechanical evaluation of the resulting panels. The emphasis was placed on the second phase, fabrication processes.
The survey of possible face sheet alloys is discussed in some detail. The result of this survey was the decision to incorporate Mallory-Sharon's MST 16V-2 1/2Al for the alloy for primary consideration as the face sheet in the brazing process experimentation. In addition to the above alloy, Republic Steel's RS 140 (5Al-2 3/4Cr-1 1/4Fe) was chosen as an alternative alloy for brazing above the beta transus (-1440°F) of the MST alloy. In making these selections consideration was given to productivity in thin-rolled sections, mechanical properties at room and elevated temperatures, and, possibly most important, the compatibility of the heat treatment cycle with the envisioned practical brazing cycle.
An evaluation of 17 brazing alloys as regards wettability, mechanical strength, oxidation resistance, and corrosion resistance resulted in the recommendation of Ag-28Cu-2. Li and Ag-0. 25Mg-0. 2Ni-1. Li as the best alloys for brazing titanium-cored panels at a brazing temperature of 1500°F. Ag-28Cu-0. 2Li was the stronger of the two. These two alloys plus Ag-7Cu-0. 2Li and AG-30Cu-10Sn were found to be satisfactory for brazing stainless steel cored panel at 1600°F. Of these four alloys, Ag-28Cu-0. 2Li and Ag-7Cu-0. 2Li gave the strongest joints.
The process development phase centered around the development of a quartz lamp radiant heat brazing process. The details of the process, as used, and a discussion of suggested modifications and improvements for application of the same principles to large-production panel fabrication, are presented. Although the process development experiments were conducted with titanium alloy face sheet materials, the results are applicable to sandwich panel production in general. The primary advantages of quartz lamp radiant heat over presently used furnace resotrt techniques have to do with inherent rapid heating and cooling rates, good temperature uniformity and brazing time control, and general cleanliness of the heat source for atmosphere purity purposes. An itemised list of these advantages is as follows:

1. Good temperature control over a wide temperature range.
2. Control over temperature uniformity (or desired non-uniformity) by heating apparatus design.
3. A clean, portable heat source which can be placed within an atmosphere chamber, allowing rapid heating of the specimen directly. This eliminates the need for single-shot retorts as are presently used in furnace brazing.
4. Low equipment cost.
5. Adaptability to jigging for adequate faying surface contact and for required contour (flatness or airfoil curvature).
6. Possibility for adaptation to continuous production, i.e., relative movement between heat source and panel.
The panels which were produced by the furnace retort and quartz lamp radiant heat processes were evaluated mechanically and by exposure to oxidation and salt spray environments. These evaluations provided data for process variables and material decisions.

Chase Brass and Copper Co., Incorporated. WADC TR 58-409.
The effect of various heat treatments on the mechanical properties of two titanium alloys was determined. The two types of heat treatments utilised were: (1) solution treatment and water quench, (2) solution treatment, water quench and age. The alloys, Ti-4Al-3Mo-1V and Ti-15V-2. 5Al, were investigated in the form of approximately 0. 040" sheet. Three interstitial content levels of each alloy were investigated.
Beta transus temperatures were determined for the alloys. Room temperature mechanical properties were evaluated for the solution treated and aged conditions of the alloys for both standard and notched tensile configurations. Elevated temperature tensile properties were determined. The effect of deformation, via two degrees of rolling or stretching, on aging characteristics were ascertained. Three hundred hour creep tests were conducted at 600°F and 800°F. Creep embrittlement was evaluated. A microstructural examination was conducted. Also, the alloy Ti-4Al-1Pb-15n-1V-1Zr was prepared in sheet form and some of its mechanical properties were evaluated.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-616
Part V.
HYDROGEN CONTAMINATION IN TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS. Part V. HYDROGEN EMBRITTLEMENT. D. N. Williams, F. R. Schwartsberg, R. L. Jaffee. AF 33(616)-5007. February 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 209378. PB 151778. Order from OTS $2.25. Extensive investigations intended to provide information relating to the mechanism of hydrogen embrittlement in titanium-base alloys were carried out. Studies included detailed measurements of the effects of temperature, strain rate, and hydrogen content on hydrogen embrittlement; examination of alpha-alpha and alpha-beta alloys for susceptibility to hydrogen embrittlement; calculations of probable hydrogen solubility in alpha and beta titanium; and several other informative investigations. An embrittlement mechanism is outlined. Alloys previously prepared and examined to determine the effects of alloy content and structure on hydrogen embrittlement
Nonferrous (Vanadium) Metals


Measurement of gaseous SiHCl₃ were made. The absorption spectrum between 450 cm⁻¹ and 700 cm⁻¹ is plotted on a graph, and the observed frequencies and their assignments are presented. Investigations were also carried out with SiH₂Cl₂ and SiH₂Br₂. Thermodynamic functions are given for SiH₂Cl₂ and fundamental frequencies are given for SiH₂Cl₂ and SiH₂Br₂.


This report describes the results of work performed during the period May 14, 1952 to May 14, 1953. The forgeability of a large number of binary alloys was investigated. While many proved forgeable, the room temperature ductilities of all but vanadium-titanium and vanadium-zirconium alloys were poor. Ternary alloys based on vanadium-titanium were investigated. Elevated temperature tensile properties have shown much promise.

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Limited studies were conducted on the systems vanadium-oxygen and vanadium-nitrogen.


The spectra were observed with a Stark modulation spectrometer. A 100-kc square-wave modulation was employed with the receiver tuned to the fundamental frequency. In most instances the frequency sweep method was employed, and the lines were displayed on a cathode-ray scope. Line frequencies were measured with a frequency standard monitored by comparison of the lowest frequency in the multiplier chain with the standard 5-mc frequency broadcast by station WWV. The following molecular constants were obtained from measurements of pure rotational transitions in the microwave region: 

E₀ (in mc) of 2472.45+0.04 for (ClZH₃Si₂8Cl₃, 1679.84+0.03 for C₁2H₃Si₂8Cl₃, 1699.79+0.03 for C₁2H₃Si₂8Cl₃, 1297.44+0.04 for (C₁2H₃)₂Si₂8Cl₃, and 2147.88+0.03 for (C₁2H₃)₂Si₂8Cl₃. When it was assumed that dSiCl was 2.021 for SiHCl₃, dSiCl was 2.021 and the C1SiCl bond angle was 109022'. For CH₃SiCl₃, dSiCl was 1.969 A and dSiCl was 2.021 A. With all bond angles assumed to be tetrahedral and the CH distance to be that in methane dSiCl was 1.87 A and dSiCl was 2.03 A for (CH₃)₃SiCl. (ASTIA abstract).

Armour Research Foundation, WADC TR 52-145 Part 2.


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Armour Research Foundation, WADC TR 52-145 Part 3.


This is the third annual report summarising the results of work performed during the period May 15, 1953 to June 14, 1954. The oxidation study on vanadium alloys has been further pursued and the conclusion has been reached that satisfactory oxidation resistance at elevated temperature of vanadium-base alloys cannot be rendered by alloying alone but possibly by electroplating. Major efforts have been directly toward evaluating the elevated temperature tensile and stress-rupture strengths of the alloys under development. Carbon additions have proven beneficial as far as the forgeability is concerned. In certain cases, however, superior tensile ductilities are observed while no effect in stress-rupture behavior results. The current availability of less expensive vanadium-aluminum alloy produced by the alumino-thermic reduction process has promoted a feasibility study of its use. It is found that the alloys made of this are as
competitive in mechanical properties as the equivalent alloys based on the very expensive calcium-reduced vanadium metal.

A range of alloy compositions containing additions of titanium and aluminum have shown stress-rupture behavior which is as good or marginally better than the best titanium-base alloys.


The structure of the e-type fundamentals of SiH3F, SiH3Cl, and SiH3Br has been resolved and analyzed. The values of the small amount of inertia thus obtained have been combined with microwave measurements to yield the dimensions of the SiH3 group in these molecules. It is shown that the differences in the structure of the SiH3 group are probably within experimental error. Several revisions have been made in the vibrational assignments for SiH3F and SiH3Cl. (Contractor's abstract)


The allotropic forms of silica, present in ceramic coatings due to devitrification or as a result of a direct addition, were identified by thermal strain, x-ray diffraction, and differential thermal analyses of ceramic coated composites. The effective differential coefficients of thermal expansion were determined from thermal strain data and a quantitative estimate of the crystalline content in the coatings was established. (Contractor's abstract)

WADC TN 58-54.

HIGH TEMPERATURE ELECTRICAL INSULATION MATERIALS FOR MISSILES AND AIRCRAFT. Dr. R. N. Evans. April 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 151183.

A review on the development of special-purpose electrical materials is presented together with new areas of materials development which may profitably be exploited. The environmental factors to which high speed aircraft and missiles are exposed are discussed. A materials program designed to meet these measurements is presented and its relation to programs on end-item development is pointed out.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. WADC TR 58-275, Part II.


Studies of BaF2 hot pressing were continued during the past contract period. BaF2 compacts with good transparency in the visible and infrared were produced under pressures of 20,000 to 60,000 psi at temperatures below 900°C. Emphasis was placed on the use of higher pressures at lower temperatures in order to avoid contaminations due to high temperature reactions and to take advantage of the use of less pure starting material.

The hot pressing of polycrystalline magnesium fluoride was studied over a pressure range of 20,000 to 60,000 psi at temperatures up to 900°C. Compacts with excellent transmissions have been fabricated.

Preliminary work was done on the hot pressing of a number of other promising materials. Strontium and calcium fluoride were successfully fabricated into compacts with excellent infrared transmissions. Lithium fluoride, LaF3 and K2ZrF6 were also hot pressed. Ferric oxide, MgO, ZnO, Cu3P4, Cu2O and CuO, Al2O3, PbS and CdS were hot pressed.

Some further work was done in attempting to clarify the role of voids in the scattering of radiation by a polycrystalline compact. Also, the anomalous absorption bands observed in the transmission of BaF2 and MgF2 hot pressed compacts were studied and partially elucidated.

Plastics

TR 4648.


TR 4989.


TR 4969.

PROPERTIES OF EXTRUDED THERMOPLASTIC PLASTIC TUBINGS. Howard S. Bergen, Jr., 1/1/43. July 1943.

TR 4998.


TR 5012.

IMPACT DATA FOR PLASTIC MATERIALS AT VARIOUS TEMPERATURES. Donald A. Shinn. August 1943.

TR 5004.


TR 5062.


TR 5077.

PLASTICS IN AIRCRAFT, Jean B. Cahan. January 1944.

TR 5698.

and D. W. Elam.

PB 119613. Order from LC, Mi $3.60, Ph $9.30, humidity of storage, must be removed before impreg-

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of glass fabric by both liquid phase and vapor phase new resin designated

GLASS FABRIC BASE SILICONE PLASTIC LAMINATES.


The fabrication techniques for these resins are similar to those of other polyester resins except, in order to prevent blistering of the laminate on postcure, it was found that moisture on the fabric, due to the humidity of storage, must be removed before impreg-

nating or that the laminate must be dried by heating

Epoxide (EPON) resin glass fabric base laminates have been developed with high mechanical

strength properties at room temperature. Initial work was conducted to determine which type of laminating resin, (some of which were liquid and some solid), what type of application procedure, and what type and amount of curing agent, would give the optimum mechanical strength properties. It was

found that applying the solid EPON resins 1001, 1004, and 1007, from solution gave more reproducible and higher mechanical strength properties than the liquid EPON resins RN-34 and RN-48.

Laminates fabricated using EPON 1001 with four parts of dicyandiamide per hundred parts of resin and 181-114 glass fabric gave consistent flexural strength values of at least 75,000 psi dry and 62,000 psi wet at room temperature. These epoxide resin, EPON 1001, laminates were cured at a pressure of 25 psi and at a temperature of 165°C (329°F) using four parts of dicyandiamide per hundred parts resin as the curing agent. The fabric was impregnated with a solution of equal weights of solid resin and acetone and dried for 20 minutes at 95°C. It was found that the greatest flexural strengths were obtained with cured laminates of 28 to 32 per cent

resin content. Ultimate dry compressive strengths at room temperature, ranging from 57,000 to 74,500 psi, have also been obtained using EPON 1001 resin. Special finishes for the glass cloth resulted in EPON 1001 laminates having flexural strengths above 80,000 psi.

In general, it has been found that EPON resins are capable of producing laminates with higher strength at room temperature than other types of low pressure laminating resins, but the elevated temperature properties appear to be poorer than those of other low pressure laminates. The important point, as far as aircraft structural applications are concerned, is that it appears that edgewise compressive strengths up to twice that of other low pressure laminates may be obtainable.


A heat resistant, low pressure molded, polyester resin has been developed which will produce a glass fabric base laminate with good strength properties at elevated temperatures. Flexural ultimate strengths of the laminate using 181-114 fabric and the new resin designated as Vibrin X-1047 were from 45,000 to 47,000 psi, and from 23,000 to 31,000 psi after 1/2 hour exposures to 300°F and 500°F respectively when tested at these temperatures. A second resin producing laminate having somewhat lower high temperature flexural strengths, but which was self-extinguishing, was developed and designated Vibrin X-1422. Each of these resins utilized the tri-

functional monomer, triallyl cyanurate, as the cross linking agent, together with conventionally constructed alkyds.

It was determined that, in order to obtain these properties for short-time exposures, postcures of 3 hours at 500°F, 8 hours at 450°F or larger periods at lower temperatures were required.

The fabrication techniques for these resins are similar to those of other polyester resins except, in order to prevent blistering of the laminate on postcure, it was found that moisture on the fabric, due to the humidity of storage, must be removed before impreg-

nating or that the laminate must be dried by heating

in an oven for 24 hours at 220°F prior to postcuring.

The electrical properties, dielectric constant and loss tangent, at 10,000 megacycles of the Vibrin X-1047 casting and glass fabric base laminates are very good. The room temperature properties, dry, for the casting and laminate meet the requirements for radar use of the Air Force specification covering polyester resins. The loss tangent and dielectric constant increase only slightly with temperatures up to 500°F.

An improved method of preparing triallyl cyanurate in large laboratory batches in yields of 95% has been developed. This method uses sodium hydroxide in place of metallic sodium which has been previously used. The purity and color of the triallyl cyanurate have also been improved provided the starting material, cyanuric chloride, is of good grade.

Cincinnati Testing and Research Laboratories,
TR 52-161 (R).

DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-STRENGTH, HEAT-RESISTANT PHENOLIC LAMINATING RESIN. M. N. Korenits.

The development of a high temperature resistant glass base phenolic laminate is described. Flexural ultimate strength values of the laminate with 181-114 glass fabric at 500°F after one-half hour at 500°F pressed at 15-35 psi pressure average 40,000 psi.

This is for 1/8 in. thick laminates up to 36 in. x 36 in., the larger sizes being bag molded. These panels have been obtained by North American Aviation, values of 30,000-45,000 psi were obtained at elevated temperatures. The higher values for bag molded panels have been obtained on 36 in. x 36 in. direct compression panels but they have not been obtained consistently to date. On direct compression panels 36 in. x 36 in. values from 25,000-30,000 psi have been obtained consistently at 500°F after 1/2 hr at 500°F.

Values up to 55,000 psi can be obtained consistently for small laminates (such as those used in experimental compressor blades for jet engines) made at pressures in the range of 200-300 psi.

Initially these large panels 18 in. x 18 in. x 1/8 in., and 36 in. x 36 in. x 1/8 in., when handled in the same manner the 6 in. x 6 in. x 1/8 in. panels, resulted in sheets with deteriorated surfaces and lowered flexural strength at elevated temperatures, (20-25,000 psi). Since the material is applicable where larger sections with good high temperature resistance is necessary, work was continued in attempting to make satisfactory large panels.

It was found that different methods of impregnation of the resin on the glass and different methods of handling were necessary. Work along these lines has reached the point where the objective of 40,000 psi flexural strength at 500°F after 1/2 hr at 500°F has been obtained on specimens from panels 36 in. x 36 in. x 1/8 in. (Bag molded).

Fabrication techniques for parts of various sizes and configurations are described.

Some data on long-time temperature tests are reported. Some preliminary evaluations of laminates with various finishes on the glass cloth are presented.

The material used in making all panels except those for checking the finishes were made on production size equipment.

WADC TR 52-24.

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING AIRCRAFT GLASS FIBER PLASTIC LAMINATES. Gail A. Clark.

July 1952. PB 112387. Order from LC, MI $6.50, Ph $22.50.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. TR 52-20 (R).


Studies of the erosion behavior, as well as the factors influencing the rate of erosion, at 500 mph, of soft, resilient, polymeric materials and hard, relatively inelastic materials such as metals, were carried out. Neoprene base coatings designated as Gates N-79 (N-700-9 with N-300-9 catalyst) and Goodyear 23-56 (both with bostik 1007 primer) are considered to have the most satisfactory rain erosion resistance applied to structural plastics and metals at speeds up to six hundred and fifty miles per hour.

The rain erosion resistance of metals commonly used in exterior aircraft construction was tested. Of those metals, titanium had the best erosion resistance, which may be attributed to its toughness. Studies of the general nature of the phenomenon of rain erosion indicate that it is one of impact fatigue,

National Bureau of Standards. TR 52-75.


The effects of laminating pressure and mold type on the mechanical strength and related properties of woven glass-fiber reinforced plastics were determined on laminates bonded with three commercial resins and laminated at four pressures and in two types of molds.

The resins used in making the laminates were diallyl phthalate DAP 65/55, made by the Shell Chemical Company, Plaskon 911-11, a polyester made by the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, and Selectron 5003, a polyester made by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. The glass fabric used was Fiberglas 181-114 made by the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation. Laminating pressures of 1, 10, 30, and 50 lb/in. were used. Laminating was done in a closed mold, where the resin was confined, and between open platens (free-edge) where the excess resin was free to flow out under pressure.

The finished laminates were tested for flexural strength and modulus, tensile strength and modulus, and compressive strength. The strengths were determined on specimens both in a dry condition and in a wet condition after 30 days immersion in water. Other tests included specific gravity, resin content, void content, and water absorption.

The flexural, tensile, and compressive strength of laminates bonded with the three resins generally increase with an increase in laminating pressure. Laminates attained highest strengths at laminating pressures of 30-50 lb/inch².

It was observed that although the tensile strength of the laminates increased with an increase in molding pressure, the tensile breaking load remained relatively constant. No consistent trend was found in the effect of laminating pressure on the percent loss of strength due to water immersion.

An increase in molding pressure also generally increased the specific gravity and decreased the voids content of the laminates,
Some effects of resin aging were observed in laminates bonded with Plaskon 911-\{11\} and Selectron 5003 resins.

United States Department of Agriculture, TR 52-183.
ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH FOR USE IN ANC-17 BULLETIN, "PLASTICS FOR AIRCRAFT." Donald G. Coleman. AF 18(600)-70. December 1952.

Developments in the program of research in plastics for aircraft conducted by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory are summarized. The approach has been in general to derive design criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Thirteen technical reports issued during the several years this project has been under way are abstracted.

Shell Development Company, TR 52-5, Suppl. 1.

A laminate made from 181-114 glass fabric and EPON 1001 resin cured with dicyandiamide had a flexural strength of 76,900 psi at room temperature and 76,200 psi at 160°F (after 1/2 hour at 160°F). The compressive strength was 70,200 psi at room temperature.

With EPON laminates of this type, either boiling in water or aging at 95-100% relative humidity and 190°F for one hour caused a greater loss in strength than soaking for 30 days.

Improved Volar finish was the best of four new fabric finishes used in laminating with EPON 1001 and was the only finish better than 114.

Remarkably high strengths at elevated temperatures were obtained with an experimental resin known as EPON X-12100. Laminates made with this resin had a flexural strength above 60,000 psi at 392°F after 30 minutes at that temperature.

Liquid EPON resins 828 and 834 cured with dicyandiamide also produced laminates resistant to temperatures up to 300°F. After 1/2 hour at that temperature flexural strengths up to 44,000 psi were obtained. Aging for 200 hours at 300°F resulted in 52,900 psi flexural strength in one laminate. At higher temperatures, strengths fell off markedly.

Dimethyloxyanamide, a liquid curing agent, used with EPONs 828 and 834 produced laminates having up to 53,100 psi flexural strengths at 392°F. This curing agent is toxic.

Flexural strengths at 300°F after 1/2 hour at 300°F up to 54,400 psi were obtained also in laminates made with mixtures of Plvophen 5015 (a phenolic resin) and EPON 1001, cured with dicyandiamide.

Of four large laminates 1/8" x 38" x 96" made with EPON 1001 at 25 psi, one was of excellent quality and another was considered good. There should be no difficulty in making EPON laminates of any large area.

University of Louisville. TR 52-105.

High speed flight through rain causes erosion damage to exterior plastic and metal parts of aircraft, particularly leading edges. This report summarizes the work conducted at the University of Louisville to study rain erosion and suitable materials or coatings to resist rain erosion.

The original objective of this project was to determine the rain erosion properties of some plastic and metal materials at supersonic speeds, but tests were able to be conducted only from average speeds of 250 to 700 mph, employing a water spray to simulate rain.

Neoprene coatings were found to provide good rain erosion resistance for plastic laminates.

Dow Corning Corporation. TR 6223, Suppl. 1.

Methods for the production of low pressure laminates of Dow Corning Silicone Resin 2104 on a commercial scale have been worked out. Data are given on the preparation of laminating stocks, catalysis, preforming, laminating, bag molding, and molding in matched metal dies. The preparation of duct work and tubing are also discussed.

An evaluation of the use of the new glass fabric sizings with silicone resins shows that most can be used with Dow Corning Silicone Resin 2104, but heat cleaning gives the best results because of the consistent properties of the glass.

An evaluation of new resins, new sizings, catalysts, and additives for Dow Corning Silicone Resin 2104 are given.

TR 52-142.
POST-MOLDING SHRINKAGE CHARACTERISTICS OF SOME THERMO-SETTING PLASTIC MOLDING MATERIALS. Steven T. Marshall, 2/Lt., and Charles P. Ellis, Jr. May 1953. PB 119042. Order from LC, Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

The dimensional stability as to post-molding shrinkage of commercially available melamine, phenolic and polyester plastic molding materials was investigated by means of accelerated conditioning procedures which produced shrinkage corresponding to that obtained on parts in service in long-time aging. It is concluded, that of the materials tested, the polyester material filled molding material demonstrated the greatest degree of dimensional stability.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories. TR 6220, Suppl. 2.

Various functional organo-silicon derivatives were investigated as glass fabric sizing for improving glass fiber laminates made with melamine, phenolic, silicone and epoxide resins. These sizings were compared with commercially available glass finishes and the vinyl trichlorosilane sizing previously developed for polyester-resin glass fiber laminates. The criteria used for evaluation were the dry and wet flexural strengths of the laminates prepared with these components.

For laminates made with the specified resins, the following results were obtained:

1. Epoxide Resin - Chlorophenyl trichlorosilane and aminophenyl trichlorosilane improved laminate properties significantly.
2. Silicone Resin - chlorophenyl trichlorosilane improved laminate properties slightly.
3. Melamine Resin - aminophenyl trichlorosilane improved laminate properties significantly.
4. Phenolic Resin - none of the organosilicon derivatives were effective in improving the properties of laminates.

An application of vinyl trichlorosilane sizing was ineffective in improving laminates made with these resins.


MECHANISM OF RAIN EROSION, PART 1 - IMPACT PRESSURE IN SOLID-LIQUID SPHERE COLLISIONS.

An equation for the pressure which results on impact of a water sphere is developed. The pressure equation and other results, which can be deduced from the assumptions made, are able to offer an explanation of certain experimental rain erosion data. Specifically, (1) the larger raindrops of a three-inch-per-hour rainfall should be more destructive than the smaller drops of a one-inch-per-hour rain, (2) the diameter of eroded holes at a velocity of 400 miles per hour should lie in about the range which is observed, and (3) it is assumed that a stall type tensile failure glass should be expected to be rain erosion resistant whereas hard plastics and aluminum should fail. The results are also in agreement with the experimentally observed fact that the horizontal wash (which exists first as spray) has a greater velocity than the impacting surface.


MECHANISM OF RAIN EROSION. PART 2 - A CRITICAL REVIEW OF EROSION BY WATER DROP IMPACT.

A critical review of the literature on the subject of erosion by water drop impact which includes some recent work done in this laboratory has been made. The types of experimental apparatus generally used by the investigators, and the factors which they found determine the extent of the erosion damage, are briefly discussed. Results of microscope and X-ray studies are presented. Theoretical estimates of the impact pressure, the results of piezoelectric pressure measurements, and theories which have been advanced as to the mechanism of the erosion process are reviewed. Questions which are still unanswered, or in regard to which further research should be done, are pointed out.

The views and conclusions of the investigators are in many cases presented in their own words. A large number of the quotations are translations.

U. S. Department of Agriculture. TR 52-183, Suppl. 1.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH FOR USE IN ANC-17 BULLETIN, "PLASTICS FOR AIRCRAFT."
Donald G. Coleman. AF 33(038)-51-6326E, October 1953.

Development in the program of research in plastics for aircraft conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1953 are summarised. The approach has been in general to derive criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Four technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Fuller Plastics Incorporated. TR 53-56.


Furane resins, prepared from abundant non-critical materials were used to fabricate glass fabric base plastic laminates for testing against the requirements of MIL-R-7575 Specification. In this report the influence of various catalysts upon the resin are shown. In the preparation of 1/8th inch thick laminates, furane resins activated with acid catalysts required post curing to achieve good physical properties. However, one proprietary catalyst, Reagent CM, yielded laminates with good physical properties without the necessity of post cure. No. 181 glass cloth with Garan finish was used exclusively. Differences are brought out between a stiff and soft finish.

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Low molecular weight and high molecular weight furane resins were examined, and resin XL was developed in an attempt to meet MIL-R-7575 Specification requirements. Modifications with phenolic resin also showed promise. Flexural strengths of 60 to 65,000 psi and edgewise compressive strengths of 35 to 40,000 psi appeared readily obtainable on small laminates.

Laminates of large area (2 ft x 2 ft) gave lower and less consistent values for strength properties than the smaller laminates. The area in the center portion of the large laminates showed lower test values than those specimens nearest the edges.

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 53-491.


Creep and creep-rupture tests, in both tension and compression, were conducted at room temperature, 300°F, and 500°F on three glass-fabric-epoxy laminates. Resins used in these three materials were a silicone, DC-2104; a phenolic, CTL-91LD; and a polyester resin, PDL-7-669. Deterioration tests and some preliminary short-time tensile tests were also made on these three materials.

The creep and creep-rupture tests indicate that the PDL-7-669 material has the highest strength in tension at all three test temperatures of 80°F, 300°F, and 500°F. The highest compressive strength, on the other hand, was displayed by the CTL-91LD material under nearly all test conditions. However, both CTL-91LD and PDL-7-669 materials show a rapid decline in creep strength with time at 500°F. Beyond 50 hours' test time, the DC-2104 laminate
displays the highest compressive creep-rupture strength at this temperature.

The short-time tensile tests show the same strength relationship among the three test materials as do the creep-rupture tests. That is, the PDL-7-669 laminate is the strongest in tension and the CTL-91LD material appears to have superior strength in compression. These two materials, however, maintain their tensile strength superiority at 500°F possibly because they were held at the test temperature for only short periods of time.

The deterioration-test results show that the DC-2104 silicone resin material is definitely the most stable of the three laminates after being exposed at 300°F and 500°F for various periods of time. The long-time creep-rupture strength of these laminates at 500°F and perhaps 300°F, appears to be closely related to their high-temperature stability.


MECHANISM OF RAIN EROSION. PART 3 - MECHANISM STUDIES ON PLASTICS AND METALS. Olive G. Engel. AF 33(161)53-9, December 1953.

Rain erosion damage on brittle materials of low tensile strength has been reproduced in a parallel study of the damage caused by the impact of steel spheres and of deforming lead pellets on methyl methacrylate plastic. Analysis of the damage in the parallel study involving steel spheres and lead pellets has essentially clarified the mechanism of rain erosion on brittle materials of low tensile strength.

Investigation made with metals include preliminary studies of the effect of polish, of general hardening, and of surface hardening. Although clues have been found which seem to explain how the erosion progresses on metals after it has been initiated, the precise mode of formation of the first pit nucleus has not been ascertained. Three possible modes of formation are discussed.


FLEXURAL TESTS OF STRUCTURAL PLASTICS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. John E. Wier and Dorothy C. Pons. AF 33(038)-51-4358, January 1954.

Flexural strength and modulus of elasticity at elevated temperatures were determined on 1/8 inch thick glass-fabric laminates bonded with three types of commercially-available heat resistant resins. The resins were: 1) a silicone, DC 2104; 2) a polyester, PDL-7-669; and 3) a phenolic, CTL-91LD. The laminates were made of glass-fabric, Fiberglas 181 with finishes 112 (heat cleaned), Garan, and 114. These finishes were used with the silicone, polyester, and phenolic resins, respectively.

The laminates were exposed to temperatures of 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700°F for periods ranging from one-sixth of an hour to 1000 hours. The tests were made at the elevated temperatures. Loss of weight due to exposure to elevated temperatures was also determined.

It was observed that of the three types of laminate only the silicone bonded type retained enough strength to be tested after 10 hours' exposure to 700°F. However, the initial strength of the silicone bonded laminate at 73°F and at some of the lower elevated temperatures was much lower than that of the other two types of laminate. The phenolic bonded laminate gained weight after exposure to the lower range of elevated temperatures.


MECHANISM OF RAIN EROSION. Part 4 - CAVITATION AS A RESULT OF WATERDROP COLLISIONS WITH SOLID SURFACES. Olive G. Engel. AF 33(161)53-9, January 1954.

A search was made to determine whether or not cavitation takes place in a waterdrop when impact occurs between the drop and a solid surface. Five arrangements of the lights and camera were tried in an effort to obtain maximum resolution in high speed moving pictures of any bubbles which may form. Some positive evidence was obtained showing that cavitation does occur. Further tests with carbon dioxide-saturated water and with argon-saturated water, which are now planned, should either reinforce or nullify this evidence. The wash configurations which result from impact of a waterdrop against surfaces having different degrees of smoothness, and against materials having different degrees of resiliency, were observed with high speed moving pictures.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory Inc. WADC TR 53-185.


Shell Development Company. TR 52-5, Suppl. 2

HIGH STRENGTH EPON LAMINATES. F. G. Hopper. AF 33(038)-19587, March 1954. ASTIA Document No. AD 33331, PB 119613s2. Order from LC, Mi $4.50, Ph $12.30.

Mixtures of one part EPON 1001 with 2 parts Plyophen 5023, cured with dicyandiamide and using 181-Volcan A glass fabric, yielded laminates with good strength at room temperature and at elevated temperature after short-time exposure. Resistance to aging at 500°F was poor, but was better than that of Plyophen 5023 alone. Strengths typical of good samples follow:

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A laminate so made passed the mechanical strength requirements of Military Specification MIL-R-7575A, but failed to meet the requirements of weight and thickness charges on immersion in water and various chemicals.

Fabric impregnated with mixtures of the two resins exhibited poor storage stability. Laminates made with fabric stored 35 days at room temperature were high in resin and had less than one-half of their initial flexural strength at 500°F after 1/2 hour at 500°F, although resistance to aging at 500°F was not impaired.

EPON 1004 could be used successfully in place of EPON 1001 and Lebec 102, 210 was equal in performance to Plyophen 5023.

EPON X-12100 (P-2592) yielded laminates which were less strong than the foregoing on short-time exposure, but were more resistant to high temperature aging. After 200 hours at 500°F, the strength of one laminate at 500°F was 12,000 psi.
This was increased to about 15,000 psi in other laminates by the addition of a small amount of copper 8-
quino-linolate as stabilizer. The addition of 10 to 20 PHRA of Plyolen 5023 appeared to effect even better stability, yielding laminates having flexural strengths of 16,700 and 19,600 psi at 500°F after aging.

Laminates containing EPON X-003, 12.0, cured with dicyandiamide, had the highest strengths so far obtained with an EPON resin at 300°F (64,600 psi), but failed badly at 500°F.

a) PHR = parts per hundred of resin and is equivalent to per cent based on the resin.

A new curing agent, known as "CL", greatly improved the elevated temperature strength of EPON 828. It could not be used with the more heat resistant solid EPON resins, such as EPON X-12100, which must be applied from solution, because it cured the resin during drying of the fabric to remove the solvent.

With the possible exception of EPON 828 cured with CL, EPON 1001 containing dicyandiamide continued to yield laminates of higher room temperature strength than any other EPON resin. Wright Air Development Center TR No. 52-5; Supplement No. 1 describes this type of laminate with which flexural strengths of 76,900 psi and compressive strengths up to 70,200 psi at room temperature have been obtained.

Forest Products Laboratory, WADC TR 52-183 (Supl 2).

ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH FOR USE IN ANC-17 BULLETIN, "PLASTICS FOR AIRCRAFT". Donald C. Coleman, AF 33(038)-51-4326E, October 1954.

Developments in the program of research in plastics for aircraft conducted by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1954 are summarized. The approach has been in general to derive criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Two technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.


HEAT RESISTANT POLYESTER LAMINATING RESINS. Marvin Botwick, William Cummings, Paul M. Elliott, AF 33(600)-16825, October 1954.

The heat resistance of Vibrin X-1047 laminates is notably influenced by the finish on the glass cloth employed. The heat resistance of such laminates is a more searching test of cloth quality than the measurement of green flexural strengths. A 301 finish is generally satisfactory for use with heat resistant polyesters.

Two monomers, triallyl aconitate and diallyl Δ4-3, 6-methanotetrahydrophthalate, in combination with Alkyl X-1038 provide two new resins which show good retention of flexural strength at 300-400°F. With the triallyl aconitate resin, a flexural strength of 27,000 psi is maintained through 408 hours at 300°F. At 400°F the flexural strength is still 26,500 psi after 408 hours exposure. The resin derived from diallyl Δ4-3, 6-methanotetrahydrophthalate is still increasing in strength between 192 and 408 hours at 300°F (38,900 to 42,100 psi) and does not lose strength in the same interval at 400°F (38,000 to psi level.).

It has been demonstrated that a cured foam of 10 lbs./cu. ft. density can be prepared from Vibrin X-1047 using the technique developed under Bu. Ships Contract Nobs-54183 (1773).

A modified poly (bis methyloxylen maleate) alkyd is superior to the modified poly (ethylene maleate) used in Vibrin X-1047, where resistance to long term exposure to 500°F is involved. Using a mixed triallyl cyanurate - diallyl Δ4-3, 6-methanotetrahydrophthalate monomer system, rather than triallyl cyanurate alone, affords a superior heat resistant polyester. At the same time the materials cost of the resin is reduced.

Forest Products Laboratory, WADC TR 55-31.

CURING OF VOID-FREE GLASS-CLOTH-REINFORCED LAMINATES AT ROOM TEMPERATURE, Bruce G. Heebink, AF 33(038)-51-4326E, March 1955, PB 111823. Order from OTS $1.00.

There is a demand for polyester-resin systems that cure at room temperature for use with glass-fiber reinforcing for such applications as prototype aircraft parts or for repair of radomes. Many oxygen-liberating catalysts have been found that will promote cure at room temperature, but care must be exercised in their choice and proportions to avoid too rapid or too slow curing conditions.

Void-free test laminates were made of 181 glass cloth that yielded acceptable strength properties when using one of these room-temperature curing combinations with a typical polyester resin.

An unusual small-void formation developed with certain specific rolls of cloth, which was thought to be due to a chemical reaction between the catalyst and the finish on the cloth.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 54-326.


The presence of calcium carbonate filler in unoriented glass-fiber reinforced polyester laminates introduces appreciable errors when determining the resin content by the accepted method.

The temperature range, 538°F to 593°F, required to burn off the resin is higher than that at which calcium carbonate begins to dissociate. The reduction of calcium carbonate to calcium oxide and the subsequent evolution of carbon dioxide results in a greater loss in weight than would be expected if no filler were present. A quantitative method of restoring the carbon dioxide to the reduced filler consists of treating the residue with an excess of a concentrated ammonium carbonate solution to convert the calcium oxide formed back to calcium carbonate.

Specimens were prepared from predetermined amounts of resin, glass-fiber mat and calcium carbonate to give the following composition, by weight: resin, 50 percent; glass fiber, 37.5 percent; and calcium carbonate, 12.5 percent.

The specimens were ignited to constant weight in a muffle furnace, cooled, and weighed. The reel was added to the treated residue in an attempt to remove, quantitatively, the calcium carbonate.
Results obtained in these experiments indicate that treatment of the residue with ammonium carbonate will reduce the error in the resin content from an average 3.75 percent to less than 0.1 percent. The acid treatment cannot be used to give quantitative determination of the calcium carbonate; the residue of the glass since about 10 percent of the glass dissolves in this treatment.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 53-483. EFFECTS OF FABRIC FINISH AND WET EXPOSURE ON STRENGTH PROPERTIES OF GLASS-CLOTH POLYESTER LAMINATES. Fred Werren. AF 33-(038)51-4066. AF 33(038)51-4326. March 1955.

Strength tests were made of polyester laminates reinforced with 181 glass fabric, having 114 finish, a methacrylic chrome complex, and three of the newer fabric finishes. The tests were made after normal conditioning and after varied exposure conditions, including immersion in boiling water, immersion in water at room temperature, and conditioning in an atmosphere at 100°F and near 100% relative humidity.

This report presents the results of tests made to determine the effect of various exposure conditions, including long-time exposure in a humid atmosphere, on the strength properties of the various laminates. The tests show that the laminates made of fabric with the newer finishes were consistently higher in flexural properties after wet exposure than the 114 finish.


New plastic laminate backing board constructions produced with variations of resins, fabrics, fillers, and fabricating procedures were evaluated and compared with a representative group of commercially available backing board materials.

Test devices were developed to determine biaxial strength properties and resistance to fluid ram action and augment the information obtained by conventional mechanical property tests and cube gunfire tests.

New backing board constructions were produced. Test work and development of methods and equipment were carried out, as well as gunfire and cube gunfire tests.

An improved backing board construction was developed using widely spaced rovings of glass fiber bundles impregnated with polyester resin.

Further work on extensions to this contract will permit more complete investigation of variations in the improved backing board construction, and the use of the developed test methods should provide better screening of improvements.


The search for evidence of cavitation in the flow of a waterdrop after it impinges against a glass plate at approximately its terminal velocity in air was continued. The schlieren arrangement discussed in the preceding report was used. The interpretation of pictures obtained with this method is discussed, and the evidence of bubble formation which was found in waterdrops saturated with argon gas, waterdrops saturated with carbon dioxide gas, and in drops of hydrant water is presented. An equation for the time dependence of the radius of the radial flow of the drop after collision with the glass plate is developed. The time dependence of the velocity of the radial flow is considered. Results of a measurement of the impact force are given.


This report is designed to present an accurate account of the present status of research on EPON resin laminating with reference to this contract. It describes in detail all work performed during the past year and summarizes previous work dating back to the inception of the contract.

Wet and dry laminating systems are described. Wet systems based on EPON 828 yield laminates with exceptional flexural and compressive strengths at room temperature. Resistance to water and solvents is excellent. Strength retention at elevated temperatures up to 300°F is good.

Dry laminating systems offer good strength from room temperature to 500°F. Laminates made from EPON X-12100 cured with Curing Agents E or F retain up to 36,000 psi flexural strength at 500°F after aging 200 hours at 500°F. Even stronger after short exposure to 500°F, but less resistant to aging at that temperature, is a mixture of EPON 1001 with Plyophen 5023 (a phenolic resin) cured with dicyandiamide.


Cellulose and melamine molding compounds have been replaced for use as insert insulating material for aircraft multipin connectors by mineral filled polyester compounds with satisfactory results, because of the greater dimensional stability of the latter. The unsatisfactory materials changed in dimensions after being in service for a long period of time to such an extent that the connectors could no longer be connected. This report covers quantitative tests for dimensional stability on a number of different molding compounds of the following types:

1. Cellulose filled melamine
2. Mineral filled alkyd
3. Mineral filled diallyl phthalate

Both high temperature dry condition tests and high temperature high humidity tests were run. The results of the high temperature dry tests show that the cellulose filled melamine compounds all had to from 10 to 40 times the dimensional changes of the other two types. There was not the same clear cut difference in the high temperature high humidity tests. Therefore, the high temperature dry condition test is a more effective screening test.

The strength properties of several glass-fiber reinforced polyester moldings and sheets made from similar materials were determined. The constructions tested were: tote boxes made from glass mat, and from glass fiber roving preforms with no filler, and with filler; flat sheets made from the same combinations of resins, glass fiber and filler as used in the tote boxes; window frames made from glass fiber roving preforms; and small panels made from glass fiber reinforced molding compound. The results indicate that the bottoms of the tote boxes made from preforms with no filler had slightly higher strength properties than the corresponding sheets. The bottoms of the tote boxes made from glass mat had strength properties approximately equal to the corresponding sheets, and the bottoms made from preforms with filler had lower strength properties than the corresponding sheets. The strength properties of the bottoms of the window frames were approximately equivalent to those of the corresponding tote boxes with no filler and were, in general, higher than those of the corresponding flat sheets. The sides of the tote boxes and the flanges of the window frames had lower strength properties than corresponding construction in the flat sheets. The panels made from the glass fiber reinforced molding compound had much lower strength properties than the other moldings tested. In general, the strength properties of the moldings decreased after immersion in water.


Diallyl carbonate in combination with triallyl cyanurate and VIBRIN 135 alkyd provides a new resin with improved retention of flexural strength after aging 192 hours at 500°F. This new resin has been coded VIBRIN X-1068. VIBRIN X-1068 glass fabric laminates exhibit flexural strengths of 26,000 - 30,000 psi at 500°F after being aged for 192 hours at 500°F. The finish on the glass fabric plays a very significant role in the hot strength of the laminates. The 301 and Garan finishes have given the best results. VIBRIN X-1068 laminates exhibit improved crass resistance over laminates prepared from the conventional triallyl cyanurate based heat resistant polyester resins.


Many engineering problems have been encountered with the advent of subsonic and supersonic aircraft. One of these problems is the phenomena of erosion, during flight through rain, of coatings, structural plastic and metal parts on the exterior of high speed aircraft.

This report is a compilation of test data obtained, mostly at 500 mph and 1 inch per hour rainfall, on various metallic and non-metallic aircraft materials, using the rotating arm erosion apparatus.

Flight tests in rain on a jet aircraft were carried out to obtain actual service test data. Airfoil shaped specimens of various coatings and plastics were attached to the wing leading edge, and preliminary flights through rain at 500 mph made. These flight tests corroborated laboratory tests and the fact that neoprene coatings such as Gaco N-79 and Goodyear 23-56 possess the greatest erosion resistance of non-metallic materials tested to date.


An investigation was started to determine the effectiveness of asbestos in reinforcing low-pressure laminating resins. This report covers the evaluation of laminates prepared from various asbestos papers and a phenolic resin.

Laminates were made that meet the MIL-P-8013 (USAF) specifications on tensile, edgewise compressive, and flexural strengths at room temperature for glass mat reinforced polyester laminates. Dry flexural strength was retained 100% after two hours boiling in water and after immersion in water for sixty days at room temperature. Room temperature flexural strength was retained close to 100% after seven days exposure to 300°F and tested at 300°F. A 65% strength loss occurred after 1/2 hour at 500°F with no further loss up to seven days exposure. The paper was found to be fairly non-directional in strength.


A fifty percent increase in modulus of elasticity of fibrous glass was achieved by the continuous formation of fibers of a calcium aluminate glass in a small textile glass bushing.

The resistance of these glasses to chemical attack by water and water vapor is much less than that of commercially produced textile fiberglass. The glasses are resistant to hydrofluoric acid but are completely soluble in hydrochloric acid.

The dielectric constants of these glasses were found to be higher than the dielectric constant of present textile glass and the loss tangents were found to be approximately the same as that of present textile glass.

Several compositions were investigated which contained tin oxide as the major constituent but no glasses were found.

An exploratory study of glass-plastic combinations from the calcium aluminate glass was initiated. Volan A was found to be the best coupling agent tested for this glass.


Different types of backing board materials were tested by internal explosion techniques to examine the feasibility of duplicating gunfire damage. Pressure deflection tests on a simulated airframe installation were made to relate mechanical properties of the backing boards to their support characteristics for both self-sealing and bladder type fuel cells.

Empirical equations were developed for the deflection of backing boards under fluid pressures. The tests included encountered the maximum and minimum spans which would normally be in aircraft structures. Equations
were correlated with the physical properties of the backing boards as the basis for establishing a method of specifying backing boards.

Production trials of USV CR 88 backing board were made to examine the feasibility of production by continuous methods and furnish materials to the WADC.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. WADC TR 55-308.

Many engineering problems have been encountered with the advent of subsonic and supersonic aircraft. One of these problems is the phenomenon of erosion during flight through rain of coatings, structural plastic, and metal parts on the exterior of high speed aircraft.

This report is a compilation of data on all the metallic and non-metallic aircraft materials tested from May 1947, to August 1955, using the rotating arm erosion apparatus. Most of the tests were conducted at 500 mph in 1 in/hr rainfall; however, the early tests were conducted at speeds as low as 150 mph.

The materials which were evaluated include plastics, both thermoplastic and thermosetting types, elastomeric materials, lacquers and enamels, inorganic materials such as glass and ceramics, and metals.

This report summarises factors affecting the rain erosion resistance of materials such as velocity, airfoil radius, coating support, the influence of angle of impact, type of core material and surface defects.

The data compiled here are referenced to the specific report in which the tests are described in detail at the time they were conducted.

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the performance of a number of products for a specific application. Many of the materials tested were not developed or intended by the manufacturer for the conditions to which they have been subjected. Any failure or poor performance of a material is therefore not necessarily indicative of the utility of the material under less stringent conditions or for other applications.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 55-342.
INVESTIGATION OF HEAT RESISTANT POLYESTER LAMINATES. Norman E. Wahl, Norman M. Preston. AF 33(616)-2515, March 1956.

Various methods of eliminating the cracking of triallyl-cyanurate copolymer resins reinforced with 181-301 glass cloth were investigated.

The use of .010" asbestos surface overlay on glass cloth laminates used with commercially available triallyl cyanurate resin was found to be the most practical approach to prevent cracking in production applications.

Several new triallyl cyanurate copolymers that exhibit reduced water absorption and heat loss were developed. Data on two resins which eliminated the cracking are described.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 53-192, Pt 8.

The change of pressure, density, and velocity through the shock wave caused by an object moving at supersonic velocity in still air, and the change of pressure, density, and velocity through the zone of separation between the shock wave and the object are calculated. The mechanism of waterdrop breakup is discussed and the critical diameter of a waterdrop that should be able to survive in the conditions in the zone behind a detached shock is found.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 55-319.

Eleven different glass-fabric-base plastic laminates, made with 9 different laminating resins, were subjected to outdoor weathering at 5 sites having entirely different weather conditions. After completion of the exposure cycles, the laminated panels were tested in tension, compression, and flexure at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. Data on the effect of exposure on the mechanical properties of the laminates after exposure periods of 3 months and 12 months are presented in this report.

Another series of panels is still undergoing exposure at all sites, and this series will be tested after 3 years' exposure. Upon completion of tests of these panels, all data will be compiled in a final report.

Data obtained from the tests made to date show that the effect of outdoor exposure varies with the type of laminate and condition of exposure. The laminate materials showed no severe reductions of strength after outdoor exposure for one year. Most of the materials showed average reductions from 5 to 10 percent. However, one type of material, that being the heat-resistant polyester resin laminates, showed reduction in strength averaging about 20 percent.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-183, Sup 4.
ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH FOR USE IN ANC-17 BULLETIN "PLASTICS FOR AIRCRAFT". Donald G. Coleman. AF 33(616)-56-9, September 1956. ASTIA Document No. AD 97329. PB 121695. Order from OTS $0.50.

Developments in the program of research in plastics for aircraft conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1956 are summarised. The approach has been in general to derive criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Six technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 56-206.

Comparative strength tests were made of three polyester laminates fabricated at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. Two of the laminates were reinforced with H. M. 18 glass fabric, a fabric designed to produce laminates with a high modulus. The laminate had a resin content of 41.9 percent and the other of 34.8 percent. The third laminate was a typical laminate reinforced with 181 glass fabric, and it had a resin content of 36.7 percent, Tension, compression, and flexure tests were made of each laminate, and the strength and elastic properties are presented in this report. The average mechanical properties of the 181 laminate were generally as good as or higher than those of the 2 H. M. 18 laminates.

Some comparative strength data on an H. M. 18 polyester laminate fabricated and tested by the Cincinnati
Testing and Research Laboratories are also included in this report. The resin content of this laminate was only 29.1 percent, and the mechanical properties were higher than those of the laminates with greater resin content fabricated at the Forest Products Laboratory.

The results of this study show that the mechanical properties of an H. M. 18 laminate at a resin content of about 36 percent would probably be about the same as or lower than those of a 181 laminate at a comparable resin content. The data indicate, however, that a reduction in resin content may appreciably increase the strength and elastic properties of an H. M. 18 laminate. This relationship is also true for a 181 laminate; however, there is some indication that the increase in mechanical strength with decrease in resin content in a 181 laminate is not as great as for a H. M. 18 laminate.

WADC TR 56-296.

Nine different reinforced plastic laminate materials, each made with a different laminating resin, and one alkyd-isocyanate foam core-glass fabric faced sandwich material were subjected to integrated gamma radiation dosages up to $10^7$ roentgens. After completion of the radiation exposures, the materials were tested to determine the flexural, tensile, and compression strengths under both standard and wet conditions. The mechanical properties of the heat resistant plastic laminates were also determined at elevated temperature.

Dielectric constant and loss tangent measurements were conducted on irradiated samples to determine the effect of radiation on the electrical properties of these materials.

Data obtained from these tests show that the mechanical properties were not significantly affected except for one epoxy type resin laminate. None of the materials showed any significant change in electrical properties due to radiation.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. WADC TR 53-185, Pt 3.

This report summarises the data obtained on the relative rain erosion resistance, on the whirling arm tester, of a number of materials at subsonic speeds.

Several solvent type air dry coatings based upon neoprene were evaluated for conformance to Military Specification MIL-C-7639B. A modified Gaco N-79 neoprene coating was the only coating of the series tested that had satisfactory rain erosion resistance.

Polyurethane materials tested in the form of sheet or coatings applied to standard glass reinforced test specimens, while not as erosion resistant as neoprene, had very good erosion resistance and will be investigated more intensively.

Tests on fluorinated ethylene materials show that they possess a relatively low degree of rain erosion resistance.

Erosion tests were conducted on a number of white coating materials based upon alkyd enamels, vinyl, silicone, butyl, polysulfide and chlorosulfonated ethylene elastomers. Of all these white materials tested, coatings based upon Hypalon alone and combinations of white pigmented neoprene and polyacrylic rubber appeared to merit further study.

Of the outstanding glass and ceramic materials tested, Corning Glass 1710 took 45 minutes to erode while a ceramic body, Alumag 576 of Alumina, lasted for approximately 420 minutes.

Comparison of current epoxy and polyester glass reinforced laminates indicates that the erosion resistance of standard test specimens of epoxy-glass laminates have four to five times the erosion resistance of similar laminates made with polyester resins.

Neoprene coated thin walled laminates, such as those used on hot air deiced radomes, were found to have very poor rain erosion resistance.

In collaboration with the National Bureau of Standards, studies on the mechanism of erosion and tests were conducted on a variety of different materials under specific conditions.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 56-264.
EVALUATION OF LOW-DIELECTRIC GLASS FABRIC. Fred Warren, B. G. Heebink. DO 33(616)-56-9, October 1956. ASTIA Document No. AD 110459. PB 121659. Order from OTS $0.75.

Glass-fabric-base plastic laminates, reinforced with fabric made of low-dielectric glass fibers and standard "E" glass fibers, were evaluated on the basis of mechanical and electrical properties. Six different laminating resins were used. Comparative data obtained from these tests showed that laminates made with low-dielectric fabric were superior in electrical properties but inferior in mechanical properties to comparable laminates made with the standard "E" glass fabric.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 55-256.

An investigation was made to determine the effects of molding pressure on the mechanical properties of glass-fiber reinforced laminates fabricated from a polyester resin reinforced with woven glass fabric or with 2 oz. or 8 oz. unoriented glass fiber mat.

The laminates were fabricated in an open mold at molding pressures of 1, 10, and 100 lb/in$^2$, and in a closed mold at 10, 100, and 500 lb/in$^2$. The resin content of the free-edge panels varied with the molding pressure, while that of the closed-edge panels was maintained at a constant value for each type of reinforcement.

Flexural, tensile and compressive strengths and flexural and tensile moduli of elasticity were determined for dry specimens as well as for specimens that had been immersed in water at 75°F (23°C) for thirty days. Specific gravity, resin content, and voids content were also determined.

The test results indicate that the properties of laminates in the closed and open molds do not vary appreciably with changes in molding pressure. However, the flexural and tensile properties of panels molded in the open mold increase as the pressure increases from 1 to 10 lb/in$^2$ but do not change appreciably at higher molding pressure. Compressive strength shows a tendency to decrease with increasing molding pressure.

The results obtained for the closed-mold panels were in close agreement with those of the open-mold panels having the same reinforcement and similar resin content.
Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 56-522. EFFECT OF THICKNESS ON STRENGTH OF EPOXY AND PHENOLIC LAMINATES REINFORCED WITH GLASS FABRIC. Kenneth H. Boller, DO 33(616)-56-9, March 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118098. PB 131044.

Results of tensile and compressive tests on laminates made with 3 types of resin and 2 types of reinforcement in thicknesses ranging from 1/100 inch to 1/8 inch showed that the stress at failure decreased as the decreasing thickness. The magnitude of the decrease varies with the material. The decrease for the thinnest used in aircraft, may be at least 12 percent of the strength of 1/4 inch thick material.


Basic design data on heat-resistant laminated and transparent plastics have been obtained for the benefit of airframe designers. The material discussed in this report is a glass fabric reinforced plastic made with a particular epoxy-phenolic resin.

The test results contained in this report were obtained from creep and creep-rupture, flexural, deterioration, and short-time tensile and compression tests. These tests show that after exposures ranging from 0 to 1000 hours at test temperatures of 80°F to 1000°F, the material displays a variety of properties. In general, the ultimate strength decreases with increase in temperature and exposure time. This trend of decreasing strength with increasing temperature was not of a constant rate, however, for the various types of tests.

At the lower temperatures, the compression strength of the material was found to be greater than the tension strength but lesser than the flexural strength. At higher temperatures, however, the tensile strength is greater than either the flexural or compression strengths.

The results presented in this report are not to be considered precise design information, but rather a general indication of strength properties.


A study of deformation marks made by impingement of steel spheres and of deforming lead pellets against 2S aluminum plates has proved helpful in analyzing the behavior of and the damage caused by waterdrops in collisions with 2S aluminum at both subsonic and supersonic relative impingement velocities. Results of the study with steel spheres and deforming lead pellets are described. A mechanism by which high-speed rain erosion may take place on 2S aluminum and on other soft metals with similar properties is advanced. The understanding of this specific mechanism is helpful in that it supplies evidence for the development of the basic mechanism of rain erosion of materials in general including plastic materials which are of particular interest to the aircraft industry.


This report contains engineering data for a glass fiber laminate fabricated under low (vacuum-bag) pressures from 91LD phenolic resin and 181-Volan A glass cloth. The material is identified as NA-91LD in this report. Some comparative data are included for another phenolic resin laminate (CTL-91LD) made under high mold pressures.

The property data reported include short-time tensile and compression, creep and creep-rupture in tension and compression, flexural, and deterioration. Temperatures employed range from 80°F to 1000°F with prior exposures at these temperatures ranging from zero holding time to 1000 hours.

This phenolic resin laminate shows relatively good elevated- and room-temperature strength properties. Results have been fairly reproducible and consistent among the four panels tested. The flexural strength and deterioration properties of the vacuum-bag molded laminate are very similar to those of the press-molded phenolic. The creep and creep-rupture and short-time tensile strengths of the vacuum-bag laminate appear, generally, to be superior to the press-molded material. The reverse is true with regard to the short-time compression strength and elastic modulus properties.

Improvements in the finish on the glass fabric curing techniques, and resin processing methods can considerably increase the strength properties that can be obtained with high pressure CTL-91LD laminates. However, the test data reported represent the values obtained from laminates fabricated under specific conditions and are useful in showing the properties available by this method of fabrication.


Basic property data on various heat-resistant reinforced and transparent plastic materials have been obtained for the benefit of airframe designers. Materials discussed in this report include three reinforced plastics made with typical heat-resistant types of silicone, phenolic, and polyester triallyl cyanurate resins.

Based on test results contained herein, which consists of short time static tensile and compression data after exposure to various temperatures and conditioning periods, it is shown that the phenolic resin laminate possesses the highest strength after short time exposures at temperatures as high as 500°F. The silicone resin material exhibits a superior strength at the higher temperatures and long exposures. For some intermediate temperatures and exposure times, the triallyl cyanurate-polyester resin laminate has the superior comparative strength. Thus, each of the three test materials possesses superior strength properties at some of the test conditions with no one laminate being superior at all conditions.

The results presented are considered merely as an indication of strength properties rather than as precise design information. As a minimum, check data should be obtained on the particular lot or batch of material actually being used.
This report describes work done to develop glass fabrics which make stronger plastic laminates than are produced by the glass fabrics which are commercially available today.

In the initial evaluation program, seventeen (17) experimental fabrics and two (2) high modulus fabrics were compared to four (4) standard glass fabrics in laminate form. Five (5) experimental fabrics were selected for further evaluation after improvements were made in crimp, twist, fiber diameter and weave. Based on data obtained, further consideration and study should be made to determine the practicality of:

1. Using Final Fabric S-14619-1
2. Using the original HM-9 fabric or the HM-9 fabric made from ECK Filaments
3. Using the HM-18 (original) or the HM-18 fabric made from ECK filaments
4. Using a 143 type fabric with ECG or ECK filaments in the warp direction

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 56-246.


Basic engineering data have been obtained for the benefit of airframe designers on a glass-fabric laminate containing Vibrin 135, a polyesterically cyanurate (TAC) resin. These data include results of creep and creep-rupture in both tension and compression, flexural, deterioration, and short-time tensile and compression tests.

The strength properties of Vibrin 135 were found to be dependent upon both the temperature and the length of time the material was exposed to a given temperature. The test results indicate that the laminate is relatively strong and stable for exposures to 1000 hours at low temperatures (80°, 300°, and 400°F). At higher temperatures, however, the strength of Vibrin 135 decreased rapidly with increases in either temperature or exposure time.

The results for particular and specified panels of the test material, and should not be considered as precise design data for all panels of Vibrin 135 laminate.
glass cloth reinforced laminates. Of the various types of resins investigated, the phenolic resins with asbestos felts resulted in laminates with the most reproducible and the highest physical properties at room temperature. However, at elevated temperatures the silicone resins with the asbestos gave the highest strengths. After exposure to temperatures of 700°F and 800°F for 192 hours and tested at 700°F or 800°F, these silicone asbestos laminates generally retained 50% or more of their room temperature strength. For applications where plastic laminates must be used at temperatures of 700°F or 800°F, the silicone asbestos laminates merit consideration.

It was observed that the resin content of an asbestos laminate could not be lowered to any great degree by increasing the pressure during molding, as can usually be done with laminates using glass as a reinforcement. If lower resin contents are required, it is necessary to treat the asbestos by various methods such as the use of a solvent diluted resin with subsequent removal of the solvent in an oven or drying tower with the proper amount of heat.

The final properties of asbestos laminates depend on many factors such as fiber treatment, asbestos binders, resin content, flow and gel time of the resin, layup of the plies, molding temperature, pressure and posture. It is apparent from this study that a great deal has to be done to develop a technique of impregnating and molding asbestos felt in order to obtain higher physical properties with various types of resins.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-183, Suppl. 5.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH FOR USE IN ANC-17 BULLETIN "PLASTICS FOR AIRCRAFT." Donald G. Coleman, AF 33(616)-56-9, October 1957, ASTIA Document No. AD 142081.

Developments in the program of research in plastics for aircraft conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1957 are summarised. The approach has been in general to derive criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Eight technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Johns-Manville Corporation. WADC TR 55-186, Part II.

ASBESTOS FIBER REINFORCED PLASTIC LAMINATES. Conrad C. Spats, AF 33(616)-2257, October 1957, ASTIA Document No. AD 142044.

The investigation to evaluate the effectiveness of medium length and short asbestos fibers in reinforcing low-pressure laminating resins was continued. This report covers the evaluation of laminates prepared from various experimental asbestos papers and phenolic resins.

A number of these laminates meet the mechanical test requirements of Military Specification MIL-P-8013 for polyester-glass mat laminates. Several of these laminates meet the flexural and edgewise compressive strength requirements of some of the glass cloth laminates in this specification. The tensile strength of these laminates is below the requirements of glass cloth laminates. The best asbestos-reinforced laminates retain 75 per cent ultimate flexural strength and up to 100 per cent flexural modulus at 50°F after one-half hour at 50°F.

WADC TR 57-352.

EVALUATION OF A VARIATION IN GLASS COMPOSITION OF GLASS FIBERS FOR PLASTIC LAMINATES. G. F. Peterson, October 1957, ASTIA Document No. AD 142065.

A variation of "E" type glass, designated 1145 "E" glass was developed by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation to replace the standard "E" type glass designated 621 "E" glass for use in glass fibers for glass fiber reinforced plastic laminates. The evaluation program included the fabrication and evaluation of laminates with: (1) 181 style glass cloth woven from both types of glass fiber, (2) Owens-Corning 136 and 139 finishes on each type of glass fiber, (3) typical polyester (Paraplex P-43) and heat resistant polyester (Vibrin X-1068) resins, Room temperature, elevated temperature, chemical immersion, water immersion, fatigue and electrical tests were conducted to provide a comparison of the properties of laminates made from the two glasses. Electrical tests were also made on bulk glass samples of the two glasses. The 1145 "E" glass fiber was satisfactory and equivalent to the standard 621 "E" type glass fiber in all respects except for dielectric constant properties. At room temperature the dielectric constant at 8.5 KMC of the 1145 "E" glass was somewhat higher than that of 621 "E" glass, which is undesirable, but within acceptable limits. However, the dielectric constant at 8.5 KMC of the 1145 "E" glass increased far more rapidly with increasing temperatures than that of 621 "E" glass, and to an unacceptable extent. Consequently the 1145 "E" glass would not be satisfactory for radomes for radar guidance control purposes. Since the proposed alternate composition is not acceptably equivalent to the 621 "E" glass, the 1145 "E" glass is not considered satisfactory for Air Force reinforced plastic applications.

Johns-Manville Corporation. WADC TR 55-186, Pt III.

ASBESTOS FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTIC LAMINATES. Wayne G. Jackson, AF 33(616)-2257, November 1957, ASTIA Document No. AD 142139.

The investigation of medium length and short asbestos fibers as reinforcement for low-pressure laminating resins for use in structural laminates was continued. This report covers the evaluation of laminates prepared from medium length asbestos fiber paper and phenolic, and polyester resins. A number of these laminates meet the mechanical test requirements of Military Specification MIL-P-8013A for glass mats. Several laminates meet the flexural and edgewise compressive strength requirements of glass-cloth laminates. Phenolic, epoxy and polyester laminates retained 100% of their flexural strength and flexural modulus after three months' exposure to outdoor weathering conditions. No change was noticed after one year for the phenolic laminates while the epoxy and polyester laminates' tests are continuing for one year.

National Bureau of Standards, WADC TR 53-192, Part XI.


It is shown that residual stresses in the original plastic sheet material and the use of improper molding conditions for the fabrication of test specimens may provide an incorrect rain-erosion-resistance rating for the material in question and misleading evidence in regard to the failure mechanism of it. Test results indicate that properly molded nylon FM-10001, which was heat treated by the manufacturer.
to remove residual stresses in the plastic sheet, is one of the most rain-erosion resistant of the rigid plastic materials that have been evaluated at impingement velocities up to 600 m/hr. This rigid plastic closely approaches the rain-erosion resistance of neoprene elastomers at 600 m/hr.


Basic design data including creep and creep-rupture, flexural, deterioration, and short-time tensile and compression properties were obtained for Bakelite BV-17085, a phenolic resin-glass-fabric laminate. The creep and creep-rupture data were obtained at 80, 300, and 500°F with rupture times ranging from about to 1000 hours. The other properties were determined at 40 to 1070°F with prior exposures at the test temperatures for times ranging from 0 to 1000 hours. The creep and creep-rupture specimens were not exposed to elevated temperatures prior to testing.

The over-all strength properties of BV-17085 are relatively good with useful load-carrying ability as high as 1000°F for time periods of less than about 1 hour. The short-time tensile strength of the material seems to be largely independent of test temperature or prior exposure within limits of the test conditions. The short-time compression, creep-rupture, and flexural strength properties, on the other hand, vary to a large degree with both test temperatures and prior exposure or exposure during test.

Stability of the test material, as determined by exposure at elevated temperatures for various periods of time, is quite good at 300 and 400°F. At higher temperatures, deterioration of the laminate is directly related to the temperature and time of exposure.

The test data discussed in this report should be considered only as property trends because of the wide degree of scatter generally found in the property values of glass-fabric laminates including BV-17085.


Polyester, silicone and phenolic glass-fabric-base plastic laminates were exposed to thermal radiant energy up to an intensity of 25 cal/cm²-second, with and without mechanical stress, to determine their resistance to mechanical and physical degradation.

Absorptivities of thermal radiant energy from a 6000°F source were computed from spectral reflectance and transmittance data measured over the region from 0.4 to 2.0 microns.

The resistance of the laminates to thermal radiation measured by degradation of mechanical properties was found to be a function of absorptivity, heat resistance of the laminating resin, and stress applied. Based on mechanical property considerations, the optimum material for resisting the effects of high intensity radiant energy and moderate stresses was found to be the silicone laminate, and for low intensities over a wide range of stresses was found to be the phenolic laminate.


Basic engineering properties for Conolon 506, a phenolic resin-glass fabric laminate, are presented in this report. The data included were obtained from creep and creep-rupture, flexural, deterioration, and short-time tension and compression tests. The tests were conducted at temperatures ranging from 30 to 1000°F with prior exposures at these temperatures ranging from about 0 to 1000 hours.

In general, the creep-rupture strength was found to be greater in tension than in compression. The minimum creep rates were found to be relatively low since very little plastic strain was measured after loading. The flexural and short-time tensile and compressive strengths, and flexural and tensile elastic moduli were deleteriously affected by increases in either temperature or exposure time. Also, under the conditions of this evaluation, the short-time tensile strength exceeded the short-time compressive strength. The results of this evaluation merely indicate property trends and should not be considered as precise design data.


A review of the rapidly accumulating literature on the subject of erosion by waterdrop impingement has been made. The types of experimental apparatus that have been used by the investigators, and the factors that have been found to determine the extent of the erosion damage, are briefly discussed. Results of microscopic and X-ray studies of eroded surfaces, and of parallel studies of damage marks produced by the impingement of steel spheres, deforming lead pellets, oil-filled gelatin capsules, and waterdrops are presented. Several theoretical estimates of the impact pressure that results from the collision of a waterdrop with a solid surface are reviewed. The result of a piezoelectric measurement of this pressure is given. Some of the theories that have been advanced in regard to the mechanism of the erosion process and of the micromechanism of failure are discussed. The important role that design can play both in mitigating the erosion and in completely bypassing the problem under some conditions is pointed out.


The object of this investigation was to provide a wider range of mechanical strength and physical property information on the effects of immersion on some reinforced plastic materials in chemical types of fluids being considered for future use at the projected use temperatures. Weight and thickness change determinations were conducted on the flexural specimens of the five (5) plastic materials utilised, with four (4) experimental hydraulic fluids. Flexural, tensile and compressive strength tests were conducted both before and after immersion.
The various immersion conditions utilized for the materials were as follows: (1) 24 hours at room temperature, (2) 7 days at room temperature, (3) 24 hours at 160°F for Paraplex P-43 polyester only, (4) 24 hours at 250°F for the heat resistant materials, (5) 24 hours at 400°F in OS-45 silicate, and (6) 24 hours at 500°F in F-50 silicone. The immersions at 250°F, 400°F and 500°F were conducted utilizing the heat resistant materials only.

Immersion in the high temperature fluids under the various conditions used had negligible effect on the mechanical properties of the plastic materials. The room temperature immersion in the fluids had negligible effect on the weight and thickness physical properties, however, variations in weight and thickness were determined from the elevated temperature immersions at 400°F and 500°F, particularly.


This report presents the results of tests of three parallel-laminated, glass-fabric-base, plastic laminates in which the glass fibers had been treated with a universal type of chemical finish. The finish was developed by the Naval Ordnance Laboratory and is designated as NOL 24. This finish was tested with a 181 glass fabric and polyester, epoxy, or phenolic resin.

The laminates were tested in tension, compression, and flexure after normal and wet conditioning, with some tests at elevated temperatures. Data are presented both in tables and as typical curves.

Also included is a table of comparative data showing how the laminates reinforced with NOL 24-finished fabric compared with similar laminates reinforced with fabric having other finishes.


This report describes the work done to draw fiberized glass having a high modulus of elasticity, from two kinds of glass cullet; that containing calcium aluminate and that containing beryllium oxide.

Fiberized glass was obtained from each although not in any quantity. Devitrification problems made the calcium aluminate fibers "brashy", brittle, and rough. It is not expected that any known "tip environment" control will eliminate this devitrification problem.

A small amount of fiberized glass was obtained from the cullet containing beryllium oxide. This was smooth in texture and had a good appearance. Pure powdered beryllium oxide is extremely toxic and studies were made after this substance was incorporated into the glass melt to determine if such toxicity remained a hazard when the cullet was remelted. It proved to be no hazard although in the interests of good precautionary measures, a hood for optimum fume control is recommended.

In the initial evaluation program, six (6) different bushings were used incorporating eight (8) different tip designs or modifications in an effort to fiberize calcium aluminate glass cullet. Results were generally unsuccessful.

In the subsequent (Supplemental Agreement) evaluation regarding beryllium oxide glass cullet, one (1) bushing incorporating two (2) different tip designs was used in the attempted fiberisation. Results were generally successful.


The results obtained on the relative rain erosion resistance, at subsonic speeds, of a large number of different types of materials, are reviewed in detail in this report.

Spray or brush-on types of coatings were evaluated for conformance to Military Specification MIL-C-7439B. Only those coatings based upon neoprene had erosion resistance meeting the requirements.

Erosion tests were conducted on a large number of white coatings based upon various pigmented polyacrylics, silicones, chlorosulfonated ethylene and neoprene elastomers. Of all these white materials tested, coatings based upon Hypalon alone and combinations of white pigmented neoprene and polyacrylic rubber appeared to merit further study.

Of the glass and ceramic materials tested, alumina bodies with over 90% alumina had the best erosion resistance.

Comparison of current epoxy and polyester glass reinforced laminates indicates that the erosion resistance of standard test specimens of epoxy-glass laminates have four to five times the erosion resistance of similar laminates made with polyester resins.

In collaboration with the National Bureau of Standards, studies on the mechanism of erosion and tests were conducted on a variety of different materials under specific conditions.


The use of short fiber asbestos paper as a reinforcement in low pressure laminating resins has been investigated. The results of this investigation, based primarily on mechanical properties of laminates at room temperature, are recorded in WADC Technical Reports 55-186, Parts I, II, and III.

The context of this report, a continuation of the former investigation, emphasizes high temperature strength properties and strengths of the laminates after exposure to wet conditions. A specific heat-resistant phenolic resin combined with the same asbestos reinforcement was used in this study.

The optimum strength properties of these asbestos laminates are dependent upon the fabricating techniques used. Variables such as laminating pressure, time and temperature, pre- and post-cure, and resin content have considerable effects upon the final properties of the laminate. Most of these techniques were developed during earlier work on asbestos laminates and were adopted for this investigation.
having high modulus of elasticity and strength. These properties need to be maintained at least to 1000°F.

In order to develop such a glass fiber, the realm of metal oxide compositions melting at temperatures beyond 3,000°F must be investigated since the composition variables below 3,000°F (the region of conventional refractories and glass melting) already have been well explored. Furthermore, several high melting temperature oxides, some known to be glass producers, are also high modulus materials in bulk polycrystalline form.

Fiberization of these high temperature melting materials involves the development of new techniques. Two promising approaches have been developed. In the first, a glass rod of the high melting composition was made by dropping molten glass from a batch rod melting in a ring burner into a graphite mold. This glass rod was then heated inside a tubular graphite susceptor in an inductor coil, and when the glass reached the right temperature, a fiber could be drawn. The second approach involves drawing a fiber from a horizontal refractory cone, made of the same material as the batch rod. The cone is also heated in a graphite inductor. Molten glass droplets are melted from a batch rod using a ring burner and allowed to drop onto a concave cup in the upper surface of the cone.

Using an alumino-silicate composition based on kaolin, test fibers were made which gave indication of high elastic modulus. Some fibers tested as high as 19 million psi, although the data exhibits great scatter due to the crude way in which fibers were prepared.

WADC TN 58-222,

The results of an evaluation of the split-line technique for photographically determining optical distortion in aircraft transparencies are presented. These results show that the split-line method is not operationally simple, is unreliable, and biased. The time consuming task of evaluating a photograph for split lines would probably more than offset any gain obtained by devising a set-up for fast, routine operation. Since the final acceptance of a transparency is by visual inspection, it is concluded that the most necessary item to be determined is a criterion of acceptance on the basis of visual examination.


Since the upper temperature limit of fiber-reinforced, organic- or silicone-bonded laminates is approximately 650°F for long time exposure, this program was initiated to explore the potential of inorganic materials for extending the thermal limit of structural laminates. The evaluation was based on fabrication and testing of laminates. Glass and asbestos were used as the primary reinforcement, but some preliminary work was done with a high-silica glass. The cements evaluated included sodium silicate, potassium silicate, calcium aluminate,
polymeric silicic acid sol, magnesium oxysulphate, ethyl silicate, and aluminum phosphate.

This report describes the fabrication and testing of the laminates and includes a tabulation of laminate properties and test results. The main objective was the development of a laminate of structural integrity that would meet a stated target flexural strength at 100°F after 10 hours at 100°F. Although good structures were produced, it was determined that improvements in both reinforcement and cement are necessary to achieve the program goals.


A technique is developed for determining the rigidity of the bond between reinforcing strands of glass fibers and the resin in which they are embedded. This technique involves a method of accurate determination of the tensile stiffness of the strands; a method of casting small beams of resin reinforced with glass strands that are concentrated near one edge; an accurate method of testing such beams centrally loaded so as to induce shear between the strands and the resin; and a method of calculating the shear force on the strands, the bending stiffness from the test, and the expected bending stiffness if the bond is infinitely rigid. Comparison between the calculated stiffness of the beam and its test value in bending yields a measure of the shear rigidity of the bond between the strands and the resin.

This technique is described in detail, and some results are given for Epon 828 resin reinforced with glass strands that consist of 204 individual filaments each about 0.00038 inch in diameter. The filaments were finished with starch-oil or A-1100 finish or heat-cleaned.


This report presents the results of tests to evaluate the effects of various types and durations of wet exposure on the bonded properties of epoxy, polyester, phenolic, and silicon laminates reinforced with glass fabric that had various types of fabric finish. The tests were made after normal conditioning and after various periods of wet exposure. Wet conditions used were (1) immersion in water at 73°F, (2) exposure to an atmosphere at 100°F, and approximately 100 percent humidity, or (3) boiling in water.

Tensile strengths were reduced about equally by 30 days in water at 73°F, or by 2 hours in boiling water. Compressive strengths were reduced about the same amount by either 2 hours in boiling water, 30 days in water at room temperature, or 30 days at high humidity. Modulus of rupture was reduced about equally by equal periods of immersion in water at room temperature or exposure to high humidity at 100°F. At either of these conditions, the reduction after 30 days was generally similar to that observed after exposure in boiling water for 1/2 or 1 hour, but was generally less than that observed after exposure for 2 hours in boiling water.

The various laminates differed considerably in their response to the various wet exposure conditions. However, the results indicate that a 2-hour wet exposure in boiling water is a reasonable substitute for the standard 30-day immersion in water at room temperature. Any discrepancy is likely to be the conservative side, with greater strength reduction after the 2-hour period in boiling water than after 30 days in water at room temperature.


An accelerated version of the Rangoon test condition, simulating a humid tropical climate, was developed for plastic laminates. Four different types of material were evaluated in the Rangoon condition and in eighteen different accelerated conditions. The best of the accelerated conditions was AR-9, which produced in twelve days affects similar to those produced by the "Rangoon test in 120 days. The AR-9 test condition is recommended as a replacement for the present water-immersion and boil tests.

An exploratory study was made of quality control of Vibration 136 A resin for his temperature usage. Twenty-three different varieties of laminate were made and tested for strength and strength retention at 500°F. The strength properties were found to vary greatly with the manner of processing and curing. Representative varieties of laminate were resistant to deterioration in the accelerated Rangoon condition. The most critical aspect of the resin is its tendency to blister during post-curing; until this problem is solved, effective quality control cannot be secured. The best laminate had a strength of 42,700 psi in flexure at 500°F after 192 hours aging at 500°F.


This report is a compilation of papers presented at the Wright Air Development Center-University of Dayton joint review on Structural Plastics, 10 - 11 September 1958, Dayton, Ohio. The papers are, for the most part, comprehensive, and the work completed or in progress under Materials Laboratory research and development contracts.


This final report summarizes the results of comparative rain erosion tests on various types of materials for aircraft. The tests were conducted on the whirling arm test apparatus which simulates high speed flights through rain under controlled conditions. Flat and airfoil specimens fabricated from plastics or metals, with and without coatings, as well as ceramic materials were mounted on the leading edge of the whirling arm and evaluated for erosion resistance at 500 mph in 1 in/hr rainfall.

In the testing of ceramic coatings, an anti-static radome coating system developed by the Gates Engineering Company was recommended for approval under Class II of Specification MIL-C-7439B. The
coating system consisted of N-15 primer, N-79 neoprene and a thin Gates anti-static surface coating.

In another group of tests it was observed that the erosion resistance of neoprene coatings approved under Class I of the specification, was significantly lower after exposure to gamma radiation at dosage levels of 5 to 35 megarecs.

Preliminary tests indicate that the erosion resistance of standard neoprene coatings was increased about three-fold when the neoprene was treated with an antifouling solution, however, it is questionable whether this treatment of neoprene coatings would be practical for use under service conditions because the neoprene becomes soft and sticky.

Weathering tests in Florida, Panama and Wisconsin indicated that the erosion resistance of standard Goodyear 23-56, Gaco N-79 neoprene coatings and an experimental white radome coating developed by Gates Engineering Company were reduced substantially at each location after one year outdoor exposure.

Initial studies indicate that the rain erosion resistance of recently developed thermoplastic poly-carbonate laminates is better than polyester or epoxy laminates.

In collaboration with the National Bureau of Standards, various tests were conducted to study the mechanism of rain erosion and to improve the erosion resistance of currently used materials.

Methods of trying to combine the water of crystallization of chrysotile asbestos fibers so as to improve the strength retention of laminates exposed to temperatures as high as 1000°F were investigated. In general, most asbestos fiber treatments tended to degrade the fiber making them brittle and lower in strength. In this work it was found that the use of silane finishes A-1100 and A-172 on 9526 asbestos felt gave laminates with higher flexural strength at room temperature when used with DC-2104 and DC-2106 silicone resins.


Fatigue strength values are presented for four epoxy and two phenolic laminates subjected to axial loading. The epoxy resin laminates were reinforced with 181-Volan A glass fabric and with plies of continuous, unwoven glass fibers. The phenolic resin laminates were reinforced with parallel or cross-laminated lay-ups of asbestos mat. S-N curves are presented, representing the fatigue data after the laminate had been cycled in the fatigue machine from about 1,000 to 10 million cycles with 0 mean stress at 900 cycles per minute. Fatigue tests were made at 73°F and 50 percent relative humidity and at 100°F and 100 percent relative humidity.

When laminates were loaded parallel to a principal fiber direction, an endurance limit was generally not reached even after 10 million cycles of loading. After 10 million cycles, the fatigue strength of the epoxy laminates varied from about 15 to 35 percent of the corresponding lowest value of tensile or compressive control strength. The fatigue strength of all laminates at any number of cycles was usually about 10 to 30 percent lower for wet specimens than for dry specimens, but a reduction up to 45 percent was indicated.

The presence of a small circular notch generally had only a small effect on the fatigue strength of the laminates, irrespective of the angle of loading or number of cycles. The difference in fatigue strength between notched and unnotched specimens was usually less than 10 percent.

Properties of epoxy laminates reinforced with continuous, unwoven glass fibers vary greatly with the orientation of the plies and direction of unloading, both under static and repeated loading. In these tests the other laminates evaluated, however, the fatigue strength values at 10 million cycles had a much smaller spread than did the static strength data.


This report presents evaluations of mechanical and electrical properties of laminates reinforced with 181 glass fabric that had been chemically cleaned before finish was applied. Each laminate was made of Paraplex P-43 resin reinforced with (1) 181-Volan A standard "E" glass fabric, (2) 181-Volan A low-dielectric glass fabric, (3) 181-Garan low-dielectric glass fabric, or (4) 181-NOL 24 low-dielectric glass fabric. The mechanical properties of epoxy laminates of Epon 828 resin and 181-Volan A glass fabric -- one of standard "E" glass and the other of low-dielectric glass -- were also evaluated.

Laminates reinforced with chemically cleaned low-dielectric glass fabric were lower in mechanical properties than similar laminates reinforced with heat-cleaned glass fabric. The polyester Volan A laminates of chemically cleaned low-dielectric glass fabric were between 50 and 60 percent as strong as the corresponding laminates of heat-cleaned low-dielectric glass fabric. The strength ratio of the epoxy laminates was between 70 and 85 percent. A polyester laminate made of chemically cleaned low-dielectric glass fabric had about 30 to 45 percent of the strength of the comparable laminate made of heat-cleaned "E" glass fabric. The strength of the heat-cleaned low-dielectric laminate, however, was 50 to 85 percent of that for the laminate of heat-cleaned "E" glass fabric. The polyester laminate reinforced with chemically cleaned "E" glass fabric was 2 and 11 percent stronger in tension and compression, respectively, and 5 to 13 percent weaker in dry and wet flexural strength, than the similar laminate of heat-cleaned "E" glass fabric.

Comparative values from 181-Volan A polyester laminates indicate that laminates made with chemically cleaned fabric have poorer electrical properties than comparable laminates made with heat-cleaned fabric. The dielectric constants were about 10 percent greater and the loss tangents 4 to 6 times as large for the laminate of chemically cleaned low-dielectric glass fabric. The dielectric constants were about 15 to 25 percent larger for laminates of standard "E" glass fabric than for laminates of comparable low-dielectric glass fabric. The loss tangents for laminates of chemically cleaned low-dielectric glass fabric were 3 to 4 times those for laminates of both heat-cleaned and chemically cleaned "E" glass fabric. The loss tangents for laminates of heat-cleaned low-dielectric glass fabric, however, were about 30 percent lower for laminates of heat-cleaned "E" glass fabric than for laminates of chemically cleaned "E" glass fabric.
WADC TR 59-574,
BEHAVIOR OF PLASTIC MATERIALS IN HYPERTHERMAL ENVIRONMENTS. Donald L. Schmidt. June 1959.

A systematic investigation of the behavior of plastic materials in very high temperature air is reported. Several test models of various compositions and constructions were exposed in the air plasma of one megawatt stabilized electric arc. Both descriptive and quantitative data were obtained on the characteristics and physical properties of the ablative materials.

A thermal analysis of quasi steady-state ablation at the stagnation point of the test models was performed. Individual heat transfer parameters were numerically estimated for the plastic materials and test conditions under consideration.

University of Dayton. WADC TR 59-171,

A necked-down specimen has been compared with the standard straight-sided specimen in an attempt to obtain better edgewise compressive strength data on reinforced plastic materials. This evaluation program included ultimate compressive strength tests and modulus of elasticity measurements on both the necked-down compression specimen and the standard straight-sided compression specimen. The apparatus utilized for strain measurements were Tuckerman Optical Strain Gages; SR-4 Strain Gages; and the PC-7M Compressometer. Short and long-time elevated temperature tests and water immersion tests were also conducted for additional comparison. The test data obtained comparing the two specimens indicated that the use of the necked-down specimen results in (1) 26 percent higher strength values, (2) comparable stress-strain properties with all four types of strain measuring apparatus, (3) consistent failure in the gage length, and (4) comparable spread in the test data obtained. Based on these data, the necked-down compression specimen should be utilized in place of the straight-sided specimen to obtain design data on reinforced plastics.

C. T. Li, Inc. WADC TR 58-549,

The studies undertaken to obtain a phenolic laminating resin suitable for use at 600°F are presented in this report. The best material obtained, a silane modified phenolic, designated CT 37-9X, is shown to have strength properties at elevated temperatures which are better than those obtainable from previously available heat resistant phenolic resins.

Subsidiary studies are presented on the effectiveness of oxidation barrier coatings for glass reinforced plastic laminates in preventing loss of strength at elevated temperatures, attempts to produce butyl titanate resin systems, the effects of pre-stress on the strength of laminate panels, and the comparative effects of temperature on laminate panels reinforced with glass fibers and with asbestos fibers.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-183,
ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH IN ANC-17 HANDBOOK "PLASTICS FOR FLIGHT VEHICLES." Donald G. Coleman. AF 33(616)-58-1. September 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 231734.

Developments in the program of research in plastics for flight vehicles conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1949 are summarized. In general, the approach has been to derive criteria mathematically, and then to check by test. Two technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 59-216,

This report presents data showing the effects of elevated temperatures for various exposure periods on the deterioration (weight loss) and flexural strength properties of three reinforced plastic laminates; a silicone-glass laminate (DC 2106 resin and 181 heat-cleaned glass fabric), a phenolic-glass laminate (CT-91LD resin and 181-A100 glass fabric), and a phenolic-asbestos laminate (R/M Pyrotex felt Style 41-RFD). The test methods are described and the data are presented in tables and curves.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 59-229,

Several reinforced plastic laminates that show promise of having good strength properties at elevated temperatures are being tested to determine their strength and elastic properties. This report describes the methods used in testing such laminates after exposure periods of up to 1,000 hours. Flexural, tensile, compressive, interlaminar shear, and bearing tests parallel to the warp direction are made to determine the effects of high temperature and time exposure at a given temperature on the strength properties. Tensile tests at 45° to the warp direction are made to obtain data from which edge-wise shear strength and modulus of rigidity can be calculated. Creep and stress-rupture data are obtained under both tension and compression loads. In addition to strength properties, data are obtained on the deterioration of the laminated material at elevated temperatures.

This is the first of several reports that are planned as a part of this work. Data for laminated material made of DC 2106 resin and 181 heat-cleaned glass fabric are presented in both tables and charts. In general, it is shown that strength properties decreased with an increase in temperature. At temperatures up to and including 600°F, strength properties were usually not appreciably affected regardless of the time they were held at the high temperature.

Monsanto Chemical Co. WADC TR 59-328,

This report describes the progress made toward the development of a heat resistant polymer for use as a laminating resin with glass fabric. This resin should be thermally stable and have good mechanical properties at 700°F.

Three main areas of investigation were undertaken: chelate polymers from dyes and dye intermediates, chelate
polymers of bisbiguanides, and polyisocyanurates. Favorable results were obtained with polyisocyanurates and dye or dye intermediate chelates.

Polyisocyanurate-glass fabric laminates prepared from 4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate have shown good thermal stability and mechanical properties at 500°F, but decompose slowly at 700°F. The prospect of increasing thermal stability by slight modification of the polymer molecule or polymerisation technique appears promising.

Chelate polymers derived from dihydroxyanthraquinone and orthohydroxyazo compounds have been prepared with molecular weights of about 12,000. These polymers have good thermal stability, but are highly crystalline and will require modification to improve their mechanical properties before testing as laminating resins.

WADC TR 56-296, Sup 1.

The threshold of degradation caused by gamma radiation for eight reinforced plastic laminate materials, the test materials were subjected to three levels of integrated gamma radiation with a maximum dosage of 8,3 x 10^6 ergs per gram of carbon. After completion of the radiation exposures, the conventional mechanical strength properties were determined under both standard and wet conditions. The mechanical properties of the heat resistant plastic laminates were also determined at elevated temperatures.

The effects of simultaneous exposure of both gamma radiation and elevated temperature on structural plastic materials were also investigated. Three of the reinforced plastic laminate materials were subjected to integrated gamma radiation dosages for different periods of time at 500°F. Mechanical tests were conducted on the materials to determine if simultaneous radiation and temperature exposure caused more degradation than would be expected from separate environmental exposures. It was found that one resin system had the same mechanical properties after simultaneous exposure as after separate environmental exposures, and two other resin systems exhibited an increase in the mechanical strength properties determined after simultaneous exposure as compared to separate environmental exposures.

WADC TR 58-357.

Glass-fabric-base plastic laminates, reinforced with Style 181 fabric having NOL-24 finish, were evaluated on the basis of mechanical strength properties under both standard and wet conditions, as well as at elevated temperatures. Nine different laminating resin systems were used. The results obtained are compared with results of tests on similarly prepared laminates using a glass fabric finish considered to be optimum for the particular resin employed. For phenolic and epoxy resin laminates, the strength properties averaged about 15 percent lower for NOL-24 finished fabric reinforced laminates. However, the heat resistant epoxy and heat resistant epoxy and heat resistant polyester laminates made with NOL-24 finished fabric showed considerably lower strengths, ranging up to a 46 percent decrease for long time elevated temperature conditions. It is concluded that the NOL-24 finish is not universal in terms of mechanical strength properties under the conditions of tests used.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 59-368.

Results of ablation tests conducted on reinforced plastics at moderately severe heating conditions are reported. The materials tested include laminates of melamine, phenolic, and silicone reinforced with glass fabric as well as phenolic and silicon asbestos laminates. Experimental data are given for rate of material loss, rate of temperature rise at points within the body, depth of heat penetration, and loss of material strength both during and after ablation. The test apparatus provides a stream of high temperature nitrogen which is directed onto test specimens in which thermocouples are located. Body shapes considered are 20° wedges and square edged plates.

Analysis of the obtained data is presented for dependence of heat penetration on rate of ablation. The heat penetration is associated with the thickness of the thermal layer which is shown to be strongly dependent on the rate of ablation varying from as much as 0.300 in. to as little as 0.010 in. over a range of ablation rates from 0.007 to 0.10 in./sec.

Dynamic and post-exposure mechanical properties were determined. Relationships for determining the thickness of the thermal layer and dynamic strength were used to calculate predicted values which in most cases were reasonably close to experimental results. Rates of ablation and effective heats of ablation over a range of heat flux from 0 to 200 Btu/ft²/seg, are given for each material tested.

Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Service,
WADC TR 59-569.

Several reinforced plastic laminates that show promise of having good strength properties at elevated temperatures are being tested to determine their strength and elastic properties. This is the second of several reports that are planned as a part of this work, and presents the results of mechanical tests on a phenolic resin laminate reinforced with glass fabric (CTL-91LD resin with 181-A1100 fabric). Data were obtained after exposure periods of up to 1,000 hours from such tests as weight loss, flexure, tension, compression, interlaminar shear, and bearing. Strength tests were made parallel to the warp direction to determine the effects of temperature and time on the strength properties. Tension tests were also made at 45° to the warp direction to obtain data from which edgewise shear strength and modulus of rigidity can be calculated. Creep and stress-rupture data were obtained under both tension and compression loads.

The data are presented in both tables and charts. In general, it is shown that strength properties decrease with increases in temperature. Temperatures of 300°F and 400°F and duration of exposure at these temperatures have little effect on strength; however, temperatures of 500°F and above, as well as durations of exposures exceeding one-half hour, reduce the strength substantially. Some properties are affected more than others so that each should be judged separately.

Developments in the program of research in composite construction for flight vehicles conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1959 are summarized. In general, the approach has been to derive design criteria mathematically, and then to check by test. Six technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

University of Dayton. WADC TR 59-604.


This report presents the results of tensile, compressive, and flexural tests conducted on a variety of test specimens to establish macro-test procedures for the evaluation of reinforced plastic materials. The macro-test program is an initial step in the solution of a more difficult and complicated program area involving the development of micro-test methods. Room temperature tests were conducted on polyester, phenolic, heat resistant polyester and silicone laminates. Modulus of elasticity measurements were taken on macro-size tensile, compressive, and flexural specimens of polyester laminates. Based on the data obtained, the use of these macro-specimens as a means of obtaining initial strength and modulus of elasticity properties of newly developed polymers and resin systems is recommended whenever only limited quantities of the materials are available.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 59-668, Part I.


Laminated specimens made from three resins (phenolic, silicone, and melamine) and five reinforcements ("E" glass, Refrasil, asbestos, nylon, polyethylene), with varying resin contents and fiber orientations, were exposed to various selected environments (oxygen and nitrogen r-f discharges, an arc-image in air and argon, and an argon plasma jet). The chemical phenomena that occurred during ablation were studied by means of analyses of gaseous decomposition products, and examination of emission spectra from the boundary layer. These phenomena were correlated with physical properties and weight loss data. The severity of these environments was compared. Novel experimental methods for determining plasma jet flux densities and specimen thermal diffusivities are described.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-184, Sup 6.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH BY FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY ON COMPOSITE CONSTRUCTION FOR FLIGHT VEHICLES. Donald G. Coleman. AF 33(616)-58-1. February 1960. ASTIA Document No. AD 236668. PB 149183. Order from LC, Md $1.80, Ph $1.90.

Developments in the program of research in composite construction for flight vehicles conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during 1958 are summarized. In general, the approach has been to derive design criteria mathematically, and then to check by test. Four technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.


A glass was developed which had a forty-five percent higher modulus of elasticity than the commercial glass used in the fibrous glass industry. Glass filament strands of this glass were produced at a rate of several pounds per hour from a single fiber-forming position and these strands were twisted and plied into yarns for weaving. 181-style cloth was woven, heat cleaned, and finished for the preparation of glass-plastic laminates. Strength and modulus of elasticity properties of laminates tested under standard conditions, and after fluid and thermal exposures, are reported.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 59-600.

Part I.


This research effort was undertaken to study the mechanism of reinforcement in fiber-reinforced structural plastics and composites. Analytical and experimental approaches included physical-chemical investigations of fiber-matrix interfaces, optical investigations of composites, and studies of the mechanical aspects of reinforcement.

Data are presented for chemisorption studies and for microscopic investigations of fiber-resin composites using multiple beam interference microscopy.

Several analytical techniques are summarized for describing the mechanical behavior of fiber-reinforced composite materials. Included are newly developed theories for the behavior of prismatic bars reinforced by uniformly distributed, parallel, short fibers, and for the transverse interface stress produced in axially loaded parallel fiber-resin composites.

WADC TR 60-90.


The unique behavior of plastic materials in very high temperature environments provides a means for hyperthermal shielding of reentry vehicles. High aerodynamic heating rates are accommodated in a self-regulating fashion by the ablative degradation of the material.

The ablation of plastic materials is a complex energy dissipative process in which chemical degradation, phase changes, and gas injection into the boundary layer take place with an attendant removal of surface material. The magnitude of incident energy absorbed and dissipated in the ablative process depends critically upon certain materials and environmental parameters.

This report presents the important chemical and physical aspects of plastics ablation, with major emphasis on the energy transfer processes involved. The absorption and dissipation of heating by internal conduction, phase changes, mass transfer, chemical reactions and radiant emission are reviewed. From the analytical treatment presented, certain desirable characteristics of ablative plastics are given.
WADD TR 60-203,
OPTICALLY TRANSPARENT MATERIALS FOR SPACE FLIGHT VEHICLES. Robert E. Wittman, April 1960.
Requirements for optically transparent materials in manned re-entry, orbital or general space flight vehicles for human vision are outlined.
A general survey to define the conditions imposed by natural and induced environments on these materials is reported.
The present capabilities of transparent materials as related to the predicted environments to be imposed on space flight vehicles are included. Resultant conclusions for research and development to improve certain properties of presently available optically transparent materials are given.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 59-368, Part II.
Results of ablation research conducted on reinforced plastic materials at moderately severe heating conditions are reported. The materials investigated include laminates of melamine, phenolic, and silicone resins reinforced with glass fabric as well as phenolic and silicone asbestos laminates. Experimental data are given for rate of material loss, effective heats of ablation, and depth of material degradation. The exposure apparatus provides a stream of high temperature nitrogen which is directed onto test specimens causing ablation to take place. The principal body shape considered is the 1/2" flat faced dowel.
High temperature exposures of composite bodies in which a substrate of high thermal conductivity is bonded to a layer of ablative material are reported. Experimental data include measurements of substrate temperature rise and rate of ablation. The temperature data are shown to be satisfied by the equation
\[
\frac{T_s - T_0}{T_0} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\frac{T_s}{T_0}}\right)^{12n} \frac{T_s}{T_0} \cdot \frac{n}{12} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\frac{T_s}{T_0}}\right)
\]
which is developed in the report. Discussion of heat sink effectiveness of the substrate is given.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. WADD TR 60-72.
This research effort was initiated in an effort to improve the high temperature capabilities of one chemical type of optically transparent plastic, for use in Air Force flight vehicle glazings. Specific improved formulations achieved many of the mechanical and optical target properties.
Attempts to orient the improved formulations toward a resistance to crack propagation met with very limited success. Detailed descriptions of the orientation procedures developed and subsequent results are included.

National Bureau of Standards. WADD TR 53-192, Part XIV.
MECHANISM OF RAIN EROSION - PART XIV. Pits in Metals Caused by Collision with Liquid Drops and Rigid Steel Spheres. Olive G. Engel. AF 33(616)-59-3.
Data are also presented for flexure tests of polyester specimens reinforced by a single layer of glass fibers located near one surface with fiber placement and treatment variations. A limited study of residual stresses in such a composite by analysis and by photelastic methods is also presented.

The development of micro-tensile specimens for assessing the feasibility of graphite whiskers as reinforcements for plastics is described.

WADD TR 60-380.

The recent development of thermally stable reinforced plastics is an important contribution to the advancement of high temperature materials technology. Heat resistant reinforced plastics are presently available for extended use at temperatures up to about 500°F, and short-time use at temperatures up to about 1,000°F. These materials also have structural insulative capabilities in extremely high temperature environments (over 5,500°F), like those encountered in hypersonic re-entry and advanced propulsion systems.

A general review of high temperature reinforced plastic materials is presented in this report. Structural properties and characteristics of various plastics at temperatures up to 100°F are discussed, using illustrative data. The behavior of reinforced plastics is very high temperature environments is briefly reviewed. Performance characteristics are given in terms of both materials and environmental variables.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADD TR 60-177, Part I.

Several reinforced plastic laminates that show promise of having good strength properties at elevated temperatures are being tested to determine their strength and elastic properties. This report, the third of the series, presents results of mechanical tests on a phenolic resin laminate reinforced with an asbestos felt (R/M Pyrotex Felt Style 41-RPD). Data were obtained after exposure periods of up to 1,000 hours from such tests as weight loss, flexure, tension, compression, interlaminar shear, and bearing. Most of the tests were made parallel to the machine direction of the asbestos sheets to determine the effects of high temperature and time on the strength properties. Tension tests were made at both 0° and 45° to machine direction to obtain data from which edgewise shear strength and modulus of rigidity can be calculated. Creep and stress-rupture data were obtained under both tension and compression loads.

In general, the strength properties of the phenolic-asbestos laminates decrease with increases in temperature. Specifically, the strength properties decrease with the first application of heat but then often increase with continued exposure or increased temperatures up to 500°F. Finally, after some critical time at temperature, the properties decrease with additional time at temperature. All tests except interlaminar shear show that over 50% of the room-temperature strength was retained when laminates were exposed for 1/2 hour at temperatures up to 800°F. The specific magnitude of these strengths are presented in tables and curves.

WADC TR 60-251.

The thermal degradation characteristics of three representative reinforced plastic constructions were investigated at incident radiation intensities of 10 and 20 cal/cm²-sec using a carbon arc heat source.

The glass fabric reinforced materials studied included a polyester laminate and plastic sandwich construction with honeycomb and alkylidisocyanate foam cores. Evaluation criteria, based upon visual examination of the test specimen, were defined in terms of the total incident energy required to cause various levels of degradation.

Goodyear Aircraft Corporation. WADC TR 59-656.

This report presents the results of an investigation of the mechanical properties of metal and plastic sandwich construction determined under rapid surface heating conditions for maximum surface temperature up to 200°F and maximum rate of surface temperature rise of 100°F to 200°F per second.

The evaluation of nine types of sandwich constructions included tests i.e., the 650°F to 1000°F range for the plastic faced specimens, between 700°F and 900°F for aluminum and bonded stainless steel specimens, and 1300°F to 2000°F for the brazed and resistance welded types. The exposure periods at temperature ranged between 10 and 90 seconds. The testing loads selected ranged from 20 percent to 80 percent of room temperature ultimate strengths.

The comparative performance of the different groups of sandwich specimens can best be summarized by the results of the edgewise compression static tests. Deflection readings of the specimens were reported during the thermal shock period and are found in the tables.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADD TR 60-125.

This study was concerned with the behavior of plastic materials exposed to simulated conditions of pressure, temperature and near ultraviolet as encountered outside the earth's atmosphere.

Glass fiber reinforced plastic laminates, of three types, were exposed to vacua in the order of 10⁻⁵ to 10⁻⁷ mm Hg and ultraviolet flux ranging from 1/3 to 2-1/2 times the solar constant of 2 calories cm⁻² min⁻¹. The periods of exposure ranged from 3 to 500 hours. The equilibrium temperatures of the laminates varied between 250°F to 465°F depending on the intensity of the ultraviolet employed.

After exposure to ultraviolet radiation equivalent to the solar constant and vacuum, for periods up to 500 hours, no great change in dimensions or loss in weight of the laminates was observed. The strength of the polyester specimens, however, tends to increase while the phenolic and epoxy laminates decrease slightly in strength.
Laminates exposed to ultraviolet flux of 4.9 calories cm\(^{-2}\) min\(^{-1}\) and vacuum for three hours show considerable loss in weight and flexural strength.


An exploratory materials research program has been conducted on high temperature insulating and erosion resistant surface materials, which are suitable for short time thermal protection of structural plastics.

New heat insulating material composite systems were investigated. These multicomponent structural elements were composed of an outer refractory surface layer, a thin metallic film, a porous inorganic heat insulating layer and various substrate plastics, with all elements integrally, mechanically bonded together.

The individual components of the protective surfaces were evaluated for desirable properties using subscale and supersonic high temperature gas streams. With the aid of these results composite heat-protective surfaces were formulated and evaluated in the same test environments. Experimental results showed a significant lag in heat penetration into the substrate plastic during hyperthermal exposure. Tungsten faced ceramics exhibited good thermal erosion resistance and heat insulation in high temperature reducing atmospheres, and nickel-sicrconia protective surfaces were optimum in high temperature oxidizing environments.

The principle problems encountered with the heat insulating composite systems were suitable methods of fabrication and maintenance of structural integrity in the interface regions during test exposure. Considerable progress was achieved on these two problem areas, and technical effort is continuing. In addition, new and improved heat protective surfaces and exploratory methods of fabrication were investigated.


This program was conducted in an effort to improve the crack propagation resistance by hot stretching methods, of a developmental thermosetting type of transparent plastic material. This material, a modified acrylic known as Selectron 400, has an elevated temperature structural capability well above that of any plastic glazing material available in quantity today.

Conditions under which Selectron 400 can be stretched without breaking were very critical and were not fully successful. Three basic processing steps were required; hot stretching without causing an appreciable amount of cross-linking; relatively low temperature irradiation to cause sufficient cross-linking of the stretched material to prevent relaxation of the degree of stretch at elevated temperatures; oven treatment at an elevated temperature to produce the cross-linking action. A great deal of tearing and breakage of sheets resulted in very low yields of stretched material. The effect of varying the stretching conditions were studied with only mild success in improvement.

Crack propagation resistance of the cross-linked stretched Selectron 400 was very poor. In order to determine whether the limited amount of stretching possible to obtain had any significant effect on the crack propagation resistance, tests were conducted on stretched material without cross-linking. The results indicated that hot stretching essentially produced no gain in crack propagation resistance.
The Ohio State University. WADD 60-393.
EVALUATION OF BRAZED HONEYCOMB STRUCTURES.

The final report on U. S. Air Force Contract No. AF 33(616)-6364, administered by the Materials Central, Directorate of Advanced Systems Technology, Wright Air Development Division, summarizes the results of a one-year study of nondestructive test methods for the examination of brazed and welded joints in complex shapes. The investigation was directed, by mutual agreement, to commercially-available nondestructive test methods for evaluation of the quality and serviceability of brazed honeycomb structures. Applicable nondestructive test methods were found to include (1) penetrating radiation tests, (2) ultrasonic tests, and (3) thermal tests. Numerous experimental and production parts and brazed honeycomb assemblies provided by government and industrial facilities were examined by each test method and the results were correlated and evaluated. It was found that several commercially-available nondestructive test methods provide reliable and detailed indications of surface-layer discontinuities such as core-to-skin filleting and metal-to-metal bonds in edge members. X-ray test methods alone provided reliable and detailed indications of internal conditions such as crushed core, node flow, vertical-tie brace area, etc.

Penetrating radiation test methods evaluated included: (1) X-ray film radiography, (2) xeroradiography, (3) direct fluoroscopy, (4) fluoroscopy with television image amplifiers, (5) fluoroscopy with electrostatic image amplifiers, (6) large-area photoconductive screen television image amplifiers, and (7) small-area photoconductive screen television image enlargers. Under properly applied and controlled test conditions, each of these X-ray inspection systems was found usable in the inspection of brazed honeycomb structures.

Ultrasonic test methods evaluated included: (1) immersion ultrasonic tests with focussed transducers, (2) contact ultrasonic tests with resonance transducers, and (3) contact ultrasonic tests with pulse-reflection transducer systems. Detailed images of surface-layer conditions and discontinuities were obtained only with immersion ultrasonic tests with focussed transducers and high-resolution C-scan facsimile or memory-tube recorders. Large-area voids were detectable, under carefully-controlled test conditions, with contact ultrasonic tests with resonance transducers, resonance transducer systems.

Thermal test methods evaluated included: (1) thermal-flash proof tests, (2) thermal-gradient tests with heat-repelled fluid coatings, (3) thermal-gradient tests with thermographic phosphor coatings, (4) thermal tests with temperature-sensitive color-changing paint coatings, and (5) thermal tests with remote infrared sensing systems. Reliable detailed images of surface-layer conditions and discontinuities were obtained with thermal gradient tests with transient front-side panel heating and heat-repelled fluid coatings that produced permanent images on the surfaces of the test specimens. Large-area voids were detected by bulging of the skin materials in thermal-flash proof tests. Other thermal test methods described are experimental in nature and deserve consideration for further development.

Complete detail indications have been confirmed for numerous test specimens whose surface-layer discontinuities were revealed by proper application and control of the following nondestructive test methods:

1. Film radiography
2. Xeroradiography
3. Direct fluoroscopy
4. Fluoroscopy with electrostatic image tubes
5. Fluoroscopy with photoconductive screen-television systems
6. Immersion ultrasonic testing with focussed transducers and C-scan facsimile recording systems
7. Thermal-gradient tests with front-side transient heating of panels coated with heat-repelled fluid media

Numerous specimens containing surface-layer discontinuities have been subjected to destructive peel tests or to metallographic sectioning and examination. The results of these destructive examinations confirm the nondestructive test indications produced by the methods listed above.

Further research and development are recommended for the following experimental nondestructive test methods:

1. Xeroradiography
2. Photoconductive-screen television systems, particularly those which permit image enlargement without deleterious loss of image detail
3. Thermal-gradient nondestructive tests with both direct coatings or remote sensing systems which respond to thermal gradients rather than to absolute temperatures.

Although brazed honeycomb assemblies can be inspected reliably and in detail by methods commercially available at present, the more expensive test systems are presently slow and costly. Further developments are recommended for those systems which offer promise of adequate detail sensitivity and reliability, but with which the tests can be made faster and at lower costs.


Several reinforced plastic laminates that show promise of having good strength properties at elevated temperatures are being tested to determine their strength and elastic properties. This report, the fourth of the series, presents results of mechanical tests on an epoxy resin laminate reinforced with glass fabric (Epon 1031 with 181-Volan A). Data were obtained after exposure periods from 2 minutes to 1,000 hours from such tests as weight loss, flammability, tension, compression, interlaminar shear, and bearing. Most of the tests were made parallel to the warp of the glass fabric to determine the effects of time and above-normal temperatures on the strength properties. Tension tests, however, were made at both 0° and 45° to the warp to obtain data from which edgewise shear strength and modulus of rigidity can be calculated. Creep and stress-rupture data were obtained under both tension and compression loads.

In general, the strength properties of this epoxy glass fabric laminate decrease with increase in temperature at constant periods of exposure. Specifically, however, the resin softens and the strength of the laminate decreases with the first application of heat, but then at constant temperature the strength properties often increase. Finally, after some critical time, additional exposure causes the properties to decrease. The specific magnitude of these strengths are presented in tables and curves.

WADD TR 60-314.
The applicability of previously developed relations for dynamically measuring the thermal diffusivity of structural plastic laminates is briefly examined. The thermal diffusivity was found to be an "apparent" or "effective" value for these materials above their degradation temperature with accompanying heat of reaction effects. Some exploratory experiments at temperatures up to 1,000°C are described for a phenolic resin/glass fabric laminate using a radiant heating source.

WADD TR 60-176.


This study was initiated to assess the relative shatter resistance of stretch oriented, as-cast, and laminated acrylics as a function of temperature and material thickness.

Simulated air frame enclosure conditions were used in the laboratory program. Formed semi-cylinders, internally pressurized, and under controlled temperatures were subjected to impact and penetration by high velocity projectiles.

The stretch oriented acrylic exhibited superior impact fracture resistance over the entire temperature range investigated. In addition, the results indicate that substantial weight savings are possible (35% to greater than 65%) without loss of structural integrity or reduced shatter resistance by using stretched acrylics in lieu of as-cast or laminated materials. Individual results are presented.

WADD TR 60-648.


Materials research was conducted on the ablative behavior of four plastic materials in subsonic and supersonic hypersonic air/argon environments. Small hemisphere cylindrical models of the experimental materials were exposed to the very high temperature gas stream, which was generated by a stabilised electric arc. Environmental conditions used were: stagnation enthalpies from 750 to 2,600 Btu/lb, free stream Mach numbers of 0.9 and 1.8, and stagnation pressures of 1.8 and 4.0 atmospheres.

The material behavior was found to vary with certain environmental and materials parameters. Within the range of environmental conditions studied, inorganic fiber reinforced phenolic resin materials had the lowest erosion rates in supersonic flow while the lowest erosion rates in subsonic low mass flow were observed for a phenolic/nylon material.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADD TR 52-133, Sup 8.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH IN ANC-17 HANDBOOK PLASTICS FOR FLIGHT VEHICLES. Donald G. Coleman. DO 33(616)-58-1, November 1960. ASTIA Document No. AD 251745.

Developments in the program of research in plastics for flight vehicles conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1960 are summarized. In general, the approach has been to derive criteria mathematically, and then to check by test. One technical report was issued during the fiscal year and is abstracted.
Harvard University, WADC TR 54-102.

ORGANOSILXANE POLYMERS CONTAINING POLAR GROUPS IN THE SIDE CHAINS. Sanders D. Rosenberg, Eugene G. Rochow. AF 33(616)-479. July 1954. ASTR

Document No. AD 43063. PB 135450. Order from LC, Mi $3.00, Ph $6.30.

In accordance with the proposed objectives of this research a study of the possible synthesis of nitrogen and boron containing, polymerizable silicon monomers of the p-B_2H_4Si(CH_3)X_2, (where M is either nitrogen and boron and X is a hydrolysable group like chloro or alkoxide) was undertaken. Two nitrogen containing silicon monomers methyl-p-dimethylaminomethylchlorosilane and methyl-p-dimethylaminomethylmethoxysilane were prepared by reacting p-dimethylaminomethylchlorosilane with methyltrichloro- and methyltrichlorosilane, respectively. Various methods were attempted to prepare a suitable boron-containing silicon monomer without success. Incidental with these attempts it was found that 1-bromo-phenylchloroboron could be prepared by disproportionation of tri-p-bromophenylboron and boron trichloride. Symmetrical organoboron compounds were prepared by reacting the suitable Grignard reagent with boron trichloride or trimethyl boron. D-tert-butyl/and di-propylbromoboron were prepared by reacting the respective symmetrical compounds with bromine.

It was possible to prepare Grignard reagents of methyl-p-bromophenylphenoxy-silanes and methyl-p-bromophenyl/0-cresoxysilane. Only the latter reagent proved to be of use in subsequent reactions. Trichloromethylsilane and dichlorosilane were condensed, under the activation of benzylic peroxide, to form trimethyl-trichloromethylsilane. Under similar conditions, trimethylsilane did not condense with methylchlorosilane. It is planned to attempt to condense trihalosilane with triallyboron and di-propylbromoboron.

Reference has been made to the difficulties in- volved in the analysis of organoboranes, but some suggestion have been made. From the infrared spectra of the organoboron compounds that were prepared a tentative assignment of the carbon-boron absorption frequency has been made at 1370-1390 cm\(^{-1}\). Three tables containing the new compounds prepared during the course of this research are included.

Monomer-Polymer, Inc. WADC TR 54-264.


In the course of this project, the possibility of preparing the following materials was investigated:

Vinylsilanes
Allyl Sulfdse
Divinyl Sulfide
2-Methyliethvl Vinyl Sulfide
Vinylidene Cyanide
N-(2, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10-Octadeccyl)-1-Dihydroheptadecfluorobutylacrylamides
N-Alkyl-N-1, 1-Dihydroheptadecfluorobutylmethacrylamides
Methylenesilanes
1, 1-Dihydroheptadecfluoro-1-butyl alpha-(Trifluoro- methyl)-acrylate
1, 3-Dicyano-1, 1-butadiene
Hepfluoropropylacrylamide
Prior to the attempted preparation of monomers, a comprehensive literature survey was undertaken. The modification of Acrylon rubbers was investigated by use of copolymer and terpolymer systems. A preliminary evaluation of the more promising materials was performed.

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The preparation of a homopolymer from 3,3,3-
trifluoropropylmethylchlorosilane has been accomplished on a small scale.

Experimental conditions have been studied for the reaction of trichlorosilane and methylchlorosilane with olefins. For hydrocarbon olefins, the best yield of addition product was obtained at 250°C without a peroxide catalyst. The use of a platinum catalyst supported on charcoal allows the use of lower reaction temperatures and shorter reaction times in these additions.

The additions of silanes to a number of fluorolefins have been carried out. Both methylchlorosilane and trichlorosilane have been employed as addenda and CF3
CH2CHF2 and CH2C(CF3)2CH3 as the fluorolefins. The best yield of adduct, CF3CH2CH2SiCl3, with trichlorosilane has been determined.

Vinylsilanes have been found to react with molecules such as CCl3Br, CF3Br2, CF3I, CF3BrCF3Br and CF2ClCFCl to give compounds containing halogen atoms on an alkyl side chain. The properties of these compounds have been studied.

Rutgers Univ. WADC TR 54-599,

The research on "Elastomeric Polycycles" covered in this report was carried out by R. A. Hubbard, II, and U. P. Strauss at Rutgers University from 1 July 1953 to November 1954. The problem is the preparation of an elastomer based on the high molecular weight polyphosphate. Since the known polyphosphates are essentially linear polyelectrolytes occurring in the glassy or crystalline form, the problem consists of two parts. First, the strong interionic forces which cause stiffness of the materials must be overcome; second, the chains must be cross-linked. The first of these problems is attacked by the use of large cations and plasticizers, the second by the use of polyvalent cations; possible chemical methods of tying the chains together are discussed. Some elastomeric products have been obtained, showing the essential soundness of this approach. However, none of the products prepared so far have the required thermal stability, even though the polymeric chain is stable. As a result of this research, we envision the need of a thermally stable cation with a built-in plasticizer.

Hooker Electrochemical Co. WADC TR 55-221,

The ultimate goal of the exploratory investigations described is the development of a rubber for special Air Force applications. High thermal stability and resistance to fuels, synthetic oils and hydraulic fluids are major requirements for such elastomers.

Various fluorine- and sulfur-containing difunctional compounds have been prepared and high molecular weight polyesters have been synthesized. The linear polyesters made from fluorine-containing glycols exhibit rubber-like properties and are not brittle at low temperatures, in some cases. When fluorine is contained in these polyesters in adequate amounts, they are resistant to hydrocarbon solvents.

Preliminary cross-linking experiments have given a tough elastomer from hexafluoropentylene adipate, without added reinforcing fillers.

The materials described are the first examples of fluorine-containing polycondensation elastomers and appear to be of considerable interest.

WADC TR 55-25,

Exploratory copolymerizations of 1,1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate with various other monomers selected from such general classes as 1,3 dienes, unsaturated acids, acrylamides, haloacrylates, vinyl alkyl ethers, vinyl silanes and allyl esters of unsaturated acids are described. Preliminary compounding recipes and evaluation data are presented for those systems which appeared to be of definite interest in connection with the development of specialty elastomers for Air Force applications.

Attempts to prepare a copolymer possessing a balance of properties superior to that which exists in poly 1,1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate were successful. However, considerable information was obtained regarding the behavior of 1,1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate in copolymerization reactions and the search for potentially valuable polymers based on this important new monomer was extended to include preliminary investigation of many copolymer compositions not previously studied.

Dow Corning Corp. WADC TR 55-193 Part 2,

This research was initiated to explore the preparation of fluorine-containing polyethers for possible use as thermally stable elastomers.

Investigations of several monomers were conducted. Indications are that hypohalogenation of fluorine-containing olefins generally is unsuccessful.

The preparation of epoxides by reaction of fluorine-containing olefins with peracids has been briefly explored.

The synthesis of epoxides using fluorine-containing ketones as precursors was studied. Preliminary compounding recipes and evaluation data are presented for those systems which appeared to be of definite interest in connection with the development of specialty elastomers for Air Force applications.

In the area of polymerization the use of free radical initiators was studied. In no instance was a satisfactory rubber obtained. The polymers prepared were quite solvent-resistant and could conceivably find applications where good rubbery character is not necessary.

Harvard Univ. WADC TR 54-102 , Part 2 ,

In accordance with the proposed objectives of this research a study of the synthesis of polymerizable organosilicon monomers containing organoboron groups was made. Such monomers are intended to be used in conjunction with nitrogen-containing monomers to increase interchain attraction in the polymer.
A high-vacuum system was built and by this means large quantities of dimethylboron bromide were prepared. Side-chain chlorination of methylsilanes was carried out by photochemical reactions. In particular, methyl(chloromethyl)dichlorosilane was prepared by this method and was converted to methyl(chloromethyl)bis(o-
creseyx)silane, a hitherto unknown compound.

A method was found to convert chlorosilanes to silanes, using lithium aluminum hydride, without reducing chloromethyl groups attached to silicon. Methyl(chloromethyl) silane was prepared for the first time by this process.

Attempts to prepare a Grignard reagent from methyl(chloromethyl)bis(o-
creseyx)silane failed, probably because of steric hindrance of the two bulky o-
creseyx groups. However, by replacing the o-
creseyx groups with hydrogen atoms the preparation of the Grignard reagent was successful.

The reaction of dimethylboron bromide with the Grignard reagent of methyl(chloromethyl)silane appeared to proceed satisfactorily. The product was separated as an adduct of dimethyamine. Many attempts were made to find a suitable solvent for purification of this compound. Although the product contained boron, silicon, hydrogen, and nitrogen, the results of thin-layer analysis indicate presence of impurities. The synthesis of polymers usable as silane monomers containing organoboron groups thus appears feasible by the methods developed under this project, but further improvements in separation are necessary in order readily to prepare considerable amounts of polymer for evaluation.

WADC TR 55-461. GAMMA RAY INDUCED ADDITION OF BROMOTRI-
CHLOROMETHANE TO OLEFINS. A. M. Loveless, 1/Lt. USAF, D. A. Rausch, 1/Lt. USAF. April 1956. PB 121279. Order from OTS $0.50.

A new technique in organic synthesis has been applied to the preparation of intermediates for monomers to be used in the polymerization of new useful fluid plastic and elastomeric material for high temperature applications in military aircraft. The addition of bromotrichloromethane to olefins has been effected with gamma radiation. The well-known free radical addition of bromotrichloromethane to olefins has been studied utilizing Cobalt 60 as the energy source for the generation of free radicals. It has been found that additional reactions can be conducted in this manner resulting in good yields of the simple one to one addition products. No unexpected side reactions have been encountered and the adducts of bromotrichloromethane with 1-octene (85%), allyl chloride (51%), vinylacetate (70%), cyclohexene (65%) and vinyltrichlorosilane (47%) have been obtained in the yields shown after radiation dosage of 2, 25 x 10^5 roentgens (30 minutes exposure). In all cases the resulting products were shown to be identical with those reported by other investigators using organic peroxides or ultra-violet light.

Using the system of bromotrichloromethane and 1-octene a study of the dependency of yield on radiation dosage was carried out. The variation in molar ratio of the reactants was shown to give a good yield (74%) of 1, 1-trichloro-1-bromonane even when an equi-molar mixture of the methane and olefin was used. The application to other reactions is being investigated.


A study has been made of the effect of various initiators or catalysts on the addition reaction involving a single olefin-silane system. The use of platinum supported on charcoal gives highest yields and allows shorter reaction times at lower temperatures for this reaction.

The preparation of the monomers, CF3CH2CH2
Si(CH3)2Cl2, CH3CH2CHF2CH2Si(CH3)Cl2, CF3CF2CH2CH2
Si(CH3)2Cl2, and CF3CF2CF2CH2Si(CH3)Cl2 has been carried out on a larger scale and appreciable quantities have been made for polymerization studies.

Compounds resulting from the addition of CF3Br2 and CF2BrCF2Br to vinyltrichlorosilane have been made to undergo reactions involving loss of halogen. The properties of the new unsaturated compounds have been determined.


Following an initial investigation of modification of phosphonitrile chloride, which was then deemphasized to avoid contractual conflicts, a study of semi-inorganic polymers based upon an aluminum-oxygen-silicon system was begun. The basic reasons for studying such a system were founded upon the known thermal stability of aluminum silicates found in nature.

The most stable difunctional aluminum monomers found were quadricovalent chelates such as mono(1, 3-diphenyl-1, 3-propanediono) aluminum disopropoxide which melted at 324°C without decomposition.

Reaction of the difunctional aluminum monomers with difunctional silicon monomers has not yet resulted in high molecular weight materials.


The purpose of the work was to prepare an elastomer whose back-bond is the polymetaphosphate chain. The part with which this report is concerned was the study of modification of phosphonitrile chloride which appears to be primarily the tri-phosphonic acid. Attempts to prepare a cross-linked polyphosphate from this mixture by fusion of the phosphonic acid with KH2PO4 at 320°C were unsuccessful due to the thermal instability of the neopentane carbon structure.

The molecular weights of several samples of potassium polyphosphate were determined viscometrically in order to obtain an idea of the degree of polymerisation of the samples used in the cross-linking studies. It was found that the molecular weight of crystallised (KPO3)n can reach 3 x 10^6.


The ultimate goal of the exploratory investigations described is the development of a rubber for special Air Force applications. High thermal stability (350°F or higher); resistance to aromatic fuels, synthetic ester-base oils and hydraulic fluids; resistance to ozone and to
Aerogen-General Corp. WADC TR 5b-90. INVESTIGATION OF INORGANIC AND SEMI-ORGANIC POLYMERS. Samuel Witz, AF 33(616)-2739, May 1956. 
A. The present investigation sought to determine whether a polymer containing a Si-O-P or a B-O-P linkage and possessing high-temperature stability and resistance to hydrocarbon fluids could be synthesized.

B. Several new polymeric materials containing a Si-O-P skeleton were synthesized. Most of these solids were low-melting, tacky, brittle resins of low molecular weight and were sensitive to moisture.

C. Fundamental information about the behavior of the Si-O-P linkage toward heat and hydrolysis was obtained through a study of some newly synthesized alkylphosphates [R₃SiO₆ P] and phosphonates [R₃Si(O)₂ P(O)R]. The hydrolytic stability of the high-boiling phosphates was found to increase with increasing chain length of the silicon substituent. Both the phosphate and phosphonates undergo some decomposition on pyrolysis at 300°C (in vacuo).

D. In a study designed to test the effectiveness of dialkyl alkanephosphonates as heat-stabilizing additives, it was found that the addition of a small percentage (3.5%) of dibutyl butanephosphonate to a commercially available silicone resin improved its thermal properties.

E. Condensation of benseneboronic and cyclohexaneboronic acids produced an organoboron phosphate, melting above 300°C, possessing a limited solubility in organic solvents, but soluble in and hydrolyzed by water.

WADC TR 56-94. THE PREPARATION AND PROPERTIES OF SOME NEW FLUORINE-CONTAINING 1,2-EPoxyIDES. D. A. Rausch 1/Lt., A. M. Lovelace, 1/Lt. May 1956. PB 121529. Order from OTS $0.50.

The interest in fluorine-containing polyethers for possible application as thermally stable elastomers prompted research on the preparation of new epoxide monomers.

Six new epoxides were prepared and characterized. The utilization of these monomers in new polymer systems is being investigated.


The object of this research is to discover new patterns of chemical bonding such as might be applicable to the invention of high polymers having unusual thermal stability. It is believed that a considerable number of structural arrangements of nonmetallic elements can be stronger than carbon chains, and more resistant to thermal degradation. Leads in this direction are found in phosphorus-boron bonding and in the attachment of nonlabile electronegative groups to boron is regarded as useful. The P-N polymer system also seems promising, and methods are sought for placing new and nonlabile substituents on P in (PN)-n rings. Eventually such substituents should include cross-linking units, and this is one reason for studying a newly-discovered variety of fluorocarbon-phosphorus compounds wherein PFP rings and (-C-P-)ₙ chains are indicated.

As indicated in the summary, the work of the first year of this contract has developed a number of promising lines of endeavor, most of which cannot be fully understood and evaluated except through more detailed studies. Hence their utility is a matter for the future to decide.


A new, simple, and efficient synthesis of boron substituted borazoles has been developed. Butylboron dichloride reacts with ammonia to give a high yield of B-tributylborazole. This synthesis will be broadened by the employment of substituted amines. Some of the resulting B-N substituted borazoles may serve as the basis of thermally and hydrolytically stable semi-inorganic polymers and the liquid borazoles will be evaluated as lubricants and hydraulic fluids.

The preparation of benseneboronic acid, tri-n-butylborine, butylboron dichloride and phenylboron dichloride as intermediates for our new borazole synthesis has been studied.

A new catalytic recirculating apparatus for preparing phenylboron dichloride from bensene and boron trichloride by Pace's method is described.


This report summarizes the work done between May 1955 and May 1956 on the synthesis of polymerizable polar silane monomers and the copolymerisation of certain of these with dimethylsilicone.

The principal method used for the monomer synthesis was the addition of the Si-H linkage to vinyl and allyl monomers. Monomers containing halogens were prepared by the Grignard reaction, by Diel-Alder addition of hexachlorocyclopentadiene to unsaturated silanes, and by the addition of polyhalogenated molecules to unsaturated silanes.

Hydrolysates of certain of the polar silane monomers strongly inhibited polymerisation when mixed in 5 mole percent amounts with the hydrolysate of dimethylchlorosilane. The polymerisation could be forced but the products were then insoluble in benzene,
S-chlorovinylboron

Tri-B(β-chlorovinylboron) has been prepared from 2-chlorovinylboron dichloride and ammonia. It is unstable and in the presence of polar solvents forms either cyclic or long chain polymers.

Large samples of 100 grams or more of Tri-B-butylyborazole, Hexabutyliborazole, and Tri-N-Methyl-tri-B N-butyliborazole were prepared for evaluation.

The Pennsylvania State Univ. WADC TR-56-203.


The purpose of the work is to provide research and development on organic metal-coordination polymers, which exhibit exceptional thermal stability.

The concept of producing polymers through coordination is presented, pertinent literature reviewed, and various possibilities of developing such polymers considered.

Chelate polymers of bis(β-diketones) were prepared under varying conditions and their physical properties determined. Molecular weights range up to 6000.

Attempts to form polymers from bis(Schiff bases) and to produce a truly inorganic polymer by the coordination of polyfunctional acids (anions) to complex cations have not yet been successful.

Monsanto Chemical Co. WADC TR 56-199.


The Polymer Evaluation Handbook provides a system for obtaining a maximum amount of useful information on small quantities of experimental polymers. It also provides background information on principles of evaluation, properties and measurements and their significance, the nature and behavior of polymers and physical characteristics of plastics in relation to each other and to other classes of materials.

The Handbook describes a screening evaluation scheme for effectively and efficiently defining the physical and chemical behavior of small quantities of experimental polymeric materials. The soundness of the evaluation scheme was tested in a pilot laboratory. Examples of the results of these tests are given.

Interpretation concepts are discussed which pertain to the appraisal of evaluation information and data. It is noted that the effectiveness of screening evaluations will depend to a large extent on two major factors: (1) the scientific knowledge, experience, judgment, and perception of the person conducting the evaluation, and (2) a reasonable balance between research laboratory efforts on synthesis and evaluation work.

University of Florida. WADC TR 56-234.


Part of the objective of this program is the preparation or attempted preparation of new fluorine-containing chemical species by the Simon’s electrochemical process. The results of numerous operations in a variety of cells are summarised. Studies have been made with some of the resulting materials in order to find unique reactions of these materials and thereby new compounds exhibiting the chemical and thermal stability associated with fluoro-carbons.

The composition, density, and thermal reactions of certain simple fluoro-carbon olefins are described. The products are CF3SF6, C2F3SF6, (CF3)2SF4 and (C2F5)2SF4. The olefins involved were CF3CF=CFCF2 and CF3CF=CF2.

The synthesis and properties of fluoro-carbon derivatives having hetero-atoms such as oxygen or nitrogen in the principal carbon chain of the molecule have been studied. It has been shown that a perfluoro compound having an alternating chain C-O-C-N-C cannot be synthesized directly from the organic analogue. When prepared indirectly, however, such a chain is chemically and thermally stable. The compounds (CF3)2NCOF, CF3N CF2, and (CF3)2NCF2COOH, which are the N-hetero analogues of (CFCO)2CF, CF3CF CF2, and (CFCF2COOH, are discussed. The pyrolysis of a compound having C-C , C-G and C-N bonds is described. Preparation of a new and unexplored class of compounds, the perfluoroamides, and the synthesis of a possible intermediate in the preparation of the functional group OCF2COOH2 are mentioned.

The preparation of fluorocarbon olefins and chlorofluorocarbon-olefins has produced sulfur-containing fluorocarbon derivatives of aqueous alkali. Preparations and reactions of perfluorooalkyl amidines, R3C-NH2CNH2, and perfluoro-alkyl triazines, (R3CN)3 have been studied. The reaction of polytetrafluoroethylene with sulfur or selenium under pyrolytic conditions produces a fusible polymer containing no sulfur.

Efforts to use potassium and sodium vapor as a reaction medium for fluorocarbon synthesis have not been successful. Fluorine exchange between metal fluorides and fluorocarbon olefins has been studied. Exchange was generally accompanied by decomposition. It was found that the reactor packing determined the nature of the products obtained from the oxidation of C3F6.

Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

WADC TR 56-326.


The aim of this work was the synthesis of polar organo-silicon monomers capable of polymerization to synthetic rubber. The polar groups would be expected to increase the transition temperature.

The synthesis of a suitable polar organosilicon monomer has not yet been effected. Our results, some of which represent progress toward the desired goal, are now summarized.

1. The direct photochemical chlorosulfonation of silanes with sulfuryl chloride was attempted without success. In one case a small amount of cleavage product, methanesulfonyl chloride, was formed.
2. The direct chlorocarbonylation of tetraethylsilane with oxaly chloride was effected.
3. Three silanes probably containing the -CH2SCN group have been prepared. However, attempted conversions to compounds of -CH2SO2Cl groups have failed.
4. Vinyltrithioxysilane with methylmagnesium iodide has given vinylmethylthioxyxysilane and vinylidemethylthioxysilane.
5. BenzyI and phenyl mercurates have been added to the vinylsilanes to give substituted beta-thioethyloxylanes. Attempts to oxidize these sulfides to sulfones have led to mixtures of materials of
higher molecular weight.

6. Hydrolysis of various silane sulfides has given mixtures of silane sulfides, as yet incompletely characterized. While silicones with polar substituents would still seem to be desirable and useful materials, the synthesis of suitable monomers has not been accomplished in the present work.


The prime objective of this research is to synthesize polymerizable, polar silane monomers for use as precursors or modifiers for improved silicone rubbers. A second important objective of the project is to prepare gums from these monomers, homopolymerize or copolymerize with dimethylsilicone oils, such that the copolymer may be compounded to produce suitable silicone elastomers.

The structures of the MeSiClH adducts with vinyl acetate and with methyl acrylate were shown, by nuclear magnetic resonance spectra, to be MeSiClCH2CH2OCCOCH3 and MeSiClCH=CHCOOH, respectively. The latter compound represents the first reported example of non-terminal addition of Si-H bond to vinyl double bonds.

Samples of dimethylsilicone copolymers containing the vinyl acetate adduct, the allyl acetate adduct, the vinyl ethyl ether adduct, and the allyl ethyl ether adduct were prepared. All of these were cross-linked and were unsuitable elastomer materials.

Reactions of the strong acids and strong bases used as polymerization catalysts, with the hydrolysates of the silane adducts, were shown to lead to C-Si bond cleavage in a number of cases. This cleavage provides a plausible explanation of the cross-linking that results when the adducts are used in copolymerization.

The use of B- and C- radiation sources led, in preliminary studies, to surface grafts of B-cyanoethyl acrylate onto a commercial silicone elastomer which gave an improvement in resistance to swelling caused by 70:30 isooctane:toluene.


A study of the preparation of unsaturated ketones containing fluorine has been undertaken in this laboratory for use as monomers in the preparation of new and useful plastic and elastomeric materials for high temperature applications in military aircraft.

The perfluoroalkyl propenyl ketones were found to copolymerize with a variety of vinyl monomers such as acrylonitrile, ethyl acrylate, styrene and vinyl acetate to give products ranging from powders to elastomers.


The objective of this contract was the synthesis of laminating resins for service in the range of 600°F to 700°F, based primarily on maleimide and on derivatives thereof.

Test laminates were prepared of various blends of maleimide with standard heat-resistant alkyls. Laminates from one such blend had a raw flexural strength of 67, 100 psi, as compared to 37, 600 and 42, 100 psi for VIBRIN 135 and X 1068 laminates respectively. After 24 hours aging at 500°F, it retained a flexural strength of 61, 200 psi as compared to 35, 400 and 36, 000 psi, and after 192 hours at 500°F, 34, 500 psi as compared to 19, 300 and 18, 200 psi, measured at 500°F.

Copolymerizations of maleimide and methyloyl maleimide with several vinyl type monomers were prepared and studied as possible heat resistant resin components. None of the materials but one showed any promise of desirable properties, and further investigation along this line is not considered profitable.

Synthesis of three monomeric unsaturated compounds containing the maleimide nucleus was attempted. It appears the synthesis of N-allyloxymethyl maleimide was successful; however, complete analysis of the reaction product is not yet available.


The purpose of this program is the development of thermally stable silicon-containing resins, and the parts of that program already completed are described in full. This program includes the synthesis of silane monomers which contain two silicon atoms connected by arylene groups and have sufficient functionality to form a thermosetting polymer when hydrolyzed and cured. It also includes finding methods of hydrolyzing and polymerizing these monomers in which the maximum use is made of their functionality.

Possible methods for synthesizing the monomers have been investigated. Those methods which were found suitable for the preparation of quantities of one pound or more were used to prepare the following compounds: 1, 4-bis(methylidithiooxlyl)benzene, 4, 4'-bis(methylidithiooxlyl)phenyl-ether, and phenylidichlorosilyl-trichlorosilylbenzene. Also, the description of a statistically designed series of experiments to study the variables effective in the formation of laminates from silicon resins and glass fiber fabric is included.


The ultimate goal of the exploratory investigation described is the development of a rubber for special Air Force applications. High thermal stability (350°F or higher); resistance to aromatic fuels, synthetic esterbase oils and hydraulic fluids; resistance to ozone and to weathering oxidation effects; resistance to acids, bases and salts; resistance to abrasion; and satisfactory performance at -65°F or lower are major requirements for such an elastomer.

Preliminary compounding and testing studies with an elastomer based on a fluorine-containing polyester, made from adipyl chloride and 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4-hexfluoropentanediol, have given promising results. At the present stage of development, compounded and cross-linked specimens of hexafluoropentylene adipate retain useful mechanical properties after aging in air at 400°F (70 and 168 hour tests), and in diester oil at 350°F (70 hour test); are resistant to paraffinic and aromatic fuels; and exhibit a brittle temperature of -98°F (ASTM D-746).

This report describes the preparation, compounding, cross-linking and properties of hexafluoropentylene...
adipe elastomer as well as syntheses and properties of other fluorine-containing condensation polymers and difunctional starting materials. Data indicating that increasing fluorine content of the polymers decreases their solubility in common solvents without regard to position of the fluorine in the polymer are extended. On the other hand, these data show that position of the fluorine, rather than total fluorine content of the polymer is of most importance in affecting brittle temperatures.

WADC TR 54-613 Part II
ORGANOSILICON COMPOUNDS. Part II - The Cyclopentamethylenedialkylsilanes. Dr. Harold Rosenberg, Dr. Christ Tamborski, Marvin D. Rausch, 1/Lt., May 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 130761. PB 131389.

An investigation into the use of cyclic tetra-substituted organosilanes was conducted to determine their applicability as base materials for extreme-temperature lubricant and hydraulic fluid applications. A series of cyclopentamethylenedialkylsilanes was synthesized and certain of the physical properties correlated with molecular structure. In addition, one aryl derivative, cyclopentamethylenediphenylsilane, was prepared and evaluated. The cyclopentamethylenedialkylsilanes were found, similar to the unsymmetrical trialkylsilanes, to be liquid over a wide temperature range and, in the case of certain members, to be thermally stable at elevated temperatures. These compounds, on the basis of preliminary data, appear to show promise as base materials for certain wide-temperature hydraulic fluid and lubricant applications.

WADC TR 56-493,
PREPARATION AND POLYMERIZATION OF SOME FLUOROALKYL METHYL CYCLOSILOXANES,

Four fluoralkylmethylchlorosilanes were hydrolyzed and the resulting cyclosiloxanes separated and characterized. Attempts to homopolymerize the fluoralkylmethylcyclosiloxanes resulted in viscous fluids. Gum copolymers with octamethylycyclotetrasiloxane were prepared by conventional methods. Fluorine-containing cyclosiloxanes may also be prepared from the higher molecular weight siloxane residues of the hydrolysis reaction by passing through a hot tube at 470-520°C.

University of Southern California.
WADC TR 56-82 Part II
PRINCIPLES OF INORGANIC POLYMERIZATION,

This project continues to seek and to find new patterns of chemical bonding and to consider their possible usefulness in relation to the invention of new polymers having unusual thermal stability. Some of our amino-phosphino-boron resins are stable at temperatures approaching 500°C, and the limit is not yet known; however, the problem of their poor mechanical properties remains. The phosphinoborone bonding principle withstands a great increase in the electronegativity of substituents on phosphorus. The stability of P-P bonding seems much enhanced by CF₃ groups on P, so that the new compounds (PCF₃)₄, and (PCF₃)₅ are decidedly stable. The previous tentative interpretations of the by-products of the fluorocarbonphosphorus iodide reactions with mercury are reconsidered in the light of new facts. Progress toward more electronegative substituents on boron is reported, and our recently initiated work on phosphino-aluminum compounds has produced some interesting materials. Nitrilophosphonic chloride is not depolymerized by pyridine, but it reacts with triethylamine in an interesting manner.

U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory
WADC TR 56-376,
DEVELOPMENT OF THERMALLY STABLE POLYMERIC MATERIALS. Charles P. Haber. AF 33(616)-56-41, June 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 130796. PB 131253.
The work described within this report has as its objective the synthesis of polymeric materials having extreme chemical and thermal stability which are suitable for use in various aircraft applications such as elastomers, plastics, fluids, dielectrics, and adhesives. In most applications the needed materials must be able to resist the action of the atmosphere at the elevated temperatures; in some, resistance to corrosive fuels and fuel combustion products is required. The task of this program is to investigate promising inorganic bonding systems for thermal and chemical resistance and to incorporate these bonding systems into high polymer molecules with the required physical and mechanical properties. Diphosphines have been prepared in good yields. The polymerization of this material by peroxide-initiated reactions in bulk, solution, and emulsion has led only to low molecular weight, low melting solids of no apparent practical significance. The mechanism of polymerization has been established as the addition of the elements of Si-H bond of one molecule across the vinyl unsaturation of another molecule. Catalysis of the polymerization by a platinum-on-carbon catalysis led to a different type of reaction and a dissimilar product tentatively assigned the structure.

In an attempt to prepare (CF₃)₂PN polymers, a multistep synthesis giving an excellent overall yield of the desired starting material, (CF₃)₂PCl₃, was developed. The reaction of (CF₃)₂PCl₃ with ammonia and ammonium chloride under a wide variety of experimental conditions led to rearrangement, disproportionation, and ammonolysis of CF₃ groups. As a result of these side reactions, it has not been possible to prepare the desired nitride polymer.

Ford Motor Company. WADC TR 57-321,
SYNTHESIS OF POLYXYLYLYLDIMETHYL SILANES AND POLYXYLYLYLDIMETHYL SILOXANE. Glenn R. Wilson, Gretchen M. Hutzel, Louis B. Updegrove. AF 33(600)-32448, June 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 130822.
The purpose of this program is to prepare a series of poly-p-xylyldimethylsilanes and poly-p-xylyldimethyl siloxanes for evaluation as high-temperature lubricants and/or hydraulic fluids. The major effort has been devoted to finding a suitable procedure for preparing one of the building blocks of the polymers, viz., bis(trimethylsilyl)-p-xylylene and suitable intermediates for synthesizing this latter compound. Many of the approaches for synthesizing the monomeric building block were unsuccessful and resulted in the formation of undesirable side reactions. Only recently was a successful procedure developed which involved the condensation of p-dibromobenzene and chloromethyltrimethylsilane with metallic sodium. The application of this successful procedure towards synthesis of the polymeric silane and siloxane are now under investigation.
The purpose of this investigation was to prepare an elastomer with high temperature resistance as well as improved resistance to the deteriorating and swelling effects of fuels and oils.

Four silane monomers; vinyltriethoxy-, vinylmethylethoxy-, vinyldimethylethoxy-, and vinyltrimethyisyilane were polymerized with 1, 1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate. The resulting polymers were tested for thermal stability by determining percent weight loss in dry air at 350°F and 400°F. In most cases weight loss of the silane containing polymers was appreciably less than that of the homopolymer poly-1, 1-dihydroperfluorobutylacrylate. The enhanced thermal stability is attributed to a unique type of cross-linking, which is discussed theoretically.

Infrared spectra of the samples were recorded and discussed. Results of compounding, testing, and evaluation will be reported at a later date.

Peninsular Chemresearch, Inc.

WADC TR 55-220 Part III.

DEVELOPMENT OF FLUORO-SILICONE ELASTOMERS


Some promising fluoroalkyl silane monomers and polymers have been prepared for use as high temperature and aircraft seal agents.

Appreciable quantities of the monomers, CF₃CH₂CH₂Si(CH₃)Cl₂, CH₃CH(CF₃)CH₂Si(CH₃)Cl₂, CF₃CF₂CH₂CH₂Si(CH₃)Cl₂ and CF₃CF₂CF₂CH₂Si(CH₃)Cl₂ were synthesized for polymerization studies. Hydrolysis reactions were carried out on the monomers and the constant boiling products have been characterized. Polymerization of the cyclic hydrolyzes products to elastic homopolymers has been realized using the active metals in Group IA of the periodic table as polymerization catalysts. Copolymers with octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane were also prepared using potassium hydroxide as a catalyst. An attempt to prepare a high molecular weight ternary polymer from the trimers, [CF₃CH₂CH₂Si(CH₃)O]₃ and the cyclic tetramer, [CH₂]₄SiO, gave only a medium viscosity oil.

A study was made of the reaction of hydrogen fluoride with the compound, CF₃BrCH₂CH₂Br in an attempt to improve the yield of the fluorinated product, CF₃CH₂CH₂Br. Improved yields were obtained; however, percent conversion still remains relatively low.

In the preparation of new fluoroalkyl silane monomers, preliminary experiments were carried out on the fluorination of the beta carbon atom on the compounds CCl₂CH₂Si(CH₃)₃ and CH₂COSil(CH₃)₃. Analytical results indicate the fluorinated compounds were obtained.

The B. F. Goodrich Company

WADC TR 55-453 Part II.

DEVELOPMENT OF INORGANIC POLYMER SYSTEMS.


The purpose of this investigation was to prepare polymeric inorganic or semi-inorganic materials capable of withstanding elevated temperatures.

The investigation of the aluminum-oxygen-silicon system initiated last year has been continued through this year. Previous difficulties in formation of aluminum-oxygen-silicon bonds were traced to exchange reactions.

Reaction of aluminum halides with sodium silanotes has been found to lead to formation of aluminum-oxygen-silicon bonds in high yields with no evidence of exchange reactions. By this means, tristriphenylsiloxyaluminum and tristrimethylsiloxyaluminum have been prepared. Attempts to extend this principle to the preparation of polymers using difunctional aluminum halides and silanol salts have not resulted in formation of high polymers, but only polymers very low in molecular weight.

Preparation of trimethylsiloxyaluminum disopropoxide in high yield by reaction of aluminum isopropoxide with trimethylacetoxy silane indicates that this type of reaction might also be a good one for the establishment of aluminum-oxygen-silicon bonds.

A rubbery tin-silicon polymer containing 8-10% tin was stable upon being heated at 300°C for three hours.

Reaction Motors, Inc. WADC TR 57-45 Part I.

HIGH TEMPERATURE STABLE SEMIORGANIC FLUIDS.


Phenyldichlorofluorosilane and methylidichlorosilane, monomeric materials suitable for the preparation of polyorganofluorosiloxane polymers, were prepared in good yield and good conversion by the reaction of gaseous boron trifluoride with phenylidichloroethoxy silane and methylidichloroethoxy silane. Phenylmethylchlorofluoro silane and phenylmethyfluroxyethoxy silane were synthesized and evaluated as chain stopping agents for the organofluorosiloxane polymers. The polymerization of these monomers was studied and the liquid polymers obtained were evaluated for potential use as high temperature base stock fluids. The relationship of physical properties to structural features of the polymeric oils was established.

WADC TR 57-51 Part III.

ORGANOSILANES AND RELATED COMPOUNDS AS HIGH-TEMPERATURE LUBRICANTS.

Dr. Harold Rosenberg, Dr. Christ Tamborski, James D. Groves. 1/Lt. September 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 131066. PB 131424.

One class of mixed symmetrical tetraalkylsilanes was investigated to determine their applicability as base materials for Air Force high-temperature hydraulic fluids and lubricants. A series of di-n-dodecyldialky silanes prepared at various physical properties of the fluids obtained were correlated with molecular structure. These materials were found to be thermally stable at elevated temperatures and liquid over a wide temperature range. In addition to the tetraalkyl compounds, one aralkyl derivative, di-n-dodecylpheny silane, was also synthesized. On the basis of preliminary property data, this fluid and at least several mixed symmetrical tetraalkylsilanes offer considerable promise as base stocks for 700°F lubricant and hydraulic fluid applications in new advanced air weapon systems.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 57-391.

POLYMERIZATION THROUGH COORDINATION.


The purpose of this work is to study the preparation and properties of metal-containing polymers in which the metal ion is held in the polymer through coordinate bonds. It is expected that such polymers will have exceptional stability toward heat and chemical reagents.
The background for the formation of such polymers is presented and the principles involved in the preparation of plastic materials are discussed. Pertinent literature references are cited.

Chelate polymers containing bis-$\beta$-diketones, bis-$\beta$-hydroxyquinolines, $\beta$-hydroxyethylpolymelamines, and bis-$\alpha$-amino acids have been investigated, as well as polymeric phthalocyanines. The most promising results have been obtained with the polymeric phthalocyanines, which have molecular weights up to about 30,000.

Aerochem Research Laboratories, Inc.
WADC TR 57-189.

REACTIONS IN ELECTRODELESS DISCHARGES BETWEEN VOLATILE HALIDES AND ORGANIC COMPOUNDS. Gusta C. Akervol. AF 33(616)-3225. September 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 131095. PB 131479.

The purpose of this program was to study the formation of new types of thermally stable fluids and solids by means of high voltage electrodeless discharges through mixtures of volatile halides, particularly of silicon, and organic compounds. The effect of temperature, pressure, flow rate, current, and voltage on the product yield and discharge behavior was investigated for typical reactant combinations.

The produce properties were studied for forty different reactant systems and twenty samples were submitted to the Materials Laboratory, Wright Air Development Center, for more detailed evaluation. In addition, a 600 gram sample boiling above 400°C from the reaction of methane with dimethylchlorosilane in the electrodeless discharge, was submitted for evaluation. Fractionation of similar samples has given cuts boiling over 200°C without visible decomposition. These same fractions were liquid at -15°C. The reaction between methylene and methylnorosilanes produces substances with high boiling points which have excellent thermal stability, combined with low freezing points and relatively low viscosity over large temperature ranges.

WADC TR 57-503.


The purpose of this research was to examine the chemical properties of silicon isocyanates to see if these isocyanates can be used as monomers for the preparation of silicon-containing polyurethane resins. A prototype silicon isocyanate, trimethylsilylisocyanate, was reacted with amines, Grignard reagents, alcohols and glycols. It was found that amines, Grignard reagents and alcohols cleave the isocyanate group from the silicon atom to form the corresponding alkyl isocyanate, alkyl amide and alkyl biuret respectively. The glycols do not cleave the isocyanate group from the silicon, but add to trimethylsilylisocyanate to form the corresponding bis (trimethylisilyl) carbamate.

American Potash & Chemical Corporation
WADC TR 57-126 Part I.


One of the continuing objectives of this project is the accumulation of fundamental data relating the structure of phosphinoborines to their chemical and physical properties. To this end, ten new phosphinoborines have been synthesized and several of these, as well as some of the previously known derivatives, have been screened for oxidative, hydrolytic, and thermal stability. The synthesis of phosphine and borine intermediates by known methods has produced four new alkyl phosphines. Several approaches to the preparation of aryl phosphines and diphenylphosphines have been attempted without success.
not been achieved.

Attempts which have been made to synthesise monohydric and polyhydric alcohols indicate that the proposed routes are feasible. Work in this area has not been completed.

A variety of methods have been used in attempts to prepare alpha, beta-unsaturated ketones (Grignard, free-radical, preparation of alkyl lithium derivatives, Friedel-Crafts-type reactions, and preparation of an unsaturated acid) without success. Several of the ketones derived from the addition of a Grignard reagent to Kel-F Acids have been prepared. As intermediates to the preparation of ketones, two alkoxy have been made.

Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation
WADC TR 57-436.
PREPARATION OF POLYMERS FROM HALOGEN-CONTAINING OLEFINS AND DIENE MONOMERS.
H. Iserson, M. Hauptschein, F. E. Lawler,
AD 142116. PB 131615.

Synthetic work on this project included the preparation of fluoro- and fluorohalo-olefins and dienes. Among the monomers prepared were: 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoro-1,1,2-trifluorobutadiene, 1,2-dichloro-3,4,4-trifluorobutadiene, 1,1,2-trichloro-3,4,4-trifluorobutadiene, 3-bromo-1,1,2-trifluorobutadiene, 1,1,2,3-tetrafluorobutadiene, 1,4-dichlorotetrafluorobutadiene, 1,1-difluoroisobutylene, 1-trifluorovinyl-2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluorocyclobutane, 1-vinyl-2-chloro-1,1,2,3,3,3-hexafluorocyclobutane, perfluoro-1-vinylcyclobutene-1. Polymerizations have been tried with these and with other olefins. Some of the polymers which appear of interest were prepared from: perfluoropropene and trifluoroethyl vinyl ether; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluorobutadiene; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluorobutadiene and trifluoroethyl vinyl ether; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluorobutadiene and ethylene oxide trifluoroethylene and trifluoroethyl vinyl ether; tetrafluoroethylene and ethylene oxide; tetrafluoroethylene and trifluoroethyl vinyl ether. Terpolymers have been prepared from trifluoroethyl vinyl ether, ethylene oxide and one of the following: perfluoropropene, vinylidene fluoride, 1,4-dichlorotetrafluorobutadiene, 1-chloro-2,2,2-difluoroethylene, tetrafluoroethylene.

The Pennsylvania State Univ.
WADC TR 56-203 Part II.
COORDINATION POLYMERS. W. Conrad Fernelius,
Maurice Shamma, Norman R. Carluano, David E.
Goldberg, Dean E. Martin, Forrest D. Thomas, III,
AD 142191. PB 131649.

Various approaches towards the development of polymers through coordination have been investigated. Several bis(diketones) have been prepared; this work will now be followed by attempts at their polymerisation.

Attempts to prepare a silicon monomer by the reaction of dimethylidichlorosilane with the sodium salt of acetylacetone were unsuccessful, the product formed being unstable. On the other hand, a series of monomeric bis(acetylacetonate)dialkoxy titanium compounds were synthesised.

Investigations on the coordination ability of organo-phosphorus radicals have shown that they do not coordinate easily. Dithiophosphates, on the other hand, coordinate well. A series of salts of dithiophosphates has been prepared, and efforts have been made to prepare an analogous bifunctional ligand. Polymeric materials have been produced from what probably is a mixed ester of a dialcohol and monoaolcohol. The dithio compounds have low thermal stability.

Investigations of similar compounds with other donor atoms led to the conclusion that compounds with various combinations of oxygen, sulfur, amido nitrogen, and substituted amido nitrogen do not coordinate well, except for the dithio compounds already mentioned. Because of little hope of producing high temperature polymers, this phase of the problem has been abandoned.

Efforts towards the formation of coordination polymers from bis(o-hydroxyxo) compounds did not yield promising results because of the insolubility of the products formed.

A series of o-hydroxyketones was prepared by means of the Fries Rearrangement preliminary to the synthesis of bis(o-hydroxyketones).
developed for the preparation of substituted aryldialkylphosphines. Among the tertiary phosphine oxides prepared were diethylphosphine oxide, p-chlorophenylsthiophosphine oxide, triethylphosphine oxide, ethylmethylphosphine oxide and 2,5-dimethylphenyl-diethylphosphine oxide. Other intermediates of some synthetic importance were prepared including o-tolyldichlorophosphine and ethylphenylphosphoryl chloride.

The inherent thermal and oxidative stability of the tertiary phosphine oxides has been experimentally verified at 285°C with both diethylphosphine oxide and p-chlorophenylphosphine oxide. Principal efforts were devoted to improving the liquid range by introducing chosen substituents in certain positions of the aromatic ring of an aryldialkylphosphine oxide.

**WADC TR 57-62 Part I.**


The purpose of this program was to uncover new types of cyclopentadienyl metals, or "ferrocene-like" compounds with properties suitable for extreme temperature lubricant and hydraulic fluid applications. A series of long-chain alkylferrocenes and aryalkylferrocenes were prepared by the Friedel-Craft acylation of ferrocene and subsequent reduction. Furthermore, the metatation of ferrocene by n-butyl-lithium and by mercuric acetate was studied in detail, and some reactions of the metatated derivatives were investigated.

**WADC TR 58-3**


This report describes research to determine the polymerization characteristics of four classes of experimental monomers and a preliminary evaluation of the potential of the resulting polymeric products as thermally stable, solvent-resistant plastics and elastomers.

The perfluoroalkyl propenyl ketones were found to copolymerize with a variety of comonomers such as vinyl acetate, styrene and butadiene to give products ranging from powders to elastomers.

The 1-alkyl-1-hydroperfluoroalkyl acrylates copolymerize readily and formed tough rubbery homopolymers which exhibited good thermal stability and low swell in diester-type lubricants.

Trans-cinnamoyl ferrocene formed copolymers with a variety of comonomers but low conversions, copolymers or copolymers containing small amounts of cinnamoyl ferrocene were obtained.

Reactivity ratio determinations of two trifluoromethyl-substituted styrenes indicated that substitution of the trifluoromethyl group on styrene increased its polymerisation reactivity.

**Midwest Research Institute.**

**WADC TR 57-143 Part II.**


Additional work aimed at preparing thermally stable silicon containing resins is described and some information on the incorporation of these resins into glass fabric laminates is included. Other methods for synthesizing monomers were investigated, particularly the use of tetrahydrofurran as a solvent in the Grignard syntheses. The results of a statistically designed experiment to study the variables effective in the formation of laminates from silicone resins and glass fabric are given, and the results of a similar experiment to study the effect of treating finished silicone resins with catalyst solutions are also described. Use of phenyldichlorosilyl-trichlorosilyl-benzene in resin compositions is reported in considerable detail and the properties of laminates prepared from these resins are described. Laminates are also obtained from resins prepared from 1,4-bis(methyldiethoxysilyl)benzene, 4,4'-bis(methyldiethoxysilyl)phenylether, m-bis(trichlorosilyl)benzene, p-bis(trichlorosilyl)-benzene and a mixture of the last two isomers.

**WADC TR 57-764**


The purpose of this work was to study the feasibility of preparing liquid chelate compounds. The thermal stability of certain chelate compounds led to their study as possible liquid base stock materials. Several fluorinated diketones were chosen for study and their melting points studied to determine the effect of the fluorine on the physical properties of the molecule. Only one liquid was obtained and all compounds exhibited high vapor pressures.

**Hooker Electrochemical Company.**

**WADC TR 55-221 Part IV.**


The ultimate goal of the exploratory investigations described is the development of a rubber for special Air Force applications. Major requirements for such a material include good mechanical properties, high thermal stability (originally 350°F or higher), satisfactory performance at -65°F or lower, and resistance to aromatic fuels, synthetic ester-base oils, and hydraulic fluids.

To this end, fluorine-containing condensation polymers are being investigated in an effort to discover and develop suitable new elastomers.

This report describes the preparation, compounding, cross-linking, and properties of certain fluorine-containing polyester elastomers which appear to meet the goals outlined above. The report also describes the research performed on the synthesis of fluorine-containing difunctional starting materials, polyesters and nitrogen-substituted polyamides therefrom, and their characterization.

**WADC TR 57-62 Part II.**


The purpose of this program was to uncover new types of ferrocene-containing materials with properties suitable for extreme-temperature lubricant and hydraulic fluid applications. A number of new aryl-
good yields of solid polymeric products were obtained when these perfluoroalkylpropenyl ketones were copolymerized with styrene or 1, 1, 1-trifluoroethyl vinyl ether by BF₃ catalysis under similar conditions.

Homopolymerization of perfluoro-1, 4-pentadiene; 1, 1, 3, 5, 5-hexafluoro-1, 4-pentadiene; 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5-octafluoro-4, 5-dichloro-1-pentene; and 1-ethoxyperfluorocyclobutene-1 could not be accomplished by free-radical or ionic polymerization techniques. Copolymerization of three monomers with such comonomers as vinyl acetate; acrylonitrile; butadiene; styrene; 1, 1, 1-trifluoroethyl vinyl ether; 1, 1-dihydroperfluorobutylacrylate; and N-n-butyl-N-1, 1-dihydroperfluorobutylacrylamide yielded polymeric products ranging from oils to elastomeric and resinous solids.

Homopolymerization of 1, 2-dioxyperfluorocyclobutene-1, 1-allyperfluorocyclobutene-1; and 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5-octafluoro-2-chloro-4-pentenylmethyl ketone by free radical and ionic polymerization methods yielded liquid and solid polymeric products. Copolymerization of these monomers with styrene and N-n-butyl-N-1, 1-dihydroperfluorobutylacrylamide yielded resinous solid polymeric products.

Attempts were made to prepare high-molecular-weight homopolymers by polycondensation of isomers of pyridine dicarboxylic acid with ethylene glycol. The products were brittle, low-molecular-weight, highly colored solids.

Transesterification of the dimethyl esters of the pyridine dicarboxylic acids with ethylene glycol did not give products of significantly improved properties. Replacement of ethylene glycol with neopentyl glycol, however, gave products of less coloration and apparently greater thermal stability.

Reaction of the diacid chlorides of some of the pyridine dicarboxylic acid isomers with ethylene and neopentyl glycol gave essentially the same results as trans-esterification reactions of the dimethyl esters, except that the reactions were more rapid and the products had, in general, greater clarity.

Thermosetting copolymers were prepared by copolymerizing the pyridine dicarboxylic acids, their di- methyl esters or diacid chlorides, and an unsaturated dicarboxylic acid with ethylene glycol or neopentyl-1 glycol. The products, translucent or opaque, dark brown semi-solids or solids at room temperature, could be modified with triallyl cyanurate and cured to give dark brown, opaque, hard, nontacky solids.

Thermosetting polyesters were obtained by reacting pyridine diacrylic acid or its dimethyl ester with ethylene or neopentyl glycol. The uncured products were clear, dark brown, low-melting solids retaining double bond activity.

A polycarbonate of moderate molecular weight was prepared by reacting 4, 4'-dioxypiphenyl-2, 2-propane (Bisphenol A) with phosgene or with diphenyl carbonate. A molded film approximately 0.010 inch thick prepared from the product obtained by fusion with diphenyl carbonate was fairly inflexible but could be bent double without cracking.

A low-molecular-weight water-soluble resin was prepared by the reaction of bis(hydroxymethane) phosphinic acid with dimethyl terephthalate.

Pennsylvanin Chemresearch, Inc.
WADC TR 55-220 Pi IV.


Some promising fluoroalkylsilane monomers and polymers have been prepared for use as high temperature and aircraft fuel resistant elastomeric materials.
In addition to the halosilanes previously synthesized, the following new silanes were prepared: Bis(trifluoropropyl)dichlorosilane (Chlorohexafluorocyclobutylethyl)-methyl dichlorosilane (2-Trifluoromethyltrifluoropropyl)-methyl dichlorosilane

Polymerisation of the cyclic polymers of (pentfluorobutyl)methylsiloxane and (heptfluoropropyl) methylsiloxane was attempted, but resulted in oils of lower viscosity than desired. Polymerisation of the cyclic polymers of (trifluoropropyl)methylsiloxane yielded high viscosity oils and in one case an elastic gum was formed.


The purpose of the work reported here is to provide basic information concerning new types of polymeric materials which will be more resistant to high temperatures than are known polymeric materials.

The types of materials which have been investigated are: polymers which have the possibility of aromatization; copolymers of aromatic nuclei such as anthracene; polymers which contain metal coordination centers such as polyphenylacetylenes, poly-Schiff base chelates, polybasic beryllium carboxylates; new derivatives of phosphonitrilic hydrosulfides; new polymers derived from benzene phosphonic amides; polymers containing coordination centers derived from phosphorus compounds.

Many new polymeric materials are described. One derived from dimethylamine+dimethylaminopimelate shows some possibilities as a high temperature resistant replacement of polyvinyl alcohol.


One of the continuing objectives of this project is the accumulation of fundamental data relating the structures of phosphinoborines to their chemical and physical properties. To this end six new phosphinoborines have been synthesized and several of these, as well as some of the previously known derivatives, have been screened for oxidative, hydrolytic, and thermal stability. The synthesis of phosphate intermediates by known methods has produced one new alkylphosphine and six new organophosphate derivatives. The successful preparation of a primary aromatic diphosphine has been achieved.


The work of the past year has been devoted largely to the search for new substances which might seem promising as components of inorganic polymer systems, and to a study of their chemical bonding properties. The aminophosphine (CH$_2$P(CH$_3$)$_2$) has been converted to (CH$_3$)$_2$PCl and to the new diphosphine P$_2$(CH$_3$)$_4$. The latter was used to make a (CH$_2$)$_2$PBH$_3$ chain polymer and a somewhat improved thermally stable resin. A new interpretation of such resins extends earlier ideas. The phosphino-aluminum system has been explored, indicating new-type compounds of some interest. A considerable further study of fluorocarbon-phosphorus compounds included a demonstration of CF$_3$P higher polymers, the [CF$_3$PO]$_n$ system, and [CF$_3$Br]$_n$-nickel-carbonyl polymers. The synthesis of (CF$_3$)_2PBH$_3$ trimer and tetramer has been studied thoroughly, with recognition of interesting by-products. The (CH$_3$)$_2$N-(NPC$_2$)$_3$ reaction has been shown to split the amine to form (CH$_3$)$_2$N-P derivatives. An acetylide derivative of (NPC$_2$)$_3$ formed a higher polymer. Work with (NPF$_3$)$_2$ has begun. The interesting unstable product of the CF$_3$Si-B$_2$H$_8$ reaction may prove to be CF$_3$BF$_3$.
Dr. A. M. Lovelace, June 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 156558.

This program was undertaken to investigate the synthesis of difunctional ferrocene compounds for use as monomers. A number of ferrocene diols were prepared. Several methods for the synthesis of the ferrocene carboxylic acids were investigated. An improved synthesis of ferrocene dicarboxylic acid has been achieved using n-butyllithium in a solvent system consisting of diethyl ether and tetrahydrofuran.


The purpose of this project is the synthesis of a series of poly-p-xlylyldimethylsilanes and poly-p-xlylyltrimethylsiloxanes for evaluation as high temperature lubricants and/or hydraulic fluids.

The proposed program of syntheses was outlined and discussed previously in WADC TR 57-321 and was directed primarily at working out the details for synthesizing the basic building unit of poly-p-xlylyldimethylsilane before proceeding to the ultimate synthesis of the polymers. At that time we had obtained a very small quantity of a liquid material, whose elemental analysis agreed exactly with that calculated for bis(trimethylsilyl)-p-xylene, from the coupling reaction of p-dibromobenzene and chloromethyltrimethylsilane with metallic sodium. Subsequent efforts to prepare larger quantities of this material by scaling up the reaction were unsuccessful and complex mixtures of difficult-to-separate materials were obtained.

Because of the multiplicity of functional groups involved in this particular coupling reaction, other routes of synthesis were investigated in an attempt to reduce the numbers of permutations and combinations of competing reactions. The results of these investigations indicate that an unequivocal route is yet to be found for preparing the desired compound.

As final efforts we are investigating a Friedel-Crafts type reaction described in the recent Russian literature and will also attempt to prepare the meta isomer of bis(trimethylsilyl)xyylene for which there is a much better chance of success.


In a search for fluids suitable for use as an Air Force high-temperature hydraulic fluids and lubricants, four 1-carboxylic acid ferrocenes were synthesized from cyclopentadiene via cyclopentadienylidimethylchlorosilane and a series of 1-cyclopentadienyl-3-substituted-1, 1, 3, 3-tetramethyldisiloxanes. The 3-phenyl compound possessed the desired thermal stability at 360°C (650°F). Other previously unreported ferrocenes and intermediates synthesized included 1, 3, 5-cyclopentadienyl-1, 1, 3, 3-tetramethyldisiloxane, 1, 3, 5-cyclopentadienyl-1, 1, 3, 3-tetramethyldisiloxane, 1, 3, 5-cyclopentadienyl-1, 1, 3, 3-tetramethyldisiloxane, and 1, 3, 5-cyclopentadienyl-5-phenyl-1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 5-hexamethyldisiloxane.

Experiments designed to elucidate the structures of products from the condensation of ferrocene with formaldehyde and benzoaldehyde were performed, and a
number of intermediates required for a study of the formation of bridged ferrocenes were synthesized.

Additional areas of investigation which were studied but largely without success included the synthesis of alkoxycyclopentadienes, the preparation of 3-methyl-1-ethylcyclopentadiene, and the identification of liquid ferrocenes by means of adducts of ferrocenes and tetratetrafluoroethane.

Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. WADC TR 58-382 Part I.


Pure cis or trans 3 and 4-methylenevinylcyclohexane have been prepared. The polymer obtained from the trisobutyl aluminum-titanium tetrachloride catalyst polymerization of 3-methylenevinylcyclohexane was crystalline. Vinylcyclopentane has been synthesized and polymerized with a trisobutyl aluminum-titanium tetrachloride catalyst; and polyvinylcyclopentane was found to be crystalline. Methylenecyclohexane and methylenecyclopentane were made, and these olefins failed to polymerize with a Ziegler-Natta type catalyst. Methylenecyclopetane was synthesized and polymerized, apparently with some ring opening with a Ziegler-Natta type catalyst. 3,3,3-Trifluoropropene was prepared and failed to polymerize with a trisobutyl aluminum-titanium tetrachloride catalyst. The preparation of 4,4,4-trifluorobutene-1 has been carried out. 1,4-Pentadiene was obtained from the pyrolysis of 1,5-pentamethylenediacetate.

A kinetic study of the polymerization of vinylcyclohexane with a trisobutyl aluminum-titanium trichloride catalyst showed that both oxygen and water affect the rate of polymerization. Unit cell dimensions were determined for crystalline polyvinylcyclohexane and crystalline polynvinylcyclopentane.


The effects of gamma radiation from a Cobalt-60 radiation source on liquid alkyl derivatives of biphenyl and terphenyl compounds have been investigated and the type and yield of gaseous decomposition products determined. The counter-current distribution method was found to be the most feasible means of separation of liquid irradiation products.

Alkyl substituted diphenyl and polyphenyl derivatives show a relatively high radiation stability. The influence of the type of alkyl substituent and its position on the molecule indicates an energy transfer mechanism. This mechanism is to be investigated in more detail in the remaining research period.

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 57-143 Part III.


The syntheses and evaluation of new monomers for incorporation into silicon containing resins are reported. The new monomers, which are mostly based on the arylendisilane structure, are selected for use in establishing polymeric units capable of imparting good high temperature properties to silicone resin systems.

The new monomers include compounds which contain two or more silicon atoms separated by various space groups. Described in the report are the following compounds: \( MX(EtO)2SiYSi(EtO)M \) where \( Y = C_6H_4Cl_2H_4 \), \( C_6H_5CH_2 \), and \( [CH_2]_n \). Other monomers are prepared which have different substituents on the organic group not used as a spacer. These monomers include the following: \( YC_6H_4(EtO)_2SiC_6H_5Si(EtO)_2C_6H_4Y \) where \( Y = H, Cl, MeO, \) and \( Me_2N \). The method of synthesis and properties of each new monomer is described in detail.

Silicone-glass fabric laminates are described which contain disilylbenzene monomers and have improved flexural strengths at temperatures above 500°F. The results of screening new resins and investigating the composition and fabrication parameters in these new resin systems are included. These results are obtained by a procedure which requires relatively small amounts of experimental resin.

Hooker Chemical Corporation. WADC TR 55-221 Part 5.


The ultimate goal of the investigations described is the determination of the effect of fluorine and fluoro content on the thermal and oxidative stability of unsaturated polyester laminating resins. An additional function is to aid in the investigations of the perfluorinated amadine polymers currently of interest to Wright Air Development Center.

Polyesters and polyester resin laminates have been prepared using fluorinated glycols as a component of the polyester. The laminates have been aged at elevated temperatures and physical properties measured before and after aging. Comparison of these aging results with polyesters containing hydrocarbon glycol components of the same carbon chain length indicate a noticeable improvement in retention of physical properties of the fluorinated materials over the hydrocarbon analogues.

The report also describes the research performed on the preparation of certain fluorine-containing compounds for use as starting materials for the preparation of polyesters and cross-linking monomers.

A new and improved synthesis of perfluorogluutaronitrile is described and efforts to improve the yields of the dehydration of perfluorogluaronitrile are given.

Research on the synthesis of certain novel or unusual fluoride-containing intermediates considered desirable for polymerisation in this project was performed at Purdue University under sub-contract to Hooker Chemical Corporation. Details of the syntheses performed at Purdue during the contract year comprise Appendix I of this report.

University of Illinois. WADC TR 58-51, Part II.


C. S. MARVEL SECTION:

The work described herein is in part a continuation of that reported in WADC TR 58-51.

An intractable poly-polyphenyl mixed with carbon black has been obtained but due to complete insolubility its molecular weight has not been established.

Poly-[6'-dimethylaminopropyl] ether monomer which contains a cyclohexane recurring unit has been characterised and shown to have a better heat stability than does polyacrylonitrile. An interesting polymeric cyclic silicone compound has been prepared from diallyldimethylsilane.
Polymers containing pyridine rings along with vinyl ketone monomer units have been prepared but show disappointing heat stabilities. It has not been possible to get polyphthalocyanines of high molecular weight. The products appear to be dimeric rather than polymeric.

Other work which is in progress but not completed is recorded.

L. F. AUDRIETH SECTION:

Reaction of benzene phosphonic diamide with aqueous formaldehyde gives small yields of dimethyl derivative. Side reactions necessitated a study of the hydrolysis of the diamide, both in water under varying pH conditions and in 100% acetic acid. Condensation reactions of benzene phosphonic amide with polyamines lead to elimination of ammonia and formation of low melting, glassy products which are presumably cyclic derivatives.

The hydrochlorides, phosphates and benzene phosphonates of hexamethylene diamine, diamine, diethylene triamine and ethylene diamine have been prepared and characterised.

The di- and hexa-substituted N-n-dibutyl phosphonitrilamides are less stable thermally than the hexa-N-phenyl derivative of triphosphonitrile.

Sodium-liquid ammonia is used to decompose chlorine-containing phosphonitrilic derivatives as the first step in the quantitative determination of chlorine in such compounds.

The trimeric and tetrameric phosphonitrilic isothiocyanates have been prepared by methylation in aceton. These substances polymerize to rubber-like products when heated above 150°, and undergo reactions characteristic of the -NCS group with ammonia, amines, alcohols, mercaptans and hydrazines.

J. C. BAILAR, JR. SECTION:

Several bis-aminophenols and bis-8-hydroxyquinolines have been prepared, and have been made to react with the divalent, tetracoordinate ions of copper and zinc. The substances so formed are undoubtedly polymeric, but are of low molecular weight. Attempts to form substances of higher molecular weight are planned.

Attempts have been made to prepare bis-catechol derivatives, and 2,2', 6, 6'-tetrahydroxydiphenyl, but these have not yet been obtained in good yield. The work is continuing; when the materials are obtained, they will be made to react with silicon tetra-chloride. A short chain polymer has been prepared from methylenebisalicylic acid and silicon tetrachloride.

Studies of new methods of polymerisation are being undertaken in the hope of learning more about the polymerisation process.


The purpose of this project is the synthesis of a series of poly-p-xylylidimethylsilanes and poly-p-xylyltetramethylsiloxanes for evaluation as high temperature lubricants and/or hydraulic fluids.

At the time of the last annual report (WADC TR 57-321, Part II), and after numerous unsuccessful attempts to prepare the basic building unit, bis (trimethylsilyl)-p-xylene, of these proposed polymers, a successful procedure was developed while investigating the preparation of the meta isomer. As a result we were able to prepare the o-, m-, and p-isomers of bis (trimethylsilyl) xylene and by the same technique a difunctional intermediate, bis (dimethylchlorosilyl)-p-xylene that could be used for preparing the polysilane or polysiloxane.

Synthesis of the polysiloxane was selected as the first choice due to the fact that a homogeneous-type polymer was anticipated, whereas, a heteropolymeric chain was anticipated in preparing the polysilane due to the undesirable coupling of xylene dihalides to bishemyl moieties in the reaction.

Several small-scale polymerisations of bis (dimethylchlorosilyl)-p-xylene, in the presence of variable quantities of trimethylchlorosilane, with water were carried out and the polymers obtained were of relatively low molecular weight, ca. 700-1100. Results of copolymerisation with p-hromophenyltetramethylchlorosilane, to provide analysable end groups, indicated that the polymer contained a high percentage of cyclic polymer.

Since the project is being terminated, a series of runs for preparing bis (dimethylchlorosilyl)-p-xylene were made and the yields combined to provide a sizable quantity. Some 600 grams of the intermediate has been prepared and polymerised with trimethylchlorosilane to provide a sufficient quantity of the polysiloxane for evaluation.


Various methods of synthesis of fluoride-containing olefins with different functional groups were studied. The methods involved additions to olefinic double bonds, both free radical- and base-catalyzed.

Attempts were made to prepare vinyl ethers, acrylonitrile derivatives, unsaturated olefin oxides, and vinyl ketones.

A new, polymerizable unconjugated pentadiene, chlorinated derivatives, and 2,2', 6,6'-tetrahydroxybiphenyl. but these LIQUID UREAS AND AMIDES. Cecil C. Chappelow, Jr.


The program for the development of thermally stable liquid ureas was continued. This program consisted of the synthesis and evaluation of several classes of tetra-substituted ureas.

During the synthesis program, a total of 14 tetra-substituted ureas were prepared, 13 of which are new compositions of matter not previously reported in the literature. These compounds are representative of the following types of tetra-substituted ureas: arylationphenyl-ureas, dialkylidarykyream alkyltrialrylureas, symmetrical tetraarylureas, unsymmetrical methyltrialrylureas and unsymmetrical tetraarylureas.

During the evaluation program, primary emphasis this year was placed upon the liquid properties of the ureas. By the proper use of n-alkyl and aryl groups, liquid ureas were prepared. However, due to the oxidative instability of n-alkyl groups, the research program was limited to the use of methyl and aryl groups. Attempts to obtain liquid ureas using these groups only were unsuccessful.

On the basis of two years' work, certain types of tetra-substituted ureas show promise as base stock materials for high temperature fluid and lubricant applications.
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substituted with emphasis upon those that have boron-oxygen-silicon stable fluids liquid at room temperature and usable to

obtain high molecular weights. Peter T. Kan. AF 33(616)-5053. June 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 216453. This report presents the results of a fairly basic

M. M. Spring. THEIR DIELECTRIC DEHAVIOR. R. P. Anderson and Smith. AF 33(616)-5553. June 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 225910. This report presents the results of a fairly basic

WADC TR 59-136.


thermal stability is discussed in terms of limiting temperatures on the basis of thermodynamic, rigorous kinetic, non-rigorous kinetic, functional-environmental and empirical considerations. The desirability of rapid empirical methods in general prospecting is discussed, and the term "procedural decomposition temperature" (pdt) is used to emphasize the powerful effect of procedural details on the measured values in empirical tests. Differential thermal analysis (DTA) and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) are discussed in detail as rapid empirical methods for measuring pdt's. Several experimental materials are tentatively compared on the basis of TGA in inert atmosphere.


Continued investigation of stannosiloxane polymers has led to the conclusion that relatively large organic substituents must replace the methyl and phenyl groups thus far studied, if high thermal stability is to be obtained. The polyorganostanosiloxanes have been found to undergo extensive decomposition and disproportionation on prolonged heating above 300°C.

Reactions of organotin disodium derivatives with organic dihalides to prepare linear polymers containing tin-carbon chains are described.

A very convenient method is reported for the preparation of tin-sulfur polymers (stannanes) by reaction of sulfur with divalent organotin compounds.

Explorations have been initiated to prepare aluminum oxide polymers. The thermal stability of the aluminum-oxygen bond should lead to polymers of improved heat and oxidative stability. The extreme reactivity of the aluminum-alkyl bond has been utilized in an effort to obtain high molecular weights.

Four methods of approach have been explored:

1. Trialkylaluminum compounds were reacted with dihydroxy monomers to produce products which are insoluble, infusible powders with good thermal stabilities.

2. Dialkylaluminum alkoxides were reacted with dihydroxy monomers to form similar products. In this instance, however, it was ascertained through molecular weight determinations that the monomers were stable trimers, hence multifunctional, and the polymers obtained were therefore highly cross-linked.

3. Various "difunctional" aluminum chelates were prepared. The polymers obtained were infusible and insoluble powders except in one case where diphenylsilanediol was used.

4. Polymers obtained from aluminum salts such as sodium aluminum hydride gave brittle solids.

General Electric Research Laboratory.
WADC TR 59-61.


A literature review is given on boron polymers, with emphasis upon those that have boron-oxygen-silicon backbones. The literature on pyridyl and other nitrogen-substituted silanes is also reviewed.

The iodine catalyzed reaction of chlorosilanes with magnesium in tetrahydrofuran involves cleavage of the tetrahydrofuran ring. Thus 2,2-dimethyl-1-oxa-silacyclo-

hexane can be prepared in good yield from dimethyl dichlorosilane. Trimethylchlorosilane gives (3-buten-1-ol)trimethylsilane and 2,2,6,8-tetramethyl-3-oxa-2,8-dilisilane.

Pyridylchlorosilanes can be prepared in reasonable yields if the cleavage reaction is avoided, via Grignard reactions or by interconversion reactions using -butyllithium and the corresponding chloro- and bromopyridines. (p[Dimethylamino]phenyl)trimethylsilane and (p[dimethy lamino]-phenyl)methylchlorosilane were also prepared by Grignard reactions in tetrahydrofuran. Convenient procedures for the preparation of 4-bromo-pyridine and r-chloropyridine are described. These compounds can be purified by distillation only if the proper precautions are observed.

Several synthetic routes to polyborosiloxanes have been examined. Benzeneboronic acid undergoes extensive depolymerization during reaction with acetoxysilanes; while silanol appear to undergo self-condensation in the presence of alkoxyboranes, and the water formed hydrolyzes the alkoxyborane. Co-hydrolysis of alkoxy silanes and alkoxyboranes does not produce reasonable yields of co-condensates.

The acetoxysilane - alkoxyborane reaction has been studied in some detail. The reaction seems to hold considerable promise. However, depolymerization occurs to some extent whenever an ester of benzene-boronic acid is used; while esters of methanoboronic acid are much less reactive and tend to undergo oxidative side reactions.

In the reverse reaction - that of an alkoxyborane - the presence of an amino group in the silane component greatly stabilizes the product against hydrolysis.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation.
WADC TR 58-187, Part II.


The objective of this work was the synthesis of materials suitable for use at high-temperature lubricants, hydraulic fluids and/or dielectric component potting materials. Seven previously unreported silox-xylerferrocenes were prepared, and the thermal stability, viscosity and fluid range of these and two other siloxanylferrocenes were determined.

Attempts to prepare polymeric siloxanylferrocenes from di-functional chlorosilanes were unsuccessful. During this work fourteen silicon-substituted cyclopentadienes and seventeen silicon-substituted ferrocenes were synthesized.

The structure of the product from the condensation of ferrocene with formaldehyde was elucidated, and methods for the preparation of 1,1'-K-keto-trimethylene)-ferrocene and related compounds were investigated.

Monsanto Chemical Co. WADC TR 59-95.


This report presents the results of a fairly basic multipronged investigation of the preparation of thermally stable fluids liquid at room temperature and usable to 1000°F. The main emphasis of the work to date has been on the determination of the thermal stability of relatively simple basic molecules which may be linked together to form thermally stable fluids. The stability measurements have been carried out in both the vapor and liquid phases.
using four types of apparatus. Approximately 50 compounds have been evaluated, and many of them synthesized.

In general, compounds appeared to be more stable in the vapor phase than in the liquid phase. In the vapor phase, the most stable compound tested was hexafluorobenzene which was stable about 1200°F, the limit of the apparatus. Benzene decomposed at 1100°F. Perfluorocyclohexane, quinoline, 2,2'-bipyridine, pyridine, imidazole, pyrimidine, naphthalene, and thiophene decomposed between 1100°F and 1200°F.

In the liquid or condensed phase, only two of the compounds tested appeared to be stable at 1000°F - naphtalene and diphenyl.


Work on thermal degradation of polymers has previously been carried out at temperatures up to about 5000 C. In the present work the temperature has been extended to about 850°C. Polystyrene was pyrolyzed in a vacuum and also in helium at atmospheric pressure at 362°F and 850°C. Analysis of the volatile products indicate that higher temperatures and higher pressures cause a greater fragmentation of the volatile products. Three polymers (poly(vinylidene fluoride), polyacrylonitrile, and silicone) were pyrolyzed in a vacuum at temperatures from 350°C to 800°C and the products analyzed in the mass spectrometer. In all cases stabilization occurred in terms of a nonvolatile residue. Measurements were also made on rates of thermal degradation in a vacuum and in the vapor phase, the most stable compound tested was hexafluorobenzene.


In an attempt to elucidate the mechanism of amine-induced cross-linking of the fluoroelastomers vinylidene fluoride-chlorotrifluoroelastomers vinylidene fluoride-chlorotrisfluoro-ethylene (VF-CTFE) and vinylidene fluoride-perfluoropropene (VF-FPP), gelation studies, dehydrohalogenation reactions, pyrolysis, and model compound synthesis were employed.

Gelation and dehydrohalogenation studies indicated that cross-linking with primary amines occurs readily; with tertiary amines occurs less readily and only at elevated temperatures; and was not noted in brief studies with primary and secondary monoamines. Treatment of polychlorotrifluoroethylene with hexamethylenediamine failed to afford gelation.

On the basis of these experiments, it was postulated that amine-induced cross-linking of fluoroelastomers occurs via dehydrohalogenation.

Vinylidene fluoride-perfluoropropene copolymer was treated with dimethylsulfamide and magnesium oxide under nitrogen, and the reaction then repeated without magnesium oxide. In both instances benzaldehyde was formed. Some pyrolysis reactions were attempted with vinylidene fluoride-perfluoropropene copolymer-hexamethylenediamine vulcanizate, but the results need to be clarified.

The multistep synthesis of 2-trifluoromethyl-1,1-1,2,4,4-heptfluorobutane was initiated; four of the intermediate compounds have been prepared.

The literature survey was compiled on the cross-linking of selected elastomers.


Literature sources have not revealed any phosphorus epoxide polymers or organophosphorus compounds containing more than one epoxide group.

The characteristic thermal properties of commercial epoxy resins were obtained from Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA), Differential Thermal Analysis (DTA), and Heat of Distortion values. Resins tested included Dow Epoxy Novalac X2638, 3, 3', Ecomold L 268, Stycast 2662, Epoxylike 813, Maraset 617, Sealcast 506, EPON X1310 laminates, EPON 828/PMDA-MA, EPON 828-EPON X1310/Diaminodiphenylsiloxane, EPON 828-Triethanol Amine Titanate, and Permacel ST 3994.

It was found that Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA) as compared with Differential Thermal Analysis (DTA) had an inherent advantage for comparing the thermal stabilities of polymers. The (TGA) curves share a common, well-defined "knee" in the temperature range wherein disruptive volatilization first becomes rapid, thus enabling clearer interpretation of degradation temperature.

A number of products resulting from the reaction of tetrak's (hydroxymethyl)phosphonium chloride and epichlorohydrin in the presence of aqueous sodium hydroxide yielded water insoluble foams when cured with anhydride type curing agents. Although positive identification of these products has been formidable, the fact that polymers have been formed from the reaction of a quaternary phosphonium compound and epichlorohydrin is encouraging.

Even more promising results were observed in attempts to prepare a phosphorus containing epoxide by a two-step reaction of tria (hydroxymethyl)phosphine oxide and epichlorohydrin. Conditions have been worked out for obtaining satisfactory yields in the first or acid catalyzed step, but more development work is required to define conditions for the second or ring closing step.


The herbicidal undescribed organophosphonyl fluorides were prepared and characterized. Unlike the corresponding chlorides, the organophosphoryl fluorides condense smoothly with organometallic reagents to give very high yields of the desired tertiary phosphine oxides. This represents a new one-step general synthesis of the phosphine oxides.

Benzene phosphoryl difluoride, chloromethyl-phosphonyl difluoride and phenyl p-tolylphosphonyl fluoride were prepared for the first time and used as intermediates to the following phosphine oxides: triphenylphosphine oxide, phenyl-bis[p-biphenyl]-phosphine oxides, phenyl-bis[p-tolyl]-phosphine oxide, chloromethylphenyl-phosphine oxide, phenyl-o-tolylphosphine oxide and phenyl-dimethyl-phosphine oxide.

The thermal stabilities of the phosphine oxides were measured by an improved kinetic method. Phenyl-bis[p-biphenyl]-phosphine oxide was found to be thermally stable
American Potash & Chemical Corp.,
WADC TR 57-126, Part III.


In continuing research toward the development of thermally stable polymers based on the boron-to-phosphorus bond, preliminary success has been achieved with the preparation of linear polymers of molecular weight over 13,000. Polymers of the types

\[ \text{CH}_3 \text{H}_3 \text{H}, \quad \text{CH}_3 \text{H}_3 \text{Cl}, \quad \text{Cl}_2 \text{H}_3 \text{H}_n \quad \text{CH}_3 \text{Cl}_n \]

have been prepared.

In addition, three new cyclic phosphinoborine trimers have been synthesized. These, as well as some of the previously known derivatives, have been screened for oxidative, hydrolytic and thermal stability, broadening our knowledge of the relationships between the structure and the physical and chemical properties of phosphinoborines.

The synthesis of phosphine intermediates by known methods has produced four new secondary phosphines and six new organo-phosphine derivatives.

Work directed toward synthesis of borazene polymers has produced one new borazene derivative and demonstrated the principle of polymerisation of borazene nuclei as well.

Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories,
WADC TR 59-151, Part I.


This report covers the preparation of a wide variety of chemical intermediates required for the preparation of high temperature fluids and polymers. The intermediates prepared include organosilanes, chlorotriazines, haloaldehydes, amino and nitroaryl ethers, an ester, a phosphonitrile halide and a tetra-substituted urea. The experimental procedures used were adapted from published research on related materials. Reaction conditions and analysis of desired products are given.

University of Florida, WADC TR 59-272, Part I.


Soluble thermally stable copolymers from perfluoroglutarimidine and perfluorobutramidine have been prepared in solution and the solution viscosities studied. Although these polymers are of relatively low molecular weight, they incorporate the triazene structure as a basic unit and will serve for further cross-linking or chain extension studies. A variety of catalysts have been shown to be effective in promoting polymerisation of the perfluoralkyl dipinetrile. A copolymer of perfluoroglutarodinitrile and perfluorobutryronitrile has been formed in the presence of catalytic amounts of ammonia. A new monomer nitrile, perfluoroethyladipodinitrile, has been prepared from perfluoroethylcyclohexene.

Irradiation of monomer nitriles and polymers containing the triazine structure by gamma rays at dosages of 1.5 x 10^7 r has no apparent effect on these materials.

E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc.
WADC TR 59-251.


The purpose of this study has been the synthesis and preliminary evaluation of inorganic, semicarboinorganic, or organo-metallic polymers possessing extraordinary thermal stability and a wide liquid range as prototypes for base-stock fluids useful at 1000°F, (538°C) as lubricants, greases, and hydraulic fluids. A means of converting crystalline fractions of phosphorus nitric chloride to liquid fractions was developed. Fluoride was substituted for the chloride of the liquid fractions of the polymer, but the product boiled too low to be of interest. Attempts to prepare other derivatives of the liquid polymer were unsuccessful. Attempts to prepare the arsanic and antimony analogs of phosphorus nitric chloride were generally unsuccessful; however, a trace quantity of elastic polymeric material was obtained from the reaction of antimony pentachloride and ammonia, and tentative identification was made of an antimony-nitrogen structure in this material by infrared spectral studies. Antimony incorporated in phosphorus nitric chloride produced a significant reduction of the polymerisation tendency of this polymer. A phenyl "stiboxane" was prepared from antimony oxide and partially characterised. Several phenyl stibine derivatives were prepared and given preliminary thermal screening. Initial attempts to prepare methyl cadmium were unsuccessful. General relationships as guides for selection of low-melting eutectic mixtures were formulated and the zone-melting method was adapted for screening systems for low-melting compositions. A shear-modification method for reduction of the softening point and viscosity of glasses was proposed, but preliminary trials were hampered by mechanical difficulties.

WADC TR 59-268.

VACUUM VOLATILITY OF ORGANIC RESINS. George F. Matacek, 1/Lt, USAF. September 1959.

The effects of a high vacuum environment at various temperatures on a number of organic polymers commonly used in protective coatings were determined in this preliminary study. Weight losses and changes in physical appearances are reported. Also, the effects of film thickness, cure conditions, and exposure time on the volatility of some of the polymers were determined.

Four polymers (a silicone, a styrene-butadiene copolymer, a phenolic modified oil, and a copolymer of chlorotrifluoroethylene and vinylidene fluoride) withstood the exposures at 3 x 10^-9 mm Hg pressure over the temperature range to 500°F with little or moderate change in appearance or weight. The silicone polymer was the most stable material of all those tested.

Most of the polymers tested, volatilised almost completely or were drastically charred during the course of the exposures.

WADC TR 59-453.


This report describes the significant aspects of the syntheses of novel linear polymers containing the

A knowledge of the effects of molecular structure on the radiolytic stability of certain classes of organic compounds is needed in order to synthesize more stable compounds and/or to permit more efficient equipment design. This research attempts to determine the effects of structure on the radiolytic stability of alkylpolyphenyl hydrocarbons.

Several classes of hydrocarbons were subject to gamma irradiation and where possible, quantitative measurements were made of the various degradation products. Based on the types of degradation products identified thus far, certain inferences are made concerning the structural relations of alkylpolyphenyl hydrocarbons to radiation stability.

The greatest portion of radiolytic degradation occurring in these compounds is attributed to reactions pertaining to the alkyl substituent. It appears that the degree of steric freedom of the alkyl group is related to the compound's stability.

Additional data must be obtained in order to define completely the mode of radiolytic decomposition in these hydrocarbons.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 
WADC TR 59-427.

CONFERENCE ON HIGH TEMPERATURE POLYMER AND FLUID RESEARCH. January 1960.

This report is the collection of papers presented at the Materials Laboratory, WADC Conference on "High Temperature Polymer and Fluid Research" held in Dayton, Ohio, on 26-28 May 1959.

The purpose of this conference was to review the recent progress in both contractual and internal research programs sponsored by the Polymer Branch of the Non-Metallic Materials Division in the area of synthesis of new polymers and fluids.
Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 57-143, Part IV.
DEVELOPMENT OF THERMALLY STABLE SILICON CONTAINING RESINS, L. W. Breed, William J. Haggerty, Jr. AF 33(616)-3675. February 1960.

Continuing research on the preparation of silicon-containing polymers that are thermally stable and more rigid at elevated temperatures includes the preparation of both siloxane and non-siloxane polymers as well as various intermediates and prototype compounds. Attempts to prepare certain bulky monomers, particularly silanes based on 2-triazine, were unsuccessful, but siloxanes with bulky pendant groups were prepared. Siloxane polymerization reactions, hydrolysis and other elimination were also examined. Non-siloxanes that were studied include the following systems: silicon-oxygen-aluminum, silicon-oxygen-titanium, silicon-oxygen-silicon, and silane-pentaerythritol. The more volatile products have been purified and characterized by various techniques generally gave low molecular weight materials or highly crosslinked, intractable solids stable near 400°C.

Iowa State University of Science and Technology. WADC TR 53-426, Part VIII.

Reactions of triphenylsilyllithium with oxygen, di-, tri- and tetrasilanes, alkyl and aralkyl halides, olefins and various carbonyl compounds are described. A series of group IV-B elements analogues of 5-10-dihydroacridine has been synthesized.

U. S. Borax Research Corp. WADC TR 59-761.

This report covers investigations by U. S. Borax Research Corporation and certain university subcontractors on the chemistry of thermally stable inorganic and semi-organic polymer systems showing promise of utility at 1000°F. Systems based on B-B, B-N, and Al-Bonding have been studied. Also, S. Borax, and sub-contractors have investigated polymers based on tin, on polyvalent metal salts, and pi-bonded and coordination polymers.

In the B-B system, several new monomeric and prototype compounds have been prepared. A facile new synthesis of tetra (dimethylamino) diboron has made many of these diboron compounds readily available. Polymers have been prepared by decomposition of tetraamino-diboron and by the disproportionation of tetraalkoxido-diboron. Thermal decompositions of prototype tetraamino-diboron and tetraalkoxido-diboron were studied.

In the B-N system, thermally and chemically stable thermostable resins were obtained from organoborazoles at elevated temperatures. Thermal decomposition studies have provided an order of stability of various substituted borazoles. Product analyses in the decomposition study have provided some insight into the modes of decomposition of these prototypes.

In the Al-0 system, a large number of prototype compounds and monomers were synthesized. Polymerization by various techniques generally gave low molecular weight materials or highly crosslinked, intractable solids stable near 400°C. Promising results have been obtained using a phenyl-silicon cleavage reaction to give aluminum-oxygen-silicon resins. A detailed study has been made of the pyrolysis of aluminum alkoxides and an ionic mechanism was postulated.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 59-64, Part II.

Samples of three thermostable plastics, Vibrin, epoxy, and phenolic, and of three high-temperature polymers, poly(vinylidene fluoride), poly(vinylidene benzene), and polyacrylonitrile, were pyrolyzed in a vacuum at 1200°C. The relative amounts of gaseous, liquid, wax-like, and solid products were determined. The more volatile products were analyzed in a mass spectrometer, while the less volatile products were tested for their thermal stability, weight loss, and their physical properties.

Measurements were made of rates of thermal degradation at a vacuum at various temperatures, of all the polymers mentioned above, except polyethylene. The corresponding activation energies calculated from the rates were 36, 51, and 18 kcal/mole, for Vibrin, epoxy, and phenolic resins, respectively, and 48, 31, and 73 kcal/mole for poly(vinylidene fluoride), and polyacrylonitrile, and poly(vinylidene benzene), respectively.

Hooker Chemical Corp. WADC TR 55-221, Part VI.

The two principal objectives of this research are to determine the effect of fluorine and fluorine content on the thermal and oxidative stability of polyester laminating resins; and to investigate the preparation and properties of areinol, perfluoroglutaronitrile, perfluoro adipamide, and the corresponding imidine and amidine, and rigid polymers derived therefrom.

Polymers have been synthesized from fluorinated glycols and the corresponding hydrocarbon glycols. Laminates prepared from these polymers have been aged at elevated temperatures and their physical properties measured before and after aging. In general, the fluorinated polyester laminates exhibit much better retention of physical properties than their hydrocarbon analogs.

The report also contains a description of synthetic work directed toward the preparation of fluorine-containing compounds used in the preparation of polymers and as cross-linking monomers.

The preparation and polymerization of perfluoroglutaronitrile is described. The polymerisation of perfluoroglutarimide and perfluoroadipamide has been investigated.

Research on the synthesis of certain novel or unusual fluorine-containing intermediates considered desirable for polymerisation in this project was performed at Purdue University under subcontract to Hooker Chemical Corporation. Details of this work performed at Purdue during the contract year comprises Appendix I of this report.

University of Denver. WADD TR 60-282, Part I.
The polyphenyl ethers are of interest to the Air Force as potential lubricants because of their demonstrated resistance to thermal and radiolytic degradation. A study of the degradation mechanisms involved in the radiolytic breakdown of diphenyl ether and higher homologs has been initiated during the current research period. A better understanding of the degradation mechanisms involved in the radiolysis of these ethers should permit a more realistic evaluation of the performance of these ethers in actual use.

It has been found that the radiolysis of diphenyl ether produces small amounts of gaseous products, mostly hydrogen, and other compounds such as benzene, phenol, p-phenylene, other phenolic materials, higher boiling three and four-phenylethers, and rather higher molecular weight polymeric material. Although the research has not yet clearly defined a degradation mechanism for the diphenyl ether, certain postulations have been made which can plausibly explain the observed experimental data. Further research must be done in order to clearly elucidate the degradation mechanisms.

Wayndotte Chemicals Corp., and University of Illinois, WADC TR 58-187, Part III.

In a search for liquids suitable for use as high-temperature hydraulic fluids and lubricants, six new siloxanylferrrocenes were synthesized, and the thermal stability, viscosity and fluid range were determined. Efforts to find feasible routes to 1,1'-bis(aryloxyphenyl)-ferrocenes, polychloroferrrocenes, and polymeric perfluoralkylbenzimidazoles were unsuccessful.

From the lithiation and subsequent carbonation of dimethylferrocene, the enantiomorphs of 1,1'-dimethylferrocene-2-carboxylic acid were isolated, and 1,1'-dimethylferrocene-2-carboxylic acid and a mixture of di-acids were obtained. By reduction of the required esters with lithium aluminum hydride, mono- and bis-hydroxy-methylferrocenes were prepared. Oxidation of desoxyferrocene, methylinoleate, and ethylferrocene, respectively. The reduction of nitroferrocene, prepared from 3-propyl nitrate and lithioferrocene, was investigated. Unsuccessful were attempts to prepare nitrosoferrocene, 1,1'-diaminoferrocene, and to unite hydroxymethylferrocene with methyl linolenate or ethyl linoleate.

Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, WADC TR 58-182, Part III.
SYNTHESIS AND EVALUATION OF NEW POLYMERS PREPARED BY STEREOSPECIFIC CATALYSIS. Charles G. Overberger. AF 33(616)-5253. May 1960.

1-Trifluoromethyl-1-butenes and 4,4,6-trifluorocyclohexene have been prepared. Trifluoromethylnaconitrite was synthesized and polymerized with several bases.

Methylenecyclobutane of high purity was obtained from 1,1-bis-(hydroxymethyl)-cyclobutane. Vinylicyclopropane of high purity was obtained from 1-cyclopentyl-trifluoromethyl-2-methyloxalane while the pyrolysis of 1-cyclopentylacetate yielded cis 1,3-pentadiene as the major product. Cyclo-butylethyl acetate was prepared and pyrolysis of cyclobutyl acetate yielded a mixture of olefins. Cyclobutanecarboxaldehyde was synthesized and found to trimerize to a cyclic ether which has been characterized. A butene reduction product of di-acetyl-3,3-dimethyldiacyllic acid has been characterized and reduced to a diol which has also been characterized. A two-step reduction of 4-acetyl-3,3-dimethyldiacyllic acid yielded a cyclo-butylethanol, which has been characterized, and an unidentified ether. 3-Cyclo-hexenylmethyl acetate was prepared, and the pyrolysis of this ester yielded a mixture of methylenecyclohexene, toluene, methylenecyclohexene and several additional unidentified olefins. Methylenecyclohexene of high purity was obtained from 1-cyclohexenylmethyl-S-methyloxalane. Pure cis or trans 3-methyl-vinylcyclohexene has been very sized, characterized and polymerized. An isotope effect was observed in the polymerization of vinylcyclohexene in comparison with the polymerization of vinylcyclohexene with a triethyl-aluminum-titanium tetrachloride catalyst.

The DP of polymethacrylonitrile from potassium in ammonium catalysis was approximately independent of both monomer and catalyst concentrations. Potassium amide catalysis produced an acetoinsoluble polymer, and potassium hydroxide polymerized methacrylonitrile in ammonia. Water exerted an observed effect on potassium or potassium amide catalysis in the polymerization of methacrylonitrile in ammonia.

Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, WADC TR 58-182, Part III.
SYNTHESIS AND EVALUATION OF NEW POLYMERS PREPARED BY STEREOSPECIFIC CATALYSIS. Charles G. Overberger. AF 33(616)-5253. May 1960.

From the pyrolysis of 1-cyclopentyltrifluoromethylacetate, polyvinylcyclopropane was prepared and the polymer modified by ring opening with hydrogen bromide, bromine, p-toluene sulfonic acid, and acetic-sulfuric acid mixtures. 2-Trifluoromethylpropyl bromide was prepared and used to alkylate ethyl malonate. 3-Trifluoromethylbutene-1 was
prepared by pyrolysis of the primary acetate. Ethyl 3, 3-
methylenecyclobutane was prepared and could not be re-
duced to the corresponding cyanoalcohol. 1, 1, 1-Trichloro-
3-bromopropane was converted to 1, 1, 1-trifluoro-3-bromo-
propane. Basic hydrolysis of 4, 4-methylcyclohexene-1-yielded
2, 2-dimethylpent-4-enoic acid, 2-Trifluoroprop-
ene was prepared, but attempts at alkylation were
not successful. 6, 6, 6-Trifluorohexene-1 was prepared but
could not be obtained in a pure state. Homogeneous poly-
merisation of trifluoromethacrylonitrile was affected. A
methoxymercuriacetate derivative of 2-trifluoromethyl
propene was prepared. A mixture of methylene-
cyclobutane, spiropropane, 2-methylbutene-1 was the product of
the reduction of antaerythyl tetrabromide with zinc in
various solvents. Methylene cyclobutane was purified by
distillation, and also by regeneration from a silver nitrate
solution. Methoxymercuriation of methylene cyclobutane
gave a solid derivative from which the monomer could be
regenerated. The yield of polymethylene cyclobutane from
polymerisation with titanium tetrachloride-aluminum tri-
isoctyl was found to increase with increasing temperature.
Acid catalysed rearrangement to 1, 1-bis-(hydroxymethyl)
cyclopentane gave cyclopentane carboxaldehyde. The cor-
responding cyclobutane gave cyclopentane carboxaldehyde.
It was found that the solvent strongly influences the re-
activities of isobutylene, p-chlorostyrene when copoly-
merized with aluminum bromide or stannic chlorides. The
molecular weights of polystyrene polymerised in solvents
of varying dielectric constants with aluminum bromide or
boron trifluoride etherate as catalyst were determined.
The xanthates of 1-cyclobutylethanol and 3-cyclohexenyl-
ethanol were prepared. Methyl vinyl sulfone was pre-
pared and a vacuum manifold was constructed for its
polymerisation.

Melpar, Inc. WADC TR 59-190, Part II.
SYNTHESIS OF THERMALLY STABLE EPOXIDE RESINS
FOR DIELECTRIC APPLICATIONS. Lee M. Kindley,
AF 33(616)-5518, May 1960.
The objective of the program was to prepare
organophosphorus epoxides capable of being cured to
thermally stable resins. To achieve this objective,
several synthesis routes were explored.

Three new tertiary phosphine oxides were prepared
and characterized. These compounds and several known
organophosphorus compounds, to be used as intermediates,
were prepared and analyzed.

The characterization of new phenolic tertiary
phosphine oxides, which were to be reacted with epichloro-
hydrin to yield phosphorus epoxides, proved to be a diffi-
cult problem. After considerable development work, re-
sults indicated that the problem was one of analysis rather
than preparation.

The preparation of a phosphorus-containing epoxide
resin by condensing tris (hydroxymethyl) phosphine oxide
with an epoxide had been investigated in some detail.
Phosphorus-containing resins having a small amount of
oxirane oxygen were isolated from some of the reactions.
Attempts were made to cure these products with the hope of
obtaining a useful product, but only thermoplastic or
very viscous liquids were obtained.

General Electric Co. WADD TR 60-283.
EVALUATION OF EXPERIMENTAL POLYMERS.
Charles D. Doyle, AF 33(616)-5576, June 1960.
Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) in dry N2 is
considered in detail as a method for comparing the intrin-
sic thermal stabilities of experimental polymers on both
empirical and fundamental grounds. Two procedural de-
composition temperatures are defined and discussed.
One, the "differential procedural decomposition
temperature" (dpdt), is based on the locations of recog-
nizable curve features, while the second, the "integral
procedural decomposition temperature" (ipdt), is based on
areas under the curve. Kinetic analysis of volatilization
data is discussed on the basis of both the Arrhenius rate
equation and its integral. Two quasi-kinetic methods are
discussed, one based on empirical time-temperature super-
position; the other, on an empirical relationship between
isothermal times and temperatures in TGA. Two corrobo-
rative test methods, differential thermal analysis and
thermoparticulate analysis are discussed briefly.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 59-345, Part II.
HIGH-TEMPERATURE SYNTHESIS OF NEW, THERMALLY
STABLE CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS. Lars C. Bratt, David
L. Chamberlain, F. Alan Ferguson, AF 33(616)-5940,
June 1960.
Results of the continuing investigation of high-
temperature reactions for the synthesis of new thermally-
stable compounds are reported. The solid product obtained
from the pyrolysis of diisodium tetrafluorosuccinate is be-
lieved to possibly be a low molecular-weight polymer of
difluorocetylene whose presence, in addition to other
carbon-fluorine groups, was indicated by mass spectral
analysis of the volatile products.

Reactions of phosphorus sulfide (P2S3 or PaS8) with nitrogen in an electric arc yielded inert,
amorphous, thermally-stable solids containing sulfur,
phosphorus and nitrogen. These as yet uncharacterized
products were found to be insoluble in common organic sol-
vents but hydrolysed very slowly when extracted with
boiling water.

The possibility of forming organic iron compounds
by shock chilling a plasma-jet containing the highly-acti-
vated iron with benzene, dicyclopentadiene and cyclo-
pentadiene was investigated. However, only an insignifi-
cant concentration of iron was found in any of the liquid
products obtained from such reactions, indicating the
absence of any organoiron derivatives.

Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. WADD TR 50-315,
SYNTHESIS OF NITROGEN-CONTAINING HETEROCYCLIC
FLUID SYSTEMS. E. H. Kober, W. J. Schnable, H. A.
Schroeder, AF 33(616)-6342, June 1960.
Melam, melen, cyameluric acid, and melonic acid
form a class of solid and infusible compounds known for
their extreme heat stability. Experiments, to modify these
structures by attaching alkyl, benzyl, phenyl and substi-
tuted phenyl groups aiming to produce still thermally
stable, but liquid derivatives, are reported. Numerous
substituted melams, melens, phenylcyanoleurines, and
esters of cyameluric acid have been prepared. Many prep-
arations show excellent heat stability and have melting
points in the range of 90 to 120°C; liquids have not been ob-
tained. Derivatives of melonic acid could not be isolated.

Monsanto Chemical Co. WADD TR 59-95, Part II.
SYNTHESIS OF 1000°F STABLE BASE FLUIDS. James W.
Dale, Ira B. Johns, Elizabeth A. McElhill, John O. Smith,
AF 33(616)-5553, June 1960.
The results of tests for thermal stability directed at
obtaining thermally-stable fluids which are liquid at room
temperature and usable to 1000°F are presented. In this
extension of the project an additional 50 compounds were
tested in the vapor phase, or the liquid or condensed phase
using four different types of apparatus. Many of the com-
 pounds were synthesised.
A number of fluoroorganic compounds were prepared
for thermal stability evaluation. Several perfluorocyclic
compounds were prepared by fluorination of the corresponding aromatics, and in the case of \((\text{CNF})_3\), by fluorination of \((\text{CNCl})_3\) with \(\text{SbF}_3\cdot \text{Cl}_2\). Other fluoroorgans, phenyl- or pyridyl-substituted perfluoroalkanes, were synthesised from \(\text{SF}_4\) and the corresponding ketones or carboxylic acids. Evidence was obtained of a new reaction of \(\text{SF}_4\) with aryl oxalates and other oxalic acid derivatives.

Compounds found stable over 1000°F included dibenzothiophene tested in the condensed phase, and tetrakis (perfluoromethyl) pyrazine and perfluorocyclohexane-perfluoroisobutylene tested in the vapor phase.

University of Florida, WADC TR 59-272, Part II.
The mechanism of the deamination reaction of perfluoroalkyl amidines has been explored and the first step shown to be the formation of perfluoroalkyl imidines. These intermediate compounds readily form copper (II) and zinc chelates. Further steps in the deamination reaction, which results finally in formation of a symetriazine ring, are proposed.

The possible formation of a linear polymeric structure from the low temperature reaction of perfluoroglutaronitrile with perfluorobutramidine is described. This structure is a possible precursor to a linear perfluoroalkyl-triazine polymer.

Copolymerization of perfluoroglutaronitrile with perfluorobutramidine in the presence of basic catalyst other than ammonia is described. Copolymerization of perfluoroglutaronitrile with perfluoropropionitrile and perfluoroacetacetonitrile in the presence of catalytic amounts of ammonia appears to furnish copolymers of physical characteristics different from those previously reported but with high temperature stability.

CotrimORIZATION of perfluoroacetacetonitrile with benzocitrile is demonstrated and the resulting compounds, 2,4-bis phenyl-6-trifluorome-thyl-1,3,5-triazine and 2-phenyl-6-bis trifluoromethyl-1,3,5-triazine are considered as possible monomers.

WADD TR 60-700.
The objective of this study was to survey the relationship between the structure and thermal stability of epoxy resins.

A basic epoxy resin from Bisphenol A, as well as a number of other di- and poly-epoxy resins of defined structure, were cured with equivalent amount of various anhydrides, amines, phenols, and catalysts. Weight loss of these resins was determined from periods up to 200 hours at 230°C, also the Vicat heat distortion temperature was determined before and after several aging periods.

Thermal stability, indicated by the weight loss data, and heat softening, indicated by the maximum heat distortion temperature obtained during the aging period, were correlated with the structures of the synthesized resins.

Rigid (aromatic) structures as well as high functionality of the reactants, or dense crosslinking were found to contribute to a high heat distortion. Anhydrides as curing agents were found to be more favorable in this respect than phenols and amines, because the reactivity towards epoxy as well as secondary hydroxy groups resulted in higher crosslinking density.

Comparison of the three types of curing agents indicated about equal stability of the \(-\text{C-O-C}\) and the \(-\text{C-NH-C}\) linkage. Both were somewhat more stable than the ester linkage \(-\text{C-O-C}\).

Unexpected high heat softening points were obtained by using additives with one epoxy group and a double bond, such as dipenteneoxide, or curing agents, containing a double bond, such as maleic anhydride. The results obtained under certain conditions indicate that the double bonds apparently are polymerized due to the presence of epoxy groups, resulting in additional crosslinking.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corp. WADC TR 59-129, Part II.
The objectives of this program was the elucidation of the mechanism of amine cross-linking of fluoroelastomers. Two approaches were undertaken: solution studies of the copolymers of vinylidene fluoride-chlorotrifluoroethylene (VF-CTFE) and vinylidene fluoride-perfluoropropene (VF-FP), and investigations of certain model systems.

Solution studies revealed a great difference in the behavior of the two fluoroelastomers. Isolation of amine hydrohalides from room-temperature reactions of amines with fluoroelastomers in conjunction with the presence of unsaturation in the resulting polymers (shown by infrared examination), proved dehydrohalogenation to be the first step in amine induced cross-linking. Various mechanisms of cross-linking were postulated.

Several syntheses of model compounds were proposed. A synthesis utilizing 1,1,5-trihydroxyfluoropentanol resulted in models suitable for amine studies. Parallel syntheses were also initiated. Preliminary model compound studies utilizing 1,1,3,5,5-hexafluoro-1,5-hexafluoro-1,5-dibromopentane supported the findings of the solution studies.

University of Florida. WADD TR 60-478, Part I.
A number of additional monomers containing phosphorus and silicon have been synthesized and their polymerization studied. These monomers contain two acrylate groups and the corresponding ketones or by using additives with one epoxy group and a double bond, such as dipentenedioxide, or curing agents, containing a double bond, such as maleic anhydride. The results obtained under certain conditions indicate that the double bonds apparently are polymerized due to the presence of epoxy groups, resulting in additional crosslinking.

American Potash & Chemical Corp. WADC TR 57-126, Part IV.
A series of preparations of linear dimethyl- and diethylphosphinoborine polymers have been made to optimize experimental conditions. N-Methylpiperazin when used as an end-group for linear dimethylphosphinoborine polymers provided a fair yield of polymer which, except for a large melting range, resembled polymers terminated with other end-groups. Triethylendiamine markedly reduced the rate of dimethylphosphine borine pyrolysis and failed to yield a linear polymeric product. Qualitative solubility data have been obtained for the linear methylphenyl- and diethyl-derivatives. Attempts to prepare linear phosphinoborine polymers either by pyrolysis of trimethylphosphine trichloroborine or
dimethylphosphinoborine trimer with triethylamine or by alkylation of methylphosphinodimethylborine polymer were unsuccessful. Linear methylmethyphosphonoborine polymer was only partially chlorinated on treatment with methyl chloride-aluminum chloride in contrast to the dimethyl-derivative. A further attempt to open the dimethylphosphinoborine trimer ring by heating with triethylenediamine resulted instead in a polymer formed by opening the ring structure of the diamine.

Dimethylphosphinoborine trimer was prepared in good yield from dimethylphosphonium chloride and lithium borohydride and in low yield by dehydrohalogenation of dimethylphosphine chloroborine. Dehydrohalogenation of dimethylphosphate diethylchloroborine and dimethylphos- phine trichloroborine failed to give cyclic trimeric pro-ducts but the latter appeared to yield low molecular weight linear phosphinoborine polymers. The stoichiometry of the fluorination of dimethylphosphinoborine trimer has been established experimentally but no success has been achieved in attempts to cyanogenate the trimer. An X-ray diffraction study of the dimethylphosphinoborine-methylphosphinoborine pentamer indicated the crystals to be of complex structure. Dimethylphosphinodichloroborine trimer appears to be less thermally stable than the parent compound.

The synthesis of phosphine intermediates by known methods has produced one new secondary phosphine and one new organophosphate derivative. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra of the phosphine, $C\text{H}_3\text{P}$, prove it to be cyclohexylphosphine rather than the isomeric vinylphosphine.

$N$-dimethyl-$B$-trimethylborazene has been synthe- sized both by dehydrohalogenation of a mixture of the methylidibromoborine adducts of methyamine and ammonia and by pyrolysis of a mixture of the trimethylborine adducts of methylamines and ammonia. The isomeric $N$-trimethyl-$B$-dimethylborazene was prepared by reaction of $N$-tri- methylborazine with a deficiency of methylmagnesium bromide. The attempt to prepare decamethylbirtazyl by pyrolytic dehydrogenation of the two isomeric pentamethyl-borazenes resulted in formation of by-product methane and a polymeric borazene derivative. The pseudoaromatic $B$-borazine-7,9-$\alpha$-tetra-peri-naphthene has been prepared and studied briefly.

Dimethyl- and diphenyliothiosiloxane polymers have been prepared by reaction of the corresponding dichloro- silanes with hydrogen sulfide. In the presence of trimethyl-chlorosilane the preparation of diphenyliothiosiloxane poly-mers resulted in a high yield of a single crystalline solid, presumably the trimer or dimer.

Dichloro-$p$-(dimethylaminophenyl)methylsilane and dichloro-$p$-(dimethylaminophenyl)methylsilane were prepared and converted to the corresponding diacetoxy-silanes. Dichloro-$p$-(dimethylaminophenyl)methylsilane was hydrolyzed nearly quantitatively to the corresponding diol, and the diol was reacted with bensencarbonic acid to produce a nitrogen-substituted borosiloxane.

The equilibrium of cyclic siloxanes and boroxanes were studied briefly. Here dephenylation is negligible at reasonable temperatures, but oxidation is still possible. Thermal equilibration, with the boron component acting as an auto-catalyst, is a slow process but gives better results than base catalyzed equilibration.

Several amine complexes of tributyl borate were prepared. Crystalline complexes of triphenylboroxole and amines were not obtained, but interesting, stable "adducts" were obtained with several polyethylene amines. A similar adduct was obtained from poly(triethylborosiloxane) and tetraethylene pentamine.

Several aminooalkyl borates were prepared and their properties compared to simple alkyl borates. These data were then extended to linear polymers formed from alkyl borates with diols or aminodiols; and to crosslinked polymers formed from alkyl borates with diols, oxadiols, or aminodiols. It was observed that whenever five-mem bered rings can be formed through B-N dative bond- ing, this reaction route was favored almost exclusively over polymer formation.

WADD TR 60-357,

Preliminary results are given on the determination of the macrostructure of poly-(dimethyl-2,3'-dimethylene piminate) prepared by solution polymerization of 40% con- version. The physical methods used in this study include osmometry, light-scattering, viscometry and fractional precipitation.

Osmotic pressure measurements on a sample of the whole polymer in toluene solution yielded a number-average molecular weight of $3.36 \times 10^8$ grams/mole. Light-scattering measurements on the same system gave a weight-average molecular weight of $2.80 \times 10^8$ grams/mole. The heterogenen index (M_w/M_n) of this polymer indicates a broad distribution of molecular weights.

A small sample of the polymer was subjected to fractional precipitation techniques with only partial suc- cess. Weight and number-average molecular weights were obtained on two fractions.

WADD TR 60-663, Part I.

Urea complexes consist of a channel made up of hydrogen-bonded urea host molecules into which a variety of guest molecules can fit to form a crystalline complex. The stability of the resulting complex is a function of the size and properties of the guest molecule. A procedure has been devised which produces pure complex free of any uncomplexed area or host molecules in solution. The X-ray data and stability was determined for several members of each of the following classes of compounds: alkyl-silanes, partially fluorinated esters, fumarates, malmates and acetylene derivatives.
Properties of the Synthetic Rubbers.

P. J. Mahoney, J. I. Witteborn, C. E. Jaynes.
November 1942.

Investigation of rubber plasticizers for low temperature applications.

Washington Univ. TR 52-192.

Investigation of the synthesis and testing of various possible boron-organic and other similar polymers.

L. E. Stout, D. F. Chamberlain.
AF 33(038)-23299. June 1952. PB 112048. Order from LC. Mi $2.75, Ph $7.50.

Explanatory work on the preparation of organotitanium and organo-boron compounds is described.

Initial efforts were directed toward the synthesis of compounds of the type R2Ti(OH)2 and RB(OH)2. The work on titanium supports the evidence previously reported in the literature, that titanium-organo compounds, involving a Ti-C bond, cannot be formed.

Efforts to synthesize the boronic acids RB(OH)2 were moderately successful, of the alkyl type, only the phenyl derivative was obtained. All proved to be heat and moisture sensitive, and no condition of temperature, concentration, time atmosphere, or catalyst could be found which would induce condensation polymerization to 
\[ \left(R\text{O}_{2}\text{B}\right)\text{n} \]
Organ complexes of boron trifluoride and dihydroxyfluoric acid were formed. Heating of these complexes produced various reactions, primarily decomposition, but did not result in polymer formation.

Condensation polymers were formed from boric acid and various glycols, but all were low melting and water sensitive. Polymers were also formed from various mixtures of glycerol, boric acid, and phthalic anhydride (or maleic anhydride, or fumaric acid). Again the polymers were low melting and water sensitive. It is concluded that the boronic acids do not undergo condensation polymerization similar to the dihydroxy silicones, but decompose to boric acid or the anhydride. Further, when polymeric esters or amides containing boron are formed, the presence of the boron introduces extreme water sensitivity.

Investigation of silicate esters as rubber plasticizers.

Donald L. Byerley, Z/Lt. August 1952. PB 112048. Order from LC. Mi $2.40, Ph $3.30.

A number of silicate esters, submitted by the John B. Pierce Foundation, Raritan, New Jersey, were evaluated as low-temperature rubber plasticizers. An attempt was also made to correlate structural variations of the esters with the properties imparted to the compound rubber. From results obtained, it was determined that, in general, as the ratio of the number of aliphatic carbon atoms/number of phenyl groups increased the ASTM brittle point was lowered. Variation of the structure of the silicate ester was on the other hand, appeared to have little effect on the physical properties (e.g. tensile strength, modulus, and elongation). Compatibility with common base polymers (Paracril 18, Paracril 35, Neoprene W) decreased rather rapidly as the above ratio increased beyond a value of about 2.5. Extrapolation of these results indicates that a ratio value above 20 would not permit incorporation of a sufficient amount of the silicate ester to affect the low temperature properties of the compound stock significantly.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company

TR 52-197. Part 2.

Synthetic rubbers from carbon-fluorine compounds.

A. M. Borders. AF 33(038)-515.
August 1952. PB 116222. Order from LC. Mi $5.00, Ph $15.25.

Explanatory studies of the preparation and properties of fluorine-containing polymers are described. These syntheses and tests are directed to highly solvent resistant elastomers with the widest possible useful temperature range. New classes of materials include polymers of unsaturated and perfluoralkyl esters, containing fluorine-containing alkoxyalkyl acrylates, and vinyl, 1-dihydrofluoroperoxalkyl ethers, and copolymers of perfluorocyclohexene, and of perfluorobutadiene.

Polyesters and copolyesters of 1,1-dihydroperfluorooalkyl acrylates continue to exhibit the best balance of low temperature flexibility and resistance to aromatic hydrocarbon fluids. Improved curing systems and reinforcement studies of these rubbery acrylate polymers have permitted a comparison with commercially available synthetic rubbers. These compounds have adequate mechanical properties for gasket performance and have exceptional resistance to swelling by many fuels and fluids of interest to the Air Force. Although reinforcement of the fluoropolyacrylate homopolymers has not been possible, their butadiene copolymers have been reinforced to vulcanizates with tensile strengths in excess of 2,000 psi. Homopolymers and butadiene copolymers of the butyl and hexyl acrylates have been submitted or are being prepared for further evaluation by Wright Air Development Center.

The ultimate goal in low temperature flexibility has so far not been reached. At the request of the Wright Air Development Center increased emphasis will be given to fluorine-containing elastomers of improved high temperature resistance. Promising leads are described for perfluorobutadiene copolymers and with suitably Vulcanized poly-1,1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate.

Thiokol Corporation. TR 52-230.

Fuel cell sealant compounds.


This work was undertaken by the Thiokol Corporation to develop integral fuel tank sealant compounds with improved low and high temperature properties, increased toughness and adhesion, and better resistance to jet fuels. Experimental integral fuel tank sealant compounds were prepared in two-package mixes from hexamethylene dichloride/triglycol dichloride/formal and pentamethylene dichloride/formal polymers. Compared to a 'Thiokol' LP-2 base sealant, these experimental compounds displayed improved low temperature properties, equivalent toughness and adhesion to aluminum, somewhat better resistance to heat aging at 212°F., and slightly poorer resistance to swell in aromatic fuels.

Compounding studies with 'Thiokol' LP-2 yielded formulations with improved adhesion properties and heat aging resistance.

Development work on clear sealant compounds disclosed the possibility of improving sealants of this type from combinations of epoxide resins and 'Thiokol' liquid polymers; however, considerably more investigation of this aspect is required.
The nature of the work described in this report embraced the synthesis of two types of materials: (a) fluoro-containing silicones, and (b) fluoro-containing styrenes copolymerized with butadiene. These materials are to be evaluated as low-temperature, fuel-resistant elastomers.

The fluoro-containing silicones were synthesized by routes employing the reaction of a fluoro-containing Grignard reagent with silicon tetrachloride or tetraethyl silicate followed by hydrolysis of the monomer silane obtained. In particular, the monomer, \( (\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Si} \times_2(\text{WCl}_4 \text{ or OEt}_2) \) was prepared. Also, a perfluoroalkyle Grignard reagent, \( \text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{MgCl} \), was synthesized and its utility in the preparation of perfluoroalkyl silicones studied. At the conclusion of the first year's work, the achievements indicate that the synthesis of highly fluorinated silicone elastomers is feasible and the research is being continued.

Three monomers were obtained in this way: 3-(trifluoromethyl)styrene, 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)styrene, and 2,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)styrene. These materials were copolymerized with butadiene using an emulsion technique. After preparation of polymer samples was complete, the work was discontinued in this laboratory and no further investigations along this line are contemplated.

Exploratory investigations into the preparation and properties of fluorinated polymers are described. New polymeric compositions of matter have been synthesized and screened with respect to their potentialities as suitable elastomers for use under extreme conditions of temperature in contact with various fuels and oils. The esters of unsaturated hydrocarbons acids with hydrogenchlorofluoroalkyl alcohols represent the most promising class of monomers investigated so far; certain of their properties have received considerable attention because of their rubbery properties and exceptional resistance to swelling by non-fluorinated solvents, although their low temperature flexibility will probably require extension by plasticization. Fluorinated condensation-type polymers such as polyesters and polyamides do not appear promising as elastomers but may have potentialities as fibers, films or structural plastics. Extensive structure versus property correlations are not attempted but it is concluded that either side-chain or backbone fluorine in polymeric structures promotes resistance to swelling by common solvents; the former does not appear to affect low temperature properties as adversely as skeletal attachment.

The possibility of constructing a better monomer than a fluoro-alkyl acrylate for development into a superior elastomer for specialized Air Force applications is still conceded for the field is relatively new and the number of known compounds small.

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1. \( (\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_n \text{SiX}_4 \)
2. \( (\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{CH}_2)_n \text{SiX}_4 \)


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EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS OF THE ATTEMPTED SYNTHESIS PARS, FROM ETHER CARBITOL, ETHOXY TRIGLYCOL, THE MONO-
TETRAETHYL SILICATE. THE ORGANOMETALLIC COULD NOT BE PRE-
PARED AND EVALUATED AS NON-EXTRACTABLE PLASTICIZERS IN OIL-
RESISTANT RUBBER FOR SERVICE AT LOW TEMPERATURES. THESE
Included n-formyl morpholine; diethylene glycol bis
(morpholinylformate); diethylene glycol dicarbonate esters of
methyl, ethyl, and butyl Carbitol; dibuty1 and diisobutyl
sebacate; bis (Methoxy Polyethylene Glycol 350) adipate;
bis (2-methoxy-2-bromomethyl) phosphoryl; formals pre-
pared from ethyl Carbitol, Ethoxy Triglycol, the mono-
ethyl ether of Polyethylene Glycol 200 and the mixed for-
mal from Methoxy Polyethylene Glycol 350 and n-hexyl
Carbitol; and the product from the reaction of butadiene
monoxide with phosphorus pentoxide. A number of these
experimental plasticizers imparted fairly good low tem-
perature properties to Paracril B. Di-(Ethoxy Triglycol)
formal was superior to Thioiok Corporation’s TP-90B.
However, none of these plasticizers combined the ability to
impact low temperature properties with non-extracta-
bililty to the degree desired. Of the plasticizers tested
only n-formyl morpholine imparted fair low temperature
properties combined with fair oil-resistance.
Thioiok Corporation’s liquid polysulfide, ZL-109,
was evaluated in combination with TP-90B. In compounding
studies this material exhibited a strong tendency to scorch,
but it was found that sulfur prevented the scorching and
AltaJ retarded the cure. Promising polymers resulted from
the addition of ZL-109 to a 70/30 butadiene-acrylo-
nitrile latex.
A number of 1,3-butadiene-1-cyano-1,3-butadiene
copolymers were prepared and compared to Paracril B
both with and without TP-90B and liquid polybutadiene as
plasticizers. It was found that these experimental stocks
were considerably inferior to Paracril B but had somewhat
better low temperature properties. Temperature retrac-
tion and cold compression test data indicate a strong ten-
dency for the cyano-butadiene stocks to crystallize.

United States Rubber Company. TR 54-68.
DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPROVED IN-FLIGHT
REFUELING HOSE. Richard J. Meisinger, Stanley L.
Bertbolph and Frank Lichtey. AF 33(616)-386. May 1954.
A laboratory study was made to determine what
type of old material would be suitable as a seamless tube
for Aircraft In-flight Refueling Hose.

Of the various materials evaluated, FM-6901 type
Nylon was chosen as the most suitable. A sample length
of hose was manufactured using this material as an inner
liner. The hose carcass used is identical to that now be-
ing furnished by the United States Rubber Company in
2-1/4" MIL-H-4495-A (ASG). Rubber, In-flight Refueling
Hose which this company is qualified to manufacture. A
nylon tube was extruded and incorporated into the carcass
using special techniques developed for this purpose.
The resultant hose sample was subjected to the
low temperature test required by the contract and failed to
meet requirements. The nylon liner cracked during bend-
ing.

It is concluded from this work that even though
Nylon FM-6901 in strip specimens is flexible at -65°F it is
unsatisfactory at this temperature when used in a hose.
This work was undertaken to develop materials other than polysulfide polymers for use in fuel tank sealant applications. Materials for use in such applications preferably should be viscous liquid polymers which may be cured to an elastomeric state under ambient conditions after application.

Liquid polymers were prepared by the bulk copolymerization of acrylic esters and allyl glycicyl ether. These polymers could be cured to elastomeric products by the reaction of amine curing agents with epoxy groups. The cured products generally had good high temperature properties but poor low temperature flexibility. Resistance to aromatic fuels was not as good as would be desired.

Liquid polymers of a polyester type were prepared from mercaptoacetic acid. These polymers could be made sensitive to oxidation curing reactions by a process of heat treatment. The cured polymers have excellent solvent and water resistance. The curing reaction is so rapid that it is difficult to mix the curing agent with the polymer and it will be necessary to develop suitable methods for retarding the reaction.

General Tire & Rubber Company.
WADC TR 54-62.

BUTYL INNER TUBE COMPOUND FOR AIRCRAFT TIRES. Emmett B. Reinbold. AF 33(600)-22796. July 1954.

This report deals with the development of a butyl rubber compound with requisite physical properties for fabrication into inner tubes for aircraft tires.

A large number of plasticizers of widely divergent chemical characteristics were evaluated, with special emphasis placed on their low temperature properties in butyl rubber and including the technique of using high black, high plasticizer with a high viscosity elastomer. The effect of zinc oxide content in the formula was determined. Carbon blacks of all commercially available types were compared and the effect of the various blacks on physical properties, including low temperature characteristics were determined. On blacks producing highest tensile values, series of tests were made to determine the loading which produces the maximum physical properties. A comparison of low temperature properties is made of the available commercial butyl rubbers. An extensive investigation of an outstanding low temperature material, Silicone, was carried out.

O, plasticizers which produced adequate low temperature flexibility in butyl rubber a study is made on volatility and migration of the plasticizers from cured compound and then low temperature properties determined following migration treatment of cured tensile sheets. In all cases, plasticizers which produced the target low temperature requirements showed poor low temperature properties following migration treatment.

The effect of inorganic acceleration and of the recently recommended processing technique of high temperature mixing was investigated.

WADC TR 54-213.


Preparation of fluorine-containing silicone heteropolymers has been accomplished on an experimental scale. Specifically, elastomeric copolymers have been prepared of dimethyl dichlorosilane with bis 3,3,4,4,5,5,5 heptafluoropentyl diethoxysilane, 3,3,4,4,5,5,5 heptfluoropentyl methyl diethoxysilane and bis 3,3,3 trifluoro propyl dimethoxysilane. Copolymerization was realized both from the oil resulting from the cohydrolysis of these compounds and by polymerizing a blend of the separately hydrolyzed materials. These copolymers all exhibited improved resistance to the swelling action by fluids and retained other desirable physical properties to a large degree when compared to methyl silicone rubber prepared by the same method. Although these elastomers, like commercial silicone rubber, had rather low tensile strength when in the swelled condition, they had considerably greater stability in diester oil at elevated temperature than either methyl silicone rubber prepared in the same manner or the commercially available polymers; the fluorinated elastomers retain over 50% of their tensile strength after 24 hours in diester fluid at 400°F, whereas the unfluorinated materials dissolve at approximately 350°F. Attempts to prepare fluorine-containing silicone homopolymers have been unsuccessful.

WADC TR 54-318.

DEVELOPMENT OF A RUBBER FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE SERVICE IN CONTACT WITH EXPERIMENTAL HYDRAULIC FLUIDS. Frederick G. Kitts. August 1954. PB 111766. Order from OTS $0.50.

The proposed operation of hydraulic systems at temperatures in excess of 500°F made necessary the development of a rubber for packings, gaskets, hose, etc., which would withstand newly developed fluids at system temperature; the use of standard packings was proven to impracticable.

Various commercial and experimental polymers were evaluated at elevated temperatures and ethyl acrylate copolymers were found to have the best inherent resistance to the fluids at high temperature. Compounding studies were made on two such copolymers with particular emphasis on curing systems and fillers.

A compound was developed which laboratory tests indicate is satisfactory. "O" ring seals have been fabricated of this material and are now awaiting evaluation in actual hydraulic system components and mock-ups. It is anticipated that satisfactory hose can also be fabricated from this compound.

Thiokol Chemical Corporation. WADC TR 54-10.


This work was undertaken by the Thiokol Chemical Corporation to develop integral fuel tank sealant compounds with improved properties.

The hexamethylene terpolymer sealant compound, prepared and submitted to Wright Field at the end of the first year's work on this contract showed better heat resistance coupled with greatly improved low temperature properties than a comparable IP-2 compound. The 0.5 mole % of TCP and 2 mole % of TCF cross-linked pentamethylene formal copolymers showed better heat and aromatic fuel resistance than the 2 mole % of TCP cross-linked copolymers previously submitted.

Compounding studies showed that IP-32 should be more suitable than IP-2 compounds since lower moduli and higher ultimate elongation before and after heat aging and after immersion in aromatic fuel were attained.

Five two-package mix experimental translucent sealant compounds prepared from the liquid polysulfide/epoxy resin system and submitted to Wright Field were tough and resistant to jet fuel but did not pass all the Air Force specifications. However, the compounds displayed promising potentialities, especially in swelled condition.

The IP-2 base experimental translucent sealant compound submitted to Wright Field for evaluation showed good potentialities as an improved sealant and was more
were not developed or intended by the manufacturer for
the conditions to which they have been subjected. Any
failure or poor performance of the material is therefore
not necessarily indicative of the utility of the material
under less stringent conditions or for other applications.

United States Rubber Company. WADC TR 53-372.
HEAT-RESISTANT AIR HOSE, HEAT-RESISTANT FUEL
AND OIL HOSE, AND HIGH-PRESSURE FUEL HOSE.
Richard J. Meisinger, Theodore D. Ernst. AF 33(038)-

Two hoses, a braided type and a fabric type, were developed for use with compressor bleed air at an am-
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Two hoses, a braided type and a fabric type, were developed for use with compressor bleed air at an am-
bient temperature of 500°F. These hoses are designed
to operate at 100 psi and meet the collapse resistance
requirements set forth in Specification MIL-H-6000 and
flexibility requirements equivalent to Specification MIL-
H-5511.

A heat resistant fuel and oil hose equivalent to
Specification MIL-H-5511 is developed. This hose is
designed to handle MIL-L-7808 type oil at an ambient
temperature of 350°F.

Experimental work was conducted to develop a
fuel hose equivalent to Specification MIL-H-5511 hose
except to meet higher operating pressure requirements.
No hose was developed to meet these requirements.

Phillips Petroleum Company.
WADC TR 53-281 Part 2.
PLASTICIZERS FOR OIL-RESISTANT RUBBER.
PB 121076. Order from OTS. $1.25.

Various compounds either purchased or synthe-
sized were evaluated as low temperature, non-extract-
able plasticizers for oil-resistant polymers such as
Paracril B. These compounds including various carba-
nates, dithiocarbamates, amides, imides, esters, and
several liquid polymers were generally unsatisfactory as
low temperature plasticizers for Paracril B. While
several of these compounds, especially the polymers,
were non-extractable in 70/30 isooctane-toluene and
others, particularly N,N-dibutylformamide and N,N-
dibutylacetamide, imparted good low temperature prop-
erties, none was found which combined the desired
characteristics of being non-extractable and imparting
good low temperature properties.

Attempts to improve the low temperature proper-
ties of 70/30 butadieneacrylonitrile copolymer by the
addition of ethyl, butyl or hexyl mercaptans was unsuc-
sessful. It appeared that higher mercaptans might im-
prove the low temperature properties but only at some
sacrifice in oil resistance.

It was found that a mixture of Thiolok Corporation
liquid polysulfide ZL-109 and TP-90B is an effective
plasticizer for Paracril B and imparts fair low temper-
ature properties combined with reduced extractability.
However, with stocks containing ZL-109, the scorch
time is reduced, the stress-strain properties are im-
paired, and the cure is retarded. Compounding studies
were made to circumvent these deficiencies.

The Connecticut Hard Rubber Company
WADC TR 54-407
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NONMETALLIC
ACID-RESISTANT HOSE. Donald C. Dougall, Stephen

This report describes the development and fabri-
cation of a flexible nonmetallic acid-resistant hose for
use on type B-2 servicing semi-trailers. The final prod-
uct of this research was the fabrication of two fifty-foot
lengths of hose, consisting of a poly(vinylidenechloroethy-
ene helical bellows liner, encased in a synthetic rubber
tube and a stainless steel abrasion-resistant cover. The
hose is capable of resisting the corrosive effects of red
and white fuming nitric acid. It will withstand a pressure
of 125 psi, will operate at temperatures from -65°F to
100°F, and can be used as a suction hose.

The development and research were carried out by
The Connecticut Hard Rubber Company of New Haven,
Connecticut.

WADC TR 54-458.
DEVELOPMENT OF A RUBBER FOR SERVICE IN
CONTACT WITH EXPERIMENTAL HYDRAULIC FLUIDS
AT 400°F. Frederick G. Kitts. December 1954.
PB 11598. Order from OTS. $0.50.

The operation of hydraulic systems of piloted
supersonic aircraft at temperatures in the neighborhood
of 400°F will necessitate the replacement of standard AN
seals and hose with a more heat and fluid resistant
compound. Earlier work had proved Buna N (Butadiene-
Acrylonitrile Copolymers) unsatisfactory over the tem-
perature range -65°F to 400°F in the silicate ester type
fluids so Neoprene WRT was chosen as the best overall
compromise of original and aged physical properties.

A compound of Neoprene WRT was developed
which was marginally satisfactory after aging 168 hours
in MLO 8200 at 400°F in the absence of air. If air were
not at least partially excluded the rubber would reach an
unsatisfactory condition in less than 70 hours. It was
found that a blend of 85 parts of MLO 8200 and 15 parts
of di(2 ethyl hexyl) sebacate with anti-oxidant added to
bring the concentration in the blend up to the original
concentration in MLO 8200 gave the best balance of aged
properties with Neoprene WRT with and without air above
the fluid surface.

The compounds of Neoprene WRT are believed to
be processable on industrial equipment such as mills,
extruders, etc. "O" rings have been fabricated in the
Materials Laboratory and are undergoing evaluation
testing.

Purdue Univ. WADC TR 52-191 Part 3.
FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMERS. Earl T.
McBee, Carleton W. Roberts. AF 33(038)-20581.
December 1954.

An improved stepwise synthesis of bis(3, 3, 4, 4,
5, 5, 5-heptfluoropropenyl)diethoxysilane has been de-
veloped to give the product an overall yield of 55 percent
based on the 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-heptfluoropropenylmagne-
num bromide.

The one step synthesis of bis(3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-hep-
tfluoropropenyl)diethoxysilane from 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-hept-
fluoropropenylmagnesium bromide and diethoxydichlo-osilane gave less than 48 percent of crude product.

3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-heptfluoropentynylmethylidioxy-
silane was prepared by the reaction of 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-
heptfluoropropenylmagnesium bromide with methyltriethox-
silane and by the reaction of methylmagnesium bromide
with 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-heptfluoropropenyllithium.

3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-heptfluoro-1-bromopentene was
obtained in 39 percent overall yield from heptafluorobuty-
raldehyde.

Three synthetic routes were investigated for the
synthesis of 3, 3, 3-trifluoropropyl halides, the hydrobro-
mination of 3, 3, 3-trifluoropropene, chlorination of 1, 1, 1-
trifluoro propane obtained by catalytic reduction of
3, 3, 3-trifluoro-1, 1, 2-trichloropropane, and the best method, the liquid phase chlorination of 1, 1, 1-trifluoro-
propane from fluorination of 1, 1-dichloro-1-propene.

The latter method gave the desired product in an overall yield of 42 percent.

Both 3, 3, 3-trifluoropropylmagnesium chloride and chloride were converted in a stepwise manner in bis (3, 3, 3-trifluoropropyl)dimethoxysilane; the best overall yield based on 3, 3, 3-trifluoropropyl halide was 57 percent.

3, 3, 3-trifluoropropylmethylmethyldimethoxysilane was prepared in 62 percent yield.

Several attempts were made to obtain evidence for the formation of a Grignard reagent or a lithium compound from 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3-heptafluoro-4-iodopentane; these were unsuccessful.

Attempts to prepare 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4-heptafluoro-
1-methylbutylsilanes were unsuccessful.

Synthetic steps leading to 2-methyl-3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5-heptafluoro-2-iodopentane stopped at the p-toluenesulfonyl ester of the corresponding alcohol.

Extensive studies have been completed on the synthesis of perfluoropropylsilanes. The exchange reactions between perfluoropropyl iodide and methylithium and perfluoropropyl iodide and phenylnzamgnesium bromide of bis have been used to prepare perfluoropropylsilane and perfluoropropylmagnesium bromide. These organo-metallics have been used to react in ether solvents at varying concentrations and temperatures with silanes containing replaceable halogen or alkoxy groups.

Perfluoropropylsilanes have been successfully prepared using perfluoropropylsilane and several silanes. Perfluoropropylmethylmethyloxychlorosilane has been prepared in 10 percent yield.

The decomposition of perfluoropropylsilane to give high percentages of perfluoropropene, the azeotrope of the silanes, and the wide spectrum of products obtained from the reactions of perfluoropropylsilane with silanes has made isolation of desired products a demanding research undertaking.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-190.
DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE OIL-

Research toward the development of rubber compounds, to be used in connection with a diester-type lubricating oil (Turbo Oil-15) for long term exposure at 350°F to 550°F, is described in this report. The evaluation of experimental compounds was confined to one temperature (350°F). At this temperature, the most promising results were obtained with compounds prepared from an acrylate polymer, Hycar 4021, compounded with Silene EF. The best composition of this type fell short of the target requirements only because of about 6 percent excessive swelling. Another acrylate-type rubber, Acrylon EA-5, shows about equal promise for this application.

Compounds of a butadiene-acrylonitrile copolymer (Hycar 1001) showed promise, except that they cracked badly when aged in Turbo Oil-15 at 350°F. ELI Magnesia was the best reinforcing agent used with this polymer. Variations in the antic want and vulcanising system provided only slight improvement in crack resistance. The chief weakness of this polymer is the vulnerability of its double bonds to oxidation.

The emphasis of future research on this project will be directed toward compounding acrylate-type rubbers, including poly-1, 1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate, and in seeking methods for protecting the double bonds of acrylonitrile-type rubber.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-190 Part 4.
SYNTHETIC RUBBERS FROM CARBON-FLUORINE

This report describes the preparation and properties of fluorine-containing rubbers. The object of the work is the development of elastomeric materials which are resistant to the fuels, lubricants and hydraulic fluids used in military aircraft and which are serviceable over the widest possible temperature range.

Of the materials under development, the following appear to be of chief interest:

A. Perfluorobutadiene Copolymers. Copolymers of perfluorobutadiene with 1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkyl vinyl ethers offer promising high temperature resistance, low swelling in aircraft fluids, and high resistance to oxides. Difficulties have been experienced in preparing products of consistent quality, and ineffectively vulcanizing and stabilizing the copolymers.

B. Fluoroacylates. In addition to the 1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkyl acrylates, which have been described in earlier reports and which have outstanding solvent resistance but limited low temperature flexibility, newer classes of fluoroacrylates have been synthesized. Of particular interest are the -(perfluoroalkyl)-1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkyl acrylates, which offer solvent resistance at least equal to that of the earlier series but are flexible at temperatures 25°C lower than the polymers of the 1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkyl acrylates.

The mechanism of the polyamine vulcanization reaction has been shown to be amide formation. Extensive testing of vulcanizates of poly-1,1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate (poly-FBA) prepared in poly-amine curing recipes has indicated excellent resistance to a variety of liquids at high temperature.

A thorough study of the molecular weight and fundamental solution properties of poly-FBA has been carried out.

Rutgers Univ. WADC TR 55-26 Part 4.
RESEARCH ON BORON POLYMERS LITERATURAL

A literature search has been made in the field of boron polymers. Polymers derived from boric acid esters are all sensitive to hydrolysis by water as are boronate and its derivatives. Boronamides and N-boro-urea have been claimed to yield strong fibre and film-forming polymers.

The role of boron compounds in the technology of silicone and other synthetic rubbers is important. The patent literature does not satisfactorily reveal the chemical functions played by boron compounds.

Research has been initiated on the preparation of polymeric boronamides derived from stabilised boric acids and bifunctional isocyanates.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 56-190 Part 2.
DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH TEMPERATURE OIL-

This report describes additional research directed toward the development of rubber compounds that can be used in diester-type lubricating oil (Turbo Oil-15) for long
exposures at 350 to 550°F. The evaluation of experimental compounds was confined largely to 350°F, although a few tests were made at 400°F. Studies at Battelle showed that poly-FBA (poly-1,1-dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate) can be compounded to meet the minimum target requirements of this project. Further work with the acrylate-type rubbers Hycar 4021 still misses the target requirements only because of a swell that is 6 percent above the 30 percent maximum desired. Acrylon EA-5 appears inferior to Hycar 4021 for this application because of its tendency to crack during hot-oil aging tests. This cracking tendency is unusual, inasmuch as the material is a saturated polymer.

Further attempts have been made to overcome the only real shortcoming of high-nitrite rubbers (such as Hycar 1001) for this application -- cracking after hot-oil aging. Although some short-term improvements have been effected by employing thiols and amines as antioxidants, all such gains have been lost by the end of 500 hours' aging. Methods for eliminating a portion of the polymer double bonds by hydrogenation are under consideration. The double bonds of hydrogen atoms on carbons alpha to the double bond are presumed to be focal points for oxidative degradation.

Two aluminum-block heaters for test-tube aging of rubber samples in oil at temperatures up to 500°F and 800°F, respectively, have been designed for WADC under this contract.

In future work on this basic problem, the emphasis will be shifted toward developing rubber compositions for use in synthetic hydraulic oils, such as the silicate esters.

WADC TR 55-57

Techniques of vulcanizing both natural and synthetic rubber polymers, using high intensity gamma radiation are described.

This process utilizes the gamma radiation from Cobalt 60 or spent uranium reactor fuel elements and is accomplished without heat or chemical vulcanizing agents. Reinforcing agents, anti-oxidants and other additives are still required however, to obtain an optimum balance of physical properties.

After compounding the elastomers in the conventional manner and subjecting them to various dosages of gamma radiation, the resultant physical properties were determined.

Evaluation of this technique shows considerable promise in developing elastomers for specialized uses, such as producing high temperature oil resistant rubber compounds and for improving the compression set of specialized rubber compounds.

This study further emphasizes the practical usefulness of atomic energy in providing the rubber technologist a new experimental variable or tool for determining fundamental properties of elastomeric compounds.

Rutgers Univ. WADC TR 55-26 Part 2.

An exploratory study has been made of certain boron compounds and polymers in connection with the development of plastics and elastomers, which are thermally stable as well as oil and fuel resistant.

The stable polymeric 'boronamides' derived from boronic acids and bi-functional isocyanates and claimed in a recent patent have been shown to be essentially polyureas admixed with soluble boron compounds.

Ester and polymers based on tricovalent boron are hydrolytically unstable and therefore this project was directed toward the synthesis of quadrivalent chelate and quasi-chelate boronic acids and borates. The diethanolamine ester of bencene-boronic acid has been prepared. It was stable to hydrolysis, and could be recrystallized from water. Allylboronic acid and its esters have been synthesized and studied primarily as intermediates for O-dimethylaminopropane boronic acid and related compounds which as yet have not been prepared. This work is being continued.

WADC TR 55-117.
ELASTOMERIC DITHIOPOLYESTERS. F. W. Knobloch. June 1955. PB 111949. Order from OTS $0.75.

Elastomers have been prepared from an experimental liquid polymer formulation derived from a condensation product of mercaptoacetic acid and triethylene glycol. Two general types of these elastomers are discussed; one was obtained by reaction of the liquid polymer with organic and inorganic peroxides, the other by reaction of terminal mercapto groups with unsaturated aldehydes.

Selected specimens of each type of elastomer were successfully compounded and vulcanized using conventional rubber processing equipment. The behavior of these vulcanizates in fuels and synthetic ester base oils has been studied along with the effects of aging at elevated temperatures. The vulcanized dithiopolysteres showed excellent resistance to the swelling action of 70/30 iso-octane/toluene fuel mixtures. Ester base oils of the MIL-L-7808A type were found to cause shrinkage. Elevated temperatures 350°F consistently brought about rapid deterioration of both vulcanized and raw polymer stocks.

Dow Corning Corporation. WADC TR 55-193.

Appreciable quantities of the two monomers, CF$_3$C=HC$_2$OH and CF$_3$(CH$_3$)C=HC$_2$OH have been prepared by reactions involving the dehydrohalogenation of the corresponding halohydrins.

Dehydrohalogenation studies were conducted using the following halohydrins: CCl$_2$FCH$_2$OH, CCl$_2$FCH$_2$OH, CCl$_2$FCHOHCCl$_2$F, CCl$_2$FCHOHCClF$_2$, and CC$_1$FCCOHCCl$_2$F. The corresponding epoxides were not obtained but rather extensive decomposition of the organic reactants was observed.

An investigation of the hypochlorination of the olefins, CH$_2$CF$_2$, CF$_3$(CH$_3$) = CH$_2$ and CF$_3$CF=CH$_2$, is in progress. The results are inconclusive at this time.

The preparation of a polyglycol formal was accomplished by reaction of a fluorine-containing glycol with dibutyl formal. The material was found to be thermally unstable.

The polymerization of both CF$_3$C=HC$_2$OH and CF$_3$(CH$_3$)C=HC$_2$OH was accomplished using ferric chloride as a catalyst. In addition, copolymers of these two monomers were prepared in a similar manner.

WADC TR 55-377.
OF AIRCRAFT FUELS AND LUBRICANTS. Horace C. 55-351.

Produced to date. Further efforts to overcome the tendency of Acrylon can change final physical properties of the cured elastomer. Variation in milling in time the 30 per cent maximum. At compounding to obtain uniform physical properties from requirements because they swelled about 6 per cent above the 30 per cent maximum. At 400°F, Hycar 4021 stocks missed the minimum target requirements because they swelled about 6 per cent above the 30 per cent maximum. At 400°F, Hycar 4021 stocks had about 25 per cent excessive swell, fell down in stress-

WADC TR 55-381.

A large number of fluorine containing polymeric systems have been investigated by the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company under Air Force Contract No. 33(038)-515. One of the most successful developments, poly 1, 1 dihydroperfluorobutyl acrylate (poly FBA) exhibits good rubbery characteristics, excellent resistance to many fuels, lubricants, solvents, chemicals, and ozone, plus very good stability at elevated temperatures. Compounding and processing studies have been made, and tests conducted in various media at temperatures up to 550°F. Results of laboratory and simulated service tests show poly FBA to be vulcanizable through the action of certain metal oxides or organic amines, reinforcible with carbon blacks and some inorganic fillers, and readily handled on standard rubber processing equipment. Tensile strength ranges from 1000 to 1400 pounds and elongation from 200 to 400%. It is highly resistant to the effects of hydrocarbon fuels, even at elevated temperatures, and has been successfully tested in the presence of synthetic lubricants for up to 300 hours at 400°F, and for shorter periods at higher temperatures.

Poly FBA is also highly resistant to the chemical action of fuming nitric acid, although quite permeable to it. It is completely resistant to ozone. Low temperature properties are limited to about 0°F unplasticized, although it retains good elasticity almost down to the brittle point.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-190 Part 3.


This report describes research to develop two types of rubber composition. These were (1) a composition that will withstand 500 to 1000 hours of immersion in diester-type lubricating oil (Turbo Oil-15) at 350 to 400°F, and (2) a composition that will withstand immersion for the same time period in silicate ester-type hydraulic fluids (OS-45 or MLO-8200) at 400°F.

The best compositions for use in hydraulic fluids for an aging time of 168 hours at 400°F were prepared from Neoprene WRT. For this time period, these compositions met nearly all of the WADC minimum target specifications. For longer aging periods, stocks made with Acrylon BA-12 and with Philprene VP-A appeared to be the most promising, although only limited work has been done with these polymers. Hycar 1014 and Philprene VP-25 were less promising polymers than Neoprene WRT, and Hycar 1072 and butyl rubber were completely unsuitable.

Compositions to be used in TurboOil-15 were evaluated at both 350°F and 400°F. At 350°F, poly-FBA compositions were able to meet all of the minimum target specifications of this project, and at 400°F they failed only because of low tensile strength after aging (300 to 350 psi, compared with a minimum target of 800 psi). At 350°F, Hycar 4021 stocks missed the minimum target requirements because they swelled about 6 per cent above the 30 per cent maximum. At 400°F, Hycar 4021 stocks had about 25 per cent excessive swell, fell down in stress-strain properties, and cracked after 500 hours of aging. Further efforts to overcome the tendency of Acrylon EA-5 stocks to crack, even when aged at 350°F, were not successful.

Connecticut Hard Rubber Company. WADC TR 55-351.

Although it is known that physical properties of silicone rubber are only slightly affected after the rubber is aged at high temperatures, it was found that they are greatly reduced when measured at high temperatures. The best tensile strength, elongation and tear strength at 400°F were displayed by Cohrlastic HT Heat Stable (CHR 5908A), a compound containing Valiron (DuPont) as the filler. CHR Compound 5901, composed of Dow Corning 6-128 with glass wool as an additional filler, also exhibited good tensile and tear strengths at 400°F.

The least reduction in these properties at 400°F, as compared with results obtained on the silicone compounds at room temperature, was displayed by CHR 5901. Dow Corning Silastic 152, pastured at 600°F, showed the least change in elongation.

Many of the materials tested were not developed or intended by the manufacturer for the conditions to which they have been subjected. Any failure or poor performance of a material is therefore not necessarily indicative of the utility of the material under less stringent conditions or for other applications.

REINFORCEMENT OF SILICONE RUBBER WITH CARBON BLACK. Aldo J. DeFrancesco. AF 33(616)-2542. February 1956. PB 121231. Order from OTS $1.00.

The silicone polymer, Linde W-96, when filled with various carbon blacks, was successfully cured to form a firm, well-reinforced rubber. Not all carbon blacks, however, are satisfactory. In general, an optimum loading of most acetylene and furnace blacks can be used.

This report describes the preparation and properties of fluorine-containing rubbers. The object of the work is the development of elastomeric materials which are resistant to the fuels, lubricants and hydraulic fluids used in military aircraft and which are serviceable over the widest possible temperature range.

Certain fluorine-containing alkoxy acrylate rubbers are superior to poly-FBA in serviceability at low temperature, and equal to poly-FBA in resistance to fuels and hydraulic fluids. The alkoxy acrylate rubbers which have been investigated are poly-3 perfluoromethoxy-1,1-dihydroperfluoropropyl acrylate, and poly-FEPF (poly-3-perfluorooctethoxy, -1,1-dihydroperfluoropropyl acrylate), and poly-H-FEPF (poly-3-methoxy-l,1-dihydroperfluoropropyl acrylate).

A copolymer of perfluorobutadiene and vinyl 1,1-dihydroperfluorobutyl ether continues to be of interest for its resistance to hot air aging. Good vulcanizates have not been obtained because the copolymer crosslinks badly during polymerization. Process changes which facilitate production of poly-FBA have been approved.

The amine curing recipe for poly-FBA is still the preferred recipe for best mechanical properties. Attempts to develop latent curatives for compounds with better altitude life than the TETA recipe have been unsuccessful.

Vulcanizates of blends of poly-FBA and Linde silicone rubber W-96 containing 50% or less poly-FBA exclusive of fillers and curatives have excellent low temperature flexibility, low volume swell in phosphate ester hydraulic fluids, and good resistance to hot air aging.

Surface esterified silica (Valron) has given excellent reinforcement of poly-FBA, but is no longer commercially available. Valron filled stock is far less permeable to Freon 22 than black filled stock.

Boeing Airplane Company. WADC TR 56-272.


In order to fully utilize materials for seal design, a knowledge of the relationship between the physical properties of the materials and seal efficiency is required. This report includes a literature survey on O-rings and seal design and functional tests of O-rings prepared from rubber compounded to have various physical properties. No definite relationship between seal life and physical properties was found. The inability of the O-ring to maintain sufficient internal pressure and to withstand mechanical conditions are believed to be the two reasons for seal failure.

Connecticut Hard Rubber Company. WADC TR 56-351.


Kel-F Elastomer was selected on the basis of screening tests as the elastomeric material showing the best overall resistance to red fuming nitric acid and hydrocarbon rocket fuels. Blends of polyisobutylene and polyethylene, while not true elastomers, showed excellent resistance to immersion in and penetration of red fuming nitric acid; these blends also showed good resistance to n-propyl nitrate, ethylene oxide, and uns-dimethylhydrazine, but were not suitable for exposure to JP-4 fuel. Poly-FBA was fairly resistant to attack by the acid, although it swelled considerably in the acid and was relatively permeable to it. Both Kel-F Elastomer and Poly-FBA were little affected by JP-4 fuel at room temperature or at 160°F.

Kel-F Elastomer was selected for further work under the second phase of the program. Compounds cured with benzenoyl peroxide or p-chlorobenzenoyl peroxide far exceeded those cured with amines or isocyanates in resistance to red fuming nitric acid; optimum peroxide concentrations found were considerably lower than those normally used, reducing undesirable by-products and minimizing blistering and delamination problems in fabrication. Of the fillers tested, LM-3 silicone-coated Hi-Sil C showed the best reinforcement; others showed promise as extenders. Kel-F Elastomer was not suitable for use with n-propyl nitrate, ethylene oxide, or uns-dimethylhydrazine.

A modification of the standard H-cell permeability test showed good correlation between the water-pH values and actual metal corrosion.

RFNA with hydrogen fluoride additive showed noticeably greater effect on the various elastomers than straight RFNA.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. WADC TR 56-331.


Commercially available elastomers were compounded for high temperature performance and tested for resistance to 8-hr heat-aging up to 550°F, with the object of selecting elastomers that might prove suitable at 350-550°F for use in tires and other aircraft component parts.

Silicone rubber (Linde W-96 Silicone) and Kel-F Elastomer vulcanizates were outstanding in heat-aging resistance, requiring temperatures of 480°F and 450°F, respectively, to produce a 25% reduction in room-temperature tensile strength after 8 hrs. of aging. The aging temperatures at which other elastomers retained 75% of their strengths when tested at room temperature after the 8-hr. aging are as follows: Acrylon EA-5, 425°F; Hycar 4021, 395°F; Fluoro-Rubber 1F4, 385°F; Hypalon and polyurethane, 350°F; Butaprene NL (nitrile rubber), 340°F; butyl, 335°F; Neoprene Type WRT, 326°F; Thiokol ST, 285°F; GR-S, 275°F; carboxy rubber, 220°F; and Heves, 215°F.

The elevated temperatures at which some unaged elastomers retained 50% of their original room-temperature strengths are: butyl, 330°F; DC-401 Silicone, 325°F; Heves and Acrylon EA-5, 277°F; Hycar 4021 and Thiokol ST, 255°F.

To obtain the above tensile strength information it was necessary to modify an L-6 Scott Tester, develop a suitable source of heat and temperature controls and determine the optimum techniques for obtaining reproducible results. A special permeameter was developed for determining the permeability to air and other gases at elevated temperatures, and air permeabilities were measured at 176°F and 250°F. High-temperature hardness and resilience measurements also were made.

New polymers of high thermal stability were synthesized by extending polyester chains with Epon resin, and also with 1,2,3,4-butaneetetracarboxylic acid.
A special polyurethane rubber was developed which was thermally stable up to 350-400°F. This is about 50°F higher than for conventional polyurethane-type rubbers.

Coast Pro-Seal and Manufacturing Company.

WADC TR 56-155.


This project was undertaken by the Coast Pro-Seal and Manufacturing Company to develop fuel tank sealant compounds capable of withstanding fuel vapor temperatures of 540°F and liquid fuel temperatures of 380°F for a limited period of time.

A formula was developed for a sealant compound which was unaffected by JP-5 jet fuel under these conditions, retained flexibility and adhesion and withstood proof testing under flexing and pressure at the liquid and vapor fuel temperatures required.

A study was made of the thermal stability of the various commercially available types of butadiene-acrylonitrile polymers and combinations of them with various commercial phenolic resins. Studies were made with added antioxidants and in inert atmospheres.

Some preliminary work was started with coatings based on aqueous dispersions of polytetrafluoroethylene.

Test procedures were developed using the Farr high pressure apparatus for liquid fuel at 380°F and fuel vapor at 540°F. Procedures and apparatus were developed for proof testing coatings under conditions of flexing under pressure at these temperatures.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation.

WADC TR 55-492.


This report describes research directed toward the development of rubber compounds resistant to various petroleum base fuels for long exposures (500 hours) at elevated temperatures (250 to 400°F). At the beginning of the program, no apparatus was available which was capable of performing tests of tensile strength and elongation in the presence of the test fuels at the elevated temperatures. Consequently, a screening test was adapted to test candidate materials after exposure to the test fuels at elevated temperatures. This work was performed concurrently with the design of high temperature-total immersion test apparatus.

Initial screening tests on elastomer samples submitted by suppliers showed that target physical properties after exposure in test fuels for 500 hours at 400°F could not be met. However, the initial data indicated that compounded materials based on fluorinated raw gums could possibly yield satisfactory products. Initial compounding and curing studies with polymers of Hycar 1001 and 4021 and subsequent screening tests on the resulting materials, to date, indicate that only marginal improvements can be made.

Two apparatuses capable of performing tests of tensile strength and elongation on elastomer samples, in O-ring form, in the presence of test fuels at elevated temperatures, have been designed. A single sample tester (designated Type I) has been constructed. The design and necessary modification designs and the engineering and detail drawings of a multi-sample tester (designated Type II) have been completed. This tester is ready for immediate construction.

In future work on this problem initial major effort will be directed to the construction of the Type II Tester and necessary refinement work on both types of testers. Concurrently, studies on the development of rubber compositions based on fluorinated raw gums will be initiated with eventual shift of emphasis to this work. Other materials, both polymers and test liquids, will be considered as indicated and as requested by Wright Air Development Center.

B. F. Goodrich Company Research Center.

WADC TR 55-58 Pt III.


The effort to define, understand, and prevent radiation damage to rubber continued during 1956. Research followed four main lines: the development of Anti-Rads to prevent radiation damage; infrared and mass spectral analyses to relate radiation stability to molecular structure of elastomers; stress relaxation studies to define the mechanisms of radiation damage; and measurements of dynamic mechanical properties of representative rubber compounds after irradiation. Emphasis upon applied testing of end-item materials increased.

The best Anti-Rad extended the retention of tensile strength and ultimate elongation of natural rubber tread stock more than tenfold. The screening study is providing criteria for the selection of superior Anti-Rads. A new technique of n. i. s. spectral analysis promises to aid greatly in determining what molecular structural features impart radiation stability. Stress relaxation measurements detail the important role of oxygen in radiation damage. Dynamic test data are given for eight representative rubber compounds.

WADC TR 57-247.


A micro-compounding technique has been developed to process the 'research sized' samples resulting from Air Force and industrial polymer development programs. Scaled down equipment and testing procedures have also been developed successfully to evaluate the small gram-size samples of vulcanised elastomers. Much of the insight to compounding and vulcanising these experimental polymers is based upon the chemistry of the system, supplemented by experience and common sense.

Using the technique described in this report, experimental polymers can be evaluated and the decision made to reject or further develop the polymer system--with good assurance that a promising polymer has not been cast aside and that further effort on others is justified.

Boeing Airplane Company. WADC TR 56-272 Pt II.


This study is to gain knowledge of the relationship between the physical properties of seal materials and sealing efficiency so that materials may be fully utilized in seal design. The literature survey on O-rings and
seal design has been continued. Commercially available polymers have been compounded with various physical properties. Static annulus (with varying groove configuration), rotating shaft, and reciprocating shaft functional test jigs have been designed and manufactured. Seal tests, under various environmental and mechanical conditions, have been run on these jigs.

No definite relationship between physical properties and seal efficiency was found. A general relationship, however, was evident between seal life, and compression modulus and compression relaxation.

Coast Pro-Seal and Manufacturing Company.
WADC TR 56-155 Pt II.
HIGH TEMPERATURE RESISTANT SEALANT MATERIALS.

This project was undertaken by the Coast Pro-Seal and Manufacturing Company originally to develop fuel tank sealant compounds capable of withstanding fuel vapor temperatures of 540°F and liquid fuel temperatures of 380°F for a limited period of time. These requirements have been essentially fulfilled and the results have been presented in WADC Technical Report No. 56-155. Under an extension of the above contract, No. 51 (56-773) covered in this report, the previous temperature requirements were made inapplicable and a higher temperature (700°F) has been substituted for the 380°F and 540°F temperatures.

While the 700°F requirement was not attained, a substantial increase has been accomplished. A formula was developed for a sealant compound which was unaffected by JP-5 jet fuel in the 600°F to 625°F range. It retained flexibility and adhesion and withstood proof testing under flexing and pressure in the temperature range indicated. It is clear from the test data that operation in the presence of fuel vapor is possible in the neighborhood of 650°F. A thorough formulation study was made of the butadieneacrylonitrile rubber and phenolic resin system in order to develop the optimum thermal stability potential. The effect of added antioxidants, leafing pigments, plasticizers and certain other materials was determined. Several other coating systems were briefly evaluated, such as the liquid polybutadiene modifications.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation.
WADC TR 55-492 Pt II.
DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL TESTING OF ELASTOMERIC COMPOUNDS RESISTANT TO PETROLEUM BASE FUELS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES.

This report describes continued research directed toward the development of rubber componds resistant to various petroleum base fuels for long exposures (500 hours) at elevated temperatures (up to 400°F). The test tube portion of the Type I Tester was redesigned and this tester was used to evaluate several candidate elastomers in the presence of test petroleum base fuels under simulated use conditions of elevated temperature and positive pressure.

The fabrication and construction of various parts of the multisample tester (Type II) was completed and its assembly initiated.

New selected candidate elastomers of the perfluorinated type were screened. Compound and curing studies with the Kel-F elastomers were initiated and are continuing.

Southern Research Institute.
WADC TR 57-364.
RESEARCH ON MATERIALS SUITABLE FOR FABRICATION INTO V51R DESIGN EAR PLUGS.

This report describes research and development work directed toward finding an acceptable formulation for V51R design ear plugs and toward setting up test methods so that future lots of purchased ear plugs will equal the acceptable formulation.

A test procedure to measure the collapsibility of a medium-size ear plug has been developed. Collapsibility measurements were used to define the properties of ear plugs acceptable to those experienced in the art of using and fitting ear plugs to military personnel.

The ear plug formulations studied were also evaluated with respect to tensile strength, resistance to low temperatures, resistance to lanolin and to detergents, color, surface finish, and resistance to accelerated aging. Three ear plug formulations were selected as being the most acceptable according to the results of the tests made. The properties of these formulations have been used as the basis for suggested changes in the specifications given in Military Medical Purchase Description Number 4, dated 16 August 1954.

It is recommended that ear plugs based on these formulations be manufactured and tested in field use before further minor adjustments in formulation are attempted.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company.
WADC TR 52-197 Pt VIII.
SYNTHETIC RUBBERS FROM CARBON-FLUORINE COMPOUNDS.

This project was undertaken by the Coast Pro-Seal and Manufacturing Company originally to develop fuel tank sealant compounds capable of withstanding fuel vapor temperatures of 540°F and liquid fuel temperatures of 380°F for a limited period of time. These requirements have been essentially fulfilled and the results have been presented in WADC Technical Report No. 56-155. Under an extension of the above contract, No. 51 (56-773) covered in this report, the previous temperature requirements were made inapplicable and a higher temperature (700°F) has been substituted for the 380°F and 540°F temperatures.

While the 700°F requirement was not attained, a substantial increase has been accomplished. A formula was developed for a sealant compound which was unaffected by JP-5 jet fuel in the 600°F to 625°F range. It retained flexibility and adhesion and withstood proof testing under flexing and pressure in the temperature range indicated. It is clear from the test data that operation in the presence of fuel vapor is possible in the neighborhood of 650°F. A thorough formulation study was made of the butadieneacrylonitrile rubber and phenolic resin system in order to develop the optimum thermal stability potential. The effect of added antioxidants, leafing pigments, plasticizers and certain other materials was determined. Several other coating systems were briefly evaluated, such as the liquid polybutadiene modifications.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation.
WADC TR 55-492 Pt II.
DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL TESTING OF ELASTOMERIC COMPOUNDS RESISTANT TO PETROLEUM BASE FUELS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES.

This report describes continued research directed toward the development of rubber compounds resistant to various petroleum base fuels for long exposures (500 hours) at elevated temperatures (up to 400°F). The test tube portion of the Type I Tester was redesigned and this tester was used to evaluate several candidate elastomers in the presence of test petroleum base fuels under simulated use conditions of elevated temperature and positive pressure.

The fabrication and construction of various parts of the multisample tester (Type II) was completed and its assembly initiated.

New selected candidate elastomers of the perfluorinated type were screened. Compound and curing studies with the Kel-F elastomers were initiated and are continuing.
Further evaluation of 3(4-chloro-2-propenoxy)-1,1-dihydroperfluoropropyl acrylate has shown it to be comparable to other perfluoroalkoxy acrylates in low temperature properties and resistance to aromatic solvents and hot air aging, but somewhat poorer in resistance to oxygenated solvents and to diester lubricants.

Attempts to homopolymerize 1,2-epoxy perfluorohexane with peroxide catalysts or with a ferric chloride: propylene oxide catalyst have given mainly reaction products and little evidence of polymerisation. Attempts to copolymerize 1,2-epoxy perfluorohexane with propylene oxide, using a ferric chloride: propylene oxide catalyst, have given viscous liquid products which may be copolymers.

Exploratory copolymerizations of perfluoro-2-azapropene with vinyl-type monomers have given products containing small amounts of the azapropene.

Connecticut Hard Rubber Company. WADC TR 57-651.


A survey of available knowledge concerning the resistance of elastomers and plastics to a number of propellants has been prepared and will appear as WADC TR 57-472.

Elastomeric materials showing satisfactory resistance during an immersion period of seven days at 160°F have been developed for the following propellants: unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine, ethylene oxide, n-propyl nitrate, and anhydrous ammonia. Compounds were tested which were resistant to 90 percent hydrogen peroxide at room temperature.

No elastomeric materials were found with satisfactory room temperature resistance to inhibited red fuming nitric acid or to JP-X fuel mixture.

United States Rubber Company. WADC TR 57-553.


Development of two basic types of 3' 1. in.l. id. inflow refueling hose, wire woven type and wire braided type, along with suitable end fittings was the object of this development contract. All work pertaining to hose was performed by United States Rubber Company, at Passaic, New Jersey. Coupling design work was performed by The Weatherhead Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Flex-O-Tube Division of Flexonics, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan.

Three different constructions of wire braided hose were developed. The wire woven type hose was eliminated because this type of hose exhibited excessive elongation under load. A total of 35 lengths of wire braided hose assemblies coupled with swaged fittings were furnished under the contract.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. WADC TR 56-331 Pt II.


Elastomers of potential interest for high-temperature aircraft tires -- including butyl, silicone rubber, "heat-stable" polyurethane, and Viton A -- were studied to determine tensile, wire-cord adhesion, and air-permeability properties at temperatures ranging up to 400°F or 500°F, and properties of interest in tire development, such as internal friction and running temperature. Most promising wire adhesions were obtained with silicone rubber, which retained 63% of the 750°F adhesive strength at 450°F, compared with 9% for Hevea. Silicone rubber is the most highly permeable to air; Thiokol ST, Vyram and butyl have the lowest air permeabilities. Nitrogen appears to be the most promising of the unreduced gases to use for inflation of high-temperature tires.

Type of sulfur crosslink (mono-, di-, or tetrasulfide) had little effect on high-temperature properties of Hevea. Gamma-irradiation of vulcanized Hevea improved the high-temperature tensile strength. Balata had lower tensile strength than Hevea over the entire range of 73°F - 400°F. Vyram-N-7700 was about equivalent to Vyram-N-5400. Polyether-type polyurethane had 400°F tensile strength of 60 psi vs. 515 for the "heat-stable" polyester type. Teflon resin had a tensile strength of 3825 psi at 73°F and 980 psi at 600°F.

Studies on effects of a 4-hour heat-aging at 400°F upon burst pressures of a nylon aircraft tire and of a wire tire are described. It is concluded that a 400°F tire will require wire tirecord in place of organic fabrics used in present tires.

A prototype aircraft tire successfully was constructed from silicone rubber and steel wire tirecord. Coating the wire tirecord and the bead wire with a thin layer of partially cured silicone rubber facilitated fabrication of the beads and plies.

Experimental butadiene and acrylic polymers containing functional groups were prepared and their high-temperature properties were determined. Carboxyl as the functional group gave better results than hydroxyl or epoxy. Best properties at 400°F resulted from using a metal oxide -- particularly magnesium oxide or cadmium oxide -- with epoxy resin to cure the carboxy polymers, enabling 400°F tensile strengths as high as 1400 psi to be obtained.

The advantages of the metal oxide cure were obtained with methacrylate rubber (copolymer of butadiene and methyl methacrylate) by curing with barium hydroxide octahydrate, which gave tensile strengths of 4025 psi at 73°F and 980 psi at 400°F when used in combination with bis(γ,γ-dimethylbenzyl) peroxide. In this manner the advantageous high-temperature properties of the metal oxide cure were realized with improved processability compared with the carboxy polymers.

It was found that butadiene copolymers can be vulcanized by heat alone at 500°F, a GR-S -- carbon black mix giving a tensile at 240°F, but this crosslinking could only partially be inhibited. Salicylate esters were the most effective inhibitors.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation. WADC TR 55-492 Pt III.


This report describes continued research toward the development of elastomeric compounds resistant to petroleum base fuels at temperatures up to 400°F for periods up to 500 hours.

Candidate elastomer compounds were screened using conventional fuel aging techniques. On the basis of these screening tests, compounds of interest were further tested under conditions of simulated use using the interim Type I Tester.
An inorganic polymer, phosphonitrilic chloride, has been polymerized to a rubbery mass. Several objectionable characteristics including its highly corrosive nature made it evident that this material was not suitable for sealants.

A design manual has been prepared which assembles the research information gathered by B. F. Goodrich scientists during the years 1954-1957. Only that material of interest to airframe design engineers has been included.

The primary topics included are the radiation resistance of a large group of rubber compounds to tensile changes; the dynamic property changes of a group of selected compounds when irradiated; the radiation resistance of practical aircraft compounds used in tires, hose, fuel cells, gaskets and packing; and the protection afforded by anti-rads.

The multiple sample Type II Tester was completed during this report period.

The design and the major portion of assembly was completed for the Micro Tester which permits testing under more severe conditions than the two previous testers. Aging studies were concentrated on compounds based on fluorinated elastomers.

The literature survey on O-rings and seal design has been continued and enlarged to include the effect of irradiation and extreme low temperature on seal design. Low temperature tests, relaxation and volume change tests, screening tests, and functional tests have been conducted. The functional tests include pulsed annulus tests with various groove configurations and reciprocating shaft tests with and without different types of back-ups at room temperature and at elevated temperatures.

No overall relationship between physical property values and seal efficiency has been found. It has been noted, however, that certain physical properties appear to be important to seal life for specific seal conditions.

WADC TR 58-19.

Fluoro-Rubber 2F4 was developed by the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company under Air Force Contract AF 33(616)1515 to overcome the low temperature limitations of its precursor Fluoro-Rubber IF4 (poly FBA).

This elastomer has a 300° to 40°F improvement in low temperature properties (-350°F Brittle Point) over Fluoro-Rubber IF4 and has excellent resistance to jet fuels, lubricants and solvents and has a fair retention of physical properties after aging at elevated temperatures.

Boeing Airplane Company. WADC TR 56-272 Part III.

This is a continuation of a study to gain knowledge of design data for O-rings and similar elastomeric seals. The literature survey on O-rings and seal design has been continued and enlarged to include the effects of irradiation and extreme low temperature on seal design. Low temperature tests, relaxation and volume change tests, screening tests, and functional tests have been conducted. The functional tests include pulsed annulus tests with various groove configurations and reciprocating shaft tests with and without different types of back-ups at room temperature and at elevated temperatures.

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WADC TR 58-18.

Several oil aging procedures utilizing various venting methods, and an oven or an aluminum block heater as heat sources, were compared to determine the most suitable, reproducible test procedure for evaluating potential oil-resistant elastomers at elevated temperatures.

The "chimneyed-stoppered-tube method" as described in this report provides for better reproducible results, and a better, more reliable evaluation of potential oil-resistant elastomers at elevated temperatures.


A design manual has been prepared which assembles the research information gathered by B. F. Goodrich scientists during the years 1954-1957. Only that material of interest to airframe design engineers has been included.
TR 4620.
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF NYLON MATERIALS DEVELOPED FOR AIR CORPS USE. J. Edward Gill. March 1941.

TR 5590.
TREATMENT OF NYLON WEBBING TO INCREASE RESISTANCE TO ABRASION. C. A. Willis. June 1947.

TR 5665.

TR 5699.
TREATMENT OF NYLON WEBBING TO INCREASE RESISTANCE TO ABRASION. C. A. Willis. May 1948.

New Mexico State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. TR 5894
TEXTILES; ACCELERATED WEATHERING VERSUS OUTDOOR EXPOSURE TESTS. Joyce C. McGrath. AF 33(038)-16956. October 1950.

Georgia Institute of Technology. TR 52-55.

As synthetic textile fibers have varied uses in today's ideas and materials, a need has been felt for an investigation into the effect of twist on synthetic yarns. It was decided that in the study of synthetic yarns, those used most in USAF materials would be evaluated.

Yarns studied included five deniers of Viscose Rayon from three producers; ten deniers of nylon, four deniers of Orion; and three deniers of Dacron. The main objective of the program was the study of the effect of twist on the following properties of the yarn.

a. Denier
b. Diameter
c. Breaking strength
d. Elongation
e. Energy Absorption
f. Elastic Recovery

Increments of twist were added to the yarns until the breaking strength had decreased approximately 40% from the original values, or until creasing or shearing occurred.

The twisting of the yarns and testing were conducted in laboratories conditioned to 70°F plus or minus 2°F and a Relative Humidity of 65 plus or minus 2%.

Each yarn has been considered separately in the evaluation, but with rayon yarns no separation was made for each different manufacturer's yarn. Generally the results show that the effect of twist on any characteristic of yarn is greater for the higher denier yarns than for the low denier yarns. Detailed data are given in both tabular and graphic form, for the effect of twist on the properties of the individual yarns.

TR 52-112.
DEVELOPMENT OF FABRICS FOR USAF SUMMER UNIFORMS USING SYNTHETIC FIBERS. Rama Maxwell Ellis, Jr., Z/Lt. July 1952. PB 11763 Order from OTS $0.75.

This project was undertaken as a result of a letter from Headquarters USAF, dated 29 March 1951, entitled "Conservation of Wool", and because it was believed that synthetic fibers possessed an untapped potential adaptable to the needs of the USAF for uniform purposes.

"Dacron", a polyester fiber, was chosen as the principal constituent in this investigation because of its unusual properties. The manner in which this fiber would react when used in a uniform fabric and when blended with other fibers could not be determined by laboratory methods; hence the service wear test.

This service wear test was conducted during the months of July, August, September and October of the year 1951 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, by the Textile Branch of the Materials Laboratory, Research Division, Wright Air Development Center. Forty-eight men participated in the test.

The results of this test indicate that Dacron, when blended with wool or viscose rayon in a fifty-to-fifty weight ratio, will produce a fabric superior to either the presently used 100% wool or the experimental 100% Dacron fabric.

Georgia Institute of Technology. TR 52-283.
Part 1.
AIR PERMEABILITY OF PARACHUTE CLOTHS. M. J. Goglia. AF 33(038)-15624. November 1952. PB 111242. Order from OTS $2.00.

The air permeability of eight standard nylon parachute cloths was determined using a sample 6.05 inches in diameter in a wind tunnel whose capacity permitted obtaining static pressure differentials across the cloth as high as 55 inches of water. Fifty-nine experimental nylon cloths manufactured by the Bally Ribbon Mills were subjected to the same test procedure, as were two experimental fabrics of orlon and dacron, respectively.

Upon assuming that the pressure gradient in the flow through a parachute fabric is proportional to the arithmetic sum of an inertial ($\frac{\rho v^2}{2}$) and the viscous contribution ($\mu \frac{dv}{dx}$), one is able to infer the existence of a parameter $\frac{\rho v^2}{\mu}$, whose measure is length. This length can be employed to characterise the geometry of the cloth. Experimental work to date in the case of the eight standard cloths and the orlon and dacron fabrics has indicated a verification of the assumption; a high-pressure tunnel employing pressure differentials across the cloth approximately ten pounds per square inch was used for this purpose.

Employing the characteristic length so determined permits writing a single relation common to all cloths between a "flow-through-drag coefficient," $C_f$, and a Reynolds number based on the characteristic length; viz.,

$$C_f \approx \frac{2\pi}{N Re}$$

Georgia Institute of Technology. TR 52-283.
Part 2.
AIR PERMEABILITY OF PARACHUTE CLOTHS. H. W. S. Lavine. AF 33(038)-15624. December 1952.

The air permeability of special, woven, nylon, orlon, and dacron, parachute-type fabrics was determined using a sample 6.05 inches in diameter. The permeometer used in this program permitted testing the fabric samples at pressure differentials across the cloth as high as 55 inches of water. The sixty-one experimental cloths woven
were: A 4,000-yard lot of Nylon Parachute Cloth weighing categories; filament and staple. The filament yarns LC, Mi $2.70, Ph $4.70, Mi $3.60, Ph $9.30. thought feasible for parachute use, such fibers, both natural and synthetic, which were available Cheney Brothers. TR 53-351.

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average breaking tenacity, average breaking elongation, average yield tenacity, average initial modulus, average loop tenacity and efficiencies, energy absorbed to several stress levels, and heat shrinkage were obtained at various temperatures and after exposure for specific lengths of time at each temperature. Detailed data are given in both tabular and graphic form, as well as a discussion covering the mechanical behavior of fibers.


A group of fabricated textile materials including seam samples were tested at four specific temperature conditions. The materials involved included cotton in addition to the nylon materials. The samples included thread and suspension line as well as cloth. The seam samples were constructed as called out in parachute fabrication drawings for two needle seams, and skirt butterfly attachments.

The strength of several nylon materials was found to vary with temperature. It was found that the sensitivity to temperature is due in part to geometric influences on the inherent yarn strength. During the pre-heating of the nylon materials, sufficient dehydration took place causing a loss in efficiency at 210°F.

As expected, the cotton materials lost considerable strength at the low and high temperatures. A number of specific conditions must exist for sticking of nylon cloth to nylon cloth to be evidenced. Indications are that prolonged exposure to heat (350°F to 370°F) may reduce the cohesion of the two surfaces. Therefore sticking will not be caused due to temperature over a certain period of time. Conditions such as sharp impact, surface over surface shear at high pressures may result in some sticking or cohesion at lower temperatures.


A STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON TEXTILE MATERIALS. Myron J. Coplan. AF 33(038)-22932. March 1953. PB 111240. Order from LC, Mi $7.00, Ph $24.00.

Temperature requirements are of prime importance in the development of materials and equipment for the USAF. The use of parachutes to decelerate aircraft and recover missiles from high altitudes, brings forth the requirements for heat resistance, while operation in the Arctic and Antarctic regions sets the requirements for low temperature. With these requirements in mind, an investigation to study the effects of temperature and humidity on textile fibers was initiated. To make this investigation as thorough as possible, all fibers, both natural and synthetic, which were available were included, with the exception of those fibers not thought feasible for parachute use, such as wool

The investigations were broken down into two categories; filament and staple. The filament yarns were:

a. Nylon
b. Orlon
c. Dacron

d. Fortisan (Saponified Acetate)
e. Tenasco (High Tenacity Viscose Rayon)
f. Vinyon NORU, NOHU

g. Japanese Gum Silk
h. Fiberglas

The staple yarns used were:
a. Acrilan
b. Dynel
c. Cotton, griege
d. Cotton, mercerised

The main objective of this investigation was to evaluate the fibers at temperatures from -70°F to the extremely high temperatures, at which the fibers fail to function efficiently. (This temperature ranges from 300°F to 375°F as shown in the report.) To make the evaluation complete in itself, such properties of the yarns as average breaking tenacity, average breaking elongation, average yield tenacity, average initial modulus, average loop tenacity and efficiencies, energy absorbed to several stress levels, and heat shrinkage were obtained at various temperatures and after exposure for specific lengths of time at each temperature. Detailed data are given in both tabular and graphic form, as well as a discussion covering the mechanical behavior of fibers.

It is quite apparent from the tables and charts, that at and after exposure to temperatures of 350°F, Dacron yarn is superior in most of the properties studied. Most noticeable is the energy absorbed at various stress levels, loop tenacity and efficiency, and especially Dacron's resistance to hot air degradation.

Pioneer Parachute Company. TR 52-57.


The purpose of this investigation was the study of suspension lines under actual operating conditions, having varying degrees of elongation, energy absorption and elasticity. A secondary purpose of the investigation was the study of fabric porosity, shape and type of canopy, and method of parachute deployment.

The shock absorbing capacity of five different types of parachute suspension line cord were first evaluated for basic physical properties, then were tested by assembling into parachutes and opening the parachutes at various speeds - first at 100 mph, then 150 mph, finally 200 mph - on a whirling test tower. The parachutes were evaluated first in standard back type, then in deployment bag openings. Two types of para- chutes were used; one being a twenty four foot standard parachute, the other being a 30 foot parachute, with an extended skirt.

The loads were measured and the cords evaluated on the basis of shock absorbing capacity, strength, and durability. Final results of the work indicates that the presently used 550 lb tensile strength cord, Specification MIL-C-5040, Type III, is the best of the cords evaluated. A good correlation was established between line energy absorption and snatch force, but opening shock loads appear to be little affected by line characteristics.


A number of specific conditions must exist for sticking of nylon cloth to nylon cloth to be evidenced. Indications are that prolonged exposure to heat (350°F to 370°F) may reduce the cohesion of the two surfaces. Therefore sticking will not be caused due to temperature over a certain period of time. Conditions such as sharp impact, surface over surface shear at high pressures may result in some sticking or cohesion at lower temperatures.
Accelerated aging tests indicated that the Silicone Oil provides a measure of protection against fabric deterioration and definitely improves the tear resistance at all times.

This fabric can fulfill certain experimental purposes where an extremely light thin parachute fabric is needed for models. In addition the material could be used in critical applications requiring small yardage. However, the difficulties of manufacture are so extensive that use of this fabric should be confined to special applications which justify its use.

TR 53-444.

A group of 50 wool/synthetic, blended velour overcoat fabrics were evaluated to determine the effects on fabric properties when the fiber and composition was varied.

The synthetic fibers involved included Orlon, Dacron, Acrylic, Viscose and Dynel. Each synthetic fiber was blended with wool in percentages of 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 to make a series of 6 samples. One sample was fabricated to 100 percent wool to be used as a control.

The use of Dacron in the fabric increased the breaking strength. Flex abrasion resistance was increased when the synthetic was used in percentages of 20 or above. Flat abrasion resistance was not significantly affected. Shrinkage in sponging and crease resistance was not appreciably affected.

The use of Acrylic in the fabric increased the breaking strength when used in percentages of 50 and above. Reduced breaking strength was noted when 10 and 20 percent Acrylic was used. Resistance to abrasion, both flat and flex, was considerably lower in all percentages, and remained approximately equal throughout the entire series of samples. Crease resistance and shrinkage in sponging were not significantly affected.

The use of viscose in the fabric decreased the breaking strength and flex and flat abrasion resistance. Crease resistance was approximately equal to that of all wool control. Shrinkage in sponging was slightly higher in the warp direction with a gain noted in the filling direction.

The use of Dynel in the fabric increased the breaking strength when used in percentages above 10. Resistance to abrasion, both flat and flex, was markedly decreased. Shrinkage in sponging and crease resistance were not significantly affected.

As the percentage of synthetic was increased in the blend the difficulties encountered at the fulling process increased and it became more difficult to obtain the desired color and finish.

Double layer Mylar films reinforced with Dacron fiber have exhibited promising properties for use in parachute canopies. These properties include:

- Tensile Strength: 82 - 90 pounds
- Burst Strength: 195 - 220 pounds
- Weight Per Square Yard: 2.44 - 4.42 ounces
- Thickness (maximum): 0.007 - 0.008 inches
- No embrittlement at -60°C and retention of useful properties at 150°C.

These films were prepared by cementing a reinforcing grid of 2, 3 or 4 ply Dacron thread between two 50 or 100 gauge Mylar films.

Miniature parachutes made of Reinforced Mylar Films had exceptional resistance to tearing, to failure by flexing or creasing, and to abrasion. Accelerated rapid-load tests of these parachutes did not produce any failure of the seams or webbing. Reinforced Mylar film thus compared favorably with nylon except for its weight and porosity which could probably be improved by further investigation.

University of Cincinnati. TR 53-414.

A comparison of the properties of horsehide versus cowhide leathers was made to determine the feasibility of using cowhide leathers as well as horsehide leathers for glove purposes. The data collected would indicate that cowhide leathers would serve the purpose. There was the possibility that the initial run obtained in horsehide glove leather might not be present in the cowhide leather.

Tannage and the process ramifications necessary to each tannage preparation were studied as to their influence on thermal and area stability of leather. For the purpose of study a series of commercial tannages were investigated. The data obtained shows that tannage is a very important factor in preparing fire resistant leather. The data also indicates that the objective of developing a glove leather with higher heat and area stability has been accomplished.

The application of fire retardants to leather was also investigated. The fire retardants selected on the basis of the improvement in fire resistance they imparted to the fabric that made it equal to the fire resistance of all wool control. Shrinkage in sponging was slightly lower in the warp direction with a gain noted in the filling direction.

TR 54-12.

This investigation was initiated to determine if fabrics employed by the USAF were subject to degradation or deterioration when exposed to the lubricating oil covered by Specification MIL-L-7808 and the acid esters, di-2-ethyl hexyl adipate and di-2-ethyl hexyl sebacate. Need for an investigation was realized upon receipt of information that fabrics had been damaged when exposed to synthetic lubricants. In order to accomplish the desired program a series of fabrics composed of fibers that are commonly used in USAF fabrics was exposed to the above synthetic lubricants at room temperature and at 160°F.

After exposure, laundering and dry cleaning tests were conducted to determine their effect in conjunction with the lubricants. By diaphragm burst tests it was found that no damage was apparent in the fabrics used when exposed to the above synthetic lubricants.
A STUDY OF SYNTHETIC FUR RUFFS. R. M. Ellis, accordance with the procedure outlined in Specification MIL-C-6590.

Physical and colorfastness properties of the respective fabrics thus produced are tabulated, and are shown to conform to the requirements of the above specification.

A tentative dye formulation and dyeing procedure for producing Sage Green Type III (Orlion) fabric and the physical properties of a preliminary sample of this fabric are also reported. This covers the work done on Type III fabric up to the date of its suspension from the contract by the USAF.

Thomas Taylor & Sons, Inc. WADC TR 54-39.


WADC TR 54-117.


The primary purpose of this investigation was to obtain data on the effect of oxygen, nitrogen, and compressed air on nylon and Dacron materials at various temperatures. A secondary purpose was to determine the effect of hot air, applied continuously and in an intermittent manner to parachute textile materials. The test method is described in the text of this report.

A group of standard nylon parachute textile materials comprised of webbings, cord and fabrics, was tested after exposure to various temperature conditions for continuous and intermittent intervals of time. Also tested were Dacron hot stretched threads and an experimental Dacron fabric.

The breaking strength of several nylon textile materials was found to vary with temperature and duration of exposure time. The nylon materials lost considerably more strength after exposure in hot air at 300°F than at 250°F for the same period.

The breaking strength of nylon webbings, treated with resin in accordance with Specification MIL-W-4088B, was affected more severely than the untreated webbings after exposure to the stated conditions.

The breaking strength of the Dacron hot stretched thread showed no appreciable loss in these tests. The materials tested after exposure in hot air at 250°F for identical continuous and intermittent time intervals show no appreciable difference in breaking strength.

The materials tested after intermittent exposure in hot air at 300°F show more loss in breaking strength than when tested after continuous exposure.

WADC TR 53-333.


Laboratory and field tests on synthetic wolverine furs were conducted at Wright Air Development Center, Wright Paterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and in Alaska, respectively. The laboratory tests were conducted on sixty constructions representing variations in methods of fabrication and fiber composition. The furs for field tests represented eight different variations of the most promising types used in the laboratory evaluation. Natural wolf fur was used for comparison in both evaluations.

In both laboratory and field tests the better synthetic furs were superior to the wolf fur in ice shedding ability. In addition, the synthetic fur is domestically and readily available and should cause no storage problems.

In wind protection and comfort to the wearer the natural fur appeared to be superior.

The tests have provided data which should be useful in designing synthetic fur which will be satisfactory in every respect. The importance of comfort is emphasized.

WADC TR 54-49.


Technical papers concerning recent developments and future requirements of parachute textile problems were presented at a WADC Symposium on 21 and 22 September 1953. In particular, recent developments in the studies of friction damage, effects of high temperature, air flow through cloth, and design data for use in developing parachute textile materials which will operate at high speeds were discussed.

University of Cincinnati. WADC TR 54-63.


A comparison of the properties desired in glove leather tannages for a comfortable mechanic's winter glove was made. The data collected indicate that irrespective of tannage the leather has a high rate of oil absorption. The application of various impregnants to glove leather gave an improvement in oil resistance. Some of the impregnants were very oil resistant but did not penetrate into the leather. Using such impregnants as finish films on the leather would give oil resistance but when the finishes were abraded through, the leather would offer very little oil resistance. The data obtained indicate that it is possible to prepare a glove leather for winter mechanic's wear which will have good resistance to oil absorption without materially reducing the desirable properties inherent in glove leather.

The Connecticut Hard Rubber Company. WADC TR 54-93.


Experimental work leading to the development of a chemically resistant coated fabric, suitable for use in protective clothing for personnel handling various fuels and oxidizers used in guided missiles, is described in this report. The fabric consists of a pigmented blend of polyethylene and Vistanex B-80 calendared on Vinyon Fabric #501, primed with a solution (18% solids) of Vistanex B-80 dispersed in toluol. It possesses good resistance to the action of nitric acid and excellent flexibility throughout a temperature range of -50°F to 157°F when tested in accordance with the procedure outlined in Specification MIL-F-4143 (USAf).

Protective clothing in the form of suits, hoods and gloves, fabricated from the coated material, as well as a number of yards of the fabric itself, has been shipped...
to the Wright Air Development Center. Since the coated fabric which has been developed is superior to suit materials in present use which exhibit only slight resistance to nitric acid, it is concluded that personnel operating in the field of guided missiles can now be provided with clothing which will offer adequate protection against rocket fuels. It is recommended that the coated fabric be used in the fabrication of all clothing designed for the protection of personnel engaged in handling oxidizers and most rocket fuels.

The coated fabric was developed under Contract No. AF 33(616)-155 at the Connecticut Hard Rubber Company, New Haven, Connecticut, during the period from May 22, 1952 to December 31, 1953.

WADC TR 54-52.


A group of twenty-one sarge fabrics was evaluated in the laboratory to determine the effects on fabric properties when the fiber and percentage of fiber was varied. The fabrics included the 100% wool standard sarge and twenty wool/synthetic blends. The fibers employed in the course of manufacture were wool, Dacron, Orlon, Acrylic, viscosa rayon and Dynel. Each synthetic fiber was blended with wool in percentages of 10, 25, 40 and 60.

Comparative tests of the following properties versus wool percentage of the blends were conducted: warp breaking strength, filling breaking strength, warp percent shrinkage, filling percent shrinkage, warp abrasion, filling abrasion, flat abrasion, percent wrinkle recovery, flame time, char rate and wicking time.

Based on laboratory test results of the five synthetic fibers used and the four percentages blended with wool, Dacron, when blended in the fabric appears superior to the other four synthetics in increasing resistance to flat and flex abrasion, and increased breaking strength when used in higher percentages.

In all cases the rate of burning and wicking was increased, and the percent wrinkle recovery slightly decreased, by the addition of synthetic fiber.

Conclusions drawn from the laboratory tests are of interest; however, laboratory testing techniques are not to be considered an absolute measure when evaluating differences between wool and wool/synthetic blends.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 52-283. Part 3.


The effects of biaxial tension loads on fabric samples of nylon, Orlon, and Dacron have been studied. The biaxial-fabric-tension-testing machine, used in these tests, was designed and constructed at Georgia Tech.

It was the purpose of these studies to determine the elastic characteristics of selected nylon, Orlon, and Dacron parachute-type cloth under conditions of no air flow. Also, the effect of high temperatures (+140°F) and low temperatures (-140°F) on elastic properties was determined, using plain-weave samples of nylon, Orlon, and Dacron cloth. The data obtained from these tests were used in conjunction with the low- and high-pressure air-permeability studies reported in AF Technical Reports 52-283, Parts 1, 2, and 4.

Variations in temperature and humidity, in the ranges studied, had a marked effect on the elastic properties of the fabrics. However, as humidity was lowered, the elasticity and the tenacity of the fabrics decreased.

Dacron was found to be somewhat more elastic than Orlon, particularly at the lower temperatures.

The number of picks per inch and the weave pattern (plain, twill, and satin) do not markedly affect the elastic properties.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 54-199.


In this study a method is developed of presenting the flow data in a general dimensionless form over a limited range of flow. Under the assumption that the pressure-squared gradient in the flow through a fabric is the arithmetic sum of the viscous ($2\pi \rho \mu$) and the inertial contributions ($2 \beta f^\frac{1}{2} G^2$), it is possible to infer the existence of a characteristic length $L$. The relation between the flow-through-drag coefficient and the Reynolds number based on this characteristic length, $C_f = \frac{2\pi \rho \mu}{f L^2}$, is common to all fabrics. The parameters $\beta$ and $\eta$ and the characteristic length can be obtained from only two flow measurements.

The parameters $\beta$ and $\eta$ may be estimated from physical measurements of the cloth, thus permitting a rough prediction of the permeability of the fabric.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 52-283, Part 4.

AIR PERMEABILITY OF PARACHUTE CLOTHS. H. W. S. Lavieier, AF 33(038)-15624. February 1955.

The high-pressure air permeability of selected nylon, Orlon, and Dacron parachute-type fabrics were determined using a 16-square-inch sample. The Georgia Tech high-pressure permeometer used in this program permitted testing the fabric samples at pressure differentials across the cloth equivalent to 1500 inches of water. The selected cloths are described in Table I and include experimental cloths woven in the Laboratories of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Air-permeability data for the selected fabrics are presented here in graphical and tabular form as volumetric flow (cubic feet per minute) and effective porosity versus the static pressure differential across the cloth.

The selected fabrics were chosen to demonstrate the effect on high-pressure air permeability resulting from variation of the number of ends and picks per inch, weave patterns, and material. Also, the effect on high-pressure permeability, due to variation of temperature and absolute humidity, was investigated.

Cheney Bros. WADC TR 54-468.


Twenty-four differently constructed samples of nylon cloth in the desired weight range were woven, finished and tested.

A special mathematical study of the relationship between air permeability at 1/2 inch of water pressure differential and at higher pressure differentials was made. This discloses that a linear relationship in these values exists when plotted on full logarithmic graph paper.

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The ability of the cloth manufacturer to vary the high pressure differential permeability, while retaining fixed low pressure permeability ranges is indicated to be a practical one within limits.

A total of 1000 yards of additional cloth duplicating two of the twenty-four constructions as selected by the Air Force was supplied for use in further evaluation of the material by the Parachute Laboratory.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 52-283. Part 5.

The air permeability evaluations of various nylon cloths produced by different manufacturers to the same MIL specifications are presented here. The effect on air permeability due to various weaving defects was investigated and it was concluded that such normal defects had little or no effect on the cloth air permeability evaluations.

Variation of the magnitude of the calendering load was studied regarding its effect on air permeability of a cloth. It was found that loads up to fifty tons per inch caused considerable change in the cloth permeability. However, loads above fifty tons per inch caused very little additional change in air permeability over that caused by a load of 50 tons per inch.

Discharge coefficients for various kinds of parachute cloths are also included in this report. These values may prove useful in designing new parachute textiles.

Phoenix Trimming Co. WADC TR 55-3.

Four types of Dacron webbing, developed by the Phoenix Trimming Company, were subjected to a series of tests to determine whether they were acceptable for use in aircraft safety harnesses. Samples of these webbings were made from three different types of Dacron, with the final delivered webbing being manufactured from 1100-250-0-560 Dacron yarn.

WADC TR 54-374.

This is a report on pile fabrics made from synthetic fibers, cotton, wool, and numerous blends thereof. There were three techniques employed in the construction of the pile fabrics developed under this project: (1) woven cut pile fabrics by Goodall Sanford, Inc., (2) inserted pile, knitted fabrics by George W. Borg Corporation, and (3) napped and/or brushed pile, knitted fabrics by Princeton Knitting Mills, Inc. All the samples developed were compared to the standard wool pile fabric made according to requirements of AF Specification MIL-C-5563. Each sample was tested for warmth and compression characteristics to determine the effect, if any, of varying thicknesses, blends, and constructions. It was observed that the type fiber has little effect on the warmth of a pile fabric; however, Orlon, Dacron, and Dynel consistently appear slightly better. Results show that possibly a double thickness of a relatively thin pile fabric should deserve consideration. Also included in this report are the results of a study on the mathematical relationship between the warmth of a fabric and the physical properties of the fabric.

The Synthetical Laboratories. WADC TR 54-466.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation.
WADC TR 54-570.
THE EFFECT OF FABRIC STRUCTURE ON THE FRICTIONAL FUSION OF PARACHUTE MATERIALS. Vasili Lavrakas. AF 18(600)-136. August 1955. PB 121142. Order from OTS $0.50.

The effect of fabric structure, yarn twist, calendering, and fabric weight on the resistance to fusion of parachute cloth has been studied. A belt friction apparatus, used in lubrication investigations, has also been utilized in this study.

The parameters of fabric structure, yarn twist, calendering, and fabric weight have been found to be significant in the resistance of parachute cloth to friction.

The results of this study are as follows:
1. The best fabric structure was cloth made according to MIL-C-7020, Type 1.
2. Calendered cloth was superior to non-calendered.
3. Low yarn twist and fabric weight appeared to impart higher resistance to fusion than higher twist and weight.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation.
WADC TR 54-513.

A literature search covering instrumentation, antistatic agents, and theories of static electrification was conducted to provide a foundation for the evaluation of antistatic treated nylon parachute cloth. An appraisal of the techniques employed by other investigators, in the evaluation of the static behavior of materials, justified the utilization of fabric surface resistance as the measurable parameter. Special instrumentation was developed to provide the desired test conditions of -30°F and 10% RH and permit the required range of resistance measurements. While no permanent antistatic agent studied was found to be effective at the low temperature test conditions, specific non-conditions which were comparable to the resistance of untreated nylon fabric at standard test conditions of 70°F and 65% RH.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation.
WADC TR 54-323. Part 2.

A belt friction apparatus was used to study the fusion of scoured parachute cloth and lubricated cord at high sliding speeds. Data obtained at speeds up to 97 ft/sec when extrapolated to higher speeds (100-140 ft/sec) indicate that no further significant data would be obtained regardless of the type of agent applied.

The effect of speed on fusion and friction has also been investigated. Primarily, three homologous series of high molecular weight organic compounds were used: high molecular weight fatty acids, alcohols, and monooesters. In their ability to prevent fusion, fatty acids were
poorer than fatty alcohols, while fatty alcohols were poorer than fatty monoesters.

As the speed of rubbing increases, the resistance to fusion of lubricated nylon parachute materials decreases rapidly, and at high speeds (75 ft/sec) this resistance falls to alarmingly low levels.

The role of molecular weight in the phenomenon of fusion and lubrication was investigated and found to be an important factor. Other factors are undoubtedly present but were not investigated.

Anionic, cationic, and nonionic lubricants were also studied. As an insufficient number were investigated, no definite conclusions have been formulated.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation. WADC TR 54-572.

This research program involved the evaluation of wind tunnel tests on parachute ribbons. The work was conducted at the Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation from March, 1952, to March, 1954.

A theoretical evaluation of the expected temperature rise of these ribbons in high velocity flight was carried out. Wind tunnel tests were subsequently performed on the basic ribbon and ribbons of modified design.

The results showed that the experimental values of the heat transfer coefficient agreed very well with the theoretical values. Changes in ribbon design and ribbon material did not effect an improvement to the heat transfer characteristics of the basic sample.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation. WADC TR 54-573.

The construction and operation of a pneumatically driven impact tester designed to evaluate the dynamic performance characteristics of cushioning materials is described. The 577-pound flat impact element is capable of being projected downward with a velocity of from 20 ft/second to over 50 ft/second. An analog computer is used in a new application to record and analyze the impact.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation. WADC TR 54-571.

This research program involved the evaluation of the effect of surface finishes on the high temperature properties of nylon parachute ribbons. The work was conducted at the Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation from March 1952 to December 1954.

The fabrics were exposed to temperatures above the melting point of nylon (480°F) produced by three modes of heat propagation: conduction, convection, and radiation. Instrumentation and testing programs were developed to appraise the results.

The results showed that no single finish satisfactorily retarded the fusion of the nylon ribbon when it was tested by all three methods. The conclusions drawn were that if a technique to change the heat transfer characteristics of nylon at these high temperatures is to be realised, methods other than applying surface finishes should be investigated.
were cured with peroxide and were resistant to temperatures of 250°F. They also showed improved resistance to penetration by white fuming nitric acid.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation. WADC TR 55-83.


A study of wool-synthetic blend fabrics was made to develop one suitable for summer flight clothing.

A survey of worsted manufacturers was conducted to obtain commercially available blend fabrics that approximated the basic requirements. The results of tests performed on the fabrics obtained were considered in subsequent design and manufacture.

Identically constructed fabrics composed of blends of nylon, Dacron, Orlon, and Dynel (each blended at 15%, 30% and 60%) with wool and an all-wool control were produced; these were tested and compared with respect to fabric properties.

Particular emphasis on the flame-resistance characteristics, specifically centered on the degree of melting and ‘dripping’ after ignition – indicated of major consequence in the establishment of this program – led to the selection of the final fabric, a 70% wool-30% Dynel fabric.

The unfavorable results obtained in this program on any of the synthetic fiber-wool blends and constructions, is not to be construed as an indication of the performance of other blends or constructions or where other parameters of tests and performance are stipulated.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation. WADC TR 55-343.


Dynamically tests with respect to the energy absorption characteristics of certain paperboard honeycomb materials impacted under a heavy weight high impact shock machine show that these materials are more efficient energy absorbers at the lower limit of the imposed test conditions than other materials previously tested. They are much less effective in the higher portions of the test range.

A correlation between energy absorption and density is exhibited.

 Cheney Brothers. WADC TR 55-432.

DEVELOPMENT OF DACRON PARACHUTE MATERIALS. Hamilton J. Bickford, Donald K. Kuehli, Thomas L. Ruek, Jr. AF 33(616)-2562. February 1956. PB 121187. Order from OTS, $1.50.

Dacron fabrics can provide excellent dimensional stability up to 350°F and possibly over 400°F. Dacron parachute fabrics do not lose appreciable strength on exposures at 350°F up to 16 hours.

Losses in strength will occur on long exposures at 400°F.

Proper design will allow the attainment of almost any air permeability range (with reasonable tolerances) for Dacron fabrics ranging from 2 oas/sq yd up to at least 14 oas/sq yd. The air permeability range of fabrics weighing over 14 oas/sq yd is limited by the amount of slackness acceptable in the fabric. Permeabilities over 50 cu ft/min/sq ft at 1/2 inch pressure differential can be achieved, but only by using an open weave that distorts too readily to be practical.

Seam efficiencies of 90% cannot consistently be obtained on Dacron fabrics with the present knowledge of seam performance.

Dacron can be processed to provide a balanced fabric (coinciding load-elongation curves within 15%).

WADC TR 56-15.

THE EFFECTS OF GAMMA RADIATION ON TEXTILE MATERIALS. Joyce McGrath, R. H. Johnson. February 1956. PB 121206. Order from OTS, $1.00.

The primary purpose of this investigation was to obtain data on the effect that exposure to high energy gamma radiation, for specific periods of time, would have on various parachute textile materials, also to determine if the use of parachute marking ink would increase or speed up the degradation of the materials.

The materials were irradiated both in the Cobalt-60 source located in Materials Laboratory, Wright Air Development Center, WPAFB, Ohio, and the Materials Test Reactor, National Reactor Testing Station, Idaho Falls, Idaho. All materials were evaluated both before and after exposure.

The white nylon fabrics showed the greatest loss in strength after exposure for sixteen hours at a total dosage of 7.4 x 10^6r, (over 25% loss), while the Dacron® fabrics retained a high percentage of strength for the same exposure (less than 7% loss). The loss in strength of both nylon and Dacron fabrics marked with parachute marking ink, was no greater than for the same fabrics that were not marked with the ink.

Nylon fabric from parachutes which were exposed to varying degrees of thermal and nuclear radiation in tests at the Nevada Proving Grounds showed very slight degradation except in areas where identification nomenclature had been stamped. (Spec. Mil-W-4088, Type XIII, resin treated gave the best results, with a loss of 26-28%. All types of cord showed a loss in strength of 45 to 53%.)

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Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 55-264.


This report contains the summarised and consolidated information extracted from several WADC Technical Reports covering several phases of parachute-textile research. The information is arranged to make the results of these reports more readily available and more useful to parachute designers and others interested in the parachute-textile phase of Air Force work.

The report is divided into sections covering the pertinent facets of parachute-textile information. Fairly complete information is supplied on elongation, elastic recovery, energy absorption, porosity and air permeability, strength properties, and temperature properties of numerous different textile yarns, cords, and fabrics. Some information is also supplied on aging properties, basic design data, and impact loading.
to the development exposure --- an exposure that destroys the color of the open areas vary with pressure differential may be a moderate change in color after 140 hours of Fadeometer the spaces between yarns. The rate at which the withstand more than 80 hours Fadeometer exposure with- is subjected to increased pressure differentials. Nylon, Rayon Blue 157 Equal or slightly better inversely with the yarn width. Wool, Gabardine Blue 156 Markedly superior function of fabric and yarn geometry. The ellip- Wool, Serge Blue 84 Markedly superior 2. The free area available for air flow varies with the amount of open area; and the rate of flow at any given pressure differential varies with suitable mod- colorfastness to light in comparison to that of the stand- varying pressure differentials follows the square root of the pressure differential with suitable mod- ifying constants to allow for those changes in the open area which occur when the fabric is subjected to biaxial extensions exerted by the air pressure. The free area available for air flow varies as a function of fabric and yarn geometry. The elliptic- ity of the yarn cross section is functional with the yarn twist; flatten the yarn, the less is the open space between adjacent yarns. Hence, for a given texture (threads per inch) the free area varies inversely with the yarn width. The open areas change when the fabric under test is subjected to increased pressure differentials. The yarn systems in the fabric structure, when so stressed, result in biaxial extensions which widen the spaces between yarns. The rate at which the open areas vary with pressure differential may be determined by studying the fabrics' biaxial stress-strain behavior. At the present writing only limited studies have been made. The magnitude of open areas in any given fabric may be calculated from the yarn widths determined microscopically and the fabric texture. However, a more precise method has been developed by measuring light penetrability through the use of a Beckman Spectrophotometer. In general, the following trends have been shown to be evident: with the increase of yarn twist Fabric thickness increased Denier of yarn removed from fabric increased Horizontal yarn diameter decreased Vertical yarn diameter increased Denier of yarn removed from fabric increased Free area: area between yarns decreased Light penetrability increased Air permeability increased Freedom of yarn slippage increased Yarn tensile strength increased Yarn elongation increased Energy to rupture yarn increased Strip tensile strength increased Fabric elongation increased Secondary creep increased Tear strength increased Tear energy increased

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 55-485, AN APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING BIAXIAL STRENGTH PROPERTIES OF CLOTH AND SUPPORTING TEST DATA. Winston C. Boteller. AF 33(616)-2857. May 1956. PB 121475. Order from OTS $1.25. The Georgia Tech biaxial fabric tension testing machine was modified to permit the simultaneous record- ing of warp and filling load-elongation curves. It was the purpose of these studies to determine the elastic properties of selected nylon, Orlon, and Dacron parachute-type cloth under various conditions of biaxial loading. Tests conducted at various speeds to determine the effect of testing speed on elastic properties indicated that the testing speed has no apparent effect on the elastic prop- erties. A comparison of elongation measurements by
extensometer and jaw separation indicates that jaw separation measurements are satisfactory for light loads, but the difficulty of securely clamping the sample introduces serious discrepancies at high loads. The measurement of elongation at various locations in the sample shows a slight increase in elongation as the extensometer is moved towards the clamping jaws.

Phoenix Trimming Company. WADC TR 55-494.

A series of nylon webbings was developed by the Phoenix Trimming Co. using 840 denier yarns in lieu of the presently used 210 denier yarns. A second series of webbings was manufactured using 210 denier yarns as required by Specification MIL-W-40888B. Comparative tests were conducted between these two constructions to determine whether the use of 840 denier yarns was feasible. In addition, four webbings were manufactured in accordance with Specification MIL-W-5625 except that a solid weave was used in lieu of tubular. These webbings were also manufactured using both types of yarn and a series of comparative tests were conducted. Five experimental high tenacity strength webbings were manufactured using 840 denier yarns only. These experimental webbings were subjected to similar tests. All of the webbings were piece dyed except the webbings manufactured in accordance with Specification MIL-W-5625 and the 1.0 14000 pound, 1 3/4" 25000 pound, and 3" 35000 pound experimental webbings.

This investigation has shown that 840 deniers yarn appears just as good and sometimes better than 210 denier yarn. Also, results have indicated that piece dyeing of the webbing is very practical, but desirable from the standpoint of giving better original tenacity strength and abrasion resistance.

Cheney Brothers. WADC TR 55-465.

Seven nylon fabrics were developed that should give stability to dry air for use at temperatures up to 250°F for at least 16 hours with little or no significant difference in effect between continuous or intermittent exposure. Severe degradation takes place when exposed to temperatures of 350°F.

Permeability and strength requirements were met and certain information on the relationship between permeabilities at different pressure levels developed.

Seam efficiency test methods and breaking strength test methods at strengths over 500 lb/in could be improved.

Nylon fabrics can be processed to provide a balanced fabric (coinciding warp and filling load-elongation curves with 15%) for the lower breaking strength fabrics.

WADC TR 55-379.
THE EFFECT OF FIVE SYNTHETIC LUBRICANTS ON USAF FABRICS. Richard A. Sublette, 1/Lt. May 1956. PB 121195. Order from OTS $0.50.

This investigation was conducted to determine if textile fibers and fabrics employed by the USAF are subject to deterioration or degradation when exposed to synthetic lubricants. In order to accomplish the desired program, two series of fabrics, composed of fibers that are commonly used in USAF fabrics, were prepared by immersing one series in a similar group of lubricants at 160°F. Both series were immersed in the lubricants for 72 hours. After exposure, laundering and dry cleaning tests were conducted on the fabrics. Diaphragm burst strength tests indicated the synthetic lubricants did not cause a loss in strength of the fabrics.

Fabric Research Laboratories, Inc. WADC TR 55-151.

The purpose of the work herein reported was the development of finishes which could be applied to nylon webbings with resulting increase in abrasion resistance. The finish was to remain flexible at -65°F and be stable to artificial sunlight for 100 hours and to a temperature of 170°F for 16 hours.

The method employed for measuring flexibility was the same as that developed under a similar investigation on Dacron webbing as described in WADC TR 55-313.

Preference was given to commercially available water dispersions of a number of different types of resins such as acrylic, acrylonitrile, natural rubber and silicones because of their freedom from hazards of toxicity and flammability, and their ease of handling.

Webbings treated with one particular silicone and catalyst emulsion were superior to all other treated samples. From the point of view of abrasion resistance, low temperature flexibility and resistant to heat aging. The application of this silicone finish did not materially affect the resistance of the nylon webbing to 190 hours exposure to artificial sunlight. This finish was consequently applied to 194 yards of Type VIII O.D. and 478 yards of Type X O.D. nylon webbing.
Fabric Research Laboratories, Inc. WADC TR 55-135.

Certain Air Force deceleration parachutes are exposed to temperatures in the 350-400°F range. Nylon is severely degraded when exposed to these temperatures for relatively short time periods. Dacron exhibits significantly better heat degradation resistance. Selected threads, braids, cloths, webbings, ribbons and tapes composed of Dacron rather than nylon were designed, developed and delivered to Weight Air Development Center. All confirm the improved heat degradation resistance.

Nylon is widely used in parachutes because of its high tenacity (strength/weight ratio) and energy absorption. Dacron's tenacity and energy absorption are slightly lower. However, after heat exposure for 24 hours at 350°F these values remain far higher than for nylon. While Dacron does not degrade at high temperatures, it does shrink appreciably. This required that all Dacron items be stabilized via heat relaxation shrinkage at 350-375°F. The additional shrinkages, which were thoroughly investigated, were of about twice the order of those currently found in nylon. Furthermore, this shrinkage increased the weight/length or weight/area of the Dacron items, and thus, the strength/weight ratio was further diminished as compared with nylon.

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1. 20% hot stretch at yarn temperatures of 340-390°F.
2. Fixed length at 430-450°F.
3. Free shrinkage at 350°F.

Yarn produced by such a process has a tenacity of 6.7-7.0 grams/denier, an elongation of 14-16% and a shrinkage of less than 2% at 350°F.

This process is an improvement over the multiple cycle methods originally studied. Furthermore, it is undoubtedly cheaper in terms of both equipment cost and production.

Concomitant with the research, a pilot processing machine was developed and some consideration was given to the commercial practicability of the process insofar as production speed was concerned.

It is recommended that this study be continued in order to further determine those factors which influence the development of an optimum yarn. Also, the ultimate design and construction of a commercial prototype machine is needed in order to produce yarn in sufficient quantities so that end items may be prepared and thoroughly evaluated.

School of Textiles, North Carolina State College.
WADC TR 55-340.

During routine inspection of parachutes, several badly degraded nylon parachutes were discovered. Preliminary evaluation by chemical analysis indicated the presence of mineral acids. To provide background data, nylon and Dacron fabrics were exposed to sulfuric, hydrochloric, nitric, phosphoric, sulfuric, hydroiodic, and nitrous acids. The exposures were conducted under various concentrations for periods of time up to six months. The evaluation was conducted by establishing the breaking strength of the exposed fabrics and comparing them to the original breaking strength.

Additional phases of the work consisted of studying the effect of light in combination with the acids, studying the effect of sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, and oxides of nitrogen, and examinations of procedures for detecting, by visual means, degradation by acids.

Fabric Research Laboratories, Inc. WADC TR 55-297.

Dacron yarn, because of its superior resistance to thermal degradation when exposed to temperatures of 350-400°F for prolonged periods, has been suggested as a replacement for nylon in deceleration parachutes. Dacron's strength retention after high temperature exposure is good, but a longitudinal shrinkage of the order of 20% takes place which presents problems of parachute component dimensional stability. Secondly, this 20% shrinkage is reflected in lower strength and energy to weight ratios, thus requiring proportionately heavier parachutes. Furthermore, the added elongation resulting from thermal shrinkage is composed primarily of secondary creep or permanent set. Upon deployment of the parachute the possibility exists that fabric components might deform at the time of stress application, but not recover upon stress removal unless and until the parachute or its components are again elevated to the 350°F level.

At the inception of this phase of the study there was available from the duPont Company high tenacity (6.1 grams/denier), nominal rupture elongation (9.2%), high thermal shrinkage (20%) Dacron yarn. By free relaxation at an elevated temperature this yarn could be converted to medium tenacity (4.8 grams/denier), high elongation (36%), low shrinkage (&lt;2%) yarn.

Preliminary experimentation showed that cyclical yarn stressing and relaxing processes at elevated temperatures would produce a yarn of the desired high tenacity, nominal rupture elongation and low shrinkage, provided that the yarn was allowed to relax completely after the last stressing cycle.

In an attempt to develop Dacron yarn of optimum properties, those factors which were found to have an influence on ultimate properties, were thoroughly investigated and evaluated. These included stretching temperatures, times, and amounts and sequences of stretching-relaxing systems.

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Dacron was found to be quite resistant to attack by mineral acids in comparison with nylon. Acid-treated nylon was more sensitive to light than acid-treated Dacron.

Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation. WADC TR 54-512.


Dyeing formulae were developed for viscose, nylon, Dacron, Dynel, Acrilan and Orlon fibers to obtain suitable Blue Shade #84 wool/synthetic fabrics for U. S. Air Force uniforms. At the time that the development phase was terminated, no formulae were found which would give the desired colorfastness properties for Dynel and Acrilan. Consequently, these fibers were eliminated from the production phase of the project. (Subsequent developments have demonstrated that new techniques will afford adequate fastness on these fibers. However, the project had progressed to a point which precluded reconsideration of these fibers.)

A 100% wool control fabric and a series of wool/synthetic fabrics containing 10, 20, and 30% synthetic fiber were manufactured for subsequent evaluation of their physical and colorfastness properties. These fabrics were made to conform to the specifications set forth in MIL-C-849, Cloth, Wool, Serge, Blue Shade 84.

A comprehensive study of the properties of the wool and the wool/synthetic fabrics reveals that they meet the physical requirements desired and have adequate colorfastness as well as high resistance to fading. The scope of this study was too broad to permit examination of all of the dyestuffs produced domestically or at all of the possible dyestuff combinations which conceivably would meet target properties; however, as many dyes and formulae were included as possible. Due to the rigid requirements of this investigation, many dyes and formulae were evaluated in conditions for which they were not intended. Hence, it must not be assumed that the results tabulated herein are equally valid for other test conditions or applications, nor is it to be construed that a dye or formula is not entirely satisfactory for the manufacturers intended use or advertised claims. Further, it is not to be construed that formulae other than those covered in this report cannot perform equally satisfactorily. The disclosure of dye formulae, dyeing procedures, and methods of colorimetry described herein does not constitute license for practice. The selection of a particular dye formula for producing fabric required in this project does not imply approval of the U. S. Air Force for the specific dye or formula for producing Blue Shade #84.

WADC TR 56-257.


The purpose of this program was the development of static line webbing for the T-10 parachute system. The objective of this development is to replace the presently used inferior static line webbing with webbing having more satisfactory qualities. A silk webbing and linen webbing were developed along with six nylon webbings each of which had a different elongation. Subsequent to their development the webbings were forwarded to the Parachute Branch, Equipment Laboratory, for further evaluation.

The use of silk in static line webbing does not appear feasible because of the unavailability of raw silk. The use of linen in static line webbing was unsatisfactory because of the low elongation, low energy absorption qualities of linen. The developed nylon webbings appear satisfactory for use as static line webbing.


The results given in the Technical Report WADC TR 55-340 were obtained by determining the percent loss of strength of nylon and Dacron parachute fabrics when the fabric was treated with chemicals under various conditions. Because fabrics are not absolutely uniform and experimental procedures are not perfectly reproducible, the results of breaking strength tests varied. Since each sample consisted of several breaking tests (usually 10), it was possible to estimate the within sample reliability by statistical means. This was done by calculating the 95% confidence limits.

School of Textiles, North Carolina State College. WADC TR 56-288.


The effect of certain organic solvents and solutions of inorganic substances on the strength of nylon and Dacron parachute fabrics was investigated. The fabrics were exposed to each of the reagents and then aged under different conditions for a period of six months. Breaking strength tests were made on the fabrics at monthly intervals. For each testing condition, the concentration of reagent, aging temperature, and aging condition were varied. Aging was carried out under three kinds of conditions: namely, with the fabrics immersed in solution; with the fabrics first immersed in the solution, then extracted and aged under low humidity conditions; with the fabrics first immersed in solution, then extracted and aged under high humidity conditions.

It was found that in general, an increase in concentration, temperature, or time gave higher strength losses of both nylon and Dacron fabrics. In most instances the same trend in loss of strength was observed whether the fabrics were aged in solution, at high relative humidity, or at low relative humidity. Finally, the data showed that the reagents could generally be ranked in three groups according to the effect produced in the fabric: (1) reagents causing small strength losses even at high concentrations and high temperature; (2) reagents causing large strength losses at high concentrations and high temperatures; and (3) reagents causing large strength losses even at low concentrations and low temperature.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation. WADC TR 56-541.


Nylon parachute canopy cloth is subject to occasional failure due to "line burns" produced by sliding of the suspension lines over the canopy during opening. As a means of reducing these failures, ten candidate lubricants...
were selected by Lowell Technological Research Foundation under Contract No. AF 18(600)-136, (WADC TR 54-323). These lubricants were, however, found subject to mildew attack, and the present work was undertaken with the object of determining their lubricating properties on addition of a maximum of 2% of each of three specified mildew inhibitors.

A maximum lubricant loading of approximately 10% by weight of the suspension line was desirable. Values of 9.5, 10.5% were obtained with all inhibitor combinations of nine of the ten lubricants by deposition from homogeneous trichloroethylene solutions. One lubricant consisted of emulsified lubricant in water.

Mildew inhibition tests were performed according to a specific procedure developed at WADC and resulted in the elimination of all but two candidate combinations. These candidate combinations showed no decrease in lubricity from the uninhibited lubricants when subjected to "friction fusion" tests on apparatus developed under Contract AF 18(600)-136, and little or no decrease in lubricity after oven aging.

Breaking strength tests performed by the Materials Laboratory, WADC, showed that one of the two combinations was detrimental to the breaking strength of the suspension line when subject to oven aging. The surviving combination consisted of Spermaceti wax plus 2% diisodimethylammonium bromide (Isothan DL-1).

WADC TR 56-256.
EVALUATION OF DUPONT AND CHEMSTRAND NYLON YARN. Peter Y. Stanton, 1/Lt. April 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118227.

The investigation undertaken herein was two phase, namely:

1. To compare nylon yarns of various deniers manufactured by the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company with nylon yarns of the same denier manufactured by the Chemstrand Corporation.
2. The service testing of personnel parachutes of which the canopy material was fabricated from Chemstrand nylon and the remainder of the parachute fabricated from duPont nylon as a comparison to the same type parachutes fabricated wholly from duPont nylon.

A comparison of the nylon yarns manufactured by duPont with the nylon yarns manufactured by Chemstrand shows no meaningful difference between the two with regard to breaking strength, tenacity, elongation, energy absorption and melting point. Also, a comparison of the high and low temperature characteristics of the yarns manufactured by both companies shows no real difference between the two with regard to the properties investigated.

Service tests have shown that the parachutes fabricated from Chemstrand nylon and the canopy material equal in performance to those manufactured wholly from duPont yarn.

Fabric Research Laboratories, Inc. WADC TR 56-576.

The purposes of this report are two: (1) A determination of the factors involved in parachute fabric permeability and the quantitative prediction of their influence with a view to rational engineering design of such materials; and, (2) An assay of a representative selection of commercially produced parachute fabrics (Type I and Type II) to determine the degree to which they meet current permeability specifications and, where such requirements are not met, the reasons therefore.

The theoretical investigation of the mechanics of airflow is prosecuted as follows:

A. A classical fluid flow relation is restated in terms of fabric parameters.
B. A number of experimental and theoretical relationships are formulated.
C. The various relationships are combined to give the necessary information for checking the validity of the theoretical approach and assumption made.

The results of the various analyses support a large extent the approach and mechanism of solution, but the work to date has been analytic only. The problem of synthesis can be rationally attacked only after the compilation of more information on the biaxial deformation of fabric structures.

The commercially produced fabrics showed a wide variation in permeability. Only 60% of the Type I and 47% of the Type II fabrics met the permeability specification of MIL-C-7020 A under which they were manufactured. In all cases the reasons for the deviations were explainable on the basis of yarn diameters and picks and ends.

The Connecticut Hard Rubber Company. WADC TR 57-416.

A two ply modified plain weave nylon fabric has been successfully coated on both sides using conventional knife over roll rubber spreading equipment. Blocking between the plies was prevented by finely controlling the solids concentration and the amount of compound deposited per pass. Butyl rubber was selected over other elastomers evaluated because it was the most flexible when tested at -65°F according to requirements of the contract. Specimens coated with Butyl rubber have also met the other necessary requirements including adhesion, weight, and air retention.

Cornell University. WADC TR 57-157.

Heatings rates for a parachute employed at varying Mach numbers (2 - 5) and altitudes (sea level to 100,000 feet) are obtained. Various methods of protecting the nylon parachute are discussed. Although requiring further engineering development the following methods are theoretically feasible: Coating with a silicone foam which reduces the heat transfer rate to the nylon is possible; use of a sublimating coating, e.g., hexachlorethane is feasible; and the use of water absorbed in a polyurethane foam coating on the nylon is possible.

Plots are given for the heat fluxes at various points. Since the actual total heat flux in a given case depends on the deceleration rate of the specific parachute only specific cases could be considered. However, the method is described, whereby, using the data of this report the amount of evaporating material required to keep the nylon at a safe temperature can be very readily calculated when a specific time-velocity profile is given.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. WADC TR 57-443.
DESIGN DATA ON BIAXIAL FORCES DEVELOPED IN
The purpose of this report is to summarize the development and evaluation of a series of nylon webbings utilizing Type "6" nylon. A group of webbings were manufactured. Ten were made using 210 denier yarn and four were made using modified 840 denier yarn. The webbings were in natural and OD color, untreated and treated, made in accordance with Specification MIL-W-1688C and Specification MIL-W-5625. It should be noted that a solid weave was used in lieu of a tubular under Specification MIL-W-5625 and that the number of ends and yarn ply of the 1/2", 9/16" and 5/8" webbings were in accordance with the constructions used in WADC Technical Report 55-494. A series of tests were conducted to determine if the use of Type "6" nylon was feasible in Air Force webbings.

This investigation showed that the webbings manufactured from regular 210 denier Type "6" nylon have slightly lower breaking strength and were susceptible to heat degradation at lower temperature than webbings presently being used by the Air Force which use the Type "66" nylon. The webbings manufactured using the Type "6" modified 840 denier yarn appeared to be equal in strength and superior in their resistance to heat degradation up to a temperature of 300°F.


The purpose of this report is to summarize the experimental work performed and the technical data obtained in developing an Outer Shell and a Functional Clothing fabric for Wright Air Development Center. In the course of this program, a large number of experimental fabrics were prepared, dyed, finished, and evaluated. Details of fabric preparation, dyeing and finishing procedures followed, and results obtained are given in this report.

The most difficult problems encountered during this work were those of dyeing the various fiber blends and combining the desired color shade and of finishing the Outer Shell fabrics for combined water repellency and flame retardancy.

Two fabrics were selected as the constructions most closely meeting the requirements. A Dacron/rayon blend for the Functional Clothing fabric and a Fortisan/cotton combination for the Outer Shell fabric. In addition, other constructions of interest were developed such as nylon/Verel, nylon/cotton, nylon/rayon, Fortisan/Dacron, Fortisan/Verel combinations and a nylon/rayon intimate fiber blend.

Fabric Research Laboratories, Inc. WADC TR 57-765.


A Pilot machine has been designed, constructed, and used for the production of "Hot Stretched-Heat Relaxed" (HS-HR) Dacron yarns and threads. Yarns so produced were converted, where necessary, into selected end items, namely webbings, braid, and tape.

The HS-HR process consists of hot stretching the yarns over heated surfaces at 375° to 400°F, and then relaxing the yarn at a surface temperature in approximately the same range. Considerable difficulty was encountered in producing in proper quality, the relatively large quantities of yarns needed for the selected end items, and much experience was gained in this ultimate accomplishment.

A previous investigation, WADC TR 55-135, reports on the properties of counterpart items prepared from "Heat Relaxed" (HR) Dacron yarns. The HR process consists of merely freely relaxing the yarn at 375° to 400°F.

Comparison and evaluation of the HS-HR and the HR processes with particular reference to their use for Dacron parachute component are the subject of this current report. Unprocessed producer's type 5100 Dacron (U) has high tenacity, low elongation and high heat shrinkage. Heat Relaxes (HR) Dacron has low tenacity, high elongation, and essentially no shrinkage. Hot Stretched-Heat Relaxed (HS-HR) Dacron has high tenacity, intermediate elongation, and essentially no shrinkage.

HS-HR Dacron meets essentially all of the end item specifications originally delineated for nylon. In addition it has better heat degradation resistance than nylon, better heat stability than producer's Dacron, and higher strength per unit weight than Heat Relaxed (HR) Dacron.

In a Dacron arrestration parachute the relationships among deformation upon deployment, subsequent recovery, subsequent heat stability, and utility for repeated deployment, are not completely known. The HS-HR process appears to have some advantages over the HR process, but whether it is worth the additional effort and cost, can only be decided after additional study.

HS-HR end items have been delivered to WADC for comparative field evaluation with previously delivered HR end items.


This report presents an analysis which it is felt comes closer to defining the mechanisms of air flow through parachute materials than previous attempts have done. The significant difference from prior work is that the fabric is treated as a three rather than two-dimensional structure, thus permitting a more accurate characterization of the actual flow region.
The creep and creep-rupture tests indicated that the 5105XP material had considerably more strength than Selectron 44 at all three test temperatures. The short-time tensile tests gave a similar indication at 80°F, 160°F, and 200°F, but at 250°F Selectron 44 appeared to have a slight superiority in strength. At 300°F, 5105XP had no practical load-carrying ability at all, while Selectron 44 showed a tensile strength of only 204 psi.

Selectron 44 displayed no crazing whatsoever at any temperature or strain rate. The crazing strength of 5105XP was, in general, equal to or greater than the rupture strength of Selectron 44 at all three test temperatures.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. TR 52-304.

Of the various materials investigated, Mylar (duPont polyethylene glycol terephthalate) was the most effective heat resistant interlayer for aircraft laminated glass. It withstands 400°F, for as long as two hours without apparent deleterious effects. Mylar-glass laminates maintain their shatter resistance throughout the temperature range of -65°F to 400°F, and under differential pressures and temperature gradients simulating flight conditions.

Other polymers, which were not as satisfactory as Mylar because of insufficient thermal stability and/or poor optical properties, included:
- Cross-linked polysulfuryl Alcohol soluble polyamid (Nylon, type 8)
- Silicone elastomer
- Chlorofluoro polymer (Kel F)
- Epoxy type adhesives produced the best bonding between Mylar and glass.

In view of the developmental nature of this work, these conclusions must be regarded as tentative and subject to further investigation. Further work on Mylar interlayers for glass laminates is being performed under Contract No. AF 33(600)-22723.

Armour Research Foundation. TR 53-19.
DEVELOPMENT OF A PRACTICAL LABORATORY PROCEDURE TO BE USED IN EVALUATING THE FORMING QUALITIES OF PLASTIC SHEET MATERIALS. Paul H. Kaar. AF 33(038)-27648. September 1953. PB 120801. Order from LC, Mi $4.50, Ph $13.80.

Under the terms of the contract with Wright Air Development Center, the purpose of this research project was (1) to study the various factors which are of importance in the fabrication of flat plastic sheet material into useful shapes for a transparent aircraft enclosure, and (2) to develop a practical laboratory procedure for evaluating the forming qualities of these plastic materials. In order to achieve this objective, it was necessary to review the industrial processes and applications of the material and to determine what measurable characteristics are important in forming operations.

Generally, the investigation of a formability criterion proceeded along two separate lines. One approach was an attempt to use various standardized engineering test procedures to indicate formability. The other approach was to duplicate various manufacturers' forming operations and use data derived from these tests to evaluate forming characteristics. Apparatus development was a significant part of each approach.

This final report includes discussions and data pertinent to the selection of the formability criterion recommended and a discussion of the important factors in formability evaluation.
The formability rating system recommended consists of forming, by positive air pressure, an unconfined bubble of the plastic heated to optimum forming temperature. The rating assigned is based on the pressure required to form the bubble and the extent to which it can be formed before fracture. Plastics incapable of being stretched are rated by a bend test. Conclusions reached are as follows:

1. A suitable formability criterion for transparent plastic sheet must embody evaluation of (1) ease of forming and (2) maximum extent of forming possible.
2. Standardized engineering tests performed at optimum forming temperature and providing such data as maximum elongation, creep, and ball penetration values fail to evaluate formability satisfactorily for the following reasons:
   a. Data from such tests do not correlate satisfactorily with ad hoc tests duplicating manufacturing operations.
   b. Engineering tests do not provide sufficient spread in results to distinguish between plastics of similar forming properties.
   c. These tests have shown that several systems can be used to evaluate the two primary formability characteristics of plastic sheet. Any of the ad hoc tests, particularly the hemispherical draw and unconfined bubble tests, can be used to evaluate the modulus of workability. The deformative maximum is more difficult to gage; only the unconfined bubble test using a lubricated specimen was judged to measure impartially this property of the plastic.

Swedlow Plastics Company. TR 53-259.
Quarter-inch thick Methylalphachloracrylate monolithic cast sheet was satisfactorily fabricated by a "free blowing" technique into a half scale F-94 canopy. The optical quality was excellent and in every way appeared to be easily the equivalent to that of a "free blown" acrylic part (MIL-P-6886 or MIL-P-5425). However, some surface degradation was evidenced by a slight darkening. An adequate cement, as well as cementing technique, was established to assemble the edge attaching materials to the formed Methylalphachloracrylate canopy.

Forest Products Lab. TR 52-185, Suppl. 1.
Formulas for the deflection and for the stress within the facings of a transparent sandwich beam under central load were presented in the basic issue of this report. However, photos and figures pertinent to the calculations were omitted from that report. These photos and figures are included herein as a supplement to the original issue.

Rohm and Haas Company. TR 6684.
Development of a test procedure and apparatus for use in qualification testing of transparent plastic sheet material under military specifications is described. The procedure was used to differentiate the forming characteristics of five transparent plastic sheet materials that are supplied under five different Government Specifications for use in aircraft enclosures.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. TR 53-299.
The objective of this study was a preliminary exploration of the possibilities of silicon-fluoride plastics for high-temperature-resistant interlayers. It was understood that the investigation was not to give a final and conclusive result, but rather to cover a broad scope to develop promising leads and approaches.
The following were explored experimentally and yielded transparent products with good temperature stability and high resistance to di-ester type lubricants and aromatic solvents:
1. Cross-linking a fluoroalkyl acrylate with a polysiloxane.
2. Co-polymerizing a fluorinated olefin and an unsaturated silane.

A third approach, preparing a fluoro-silicon analogue of a polyester resin, yielded an intermediate of promising appearance.

Samples of these materials have been submitted to WADC for evaluation.

Bjorksten Research Labs., Inc. WADC TR 54-57.
The following materials were considered for use as heat-resistant interlayer materials for laminated glass and laminated plastic:
Polyamides (Nylons)
Polyesters
Cellulose esters
Fluorinated resins of the Exxon type
Plasticised Epon resins
Mylar
Silicone-acrylate copolymers

The optimum interlayer material was a copolymer of 99 parts of ethyl acrylate and one part of vinyl polysiloxane (Linde X-31 resin). It was prepared as a casting syrup by the photocopolymerisation of ethyl acrylate to a low molecular weight prepolymer and subsequent mixing with vinyl polysiloxane. Laminates were prepared by curing the interlayer casting resin between two outlayer sheets. Such laminates were prepared with glass, polyester, Plexiglas 55, Polymer K (Rohm and Haas Co.) and Gafite (General Aniline and Film Corp., polymethyl-alpha-chloro-acrylate), as surface sheet materials. These laminates exhibited slight discoloration after six hours at 350°F, and possessed satisfactory projectile and falling ball impact strengths at 0°F.
Dow Corning Corporation. WADC TR 54-207
Part I.
DEVELOPMENT OF SILICONE OR FLUOROCARBON INTERLAYER MATERIALS FOR LAMINATED GLASS AND LAMINATED PLASTIC. Keith E. Polmantee, John W. Cretzmeyer, John W. Erwin. AF 33(600)-23081.

The development of a transparent interlayer material for laminated glass possessing thermal stability within the range of 400°F to 5000°F was the object of this research by the Dow Corning Corporation during the period of 15 April 1953 to 15 April 1954. Nine polysiloxane materials were introduced and evaluated for suitability as interlayers. A Type J interlayer was found which possessed tensile strength of 400 to 800 psi, 80 to 85% transmission. A Type J interlayer lends itself well to commercial fabrication techniques. The optical properties may require some improvement before this material will be completely satisfactory for aircraft glazing.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-429.

Creep and creep-rupture, short-time tensile, and deterioration data were obtained on Polymer K, a transparent thermosetting acrylic sheet material. Tests were made at 80, 160, 200, and 250°F. A comparison of properties is made with several other transparent plastics.

The room-temperature creep and creep-rupture strength of this material is quite similar to that of 5105XP, and Plexiglas II. The creep and creep-rupture strengths at 160 and 200°F are quite superior to any other transparent tested under this program. The short-time tensile strength of Polymer K is inferior to 5105XP and Selectron 44 at room temperature but considerably greater at the higher temperature. The deterioration losses of Polymer K are, generally, lower than those for 5105XP and Selectron 44. The test material showed a maximum of 0.7 per cent weight loss after the 1000-hour exposure at 200°F.

Goodyear Aircraft Corporation. WADC TR 54-128
Part I.

This report covers an evaluation of three laminated transparent acrylic materials for use in the fabrication of aircraft gunsighting domes. Regular grade (BMS 8-4), heat resistant (MIL-P7524), and modified (5105XP) acrylic laminates, all with standard polyvinyl butyral interlayer, were tested. Two laminators supplied the 5105XP test laminates.

The various testing procedures compared the laminates with respect to (1) ultimate tensile strength at -65°F, room temperature, and 160°F, (2) time required for crazing and failure under long time tensile loads of 750, 1000, 2000, and 4000 psi, and (3) resistance to natural Florida and accelerated weathering. The tests also identified suitable cements for bonding extruded rubber edge attachments of each test material and evaluated the heat stability of the interlayer material. Of the materials evaluated, laminated 5105XP appears to be the most desirable dome material. Its ultimate tensile strength (5700 psi at 160°F, 10,600 psi at room temperature, and 19,500 psi at -65°F) and its resistance to weathering elements were found to be superior.
Specifications MIL-P-8184, 6886A, and 5425A types of acrylic plastic sheet materials have been stretched by two different methods, biaxial and multiaxial, and aged under four different conditions. A biaxial stretching machine was designed and built. Initial material thickness was chosen so as to give a final thickness of approximately 0.25 inch after 0, 25, 50, 75, and 100 percent stretch at temperatures between 248°F and 284°F as required for a particular material.

There was no significant difference between the effects of biaxial and multiaxial stretching. Specification MIL-P-8184 type acrylic plastic stretched 75 percent equally in two directions possessed the best properties before and after aging. All stretched materials were better than unstretched in resistance to crazing, impact strength, and notch sensitivity but inferior in resistance to abrasion.

General Aniline and Film Corporation.

STABILIZATION OF POLYMETHYL ALPHA CHLOROACRYLATE PLASTIC SHEET. Harry D. Anspoon. AF 33(600)-23883, August 1955.

When this contract was initiated, it already had been shown that polymethyl\(\alpha\)-chloroacrylate plastic sheet had outstanding physical properties - high heat distortion temperature, high tensile and flexural strengths, excellent craze resistance, low notch sensitivity, unique self-extinguishing property in burning tests, and complete formability - which made it particularly suited for use as an aircraft glazing material especially if its heat and light stability could be improved.

In order to obtain this plastic as a completely acceptable aircraft glazing material, Wright Air Development Center awarded this contract for the improvement of the heat and light stability of polymethyl\(\alpha\)-chloroacrylate plastic sheets.

As a result of the work completed under this contract, polymethyl\(\alpha\)-chloroacrylate plastic sheets possessing outstanding heat and light stability were prepared and were submitted to Wright Air Development Center.

The detailed outstanding properties of polymethyl\(\alpha\)-chloroacrylate (PMACA) established by testing programs on previous samples of polymethyl\(\alpha\)-chloroacrylate plastic sheets are summarized below.

1. PMACA possesses a heat distortion temperature of 130-140°C (266-284°F).
2. PMACA possesses a tensile strength of 17,000 psi at room temperature and even at 110°C (230°F) it possesses a tensile strength of 8,000 psi.
3. PMACA possesses a flexural strength of 23,000 psi at room temperature.
4. Even though PMACA is quite hard (Barcol Hardness of 65), it still exhibits excellent strength properties at room temperature after notching; for its notched tensile strength is 12,000 psi and its notched flexural strength is 13,000 psi.
5. PMACA exhibits good resistance to solvent and stress crazing. PMACA samples withstood 11,000 psi flexural stress for 23 hours before cracking and 5,000 hours before failing in a long time flexural test. They also withstood 9,000 psi stress under toluene, 8,000 psi stress under isopropyl alcohol, and 4,500 psi stress under methyl ethyl ketone, for over 300 seconds without crazing.
6. PMACA is completely formable. At 177°C (350°F) a 6 in. diameter hemispherical dome was blown from 1/4 in. thick sheet with 18 psi air pressure.

Goodyear Aircraft Corporation. WADC TR 54-128 Part 2.


This report covers a series of long-time tensile tests on laminated transparent plastic materials suitable for forming gunsighting domes. These tests were part of an evaluation which also included (Reference Part 1 of this report) adhesive tests, heat stability tests, and ultimate tensile tests at various temperatures. The materials investigated were regular grade laminated acrylic (BMS8-4), heat resistant grade laminated acrylic (MIL-P-7524), and modified acrylic face sheets (5105XP) laminated with a standard polyvinyl butyral interlayer. The 5105XP laminate was supplied by two laminators.

The long-time tensile tests consisted of subjecting specimens of the above laminated materials to constant stresses of (nominally) 4000, 2000, 1000, and 750 psi for periods up to 16 months under two conditions: (1) outdoor exposure in South Florida, and (2) indoor room temperature exposure at the Goodyear Aircraft plant in Akron.

From the standpoint of time to fail at a given stress, laminated 5105XP was the best of the materials by a wide margin, having withstood 1000 psi for at least 11,000 hours in Florida and about 2000 hours at room conditions.

Natural weathering in Florida also promoted delamination between the face sheets and the butyral interlayer, particularly in the laminated 5105XP material supplied by one of the two laminators and in the BMS 8-4 material.


Creep and creep-rupture, short-time tensile, and deterioration properties of two transparent plastic sheet materials, Sierracin 611, a polyester, and PMACA, an acrylate, were determined over a temperature range of 80 to 300°F. Some creep and creep-rupture and tensile data were also obtained on Plexiglas 55, an acrylic transparent, for comparison with the strength properties of an experimental acrylic, 5105XP.

The PMACA sheet material displays, in general, at least 50 percent greater creep, creep-rupture, and short-time tensile strength and elastic-modulus properties than do Sierracin 611 and Plexiglas 55. This PMACA material compares almost equally as favorable with other transparent plastics previously tested under this evaluation program, such as acrylates Polymer K, 5105XP, Lucite HC-202, and Plexiglas II and the polyester resin Selectron 44.

The deterioration losses determined for PMACA and Sierracin 611 remained relatively low for temperatures as high as 250°F. Of the three transparents tested, crazing was shown to occur in the PMACA and Plexiglas 55 materials.
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND FABRICATION OF SILOXANE-ACRYLATE INTERLAYER MATERIAL.

The object of this research, development, and fabrication program was for the production of interlayer sheet material. This interlayer material consisting of a copolymer of 99 parts of ethyl acrylate and one part of vinyl polysiloxane was developed under Air Force Contract 33(600)-22723 and is described in WADC TR 54-57.

This developmental work was undertaken between 15 June 1954 and 15 June 1955.

Attempts to mill and calender the interlayer material were unsuccessful. This necessitated the production of interlayer sheets by casting between glass plates. Thermal polymerization was substituted for ultraviolet polymerization for quality production purposes. Sheets produced by this method, however, were optically imperfect.

An adhesive was required for laminating the interlayer sheet to glass or plastic. Residual traces of the parting agent, however, prevented good lamination. Seven 0.200" by 37" by 42" interlayer sheets varying in quality were submitted.

Recommendations are given for methods of improving the optical quality of future interlayer sheets.


Markladd Process, a procedure involving repeated contact between a plastic surface being treated and small particles previously coated with a transferable conductor, has been adapted to the application of transparent static dissipating coatings to acrylic plastic, including curved surfaces such as occur in aircraft canopies.

It has been established that coated meter windows having resistivities readily attained by the Marklad process will adequately protect sensitive meter movements against external static charges of the accumulation of charges on the windows themselves.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICAL CONDUCTING TRANSPARENT COATINGS FOR ACRYLIC PLASTIC SHEET. George A. Dain, Joseph Rennert. AF 33(616)-111. April 1956.

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with a 50 caliber bullet fired at each test sample.

When comparing laminates of equal configuration, Plexiglas 55 had better crack resistance than Polymer K and both were better than Sierracin 611. Orientation of laminates of non-uniform configuration had little effect on crack resistance. The 0, 375°-0, 375° Polymer K laminate was slightly better than other Polymer K configurations tested. The 0, 400°x0, 200°-0, 400° Sierracin 611 laminate was much better than any other Sierracin configuration tested. Laminates containing 25 parts DBS plasticizer per 100 parts PVB were slightly better than those containing 37.5 parts plasticizer.

Some 75% stretched Plexiglas 55 of .250" thickness was tested under the same conditions as the laminates. These resulted in a bullet hole with no cracking. The stretched material was therefore superior in shatter resistance to all the laminates tested.

WADC TR 56-491.

The first commercially stretch-formed acrylic aircraft canopy was tested for adequate crack propagation resistance and edge attachment strength, stretch distribution and bending strength. Results indicate crack propagation resistance values of 25-36 in. lbs/in² and edge attachment strength well above the 600 lbs/in² design requirement.

Based on the results of this evaluation, the canopy is considered satisfactory.

General Aniline and Film Corporation.
WADC TR 56-243.

This program was initiated to obtain a transparent polymer with elevated temperature properties superior to polymethyl(α-chloroacrylate. A modified polymethyl(α-chloroacrylate was developed with markedly improved resistance to bubbling (chemical heat stability), but with no or only a slight increase in physical strength as measured by the heat distortion test. The modified polymer exhibited a marked increase in the already excellent resistance to crazing of polymethyl(α-chloroacrylate, but the modified polymer possessed a decreased light stability. Although the modified polymer is less formable than polymethyl(α-chloroacrylate, the formability is still quite good.

In addition to the improved chemical heat stability and improved resistance to crazing, the modified polymethyl(α-chloroacrylate polymer was found to exhibit the property of being obtainable with better polished surfaces after annealing than polymethyl(α-chloroacrylate cast under the same conditions.

WADC TR 56-557 Part I.

The effects of gamma radiation on various optical, mechanical and thermal properties of transparent plastic materials were investigated. Gafite, Plexiglas 55 and Sierracin 611 materials were irradiated in an X-ray facility to total absorbed doses of 10⁶ to 10⁹ ergs per gram and then evaluated in accordance with standard testing procedures.

The physical properties of the transparent plastics were not significantly affected by a radiation exposure of 10⁶ ergs per gram, or less. At higher absorbed doses, most of the physical properties were degraded. In addition, several desirable changes in specific physical properties were also obtained.

The optical properties of the transparent plastic materials were more susceptible to radiation-induced changes than were the mechanical or thermal properties.

Dow Corning Corp. WADC TR 56-352.

This program was initiated in an attempt to obtain a rigid, transparent plastic having properties at elevated temperatures superior to those of presently available transparent plastic materials.

Evaluation of several silicone formulations was conducted. The most promising material was a combination of high and low viscosity components, designated as Resin Type BB.

This Resin Type can be polymerized in cast sheet form and is thermally stable after prolonged exposure at 200°C. Optical properties of the cast sheet are excellent and not visibly affected by heat aging. The physical properties are, in general, well below those of known materials (Heat Distortion is 40°C to 66°C).

General Aniline and Film Corporation.
WADC TR 56-645 Part I.

A program has been initiated to investigate the physical properties of glasses that are suitable for aircraft glazing. The program will consist of: (1) developing suitable test methods for determining the physical properties at room and elevated temperatures, and (2) determining the values of the physical properties of individual glasses for use as design data.

During the past year all necessary test methods have been developed or adopted. A satisfactory modulus-of rupture test was developed using two-point loading and specimens that had one surface abraded by sandblasting. The sandblasting reduced the spread of the results and made the test more sensitive.

Some thermal properties previously determined have been adopted and some mechanical properties for a commercial soda lime glass have been determined at room and elevated temperatures.

WADC TR 57-31.

The field of fluoroacrylate polymers was studied as a starting point on investigation of new polymeric materials for use as high temperature resistant, transparent glazing materials. A literature survey of this field showed that, although several fluoroacrylate polymers had been prepared previously, almost no information was available on the polymers and their properties.
The fluorine analogs (methyl(trifluoromethyl) acrylate CH$_2$CF (CF$_3$)COOH, and methyl(flurooxyethyl acrylate, CH$_2$CFOOCCH$_3$) of the two well-known, readily-polymerizable monomers, methyl methacrylate, CH$_2$C(CH$_3$)$_2$COOH, and methy1(chloroacrylate, CH$_2$CCICOOCH$_3$), were prepared by methods described in the literature.

Methyl(trifluoromethyl)acrylate did not polymerize under conventional methods nor under special conditions recommended in patents by a previous investigator. It was polymerized to a transparent solid by extended gamma radiation. The characteristics of the polymer obtained by gamma radiation remain to be determined. Methyl(flurooxyethyl)acrylate polymerized readily under light irradiation to a tough, transparent, solid polymer with a heat distortion temperature of $110^\circ$ C ($230^\circ$F) with excellent solvent crazing resistance, and with a heat stability of about 2 hours at $204^\circ$C ($400^\circ$F) in an air oven. Its heat distortion temperature was lower than $135^\circ$C ($275^\circ$F), the heat distortion temperature of the corresponding chloro compound, methyl(chloroacrylate); but its toughness, solvent resistance, and heat stability were superior to those of methyl(chloroacrylate) polymer ("Gafite"). Additional quantities of methyl(flurooxyethyl)acrylate are in preparation to provide samples for more extensive testing of this polymer.


The purpose of this investigation was to further define the effects of stretching procedures and of simulated warm forming treatments on the material properties of acrylic plastic. It also expanded the scope of previous work by including studies on stretched poly(methyl alpha chloroacrylate). A new phase of these investigations was the gunfire tests on stretched materials.

Conditions were determined for stretching poly(methyl alpha chloroacrylate), or Gafite sheet, and physical properties of the stretched sheet were obtained. Stress-solvent crazing resistance increased with the increase in percent stretch, and the Gafite was significantly more stress-solvent craze resistant than MIL-P-5425 and MIL-P-8184 materials. All three materials behaved similarly in showing much less stress-solvent crazing resistance after six months outdoor aging.

Both Gafite and MIL-P-8184 materials with moderate to high degrees of stretch were highly resistant to stress-only crazing after six months outdoor aging, and were better than stretched MIL-P-5425 materials in this respect.

The effect of varying the conditions of stretching, especially the rate of stretching, on the properties of three types of acrylic plastic with several different percent of stretch was evaluated by means of dW/DA tests, $5^\circ$C crazing tests, and gunfire resistance. The results indicated definite effects of stretching conditions on the gunfire resistance and crazing properties, but no significant effects on the dW/DA results on the stretched materials.

The effect of a simulated warm forming cycle on the properties of stretched materials was of no great magnitude. There was some reduction in stress-solvent crazing resistance, but the properties were still much improved as compared to unstretched material.

Conditions of temperature, speed of testing, and moisture content of the specimen affected the dW/DA test results quite significantly. Limited investigation was made of these phenomena. The effect of specimen size on the dW/DA results was investigated.

Some of the sources of variation of results on dW/DA tests were analyzed. There was considerable variation with percent stretch and the 60% stretch region on MIL-P-8184 material represented a wide range of dW/DA values which were heterogeneous in their source. It would be wise to avoid this degree of stretch in order to reduce variability in crack propagation resistance.


Improvement of thermally stable silicone interlayer materials, Types K, L and M, was the object of this research. A method was developed to completely confine interlayer samples during heat aging. Falling ball impact and peel strength test methods for elevated temperature testing were developed. Work on Type L interlayer was ended due to its poor shelf life. Improvement in Type M interlayer material was achieved. Introduction of capillaries in Type M interlayer made it possible to prepare 12 x 12 inch laminates which withstood $400^\circ$F for 100 hours without forming defects.

Tensile strength, peel strength, bullet impact and falling ball impact properties of Type K and Type M interlayer were measured over a broad temperature range. Falling ball impact results showed PVB laminates to be better than Type K laminates over the temperature range of $30^\circ$ to $97^\circ$F. Type M laminates had slightly higher impact strengths than Type M laminates over the temperature range of $65^\circ$ to $400^\circ$F. Impact resistance was shown to be directly related to adhesion.


Additional research work was conducted to obtain a rigid, transparent plastic having properties at elevated temperatures superior to those of the presently available transparent materials.

Evaluation of straight silicone resins, designated as Resin Type BB, was continued but no significant improvement in properties was realized. Although this resin type has excellent optical properties (luminous transmittance of over 90 percent and haze less than 1 percent) which are not visibly affected by heat aging (thermally stable after prolonged exposure at 200°C) the physical properties are, in general, well below those of other commercially available materials. The Heat Distortion Temperature of Resin Type BB is 40°C to 66°C. This material will not be satisfactory for glazing applications requiring rigidity at elevated temperatures but may be adapted for other uses.

Flake glass reinforcement of the resin was attempted but was not successful because of poor orientation.

Large sheet castings were successfully fabricated by processing the silicone resins using special techniques.

Creep and creep-rupture, short-time tensile, and deterioration data were obtained for prestretched Plexiglas 55, a transparent acrylic sheet material. Data were obtained at 80, 160, 200, and 250°F. A comparison of properties is made with unstretched 5105XP, an experimental Plexiglas material.

The stress--rupture strength properties of the prestretched material were found to be superior to the unstretched 5105XP at 80, 160, and 200°F. The prestretched Plexiglas deformed more than the unstretched material did, initially resulting in inferior creep-strength properties even though minimum creep rates were essentially the same. The short-time tensile strength of the prestretched Plexiglas is superior to the unstretched material at temperatures to about 170°F. At temperatures above 170°F, the strength of the stretched material fell below that of the unstretched 5105XP Plexiglas.

WADC TR 57-421.

The purpose of this report is to make available all technical papers presented at the recent Seventh Conference on "Transparent Materials for Aircraft Enclosures." This conference was held for the exchange of knowledge on new developments and design concepts concerned with crew enclosures and to make known the state of the art with respect to transparent plastics, interlayer materials, and glass.

The papers contained herein have been reproduced directly from the original manuscripts.

WADC TR 57-440.

An exploratory evaluation of the properties of three cast unfilled triallyl cyanurate-polyester laminating resins was conducted to determine if this chemical type of resin would provide a useful material for further development as a heat resistant transparent glazing material for use in aircraft. The castings were made and all tests were conducted by the Plastic Products Section of the Organic Materials Branch, Materials Laboratory, Directorate of Laboratories, Wright Air Development Center. The tests were selected as those that would best present a basic representation of the merits of the resins. These included specific gravity, water immersion, heat distortion, tensile strength, Izod impact and room and elevated temperature flexural tests. Optical quality castings with good light transmission were not obtained, however, it was considered that if the other properties were promising, the optical characteristics could be included in later development studies.

The triallyl cyanurate-polyester laminating resins are not 2-stage materials in the form evaluated but are cast and cured to the final form. They were compared to Selectron 400 which is a 2-stage material with satisfactory optical properties. Since most of the properties of the triallyl cyanurate-polyester laminating resins investigated were inferior to Selectron 400, development work as described in WADC TR 57-580 will be continued on Selectron 400.

WADC TR 57-580

Evaluation test data are presented on the optical, mechanical and thermal properties of a new experimental transparent plastic material, designated Selectron 400.

Selectron 400 has outstanding physical properties with respect to strength at high temperatures, heat distortion temperature and resistance to crazing. The material in its present stage of development has several undesirable characteristics such as brittleness, notch sensitivity and low impact strength.

Selectron 400 is suitable for use as a monolithic canopy material in nonpressurized aircraft, and as surface sheets of laminated glazing assemblies on pressurized aircraft. However, Selectron 400 laminates with a silicone heat resistant interlayer have not yet been successfully fabricated and evaluated.

General Aniline and Film Corporation
WADC TR 57-74 Part II.

Fluoroacrylate esters were investigated to determine whether their polymers possessed properties suitable for use as high temperature resistant, transparent, glazing materials.

Two sheets (12" x 12" x 1/8") of methyl(1-fluoroacrylate) were cast. The properties of these sheets were determined by tests run at Wright Air Development Center and by General Aniline and Film Corp. This polymer possesses good forming properties, excellent craze resistance, good stability toward light and heat, [Poly(methyl fluoroo] 

The polymers of methyl(1-fluoroacrylate, methyl(1-chloroacrylate, and glycidyl methacrylate were prepared and examined. Only cross-linked glycidyl methacrylate possessed a higher heat distortion temperature than poly(methyl chloroacrylate) polymer. The glycidyl group seems to confer some heat stability to the acrylic over that possessed by a methyl ester.

Exploratory synthesis of methyl(1-chloro-1,2-difluoroacrylate, CF₂CCICOOCH₂, and methyl(1,2-trifluoroacrylate, CF₂+CFCOOCH₂ were carried out. It is probable that the former compound has been isolated, but the last steps of the synthesis of the latter compound remain to be completed.

WADC TR 56-557 Part II.

This report presents additional data on gamma radiation-induced changes in commonly-used and experimental transparent plastic materials.

Eight materials of an acrylic or polyester type were irradiated to maximum absorbed energy levels of 10⁶ to 10⁻⁸ ergs per gram in a cobalt-60 isotope facility. The irradiated materials were then evaluated in accordance with standard testing procedures to determine (a) which physical properties were altered by gamma irradiation, (b) the nature of these changes, and (c) the magnitude of
these changes.

Results of this investigation show that most of the plastic materials properties were affected by a high intensity gamma radiation environment. The principal effect was found to be that of degradation, but initial property improvements were also noted. This latter effect, however, was almost always followed by degradation upon continued irradiation.

Comparative radiation stability data are presented on the various irradiated transparent plastic materials. Threshold and 25 percent damage dosages for the individual materials properties are reported. The optical properties of the materials were more susceptible to gamma radiation than were the mechanical, thermal or permanence-type properties. Threshold dosages were about 1 to $5 \times 10^7$ ergs per gram for optical properties that change with irradiation, and about $10^8$ to $10^9$ ergs per gram for other radio-sensitive properties.


The main objective during the contract was to improve Type M interlayer or to develop a subsequent material to eliminate the need for capillaries in Type M laminates. A number of modifications of Type M interlayer were tested but none of these had all the requirements to make them better than Type M. One modification, which had greater thermal stability than Type M, was not self-adhering to glass or aluminum. A number of adhesive materials were tried in conjunction with this modification, but none were satisfactory. However, properties of several of these materials were encouraging. Development work will continue.

A study was made of the temperature gradients existing in Type K laminates when subjected to simulated flight conditions. This study pointed out the effect of glass thickness on the relation between the surface temperatures of the laminate and the peak interlayer temperature.
PART III
PHYSICAL METALLURGY AND SOLID STATE SCIENCES

Physical Metallurgy


Nuclear resonance techniques involving free precession are examined, and, in particular, a convenient variation of Hahn's spin-echo method is described. This variation employs a combination of pulses of different intensity or duration ("90-degree" and "180-degree" pulses). Measurements of the transverse relaxation time $T_2$ in fluids are often severely compromised by molecular diffusion. Hahn's analysis of the effect of diffusion is reformulated and extended, and a new scheme for measuring $T_2$ is described which, as predicted by the extended theory, largely circumvents the diffusion effect. On the other hand, the free precession technique, applied in a different way, permits a direct measurement of the molecular self-diffusion constant in suitable fluids. A measurement of the self-diffusion constant of water at 35°C is described which yields $D=2.5(0.3) \times 10^{-5}$ cm$^2$/sec, in good agreement with previous determinations. An analysis of the effect of convention on free precession is also given. A null method for measuring the longitudinal relaxation time $T_1$, based on the unequal-pulse technique, is described.


The significance of diffusion measurements as a function of pressure is considered for the provision of information about the volume of the activated state. The basic assumption is that diffusing atoms pass through a transition state whose existence is sufficiently well defined to have meaningful thermodynamic functions $\Delta F$, $\Delta H$, $\Delta S$, $\Delta V$, etc. Two crystalline solids (Na and P) were studied. Curves are presented which show (1) the effect of pressure on 90°C diffusion profiles for Na for pressures up to 12,000 kg/sq cm$^{-2}$; (2) the variation of In $D$ (diffusion coefficient) with pressure for Na at 90°C and for P at 30°C and 41.3°C; and (3) $V_{act}$ (activated volume) as a function of pressure. Results indicate that the volume of the defect (presumably a moving lattice vacancy) is not greater than half the atomic or molecular volume which implies an inward relaxation of atoms toward a lattice vacancy. Experiments showed no temperature dependence in the enthalpy of activation for self diffusion and a significant variation of $\Delta H$ with pressure. The similarity of the ratio of the enthalpies of activation and fusion to the ratio of the volumes of activation and fusion suggests that the fusion mechanism is the same as the self-diffusion mechanism. The proposition is being examined that an atom neighboring a vacancy in a solid must surmount the same activation barrier as in the liquid state.


Self-diffusion coefficients for solid Na, previously reported for the 0°C-94.5°C temperature range (Journ. Chem. Phys., v. 20: 1185, 1952) are determined for temperatures to within 0.1°C of the melting point of polycrystalline and single crystal states of the metal. Spectrographic examination of the once-distilled metal revealed 0.05 percent K, 0.001 percent Si, and less than 0.001 percent of Fe, Mg, and Cu. Its melting point was determined to be 97.91 ± 0.06°C by means of a cooling curve taken in vacuum with a chromel-alumel thermocouple calibrated at the steam point and several other standard thermometric points. Cylinders of radioactive and ordinary Na of very coarse grain size (~2 mm diam) were pressure-welded together at liquid nitrogen temperatures and diffusion was allowed to proceed in an oil thermostat which was controlled to ± 0.015°C. The composite cylinder was then sectioned in a microtome and the diffusion coefficient calculated. The results of four runs are tabulated, together with values of $D$ calculated for 94.4°C and the melting point from the empirical equation resulting from the earlier study. The newer values are slightly higher, but the agreement is to within the limits of error. Diffusion coefficients for the liquid were measured from 98.0°C to 226°C by the capillary reservoir technique. The results of these runs may be represented by the equation: $D=D_0 \exp (-2450/RT)$. The values found just above the melting point, also tabulated, deviate only slightly from the value of $4.06 \times 10^{-7}$ cm$^2$-sec$^{-1}$ calculated for 98.0°C by means of this equation. It appears that the transition from the rate of solid state self-diffusion to the rate of liquid state self-diffusion is as discontinuous in Na as the melting process itself.
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE THEORY OF ACTIVE TRANSPORT. C. S. Patlak, AF 18(600)-1454. May 15, 1956. 

ASTIA Document No. AD 96220.

In many biological situations, the net transport of material from one region to another cannot be explained by a passive movement following thermodynamic laws. The term "active transport" has been applied to such cases, and is discussed in this study. It is pointed out that a system consisting of 2 solutions separated by a membrane may be in one of four possible states: (1) transient; (2) steady; (3) equilibrium; or (4) pseudo-equilibrium. The latter state denotes that in the solution the net flow of all components is zero, but at least one of the components is not in thermodynamic equilibrium. Transient and steady-state systems may or may not have active transport; thus only systems in either equilibrium or pseudo-equilibrium are considered here, since the former indicates that there is no active transport, whereas, in the latter case there always is active transport. This simplifies the problem of finding whether a system does or does not have an active transport mechanism, since it is frequently fairly easy to determine experimentally whether a system is in equilibrium or pseudo-equilibrium. The assumption that electric neutrality exists within very thin membranes is shown not to be valid; however, electric neutrality does exist in the solutions in a system in a pseudo-equilibrium state with fixed charges and impermeative ions. It is then shown how the presence and sign of an electric potential may be found by use of electroneutrality. The mechanism of active transport may result from a general force acting on all particles of a particular component or to an individual force acting on the individual particles of a particular component. A general solvent flow or diffusion drag force illustrates the first mechanism, while the second is accomplished by either a carrier or a Maxwell Demon. The Maxwell Demon is a hypothetical mechanism which allows each particle of A to cross a potential barrier by itself more readily in one direction than in the other. It differs from a carrier in that no part of it in contact with A moves while A is crossing the barrier. The Demon operates either by lowering the potential barrier height for A, by increasing A's speed of crossing the barrier, or by modifying A so that it can cross the potential barrier more readily. The general type of active transport has been extensively treated in the literature, while the individual type has not been treated in a generalized form. Therefore, the individual type of active transport is discussed at length, and a simple illustrative model is intensively analyzed. Following this, there is a discussion of the Maxwell Demon, and some models of it are presented with decreasing whisker diameter. On the surface of some whiskers from this series shearing of surface layers could be observed giving the impression that the whisker surface has a layer or shell structure. By means of microstructure investigations, the layers observed in the surface were also discovered in the whisker core. The distance between the layers was found to be constant and about 1200 to 1500 atoms thick. It may be concluded that the layers are a structural element of the whiskers grown under the conditions above mentioned.

Nickel coating of the whiskers increased the tensile strength. In the case of a 100 atoms thick nickel coating the amount of increase was about 100% compared to the strength value of the uncoated whisker. That means that surface effects are important in considering the reasons for the extremely high tensile strength of very thin whiskers.

WADC TR 58-615, Part II.


The purpose of this project is to collect and present a complete collection of ternary phase diagrams of the various metallic systems. The ternary diagrams presented are built from available binary diagrams. In each instance the most reliable binary diagram has been selected.

The basis for the designation of the pages is the order of the atomic numbers. It is thus possible to attribute to each ternary alloy three numbers below 100 corresponding to the three combining elements and to assemble them in order of magnitude from the smallest to the highest figure. Consequently each system can be located easily.

Metallwerk Plansee. WADC TR 55-243, Part II.

DEVELOPMENT OF ALLOYS HAVING GOOD HIGH TEMPERATURE PROPERTIES THROUGH POWDER METALLURGY TECHNIQUES. Dr. R. Kieffer, Dr. F. Benesovsky. AF 61(514)-1144. September 1959.

Wet milled powder mixtures of Fe-Al-Mo 80-14-5-TiC/Cr3C2 alloys with 0-30% of a 90-10 TiC/Cr3C2 mixed crystals were sintered in a vacuum and their properties were evaluated.

With increasing additions of carbide mixed crystals the hot strength increases; however, the alloys become brittle.

The reinforcing of these alloys by means of Ni-Cr, megapyr or molybdenum wire and nets pressed into the powder compacts increases the impact strength provided no reaction occurs between the alloy and the reinforcing structure.
LITERATURE SURVEY ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON HIGH PRESSURE TECHNOLOGY, Lawrence Berg, Harry Herman. AF 33(616) -6729. March 1960. PB 161887. Order from OTS $1.50.

In view of the varied work being accomplished by various people and organisations throughout the world in the field of high pressure technology, it became expedient to compile in one bibliography the reports, articles, reviews, etc., pertaining to this subject which have been published to date. This report is such a bibliography, listing alphabetically by author the results of a survey of available literature, both foreign and domestic, classified and unclassified, in the field of high pressure technology. The compiled information includes, for each article, the title, source, page number, number of pages, chemical abstract number (CA), physical abstract number (Ph.A.), and a general description of the subject matter. Co-authors of any given publication have been cross-referenced.

It is intended to reissue this report from time to time as new authors emerge and new publications are reviewed.


This report is a survey of the current work in this area. A review of the theories advanced to explain dispersion strengthening is presented. The structural and other variables which govern the strength and stability of these alloys are outlined and the results discussed in terms of these variables. Comparison of theories with experimental results have been made.

The results of the survey indicate that dispersion strengthened alloys exhibit outstanding properties at elevated temperatures when the right structural conditions are present, i.e., the inter-particle spacing is in the range 0.01-0.1 microns, with high hardness of the dispersed phase, low interfacial energy between matrix and dispersed phase (in most cases). Other contributing factors are stored energy, coherency strains and matrix strengthening by solid solution. It must be emphasized that no general prescription for high strength in these alloys can be written as the predominant strengthening mechanism or variable depends on the temperature and duration of test or service. The stability of these alloys at service temperatures is enhanced by high thermodynamic free energy of formation of dispersed phase, low or negligible solubility and low diffusivity of the components of the dispersed phase in the matrix.

A large number of techniques can be used to produce dispersions in metals and alloys. The report contains a summary of these techniques.

Much further work both of a fundamental nature to delineate the role of various variables and that oriented towards alloy development remains to be done. Dispersion strengthening of refractory metals appears most promising and should be a very fruitful area of investigation.


In the establishment of the form of their generalised stress strain law for work-hardening inelastic materials, Warner and Handelman did not show how the plastic coefficients could be evaluated in terms of material properties. This report first shows how this can be done, giving the general form of the coefficients for various states of stress. The validity of the assumptions behind this representation must be experimentally tested; comparison with existing results is carried out as far as possible. The conclusion suggests what types of experiments are needed to test the validity of the law, and if they are successful, what further experiments are needed to provide the information necessary to solve various combined stress problems analytically.


The accomplishments of the contract period July 1, 1958 to September 30, 1959 are summarized. High-pressure high-temperature apparatus capable of subjecting test specimens to 100,000 atmospheres pressure at temperatures in excess of 1500°C was designed and constructed. Investigations carried out in this apparatus demonstrate that high hydrostatic pressure acts to lower the temperature of martensitic transformations in iron-nickel alloys and expands the temperature range of the gamma loop in the iron-chromium system. The precipitation hardening process in both aluminum-copper and copper-beryllium alloys is significantly inhibited and modified when carried out at high hydrostatic pressure. The use of pressure during heat treatment of a series of carbon steels results in transformation products radically different in structure from those obtained by the same treatment at atmospheric pressure and also significantly retards the tempering reactions. Evaluation of mixtures of carbon in a ratio of 1:1 atomic percent with platinum, palladium and nickel which were subjected to pressures in excess of 80,000 atmospheres at approximately 3000°C reveals the existence of a new phase which is extremely hard and brittle and contains essentially no metal atoms. Preliminary experiments indicate that the Ti-N phase diagram is significantly modified by pressure.

WADC TN 59-393. RESEARCHERS ON HYDROGEN OVERVOLTAGE ON METALLIC SINGLE CRYSTALS: SILVER AND LEAD, L. Peraldo Bicelli, B. Rivolta, Milano, Italy. AF 61(052) -144. April 1960.

Hydrogen overvoltage on silver and lead single crystal cathodes oriented following the (100), (110) and (111) planes has been measured, in sulfuric acid solutions for silver, and perchloric acid and sulfamic acid for lead. Tafel law holds true, the parameters are coincident for silver, and perchloric acid and sulfamic acid for lead. Preliminary experiments indicate that the Ti-N phase diagram is significantly modified by pressure.


Partial constitutional diagrams were established for sixteen binary systems containing rare earth metals. These studies were made as the first step in efforts to produce alloys with improved mechanical properties. Erbium and yttrium form simple binary eutectic systems with titanium. No compounds are present. The transition temperature of titanium is not significantly
affected. Copper, tin, and cobalt form intermetallic compounds with erbium and yttrium. The melting points of the rare earths are rapidly lowered, eutectics forming with the respective compounds. Vanadium forms extensive (and chromium forms limited) liquid immiscibility regions with erbium and yttrium. Eutectics are formed at the rare earth end of these systems. Terminal solubilities are low in all of the above systems.

The system erbium-zirconium is characterized by appreciable solubility of zirconium in erbium and extensive solubility of erbium in both alpha and beta zirconium. There are no intermetallic compounds. The alpha erbium and beta zirconium solid solutions enter into a simple eutectic reaction. A high temperature peritectic reaction involving beta erbium is suggested. The system yttrium-zirconium is similar in all major respects except that the solubility limits at both ends of the system are somewhat lower. Preliminary investigation of the gadolinium-zirconium system also indicated similarity in all major respects.

Beryllium and ytterbium form an intermetallic compound. The terminal solubility of ytterbium in beryllium is low. No eutectic is observed at the beryllium end of the system.

The results obtained suggest zirconium as a promising alloying element. Evidence was also found for the purification of vanadium and beryllium when these metals were melted together with rare earths.

EFFECT OF SOLUTE IMPERFECTION INTERACTIONS IN METALS. R. W. Ballyu, Project 9760 (802), Contract AF 49(638)-523, AFOSR, DCS.

This research is concerned with studying the self-diffusion of radioactive iron in molten silicates and determining from the results whether iron in these solutions possesses anionic or covalent structure.

DIFFUSION AND IMPERFECTIONS IN METALS. R. W. Ballyu, Project 9760 (802), Contract AF 49(638)-880, AFOSR, DSS.

The motion of atoms in a metal or alloy will be studied with the objective of obtaining an improved understanding of the kinetics of processes taking place in these materials. Among the phenomena which may receive particular attention in the course of this investigation are the Kirkendall effect in the silver-gold couple and the effects of plastic deformation on diffusion. Experiments involving the effects of plastic deformation on diffusion are of particular interest. Work of this type is of considerable importance in establishing mechanisms of diffusion and of high temperature deformation, and it appears imperative to clarify the situation further. The proposed experiments using vapor-solid alpha brass diffusion couples will eliminate the difficulties associated with the sectioning technique and would allow a large number of specimens to be run over wide ranges of temperature and strain rate.

Metallurgy and Ceramics Research Branch, ARL, Dayton, Ohio.

EFFECT OF COMPOSITION ON THE SELF-DIFFUSION CHARACTERISTICS OF NICKEL. L. R. Bidwell, Project 7021 (802), Contract AF 49(638)-780, AFOSR, DSS.

The effects of aluminum and titanium alloying additions on the diffusion coefficients and activation energies for self-diffusion of nickel in nickel-base solid-solution alloys are to be investigated for correlation with X-ray dynamic displacement and Debye characteristic temperature measurements to determine if the latter constitute an adequate measure of relative interatomic binding forces.

Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill.

EFFECT OF SOLUTE IMPERFECTION INTERACTIONS UPON PLASTICITY AND FRACTURE. J. O. Brittain, Project 9761 (802), Contract AF 49(638)-780, AFOSR, DSS.

The objectives of this research are to make a systematic study of (1) grain boundary cohesion and (2) solute-imperfection interactions in metals. These are distinctly related objectives since grain boundaries are composed of imperfections and experience has shown that small additions of foreign elements profoundly affect the mechanical behavior of materials at both elevated and low temperatures. The research on grain boundary cohesion is being carried out through a study of the role of solute elements upon the grain boundary migration, relaxation

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and fracture over a range of temperatures. The study of solute imperfection interactions is being accomplished by means of strain-ageing and internal friction studies on iron and steel. A further aim of the research is to study yielding of materials that deform in a heterogeneous manner in the transition from elastic to plastic deformation and the relation of yield to the initiation and/or propagation of a crack. A final item will be the study of strain aging at elevated temperatures of high-temperature materials.

**Ohio State Univ., Columbus.**

FACTORS AFFECTING THE KINETICS OF THE ALLOTROPIC TRANSFORMATION IN METALS. J. W. Spretnak. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6109; ARL, MCB.

The potentialities of the Faraday cage incorporated in the electron emission microscope will be evaluated for use in making quantitative measurements of the distribution of elastic and plastic strain within grains as a function of solute content and applied stress. Initial work will be on iron while later studies may include other pure metals and alloys. The clustering effects of like and unlike atoms in austenite prior to transformation will be studied in iron-carbon alloys as a function of temperature as affected by alloying elements.

**Oxford Univ., Great Britain.**

FREEZING AND MELTING TEMPERATURES OF IRON ALLOYS/BeO/ThO$_2$. W. Hume-Rothery. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 61(514)-1062; ARL, MCB.

A highly accurate study is being made of the precise melting and freezing temperatures of iron-rich alloys with binary additions of aluminum, molybdenum, ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, aluminum and silicon. This information has been obtained previously but not to the accuracy required for use in a theoretical treatment of alloying phenomena.

**Illinois Univ., Urbana.**

INTERNAL FRICTION TECHNIQUES IN THE STUDY OF DIFFUSION AND PHASE CHANGES IN METALS. C. Wert. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-672; AFSOR, DSS.

This research is concerned with the development of new techniques for internal friction measurement. Current developments include very low temperature studies at frequencies of about one cycle per second, and a high frequency apparatus for use at 100KC. These techniques are being applied to studies of diffusion in solids at such low temperatures that other methods are useless. In addition, the method may be used to measure energy absorbed by dislocations as they are being driven through a crystal under the influence of stress. Current research is concerned with atom motion in iron near magnetic transitions, in Fe-V alloys, and in Mg-Cd alloys.

**Materials Central, WADD, Dayton, Ohio.**

KINETICS AND MECHANISMS OF WHISKER GROWTH. H. Weik. Project 7023(802), Internal.

Our present knowledge of the growth characteristics and formation of iron whiskers indicates that a refined approach with careful chemical control is necessary in order to obtain detailed and more accurate data on the growth mechanism. Attention will be focused on the kinetics of the reaction, FeCl$_2$H$_2$FexHCl, which upon consideration of free energy calculations and qualitative observations is probably operative. The reaction will be studied in the vapor phase in a Y-shaped furnace accommodating the preheating of the hydrogen gas, vaporisation.

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of the ferrous chloride (anhydrous), and its entrainment in a stream of argon, and a chamber for the reaction. It is anticipated that surface effects will also be of great importance. The crystallography of the whiskers so obtained under varying conditions of temperature, hydrogen-ferrous chloride ratio, etc., will also be scrutinised. At present the assembly and construction of equipment is the major occupation.

### Metallurgy and Ceramics Research Branch, ARL, Dayton, Ohio.

**Lattice Distortions and Atomic Interactions in Metallic Solid Solutions.** L. R. Bidwell, Project 7021(802), Internal.

The influence of solute atoms in changing the mean dynamic and static displacement of atoms from their ideal lattice sites will be investigated by the use of X-ray diffraction techniques. Precise lattice constants and the integrated intensities of selected Bragg reflections will be measured at 88°K and 298°K to determine Debye characteristic temperatures and the mean amplitude of thermally induced atomic oscillations. This dynamic displacement of the atoms from their time averaged lattice positions is considered to be a direct measure of the factors which control the elastic constants and the diffusional characteristics of the bulk materials. The static displacements of the atoms from their ideal lattice positions resulting from the solution of atoms with different electronic configurations and disparities in size can be determined from the same diffraction data. This information will present a much more detailed picture of the lattice strain energy than the usual lattice parameter measurements. The results of this investigation will be used for a theoretical treatment of the strength of metallic solid solutions.

### Carnegie Inst. of Tech., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Mechanism of Evaporation of Metal Crystals.** J. P. Hirth, W. H. Robinson, Project 7961(802), Contract AF 49(638)-551; AFSOR, DSS.

The objective of this research is to determine quantitatively the evaporation rates from single crystal and polycrystal metal surfaces as a function of time, temperature, crystal orientation, and degree of crystal perfection. The results of the investigation will be compared with predictions of a theoretical treatment which is under continuing development. In addition, the theoretical kinetics of evaporation from crystals in equilibrium with atomic or molecular vapor phases will be derived. The method of investigation will include a study of thermal etching with the formation of etch pits at the sites of dislocations in the crystals. This aspect of the study will be correlated with X-ray studies to determine crystal perfection.

### Carnegie Inst. of Tech., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Optical Properties of Metals and Alloys.** W. R. Bitler, Project 7961(802), Contract AF 49(638)-478; AFSOR, DSS.

The optical properties of metals are a function of the electronic structure of the metal. In this research an attempt is being made to determine this electronic structure from reliable optical data: the coefficient of reflection of the metal, the absorption of light by thin films, and the rotation of the plane of polarisation of magnetic metals, these being determined over a range of temperature down to liquid helium. Research such as this has been unable to attract serious interest in the past because vacuum equipment has not been available in which the metal surfaces could be kept clean. In this work copper containing small percentages of nickel or manganese is being studied. With modern vacuum equipment, it is possible to study in a controlled way the effects of small amounts of gases on surface contamination.

### Ohio State U., Columbus.

**Oxidation Characteristics of Tungsten over Suitable Temperature and Oxygen Pressure Ranges.** R. Speiser, Project 7022(802), Contract AF 33(616)-5721; ARL, MCB.

A fundamental investigation will be conducted on the oxidation behavior of tungsten in the temperature range of 500°C to 1400°C and at oxygen pressures of atmospheric and below. Emphasis will be placed on determining the rate controlling process within these environmental ranges in order to better define the operative mechanism. The structure and physical properties of the scales formed will be thoroughly investigated. The tungsten-oxygen phase diagram will be determined over the environmental ranges of interest. Present high temperature oxidation theories will be critically tested, and if necessary, a new or modified theory will be proposed. The volatility of WO3 and WO4 have been studied in various air-water vapor mixtures from 100°C to 1350°C. The thermodynamic properties of WO4 have also been determined. The rate controlling process for tungsten oxidation is observed to be diffusion of oxygen ions through the oxide scale to the oxide-metal interface.

### Virginia Univ., Charlottesville.

**Oxidation and Inhibition Mechanisms.** J. W. Cole, Project 7961(802), Contract AF 18(603)-103; AFSOR, DCS.

This is a study of the mechanism of inhibition of the oxidation and corrosion by heterocyclic compounds, especially the phenothiazine series between the temperatures 26°C to 250°C. Attention will also be given to the mechanism of formation of metallic sulfides.

### Delaware Univ., Newark.

**Oxidation of Metals and Alloys.** C. E. Birchenall, Project 7960(802), Contract AF 49(638)-872; AFSOR, DSS.

This research concerns the study of the oxidation of metals and alloys including detailed investigation of some of the component processes. Particular attention will be devoted to the study of diffusion in solid oxides and sulfides, and the dependence of ion mobilities on the crystal structure and defect concentrations. Attempts will be made to extend the understanding of the mechanisms of oxide plasticity in the growth of adherent and non-adherent scales.

### Princeton Univ., N. J.

**Oxidation of Metals and Alloys.** C. E. Birchenall, Project 7961(802), Contract AF 49(638)-533; AFSOR, DSS.

This research concerns the study of the oxidation of metals and alloys including detailed investigation of some of the component processes. Particular attention will be devoted to the study of diffusion in solid oxides and sulfides and the dependence of ion mobilities on the
crystal structures and defect concentrations. Attempts will be made to extend the understanding of the mechanisms of oxide plasticity in the growth of adherent and non-adherent scales.

McMaster Univ., Canada.
Oxidation of Metals and Alloys. W. W. Smeltzer, Project 9761(802), Contract AF 49(638)-734; AFOSR, DSS.

The purpose of this research is to investigate the kinetics of metal and alloy oxidation. Quantitative oxidation rate studies will be carried out on some metal and alloys that are important as potential aircraft and missile structural materials (for example: titanium, zirconium, hafnium, and certain transition metal alloys). In addition, a theoretical analysis will be carried out for the diffusion processes of oxygen in the surface oxide and metal substrate during oxidation of the metals titanium, hafnium and zirconium.

Oxidation, Vapor Nucleation and Surface Diffusion of Metals and Alloys. G. M. Pound, Project 9761(802), Contract AF 18(600)-1572; AFOSR, DSS.

1. Oxidation: The objective of this investigation was to examine the oxidation of metals; the influence of metal substrate properties of an alloy on the oxidation characteristics, the effect of oxygen solubility in the metal, titanium for example, upon oxidation mechanism, a re-examination of the oxidation of pure iron in carbon dioxide, and the structure of the oxide formed on iron-chromium alloys. 2. Vapor Nucleation and Evaporation: This part of the research has as an objective the determination of the behavior of condensed metal vapor on metallic substrates under ultra high vacuum (better than 10^-7 mm. mercury). A thermal beam of silver atoms has been deposited onto a tungsten tip. The Mueller field emission technique is being utilized to make direct observations on the processes of surface diffusion, nucleation, growth and evaporation of the deposited silver. Nucleation, growth, and evaporation characteristics as well as mobility of the condensate may be determined for various degrees of super- and under-saturation at various target temperatures.

Metallurgy and Ceramics Research Branch, ARL, Dayton, Ohio.
Short Range Structure Distortions. H. J. Garrett, Project 7021(802), Internal.

Physical structural factors affecting diffuse scattering of X-rays are temperature diffuse scattering and structural scattering by structural distortion information. This information is needed for theoretical developments in almost all phases of metallurgy. The phenomena of alloying, cold work, impurity atom effects, radiation effects, fatigue, and many others that determine the properties of metallic materials are associated with structural distortions. Initial investigations in this area of research shall be studies of mechanically induced distortions, specifically measurements of microstrains in aluminum.

Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
pressures up to 35,000 atm has been constructed, and observations have been made on the bismuth I to II transition.

In the kinetic experiments it has been found that pressure markedly decreases the transformation rate of austenite to pearlite and the precipitation rate in the systems; aluminum-copper, copper-beryllium, lead-tin, and gold-nickel.


It is shown that by removing the surface of aluminum single crystals while they are being deformed, the extent and slope of Stage I and Stage II are affected. The stress at which Stage II starts is also lowered. A dislocation pop-out phenomenon was observed when the rate of metal removal was suddenly increased during the tensile deformation. Deformed crystals of zinc, aluminum, and copper immersed in solutions containing surface active agents reacted with these agents to form metal soaps.

Research & Development Laboratories, WADD TR 60-543.


The direct synthesis of beryllium hydrides from the elements was attempted in two sets of equipment designed to grind beryllium metal while subjected to heat and hydrogen pressure. Grinding action was supplied by mechanisms which provided the reaction vessels with either reciprocating vertical motion, or motion in which the reactor's horizontal axis described a circle. The ability of both mechanisms to grind metals satisfactorily was demonstrated in test runs, in which magnesium hydride was synthesized. However, beryllium hydride was not prepared by this method, even when catalytic additives were used. There were no indications even of partial hydriding.

Operation with beryllium, which is highly toxic, was carried out safely by conforming to recognized standards of industrial practice.

Pennsylvania State University, WADD TR 60-534.


The design, construction and operation of a complete field ion microscope unit is described. The restrictions due to the high rate of field evaporation of iron are considered. This microscope is used for the study of the atomic structure of iron whiskers. Indications of crystal defects such as screw dislocations and interstitials are found, although the whiskers did usually not have sufficient strength to withstand the extremely high field forces.

WADD TR 60-705.


The effects of temperature and pressure on the monoclinic-tetragonal phase transformation and on the sinterability of superpure zirconia have been studied. Investigations were undertaken at temperature ranges from 1140°C to 1800°C and at pressures from 310 to 12380 atmospheres. Experiments showed that no tetragonal phase was stabilized after firing and rapid quenching in air, water and liquid nitrogen. The region of transformation was found between 1193°C to 1200°C. Pressure lowered the sintering temperature of zirconia, and specimens pressed at 9280 atmospheres and fired to 1800°C in an inert atmosphere sintered in compacts with a 98.8% theoretical density.

Grain refinement was observed with increasing temperature and at various pressures. Average particle sizes of 4 microns and less were found in compacts originally consisting of particles averaging 60 microns. A mathematical equation for the compressibility of zirconia was derived.

WADD TN 60-242.

THE APPLICATION OF COMPUTER TECHNIQUES TO PREFERRED ORIENTATION STUDIES. J. R. Holland, December 1960.

A method has been devised and is currently being used to plot normalized pole figures by computer techniques. As the pole distribution traces, i.e., intensity of the diffracted X-ray beam, versus angular position of the specimen are not an acceptable input for the computer, the data required from such traces are entered onto punch cards. Corrections for defocusing effects may be readily made as the data are transferred from the Brown recorder traces to punch cards. It is possible to program other correction factors into the computer operations, providing that these correction factors or curves can be established accurately. The computer translates angular position of the specimen into rectilinear co-ordinates which are an identical representation of stereographic co-ordinates. This computer method has been used in conjunction with the Schulz reflection technique, but modification of the computer program permits its use with other quantitative X-ray techniques for determining preferred orientation.

The feasibility of using computer techniques to plot inverse pole figures has been considered.
which the lower limit is zero. General problems of developing optimum properties in any conditions below which finite lower limits exist and above which basic principles involved so that they can be determined. From a rational consideration of known properties capable of developing structures superior in properties to those that can be obtained in any other procedure and is generally observed to have an extensive study of the creep behavior prior to collapse. The column stability is described. Finally, an attempt is made to analyze the manner in which the substructure affects creep rate, recovery and grain boundary shearing. It is concluded that the contribution of the substructure to high temperature creep resistance is small relative to other factors.


A study was carried out to determine the effect of exposure to elevated temperature creep conditions on the subsequent mechanical properties of C110M, an 8 percent manganese binary titanium alloy. Exposures were conducted for times of 10, 50, or 100 hours either un-stressed or at stresses causing up to 3 percent total deformation at temperatures between 650$^\circ$ and 800$^\circ$R. Specimens were taken parallel to the sheet rolling direction.

Following the exposures, short-time tensile, compression or tension-impact tests were run at either room temperature or the temperature of exposure. Prior exposures were found to have little effect on the fracture strength or ductility in either tensile tests or tension-impact tests. The original material had an abnormally high tension yield strength and a low compression yield strength. Exposure to temperature alone caused a decrease in the tensile yield strength and an increase in the compression yield strength depending on the exposure time and temperature, and on the test temperature. Plastic deformation either during loading, or principally during creep, resulted in an increase in the tensile yield strength and a decrease in compression yield strength from the values established by exposure to temperature alone. This behavior can be attributed to a Bauschinger-type effect.


The role of the subgrain structure in the high temperature creep process is evaluated in the light of recent experimental and theoretical developments in creep theory. The origin of subgrains is discussed, as well as the specific deformation modes which produce the variety of observable substructures. The effect of creep variables on the subgrain development, size and structure is described. Finally, an attempt is made to analyze the manner in which the substructure affects creep rate, recovery and grain boundary shearing. It is concluded that the contribution of the substructure to high temperature creep resistance is small relative to other factors.


Progress is reported for an investigation of the influence of conditions of hot working on the properties of alloys at high temperatures. Conditions of working can be used to control microstructural variations in a manner which cannot be obtained in any other procedure and is capable of developing structures superior in properties to any other treatment. The major objective is to define the basic principles involved so that they can be applied to the general problem of developing optimum properties in any
The relatively simple structure of "A" nickel is being used as an experimental material for study of the role of working for properties in the as-worked condition. A-286 alloy is being used as an example of a material whose properties are influenced after solution and aging treatments by the conditions of prior working.

The results reported cover the initial surveys of the relationships of working conditions to creep and rupture properties. Structural analyses to define the basic principles involved were confined to preliminary partial studies. The investigation is being continued with emphasis on the structural studies.


Fatigue, rupture, and creep data at 1200° and 1650° obtained under various combinations of mean and alternating stress are presented. Tests were performed under axial stress on unnotched specimens and specimens having a theoretical stress concentration factor of 3.4. The data are presented as S-N curves and stress range diagrams to show the effect on the fatigue and creep properties of stress concentration, temperature, ratio of alternating-to-mean stress, and stress magnitude.


Preliminary experiments of a probing nature demonstrated that oxygen-free atmospheres, but not high vacuum conditions, were required for the successful application of ceramic coatings on tungsten.

Tests with tungsten encapsulated in evacuated fused silica tubes demonstrated that glassy materials were indeed impermeable to oxygen at temperatures above 300°C for long periods of time, as evidenced by the non-oxidation of the encased tungsten.

In order to avoid the excessive oxidation and extremely rapid rate of volatility of the tungsten oxides at coating processing temperatures, experiments were carried out by processing zirconia-containing vitreous-bonded coatings in an argon atmosphere.

Experiments with siliconized tungsten wire indicated that silicide coatings are most protective in regions where glass formation at the surface of the coating had been well developed. Because of the silicide "pest" and the brittleness of the silicide, such coatings may not alone be satisfactorily protective.

High temperature testing using the direct resistance heating of tungsten indicated that ceramic coatings consisting of admixtures of zirconia and glass provided protection of tungsten wire for several hours at temperatures in the range of 3000° to 3500°F.


A preliminary study of the feasibility of protecting tungsten against oxidation at 1650°C (3000°F) was undertaken. Rhodium was selected from the noble metal group as the most promising metallic type of coating. It was applied by electrolytic deposition, either directly onto thoriated or pure tungsten wires, or onto intermediate coats containing the elements rhenium, chromium and silicon. These sub-coats served several purposes, such as: 1) providing a layer of intermediate expansion characteristics between those of the substrate and the rhodium coat; 2) modifying the oxides formed on the surface of the substrate; or 3) preventing the formation of liquid phases at the surface that would freely flow and seal exposed areas of the substrate.

All substrate wires were thoroughly degassed by a vacuum heat treatment before and after electroplating or vapor deposition of the different coats. The wires were heated by their own resistance to temperature sufficient to effect diffusion alloying and bonding between the different coats and the substrate under protective atmosphere, to permit fusion and flowing of the molten rhodium coating over the wire surface under protective atmosphere, and to expose the coated wires to stagnant or streaming air at progressively higher temperatures up to 1650°C (3000°F).

It was found that the methods used permitted protection of tungsten against oxidation up to temperatures at least 550°C (1000°F) above those for uncoated tungsten. A multiple coating consisting of a first inner layer of chromium, a layer of silicon, a second layer of chromium, and a thin layer of rhodium after appropriate heat treatments protected thoriated tungsten at 1650°C (3000°F) for periods up to 20 minutes. Evidence points toward further improvements if complete diffusion alloying, bonding and melting of the surface coat is achieved over the entire length of the specimen.

* Battelle Memorial Inst., Columbus, Ohio. COLUMN ACTION DURING CREEP-BUCKLING. R. L. Carlson. Project 7063(806). Contract AF 33(616)-6501; ARL, MRB.

An experimental and analytical study will be made to obtain basic and new knowledge relating to the behavior of columns subjected to creep buckling, and to determine the accuracy of Girard's theory. An attempt will be made to develop new analytical methods to predict the behavior and ultimate life of columns subjected to creep buckling. Relationship will be derived between creep buckling instability, and the elementary stability theory for columns. The basic mechanisms of column creep buckling will be mathematically described.

* Southwest Research Inst., San Antonio, Tex. CREEP COLLAPSE OF LONG CYLINDRICAL SHELLS UNDER HIGH TEMPERATURE AND EXTERNAL PRESSURE. T. Wah. Project 7063(806). Contract AF 33(616)-5727; ARL, MRB.

This is an analytical and experimental program to study the creep collapse of thin-walled, long, cylindrical shells subjected to elevated temperatures and external pressure. Attempts will be made to establish the relationship between collapse time and parameters of loading, temperature, shell dimensions, material properties, and initial discrepancies in the roundness. Confirming theories of Timoshenko and others, it was found that initial eccentricities in the specimen were critical. Because of the flexibility of long, thin shells, it was necessary to design a special fixture to measure the initial eccentricities without disturbing the specimen in the process. This fixture was combined with a loading fixture to prevent dimensional distortion in handling between the measuring and loading operations.

* Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
CRYSTAL GROWTH MECHANISMS, R. L. Langini, scattering power at the sample. Made to register thermal diffuse scattering, through study of galvanomagnetic properties of the crystals can be determined. A harmonic vibration will be correlated with the optical frequency band of the vibration spectrum of the lattice points and the correlation of observed values with the thermal diffuse scattering between reciprocal lattice points. Factors affecting crystal growth are being studied both from the theoretical and experimental standpoint of inhomogeneity effects in indium antimonide, both from the theoretical and experimental standpoint of inhomogeneity effects in indium antimonide. An inherent assumption in this research is to study the thermal motion in crystals, with special reference to thermal expansion, polymorphism and melting. This will include a determination of amplitudes and directions of atomic vibrations in crystals in relation to chemical compositions and crystal structures; a study of transverse and longitudinal waves traveling through the crystal as a function of crystal symmetry and structure; determination of the influence of the vibrations on thermal expansion and polymorphism; and preliminary research on the correlation of the above results in a unified theory of crystal dynamics. Theoretical and experimental investigations of crystal structure and behavior will include: (A) A quantitative measure will be made of the thermal diffuse scattering between reciprocal lattice points and the correlation of observed values with the optical frequency band of the vibration spectrum of the crystal. (B) The temperature dependence of the atomic vibration and its influence on the optical branch of the vibration spectrum at high and low temperatures will be determined. A harmonic vibration will be correlated with thermal expansion and polymorphism. An attempt will be made to register thermal diffuse scattering, through study of changes in vibration spectrum, at the moment of transition. (C) Counter techniques will be used to study the temperature dependence of intensity and to determine the scattering power at a given temperature. (D) The relationship between physical properties of a crystal and its growth history will be studied for the case of organic crystals with melting points up to 100°C and for inorganic compounds with melting points up to 1300°C. Optical, dielectric and piezoelectric properties will be measured in the temperature range from -180°C to 300°C; and (E) Theoretical consideration will be given to relating the physical properties with crystal imperfection thermal history, known impurity and crystal growth.

Crystal Growth and Purification

Basic Transport Phenomena in Germanium and Indium Antimonide, A. C. Beer. Project 9762(802), Contract AF 49(638)-222; AFOSR, DSS. Present research under this contract is primarily concerned with model effects in indium antimonide, both from the theoretical and experimental standpoint. Factors affecting crystal growth are being studied using radioactive doping agents to see how they segregate. The electronic properties of crystals with inhomogeneous electronic properties are then being studied. It appears that galvanomagnetic properties of the crystals can be strongly influenced by inhomogeneities in the right part of the sample.

Crystal Growth Mechanisms, R. L. Langini, A. I. Bennett, Project 9761(802), Contract AF 49(638)-599; AFOSR, DSS. Crystal growth is a process wherein an ordered atomic lattice structure is extended by accretion of atoms from an adjacent liquid or vapor phase. In many cases the details of the accretive mechanisms and their dependence on experimental conditions are poorly understood. It would therefore seem appropriate to look for a crystal growth system which from an experimental standpoint is easy to work with and on which results of controlled reproducibility can be obtained, and to investigate it thoroughly. The research falls into three overlapping phases. First, the effects of seed geometry and structure, temperature distribution and time variation, growth rate, cooling after solidification, and other pertinent growth variables will be investigated to further expand the range of validity of the present theory of this type of growth. Second, research will be directed toward determining the distribution of impurities both within the grown crystal and within the melt. This will involve measurement of the electrical properties. And finally, theoretical considerations will be made of such things as the effects of the liquid on the rate and direction of growth of the crystal and the preferred stacking of atoms through a double bond mechanism.
This investigation is concerned with the motions of atoms in such ionic solids as potassium chloride, both highly purified crystals and crystals doped with controlled amounts of impurities. Atomic mobility is being determined from measurements of ionic conductivity. The dependence of this mobility upon impurities, point imperfections such as vacancies, and dislocations is being determined. The imperfections are being identified in part by optical properties of X-ray irradiated crystals which are characteristic of the color centers produced from them. There is evidence from this research that crystals of KCl are obtained with much higher purity by crystallization from water solution than from the molten chloride. Thus, it is found that the ionic conductivity in such crystals is much lower at low temperatures (250-350°C) than in melt grown crystals. However, once the crystals have been heated above about 350°C their conductivity remains high and this may be attributed to mobile point imperfections having been introduced into the bulk of the crystal.

Using an integrating photometer, the intensity of double reflections will be measured. The variation of intensity of double x-ray reflections with wavelength relative to the intensity of allowed reflections will be investigated. Intensity of double and forbidden reflections as a function of temperature, impurities, and other parameters will be determined in diamond, silicon, and germanium. The wavelength to which double reflections are particularly sensitive will be determined and reflection intensity formulae will be developed for perfect and mosaic structures. The existence and intensity of double reflections in anthracene and other organic crystals will also be studied as a function of temperature, tension and other parameters.

Specifically the research will include a study of the relative numbers of defects introduced by quenching as functions of quenching temperature so as to find directly the energies of formation of vacancies and interstitials in germanium. Subsequent annealing studies will then reveal the fate of these defects as they combine with each other, or with dislocations of known densities, or are trapped at defects in the structure. Similar studies will be made of defects introduced during plastic extension of germanium. These will reveal dislocation motion at various temperatures as well as on annealing when widely disparate numbers of vacancies and interstitials are present. Finally similar studies on electron as other particle bombarded germanium is anticipated in an effort to demonstrate annealing when equal numbers of defects are initially present.

The study of crystal structure by gamma ray correlation techniques, particularly in the case of rare earth nuclei, is a very rich field of investigation which should contribute significantly to our knowledge of the internal electric and magnetic fields interacting with nuclei in solids and liquids. This kind of information is closely related to that obtained from studies of nuclear magnetic and electron paramagnetic resonance. Although the resonance methods are more precise in general, the techniques of angular correlation offer two important advantages. First the number of atoms required for a measurement is much smaller. This allows one, for example, to work with cases in which a very small number of impurity centers are present in the crystal lattice and to measure the fields present at such impurity centers. Second, the fields in a solid can be measured without the need of applying an external radio-frequency field. Such measurements may be useful in the investigation of the rearrangement of excited electron shells and hence could further our understanding of basic mechanisms controlling the properties of solids.
maintaining a controlled atmosphere. This technique has been developed into a successful method for the growth of single crystals. Crystals of ferrites, germanium, silicon, and other materials have been grown. The equipment has also been developed into a usable configuration.

*North Carolina U., Chapel Hill. IMPERFECTIONS IN IONIC CRYSTALLINE SOLIDS. L. M. Slikin. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-865; AFOSR, DSS.

These experiments are primarily concerned with dislocations and point defects in silver chloride crystals. The obvious interest in silver halide crystals stems from their application in the photographic process. More important to the solid state physicist, however, is the fact that silver halide crystals offer an unusual combination of properties: (a) Silver chloride is very plastic, making studies of dislocations and their effect feasible; (b) It is transparent in the visible region, thus permitting the observation of strain patterns and inclusions such as silver precipitates; (c) A strong absorption in the near ultraviolet allows for limited spectroscopy of the solid; (d) This absorption produces photoelectrons, suggesting studies of photoconductivity and electron hole traps; (e) When not illuminated, silver chloride conducts electricity by ionic motion, by means of vacancies and interstitial silver ions, the relative contribution being variable by changing the purity and/or temperature; and (f) The trapping of photoelectrons results in charge neutralization by recombination with interstitial silver ions, forming silver atoms which may be made to grow to colloidal silver specks.

*Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Bayside, N. Y. INFRARED SCATTERING. P. H. Keck. Project 5621 (802), Contract AF 19(604)-3482; ERD, EML.

The purpose of this contract is to investigate infrared scattering cross sections of structural defects in single crystals of silicon. The primary interest is the detection of edge type dislocations in semiconducting materials. Unfortunately, the scattering cross section of these dislocations is not high enough at low densities. Valuable information has been derived concerning the precipitation of Cu in Si. In addition, the study of point and line imperfections is to be extended through the development of a new technique, anomalous X-ray absorption, and through the comprehensive comparison of the various techniques available thus far. Anomalous transmission is extremely sensitive to microstrains in crystals and is therefore ideally suited for the determination of microstrain due to imperfections such as vacancy clusters.

*Athens U., (Greece). INVESTIGATION OF HEAT VIBRATIONS IN SOLIDS WITH X-RAYS. K. D. Alexopoulos. Project 9763 (802), Contract AF 61(514)-1248; AFOSR, DSS.

Basic information about the arrangement and position of atoms in a solid subjected to various temperatures provides useful data in predicting such mechanical properties as volumetric thermal expansion, tensile strength, rupture, and deformation. Since the intensity of the diffracted X-rays depends on the heat vibrations of the atoms, the characteristic temperature, $\theta$, can be determined by measuring the diffracted X-ray intensities at various temperatures. A number of elements will be investigated to find the characteristic temperature (theta) by means of X-ray diffraction, and these will be compared with the characteristic temperature found from specific heats. X-ray measurements of theta will be made to determine its variation with heat. Differences in values of theta will be followed for various types of crystal lattices and for elements of either very high or very low atomic weight. For some of these elements, the contribution of electronic heat to total specific heat will be traced through to high temperatures.


The paramagnetic resonance absorption of a metal ion in a crystal reflects the influence of its neighbors upon it. Since a structural imperfection represents a very significant variant in the crystal structure and the field it generates, it is important to minimise their concentration and effect. Similarly, an impurity atom perturbs the crystal field pattern and may influence significantly the magnetic characteristics of its neighbors. In order to help establish the magnitude of these effects, single crystals of nominally the same structure but containing different "guest" atoms have been and are being prepared. Controlled amounts of nickel, cobalt, iron, manganese, chromium, vanadium, titanium, platinum, and palladium have been introduced into aluminum oxide "host" lattices. Also, single crystals of garnet-structured rare earth-iron oxides have been prepared in which the rare earths have been lutetium, ytterbium, thulium, terbium, holmium, dysprosium, erbium, gadolinium, europium, samarium, and yttrium. In the immediate future, the effect of transition element ("guest") atoms within spinel-structured hosts and of the rare earths on non-ferric garnet-structured compounds will be considered.


Silicon and germanium are being used to study growth mechanisms from the melt, while silicon carbide is being used to study growth from a vapor. One technique for examining these processes is to study microsegregation impurities at a solid-liquid interface. Studies of this general type are being continued by growing bi-crystals of germanium. A definite segregation constant is to be associated with each crystallographic orientation. The Feltier cooling effect at a solid-liquid interface is being examined to determine its magnitude for various materials. This effect may provide an additional means of controlling and enhancing crystallization rates. A resume of the general state of the art for silicon carbide grown from the vapor has been reported. An improved vapor growth furnace for silicon carbide is being completed.

*Louvain U., (Belgium). MECHANISMS OF LUMINESCENCE. A. Luycx. Project 8503(803), Contract AF 61(052)-166; RADC; GEL.

An investigation will be carried out to devise techniques for the preparation of thick single zinc sulfide crystals. In addition, the various phenomena associated with single ZnS crystals will be investigated. These studies will attempt to gain information regarding...
activation techniques, nature of electrodes and work functions, ion mobility, conductivity as a function of temperature, activation energy of electrons, fine structure of brightness waves, physico-chemical relations between ohmic and capacitative crystals, and relaxation times of electrons after excitation by variable frequency. Study will also be initiated to determine the enhancement of light emission by irradiation with X-rays. Magnetic effects on electro-luminescence and observation of the Hall effect in ZnS crystals will be studied.

*Electronic Technology Lab., WADD, Dayton, Ohio.

PREPARATION OF SOLID STATE MATERIALS, J. M. Blasingame. Project 4150(803), Internal.

The current objectives are: (1) to prepare single crystal substrates; deposit thin films of various electrically active materials by techniques devised on other tasks of this project; obtain single crystal thin films where necessary for epitaxial growth, heat treatment, and/or electron beam zone leveling; (2) to evaluate the electrical, magnetic, and other physical properties of these films and crystals; and (3) to study the interaction of composite layers of materials with each other, their surface ambients, various electromagnetic waves and other forms of inputs, the phenomena which they exhibit, and the operations which they can perform in molecular electronic circuits.

*Electronic Technology Lab., WADD, Dayton, Ohio.

PURIFICATION OF CADMIUM SULFIDE CRYSTALS, W. Medcalf. Project 7116(801), Contract AF 33(616)-6203; ARL, SSB.

This effort has produced cells with efficiencies for converting solar to electrical energy as high as 8.5 percent. These cells were produced from cadmium sulfide crystals grown from the melt. Purification is currently achieved by zone refining the cadmium and distilling the sulfur. The two elements are then reacted to form cadmium sulfide. The contractor has progressed to the point of having no detectable impurities in the purified cadmium and sulfur by spectrographic analysis. Problems are encountered in reacting the cadmium and sulfur without picking up additional impurities. The chief contaminant added during reaction is silicon. Currently the reaction tubes are being coated with cadmium sulfide prior to reaction, with the object of preventing silicon pickup from the reaction chamber. Improvements in the growth of crystals from the melt both from the standpoint of purity and perfection will be the primary objective.

*Eagle-Picher Co., Miami, Ohio.

RECRYSTALLIZATION OF DEFORMED SINGLE CRYSTALS, C. Elbaum. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-70; AFOSR, DSS.

The work involves investigation of two fundamental features of recrystallization that have been experimentally established relatively recently. One of these is the dependence of the rate of recrystallization upon impurities and whether these impurities are precipitated or in solution. The other feature is concerned with the orientation of the recrystallised grains relative to the deformed matrix. In this field completely different results have been obtained by two independent groups of workers and it seems important to determine whether or not this can be related to differences of the state of impurities (solution or precipitated). The recovery of growth rate after both continuous isothermal heating and after repeatedly interrupted heating will be studied. Investigation of the connection between dislocation structure in the deformed specimen and the rate of growth of the new crystals is part of the program.


TRANSPORT PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS, F. G. Blatt. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-70; AFOSR, DSS.

The investigation will include: (a) Study of the influence of impurities of various kinds on transport in metals; (b) Study of the relaxation times and relaxation mechanisms in solids as observed under a variety of experimental conditions; and (c) Extension of the method of partial waves for calculating scattering cross sections and the situation appropriate for germanium and silicon; namely, ellipsoidal energy surfaces.

*Mineralagiak - Geologic Museum, Norway.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAGNETIC AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SULFIDES AND THEIR CRYSTAL STRUCTURE AND CHEMICAL COMPOSITION, T. F. W. Barth. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 61(052)-178; ARL, MCB.

A study into the structural and thermodynamic relationship of sulfides of synthetic and natural origin shall be conducted through exploratory research with an objective of developing theories of ferromagnetism of semi-conductors. Initially the research shall consist of a study of the solid phases in the system copper-silver-sulfur and then be extended to other ternary systems. For each phase, accurate determinations of the crystal structures at various temperatures, measurements of the optical properties and determination of the electrical and magnetic properties shall be made.


SINGLE CRYSTAL GROWTH, C. A. Pitha. Project 5620(802), Internal.

This research concerns the conditions necessary for the growth of single crystals of aluminum oxide doped with the various transition elements, and of conditions required for the growth of single crystals of the rare earth-iron oxides, particularly those involving the rare earths at the end of the series. This work will be supplemented by studies of the conditions necessary for the growth of single crystals from aqueous and non-aqueous solutions.


SINGLE CRYSTAL GROWTH FROM THE VAPOR, J. J. Rohan. Project 5620(802), Internal.

This research concerns a detailed study of the factors which affect the growth rate of highly physically and chemically perfect massive single crystals from the vapor. Two such studies are (1) growth of single crystals of low melting metals (e.g., cadmium, zinc, magnesium) from polycrystalline masses and/or melts via vapor transport and (2) growth of high melting elements (e.g., silicon) by decomposition of a halide of these elements (e.g., silicon iodide). The aims are to observe

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optimum experimental conditions, correlate with existing theories, modify or formulate new theory, and establish basic principles applicable to a wide variety of crystal growth problems.

*Device Development Corp., Westam, Mass.

RECOMBINATION COEFFICIENTS IN CESIUM AND OTHER ALKALI METALS. Project 7667(770), Contract AF 19(604)-602; GRD, PL.

This research is directed toward a study of existing knowledge of recombination, attachment and other atomic processes in cesium and other alkali metals. Secondly, measurements will be made of unknown atomic rate coefficients in cesium and other alkali metals.

*Battelle Memorial Inst., Columbus, Ohio.

SOLID STATE PHENOMENA IN RARE EARTH METAL ALLOYS AND COMPOUNDS. R. C. Himes. Project 4150(803), Contract AF 33(616)-7321; WADD, ETL.

Rare earth alloys, intermetallics, oxides, mixed oxides, compounds both with each other and with other metallic and non-metallic elements, and metalloorganic compounds and complexes will be prepared where possible by purification, doping, deposition as thin films, heat treatment, crystal growth, etc. These materials will be examined by optical and electron microscopy, X-ray and electron diffraction, and X-ray spectrometry to determine crystal structure, deformations, impurities, film thickness, etc. The pertinent electrical and magnetic properties of these materials will be measured and studied to determine unique and unusual properties or phenomena which these materials exhibit. The possible utilization of these materials in composite molecular electronic circuits will be considered and investigat-

*Ohio State U., Columbus.

STRUCTURE CHANGES AND RELEVANT PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES ATTENDANT TO CERTAIN CHANGES OF STATE. P. M. Harris. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-397; AFOSR, DSS.

The purpose of this investigation is to study relevant physical and chemical properties attendant to certain changes of state, especially order-disorder transforma-

tions in solids. This approach is based on the premise that the mechanism of transformation can only be understood if the structures of the initial and final states are known. The research includes: (a) Structure investigations primarily of inorganic structures by x-ray and neutron diffraction methods. Past work on crystals having hydrated ions is to be continued. A continuation of previous work on inorganic crystals exhibiting first and second order transformations is contemplated. (b) The variation of the dielectric constant as a function of temperature and frequency and the magnetic susceptibilities as a function of temperature will be investigated where these measurements would appear to clarify the mechanism of first and second order transformations. (c) The components of the thermal vibration tensor for the atoms of certain crystals of interest will be evalu-

ated from x-ray (or neutron) diffraction data using an IBM-704 computer. (d) In connection with the IBM-704 computations, an attempt will be made to evaluate the electronic field, \( E \), as a function of position in the crystal unit cell from values of the charge sensitivity in the cell.


VAPOR PHASE CHROMATOGRAPHY AS AN ULTRA-

PURIFICATION TECHNIQUE. J. K. Kennedy. Project 5620(802), Internal.

The objective of this research is to investigate new physical and chemical methods for the purification of elements and compounds for direct or indirect application to semiconductor materials. These methods will be capable of removing impurities from a given material so that the resulting matrix will contain no more than a total of one part of impurity to 100 million of matrix. It will aim to study gas-liquid, gas-solid, liquid-liquid, and liquid-to-

solid equilibria in an attempt to derive from the results suitable purification techniques based on the principles investigated. The data obtained will be used to design, develop, and construct an apparatus for the purification of solid state materials via volatile intermediates. The pur-

fication factors will be determined for each system studied in an attempt to attain final purities in the part per billion range.

*Philips Labs., Inc., Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.

X-RAY DETERMINATION OF PRECISION LATTICE PARAMETERS. W. Parrish. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-620; AFOSR, DSS.

The need for a new approach in the x-ray determination of lattice parameters was shown vividly by the re-

sults of a recent international test of the accuracy of lattice parameter determinations. Fifteen of the most ex-

perienced x-ray analysts throughout the world working under carefully controlled conditions cooperated in meas-

uring the same homogeneous samples of three substances, using various existing techniques and methods they had developed. The spread of results was about 0.035% and even after the values which were furthest removed from the others were taken out the spread was 0.014%. Prior published claims for precision were between 0.001% and 0.0003%. It is obvious that such claims cannot be subst-

nated and that the problem requires careful study from a theoretical as well as experimental point of view. The results should be of the greatest interest in the solid state sciences where precision measurements are re-

quired for studies of crystal perfection, the role of impuri-

ties, strain, and similar problems. In the field of general physics, there is now considerable doubt as to the precision of the x-ray determination of the

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A back-reflection x-ray microbeam camera was used in the study of brittle fracture of zinc and iron. Strain distribution curves obtained by the experimental procedure are given for zinc specimens fractured in slow tension at 77°, 195°, and 225°K; for an electrolytic iron specimen fractured at 55°K; and for a carbon steel specimen fractured at 38°K. The average plastic strain decreases rapidly within a short distance from the fracture surface and remains more or less constant at larger distances. There is good evidence that uniformly distributed plastic strain precedes the plastic process resulting in brittle fracture. A formula is given for the work done to produce the plastic strain associated with fracture, or the plastic work factor, w. An estimation of this factor was accomplished graphically. The w values for zinc and iron are about two orders of magnitude larger than their respective surface energies, and w decreases slightly with increasing temperature in the case of zinc.


X-RAY LATTICE STRAINS IN PLASTICALLY DEFORMED METALS. M. Kaufman and D. Rosenthal. AF 18(600)-1022. May 1955.

It has been observed in the diagrams of lattice strains plotted vs the applied stress that a departure from proportionality occurs with the onset of yielding. In the present study, specimens of an Al alloy (face-centered-cubic structure), a Mg alloy (hexagonal structure), and a mild steel (body-centered-cubic structure) were examined. Data indicated that following the initial departure from proportionality a tendency toward the recovery of the original trend occurs after a few per cent of plastic strain. This tendency is corroborated by the levelling off of the residual lattice strain diagrams. Similar results were obtained at subzero temperatures (-20° and -320°F). The tendency toward recovery coincides with the change of the strain-hardening exponent found in the ordinary stress-strain diagrams of Al and Al alloys. It can be interpreted in the same way as the changes observed in single crystals and bi-crystals of face-centered-cubic metals; that is, the departure from proportionality is associated with the phenomenon of easy slip, while the tendency toward recovery marks the advent of the difficult slip. A simplified model of heterogeneous plastic deformation based on the above interpretation accounts satisfactorily for the magnitude of the variations which have been observed in the Al alloy.


Fundamental formulations for Maxwell solid (visco-elastic material) and Kelvin-Voigt solid (dilogo-viscous material) were summarised and analysed. Equations of motion for plates and beams consisting of such materials are derived. Several recent publications along this line are discussed.


In this study, it is shown that the oxidation of Fe in O₂ is accompanied by the formation of a central box-like cavity, the dimensions of which are identical to those of the original Fe specimen. The decrease in size of this cavity with increasing temperature and its disappearance when the formation of magnetite and hematite is excluded by a controlled oxidizing potential indicates that the plastic properties of the oxides may be an important factor. This is qualitatively confirmed by the measurement of the relative plasticity of the 3 oxides at 800°C-1000°C in a specially designed apparatus, which is diagrammed.

Pennsylvania Univ., Philadelphia.
ORIGIN OF DEFORMATION BANDS. R. Maddin, D. Kuhlmann-Wilsdorf. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-435; AFSOR, DSS.

High temperature plasticity limits the use of many metals. Such deformation takes place with the appearance of deformation bands extending across individual crystals of the metal as the parts of the crystal slip past one another. It is generally agreed that this slipping is made possible by the motion of crystal lattice defects known as dislocations. This investigation is undertaken to test the hypothesis that deformation bands are the boundaries between regions of the crystal which are bent in different directions because of the presence of a large surplus of edge dislocations of unlike kind. It is intended that the investigation will be carried out with single crystals of aluminum or other suitable material grown in slightly curved moulds. The specimens will then be stretched and the location of deformation bands will give data which will provide the test of the hypothesis.

California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.
STATIC STRESS DISTRIBUTION AT THE BASE OF A CRACK IN FLAT AND CURVED SHEETS. M. L. Williams, Project 7063(802), Contract AF 33(616)-5740; ARL, MRB.

Observations will be made of the plastic and elasto-plastic stress fields in the vicinity of cracks in initially flat sheets. The effect of sheet curvature on stress distribution will then be determined. Photoelastic techniques, and an extremely fast camera, will be used in portions of this research. Efforts will be made to compute the distortion energy of crack propagation. If possible, both internal and external cracks will be studied, and the curved sheet investigation will be extended to include the case of a cylindrical shape with an initial crack.

Metallurgy and Ceramics Research Lab., ARL, Dayton, Ohio.
DEFORMATION OF CHROMIUM, H. A. Lipsitt. Project 7024(802), Internal.

A preliminary study of chromium in torsion at high strain rates has revealed an interesting anomaly. The maximum upper yield point was observed at the same temperature as the maximum ductility. This study, accomplished in cooperation with Prof. C. M. Sinclair, University of Illinois, will be continued at various strain rates to determine the activation energy of the upper yield point.

Michigan Univ., Ann Arbor.
EFFECT OF STATE OF STRESS ON THE FAILURE OF METALS AT VARIOUS TEMPERATURES. S. K. Clark. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6041; WADD, MC.

This program is aimed at a more precise interpretation and prediction of the failure in metals than is now possible. Unifying theories are needed to cover the range between brittle and ductile behavior. The biaxial loading apparatus which maintains a constant ratio of the torsion and tension strain will be used for the testing over a temperature range from -250°F to 200°F. Stress combinations in the plastic range are to be emphasised. The contract will use tubular specimens and, for comparison, thin sheet specimens of various widths material in order to correlate uniaxial and triaxial stress conditions. An evaluation of the stress redistribution in the plastic state and possible trends for reproducibility to further development of a theory will be attempted. The materials used will be a Bessemer steel AISI B1113 of a special heat treatment and a zinc alloy, Zamac 3, with a refined grain obtained by a special mold casting procedure.

EFFECT OF STIFFENERS ON FAST CRACK PROPAGATION. J. P. Romauldi. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 49(638)-237; AFSOR, DSS.

This is an analytical and experimental investigation pertaining to the mechanism of fracture in complex built up structures, with particular attention to the effect of riveted stiffeners on the propagation of the crack front. The stress field in the vicinity of a crack tip will be interpreted in terms of a generalised crack extension force, as proposed by Irwin, and general expressions for the effect of stiffeners in the crack front in terms of stiffener spacing, stiffener size, rivet spacing and geometry of stiffener will then be derived. Tests will be conducted to check the accuracy of the theoretical results and to evaluate the fracture resistance of certain aircraft-type alloys.

Michigan Univ., Ann Arbor.
EFFECT OF SURFACE TENSION OF A LIQUID METAL ENVIRONMENT ON THE FRACTURE STRENGTH OF SOLID METALS. E. E. Hucke. Project 9761(802), Contract AF 49(638)-622; AFSOR, DSS.

This research consists of two phases. In the first, the effect of liquid-solid surface energy is measured before application of stress, on the fracture strength of solid copper. The liquid-solid surface energy will be varied by adding Bi to liquid Pb. Since Pb only partially wets Cu, and since Bi can be made to completely wet Cu, it is felt that a continuous variation of wetting angle can be obtained by varying the Bi content of lead-Pb-Bi alloys.

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Copper is being used initially since the absolute grain boundary and surface energies have been previously measured. Phase two of the program will be aimed at measuring the change of wetting angle with stress, up to the fracture stress, for a given liquid-solid combination. This phase is again initially employing Pb-Cu with possible extension to other systems.

*Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, Ill. ENERGETICS OF CRACK FORMATION AND PROPAGATION, A. G. Metcalfe. Project 7024(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6148; WADD, MC.

A study will be initiated through exploratory research to determine if the genesis of fracture is governed by a thermal activation process. There appears to be a possible connection between the thermal activation processes and the formation and propagation of a crack in brittle material under stress loads, initially critical and then sub-critical.

*Carnegie Inst. of Tech., Pittsburgh, Pa. ENERGY OF CRACK FORMATION AND CRACK PROPAGATION, C. Wells. Project 7024(802), Contract AF 33(616)-5810; ARL, MCB.

The relative energies of crack formation and propagation under impact loading are being determined. A critical evaluation of the semi-statistical techniques for estimating these energies has been completed. The materials used were a variety of forging steels, heat-treated in various fashions. The impact transition behavior was determined between -321°F to 212°F. This program is now concentrating on the anisotropy of the formation and propagation energies as a function of the material anisotropies. Pure metals will be investigated next and finally single crystals.

*New York Univ., N. Y. KINETICS OF DEFORMATION AND FRACTURE, R. F. Bunshah. Project 7024(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6430; ARL, MCB.

Extremely high speed photomicrographic techniques (about 10^6 F.P.S.) will be used for a basic study of the several processes associated with fracture, and the effects of variables thereon. Included in this study are a measurement of the velocity of slip propagation parallel to the slip direction of single crystal and polycrystalline materials existing in the three common crystal structure types; a study of the kinetics and nature of crack propagation in large grained pure metals, including any variations in velocity as a function of grain orientation or at a boundary; an examination of the kinetics and nature of cleavage in single crystals as a function of temperature and microstructure; a determination of whether a crack progresses uniformly or in discrete jumps for ductile fracture; and a study of crack propagation in polycrystalline aggregates treated so that their undesirable properties are prominent, i.e., steel made temper-brittle.

*California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena. KINETICS OF DEFORMATION AND FRACTURE, M. L. Williams. Project 7024(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6270; ARL, MCB.

It has been determined that the Ellis type high speed framing camera operating at 100,000 frames per second is suitable for the study of deformation and fracture in metals. A new camera, specifically for this study, is being built. The contractor will conduct exploratory investigations of crack propagation rates in ionic crystals, pure metals and single crystals and study the kinetics of slip and other deformation processes.

*Metallurgy and Ceramic Research Branch, ARL, Dayton, Ohio. MECHANISM OF CRACK PROPAGATION IN METALS, H. A. Lipsitt. Project 7024(802), Internal.

This is a joint research effort with the Mechanics Research Branch of our Laboratory. Low cycle - high stress fatigue tests in fluctuating tension are being performed. The number of cycles required to initiate and propagate a crack to failure are determined from stop-motion photograpic records. Crack growth is shown to be a discontinuous, stepwise process consisting of bursts of growth followed by no measurable growth. The topography of the fractured surfaces correlates well with the growth curve obtained by analysing the motion pictures frame by frame. This research is being continued in an effort to learn more about the subsurface propagation kinetics.

*Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn, N. Y. MECHANISMS OF FRACTURE OF RIGID POLYMERS, R. Ullman. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6222; WADD, MC.

The program will involve stress cracking investigations on various polymers, macroscopic and microscopic investigations to study distortions and to determine the effects of varying parameters on such properties as birefringence, crystallisation and orientation. Materials studied will be characterised by molecular distribution. Attempts will be made to formulate a molecular model of the fracture process.

**Diffusion in Metallic Systems**


A small-signal transient solution is obtained for an injected pulse of holes which is applicable to semiconductors that are intrinsic or nearly so, as well as to ordinary n- and p-types. A criterion for the validity of the assumption of space-charge neutrality is discussed. An approximation to take into account the beginning of nonlinear effects for large injected pulses is also derived and discussed. The theory of conductivity pulses resulting from injected carriers in a filament is discussed, and it is shown that the apparent quantum efficiency for photocconductivity in an intrinsic semiconductor can become much larger than e/b, where b is the mobility ratio.
The three techniques are discussed for evaluating the concentration changes of radioactive tracers in a diffusion experiment: (1) assays of slices removed from the specimen; (2) measurement of the change of radioactivity at the surface; and (3) photographic means. In this experimental study, samples of optically clear periclase were prepared by splitting large single crystals along crystal planes into specimens 1 cm on a side and .5 cm high. The sides of the specimens were covered with a stripable organic coating. The radioactive metal was condensed on the crystal face. The diffusion coefficients were determined for Fe, Co, and Ni in MgO at different temperatures. The activation energy was obtained by plotting the log of the diffusion coefficient against the reciprocal of the absolute temperature.


The random walk problem examined by S. Goldstein is given an orientation convenient for comparison with well understood problems, and also for extension to the case in which diffusion is not assumed isotropic. The relationship of the several processes so considered, with the corresponding cases of continuous movements, is explored to determine the necessary modifications required in Fick's Law. The proper formulation of a complete mathematical problem is next considered, and further consequences of the use of hyperbolic equations are pointed out. General properties of solutions are discussed and the detailed analytic procedure given for giving representations of solutions in one case of interest.


APPROXIMATE METHOD FOR CALCULATIONS USING CONCENTRATION-DEPENDENT DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS. A. G. Guy and M. Golomb. AF 18(600)1463. ASTIA Document No. AD 87067.

The diffusion equation is modified to account for variations in the value of the diffusion coefficient with concentration by the use of a special coordinate system $D_D$, such that for every elementary region $dx$ there is a corresponding region $dx_0$ of such thickness that $dx_0 = D_D dx_0$. Where $D_0$ is some constant reference value of the diffusion coefficient. Illustrative calculations are given for the semi-infinite and finite solid conditions for the diffusion of Zn into Cu.


A theoretical formulation is proposed for treating the process of steady-state diffusion in substitutional solid solutions. Equations governing steady-state diffusion and the approach to the steady-state are derived. A proposed experimental arrangement for attaining steady-state diffusion of Zn through brass is illustrated and analyzed.


A research effort shall be started to study diffusion in metallic systems as follows: (a) investigate grain boundary and lateral lattice diffusion in one metallurgical system (nickel-copper) as a function of grain misalignment, temperature, and time; (b) initiate a study of solute diffusion in anisotropic crystals for one metallurgical system (silver-zinc); and (c) conduct a theoretical analysis at such times when sufficient experimental data have been obtained. The electron probe microanalyzer will be the principal instrument used during this investigation.

**Elasticity**

Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge.

**BEHAVIOR OF AEROSTRUCTURES.** E. D. Poppleton.

Project 9782(806), Contract AF 49(638)-548; AFOSR, DAS.

The purpose is to study, both analytically and experimentally, the effects of elevated temperature and resulting thermal stresses on the deformation, stiffness and frequency of vibration of various structural elements important to aircraft and missile components, namely shell-type beams, thin panels and plate-type structures. As a necessary step in the determination of flutter boundaries for tapered cylindrical shells, the influence of taper on the natural vibration modes and frequencies are being established. Since no exact solutions of this problem have been obtained, various approximate methods of approach had to be tried so that reliable conclusions may be drawn about the behavior of these shells from the sometimes diverse results of different approaches. A basic understanding of the process for membrane and plate-like shells has been obtained, and the appropriate methods of analysis have been determined. These results are now being applied to the solution of the flutter problem by incorporating the aerodynamic effects. The flutter of an extremely low aspect ratio free-free delta wing characterized by only chordwise vibratory modes has been studied on the basis both of piston theory and slender body theory aerodynamics. Progress has been made in developing the equation of energy balance for a fluttering system in the supersonic regime; and some simple applications have been made.

**Imperfections in Metals.** C. T. Tomizuka.

Project 9760(806), Contract AF 49(638)-790; AFOSR, SSL.

The specific studies shall include the following: (1) Diffusion experiments in pure noble metals will be carried out using radioactive tracer techniques under hydrostatic pressure. (2) Some diffusion experiments will be carried out not as a function of pressure but simply to obtain the activation energy to supplement item 1. (3) Internal friction (anelastic) measurements will be conducted in alpha-brass type alloys; especially the possible isotope effect will be investigated. (4) Some tracer diffusion experiments in alloys will be undertaken to supplement item 3. (5) Resistivity increase of quenched-in-wires of noble metals will be measured as a function of hydrostatic pressure in which the quenching took place.

**Role of Imperfections and Fine Structures.** M. Cohen.

Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6265; ARL, MCB.

A study will be made of the role of imperfections and fine structure produced by combinations of plastic deformation and phase transformations (particularly diffusionless reactions) on the enhancement in properties. Techniques will be used to obtain a quantitative determination of imperfections, although a moderate amount of mechanical testing shall be conducted to establish strength levels being produced. The presence of local lattice strains, subgrain particle sizes, and number of stacking faults in the material before and after deformation will be determined by X-ray diffraction. Static and dynamic (thermal) displacements of the atoms from the lattice points will be obtained by measurements of diffraction line intensities to obtain additional information on the lattice bonding. The materials studied will include Ni, Fe-C, Fe-Ni-C, Cu-Zn and Cu-Al. Gold-nickel alloys will also be included to permit the study of the effects of precipitation reactions in a continuous series of alloys.
The objective of this research is to derive analytical methods to predict the structural behavior of curved surfaces subjected to an environment that simultaneously imposes high heating rates, temperatures, loadings, and accelerations. Particular study will be made of the time-dependent effects of various parameters, and to inelastic and large deflection behavior, up to complete collapse. The theoretical studies will be supported by laboratory experimentation.

*Columbia Univ., New York
DYNAMIC BEHAVIOR OF PLATES AND SHELLS,
G. Herrman. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 49(638)-430 AFSOR, DAS.

This research is directed toward obtaining a better understanding of existing theories which govern the dynamic behavior of plates and shells. It is further directed toward developing more adequate theories for similar structural elements such that a greater range of applicability can be realized. It is presently planned to conduct a separate study of axial shear buckling of a plate. In addition, it is contemplated to pursue the study of variational principles for the analysis of thermal stresses and heat conduction in structures. Subsequent studies will deal with the systematic study of frequencies of free vibrations of cylindrical shells.

*Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park
EFFECTS OF TRIAXIAL STRESSES ON MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF METALS UNDER HIGH PRESSURE,
L. W. Hu. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 49(638)-676; AFSOR, DAS.

This research consists of an experimental and theoretical investigation of the elastic and plastic behavior of metals under triaxial stresses created by subjecting specimens to hydrostatic pressures up to 200,000 p.s.i. with superimposed loading. The immediate research objectives are to develop testing techniques for conducting triaxial stress on elastic constants, plastic behavior and fracture properties of metals. Although the triaxial state of stress is not presently well understood, it is known that prediction of the desired information predicated on linear or biaxial stress theory is not valid. The use of hydrostatic pressure with superimposed loading appears to offer considerable promise for obtaining reliable data for triaxial stress studies.

*Minnesota Univ., Minneapolis
EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL RESEARCH ON COMPOSITE STRUCTURES, C. C. Chang. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 18(603)-112; AFSOR, DAS.

This research consists of a theoretical and experimental study of the elastic characteristics of sandwich-type structures subjected to temperature gradients. Particular consideration will be given to sandwich construction with non-isotropic cores and different facing materials. Moreover, this research includes a study of the vibrational characteristics of sandwich panels with linear viscoelastic cores. An additional aspect of this study is concerned with the plastic buckling of simply supported composite panels with orthotropic cores and different face thicknesses. The theoretical phase of this program is being augmented by an experimental phase to establish the validity of the necessary simplifying assumptions used in phrasing the problems analytically.

*Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge
RANDOM VIBRATION IN AEROSTRUCTURES, S. H. Crandall. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 49(638)-564; AFSOR, DAS.

The research objectives are to study the nature of random vibrational energy and how it is affected by transmission through structures. Principal emphasis will be placed on extension of existing theory which is considered adequate for treating cases where the structural systems are completely linear and where the random vibration is stationary and ergodic. Consideration will thus be given to the problem of characterizing non-stationary random processes. The effect of nonlinear damping and nonlinear elasticity of the structure on the filtering of random vibration will also be examined.

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THEORY OF DYNAMIC EFFECTS DUE TO VIBRATIONS AND ELASTIC WAVES IN STRUCTURES, G. Handelman. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 18(600)-1566; AFSOR, DAS.

The objectives of the investigation have been re-oriented to permit studies in the applicability of the techniques of geometrical optics to elastic wave motion and diffraction problems in solids, and in the extension of methods applicable for ordinary loading to the response of composite structures subjected to random loading. An investigation of the vibration of a rotating beam with a tip mass is being continued to permit study of the second and third modes of vibration.

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ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF HIGH-PURITY BORON, W. G. Stimson. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-432; AFSOR, DSS.

The exploration of the immensity of space will call upon vehicles and propulsion systems with characteristics previously believed unattainable. All of the classes of materials which combine to make up these vehicles and their attendant systems must function reliably and durably within an atmosphere alien to that known during their terrestrial life. Cosmic radiation, aurorae, meteorite dust, operation in a near-vacuum, the questionable effects of zero-gravity, and a host of other factors in combination represent formidable barriers to long life of space materials. It may truly be said that of all the building blocks which comprise a weapon system, the materials of construction form the keystone.

The problems which confront us in the development of superior materials may best be resolved by a free discussion of ideas and information between representatives of science, industry, and the military services. It is our hope that the technical papers and the panel discussions of this symposium will provide the opportunity for such a mutual interchange.

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The purpose of this investigation is to obtain definitive information about interactions of electron spin with nuclear spins, electron spins with phonons, and nuclear spins with phonons, and to determine their effects upon the mutual interactions of electromagnetic radiations at crystal defect centers. The unpaired electrons associated with the paramagnetic ions, are like microscopic electric and magnetic probes, and as such can be used for the submicroscopic examination of crystal defects. Crystal defects have pronounced effects upon the properties of materials, such as electrical conductivity and photoconductivity. The disturbance in the distribution of electron charge and spins in the vicinity of such defects can in turn be used to gain detailed knowledge of the mechanisms and control of conduction and other similar properties in crystals.


ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATIONS IN CRYSTAL DEFECT CENTERS. C. Kikuchi. Project 9765(802), Contract AF 49(638)-875; AFOSR, DSS.

The purpose of this investigation is to obtain definitive information about interactions of electron spin with nuclear spins, electron spins with phonons, and nuclear spins with phonons, and to determine their effects upon the mutual interactions of electromagnetic radiations at crystal defect centers. The unpaired electrons associated with the paramagnetic ions, are like microscopic electric and magnetic probes, and as such can be used for the submicroscopic examination of crystal defects. Crystal defects have pronounced effects upon the properties of materials, such as electrical conductivity and photoconductivity. The disturbance in the distribution of electron charge and spins in the vicinity of such defects can in turn be used to gain detailed knowledge of the mechanisms and control of conduction and other similar properties in crystals.

*Hebrew Univ., Israel.

ELECTRON SPIN RESONANCE EXPERIMENTS ON PARAMAGNETIC IONS AND FREE RADICALS. W. Low. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 61(052)-59; AFOSR, DSS.

The purpose of this series of investigations is to obtain a better knowledge and understanding of paramagnetism in single crystals. The experiments are so designed as to yield information on: (a) level scheme of the ground state and excited states of paramagnetic ions; (b) the magnetic anisotropy; (c) the relaxation mechanisms operative in these ions; and (d) the effect of irradiation in inducing paramagnetism in crystals. In order that the experiments can yield data which are amenable to theoretical treatment, the experiments are performed on selected crystals of high symmetry, i.e. cubic or axial symmetries in which the paramagnetic ions are incorporated as substituted impurities.

*Minnesota Univ., Minneapolis.

ELECTRON-SPIN RESONANCE STUDIES OF SELECTED SOLIDS. T. M. Sanders. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-811; AFOSR, DSS.

During the course of this research studies will be carried out on: (1) Electron spin resonance and spin relaxation in germanium and other semiconductor materials; (2) Electron spin resonance studies of surfaces whose electron density may be enhanced by electrostatic charging; and (3) Nuclear polarization produced in paramagnetic materials by saturation of electron spin resonance transitions. An object of these investigations will be to determine some of the details of the electronic structure of germanium which correspond to previously observed structures in silicon. These details such as donor conduction band effects have only recently come within the range of the techniques available for study. These techniques of electron spin resonance will also be used in this investigation to provide new information about surface states of semiconductors and insulators.

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ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF NON-METALLIC CRYSTALS. R. J. Mauer. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-529; AFOSR, DSS.

Research will be conducted upon the intrinsic photoconductivity of the alkali halides for the purpose of determining the energy gap between the valence and conduction bands and other details of the energy level structure. The trapping of electrons and holes in alkali halides will be investigated with emphasis upon the details of the trapping centers as revealed by magnetic resonance techniques. Studies will be made to determine the potential value of thermoelectric power measurements on ionic crystals such as the alkali and silver halides and may be followed by measurements of thermoelectric power of pure and doped ionic crystals.

*Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Forces Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
The electronic properties of suitably prepared silver and alkali halides will be studied by means of electronic and optical measurements at temperatures down to liquid helium. The purpose of this investigation will be to obtain an understanding of such aspects of the electronic properties of the halides as trapping mechanisms, energy levels of traps, factors affecting mobility of electrons and holes, and scattering processes. The value of such research at the present time rests on the fact that these halides all have the same crystal structure, are ionic solids, and are relatively well understood. They now provide a convenient medium for a detailed elucidation of electronic properties of solids. At the present time attention is being directed toward the properties of holes in silver bromide, the magneto-resistance for photoelectrons in silver bromide, scattering in silver chloride and potassium chloride, conductivity in potassium chloride resulting from ion bombardment, and attempts to measure cyclotron resonance in silver bromide.

F CENTERS IN CRYSTALLINE SOLIDS, C. D. Mollenhauer. Project 8503(803), Internal.

An experimental and theoretical program involving the study of relaxation mechanisms and anisotropy of g-factors in single crystals of irradiated calcium carbonate has been initiated. Of interest also are any electronic nuclear spin coupling mechanisms which may exist. The existence of a three energy level scheme will be investigated. Crystals other than calcium carbonate may also be studied.

INTERACTION OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION WITH CRYSTAL LATTICES, D. J. Montgomery, W. G. Hammerle. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(368)-622; AFOSR, DSS.

This is primarily a study of lattice vibrations to be carried out through the measurement of infrared absorption and reflection. The interest in this subject has arisen from a recently renewed appreciation by solid state scientists that the factors governing atomic vibrations in solids are not well understood. Materials which are being studied to good purpose now are ionic salts containing separated isotopes such as Li$^{6}$F$^{19}$, LiH, LiD, etc.

LUMINESCENCE OF SOLIDS PRODUCED BY SURFACE RECOMBINATION OF ATOMS, H. Wise. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-353; AFOSR, DSS.

This program is a study of the conversion of the heterogeneous recombination energy of free-atoms (and other unstable species) into luminescent energy of a solid surface composed of a phosphor such as calcium oxide. Free atoms are produced by passing an electrodeless r.f. discharge through the gas being studied. These free atoms are then allowed to diffuse to the surface of the phosphor, and the resulting luminescence of the phosphor is observed as a function of time, surface temperature, physical and chemical constitution of the phosphor, identity and pressure of the gas, and power input to the discharge. The basic phosphor used in the work to date has been calcium oxide; this substance has been studied both in combination with small additions (typically 0.005 mol fraction) of sensitisers such as Bi, Sb or Mn, and without any sensitizer. Magnesium oxide is also being studied.

The following experimental results have been obtained:
1. Initial luminescence decreases with increasing temperature of the phosphor;
2. Luminescence tends to decrease with increasing time under otherwise fixed conditions, but the nature of the decrease depends on the temperature, and
3. Luminescence varies with gas pressure in a manner strongly dependent on electrical power input to the discharge.

MAGNETIC AND STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS AND SOLUTIONS, F. Keffler, C. Dean, J. Anderson. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-323; AFOSR, DSS.

The purpose of this research is to gain an understanding of the relationship between the electronic and magnetic properties of solids and their crystal structures. Specific subjects of investigation include:
1. Optical and microwave studies of F-centers in the alkali halides;
2. Studies of electron and hole collision processes in semi-conductors and properties of plasma oscillations;
3. Splitting of nuclear quadrupole spectra in single crystals;
4. Nuclear quadrupole resonance in solid solutions;
5. Nature of bonding in wurtzite structures; and
6. Electro-mechanical properties of wurtzite structures;
7. Studies of antiferromagnetic transitions; and
8. Effect of dipolar interactions.

MECHANISM OF THE PHASE TRANSITIONS IN QUARTZ, R. A. Young. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(368)-624; AFOSR, DSS.

It is proposed to make a definitive study, by x-ray means, of the mechanism of the alpha beta transition in quartz. The approach proposed involves the temperature dependence of the intensities of diffracted x-rays. These data will be used to determine the changes in the thermal vibrations and positional parameters of the individual atoms as the temperature is gradually varied through the phase transition point. Detailed electron density maps prepared from data obtained at different specimen temperatures are expected to constitute an important means of data analysis. The principal result expected is an understanding of the mechanism of the phase transition adequate for an explanation of the known behavior of other properties, such as the piezoelectric coefficients, at and in the neighborhood of the phase transition temperature.

METASTABLE STRUCTURES OF SOLID MATERIALS, P. Gibbs. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(610)-5016; ARL, MCB.

High pressures will be used as an additional physical variable in the study of the fundamental behavior of solid materials. Apparatus is being designed and constructed for conducting carefully controlled fundamental mechanical and physical tests at temperatures up to 1000°C and hydrostatic pressure up to 20,000 atmospheres. Studies will be made of creep, electrical resistivity, defect structure, chemical reactivity and many additional phenomena as a function of pressure.

Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
The investigation will proceed along the following general lines: (1) group theoretical analysis of the group of the wave vector applicable to the particular space group to which the insulating crystal belongs; (2) optical reflection and absorption interpreted in light of group theoretical selection rules; (3) observation of line spectra near the absorption edge interpreted in light of possible exciton states as predicted from the group theory; (4) magnetic optical effects, Zeeman splitting of exciton lines and the observation of the Landau levels associated with the valence and conduction bands; and (5) further magnetic measurements, such as susceptibility which offers the possibility of eliminating the ambiguities of the location within the zone of the band extrema. The group theoretical selection rules when compared with experiment are not always able to establish definitely the location of the band extrema. Susceptibility sometimes can determine the number of equivalent extrema, thus usually eliminating the ambiguity determined only from selection rules.

The absorption edge of insulating crystals at low temperatures, B. G. Wheeler. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638) - 503; AFOSR, DSS.

The optical and electrical properties of solids, D. L. Dexter. Project 9761(802), Contract AF 49(638) - 433; AFOSR, DSS.

This research may be described broadly as an experimental investigation of those phenomena, for example, photoconductivity and luminescence, associated with the electronic transfer of energy in ionic crystals. The questions of particular interest include the nature of the optical excitation processes, the mechanism of energy transfer, and the role of the simpler kinds of lattice imperfections. The experimental work will consist of such measurements as the spectral dependence of optical absorption and of excitation and quenching of photoconductivity and luminescence; temperature dependence of thermal charge release; and addition of impurities; excitation and emission spectra of fundamental luminescence; study of the role of intergrain potential barriers in the mechanism of conductivity; and a study of hole excitation in conducting crystals. These studies will be performed primarily on single crystals of the alkali halides, and such others as the silver halides and cadmium sulfide and lead sulfide.

The optical properties of atomic dispersion in inert matrices, O. Schnepf. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 61(052) - 428; AFOSR, DSS.

Dispersions of metal atoms or ions in such matrix materials as solidified gases, solid amonias, amides will be prepared and studied. The crystal field perturbation of the metal atoms and ions will be investigated by spectroscopic methods. In the case of ionized metal atoms the electronic properties of the dispersions will be examined. Such research will lead to an improved understanding of how the electron shell of a metal atom is distorted by the lattice of the solid. When the electric fields are strong enough, the shell will be broken and a metal ion and free electron may be formed. Study of the electronic and optical properties of these dispersions may lead to development of new and unusual materials not now in existence.

The optical absorption edge of insulating crystals at low temperatures, B. G. Wheeler. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638) - 503; AFOSR, DSS.

The proposed research is concerned with the study of the effect of pressure and temperature on various optical absorption bands in irradiated and additively colored alkali halides. The absorption spectrum of certain colored alkali halides will be studied at pressures up to 50,000 atmospheres using recently developed high pressure apparatus. Correlation of frequency shift, band widths, bleaching, dichroism, and the appearance of new bands with fundamental properties of the lattice will be attempted.

Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
This program has as its object the study of trapped or conduction electrons in glassy media. The use of photo-ionization methods to prepare solvated electrons opens up a much larger class of possible media in which to study the behavior of the solvated charge. Studies on the trapping of electrons in dipolar media will be useful in deepening the basic understanding of the trapping of electrons in ionic lattices (F centers) as well. The project will provide information on such matters as binding energy, adsorption spectrum, mobility, mechanism of movement, and chemical reactivity as a function of solvent composition. Moreover, quite apart from the trapped electron problem, studies of the photo-ionization process itself provides important chemical information. The primary effects of the interaction of light radiation and matter are the creation of ion-pairs (electrons and ionized molecules) and excited molecules.

General Electric Co., Schenectady, N.Y.
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF LARGE DISLOCATION FREE CRYSTALS, W. C. Dash. Project 7024(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6780; ARL, MCB.

Large dislocation-free crystals of silicon and germanium have been prepared. These crystals will be studied as a function of temperature to determine their tensile, optical and electrical properties. In addition an attempt will be made to produce similar crystals of some of the more common metals.

Illinois Univ., Urbana.
PHYSICS OF SOLIDS, F. Seitz. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-528; AFOSR, DSS.

Investigation of the properties of insulating and conducting solids, in order to obtain further information on the behavior of the electronic states of these substances, is being continued. Particular attention is devoted to the influence of imperfections in nearly perfect crystals, such imperfections consisting of phonons, excitons, free electrons and holes, dislocations, vacancies and interstitial atoms, and imperity atoms. Principal attention is placed on theoretical aspects. In particular, calculations are made of the energies and other properties associated with imperfections in crystalline solids.

Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, Md.
ROTATIONAL AND VIBRATIONAL ENERGY LEVELS OF SYSTEMS OF ATOMS, J. B. Newman. Project 4150(803), Contract AF 33(616)-6457; WADD, ETL.

The investigation of molecular crystals and dilute solutions of molecular crystals is being carried on. A literature survey of the field has been completed and theoretical and experimental work is being started. The work has been divided into three aspects: (1) the properties of molecules having internal rotors, (2) the possibilities of the existence of rotational energy levels in solids for which there are allowed transitions, and (3) the combination modes of inter- and intra-molecular vibrations in solids. Currently, work is in progress on the properties of internal rotors in molecules and on the existence of rotational states and selection rules for transitions among them. Detailed studies of the normal modes of crystal lattices of various symmetries, and of particular molecules at the lattice sites, will also be included so that at least for a given model of a molecular crystal some appraisal of possible combination modes may be made.

The principal problem to be solved in the experimental work is the production of crystals of sufficient size to make measurements. Growth of isoform, brucite and portlandite is being attempted.

Mellon Inst. of Industrial Research
SOLID STATE STUDIES ON RARE GAS SOLID SOLUTIONS, H. P. Klug. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-575; AFOSR, DSS.

Rare gas atoms most nearly of all elements approach the uncomplicated characteristics ascribed to atoms in simple theories of solids. Therefore, a study of the crystals of these rare gases, both pure and mixed, should provide valuable information about some of the basic assumptions of solid state theories. An x-ray diffraction examination to test for adherence to Vegard's law and the presence of ordering of binary mixtures is planned. At the same time, a thermodynamic investigation will provide further information on the energy of formation of crystals of these elements. A special x-ray spectrogoniometer cryostat will be constructed during the first half of this program.

Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
This is a theoretical investigation of several fundamental problems of the solid state. These problems are: (1) Electron-electron and electron-lattice interactions, involving methods for the calculation of correlation energies and specific heats of the electron gas. The phase of the general investigation also includes the relativistic theory of electron interactions and the theory of the pair distribution function. These studies are not only related to the central problems of solid state physics but may have possible application to problems of stellar structure and various plasma problems. (2) The effect of local variations in periodic lattices on the low temperature thermodynamic properties of crystals. (3) The effect of long range interactions between particles on the nature of the vibrational frequency spectrum of sodium chloride, to be studied with the aid of a high speed computer. (4) Using mathematical techniques developed in the study of the effects of localized imperfections on vibrational properties of crystal lattices, calculations of the vibrational contribution to the low temperature equation of state, compressibility and elastic constants will be carried out. (5) A quantum mechanical calculation of the interatomic force constants in monovalent metals using the techniques for studying the effects of localized perturbations on electronic energy levels developed by Kostier and Slater.

The purpose of this research is to conduct further refined studies of the surface electrical conduction, distribution of traps and the grain ’sub-structure’ of selected solids such as metals, silicon, germanium, and Al/Cu solid solutions. Specifically, the work is divided into three problem areas: (1) the fundamental process involved in F-center thermoluminescence will be studied and the role played by electron and hole radiative recombination in this phenomenon will be investigated, experiments will be carried out to determine the effects of both DC and AC external electric fields on the thermoluminescent process; (2) a study will be made of a bombardment induced disarrangement of single crystal surfaces, using transmission electron microscopy techniques, and the structure of the distorted regions of the crystal structure will be investigated; and (3) investigations will be started to determine the effects of temperature on F-center thermoluminescence.

A theoretical investigation of several fundamental problems of the solid state is being studied by theoretically examining the spin-spin, spin-phonon, phonon-phonon interactions in paramagnetic crystals. Specific topics include the following: (a) Relaxation of the spin system in solids which relax to several intermediate equilibria before finally coming to equilibrium with the lattice; (b) study of spin-spin cross saturation, making use of better perturbation techniques such as the second and third order schemes; implications of this work for line shapes and widths will be considered, and (c) Study of the effect of coherence and phase in relaxation by the quantum mechanical density matrix.

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determined by a refined method of X-ray diffractometry. Efforts are in progress to obtain precise expressions for the energy levels of the 3d ions in paramagnetic crystals, such as sapphires and rutiles. A novel type of instability phenomenon of magnetic resonance in single crystals of garnets was discovered and theoretically explained as being caused by a change of anisotropy versus temperature.

*Radio Corp. of America, Princeton, N. J.
THERMAL AND ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF SELECTED TRANSITION METAL COMPOUNDS, SEMI-CONDUCTORS AND INSULATORS, F. Rosi.
This research shall be planned and conducted with the ultimate goal of learning more of the principles causing thermoelectric behavior and of the ways these principles can be directed to the control of the thermoelectric characteristics of any material. The principles studied shall include the relative importance of phonon-phonon and phonon-impurity scattering in semiconducting alloys; the relative importance of the various electronic heat conductivity processes (normal electronic heat conduction, ambipolar conduction, and excitons); the relationship between the phonon thermal conductivity and such quantities as the Debye temperature, the coefficient of thermal expansion, and cohesive energy; the temperature dependence of thermoelectric power and the carrier mobility; and the effects of alloying on these parameters.

Fatigue

TR 56:3.
SIX TON SCHENCK FATIGUE TESTING MACHINE.
A. J. Herzog, Dr., Ing. August 1947.


TR 5775, Parts 1 and 2.

TR 52-148.
FATIGUE TESTING UNDER PROGRESSIVE LOADING - A NEW TECHNIQUE FOR TESTING MATERIALS, E. Marcel Prot; E. J. Ward, Captain, Translator. September 1952. PB 109814. Order from LC. Mi $3.90 Ph $10.80

A method of accelerated fatigue testing is described. Specimens are tested under cyclic stress increasing with time; the increase continuing until failure occurs. The failure stresses are plotted against the square root of the rate of the increase of load. It is proposed that a straight line drawn through the plotted points will intersect the ordinate of zero rate of increase at the endurance limit.

TR 52-234
INVESTIGATION OF PROT ACCELERATED FATIGUE TEST, E. J. Ward, Captain and D. C. Schwarts, Captain. November 1952. PB 122869. Order from LC. Mi $3.00 Ph $6.30

Prot (reference 1) has proposed a method of accelerated fatigue testing. The method consists of continuously increasing the stress on a test specimen until failure occurs. Specimens are tested at several rates of increasing stress. Then the failure stresses are plotted against the square root of the rate of increasing stress. Prot then proposes that a straight line drawn through the failure stresses will intersect the zero rate of increasing stress at the endurance limit.

This project has investigated the validity of Prot's proposal for SAE 4340 and also for flash welded points in SAE 4340. The method was extended in an attempt to utilize statistical analysis of the data to estimate scatter of stress at the endurance limit.

Prot's method gave an excellent estimate of the mean endurance limit and the scatter of the endurance limit of the SAE 4340 steel. However, for the flash welded points, although a fair estimate of the endurance limit was obtained, the estimate of the scatter was considered unsatisfactory.

Before Prot's method can be recommended for general use, even for steel, more extensive investigation must be conducted to confirm this preliminary study.

Univ of Minnesota. TR 53-122
REVIEW OF PREVIOUS WORK ON SHORT-TIME TESTS FOR PREDICTING FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS. Franz H. Vitovec and Benjamin J. Lazan. AF 33(038)-20840. August 1953. PB 111374.

Experimental observations relating to the fatigue process and theories of fatigue are briefly reviewed. Short-time fatigue testing methods are systematically reviewed and critically discussed. The classification of the methods is based on the relationship of fatigue properties to static properties, to stress-strain characteristics under reversed stress, and to other physical properties. Other methods discussed involve assumptions regarding the shape of the S-N curve. Also tests utilizing special loading conditions are reviewed. Advantages and applicability of the different methods are discussed.

Univ of Minnesota, TR 53-167.
THE EFFECT OF SPECIMEN SURFACE AS A DISCONTINUITY IN FATIGUE PHENOMENA. F. H. Vitovec. AF 33(038)-20840. September 1953. PB 120309. Order from LC. Mi $3.90 Ph $10.80

Experimental observations relating to the fatigue process and theories of fatigue are discussed. A picture of the mechanism of fatigue considering all experimental observations is developed. The influence of the free surface of the specimen on the strength of surface grains is discussed. Considering the effect of the free specimen surface, the influence of size of specimen, shape of cross section, and the effects of notches on fatigue strength are
explained. The effect of sharp notches in a material is shown in relationship to the propagation of fatigue cracks.

Ontario Research Foundation. TR 53-184.


Tests were conducted on SAE 4340 samples in different heat treated conditions to determine whether changes in magnetic and electrical properties at low field strengths could be correlated with fatigue damage. To indicate the changes in magnetic and electrical properties, the Cyclograph was used. This is a high frequency, non-destructive, magnetic test instrument. Some tests were also conducted to evaluate the application of the method for a short fatigue test to obtain the endurance limit.

Test equipment, specimens and procedures are described in detail. Test results are presented in the form of tables and curves. The static bend test in combination with the fatigue test seems to be the best and most convenient test of those investigated to attempt to determine fatigue damage. It is generally recognized that it is possible to determine whether a steel part has been loaded above or below the endurance limit while it is in service and that by application of low static loads in the same sense as the fatigue load it appears that the extent of fatigue damage can be approximated.


This report describes an investigation that was conducted in an attempt to develop a fatigue damage indicator which can be used in aircraft to warn of impending fatigue failure. Five different methods of indicating fatigue damage were investigated; four were subsequently abandoned as all tests on these four methods were unsuccessful. The fifth method investigated is based on Miner's theory of cumulative damage and measures fatigue damage by means of a fine aluminum alloy wire bonded to an aluminum alloy fatigue specimen. The wire is subjected to a known amount of fatigue damage before it is attached to the specimen and is therefore expected to fail in fatigue before the specimen and give warning of impending failure in the specimen. The results of tests on this method indicates that further tests might produce a workable fatigue damage indicator.

Univ. of Minnesota. TR 54-20.


The nature of resonant vibration and the accompanying amplification of fatigue stress are discussed in relationship to the damping energy absorbed by a vibrating system. The resonance amplification factor is defined as a measure of the severity of a resonant condition. The sources of damping in a vibrating system are discussed and classified according to whether they are external (structural) or internal (material). Data on the internal damping properties of a variety of structural materials are presented and the generalized behavior is discussed. In cases where internal damping is significant, the importance of both fatigue strength and damping properties of materials as joint criteria for resonant strength is demonstrated and quantitatively expressed. The analyses are made in terms of the resonant strength constant for the material (the material factor) and the volume-stress function of the part (the part factor).

Univ. of Minnesota. TR 54-64.


A brief summary of the various methods of damping analysis is presented. Data are procured on the frictional properties of mild steel in reciprocating sliding motion. The variation of the kinetic coefficient of friction as a function of normal load, lubrication, and number of cycles of motion is studied. The friction testing apparatus is considered as a vibrating system with Coulomb damping and its frequency response and damping energy are analysed.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 54-200.


The disturbance of metal surfaces causes an emanation which can be detected by either Geiger-Mueller counter (Kramer effect) or by photographic emulsions (Russell effect). It was found that the photographic action is caused by the formation of hydrogen peroxide. Various explanations of the origin of the Kramer effect have been attempted, but none of them are completely satisfactory.

Univ. of Michigan. TR 53-437.

THE INFLUENCE OF SURFACE TREATMENT ON THE FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS. Lars Thomassen, Maurice J. Sinnott and Albert W. Demmler, Jr. AF 33(616)-26. February 1954

The fatigue properties of commercially pure titanium (Ti-75A) and a titanium alloy (RC-130B), as determined by a rotating beam type of test, have been evaluated as a function of several surface conditions. A shot-peened surface improves the fatigue properties of both alloys although the effect on RC-130B is noticeable only at the higher stress levels. A ground surface on both alloys showed the poorest fatigue properties of any of the surfaces that were prepared by mechanical methods. Four other types of surfaces prepared in different ways, such as hand finishing, and electro-polishing showed some significant differences in fatigue properties but generally were quite similar. Oxidizing or nitriding the surface of both alloys markedly lowers the fatigue strength.

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Notch fatigue properties of alloys Ti-75A, RC-130B, A-110AT, and experimental all-alpha and all-beta alloys have been determined. Notch types and methods of notch
preparation have been evaluated. Rolling operations produce notches that do not adversely affect the fatigue life. Grinding of notches, either carefully controlled diamond grinding or commercial grinding, very markedly decreases the fatigue life.

Univ. of Minnesota, WADC TR 55-86, FATIGUE CRACK DETECTION METHODS. L. J. Demer, AF 33(038)-20840, January 1955.

The factors involved in fatigue crack detection are discussed and the various nondestructive and destructive methods available for the purpose are described. Emphasis is placed on the use of these in laboratory fatigue tests on machined specimens. Numerous references are given both to literature dealing with the methods themselves and to investigations in which these methods have been employed. A critical evaluation is made of the various methods and the characteristics of each are set forth.


An analysis of the failure trends of fatigue data is presented in terms of the nominal applied stresses. Fatigue failure stresses are related to the maximum tensile stresses applied to test specimens. The concepts presented are used as a means of expressing notched specimen test results as functions of unnotched specimen characteristics.

Test data for 2014-T6(4S-T6) and 2024-T4(24S-T4) aluminum alloys and SAE 4130 steel were taken from WADC TR 52-307 and NACA TN 2639 for use in this analysis. The test data available are in agreement with the concepts presented; however, additional data are required to prove the analysis.

Data for failure of notched fatigue specimens are used as the basis for the development of a method for predicting fatigue test data for notched specimens by a semigraphical method. Fatigue strengths for notched specimens can be predicted for various mean strengths from tensile test data, fatigue data for unnotched specimens, and a single SN curve for notched specimens.

The method as presented is limited to ductile materials tested with axially applied loads and is applicable for fatigue strengths determined for large numbers of cycles.


SAE 4340 steel, aircraft quality, from a single heat, at three high-hardness levels, was tested in rotating bending and statistically determined SN curves of constant probability of strength for smooth and for notched specimens were established. In addition, exploratory tests were made, by the Prot method, on the 4340 steel and, by conventional methods, on ultra-high strength 4130 steel, for the mean endurance limit. The effect of inclusions on fatigue strength was studied, not only for the above tests but also for a small lot of vacuum-melted "inclusion-free" steel. A preliminary study was made of the possibility of using ultrasonic techniques for locating and measuring inclusions, and for detecting and measuring early fatigue cracks.


Energy of vibration may be dissipated by microscopic slip on interfaces where machine elements are joined in a press fit. In this report slip damping is studied as an agent in reducing turbine blade resonant stresses and prolonging turbine life. A general theory of slip damping is developed and an expression for the energy loss per cycle of oscillation is found. The predictions of the theory are compared with the results of controlled experiments. It appears that the theory is in satisfactory agreement with experiment and with measurements made on turbine blades elsewhere in this country and abroad.

The implications of the general theory in the design of turbine blades are discussed. It appears that slip damping is capable of being an effective agent in reducing resonant stresses, especially in the "stall-flutter" condition where aerodynamic damping is inadequate. The design of a slip damping joint which would achieve theoretically possible energy decrements much larger than are present in existing commercial construction is shown to depend on the maintenance of an optimum contract pressure.


The object of this investigation is to determine the effect of randomly varying stress-amplitudes representing gust or maneuver load sequences encountered in flight on the fatigue life of AA 7075 and AA 2024 aluminum by testing small rotating beam specimens subject to random time series of stress-amplitudes derived from specific frequency distributions of stress-amplitudes. The tests were carried out on specially built random fatigue testing machines of a type recently developed in the Civil Engineering Research Laboratories of Columbia University.

Over a thousand specimens were tested. Three sets of six stress levels were used for each material with which nine different load distributions were constructed. In addition, conventional constant amplitude tests were carried out to determine the S-N diagrams. The results were statistically analysed and presented on the basis of two and three parameter extreme value distributions.

While a detailed evaluation of the test results will be presented in the second part of this report, the tentative statement can be made that according to the test results at present available, only for the least severe stress distributions within the low range of stresses does the sum of the cycle ratios itself provide a rough estimate of the cumulative damage under varying stress-amplitudes.


Current fatigue literature contains numerous references to a few recent studies in which fatigue cracks have been detected very early in the specimen life. This paper attempts to clarify such isolated observations by making a detailed review of the available experimental data in relation to crack initiation and growth in laboratory fatigue test specimens. The data are analysed considering the nature of the test material, the character of the specimen, the stress level of the test, and the manner of testing. Conclusions are reached in regard to the effect of these factors on the percentage of fracture cycles at which fatigue cracks are detected. The formula of
A. K. Head for the actual growth of fatigue cracks is reviewed and its agreement with experimental results is discussed.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 55-225.
STRENGTH, DAMPING, AND ELASTICITY OF MATERIALS UNDER INCREASING REVERSED STRESS WITH REFERENCE TO ACCELERATED FATIGUE TESTING. F. H. Vitovec, B. J. Lazan. AF 33(038)-20840. June 1955. ASTIA Document No. AD 75853. PB 132275

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The purpose of the work was to investigate the damping, stress-strain, and failure properties under uniformly increasing stress amplitude and to determine the relation of these properties to conventionally determined fatigue strength. Data are presented on SAE 1020 Steel, 24S-T4 Aluminum Alloy, SAE 4340 Steel, and RC-55 Titanium under rotating bending stress amplitudes which (a) are progressively increased during the test and (b) are held constant as in conventional fatigue tests. The Gough dynamic proportional limit method and the Lehr damping intercept under uniformly increasing stress amplitude were found to agree with the conventional fatigue strength only for certain materials and to be misleading in other cases. The failure stress at different rates of stress increase and different starting stresses was determined to evaluate the reliability of the Prot short-time fatigue testing method. For the materials tested Prot starting stress below the cyclic stress sensitivity limit (in the region where damping is unchanged by stress history) has practically no effect on the Prot failure stress. In general, the test results for the four materials indicate that the Prot method indicates the conventional fatigue strength with a reliability of 10 per cent. The use of modified Prot methods which utilize exponents other than 0.5 were not significantly better for indicating fatigue strength.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TN 55-284.

The behavior of various types of parts under resonant vibrations is reviewed considering material hysteresis as the only form of damping present. Three different criteria are introduced for comparing materials and parts for resonant operation: total damping - Dq, resonance amplification factor - Aq (Aq), and resonance exciting stress - Ss (Ss). Graphical and analytical procedures are derived for determining the unitless damping energy E and the unitless elastic strain energy \( \theta \). Both relate the effect of the shape of the part and the stress distribution to the resonant behavior of a part. The relationship of stress distribution to the shape of the damping energy curves and the resultant effect of the above criteria is discussed. The influence of the cyclic stress history on resonant behavior is also indicated.

In comparative examples the relative merits of five different types of structural materials (type 403 alloy, titanium - RC55 annealed, RC 55 cold-worked, RC130B, and glass fabric laminate) based on above criteria are discussed in connection and with application to various types of parts. Resonant fatigue curves are introduced and discussed for the same examples.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TN 55-460.

The purpose of this work was to investigate the effect of prior creep on the fatigue properties of the temperature resistant alloys, N-155, S-816, and Stellite 21.

In order to separate the effects of stress, time and temperature variables, four different types of tests have been performed: conventional axial reversed stress fatigue tests, creep tests, Prot tests with specimens aged unstressed for various times, and Prot tests with specimens which were subjected to various amounts of creep prestrain.

Increasing amounts of prior creep caused first a slight increase and then a rapid decrease of the Prot fatigue strength of N-155 and S-816. For Stellite 21, the Prot failure stress decreased continuously with increasing prestrain due to aging effects during the creep prestrain. The criterion found to most accurately predict fatigue damage was the percent creep rather than the state of creep.
superposition of cyclic stresses; however, damage may be accelerated or retarded depending upon temperature, static stress level and the frequency of the cyclic stress component.


The significance of the damping, elasticity, and fatigue properties of a material on the resonant behavior of a part is reviewed. The basic unit for expressing damping energy and a procedure for its determination are discussed. Data on damping, elasticity, and fatigue properties at room and elevated temperatures are presented for four types of materials: titanium alloys, high temperature alloys, stainless steels, and glass fabric laminate. The general behavior of these dynamic properties is summarized with regard to the significance of the more important variables. The resonant fatigue properties in form of resonant fatigue curves are determined for several characteristic types of parts by using the above materials. A comparison is made for the materials under different design criteria.


Fatigue strength values are presented for 6 standard and 4 heat-resistant resin laminates reinforced with glass fibers. Fifty-three S-N curves, representing fatigue data between 1 thousand and 10 million cycles, show the effect of fatigue strength of a notch, moisture, fabric, resins, mean stress levels, angles to warp, and temperatures up to 500°F.


This bibliography was compiled as an aid in furthering current and future research in the field of damping of materials and structures. Consisting of almost 900 entries, it is believed to be the most extensive such collection presently available. An abstract of each reference is included in all but a few cases. A detailed classification system for the Damping Field is described which differs from the ASM-SLA Metallurgical Literature Classification only in the Processes and Property Index. Directions for use of the Damping Field classification system and ASM-SLA punched filing cards in conjunction with the present bibliography are given. Punched card codings are included with each reference in the bibliography so that the entries in this report copy may be used in constructing a personal punched card filing system of the damping field for the individual user.


Vibrational stresses resulting from near-resonant operation are often encountered in current engineering practice under conditions which superimpose static mean stresses, such as, jet engine compressor and turbine blades. One method of minimizing vibration amplitude under near-resonant operating conditions is by the use of damping. Therefore, investigation of the damping properties of materials was undertaken.

New bending vibration decay equipment was developed to determine the effect of static mean stress on the damping associated with a given alternating stress. Tests were performed on SAE 1020 steel, 2024-T aluminum, 4-1 magnesium, annealed RC-55 titanium, S-816 alloy, glass laminate plastic, and 403 stainless steel. In all cases the maximum stress on the test specimens was kept below the cyclic stress sensitivity limit, below which damping is unchanged by stress history. 403 was the only material that displayed a significant change in the damping due to the superimposed static mean stress. Whereas for the other materials the change was less than 30 percent, for 403 (a magneto-mechanical alloy) the specific damping energy decreased 90 percent when the mean stress was increased from zero to 40,000 psi.


Data are presented on the effect of fatigue stress amplitude and number of cycles on the stress-strain properties of mild steel under reversed axial (tension-compression) stress. Cyclic stress near the fatigue limit is shown to have a significant effect on the stress-strain properties and secant modulus of the material. The general significance of the observed changes in modulus properties on the stress distribution in a rotating beam are discussed. An analytical method is presented for determining the actual or specific stress-strain relationship from the moment-strain data of rotating beam fatigue specimens. This method is used to calculate the specific stress-strain relationships for mild steel, and these are compared with experimentally determined axial stress-strain data. The agreement is found to be good. The actual stress distributions in rotating cantilever-beam fatigue specimens are determined from the specific stress-strain relationships. The errors associated with nominal stress based on the accepted linear stress-strain relationship are analyzed. The effects of magnitude of stress and number of stress cycles on stress distribution are discussed. Fatigue data are presented on solid and hollow rotating beams and under axial stress. These data, compared on the basis of nominal stress, show poor agreement (12 to 30%). However, if compared on the basis of specific or true stress, determined by the methods presented, the agreement is reasonably good (3 to 7%).
Steel were not affected by the direction of lapping.

Ohio State Univ. Research Foundation. WADC TR 55-648


Samples from three heats of SAE 4330, five heats of SAE 4340, and four heats of SAE 4350 aircraft quality steel were subjected to Prot-type rotating bending endurance tests. All specimens were heat treated to approximately Rockwell C 43 hardness. Separate estimates of the arithmetic average and the standard deviation of the endurance limit were determined for each heat from specimens selected parallel to the direction of mill rolling and from specimens selected perpendicular to that direction. An evaluation was made of the extent of agreement between the data obtained and a normal frequency distribution of the endurance limits of individual specimens. On the basis of normal distribution, confidence limits of 95% probability were established for each estimate of average endurance limit. The effects of various parameters on the average and on the standard deviation of specimen endurance limits were determined. These parameters included: the carbon content, anisotropy, nonmetallic inclusion count, hardness, tensile strength, type of fatigue fracture, and origin of heat. Additional endurance tests were performed to compare the results of Prot-type tests with conventional endurance tests.

WADC TR 56-296


Nine different reinforced plastic laminate materials, each made with a different laminating resin, and one alkyd-isocyanate foam core-glass fabric faced sandwich material were subjected to integrated gamma radiation dosages up to 109 roentgens. After completion of the radiation exposures, the materials were tested to determine the flexural, tensile, and compression strengths under both standard and wet conditions. The mechanical properties of the heat resistant plastic laminates were also determined at elevated temperature. Dielectric constant and loss tangent measurements were conducted on irradiated samples to determine the effect of radiation on the electrical properties of these materials.

Data obtained from these tests show that the mechanical properties were not significantly affected except for one epoxy type resin laminate. None of the materials showed any significant change in electrical properties due to radiation.


The object of the investigation is to determine the effect of randomly varying stress-amplitudes representing gust or maneuver load sequences encountered in flight on the fatigue life of 7075 and 2024 aluminum alloys by testing small rotating beam specimens subject to random time series of stress-amplitudes derived from specific frequency distributions of stress-amplitudes. The tests were carried out on specially built random fatigue testing machines of a type developed in the Civil Engineering Research Laboratories of Columbia University.

Most of the test results have been presented in Part 1 of the Technical Note. Some recent results are included in the present report. An approximate non-linear cumulative damage theory based on a thermal mechanism of fatigue supported by a purely statistical approach is developed. The theory approximates test results reasonably well for the unnotched specimens used in the investigation. Its validity, for specimens having stress concentrations, is currently being tested.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 56-127. **EFFECT OF CHANGING CYCLIC MODULUS ON BENDING FATIGUE STRENGTH.** A. A. Blatherwick, B. J. Lazan. AF 33(616)-283. October 1956. ASTIA Document No. AD 110492. PB 121816.

The implications of changing cyclic properties of a material are analyzed by means of hypothetical cyclic stress-strain curves. The effects of cross-sectional shape of specimen and of loading conditions on fatigue strength are investigated through calculations based on the assumed material behavior. Two types of material are considered, one of which has a strain-hardening characteristic, while the other becomes softer under repeated cycling. In the second phase of the work, actual materials are tested in reversed-flexure fatigue to provide experimental verification of the results obtained in the hypothetical analysis. It is concluded that the type of material is exceedingly important in determining the effect of specimen shape and type of test on fatigue strength.


WADC Technical Report 54-331 reported the fatigue characteristics of SAE 4340 steel as a guide for propeller and rotor designers. Stress levels for probabilities of 10, 50, and 90% survival under repeated loading were determined for a constant life. The knowledge, however, that 90% of a material will survive a given stress for, say, ten million cycles is not adequate for the design engineer. What he would like to know is what stress 100% of the material will survive. Therefore, the tests
The results of reversed cantilever bending fatigue tests on A-110 AT (5% Al - 2.5% Sn) titanium alloy sheet, machined by various processes, are presented. The machining processes employed were the following: Ultrasonic, slab milling, chem-milling, grinding and electrical discharge machining. The effect of shot-peening on the fatigue strength of the "as-rolled" alloy is also presented. The effects of the various machining processes, as well as that of shot-peening, are shown by comparing the fatigue strengths obtained under these conditions with the fatigue strength of the material in the "as-rolled" condition. Results of the measurements of residual surface stress in the "as-rolled" material are also presented.

Curtiss-Wright Corp. WADC TR 57-589.


Tentative values of Fatigue Strength Reduction Factors for non-metallic non-malleable inclusions in single-nucleus fractures of R. R. Moore rotating beam specimens are determined by two methods. Data for the computations are taken from tests on 309 specimens of SAE 4340 and 4350 steel, of 140, 190, 230, 260 and 300 ksi UTS. Quantitative results are shown to be somewhat near the correct order of magnitude. Qualitatively, it is concluded that the values of the factors depend upon the size of the inclusions and upon the hardness level of the steel. Also, it is thought that for small inclusions (less than 0.00025 inch) other inhomogeneities inherent in the steel itself dominate the failure of a specimen.

Columbia Univ. WADC TR 58-69 Pt I.


The object of this investigation was to determine the effects of stress-interaction, under randomly varied exponentially distributed stress amplitudes representing gust and maneuver loads on aircraft wings, on the fatigue life of smooth 2024 aluminum and SAE 4340 steel alloy specimens. On this basis a quasi-linear cumulative damage theory supported by numerous test results is developed. The lack of significance of the conventional endurance limit under random loading is demonstrated.

The tests were performed on specially built rotating bending random load fatigue machines.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 58-214.


A study was conducted on the effect of short time and creep prestrain on the fatigue properties of unnotched and notched specimens of the alloys 7075-T6 extruded, 2024-T6 extruded, 16-25-8 hot-cold-worked, and S-816 solution treated and aged. Fatigue properties were determined using a Proto-type test with a single loading rate of 0.01 psi per cycle. The unnotched and notched specimens were prestrained at test temperature and then immediately subjected to a Proto-type fatigue test at the same temperature and in the same testing machine. The test
temperature for the short time prestrain and creep prestrain respectively were 75 and 300°F for 7075-T6, 300 and 500°F for 2024-T4, 1200°F for 16-25-6, and 1500°F for S-816. Short time prestrains up to 10 percent were applied. Stresses used for the creep prestrains corresponded to those which produced rupture in 100 to 200 hours at test temperature.

The main factors influencing the Pro of failure stress were residual stresses, metallurgical reactions, and cracks produced by prestraining. Strain hardening and relaxation of residual stress appeared to be of secondary importance for the materials and range of testing variables investigated.


The problem of the longitudinal vibrations in a finite prismatic bar with a terminal viscous damper is solved. The complete boundary value problem (forced vibration with arbitrary initial conditions) is first split into two parts according to the method developed by Mindlin and Goodman. One of these parts yields the steady-state solution and the other represents the free-vibration problem, which is then solved by the method of Boussinesq.

Examples of the applications of the general solutions are given and the amount of mechanical energy dissipated through the damper is computed.


The report deals with the following aspects of the asymptotic probability function of limited smallest values that is being used for the representation and interpretation of both constant stress-amplitude and random fatigue tests and for the estimate of the minimum fatigue life:

(a) Transformation of the probability functions for large values of the scale parameter;
(b) Probability function for the relative life defined as the fatigue life divided by the characteristic value;
(c) Relation between scale parameter and minimum life;
(d) Nomograms for the rapid estimation of the parameters of the probability function.


Tensile and bend test data indicate that the three titanium sheet alloys studied in this investigation have formability, when solution treated and quenched from an intermediate temperature in the alpha-beta phase field, equal to or better than annealed materials of these same compositions. Formability is not likely to be improved by heating to moderate temperature but less power would be required for forming. Best ductility is exhibited by the alloys having the highest content of the interstitial elements. However, the interstitial elements seem to contribute to strength properties without detracting from ductility in the heat treated alloys. The solution temperature for maximum strength with satisfactory ductility is sometimes the same as that for maximum formability. Strain influences response to the subsequent aging treatment and results in properties which suggest overaging.

Short-time strength decreases with increasing temperature and, somewhat anomalously, so do ductility values. The effect of interstitial elements persists at high temperatures. The materials exhibit rather good creep resistance at 800°F with Ti; 6Al; 4V alloy having the highest strength and the Ti; 4Al complex alloy the lowest. This is the same order of strength as determined by elevated temperature tensile testing. Exposure at 800°F may produce some embrittlement in the Ti; 6Al; 4V alloys and the high interstitial Ti; 4Al complex alloy but the results are not conclusive.


Three studies of the effect of fatigue stressing on steel B. R. Moore rotating beam specimens were made:

(1) the rate of propagation of fatigue cracks,
(2) the effect, on fatigue strength, of surface hardening by shot peening and plating, by carburizing, and by nitriding, and
(3) the transverse properties of SAE 4340 steel.

An equation is proposed expressing fatigue crack length as a function of fatigue life. The increased strength produced by surface hardening is indicated and certain limitations on the use of Pro method testing are incidentally brought to light and discussed. Some decrease in transverse strength as compared with longitudinal strength is revealed and discussed for rolled and forged SAE 4340 steel.


A study was conducted on the effect of grain size, size of specimen and stress gradient on the direct stress fatigue strength of a 2.5 Al-magnesium alloy at room temperature. Specimens with three different grain sizes and seven different notch sizes were used in this investigation. The data are analyzed with regard to relationships between grain size, size of notch, relative stress gradient, stress gradient per grain, and theoretical strength of notched specimens.


The objectives of this program were:

(1) the determination of the effect of triaxial stresses on fracture in static and dynamic loading and the determination of the brittle fracture strength of metal in the absence of any preceding plastic flow. To achieve these objectives, use was made of a composite brazed specimen consisting of a thin disk of soft metal between cylinders of hard metal.
When a load is applied to the brazed bars, a triaxial stress condition is created due to the plastic restraint on the metal by the harder steel cylinder interfaces.

Although base metals of mild steel and 4340 steel, and filler metals of lead, cadmium, and silver were utilized, significant data were obtained only with the silver filler metal and 4340 base metal.

Experimental procedures and equipment were developed for producing sound and voidless brazements over a range of joint thicknesses for accurately measuring joint thickness and for determining the tensile and fatigue properties of such brazements with a minimum of scatter.

The static tensile strength of silver butt brazements in 4340 steel increases with decreasing joint thickness because of increasing triaxiality of stress, reaches a maximum at a joint thickness of $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ in., and falls to a relatively constant value of 26,000 psi at thicknesses less than $4 \times 10^{-4}$ in. The maximum strength is greater than 110,000 psi, some 7 1/2 times the strength of cast silver in uniaxial tension. The ultimate tensile strength of pure cast silver has been determined to be approximately 15,000 psi.

The fatigue life of silver-brazed butt joints in 4340 steel increases continuously with decreasing joint thickness for both fluctuating tension and completely reversed axial loading over the entire range of joint thicknesses investigated, $3 \times 10^{-4}$ in. to $1.8 \times 10^{-2}$ in. Also determined and included with these data are the fatigue properties of pure cast silver to simulate the infinitely thick joint.

Relationships between the appearance of the fracture surfaces and the mechanical properties are drawn, where possible.

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by double-Bragg reflection techniques. Theoretical studies will continue and will involve mathematical models of lattice discontinuities to represent microcracks and consideration of the dynamics of failure.

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THE MECHANISM OF THE FATIGUE LIMIT IN METALS, H. A. Lipsitt. Project 7024 (802), Internal.

The fatigue limit behavior of steel has been shown to be a direct consequence of strain aging which occurs under alternating stress. The present research employs the purest titanium and three dilute alloys containing C, N, and O, respectively. The data gathered to date indicate a marked dependence of fatigue behavior on the amount and type of interstitial element present. This research is being extended to both higher and lower temperatures to study the effects of increasing or decreasing the amount of strain aging that is allowed to occur.

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FATIGUE PHENOMENA IN ULTRA SMALL SPECIMENS USING MICROPHYSICAL TECHNIQUES, J. C. Gross-Krentz. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6383; WADD, MC.

The objective is to investigate the micro-physical changes in ultra-small specimens under cyclic loading, using the electron microscope, X-ray diffraction, and other scientific methods, for the purpose of exploring fatigue mechanism. The microphysical changes accompanying cyclic stress have been investigated in copper and aluminum samples by use of X-ray and electron microscope techniques. Small angle X-ray scattering revealed that formation of misoriented subgrains is the most pronounced structural change and that this formation is essentially completed within the first 10 percent of the fatigue life. It was further demonstrated that high temperature annealing does not remove this polygonal structure, but does promote some growth and consolidation of the subgrains. The X-ray showed no evidence of formation of voids in the volume of metal during cyclic stressing. Electron micrographs revealed the formation of deep intrusions in the surface of the copper specimens which may have served as nuclei for crack initiation. Studies were also made of the energy dissipation in the specimens during cyclic load tests. In the current program, a study of volume versus surface effects on fatigue mechanism will be conducted. In addition to this study the following effects will be studied: (1) the effect of cold working and irradiation on the freedom of movement of dislocations; (2) the role of subgrain formation and polygonisation in fatigue; and (3) the effect of temperature on the accumulation of dislocations.
The general area of the mechanism of hydrogen reaction at metallic surfaces shall be studied by using pulse techniques to investigate the types and extent of surface layers present and the effects of these on the hydrogen reactions at metal-solution interfaces. Among the factors to be considered are the effects of foreign atoms or ions, the effects of extensive solution clean up, the effects of electrode surface treatment, both anodic and cathodic conditions, and the effects of prior hydrogen penetration into the electrodes. Previous work has emphasized the noble metals, current work will emphasize Fe, Cd, Zn, Ti, Ni. Initial results on platinum have established the potential regions over which the various layers are stable, and the extent of surface coverage. The rate of formation and destruction of these layers has established that the adsorption of hydrogen or oxygen on platinum is irreversible.

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The maximum energy dissipation which can result from both viscous and dry friction damping between the longitudinal interfaces at the supports of built-in beams and plates, compared with the total material damping. This comparison shows that this type of support damping is relatively unimportant in the vibration attenuation problem for beams, but may be extremely important in the case of thin plates. An alternative method for the damping of beams, that of using sandwich construction with an energy dissipating central core, is found to provide an effective damping mechanism in the cases where support damping becomes ineffective.

This report deals with the utilization of boundary impedance in describing conditions at the extreme boundaries of a bar and its measurement by employing techniques derived from electrical transmission line theory. Important similarities and differences between mechanical and electrical transmission lines are discussed. The concepts are applied to the measurement of a reactive termination and to the development of a "complex conjugate" matching section. These concepts also present a convenient specification of boundary conditions in applications involving random vibrations and fatigue.

A study was carried out on the effect of elevated temperature creep exposure on the short-time mechanical properties of 17-7 PH stainless steel. The results were correlated with an earlier study of the TH 1050 condition of the alloy. Exposures were conducted for times of 10, 50, or 100 hours either unstressed or at stresses causing up to 2 percent creep deformation at 600°F, 800°F, or 900°F. Following the exposures, short-time tension, compression, or tension-impact tests were conducted at either room temperature or the temperature of exposure. A substantial loss in ductility was observed in the room temperature tests following the creep-exposures of the RH 950 condition. At either room temperature or 600°F, a substantial Bauschinger effect was observed in the material subjected to 600°F creep-exposure. This caused an increase in the tension yield strength and a decrease in the compression yield strength as the amount of creep was increased. The ultimate strength was also increased following creep-exposure at 600°F. Little change was found in the other mechanical properties as the result of exposure to creep.

Compared to the TH 1050 condition, the RH 950 condition was initially stronger and maintained its strength better after creep-exposure. The RH 950 condition had a greater loss in room temperature ductility following 800°F or 900°F exposure than the TH 1050 condition.

The changes in properties are believed due principally to an aging reaction caused by the continuation of the precipitation of an aluminum-nickel compound under the influence of stress and/or temperature. Plastic strain was also a factor as it produced the Bauschinger effect. Any effects due to strain hardening were minor.

Investigations were made of iron whiskers grown by reduction of iron chloride. Characteristic whisker shapes were found to be dependent on the growth conditions. Observations of the surface of the whiskers after the test revealed normal slipping on slip planes connected with low tensile strength in the case where the whiskers were grown from wet chloride. In the case where they were grown by reduction of dried chloride in hydrogen and argon, however, much higher values for the tensile strength were obtained. The strength increases with decreasing whisker diameter. On the surface of some whiskers from this series showing of surface layers could be observed giving the impression that the whisker surface has a layer or shell structure. By means of microstructure investigations the layers observed in the surface were also discovered in the whisker core. The distance between the layers was found to be constant and about 1200 to 1500 atoms thick. It may be concluded that the layers are a structural element of the whiskers grown under the conditions above mentioned.

Nickel coating of the whiskers increased the tensile strength. In the case of a 100 atoms thick nickel coating the amount of increase was about 100% compared to the strength value of the uncoated whisker. That means that surface effects are important in considering the reasons for the extremely high tensile strength of very thin whiskers.

The response of a perfectly flexible string with longitudinal deformation to random excitation is studied in some detail. The equations of motion are essentially those of Carrier (Quart. App. Math., 3, 157-165).
modulated mean square response for the "elastic" strings is discussed and it is shown that the mean square deflection is diminished from the linear case. From a study of the fourth moments, it also appears that the shape of probability distributions of the transverse displacement are altered, the response to gaussian noise being in general non-gaussian.


Theoretical analysis of the effects of internal and boundary damping on the forced vibrations of a uniform bar is carried out using perturbation techniques. A first order correction to the poles of the response function is obtained and the dependence upon frequency noted. It turns out that the real part (damping factor) will in general vary with frequency and hence mode number. In the case of internal damping it varies as approximately $n^2$ where $n$ is the mode number. In the case of a low boundary damping parameter, the damping constant varies as $n^2$ while for high boundary damping it has roughly an $n^8$ dependence. These results virtually insure that the response functions (displacement, moment, strain) for random excitation obtained using a generalized Fourier analysis will converge for Grownian motion type excitation. Relationships showing the mode shape corrections for finite boundary impedances are obtained from the perturbation theory. Several experimental studies are suggested which would contribute to our understanding of these damping mechanisms and their relative importance in studies involving random excitation of bars and plates.


The creep deformation of a rivet subjected to transverse shear depends, among other factors, upon the rivet diameter and rivet length. This influence of size means that each particular rivet configuration must be tested to obtain the transverse shear-creep deformation. A more basic approach would be to predict the transverse shear-creep of a rivet in terms of the more fundamental case of pure shear as represented by torsion. This report develops a theory for predicting the transverse shear-creep deformation of a rivet in terms of pure torsional shear-creep. The correlation of transverse shear and pure torsion shear is made based on both the torsion of a solid circular bar and the torsion of a thin-walled circular tube. From the theory developed, it is also possible to obtain the creep deflection of a rivet from the creep constants in pure shear or simple tension.


A review and study of the literature (1 to 12) shows that efforts to determine the creep of riveted joints have been confined primarily to experimental investigations on the overall creep in various types of riveted joints. Little attention has been given to the theoretical prediction of the creep deformation of a riveted joint from the basic simple tension creep strain-stress relation for the material. It is the purpose of this report to outline a procedure for theoretically predicting the creep deformation of a simple riveted joint. This procedure attempts to consider the creep of the component parts in a riveted joint.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 59-96. DAMPING ENERGY DISSIPATION AT SUPPORT INTERFACES OF SQUARE PLATES. T. J. Mentel, C. C. Fu. AF 33(616)-5426. June 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 216530. PB 151972. Order from OTS $0.75.

The energy dissipation due to viscous shear forces between support interfaces of built-in square plates is obtained for simple harmonic transverse vibration of the plates. A comparison is made with the energy dissipation due to material damping within the plates and it is shown that the interface damping mechanism can have an overriding effect for thin plates. A preliminary design curve is presented which allows rapid evaluation of structural and material parameters which will maximize interface damping.


An analysis of the damping of a cantilever beam by an added configuration involving viscoelastic interfaces is presented. The damping is obtained after first calculating the response of the system to low frequency cycling under constant sinusoidal force amplitude. Calculations are made for optimum values of damping due to viscoelastic interfaces. These optimum values are compared with calculated values of damping due to hysteresis of the structural materials of a plain cantilever beam. Results of an experimental check of the configurational damping theory are presented. The experimental data show fair agreement with the predicted values both as to order of magnitude and trends toward optimum values. The limitations of the theory and reasons for discrepancies between theory and experiment are discussed. Possible extensions and refinements of the theory are also discussed.


This report summarizes studies of high-speed impact now under way. Experimental facilities for obtaining high velocities are considered, and advantages and disadvantages associated with the various propulsion systems are discussed. A separate classified table lists capabilities of existing propulsion systems. Methods of analyzing high-speed impact data are reviewed.

Pennsylvania State Univ. WADC TR 57-756. STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN A PLATE WITH A HOLE SUBJECTED TO AN AXIAL LOAD AND CREEP. Joseph Marin. AF 33(616)-2729. June 1959.

In evaluating the creep in a riveted joint, the creep of the component parts of the joint must be considered. That is, the creep of a riveted joint is made up
INVESTIGATION OF FATIGUE PROPERTIES AT ROOM Bockamollan, Brosarps Station, Sweden.

Problems and the results are checked against those obtained on the qualitative nature of the solutions are demonstrated for discarding this description of energy dissipation during fatigue has been measured and experiments initiated on copper and aluminum samples. Procedures for approximate calculation are outlined and an example is given.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 59-141.

Steady state vibrations of a class of nonlinear discrete systems with an arbitrary number of degrees of freedom are studied. The coordinates of the system are first transformed to the principal coordinates corresponding to the linear part of the system. A perturbation scheme is used to obtain the solutions. Some special effects of the ratios of the linear natural frequencies on the qualitative nature of the solutions are demonstrated. Solutions are obtained for some specific problems and the results are checked against those obtained from an analog type computer.

Curtiss-Wright Corp. WADC TR 59-227.

High strength steels exhibiting some promise of good fatigue strength at temperatures up to about 1000°F were investigated. The tests reported herein were made at room temperature, as preliminary to later testing, under temperature, of the steels studied or modifications of the test results. Steel for (1) general structural use, (2) use for springs, (3) use for the surface of space vehicles, and (4) use for bearings were investigated. Possibilities of improved fatigue performance were indicated provided the inclusion content could be lowered and the inclusion size restricted to below half a thousandth of an inch.

Curtiss-Wright Corp. WADC TR 59-230.

This report discusses qualitatively the variables that affect the fatigue life and strength of structural metals. Although the table of contents purports to list variables separately, the text reveals the fact that many variables are themselves functions of other variables. This requires that extrapolation, from effects discussed under any set of circumstances to those that might occur under different circumstances, be done with extreme caution.

Some of the theories of the mechanism of fatigue are discussed briefly at the end of the report.

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 59-192.

The microphysical changes accompanying cyclic stress have been investigated in copper and aluminum samples by the use of X-ray and electron microscope techniques. Small angle X-ray scattering reveals that the formation of misoriented subgrains is the most pronounced structural change and this formation is essentially completed within the first 10 per cent of the fatigue life. It is further demonstrated that high temperature annealing does not remove this polygonized structure, but does promote some growth and consolidation of the subgrains. The effect of annealing on fatigue life is discussed in the light of these results.

No evidence has been found for the formation of voids in the volume of copper and aluminum during cyclic stressing. This result strongly favors the hypothesis that all cracks originate at the surface of a fatigue sample. Electron micrographs have shown the existence of deep intrusion which are possible sources of fatigue cracks on the surface of copper samples run to fatigue. Apparatus for the study of atmospheric effects on crack initiation has been built and experiments initiated on copper and aluminum samples.

Energy dissipation during fatigue has been measured and found to follow the classic stages of fatigue: initial hardening, a long quiescent period in which dissipation gradually increases, and onset of fracture. Reasons are discussed for discarding this description of fatigue in favor of a simple picture of crack initiation and crack propagation.

A comprehensive state-of-the-art survey has been made and attached as an Appendix.

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STATISTICAL EVALUATION OF DATA FROM FATIGUE AND CREEP-RUPTURE TESTS, Part I. Fundamental

Fatigue tests are classified into three types with consideration to the appropriate method of evaluating the data. Fundamental statistical concepts, general methods, and useful tools are presented.

The possibilities of estimating distribution parameters have been examined. Starting from the concept of information available in a sample, various methods of estimating the parameters of location, scale, and shape are discussed, completed by a comparison of the efficiency of various estimates. General principles of fitting curves to observations are outlined and applied to the methods of maximum likelihood, linear regression, and best linear estimators.


In an ordinary, uniaxial, elevated temperature creep test inaccuracy arises from various sources. One such source of inaccuracy is eccentricity of loading which has been reported in WADC TR 59-78. Another source, presented herein, is thermal stress considered in conjunction with its influence upon the creep rate.

In this report, the author calculates the thermal stresses induced in cylinders and plates by non-uniform surface temperatures. The relations of thermal stresses to creep are then determined for cylindrical and sheet creep specimens. These relations are expressed mathematically for sinusoidal and square wave surface temperature gradients. Numerical examples are presented and discussed.


One of the ways in which the development of destructive structural vibrations may be prevented is the use of damping and absorbing material at the boundary of the panel or stringer. Rational estimation of the benefits to be expected from such damping devices has been hindered by the absence of a suitable analytical method for predicting the dynamic response of structures with energy-absorbing boundary conditions. Under these circumstances the characteristic functions which define the mode shapes are not orthogonal and the conventional analytical tools are ineffective. The present report describes a new analytical technique which overcomes these difficulties. The case of a cantilevered beam has been used as a vehicle for conveying essential ideas but the method, of course, is not limited to beams.

The technique described for the analysis of linear structures subject to linear (velocity) damping at boundaries is an extension of the work of Bulgakov which has been paralleled independently by that of Foss. The unusual feature of this method is that the displacement and velocity are considered as two independent functions and the kinematic relation between them is not immediately imposed. Quasi-orthogonality relations which are obtained for any set of two modes permit expansion of any sufficiently smooth function in a series of eigenfunctions. This fact makes it possible to complete the solution.


Previous work dealing with the damping of flexural vibrations by application of single "damping tapes" consisting of metal foils and dissipative adhesives is summarized and extended to multiple tapes. A general analysis of damping due to N equal tapes is presented; the effect of using non-equal tapes is investigated for double tape applications. Suitable dimensionless parameters are used where possible in order to maintain generality.

It is shown that additional tapes provide a considerable increase in damping at low frequencies, but only a very small increase at high frequencies. It is found that multiple tapes and single tapes incorporating an equivalent amount of metal provide nearly the same damping, a fact which results in great design flexibility.

Experimental and theoretically predicted results are shown to be in reasonably good agreement.


A study was carried out of the effect of exposure to elevated temperature creep conditions on the short-time mechanical properties of a high-strength, heat-treatable titanium alloy: Ti-16V-2.5Al. Exposures were conducted for 10 or 100 hours either unstrained or at stresses causing up to 2 percent creep deformation at temperatures between 600°F and 900°F. The specimens were taken parallel to the sheet rolling direction.

Following the exposures, short-time tension, compression or tension-impact tests were run at room temperature or the temperature of exposure. Prior creep at 600°F raised the ultimate tensile strength and tensile yield strength considerably and the compressive yield strength and tensile elongation were substantially decreased. Exposure to temperature alone caused increases in strength indicative of an aging reaction. The changes in mechanical properties are attributed mainly to a combination of stress-accelerated age-strengthening and a Bauschinger effect. A lesser change in properties was noted for creep exposures conducted at 700°F. Peak properties from the age-strengthening reaction were noted in the unstrained exposures conducted at 800°F and overaging with a consequent drop-off in strength was obtained from the 900°F creep-exposures. Metallographic evidence tended to confirm the presence of stress-accelerated aging.


As a first phase of an investigation of the Creep Buckling of Columns and Plates, materials properties tests were conducted on the sponsor chosen test material Ti-7Al-4Mo Titanium Alloy in both "as received" annealed and test treated conditions. Bulk specimen material was heat treated according to the following schedule to obtain optimum creep performance: 1450°F-1 hr., furnace cool to 1050°F, air cool. This phase of the investigation was necessary because of the paucity of published materials
property data on this alloy, especially in compression. A new technique for the collection of compression creep data from sheet specimens was developed in which both the short time stress-strain properties prior to creep and the creep data itself are autographically recorded.

The test results include values of the modulus of elasticity and 0.2 percent yield strength in both tension and compression at room temperature, 750°F, 850°F, and 950°F. Compressive creep data were collected for a number of stress levels at 850°F and 950°F.


THE USE OF ULTRASONIC METHODS TO DETERMINE FATIGUE EFFECTS IN METALS. John Truell, Bruce Chick, Amos Picker and George Anderson. AF 33(616)-5884. November 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 226098, PB 161487. Order from OTS $0.75.

This report discusses observed changes in ultrasonic attenuation and velocity in commercially pure 1100 aluminum (Alcoa) when subjected to slow continued stress cycling (1 to 6000 cycles) and a delayed recovery phenomenon that appears when the cycling is interrupted. In addition, there is a description of an instrument to measure and record ultrasonic attenuation changes.

Univ. of California, WADC TR 59-131.

THE EFFECT OF HIGH TEMPERATURE RECOVERY ON THE CREEP OF POLYCRYSTALLINE ALUMINUM IN THE DISLOCATION CLIMB REGION OF TEMPERATURES. AF 33(616)-3860. December 1959, PB 161422. Order from OTS $1.00.

Recovery of the creep resistance of 99.99% pure aluminum was studied at temperatures of 540°F, 573°F, 600°F, and 611°F. Polycrystalline specimens crept under a stress of 950 psi to a strain of 5.5% were allowed to recover for periods of from one minute to sixteen days under a residual stress of 4.4 psi. Increased creep rates upon reaplication of the 950 psi stress evidenced softening of the material.

The activation energy for the recovery process was found to be 64,000 cal/mole. Metallographic studies of the specimens showed relief of local elastic strains by coalescence of dislocations into subgrain boundaries upon recovery, and sub-boundary migration. Indications of minor grain growth were also found. The activation energy of 64,000 cal/mole indicates that recovery of creep resistance was due primarily to the sweeping out of dislocations within the grains by the migration of sub-boundaries.

WADC TR 59-433.

RAPID LOADING OF ALUMINUM ALLOY RIVETED JOINTS. Lt. R. T. Ault. December 1959, PB 161434. Order from OTS $0.75.

Slow and rapid loading tensile shear tests were conducted at room temperature to determine the failure strength of multiple riveted lap and butt joints. Both concentric and eccentric loading conditions were used. The time to failure for the rapid loading tests ranged from 0.02 to 0.08 seconds. All failures were by rivet shear.

The results indicate that for both eccentric and concentric loading conditions, rapid loading has no significant effect on the strength of the joint.

Midwest Research Institute, WADC TR 59-561.

STUDY OF METHODS FOR NONDESTRUCTIVE MEASUREMENT OF RESIDUAL STRESS. Fred R. Rollins.
hardness and the extrudability of molybdenum and molybdenum alloys.

Columbia Univ. WADC TR 59-399, CREEP AND PLASTIC DEFORMATION IN CYLINDRICAL SHELLS, Alfred M. Freudenthal, Maciej P. Bieniek, AF 33(616)-6112, March 1960, PB 161706. Order from OTS $0.75. In the first part of this report, the problem of creep deformation and bending moments in the vicinity of a freely supported or fixed end of a long cylindrical shell is solved under conditions of stationary (second stage) creep, using an approximate method based on extremum principles of dissipative media which are valid for the assumed uni-axial and non-linear creep law
\[ \dot{\varepsilon} = K \sigma^n. \]

The results of analysis are checked by experiment.

In the second part of this report, results of tests of steel cylinders under internal pressure, producing large plastic deformation are given, illustrating the relation between problems of non-linear creep and plastic deformation.

Univ. of Minnesota. WADC TR 59-544. DAMPING OF RECTANGULAR PLATE VIBRATIONS, T. S. Lundgren, C. C. Chang, Y. C. Whang. AF 33(616)-5425, March 1960, PB 161755, Order from OTS $0.75. In Part A, an analysis is made of the effect of an impact type damping mechanism on a vibrating square plate. The force which the damping mechanism exerts on the plate is idealized as a series of impulses acting at the center of the plate. It is found that the device analyzed does not make a very effective damper.

In Part B, an analysis is made of the effect of a damping device on the vibrations of a rectangular plate. The damper considered is a free piston in a closed cylinder which is attached to the center of the plate. When the leakage through the gap between the piston and the cylinder is small, the piston is caused to oscillate on the "spring" of air in the cylinder. It is found that this device can effectively damp out the resonant mode of the plate vibration.

WADC TN 59-340, ELASTIC LIMIT BY THE RESIDUAL-STRAIN METHOD USING SR 4 AND TUCKERMAN GAGES ON ALUMINUM ALLOY, Alton W. Brisbane, R. F. Klinger, March 1960. The "elastic limit" of 7075-T6 aluminum alloy was defined in terms of SR 4 and Tuckerman gage indications through the use of residual microstrains following tensile and compressive loading and unloading. Residual strain vs. applied load relationships were developed as functions of reference stress level and material and gage history. Some qualitative theoretical and experimental explanation of residual microstrain indications were attempted.

The results indicate there is considerable interaction between SR4 gage characteristics and specimen material properties in the region of residual microstrain considered and that a better understanding of the strain indications should be obtained before they are used to explain microdeformations of metals.

Univ. of Michigan Research Institute, WADC TR 59-470. NOTCH SENSITIVITY OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE ALLOYS, Howard A. Voorhees, James W. Freeman, AF 33(616)-5775, March 1960, PB 161796. Order from OTS $1.50. Critical examination of all available results on creep-rupture of notched specimens disclosed: (1) notch strengthening for all alloys under proper conditions, (2) maximum strengthening for intermediate notch acuities, (3) two general patterns of stress-rupture time data relative to the smooth-bar curve.

Analysis of observed behavior suggests notch strengthening occurs by stress redistribution by yielding and creep, and is associated with the multi-axial stress pattern produced by the notch.

Both maximum principal stress and the shear stress invariant are hypothesized to influence rupture of notched specimens through their respective effects on crack initiation and propagation.

Research is proposed on crack development during creep-rupture in notched tension bars and in biaxial plate specimens, to verify the suggested explanation for notch behavior.
A search has been made for new solvents or solvent combinations which could satisfactorily replace carbon tetrachloride in general cleaning applications. Inhibited methylene chloride and combinations of methylenechloroform with up to 15 volume percent of Freon 112 were formulated. Freon 112 is used to reduce the evaporation rate of methylenechloroform which is slightly higher than that of carbon tetrachloride. Although the corrosion inhibition properties of the formulated mixtures cannot be considered satisfactory, the target specifications appear to have been met in respect to minimum flash point, decrease in flash point during evaporation and toxicity. The solvents are essentially equal to or better than carbon tetrachloride in respect to deleterious action on various electrical insulators, plastic laminates, and organic coatings. The recommended solvents can be economically produced in the required volume. Although the present limited production of Freon 112 and its consequent high cost may limit the proportion which can be used in the solvent combination, there is reason to anticipate materially reduced costs under volume production. Areas in which continuing development work is needed are the further refinement and proving of several possible inhibitor systems for optimum results, long term storage and stability tests under anticipated storage conditions, practical application tests, and final clearance in respect to toxicity by Air Force medical personnel.


Two reciprocating aircraft engine degreasing formulae consisting essentially of methylene chloride and aliphatic petroleum hydrocarbon, suitably inhibited, had been recommended on the basis of laboratory evaluations as being suitable for use under arctic conditions. Service tests were conducted by three operational activities of the Alaskan Air Command during the winter seasons of 1954-1955, and 1955-1956. The results of the operational usage of the two degreaser formulae and a control solvent indicate generally that either of the test formulae would be suitable for the purging at temperatures above -20°F. One of the test materials evaporates more slowly than the other but may be used as both cleaning and rinse solvent. While the second material evaporates more rapidly, a straight petroleum solvent is required to rinse the cleaning solvent from the treated surfaces. Test results are discussed and the proposed specification requirements for the recommended degreaser are presented.


The usual carbon remover formulations now in use contain chlorinated hydrocarbons, cresols, and wetting agents. As such they present a serious toxicity and waste disposal problem and are therefore unsuitable for field use where only limited facilities are available. Major Air Force overhaul depots are successfully removing engine varnish (polymerised oils) and loosening carbon deposits from reciprocating engine parts with this material. However in this laboratory, they have been found unsatisfactory for removing carbon deposits from either jet engine or reciprocating engine parts.

Two formulations, which this laboratory developed, appear to be much more effective in removing carbon deposits than the present specification compositions. Laboratory tests indicate that these two formulations are satisfactory with respect to corrosivity and toxicity, present no serious waste disposal problems, and are not expensive to manufacture.

induced by nearest neighbor interaction on the thermodynamic properties of spin systems. The orientation of metallic nuclei by saturation of the electron resonance in a magnetic field, predicted by Overhauser, has its counterpart in paramagnetic substances. In the case of metals, the essential points are: (1) one of the processes contributing to the electron relaxation is the coupling with the nucleus, which conserves the total spin vector; (2) this coupling is the predominant one in the nuclear relaxation; (3) the energy in such a process can be conserved because the states of the conduction electrons form a continuum; (4) in the saturated situation, the Pauli principle provides electron transitions with decrease of magnetic energy with a larger a priori probability than the inverse transitions.

*Massachusetts Inst, of Tech., Cambridge.

ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF MATTER.
A von Hippel. Project 4571(803), Contract Nonr 1841(10); AFOSR, DSS.

The Joint Services program at the Laboratory for Insulation Research covers broadly the field of molecular science and engineering and covers areas such as: molecular electronics; dielectric spectroscopy; excitation, conduction, and breakdown; ferroelectrics and ferromagnetics; and single crystal and ceramics research.


FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS OF FERRIMAGNETIC AND FERROELECTRIC MATERIALS.
R. V. Jones, Project 5633(803), Contract AF 19(604)-5487; ERD, ERL.

The dependence of ferrimagnetic properties on high hydrostatic pressure (up to 12000 atmospheres) due to changes in atomic spacing in the crystal lattice is being investigated. Low temperature measurements of the specific heat of magnetic systems are being made to obtain information on the energy level structures and lattice properties of these materials. New barium ferrite magnetic systems are being investigated. Characterized by high anisotropy fields, these materials have high potential for microwave applications due to the reduction in external magnet requirements. Studies of other new magnetic systems which may conceivably be both magnetic and either piezoelectric or ferroelectric are commencing. Theoretical and experimental investigations of the ultimate reversal time in ferrite core switching are also being carried on.

*Michigan Univ., Ann Arbor.

MAGNETIC AND ELECTRIC PHENOMENA IN FERRIMAGNETIC MATERIAL.
D. M. Grimes. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-779; AFOSR, DSS.

The objective of this research is to obtain a better understanding of the source of the magnetic and electric properties of ferrimagnetic materials and to determine possible means of controlling them. The approach is two-fold. First, it is necessary to understand how the solid material reacts to arrive at its final form, which involves the use and the understanding of reactions between solids. In this endeavor use will be made of the techniques of differential thermal analysis, optical and electron microscopy, X-ray analysis, density and heat-capacity determinations as appropriate. Secondly, it is necessary to understand the electric and magnetic properties of a given material. For this purpose measurements will be made of the electric and magnetic properties as a function of biasing magnetic field, the magnetization, and the temperature. The spontaneous magnetic moment and magnetic anisotropy will be measured from helium to room temperature.

*Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge.

MAGNETIC LOSS PHENOMENA IN FERRIMAGNETIC MATERIALS.
D. J. Epstein. Project 5620(802), Contract AF 19(604)-5482; ERD, EML.

Studies of the magnetic switching of polycrystalline samples of yttrium iron garnet at low temperature indicate that two distinct switching modes are present with time constants of several minutes and within the order of milliseconds respectively. Hysteresis loops were measured at liquid-nitrogen temperatures over a range of peak fields and at different frequencies. No clear cut analysis of the results of the experiments has yet been made.


MAGNETIC MATERIAL MEASUREMENTS.
W. G. Field. Project 5621(802), Internal.

A new method was developed for the determination of ferrimagnetic resonance utilizing a special pick-up loop placed in a standard waveguide, and led to the discovery of a new type thermal instability in rare earth-iron garnet materials. The measurement and evaluation of paramagnetic materials has improved due to the development of an improved electron paramagnetic resonance spectrometer. The resolution of the instrument has been increased and the data is now automatically recorded. Very small spherical samples are required for use in the ferrimagnetic resonance spectrometer. The technique for the preparation of these samples has been improved. The facilities for other magnetic and X-ray diffraction measurements have also been improved during the past year. These improvements have in general been limited to increasing the ease of operation and the accuracy of data.


MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF FINE PARTICLES OF MAGNETIC MATERIALS.
A. E. Berkowitz. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6922; ARL, MCB.

The major objective is to observe the principal features and differences in a large number of fine particles in order to develop a comprehensive method for analyzing the properties of any type of fine powder. Emphasis will be placed on providing reliable data on, and rigorous analysis of the size dependence of the magnetic properties of fine particles in the superparamagnetic single domain and multidomain size ranges. The study of particles of narrow size distribution will be stressed. X-ray diffraction measurements will be used to determine composition, structure and line broadening due to size effects. If apparatus is available, some measurements of magnetic characteristics will be made at liquid helium temperatures. Techniques will be developed for production of fine particles of additional metals, alloys, ferrites, garnets and other oxides. The general structural and magnetic properties of these materials will be investigated.

*Minnesota Univ., Minneapolis.

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IN STRONGLY COUPLED DIPOLE SYSTEMS.
A. H. Morrish. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-803; AFOSR, DSS.

Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
The purpose of this research is to investigate the magnetic properties of strongly coupled dipole systems, such as ferrimagnetic garnets by means of magnetic resonance techniques. In particular, ferrimagnetic garnets will be investigated since these materials have some unusual properties. Since the garnets are optically transparent it should be possible to perform experiments such as those involving magneto-optical resonance.

MAGNETIC AND STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES OF PRECIPITATING FERROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS. A. E. Berkowitz, Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-159; AFOSR, DSS.

The purpose of this investigation is to clarify some of the relationships between various magnetic and structural properties of systems in which ferromagnetic precipitates appear in a non-magnetic matrix. This research is concerned with the kinetics and structural features of the nucleation and growth of precipitates in these systems. This work should result in a more rigorous understanding of the magnetic behavior of systems of ferromagnetic fine particles. In particular, it will contribute to knowledge of the origins of the magnetic properties of permanent magnet alloys such as Alnico V. Since alloys such as Au-Ni, Cu-Co, Beta brass-Fe, and Au-Co are prototypes of the precipitation hardening permanent magnet materials, their study will provide insight into the mechanisms responsible for the superior properties of these systems.

*Washington Univ., Seattle.
NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RELAXATION TIMES, E. A. Uehling, Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-92; AFOSR, DSS.

Present efforts are directed toward further study of ferroelectric materials with attention being extended to potassium dihydrogen arsenate and to the study of acoustic excitation of nuclear spin transitions in ionic crystals. In this investigation it is desired to learn how acoustic standing wave energy is dissipated as waves of different frequency and as heat. There is need for an intensive study of such problems in view of our lack of understanding of heat conduction processes in solids.

*Oxford Univ., Great Britain.
PARAMAGNETIC AND FERRIMAGNETIC MATERIALS. W. P. Wolf, Project 5620(802), Contract AF 61(052)-125; ERD, EML.

Yttrium-gallium, yttrium-aluminum and yttrium-iron garnet single crystals have been prepared containing small amounts of rare earths. Preliminary resonances have been observed in single crystals of 1% and 0.1% neodymium; 1% and 0.1% dysprosium; 1% and 0.1% erbium in yttrium-gallium garnet and 0.1% erbium and 0.1% dysprosium in yttrium-aluminum garnet at the temperatures of liquid hydrogen and liquid helium. The analysis of some of the observed paramagnetic resonance spectra gives information about the energy states of the rare earth ions in the host lattices.

*St. John's Univ., Jamaica, N. Y.
THEORETICAL STUDIES OF MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS. H. A. Brown, Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-881; AFOSR, DSS.

Several features of the magnetic properties of solids will be studied from a theoretical point of view. The series expansion method of evaluating the partition function of a Heisenberg type of ferromagnet will be carried out to the sixth term. The semi-classical model of a ferromagnet has been utilized satisfactorily to calculate the effect of an applied magnet field on the transition temperature. It is proposed to investigate additional predictions of this model such as the magnetic specific heat contribution, the paramagnetic susceptibility, and its application to ferrites, etc., in order to appreciate more fully the applicability and the limitations of the model.

Mechanical Properties of Crystals

ACOUSTIC PHENOMENA IN THE STRAINING OF METALS. B. H. Schofield, Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-5640; ARL, MCB.

An investigation is being conducted to determine the origin and significance of the acoustic vibrations emitted by metals when stressed. Polycrystal and single crystal specimens of pure aluminum are loaded under very precise conditions. High amplification and high speed tape recording techniques are used to record the acoustic signals for study. The emission takes the form of a shaped spectrum with increasing stress. The results indicate the possibility that the source of the emission is related to the generation and movement of dislocations within the aluminum. However, since the emission appears to consist of two primary effects, other factors may also be operative. The study is continuing to isolate and verify these factors.

*Stanford Univ., Calif.
BEHAVIOR OF GRAIN BOUNDARIES IN ALUMINUM BICRYSTALS AT HIGH TEMPERATURE. R. A. Huggins, Project 9761(802), Contract AF 18(603)-66; AFOSR, DSS.

The purpose of this research is to study the effect of solute elements upon the kinematics of grain boundary shear in metals at high temperatures. A number of phenomena occur during the deformation of metals including the movement of individual dislocations, subgrain movement, grain boundary sliding, and boundary migration. Further, the relative magnitudes of these phenomena have been shown to depend upon several variables, including temperature and strain rate. Much of the previous work on grain boundary behavior has been done on polycrystalline materials in which boundary movements are accompanied and complicated by other deformation phenomena. For this reason, the current program is concerned with the effect of solute content on grain boundary shear in simple bicrystals, utilizing high purity aluminum and aluminum alloys.

*Midwest Research Inst., Kansas City, Mo.
BEHAVIOR OF SOLID FILM LUBRICANTS. P. Bryant, Project 7022(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6277; WADD, MC.

The mechanism of friction and wear for single crystals of graphite and for graphite filaments shall be described experimentally and examined theoretically on the basis of knowledge of single crystal structure and the bonding energies of crystals.
A number of critical experiments will be conducted which are designed to fill certain gaps in our existing knowledge of the behavior of interstitials in metals. These experiments include a determination of the possibility that hydrogen will cause strain aging in iron and its alloys, attempts to produce delayed brittle failure and static fatigue in iron alloys under the influence of carbon and/or nitrogen, a determination of the possibility that hydrogen will cause the formation of a tetragonal iron martensite, and a determination of the strain energy involved in the solution of interstitials in a defect lattice. Ultra-high purity metals of different crystal structures will be used with closely controlled interstitial contents. Later work will be concerned with the effect caused by the interaction of several interstitials (other than carbon combined with nitrogen) on the mechanical behavior of a given metal or alloy. As new scientific knowledge is obtained, theory will be developed, evaluated, modified or changed as required.

Fiscal Year 1960.

*Case Inst. of Tech., Cleveland, Ohio.
EFFECT OF INTERSTITIAL ALLOYING ELEMENTS ON THE MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF METALS. A.R. Troiano. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6419; ARL, MCB.
A number of critical experiments will be conducted which are designed to fill certain gaps in our existing knowledge of the behavior of interstitials in metals. These experiments include a determination of the possibility that hydrogen will cause strain aging in iron and its alloys, attempts to produce delayed brittle failure and static fatigue in iron alloys under the influence of carbon and/or nitrogen, a determination of the possibility that hydrogen will cause the formation of a tetragonal iron martensite, and a determination of the strain energy involved in the solution of interstitials in a defect lattice. Ultra-high purity metals of different crystal structures will be used with closely controlled interstitial contents. Later work will be concerned with the effect caused by the interaction of several interstitials (other than carbon combined with nitrogen) on the mechanical behavior of a given metal or alloy. As new scientific knowledge is obtained, theory will be developed, evaluated, modified or changed as required.

*Rias, Inc., Baltimore, Md.
EFFECT OF SURFACE FILMS ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF METALS. I. R. Kramer. Project 7023(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6220; WADD, MC.
The contractor shall investigate the influence of surface-active agents on the mechanical behavior of single crystals of aluminum, iron, and zinc to provide a basis for comparing the influence of the surface-active agents on different crystallographic systems. The contractor shall use various type films such as thin metal oxides, thin metal films, or liquid surface-active agents to study their effects on the plastic deformation of the single crystals. The methods for investigating the inelastic behavior of the single crystals shall include various strain rates, temperature and X-ray diffraction patterns after various amounts of plastic strain to determine the resolved shear stress, work hardening characteristics and transition temperatures.

*Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge.
FACTORS CONTROLLING THE PROPERTIES OF METAL-OXIDE SINTERED COMPACTS. N. J. Grant. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-5424; ARL, MCL.
Research is being conducted to determine the fundamental aspects of dispersion strengthening. The systems under study are dispersions of a hard phase in a metallic matrix, prepared by mechanical mixing or by internal oxidation techniques. Supplies of ultra fine powders have been obtained and the experimental techniques have been developed so that particle sizes and distributions obtained are within the range between those obtained by conventional chemical precipitation methods and by conventional powder metallurgy techniques. The effects of particle size and shape, and interparticle spacing have been studied using dispersion of alumina and silica in a copper matrix. An investigation is now under way to determine the relative contributions of stored energy strengthening and pure dispersion strengthening. The stored energy strengthening will be expressed by variations in mechanical property parameters as a function of amount of recrystallisation. The results obtained in this way are expected to be vastly more meaningful than the calorimetric determinations of stored energy, which are difficult to determine accurately and difficult to interpret.

*California Univ., Berkeley.
HEAT CAPACITY OF ALLOYS. R. Hultgren. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-83; AFOSR, DSS.
The objectives of this investigation are to determine the heat capacities of various alloy systems, to examine the validity of Kapp's Law of additivity of heat capacities of the components, and to correlate heat capacity data with the nature of bonding forces in metals and alloys. The heat capacity of alloys is an important field of knowledge in which comparatively little work has been done. Knowledge of heat capacities is essential if thermodynamic data, valid only at the temperature of measurement, are to be extended to other temperatures. Thermodynamic data and concepts are being applied to many important fields of study of metals and alloys. Most obviously, knowledge of stability of phases contributes to the establishment of a crystal chemistry of the metallic state. This makes possible predictions of phase diagrams and of phase changes with temperature which are most valuable in designing new alloys. The best theoretical studies of reaction rates in alloys lean heavily on thermodynamic concepts. The dislocation theory, which accounts for the most important property of all, the strength of metals, has progressed to the stage where thermodynamic data are most useful.

*Cambridge Univ., Great Britain.
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF METAL CRYSTALS, P. Hirsch. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 61(052)-98; AFOSR, DSS.
The aim of this research is the study of the mechanical properties of metal crystals containing particular distributions of dislocations. Practically no work has yet been done on the possibility of producing metal crystals with particular dislocation distributions. Recent work carried out in Cambridge on the type of dislocations present in deformed metals suggests ways in which crystals could be prepared in a form suitable for mechanical testing. Investigations will be made first on face-centered cubic metals and alloys and then on hexagonal and body-centered cubic metals. In addition similar studies will be made on specimens irradiated with neutrons and after quenching treatments. Transmission electron microscopy will be employed to study directly the dislocation distribution. These observations will be correlated with measurements on the magnitude, strain rate and temperature dependence of the flow stress. Pure metals as well as metals with controlled amounts of impurities will be studied in both the single and polycrystalline forms. The influence of dislocation distribution on the rate of work hardening of such crystals will be studied by flow stress measurements and electron microscopical observations.

*Battelle Memorial Inst., Columbus, Ohio.
MECHANISM OF STRENGTHENING HEAT TREATABLE Fe-Cr-Ni-Al ALLOYS. G.K. Manning. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6521; ARL, MCB.
The presently unknown mechanism responsible for strengthening precipitation hardenable ferrous alloys will be identified by studies of the reaction kinetics, structure and composition. Quantitative measurements of the volume fraction of the various phases present will be made.
should order be detected, the degree and type will be studied as a function of aging time. Composition surveys across relevant areas of the microstructure will be made by means of microchemical analysis and the electron probe microanalyzer. These initial studies will attempt to clearly define the strengthening mechanism in an alloy of the nominal composition of the 717-PH alloy. Once this existing mechanism is well understood, experimental alloys of high purity will be used to explore the changes occurring during hardening, their relative importance to overall properties, their sensitivity to minor composition variations, and their kinetics.

*Stanford Univ., Calif.
METALLURGICAL VARIABLES AFFECTING THE HIGH TEMPERATURE MODULUS OF ELASTICITY. O. D. Sherby. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6789; ARL, MCB.

Research of the effects of preferred orientation, magnetic state (in case of ferromagnetic alloys), and temperature on the high temperature modulus of elasticity of metals and alloys will be initiated. The Young's modulus of elasticity of metals (Mo, W, Ir, and Os) shall be measured by dynamic means at temperatures up to 1500°-2000°C. The effects of crystal structure on the modulus shall be investigated, using Zr, Ti, Ca, etc., on the initial investigation. The effects of alloying elements on the high temperature modulus shall also be studied. Creep and dislocation hardness shall be used for correlation.

*Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill.
PHASE TRANSFORMATIONS IN SOLIDS. M. E. Fine. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(616)-524; AFOSR, DSS.

Three areas of research on phase transformations in solids will be investigated: (A) the effect of introduced crystal imperfections on the kinetics of age-hardening and properties of the final age-hardened state in aluminum base alloys containing Ag, Cu, or Zn will be studied; (B) in Ni base Al and Ni base Ti alloys, the kinetics of precipitation by measuring change in Curie temperature, the nature of precipitates using X-ray diffraction, and the strength and plasticity properties of age-hardened specimens will be determined; (C) using large single crystals of gray tin grown by the Ewald-Tufte method, the motion of the transformation interface when these transform to white tin will be studied, the orientation relations between parent and produce phases will be measured, and an attempt will be made to develop a model for the transformation mechanism.

*California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF METALS AND ALLOYS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. P. Dues. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 18(600)-1541; AFOSR, DSS.

To overcome present serious difficulties in the precise determination of physical properties of metals and alloys, a high vacuum-high temperature chamber has been designed that will enable the meaningful measurement of crystal lattice parameters of such important metals as zirconium, hafnium, thorium, uranium, and rare earths, which are readily contaminated by the residual oxygen and nitrogen.

*Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park.
STUDY OF WHISKER-TIP SURFACES WITH FIELD EMISSION MICROSCOPE TECHNIQUES. E. Muller. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6397; WADC, MC.

The investigation of crystalline structure and imperfections of iron whiskers with the field emission microscope will be continued to gain insight into the mechanism of their growth and into possible correlations of their imperfections and their unusual physical (mechanical) properties. The techniques employed with the field emission microscope, which allows one to study structures on an atomic scale, are very exacting. The instrument designed for work on iron whiskers is complete. Interest will be centered on the whisker tips, but some cross-sectional areas at stations along their length will also be considered.

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TEXTURE AND INELASTIC PROPERTIES OF FACE-CENTERED CUBIC CRYSTALS BASED ON SLIPS. T. H. Lin, Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-20; AFOSR, DSS.

The research is to develop a mathematical theory to calculate the texture of the metal under tension and compression, and the stress-strain relationship under reversal of loading beyond elastic limit (Bauschinger effect). This theory is to be developed based on slips on crystallographic planes along crystal slip directions.

Radiation Effects on Metals


The results of some experiments on millimeter wave and light generation by means of an undulator are described. After a brief survey of the theoretical background, the design of a magnet system is discussed. An experiment is described in which a 100-mev electron beam from the Stanford linear accelerator passed through the undulator. Light radiated by the beam was observed and the plane of polarization determined. A small linear accelerator with good bunching action was used for an experiment on millimeter wave generation. At a beam energy of 3 mev, radiation in a wavelength band below 1.9 mm was observed. A peak power output of the order of one watt was obtained. Millimeter waves generated in the accelerator tube were also observed.


The classical radiation problem for the wave equation is reformulated in such a way that a problem for the Euler-Poisson-Darboux equation in two independent variables includes as a special case the problem of Tricomi and more recently Germain and Bader (Office National d'Etude et de Recherche Aeronautique, No. 54, 1952, and Sur le probleme de Tricomi Rendiconti del Circolo Matematico de Palermo, Series 2, v. 2; 33, 1953). The latter problem is concerned with transonic flows in which arbitrary data are given on the sonic line and prescribed to be zero on a Mach line. Precise conditions are given under which the radiation problem can be solved, and new formulas are obtained for the solution of the problem for the Tricomi equation. (ASTIA abstract)

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METALLURGY AND CERAMICS RESEARCH BRANCH, ARL, Dayton, Ohio.

EFFECT OF NEUTRON IRRADIATION ON THE STRENGTH OF ALLOY HARDENING ALLOYS. A. M. Adair, Project 7024(802). Internal.

The drastic reduction in strength of age hardening aluminum alloys, resulting from exposure to high level neutron irradiation, is not as yet fully explained. The attendant ductility loss normally associated with high levels of neutron irradiation was overshadowed by the redistribution of solid solution elements. Experiments are being conducted to determine whether this loss of properties can be explained by irradiation or whether a rise in temperature is also required. Attempts will be made to determine a temperature equivalence for neutron irradiation.

EXPERIMENTS indicate that a large number of line defects are formed by high levels of neutron irradiation.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP., Dayton, Ohio.

MAGNETIC MATERIALS. J. A. Osburn, Project 7021 (802), Contract AF 33(616)-5555; ARL, MCB.

The effects of irradiation on single crystals of magnetic materials are being studied to determine the mechanism by which their magnetic properties are altered in a radiation environment. In addition, the effects of elevated temperatures on the magnetic characteristics of commercially available magnetic alloys in silicon-iron, cobalt-iron, and aluminum-iron are being determined.

COLORADO UNIV., Boulder.

NUCLEAR RESONANCE ON AI IN SYNTHETIC RUBY. W. H. Tantilla, Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-611; AFOSR, DSS.

The primary aim of this research is to study the interaction between the Cr ion and the Al nuclei in synthetic ruby. This interaction will be studied as a function of temperature. The relaxation process of the Al should be governed at some low temperature by the relaxation of the Cr ions via their mutual interaction. By studying the temperature dependence of the relaxation time and the line width of the Al nuclear resonance below the temperature, one should be able to get information on the interaction energy and the Cr ion relaxation time. Additional information on spin conduction by the nuclear system will of course be possible to obtain. The approach will be as follows: First, the line width and quadrupole interaction energy will be studied as a function of temperature and orientation for several single crystals (not more than four) of different Cr ion concentration. These experiments will be done using continuous resonance absorption (marginal oscillator with phase sensitive detection). Following this, pulsed nuclear induction will be used to study the relaxation time as a function of temperature, crystal orientation, and Cr ion concentration. Following these experiments, it is possible that, from the results, continuous absorption experiments may be interesting on several of the samples to look at the line widths of the nuclear resonance. The samples will range in Cr ion concentration from about 1% to 5%. The pulsed experiments will be done on about 8 samples of different Cr ion concentration.

*Michigan State Univ., East Lansing.

PARAMAGNETIC RELAXATION AT VERY LOW TEMPERATURES. R. D. Spece, J. A. Cowen. Project
This research includes investigation of the following: (1) electron spin-lattice and lattice heat bath relaxation by means of low field, low frequency paramagnetic resonance; (2) color centers or other radiation induced damage; (3) nuclear relaxation as a function of paramagnetic centers; (4) interaction between relaxation times of paramagnetic impurities and nuclear spin precession times when they are of similar duration; (5) antiferromagnetic relaxation examined by a probe nucleus or paramagnetic center; and (6) use of second sound below 2,2K to conduct relaxation energy to a detector.

*Solid State Physics Research Branch, ARL, Dayton, Ohio.

PRODUCTION OF EDGE EMISSION CENTER IN CADMIUM SULFIDE BY NUCLEAR RADIATION. B. A. Kulp. Project 7112(802), Internal.

The present effort is being directed toward determining the edge emission center, the center responsible for the red continuum and the infrared quenching centers in cadmium sulfide crystals. This work is done on whiskers since they are structurally very perfect and void of many of these centers when grown. The centers are then produced by nuclear radiation bombardment. The present bombardments are being made primarily with electrons accelerated with a Cockroft-Walton generator. Determinations of the displacement energy for both sulfur and cadmium are being made and the cross sections for both reactions will be determined. Similar measurements will then be made on zinc sulfide, and other materials of interest to our internal effort. The center for edge emission is either a sulfur vacancy or a sulfur interstitial. The threshold for displacement of a sulfur atom from a lattice position has been measured to be about 9.8 ev., corresponding to 130 KeV electrons. Work is continuing on the effects of bombardment at both lower and higher energies.

*General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

RADIATION DAMAGE THRESHOLDS OF THE ELEMENTS. R. M. Walker. Project 5620(802), Contract AF 19(604)-5557; ERD, EML.

A study is being made of the radiation damage thresholds of various metals. Highly purified samples of copper, aluminum, zinc, tin, iron and nickel have been prepared and some irradiated. Onset of radiation damage is determined at liquid helium temperatures by resistivity. Annealing curves have been measured and damage production rate data are being measured. These data when analyzed will be compared to the low temperature neutron irradiation data. Radiation damage on cold worked and annealed metal samples is being studied.

*Battelle Memorial Inst., Columbus, Ohio.

RADIATION EFFECTS RESEARCH ON SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS. R. F. Willardson. Project 7112(802), Contract AF 33(616)-3747; ARL, SSB.

Radiation damage studies are conducted primarily on compound semiconductors such as GaAs, InSb, rather than monatomic materials, with particular emphasis being placed on determining the mechanism of the effects in these materials. Fast neutrons from a reactor are used for producing the effects. Annealing studies are made to assist in establishing a model to explain the radiation effects.

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INTERMETALLIC COMPOUNDS. C. W. Spencer. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-480; AFOSR, DSS.

The semiconducting intermetallic compounds Bi$_2$Te$_3$ and Bi$_2$Se$_3$ are of interest from a theoretical standpoint because they offer an opportunity to study the interrelationship between crystal lattice defects and the electrical properties of semiconductors. It has been found that the electrical properties of Bi$_2$Te$_3$ crystals are markedly influenced by the rate at which they were grown and annealed just below the melting point. Also, it has been difficult to obtain material containing less than 10$^{19}$ current carriers per cm$^3$. Crystalline imperfections are probably in large part responsible for the unusual properties and characteristics observed. Research so far has been concerned with the growth of high quality crystals of Bi$_2$Se$_3$. Material containing 10$^{18}$ current carriers per cm$^3$ has so far been obtained. The nature of the reaction between the molten material and its environment has also been studied using a mass spectrometer to identify the molecular species produced. Finally, the effect of selenium vapor upon the electronic properties of the crystals is being examined.

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EFFECT OF CRYSTALLINE IMPERFECTIONS UPON THE ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF SEMICONDUCTING MATERIALS. C. M. Schwartz. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-441; AFOSR, DSS.

This is an investigation of the electronic properties of electrets. From a systematic study of the effects of high pressure and temperature on such series of oxides covering an extensive range of valence, thermodinamic stability, crystal structure, and energy gap, new knowledge of unusual characteristics and properties of solid state materials may direct further development of materials, devices, and equipment that can withstand extreme conditions of temperature and pressure.

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EFFECTS OF VERY HIGH PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE ON SEMI-CONDUCTIVITY AND INSULATING MATERIALS. C. M. Schwartz. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-441; AFOSR, DSS.
**Chicago Univ., Ill.**

**ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF GERMANIUM SEMICONDUCTORS AT HELIUM TEMPERATURES.** H. Fritsche. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-802; AFSOR, DSS.

The object of this research is to elucidate the structure and the interaction of impurity centers in some of the semiconducting materials. Germanium will be investigated first, because the methods for its preparation and the theory of its properties are most highly developed. Controlled compensation and high compressional and tensile shear stresses will be used in the study of semiconduction at low temperatures as the novel features of this research. Although piezoresistance has been repeatedly used in the past to determine whether a semiconductor is of the multivalley type or not, the yield of quantitative information has been rather limited. The extension of the piezoresistance studies to higher stresses and to lower temperatures promises to yield previously unobtainable information about the deformation potentials and the structure and degeneracies of impurity states and important results concerning the conduction phenomena at low temperatures.

**California Univ., Berkeley.**

**ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE OF SEMICONDUCTOR AND METAL CRYSTALS.** A. F. Kip. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-600; AFSOR, DSS.

The principal object of the research under this contract is to determine the energy band and impurity level structure of solids, with particular emphasis on semiconductors. It is planned to exploit further the newly developed techniques for studying cyclotron resonance in metals and to extend the method to new metals and new semiconducting crystals. Such studies will add new detail to our knowledge of conduction processes. Low temperature studies will be extended of solids to higher microwave frequencies and to infrared wavelength regions which have been neglected so far.

**Wisconsin Univ., Madison.**

**ENERGY LEVELS IN SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS THROUGH CYCLOTRON RESONANCE (Ca5/ZnS).** R. Dexter. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6111; ARL, SSB.

Professor Dexter is utilizing microwave conductivity and cyclotron resonance techniques to obtain the band structure parameters in cadmium sulfide and zinc sulfide. The high degree of perfection of the whiskers and platelets grown by L. C. Green working in the in-house program of the Aeronautical Research Laboratory under this task have made these measurements possible.

**General Electric Co., Schenectady, N.Y.**

**FIELD ENHANCED DIFFUSION PROCESSES IN SEMICONDUCTORS.** E. Pell. Project 5621(802), Contract AF 19(604)-5551; ERD, EML.

The work to be performed under this contract will include an investigation and study of the diffusion of such atoms as lithium, copper, gold and silver through semiconductor crystals. The stabilization of such fast-diffusing elements will be sought by addition of a compatible second element. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding and exploiting the motion imparted to some diffusion atoms by the application of an electronic field. This offers possibilities for making sharp, contoured electrical p-n junctions.

**Illinois Univ., Urbana.**

**METALLIC PROPERTIES OF TITANATE SEMICONDUCTORS.** E. K. Weise. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-212; AFSOR, DSS.

The objective of this research is to investigate the properties of highly reduced titanates, especially those of the second group of the periodic table, namely: magnesium titanate, pseudo brookite structure; calcium titanate, perovskite structure; strontium titanate, perovskite structure; and barium titanate, several structures. The experimental phases of the research will include: (1) a determination of Ti^4+ ions which act as electron sources; (2) a determination of the X-ray structure of the samples; (3) measurements of the electron conductivity as a function of both composition and temperature; (4) measurements of the magnetic susceptibility as a function of temperature, and, where possible, the magnetic anisotropy of single crystals; and (5) measurements of the specific heat, heat conductivity, and thermolectric effects as a function of composition and temperature.

**Minnesota Univ., Minneapolis.**

**MICROWAVE STUDIES OF SEMICONDUCTOR CRYSTALS.** K. S. Champlin. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-747; AFSOR, DSS.

Microwave energy will be used in this research for two different purposes. First, a low energy electromagnetic wave will be used as a 'probe' to measure the free carrier concentration in the sample. Second, high energy microwaves will be used to 'heat' or energize the carriers and to create new carriers through impact ionization. Experiments involving energy transfer mechanisms, carrier transport, and recombination processes will be performed utilizing the above methods. In addition these techniques will be employed to measure the "hot" (energized) electron effects by completely electrodeless techniques. It is believed that electrodeless microwave measurements will prove superior to more familiar "ohmic" contact methods in experiments demanding a high degree of precision involving the following: (1) the study of the absolute properties of materials such as the III-V compound semiconductors; (2) experiments where surface ambients must be carefully controlled, such as in the study of recombinations and trapping processes; (3) experiments requiring precise knowledge of the geometry and boundary conditions, such as in the study of transport processes; and (4) studies at low temperatures and high current densities where "ohmic" contacts show anomalous behavior, as for example the study of "hot" electrons.

**Clevite Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.**

**NEW HIGH TEMPERATURE SEMI-CONDUCTING MATERIALS.** L. Shiozawa. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6865; ARL, SSB.

Research will be performed on methods of preparing materials of optimum purity. These high purity materials will be used to prepare single crystals of binary compounds and single crystals of solid solutions of mixed compounds. Optical and electric techniques will be used to study the fundamental properties of these materials. Studies will be made to determine whether phenomena occurring in binary compounds also occur in solid solutions of these compounds with related compounds. For example, the photovoltaic effect in cadmium sulfide has been observed. How is this modified when solid solutions of cadmium sulfide and cadmium selenide are formed? Quantitative spectroscopic analysis will be performed on samples of cadmium sulfide, zinc sulfide and solid solutions of these compounds.

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This is a study of non-stoichiometric compounds, specifically the tungsten bronzes. New materials such as copper, lead, and silver tungsten bronzes, and possibly vanadium bronzes, are being synthesized. Measurements of infrared absorption, thermal coefficient of conductivity, and Hall coefficient are being carried out to determine the electronic structure of these materials. These materials appear to be semi-metallic in character in that their electrical conductivity drops with an increase in temperature - the reverse of semiconductor behavior and of many other non-stoichiometric materials which have been studied. Such research has a good chance of leading to the discovery of new materials which are temperature insensitive semiconductors having high resistance to radiation damage. They also are chemically inert and may turn out to be of interest for thermoelectric power applications.

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This investigation is concerned with a review of current research on organic semiconductors, a theoretical study of electron donors and acceptors, and the experimental study of addition compounds and polymers which may be conducted by coupled oxidation-reduction processes. Pairs of compounds forming addition compounds are being studied. Aromatic molecules with halogen atoms, nitroaromatics, and quinones. The polymer, polytributylin methacrylate with addition of iodine molecules is being examined.

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The present research is directed toward achievement of a basic understanding of the electronic properties of diamonds through study of natural type Iib and attempts to synthesize this type from ordinary diamonds. The following research is being performed: (1) Determination of rectification at the junction of various metals with the diamond and comparison with theoretical rectification equations; (2) Study of the absorption spectrum of the diamond; (3) Study of the phosphorescent and thermoluminescent properties of diamond; (4) Measurement of Hall effect as a function of temperature to determine activation energy of the carriers; (5) Measurement of photoconductivity and comparison with activation energy; (6) Determination, if possible, of carrier drift mobility; (7) Study of photovoltaic effect and carrier lifetime.

The physical properties of "semi-metal" compounds, such as antimony selenide, arsenic selenide and antimony telluride, are being investigated. These compounds may exist in either glassy or crystalline states and are interesting for study as semiconductors, photoconductors, infrared transmitters and filters, and thermoelectric elements. In addition to such applications, it is important to understand the nature of atomic and molecular bonding present in these compounds as a contribution to general solid state theory. One of the discoveries of this program is a field-induced switching cycle in stibnite, Sb$_2$S$_3$, containing excess antimony. That is, the resistance may be switched repeatedly between $10^4$ and $10^{10}$ ohms. This semiconductor resistivity phenomenon has not previously been observed. Another part of this research is a study of solidification properties of some semiconducting materials which give vitreous as well as crystalline solids. This binary approach to the study of the same material gives promise of an understanding of the relationship between electronic properties and chemical bonds present.

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to attempt to relate the observed dielectric losses to the internal structure and changes in internal structure of these materials; and to attempt to show that for non-conducting materials dielectric loss measurements yield the same information as do mechanical loss measurements.

*Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill. DIELECTRIC AND PIEZOELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF SINGLE CRYSTALS OF CdS and ZnS. R. Frericks. Project T021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-5625; ARL, SSB. This contract supports experimental investigations of the dielectric and piezoelectric phenomena in cadmium sulfide and zinc sulfide and in mixed zinc-cadmium sulfide crystals.

*National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. ELECTROLUMINESCENCE AND THERMOELECTRICITY. C. G. Harman. Project 5621(802), Contract CSO and A 58-41; ERD, EML. Research and development is being performed on methods of measuring the unique properties of electroluminescent and thermoelectric materials. Also included is an analysis of the band structure and an investigation of minority carrier lifetime in silicon carbide. The latter measurement being made through use of the electroluminescent properties in the case of silicon carbide.

*Paris Univ., France ENERGY TRANSPORT PHENOMENA IN CADMIUM SULFIDE CRYSTALS. M. Balkonski. Project 7116(801), Contract AF 61(052)-110; ARL, SSB. The fundamental transport mechanisms in cadmium sulfide are being investigated in this effort. This involves an understanding of the energy level schemes in cadmium sulfide. Theoretical calculations of the band structure of cadmium sulfide have been made. The theory has been verified in part by optical experiments. Apparatus for measuring cyclotron resonance has been constructed. This will help in experimentally determining the band structure. Measurements of photoconductivity are being used in an effort to determine whether energy is transported by exciton diffusion.

*Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind. OXIDATION AND STOICHIOMETRY OF PRASEODYMIUM AND CERIUM OXIDES. A. F. Clifford. Project 9760 (802), Contract AF 19(603)-45; AFSOR, DSS. This research is concerned with: (1) a careful correlation between the thermoelectric power and the stoichiometry of praseodymium and cerium oxides; (2) determination of magnetic susceptibility of these oxides as a function of composition to obtain information concerning the electronic properties in non-stoichiometric crystals; (3) determination of dielectric loss in the above compounds to complement studies (1) and (2); and (4) a study of the solid state kinetics by which some of the rare earth nitrates convert to rare earth oxides upon heating.

*Harshaw Chemical Co., Cleveland, Ohio. PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS. F. Shirland. Project 7116 (801), Contract AF 33(616)-6548; ARL, SSB. This contract is aimed at high efficiency cells by use of graded functions and multi-gap materials. Preliminary tests have been made on some combination cadmium sulfide-zinc telluride and cadmium sulfide-zinc selenide cells. Open circuit voltage as high as 0.7 V have been observed. However, the efficiencies have been low due to the high resistance of the material. Attempts will be made to produce high efficiency cells by use of graded functions and multi-functions of different materials.

*Wayne Univ., Detroit, Mich. PHOTOVOLTAIC EFFECT IN COPPER OXIDE. D. Trivich. Project 9761(802), Contract AF 18(600)-481; AFSOR, DSS. This project has the objective of investigating means of preparing front-wall cuprous oxide cells and of studying the properties of such cells. To this end the properties of cuprous oxide itself and the effect of impurities, of impurities, and of surface states will be studied.

*New York Univ., N. Y. PHOTOVOLTAIC EFFECTS. H. Kallman. Project 692(750), Contract AF 19(604)-5495; GRD, PL. Research is being conducted on the large photovoltages reported for crystals and evaporated layers of the zinc-group VI type. Work is also being performed on the growth, purification and characterization of organic crystals.

*Stanford Research Inst., Menlo Park, Calif. SOLID STATE ELECTROLYTES. W. J. Fredericks. Project 5620(802), Contract AF 19(604)-7231; ERD, EML. A study will be made of all phenomena in solids which involve interactions between chemical imperfections and between chemical and physical imperfections to which the concept of solid state electrolytes can be applied. An over-all program will be undertaken to provide new data pertaining to ion-pairing reactions and their chemical and electrochemical consequences; to the interactions of imperfections to form donor and/or acceptor complexes and their stability and chemical identity; and to the kinetics and mechanism of solute precipitation. The method for study will include electronic and ionic conductivity, diffusion, electrolysis, optical absorption spectroscopy, magnetic susceptibility, luminescence emission, and photoconductivity. These data will be interpreted through application of the principles of solid state electrolytic theory.

*Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, Ill. SOLID STATE PHENOMENA IN THIN FILMS FOR COMPOSITE MOLECULAR ELECTRONIC MATERIALS. F. Schlossberger. Project 4150(803), Contract AF 33 (616)-6445; WADD, ETL. Thin films of electronic materials are being deposited by pyrolytic, vacuum evaporation and electrochemical methods and their electronic properties evaluated. These films include both inorganic and organic polymers incorporating such elements as silicon, boron, aluminum, phosphorus, sulfur, carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, and nitrogen. Research is also being initiated on the formation of single-crystal films by the photochemical process.

*Electronic Tech. Lab., WADD, Dayton, Ohio. SOLID STATE PHYSICS STUDY OF THIN FILMS. C. R. Barnes. Project 4150(802), Internal. New techniques for depositing thin films of electronic materials are being developed and evaluated.

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The methods of deposition being employed include pyrolysis, vacuum evaporation, sputtering and electrochemical formation. Emphasis is being placed upon those techniques which will deposit highly oriented single crystal films on substrates whose crystallographic structure has been previously selected to match that of the film under study. Particular attention will be given to the possibility of the formation of new compounds, for example, evidence has been shown to support the formation of a new compound, silicon phosphide, by high temperature pyrolysis. Efforts to deposit single crystal film compounds of the III-V Groups and of the IV Groups will be included. Interfacial effects of forming superimposed single crystal films will be investigated. Careful correlation between contractually produced films and internally produced films may lead to new concepts concerning the mechanisms of multiple thin film combinations.

*Revere, Althea, Vineyard Haven, Mass. SOLID STATE RESEARCH AND PROPERTIES OF MATERIAL. A. Revere. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6604; WADD, MC.

The research on detailed replication techniques of surfaces and cross sectional planes of whiskers, thin films, and etch pits with the electron microscope will be continued. This may involve the adaptation of well known techniques or the development of new ones for the special problems arising with whiskers, etc. Emphasis will be on studies of the replication of voids, all surface imperfections, and screw or layer-type growth at the tips of whiskers grown under a variety of conditions. Whiskers of varying cross sectional shape will be sectioned and investigated at intervals along their length. The investigation will include the study of replication techniques for the study of tips of whiskers and cross sections close to the nucleation point.

*Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge. THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH IN THERMOELECTRICITY. D. C. White. Project 5621(802), Contract AF 19(604)-4153; ERD, EML.

This research is to conduct theoretical and experimental research in thermoelectricity which will lead to an accumulation of basic solid state knowledge which can then be drawn upon to scientifically select and prepare thermoelectric materials for specific application.

*New York Univ., N. Y. THERMOELECTRIC MATERIALS FOR USE IN THERMOELECTRIC GENERATORS. I. Cadoff. Project 6692 (750), Contract AF 19(604)-3902; GRD, FL.

Electrical properties and thermal conductivities of alloys and semiconductors are being investigated to determine their applicability as thermoelectric materials.


This effort includes an investigation of basic theory and experiments on thermoelectric phenomena. Preliminary measurements have been made on single crystal bismuth telluride, and improved equipment has been constructed for precision measurements of thermoelectric properties. These measurements are to be extended to low temperatures, and the effects of magnetic fields on transport properties are to be investigated.

*New York Univ., N. Y. THERMOELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF INTERMETALLIC COMPOUNDS OF HIGH MEAN ATOMIC WEIGHT. I. Cadoff. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-3883; ARL, MCB.

The resistivity, thermoelectric power and Hall coefficient are being studied as a function of temperature. The energy gap and the electron and hole mobilities are also being measured. The data is being analysed to obtain information about the intrinsic properties of the intermetallic compounds under investigation (barium telluride and lead telluride at present) and about the ionisation energies of the impurities. The temperature range used is that between the melting point of the alloy and the boiling point of liquid air. The nature of the fall-off of the thermoelectric power with composition on both sides of the stoichiometric composition is being studied. Single crystals of these and other compounds will be used for these measurements if suitable ones can be produced.

*Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park. UTILIZATION OF SOLID STATE PHYSICAL PHENOMENA. C. Volz. Project 4150(803), Contract AF 33(616)-6029; WADD, ETL.

The current objectives are: (1) to continue the survey of conventional electronic circuits to determine what basic circuit operations exist; (2) to analyze the above electronic circuit functions and formulate workable mathematical expressions to describe them; (3) to categorize the specific operations into groups based upon similarities of the mathematical operations being performed and present this data in the form of a "handbook" of electronic circuit operations; (4) to continue research on mathematical techniques leading toward a systematic procedure of synthesizing molecular circuits; (5) to attempt to envision some specific, representative molecular electronic circuits and make some detailed calculations on the required material parameters, fabrication techniques, and possible performance to be expected; and (6) to construct models of these molecular circuits for experimental analysis of their characteristics.

*Georgia Inst. of Tech., Atlanta. VACUUM EVAPORATED AND CATHODE SPUTTERED THIN FILMS. R. B. Belser. Project 4150(803), Contract AF 33(616)-6379; WADD, ETL.

The objective of the task is to perform basic research on the properties of thin metal or semiconductor films deposited by vacuum evaporation or cathode sputtering. Feasibility studies on the growth of single crystal films or highly oriented films shall be made. Methods of producing single crystal films during the deposition of the films shall be investigated as well as methods of inducing crystal growth by the recrystallization of films subsequent to deposition. Epitaxial growth on prepared single crystal planes used as substrates shall be studied. Methods similar to zone-melting and zone-refining methods shall be devised to induce recrystallization. Studying the parameters involved in the formation of thin films which possess superior electrical and mechanical properties is another objective. Finally the alloying of refractory metal films deposited by sputtering and of alloys of films of metal Group III/V shall be studied under this task.

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Equations of visco-elastic conical to temperature changes will be derived, elastic conical shells of arbitrary cross section subject to shallow conical shells with arbitrary temperature distribution. These are to be extended to be studied. Reflections from are elastic and visco-elastic thermal stresses in shallow conical shells and in triangular plates (Delta wings). Previous results of the investigator concern elastic thermal stresses in circular conical shells and in triangular plates. Theoretical accomplishments. Of particular interest are from aerodynamic heating. An analytical method will be developed for the simulation of aerodynamic heating. This facility is capable of supplying high rates of heat input, in the order of $1000 \text{ BTU/sq. ft.}/\text{sec.}$, to small samples. An automatic temperature-time programming controller has been ordered.

The scope of this effort is a program of basic research to catalog and investigate all solid state phenomena which might be utilized for the performance of electronic circuit operations in composite molecular electronic circuits and systems. The current objectives are: (1) to provide a comprehensive, annotated bibliography of the literature pertinent to composite molecular circuits; (2) to extend the survey of solid state, physical phenomena which might be utilized for the performance of electronic circuit operations; and (3) to perform a theoretical analysis and classification of these phenomena in various solid state materials based on energy band structure and the nature of the chemical bonding. This analysis will serve, furthermore, to focus attention on the possibilities of yet undiscovered phenomena in new materials.

Thermal Stresses

Stanford Univ., Calif.

AERODYNAMIC HEATING OF AEROSTRUCTURES. N. J. Hoff. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 49(638)-223; AFOSR, DMS.

The work presently being conducted in the study of creep phenomena is directed toward explaining the phenomena of primary and secondary creep and includes consideration of creep recovery. Analytical techniques are being developed which show promise of ultimately explaining these phenomena in a more precise (and tractable) form than currently available. In the area of buckling of structural elements, detailed and rigorous mathematical theories for the calculation of the thermal buckling of shell type structures are being developed. The present work is limited to consideration of circular cylindrical shells and thin solid wedge-shaped wing sections. Consideration will be given to the thermal buckling of circular cones and spheres. In the area of heating equipment and testing techniques, the work is being directed toward establishing advanced structural test techniques to support theoretical accomplishments. Of particular interest are the techniques to study the onset of edge buckling of solid wedge-shaped wing sections.

Technische Hochschule, Vienna, Austria.

AERODYNAMIC HEATING AND THERMAL STUDIES IN AIRCRAFT STRUCTURE. H. Parkus. Project 9783(806), Contract AF 61(052)-214; AFOSR, DMS.

This research concerns the mathematical theory of thermal stresses in aircraft structures due to aerodynamic heating. The particular problems to be studied are elastic and visco-elastic thermal stresses in shallow conical shells and in triangular plates (Delta wings). Previous results of the investigator concern elastic thermal stresses in circular conical shells under axially symmetric temperature distribution. These are to be extended to shallow conical shells with arbitrary temperature distribution and of visco-elastic behavior. The equations of elastic conical shells of arbitrary cross section subject to temperature changes will be derived, as well as the equations of visco-elastic conical shells of arbitrary cross section using the "Maxwell body" model. The study of conical shells of zero curvature, i.e., triangular plate, will also be included.

*Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
The research objective is to extend the original area of interest to include establishing the influence of preliminary local buckling on the failure of a column by Euler buckling. Moreover, the effect of temperature on column stability will also be investigated.

*Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn, N. Y.
PLATES AND SHELLS UNDER EXTERNAL LOADING AND ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. J. Kempner. Project 9782(802), Contract AF 49(638)-302; AFSOR, DAS.

The principal purpose of this research program is to develop methods of analysis for stresses in and deformations of structural components of aircraft and missiles which are subjected to external loads and elevated temperatures. More specifically, the objective is to determine fundamental relations appropriate for the accurate analysis of plates, shells and bars subjected to the mechanical and thermal environments produced during high-speed flight, and to apply these relations to specific problems of basic interest. In the solution of such problems, new methods of analysis e.g., refinements in numerical methods, are also being sought. A considerable part of this work includes the determination of techniques for investigation of the heat-conduction problems which must be solved before stresses and deformations can be determined. In view of the fact that material properties are seriously influenced by high temperatures, studies of the effects of variable thermal and mechanical properties as well as the influence of plasticity and creep are included in the overall program.

*Florida Univ., Gainesville.
RESPONSE OF STRUCTURES TO RANDOM NOISE. W. A. Nash. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 49(638)-328; AFSOR, DAS.
The purpose of this investigation is to study theoretically the response of structural elements, curved panels in particular, when there is random acoustic excitation, atmospheric turbulence, and other sources of "noise" in addition to the normal aerodynamic loading. Several treatments of the response of certain structural elements to random loads are to be found in the literature. These studies are based upon the techniques of generalized harmonic analysis. Unfortunately, the pressure cross-correlations employed in the existing work are not entirely realistic. The present study will replace the unrealistic cross-correlations with a more realistic one corresponding to the situation existing in random acoustic excitation, atmospheric turbulence, and many other phenomena of interest in aeronautical design. The study also takes account of boundary conditions other than those already treated and even more important would treated, analytically, the response of curved panels to random noise. Also, the study treats, analytically, the effect of reinforcements on structural components subject to random noise and investigates the optimization of such reinforcement. Lastly, the investigation provides basic information concerning the characteristics of certain sound fields. This information is necessary to evaluate the reality of existing analyses. A small-scale experimental study of the statistical properties of the acoustic field near a siren or air jet is being made. It is expected that more detailed jet noise spectra than currently available will be obtained.

*Technische Hochschule, Hanover, Germany.
STABILITY AND ULTIMATE STRENGTH OF THIN WALLED COLUMNS. A. Pfluger. Project 9782(806), Contract AF 61(052)-365; AFSOR, DAS.

Transitions & Dislocation Arrangement

*General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.
BEHAVIOR OF NEARLY PERFECT CRYSTALS. P. D. Gorsuch. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6181; ARL, MCB.

A theoretical and experimental investigation is to be made of the dislocation structure of metal whiskers. The beginning studies shall be made on iron whiskers. The density and distribution of dislocations in "as-grown" whiskers shall be determined and correlated with the size and orientation of the whiskers. Etching techniques shall be developed which are capable of producing etch pits at the intersection of dislocation lines with the surfaces. Work

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shall be done to establish the importance of dislocation introduced during growth upon the multiplication of dislocations and formation of glide bands under applied stress. Mechanical tests shall be made to establish the stress levels at which dislocations nucleate, grow and multiply in the whisker. X-ray studies shall be made as needed to determine the orientation of the individual whiskers and to reveal individual dislocations (Berg-Barrett technique).


DEPENDENCE OF BRITTLE-DUCTILE TRANSITION ON DISLOCATION ARRANGEMENT AND ITS INTERACTION WITH IMPURITY ATOMS. M. F. Connersford. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6454; WADD, MC.

Study of the dependence of the brittle-ductile transition on dislocation arrangement and its interaction with impurity atoms conducted on single crystals of vacuum, melted, zone refined, high purity iron. Measurements of dislocation array utilizing etch-pit and X-ray techniques. Resistivity measurements during tension tests shall be made to detect the first appearance of microcracks.

*Johns Hopkins Univ. Baltimore, Md.

DESLIP IN ALUMINUM SINGLE AND BICRYSTALLINE SPECIMENS. R. B. Pond. Project 9761(802), Contract AF 49(638)-509; AFOSR, DSS.

Techniques have been previously developed for investigating the plastic behavior of metals during deformation by utilizing optical interferometric principles. These techniques dramatically illustrate the velocities of propagation of dislocations as a function of strain rate and crystal orientation in high purity metal crystals. The current experiments are intended to determine the role that time could play in the deslipping of a crystal. It seems probable that reversing the stress field imposed on single crystals during the time interval before strain hardening may set in would require deslip as the easiest mode of deformation. Since the interferometric cine-micrographic techniques lend themselves to an investigation of this type, these experiments are being used to determine accurately whether or not there is any directional hardening developed on the active slip band of the single crystal or whether there is a delay in developing such hardening. This investigation will supply some of the much needed information to support and further the dislocation theories of plastic deformation of metals.


DISLOCATION AND PLASTIC BEHAVIOR OF IRON SINGLE CRYSTALS. F. Fopiano. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6448; WADD, MC.

It is the purpose of this research program to determine the vector geometry of dislocations in iron single crystals and to study the effect of this variable on observed plastic and strength properties. To date single bi and tri crystals of high purity iron have been grown and the quantitative specification of substructural parameters in the as-grown crystals by etch-pit and X-ray techniques have been initiated.


DISLOCATION AND SURFACE ENERGY EFFECTS ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS. R. A. Covert. Project 7023(802), Contract AF 33(616)-7091; WADD, MC.

The study of the formation and evaluation of composite materials, composed of alternate layers of extreme thinness of different metals, will be continued. The foils so formed may offer a material of greater strength since advantage may be taken of the combined dislocation and surface energy effects. Layer-thicknesses of $10^{-6}$ and $10^{-7}$ cm, theoretically represent a range in which interfacial surface energies of the order of magnitude of the elastic volume energy could develop and in which dislocations could be prevented from moving in the normal manner, respectively. The foils, constituted of silver and chromium and built up to a total thickness of several millimeters, currently are formed by the simultaneous vapor phase deposition of the two metals on a rotating copper disk. A foil of silver and iron will also be investigated. Perfection of the foil-fabricating techniques will permit specimens of composite materials, in the form of flat tensile strips, to be thoroughly examined in order to determine the mechanical and physical behavior pattern. The parameters of interest (from the experimental stress-strain curves) are Young's modulus, yield stress, the ultimate tensile strength, and the corresponding strains.


DISLOCATIONS IN METALS BY TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY. H. G. F. Wilsdorf. Project 7024(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6996; ARL, MCB.

A basic study of the motions and interactions of dislocations under unidirectional and reversed stress is being made using transmission electron microscopy techniques. Both tensile and fatigue specimens will be examined before and after deformation for dislocation movement and groups, patterns, cross-slip, vacancy production, and interactions of these with themselves or the parent structure. These studies will encompass a wide range of stresses, strains, and strain rates and are directed toward increasing our general understanding of the mechanisms of deformation under altering stress.

*General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

DISPERSE HARDENING IN ALLOY SYSTEMS. R. W. Guard. Project 7021(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6406; ARL, MCB.

A systematic study of dispersion hardening in two phase alloy systems will be conducted in order to determine the effects of dispersed particles on the deformation behavior and mechanical properties of metals and alloys. Etch-pit techniques combined with high resolution electron microscopy and reflection X-ray microscopy techniques will be used in an effort to make direct observations of the interactions of dislocations with dispersed particles. The temperature dependence of particle hardening in the range of $-195^\circ$C to $300^\circ$C will be investigated by means of the Stokes-Cottrell technique, strain hardening measurements, and by observations of slip-particle interactions as a function of temperature.

*Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, Ill.

EFFECT OF A DISPERSE PHASE ON THE DUCTILE-BRITTLE TRANSITION OF BODY CENTERED CUBIC METALS. R. H. Read. Project 7024(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6006; ARL, MCB.

The effect of a disperse phase on the ductile-brittle transition temperature of body centered cubic metals will be determined. A further theoretical treatment of the
The following types of experiments are being carried on over wide temperature ranges: (1) the measurement of the ordinary and extraordinary Hall effects; (2) the measurement of resistivities and magnetoconductivity; (3) the measurement of magnetic susceptibilities; and (4) the measurement of thermoelectric powers. Metals being studied include high-purity copper, ordered and disordered nickel-manganese alloys, nickel containing palladium, and pseudonickel.

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The purpose of the investigation of single dislocations in body-centered cubic metals, through the measurement of physical parameters of diffusionless phase changes in metals. The objectives are to account for the density of electron states in these materials and to determine the possible effects of various interstitial solutes on such factors as the deformation peaks in Fe and the normal interstitial peaks in other body centered cubic metals.

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cubic transition metals as a class in an effort to better describe and predict their mechanical behavior; and (2) an attempt to quantitatively describe these transition metals in terms of current theory of imperfections in crystals. Investigations will be conducted of (a) dislocation networks in metallic single crystals, (b) generation of motion of dislocations under applied stress, (c) mechanical properties of metallic single crystals in terms of the observed networks of dislocations.

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Adhesives


Bloomingdale Rubber Company. TR 52-156. IMPROVED STRUCTURAL ADHESIVES FOR BONDING METALS. H. C. Engel. AF 33(038)-21669. December 1952. PB 126 55. LC Mi $3.00, Ph $6.30.

Work under USAF Contract No. AF 33(138)-21669 has been directed toward the development of an improved structural adhesive for bonding metals. An adhesive designated as PA-101, developed and tested under this contract, meets most of the research objectives and so far as is now known conforms to the requirements of Specification 14164. The PA-101 formulation has been evaluated as a two-part, liquid adhesive.

Shell Development Company. TR 53-126. ELEVATED TEMPERATURE-RESISTANT MODIFIED EPOXIDE RESIN ADHESIVES FOR METALS. M. Naps. AF 33(600)-6514. September 1953. A metal-to-metal-adhesive which is useful at temperatures up to 500°F has been developed. The adhesive, designated as Formulation No. 422, is a one-package system composed of EPOX 1001 resin, a liquid phenolic resin, Plyphen 5023, and dicyandiamide as the curing agent. Aluminum dust is used as the reinforcing filler. The adhesive is cured at contact pressure and at elevated temperature (300°F). Bonds to aluminum from adhesive Formulation No. 422 have a shear strength of 1100 psi at room temperature and 1400 psi at 500°F. After 200 hours aging at 500°F adhesive shear strength is mediocre (ca 200 psi). Bond strength is, however, 1000 psi after approximately 70 hours aging at 500°F. Aging the adhesive bonds for 200 hours at 400°F reduces the shear strength (at 400°F) from 1750 psi to 1340 psi. Cycling the adhesive bonds between room temperature and elevated temperatures (up to 500°F) for fifty times has had no apparent effect upon the bond strength.

Adhesive Formulation No. 422 is used as a pliable tape, preferably supported on a glass fabric carrier. The adhesive must be stored under refrigeration; storage life at 40°F is about one month. Systematic variation of the concentration of the components of the adhesive led to the development of the following formula (parts by wt): 33 EPON 1001 + 67 Plyphen 5023 + 100 aluminum dust + 6 dicyandiamide. Higher EPON 1001 resin content decreased hot strength; higher phenolic content increased brittleness and decreased thermal resistance upon aging. Either lower amounts of filler or curing without dicyandiamide reduced adhesive shear strength, especially at room temperature

The conclusions summarized above represent the status of the work at this writing, but since the work is continuing, these conclusions are only tentative. The adhesive 422 is considered an experimental product, and further work is indicated before the adhesive becomes a commercial product.


A theoretical study of electrical characteristics of metal-to-metal adhesive bonded joints, with emphasis toward developing a satisfactory non-destructive test to determine quality of the bond, is presented.

To supplement the theoretical study, three types of experimental tests were conducted on adhesive bonded joints fabricated under close laboratory control. These tests were:

1. sonic - employing a "sonison," a commercial type instrument.
2. capacitance - using an impedance bridge at 100 kilocycles.
3. d. c. resistance - using a standard ohmmeter.

The results indicate that more extensive research on electrical characteristics of adhesive bonded joints must be conducted to establish definite correlation to bond quality.

The work described herein has been directed toward the development of a room-temperature low-pressure curing metal-to-metal adhesive suitable for the fabrication and field repair of certain airframe structural parts where the use of heating and pressurizing equipment would be impracticable or impossible. An adhesive designated as P-262A, consisting basically of methacrylic acid and methyl methacrylate, has been developed which meets most of the research objectives and possesses properties comparable to those required by Military Specifications MIL-A-8331 (USAF). Its development, formulation, processing, and properties are presented. Further improvement lies basically in the lengthening of pot life and open time load strength at the increased rates of loading.

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Sheel Development Company. WADC TR 53-126.

A metal-to-metal adhesive which is useful at temperatures from -70°F to 500°F has been developed. The adhesive, designated as Formulation 422, is one package system based on a combination of one part of a solid poly-epoxide, EPON 1001, and two parts of a liquid phenolic resin, Plyophen 5023. The resins are co-cured with dicyandiamide at contact pressure and at elevated temperature (330°F). Aluminum dust is the reinforcing filler and a small amount of a copper-chelate compound of 8-quinolinolate or diethylene-triamine is used to improve the thermal stability of the adhesive.

Bonds to aluminum from Formulation 422 have a shear strength retention of about 75% at 500°F; tensile shear strength is 2150-2500 psi at room temperature and 1645 to 1850 psi at 500°F. This shear strength is about 1000 psi after aging the unstressed bond for 70 to 90 hours at 500°F and 600 to 800 psi after 200 hours. The long time load strength at 500°F is about 800 psi. Shear strength retention at 500°F after cycling the unstressed bond between room temperature and 500°F is approximately 65% after 100 cycles.

Adhesive Formulation 422 is used as a pliable tape preferably with a glass fabric carrier. The storage life of the film is three to five weeks at room temperature and eight to twelve months under refrigeration (30°F to 40°F).

The adhesive is compounded by a bolt melt process. Limited studies of a solvent process indicated that this technique may be more adaptable to large-scale work, but offers no improvement in the room temperature storage stability and bond performance of the adhesive.

Formulation studies included evaluation of a large number of phenolic resins, reinforcing fillers, and heat stabilizers as well as a few curing agents other than dicyandiamide. Maximum adhesive strength was obtained, however, with the adhesive components given above. Two phenolic resins, Lebec 102210 and Conolon 1007, may be substituted for the Plyophen 5023 with some sacrifice (about 10 to 20%) in shear strength. Asbestos is the most promising reinforcing filler, other than aluminum powder. No other adequate curing agent for the adhesive was found,

Connecticut Hard Rubber Company. WADC TR 54-98.

This report describes work on the investigation and development of structural adhesives from silicon materials for high temperature service conditions such as are encountered in certain aircraft operations. The results of lap-shear tests on aluminum-to-aluminum specimens bonded with a large number of silicone resins, rubbers, copolymers, and experimentally compounded mixtures are reported. The data presented shows that adhesives with considerable strength can be obtained and that the target objectives, although not yet reached, are not beyond the realm of possibility. It was found that shear strengths averaging over 2000 psi at 70°F, 700 to 900 psi at 300°F, and 400 psi at 500°F, can be obtained with unmodified resins.

Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation. WADC TR 53-477.

Preliminary studies have been made on the preparation of aluminum, stainless steel, and magnesium surfaces for adhesive bonding. The lap joint shear test at room temperature was used as the criterion. Tests on samples exposed to 95% relative humidity for 14 days and salt spray for 30 days are also included. A Dillon Universal Tester, as modified to provide motorization, pacing, and improved grips, is detailed. Bloomington FM-47 adhesive was used as the screening adhesive; other adhesives evaluated were Scotchwel No. 585 Tape, Shell EPON VIII adhesive, and Metlbond MN 3C tape. Eight other adhesives were examined, making a choice of screening adhesive. Approximately twenty different etchants were tried for stainless steel; a surface treatment is recommended as giving bond strengths substantially the same as those produced on aluminum using a modified Forest Products Laboratory surface treatment. In preliminary work on magnesium surfaces, eighteen etchant formulations were examined. Surface treatments AD and AE show mean shear strengths in excess of 2300 psi at room temperature without zinc chromate lacquer primer. A method for distinguishing between adhesive and cohesive failure is described.

WADC TR 54-153.

The effect of various rates of loading on the shear strengths of several metal-to-metal adhesives is presented. The loading rate ranged up to values as high as 10⁸ psi per minute.

The shear strength for the more rigid adhesive types, vinylphenolic and epoxide, remained fairly constant at the increased rates of loading.

The shear strength of the less rigid types of adhesive, designated as P-262A, consisting basically of methacrylic acid and methyl methacrylate, has been developed which meets most of the research objectives and possesses properties comparable to those required by Military Specifications MIL-A-8331 (USAF). Its development, formulation, processing, and properties are presented. Further improvement lies basically in the lengthening of pot life and open time load strength at the increased rates of loading.
adhesives, nitrile rubber-phenolic and nylon-neoprene rubber-phenolic, increased appreciably with increases in loading rate and at the highest rate (0.002 second to failure) the strengths were more than doubled, the maximum increase being about 230 percent.

Strengthwise, the more rigid adhesives had higher values when stressed statically (600-700 psi per minute) than did the less rigid types. As a group, these values averaged 4110 psi and 2960 psi respectively.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 54-447.


Lap-joint panels of clad 245-T3 aluminum bonded with 5 metal-bonding adhesives were exposed to weathering at the Panama Canal Zone; Fairbanks, Alaska; Miami, Fla.; State College, N. M.; and Madison, Wis., with panels being removed for testing after 3 months and 1 year of exposure. Panels were exposed when stressed in bending and in the unstressed condition. Test panels were also exposed to several laboratory-controlled exposure conditions in addition to the weathering exposure.

The exterior exposure of panels for 1 year at the Panama Canal Zone has caused an appreciable deterioration in the quality of bonds with 2 of the 5 adhesives, and these same 2 adhesives have also shown some deterioration during 1 year of exposure at Miami, Fla. There was no deterioration in the bonds exposed for 1 year at the other exposure sites.

The adhesives showing deterioration were of the phenolic-neoprene-nylon and epoxy-resin types, with the deterioration of the phenolic-neoprene-nylon being the more drastic. The phenolic-neoprene-nylon bonds were deteriorated in both the stressed and unstressed condition while the epoxy-resin bonds were not seriously affected, except in the stressed condition.

Laboratory tests consisting of continuous exposure at 120°F and 97 percent relative humidity or a cyclic exposure involving the same temperature and humidity provided results that showed good correlation with the results obtained after exterior exposure in the Panama Canal Zone.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc.

WADC TR 53-294 (Sup 1).

DEVELOPMENT OF ROOM TEMPERATURE CURING STRUCTURAL ADHESIVES FOR METALS. Risto P. Lappala. AF 33(616)-165. April 1955. PB 111764a.

$1.25.

A previous investigation on room temperature curing metal-to-metal adhesives (WADC TR 53-294) resulted in the development of an acrylic adhesive which met the specified requirements except for its short pot life and open assembly time. This report describes a supplemental investigation which was made in an attempt to improve these properties.

A large number of formulations were prepared using acrylic monomers and carbonyl acids which had not been investigated previously. The best adhesive, on the basis of shear strength screening tests of aluminum-to-aluminum bonds, contained MPL monomer, methacrylic acid, Acryloid B-82, and glass fibers sized with vinyl trimethoxysilane. This adhesive did not completely fulfill the requirements, but used alone or preferably in combination with the less rigid adhesive of the previous investigation, it allowed 1/2 hour or more of open assembly time. The pot life could be adjusted by varying the proportions of catalysts.

A two-part formulation prepared late in the program was the only adhesive to meet the low temperature shear strength requirement. Time did not permit full evaluation of this formulation.

The Connecticut Hard Rubber Company.

WADC TR 54-98. Part 2.


An epoxy modified silicone resin composition for use as a metal-to-metal adhesive has been developed which displays shear strength values slightly in excess of the target requirement of 1000 psi at 500°F, and shear strength values at room temperature of about 1100 psi. The highest shear strength value obtained at 500°F in an evaluation of seventy-seven commercial silicone and organo-modified silicone resins was 560 psi. A commercial organo-modified silicone resin exhibited much higher shear strength at room temperature (average, 2300 psi), but a low shear strength at 500°F (average, less than 100 psi).

Experimental silicone resins were prepared which displayed shear strength values appreciably higher than those of the best commercial silicone resins. The best high-temperature shear strength values were found in resins having an R/Si ratio from 1.10 to 1.30 and a methyl content from 30 to 60 percent.

Epoxy-modified silicone resins were the most promising of almost one hundred modifications prepared with epoxy, alkyd, phenolic, and polyamine resins. Silicone-isocyanate copolymers, while not yet practical, showed interesting results. The Karl Fischer reagent was found useful for the determination of silanol groups in silicone resins.

Asbestos X and titanium dioxide fillers reinforced the silicone and organo-modified silicone resins to some extent. Glass fabric was of little or no value as a reinforcement.

The Connecticut Hard Rubber Company.

WADC TR 55-289.

ROOM TEMPERATURE VULCANIZING SILICONE ADHESIVE. Aldo J. DeFrancisco. AF 33(616)-2542. January 1956. PB 121 209$1.75.

All commercially available adhesives recommended for bonding silicone rubber to aluminum and to itself without the use of heat and pressure have been evaluated. Dow Corning A-4000, a two-component adhesive, fulfilled nearly all target requirements. Two catalysts, Dow Corning XY-22 and XY-27, were tested with A-4000; of the two, XY-27 is recommended. It is suggested that the 24-hour peel strength requirement be lowered from ten pounds per inch to eight pounds per inch, which would enable the A-4000:XY-27 combination to meet all the specifications of the contract.

A study of other room-temperature-curing systems with various modified silicones is reported. With the use of several curing systems which were developed during the course of the work, materials were prepared for bonding silicone rubber to aluminum and to itself. Poor bonds were obtained to aluminum. Good bonds were obtained to silicone rubber with the use of a cement compounded from Linde Y-1170, a hydrogenmethyl silicone fluid.

A literature survey of silicone adhesives and room-temperature curing systems is also included in this report.

Shell Development Company. WADC TR 53-126.

ELEVATED TEMPERATURE RESISTANT MODIFIED EPOXIDE RESIN ADHESIVES FOR METALS. Marguerite Naps, Frank C. Hopper. AF 33(616)-2430. March 1956.

A heat-resistant adhesive, designated Adhesive 422, developed under a previous contract, was more thoroughly investigated. Adhesive 422 is based on a mixture of Epon 1001 and Plyphen 5023, filled with aluminum dust. Attempts to obtain improved performance by changing various ingredients or proportions in the basic formula, or by
the addition of modifiers, were substantially unsuccessful. The surface preparation of the metal adherent and the use of primers were investigated. The properties of bonds to numerous adherents were determined.

More promising in resistance to aging at 500°F were new adhesives based on EPON X-15100. A theoretical basis is presented for the adhesion of modifiers, which were substantially unsuccessful. The Franklin Institute Laboratories for Research and Development. WADC TR 55-52, PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF LAMINATING TECHNIQUES FOR ALUMINUM SHEET MATERIAL. Fred Warren, B.H. Howland. AF 33(616)-2103. January 1956. PB 121336 $0.75.

The bonding of relatively large sheets of aluminum alloy to one another presents certain fabrication problems not experienced in the bonding of small areas. In an exploratory study of fabrication techniques, it was found that by varying the details of fabrication to suit the method of application and the specific adhesive, blister-free bonds of uniform quality could be made with all of the six commercial adhesives evaluated.

This report presents the results of preliminary investigations on the mechanical properties of 36- and 40-inch laminated panels consisting of 8 plies of 0.032-inch aluminum alloy. Five different adhesive systems were employed in the panels. Short-column edge-智慧模 tests and flexural tests over short and long spans were run on the laminated material. The results show that, if the adhesive system used is rigid enough, the mechanical properties of the laminate, calculated on the basis of net area or net moment of inertia of the metal, are about equal to those of the same metal in solid form. If the shear modulus of the adhesive is low, buckling may occur at low loads under compressive edge loading, and excessive shear deflections may occur in flexure.

Some theoretical considerations concerning the behavior of laminated metal are presented in Appendix I.


Attempts to prepare inorganic metal-to-metal adhesives stable at 100°F are described. The S-triazine and phosphonitrilic compounds were selected as the best approach because of their inherent thermal stability and reactivity.

Six promising products resulted from the following reactions: (1) melamine-phosphorus pentachloride (2) melamine-phosphorus oxychloride (3) melamine-phosphorus pentoxide (4) ammonium-phosphorus pentachloride (5) cyanuric trihydrazide-phosphorus pentachloride (6) carbohydrazide-phosphorus pentachloride. These products are stable from 75°F to red heat, are generally insoluble, and they possess very reactive atoms which may be capable of modifications resulting in adhesive properties.

Attempts to incorporate metal atoms into an adhesive precursor were successful with titanium.

Epoxy resins can be cured, without external heat, by use of phosphorus pentoxide. Rigorous examination of the above six reactions is recommended. The effect of reaction conditions and reactant ratios, the degree of poly-functionality in starting materials, and the chemistry of the reactive atoms should be investigated to attain a desirable inorganic adhesive.

The Franklin Institute Laboratories for Research and Development. WADC TR 55-87, TREATMENT OF METAL SURFACES FOR ADHESIVE BONDING. Samuel N. Muchnick. AF 33(616)-2347. April 1956.

A theoretical basis is presented for the adhesion of a metal to an organic bonding agent. The contact angle is shown to be an effective measure of the adequacy of a surface treatment for a metal surface. For example, when a water drop makes a low or a zero contact angle on an aluminum or a stainless steel surface immediately following a surface treatment, joint strength is generally at a maximum and most likely to be reproducible. A study has been made of the importance of the film absorbed on the metal surface and of the mechanical properties of the metal as they are related to nominal joint strength. Four different adhesives have been used to evaluate the surface treatments which result in the highest joint strengths. In addition, those procedural variables are investigated which might affect surface properties and joint strength.


An ultrasonic technique for the evaluation of structural adhesive bonds (the STUB-meter) is being developed. The behavior of a ferro-electric transducer, when mechanically coupled to a test specimen, is affected by the structural properties of the test specimen. The design and construction of a portable laboratory model of the STUB-meter are described, and a plausibility argument for the existence of a relationship between bond strength and the STUB-meter behavior is presented. An evaluation program that will be carried out in cooperation with organizations in the aircraft industry is described.


Wide variations in the composition of the CHR-M-60 epoxy-modified DC-2103 silicone resin with Asbestine X filler, which has shown shear strength values as a metal-to-metal adhesive in excess of 1000 psi at 500°F, have been made and the results plotted to indicate composition areas yielding maximum shear strength values. Extended high-temperature aging tests have shown DC-803 silicone resin and epoxy-modified DC-803 to have better aging resistance than DC-2103 and epoxy-modified DC-2103, respectively. The DC-803 showed little loss in shear strength at 500°F after aging 1200 hours at 500°F on both aluminum panels and stainless steel panels (residual shear strength about 300 psi at 500°F). This resin also withstood 500°F on stainless steel and 200 hours on aluminum. The 20 percent epoxy-modified DC-803 lasted 800 hours at 500°F and 100 hours at 600°F (residual strength in each case about 350 psi at room temperature and 150 psi at 500°F).

A number of silicone-epoxy-phenolic resin blends were prepared, which showed shear strength values and high-temperature aging resistance slightly better than those for the epoxy-modified silicone resins. Up to 20 percent of epoxy resin in epoxy-modified DC-2103 silicone resin was found to have relatively little effect on the change in shear strength values when tested over a temperature range from 70°F to 900°F; the epoxy resin mainly improved the strength over the lower half of

Twenty-three ceramic adhesives of the ceramic-oxide, glassy-bond type, including six commercially available enamel frit compositions, were evaluated during the contract period. Evaluation was based, primarily, on the results of room and elevated temperature shear strength tests. Best results were obtained with ceramic adhesive UT 117-50. When used with 28 mesh stainless steel screen as a carrier, this adhesive gave shear strengths of up to 3680 psi when tested at 800°F. Twelve ceramic adhesives of the cermet type were tested in shear at room and elevated temperatures. Of these, only the adhesive which contained 30% metallic cobalt incorporated in a lead borosilicate glass matrix appeared to offer promise. Thirteen ceramic adhesives of the air-setting temperature-resistant type were also evaluated. Adhesive A-1 was the only air-setting adhesive which approached the target property of 1000 psi at 1000°F, giving shear strengths of up to 1400 psi at 1000°F after a selected curing treatment to 600°F. Its resistance to moisture, however, was quite low. The oxycarbide and oxysulfide adhesives investigated developed nominal shear strengths of 200 to 250 psi at room temperature and maintained these strengths to an upper temperature limit of 600°F.


This report describes the progress achieved toward the development of an elevated temperature resistant inorganic polymer structural adhesive.

Increasingly severe thermal operating conditions have been engendered by high aircraft speeds. It is necessary to develop a structural adhesive that can satisfactorily withstand temperatures up to 1000°F.

An inorganic adhesive stable at 800°F, with a room temperature shear strength of 285 lb./sq. in., has been obtained from the ammeline-phosphorus pentoxide reaction product.

The use of titanium dioxide as a primer and dimethylformamide as an extractive solvent enabled the above shear strength to be obtained from an original value of 65 lb./sq. in.

Evidence was obtained to indicate that the adhesion was a result of chemical interaction between the adhesive and the stainless steel surface.

The success of the research to date indicates the necessity of further work to increase the adhesive and flexural strength by chemical methods. This should be done without sacrificing the present heat resistance and preferably with increasing the present present thermostability.


The study of ceramic compositions as adhesives was activated due to the need for materials to act as adhesives for metals at elevated temperatures and to possess high shear strengths for extended periods of time at such elevated temperatures.

The object of the investigation was to develop high temperature resistant structural adhesives for type 301 and 302 stainless steel or other desired alloy metals, particularly 17-7 PH, from ceramic-oxide, glassy-bonded coatings, cermet with sintered metal bonds, air-setting, temperature-resistant silicates, aluminates, oxychlorides, oxysulfides, and ceramic-oxide, resin-bonded coatings.

Twenty-four ceramic adhesives of the ceramic-oxide, glassy bond type, including three commercially available porcelain enamel ceramic adhesives, were evaluated for use at room and elevated temperatures. Evaluation was based on shear strength tests using type 302 stainless steel. Several of these ceramic adhesives were used to bond small type 17-7 PH stainless steel honeycomb sandwiches. Type 17-7 PH stainless steel was evaluated for shear strength using ceramic adhesive UI 117-50. Various methods of specimen and ceramic adhesive preparation and fabrication were investigated for increase in shear strength including knurled overlap areas, mechanical scouring of overlap areas, chemical pickling and nickel plating of overlap areas, and the use of various foils and screens as carriers. Stainless steel screen of 325 mesh when used as a carrier gave an average shear strength of 1160 psi at 800°F. Copper screen of 60 mesh gave an average shear strength of 1180 psi at 800°F when used as a carrier. Porcelain enamel ceramic adhesives of thermal expansions approaching that of ingot iron shear specimens generally gave the highest shear strengths. Resorcinol-formaldehyde-Porcelain cement adhesives did not show great promise as adhesives, especially at elevated temperatures. Stress rupture determinations using ceramic adhesive UI 117-50 on type 302 stainless steel shear strength specimens yielded results of 700 psi for 171 hours with no failure, and 800 psi for 22 hours with failure at room temperature. At 600°F, the adhesive withstood 600 psi for 500 hours without failure.
An ultrasonic technique for the evaluation of structural adhesive bonds (the STUB-meter) is being developed and tested. The operation of the instrument is based on the empirically observed fact that the behaviour of a ferro-electric transducer, when mechanically coupled to a test specimen, is affected by the structural properties of the test specimen. To define more closely the scope of the technique, an evaluation program is being carried out in cooperation with organizations in the aircraft industry. Initial data have already provided improved means of choosing optimum frequency ranges. Laboratory development of the STUB-meter has included work on probes for curved surfaces and for standard lap shear specimens; electrodes with improved wear resistance; visualization of vibration modes; effects of loading; and improved circuitry.

WADC TR 56-467

Nine commercially available metal-to-metal adhesives were investigated to determine the effect of gamma radiation upon their strength properties. Standard 2024-T3 alclad aluminum alloy lap joint specimens were prepared, and three series of exposures were made at the MTR gamma facility. The approximate dosages were 9 x 10^8, 3 x 10^8, and 9 x 10^8 roentgens. Tensile shear and bend tests were conducted at room temperature, at 130°F, and at 260°F. Two adhesives were also tested at 500°F. Fatigue tests were performed at room temperature.

Only one adhesive was essentially unaffected by gamma radiation at all testing temperatures. The remaining adhesives were affected to varying degrees.

Koppers Company Inc. WADC TR 56-410

A study has been made on the formulation of room temperature, low-pressure cured metal-to-metal adhesives, based on the use of glycidyl ethers of resorcinol resins. Various formulations have been found which meet all of the primary strength requirements for tensile shear strength at various temperatures, bend strength, creep-rupture strength and fatigue resistance.

Resistance to salt spray and soaking in water has been tested at Wright Air Development Center on one formulation and found to be unsatisfactory for the former but excellent with the latter.

The preferred formulation resulting from this study have been those with pot lives of one to three hours as obtained by use of solid diamines as curing agents. Longer pot lives of four hours or more have been obtained, but only with the sacrifice of physical strength characteristics.

The Glenn L. Martin Company. WADC TR 56-320
RESEARCH ON STRUCTURAL ADHESIVE PROPERTIES OVER A WIDE TEMPERATURE RANGE. H. R. Merwin. AF 33(616)-2620. April 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118228.

The widespread increased use of adhesive bonded construction in military aircraft requires that the mechanical properties of adhesives be determined over a wide temperature range in order to determine the useful operating temperature range.

The mechanical properties of adhesive bonded aluminum joints were determined using standard test procedures over a range of temperatures from -100°F to 800°F.
The effect of exposure at test temperature for various periods of time was also determined. The effect on the properties of using a different adherend was determined by duplication of some of the test conditions on stainless steel lap joint specimens. Nine general-purpose adhesives, AF-6, PA-101, Plastilock 608, Metbond 3021, FM-47 Liquid, FM-47 Film, Redux E (Type R), Cycleweld 55-20, and EPON VIII; and two high temperature adhesives, Shell 422 and HT-20, were tested.

The program was confined to the testing of standard specimens, bonded in accordance with exact procedure specified at the beginning of the contract by the adhesive manufacturers to obtain the optimum properties over a wide temperature range. Tensile, shear, creep rupture, tensile, impact, bend, cleavage, fatigue and peel tests were conducted.

Lap specimens of general purpose adhesive decreased in strength after 1/2 hour exposure at test temperature compared to test values obtained immediately after reaching test temperatures. Further exposure in general produced increased strength over the initial values obtained for the bonded joints.

Shell Development Company.

WADC TR 53-126 Part IV

ELEVATED TEMPERATURE RESISTANT MODIFIED EXPONIXE RESIN ADHESIVE FOR METALS. Marguerite Nape. AF 33(616)-3347. July 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 130884.

Metal-to-metal adhesives which are useful at temperatures up to 500°F, primarily on stainless steel, have been studied. The most promising formulations are based on solid polyepoxide designated as Experimental Resin X-111. This material is used on organic solvents for the preparation of supported adhesives tapes with a glass fabric carrier. The adhesives are cured at elevated temperature (330°F) and usually at 100 psi. Bonds to type 301 steel are characterized by brittleness and mediocre reproducibility.

An adhesive (Formulation No. 1236) based on combination of Experimental Resin X-131, EPON40 and Formvar 15/95 E (polyvinyl formal) appears to have the best thermal stability on aging at 500°F of any of the formulations investigated. The adhesive contains aluminum dust as the reinforcing filler and is cured with dianinodiphenylsulfone. Shear strength at 500°F on 301 steel is 400 psi after 200 hours exposure at 500°F and about 800 psi after 400 hours exposure at 500°F. Strength retention on rapid heating is mediocre, however. The shear strength decreased from about 4000 psi to 530 psi at the test temperature is increased from room temperature to 500°F. Postcuring the bonds at 400°F improves the hot strength slightly to about 800 psi.

The Franklin Institute.

WADC TR 55-87 Part III


Two instruments have been developed for quality control use to determine whether surfaces of metals have been adequately prepared for adhesive bonding. The contact resistance apparatus measures the break-through voltage of a surface film at a given voltage. The contact angle apparatus measures the angle of contact between a drop of water and the specimen surface.

WADC TR 57-513


This report is a compilation of papers presented at the Wright Air Development Center - University of Dayton joint symposium on Structural Adhesives and Sandwich Constructions, 12-13 June 1957, Dayton, Ohio. The papers, for the most part, reviewed work done on Materials Laboratory research and development contracts.
The Franklin Institute. WADC TR 55-87 Pt II.

A preliminary investigation of the effectiveness of mild acidic or basic solutions for treating metal surfaces prior to adhesive bonding shows that the strong acid solutions presently in use may possibly be replaced by these milder solutions. Joint strengths approximating the values obtained with strong acid solutions have been obtained with aluminum, stainless steel, and titanium. The pH, concentration of components, and ionic type of wetting agent are specific for each type of metal.

Additional correlative tests were developed for evaluating surface treatments. The interfacial contact angle between oil and water on the treated surface shows a greater sensitivity than the contact angle in air, and makes it possible to differentiate between two treatments that give zero contact angles against water. Contact resistance and hydrogen overvoltage measurements can be definitely correlated with the contact angle measurements. The contact resistance measurement which also evaluates the effect of oxide thickness appears to be a useful instrument for industrial application.

A study of the role of the adsorbed film on adhesive behavior indicates that the more reactive metals and oxidized parts, are more sensitive to differences in the chemical structure of the film. There is also an indication that these films may affect the adhesional characteristics of some type of bonding agent.

The temperature of the rinse water following treatment of aluminum is shown to be important in the adhesional characteristics of the metal. Reproducibility and specificity of attractive forces between adhesive and metal were investigated, and it was apparent that the material and procedural parameters must be studied along with specific affinities in an adhesive system.
exposure of treated surfaces, and time delays between treatment and priming of the surfaces on bond strength are subjects of discussion. Results of radioactive-tracer work using isotopic chromium are used to lay a basis for a theory of bonding.

The Franklin Institute. WADC TR 55-87 Pt V.
ASTIA Document No. AD 150998.

The scope includes analysis of strong and mild surface treatments for clad aluminum alloy, stainless steel, and titanium alloy and of the best treatment for magnesium alloy. Reaction of bonded surfaces to sand and vapor blast treatments is analysed. The resistance of the treatments to salt spray are evaluated. Field-repair treatments are described and results of tests tabulated. Quality control instrumentation is outlined. Application of d-c potentials to bonded surfaces was determined to be deleterious. Radio-tracer studies using isotopic chromium provided valuable information regarding the role of chromium ions in metal surface preparation. A means of providing continuous indication of bond strength during the life of the plane is suggested.

The Franklin Institute. WADC TR 55-87 Pt VI.
TREATMENT OF METAL SURFACES FOR ADHESIVE BONDING PART VI. Summary of Methods. Richard Lindsay, Jr. AF 33(616)-2347. February 1958.
ASTIA Document No. AD 150999.

Methods for surface preparation or stainless steel, titanium, aluminum, and magnesium for adhesive bonding are contained in this summary. The treatments are those that were found to be most promising when used with certain adhesives.

Quantum, Incorporated. WADC TR 55-271 Pt III.

Attempts to prepare heat stable materials for formulation with the ammeline-phosphorus pentoxide inorganic adhesive are described. The two approaches deemed as most promising were epoxy-silicon and epoxy-2,4-triazine compounds.

The synthesis and preliminary evaluation of 2,4-bis(glycidyl)-6-methoxy-2-triazine is described. With certain formulations a tensile shear value of about 2100 psi was obtained from room temperature up to and including 400° F. An unexpected degree of reactivity was found in 2,4-bis(glycidyl)-6-methoxy-2-triazine and materials such as diphenylsilanediol and commercial silicone polymers could be used as true curing agents. The inorganic adhesive prepared from ammeline and phosphorus pentoxide cures the 2,4-bis(glycidyl)-6-methoxy-2-triazine. Further work is necessary on this particular system.

Synthesis of trimethylsilylpropylene oxide, as a model compound, was shown by infra-red analysis but could not be isolated.

The Borden Company. WADC TR 57-696.

Formulations containing novolac epoxy resins have been evaluated as room temperature, low pressure cured metal-to-metal adhesives. A number of combinations of novolac epoxy resins, Epon 562, Thiokol LP-3, fillers and mixtures of primary and tertiary amines have been found to give bonds with good strengths and salt spray resistance.

Attempts to use cyclohexene diepoxides in room temperature curing adhesive formulations did not prove successful. Copolymerisation of methacryloxyethyl phosphates with methacrylate in redox systems at room temperature yielded adhesives with mediocre strengths.

Narmco Industries, Inc. WADC TR 56-533 Pt II.
This report describes research and development under Contract AF 33(616)-5141. "Elevated Temperature Resistant Silicone Structural Adhesives for Metals" during the period 15 March 1957 to 15 May 1958.

The first objective of this program was the synthesis and evaluation of carboxyphenyl polysiloxanes. Several polymers, which contained varying percentages of carboxyphenyl groups, were prepared and evaluated as adhesives. It was observed that those resins containing carboxyphenyl groups had slightly lower bond strength compared to control resins. Failure of all polysiloxane bonds was primarily cohesive failure indicative of weak polymer structure.

The second program objective was the development of polymer structures other than simple polysiloxanes made from silane and silicone monomers. A bisphenol silane was synthesized, and phenolic and epoxy resins derived from it were evaluated as metal-to-metal adhesives. Synthesis of several intermediates required for hydroxyphenyldiisiloxane synthesis was accomplished; preparation of two hydroxyphenyldiisiloxanes were carried out.

Three types of siloxane resins derived from Bisphenol-A and ethoxysiloxane monomers were examined. One type of siloxane-phenolic and a polysiloxane resin were found to have excellent heat resistance. Various combinations of these resins were compounded with conventional epoxy and phenolic resins, and evaluated as metal-to-metal adhesives.

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Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 58-364.
An investigation was made by bonding lap-joint panels of glass-fabric laminates to aluminum alloy and to stainless steel with nine structural metal-bonding adhesives to determine if these adhesives were also suitable for this type of bonding. Test data were obtained on the aluminium-steelastic bonds at -67° F, at 70° to 80° F, at 350° F, and after a 30-day exposure to salt water spray. The stainless steel-to-plastic bonds were tested at 70° to 80° F, at 350° F and at 500° F. Laminates prepared with four representative types of resins were included in this research.

Lap-joint strength values generally averaged from 2,000 to 2,500 pounds per square inch at -67° F at 70° to 80° F and after 30 days exposure to salt water spray. However, at 180° F some of the adhesives started to lose strength and, in tests at
Narmco Industries, Inc. WADC TR 59-11.


This report describes research and development under Contract No. AF 33(616)-5488. "Research and Development on Elevated Temperature Resistant Structural Metal-to-Metal Adhesives" during the period J February 1959 to J February 1959.

The main objectives of this program were the development of an adhesive system for bonding 17-7 PH stainless steel, which would give 1000 psi tensile shear strength of 600°F after 200 hours exposure at 600°F, 130 pounds bend strength, 30 day salt spray resistance, and retention of useful structural strengths after various exposure times at temperatures from 500°F and to 1000°F.

An epoxy novolac modified silicone-phenoic adhesive, heat stabilized with arsene pentoxide, gave 70% to 75% of the 200 hour, 600°F aged strength requirement, 98 pounds bend strength, and adequate 30 day salt spray resistance. Satisfactory strengths were obtained at temperatures ranging from 500°F to 975°F (10 minute exposure). A pyrophoric reaction at 1000°F resulted in unsatisfactory low strengths.

Test results of this adhesive, in general, did not meet the requirements of Military Specification MIL-A-8431 (USAF), Type III adhesives; however, structurally usable strengths were obtained at each test conditions.

Evaluations of edge sealant materials to exclude oxygen entrance into the glue lines of high temperature adhesives, thereby improving the reliability of the adhesive, resulted in the conclusion that no available materials accomplished this purpose.

Modifications of high temperature resistant epoxy, phenolic, and epoxy-phenolic adhesives exhibited poor 600°F aging properties. A silicone-phenolic adhesive and an epoxy-silicone resin, each cured with arsenic pentoxide, showed promise of use as high temperature resistant adhesives.

Narmco Industries, Inc. WADC TR 59-82.


This program was divided into two parts. Part I consisted of an investigation of glassy phase adhesives and Part II was devoted to a study of metal-ceramic adhesive bonding of stainless steel by low temperature sintering technique.

PART I. Stainless Steel 17-7PH (RH 950) shear specimens bonded with the glass adhesives separately by both University of Illinois and Narmco gave equivalent shear strengths at all temperatures up to and including 1000°F. Minor material processing procedure modifications by Narmco gave average shear strengths up to 4200 psi at 1000°F.

PART II. Excellent cohesive structure was developed by sintering a silver-copper alloy coated aliumina in vacuo and argon. Lap shear strengths, on a 50% bonded area, up to 1200 psi at room temperature were obtained when bonding 302 stainless steel. Stainless Steel 17-7PH presented a more formidable problem but bonding was achieved by first copper plating the 17-7PH stainless surface prior to adhesive bonding.

Adhesive bonding by the sintering technique is sensitive to flatness of the stainless steel surfaces, the contact pressure, and to atmosphere contaminates which may prevent diffusion bonding.

University of Illinois. WADC TR 55-491.


The objective of the investigation was to develop high temperature resistant structural adhesives for desired alloy metals, particularly Type 17-7 PH Stainless Steel, from ceramic-oxide glassy-bonded coatings, from ceramics with sintered metal bonds, and from air setting temperature and moisture resistant inorganic materials.

In furthering this investigation, such adhesives were to be studied with appropriate optical and X-ray equipment in order to determine their basic structure and structural changes induced by variation in composition or thermal treatment. Such data, it was believed, might be usefully applied in improving existing adhesives and the methods and techniques of applying them.

Twelve new ceramic glassy bond adhesives were developed to mature at 1450°F or below. In general, they yielded shear strengths of about 1000 psi at room temperature and 600°F. At 800°F, values in excess of 2000 psi could be expected. However, at 1000°F, the shear values declined generally to the 300-1000 psi level.

Type PH 15-7 Mo stainless steel, bonded with UI 117-50, yielded shear strengths of about 1100 psi at room temperature and 600°F and more than 3000 psi at 800°F. Values at 1000°F, however, declined to about 300 psi.

Certain selected variations in the amount and ratio of powdered silicon and carbonyl iron (added to ceramic adhesives) yielded generally flat strength curves in excess of 1000 psi at 1000°F. At 1000°F, the shear values increased strikingly to between 2000 and 3000 psi. These unusual but very encouraging results suggested a possible "break-through" toward inorganic adhesives capable of performing effectively in a temperature range above 1000°F.

Air Setting or low heat cured adhesives, based on aluminum phosphate as the cementing agent, yielded shear strength values of up to 800 psi at room temperature. Efforts were made to minimise a bubble structure that developed during curing and thus increase shear strengths. The few variations tried were not appreciably successful.

Some modifications of glassy bond UI 1-67-1, by additions of ceramic oxides to the frit, gave visual indications of reducing the moisture sensitivity while still maintaining shear strength in excess of 1000 psi at temperatures up through 1000°F.

Several laboratory methods and practices were improved upon. A new stainless steel firing rack, which gave better alignment of shear specimens and allowed a larger number to be fired, was put in service. Continuous stirring of ceramic adhesive slurry, during application to shear specimens, gave more uniform adhesive layers. Metal preparation for sandwich bonding was studied using alkaliine cleaning and ferric chloride-hydrochloric acid etching. This method appeared to sufficiently roughen the honeycomb core and skin so that ceramic adhesive bonding was successful.

Microscopic examination of ceramic adhesive-
metal interface revealed either the presence of or an indication of (1) bubbles in the adhesive layer, (2) grain boundary effects in the adhesive, (3) some solution of metal in the adhesive layer, and (4) no noticeable change in either the adhesive layer or the metal with additional heat treatment of 145 hours at 1000°F.

Solutions of rare metals, when added to ceramic adhesives in small quantities (6-25 drops of 12-6% reagent solutions), did not, except for certain specific additions of gold and platinum, appreciably affect the shear strength of UT 117-50. However, additional thermal treatment, for nucleation and crystal growth about these rare metal ions in the adhesive layer, may possibly improve the strength and adhesiveness of such materials.


Lap-joint panels of clad 2024-T3 aluminum alloy bonded with nine commercial metal-bonding adhesives were exposed to the weather at the Panama Canal Zone; Fairbanks, Alaska; Miami, Fla.; State College, N. Mex.; and Madison, Wis. Panels were exposed while stressed and while unstressed. Test panels were also exposed to several laboratory exposure conditions. Results of these tests obtained after exposure periods of up to 3 years for 5 of the 9 adhesives were summarized in Part II of these reports. This Part III includes the results after completion of the 3-year tests on the other 4 adhesives included in this investigation.

Of the four adhesives included in this part of the study, the epoxy-phenolic adhesive (type intended to qualify under Type II of Military Specification MIL-A-8431) showed the best durability in weathering, with no appreciable loss of strength even in the test sites having the more severe exposure conditions. The nitrile rubber-phenolic and vinyl-phenolic adhesives performed well at the sites having the milder conditions, and also initially at the Panama and Florida sites. By the end of 3 years, however, panels bonded with these two adhesives and exposed at the Florida site showed low strength or complete failure. Strength values were also reduced in the Panama Canal Zone exposure.

The epoxy adhesive generally showed poor durability, with unstressed panels failing completely during the first year of exposure at Florida and Panama sites. The stressed epoxy-bonded panels also failed early in the exposure period at all test sites. The epoxy adhesive sample used in this study was one of the earlier batches of this adhesive. More recent batches, however, have shown improved durability under conditions of salt-water spray, high humidity, and climatic exposure, particularly when the bonds are protected with zinc-chromate-aluminized lacquer finish systems. Therefore, because of variability in the weathering resistance of the epoxy-resin bonds observed in these different studies, it is recommended that an appropriate finish system, such as zinc-chromate and aluminized lacquer, be applied to epoxy-resin bonded joints likely to be exposed to severe weathering conditions, to reduce the potential effects of this weathering on the quality of bond.

The exposure of unstressed bonded panels to conditions of 120°F and 97 percent relative humidity for 24 to 32 months reduced the strength of all four adhesives. The strength of the epoxy-bonded panels was only about 50 percent of their original strength after this exposure, as compared to 67 percent to 79 percent for the other three adhesives.
structural adhesive properties after exposures at 600°F, for the adhesive systems investigated, have been studied further with variations in curing cycles and post-curing conditions.

Limited studies were also conducted on variations in the arsenic pentoxide content, substitution of a cyclic epoxy siloxane for the epoxy novolac component, and use of sealants to retard oxidative degradation. The most promising adhesive formulations, when used with optimum processing procedures, show very little loss in strength when tested at 600°F after long time exposure to 600°F, and provide lap-shear strengths of about 900 psi.

Cryogenic Engineering Laboratory. WADC TR 59-260.


The tensile shear strengths of metal lap-joints bonded with ten commercially manufactured structural adhesives were determined at -107°F, -323°F, and -424°F. The effect of rapid cooling on bond strength was studied at -323°F; and results indicate that low temperature strength is not necessarily related to cooling rate. It was found that thin bonds may be less affected by thermal stresses than thick bonds. Most of the adhesives tested lost strength was decreased were targets. The amount of loss in strength was dependent upon the type of adhesive considered. Epoxy-phenoxy adhesives, filled and supported on glass cloth, exhibited the best low temperature performance and showed little or no decrease from room temperature strengths. Filled epoxide adhesives demonstrated slightly low temperature strength than the epoxy-phenoxy but better bonding techniques could improve the performance of these epoxides.


An investigation was started of the relative durability of metal-bonding adhesives when exposed at two sites, Miami, Fla., and the Panama Canal Zone. Twelve sets of lap-joint panels of clad 2024-T3 aluminum alloy, respectively, were made with 12 different adhesives, and 1 set of 17-7PH corrosion-resistant stainless steel. Another adhesive was prepared for exposures at these two sites and for laboratory-controlled exposure tests. Panels were exposed while stressed in bending and while unstressed. Partial sets of panels are to be removed and tested periodically through 3 years of exposure. This initial report summarizes the preparation of the test panels, data from the laboratory-controlled exposures and, for some of the adhesives, data after 1 year of natural environmental exposures.


Two-part room-temperature-curing adhesive systems, based on novolac epoxy resin EPIPHEN 825, were developed which pass the bend strength, the salt spray exposure, and the shear stress requirements, except at -67°F, of Military Specification MIL-A-5990B when the adhesives are bonded to Alclad aluminum (cleaned in WAC-1 solution) and are cured for either six days at 73°F or 30 minutes at 212°F. The exceptional salt spray resistance of these adhesives was obtained by the incorporation of zinc or lead chromate as part of the filler. Heat-cures of one to two hours at 212°F of these systems can raise shear strengths at -67°F to 2500 psi, from 2000 psi, but salt spray resistance can thereby be lowered as much as 50%. A special cleaning procedure for aluminum, or the use of a four component adhesive, can eliminate the sensitivity to corrosion after a heat-cure.

One particular two-part high-temperature-resistant adhesive, when cured at temperatures between 200°F and 220°F can pass Military Specification MIL-A-5990B and also exhibit strengths of 1000 psi at 300°F and 400 psi at 500°F. Other high-temperature-resistant adhesives give shear strengths of around 1800 psi at 300°F but their other properties are not always up to the requirements of Military Specification MIL-A-5990B.


Glassy bond and air setting adhesives were developed and studied. High temperature (to 2000°F) strength, ductility, and moisture resistance were targets. The order of 1350 psi at room temperature and 1150 psi at -67°F was obtained but the adhesives disintegrated after a 3 1/2 hour boiling water treatment. When duplicate specimens were given a preliminary heat treatment of one hour at 1000°F shear strengths were reduced by about 50%, but they were essentially unchanged by the 3 1/2 hour boiling water treatment.

In glassy bond adhesives, stainless steel and phosphated carbonyl iron powder additions gave improved strength, still increasing at 1000°F. Crystallised bonds gave higher strengths at the highest test temperatures. An optimum metal surface roughness value was noted. High order residual stress (resistance to removal) were found in some metal-glassy bond composites.


Modifications of the previously recommended inorganic adhesive were attempted to increase the bend resistance of the bonded joint. The modifications, incorporated singularly or in combination, include (1) substitution of various metal oxides and powders in the adhesive formula, (2) special surface preparation of the metal powders, (3) variation of the particle size and weight percentage of the powders, and (4) the introduction of porosity in the adhesive. Increased bend resistance was noted at the addition of phosphated carbonyl iron and the addition of aluminum oxide. The aluminum oxide apparently introduced porosity into the adhesive. The processes which increased the bend resistance require further development to assure
reproducibility of results.

Methods for producing inorganic adhesive bonded honeycomb sandwich panels were further investigated. Preliminary experiments indicate that the quartz lamp-quench die method may alleviate some of the problems encountered in furnace bonding.

The development of new adhesives and processing techniques for bonding super alloys has been initiated.

University of Minnesota. WADD TR 60-687. AN INVESTIGATION OF LONGITUDINAL SHEAR DISTRIBUTION AND DAMPING IN A VISCOELASTIC ADHESIVE LAP JOINT. Carlos P. Avery. AF 33(616)-6828. November 1960. PB 171 556. Order from OTS $1.00.

An analysis of the damping in a viscoelastic adhesive of a simple lap joint is presented. Expressions are developed for shear distribution and damping in the adhesive when the lap is sheared by a low frequency sinusoidal force. Calculations are made illustrating the variation in damping and shear distribution as a function of the dimensions and material properties of the lap components.

Experiments were performed which confirm the theory. Limitations, extensions, and possible refinements of the theory are presented.

### Application Studies


The daily observations of maximum and minimum temperatures, maximum, minimum, and mean of the relative humidity with the approximate time (Alaskan Standard Time) of the occurrence of each maximum and minimum, maximum intensity of solar radiation and total radiation received on a horizontal surface and a surface slanted 45° to the south are tabulated along with the monthly averages and totals of each of these factors as obtained in connection with the project on the "Exposure of USAF Materials near College, Alaska." The temperature data in each year are represented on a composite graph. The monthly values of all data are tabulated in separate tables. The period covered is from 1 September 1955 through 9 March 1957.


The daily recordings of maximum and minimum temperatures, relative humidity, and the intensity of solar radiation on a surface slanted 45° facing to the south are tabulated with the monthly averages and totals of each factor. These data have been collected, compiled, and recorded in connection with work concerning the effects of actinic and biological agents of deterioration on Air Force materials. Charts are included showing a summary of temperature and humidity data from August 1947 through September 1956 and solar radiation data from June 1951 through October 1956.


A suspension system utilizing pressure-sensitive tape in lieu of blocking and bracing or other means of supporting aircraft parts in a shipping container was found adequate to pass the rough-handling tests prescribed for military packaging. Methods of attaching the tapes to the container and necessary precautions were determined. The relationship between the weight of the item and the strength required for glass filament-reinforced tape was determined and a basis established for the design of tape suspension systems.


Formed aluminum channels were used in assembling crates for lightweight, bulky airframe components. The crates passed the Level A rough handling requirements of Specification MIL-P-7936. In addition to possessing the required strength, the channels are reusable, thus a modular system of crate components could be developed. Use of the aluminum crates will provide a means for considerable reduction in tare weight when used as shipping containers for airframe components. The use of the aluminum channels also appears to be economical.


Measurements of some of the properties of several types of package cushioning materials at temperatures of 75°F, -65°F, and -200°F and pressures of 760 and 10^-4 mm Hg have been performed. Static and dynamic stress-strain curves and vibration transmissibility characteristics have been obtained for glass fiber, lattice bound hair, polyurethane foam, silicone rubber foam, and crushable paper honeycomb materials. The data are presented and briefly discussed, and the instrumentation necessary for the performance of the measurement is described.

The dynamic stiffness and damping of the cushioning materials tested generally decreases in vacuum; the change being greatest for the polyurethane and silicone foams and least for the paper honeycomb and latex bound hair materials. Similarly, reduced temperature increases the stiffness of the materials; the effect again being greatest for the polyurethane foam, and least for the glass fiber and paper honeycomb materials.


Black pressure-sensitive tape backed with polyester film and reinforced with glass filament was subjected to dynamic tests at room temperature and at -20°F to determine its strength and toughness in tension and the shear strength and toughness of its bond to aluminum. Tests were made before exposure and after 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 32 cycles of accelerated exposure. Each cycle
McGraw-Hill Book Company. WADD TR 60-584. HANDBOOK OF FIBROUS MATERIALS. Harry Mileaf. AF 33(616)-5726. Oct. 1960. PB 171 494. Order, OTS $6.00. This report contains the summarised and consolidated information extracted from WADD Technical Reports covering individual phases of fibrous materials research. The information is arranged to make the results of these reports more readily available and useful to decelerator designers and others interested in the fibrous materials phase of Air Force research.

The report is divided into sections covering the pertinent facets of fibrous material information. Fairly complete information is supplied on various phases of basic design data, sewability, friction, abrasion and weather resistance, porosity and air permeability, temperature properties and chemical resistance of different yarns, cords, webbings and fabrics. Some information is also supplied on sunlight and weather resistance, tear resistance, radiation, aging and electrostatic properties, stiffness, flexibility, elongation, elastic recovery and energy absorption.


Three series of experiments were conducted to determine the effects of simultaneous heating and loading on the stress-strain characteristics of some typical structural sheet metals, and to correlate the experimental data with predicted effects based on the concept of a Mechanical Equation of State. The first series of experiments was performed on Inconel X nickel-chromium alloy-hardening alloy and cni 17-7 PH/TH 1050 stainless steel. The 17-7 PH and full-hard Type 301 stainless steel were used for the second and third series respectively. Improvements in the experimental method and equipment were sought in each succeeding series.

The results of the experiments indicate that although practical application of the concept of a Mechanical Equation of State to design problems appears promising on a qualitative basis, improvements in prediction and experimental methods will be required to obtain quantitative confirmation.


The use of non-metallic materials in aerospace vehicles has increased phenomenally in recent years. However, data and information have not been completely or appropriately disseminated in a manner which would be most useful to the designer of such vehicles. The purpose of this project was to survey the aerospace industry and agencies concerned with aerospace problems. In particular, this study was directed toward determining which materials, properties, and problem areas in non-metallics exist now or will exist in the future and which methods can be used to place evaluated data and information into the hands of the designer. The following report presents the results of this survey. It was determined that a Design Handbook or Manual on non-metallic materials will greatly benefit the aerospace
field as a whole. Specific recommendations for such
to be published in a handbook are presented in the report.

Belfour Engineering Company. WADD TR 60-867.
CONSIDERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
DEVELOPING A MATERIALS INFORMATION PROCESSING
CAPABILITY. Albert J. Belfour. AF 33(616)-7064.
February 1961. PD 258 643. Order from OTS $0.50.

A survey is summarized in conjunction with
recommendation for the development of a Materials
Information Processing Capability at the WADD Central.
The discussion covers some basic concepts of
technical information, user requirements, and existing
information "centers". A consistency in pattern of in-
formation processing techniques is examined and dis-
cussed. Recommendations are given for the develop-
ment of a Materials Information Processing Capability.

McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc. WADD TN
60-246.
MATERIALS INFORMATION CENTERS. K. A. Winter,
AD 259 318. Order from OTS $2.00.

This technical note contains a listing of all known
organizations or agencies which may be designated as a
materials information center on the basis of their activ-
ities concerned with the collection and dissemination,
in some manner, of information on a class, group, or
type of material, or materials.

The purpose of this technical note is to provide
interested personnel of the Department of Defense, its
contractors, and materials suppliers with a means of
locating and obtaining information pertinent to their
specific area of interest.

Coatings

TR 4617.
DEVELOPMENT OF GLOSS SPECIFICATION FOR
CAMOUFLAGE FINISHES. Harry Schecter. March
1941.

TR 5645.
STUDY OF THE METALLURGICAL CHARACTERISTICS
OF THREE INDUCTION-HARDENED STEELS HEATED
AT VARIOUS RATES. James W. Poynter. October
1947.

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AN INVESTIGATION OF ELECTRODEPOSITED ALLOYS
AND PURE METALS AS SUBSTITUTES FOR ZINC AND
CADMIUM FOR PROTECTIVE FINISHES FOR STEEL
PARTS OF AIRCRAFT. C. A. Snively, A. B. Tripler,
and C. L. Faust. W33-038-ac-15723(16940). April
1948.

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EVALUATION OF THE CONDITION OF DOPED FABRIC
SURFACE BY THE MULLEN BURST STRENGTH TEST
AND OTHER METHODS. Elmer E. Jukkola. May 1948.

TR 5700, Supplement 1.
EVALUATION OF THE CONDITION OF DOPED FABRIC
SURFACE BY THE MULLEN BURST STRENGTH TEST

Battelle Memorial Inst. TR 5692, Supp. 2.
AN INVESTIGATION OF ELECTRODEPOSITED ALLOYS
FOR PROTECTION OF STEEL AIRCRAFT PARTS. A. B.
Tripler, Jr., J. E. Bride, J. A. Gurklis, and C. L.

Work done in this report covers the preparation
and evaluation of eleven alloy deposits. Methods and
solutions used for the preparation of both co-deposits and
diffused coatings are listed. Results of "Wet-Dry"
exposure tests, X-ray diffraction, potential - time data of
various coatings have been tabulated. A graphical system
for the better interpretation and rating of the "Wet-Dry"
test was developed. Manganese-Zinc alloy diffusion type
coatings of 50% manganese and 50% zinc composition ex-
hibited the most promising corrosion protection properties
of the various coatings investigated. Seventy-two panels were prepared and are being tested in outdoor exposure in northern Florida in order to evaluate the corrosion protection afforded by manganese and manganese-tin coatings as compared to zinc, zinc chromated, and cadmium coatings. It is believed that a co-deposited zinc-silver coating of 25% silver merits further investigation. Also, further studies of corrosion products should yield information enabling the design of an alloy coating of maximum protection.

Battelle Memorial Inst. TR 5692, Supp. 3,

Numerous work proprietary and developmental organic coatings are screened for relative corrosion protection of magnesium sheet alloy, with respect to a current Government specification system. Superior primers and systems are more fully evaluated for mechanical properties as well as corrosion protection. It was found that air-dry vinyl systems offer optimum protection, considering the systems tested. Developmental discussions of magnesium corrosion inhibitors and galvanic cell test methods are included in the report.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. TR 52-48,

In order to dissipate precipitation electrostatic charges built up on transparent plastic aircraft canopies during flight an electrically conductive transparent coating, easily applied to formed aircraft canopies made from acrylic sheet conforming to Specification MIL-P-5429, has been developed. The coating is applied by abrading or scratching the acrylic surface slightly with a suede brush, rubbing in finely divided graphite, and spraying the surface with a protective film of 1:3 methacrylic acid-methyl methacrylate copolymer resin.

The composite material, i.e., the acrylic and applied coating, retains essentially all the original mechanical properties, optical clarity and light transmittance characteristics of the base material. Its surface resistance is in the range 1-10 megohms per square and is relatively insensitive to the wide variation in relative humidity, temperature, and altitude conditions that might be expected in aircraft operation. The coated acrylic is transparent to radio frequency energy as well as light, its dielectric loss factor being only slightly higher than the acrylic alone. It has sufficient permanence to the effects of sunlight, temperature variations, crazing, rain, abrasion, wind erosion, and oil absorption associated with the normal operation and maintenance of aircraft.

Three F-86 aircraft canopies, two new and one removed from service, were coated with the developed coating. The new canopies were tested in flight at Wright Air Development Center and performed satisfactorily. Thus, the coating can be applied to newly produced canopies with the least disruption in current manufacturing practices. The used canopy ceased severely when the protective coating was applied. This was caused by the strains present in the surface. Work with small methacrylate samples similarly strained revealed that the crazing could be avoided by annealing prior to spraying. Thus, it seems likely that the developed coating can be applied to canopies removed from service after an annealing pretreatment.

TR 52-232.
ELECTRODEPOSITION OF TITANIUM FROM AQUEOUS SYSTEMS. Ernest J. Breton, 1st Lt., USAF. RDO No. 611-11. December 1952.

United Chromium, Inc. TR 53-271,

The fatigue limit of heat-treated steel was studied with chromium deposits from various solutions with varying plating conditions. Baseline information was obtained from the conventional sulfate bath and the newer high speed CR-110 bath. The fatigue limit was shown to increase with increased fineness of crack pattern in the chromium deposit. By adjusting the plating conditions to give more filled-in cracks the fatigue limit was materially increased. Deposits with very few crack-lines showed extremely low fatigue limits.

Baking chromium deposits to eliminate hydrogen embrittlement drastically lowered the fatigue limit in most cases. Certain types of deposits possessing oxide inclusions gave higher rather than lower results after baking. A copper strike between chromium and steel was shown to largely prevent embrittlement without changing the fatigue properties.

The data is taken to show that residual tensile stress in electrolytic chromium is the primary mechanism for the lowering of the fatigue limit in chromium plated steel.

Battelle Memorial Inst. TR 5692, Supp. 4,
AN INVESTIGATION OF ELECTRODEPOSITED ALLOYS FOR PROTECTION OF STEEL AIRCRAFT PARTS. Arch B. Tripler, Jr., Glen Fuller and Dr. Charles L. Faust. AF 33(038)-8750. July 1953.

Pure-manganese, manganese-zinc-alloy, and zinc-tin-molybdenum coatings on steel were exposed for 21 months at the Battelle North Florida Research Station. Panels coated with zinc, cadmium, and chromated zinc were exposed concurrently as standards.

The pure-manganese and manganese-zinc coatings were inferior to the zinc and cadmium standards.

The zinc-tin-alloy coatings of 0.3 mil thickness and greater protected the underlying steel as well as the zinc and cadmium standards.
Electrodeposition of Titanium. Albert W. Schlaechten, Martin E. Straumanis and C. Burroughs Gill. AF 33(616)-75. September 1953. PB 111797. OTS $1.50.

The high resistance of titanium to corrosion, particularly by sea water or nitric acid, makes it very desirable to plate other metals with a protective coating of titanium. Many attempts by many workers have been made to electrodeposit titanium either to form a coating or as a means of producing the metal but little success has been reported. This report describes a large number of experiments using aqueous and fused salt baths. It is doubtful if any true electrodeposits of titanium were obtained, but a procedure is described which will yield a thin but coherent and corrosion resistant titanium coating. Extensive data are also reported on the hydrogen overvoltage on titanium in aqueous electrolytes.


Aqueous, non-aqueous, and fused electrolytes have been investigated in an attempt to electrodeposit titanium and zirconium. Aqueous and non-aqueous electrolytes have been found capable only of coating small percentages of titanium along with another more easily plated metal such as tin, cadmium, or zinc. Fused alkali borate baths were found to give non-adherent, spotty cathode deposits of a titanium boride. Fused halide electrolytes gave powdered metal deposits and a potassium chloride-lithium chloride-titanium (III) chloride electrolyte gave weighable plates on iron, nickel, and copper cathodes. Notes on some of the chemical aspects of the investigations are included.


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Battelle Memorial Inst. TR 53-218.


This report surveys the nondestructive test methods currently being used for the inspection of silver-plated aircraft bearings. Details of the two principal test methods are given.

The selection of the test method depends on whether a copper or nickel strike is applied to the bearing shell before silver plating. The shot peening test, where in the surface of the silver plate is lightly shot peened under controlled conditions is principally used on bearings having a copper strike. The nickel strike bearings are tested by heating the bearing to 950°F, followed by rough boring, or machining to size and then X-raying the bearing surface.

Shot peening will produce wrinkles in poorly bonded areas. The heating method produces blisters, which are readily revealed by X-ray examination following machining.

In addition, the report contains "Proposed Amendments to Technical Order No. 54-5-1 on Electrodeposition of Silver Plate". It suggests changes in the Technical Order for the purposes of improving the procedure for silver plating and reducing the occurrence of poorly adherent silver plate at Air Force depots overhauling aircraft engines.

WADC TR 53-73.


This project was undertaken in an effort to develop an insulative fire retardant coating suitable for use on aircraft. The desired coating should be a paint-like material, and when applied at a rate of not more than 12 pounds per 100 square feet on metal, should be able to provide a temperature differential of at least 1650°F, for a period of 30 minutes when subjected to a 2000°F flame. In addition, the coating should have the usual properties of a good paint film.

This report covers the initial screening of a number of materials to determine their performance under some of the conditions to which the coating might be subjected. A number of commercially available coatings were evaluated. No entirely satisfactory coating was developed or evaluated. Types or classes of materials deemed worthy of further investigation are noted.

Many of the materials tested were not developed or intended by the manufacturer for the conditions to which they were subjected. Any failure or poor performance of a material is therefore not necessarily indicative of the utility of the material under less stringent conditions or for other applications.


The endurance and load-carrying capacity of commercial and experimental dry-friction reducing films have been investigated at low surface rubbing speeds in the Falex Lubricant Tester. This investigation indicates that the most successful types of dry film lubricants have excellent extreme pressure properties and good anti-wear properties for plain bearing applications at low speeds.

Baked resin-bonded films have superior endurance life than air-drying spray and dip coatings. The endurance life and load-carrying ability of dry film lubricants is dependent on the resin-bonding agent and pretreatment of the metal surface prior to application of the film. Maximum endurance life is obtained if both surfaces are dry film coated.

WADC TR 54-392.


Accelerated weathering tests, air and rain erosion tests, and flight tests were conducted on the Lockheed ATC-I transparent, electrically conducting coating to determine its suitability for use on canopies of military aircraft for the reduction of precipitation static. The coating successfully retained the desired values of electrical conductivity, transmittance, and haze throughout most of the tests. On this basis it is recommended from the materials standpoint as a coating meeting the physical requirements established by the Communication and Navigation Laboratory, WADC.

WADC TR 54-240.


A study has been made of cadmium-tin and zinc-tin alloy electrodeposits in the continuing efforts of the Air Force to find superior corrosion resistant coatings. The alloy systems evaluated were electrodeposited from...
fluoborate solutions. Cadmium was used as a basis of comparison throughout. The cadmium-tin alloy coating was found to be superior to cadmium coatings in the majority of tests performed. The cadmium-tin alloy coating was found to have excellent resistance to salt spray, jet fuels, high temperature synthetic oils, organic acid vapors, and to have very little embrittling effect on hardened steel.

Sherwin-Williams Co. WADC TR 54-373,

The purpose of this investigational work, which was to strive to develop improved coatings for the protection of magnesium, has been accomplished. The recommended finishing systems based on this work use a vinyl toluene-ether ester vehicle in both the primer and the topcoat. The primers are pigmented at 35% pigment volume concentration and oxidation resistance at a degree of humidity above 95% is obtained. The solvent resistance of these systems has been variable. The two types used in the samples submitted for evaluation showed bad softening but fair recovery upon solvent evaporation.

Time consuming difficulties were encountered in establishing a satisfactory test surface. Pretreatment of the magnesium according to MIL-M-3171, Type II, by a preferred commercial processor and the use of replicate test panels was the solution. Wash primers as pretreatments for magnesium or as an addition to dichromate pretreatments show promise but their performance is too variable to warrant inclusion in the recommended system at this time. Improvements in wash primers included the use of stannic chromate and silicon dioxide as the pigment and the reduction of acid activator content to 25% of normal with simultaneous control of water content.

Several items were investigated briefly and showed enough promise to warrant further study. These include polysulfide resins, furan resins, a pigment prepared from calcium sulfide and ammonium vanadate, pigment changes in wash primers, and a method for determining the permeability of films to chloride ions.

This work was done by the Paint Research Department of The Sherwin Williams Company under contract AF 33(616)-35 from 29 March, 1952 to 1 June, 1954.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. WADC TR 53-511,

High speed flight through rain causes erosion damage to exposed parts of aircraft. Neoprene coatings have been used to protect parts against this damage. Skin friction due to the high speeds of aircraft and the practice of thermal de-icing, have made it necessary to investigate erosion resistant coatings which will withstand temperatures up to 500°F.

All available elastomers and plastics giving promise of withstanding such temperatures have been examined. Of these, only acrylic ester rubbers, Teflon, and silicone rubbers meet the temperature requirement. Teflon is poor in erosion resistance. The silicone and acrylic ester rubbers, although they do not have as high a degree of erosion resistance as Neoprene in the present stage of development, afford a fair degree of protection even after exposure to 500°F. Inconsistent adhesion has prevented the ultimate in erosion resistance from being realised.

Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy.
WADC TR 53-162, Part 2.
ELECTRODEPOSITION OF TITANIUM. Albert W. Schlechtlen, Martin E. Straumanis, C. Burroughs Gill. AF 33(616)-75. November 1954. PB 111798. OTS $1.50.

A process has been developed for obtaining a diffusion coating of titanium on iron, mild steel, copper, and other metals. This coating is very high in titanium content and displays good corrosion resistance. Many of the variables in the process have been investigated and are reported. Data are also presented on the corrosion of titanium in fused salts, the resulting products, and the probable mechanism.

Sam Tour & Company, Inc. WADC TR 54-209,

This report is to be used as a guide to Air Force Contractors in the selection of surface treatments of low alloy steels for corrosion and oxidation resistance at a minimum expense in critical materials. Forty metallic and nineteen paint types of heat resistant coatings applicable to plain carbon and low alloy steels are described and evaluated. Relative temperature, corrosion and abrasion resistances are given. Effects on base metal, formability of coated steel, weldability, joining characteristics and costs per square foot of surface coated are shown. A brief description is given of the processes used for applying and the nature of each of the coatings. Available information and sources of supply are given.

The scope of the protective treatments field is too broad to include all coatings; however, as many coatings were covered as possible. Further, because of the specialized applications involving combinations of elevated temperatures and corrosive environments mentioned in this report, many treatments were evaluated in applications for which they were not intended. Therefore it is not to be assumed that the results tabulated herein are equally valid for other applications or conditions of test.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-325,

A survey of various methods for producing transparent conducting films at temperatures below 250°F and development studies of one method were conducted in a search for both low- and high-conductivity films. These films are needed for dissipation of static electrical charges and fog, frost, and ice from safety-glass aircraft enclosures.

Of approximately 12 methods investigated, the one chosen for more extensive study was the thermal conversion of metal films to transparent oxides. Evaporated indium films were successfully converted to transparent oxide films at temperatures below the boiling temperature of the plastic laminate. Films with resistances below 500 ohms per square, measured in vacuum, were produced, but exposure of the films to air at atmospheric pressure caused the resistances to increase by at least two orders of magnitude.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 54-485, Pt L,
PB 126613. LC Mi $3.30, Ph $7.80.

Numerous non aqueous solutions were investigated in an attempt to electrodeposit titanium. Some work was also done with zirconium. Either solutions containing halides, hydrides, borohydrides, and organo-metallic compounds of titanium were the most promising solutions investigated. A mixed type of bath containing both hydrides and borohydrides yielded titanium-aluminum alloys containing about six percent titanium. Similar baths containing zirconium, instead of titanium, were studied. The zirconium baths gave alloy deposits containing up to 45 percent zirconium.

New methods of preparation of titanium and zirconium borohydrides were developed.


The effect of a chromium deposit on the fatigue limit of chromium plated, heat-treated steel is correlated with the stress possessed by the chromium deposit. High tensile stress results in severe lowering of the fatigue strength of steel and conversely low stress gives much less fatigue strength lowering.

Numerous stress measurements with both the "spiral contractometer" and "rigid flat strip" methods showed the stress as measured by the two methods is different for the same deposits, the "rigid flat strip" method giving a lower stress value. Stress changes rapidly with chromium thickness and is correlated with the formation of a crack pattern in a deposit. Deposits possessing fine crack patterns showed compressive stress at thicknesses beyond a few thousandths of an inch.

The baking of a chromium deposit, as commonly practiced to relieve hydrogen embrittlement of plated steel severely lowers the fatigue strength for the usual electrodeposited chromium. This fatigue strength lowering is again correlated with an increase in stress which is due to a shrinkage of the deposit during baking.

This fundamental knowledge about the mechanism of fatigue in chromium plated steels led to the development of baths and plating conditions which give greatly improved fatigue properties for the unbaked plate and other deposited material. These good fatigue properties were manifested after baking.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 54-485, Pt 2. ELECTRODEPOSITION OF TITANIUM. Walter E. Reid, Jr., C. Agnes Gaudette, Abner Brenner. AF 33(616)-53-1. April 1955. PB 111876 OTS $0.50.

The study of titanium-aluminum alloy baths as described in WADC TR 54-485 Pt. 1 was continued.

The preparation of concentrated titanium-aluminum and zirconium-aluminum alloy baths by other means than use of the difficulty obtainable borohydrides of titanium and zirconium was investigated. This was done by reacting in an ether solution boron trichloride, lithium aluminum hydride, aluminum chloride, and titanium or zirconium tetrachloride. Under the experimental conditions used, this method was not successful.

An investigation was made of the possibility of using alcohols as complexing agents in solutions of titanium halides. No metallic deposits were obtained from this type of bath.

The unavailability of lithium borohydride (used to prepare titanium and zirconium borohydrides) from commercial sources made necessary an examination of methods for preparing this compound and a quantity was prepared.

WADC TR 54-452. TRANSPARENT ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTING COATINGS FOR THE REDUCTION OF PRECIPITATION STATIC IN AIRCRAFT. L. Harold Bullis. April 1955. ASTIA Document No. AD 66444. PB 122864. LC Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

The Wright Air Development Center program for the development of transparent electrically conducting coatings for the reduction of precipitation static in military aircraft is summarized and evaluated. Work carried out by Air Force contractors and other organizations is reviewed and discussed. Although a coating meeting all of the desired requirements for aircraft application has not been developed, some coatings, such as the Lockheed ATC-1 showed considerable promise. This coating was flight tested and was able to resist the forces of rain erosion for a considerable period of time without undergoing much change. However, additional flight tests have shown that the degree of static elimination which can be expected by the use of conductive coatings on windshields and canopies is small and does not provide a worthwhile operation improvement. In view of this fact, work on this program has been discontinued.


The objective of this contract was the development of a protective coating and sealant for the metal surfaces in the acid tank and ATO compartments of the B-47 aircraft. The evaluation of available coatings indicated poly(chlorotrifluoroethylene) (KEL-F) was the only organic coating material which shows acceptable resistance to fuming nitric acid. However its use was deemed impractical because of the difficulty of application on aluminum aircraft structures.

Research on the modification of KEL-F through copolymerisation with vinylidene fluoride ultimately led to the development of Kellogg X-200 resin. Laboratory tests indicate that coating systems of X-200 filling material and X-200 lacquer are adequate for the intended application. Coatings formed from the X-200 lacquer are far superior, in fuming nitric acid resistance, to any other lacquer coating evaluated.


Numerous film-forming raw materials from solvent systems and nonvolatile filleting compounds have been screened for their resistance to white fuming nitric acid. Results show Fluorocarbon Resin X-200 from M. W. Kellogg Company is the only available resin meeting this contract requirement for coating and filleting compounds. Air dry, force dry or low temperature bake coatings have been tentatively formulated to provide the required protection. Studies of physical and chemical properties in conjunction with the compounding of this resin indicates the need for additional work to provide a more practical drying cycle and work is being continued concerning this phase.

Filleting compounds have been developed and tested to meet basic requirements. Further studies are being made with regard to equipment and manufacturing methods. Work on all phases, including the refinement of coating, production procedures on filleting compounds, and final cycling tests are to be carried out.
Possibility of using sodium or potassium borohydride instead of lithium borohydride to prepare the titanium and sirconium borohydrides was examined. Among the new compounds prepared for use in the titanium-aluminum alloy bath were chloroborohydride ethers of titanium. Some work was done on the use of organometallic aluminum compounds in a titanium alloy bath rather than the hydride aluminum bath previously used. Alloys of titanium or sirconium with magnesium were obtained from a hydride type of bath. Codeposition of some metals similar to titanium, namely hafnium and thorium, with aluminum from the borohydride bath was studied for purposes of comparison with the titanium-aluminum alloys.

A number of reactions between reactive organic compounds and titanium salts were performed in the search for a suitable titanium plating bath. This included an unsuccessful attempt to prepare ethyllithium and a tetraphenyl borate derivative of titanium.

WADC TR 56-385.


The rain removal systems on many of the current Air Force aircraft are unsatisfactory. Three methods of rain removal are presently being used; jet blast (compressor bleed) method, windshield wipers, and chemical rain repellents respectively. This report is primarily concerned with chemical rain repellents.

Three types of chemical rain repellents were suggested as a low cost, low weight method of providing visibility through rain. These materials were subjected to laboratory and service tests to determine their suitability for current Air Force requirements. The three materials tested were equally satisfactory as rain repellents. However, one material was unsatisfactory for field use due to its toxic and corrosive nature.

Two equivalent materials were recommended for Air Force use, the Snell 17285 developed under Navy contract and Type II developed by the Canadian Research Council, respectively. These materials are easily applied and have suitable durability. They have been procured and are in Air Force stock.

WADC TR 56-250.


Initial development of metal reinforced refractory coatings to provide thermal insulation to aircraft structural members operating in the temperature range 2000°F to 3000°F is reported. Reinforced refractories 0.080 to 0.15-inch thick, providing thermal drops of 5°F to 10°F per 0.001 inch of thickness have been successfully tested in small scale. These reinforced coatings averaged half the density of steel.

WADC TR 55-212 Suppl. 1


Twenty-five different finishing systems were tested to determine their relative resistance to the corrosive and erosive effects of rocket exhaust gases. The results of these tests indicate that two distinct problem areas are associated with the rocket exhaust effects. These two problems are corrosion and erosion. Standard lacquer and enamel finish systems satisfactorily protect aircraft materials from the corrosive effects of the exhaust gases as long as the coatings are not damaged by abrasion or
heat. None of the coating systems tested satisfactorily protect aircraft materials from erosion by rocket exhaust debris and heat.

Enthone, Inc. WADC TR 56-591.

Those compounds which are known to produce superior water displacing films on metals were tested to determine their efficiency in lowering the adhesion of ice to metal surfaces. These tests were made to determine the feasibility of developing ice repellent materials using these compounds or their homologues. The results of ice adhesion measurements on aluminum, steel and cement surfaces coated with these compounds are presented. Most of the compounds tested reduced the force necessary to remove ice from the surfaces tested, but none of them reduced the adhesion below 1.9 lb/sq. in. It is concluded that none of the materials reduced ice adhesion sufficiently to indicate that practical ice repellent materials could be developed with these compounds as the major active ingredients.

Midland Industrial Finishes Company. WADC TR 54-442.

The objective of the work discussed in this report was to develop an air-drying coating system for magnesium that would have film properties equal to or better than present air-drying finishing systems for this metal -- and which would also withstand temperatures up to 500°F. The major testing requirement for the desired coating system was the ability to maintain film integrity for relatively long periods of time when subjected to a cyclic high-humidity-high temperature test.

Three coating systems were developed in this work. They are the "preferred" system and two alternate systems. The alternates, while inferior to the "preferred" system in high humidity-high temperature resistance, are "one-package" materials with better color retention than the "preferred" system. The major drawbacks of the "preferred" system are the lack of color retention at high temperatures and the fact that it would have to be supplied as a multi-package material. The "preferred" system is based on a epoxy-polyamide vehicle. It consists of a calcium chromate pigmented primer, containing 35% pigment, and an alumino-silicate topcoat. The vehicles on which the alternates are based are:

1. A styrenated acrylonitrile modified alkyd-silicone copolymer resin
2. A mixture of an epoxy ester and a silicone resin.

This work was conducted under USAF Contract No. AF 33(616)-2890, and was performed by the laboratory of the Midland Industrial Finishes Company at Waukegan, Illinois.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 54-325 Pt 3.

This report describes a continuation of the studies described in WADC Technical Report 54-325, Part 2.

Transparent, conducting films on glass were prepared by simultaneous evaporation of indium and tin and subsequent thermal oxidation of the metal films in air at 150 to 200°C. Films with resistance as low as 17 ohms/square and transmittance as high as 85 percent were prepared. Representative specimens had values of 50 to 100 ohms/square and 80 percent transmittance. Greater reproducibility of film properties was attained as a result of the use of improved techniques and equipment and studies of the effect of varying the process parameters.

Large panels (9 x 9 inches) were filmed, using a rotating substrate and a small source located off the axis of rotation. The transmittance and resistance varied only slightly over the surface. The variation can be reduced by relocation of the source.

A study of magnesium fluoride and silicon oxide overcoatings was made in an attempt to increase the transmittance of the conducting films and to confer mechanical protection. Transmittance increases as high as 13 percent were obtained. The hardness of the overcoatings approached but did not exceed that of the conducting films.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. WADC TR 55-511 Pt II.

High speed flight through rain causes damage to exposed parts of aircraft. Neoprene coatings have been used to protect parts against this damage. Skin friction due to the high speeds of aircraft and the practice of thermal de-icing, have made it necessary to investigate erosion resistant coatings which will withstand temperatures up to 500°F.

All available elastomers and plastics giving promise of withstanding such temperatures have been examined. Of these, only acrylic ester rubbers, Teflon, and silicone rubbers meet the temperature requirement. Teflon is poor in erosion resistance.

The silicone and acrylic ester rubbers, although they do not have as high a degree of erosion resistance as Neoprene in the present stage of development, offer a fair degree of protection even after exposure to 500°F. Incon- sistent adhesion has prevented the ultimate in erosion resis- tance from being realized.

Hypalon S-2 will not withstand 500°F, but does afford a fair degree of erosion resistance where temperatures remain below 400°F. Here again, adhesion is a problem.

A Goodyear experimental rubber shows promise of being useful as a primer for high temperature coating systems.

WADC TN 57-178.

The effect of shot-peening prior to chromium plating on the fatigue strength of high strength steel has been studied in an effort to minimise the drastic drop in fatigue strength, approximately 50%, which occurs as a result of chromium plating. Shot-peened, chromium plated steel, 220,000 psi UTS, had an endurance limit 12% higher than the bare unshot-peened steel. Shot-peened, chromium plated steel, 220,000 psi UTS, which was baked after plat- ing, had an endurance limit 18% higher than the bare unshot- peened steel. Shot-peened, chromium plated steel,
Zinc rich coatings have been in use for over 100 years as a protective pigment for steel. Since the effectiveness of these coatings are dependent upon the electrical conductivity from zinc particle to zinc particle and from zinc particle to the steel surface, it is important to have a good conductivity measurement test to determine the protective properties of any zinc rich coating system. Several procedures were tried before a good conductivity test was developed. These conductivity tests can be then used as a scientific basis for formulation of zinc rich coatings which will provide good galvanic protection to steel.

It was concluded that the conductivity test developed can be used to determine optimum zinc concentration, film thickness, and drying time for any given vehicle pigmented with zinc.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 57-317.

Recent developments in the field of aeronautics have focused attention on the behavior of materials under conditions of high heat flux and high temperature. A number of materials, whose physical properties are of interest, must be protected from erosion and oxidation when exposed to a flow of high temperature air. The resistance of these materials and their coatings to thermal shock is also important.

This report summarizes the results of the first year of a program to evaluate the resistance of a number of coatings for copper, nickel, tantalum, and graphite to erosion, oxidation, and thermal shock under high temperature service conditions. Specimens were tested in the throat of a hydrogen-oxygen rocket motor which could produce a maximum heat flux of approximately 3000 Btu/sec sq ft, and a maximum temperature of approximately 5500F.

The results of the research program indicate that several coatings have properties of promise. These coatings include Rokide A, chromium, and chromium-nickel coatings for copper; Rokide A and chromium coatings for nickel; and a Rokide C coating for graphite. In general, flame sprayed and electrodeposited types of coatings appeared to be the most successful. None of the coatings for tantalum that were tested were successful. The failure of coatings on tantalum appears to be the result of oxidation of the tantalum through the coatings; a successful tantalum coating, if developed, should have a low porosity. Tests of coatings applied by vapor deposition indicated that these coatings have relatively poor adhesion and are subject to erosion.

Sherwin-Williams Company. WADC TR 56-80.

This report consists principally of a detailed evaluation of the resistance of 56 coatings or coating systems to five synthetic lubricating and hydraulic fluids in conjunction with supplementary tests designed to expose these coatings to the maximum limits encountered by high speed aircraft under service conditions. Test work was conducted by The Sherwin-Williams Company in the Chicago Lacquer Laboratories' Aircraft Finishes Group. Results show the following candidate coatings to have the most promise in resisting maximum detrimental effects of synthetic fluids and accompanying environmental conditions:

**Skin Coatings**

- Candidate Coating No. C-6 - Sherwin-Williams, Experimental White System.
- Candidate Coating No. C-55 - Sherwin-Williams, M49 W C4 System.

**Engine Coatings**

- Candidate Coating No. C-31 - Pratt & Lambert, Heat Resistant Aluminum Enamel # 7897.

Sherwin-Williams Company. WADC TR 56-80 Sup 1.

This report is a presentation of the work performed in developing both aircraft skin and engine coatings that are resistant to the detrimental effects of synthetic fluids and the accompanying environmental conditions encountered by modern high speed aircraft. As a result of this work the contractor evaluated a skin coating system and an engine coating and developed two engine coatings. The skin coating system is as follows: Primer, Sherwin-Williams Modified Wash Primer, P40 G C1; Topcoat, Sherwin-Williams White Modified Acrylic Enamel, M49 W C5. The three engine coatings are: Pratt & Lambert Aluminum Engine Coating #7897, Sherwin-Williams Aluminum Silicone Jet Engine Coating, M49 S C2; and Sherwin-Williams Aluminum Silicone Jet Engine Coating, M49 S C3. All these systems are capable of closely approaching complete resistance to the severe conditions involved.

Gates Engineering Company. WADC TR 57-158 Pt 1.

Radomes and other coverings for housing radar antennae exposed to rain during high speed flight require maximum protection against rain erosion. This study is for the development of improved coatings for exterior plastic components, which will be rain erosion resistant, thermally reflective and have satisfactory weatherability.

White coatings formulated from polyacrylic rubber or Kel-F elastomer yield the best overall diffuse reflectances, while Neoprene has the best resistance to rain erosion.

A white Neoprene coating system has been developed which satisfies the major requirements of this program. Studies are under way to improve the above coating system and to render it anti-static.
WADC TR 57-342.
EFFECTIVE THICKNESS OF CHROMIUM PLATE ON THE SENSITIVITY OF MAGNETIC PARTICLE INSPECTION.

A survey was conducted on small cracked rods to determine the size crack which can be detected by magnetic particle inspection. Chromium plating 2.2, 4.4, and 6.6 mils thick were successively plated to these rods and the rods were examined after each plating. Scotch tape transfers were taken and studied in conjunction with the subsequently measured cracks. The summation of results indicate that 4.5 mils is a practical limitation of the effective depth of chromium plate for magnetic particle inspection of the plated body.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 57-435.

The feasibility of building a 2500 mile per hour rotating arm, rain erosion, test apparatus based upon economic aspects and engineering problems was investigated. It was found that such a rain erosion test facility was practicable and one was designed which consisted of a large, refrigerated chamber evacuated to 0.01 atmosphere pressure in which a test blade, 56 feet in diameter, would rotate.

The problems and calculations leading to the design, as well as the cost of the equipment of a rotating arm test apparatus for three speeds (i.e. 2200, 2270 and 2500 mph) are reviewed.

WADC TR 57-186.

This report is an evaluation of the effects of gamma radiation and heat on several available types of specification and non-specification paints. Reflectance, adhesion, abrasion, humidity, and film condition data are presented on the effects of gamma radiation and heat on silicone-alkyd, fluorocarbon, alkyd, nitrocellulose, phenolic, and epoxy resin-based paints. Silicone-alkyd, alkyd, and phenolic resin-based paints appear to be satisfactory for use after exposure to 1 x 10^9 roentgens.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 57-195.

A study was made of test methods whereby the quality of magnesium surface treatments could be determined. Methods which measured the corrosion-inhibiting power of the coating were found unsatisfactory. A method based on measurement of paint adhesion after exposure to a corrosive environment, however, was found quite promising. The latter approach evolved the "Gauze-Peel Test," in which a gauze strip is embedded in the organic coating. After exposure to accelerated corrosion, the gauze is peeled from the surface. Both quantitative (peel strength) and qualitative (visual examination of the stripped area) evaluations are easily made. An important observation made during preparation of experimental specimens was that contact between magnesium and steel during Dow 7 treatment leads to rapidly deteriorating painted surfaces.

Gates Engineering Company. WADC TR 57-156 Pt II.

Numerous elastomeric coatings have been developed and tested for retention of thermal reflectance and resistance to rain erosion after 100 hours aging at 400°F. Although Neoprene affords the best resistance to rain erosion, it has limited heat resistance, while Kel-F elastomer is the exact opposite.

A method has been developed to utilise ionically conductive white coatings in conjunction with electron conductive coatings for the development of white anti-static rain erosion resistant coatings. Preliminary results have been very encouraging, but considerable additional work is required before white anti-static coating systems are developed to a point where they will consistently conform to the requirements set forth in Specification MIL-C-7439B.

Arctic Research Inc. WADC TR 56-338 Pt I.

This report reviews all unclassified publications relating to the control of ice and frost which could be obtained by this laboratory during the period July 1955 to June 1956. In preparing this bibliography an attempt was made to exclude publications not in the area of interest indicated by the title. Otherwise an unwieldy report would have resulted.

Where abstracts or original reports could be reviewed, a brief summary of the report is given. In addition, when known, the depository and call number of each referenced report is included. Depositories are coded as follows:

AMAU - Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
ASTIA - Armed Services Technical Information Agency, Dayton, O. (Note: All "AD" and "ATI" numbers refer to ASTIA)
DAL - Army Library, Washington, D.C.
DWB - Weather Bureau, Washington, D.C.

All publications have been classified according to subject matter and coded using the arrangement given on page v. A review of the patent literature is included in Part II of this report.

Arctic Research Inc. WADC TR 56-338 Pt II.

This report constitutes an annotated bibliography of patents relating to the control of ice and frost on aircraft. All patents of interest in the U. S. Patent Office under classification list No. 244, subclass 134, up until July 1956, are included. Additional patents have been located through searching Chemical Abstracts, other bibliographies, etc. All patents have been classified according to subject matter and coding using the arrangement given on page v.

A review of unclassified publications is included in Part I of this report.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 57-514.

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AND RAIN EROSION RESISTANT COMPOSITE COATINGS. The embrittlement of cadmium plated high-strength steels, e.g., (SAE 4340) by hydrogen is of serious concern to the Air Force. Unexpected failures of highly stressed components have been experienced. It has been found that cadmium plating from a sulfamate, a perchlorate, or a fluoroborate bath with addition agents can be accomplished without embrittling the steel, but that the quality and adherence of the cadmium plate emerging from these baths, as compared with the cadmium plate from a cyanide bath, indicates the need for further evaluation before use.

In order to evaluate the effects of various degrees of hydrogen embrittlement on the steel, a sensitive mechanical test method was required. The important criteria were that the test coupon be of such geometry that it could be plated uniformly and that the test would evaluate only the effect of hydrogen embrittlement. Simple bend tests and notched bar tensile tests have been commonly used for studying the embrittling effect. In this program, the bend test, torsion test, and static sustained load beam test were investigated. A static sustained load beam test, using a 9 × 1/4 × 1/4-inch specimen with the grain transverse to the length was adopted. The SAE 4340 specimens were heat treated to 280,000 to 300,000 pounds per square inch tensile strength and the fracture time, under a given stress, was taken as a measure of the degree of hydrogen embrittlement.

It was found that replicate specimens show a large deviation in fracture times in spite of the care that was given to the selection, preparation, and testing techniques. These deviations are due to the normal defects and variables that are present in commercial, air melted, aircraft quality steel.

Gates Engineering Company. WADC TR 57-158 Pt III


Improved white rain erosion resistant coatings were obtained by simultaneously using combinations of Neoprenes, titanium dioxides, the inclusion of moderate quantities of acid acceptors and stabilizers, and the use of extra quantities of antioxidants. White Neoprene rain erosion resistant coatings can be firmly bonded to polyester or epoxy glass fiber laminates using Primers GeCo KV-6006-N or KV-8510-E. Improved electron conductive coatings for use in the "Series-Discharge" Anti-Static Coating System were prepared by blending white Neoprene non-conductive coating solutions with Neoprene conductive coatings, utilizing Vulcan XC-72, conductive carbon black. Several new white ionically conductive coatings were developed. A number of "Series-Discharge" Anti-Static Coating Systems were found to possess and retain conductivities in the order of 0.5 and 15 megohms per square when measured after various conditions. Also, one hundred forty-five coating systems were found to possess and retain conductivities in the range of 10 to 100 megohms per square, when measured after similar conditions. The diffuse reflectances of these coatings are generally better than those of non-conductive white coatings, and their resistance to discoloration is substantially improved.

Boeing Airplane Company. WADC TR 58-493.

DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF ROCKET BLAST AND RAIN EROSION RESISTANT COMPOSITE COATINGS PRODUCED BY FLAME SPRAY TECHNIQUES.


It was the purpose of this contract to determine the feasibility of utilizing multilayer coatings to protect metal surfaces from erosive and corrosive effects of rocket blast impingement. These coatings were to be comprised of two or more from the group: metal, ceramic, organic primer, and organic impregnant, with the metal and ceramic layers being applied by flame spray techniques. In the course of this study six ceramics, four powder spray metals, two wire spray metals, four substrate metals, and approximately sixty organic materials were combined into a large number of different coating systems. These coatings were subjected to a wide variety of tests culminating with actual exposure to rocket blast. A total of twenty-six different coating systems were obtained which successfully stood four rocket blasts without significant deterioration, verifying the feasibility of this technique. The successful coatings were all of the spray material-impregnant type with the most resistant spray materials being the ceramics.

In addition to the work described above, a limited amount of study was directed toward a better understanding of the flame spray process utilizing the techniques of microphotography, high speed photography, and X-ray diffraction, along with certain theoretical derivations. It is felt that the results of this work, although not of extreme usefulness by themselves, represent a useful addition to the total knowledge about this complicated process.

Horizons Incorporated. WADC TR 58-545.


Niobium metal and its alloys should have a large number of applications at temperatures above 2000°F wherever superior strength and creep resistance are required. In order for such applications to be realised, a method must be found for protecting the metal from the corrosive and embrittling influences of oxygen bearing atmospheres. This work was originally directed toward the development of a niobium base alloy which would ultimately stand exposure up to 2500°F without undue chemical or erosive attack or loss in its physical or mechanical properties. Testing programs were to be carried out at 2000, 2300, and 2500°F with up to 100 hour exposures. Such alloys were to possess ductility and stand a reasonable amount of thermal cycling. Midway in the program, the testing temperature was restricted to 2500°F and the time, ductility, bonding and thermal cycle behavior requirements were relaxed in order to obtain more useful data for the program. The use of high temperature coating materials and methods was emphasised over alloy development. Coatings were applied primarily by flame spraying and by electroplating procedures. Preparation, testing procedures and results are described for both the alloy development and coating work. In the alloy work the oxidation rate of niobium at 2000°F was reduced by about a factor of 20 by additions of cerium, chromium, titanium, and aluminum. Flame spraying and electrodeposited coatings were developed affording protection to niobium for 4-6 hours at 2500°F.
Nickel-aluminum alloy coatings were prepared by electrolysis, Dwight E. Couch, Joan H. Conner. AF 33(616)-57-10. May 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 214-424.

Nickel-aluminum alloy coatings were produced by electrodeposition of aluminum over nickel. The aluminum was plated from baths operated at from 25 to 1000°C. Attempts to codeposit the two metals were not successful. The alloy was superior to nickel in salt spray tests, outdoor exposure tests, and in oxidation tests.

WADC TN 58-302.
TRANSPARENT CONDUCTING COATINGS OF GOLD ON GLASS. Richard E. Pawel, 1/Lt., USAF. May 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 214386. PB 151 893. Order from OTS $0.50.

This work on transparent conductive coatings for glass was undertaken in order to determine if there was need for further consideration of metallic films for this purpose. Gold was deposited by vacuum evaporation onto glass slides using several subcoat materials in an effort to enhance the desired properties: good mechanical adhesion, high optical transmittance, and low electrical resistance. SiO, CuO, CaO, Sb2O3, PbO, CeO, GeO2, SnO2, Cu2O, and MgO were used as substrate materials, both the substrate and the gold being deposited without breaking vacuum. Of the oxides mentioned, CuO and SnO2 substrates materially increased the abrasive resistance of the films, however, still not to the desired level of adherence. Thin films of gold could be produced on these substrates in the range of 50 to 70 per cent transmittance having resistances from about 10 to 150 ohms per square. In order to increase the transmittance values about 75 per cent, extremely high resistance values were encountered. This abnormally sharp change in the resistance characteristics is thought due to physical discontinuities in the film. Similarly, thin films of initially high transparency and resistance would not stabilize at elevated temperatures.

In the range of application requiring greater than 75 per cent transmittance, the electrical stability of the subcoated gold films is poor compared with the properties of doped-oxide films. However, the thicker gold films appear more stable and may be applicable as conductors when very high transmittance is not desired.


The deposition of aluminum was accomplished by thermally decomposing vapors of tri-isobutyl aluminum on the surface of cleaned, heated copper test panels in a heated plating chamber. The test panels were subjected to a preliminary deoxidation by induction heating to 800°F in a hydrogen atmosphere, purging the chamber with argon gas while cooling the sample to 500 degrees, then admitting a mixture of gases containing tri-isobutyl aluminum vapors for varying periods.

The plate produced is substantially pure aluminum, lustrous and ductile, of excellent conductivity, and in thickness up to 4.7 miles. Adhesion varied from poor to excellent.

University of Illinois. WADC TR 52-12. Part II.

The program on high temperature electrical insulation on wire, in its second year, covered the further work on processing of coating, coating continuity, multiple coating, formation of coating, oxidation of copper, high temperature electrical properties, and flexibility of coated wire. It has been demonstrated that impervious ceramic coating of wire by the technique of flow-coating continuously moving wire through a porcelain enamel-type slip is a practicable manner of applying insulating coatings, and that multiple coating, that is, the successive application of coatings upon previously-coated wire, permits the elimination of pinholes and other such defects that would destroy insulation continuity.

It has been further demonstrated, based on the studies dealing with one type of coating, that the oxidation of copper and the associated solution of CuO into the coating is not in itself deleterious; in fact, CuO in the coating may be considered beneficial in stabilizing the coating with regard to changes in electrical properties with change in CuO content and for the development of better high temperature electrical properties.

The studies dealing with apparent flexibility of the coated wire indicated that the thickness of the coating, the ratio of coating thickness to wire diameter, and the degree of bond established between the coating and the wire are the principal variables affecting flexibility of insulation.

Coating formulation work has proceeded to the extent of establishing coatings that (a) have excellent bond on copper wire, and (b) have room temperature electrical properties that approach the target specifications.

WADC TR 59-415.

This report summarizes the proceedings of the second High-Temperature Inorganic Refractory Coatings Working Group meeting held jointly by the WADC Materials Laboratory and the Georgia Institute of Technology Engineering Experiment Station on 26-28 May 1959 in Dayton, Ohio. Forty-three technical personnel representing thirty-nine organizations met to present informal technical discussions of their work on inorganic refractory coatings for use over approximately 2500°F and for an informal seminar on the subject. This report describes each organization's presentation, summarizes the seminar, and furnishes a bibliography of recent reports on refractory coatings and related subjects.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TN 58-13, Part II.

Aluminum Coatings plated on substrates of copper,
chrome, iron and Inconel were successfully anodized but efforts to anodize aluminum coatings plated over barrier layer metals on copper were unsuccessful. Since aluminum-clad copper wire has become commercially available, work on aluminum plating of copper wire with barrier layer metals has been stopped.

Two types of sealing coatings for anodized aluminum were considered: (1) frit-resin, (2) colloidal silica.

Proper curing of frit-resin coatings applied to substrates of iron eliminated all reaction with the substrate. Coatings were continuous to the 1300°F to 1400°F range but a wetting problem was encountered above 1400°F. Frit-silicone resin compositions were applied to aluminum wire in two separate coats to eliminate gelling problems encountered when frit and resin were milled together. Electrical properties of frit-silicone and frit-epoxy resin coatings applied to anodized wire were determined.

Colloidal silica was deposited electrophoretically coated or anodized aluminum as a possible substitute for frit-resin coatings. Work on a "one-time at temperature coating" showed possibilities of continuous operation to 900°F. Work was limited to 1100°F, due to the softening of aluminum in this range.

Marquardt Aircraft Co. WADC TR 59-102.


A metal reinforced ceramic coating system has been developed that will successfully withstand temperatures of 3500°F while providing insulative values for the supporting structure. This ceramic coating system utilizes a corrugated strip of stainless steel as the reinforcement media and phosphate bonded alumina as the refractory medium. The great advantages of a coating system of this nature, aside from high-temperature resistance and thermal insulation, is the wide variety of applications wherein it can be utilized.

Attempts have been made to use zirconia as the refractory grain in phosphate bonded reinforced coatings. These attempts have not been wholly successful, due mainly to the poor thermal shock resistance of zirconia. It is anticipated that this drawback can be eliminated.

Several items of research equipment have been designed and built to facilitate study of the various ceramic materials used in this program. These include a differential thermal analysis setup, a high-temperature modulus of rupture furnace, and a modification of the existing thermal drop apparatus.


This report describes detailed tests made to electrodeposit aluminum directly onto magnesium, using a modification of the non-aqueous bath developed by the National Bureau of Standards. The report shows that good adhesion is not obtained and a reaction occurs between the electroplating solution and magnesium. However, the report indicates that by using a zinc immersion intermediate coating, satisfactory adhesion is obtained.

The purity of the aluminum deposited in this manner is greater than 99.8% with low porosity. Good adhesion is also obtained on copper and steel. These coatings can be satisfactorily anodized.

American Cyanamid Co. WADC TR 59-354.


Compounds which are effective in protecting materials from terrestrial ultraviolet radiation may, in a high vacuum environment, suffer loss both by evaporation and photochemical degradation from the shorter wavelength ultraviolet radiation. The rates of evaporation in a high vacuum of the ten commercially available protective ultraviolet absorbers have been measured as a function of temperature. Vapor pressures of the solid absorbers were calculated from the rate of evaporation data. The equilibrium vapor pressures as a function of temperature have been measured for the liquid absorbers by the direct spectrophotometric method. The rates of evaporation of three of the more non-volatile ultraviolet absorbers dispersed in cellulose acetate have been measured and compared with the pure absorbers. The volatility of the protective ultraviolet absorbers was found to be sufficiently high in a high vacuum environment to cause serious loss of the pure absorbers in a relatively short time. Absorbers containing more than one hydroxy group were considerably more stable than those containing only one hydroxy group. This high volatility could be reduced by a factor of 100,000 or more by incorporating the absorbers into plastic media such as cellulose acetate. The photochemical decomposition of three of the less volatile absorbers has been studied in air and in a vacuum in the 2000-4000 Å region using an AH-6 high pressure mercury arc to simulate sunlight above the earth's atmosphere. The three most nonvolatile ultraviolet absorbers were found to be as photochemically stable under conditions which simulate sunlight above the earth's atmosphere as they are to terrestrial sunlight. Radiation of wavelengths less than 3000 Angstroms was found to be more effective in causing photochemical degradation than the longer wavelengths. Oxygen and possibly other components of air were found to have a pronounced effect on the rate of photochemical decomposition, the rate being considerably lower in vacuum than in air.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TN 58-13, Part III.

HIGH-TEMPERATURE INSULATION FOR WIRE. J. N. Harris, J. D. Walton, Jr. AF 33(616)-3944. March 1960. PB 161 789. Order from OTS $1.00.

Normal anodizing of commercial aluminum-clad copper wire did not result in complete anodisation of the aluminum due to its thickness. Advantage was taken of the solvent action of sulfuric acid to remove a portion of the excess aluminum, however, complete anodisation was not possible due to uneven removal of the aluminum causing exposure of the copper. Best results obtained were an anodised coating thickness of 0.8 to 1.0 mils and an unanodised aluminum layer 0.3 mil in thickness.

The use of electrophoretic deposition of colloidal silica for sealing the pores of anodised coatings was not successful. Better results were obtained by providing colloidal silica sealing by spray drying hydrolysed ethyl silicate solutions on phosphoric acid anodised wire. This resulted in a wire insulation with an average dielectric constant of 2.89 and a dissipation factor of 1.87 percent.
The best insulation system was provided by sealing sulfuric acid-magnesium chloride anodized wire with a frit-resin coating. This wire was capable of operating at 800°F.


To meet the ever increasing demand of high temperatures, corresponding inhibitive materials are needed. Of the array of materials suggesting themselves the chrome bearing zinc composition, zinc yellow, its cadmium counterpart, two basic chromates of zinc, the alkaline earth chromates, and the alkaline earth chromo-chromates were studied. The temperature range was restricted to the 1000°C zone.

Zinc yellow showed some deterioration in the 200-250°C range and a substantially complete breakdown between 300-400°C. This was shown by marked color change, appreciable losses in weight and in chromium (VI). The basic chromates of zinc were slightly superior to zinc yellow. The cadmium counterpart of zinc yellow was stable to 550°C-600°C.

The alkaline earth chromates appeared to be more promising. Calcium chromate showed a gradually increasing change from just above 600°C and reached an essentially complete breakdown, accompanied by fusion at 950°C. Strontium chromate showed little change when heated for 12 hours at 1000°C.

Both calcium and strontium chromate are sensitive to impurities, being most sensitive to their respective oxides. Upon calcination of these chromates with their corresponding oxides even more promising products are obtained, the chromo-chromates. The calcium derivatives show an increase in thermal stability with an increase in percentage of the oxide. The optimum composition, however, remains to be determined. Both the calcium and the strontium derivatives are stable for 12 hours at 1000°C. The former show a decrease in solubility over the unmodified calcium chromate, while the one composition of strontium derivative showed an increase in solubility as compared with the unmodified strontium chromate.

Extensive solubility studies were made on many of the materials under investigation. The indications are that this property may be an index of thermal stability.

The conclusion at this time is that the alkaline earth chromates and chromo-chromates deserve further study.


This report describes investigations into the use of ultrasonic techniques to determine strength of ceramic-metal bonds and to locate defects in the bonds. The techniques evaluated have involved the use of both high frequencies (1-10 mc/s), low frequencies (14 kc/s) and the simultaneous use of high and low frequencies. Experiments at low signal frequencies indicate the average bond strength of flame-sprayed zirconia oxide to be about 1500 psi. Promising results have been obtained using high frequency transmitted energy and a Schlieren detection system. Apparatus is designed to generate surface acoustic waves. The application of surface waves to defect detection is considered. An experimental method has been developed to utilize intermodulation between high and low frequency sound waves to indicate bond continuity. Intermodulation techniques obviate the need for repeatable coupling of transducers which is required in direct high frequency transmission methods. Consideration is given to ultrasonic image converter systems.


Two types of ceramic coatings were formulated for application to Inconel in order to give: (a) the highest possible emissivity from room temperature to about 1400°C, and (b) the highest possible reflectivity to solar energy (0.4 to 2.0 microns) while having high emissivity in the infrared from 25 to 700°C or higher. Both types of coatings were formulated from a modified barium silicate frit. This frit was opacified with various black specks to give the (a) type of enamels having total normal emittances of close to 0.8 at thicknesses of 5 mils or greater, with only minor changes over the specified temperature range. The (b) type enamels were made up with equal parts of strontium and barium oxides as opacifiers. At thicknesses greater than 5 mils, these have hemispherical reflectances varying between 0.62 and 0.67 at wave lengths of 2.6 microns and 0.6 micron, respectively, together with total normal emittances of 0.75 at 400°C and 0.60 at 800°C.


This report is divided into two sections, Section 1 is a survey of the basic knowledge of polyurethane chemistry and of the research which has been conducted in studying the synthesis and degradation reactions of these materials. The application of this information in studying the adverse effects of the high vacuum of space and high temperature is emphasized.

Section 2 presents the results of the vacuum-thermal exposures of commercially available, unmodified polyurethane resins. The relationship between structure, cure, film thickness and weight losses of the polymers is discussed. The urethane bond appears to be the major labile species, leading to a characteristic degradation, regardless of structure which is complete at 500°F. The physical appearance and properties of degrading films is good and pigmentation of a film with titanium dioxide has different effects at differing temperature levels.


Fatigue behavior of unalloyed arc-cast molybdenum was investigated in tension-tension fatigue loading on uncoated and coated, unnotched and notched sheet specimens at 1800°F, room temperature, and -40°F. Three oxidation-resistant coatings were evaluated under fatigue loading. Static tensile tests were also conducted on
specimens of the four surface conditions at the three temperatures. The fatigue strength of uncoated molybdenum at 1800°F was in the same range as the fatigue strength of some other high-temperature materials at this temperature. At room and low-temperature tests, the fatigue strength of uncoated specimens was relatively high. The notch sensitivity of uncoated molybdenum was low at 1800°F, but rather high at room and at low temperatures. All coatings lowered the fatigue strength of molybdenum at all three temperatures. The loss of fatigue strength was higher in the notched specimens. The coatings investigated did not prove to be completely reliable for high-temperature applications under continuous fatigue loading. For short-life high-temperature fatigue loading, however, utilization of coated molybdenum appeared to be possible with proper precautions. Further research is suggested on protective coatings and on molybdenum-base alloys.

B. F. Goodrich Company. WADD TR 55-58, Part VI.

NUCLEAR RADIATION RESISTANT POLYMERS AND POLYMERIC COMPOUNDS. John W. Born. AF 33 (616)-6442. October 1960.

This research includes the following: fundamental studies of radiation energy transfer and other mechanisms of radiation damage in high polymers; the selection, design, and synthesis of special new monomers to produce new high polymers with outstanding inherent radiation resistance and heat stability. Polymerization of said monomers, identification of the resulting polymers, and evaluation of their radiation and heat stabilities; applied studies of the effect of gamma irradiation in air at room temperature on the compression set properties of various rubber compounds, with and without potential antirads present; and static and semi-dynamic radiation testing of "O" rings with attempts to protect the military-approved rubber compounds against radiation damage with antirads.

The work which is reported includes fundamental, basic, and applied research. The results are stated briefly in the summary which follows.

WADD TR 60-386,


Two special purpose organic coatings were developed for evaluation on a short duration space probe. The coatings required very accurate tailoring of the reflective and emissive properties for temperature control of the space vehicle. The coatings were designed for solar absorptivities \( \alpha \) of 0.53 and 0.94 with emittances of 0.95 and 0.8, respectively.

In order to make the first coating above, absorbing and reflecting pigments were used in combination. It was found that \( \alpha \) varied with log of the absorbing pigment concentration when using a constant concentration of reflecting pigment. This derived relationship permitted exact control of the solar absorption. The emittance was controlled by selecting pigments that were absorbing in the infrared (even though they reflect short wavelength light).

The latter coating was required to be black in the visible and near infrared but gray in the far infrared. This was accomplished by using pigments that were highly absorbing at short wavelengths and partially transparent at long wavelengths. Aluminum flake was then added to this coating to give improved infrared reflectance (to form a gray) but without changing the short wavelength absorption.

Useful relationships were developed in carrying out these studies. Of greatest interest is the fact that the blending of black and white pigments appears to follow an exact mathematical relationship over a wide range of reflectivities. Also, the selective reduction of emittance of organic coatings with leafing aluminum pigment has been established even for highly pigmented enamels.

U. S. Naval Research Laboratory. WADD TR 60-703, Part I.


A research program to develop suitable coatings for space vehicles, and for studying the effects of ultraviolet radiation on typical polymeric coatings in air is described.

The initial study under this program required irradiating a number of typical polymeric coatings with a near-ultraviolet source at ambient conditions for about 300 hours. It was observed that the relative stability of the polymeric materials which were irradiated roughly paralleled their relative order of stability to gamma radiation. Infrared data indicate the relative stability, in decreasing order, to be as follows: polystyrene, melamine formaldehyde, urea formaldehyde, styrenated alkyd, soya oil alkyd, silicones, and polyvinyl chloride.

These initial experiments, qualitative and largely exploratory in nature, indicate that infrared spectroscopy affords a satisfactory means of qualitatively following the chemical changes induced by the ultraviolet.

U. S. Naval Research Laboratory. WADD TR 60-703, Part II.


This report is a continuation of that described in Part I of this series which was largely concerned with the effects of ultraviolet radiation on polymers in the presence of a normal atmosphere. This work has now been extended to include studies of the effects of very short wavelength radiation (i.e., between 1150 and 2000 Angstroms) on polymeric films in a high vacuum. A comparison of the effects of ultraviolet radiation on several polymeric films in air with those obtained in absence of air (high vacuum) point to the possibility that some organic coatings may be much better able to withstand a space environment than normal weathering at the earth's surface. It appears that the dominant effect of ultraviolet radiation in space may be to cause cross-linking, while in the normal atmosphere at the earth's surface numerous volatile scission products are formed, usually as a result of reactions with oxygen and moisture of the atmosphere.

Experimentation of the type described in this and the previous report are continuing.

American Cyanamid Co. WADD TR 60-704.


Compounds which are effective in protecting materials from terrestrial ultraviolet radiation may, in
a space environment, suffer loss both by evaporation and by photochemical degradation from the shorter wavelength ultraviolet radiation. The loss of absorber by evaporation from plastics was found to be negligible for thermosetting resins such as melamine-formaldehyde and polyesters. Evaporation from thermoplastic resins such as cellulose acetate and methyl methacrylate was appreciable for the more volatile absorbers. The photochemical stability of the ultraviolet absorbers has been studied in air and in vacuum in the 2000-4000 Angstrom region using an AH-6 high pressure mercury arc to simulate sunlight above the earth's atmosphere. It was determined that the ultraviolet absorbers are considerably less stable in a space environment and that the loss in stability is due primarily to a higher quantum yield for the short wavelength ultraviolet radiation. A rapid decrease in the rate of decomposition was observed for the absorbers dispersed in polymeric substrates; this was attributed to a decrease in the rate of energy absorption due to the formation of decomposition products of both absorber and polymer. The stability of the organic absorbers can be improved by the use of certain stable ferrocene derivatives. The effectiveness of the ultraviolet absorbers in protecting polyester resins from photochemical degradation under terrestrial and extraterrestrial conditions was studied. The absorbers were found to be much less effective in a space environment due to strong ultraviolet absorption of the polyester at the shorter wavelength which competes for the incident radiation. This latter effect, the lower effectiveness of the absorbers, is a more important factor than the decrease in photochemical stability for strongly absorbing polymers. At the present time, the use of more transparent polymers containing one or more absorbers is recommended for long exposures to a space environment.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 58-4.


The development and method of calibration of spray nozzles for rainfall simulator, operating in a vertical plane, are reviewed. The design of the spray ring and its fabrication are described.


Tests have been performed on two typical aircraft structural sheet alloys in an investigation to study changes in mechanical properties brought about by prior exposure to elevated-temperature creep conditions. Specimens of 2024-T86 aluminum alloy and 17-7PH (TH 1050) precipitation hardening stainless steel were exposed for times of 10, 50, and 100 hours at stresses giving up to 3% total deformation, using temperatures of from 350° to 500° F for the 2024-T86 and 600° to 900° F for the 17-7PH.

Following the exposures, short-time tensile, compression, or tension-impact tests were run at either room temperature, the temperature of exposure, or both. The results indicate that the short-time strength of structural materials may be either raised or lowered.

The changes in properties may approach as much as 50 percent of the original value. The direction of the change depends on the material, test temperature, creep exposure conditions, and property being measured.

From the standpoint of the structural designer the most important changes found to date are a large drop in strength for 2024-T86 after prior creep exposure for times of from 10 to 100 hours and an apparent decline in the room temperature ductility of 17-7PH (TH 1050 condition) after prior creep exposure for 100 hours at temperatures near 600° F.

National Cash Register Company. WADC TR 57-296.


A standard procedure for marking ink evaluation was developed based on the target properties of the contractor and the laboratory techniques established by the contractor. Four inks developed in the laboratories of NCR proved to be acceptable. Two of these are based on acrylic resins, and two on a polyvinyl butyral resin system. None of the ten inks recommended are entirely satisfactory for use on polyethylene or Cotton-vinyl coated, Type II, Class C, Specification MIL-F-4143, since they fail the adhesion and immersion tests.

Titanium adhesion promoters were investigated but were found to contribute little toward the improvement of adhesion on the plastic films and coated fabrics. Work with treated polyethylene indicated a slight increase of adhesion over the untreated material. Printing on polyethylene still remains a serious problem, since the inks developed and evaluated in this report have not proved satisfactory on this material.

Vitro Laboratories. WADC TR 58-11.


An investigation was conducted of the preparation of oxidation-resistant coatings for molybdenum by electrophoretic methods. Multi-layer coatings of 80% nickel - 20% chromium and nickel-bonded columbium and titanium carbide provided good oxidation resistance and good erosion resistance. The ballistic impact resistance requirement was fulfilled by inclusion of a 50% dense, 80% nickel - 20% chromium layer. The effects of sintering and coating thickness on resistance to thermal shock were noted. Attempts to incorporate an intergranular diffusion barrier layer for oxidation resistance at 2000° F proved unsuccessful, although a gold-chromium diffusion barrier layer proved resistant at 1800° F. The coating technique has been refined to permit application of a single layer in one operation instead of two.

The electrodeposition of nickel-aluminum alloy coatings for the protection of Thermold J. Alloy steel was investigated because of certain properties of the alloy, namely, extreme hardness and oxidation resistance. The alloy was formed by plating aluminum upon a layer of nickel. When the fused salt baths operated above the melting point of aluminum, the alloy was formed directly. When the aluminum was deposited at lower temperatures, the samples were later heated to form the alloy by diffusion. Oxidation data and salt spray corrosion resistance of the alloy-plated steel are given. Optimum protection of the steel was afforded by the alloy formed at 700 °C, consisting of 2 mils of nickel and 0.2 mil of aluminum.

Rutgers, The State University. WADC TR 57-752.


This report is the result of a three months study of the heat stability of some corrosion inhibiting alkaline earth chromates. Certain chromates were collected, analyzed and compared to behavior upon heating. As indicated in the literature, the presence of certain impurities, such as calcium oxide, tends to foster decomposition at high temperatures. The result is that the yellow chromate form is changed in part to a green chromic form with the loss of oxygen. The behavior of a highly purified form of zinc phosphate was studied for its possible application as a corrosion inhibiting pigment.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-203.


The results presented in this report cover the work period 1 March 1957 to 28 February 1958. The program was established to determine the feasibility of protective ceramic coatings for tantalum under high temperature and high air velocity conditions. The method of coating that proved to be most practical was the "Flame Ceramics" process.

Since no single laboratory test could, at the time, be devised to duplicate the actual conditions three separate test facilities were used: (1) an oxy-acetylene cutting torch, (2) a water stabilized arc plasma, and (3) a liquid fuel rocket exhaust.

None of the tests were completely valid since the shape factor of the test specimen, the time-temperature profile, and gas velocities were not realistic. The tests established by the Chicago Midway Laboratories using the proper geometry and feeding the specimen into the plasma at a predetermined rate constitutes a more realistic approach and should be applied to any future testing programs.

However, the testing program as carried out does establish the feasibility of protective ceramic coatings for tantalum, and points out the importance of a heat sink, particularly at ultra-high temperatures. It particularly points to the need for additional research in this area.


Chromium hot work tool steels are normally useful to approximately 1000 °F provided that they are protected from corrosive atmospheres. A typical 5% chromium tool steel, Thermold J, was used to study the protective qualities of various plated, dipped or sprayed coatings. In addition to investigating the oxidation and corrosion protection, selected coatings were checked for their effect on tensile, stress-rupture and fatigue properties of the base metal at room and elevated temperature. The relative resistance of the selected coatings to abrasion and thermal shock was also studied.

From a corrosion standpoint, the best of the coatings investigated were Nickel-zinc, Aluminizing, Alumicoat and Nickel. Of the selected coatings, Aluminizing and Alumicoat reduced the strength of the base metal because of the high temperatures encountered during coating. Aluminum-silicone paint was the only coating which did not significantly reduce the fatigue strength. Watts nickel had high thermal shock resistance. Electroless nickel had the best abrasion resistance.

WADC TR 58-481


A reliable and sensitive test procedure for ascertaining detrimental hydrogen embrittlement as a result of cadmium plating has been established. The test consists of a sustained loaded notched tensile specimen, loaded at 75% of the ultimate notched tensile strength for a minimum of 200 hours.

Detrimental hydrogen embrittlement is shown to be dependent upon the steel alloy, the current efficiency of the cadmium plating bath, and the physical structure of cadmium coating obtained. Current efficiency-current density curves have been obtained for the conventional cadmium cyanide bath, the high efficiency cadmium cyanide bath, the cadmium sulfamate bath, and the cadmium fluoroborate bath.

Cadmium electroplating procedures for coating high strength steel, 280,000 psi UTS, without detrimental hydrogen embrittlement are given. Vacuum cadmium metallized coatings are also shown to be non-embrittling to high strength steels.

WADC TR 58-199.


The objective of this work was to investigate the feasibility of using basic magnesium chromate as an inhibitive pigment in metal primers which would withstand temperatures of at least 550 °F. A literature survey was conducted to ascertain the amount of work previously done with this pigment. As a result of the references found and the work performed as related herein, it is concluded that basic magnesium chromate does inhibit corrosion though not as efficiently as zinc chromate at normal temperatures. It is, however, more thermally stable in the temperature range 400 °F - 550 °F.
Corrosion and Erosion

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 5690.

REPRODUCIBILITY OF HUMIDITY EXPOSURE TESTS.

Ohio State University Research Foundation.
TR 6519, Part 1.

MATERIALS FOR HANDLING FUMING NITRIC ACID.

Welelded drums of Type 347 stainless steel fail by "knife-line" attack if the heat affected zone (destabilized zone) is subjected to a sensitizing treatment (900° to 1000°F) after welding. Failure by knife-line attack occurs because the columbium carbide in a narrow zone adjacent to the weld goes into solution and remains in solution on subsequent cooling (this effect is called destabilization). Sensitizing treatments cause the precipitation of chromium carbide in the grain boundaries (as is observed in Type 304 stainless steel) and intergranular corrosion results. Failure by knife-line attack has not been observed in Extra Low Carbon Type 347 stainless steel. Type 347 stainless steel is not susceptible to stress corrosion by fuming nitric acid at 160°F.

The high corrosion rates which occur on Type 347 stainless steel in fuming nitric acid at 160°F can be reduced from 100-200 miles per year to approximately 13 miles per year by the addition of aluminum nitrate or aluminum metal to the acid solution in concentrations of approximately 0.1% aluminum or higher.

Titanium, Haynes alloy "25" (L-605) and zirconium show excellent resistance to fuming nitric acid in the temperature range, room temperature to 160°F.

Aluminum and some of its alloys show better corrosion resistance than the stainless steels at 160°F.

Investigation of the properties, such as decomposition characteristics, of fuming nitric acid was begun.

Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. TR 6591.


This project was undertaken with the object of developing new corrosion inhibitors to supplement or replace petroleum sulfonates. A study of petroleum sulfonates was made to determine the nature of the compounds showing corrosion inhibition. Separation of a commercial sodium petroleum sulfonate into certain components was effected by chromatography. Both Attapulgus clay and paper were successful in fractionating the petroleum sulfonates so that physical measurements could be made on the fractions. From these studies, it appears that sodium petroleum sulfonates are alkyl benzene derivatives with the alkyl group in the para position to the sulfonic acid group.

A large number of commercially available organic compounds were evaluated by the NRL Static Water Drop Test and by the use of a galvanic couple system at 95 percent Relative Humidity at 100°F. Several good inhibitors were found by the Static Water Drop Test method. The test presently used, employing the galvanic couple, is not as efficient for screening as the Static Drop Test method. In spite of this, certain general information concerning the type of organic compounds, which will inhibit galvanic corrosion with the system used, has been obtained. Guided by data obtained from these evaluation tests, information obtained from the chromatography and information gained from experience in the field, a large number of organic compounds were synthesized having corrosion inhibiting properties. These included glyoxalidines, alkyl aryl sodium sulfonates, amine salts of 2-ethylhexic acid, oleic, nicotinic, palargonic, linoleic, and dodecylbenzene-sulfonic acids.

The Ohio State University Research Foundation. TR 6519, Part 3.


Polarization and corrosion studies were made on galvanic couple systems in WfNA. Aluminum was found to be anodic to stainless steel in the aluminum-stainless steel couple; this resulted in rapid corrosion of the aluminum and almost complete protection of the stainless steel. A theory on the mechanism of anodic corrosion of aluminum is proposed. The effect of water additions to WfNA on the corrosion of couples is discussed. Corrosion studies on
A series of measurements of the rate of decomposition and the equilibrium decomposition pressure of pure nitric acid were carried out in glass tubes. The effect of the ratio of vapor volume to total volume of the sample, \( V_g/V \), on the rate and equilibrium pressure was studied in detail at 76°C. The reversibility of the decomposition reaction when carried out at constant volume conditions was satisfactorily demonstrated. Evidence is given to show that the equilibrium pressure at a given temperature and \( V_g/V \) ratio, is the same whether the equilibrium is approached from a higher or lower temperature. A study of the kinetics of the reaction at 76°C indicates that the reaction occurs in the liquid phase and is one of the first order.

A large number of organic compounds were screened by the use of a Galvanic Specimen Test also in order to discover inhibitors that might be effective for inhibiting corrosion in the bi-metallic system, 52100 steel-Muntz metal brass. In the course of this investigation, conditions of temperature, humidity, etc. were studied to arrive at conditions best suited for screening these compounds.

During the course of this program, the initial studies were made on the mechanism of corrosion inhibition of 1020 steel. In the elucidation of the mechanism of corrosion inhibition, attempts were made to relate effectiveness to the structural and functional group characteristics of the molecules studied. The compound types studied included morpholine derivatives, aliphatic amines and amine salts of various carboxylic acids in both AN-10 and MIL-L-6085A base oils.

Many organic compounds were synthesized to assist in the development of new inhibitors and in the elucidation of the mechanism of corrosion inhibition. These included morpholine and ethylenediamine derivatives, amine salts of mono- and dicarboxylic acids, fatty acid derivatives and substituted glyoxalidines.

An infrared study on 2- and 1,2-substituted glyoxalidines was made in an effort to arrive at an effective method of verifying these structures. This was essential since certain glyoxalidines were found to have potential inhibiting properties sufficient to warrant further investigation of this type of compound.

Ohio State University Research Foundation. TR 53-16 (Part 3).
CORROSION PREVENTIVE ADDITIVES. E. J. Schwoegler and L. U. Berman. AF 33(038)-9202.

December 1954. PB 121108. Order From OTS $1.75.
This project was undertaken to study the development of new inhibitors that may replace or supplement petroleum sulfonates. The work was done by the Organic Chemistry Section of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at Armour Research Foundation.

The evaluation of various effective inhibitors against corrosion of SAE 1020 steel in combination with sulfonates has shown that fair inhibition by one sulfonate, is improved by the addition of a small quantity of another inhibitor, usually an amine or amine salts. The amount added was less than that required for good inhibition by either compounds alone.

Over 200 compounds have been evaluated in the JAN-H-792 cabinet. Twelve of these passed the 100-hr requirement. Before using this test method, a study was made to determine reasons for lack of correlation between the results of the Armour Research Foundation cabinet and those of the Wright Air Development Center cabinets. Methods of correlating the cabinet conditions were found so that those compounds listed as passing would also pass the WADC JAN-H-792 test used in qualifying certain specific formulations. Six formulations containing barium dialkyl naphthalene sulfonate, phenothiazine and certain amine salts were also made which passed the 100-hr requirement.

The study of the mechanism of corrosion inhibition as related to structure and functional groups of the polar organic compounds was made on the data obtained from the galvanic system tests with a 52100 steel disk and cartridge brass clip. Most of the information was obtained from the tests conducted at 95% RH at 100°F over a 4-week period in the American Instrument Company cabinet. From the study in MIL-L-6085A base oil the sulfonates, certain amines, amine salts of carboxylic acids, certain oxidized petroleum fractions and certain fatty acid esters of pentaerythritol constituted the effective structures and groups. In the petroleum base oil, AN-O-6a, sulfonates of lower molecular weight, certain aliphatic amines, polyamine salts of carboxylic acids, certain N-alkyl- and aryl-substituted morpholine salts of carboxylic acids, glyoxalidines, and a few esters were effective.

Several additional compounds were synthesized from data obtained from previous test results but these did not show corrosion-inhibiting properties.

Ohio State University Research Foundation.
AFTR 6519 (Part 4).
MATERIALS FOR HANDLING FUMING NITRIC ACID AND PROPERTIES OF FUMING NITRIC ACID WITH REFERENCE TO ITS THERMAL STABILITY. Marx G. Fontana. AF 33(038)-10301. May 1955.

Polarization studies were made to study the effect of temperature on galvanic couple systems. These results when used to determine the maximum limiting corrosion rates of the aluminum - stainless steel couple system show good correlation with observed values. RC-70 and Ti-150-A titanium show only a slight decrease in fatigue strength when tested in WFNA. Erosion-corrosion studies show that the corrosion rate increases on aluminum and decreases on stainless steel when exposed to flowing solutions; the effect is more pronounced with increasing rate of acid flow. Results of the "guinea pig" testing program, long time tests in closed containers, are summarized in this report.

A series of measurements of the rate of decomposition and the equilibrium decomposition pressure of pure nitric acid were carried out in glass tubes. The relation between the ratio and vapor volume to the total volume of the sample, the temperature, and the decomposition pressure was established over the temperature range from 760 to 125°C and was extended by extrapolation to room
temperature. The initial results of a similar study of the nitric acid-water system are reported. The results when compared with those of pure nitric acid, show that for the same $V_{O_2}/V$ and temperature the addition of water in small amounts to the pure acid materially reduces the decomposition pressure and rate of decomposition. The apparatus and experimental techniques used are described in detail.

Ohio State University Research Foundation.


Corrosion fatigue studies were made on RC-70 titanium, titanium alloy Ti-150-A, Armco 17-7PH stainless steel, and 2Si aluminum in WFNA (1.5% NO$_3$) and RFNA (10.5% NO$_3$) at room temperature. The fatigue life of the titanium and the stainless steel are shortened. Armco 17-7PH was not subject to stress corrosion. Both 35 and 61Si6 aluminum appear to be subject to concentration cell corrosion in WFNA. Polarization data on aluminum and stainless steel agree favorably with actual data obtained from natural galvanic couples of these materials. When aluminum is made anodic to platinum in FNA a phenomenon of anodic passivity occurs at certain values of impressed potential. The corrosion rate of stainless steel can be reduced to a very low value by cathodic protection. These experiments were made using platinum as the inert anode and current densities ranging from 1.5 to 10ma/in$^2$ depending on test conditions.

Nox-Rust Chemical Corp. WADC TR 55-84.


When a package is assembled using volatile corrosion inhibitors to protect ferrous metal components, there is no known method at present to indicate when the protection drops below a safe level. The development of such package safety tests, which can be applied without opening and repackaging, was the major objective of this contract. All tests were conducted by personnel of the Nox-Rust Chemical Corporation at their laboratories. The development was carried through the laboratory stage, and resulted in two alternate methods, both based on a rust-inhibition test of the package atmosphere. Various limits of applicability of the two methods have been determined in laboratory tests. These methods are recommended for further study in application to actual packaging operations. Differences in the apparent mode of action of currently available volatile corrosion inhibitors have become apparent during the course of the laboratory work; and it is recommended that fundamental studies be made to determine the mechanisms involved.

WADC TR 55-5212.


Five different cleaning methods were tested in an attempt to remove the residues from six different rocket type blasts on fifteen different metal finish combinations. Results of the tests indicate that the use of the standard cleaning method prescribed in T. O. 1-1-1, and a similar type cleaning method tried during this program were most effective in removing residues produced from various rocket residues. The above two methods followed by steam cleaning proved very effective as opposed to steam cleaning alone which was not effective. It was also found that certain rocket blasts were more corrosive to the materials tested than others, and that several of the finishes tested held up very well against rocket blast and may be suitable for application on aircraft to prevent corrosion caused by rocket blast.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. WADC TR 54-568.


Research for the development of an accelerated performance test for treated magnesium alloys included the following corrosion resistance tests:

1. pH increase in 1.0N KC1.
2. Open circuit potential comparisons.
4. Hydrogen evolution rates in 1.0N KC1 (gasometric method).

The following tests of adhesion of zinc chromate primer (MIL-P-6889A) to the treated surfaces were also included:

1. Adhesion in shear (wrought alloys specimens).
2. Adhesion in tension (cast alloys specimens).
3. Impact, ultrasonic vibratory, and pressure-sensitive tape tests (qualitative).

The gasometric method was the most promising test for evaluation of corrosion resistance. It was critical in its evaluation if unprimed treated magnesium alloys within five hours and of primed specimens in seven.

The Dow #7 acid chromate treatment gave lower hydrogen evolution rates than the Dow #12 alkaline anodic treatment on all alloys tested. In the shear and tension adhesion tests, the Dow #7 gave higher adhesion to the primer than the Dow #12. Corrosion rates for unprimed treated specimens obtained from several weathering tests did not correlate with the rates from accelerated laboratory tests. The corrosion rate of the Dow #7 was nonlinear and decreased after a given time due to depletion of the protective chrom-ium ions. Painted specimen rates, however, were in agreement with the accelerated test rates and showed the superiority of the Dow #7 over the Dow #12.

The corrosion resistance of primed-lacquered specimens far exceeded the difference in resistance afforded by the various treatments.

WADC TR 55-109.


Tests were conducted to determine the corrosion behavior of Armco 17-7PH stainless steel alloy in red fuming nitric acid containing various amounts of hydrofluoric acid as an inhibitor. It was found that hydrofluoric acid additions to red fuming nitric acid markedly reduced the corrosion rate of the alloy. Inhibition was obtained in both liquid and vapor phases at 120°F and 160°F, for periods up to 42 days duration. It was found that a hydrofluoric acid concentration of 0.25% by weight was marginal for good inhibition, and there was some indication that a hydrofluoric acid concentration of 0.75% was optimum.

The presence of glass in the system diminishes the inhibiting effect of the hydrofluoric acid.

The corrosion potential of aluminum and stainless steel electrodes was observed in fuming nitric acids with...
various nitrogen dioxide and water contents, and with added fluoride. It was found that water additions shift the potential of both aluminum and stainless steel in the anodic direction. Nitrogen dioxide content up to 30% did not produce a significant change in the potential of either electrode. Fluoride additions caused a definite anodic shift in the stainless steel potential, and had a tendency to shift the aluminum potential in the cathodic direction. The observed effects were correlated in a qualitative manner with the previously reported corrosion rate effects of the variables tested.

The experimental data have been expressed graphically a) as plots of equilibrium pressure vs ratio of vapor volume to total volume, \( \frac{V}{V_i} \), at constant temperature and b) as plots of the equilibrium pressure vs the specific volume of the mixture at constant temperature. By appropriate cross-plots of the data a series of diagrams showing the equilibrium pressure vs temperature at constant \( \frac{V}{V_i} \) ratios for integral values of initial water and nitrogen dioxide content were prepared and high-temperature data extrapolated to 250°C.

The kinetics of decomposition of nitric acid were studied by analyzing available pressure-time rate data for different \( \frac{V}{V_i} \) values and in the temperature range from 76°C to 105°C. Rate measurements were also carried out in the presence of excess nitrogen dioxide and water for different \( \frac{V}{V_i} \) values at 85°C and with excess oxygen at an initial pressure of 454 psig and at 76°C.

Under the conditions of the investigation, the decomposition of nitric acid is believed to be a homogenous liquid-phase reaction.

The rate of decomposition can be represented satisfactorily by the equation:

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\frac{dP}{dt} = A e^{(P^0 - P)}
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Where \( P^0 \) = equilibrium pressure, \( t \) = time, \( e \) = base of natural logarithms, and \( A \) and \( B \) are constants. This equation holds over 80% of the reaction. The initial fast rate is followed by a slower apparent-first-order rate with respect to time.

The initial rates are (a) unaffected by addition of up to 15% nitrogen dioxide or by excess oxygen at an initial pressure of 454 psig at 76°C, and (b) lowered considerably by the addition of small amounts of water. The specific first-order rates are increased by excess nitrogen dioxide and oxygen but are lowered by added water.

The experimental energy of activation was found to be 30 kcal/mole, independent of the \( \frac{V}{V_i} \) ratio. The pre-exponential factor for the Arrhenius equation was 10^{14} sec^{-1}.

A tentative mechanism has been suggested, consistent with the available experimental data.

**WADC TR 56-237.**

**EVALUATION OF THIN IRON FILMS AS SENSITIVE CORROSION INDICATORS.** David Roller, A/1c. June 1956. PB 121536. Order from OTS $1.00.
The comparative permeability of various barrier materials to certain volatile corrosion inhibitors (VCI) was determined at four relative humidities. Barrier materials containing a metal foil were the most effective for retaining the VCI vapor. Polyester films and materials that conformed to grade C of Specification JAN-B-121 performed well but not as well as the foil barrier materials. Kraft papers proved ineffective in the VCI ratio.

The pressure is markedly reduced by the addition of nitrogen dioxide and decreases with increasing water content at all temperatures and all VCI ratios studied, whereas in the case of the nitric acid-nitrogen dioxide mixtures at temperatures above 125°C and for VCI ratios greater than 0.6, the equilibrium pressure is found to increase with the addition of nitrogen dioxide.

The rates of attainment of equilibrium are increased by the addition of nitrogen dioxide and decreased by the addition of water. When nitrogen dioxide and water are added in a fixed ratio, the rate constants first show a decrease, pass through a minimum at about 10% of the additive and then increase with a further increase in the additive.

The use of pulsed power does not improve the
removal rates of the soils studies. With the possible exception of an aqueous solution for the removal of steel particles from bearings, trichloroethylene is the most effective coupling fluid tested for the various soils.

Data submitted also show that while a coarse mesh basket for containing parts is not detrimental to soil removal at low frequencies it is at high frequencies. It is shown by erosion measurements on bearings that the adverse effect of ultrasonic treatment on the starting torque is caused by cavitation erosion; however, the amount of erosion is so small that it may be neglected for the short cleaning time normally required.

Recommendations are made for the cleaning of bearings and other precision parts contaminated with all of the various soils submitted by the contracting agency.

Rocketdyne, A Division of North American Aviation, Inc. WADC TR 57-379.

Techniques for studying the corrosive effects of rocket exhaust gases upon various material surfaces have been developed. The designs of the recommended items of test equipment and the methods for executing these procedures are presented.

This study was initiated with an analysis of the problem areas: namely, sampling of the hot, high velocity rocket exhaust gases, uniform "simultaneous" exposure of a statistically adequate number of specimens, adequate development of corrosion, evaluation of the corrosion damage on the specimens and statistical evaluation of the utility of the techniques and equipment.

Designs were developed and checked out for a device capable of providing uniform exposure of large numbers of specimens to a single firing of a solid propellant charge. One design is presented for a laboratory device to burn small quantities (one pound) of propellants under very low hazard conditions. Another design was presented for a device capable of uniformly exposing 72 specimens to multiple samples of the hot, high velocity exhaust gases of an aircraft armament rocket.

An evaluation of the extent of corrosion damage to specimens examined by the techniques described in this report showed that exposure was uniform from specimen to specimen, that differences could be demonstrated between different propellants and between different surfaces, that armament rockets could be compared statistically with propellant burned in a laboratory burner, and that specimens exposed to rocket exhausts during airflight could be qualitatively compared to the specimens exposed to propellants burned in the laboratory style test fixture.

WADC TN 55-212 Sup 2.
RESISTANCE OF ORGANIC FINISHES TO ROCKET BLAST. Sam E. Collie. September 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 131017.

Fifty-seven test panels with various organic and inorganic coating systems were exposed to an impinging blast from free fired T-214 Rockets. None of the coating systems offered complete protection for the metal. The systems offering the best protective properties were EN 843 (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company) applied over zinc chromate primer or over wash primer-zinc chromate primer. Ceramic coatings or drying oil enamels and varnishes applied over zinc chromate primer, were found to rank second in protective properties. The other coating systems, which were, in most cases, applied without a corrosion inhibiting primer, provided only fair protection.

University of Dayton Research Center. WADC TR 57-540.

The design and construction of a specialized high-temperature corrosion test fixture is described herein. The fixture is arranged to provide for the long-time exposure of test materials to static environments consisting of cyclic immersion in molten boron oxide (B₂O₃) at temperatures up to 3000°F under closely controlled conditions. Features of the test fixture include an extensive electrical heating control system and an automatic specimen cycling mechanism. The fixture can be operated on a continuous basis with a minimum of attention.

A description of the operating characteristics of the fixture and details of operating procedures are included in this report. A list of engineering drawings pertaining to the test fixture, as well as an outline of maintenance procedures to be followed, are contained in appendices.

Bell Aircraft Corporation. WADC TR 57-302.

The major effort of this investigation was to develop a corrosion inhibitor for fuming nitric acid that has corrosion-inhibiting and scale and sludge-formation properties superior to those of hydrofluoric acid. Ammonium hexafluorophosphate in amount equivalent to 0.30% by weight hydrofluoric acid was found to provide better inhibition to the corrosion of 61S-T6 aluminum alloy, and 17-7PH and AISI Type 304L stainless steels than 0.70% by weight hydrofluoric acid under the test conditions. Optimum inhibitor concentrations for Types I and III specification acids, and inhibitor depletion rates for eight inhibitors including hydrofluoric acid were determined. Effects of inhibitor up to five times optimum inhibitor concentration of each of the several inhibitors were measured in terms of slush or freezing point of inhibited acid media which had been subjected to wide variation in temperature and short time storage conditions. Measurements of the mechanical properties of welded specimens of the aluminum and stainless steel alloys that had been immersed in the liquid and vapor phases of eight inhibited acid systems for thirty days at 120°F showed that no significant change in properties was effected by these exposure conditions. Film-formation studies were conducted on aluminum and stainless steel specimens that had been exposed to the liquid and vapor phases of the several inhibited systems and subsequently rinsed in water and methylene chloride. Both rinses removed the inhibited acids from the specimens but methylene chloride failed to remove corrosion products.

Hydrofluoric acid phosphoric acid plus hydrofluoric acid, and ammonium hexafluorophosphate at optimum concentrations dissolved in specification Types I and III acid media were tested in vessels fabricated from the aluminum and stainless steel alloys for a period of 60 days at 70°, 120°, and 160°F. Ammonium hexafluorophosphate produced the greatest pressures during the test period. This inhibitor, however, suffered the
smallest loss in concentration and in general provided the best inhibition.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 57-662.


In order to investigate the feasibility of using thin metal films deposited on glass or plastic substrates as integrating indicators of corrosive conditions, the corrosion rates of films of nine metals exposed to air atmospheres of controlled temperature and humidity have been studied. Of the metals iron, manganese, copper, nickel, cobalt, strontium, calcium, magnesium and zinc, only films of iron and manganese proved worthy of more than a preliminary survey. A more intensive study of the corrosion properties and rates of iron and manganesecontrol of the bimetal pairs iron and copper and iron and gold was undertaken.

This investigation disclosed the important role in metal film corrosion of the absorbed gas layer normally present on glass substrates. This layer furnished the oxygen necessary for small particles of the oxides of iron to form at random sites in the film. These subsequently become cathodic particles. This is in which the iron film acted as the anode in the presence of air at 25°C and 70 percent relative humidity. Destructive oxidation of the film thereafter proceeded by electrochemical processes.

Rates of corrosion for iron films were controllable to a degree by removal of the absorbed gas layer by pre-deposition heating of the substrate to 400°C or by more complete combination of the absorbed layer with the metal of the film induced by post-deposition heating of the film. The former method reduced corrosion rates because of the removal of the oxygen supply for the formation of oxide nuclei, and the latter method increased the corrosion rate because of the greater number of oxide nuclei formed.

Control of the corrosion rates of iron films under specific conditions of temperature and humidity appears feasible by control of the absorbed gas layer and by introduction of cathodic particles either in the form of oxides or in the form of small volumes of a more electrically positive metal deposited at selected sites.

WADC TR 58-227.


The effects of methanol-water and ethanola-water on magnesium and aluminum were investigated. There was no significant difference between the effects of solutions of the two alcohols. The magnesium alloys tested were more resistant to alcohol-water attack than were the aluminum alloy tested. Pure methanol catastrophically destroyed the magnesium alloys. Coupling aluminum to magnesium accelerated the attack on both metals in the presence of alcohol-water solutions. Increased exposure time did not change the corrosion rates in any solution.

The Random Assignment Statistical Technique used in this study reduced the required number of test samples from 1,152 to 84. The technique is limited to homogenous populations of approximately fifty or more samples.

WADC TR 57-743.


Deterioration of materials on operational aircraft was studied at twenty-eight Air Force bases at various locations. Findings include data on metal corrosion, packaging, protective coatings and fungus attack with emphasis on aircraft engine corrosion. Relation of deterioration to geographical location is discussed. Recommendations for deterioration control are included.

WADC TR 58-454.


Various aircraft materials have been previously evaluated at subsonic speeds utilizing the “whirling arm” laboratory test method to determine the most satisfactory solution, from a materials aspect, to the rain erosion problem. As a result of this research, several neoprene coating systems were determined to have the most satisfactory rain erosion resistant properties for the protection of structural plastic materials and were required for use on aircraft external plastic leading edges.

Flight test programs in which coated plastics were flown through rain by high speed aircraft at up to 500 mph were initiated at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. The purpose of these programs was to accumulate data on the efficiency of the MIL-C-7439 approved neoprene coatings and to correlate the vast amount of available laboratory test data with service test data.

The results of these programs indicate that (1) while the laboratory test method does not duplicate service test conditions, it does rate materials in their relative order of rain erosion resistance, and (2) the approved neoprene coatings provide the most satisfactory means of protection for external plastic leading edges of subsonic speed aircraft, and have an average service life of 3 to 4 hours in high speed flight through rain.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 59-149.


It is the purpose of this investigation to expand basic knowledge of the corrosion behavior of thin metal films, as outlined in Wright Air Development Center Technical Report 57-662, to the degree that economic and reliable corrosion indicators may be designed.

The corrosion behavior of 614 film specimens, 330 of iron, 224 bimetal films of iron and copper, and 60 manganese, deposited on glass substrates, has been observed during exposure in sealed chambers at 25°C and 70 percent relative humidity and by electron diffraction examination of films stored in the chambers and in room air. These studies have revealed that iron films deposited on glass substrates cleaned by a detergent, chromic acid, and an alcohol rinse do not exhibit visual evidences of corrosion in 60 days. Efforts to meter corrosion inducing nuclei into the iron films by evaporation at high pressure (10~2 mm of Hg), deposition by sputtering, over or under-coating the iron films with vaporised iron oxide, or subjecting the film to heating in air or discharges from a Tesla coil were unsuccessful in appreciably increasing the corrosion rates of the films. Coating the substrate with a metallic salt.

The corrosion resistance of a group of high temperature materials was evaluated during cyclic exposure to boron oxide, a combustion product of boron containing high energy fuel (HEF). A series of forty-six cyclic exposures of high temperature alloys and ceramics typical of those available for use in aircraft power plants as well as several experimental materials were completed. The results of the first thirty tests have previously been reported in WADC TR 58-443. The sixteen subsequent exposures and the effects on various materials are detailed and discussed in this report. Exposure consisted of cyclic immersion in B,03, at temperatures of 1750°F - 2200°F for periods up to 550 hours, in air atmosphere.

Results showed that the nickel, cobalt, iron and mixed base alloys tested were incapable of resisting corrosion at temperatures above 2100°F and that siliconized SiC was the only material capable of resisting corrosion during 550 hours continuous exposure at 2200°F. The metals all exhibited surface attack and pitting, and in some cases, intergranular penetration. The results indicate that Al, Mn, and C as alloy constituents are detrimental to corrosion resistance, while Si may produce some beneficial effects. The degree and type of corrosion for each alloy was defined by room temperature tensile properties and studies of the corroded microstructures.

University of Dayton. WADC TR 59-205.


The corrosive ability of boron oxide a combustion product of boron-containing high energy fuels, is reported herein. A sequence of thirty environmental exposures of high-temperature alloys and ceramic coatings typical of those available for use in aircraft power plants was completed. These exposures, which resulted in the destructive corrosion of the high temperature test materials, are detailed and discussed in this report. The static exposure conditions consisted of the cyclic immersion of unstressed test materials in molten boron oxide at temperatures from approximately 1600 to 2100°F and in atmospheres consisting of air, air containing water vapor, or helium. Results showed that nickel base, cobalt base, iron base, and Ni-Cr-Co-Fe alloys were corroded at temperatures less than 2163°F by combinations of intergranular corrosion, pitting, and general surface attack. The results indicated that the presence of aluminum as an alloy constituent or as a surface coating can cause catastrophic corrosion of that alloy at relatively low temperatures. The effects of other constituents are not as well defined; however, manganese is suspected of initiating the corrosive reaction in alloys not containing aluminum. The degree and type of corrosion was defined for each alloy by a combination of results from room temperature tensile tests and studies of the corroded microstructures. Several mechanisms of corrosive attack by molten boron oxide are postulated to explain the data.

Allison Division, General Motors Corp. WADC TR 59-317.


This report presents details concerning the development and operation of test apparatus, and the results of metallurgical evaluation to determine the effects of boron containing (TMBO-TMBA) high energy fuel combustion products on the stress rupture behavior and structures of representative nickel, cobalt, and molybdenum base high temperature alloys.

Specifically, the program was designed to determine: (1) Whether rapid corrosive attack by boron oxide, B,03, is dependent on temperature alone or on a combination of stress and temperature factors; (2) Are the alloys in question suitable for use in engines which burn boron containing high energy fuels; (3) What are the temperature, stress, and operating time limitations.

The selected alloys were divided into three groups with reference to the maximum temperature at which they usually employed: Group I - J1570, Hastelloy C, Inconel, M252, Waspalloy - 1600°F; Group II - Hastelloy X, L 605, Incon 713, X460, GMR 235D - 1800°F; and Group III - Molybdenum with oxidation resistant coating - 2000°F. The results of the tests indicated that the stress rupture behavior of either stressed or unstrained Group I and Group II alloys was not affected by the boron containing high energy fuel combustion products in times up to 50 hours at the respective exposure temperature.
microstructures. Several possible mechanisms of attack by molten boron oxide are postulated to explain the data.

Thermodynamics Laboratories. WADC TR 53-173, Part VI.


To better understand the mechanisms by which materials passing through rain at supersonic speeds are damaged, the results of numerous types of impacts on metals were analyzed.

An equation which related total energy of impact to the volume of metal displaced was derived and found adequate to explain damage in the velocity range from less than one foot per hour to greater than Mach 3. This equation together with results of incidence angle tests led to an overall damage equation which was successfully applied to the problem of multiple drop rain damage. Principal parameters are target material tensile strength, impacting material shape and mass, angle of incidence, and the velocity of impact.

Facility improvements and test method refinements are described.

Crucible Steel Co. of America. WADC TR 60-115.


The corrosion of Inconel X, Inconel 702, Rene 41, M-252, and Haynes 25 by potassium chloride and lithium fluoride at 1600 to 1900°F was studied. Thin coatings of the salts (1.5 mg/cm²) caused severe corrosion of the alloys in air, which resulted in accelerated failures of thin sheet specimens in creep-rupture testing. Rankings for the alloys based on creep-rupture tests were similar for uncoated and salt-coated materials: Haynes 25, Rene 41, and M-252 best, Inconel 702 poorer, and Inconel X poorest.

The corrosion products consist of oxides and spinels, and only very little corrosion, if any, occurs without oxygen. The presence of the salt prevents the normal formation of a protective oxide film. X-ray diffraction studies showed differences between the normal oxidation products and the oxide corrosion products produced with salt present.

The corrosion occurs as severe surface attack with consequent eroding away of metal, as intergranular penetration, and as internal voids formed in the alloy. All of the alloys were susceptible to each of these types of corrosion. Grain boundary separation effects due to stress (2,500 to 10,000 psi) were also found.

Georgia Institute of Technology. WADC TR 59-759.


The purpose of the research conducted was to study the properties of thin metal films in relation to their proposed use as integrating indicators of corrosive conditions existing over a period of time within sealed packages. In particular, the evaluation of iron films as corrosion indicators was desired.

During the period of this report over 500 films deposited on glass substrates were examined by exposure in sealed containers at 25°C and at known relative humidities in the range of 0 to 70 percent; electrical resistance changes and area destruction were recorded. The specimens consisted predominantly of iron films but included approximately 80 films of manganese, 30 films of magnesium, and 50 bimetal films of iron and copper.

The observed behaviors confirmed results previously reported and extended knowledge of the basic corrosion behavior of thin metal films. In short, thin iron films deposited by vacuum evaporation onto glass slides which are essentially clean did not corrode in a manner observable to the eye at 25°C and 70 percent relative humidity in periods greater than 60 days. Careful electrical measurements, on the other hand, indicated small electrical resistance changes of one to five percent during the same period. Efforts made to increase corrosion rates by roughening the substrate, placing the film in tension, partially oxidizing the film, or employing bimetal configurations of iron and copper were only partially successful in that the corrosion rate was increased by a factor of two or three but data scatter remained large.

Iron film specimens sensitized with a salt spray such as NaCl or HCl acid fumes exhibited rapid corrosion rates, i.e., extensive area destruction or large resistance increases in 24 hours. Similarly rapid corrosion effects were observed when films were inadvertently sensitized by chemical fumes coming from nearby laboratories through the ventilation system, by fumes released from soldering fluxes, or from acid bottles opened in the laboratory during processing. Films which had been thus sensitized exhibited relatively rapid corrosion at 25°C and at relative humidities above approximately 35 percent; hence, such films became essentially coarse integrators of conditions of temperature and relative humidity.

It was evident that metal films, as usually prepared, were frequently inadvertently sensitized during fabrication and storage and that the various degrees of sensitization experienced contributed to the large data scatter observed. The scatter of corrosion rates prevents use of the films as precisely calibrated individual indicators of corrosion rates; on the other hand, their use as corrosion indicators in statistically valid numbers appears practical. In addition, it is apparent that films register the event of sensitization when exposed at 25°C and above a relative humidity of 35 percent and that sensitized films register the event of rise of relative humidity above 35 percent. Likewise, it is probable that a coarse integration of conditions of temperature and relative humidity may be obtained up until the time the film becomes totally destroyed.

Bimetal films of copper and iron films of manganese and of magnesium exhibited, generally speaking, essentially the same corrosion characteristics as films of iron with the exception that in general their corrosion rates were slightly greater.

Concurrent studies of bulk metal specimens, and the occurrence of inadvertent sensitization of these specimens at the same time as film specimens, revealed the importance of sensitization effects in corrosion; these implied that large corrosion losses in packaged metal goods could be avoided by proper care in minimizing or removing sensitizing influences during processing and packaging.

A method of studying the corrosion of films of the semi-refractory and refractory metals by measuring the temperature coefficient of resistance of metal films in vacuo or in air over the range 25°C to 600°C was presented. It was shown that only films of gold and platinum survived temperatures of 600°C without oxidation. Films of iridium exhibited only relatively minor
corrosion properties of the refractory metals and for were performed included: continuous immersion of Monel metal, nickel, and magnesium. Tests which provided considerable protection of films of the refractory metals from oxidation. The method of study outlined appears to be a useful one for further exploring the corrosion properties of the refractory metals and for studying protective coating systems.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 53-192, Part XV.


Data are presented that show the resistance of 0.318-cm (0.125-in) thick plates of white sapphire and hot-pressed alumina to impingement with 0.2-cm-diameter water-drops and mercury drops. In collision with mercury drops, the velocity at which damage was first observed was 3.514 x 10^7 cm/sec (1,153 ft/sec) for white sapphire and 4.276 x 10^7 cm/sec (1,403 ft/sec) for hot-pressed alumina: the difference in the velocities found for the two ceramics is not considered to be significant. The velocity required to damage these ceramic materials on collision with a waterdrop was not reached experimentally. A theoretical extrapolation suggests that plates of these ceramics of the indicated thickness can be expected to survive collision with 0.2-cm water-drops without damage up to a velocity of 33.7 x 10^7 cm/sec (11,100 ft/sec). For air at 0°C, this is equivalent to a Mach Number of 10.

Nitrogen Division, Allied Chemical Corp. WADD TR 60-384.


The purpose of this investigation was to determine quantitatively the corrosive effects of nitrogen tetroxide on mild steel, aluminum, stainless steels and titanium. This was done under static conditions at six water concentrations up to 3.2 wt% and four temperatures up to 74°C. The corrosion rates under dynamic flow conditions were also investigated.

The corrosion of carbon steel (ASTM A-285 Grade C) and aluminum (5086) was less than 0.5 mil per year in nitrogen tetroxide containing up to 0.2 wt% water at 74°C, increasing to 50 mils per year at 3.2 wt% water and 74°C. Negligible corrosion was observed under severe conditions with stainless steel (304-L) and titanium (75A and 6AI-4V) whereas high strength steel (PH 15-7 Mo) showed losses of 0.5 to 1.0 mils per year. No stress corrosion cracking was observed in tests of carbon steel, high strength steel or aluminum in nitrogen tetroxide containing 0.1 and 1.6 wt% water at 49°C. Significant corrosion of stainless steel (304-L) occurred in the presence of Teflon.

Dynamic tests showed no significant corrosion of 304-L and PH 15-7 Mo stainless steels and average rates of 0.05 mils per year for aluminum and 0.33 mils per year for carbon steel after 205 hours exposure to commercial nitrogen tetroxide flowing at velocity of 10 ft per second at 30°C.

Experimental studies were made to determine the compatibility and resistance to corrosion of various metals and carbon with liquid fluorine at -320°F. The metals tested were various alloys of aluminum, stainless steel including high-strength steels, titanium, copper, Monel metal, nickel, and magnesium. Tests which were performed included: continuous immersion of stressed and unstressed samples in liquid fluorine for periods up to two weeks; impact ignition of titanium and aluminum in liquid fluorine and of titanium in liquid oxygen at impact energy levels ranging from 2.6 to 65 ft-lb; intensive and extensive impact on tubes containing liquid fluorine; passivation and storage for periods up to 64 days followed by immersion in liquid fluorine; thermal shock of samples, both by liquid fluorine and in contact with liquid fluorine; flexing of metal samples immersed in liquid fluorine; testing of metal samples while immersed in liquid fluorine; the explosibility of contaminant in liquid fluorine.

It was found that the corrosion of the metals tested in pure liquid fluorine was negligible, generally amounting to less than 1 mil penetration per year. However, contamination of liquid fluorine can result in severe corrosion. Graphitic carbon was found to be incompatible although dense amorphous carbon was affected only slightly. Titanium was found to ignite upon impact in liquid fluorine although flexing of metal samples did not propagate. No evidence was found to support the theory that a fluoride film is required to protect metals from attack by liquid fluorine.

Passivation by gaseous fluorine is recommended as an extension of the cleaning procedure despite the lack of real evidence that passivation is required for materials which have been thoroughly cleaned.

WADD TR 60-649.


Representative thermally protective (ablative) plastics consisting primarily of organic and vitreous fiber reinforced materials were exposed in a hyperthermal subsonic air plasma stream and the supersonic exhaust of a rocket fueled with gaseous hydrogen and oxygen.

Linear and mass erosion rates were determined and correlated with materials composition. Relative performance of materials types in two different environments was obtained by establishing an erosion rate ratio parameter.

It was found that the class of materials having best performance was considerably different for the two exposure environments. In the rocket exhaust exposures, the best performing materials were high silica fiber, asbestos and glass fiber reinforced phenolics. In the subsonic arc plasma, the best performing materials were organic fiber reinforced phenolics.

Reaction Motors Division. WADD TR 57-542.


The corrosion behavior of a wide cross section of high temperature alloys, under unstressed conditions, and some ceramics and cermets, in the combustion products of boron-containing fuels has been examined. Initially, static tests were carried out on alloys in contact with molten boric oxide and yielded preliminary information.
on the corrosion process.

The major effect of the program was devoted to dynamic testing. Specimens were exposed to a continuous flow of combustion products from commercially available fuels (trimethylborate azeotrope and trimethoxyboroxines).

Test conditions were adjusted to simulate the combustion products from a potential boron-containing high energy fuel. A special unit utilizing a ceramic liner was designed and constructed so that many long-term tests (150 hr) could be carried out in the range 1500-2500°F without the destruction of the unit.

A method is presented for treating in a quantitative manner the corrosion data obtained, as is a rating of all the alloys tested. The data show that for all alloys there exists a critical temperature (Tc) in the range 1600 to 2000°F above which the corrosion rate increases very rapidly with increasing temperature, and above which serious pitting, and even destruction, occurs within 150 hours. The rate of corrosion below Tc has been determined. A characteristic value, A, representing this rate has been listed for many alloys and tentatively related to the elemental composition. The effect of velocity of combustion products on the corrosion process has been discussed. Mechanisms of the process are presented. Finally, data on the cleaning of deposited boric oxide by saturated steam are included.

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METAL CORROSION, G. BIANCHI. Project 9761(802), Contract AF 61(052)-260; AFOSR, DCS.
Oxygen and hydrogen peroxide reactions with non-metals, metals and metal oxides are being studied, including interactions of electrochemical processes with reactions of oxidizing solutions.

### Design Criteria

TR 5144, Part 1.
INVESTIGATION OF STRESS CORROSION. PART I - TEST METHODS AND PROGRESS. Baxter C. Madden, Major. September 1944.

TR 5311.
METHOD OF TESTING THIN SHEET MATERIAL IN COMPRESSION. Baxter C. Madden, Major. October 1945.

TR 5521.
METHOD OF TENSILE TESTING AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES (20°F - 600°F). Baxter C. Madden, Major and E. L. Horne. August 1946.

TR 5144, Part 2.
INVESTIGATION OF STRESS CORROSION. PART 2 - RESULTS OF TESTS AND CONCLUSIONS INCLUDING A METHOD OF EVALUATING STRESS CORROSION SENSITIVITY. Baxter C. Madden, Major. October 1946.

TR 5562, Part 1.

California Institute of Technology. TR 5742, Part 1 and 2.

P. R. Mallory and Company, Inc. TR 5897.

TR 5899.

P. R. Mallory and Company, Inc. TR 5947.

Armour Research Foundation Illinois Institute of Technology. TR 6517, Part I.

In order to establish important design criteria, the compressive, bearing, and shear properties have been determined for (1) 24S-T3 aluminum alloy at room temperature and at elevated temperatures between 212 and 700°F, with exposure periods ranging from 0.5 to 1000 hr; (2) 755-T6 aluminum alloy, FS-IH and MH magnesium alloys at room temperature and at elevated temperatures ranging from 300 to 600°F, for exposure periods of between 0.5 and 1000 hrs; (3) annealed and cold rolled titanium materials at room temperature and at several elevated temperatures between 400 and 1000°F for exposure periods of 0.5 to 100 hr. These properties have been compared with the tensile data in an attempt to establish a possible correlation of the compressive, bearing, and shear characteristics with the tensile properties of the individual material at elevated temperatures.

The test specimens, equipment, and procedure are described in detail. The test results are presented in the form of tables and curves to illustrate the effect of temperature and exposure time on physical properties of the various materials investigated. It is concluded that the results of this investigation will establish reliable data concerning the quantitative relationships between tensile and concomitant mechanical properties of selected structural sheet materials at elevated temperatures.

This is a summary report covering work conducted during the first year of the project. The project is being continued.

University of Illinois. TR 52-89, Part 2.
PLASTIC BEHAVIOR OF ENGINEERING MATERIALS. PART 2 - PARTIALLY PLASTIC THICK-WALLED CYLINDERS. M. C. Steele. AF 33(038)-15677.
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higher than that of Ti-150-A at all temperatures from An experimental study was made to determine the nature hardness. February materials increases about 10% over the room tempera-

ture of both alloys decreases. room temperature down to

84,000 psi. At

room temperature, considering their tensile strengths, and accuracy of the machine are discussed. Data are pre-

increase as temperature is lowered. The increase in veloped machine is described for exciting and controlling

response characteristics are discussed to clarify the rela-

tionship between resonance and near resonance vibrations in materials and joints under various types of stress. This machine imposes in adjustable-while-running mechanical exciting force at a controllable frequency and by means of auto-

mistic control it is possible to reach the desired vibration phase angle (usually 90° for resonance) by controlling the frequency of the exciting force, and (b) the desired magnitude of the exciting force by automatically controlling the magnitude of the exciting force. Equations are de-

veloped for determining the resonance amplification factor and other properties from the machine readings. The stability and accuracy of the machine are discussed. Data are pre-

sent on the damping and elasticity properties of aluminum and mild steel, and these are compared with results produced in rotating cantilever beam equipment. The resonance response, damping, and elasticity properties of a bolted joint were determined and the effects of bolt tension and molybdenum disulfide lubrication are illustrated and partially analyzed.

University of Illinois. TR 53-10.


An experimental study was made to determine the effect of temperature and rate of strain on the strength, ductility and energy absorbing capacity of seven different structural metals in torsion. Cylindrical specimens 0.25 in. in diameter were tested at four different constant...
strain-rates from 0.001 in./in./sec. to 12.5 in./in./sec. and at four different temperatures from room temperature up to 1200°F. Two series of tests were conducted: (A) specimens were held at the test temperature for one-half hour before loading, and (B) specimens were given a two-
hundred hour aging treatment at the test temperature before testing.

Torque, angle of twist, and time were continuously recorded and the torsional properties determined. The detailed results are presented in three-dimensional charts analyzed in terms of the mechanisms altering the material behavior. In general, it was found that an increase in strain-rate caused an increase in strength, whereas an increase in temperature reduced the strength of all metals except in the blue-brITTLE temperature range for steel. Extremely great ductility was exhibited by some of the metals at the highest strain-rates employed, particularly at the slower rates of straining. The two-
hundred hour aging treatment had no appreciable effect on the properties of most of the metals tested; significant changes were produced only in the aluminum alloys at 400°F and 600°F and alloy steel at 1200°F.

The experimental observations were compared with several theories that have been proposed to express mathematically the effects of strain-rate and temperature on mechanical properties. By proper selection of empirical constants, several equations involving a general relation for flow stress or new parameters of a “temperature-modified” strain-rate or a “velocity-modified” temperature were found to express approximately the variations obtained in mechanical properties.

TR 52-89, Part 3.
PLASTIC BEHAVIOR OF ENGINEERING MATERIALS, PART 3 - CRITICAL REVIEW AND INTERPRETATION OF THE LITERATURE ON PLASTIC (INELASTIC) BEHAVIOR OF ENGINEERING METALLIC MATERIALS. June 1953. PB 122464. Order from LC Mi $11.10, Ph $39.35.


Tests were conducted to determine the value of Poisson's ratio in the plane of the sheet for six aircraft sheet materials under tensile load through an axial stress range from zero to a stress producing either severe necking or fracture. Specimens were loaded at various orientations relative to the direction of rolling of the sheet.

Maximum values of Poisson’s ratio obtained were: 0.434 for X7A785-T6 alclad aluminum alloy; 0.473 for 75S-T6 alclad aluminum alloy; 0.645 for 245-T3 alclad aluminum alloy; 0.622 for FS-1h magnesium alloy; 0.769 for commercially pure titanium; and 0.544 for RC-130-A titanium alloy.

Density determinations were made of unstrained and highly strained portions of sheet. Poisson’s ratio in the thickness direction was measured over a range of large axial strains for two of the materials. It was markedly different from Poisson's ratio in the transverse direction. Values of Poisson's ratio in the transverse direction computed from the measured values in the thickness direction were in good agreement with measured values in the transverse direction.

The results obtained in this investigation are compared with the results of earlier investigations conducted by the National Bureau of Standards.

Rem-Cru Titanium, Inc. TR 53-71.
EFFECT OF STRAIN RATE ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF TITANIUM-BASE MATERIALS. D. R. Lister, W. W. Wentz and J. P. Cathlin. AF 33(036)-21912. September 1953, PB 138686. Order from LC Mi $7.80, Ph $25.80.

The results of this investigation show that at intermediate rates of strain, high purity titanium is not significantly more sensitive to strain rate changes than are some other metals. Nitrogen additions, however, increase the rate sensitivity markedly so that the presence of nitrogen in all commercial titanium-base materials is the probable reason for their high rate sensitivity at intermediate and low strain rates.

All of the representative types of titanium alloys were investigated. The substitutional all-alpha alloy showed the most desirable strain vs. strain rate characteristics. This alloy type exhibited the lowest rate sensitivity at the slow testing speeds thus promising good long-term strength, and also exhibited a relatively rapid strengthening with high rate of strain, thus promising excellent impact resistance. The high impact resistance of the all-alpha alloy was confirmed by Charpy V-notch impact tests.

Analysis of the test data and examination of microstructures suggest that all titanium-base material undergo a basically similar change in mode of deformation with changing strain rate and temperature. It is proposed that this change is from slip and/or twinning at high strain rates and/or low temperatures to grain boundary microflow at low strain rates and/or high temperatures. Some evidence is given although further confirmation is required.

The effect of strengthening the base material by cold working or alloying appears to be to alter the range of conditions over which this changing mode of deformation takes place. Cold working and alloying also superimpose strain aging, recovery, and transformation effects which further alter the individual characteristics of the various representative titanium-base materials investigated.

Northrop Aircraft, Inc. TR 53-300.

A study was made of the correlation between casting size, metallurgical quality as determined by radiographic classification, and mechanical properties of large magnesium alloy casting.

Twelve 40-inch panels and one 16-foot wing section were cast. Standard separately cast test bars were produced as controls for each casting. The 40-inch and 16-foot castings were radiographed in their entirety to determine the sections which represented a range of metallurgical imperfections. Representative imperfect sections were removed and machined into test coupons. The coupons were in turn radiographed and classified. Tensile tests, compression tests, shear tests, and strain measurements were carried out on the coupons, and statistical analysis was conducted on the resulting data.

Data, graphs showing the results of statistical analysis, and conclusions and recommendations are presented in this report. In addition, photomicrographs representing typical radiographic classifications are included. A supplement contains glossy prints of the radiographs for all test specimens.

The Ohio State University Research Foundation. TR 5665. Part 5.
INVESTIGATION OF MECHANICAL PROPERTIES AND PHYSICAL METALLURGY OF AIRCRAFT ALLOYS AT
INTRODUCTION TO DYNAMIC CREEP, STRESS-RUPTURE, AND FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF 24S-T4 ALUMINUM AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. \textit{Part 1 - Unnotched Specimens.}\footnote{Fred W. Demoney and Benjamin J. Lasan. AF 33(038)-20840, March 1954. PB 122865. Order from LC Mi $4.80, Ph $13.30.}

In tension, all the materials are notch sensitive at $-25^\circ$C; the ductility of the NE 8630 steel is greatly reduced; the other materials retain some ductility at $-25^\circ$C. At $-25^\circ$C, all the materials tested show an improvement in fatigue resistance at $-196^\circ$C. The resistance to overstressing is reduced.

(2) Both the compressive and tensile strengths of the polyester resin laminate are improved at $-196^\circ$C. Some increase in fatigue strength results when this material is cooled to $-196^\circ$C.

(3) Titanium increases in hardness and tensile strength at $-78^\circ$C, but its impact resistance is lowered.

(4) The hardness of the Cr-Ni-Cu steel is increased as temperature is lowered. This material undergoes a gradual transition from ductile to brittle impact fracture as the temperature is lowered to $-253^\circ$C.

(5) The aluminum alloys have the highest coefficients of expansion at low temperatures. Titanium shows a low expansion coefficient.

(6) The glass fabric polyester resin laminate is not damaged by repeated thermal cycling between room temperature and $-196^\circ$C.


Fatigue, stress-rupture, and creep data obtained under various combinations of mean and alternating axial stress are presented and discussed for rolled aluminum alloy 24S-T4 at $300^\circ$ and $500^\circ$F. The data are presented as S-N curves and stress range diagrams to show the effect of temperature, alternating-to-mean load ratio, and stress magnitude on the fatigue, stress-rupture, and creep properties.

The effect of temperature and alternating-to-mean ratio on the characteristics of the creep curve is discussed on the basis of "static" and "dynamic" types.

The role of both creep and fatigue as factors in rupture is discussed with particular reference to temperature and alternating-to-mean ratio.


A method for estimating allowable load capacities of columns subject to creep is presented. The method, which utilizes approximate stress distributions derived from isochronous-stress-strain curves to estimate column load capacities, is shown to be conservative for the time for which the estimate is made.

An application of the method is made to test data on as-received and on stabilized 24S-T4 aluminum alloy. A comparison of the computed column capacities with experimental capacities indicates that the method is satisfactory for estimating the decrease in capacity with increasing time.

Easily obtained, time-dependent tangent-modulus loads are discussed. They are interpreted as being approximations to allowable load-capacity estimates. A limited application is made to test data, and the results appear promising. It is concluded that if certain limitations are recognized, the method may prove to be useful because of its simplicity.

A presentation of the results of an experimental investigation of the effects of column imperfection and column-material variation is made. It is found that column-capacity variations of the order of 10 percent can result from column-imperfection differences and column-material variation.

The results of an experimental study of the variation of column capacity with temperature of exposure are presented.

They indicate that column efficiency, as measured by decrease in capacity, can be acceptable for very short times at higher temperatures. The efficiency at these higher temperatures falls rapidly, however, with increasing time.


In order to establish important design criteria, tensile, compressive, bearing, and shear properties have been determined for the following materials and conditions: (1) 14S-T6 aluminum alloy sheet (clad) at room temperature and at elevated temperatures ranging from $200^\circ$ to $600^\circ$F, for exposure periods between 0.5 and 1000 hours; (2) 24S-T8 and 24S-T6 aluminum alloy sheet (clad) at room temperature and at $200^\circ$, $300^\circ$, and $400^\circ$F for exposure periods between 0.5 and 1000 hours; (3) FS1-H24 magnesium alloy sheet at $300^\circ$F, for exposure periods of 0.5 and 1000 hours; (4) 7S5-T6 and 7S5-T4 aluminum alloy sheet (clad) at $200^\circ$F, for exposure periods between 0.5 and 1000 hours; (5) cold rolled titanium and annealed titanium at $200^\circ$F, for exposure periods of 0.5 and 1000 hours; and (6) RC-130-A titanium alloy at room temperature and at temperatures ranging from $300^\circ$ to $800^\circ$F, for exposure periods of 0.5, 100, and 1000 hours. A comparison was
made between the tensile data and the data on other properties in an attempt to formulate a method for estimating all other elevated temperature properties from a knowledge of tensile elevated temperature properties and room temperature values of other properties. The conclusion was reached that the various properties are not related in a simple, consistent manner.

Test specimens, equipment, and procedures are described in detail. Test results are presented in the form of tables and curves to illustrate the effect of temperature and exposure time on the mechanical properties of the various materials under investigation.

University of Michigan. WADC TR 54-175

PART 1.


Tests have been performed seeking to understand the factors affecting notch sensitivity of heat-resistant alloys under sustained loads at elevated temperatures. The investigation was based on the belief that varied response to notches must be related to relaxation characteristics of alloys at service temperature. A material was postulated to be strengthened or weakened by a notch according to the portion of total rupture life consumed while initial stress concentrations around a notch are reduced and redistributed by a creep-relaxation process. A procedure was proposed whereby the history of representative fibers in a notched specimen would be followed to the point of rupture.

Data from other sources comparing strengths for smooth and notched bars of materials of interest are included. Additional data required for the proposed analysis were obtained under the present program for three alloys with conventional heat treatments:

- S-816 at 1350°F
- Waspaloy at 1500°F
- Inconel X-550 at 1350°F

Test results included stress-rupture time properties, short-time tensile properties, and creep properties when stresses were changed from one level to another during a test. Relaxation characteristics were measured for initial stresses both below and above the proportional limit.

The notch strengthening observed for S-816 and Waspaloy, and the notch weakening for Inconel X-550 at the test temperatures has been satisfactorily explained in terms of comparative relaxation and stress-rupture time characteristics, though further work is indicated before a quantitative correlation is attempted.

Tests were conducted to determine the effect of some metallurgical variables on the notched bar rupture test characteristics. Cold working had the greatest effect on notch sensitivity of the several conditions investigated, but no severe case of notch weakening was observed for either S-816 at 1350 and 1500°F, or for Waspaloy at 1500°F in the limited number of tests.

University of California. WADC TR 54-402.


An upper and lower bound to the exact solution of creep buckling has been evolved. In both cases time-deflection curves are computed using isochronous curves which cross plotted from creep tension data. In addition to the usual assumptions of the beam theory the solution is based on the assumption that the variation of stress in the cross section can be approximated by a parabola in terms of the position in the plane of bending. Under those assumptions the method of solution is quite general and applicable to prismatic columns of any type and initial eccentricity. Comparison with experimental data on Stabilised 245 Aluminum Alloy suggests that the upper bound is a closer approximation to the solution than the lower one. There is also an indication that for moderately crooked columns subjected to high average stress the tangent modulus to the isochronous curve at the average stress level would provide a closer lower bound than the one given by the theory. The deflection at a given time could then be determined directly from the isochronous curve at this time. However, the justification for this procedure could not be established theoretically and it must come from the experiment.

An attempt to extend the theory to columns with high slenderness ratio shows that the solution depends critically on the initial eccentricity, a result which is in qualitative agreement with the experiment.

The investigation shows a need for further work, both experimental and theoretical. In particular, there is a need for duplicate tests to determine the scatter of experimental data.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 53-24, Part 2.


The high-temperature creep-rupture properties of six sheet alloys having application to aircraft design were investigated under conditions of intermittent load and temperature for comparison with their corresponding constant temperature-constant load behavior. Included are type 321 stainless steel at 1200°F and 1350°F, N-155 alloy at 1350° and 1500°F, Inconel X at 1350° and 1500°F, RC-130 titanium at 800°F, 245-T3 clad aluminum at 300°, 450°, and 600°F, and FS-IH magnesium at 300° and 450°F.

Intermittent load-constant temperature tests were conducted with a cycle of one-hour-load-on, one-hour-load-off in most cases although several of the alloys were subjected also to an eight-hour-on, eight-hour-off load cycle. Intermittent temperature-constant load tests were made using a two-hour cycle with the specimen at temperature one hour and cooled one hour. While these relatively simple cyclic conditions do not duplicate the complex load and temperature patterns encountered in aircraft service, the results obtained do provide some qualitative guidance in applying available static creep-rupture data to design of aircraft structural parts.

A wide variety of effects were produced by the intermittent load and temperature conditions. Stability of microstructure was one of the more significant variables controlling the alloy response to the cyclic conditions. Acceleration of creep and rupture was induced by intermittent loading where such processes as overaging, relaxation, recrystallisation, and loss of ductility occurred. Retarding of creep and rupture occurred in those alloys where increase in ductility and creep recovery developed because of the intermittent-load cycle. Intermittent load produced acceleration of creep and rupture in a number of cases, particularly where susceptibility to intergranular oxidation and cracking was aggravated by thermal stresses.
The elongation was not affected or a slight loss in strength at the higher strain rates. The test results showed that the tensile properties continue to the 220,000 psi level which shows no change mens, and recording load-strain curves was developed.

Higher strain rates are greater than at the low strain seconds to 30 minutes. The mechanical properties determined over a strain rate range of from 0.00002 in/in/sec to 20 in/in/sec. The results indicate that the strength properties at the higher strain rates are greater than at the low strain rates and that this strain rate effect is less as the strength levels of the steel is increased. This trend continues to the 220,000 psi level which shows no change or a slight loss in strength at the higher strain rates. The elongation was not affected by the change in strain rate at any strength level tested.

Tensile results on high purity unalloyed materials containing individual additions of C, O, N, and H indicate that the C, O, and N additions (0.3, 0.2 and 0.1% respectively) cause an increase in rate sensitivity at room temperature. The hydrogen addition (0.01%) had little effect on rate sensitivity.

The above interstitial additions, nitrogen excepted, also minimized the extent of twinning during deformation. Some evidence of increased amounts of twinning with decreasing strain rates was also obtained.


Slow and rapid loading tensile shear tests were conducted at room temperature on single and multiple rivet lap joints and also on butt joints with multiple riveted cover plates. The rivets were made of 24S-T31 and A17S-T3 aluminum alloys in 1/8 inch and 3/16 inch diameters. The sheet material used was 0.064 inch and 0.072 inch clad 75S-T6 aluminum alloy. The joints were fabricated by standard machine riveting and shop practice. The ultimate strengths of the joints were determined with times to the ultimate load of 0.03 seconds and one minute. All failures were by rivet shear. No pronounced effect of rapid loading on the ultimate strength of any of the riveted joints tested was found although a slight trend toward decreasing strength was observed.


The effect of tensile loading rate was determined at room temperature on SAE 4340 steel ranging from the annealed condition to a nominal ultimate strength of 220,000 psi. Stress-strain curves were obtained and the mechanical properties determined over a strain rate range of from 0.00002 in/in/sec to 20 in/in/sec. The results indicate that the strength properties at the higher strain rates are greater than at the low strain rates and that this strain rate effect is less as the strength levels of the steel is increased. This trend continues to the 220,000 psi level which shows no change or a slight loss in strength at the higher strain rates. The elongation was not affected by the change in strain rate at any strength level tested.
properties of the precipitation hardening test alloys -- Alclad aluminum alloys 2014-T6, 2024-T3, and 7075-T6 -- and hard rolled AZ-31 magnesium alloy changed as the holding time was varied at certain temperatures.

With the exception of the results at one particular test condition, the strength properties of each alloy increased with increasing strain rates. The exception occurred in Alclad 2024-T3 alloy at 450°F, at which temperature a strongly mitigating structural change occurred. Percent elongation in the different test alloys varied inconsistently with increasing strain rates dependent upon the alloy, temperature, and holding time.

University of Minnesota. WADC TR 55-372.

Observations on the load dependence of the pyramid microhardness are discussed and various explanations of it are briefly reviewed. Experimental results are presented which indicate the effect of the polishing procedure on the hardness-load relationship. A simplified mathematical analysis is presented which shows the relationship between the hardness-load behavior and the stress-strain curve under uniaxial deformation. The various hardness-load trends are explained in terms of strain hardening, effect of the free surface, and cold working introduced by the polishing procedure.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 55-150, Part 2.

A study was made of a number of methods of presenting creep data from the standpoint of usefulness to the designer of airframes. These methods include: stress-time graphs, stress-temperature graphs, Larson-Miller graphs, and isochronous stress-strain graphs. Consideration was given to current practices and needs of personnel in the aircraft structures field. Also, consideration was given to the use of creep data in particular problems associated with high-speed flight.

On the basis of this study, it appears that a particularly useful method of presenting creep data is that of the stress-temperature graphs (with time as a parameter). It is also believed that the isochronous stress-strain graph may be a particularly desirable presentation, since useful engineering approaches for certain high-temperature problems have been advanced based on these graphs. This latter presentation should be considered tentative pending verification of these engineering approaches by experimental studies.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 55-103, Suppl. 1.

Supplement 2 of WADC TR 55-103 is a summary of all test results assembled in this investigation. The results are presented in graphs which indicate all the important parameters.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 55-103, Suppl. 2.

This report presents a large amount of test data on a number of low-alloy steels, heat treated to strength values between 210,000 and 290,000 psi. The steels investigated were four heats of 4340 and one heat of each of the following: V-Mo. 4330, 98B40, Hy-Tuf, Super Hy-Tuf, Super TM-2 and Inco. Furthermore, the results of tests previously performed on an additional heat of 4340 (small dia. bar) are included for purposes of comparison and completeness. The tests performed were the following: (a) Tensions, which yielded information concerning the tensile and yield strengths as well as the ductility (reduction of area and elongation) of the steels studied. (b) Notch-Tension, from which the notch strength, notch-strength ratio and information on the notch sensitivity of the steels were obtained. (c) Impact, which permitted evaluation of impact characteristics of the steels at various test temperatures, as well as some information regarding the transition from impact-ductile to impact-brittle behavior. (d) Fatigue and Notch-Fatigue, from which the endurance limit and the fatigue strength at various numbers of cycles were obtained for both smooth and notched specimens. (e) Stress-Rupture, which permitted investigating the behavior of high-strength steels under sustained load conditions.

In addition, hardness measurements as well as metallographic studies were performed on all steels. This report comprises first an extensive discussion of the effects of all fundamental factors investigated here. These factors are: (a) specimen position, (b) various heats of 4340 steel, (c) as-processed section size, (d) as-tested section size, (e) tempering temperature, (g) stress concentration, (h) directionality, (i) eccentricity, (j) loading time and (k) test temperature.

This is followed by a comparison of the properties of the various steels, those of 4340 steel being used as a part of a comparison of the properties of the various steels, those of 4340 steel being used as a part of a continuing program to evaluate the effect of intermittent load and temperature upon the high-temperature creep and strain.
rupture properties of aircraft structural alloys. The results obtained for the four alloys of 24S-T3 aluminum, RC-70 and RC-130-A titanium, and 4130 steel, when considered with respect to data previously reported for FS-1H magnesium, 321 stainless steel, Inconel X, and N-155, further emphasize that each alloy system behaves in its own characteristic manner when subjected to intermittent temperature and load. Data of the type being accumulated are of value to design engineers in the sense that some guidance is provided in the application of available static creep and rupture data to the construction of parts for intermittent service conditions.

Emphasis in the test program is now turning towards consideration of effects of combined cycling of load and temperature inasmuch as the creep and rupture behavior has been established for eight alloys under the simpler conditions of constant temperature-constant load, constant temperature-intermittent load, and constant load intermittent temperature.


The research program described in this report was undertaken to review the field of materials-property design criteria for metals used in aircraft and missiles, and to bring up to date a compilation of information of maximum or typical value for the design of aircraft and missiles. The information obtained in this study has been presented in such form as to be directly applicable to Bulletin ANC-5 (issued by the Air Force-Navy-Civil Panel on Strength of Metal Aircraft Elements).

A great deal of work along this line has been done by the Air Force and other agencies. Much of this information has been published in WADC technical reports. In the past few years, new metals and alloys have been developed, new properties were recognized as being important in design, and new information was obtained on the design uses of material properties. While much of this information is available in such sources as WADC technical reports, some is less readily available for the designer, and some gaps and inconsistencies in the existing information are apparent.

As a result of mutual agreement between representatives of the Materials Laboratory of Wright Air Development Center and Battelle Memorial Institute, investigation of seven specific subjects was undertaken. These are:

1. The development of recommended design values at elevated temperatures for SAE 4130, SAE 8630, 10-11(301), and 18-8 (302) steels.
2. A study of available data on bending moduli of steel and aluminum round tubes.
3. A study of available data on torsional modulus of rupture of steel and of aluminum round tubing.
4. A study of fatigue data on magnesium alloys in ANC-5.
5. A survey of available data on several stainless steels and superalloys.
6. A study of available data on spot-welded joints at depressed and elevated temperature.

Since the various phases were initiated and carried out separately, each will be reported in a separate section of this Final Report.

Aluminum 1100-0 and aluminum alloy 2024-T4 were subjected to tension- and compression-creep testing at varying stress levels and temperatures. Creep data were compared to establish whether significant differences existed between tension and compression behavior. Room-temperature and elevated-temperature static properties of each material were obtained. Metallographic and hardness studies were used to supplement the results of creep and static tests. Test equipment and test techniques were developed which permitted creep measurements approaching 10 microinches per inch in sensitivity and ± 25 microinches accuracy. Data obtained on 2024-T4 and 1100-0 aluminum in all instances indicated greater creep resistance in compression. Differences in tension- and compression-creep strain decreased with increasing temperatures. Results indicated that a reversal in the interchange of 2024-T4 may take place between 375°F and that interchange may be a temperature-dependent phenomenon.

A summary of the results of an experimental study of the creep buckling of columns is presented. The results include investigations of the behavior of short, inelastic columns of the aluminum alloy 2024-T4, of square tubing columns of aluminum alloy 2024-T3, and columns of the stainless steel 17-7PH (THD 1050). Data from all phases of the investigation indicate that column imperfection variations can cause marked scatter in lifetime. It is concluded that the effect of imperfection variations will exert a strong influence on the evolution of practical methods of designing for creep buckling.

Stanley's time-dependent tangent modulus is applied to the test data, and it is found to be fairly successful in providing an estimate of the possible loss in load capacity with time. It is observed, however, that the agreement with test data can be expected to vary significantly with column imperfection.

The possible existence of a lower load limit below which collapse will never occur is discussed. From a consideration of know creep behavior, it is concluded that there may be a temperature below which finite lower limits do exist and above which the lower limit is zero.


A study was made of the creep properties of clad aluminum alloy 755-T6 under intermittent heating and loading conditions at 300°F and 600°F. A few tests were also conducted at 450°F under intermittent heating conditions. The results were correlated by means of the empirical functional equation

\[ \varepsilon = F \{ f(t) \} \]

where
- \( \varepsilon \) = total strain
- \( t \) = time
- \( f \) = strain function
- \( f \) = stress function

As suggested in previous reports, the function \( f \) was shown to be approximately independent of strain and of the type of intermittent testing cycle. The prediction of intermittent condition creep data can therefore be carried out from a knowledge of the constant load isothermal data, and a single test under the intermittent condition.

A review of the literature has shown that although in a significant proportion of cases the above analysis can be used successfully, the function \( f \) often varies considerably with strain, and in some instances is not independent of the type of intermittent condition. Nevertheless even the approximate prediction of intermittent creep data by flexible use of the method is likely to be of value.

The test results were also compared on a basis of net time at temperature under load. It appears that any intermittent cycle permitting recovery and overaging of the material in the absence of load has a deleterious effect on its creep resistance. Under other intermittent conditions the creep of the material is approximately the same on a net time basis as its creep under steady load isothermal conditions.

University of California. WADC TR 53-336, Part 5.


For the intermittent stressing conditions, cycles in which the load was on for 5 minutes out of a 2 hour cycle, 5 minutes out of a 12 minute cycle, and 24 hours out of a 48 hour cycle were used. The first cycle was shown to have an effect, particularly at 300°F, where the net times under load to reach specified strains or fracture were reduced to approximately one eighth of the corresponding times for steady load isothermal creep.

At 300°F it was shown that the ratio of on-load to off-load time controlled the scale of the effect of the intermittent condition, which was apparently independent of the total duration of each cycle. Empirical methods of analysis and prediction based on the equation used in previous work \( \varepsilon = F \{ f(t) \} \)

were successfully applied to the results both at 300°F and 450°F.

Neither the above correlation method nor the use of comparisons based on net time under load were successful at 600°F for the extreme types of cycle used. Correlations for other alloys are also given.

The cyclic temperature, steady load creep data were also subjected to attempted analysis using other correlation methods available in the literature, but these did not seem superior to the above empirical method. Other intermittent condition creep data in the literature which
have become available since the last report were also analysed, and the limitations of the method, as discussed therein, were confirmed.


A study was made of the modulus of elasticity at elevated temperatures for several materials as it is derived from the conventional stress-strain curve and as it is derived from the determination of the velocity of propagation of elastic waves. The two methods of determination give nearly the same results, but where the stresses are high and the times are short, the conventional method gives higher values. At higher stress levels, where the stress-strain relationships are not linear and where time effects are important, the moduli determined by the two methods are not consistent.

These differences determined for the magnesium alloy AZ-31 and for the aluminum alloy 2024-T4 for various temperatures at low and high strain rates are discussed with respect to their applicability to airframe design.


Seven structural metals have been tested in torsion at four strain rates and at selected testing temperatures. The torque-twist relationships have been determined at three strain rates.

The experimental results confirm the trends established by Work and Dolan (1). These trends have been shown to arise from changes in the stress diagrams for the respective materials in strain-rate intervals which are essentially unchanged for the different metals and which center on a strain rate of about 0.1 in./in./sec.

Both solid and tubular specimens have been tested and for the tubular specimens the normal strain rate modification of the modulus of rupture is observed at high strain rates. Differences in the trends of the data for the solid and hollow specimens are attributed to the action of the heat sink which the core of the solid specimen constitutes.

It has been possible to explain the several types of properties vs. strain rate curves by means of alterations in the torque-twist curve arising from strain hardening, temperature increase in the specimen due to plastic working, and to strain rate modification of the yield strength.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 56-395, Part I, DESIGN PROPERTIES OF HIGH STRENGTH STEELS IN THE PRESENCE OF STRESS CONCENTRATIONS. Part I. Dependence of Tension and Notch-Tension Properties of High-Strength Steels on a Number of Factors. B. B. Muvdi.
In general, the endurance limit was found to be a maximum lowering effect occurring for stress concentra-
tion factors, K, of 3, 5 and 10. In both instances (ten-
sion and notch-tension tests) longitudinal and trans-
verse specimens were examined. Furthermore, infor-
mation from the literature pertaining to the effects of as-
processed section size is considered and evaluated.

In general, the tensile strength was found to be independent of the specimen orientation, but to decrease
gradually with increase in the specimen size. The
ductility of smooth specimens, however, was observed
to depend on both specimen orientation and specimen
size.

The notch strength decreased with increase in stress
concentration, specimen diameter and as-
processed section size. It also decreased as the speci-
men orientation was changed from longitudinal to trans-
verse. These effects were pronounced at high strength
levels and diminished, with decrease in the tensile
strength, to insignificant values at strength levels below
200,000 psi.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 56-395, Part II.
DESIGN PROPERTIES OF HIGH-STRENGTH STEELS IN
THE PRESENCE OF STRESS CONCENTRATIONS, Part II.
Axial-Load Fatigue Properties of High-Strength
Steels, B. B. Muvdi, G. Sachs, E. P. Klier. AF 33
(616)-2362. December 1956. ASTIA Document No. AD
110619. PB 121883. Order from OTS $1.25.

In this report are presented the results of axial-
load (completely reversed) fatigue tests on Tricent
(Inco), Cru. SHS-260 and Super TM-2 steels heat treated
to strength levels between approximately 250,000 and
300,000 psi. The fundamental effects of several variables on the
fatigue properties of these steels are discussed and eval-
uated. These variables included the notch sharpness or the
stress concentration, the strength level and specimen ori-
entation. The results indicated that the fatigue strength was
lowered as the stress-concentration factor was increased,
a maximum lowering effect occurring for stress concentra-
tion factors between one and three. This effect was
observed to depend upon the strength level. The endur-
ance limit for both smooth and notched specimens
developed minimum values at a strength level between
240,000 and 260,000 psi, and maximum values at a
strength level between 270,000 and 300,000 psi approxi-
mately. In general, the endurance limit was found to be
lower for transverse than for longitudinal specimens.
Furthermore, this effect was much more pronounced
for smooth than for notched specimens and was observed
to be severe at high strength levels and to decrease with
decrease in this quantity.

Syracuse University. WADC TR 56-395, Part III.
DESIGN PROPERTIES OF HIGH-STRENGTH STEELS IN
THE PRESENCE OF STRESS CONCENTRATIONS AND
HYDROGEN EMBRITTLEMENT, Part III. The Response
of High-Strength Steels in the Range of 180,000-300,000
psi to Hydrogen Embrittlement from Cadmium Electro-
plating, E. P. Klier, B. B. Muvdi, G. Sachs. AF 33(616)-
PB 131034.

The embrittlement of high strength steels due to
the action of hydrogen introduced by Cd-electroplating has
been studied in sustained-load, rotating beam fatigue, and
bending tests. Strength levels from 180,000 to 300,000 psi
as suitable for the various steels were examined for a
variety of initial conditions of stress concentration.

All steels were found to be embrittled in some
measure after Cd-plating and this embrittlement could not
be fully eliminated, as determined in the bend test, through
the baking treatment used. The improvement in properties
which did result from baking was promoted by a redistribu-
tion and not an elimination of hydrogen from the steel.

Failure promoted by Cd-plating is affected by the
experimental conditions and has been discussed at length
in the report. In the hydrogen bearing zone a crack is
initiated and then depending on the experimental conditions
may propagate to failure of the cross section through over-
loading. Crack development is apparently dependent, in
part, on the composition and is minimized by reduction in
carbon content or by an increase in silicon content.

Both the sustained-load and bend tests are suit-
able tests for evaluation of hydrogen embrittlement in
ultra-high strength steels. The rotating beam fatigue test
is a relatively insensitive test of hydrogen embrittlement,
but can be used to provide an excellent measure of the
"static" notch strength of the steel.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 53-24.
PART II.
INTERMITTENT STRESSING AND HEATING TESTS OF
AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL METALS. John Salvaggi.
AF 33(616)-2226. May 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD
118293. PB 131210.

Previous studies on the high-temperature creep
and rupture behavior of a number of aircraft structural
materials exposed to relatively simple intermittent-load
or intermittent-heat test conditions emphasized the fact
that each alloy system behaves in its own characteristic
manner. Five of these materials, C-110M titanium, A-70
titanium, type 321 stainless steel, N-155 alloy, and 4130
steel were selected for further evaluation under the more
complex conditions of combined intermittent temperature
and load. Analysis of these test results disclosed little
difference in creep and rupture behavior relative to the
intermittent-load or intermittent-heat results.

In general, the basic mechanisms or causes re-
 sponsible for the behavior patterns noted in the simpler
environments of constant-temperature intermittent-load
and constant-load intermittent-temperature are relatively
unaffected by the phase relationships of the combined
cyclic-load and temperature test conditions utilized in this
study.
emphasis was placed on an accurate determination of ing and holding time at temperaslre on the tensile proper- design data obtained in bis study has was to determine the effects of variations in strain rate and missile fabrication. The resulting recommended AD 142003. PB 131511, AF 33(616)-4Z4. September 1957. ASTIA Document No. Described in this report is a compilation of data conditions.

TENSILE PROPERTIFS OF AIRCRAFT-STRUCTURAL Materials can be obtained only by testing under the desired conditions. The tensile, compressive, bearing, and shear properties of the following sheet metals were determined at various temperatures after exposure times from 1/2 to 1000 hours at the test temperature:

1. AISI-4130 alloy steel, 150,000 psi nominal strength level
2. AISI-4130 alloy steel, 180,000 psi nominal strength level
3. AISI-4130 alloy steel, 200,000 psi nominal strength level
4. 601-A titanium alloy
5. HK31-H24 magnesium alloy
6. Type 301 stainless steel, full-hard

The magnesium alloy was tested over a temperature range from 75°F to 600°F, whereas the other test metals were tested at temperatures to 1000°F. The test results show that all strength and modulus properties decreased to some degree with increasing temperature over the range studied. Increasing exposure time, which had no significant effects on modulus-of-elasticity values, resulted in some decreased strength properties in all test metals at the higher test temperatures but had no appreciable effect at the lower temperatures. In general, the effects of variations in temperature were greater than the effects of variations in exposure time. A correlation and comparison of the test results indicated some crude relationships between various properties. These relationships provide a means of calculating rough estimates of certain properties on the basis of a different property determination. The accuracy of these calculations decreases as the range of materials and conditions, to which they are applied, increases. For the entire range of materials and conditions used in this work the accuracy of the various property relationships ranged from 11% to 25%. Precise and reliable data on the tensile, compressive, bearing, and shear properties of aircraft-structural materials can be obtained only by testing under the desired conditions.


The purpose of the present phase of this program was to determine the effects of variations in strain rate and holding time at temperature on the tensile properties of several aircraft-structural metals after they had been heated within 10 sec to test temperatures approaching the melting points of the alloys involved. Major emphasis was placed on an accurate determination of these effects on the ultimate tensile strength and 0.2%-offset yield strength. The modulus of elasticity, percent elongation, and proportional limit were determined with less accuracy as by-products of the data for the purpose of establishing trends. This investigation covered strain rates from 0.0005 in. /in. /sec to 1.0 in. /in. /sec, holding times at test temperature from 10 sec to 1800 sec, and the following sheet materials over the range of test temperatures indicated: Annealed Stellite-25, 1600°F-2250°F Heat-treated Inconel-X, 1600°F-2250°F Full-hard 301 stainless steel, 1600°F-2250°F Annealed Al10-AT titanium alloy 1200°F-2700°F Al clad 2024-T3 aluminum alloy, 800°F-900°F

In general, the ultimate tensile strength and 0.2%- offset yield strength of all test materials increased appreciably with increasing strain rates at each test temperature. With only minor variations, the apparent modulus of elasticity showed a consistently increasing trend with increasing strain rates. The same was true for the percent elongation with the exception of annealed Al10-AT titanium alloy, which showed a decreasing trend with increasing strain rates.

Because of atmospheric attack, the properties of the Al10-AT alloy deteriorated with increasing times at the higher test temperatures. Holding times at test temperature had no significant effect on any of the properties of the other materials investigated.

At 2250°F, annealed Stellite-25 had the greatest strength, followed by heat-treated Inconel-X, annealed Al10-AT titanium alloy, and full-hard 301 stainless steel. The oxidation resistance of annealed Stellite-25 and heat-treated Inconel-X was good at 2250°F, full-hard 301 stainless was fair to poor, and annealed Al10-AT titanium alloy was poor. Al clad 2024-T3 aluminum alloy showed good oxidation resistance at 900°F.


Presented in this report is a compilation of data on the conventional short-time, elevated-temperature properties of selected corrosion-resistant and high-temperature alloys applicable to airframe and missile fabrication. The resultant recommended design data obtained in this study have been presented in such form as to be directly applicable to the ANC-5 Bulletin (issued by the Air Force-Navy-Civil Panel) on "Strength of Metal Aircraft Elements."

Presented in this report is a compilation of data on the conventional short-time, elevated-temperature properties of selected low- and medium-alloy steels applicable to airframe and missile fabrication. The resulting recommended design data obtained in this study have been presented in such form as to be directly applicable to the ANC-5 Bulletin (issued by the Air Force-Navy-Civil Panel) on "Strength of Metal Aircraft Elements."


To provide data for the establishment of design criteria, the compressive and bearing properties of six aluminum alloys, three magnesium alloys, two titanium alloys, two stainless steels, and one alloy steel have been determined at elevated temperatures. Tensile data were also obtained for all materials except the stainless steels. Each material was tested at several temperatures as follows: for 2014-T6, 7075-T6, and X7178-T6 aluminum alloys and M1-H24, AZ31-H24, and AZ31-0 magnesium alloys at 200°F, 300°F, 400°F, 500°F, and 600°F; 2024-T3 aluminum alloys at 212°F, 300°F, 400°F, 500°F, and 600°F; 2024-T61 and 2024-T68 aluminum alloys at 200°F, 300°F, and 400°F; annealed titanium, cold-rolled titanium, Type 301 half-hard stainless steel, Type 302 annealed stainless steel, and SAE 4130 alloy steel at 400°F, 500°F, 600°F, 800°F, and 1000°F. Specimens of all materials were aged for 0.5 hr at test temperature prior to testing.

The tests materials used in the program were left-over portions of sheets which had been tested previously. They had been in storage for a period of 5 years. Analysis of the test data suggested that long-term temperature aging has a substantial effect on the elevated temperature properties of certain hard-rolled and heat-treated alloys. The properties of the fully annealed materials, however, appeared to be unaffected by protracted aging at room temperature.


Tests were conducted to determine the effect of load cycling on the creep buckling behavior of metal columns. Two materials were investigated: 2024-T4 aluminum alloy columns with length to radius of gyration ratios of 81.2 and 55.7 were tested at 350°F and 450°F; C-110M titanium alloy columns having a length to radius of gyration ratio of 90 were tested at 700°F and 800°F. The cycling period used was 24 hr, the time the load was on in that period was the variable. In addition to the cyclic load tests, constant load tests were conducted to obtain background information.

A linear relationship was found between the time to creep buckling under constant load and the reciprocal of the minimum creep deflection rate. This relationship was used in interpreting the cyclic load test results.

The effect of load cycling proved to be dependent upon the properties of the material at the testing temperature. Two criteria, based upon material stability characteristics, are set up to help classify the cyclic load data.


In order to establish design criteria on the 6AI-4V titanium alloy, tensile, compressive, bearing and shear properties have been determined on both bar and sheet material at temperatures from 75 to 1000°F. In addition, tensile properties of sheet material were determined after 100-hour exposure at 600, 800 and 1000°F.

Tests results were compared with recently established minimum requirements for tensile strength in order to derive design values for compression, bearing, and shear.

Other properties investigated include minimum bend radius for 105° bend and notched tensile strength at temperatures from 75 to 1000°F, and torsional properties at room temperature.

Axial load fatigue characteristics were investigated at temperatures from 75 to 1000°F for both smooth and notched specimens at stress ratios of 0 (stress-rupture), 0.3, 1.0, and infinity.

Descriptions of the test specimens, equipment, and procedures used are included. Test results are reported in tables and in curves showing the effect of temperature on the various mechanical properties. The derived design data and curves are presented in a form suitable for inclusion in ANC-5.


Tests were conducted to determine the effect of the initial imperfection of a column on its creep-buckling characteristics. The material used was 6AI-4V titanium alloy. Columns with initial imperfections ranging from L - L_0 to 1000 to 70 (where L is the column length) were tested at temperatures of 750, 850 and 900°F.

Initial imperfection was found to influence very strongly the creep-buckling behavior of a column. In general, a significant inter-relationship was found to exist between column load, lifetime, temperature, and imperfection, i.e., the effects of any one factor are dependent upon the magnitude of the other factors.

The time-dependent secant- and tangent-modulus methods for estimating column capacity were investigated. It is shown that both estimates can be either conservative or nonconservative, depending upon the temperature and initial imperfection of the column.

The Larson-Miller time-temperature parameter technique was applied to the data. The usefulness of this and similar parameters for correlating column-creep data is discussed.

Southern Research Institute. WADC TR 58-365. DETERMINATION OF TENSILE, COMPRESSION, BEARING AND SHEAR PROPERTIES OF SHEET STEELS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. J. Robert Kattus, James
The tensile, compressive, bearing, and shear properties of the following sheet metals were determined at various temperatures after exposure times of from 1/2 hour to 1000 hours at the test temperatures:

1. A-286 austenitic alloy, quenched and tempered
2. 17-7 PH stainless steel, RH950 condition
3. Thermod J. alloy steel, quenched and tempered
4. Type 420 stainless steel, quenched and tempered
5. Type 422 stainless steel, quenched and tempered
6. 17-22 A (S) alloy steel, quenched and tempered

The A-286 alloy was tested over a temperature range from 75°F to 1200°F, the Thermod J from 75°F to 1100°F, and the other alloys from 75°F to 1000°F.

In all of the test alloys, the strength properties and moduli of elasticity decreased with increasing temperatures. The strength properties of the Thermod J, Type 420, Type 422, and 17-22 A (S) tended to decrease by varying amounts with increasing exposure times at the higher test temperatures. These decreases in strength are believed to be associated with structural changes produced by tempering. At lower temperatures, the properties of these materials did not vary significantly with exposure time, indicating that the structures were stable at those temperatures. The strength properties of the A-286 alloy and the 17-7 PH (RH 950) stainless varied somewhat erratically with increasing exposure times at the higher test temperatures as a result, probably, of aging phenomena in both of these precipitation-hardening alloys.

The simple ratio relationships between various properties under equivalent test conditions were approximately equal in magnitude and in consistency to those previously determined for other materials and reported in WADC Technical Report 56-340. For the entire range of materials and conditions used in this work, the consistency of the various property relationships ranged from ±17% to ±11%. Precise data on the mechanical properties of aircraft-structural materials can be obtained only by testing under the desired condition.

Southern Research Institute. WADC TR 58-440, Part I.


The purpose of this work was to evaluate the short-time tensile properties of aircraft-structural materials under conditions of rapid heating, short times at temperature, and moderate to rapid rates of loading. The test specimens were heated to the test temperatures within ten sec, held for periods of time ranging from 10 sec to 1800 sec, and loaded at strain rates from 0.0005 to 1.0 in./in./sec. Major emphasis was placed on the accurate determination of 0.2% offset yield strength and ultimate tensile strength. The modulus of elasticity, percent elongation, proportional limit, and full stress-strain curves were determined with somewhat less accuracy but, nevertheless, with sufficient accuracy to establish trends.

Four steels—Chro-Mow tool steel, Thermod-J tool steel, Peerless-56 tool steel, and AM-350 precipitation-hardening stainless steel—and 6AI-4V titanium alloy were fully aged at test temperatures, and the steel being tested at temperatures up to 1200°F and the titanium alloy up to 1000°F. Before being tested, all of these alloys were heat treated to high strength levels of about 300,000 psi for the tool steels, 200,000 psi for the AM-350, and 160,000 psi for the 6AI-4V.

Similar evaluations, except for the determination of complete stress-strain curves, had previously been carried out on seventeen alloys under contract AF 33(616)-424 and reported in WADC Technical Report 55-199 Parts I, II, and III. For these alloys, complete stress-strain curves were obtained in the present contract under all test conditions employed in the previous contract.

The test results show that, at the lower test temperatures, the strength properties of the test alloys tended to increase slightly as the strain rate was increased. At the maximum test temperatures, the effect of strain rate became much greater, the strength properties increasing greatly with increasing strain rates.

Probably as a result of structural changes associated with tempering and with overaging the strength of the steel alloys decreased with increasing holding times at 1200°F. The tensile properties of the steel alloys at lower temperature and of the titanium alloy at all test temperatures were not affected by variations in holding time.

WADC TR 58-400.

Two stainless steels were investigated in this work, 17-7PH (RH 950 Condition) and PH 15-7 Mo. (RH 950 and TH-1050 Conditions).

Tensile stress-strain test results for the 17-7 PH and the PH 15-7 Mo stainless steel are presented for temperatures from room temperature to 1000°F. Compression and bearing data were also obtained at room temperature.

A comparison is made between these two stainless steels and other materials.

WADC TR 58-672.

In this report are presented the results of smooth and notched tension tests and compression, bearing, bending, and Charpy V-notched impact tests. The tests were conducted on two heats of Allegheny-Ludlum AM-350 stainless steel sheet which is a Cr-Ni-Mo stainless steel hardenable by subzero cooling or double aging, and one heat of AM-355 3/4 inch diameter bar material. This material was tested at room and elevated temperatures in tension plus some subnormal and elevated temperature Charpy impact tests.

The material was given several heat treatments to determine the effect on mechanical properties. Varying the aging temperatures had some effect on the strength properties and ductility.

The sub-zero treatment with no elevated temperature aging gives the maximum strength but not the best ductility.

The -100°F +95°F heat treatment gives the best ductility for this material, as shown in the elongation, reduction in area and energy absorbed in the impact test.

Southern Research Institute. WADC TR 58-440, Part II.

In this report, a summary and an analysis are presented of the results of five years of investigation of the short-time tensile properties of structural metals. The specimens that were tested in this investigation were heated to various elevated test temperatures within 10 sec, were held at test temperature for periods of time from 10 sec to 30 minutes, and were then loaded to failure at strain rates from 0.00005 to 1.0 in./in./sec.

The strength properties of all of the test metals tended to decrease with increasing temperatures. Variations in holding time at test temperature had no significant effect upon the tensile properties of the structural-stable metals. The tensile properties of the unstable alloys changed with variations in holding time at certain temperatures as a result of time-temperature-dependent structural changes. In general, increasing strain rate produced increased strength in the test metals, the percentage increases in strength being relatively small in the temperature range of low-temperature behavior and quite large in the temperature range of high-temperature behavior. Under certain conditions, the effects of time-temperature-dependent and strain rate-temperature-dependent structural changes were superimposed upon, and sometimes obscured, the inherent effects of temperature and of strain rate.

An evaluation of time-temperature and rate-temperature parameters indicated that short-time tensile properties cannot be expressed with a high degree of accuracy as invariant functions of such parameters. Nevertheless, illustrations of short-time tensile properties as functions of the Larson-Miller parameter are quite useful for general comparisons of the strength levels of various materials over wide ranges of conditions. A duplex method that was developed for the presentation of tensile-strength data is useful primarily for the accurate condensation of tensile data over wide ranges of conditions into simple one-page plots. Such presentations, however, are not particularly useful for comparisons among different materials or for extrapolations of tensile data beyond the experimental conditions.

University of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330, Part XI.

This is the final report on the photoelastic study of I-Beams, and covers the period from May 1, 1958 to date.

The data presented are intended to supplement the data presented in WADC TR 56-330, Part VII under Contract AF 33(616)-2753. Report VII presented information on the fully plastic strength while the present report discusses the elastic stress distribution in the web section of I-Beams with various shapes of elliptic-type web cutouts.

The prediction of the location of the fully plastic hinges using the shear difference method is discussed for one shape of web cutout. The method shows reasonable agreement when compared with available data on the actual aluminum alloy I-Beam.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 55-150, Part 8.

The objectives of this study were to compile and to evaluate creep strain versus time data on airframe structural materials. The range of interest, as recommended by the Elevated Temperature Task Group of the ANC-5 Panel, includes creep strain up to 1 per cent and time up to 1000 hours. Only two reference sources dealt with creep of airframe structural materials within the conditions of strain and time imposed. Although both of these sources have considerably extended the knowledge of creep behavior in the early stages of creep, it appears that neither has encompassed adequately the regions of interest specified. Reasons for this conclusion are discussed in this report. It should be emphasized that for creep strain above about 1 per cent, both sources of data appear adequate.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 56-645, Part III.

In order to establish realistic design criteria applicable to several special glasses certain physical properties have been determined throughout their useful temperature range.

The modulus of rupture and modulus of elasticity at several temperatures are presented for Corning Glass Works glasses, 1723 (Aluminosilicate), 7740 (Borosilicate), 7900 (95% Silica), and 7940 (Fused Silica). Stress-rupture and creep results for semi-tempered and tempered soda-lime-silica glass are also presented.

Data are given in the form of tables and graphs together with a complete statistical analysis of all results.

Marquardt Corp. WADC TR 59-484.

The short time tension and compression load carrying properties of four aircraft type sheet materials (namely: 2024-T31 aluminum, 17-4PH (Ti-1050) stainless steel, annealed N-155 (multimelt) alloy, and annealed 6AI-4V titanium alloy) were evaluated. Tensile and compressive strength properties were measured at strain rates ranging from 0.00001 to 0.1 in./in./second. Test temperatures up to 2000°F and hold times at temperature of 2 and 30 minutes were investigated. The compressive creep properties (for times up to 15 minutes) were also evaluated and methods are shown for use of these data to define the behavior of columns subjected to high temperature and stresses.

Changes in testing speed produced major differences in the tensile and compressive strengths, particularly at the elevated temperatures. It was also demonstrated that time-dependent deformation rates at high stresses and high temperatures are very rapid. Large amounts of plastic strain can occur even when the time involved is of the order of one second or less.

Columbia University. WADC TR 58-69, Part II.
The object of this investigation was the determination of the effects of stress interaction, under randomised stress distributions representing gust and maneuver loads on aircraft wings, on the fatigue life of 7075 aluminum alloy specimens.

On the basis of numerous rotating bending fatigue tests, it has been demonstrated that the linear cumulative damage rule does not provide a safe fatigue life estimate of unnotched specimens. A non-linear rule representing the test results fairly well has been proposed.

University of Illinois. WADC TR 56-330, Part XII.

THE EFFECTS OF INELASTIC ACTION ON THE RESISTANCE TO VARIOUS TYPES OF LOADS OF DUCTILE MEMBERS MADE FROM VARIOUS CLASSES OF METALS

PART XII Eccentrically-Loaded Tension Members and Columns Made of 17-7PH Stainless Steel and Ti 155A Titanium Alloy and Tested at Various Temperatures.


Experimental data were obtained from eccentrically-loaded columns made of 17-7PH stainless steel and Ti 155A titanium alloy and tested at room temperature, from eccentrically-loaded columns made of 17-7PH stainless steel and tested at 1000°F, and from eccentrically-loaded tension members and columns made of Ti 155A titanium alloy and tested at 800°F. In most cases the creep tests were limited to 30 mins. At the elevated temperatures the inelastic deformation was time dependent for the 17-7PH stainless steel and was mostly time independent for the Ti-155A titanium alloy.

The theoretical analysis of room temperature tests data obtained from Ti-155A titanium alloy members tested at 800°F was based on the interaction curve-moment-load curve theory. The arc hyperbolic sine theory was used in the analysis of data obtained from 17-7PH stainless steel members tested at 1000°F. In all cases, good agreement was found between theory and experiment.

WADC TR 59-25.


An investigation of the fatigue behavior of 3/8 inch engine bolts at various temperatures is described for the heat resistant alloys AMS 5735 (A-186), Udimet 500, Inconel 700 and Incoloy 901. Tests were also performed under axial stress on unnotched fatigue specimens and fatigue specimens with a theoretical stress concentration factor of 3.4. The data are presented as S-N diagrams to show the effect of fatigue strength of temperature, stress concentration, stress magnitude and bolt thread rolling.

The results of this investigation suggest the possibility of using fatigue test data obtained with unnotched specimens to evaluate other heat resistant alloys for possible engine bolt applications thereby reducing the significant expense of fabrication of experimental lots of bolts for test.

Advanced Metals Research Corporation. WADD TR 60-793.


Data available in the open literature on diffusion in tungsten, tantalum, molybdenum, niobium, platinum, hafnium, zirconium, vanadium, chromium, and titanium is reviewed and evaluated. Information on ninety-five binary systems and thirteen ternary or higher order systems is reported.

Care was taken to make this report as complete as possible at this time. For some systems where no diffusion data was available, diffusion coefficients were estimated from existing theories or from data on diffusion controlled processes.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. WADC TR 59-572.


The determination of the high-temperature mechanical properties of aircraft structural materials is a prerequisite to efficient design when elevated temperature service is to be expected. Normally, these properties are obtained from the conventional short-time tensile and creep-rupture tests and as such are not necessarily applicable for stress conditions other than tension. The present program was conducted to establish the high-temperature strength and deformation characteristics of the high-strength armor plate alloys when exposed independently to a variety of stresses under both short and long time loading. Specifically, the object of the program was to determine the high-temperature tensile, compression, bearing and shear properties of selected armor plate alloys with the ultimate purpose of correlating tension behavior with behavior under the various other types of loads and also of applying these basic data to predict the behavior of riveted joints undergoing creep deformation in tension, bearing and shear. This report summarizes in tabular and chart form the high temperature properties of 16 V - 2.5 Al titanium alloy and Vascojet 1000 alloy in tension, compression, bearing and shear. In addition, correlations of the tensile creep-rupture properties with corresponding compression, bearing and shear creep-rupture properties are presented.

The creep-rupture characteristics of single-rivet lap type joints and two-rivet doubler type joints, which represent components of multiple riveted assemblies, prepared from the test alloys are presented herein. Correlations between measured joint creep-rupture and predicted joint creep-rupture are also included.

Bell Aircraft Corp. WADC TR 59-702, Part I.


Six materials in plate and bar form were subjected to tension, compression, bearing, and shear stresses at various temperatures after exposure times of 1/2, 10, 100, and 1000 hours at selected test temperatures. The materials studied and the temperature range of testing were:

- **Testing**
- **Materials**
  - AM 355
  - PH15-7Mo
  - HK31-H24
  - A 286
  - Udimet 500
  - Inconel X

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In general, the test results show that most of the mechanical properties, regardless of the type of stress imposed, decrease with temperature and time. Time of exposure was not as effective in lowering the properties as...
the temperature. The A-286 alloy did show mechanical properties higher after prolonged exposure due to aging at some temperatures. The sharp drop off in properties that the other alloys exhibited at the higher temperature was not characteristic of the A-286 alloy.

Since mechanisms of failure are different, precise data under a given stress can be obtained only by testing under the desired conditions. Comparisons between alloys are made only where the temperature range of operation is common to both.

Bell Aircraft Corporation. WADC TR 59-702, Part II.

A study was made of nondestructively testing silicon carbide by density and density uniformity, dynamic modules by sonic technique, X-ray diffraction under transverse load, electrical resistivity, and internal friction. Dynamic modules of silicon carbide were experimentally determined at 80°F and 2200°F. Modules of rupture tests were conducted at 80°F, 2200°F and 2400°F.

The variability of the properties of the silicon carbide and the lack of simple correlations between the properties and geometry require the use of a statistical approach to correlate mechanical properties and geometry. A theoretical analysis is presented on the effect of specimen size, surface finish, and methods of loading on the strength properties of silicon carbide.

Available literature and manufacturer's property data for various types and forms of commercially available silicon carbide are tabulated. Various areas of possible application of silicon carbide in aircraft and missiles and design parameters for leading edge applications are given.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation. WADC TR 57-344, Part IV.

Vacuum tensile data were obtained for pure niobium from room temperature to 1371°C (2500°F). The data for niobium followed the general pattern exhibited by other pure refractory metals. The ductile-brittle transition (in impact) for commercial purity, arc melted niobium was close to room temperature.

The effect of binary additions of Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Mo, W, Re, Al, and Y on the hardness and workability of niobium was determined. Nb-Ti and Nb-Y alloys had excellent cold workability.

Mechanical property data were obtained at room temperature and 1093°C (2000°F) on niobium containing additions of Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Mo, and W. Of the elements studied, vanadium additions were the most effective strengtheners. Nb-Zr alloy having high oxygen contents had very good high temperature properties. It appears that the interaction of oxygen with the alloy addition may be responsible for the high strength. Tensile data were also obtained on alloys having ternary and quaternary additions of Ti, Zr, Hf, and Mo. Nb-Ti-Zr-Hf alloys exhibited yield strengths well in excess of 40,000 psi at 1093°C (2000°F).

Welding studies on a number of niobium alloys containing additions of Ti, Zr, Hf, V, and W were carried out. Satisfactory welds were obtained in all the alloys studied. Bend test data were obtained on the weld specimens.

Forest Product Laboratory. WADC TR 55-319, Sup. 2.

Four different Reinforced plastic laminates were subjected to outdoor weathering at three sites having entirely different weather conditions. After completion of the exposure, the laminated panels were tested in flexure at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. Data on the effect of 3 and 12 months' exposure on the flexural properties and the appearance of the laminates are presented in this report.

Another series of panels are still undergoing exposure at all three sites, and this series will be tested after 3 years' exposure. Upon completion of the tests on these panels, all data will be compiled in a final report.

Data obtained from the tests to date show that the effect of outdoor exposure varies greatly with different types of laminates and conditions of exposure. The greatest loss in strength was usually associated with exposure at the Florida site. In general, normal and wet flexural strengths of weathered glass-fabric laminates were 90 percent or more of the control strengths, but the high temperature strength was only about 60 to 80 percent of the control. The phenolic-asbestos laminate had a higher over-all strength retention than the glass-fabric laminates.

Results of strength tests of over 700 specimens are presented in this interim report.

National Bureau of Standards. WADD TR 60-56, Part I.

This first phase of the Compendium covers ten properties of ten fluids (Part I), three properties of solids (Part II), and an extensive bibliography of references (Part III). Density, expansivity, thermal conductivity, specific heat and enthalpy, transition heats, phase equilibria, dielectric constants, absorption, surface tension and viscosity for the solid, liquid and gas phases of helium, hydrogen, neon, nitrogen, oxygen, air, carbon monoxide, fluorine, argon and methane are given wherever adequate data could be collected. Temperature expansion, thermal conductivity and specific heat and enthalpy are given for a number of solids of interest in cryogenic engineering. Data sheets, primarily in graphic form, are presented from "best values" of data collected. The source of the material used, other references and tables of selected values with appropriate comments are furnished with each data sheet to document the data presented. Conversion tables and other helpful information are also included.

National Bureau of Standards. WADD TR 60-56, Part II.

This first phase of the Compendium covers ten properties of ten fluids (Part I), three properties of solids
The influence of six processing sequences on the microstructure, mechanical properties and heat treatment response of the Ti-7Al-4Mo alloy has been studied. The information developed demonstrates the critical effect of processing variables in controlling the material performance levels and emphasizes the importance of such considerations in attaining "optimum" values.

Forging entirely above the beta transus produced the usual Widmanstätten type of structure found in titanium alloys after such processing. As expected, the creep resistance of this structure was excellent; however, heat treatment response for tensile ductility were poor, and a reduction in charpy impact strength of 3/4\" rod was noted for all thermal treatment conditions. Forging entirely below the beta transus developed an equiaxed microstructure and generally good properties except for reduced creep resistance. Duplex forging, i.e., forging initially above the beta transus, cooling to room temperature, and reheating to below the beta transus for finish forging, produced a nearly equiaxed microstructure and general property levels quite similar to all below-beta forging but with improved creep resistance.

In general, notch tensile and notch stress rupture tests did not show any direct relationships with processing history. Notch rotating beam fatigue tests for above-beta forged material showed more scatter than those on material forged below the beta transus though the endurance limit was not greatly affected.

**Article References**


**WADD TR 60-419.**

**EFFECTIVE STRESS CONCENTRATION FACTORS FOR FLIGHT VEHICLE MATERIALS UNDER VARIOUS CONDITIONS DURING FATIGUE TESTING.** V. F. Lardenoit. October 1960. PB 171410. Order from OTS $3.00.

This report presents the forms of tables and curves, the effective stress concentration factors, \( K_e \), for a number of aircraft materials subjected to various conditions during fatigue testing. The influence on \( K_e \) is shown for such parameters as temperature, stress ratio, specimen size, direction of testing, test frequency, fabrication of notches, heat treatment, grain size, and for titanium and its alloys, interstitial constituents and hydrogen level.

Because \( K_e \) is sensitive to so many variables, no attempt is made to relate it to any of the above listed parameters.

Crucible Steel Company of America. WADD TR 60-489.

**INVESTIGATION TO DEVELOP OPTIMUM PROPERTIES IN FORGED Ti-7Al-4Mo.** James E. Hamey. AF 33(616)-6122. October 1960. PB 171446. Order from OTS $2.75.

The mechanical properties of arc-cast, fully recrystallized molybdenum 1/2% -titanium alloy - bare, W-Z coated, and Durak-MG coated --- were determined at temperatures up to 3000\(^\circ\) F in short-time tension and compression and in tension and compression creep for times up to 10 hr. The purpose of the work is to provide data, for this alloy upon which to base the design of leading edges for hypersonic boost-glide vehicles.

In inert atmospheres, this molybdenum alloy retains useful strength and good ductility at temperatures up to 3000\(^\circ\) F. Both coatings have an extreme

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embody considerable plastic strain under many conditions. A high degree of failures were encountered on all coated specimens. The failures were dependent on time and temperature but there was considerable scatter in the results. For the coated molybdenum specimens the edges and corners were most prone to failure. Failures of the siliconized ATJ specimens were more or less randomly located over the surface area.

Reactive Metals, Inc. WADD TR 60-404.


Because of the high temperatures and vacuum that can be obtained during electron beam melting, this process offers the potential of purifying high melting point materials. This program consists of a study of the effect of the electron beam melting process on boron, boron-carbon alloys, tantalum carbide, titanium carbide, zirconium diboride, hafnium, tungsten, cobalt, vanadium and beryllium. In addition, deoxidation studies were carried out on beryllium, vanadium, cobalt and molybdenum. When possible, microstructures, tensile properties, and chemical compositions of the materials melted were obtained.

The compounds studied either could not be melted or were brittle after melting. The interstitial content of all the metals was reduced by the electron beam melting process. By the addition of deoxidants, the interstitial contents of molybdenum and beryllium were reduced. Improvement in the tensile properties of vanadium and molybdenum were obtained by the addition of deoxidants to these metals.

A general treatment is presented of the methods of analysis which have been developed successfully for the vibration studies of airframes together with the corresponding electrical circuit analogies that must be programmed into the electric analog computer. This computer type is distinguished from electronic differential analyzers in that passive circuit elements consisting of decade resistors, capacitors, inductors, and multwindings, multistep transformers are used directly, as well as amplifiers and other electronic devices. The passive electrical elements are used to represent analogous passive elements of the physical system under study when a 1:1 physical analogy can be developed between electrical circuit theory and physical system; thus, both currents and voltages in the computer take on physical significance, whereas in electronic differential analyser techniques only voltages are used to represent voltages. In other cases, where amplifiers are employed, the passive elements are utilized to simulate transfer functions, reducing the number of electronic amplifiers that would be required if only electronic differential analyzers were used.


This study is concerned exclusively with the vibrations of linear, conservative mechanical systems and their electrical equivalents. The concepts of "normal modes" and of "impedance" are brought together and interrelated in a number of ways. It is shown, for example, that normal modes can be used to compute "impedances", and that impedance measurements, in turn, can be utilized to obtain normal modes. The mathematics used in this analysis of vibration is presented in the language of matrix algebra. With the exception of matrix theory, no "advanced" mathematical concepts are employed. The solution is given for several examples relating to the vibrations of a conventional airplane, and a comparison is made with analog computer results.


A general investigation is presented to some of the properties of free and forced vibrations in linear, nonconservative systems. Particular emphasis is placed upon the problems which arise in normal mode studies made on the electric analog computer at the California Institute of Technology. In Part I the major problems are defined, and limitations of the study are discussed. Part II contains a review of the basic theory of normal modes. In Part III, modifications of normal mode concepts, as applied to damped systems, are examined. "Small damping" criteria are discussed, and a set of


The cantilevered beam in simple bending is a basic element of airframes as analyzed for stress, dynamic vibration, and aero-elastic analysis. The accuracy with which this element can be represented by lumped parameter approximations, and on the direct analogy electric analog computer, has been studied in detail. Concerning static loading, finite difference analogies with both full and half cell end termination and the Russell analog were investigated. Exact solutions, calculated lumped parameter, and analog computer solutions were obtained for comparison. It was found that for the wide range of beam conditions studied, the computer parasitic errors in recording deflections and slopes lie within a maximum of 2.6% with the error 1% or less for most cases. Considering the effects of finite difference lumping alone, it was found that half cell
The flutter of a 2-dimensional buckled panel with clamped edges is studied both theoretically and experimentally. In the first part, the flutter mode is described by a series expansion of functions which satisfy the boundary conditions for clamped edges. Quasi-steady linearised aerodynamics is used. Large deflections of the plate are considered. Numerical calculations have been made for only the first 2 terms of the series expansion. An experimental program designed to study the nature of panel flutter is described. The results of the experiments are used to check the validity of the assumptions used in the theoretical study and to shed some light on the process of panel flutter for use in future studies. (Contractor's abstract)


The problem of flutter of a simply supported rectangular plate placed in a supersonic airstream is studied. Only small deflections of the plate are considered so that linear plate theory may be used. The flutter mode is described by a series expansion in terms of the normal modes of oscillation of the plate in a vacuum. Linearised aerodynamic theory is used. Additional simplification is introduced in 2 forms. In 1 case, the strip assumption is introduced, and in another quasi-steady approximation is made. The exact solution is carried out, and the result is compared with the 2 approximate results. Numerical calculations were made to determine the flutter boundaries for plates of varying aspect ratio using strip theory aerodynamics. These calculations were made for M=2 and M=2 over a range of values of the reduced frequency. For M=2, the flutter mode was described by considering 2 or 3 normal modes. For M=2 only 2 normal modes were considered. (Contractor's summary)

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ADVANCED STUDIES IN FLUTTER. M. Ziofein. Project AFOSR, DAS. 49(638)-749; AFOSR, DAS. 49(638)-749. The intent of this program is to conduct advanced investigations of the dynamics of airframes including:

1. A theoretical study of the effects of damping on flutter and high Mach numbers. The purpose of this research is to obtain a better understanding of the significance of damping on the flutter stability of structural components at high supersonic and hypersonic speeds. Particular attention is directed toward evaluating the variety of approximate methods presently in use for the prediction of flutter and to study the phenomenon of velocity-damping "loopbacks"; and (2) study of the linear and non-linear vibration characteristics of a "jet-mass" on flutter speed. The term "jet-mass" as used here consists of applying an external force which is at all times proportional to the acceleration of the point of application of the force. The ultimate objective is to alter the flutter characteristics of an aerodynamic surface by "effective mass" changes to the systems.
This is a theoretical investigation of the effect of external-force excitation on the flutter of flat panels. The equations of motion for a flat panel in both two- and three-dimensional supersonic flow will be studied, taking into account external forces due to sound pressures and frame transmitted vibrations.

The investigations will be extended to take into account the case of flat finite aspect ratio rectangular plates in a supersonic flow. It is felt that simplified aerodynamic theories can be developed in this area for particular cases and employed with success in prototype flutter analyses.

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 52-313, Part I.

- BRAZING TITANIUM TO TITANIUM AND TO MILL AND STAINLESS STEELS. W. J. Lewis, P. S. Rieppel, and C. B. Voldrich. AF 33(308)-23338. November 1952. PB 111244. Order from OTS $1.00

Procedures and alloys suitable for brazing titanium were investigated. Commercial brazing alloys were evaluated by making brazed joints of titanium in a furnace containing an atmosphere of high purity argon. The most satisfactory alloys in this type of brazing were silver and nickel base alloys. Joints with shear strengths averaging 15,000 psi were obtained by using brazing with the following alloys:

- 100% silver
- 85% silver, 15% manganese
- 65% silver, 15% copper, 16% zinc, 24% cadmium

Brazed joints of titanium were also made with the oxyacetylene torch and a commercial brazing flux. The best alloy found in torch brazing was a 45% silver, 15% copper, 16% zinc, 24% cadmium alloy, which produced shear strengths averaging 13,000 psi.

The strengths of brazed joints in titanium were somewhat lower than that of similar brazed joints of the same alloys in carbon steels. The lower strengths are believed to be associated with the inter-metallic compounds which formed at the boundaries between the brazing alloy and titanium. Also, broad zones of diffusion were present at some of the boundaries. Some of the intermetallic compounds appeared to be brittle. Silver and the 85% silver-15% manganese alloy were the only brazing alloys that produced joints exhibiting some ductility.

In order to reduce compound formation and diffusion, a few preliminary tests were made using shorter brazing cycles. This accomplished with induction, resistance, and shielded carbon-arc brazing methods. These tests indicated that the formation of inter-metallic compounds can be reduced by using shorter heating cycles. This phase of the investigation will be covered in more detail in a second report.

Battelle Memorial Institute. TR 52-322, Part I.


In this investigation, the major part of the effort was devoted to making and testing a special apparatus for determining the hot ductility of weld metals. The apparatus was designed so that the test specimen could be tested in tension after the center section had been cooled directly from the molten state to a predetermined temperature. The center section was melted by induction heating and was retained in place by a mold of fused silica. Special equipment was designed and constructed to measure the load required to fracture the specimen and to measure the elongation. Techniques were developed to measure the temperature at the center section. The operation of the apparatus was checked by testing SAE 1018 and SAE 4340 steel specimens in the temperature range from 2880°F to 1800°F after the center section was cooled directly from the melting temperature. The equipment was satisfactory and will be used in future tests to determine the effects of weld-metal composition on hot strength and hot ductility. Seven special heats of SAE 43XX steels were made with different sulfur and carbon contents. These steels will be included in future tests to determine the effects of carbon and sulfur on hot strength and hot ductility.

Some studies were made with weld-metal cracking test specimens to develop a specimen that could be used in conjunction with the hot-ductility studies. Techniques were also developed for using the electron microscope in the study of grain boundaries of weld metals.
Three series of titanium alloys were melted and rolled into sheet. The first series included four titanium-carbon alloys with the carbon ranging from 0.13 per cent to 0.74 per cent. The second series contained three titanium-oxygen alloys with the oxygen ranging from 0.15 per cent to 0.55 per cent. The third series had two titanium-nitrogen alloys, one containing 0.13 per cent nitrogen, the other, 0.24 per cent nitrogen. A 0.50 per cent nitrogen alloy was melted but could not be rolled into sheet. Inert-gas-shielded arc welds were made in one-sixteenth inch and one-eighth inch sheets of each alloy. Spot welded specimens were made with 0.032 inch and 0.064 inch sheets of each alloy. The physical properties of both arc welds and spot welds in each alloy were determined. The data that was obtained will be useful in establishing the allowable percentages of carbon, oxygen and nitrogen impurities in titanium sheet.


This report describes tests of a commercial apparatus which was used to determine the amount of oxygen and hydrogen impurities in inert gases. The determination consists of measuring the temperature rise which occurs when oxygen and hydrogen combine in the presence of oxygen (or hydrogen) in the inert gas. The operation of the apparatus was checked by measuring the oxygen and hydrogen impurities in a cylinder of welding grade argon. Oxygen and hydrogen impurities as low as 0.001% could be detected.


The brazing characteristics of titanium when joined to titanium, mild steel, and stainless steel were studied. Joints between these materials were induction brazed, torch brazed, and furnace brazed with commercial and experimental brazing alloys.

Induction-brazed joints produced higher strengths than furnace- and torch-brazed joints. Joints in titanium were more easily brazed by all methods and using all alloys than those between titanium and mild and stainless steels.

High-strength joints in titanium were obtained using titanium-base experimental brazing alloys, but ductility was poor.


Recrystallization is established as the mechanism for solid phase welding. 25, 248, 525 and 615 aluminum alloys were welded by pressing together two cleaned and cold worked surfaces and heating to the recrystallization temperature. The shear strengths of the welded joints are equivalent to that of the annealed metal.

The fundamental forces in operation when making a recrystallization welded joint have been investigated and analyzed. The basic principles and techniques described are applicable to metals other than aluminum and aluminum base alloys.
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variables, the rate of platen acceleration, the final clamp- strength were employed for welds prepared at four rates


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Oxygen in sintered molybdenum is shown to produce porosity and hot short cracking. However, crack and porosity free welds have been produced by using deoxidising agents in sintered molybdenum.


Weld centerline rates of cooling at 1300, 1000, and 900°F were determined as functions of three welding variables, the rate of platen acceleration, the final clamping distance, and the thickness of the material, for flash welds employing parabolic flashing patterns. Three rates of platen acceleration, 0. 120, 0. 042, and 0. 0166 in. /sec, were investigated, with a range of final clamping distances of 0. 3 to 1. 2 in., for rectangular bar material of 0. 250 and 0. 375 in. thickness.

Flash welding variables within these limits resulted in weld centerline cooling rates, at 1300°F, ranging from a minimum of 40°F/sec. to a maximum of 365°F/sec. Increasing platen acceleration, increasing section thickness and decreasing final clamping distance resulted in an increased rate of cooling. In both alloy steels studied, AISI 4130 and 4340, the formation of considerable amounts of martensite at the weldline could not be avoided by any reasonable adjustment of flash welding variables studied.

Flash welding was determined for welds in AISI 1020 steel subjected to 1. 5 sec. of upset current at an average current density of 18, 500 amp/in. The reduction in cooling rate produced by this upset current flow was obtained by comparison with previous data on welds without post-upset current.

Three steels of differing elevated-temperature strength were employed for welds prepared at four rates of platen acceleration to determine the influence of the composition of the steel and the effect of the temperature gradient, established during flashing, on the upset force requirements.

Handy and Harman. WADC TR 55-22.


During the period from 30 June 1953 to 31 December 1954 some 117 experimental brazing alloys were prepared at the Handy and Harman research laboratories, and evaluated as possible candidates for joining heat conducting metal fins to inconel tubing for service at temperatures in the order of 1400°F to 1600°F where oxidation resistance of the joint was mandatory.

Alloys of gold-nickel-chromium, and palladium-
nickel base alloys with chromium and silicon were de-
veloped which can be used to join stainless steels. Inconel at heating temperatures in the range of 1900°F to 1950°F. The alloys can be torch braze is using flux, or used without flux in a protective atmosphere. The resulting joints resist oxidation at 1600°F service temperature.

It is still possible that with further development palladium-nickel base alloys with silicon-phosphorus-
boron additions can be produced which will brase in the temperature range from 1850°F to 1900°F.

The report also contains a note on graphite brazing.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. WADC TR 54-97, (Part 2).


Weld centerline rates of cooling at 1300, 1000 and 900°F in flash welds in AISI 1020 and 4340 steels, prepared under similar conditions, were measured and compared. The cooling rate is not influenced by the composition of the steel if the specimen geometry, platen acceleration, and final clamping distance are maintained constant.

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Wall Colmonoy Corporation Research Laboratory. WADC TR 55-213.


Fifteen different alloy systems were tested and studied for brazing characteristics, chemical and physical properties. These alloys were nickel base binary and ternary systems containing nickel as the base metal, and alloys containing such metals and metalloids as phosphorus, silicon, chromium, manganese, molybdenum, tungsten, and iron.

The nickel-phosphorus-chromium system and nickel-phosphorus-silicon system showed the best properties of the phosphorus bearing alloys. The nickel-silicon-manganese system showed the best properties of the silicon bearing alloys. Of the alloys studied the silicon bearing alloys in general are higher melting than the phosphorus bearing alloys.

Studies also showed that phosphorus and manganese contributed the most toward improving the flow and wetting properties of the alloys, while silicon and chromium contributed the most toward improving the oxidation resistance and strength properties of the alloys.


This report summarises the experimental work conducted at Battelle in a study to determine the causes of cracking in high-strength weld metals. A new hot-tension
A study of the factors which influence the physical properties, especially the ductility, of molybdenum welds as discussed in this report. Welds in both arc-cast and vacuum sintered molybdenum made in commercially pure inert atmospheres and in contaminated inert atmospheres are examined.

The effects of several deoxidizers on the welding properties of vacuum sintered molybdenum are examined. The specific requirements of deoxidizing agents are established and it is shown that titanium between 0.2 and 0.5% meets these requirements.

The effects of interstitial elements, oxygen, nitrogen and carbon, on the weld properties of arc-cast molybdenum have been examined. It is shown that the limits for oxygen in the inert gas welding atmosphere can be predicted. The deleterious effects of nitrogen and oxygen are shown quantitatively by means of bend test data. Both oxygen and nitrogen reduce the ductility of molybdenum weld metal. Carbon is also believed to have a similar effect.

Oxygen and nitrogen are shown to have an interaction effect when used in combination in the inert welding atmosphere. Nitrogen reduces the deleterious effects of oxygen and vice versa, but the combination is not as effective as high purity inert gas as a welding atmosphere.

Exploratory studies are described for slightly improved inert gas atmospheres and post-weld heat treatment. But welds were made to establish the validity of using "bead on plate welds" as a test criterion.

The use of welding atmospheres of purified argon and helium is shown to cause very little contamination of the weld metal in molybdenum fusion welds. However, the use of high purity atmospheres provides only a small improvement in ductility over welds made in welding grade argon.

Increasing the carbon content of the base material within the range 0.04% to 0.06% appears to improve the ductility of the weld metal. Additions of 0.5% titanium in the presence of 0.05% carbon gave welds which could be deflected 120° at 80°F. Increasing the carbon content from 0.01% to 0.05% improved the ductility of the molybdenum welds containing 0.5% titanium. Additions of 0.16% aluminum to the molybdenum yielded welds which could be deflected 120° at 120°F.

Exploratory studies on the effectiveness of diffusion as a method of removal of nitrogen from the weld metal are discussed. The use of thermal treatment as a method of improving mechanical properties by over-aging and polygonization was explored. Weld metal additions are also discussed briefly. The use of Ti and Zr as deoxidizers in vacuum sintered molybdenum is described.

An exploration into the effects of residual welding stresses showed that the weld crater cracking encountered in many cases is caused by measurable stresses in the region of the weld which approximate the rupture strength in material.


Filler wires were developed for welding high-strength low-alloy aircraft steels by the inert-gas tungsten-arc and inert-gas consumable-electrode processes.

The major factors that were considered in the evaluation and development work were: (1) weld-metal porosity, (2) weld-metal cracking tendency, (3) heat-treatment response compared with base metal, (4) strength of heat-treated weld joint, (5) weld-metal toughness, and (6) weld-metal hardenability. Two filler wires were developed for welding each of the three steels, SAE 4130, 4140, and 4340. One of each pair of filler wires had a composition similar to the base material, while the other was of a dissimilar composition. Sound, crack-free welds, heat treatable to 200,000 psi were deposited under a high degree of restraint with all these filler wires. The best results were obtained with the filler wires of compositions similar to the base material, although satisfactory welds were made also at most of the strength levels with the dissimilar filler wires.

to one side of either molybdenum or niobium sheet. A barrier material between the two sheets was used to minimize diffusion. The best barrier material found, on the basis of tensile strength, thermal shock resistance, minimum diffusion during long time high temperature tests and minimum formation of intermetallic compounds at the bonding surfaces, was nickel for the molybdenum to Type 310 stainless steel composite and iron for the niobium to Type 310 stainless steel composite. Butt welds were made on composite sheets of stainless-molybdenum and stainless-niobium. The difference in the thermal coefficient of expansion between the stainless and the refractory metals used caused stresses and distortion in the weldments.


Experimental brazing filler alloys have been developed containing temperature depressants which have been volatilized during the brazing of stainless steel leaving joints of high remelt temperature. The mechanisms by which remelt temperature is increased have been studied for the range of alloys investigated which contained nickel, chromium, germanium, iron, lithium, and phosphorus. The two main mechanisms are (i) volatilization of the filler metal constituents.

It has been shown theoretically and experimentally that in order for remelt temperature to increase there must be solid solubility of the diffusing or volatile element in the filler alloy. Although compositional changes may result from either mechanism, a remelt temperature change does not necessarily occur. The degree to which a compositional change affects remelt temperature is proportional to the solid solubility.

In this program, vacuum pumping was the more efficient vapor-removal method among several discussed and investigated. Furthermore, under vacuum the surface-area-to-volume ratio of the filler becomes less rate-controlling due to boiling. Boiling, however, causes porosity in the joint.

Of the alloys investigated a 61% Ni-39% In alloy exhibited the greatest remelt temperature rise due to volatilization alone, whereas a 94% Ni-6% P responded only to dissolution and diffusion to exhibit the largest rise in remelt temperature due to this mechanism. Ni-Cr-In-Ge alloys exhibited a substantial rise in remelt temperature due to the operation of both mechanisms. This alloy and the binary Ni-In alloy can be considered practical alloys for high-temperature usage.

A direct effect of metallic vapors on wetting and flow of the filler alloy was observed and subsequently discussed with respect to their influence on surface tension relationships. It has been shown that in the presence of metal vapors, discoloration of the base metal, wetting, flow, and skull formation of the filler alloy are functions of the rate and quantity of metal vapor removal.


New brazing techniques are described for joining beryllium to itself. A Be-20 a/o Ag brazing alloy developed under this program is shown to yield joint strengths at room temperature of 60 percent (30,000 psi) of that of the base metal. In the temperature range of 700 to 1450°F, the joint strength is 80 percent that of the base metal. Twenty-four hour exposures at these temperatures did not affect the room temperature strength.

Similar strengths are achieved by brazing with pure silver, if a continuous interface of silver in the joint is absent. This is readily accomplished by heat treatment because of the rapid intergranular penetration of silver into beryllium. The resulting thick intergranular layer is not deleterious, since it is shown that a two phase silver beryllium alloy with a silver network is ductile. As in the above case, long time exposures (24 hrs) at temperatures above 1300°F did not affect the room temperature joint strength.

Spreading of liquid silver on beryllium is not appreciable, probably because of its rapid intergranular penetration. Because of this and the toxicity of beryllium fumes given off during a high-temperature braze, the silver should be replaced. This can be accomplished by electroplating; thin layers can be plated, reducing the heat treating time to eliminate the interface.

Evidence is presented which suggests that the gamma phase in the silver-beryllium system may extend to a temperature of 1350°F, 50°F lower than has been tentatively assigned as its lower limit of stability in the published phase diagram.


The work conducted under this contract was divided into four phases: three dealt with the study of the causes of weld-metal cracking in SAE 4340 steel and the fourth was concerned with the study of filler wires for producing welds heat treatable to ultimate-tensile-strength levels greater than 225,000 psi.

Freezing-cycle hot-tension studies were made on various heats of SAE 4340 steel containing various sulfur and phosphorus contents. Results indicated that the combined sulfur and phosphorus contents of SAE 4340 steel should be kept below 0.025 percent to prevent weld-metal hot cracking. An intergranular phase believed to be associated with hot cracking was found during light and electron microscopy of high-phosphorus SAE 4340 steels. This phase was tentatively identified as the iron-iron phosphide eutectic. Two new restrained weld-metal-cracking tests were developed that will give a quantitative measure of weld-metal-cracking resistance and which also will be inexpensive to conduct. Filler wires were developed which can produce weld metals capable of being heat treated to various strength levels in the range of 225,000 to 260,000 psi ultimate tensile strength.


The fundamental mechanisms of ultrasonic welding and the application of this process to the joining of various heat-resistant materials were investigated.

Previous fundamental studies which had shown the effects of time, temperature, and clamping force on ultrasonic welds were expanded to include studies of the shear force during welding. The results of these studies exhibited considerable scatter, but several trends appeared.
of aluminum have been used to investigate dislocation
densities and configuration during crack initiation and the
mechanism by which cracks propagate, both on the surface
of a sample and internally. Back reflection X-ray patterns
show that an observable increase in dislocation density
occurs within the first 0.1 percent of fatigue life and that a
saturation density is reached after only 1 percent of the
life. These dislocations accumulate into stable subgrain
boundaries provided either that the stressing is done under
a tensile preload or that the amplitude of symmetrical
stressing is large enough. For small symmetrical loading
(strains/μ/0.001 for Al) a random dislocation array
results with no subgrain formation. These results can be
 correlated with fatigue hardening behavior and possibly
with the shape of the S-N curve. There is no obvious re-
lation between the bulk behavior of fatigue induced dis-
locations and the formation of the initial fatigue crack
which is a highly localized phenomenon.

Continuous observation of the surface of fatiguing
samples utilizing strobe-microphotography has confirm-
red the accumulating evidence that cracks initiate in per-
sistent slip bands. Tapered sections have shown that
these slip bands correspond to deep notches or fissures.
The propagation of the crack is observed to occur along
well defined slip systems with the crack jumping from one
parallel slip band to another by cross slip. Transverse
sections cut through the crack have shown that the crack
propagates into the volume of the metal from the surface,
again via slip planes. The crack is observed to propagate
generally perpendicular to the stress axis; with the avail-
able slip system, this usually results in a zigzag path. A
"cloud" of a slip is observed to precede the crack tip and
from this fact and the foregoing data a mechanism of
high temperature after rapid heating. Portions of a slip is postulated; i.e., crack propagation
is a series of reinitiations in persistent slip bands.

Mechanical Evaluation

Southern Research Institute. WADC TR 57-649.
Part II.

DETERMINATION OF THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES
OF AIRCRAFT-STRUCTURAL MATERIALS AT VERY
HIGH TEMPERATURES AFTER RAPID HEATING.
James B. Preston, J. Robert Kattus. AF 33(616)-3494.
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Structural components in high-speed aircraft and
in missiles must function for short periods of time at
high temperatures and at high stresses, and frequently
the heating and loading occur simultaneously. The re-
quirements for reliability without overdesign demands
accurate test data obtained under conditions approximat-
ing the expected operating conditions. In an effort to ful-
fill a portion of this need, this program was divided into
four independent areas of work as follows: (1) The ten-
sile properties of unalloyed beryllium were determined
at test temperatures from ambient through 1500°F. (2)
The short-time, elevated-temperature tensile properties
were determined for ten combinations of base mater-
ials and coating materials (Cr-Ni electroplate on copper
sheet, Rokide A on copper sheet, Rokide Z on copper
sheet, Rokide ZS on copper sheet, Cr electroplate on A-
nickel sheet, Ni-Cr electroplate on molybdenum sheet,
Rokide Z on molded graphite, Rokide ZS on molded graph-
hte, Crystalon C on molded graphite and SiC-SiN on mold-
ed graphite). (3) The effects of linear thermal gradients
up to 1500°F/in on the tensile properties of a typical
refractory alloy were investigated. (4) The effects of
simultaneous heating and loading on the tensile proper-
ties of a typical structural alloy were investigated. This
report covers the first three of these four areas of work.
A supplementary report will be issued shortly contain-
ing all of the results of the investigations involving simulta-
neously transient temperature and load.

Midwest Research Institute. WADD TR 60-313.
RESEARCH ON THE MECHANISMS OF FATIGUE. J. C.
Grosskreutz. AF 33(616)-3383. April 1960. ASTIA
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Based on a critical appraisal of existing fatigue
theory and experimental data, significant research areas
have been outlined for the study of fatigue mechanisms.
Polycrystalline aluminum and copper and single crystals
to be indicated.

Ultrasonic spot welds made in various com-
bination alloys generally confirmed the results of pre-
vious work with these alloys. Cracks were found at the
edges of the spot welds in most of the material combina-
tions studied. The effects of these cracks on weldment
properties varied with the material. The presence of a
reaction zone, apparently consisting of intermetallic
compounds, was apparent in ultrasonic welds made be-
tween titanium and stainless steel. These findings indi-
cate that ultrasonic welding is not suitable for the pro-
duction of aircraft-quality spot welds in the heat-resist-
ant and superalloy metal combinations included in this
program.

General limitations on the use of this process in
its current state of development can be established from
the work conducted. It is apparent as a material's hard-
ness increases, and the ratio of tensile strength to yield
strength decreases, that weldability by the ultrasonic
process decreases.

Continuous observation of the surface of fatiguing
samples utilizing strobe-microphotography has confirm-
ed the accumulating evidence that cracks initiate in per-
sistent slip bands. Tapered sections have shown that
these slip bands correspond to deep notches or fissures.
The propagation of the crack is observed to occur along
well defined slip systems with the crack jumping from one
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able slip system, this usually results in a zigzag path. A
"cloud" of a slip is observed to precede the crack tip and
from this fact and the foregoing data a mechanism of
high temperature after rapid heating. Portions of a slip is postulated; i.e., crack propagation
is a series of reinitiations in persistent slip bands.

Armour Research Foundation. WADD TR 60-191.
THE DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF ELEVA-
TED TEMPERATURES ON THE STRESS CORROSION
BEHAVIOR OF STRUCTURAL MATERIALS. Frank A.
Crossley, Carl J. Reichel, Charles R. Simcoe. AF 33
(616)-6392. May 1960. PB 161 962. Order from OTS
$1.50.

Certain aspects of elevated-temperature chloride
salt stress-corrosion of Ti-6Al-4V alloy have been in-
vestigated. Experiments were conducted to determine
whether the protection of the oxide film is lost by direct
chemical reaction, or by dissolution, i.e., oxygen diffu-
sion into the base metal. The dissolution rates of ano-
dized oxide films over the temperature range from 800°F
to 1000°F were determined. Coefficients for oxygen
diffusion in Ti-6Al-4V alloy age given by:
D, cm²/sec: 2.87 x 10⁻¹⁵ exp (-67,900/300/RT).
Experiments showed conclusively that film protection is
lost by chemical reaction of the chloride salt with TiO₂,

Elevated-temperature creep testing in the presence
of chloride salt was found to be detrimental to post-ex-
posure tensile properties of the following materials: 17-7
PH, stainless steel Type 321, Inconel-X, and B120-VCA
titanium alloy. Materials which, apparently, were not
harmed by such exposure were: 2024T-86 aluminum alloy,
Nickel-plated 17-22 AS low alloy steel, Lapelloy 13%
chromium steel, and ZK-60 magnesium alloy.

Materials exhibiting premature failure with great-
ly reduced ductility in tension static fatigue tests at room
temperature in the presence of 1 M chloride salt aqueous
solution were: 2024T-86, ZK-60, 17-7 PH, and B120-
VCA.

The presence of JP-4 fuel in tension static fatigue
tests at room temperature was not indicated to be detri-
mental to 2024T-86, Nickel-plated 17-22 AS, 17-7 PH,
Lapelloy, Type 321, or B120-VCA. There was some
indication that the presence of fuel residue in elevated-temperature creep tests may be slightly detrimental to 2024T-85 alloy.

University of California. WADD TR 60-326.

The effect of stress on the creep rate in the dislocation climb region was isolated from the effect of substructural changes by determining the effect of decreasing the stress at fixed creep strains on the subsequent course of creep. Two substructures, one produced by precreep at 1300 psi in a strain early in the primary stage and another produced by precreep to the secondary stage at the same stress, were studied. It was found that the effect of stress on the creep rate was a function of the substructure; the creep rate increases less rapidly with stress for the substructure present at the secondary creep stage which contains more closely spaced barriers to dislocation motion. Whereas the barriers to slip are introduced during the primary stage of creep in the dislocation climb region, these barriers are thermally recoverable. The secondary stage of creep is reached when the rate of introduction of new barriers equals the rate of removal of existing barriers as a result of recovery. Due to recovery of barriers the same secondary creep rate is eventually obtained for a given final stress regardless of the preceding creep history.

WADD TR 60-245.

The dynamic moduli of calcium-reduced vanadium, high grade aluminothemic vanadium, iodide titanium and Ti-75A alloy were determined over the temperature range R. T. to 1250°F. In addition, elevated temperature dynamic modulus data were obtained for five V-Ti alloys, having nominal compositions of V-8Ti, V-17Ti, V-25Ti, V-32Ti, and V-48Ti. The decrease in modulus of vanadium with increasing temperature was found to be relatively small as compared to iodide Ti and Ti-75A. Solid solution additions of Ti were observed to lower the modulus of V over the entire temperature range studied, but the additions did not affect the slope of the modulus versus temperature curve.

An empirical correlation relating modulus to density, absolute melting point, and atomic weight was successfully applied to vanadium and V-Ti alloys, such that good agreement was realized between the ratios of $E_v / E$ alloy (calculated) and $E_v / E$ alloy (measured).


A three phase program was conducted to determine the effect of a special gas containing 95% $N_2$ on the properties of several materials. Both low and high temperature materials were included. The gas was about 70% saturated with water vapor. The following items were included:

1. Elevated temperature investigation including high temperature alloys for tensile tests, rupture tests and chemical analysis. Two systems of gas atmosphere tests were included on A-286, L-605, X-40, R-41, Inco 702 and U-500. Limited tests were made on welded, brazed and notched specimens.

2. Low temperature investigation including seven low temperature alloys for tensile tests, strain aging tests and impact tests. The alloys included were 302 SS, 316 SS, 6061, AIOAT, Be-Cu, R-41 and 17-TPh. Limited tests were made on welded and brazed specimens.

3. Fundamental mechanism and coating study was done on Inco 702, which is most sensitive to gas environment. Special oxidation cycles, overaging cycles, strain aging cycles, specimen geometric changes and coatings were tested by rupture techniques to indicate the nature of the mechanism reducing rupture strength and possibilities for preventing strength loss.

This report includes all data obtained and detailed discussion of results. The high temperature rupture strength of each alloy studied was shown to be reduced below the corresponding air atmosphere strength by the special gas. The low temperature properties were shown to be independent of the environmental effects studied. The basic mechanism effecting the high temperature properties has not been clearly determined.

University of Minnesota. WADD TR 60-60.

Two methods of analysis are presented for the steady state response of beams with translational and rotational damping motions at the supports. The first of these methods uses a continuous model and the second uses a discrete (three-degree-of-freedom) model. Both cases are characterized by non-linear equations and approximate solutions are produced for each. Numerical results are presented, giving comparisons and optimum damping configurations.

American Machine & Foundry Company. WADD TR 59-762, Part II.

The creep behavior of eight structural sheet metals, (321 stainless, 410 stainless, Inconel-X, PH-15-7 Mo, Rene 41, Udiment-500, B120 VCA Ti, and AM 350), when subjected to temperatures up to 2,000°F within 200 milliseconds is presented in tabular and graphic form. The equipment used for these measurements consisted of a Tatsall Model RL-6 Creep machine modified so that a 2000 microfarad bank of capacitors, charged to 5000 volts could be discharged through the test specimen to bring it to the desired test temperature. This initial discharge was followed by an ac current of sufficient magnitude to maintain the specimen at the test temperature.

Data was taken on each of the materials at four creep rates for each temperature. From this data strain vs time, isochronous stress vs strain, and stress vs time curves were plotted and are presented in the Appendix. Data was not reported when an improper transfer of energy from the capacitors to the specimens occurred. Emisivity data, or data from which the emisivity can be calculated, for each of the materials are presented. In addition, the initial transient behavior, due to thermal expansion, of the specimens is given in tabular form.
University of California. WADD TR 60-53.

The apparent activation energy for creep of polycrystalline aluminum was determined over the range of 273° to 350°K by the effect of small abrupt changes in temperature on the creep rate. A constant activation energy of 27,400±1000 cal/mole was obtained over strains of 0.003 to 0.23, stresses ranging from 2250 to 6000 psi, and strain rates varying from 0.1145 x 10⁻⁵ to 29.5 x 10⁻⁵ per minute. Metallographic studies and comparison with theory suggested that creep in this range is controlled by the rate of cross-slip of dislocations.

Both X-ray diffraction analyses and room temperature tensile stress-strain data following precreep revealed that the substructure produced in this range by creep under a given stress depended only on the total creep strain being independent of the actual test temperature. As a result it was deduced that the total strain during creep under a given stress should be a function of temperature compensated time, energy, R the gas constant and T the absolute temperature. A number of creep tests conducted at two different temperatures verified the validity of this conclusion.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADD TR 60-254.

In the past few years, the use of liquefied gases such as oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, and helium has increased enormously in the aircraft and missile industries. There is a great deal of interest in metallic materials to store, transport, or otherwise handle these extremely low-temperature liquids. This investigation presents the tensile and hardness properties of eight different alloys of interest to the aircraft and missile industries at temperatures ranging from -253°C (liquid hydrogen) to room temperature. These alloys are Ti-6Al-4V, Ti-4Al-3Mo-1%V, Ti-16V-2.5Al, and B-120VCA (al-beta alloy) titanium alloys 17-7PH, PH15-7Mo, and Type 301XH stainless steels; and Vascojet 1000 alloy steel.

In general, the values for hardness, elastic modulus, and tensile and yield strengths of these materials tended to increase as the best temperature was reduced to -253°C. However, of the eight alloys investigated, the Ti-6Al-4V and the Ti-4Al-3Mo-1%V titanium alloys and the Type 301XH stainless steel were the only ones that did not reveal a serious loss of ductility or did not fracture before reaching 0.2 percent offset strain at -253°C. In most of the other alloys, brittle behavior, as revealed by notched tensile tests, became evident at temperatures of -78°C and below. The titanium alloys have the highest yield strength-density ratios at low temperatures of any of the materials tested.

University of Minnesota. WADD TR 60-426.
FATIGUE AND STRESS RUPTURE PROPERTIES OF INCONEL 713C, V-57C AND TITANIUM ALLOYS 7Al-3Mo-1%V, Ti-16V-2.5Al, and B-1200CA (al-beta alloy) titanium alloys 17-7PH, PH15-7Mo, and Type 301XH stainless steels; and Vascojet 1000 alloy steel.

Company's 3M Tape #466. At a given compressive load this material deforms, after sufficient time has elapsed to an "equilibrium" thickness. Dynamic shear data for 3M Tape #466 are reported for frequencies from 0.1 to 120 cps and for shear strain amplitudes from zero to unity and greater. Stress history and fatigue effects are also mentioned. This material is found to dissipate large amounts of specific damping energy when undergoing safe dynamic shear strains. Spot checks on the dynamic shear properties of three other materials at 11.5 cps are also presented. The terms used for data presentation are explained in the report by giving data reduction formulas.

University of Minnesota. WADD TR 60-360.

Forced vibration of a loaded rectangular plate with visco-elastic foundation is treated. Two types of visco-elastic material are considered, Kelvin-Voight solid and Boltzmann model. Analytic solutions are given for the plate subject to compression and a periodic transverse pressure. A numerical example is worked out for the case of Kelvin-Voight solid. Some features revealed by the examples are:

a. With visco-elastic effect, the natural vibration damps out rapidly (Fig. 3-5).

b. There exists a critical damping factor. For the case of the damping is oscillatory (Fig. 3); otherwise the damping is monotonic (Figs. 4-5).

c. The closer to the critical value, the faster the damping.

d. The time required for damping is almost independent of the frequency of the periodic loading.

e. The greater the viscosity coefficient, the smaller the amplitude of vibration.

The above statement is obtained from preliminary computations. Further work has to be done before conclusive summary can be made.

University of Minnesota. WADD TR 60-348.

Theoretical and experimental analysis of random responses of panels with a view toward problems of design are presented. The influence of source correlation fields, damping, and boundary impedance are integrated into the analysis. Modal response is viewed from the complex frequency plane in the form of a pole diagram.
The concepts developed from this point of view have direct application in design for specified mean square response. The statistical independence of modes and its relationship to properties of the source and panel are discussed and interpreted for several situations.


Crep buckling and short time buckling experiments have been performed on columns of titanium alloy Ti-7Al-4Mo with simulated simple support and fixed end boundary conditions. Both end shortening and central deflection were recorded autographically during loading and during creep. Elevated temperature properties of the test material had previously been determined from 3/16 inch thick stock and these were augmented by tests on 3/8 inch thick stock since the mechanical properties and structure were significantly different for the two thicknesses.

The excellent creep properties of the test material indicate that creep buckling tests must be conducted at 950°F or higher for creep buckling to occur in reasonable times at stress levels below the short time compressive yield strength. Since only a narrow range of test conditions is available for creep buckling experiments with this material, column tests were conducted at L/1 p of approximately 40 at 950°F.


In this report are given not only the fatigue properties of many structural materials but also the "static" properties and such other supplementary information as was given in the references consulted. The data are in general from room temperature tests, but a few data are given on tests at higher temperatures. The data are presented in tables and on curves, supplemented by brief discussions in the text.


Accelerator designed to convert electrical energy to particulate kinetic energy have been investigated and their capabilities and limitations ascended. Experimentally, speeds up to 14,500 ft/sec have been obtained with a 20,000 joule energy input. Four different mechanisms for electrical-kinetic energy conversion have been worked out and tested experimentally.


When energy dissipating devices are inserted at the boundaries the analysis of structural vibration problems becomes difficult. The usual classical methods in such cases yield an infinite set of equations for the coefficients of modal expansion of the solution. The method developed in this report, gives a finite equation for each coefficient of the modal expansion and thus makes it possible to obtain solutions for structural vibration problems with boundary conditions involving the time derivatives.

The structural vibration problem treated is identical with that of the transient analysis of electrical circuits having distributed capacity and inductance and terminated by a lumped resistance. Certain problems in heat conduction also fall within the scope of the method developed.


The creep behavior of three structural sheet materials, namely HM-21, H-11 and 310 stainless steel, was studied to temperatures up to 2,000°F within 200 milliseconds. The recorded results are reported in tabular and graphic form. The testing procedure used in implementation of previous contracts for this same type of work has been modified to impose the stress on the material simultaneously with the heating action. In the previous work, on the other hand, the stress was first applied following which the specimen was heated.

The equipment used for all tests consists of a Tatnall Model RL-6 creep machine, so modified that a charge in a bank of capacitors can be used to heat the test specimen to the desired temperature by controlling the voltage of the capacitor charge.

Data were taken on each of the materials at four creep rates and at three loading rates. The controlled loading rates are an innovation in this contract. From the data obtained, curves of strain vs time, isochronous stress vs strain, and stress vs time were plotted and are presented in the Appendix.


A systematic study was conducted to evaluate the effects of initial stress distribution and stress level on the notch tensile behavior of a typical high strength steel sheet alloy (SAE 4340) in the presence of stress concentrations.

The initial stress distribution, characterised by the stress concentration factor (K) and the stress gradient at the root of a notch, was determined analytically from the notch geometry according to elastic theory. As part of the study, K was kept constant and the stress gradient allowed varied for different notch depths and section widths.

The 4340 steel alloy sheet was tested in three different heat treatment conditions ranging from ductile (Ft = 150 ksi) to moderately notch brittle (Ft = 260 ksi).

For the material conditions investigated, it was found that the effect of stress gradient on notch strength was fundamentally identical with that of section width. Increasing the section width (or decreasing the stress gradient) resulted in a decrease in notch strength when all other factors were held constant. However, the effect was small when compared to the section size effect observed previously for notched cylindrical bars.

In addition, results of tests on an extremely brittle titanium sheet alloy indicated that the stress gradient is the predominant factor that influences notch strength. For a truly brittle material (which exhibits no
plastic deformation prior to fracture), it appears that the stress concentration factor, the depth of a notch and the specimen width are significant only insofar as they contribute to the magnitude of the stress gradient and the maximum stress at the notch root.


A study has been made on the problem of predicting strength of a hardened metal alloy after subjecting to variable thermal and stress environments severe enough to cause permanent loss of properties. Methods have been developed for predicting tensile ultimate, tensile yield, and compressive yield strengths of 7075-T6 aluminum alloy after single or multiple exposure to various conditions of temperature and stress. An analytical expression suitable for automatic computing machine use has also been developed.

The results of tensile and compressive tests on alclad 7075-T6 aluminum alloy showed that stresses large enough to produce inelastic creep strain during thermal exposure cause reduction in residual strength after exposure. The test results have been used to establish the usefulness of the Larson-Miller exposure parameter for correlating residual strength after simple and complex, stressed and un stressing variables on mechanical properties and structural stability. Strain hardening was accomplished either by rolling or by forging. Working temperatures were 2200°F and 3000°F.

Molybdenum and the above-mentioned alloys were capable of being strain hardened even at low reductions by rolling or forging at 3000°F. Thus none of the reductions studied was under the scope of true "not-working". A previously observed contradiction to classic concepts was again observed in that bars reduced up to about 30% in area at 3000°F exhibited higher hardnesses and higher tensile strengths than bars reduced similar amounts at 2200°F. At high reductions, recrystallization during the reduction schedule entered the picture, with the result that bars rolled at 2200°F displayed the higher hardness and strength values.

For any given set of deformation variables, the highest strength properties and greatest resistance to recrystallisation were consistently demonstrated by the ternary alloy, Mo-0.49% Ti-0.057% Zr.

The role of externally applied stresses in influencing the recrystallisation behavior of the materials under investigation was found to be quite complex. At least part of the complexity of the problem as approached here resulted from the large number of fabrication variables that were inherent in the test specimens. Depending upon the magnitude of the externally applied stress, it was possible either to lower or to raise the hardness as compared with similarly exposed, unstressed specimens.

Four new experimental alloy compositions are discussed. The extrusion of these complex molybdenum-base alloy castings was greatly facilitated by the use of ceramic (Al2O3) coated extrusion dies.


This report describes an apparatus for studying slip damping at the contacts of a sphere with two flat parallel plates. A load of constant magnitude is applied normal to the plates and the sphere is driven in a direction
tangential to the plates by an electrostrictive device operated at 60 cycles per second. Experimental results obtained with a one half inch diameter type 316 stainless steel sphere pressed between flats of the same material are presented. These are in fair agreement with theoretical predictions by R. D. Mindlin, et al. Results for pyrex glass differ from those for stainless steel and are not compared with theory. Suggestions are made for future work on contact problems.

University of Southampton, Hampshire. WADD TR 61-25.


In this report, expressions are derived for the response of simple vibrating systems, from which criteria have been deduced to indicate the effectiveness of a damping treatment in attenuating the response. The criteria include factors by which the treatment increases the mass and stiffness of the system, together with the loss factor increment. The response quantities considered include bending stresses, accelerations, inertia forces and sound transmission associated with simple vibrating plates under harmonic and random excitation. Coincidence sound transmission is also briefly considered. It is shown that whereas the mass and loss factor increase is always advantageous, a stiffness increase in some instances is detrimental.

As an example, three different commercial treatments are compared on the basis of some of the criteria. With low treatment weights, the treatment providing the highest loss factor is superior judged by each criterion, but at higher weights according to some criteria a treatment having lower stiffness, density and loss factor is more effective. The existence of optimum treatment weights for maximum effect upon the response is also shown by some criteria.

Martin Company. WADD TR 60-777.


An examination was made of the environmental creep behavior of bare 7075-T6 aluminum alloy sheet with the aim of developing an experimental approach as well as relations for characterizing a material's response to an arbitrary stress-temperature-time environment following a prior history during which a metallurgical change has occurred.

A technique called Random Balance (Ref. 2), partly modified to a multiple balance design, was employed to select from several million possible environment test combinations a representative group. The general employment of associated techniques for analysis, common to the statistical field, was precluded because of the creep scatter which was attributed to inhomogeneity in the aluminum sheet.

It was found that a loss of strength in the order of 5% caused by overaging could result in an increase of total creep strain of several hundred percent in subsequent cycles. However, it was also observed that a recovery mechanism, following overaging, could restore a significant degree of resistance to creep.

In every instance, it was found that a transient stage of creep was manifested in each cycle upon reaplication of load. The magnitude of transient creep strain, as well as duration of the transient stage after the initial cycle, diminished as the number of cycles increased for combinations of high stress and high temperature or low stress and low temperature. At test conditions which could be identified with a service environment, the transient creep stage comprised a relatively large fraction of the total creep strain generated during a given cycle.
A qualitative association of creep behavior of the specimens to their origin in the aluminum sheet revealed a pronounced inhomogeneity which could not be related to static tensile properties. Furthermore, small creep strain differences which specimens exhibited at moderate stresses were magnified during subsequent recycling at the magnitudes of stress and temperature increased; slight overaging further severely aggravated the initial disparities among the specimens.

Excellent reproducibility of an arbitrary test environment was possible when the repeat tests were made with specimens which were obtained from adjoining positions in the sheet. Accordingly, as the distances between specimens in the sheet increased, the differences in creep behavior became greater for identical tests, regardless of nominal identities of static properties.

A method was developed which made it possible to predict the environmental creep behavior for an arbitrary test condition during which overaging at 350°F took place and subsequently, when creep resistance was restored as the result of a recovery mechanism. The technique was based on the strain hardening rule compensated with empirically determined factors to account for creep damage and/or subsequent restoration of creep resistance.

During the examination of compatibility of mathematical forms for the representation of the creep phenomenon, an expression \( E(t) = Kt^N \) provided a good fit in the primary creep region and a reasonably good approximation for part of the secondary stage of creep; an apparently unique correspondence between the values of \( K \) and \( N \) and the test variables, stress and temperature also was revealed.


A method was developed which made it possible to find the distribution in question leads to a logarithmically pronounced inhomogeneity which could not be related to time independent, a choice has to be made between an elastic and an inelastic solution. A study was made of the effect of several variables on the ratio of the load necessary to produce a specified inelastic deformation to the maximum elastic load. If the inelastic deformation is time dependent (creep), the only choice is an inelastic solution.


This paper presents the results of an investigation of the effects of stress interaction on fatigue life of aircraft structural materials subjected to randomised load spectra. All three materials: 2024 and 7075 aluminum and SAE 4340 steel exhibit fatigue lives shorter than those predicted on the basis of the linear (Miner) damage rule. A quasi-linear rule is proposed with a variable, spectrum dependent, endurance limit producing safe life estimates; the dependence of the endurance limit on the stress spectrum and its resulting design inadequacy is shown.

Tests were performed on high speed, programmed rotating bending fatigue machines of special design.


In this report a general method is outlined for the calculation of the response of membranes with arbitrary boundaries to arbitrary loadings. It is assumed that, by projecting the area of the given membrane on the surface of an unbounded membrane and then applying the given loading to this projection, the application of a suitable load distribution around the boundary of the projection will enable us to satisfy the boundary conditions appropriate to the given membrane. An attempt to find the distribution in question leads to a logarithmically singular integral equation of an unusual type. A few solutions are outlined.

Non-Destructive Testing


Research has been done on the use of sonic methods for the non-destructive evaluation of metal-to-metal adhesive bonds. No aspect of the low frequency behavior (less than 15,000 cps) has been found to be indicative of joint strength. Techniques utilizing high frequency impedance measurements as provided by mechanical driving systems, and steady displacements produced by the application of vacuum cups, have been developed. These techniques show sufficient correlation between bond strength and measurable parameters to justify further investigation, and one or more of them may ultimately provide a satisfactory solution to the non-destructive test problem for adhesive bonds.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 54-231, (Part 3).

DEVELOPMENT OF NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTS FOR STRUCTURAL ADHESIVE BONDS. J. S. Arnold. AF 33(616)2035. April 1955. PB 111678. Order from OTS $1.00.

An ultrasonic technique is being developed for the non-destructive evaluation of structural adhesive bonds. A ferroelectric transducer is excited by a variable frequency driving current of constant amplitude, and the voltage developed across the transducer is displayed on an oscilloscope as a function of frequency. The voltage-frequency curve conveys information regarding the mechanical properties of the system and hence the constraints that limit the vibration of the transducer. These constraints are imposed partly by the mechanical properties of the transducer and partly by the mechanical properties of the load (test specimen) to which it is coupled. The variation in the voltage-frequency curves that occur when the transducer is applied to satisfactory and defective test specimens can usually be correlated with the strength of the adhesive bonds, as indicated by subsequent destructive tests performed on the specimens. Block circuitry, typical oscilloscope patterns, and data on the correlation between destructive and non-destructive tests are presented.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 54-231, (Part 2).

DEVELOPMENT OF NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTS FOR STRUCTURAL ADHESIVE BONDS. PART 2, MECHANICAL INTERFERENCE TECHNIQUE. J. S. Arnold. AF 33(616)-2035. May 1955.

A mechanical interference technique is described for use in the evaluation of adhesive bonds. This technique uses an optical-mechanical method for measuring small displacements of the skin of a honeycomb sandwich panel as a vacuum-cup induced load is applied. The indication of defects is presented visually in terms of a changing pattern of light and dark "mechanical interference fringes." The technique is a comparatively simple one, but its range of applicability seems to be limited to certain classes of panel defects.

Univ. of Alaska. WADC TR 55-175, Part 1.


The daily observations of maximum and minimum temperatures, maximum, minimum, and mean of the relative humidity with the approximate time (Alaskan Standard Time) of the occurrence of each maximum and minimum, maximum intensity of solar radiation and total radiation received on a horizontal surface and a surface slanted 45° to the south are tabulated along with the monthly averages and totals of each of these factors as obtained in connection with the project on the "Exposure of USAF Materials near College, Alaska." The temperature data for a given year are represented on a composite graph. The monthly values of all data are accumulated in separate tables. The period covered is from 1 September 1954 through 31 August 1955.

Goodyear Aircraft Corporation. WADC TR 55-322.


Three types of portable doped-fabric testers, the Mobile AMA (Hughes) tester, Seyboth fabric tester, and CAA impact tester, are evaluated as methods of determining deterioration of doped-fabric surfaces on aircraft. Correlation of these testers with the Mullen burst tester is made, and the effects of different temperatures and relative humidities on the tester readings are determined. It is found that the Mobile AMA (Hughes) tester is useful as a survey instrument for determining deterioration of doped-fabric surfaces on aircraft. In their present forms, the CAA and Seyboth testers are found to be useful only for weaker fabrics than those specified by Air Force standards.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 56-407.


The increasing complexity of air weapons systems has resulted in increased dependence on nondestructive testing as a means of ascertaining the conformance of aircraft materials and components to design criteria. This survey reviews the problems inherent in existing non-destructive testing methods, as well as those inspection problems for which no present nondestructive test is adequate. In addition, the shortage of skilled personnel, and the necessity of establishing training programs, is cited.

Specific problems which require a research and development effort are enumerated and, where applicable, recommendations for action have been made, based on Air Force need and chances for technological success.

Ultrasonic Testing & Research Laboratory. WADC TR 57-268.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ULTRASONIC TEST STANDARDS FOR AIRCRAFT MATERIALS. A. D. Quinn, J. C. Fols.
EARLY DETECTION OF FATIGUE IN ALUMINUM ALLOYS BY ULTRASONICS. Karl Sittel, Marvin Herman, Robert C. Good, Jr. AF 33(616)-3930. May 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 151019. Order from OTS $1.25.

The literature concerning ultrasonic wave propagation and fatigue-induced damage in aluminum has been surveyed to determine the possible interactions. The causes of wave attenuation have been compared with the fatigue effects in metals predicted by various theories to determine the experimental conditions that would maximize the measurements of those effects. Particular attention is paid to the dislocations present in metals because they form and move throughout the fatigue life of a sample. The problem at hand is the detection of incipient fatigue which implies early detection and measurement.

The experimental work has included the design and construction of a resonant type fatiguing machine and an electro-acoustic driving system for ultrasonic waves. Enough tests were made to show the operability of the individual parts of the system, but insufficient time was available after the literature search to record full-scale tests. The specimen shape to be recommended for further tests is a torsion bar with the ultrasonic waves propagated along its axis.


An ultrasonic technique for evaluation of structural adhesive bonds (the STUB-meter) is being developed and tested. The operation of the instrument is based on the empirically observed fact that the behavior of a ferroelectric transducer, when mechanically coupled to a test specimen, is affected by the structural properties of the test specimen. An evaluation program has been carried out in cooperation with organizations in the aircraft industry. The results of the program prove the technique to be useful, and do much to define the proper ranges of parameters for its application.

Laboratory work has produced a significant improvement in the description of the electromechanical phenomena of the method, and experimental apparatus has been constructed to take advantage of this information.

Univ. of Illinois. WADC TR 59-612.


As a direct result of the stringent requirements placed upon ceramic, cermet and graphite materials when contemplated for use as components in flight and space travel, the feasibility portion of this study was divided into three areas. External and internal defects, residual stress, and particle size measurements in polycrystalline bodies were investigated and their subsequent effect on static strength indicated.

Radiographic studies of polycrystalline ceramic bodies resulted in internal flaw detection of one or more percent of the total body cross section. Surface flaws were more reliably detected in nonporous bodies by fluorescent penetrant inspection, however, neither method was found to be applicable to relatively porous bodies. Static loading of specimens, non-destructively tested, indicated the extreme importance of surface structure and texture, whereas internal flaws were in many cases negligible in strength considerations.

The state of residual stress existent in a body was found to be a first order factor in predicting performance. Controlled residual stress developments in composite bodies formed the basis of the second phase of the study. Thermal expansion, elastic moduli, shape factors and heat treatment were employed in development and analysis of residual stress levels. Sandwich and concentric cylindrical type specimens were prepared and subsequently subjected to transverse loads. Measured apparent specimen strengths were analyzed in terms of residual body stress. Change in apparent specimen strength was found to be a direct function of the residual stress in the surface layer; however, certain limiting factors were found. In the balanced stress system, specimen strength decreased when internal stress, either compressive or tensile, exceeded some critical value characteristic of the body.

Theoretical treatment studies indicated that body density resultant from body forming techniques or firing schedules was a measure of body maturity and general freedom from macroscopic defects. Within limited density ranges, increased density values were observed to result in increased flexural strengths.

Relative particle size analysis by X-ray back reflection techniques correlated with flexural strength of alumina bodies for the average particle range between one and ten microns.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 54-231, Part VII.


An ultrasonic technique for the evaluation of structural adhesive bonds has been developed and tested. Several fabricators of such adhesive bonds have participated in the testing program, and the results of these tests contribute to the extensive body of information now available relative to the technique.

Laboratory work with the mechanical loading of the transducers has led to a better understanding of the relationship between bond quality and the indications thereof that are provided by ultrasonic instrumentation. As a result of this work it has been possible to construct simplified apparatus that appears to be suitable for production testing.

Automation Instruments, Inc. WADC TR 59-302.

The investigation of methods to determine flaw size in materials by ultrasonic nondestructive techniques has led the development of breath-taking equipment capable of displaying additional flaw information. By electronic networks, the ultrasonic reflections are displayed into a three-dimensional view of the internal structure of a flat metal part. Three-dimensional pictures are included to show the resultant of the single and multiple transducer techniques. Various frequencies and materials are evaluated to establish preliminary applicability of the processes.

Ultrasonic Testing & Research Laboratory.
WADC TR 59-466.


This report contains the results of a four phase investigation of materials and techniques having to do with the detection and evaluation of internal flaws by ultrasonic means. The four questions studied were:

1. What material variables affect the transmission of ultrasonic compressional waves in certain steel, aluminum, and titanium alloys?
2. What material and geometrical variables affect the transmission of ultrasonic shear and surface waves in thin sheet materials?
3. What are some of the quantities involved in altering the ultrasonic beam diameter by collimation?
4. What correlation exists between the ultrasonic characteristics and mechanical properties of certain steel, titanium, and aluminum materials which contain large quantities of minute porosity?

To obtain complete answers to the above questions would, obviously, require more effort than the twelve (12) month investigation concluded. However, certain findings were considered of note in that they partially answer the questions and at the same time give rise to more interesting questions for further research. Briefly, these findings were as follows:

1. Most significant of the material variables affecting compressional wave energy is the amount of working to which the material is subjected, mainly a function of material production methods and the wrought dimensions.
2. The more important factors in determining the quantities of shear and surface wave energy are the sheet thickness and the flaw size to sheet thickness ratio.
3. A very useful system for selecting collimator orifice diameters is that described by the function D ≈ 2 × 10^(-3) L, where D is the diameter, R is the flaw depth, and λ is the wavelength. Collimator design should be such that the collimator does not adversely interfere with the incident or reflected beam.
4. Ultrasonic and mechanical properties show good correlation as far as fatigue life and ductility are concerned. The results indicate that the transverse properties are more severely affected by small discontinuities.

Nuclear Measurements

WADC TR 59-119.

The removal dose of any material is the net energy per unit mass that a uniform small mass of the material transfers from the incident neutron flux to the kinetic energy of the associated flux of charged particles. Removal dose is compared to absorbed dose and exposure dose (roentgen) in terms of cross sections and spectra. Its relation to radiation effects is compared to the similar relation of absorbed dose.

WADC TN 59-167.

Most current methods of radiation dosimetry are very limited in range and become useless after relatively low integrated dosages, i.e., 10^6 to 10^7 ergs gm^-1 (C). Hence, the dosimetry problem becomes quite significant when using the higher dose levels and integrated dosages which are needed to simulate the radiation environments of high performance nuclear systems. This technical note summarises a series of experiments concerned with the development of an accurate method of dosimetry for measuring the dosages encountered when radiation effects are studied at higher levels. The method investigated utilises the radiation induced ultra-violet absorption in methyl methacrylate for correlation with total dosages.

The radiation induced ultra-violet absorption in methyl methacrylate has been investigated in detail using gamma radiation, and found to provide a convenient, inexpensive and accurate method of measuring radiation dosages from 10^5 to 2 × 10^10 ergs gm^-1 (C). However, the ultimate accuracy of the method depends entirely on its calibration by a standard source of radiation for it is entirely an empirical method.

WADC TN 59-401.
ATTEMPT TO EVALUATE CHLORINATED HYDROCARBON DOSIMETERS BY CROSS CALIBRATING ELEVEN GAMMA RAY SOURCES. Robert L. Hickmott, Maurice J. Cote, Philip B. Hemming. November 1959.

An evaluation of the chlorinated hydrocarbon dosimetry system of Convair, Fort Worth, was attempted by the Materials Laboratory, Wright Air Development Center, with the cooperation of a number of high intensity irradiation facilities throughout the country. The evaluation consisted of two phases. The first phase tested the precision of the dosimetry system. It involved the irradiation of thirty five single dosimeters at Wright Air Development Center. The second phase was intended to field test the dosimetry system. It was also hoped that data from this phase would permit the cross calibration of the participating facilities.

Data obtained in this program is presented with an analysis of the results. Variations from facility to facility, and within the same facility, were noted which cannot be explained by the available information, however, the program was not specifically designed to separate rate effects, spectrum effects, and temperature, storage, and handling effects which could have influenced the results.

Although the data appear inconclusive they illustrate the problems that may arise in applying such dosimetry systems, and demonstrate the desirability of further work to cross calibrate the many irradiation facilities.

WADC TR 59-4.
It is the purpose of this report to determine the scattered radiation component of pure gamma-ray sources used in radiation effects studies.

The method to be developed involves the excitation of metastable levels in such materials as In, Cd, Ag, Lu, Hg, Pt, Hf, Sr, and Rh (Table I) by gamma-ray inelastic scattering processes. The direct excitation of the metastable states is forbidden, but these levels can be excited indirectly if the Co\textsubscript{60} \gamma-rays have been degraded in energy so that the remaining energy corresponds to that of a level higher than the metastable levels but which decays immediately to the metastable level.

Although the cross-section for gamma-gamma activation at these levels has not been measured, the relative activation of such foils throughout the irradiation volume was found to provide considerable information on the energy distribution of scattered \gamma-rays in the WADD kilo-curie \gamma-ray sources.

WADC TN 59-372.


In radiation effects and radiation chemistry studies, an accurate specification of the radiation dose is absolutely essential. Chemical dosimetry is one area which has received a considerable amount of attention for both low and high level radiation dosimetry. This technical note summarized the work initiated to study systems which would be usable looking into a gas-filled microwave resonant cavity caused by ionization of the gas due to radiation. A schematic map of currently available dose rates in the facility is presented in the form of isodose lines representing dose rates of 6.0, 5.5, 5.0, 4.5, 4.0 x 10\textsuperscript{7} ergs gm\textsuperscript{-1} (G) hr\textsuperscript{-1}.

Airborne Instruments Laboratory. WADD TR 60-98.


A microwave gamma-ray ion chamber and its associated equipment has been developed that is capable of measuring gamma radiation in the range from 10\textsuperscript{3} to 10\textsuperscript{10} ergs pm gm\textsuperscript{-1} hr\textsuperscript{-1} (carbon). This equipment operates at a microwave frequency of about 9 mkm and measures radiation by using the changes in the reflection coefficient looking into a gas-filled microwave resonant cavity caused by ionization of the gas due to radiation. Data on gas conductivity and resonant frequency shift have been taken for different gas mixtures.

Aerojet-General Nucleonics. WADC TR 59-607.


The techniques used to develop and standardize a series of neutron detection foils for measurement of neutron spectra are described. The series includes gold and cobalt foils, and plutonium-239, uranium-238, and sulfur threshold foils. A method of calibrating the foils with a low-flux research reactor is discussed. The instrumentation required to obtain data from the foils is presented, together with the neutron intensities that may be explored with these detectors.

Texas Nuclear Corporation. WADD TR 60-293.


This report describes the research which was conducted by Texas Nuclear Corporation on two possible neutron spectral measuring devices based on the detection of recoil protons.

A scintillation detector is described which has the ability to differentiate between neutrons and gamma rays by means of the different decay times of recoil proton and Compton electron scintillations. This detector has been incorporated into a neutron spectrometer which is highly insensitive to gamma rays over a detectable neutron energy region of approximately 0.6 MeV to greater than 17 MeV. Data obtained with the spectrometer are presented.

A scintillation detector, investigations into the feasibility of using a spark counter as an energy sensitive neutron detector are also described. The results of these investigations are discussed and representative data are presented.

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The present work stresses reduction to a practical dosimetry system for the $5 \times 10^5$ to $5 \times 10^6$ rad absorbed dose range. It is demonstrated that pressed bis-(p-phenylfenvinyl) ether (BPPE) essentially did not degrade with Vitamin "Q" mineral oil and bis-(p-phenoxphenyl) ether (BPPE) when irradiated proves to be highly resistant to radiation damage. Paper capacitors impregnated with the ether were manufactured by the Sprague Electric Company, North Adams, Massachusetts in an effort to develop radiation resistant electronic components. The capacitors were irradiated in the kilo-curie Cobalt-60 gamma facility of the Materials Central, Wright Air Development Division. Simultaneously, Sprague standard Vitamin "Q" mineral oil impregnated capacitors were irradiated for purposes of comparison.

 Capacitance, dissipation factor and insulation resistance were measured throughout the tests lasting from 200 to 700 hours, depending upon the type of test employed. In most cases, the effects were an initial decrease and then an increase in capacitance, an increase in dissipation factor, and a large decrease in insulation resistance. The most dramatic effect was a marked decrease in capacitor lifetime in the gamma environment. Most failures were attributed to catastrophic breakup of the units due to internal gassing of the dielectric; it was this property which was significantly improved by the substitution of the ether for Vitamin "Q". In most instances, the BPPE units lasted three to four times as long as their Vitamin "Q" counterparts. However, the paper used in the capacitors was found to be a major contributor to the gaseous gases; therefore, the problem of catastrophic failure of the capacitors was only partially solved. In separate tests, both the Vitamin "Q" and the paper contributed enough gas individually to cause failure, while the BPPE essentially did not gas, thus, little was gained by the use of BPPE as the dielectric since the major
with the view that the products can be predicted on the basis of the relative bond strengths within the molecule sealed in cans filled with grease or preservative and the carbon-hydrogen bond. The results are in accordance with one of two kinds of paint.

Further, on changing from a primary to a secondary to a tertiary bond to the dissociable entity. Further, on changing the functional group the character of the products were sealed in cans that were filled with preservative or tertiary bond to the dissociable entity. The other compounds were studied in order to evaluate the effect of structure and presence of functional groups within the basic carbon skeleton on the radiation damaging of the various substrates. Compounds studied were n-, sec-, and tert-butyl iodides, tert-butyl amine, n-butanol, n-butyrlic acid, and ethyl acetate. The alkyl iodides were studied in order to ascertain the effect of structural isomerism on a system whose primary dissociative step is known, i.e., carbon-iodine bond fission. The other compounds were studied in order to evaluate the effect of changing the functional group (alcohol, amine, acid, etc.) and the over-all structure (ester) in a four carbon organic system.

The systems were studied using product analysis as the main tool. Gas-liquid partition chromatography was the analytical method used for the liquid products while manometric and mass spectrometric means served for the gaseous products. In addition electron spin resonance techniques were used as a means for determining directly the radical(s) present.

The results indicate that over-all yields of products increase on changing from a primary to a secondary to a tertiary bond to the dissociable entity. Further, on changing the functional group the character of the products change as the bond energy in question approaches that of the carbon-hydrogen bond. The results are in accordance with the view that the products can be predicted on the basis of the relative bond strengths within the molecule and classical theories of free radical chemistry.

Packaging

TR 53-43.
THE SELECTION OF CUSHION AREA IN THE DESIGN OF PACKAGE CUSHIONING. Roger B. Orensteen, 2/Lt. March 1953. PB 111227. Order from OTS $0.50.

Criteria of package cushion area selection are discussed for minimizing cushioning volume and container cubage. Stress-strain, energy-stress, and ratio of stress to energy are shown for a typical cushioning material. Procedures are outlined for using the stress value corresponding to the minimum ratio stress to energy as a criterion in cushion area selection for optimum package design.

TR 53-56.
A TECHNIQUE FOR THE DESIGN OF GLASS FIBER PACKAGE CUSHIONING. Roger B. Orensteen, 2/Lt. March 1953. PB 111228. Order from OTS $0.50.

A technique is demonstrated by which static cushioning data can be used in the design of glass fiber package cushioning. Design curves are provided for selecting density, thickness, and cushion area for economical cushion design. Consideration is given to the advantages of glass fiber cushioning of small area and high density.

PACKAGING STUDY OF AIR FORCE INSTRUMENTS. W. L. Hardy and Marvin Masel. AF 33(616)-211. April 1953.

Packaged instrument accelerations resulting from a drop are calculated for linear cushions. An evaluation is made of the effects of non-linearity. Element damage due to instrument acceleration is described. This is done for impact due to a drop and for forced vehicular vibration. A procedure is developed for finding an optimum cushioning material and thickness for an instrument of given unit loading and fragility rating. Methods of specifying the fragility of an instrument are discussed.

U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-38, Part 20.

Tin cans containing single antifriction bearings with various inner packaging were subjected to a 3-week cyclic exposure plus storage for 120 days at 160°F and 92 percent relative humidity.

Separable-type ball bearings with steel, fiber, or brass retainers were coated with either a synthetic grease or a petroleum-base preservative, wrapped with 1 of 13 different intimate wraps, and sealed in cans. In addition, coated bearings of each type were packaged without intimate wraps and sealed in cans, and others were sealed in cans that were filled with preservative or grease. The can exteriors were spray-coated to varied thicknesses with one of two kinds of paint.

All bearings packaged without intimate wraps and sealed in cans filled with grease or preservative were free from corrosion and stain after testing. Good results were also obtained when intimate wraps of nylon, cellulose acetate-kraft, or polyethylene-kraft were used with synthetic grease. Specification MIL-G-3278, Grease; Aircraft and Instruments (For Low and High Temperatures). In general, erratic results were obtained when related to the preservative conforming to Specification AN-C-124, Compound; Soft Film, Corrosion Preventive, was used.

The best over-all results were obtained with the procoating, when paint that conformed to Specification MIL-C-10506, Coatings, Exterior, for Timed Food Cans, was sprayed on the cans to an average dry film thickness of 1.3 mils.

U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-38, Part 19.

Tin cans containing antifriction bearings prepared with various amounts of grease or preservative were subjected to a 3-week cyclic exposure plus storage for 60 days at 160°F, and 92 percent relative humidity.

Two of the preservatives complied with Specification MIL-C-11796 Corrosion Preventive, Petrolatum, Hot Application and three with Specification AN-C-124, Compound; Soft Film, Corrosion Preventive; the two...
greases complied with Specification MIL-G-3278, Grease; Aircraft and Instruments (For Low and High Temperatures). Two proprietary compounds of the petroleum type were also tested.

The bearings were either dip-coated with grease or preservative before they were inserted in the cans or they were inserted in cans filled or half-filled with grease or preservative. The preservatives were applied at 165°F. (25°F.) or at 225°F. (75°F.). The greases were applied at approximately 8 percent.

Immersion of the bearings in greases or preservatives was more effective than dip-coating for preventing corrosion and staining. Cans, whether full or half-full, performed equally, except that more satisfactory results were obtained in the case of grease, Specification MIL-G-3278, when the cans were full. Equally satisfactory results were obtained with preservative, Specification MIL-C-11796, regardless of the temperature of application. However, where preservative, Specification AN-C-124 was used, better results were obtained with the 225°F temperature of application. All bearings preserved with the proprietary compound by any method were free of stain and corrosion.

Forest Products Laboratory, United States Department of Agriculture. TR 53-38, Part 17.


Tin cans, each containing two antifriction bearings, were subjected to a three week cyclic exposure plus 120 days storage at 160°F and 92 percent relative humidity.

Ball bearings with steel, fiber, or brass retainers were coated either with a synthetic grease, Specification MIL-G-3278 (Grease; Aircraft and Instruments, for High and Low Temperatures) or petroleum preservative, Specification AN-C-124 (Compound; Soft Film, Corrosion-Preventive). The bearings were then sealed in cans; or, after being coated, wrapped with each of 10 different intimate wrapping materials and sealed in cans; or, after being coated, sealed in cans which were filled with the petroleum preservative or synthetic grease.

Results indicate that the preservation of two bearings within a can with proper packaging materials is practical and compares favorably with results obtained where one bearing is preserved in a can with similar packaging materials.

The synthetic grease performed more effectively as a preservative than the petroleum preservative. Very good results were obtained from the cans filled with the preservative or grease. The most effective intimate wraps used with the synthetic grease were: cellulose acetate-kraft (plain or creped), waxed kraft, polyester film, cellulose acetate, and polyethylene. Wraps that produced the best results, when used with the petroleum preservative were: creped cellulose acetate-kraft, polyester film, and polyethylene.

Forest Products Laboratory, United States Department of Agriculture. TR 53-334.


A method for designing package cushioning to protect an article against shock is developed from physical and mathematical concepts. Design curves for calculating cushion thickness are included for many currently available cushioning materials. Methods for selecting the proper cushion are discussed.

TR 53-132.

THE DESIGN OF RECLAIMED LATEX FOAM PACKAGE CUSHIONING. THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF REPORTS ON PACKAGE CUSHIONING. Roger B. Orensteen, 1st Lt, USAF. RDO No. 618-11. January 1954. PB 111518. Order from OTS $0.75.

A method of designing reclaimed latex foam cushioning from static data is presented. Design curves are provided for selecting density, thickness, and cushion area for economical cushion design. Recommended procedures are discussed for designing to optimum density, stress, and ratio/stress energy in a given situation.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-216.


By conducting over 1,500 tests on specimens of paper-overlaid veneer and container-grade plywood along with tests of 165 containers, information was obtained that indicates a correlation exists between some of the mechanical properties of paper-overlaid veneer materials and the expected rough-handling performance of fully cleated domestic boxes using such material for panels. The results also indicate that all of the tested 19 different paper and veneer combinations, each varying from the other by differences in core, overlays, or manufacturing process, are suitable alternates for 3/20-inch (Groups I and II) container-grade plywood in panel boxes. Some combinations appeared to be suitable as alternates for thicker plywood.

Forest Products Laboratory, United States Department of Agriculture. TR 53-38, Part 18.


Bearings were cleaned and packaged in metal cans at each of 6 humidity conditions ranging from 30 to 97 percent relative humidity. The intimate wraps, 1 hygroscopic (polyethylene to kraft) and the other nonhygroscopic (a polyester film), 3 preservative compounds, and 1 grease were conditioned for 18 hours prior to packaging at the humidity in which they were to be used.

The packages were exposed to a 3-week cycle plus 60-days exposure at 160°F and 92 percent relative humidity.

The condition of the bearings after exposure became increasingly worse as the humidity condition at time of packaging increased. When packaged at relative humidities of 50 percent and higher, bearings wrapped with the nonhygroscopic intimate wrap were in better condition than those with the hygroscopic wrap.

One of the petroleum-base preservative materials, when packaged with a polyester film as an intimate wrap, gave complete protection through all of the humidity conditions.

Forest Products Laboratory, United States Department of Agriculture. TR 53-38, Part 14.

PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARINGS. PART 14-
To determine if commercial motor oils could be used for packaging antifriction bearings, tin cans containing separable-type ball bearings were filled or half-filled with oil and sealed. Three motor oils, each of various viscosities, and an inhibited oil were used for these tests. The oils were applied at either 230°F or room temperature. The cans were procated with an olive-drab paint, and the packages were subjected to a 3-week cyclic exposure plus 60 days storage at 160°F, and 92 percent relative humidity.

Bearings packaged in an inhibited oil were in better condition after exposure than those packaged in motor oils. The different viscosities of the motor oils, filling or partially filling the tin cans, and the temperature at which the oil was applied to the bearings at the time of packaging had little or no effect on the condition of the bearings after exposure.


The principal objective of this study was to determine the performance of procoated tin cans containing antifriction bearings and inner packaging of varied cushioning value when the packages were subjected to rough handling during 3 weeks of cyclic exposure. The can packages in groups of 48 were packed by 2 methods in fiberboard inner boxes with outer boxes of wood.

No significant mechanical damage to the cans was caused by rough handling. All bearings were unaffected by cyclic exposure and rough handling. Immediately after testing, however, the procoating on all cans contained a large number of water-filled blisters, most of which disappeared after a few days of exposure to 30 percent relative humidity. This blistered condition could be a principal factor in causing severe corrosion to the cans in the case of a longer period of exposure.
accompanied by staining and discoloration of the specimens. None of the methods prevented recontamination. A thin film of oil did not prevent recontamination.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-38, Part 10.
PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARINGS. PART 10 - PERFORMANCE OF PLASTIC-COATED (EX-TRUDED) ALUMINUM-FOIL BARRIERS AS INTIMATE WRAPS FOR PACKAGING BEARING PARTS WITH SYNTHETIC GREASE. M. A. Taras and J. O. b.ub. AF 18 (600)-103. February 1954. PB 122 325. Order from LC Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

This investigation was conducted primarily to determine the performance of aluminum foil with an extruded plastic coating as an intimate wrap in packaging bearing parts coated with MIL-G-3278 synthetic grease. Three hundred pouch-type packages containing the outer rings of ball bearings were prepared with various combinations of grease, coated and uncoated intimate wraps, and methods of closure of the wrap. The test packages were exposed to a 3-week cyclic exposure with temperature extremes of -65°F. and 160°F., followed by 60 days of storage at 160°F. and 92 percent relative humidity.

Severe delamination occurred with polyethylene-foil wraps regardless of the kind of grease or method of closure used. Comparable packages using nylon extruded to foil were not delaminated. Delamination, varying in degrees from none to moderate, was evident in polyethylene-tissue-foil wraps with all greases.

Pinholing (fracturing) of the aluminum foil usually accompanied the use of a fold method of sealing the intimate wrap and was not evident in wraps closed with a heat seal. There was no significant difference, however, in the amount and degree of corrosion in comparable packs that could be attributed to method of closure. Coated foil wraps were usually more effective when the coated surface of the wrap was positioned in contact with the grease-coated bearing part.

Although all four synthetic greases used in this experiment complied with Specification MIL-G-3278, a wide range of effectiveness in corrosion prevention existed among them.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-38, Part 7.
PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARINGS. PART 7 - PLASTIC-COATED, ALUMINUM-FOIL BARRIERS AS INTIMATE WRAPS FOR PACKAGING BEARINGS. M. A. Taras. AF 18 (600)-103. February 1954. PB 122326. Order from LC Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

A study of the performance of plastic-coated aluminum foils as intimate wraps for packaging bearing parts coated with grease or preservative was conducted by the Forest Products Laboratory. Eight different intimate wrap materials, 2 greases, and 2 methods of sealing the intimate wraps were investigated. The specimens were enclosed in water-vaporproof pouches and exposed to a 3-week cycle of temperatures ranging from -65°F. to 160°F. Following the 3-week exposure period, 1 group of packages was stored for 30 days and another group for 60 days at 160°F. and 92 percent relative humidity.

Results of this study indicated that the heat-seal method of closing laminated plastic-coated aluminum-foil barrier intimate wraps was more effective in regard to corrosion prevention than the drugstore method of closure. The only barrier that offered complete protection to the synthetic grease-coated bearings was a heat-sealed polyethylene-foil-polyethylene-scrim intimate wrap. Vinyl-foil, cellulose acetate-foil and plain aluminum foil gave the poorest performance with the synthetic grease. The cellulose acetate-foil, vinyl-foil, and polyethylene-kraft gave the poorest performance with the AN-C-124 preservative.

The plastic coatings on the foil reduced the amount of fracturing of the aluminum foil but did not reduce it sufficiently to keep the grease or preservative within the confines of the intimate wrap. The synthetic grease had a tendency to deteriorate all the plastic laminated foils severely except the polystyrene-foil combinations.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-38, Part 11.

This study was initiated to investigate the performance of volatile corrosion inhibitors as protection for two types of anti-friction bearings in procoated black iron cans. Interior protection was provided by dicyclohexylammonium nitrite-impregnated paper or crystals. Procoated black iron cans were used to contain anti-friction bearings with steel or brass retainers.

The packages were exposed at a 3-week cyclic exposure with temperature extremes of -65°F. to 160°F. One group of bearings with brass retainers were examined after this exposure. Following the 3-week exposure period, both brass and steel anti-friction bearing packages were stored for 60 days at 160°F. and 92 percent relative humidity.

Although the dicyclohexylammonium nitrite was successful in minimizing corrosion of ferrous parts, the tendency of crystals to undergo sublimation resulted in a dense formation of crystals on all surfaces of the bearing. The presence of these crystals on functional surfaces acted to freeze the rolling parts.

The use of MIL-C-10506 procoating material as a protective coating on the black iron cans was unsatisfactory in this test.

Forest Products Laboratory, United States Department of Agriculture. TR 53-38, Part 5.
PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARINGS. PART 5 - THE PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS TYPES OF WATER-VAPOURPROOF BARRIERS CONTAINING GREASE-COATED PARTS. M. A. Taras. AF 18 (600)-103. February 1954. PB 122324. Order from LC Mi $2.40, Ph $4.80.

An investigation of the performance of various water-vapourproof barrier materials used as pouches for packaging grease- or preservative-coated parts was conducted by the Forest Products Laboratory.

Five different pouch materials, a synthetic grease, and a petroleum-base preservative were investigated. Twelve packages were made with each pouch material, 6 with synthetic grease and 6 with petroleum-base preservative. Each preservative- or grease-coated ring was wrapped in a greaseproof barrier of polyethylene-kraft. These packages were exposed to a 3-week cycle of temperatures ranging from -65°F. to 160°F. Following the 3-week exposure period, 1 group of 30 packages was stored for 30 days, and the other group of 30 packages was stored for 60 days at 160°F. and 92 percent relative humidity.

Results indicated that pouches of barrier No. 60 and 62 do not deteriorate upon exposure with either the grease or preservative used in this experiment. Pouches of barrier No. 63 when used with synthetic grease gave good protection to inner rings of bearings, despite the fact that the pouches deteriorated severely and water droplets were found on the grease. Although two of the barrier materials used for pouches did not deteriorate upon exposure, none of the barrier materials gave good protection to the rings when used with preservative. The exposure condition...
of 160°F, is too severe for this preservative, since it flows readily from the ferrous parts at this temperature.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-38, Part 3. PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARINGS. PART 3 - COMPATIBILITY OF MIL-G-3278 SYNTHETIC GREASE WITH VARIOUS INTIMATE WRAPS AND AN-B-20 POUCHES (SERIES A). M. A. Taras. AF 18(600)-103. March 1954. PB 122 322. Order from LC Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

One hundred and twenty-six pouch packages containing the outer ring of standard ball bearings assemblies were subjected to a cyclic exposure to evaluate the compatibility of pouch materials, synthetic greases, and intimate wraps. Various combinations of 2 pouches, 2 greases, and 6 intimate wraps were used in the test packs.

Based on the results of the exposure test, the AN-B-20 pouch materials were about equally effective in protecting the rings from moisture vapor and other agents of corrosion. Both MIL-G-3278 greases caused pouch deterioration; however, one of the greases appeared to be less deleterious than the other. None of the combinations of pouches or intimate wraps prevented hardening of the greases. The polyester film was the only intimate wrap material that produced consistently good results with both greases and pouch materials.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 53-38, Part 2. PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARINGS. PART 2 - INVESTIGATION OF ALUMINUM-FOIL BARRIERS FOR PACKAGING. Dr. V. W. Meloche and D. R. Johnson. AF 18(600)-103. March 1954. PB 122 321. Order from LC Mi $3.00, Ph $6.30.

An investigation of the use of aluminum foil as an intimate wrap for bearings coated with either petrolatum-base preservatives or synthetic greases and packaged in water-vapourproof pouches was conducted by Forest Products Laboratory. The aluminum foil in each pack was either oil-free foil, foil with rolling oil employed in manufacturing the foil, or foil with an excess of rolling oil. The exposure consisted of either three 5-day cyclic tests at temperatures ranging from -65°F to 160°F, or this cyclic test plus 60 days at 160°F, and 92 percent relative humidity.

Results indicate that the aluminum foil is subject to pinking and breaking at the folds, does not protect the grease from preservation with the type of wrap employed, and does not prevent changes in the composition of the synthetic grease. The results also indicate that it is more desirable to employ oil-free foil than the foil with rolling oil present. As a basis for comparison, a polyethylene-coated kraft barrier gave better performance than did the aluminum foil with the synthetic grease.


This experiment to determine the effectiveness of four MIL-G-3278 greases used in combination with various types of intimate wraps in pouch-type packages in preventing corrosion of bearing parts was conducted by the Forest Products Laboratory. Four greases and six intimate wraps were investigated. The specimens were enclosed in water-vapourproof pouches and exposed to a 3-week cycle of temperatures ranging from -65°F to 160°F. Following the 3 weeks of cyclic exposure, one group of packages was stored for 30 days and another group of packages was stored for 60 days at 160°F and 92 percent relative humidity.

Results of this study showed that various synthetic greases that comply with Specification MIL-G-3278 perform differently at the same storage conditions. It was likely that variation in grease composition was responsible for this reaction.


A study of the performance of three methods of closing various intimate wraps containing ferrous bearing parts coated with grease complying with Specification MIL-G-3278 was conducted by the Forest Products Laboratory. The three methods for closing the intimate wraps included the drugstore fold, heat sealing, and the use of an aluminum band. All specimens were enclosed in water-vapourproof pouches complying with Specification MIL-B-131A and were exposed to a 3-week cycle of temperatures ranging from -65°F to 160°F. Following the cyclic exposure, the specimens were stored for 60 days at 160°F, and 92 percent relative humidity.

Results indicate that the effectiveness of the three sealing methods investigated is largely dependent upon the compatibility of the intimate wraps and the greases used. When both greases are considered, the three sealing methods appear to be equally effective. Corrosion when present, however, was more severe in packages using the drugstore fold method.

In general, the greases used hardened upon exposure. Nylon, however, was the only intimate wrap that prevented any of the greases from hardening. No reason for this reaction was apparent. The data also indicate that one of the greases was less deleterious to the vinyl coating of the pouch material used in this test than the other.


The shelf life of 80 specially selected liquids and solids in blown Plax 4 ounce polyethylene bottles was investigated at temperatures from 32-165°F. Permeability factors for these materials are presented as well as packageability suitability. The suitability of packaging these 80 materials in blown polyethylene bottles of capacities from 32 ounces to 13 gallons is tabulated. Physical effects on the polyethylene and chemical changes in the materials are described. The effect of liquid and vapor phases, as well as the molecular weight of the chemicals, on permeability is discussed.


This investigation was conducted to determine the relative performance of five methods of packaging bearings as prepared by a roller bearing manufacturer. These
cans were subjected to a 3-week cycle with temperature extremes of -65°F and 160°F, followed by 60 days of exposure at 160°F and 92 percent relative humidity.

The best results were produced by a preservative of petrolatum and an intimate wrap of neutral kraft waxed paper. The use of silica gel with this combination of preservative and wrap was also satisfactory. The use of AN-C-124, type II preservative resulted in corroded bearings. The use of MIL-G-10924 grease over a petrolatum film with an aluminum wrap did not give fully satisfactory results. The package using dicyclohexylammonium nitrile as a volatile corrosion inhibitor was also unsatisfactory under the conditions of this test.

These results are not fully conclusive, since all of the test specimens were prepared at the adverse condition of 90 percent relative humidity.


An experiment was conducted at the Forest Products Laboratory to evaluate the use of volatile corrosion inhibitors (VCI) for packaging antifriction bearings. Bearings with or without an oil film were sealed in tin cans or flexible, water vaporproof pouches with 1 of 6 VCI materials and subjected to a 3-week cyclic exposure plus 60 days of storage at 120°F or 160°F, and 92 percent relative humidity.

Results indicate that some VCI materials can be used advantageously for packaging antifriction bearings. Under all test conditions, the inhibitor consisting of a kraft paper impregnated with sodium nitrite, urea, and monooctanolamine benzoate gave the best results. A kraft paper impregnated with an amine salt also protected the bearings from corrosion under all conditions, except when used in a pouch exposed to 160°F.

Kraft papers coated or impregnated with VCI compounds produced more desirable results for packaging antifriction bearings than inhibitors in crystalline or powdered form.

In general, the use of an oil film in conjunction with a VCI material did not reduce corrosion under the conditions of this test.

Better results were obtained with certain inhibitors in tin cans than with the same inhibitors in pouch packages.


The effect of temperature on the permeability P has been found to be accurately represented by the two parameter equation

$$P = P_0 e^{E_p/RT}$$

in which $P_0$ and $E_p$ are constants for the particular permeating polymer system. These parameters are calculated from carefully constructed $log P$ vs. $1/T$ plots.

The size, shape, and polarity of the penetrant molecule are factors influencing $E_p$ and for substances no more polar than acetonitrile the expression

$$E_p = 0.0348V + 0.75 V/L + 2.4 H$$

reproduces the data to within about 0.5 kcal/mol. where polyethylene is the permeable film.

It is established that for four homologous series that

$$log P_0 = mE_p + b$$

where $m$ and $b$ are constants peculiar to each series.

Master plots for interpolating homologous materials and extrapolating for temperature changes are included.
reported in Part 3 are analysed and discussed, together with some data on aqueous solutions from Part 1. The theory of mass transfer through polyethylene is extended, particularly with regard to the log P vs E plot, and the results applied to recent data on carbon tetrachloride. It is found that chain branching and irradiation increase swelling coefficients and diffusion constants at low temperatures, but decrease them at very high temperatures. The importance of placing room temperature P-Factors in this perspective is stressed. It is suggested that activated diffusion through polyethylene induces structural changes in the polymer not unlike local melting. Thermodynamical reasoning also indicates that frequency and P-Factors increase with increasing rigidity and mass of penetrant. In both respects carbon tetrachloride shows this increase with polyethylene.


The strength of 7/16- and 9/16-inch resawn lumber when used as box sides, tops, and bottoms was compared by rough-handling tests of 112 strapped, nailed, wooden boxes. Boxes made of 9/16-inch lumber were much more resistant to rough-handling than boxes made of 7/16-inch lumber.


The principles of cushioning design are presented. The characteristics of several possible types of dynamic cushion testers are discussed, and the reasons shown for selection of the free fall platform tester. A description of the tester and the dynamic cushion test procedure is given. A method for data reduction of test results is shown. The reliability of the cushion tester is proven by statistical techniques. Sample drop test results are given. It is shown how deflections caused by dropping a series of weights can be computed on the basis of a measured deflection occurring in the first drop.


Four boxes, each of different design, were evaluated as exterior containers for the human remains transfer case. The evaluation tests consisted of a high-moisture-content conditioning test and the following rough-handling tests: superimposed load; handle; flat, edgewise- and cornerwise-drop; and pendulum impact. Three of the boxes swelled objectionably when the moisture content was increased from 7-1/2 to 19 percent. The same three boxes showed either racking distortion or residual deflection in the rough-handling tests. The fourth box, of cleated plywood construction, was superior in every way. It showed very little weakness in the moisture test or the rough-handling tests, was 19 percent lighter, and is possibly cheaper to build.


The proof that an item is properly packaged for shipment is its ability to withstand a drop test. The height from which drop tests are conducted is arbitrarily chosen and may overstate the facts. A more realistic height of drop could be chosen if recording instruments were concealed inside ordinary shipping containers and shipped, where the instrument would record the impacts due to rough handling of packages by handling personnel.

The bottleneck to an instrumented shipping program is instrumentation. Reported, herein, is the development of an instrument of sufficient accuracy to measure rough handling in terms of inches of drop height. Cost of the instrument is $200 each.

The statistical shipping plan for using the instrument and a method of relating the data obtained to container design is also discussed.


A method is presented for shielding magnets and magnetron tubes containing magnets to protect sensitive aircraft instruments from being affected by stray fields of the magnets. A survey showed that current military practice is to stow magnets at least 7 feet from the compass-sensing device. To meet the criterion established by WADC, the stray fields have to be limited to not more than 5.25 milligauss at a distance of 7 feet from the magnets. Various methods and materials were tested, and it was found that shields of low-carbon steel would confine the stray fields and prevent adverse effects on aircraft instruments. A method of forming these shields is described and illustrated. The minimum weight and number of layers required for various tubes and magnets is tabulated, and methods are presented by which the shielding required for similar tubes and magnets can be established.


The twist-lock type rigid metal container qualifying as a Method IId unit protection in accordance with Specification MIL-P-116 was evaluated. The Forest Products Laboratory conducted a field service test, the results of which indicate acceptance of the twist-lock container by the majority of depot personnel. The field service test also concluded that the quality of the gasket, in conjunction with the closing technique, was the most important factor in obtaining a satisfactory seal. The Laboratory tests, conducted by the Forest Products Laboratory and Wright Air Development Center, concluded that the twist-lock container will meet the performance requirements for Method IId unit protection.

Forest Products Laboratory, WADC TR 56-357. EVALUATION OF AUTO-NAIL FOR FABRICATING THE PANELS OF CLEATED PAPER-OVERLAID-VEENER BOXES. Alvin A. Mohaupt. PO (33-600)-53-4023. April 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118234. PB 131263.

Tests were conducted to determine the suitability of Auto-nails, as compared to regular nails, for fastening cleats to paper-overlaid veneer for use as box
panels. Eight paper-overlaid-veneers were included in lateral-displacement tests from which it was found that approximately three Auto-Nails equaled the lateral resistance afforded by two regular nails. Drop tests of cleated, paper-overlaid-veneer boxes with panels made of Auto-Nails with 2- and 3-inch spacings showed that these boxes performed as well as or better than cleated-plywood boxes fabricated with regular nails spaced 3 inches apart.


This investigation had the purpose of determining if popcorn could be used as a cushioning material. Conventional cushioning materials such as bound hair and cellulose wadding were used as a basis for comparison. Stress-strain curves were established for popcorn, bound hair, and cellulose wadding under several conditions of temperature and humidity. Repeated loading tests on these materials were also performed. The mold resistance and the effect of high humidity on treated and untreated popcorn were established. Compressibility of the materials was also investigated. The results showed that popcorn is not a good cushioning material. It is stiff in comparison to other cushioning materials and has very little ability to recover after compression. The extreme hygroscopicity of popcorn is undesirable since it shrinks appreciably in high humidity. Its only conceivable use is indicated to be as a blocking material in moisture-vapor-proof packages.


A chemical process for the production of a non-adhering chemically foamed-in-place polyurethane foam is presented. An evaluation of several organic fatty acids as a release agent for chemical foamed polyurethane cushioning is included. Fatty acids such as stearic acid in proper concentration were found to impart excellent release properties to foam after foaming on bare metal and glass surfaces. Further benefits from the release agent are shown to be improvement of the stress-strain properties and the ability to vary density and hence cushioning properties by the use of sufficient amounts of fatty acid. The effect of the release agent on the foaming process and the finished cushion is discussed. Graphs and a comparison analysis of the dynamic and static cushion properties are presented for a polyurethane cushion with and without a release agent.
which participated in this program are presented. On directional roving fabric impregnated with polyester resin.

The purpose of the ASTM dynamic cushion testing program is described and data from the laboratories which participated in this program are presented. On the analysis of the platform type tester together with a discussion of the significance of the elasticity of impact of containers is covered. Several redesigns of the dropping carriage are shown. The desirability of using the platform tester to gather design data is discussed. A discussion is included of the peak reading voltmeter platform tester to gather design data is discussed. A discussion of the significance of the elasticity of impact drawn under vacuum into the shells. Provisions have been incorporated for fork lift, cable hoisting, rollover and stacking of the containers three high while in storage.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 58-223.

"Cushion factor-stress" curves have been considered for use in solving package cushioning problems and for classifying package cushioning materials. To be most suitable for these uses, a single essentially constant curve would express the compressive efficiency of any specific material regardless of its dimensions or loading rate. The dynamic compression test data derived from this work showed that the curve for at least one important material varies considerably with thickness, and the use of this type of curve is considered to be impractical. The report contains data for the compressive efficiency and variability of four common kinds of package cushioning materials differing in thickness, density, and manufacturing origin.

United Engineers, Incorporated. WADC TR 57-541.

The design, development, fabrication and evaluation of an operable foaming equipment system for producing mechanically foamed plastic materials is described. Engineering research into the selection of plastic materials suitable for use with the equipment is discussed. Polyethylene was selected as the initial material to be mechanically foamed. A 12 lb. per cu. ft. density foam was achieved with polyethylene. This proved to be the lowest density foam produced with the equipment at present state of development. Polyvinyl chloride, styrene, and nylon were foamed in densities of 18, 15, and 17 lbs. per cu. ft. respectively.

Densities of all the foams produced were higher than the 1.5 to 6 lbs. per cu. ft. target range considered acceptable for cushioning purposes. However, it was successfully demonstrated that plastic materials can be foamed by mechanical means.

Fairchild Guided Missiles Division. WADC TR 58-268.

Twenty fiberglass containers were manufactured for the Air Force to serve as shipping containers for the J-57 jet aircraft engine. The application of fiberglass for this purpose has proved successful with the exception of a liner sealing problem. The fiberglass container assembly weighs approximately 50% less than its metal counterpart, and testing has proved it to be rugged enough to withstand the rough handling it may receive in shipment.

The container consists of two shells, upper and lower, with the basic construction utilizing plies of bidirectional roving fabric impregnated with polyester resin. The sealing liner is made of rigid vinyl, thermoplastically drawn under vacuum into the shells. Provisions have been incorporated for fork lift, cable hoisting, rollover and stacking of the containers three high while in storage.

WADC TR 58-639.

This report discusses the properties of cushioning materials significant for purposes of package cushioning design. Acceleration-static stress curves are the required dynamic property. It is shown that the minimum points of such curves reflect the most efficient operation of the cushioning materials. The other properties of significance are the static stress-strain and creep characteristics.

Examples of the application of the significant properties in designing package cushioning are presented. The economic aspects of utilizing cushioning materials are dependent on knowledge of these properties and a formula relating cost to the significant properties is presented. The report also presents some design data on several different materials commonly available and the procedures for securing the design data. The report essentially is a text on the properties of cushioning materials and the design of package cushioning.

WADC TR 58-601.

This report describes an investigation into various aspects of foaming-in-place molded shapes of polyurethane cushioning material. The chemistry of the foam reactions and the foam systems are described. The aging characteristics of the materials and the effect on metals and humidity indicators of the vapors given off during foaming are discussed. Various facts about foaming methods and equipment are presented.

Of the foaming techniques investigated, it was found that completely premolding or a combination of premolding and foaming into the container was the best technique. It was also found that one can create molds by utilization of simple methods and low cost, reusable materials, such as hot melt plastics.

The cost of creating the molded shape is shown to be less, in most cases, than the present practice of procuring molded curled hair shapes.
TR 4596.
SPECTROGRAPHIC METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF IRON IN MAGNESIUM ALLOYS. C. B. Pittinger, Jr. December 1940.

TR 4617, Addendum 1.
DEVELOPMENT OF GLOSS SPECIFICATION FOR CAMOUFLAGE FINISHES. ADDENDUM 1 -- MEASUREMENT OF SPECULAR GLOSS. Harry Schecter. January 1943.

TR 5014.

TR 4995.
DEVELOPMENT OF SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC PROCEDURES. E. H. Young. August 1943.

TR 5628.

The Engineering Experimental Station, University of Illinois. TR 6389.

Armour Research Foundation, Illinois Institute of Technology. TR 6383.

TR 6520.

A brief description of the X-ray absorption and fluorescence methods for the determination of tetraethyllead is given. Samples of aviation gasoline, Specification MIL-F-5572, were tested with each method and the results are included in the report. These results indicate that the fluorescence method is applicable to the need of the Air Force for a rapid, accurate analysis. The absorption method does not give the desired accuracy.

The methods of sample preparation and the arrangement of equipment are described.

It is found that an X-ray fluorescence analysis for tetraethyl lead content requires approximately eight minutes, a feature which makes the X-ray analysis much more desirable than the usual chemical method.

TR 6610.

TR 6387.

A study was conducted to determine the effect of various concentrations of fuel components such as tetraethyl lead, aromatics, olefins, mercaptans and oxidation inhibitors on the accuracy of results obtained when determining water content of fuels by the Karl Fischer Electrometric Titration Method. Of the compounds investigated, only mercaptans appear to give any appreciable interference in water determination by this method.

TR 6390.

A modified test procedure developed in the Materials Laboratory, Directorate of Research, WADC, for the determination of the accelerated aging characteristics of aviation fuels is described. This test method appears particularly applicable to jet propulsion fuels forming large quantities of insoluble gum during oxidation. The major feature of the new procedure is the equipment modification which makes it possible to oxidize a sample and, without subsequent handling, determine the residue formed. This is considered an improvement over the present ASTM and Army-Navy gum methods. The results obtained with a wide variety of aviation fuels indicate the modified method to be generally as suitable as the current methods, but superior for fuels forming insoluble residues during accelerated aging.

University of Texas. TR 52-246.

Procedures have been developed for the spectrophotometric analysis of the constituents of low-alloy steels and of aluminum and its alloys, using a single sample to give a composite solution in which most of the elements are determined. In general, the conventional spectrophotometric methods for the various elements have been employed, modified as necessary for the use of the single composite solution technique. The methods have been tested thoroughly, in the hands of several different operators, by applying them to a variety of standard samples; the results of these tests are tabulated in the report.

Detailed procedures, with explanatory notes, to serve as a practical laboratory manual are given for the spectrophotometric analysis of low-alloy steels for chromium, copper, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, phosphorus, silicon, and vanadium, and for the analysis of aluminum and its alloys for chromium, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, titanium, and vanadium. The molybdosilicic acid method for silicon in the aluminum samples did not give satisfactory results; the conventional gravimetric method for this determination is recommended.

TR 6385.
The effect of prolonged storage under accelerated conditions on three types of specification greases is described. Periodic tests using standard methods including penetration, oxidation stability, and low temperature torque were performed on samples of the greases packed both in cans and in bearings. Data thus obtained over the 24 months storage period at 130°F are tabulated and trends are presented graphically. The Specification AN-G-15 types of greases were found to harden appreciably in storage while two of the Specification AN-G-3 greases studied showed marked increases in consistency in consistency after being stored only a few months. Other Specification AN-G-3 greases, as well as one Specification AN-G-25 grease tested, appeared to be affected only slightly by extended storage under the conditions described.

TR 53-44.
ELECTRON MICROSCOPE AND ELECTRON DIFFRACTION STUDY OF OPTICALLY CONDUCTING COATINGS ON GLASS AND ACRYLIC PLASTIC. Stanley A. Szafwiec. March 1953. PB 116 266. Order from LC Mf $2.70, Ph $4.80.
Electron microscopy and electron diffraction were used to determine the microstructure of several types of commercially produced transparent conducting coatings on glass. This work was conducted as part of a program to evaluate various conducting coatings intended for use on aircraft windshields in preventing fog, frost, or ice and to aid in the development of coating which could be applied to transparent aircraft canopies for the purpose of dissipating precipitation static charges.
Several experimental transparent conducting coatings produced under Air Force contract were also studied. This included the study of the latest development in the preparation of a conducting coating for acrylic plastic canopies which consists essentially of the mechanical application of fine graphite to the plastic surface.

TR 6386.
As a result of numerous complaints of corrosion of wheel bearings of aircraft in semi-storage conditions, an investigation into the rust preventive properties of wheel bearing greases was initiated. Concurrent studies were carried out in the laboratory and in service aircraft.
A laboratory procedure using ball bearings as specimens exposed to 95% relative humidity at 100°F was found to grade greases with respect to corrosion preventive properties under high humidity conditions. Furthermore, the test showed correlation with service results.
The laboratory investigation was enlarged to include many different types of greases. These included petroleum, various types of diesters, and silicone greases. Factors influencing the degree of corrosion resistance were investigated, including the effect of rust and oxidation inhibitors.
The service investigation was conducted on a group of operational aircraft over a period of one year. During this time, samples of the wheel bearing greases were removed periodically and records were maintained showing flying time and weather data.

The results of the investigation indicate that certain properties such as high alkalinity and some water-emulsifiability with a degree of water resistance are useful in controlling the degree of corrosion protection which a grease affords, to a coated bearing surface. Some differences in corrosion protective qualities was noted among the different classes of diester greases studied. Fingerprint suppression appears to have a role in protection against corrosion of steel surfaces under service conditions.

Hellige, Inc. TR 53-112.
DEVELOPMENT OF GLASS COLOR STANDARDS. H. C. Hellige. AF 3(600)-6395. April 1953. PB 118 898. Order from LC Mf $1.80, Ph $1.80.
The development of glass color standards to be used as visual comparison standards in adjusting the concentration of four dye additives in aircraft fuels is discussed. A practical and satisfactory color comparison vessel which would permit easy differentiation between maximum and minimum allowable colors of each of four dye colors was selected. A reproducible source of illumination for comparison of the glass standards to the dyed fuels was determined. A master set of glass standards exactly matching fresh fuel samples was made. A few months later a second set of glass standards was completed on the basis of the master set; however, after this time the contractor's set of fuels had changed color slightly, and counter samples retained by the Air Force had changed greatly. No positive mathematical relationship can be applied to comparing the glass color standards to the original spectrophotometric curves of the dyed fuels due to differences in viewing depth, the effect of a discrimination increasing color filter, and differences in illumination. It is concluded, however, that on the basis of visual comparison, the color standards are satisfactory for the intended purpose.

PREPARATION OF HOMOGENEOUS OXYGEN BEARING IODIDE TITANIUM SPECIMENS. Rodger D. Veneklasen. AF 3(616)-2041. October 1953. ASTIA Document No. AD 62770.
Five 5-pound ingots have been alloyed, melted and fabricated to produce the homogeneous oxygen bearing iodide purity titanium specified in the contract. Chemical analyses for interstitial elements, carbon, nitrogen and tungsten have been made on the ingots. Oxygen and hydrogen analyses have been made by vacuum fusion analytical methods developed in the laboratories of National Research Corporation. Analytical results are close to intended oxygen compositions and show the individual samples to be uniform and homogeneous within the limits of accuracy of the analytical methods. These analyses further show the interstitial elements to be lower than the limits set in the contract. The oxygen alloys were to have nominal compositions of 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1.5% with one additional ingot serving as a blank.
It is felt that the procedure used for obtaining uniform oxygen content is reliable and accurate and it will be applied to other research work now in progress and requiring uniform additions of oxygen to Ti and Ti alloys. It is anticipated that further research applications will be forthcoming requiring controlled additions of oxygen, nitrogen or carbon to metals requiring cold mold melting.


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A densitometer to be used for liquids at temperatures up to ca. 1000°C in an inert atmosphere was constructed from grade "A" nickel. In the construction of this densitometer, the isostatic weighing method of Kohlrausch was selected as the method most suitable for the determination of density under the conditions imposed. This method utilizes the buoyancy principle of Archimedes. A plummet is suspended from one arm of an analytical balance and is immersed in the sample contained in the densitometer tube. The apparent loss in weight of the plummet upon immersion is measured by a chainomatic balance. The entire apparatus is gas-tight; observations and manipulations of the balance are made through gasket seals. With this apparatus the density of a material can be measured from its melting point to ca. 1000°C using a single sample of the material.

The density of sodium and sodium hydride was measured from 2540 to 860°C and from 4470 to 735°C respectively. The following equations relating density to temperature were derived from the experimental data:

\[ d_{Na} = (0.9378t + 0.0086) - (0.000268t^2 + 0.000018) \]  
\[ d_{NaOH} = (1.753t + 0.002) - (0.000565t + 0.000008) \]

Using these equations, the average deviations between the observed and the calculated values of density were found to be 0.9% for sodium and 0.23% for sodium hydride.


Thin films of acrylic plastic prepared from solutions of plastic in amyl acetate are shown by electron diffraction to be highly crystalline, and the crystallinity is shown to change with the aging of the films. The crystallinity of the films and the observed effects of aging are explained on the basis of the "micelle" theory commonly accepted as the explanation of somewhat similar effects in rubber. Electron micrographs of the films tend to substantiate this view.

This films of silica are shown by electron diffraction to be devoid of crystalline structure and to exhibit no observable changes upon aging.

University of Cincinnati. WADC TR 53-308, Pt. 2.


The possible application of the polarographic techniques of direct concentration measurement and amperometric titration to the analysis of titanium-base alloys has been investigated. In view of the limitations of time, budget, and personnel, attention was focused on the swelling results of analytical methods for only two of the four elements. A procedure is described for the simultaneous determination of chromium and estimation of iron in titanium-base materials. The procedure involves

A modified adiabatic type calorimeter, capable of measuring the heat capacities of organic liquids (natural and synthetic) in the temperature range of 100-500°F, was designed, built, and calibrated.

In this calorimeter a fixed rate of power is supplied to the sample, and a bath which surrounds the sample container is maintained at the same temperature in order to prevent heat losses from the sample. The heat capacity of an unknown material may be calculated from measurements of the time rate of temperature rise, heat input, and mass of the sample.

The calorimeter has been designed for rapid, simple sample changing.

The calorimeter was calibrated with materials of known heat capacity (water, castor oil, and linseed oil), and the following relation between the calorimeter constant and temperature was obtained:

\[ K(t) = 0.256 - 3.760 \times 10^{-5}t + 6.839 \times 10^{-7}t^2 \]

University of Cincinnati. WADC TR 53-308, Pt. 3.

DENSITY AND VISCOSITY OF MOLTEN MATERIALS. PART 3 SUMMARY OF VISCOSITY MEASUREMENTS. SEPTEMBER 1953 TO AUGUST 1954. Curtis C. Beusman. May 1955. PB 111945. Order from OTS $0.75. A viscometer was used which has a torsionally vibrating piezoelectric crystal attached to a metal sensing element. Electronic components for measuring the resonant frequency and the resonant resistance of the damped crystal did not yield adequate sensitivity of reproducibility with the instrument. A servomechanism designed to stabilize the instrument was not successful in remedying the difficulties encountered.

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A semi-quantitative method is described for determining polymer blends and co-polymer ratios from the infrared spectra of their pyrolyzates (distillates). The method was established through the analysis of phenolic resin blends in Buna N rubber, and by determining the percentage acrylonitrile in butadiene acrylonitrile copolymers.

The method described here permits the semi-quantitative analysis of Buna N phenolic resin blends, which because of their physical state, cannot be analyzed by conventional methods. It also makes it possible to estimate the amount of non-combustible materials in these polymers. The method is based on the pyrolyzate technique combined with standard infrared quantitative procedures.

Emerson & Ewing, Inc. WADC TR 55-255.

Production of Metallized Fibers for Dipole Chaff, G. L. Emerson, Jr. and George E. Niles. AF 33(616)-2604. April 1956.

The development of a metallized nylon fiber suitable for dipole chaff has been completed. The finished fiber is approximately 2.9 miles in diameter. It consists of a nylon monofilament 2.8 miles in diameter coated first with silver and then with nylon deposited from solvent. The electrical resistance is continuously less than 15 ohms/inch. Abrasion resistance and non-clumping is good. The cost of the packaged product is less than 0.015¢/foot of length.

WADC TN 56-196.


Changes in the molecular structure of long chain polymers by infrared analysis gives an indication of damage to material after its exposure to nuclear radiations. The intensity changes of the 5.6 and 11.0 micron infrared absorption bands in gamma irradiated Marlex 50, a high density linear polyethylene, are analyzed and presented as a measure of relative gamma dosimetry. All radiation exposures were conducted at the National Reactor Test Station, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The infrared absorption spectra were recorded at the Wright Air Development Center using a Baird double beam spectrophotometer. The absorption band at 10.4 micron in gamma irradiated polyethylene is believed to represent in a realistic manner the gamma dosimetry properties of the polyethylene used in this investigation.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 55-495


ASTIA Document No. AD 110040.

The objective of this project was the measurement of the high temperature thermal properties of materials. The materials investigated were electrolytic copper, grade A nickel, arc melted unalloyed molybdenum, graphite type 3474D (Speer Carbon Company), graphite type GBE (National Carbon Company), and sintered tantalum. The thermal conductivity, specific heat, and linear coefficient of thermal expansion were measured from 1000°F to 3000°F for the melting point of the material, whichever was lower. All measurements were made in the Heat Transfer Laboratory of the Propulsion and Fluid Mechanics Research Department, Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. Both the experimental measurements and the results of the conversion of these measurements to the desired physical properties are given.
Construction plans have been prepared for a gamma irradiation facility capable of handling 100,000 curies of cobalt-60. In a facility built according to these plans, the radioactive source would be stored in a water well located in a 12 x 12 foot irradiation room. The source would rest on a platform in the well and be lifted up into the irradiation room for all experiments. The facility would be built underground with almost all shielding being provided by the natural earth. Normal laboratory utilities are provided in the plans, with valves and switches located on a control panel in an adjacent building. A closed circuit television system would be installed for viewing of experiments with the source in the operating position. Experimental apparatus would be equipped with suitable instruments so that general purpose manipulators would not be required. Six construction drawings are included in this report.

Tracerlab, Incorporated. WADC TR 56-433.


A study has been made of the radioactivities induced by neutron irradiation of IF-6 In-Flight food packets. The results show that an integrated exposure of 6 x 10^14 nvt was produced.

Na-24 and K-42 were produced in amounts which are nearly 1000 times the accepted tolerances for these isotopes in the human body.

WADC TR 56-434.

INFRARED SPECTRA OF CYCLOPENTAMETHYLENEDIALKYL SILANES IN THE 2-35 MICRON REGION. Gordon D. Oreshsky and Freeman F. Bentley. February 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118046. PB 131064. Order from OTS $0.75.

The difficulty in establishing the presence of a ring in organic molecules by chemical means has promoted interest in identifying cyclic structures by their infrared spectra. Saturated cyclic systems have characteristic absorption frequencies arising from the bond stretching and valence angle modes which occur in the fundamental region and the out-of-plane and torsional bending modes which occur below 20 microns. In this study the infrared spectra of a series of cyclic silanes has been correlated with their molecular structure and empirical assignments made for the absorption frequencies characteristic of the heterocyclic ring.

The infrared absorption spectra of 21 cyclopentamethylenedialky silanes has been obtained in the liquid state over the range 2-35 microns using NaCl and CsBr prisms. The series begins with cyclopentamethylenedimethylsilane and ends with cyclopentamethylenodiacyclosilane. Absorption bands at 10.93 to 11.00 microns and 20.20 to 20.85 microns in the spectra of these compounds are tentatively assigned to vibrations arising from the heterocyclic ring.

Absorption bands attributed to the alkyl-silicon linkage and the spectra of these molecules in the long wavelength region are also discussed. All the observed absorption bands are given in a table showing their position and relative intensities.

WADC TR 55-302.

ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR USE OF A 1500 CURIE COBALT-60 GAMMA-RAY SOURCE. Marvin C. Atkins, 1/Lt. April 1957.

The Materials Laboratory is using a 1500 curie cobalt-60 source to investigate the effects of gamma radiation on materials. The source is a cylinder, 1.78 in I.D. x 2.31 in. O.D. x 13.5 in. long. It is shielded by a lead container which is mounted on a table behind a concrete block wall. A rotating-beam hoist is used to change
samples. Other items of accessory equipment include specialised plugs for the container, additional sample canisters, and a cooling system.

Measurements have been made of scattered radiation from the source. A standard operating procedure for use of the source has been established. This procedure has significantly reduced the probability of personnel exposure to harmful radiation.

WADC TR 57-38.
HEAT CAPACITIES OF SYNTHETIC ENGINE OILS AND LUBRICANTS. Hyman Marcus. April 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 118225. PB 131 038.
A modified adiabatic type calorimeter, previously designed, built and calibrated (Rev. Sci. Instr 27 p 948, 1956), was used in the measurement of the heat capacities. The variation of the heat capacity as a function of temperature was determined for eleven synthetic fluids conforming to Military Specification MIL-L-7808 and the data are presented graphically.

The expressions for the heat capacity were derived from a least squares statistical analysis of the time-temperature data and an attempt was made to develop a heat capacity envelope of all the data obtained and calculate a median curve. No comparison or analysis was made of each set of individual data nor were any set of data identified with individual products measured.

To determine the number of recoil protons produced per unit area, by a neutron flux of arbitrary energy, in an infinite hydrogenslab which reaches but does not pass through an infinite detector slab located immediately behind a hydrogenslab. A general case is considered for an isotropic neutron flux incident upon the above system in which an arbitrary thickness of some proton absorbing material separates the hydrogenslab and detector slabs. A discussion of the results is given indicating how one can control the energy and the energy interval over which the system is sensitive to neutrons. A final calculation is made to determine the response of the system to a collimated neutron flux for an arbitrary orientation of the hydrogenous-detector system. This is done so that the effect of a nonisotropic flux can be determined.

Schwarakopf Microanalytical Laboratory Materials Laboratory. WADC TR 56-19 Pt I.
A calculation is made to determine the number of proton recoils produced per unit area, by a neutron flux of arbitrary energy, in an infinite hydrogenslab which reaches but does not pass through an infinite detector slab located immediately behind a hydrogenslab. A general case is considered for an isotropic neutron flux incident upon the above system in which an arbitrary thickness of some proton absorbing material separates the hydrogenslab and detector slabs. A discussion of the results is given indicating how one can control the energy and the energy interval over which the system is sensitive to neutrons. A final calculation is made to determine the response of the system to a collimated neutron flux for an arbitrary orientation of the hydrogenous-detector system. This is done so that the effect of a nonisotropic flux can be determined.

Schwarakopf Microanalytical Laboratory. WADC TR 56-19 Pt II.
Development of analytical methods to determine fluorine and silicon in organic fluoro-silicon compounds was the object of this project. A method having a precision of 1% for fluorine and 0.7% for silicon was developed. The test sample is reacted with potassium metal in a pure nickel bomb heated to 650°C for two hours. The fusion mixture is dissolved in water and after filtering, fluorine is precipitated as PbClIF and filtered. The filtrate containing silicon is used for the determination of silicon in the form of SiO2.

This method needs more testing with a variety of organic fluoro-silicon compounds.

Schwarakopf Microanalytical Laboratory. WADC TR 56-19 Pt II.
For the determination of fluorine and silicon present in organic-fluoro-silicon compounds a method has been devised wherein fluorine is determined as PbClIF and silicon as SiO2 in the filtrate from PbClIF.
A more satisfactory method was the determination of fluorine as PbCIF and the determination of silicon as oxine-silicomolybdic. It was possible to determine silicon either in the presence of fluorine after converting fluorine to fluoboric acid, or to precipitate PbCIF and determine silicon in the filtrate.

The three methods were tested with a variety of test samples. The preferred method is the determination of fluorine as PbCIF and the determination of silicon as oxine salt of silicomolybdic acid after conversion of fluoride to fluoborate. The precision of this method was found to be ±0.3% (absolute).

The presence of boron did not interfere in the determination of fluorine or of silicon carried out by the above mentioned method.

While silicon was without influence, fluorine interfered in the usual determination of boron by the boric acid mannitol titration method. Fluoride and boric acid react in acid medium forming fluoboric acid. This reaction made it impossible to eliminate carbon-dioxide completely prior to the addition of mannitol. The first neutralization endpoint was uncertain and high results for boron were the consequence.

Satisfactory results were obtained in the following manner. Fluorine is precipitated as PbCIF at pH 7, and filtered. To the filtrate sulfuric acid is added precipitating the excess lead and bringing the pH below pH 6. The aqueous solution is concentrated in a distilling apparatus. Volatile weak acids - organic and inorganic are distilled and the distillate is discarded. Methanol is added to the residue and by keeping the water content low, boric acid is converted into methylborate which is distilled, hydrolyzed by NaOH and titrated by the mannitol titration method.


This report is the third in a series concerned with the development of methods for calculating the radiation dose delivered by beta emitting isotopes. This report extends the basic equations previously developed for all beta emitting isotopes. This publication by R. Loewinger of extended electron beta isotopes has been a major factor in making the present study possible since the equations developed are empirical and depend solely upon data for their validity.

An empirical function for the dosage distribution around a point source of phosphorous - 32 presented in WADC TN 56-101 has been extended to include all other beta emitting isotopes and found to be in excellent agreement with available experimental data.


It has been proposed that high-energy electron irradiation be substituted for gamma irradiation in testing the radiation resistance of aircraft materials, components, and systems. To determine the feasibility of the proposal, the effects of electron and gamma radiation on selected organic liquids were compared. Results of this study and the experimental work reported by others indicate that there is qualitative similarity between electron and gamma radiation effects on simple compounds. Some differences in quantitative yields are observed, but these may be a result of differences in time of irradiation rather than of differences in radiation type.


A brief discussion is given of the electronic nature of solids as it applies to insulators and then polymers. The fundamental theory of nuclear radiation effects is discussed and shown to be associated with the laws of energy dissipation of these radiation particles within a material. A survey is given on the role that nuclear radiation plays in polymer kinetics. Work of various investigators on the electrical properties of irradiated polymers is reported. An analogy is drawn between conductivity in semiconductors and nuclear radiation induced conductivity in certain polymers. The instantaneous nature of this induced conductivity is emphasized. The change produced in the dielectric constant of an irradiated polymer is considered in terms of crosslinking and dipole moments. A survey is included of the available engineering data for irradiated polymers. Factors affecting radiation to the electrical properties of two tetryllymonosilanes is given.


This paper describes the results of a comparative study of analytical methods suitable for the determination of thorium and zirconium in magnesium base alloys.

In addition, this paper describes an attempted amalgamation of selected analytical methods and ion exchange techniques into a scheme for the quantitative analysis of thorium and zirconium in these alloys. Manganese and zinc, common constituents of magnesium base alloys, were carried in the experiments, but only to study their interference in the proposed scheme.

The sample is dissolved in 12N-HCl and the resulting solution is percolated through a column containing Dowex 2-X8 anion exchange resin. Magnesium and thorium pass through the column while zirconium, zinc, and manganese are absorbed. The latter elements are removed by eluting the column with water. The thorium and zirconium in the separated fractions can be determined by means of the complexometric titration methods described by J. S. Fritts.


The mass spectrometer principle of separating ionised molecules according to their mass forms the basis of one of today's most effective methods of analysing highly complex gas or liquid mixtures. Routine control analyses, purity determinations, exploratory analyses, and fundamental research investigations are all proven applications of the analytical mass spectrometer.

The scope is extremely broad as low vapor pressure materials can be analysed by using the heated sample inlet at temperatures up to 1500°C. An overall range of 1 to 700 mass units is provided for use by the operator. High sensitivity detects impurities in concentrations as low as 5 ppm. Sample size can be as little as 0.1 ml gas and less than 0.001 cc liquid. Deviation normally is within the range of 0.05 to 1.0 mol percent and usually less than might be expected from most other methods of analysis.
The instrument described in this report is the Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation (CEC) 180° Analytical Mass Spectrometer. Details regarding the scope, theory of operation, and various applications of the mass spectrometer are included.

United States Radium Corporation. WADC TR 56-623.


A description of the methods and equipment used in the preparation of tritiated foils is presented. The results of the experimental studies indicate that maximum beta emission is obtained from extremely thin layers of titanium tritide which have been prepared on the surface of sandblasted stainless steel backing foils.

Phosphor response studies have indicated that the main factors affecting the response of ZnS type phosphors to tritium beta radiation are: (a) phosphor particle size, (b) type and concentration of activator, and (c) cadmium content.

Six research models of tritium foil-activated self-luminous sources have been prepared for submission to WADC. A description of the research models is provided.


Effective development of practical nuclear power required that materials be developed to withstand its attendant nuclear radiation. For example, among the materials which must withstand radiation in a nuclear-propelled aircraft are hydraulic fluids and lubricants. A knowledge of the effects of structure on the radiation stability of organic materials is of advantage in designing and producing such radiation-resistant hydraulic fluids and lubricants. This investigation attempts to provide such background information.

A series of organic esters, hydrocarbons, and miscellaneous compounds were subjected to radiation. A quantitative measurement of the amounts and kinds of radiation products produced was made. From the observed products and their amounts, some inferences were made as to the stability of these materials and the influence that their structure had on their stability.

Radiolysis of organic liquids is influenced by structure. Molecules containing branch chain and benzyl groupings are more susceptible to radiolytic damage than are molecules containing only straight chain groupings. This greater damage may be explainable in terms of the greater inductive effects possible with the branch chain and benzyl groupings. Greater radiation stability is observed with higher molecular weight compounds. This effect may be explained in terms of the mechanisms of energy absorption and disintegration by the molecule.

Comparison of radiolytic with mass spectrometric data shows some correlation between the modes of molecular disintegration induced in the two cases. The correlation is best when conditions of radiolysis are similar to those in the mass spectograph, that is, when radiolysis occurs in an essentially low pressure condition through activated species whose half-life is short and whose diffusion and reaction constants or reaction times are long.

Both electron and gamma radiation was used.

The former received emphasis because of its speed and convenience in the test program. Comparison of the effects of the two types of radiation in six cases shows some quantitative differences in radiolytic yield. The products identified are the same, and the same structural effects are evident. The available data do not permit definite statements of equivalence between electron and gamma effects, although this is indicated.


The infrared spectrum of a molecule is one of its most unique physical properties, and perhaps for this reason a large amount of spectral data has been amassed over the last few decades. Most of the work has been limited to the fundamental region of the spectrum since characteristic group frequencies capable of giving structural information of great value and precision occur in this region, and because it has been the easiest region to study accurately and rapidly.

Many characteristic group frequencies are also observed in the long wavelength region of the spectrum which are useful in analytical and structural determinations. Furthermore, spectra obtained in this region are particularly useful in material characterization. Slight changes in structure produce considerable changes in spectra, giving a more specific "fingerprint." Investigations in the far infrared region have been limited due to instrumental difficulties such as high atmospheric absorption, low energy, stray radiation, and the lack of suitable prism materials.

A review of the work accomplished to date in the far infrared region is presented in this paper, and most of the available literature is cited. A double beam double pass spectrophotometer equipped with cesium bromide optics is described. This instrument extends the useful spectral range to 35 microns. The general features of the instrument's construction and its performance capabilities are discussed.

Conventional infrared techniques are used, and in some instances simplified in obtaining infrared spectra in the cesium bromide region. Many common solvents such as carbon disulfide, furan, benzene, and dioxane, have large "open windows" in the long wavelength region and the infrared spectra of these and other solvents are given. The advantages of far infrared spectra, and some of the special techniques of obtaining infrared spectra in the cesium bromide region, are also discussed.


Assembling and testing of apparatus for measuring heat capacities from about 500°K to room temperature has been completed, including calibration of thermocouples by comparison with a platinum resistance thermometer and with a copper one. This apparatus has been used to determine the absolute entropy of molybdenum hexafluoride vapor at 298.160°K. The result, 79.7±0.6 cal/mole·deg, agrees well with that calculated from its spectrum, 80.0 cal/mole·deg. A previously unreported solid-solid transition was found to occur at 263.6°K (-9.6°C). A solution calorimeter has also been assembled and tested. By comparison of the heat of solution in sodium hydroxide of molybdenum hexafluoride with that of the oxide, the best
Measurements of the lattice parameters of tantalum at various temperatures, including 1800°C, were in agreement with previously published values.

WADC TR 57-375.
A METHOD FOR DETERMINING NEUTRON FLUX SPECTRA FROM ACTIVATION MEASUREMENTS. Sven R. Hartmann, 1/Lt. October 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 142029. PB 131 611

A method for the determination of neutron spectra which approximates the neutron flux by a linear combination of the response functions (cross sections) of the detectors used in the spectral measurement is discussed. This linear combination is shown to approximate the neutron flux in the mean and to provide a calculated activation, for each detector, identical with that found in the experiment. Some practical cases are considered herein. A set of seven cross sections are used to approximate a fission, constant, and monoenergetic spectrum. A discussion of uncertainty propagation is given with illustrative examples for the fission and constant spectra. The integral neutron flux is also calculated and shown to be more adequately representable than the neutron flux.

WADC TR 56-297.
A MODIFIED ICE CALORIMETER. Myron W. Belaga, 1/Lt. and Robert F. Trapp, 1/Lt. October 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 110435.

The design, construction, and calibration of a Bunsen type ice calorimeter and accompanying furnace have been completed.

The calorimeter was electrically calibrated and had a calibration constant of 64.56 calories per gram of mercury change relative to an accepted value of 64.631 calories per gram of mercury as determined by the National Bureau of Standards.

The enthalpy of standard aluminum oxide (supplied by NBS) was determined over a temperature range of 1000°-1850°F and the results were compared with those of the National Bureau of Standards. The enthalpy of aluminum oxide was determined within 6% of the standard values.

WADC TN 57-114.
X-RAY DIFFRACTION STUDY OF CRYSTALLINE SILANES. W. L. Baun, 1/Lt. October 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 142066. PB 133 551

X-ray diffraction patterns for nineteen crystalline silanes are presented. These compounds are of interest because of their high thermal stability and low vapor pressure. They are particularly well suited for X-ray diffraction analysis because of their crystalline nature and the individualistic patterns obtained.

WADC TN 57-308.
CRITIQUE ON THE ANALYTICAL REPRESENTATION OF SPECIFIC HEAT DATA. Richard Pavel, I/Lt. November 1957. ASTIA Document No. AD 142095. PB 131 552

A considerable lack of agreement exists in the literature for high temperature specific heat values. Since the majority of these data have been obtained indirectly through enthalpy measurements, the problem of data treatment is added to those of the experiment. It is thought that the present uncertainties in the methods of curve fitting the enthalpy data can yield misleading trends to the resulting specific heat curves. For this reason, it appears wise to consider the final result in the light of simple specific heat theory and the accuracy and reproducibility of the original enthalpy data. The complexity of the analysis should be based upon the reliability of the enthalpy data to avoid "over-fitting." It appears that in the absence of exceptionality precise enthalpy data, a quadratic expression will
Flame velocity was measured by a modification of Rohloff's method, involving a temporary interruption of the arc and observation of the downstream propagation of the resulting disturbance by high-speed cinematography. The velocities measured thus far were 47, 78 and 150 m/sec at pressures of 1.0, 0.5 and 0.1 atmospheres, respectively. The increase of velocity with decreasing pressure is in general accordance with classical laws although the variation here appears to be less than linear, probably due to an increase in flame diameter with decreasing pressure.

Miscellaneous exploratory observations have shown that the tail flame to be markedly diamagnetic and to possess a statistical dipole distribution of positive ions and free electrons. Also observed were strong plasma oscillations in the order of 2 kc and with peak amplitudes of 20 volts; this effect suggests the possibility of measuring charge density of both signs in the flame.

Surface heat flux rates were measured at 1.0 and 0.1 atmospheres on copper bodies in thermal equilibrium. The values obtained were 4.0 and 1.0 kw/cm² respectively, but it is emphasized that further measurements are required to corroborate these figures. The appearance of the gaseous flow about blunt and conical wedges in the presence and absence of coulomb potentials showed a distinct separation zone between body and flame, the thickness depending on ambient pressure and electrical polarity. This phenomenon is believed to be associated with a magneto-hydrodynamic effect.

Finally, diffusivity measurements were made in the tail flame on OFHC copper and graphite plates. The data obtained thus far agree with literature values in order of magnitude. Closer refinements in the instrumentation and evaluation techniques appear necessary before the tail flame can be used for measurements of this type.

WADC TN 57-294

It is now generally recognized that control of the hydrogen content in zirconium is important in the manufacture, melting, fabrication and subsequent use of the metal. It is therefore highly desirable to have a simple, rapid, precise method for determination of hydrogen in zirconium. Such a method is described. It is based on the measurement of the equilibrium pressure of hydrogen over the metal in a closed system under predetermined conditions.

This report covers the analysis of thirty-five samples of zirconium hydride with temperatures ranging from 1900°C to 1000°C and collection times from 10 to 30 minutes.

WADC TN 57-335.

This report discusses the feasibility of designing a graphite-carbon dioxide ion chamber for the absolute measurement of the carbon dose rate from a pure gamma field up to $10^{12}$ erg/cm²/hr. There is insufficient data on neutron response to judge the feasibility of using the ion chamber in mixed fields with large neutron components.

WADC TN 57-207.

The ANP Advisory Committee for Nuclear Measurements and Standards was established to standardize nuclear measurements for all Air Force programs supporting the development of nuclear weapon systems. The first phase of this Committee's effort is nearly complete and is concerned with the standardization of nuclear measurements for radiation damage studies. This Technical Note presents and discusses Committee recommendations for standardizing radiation damage measurements. A minimum number of measurements were selected which can provide a consistent basis for comparison of experiments and correlation of data. A measurement of "absorbed dose" in carbon is recommended as the minimum measurement of the gamma radiation field. In addition, determination of the activation of U-238, Pu-239 (boron shielded) and sulphur is recommended as the minimum measurement for neutron radiation. Consistent units and symbols for reporting these measurements are recommended. Additional techniques will be recommended in the future.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-42.

Three compositional variations of each of nine commercial titanium alloys were prepared by a triple arc melting procedure for use as standards for spectrographic and X-ray fluorescent analysis of titanium alloys. Analysis of each triple-melted, as-cast ingot has been carried out by three laboratories.

The material was supplied to the National Bureau of Standards as 1 1/4 inch diameter, centerless-ground bar. In general, there is good agreement between analyses and nominal composition. Where there are differences, trends are similar.

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. WADC TR 57-319.

Results are reported for the thermal diffusivities of five mineral and synthetic oils as measured by an unsteady-state method at temperatures between 80°F and 430°F. Maximum measurement temperatures vary depending upon the chemical nature of the various oils.

Experimental apparatus is described and methods of data analysis discussed. A critical evaluation of the potentialities of unsteady-state methods in general and of the particular experimental procedure employed are presented. Suggestions for improvement are offered.

WADC TR 56-515.

Linear polyethylenes have recently been developed which have empirical chemical formulas identical to those of common polyethylenes, but which differ in the molecular arrangement of the polymer chain. The physical properties of two linear polyethylenes were measured before and after gamma irradiation to afford a comparison with conventional polyethylenes.
Measurements were made of the following properties as functions of total radiation dosage up to 10^9 roentgens: tensile strength, elongation, hardness, impact strength, specific gravity, water absorption, heat distortion temperature, dielectric constant, arc resistance, color, and infrared absorption. In addition, densities were determined as functions of both radiation dosage and temperature.

WADC TN 57-298 Pt. 1.

This report is a compilation of the unclassified papers given at the AMP Spectroscopy Information Meeting held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, August 6 and 7, 1957. The subjects covered in these proceedings are instrumentation for gamma and neutron spectral measurements, treatment of experimental data, characteristics of scintillation crystals, and the use of beam collimators.

Trg, Incorporated. WADC TR 57-771.

Approximations are sought for the exponential integral functions, i.e.:

\[ E_m(p) = \int_0^\infty e^{-x^m} x^{m-1} dx, \quad m > 0. \]

The function \( E_m(p) \) is set equal to

\[ e^{-p} \int_0^\infty p^{m-1} e^{-px} x^{m-1} dx \]

and suitable algebraic approximations to the function \( q_m(p) \) are then found. Consideration is given to ways of estimating the error of the approximations.

WADC TR 56-436.

This report primarily concerns the retention of fission products by soils underlying the site for the Nuclear Engineering Test Facility. The purpose of the study was to provide some data which would be of value in planning for the contingency of a reactor "run-away" and for possible seepage of contaminated water during normal operation.

Three types of experiments were conducted: (1) total capacity studies of the soils, (2) equilibrium sorption of ions by the soil in a static system, and (3) elution of ions from the soil by water. These experiments were of an exploratory nature, and although not complete, do give an indication of the soil's ability to retain various fission products. However, on the basis of the few experiments performed, it is possible to provide only qualitative information and to indicate the direction and extent of future studies.

Quantum, Incorporated. WADC TR 57-512.

The objective of the work covered by this report was the development and construction of a thermal radiometer.

This report describes the progress made to date on the design and manufacture of the components of the instrument and includes mathematical analyses of both the heat transfer and control system problems where these were necessary and feasible. It also includes a discussion of the specifications as originally outlined and revisions suggested on the basis of analytical and experimental work performed on this contract.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 57-334 Sup. 1.

The work covered in this report was done for the Wright Air Development Center under Contract No. AF 33(616)-3595 over the period from May 1, 1956 to May 1957. This report is a supplement to the Final Report: Theory, which gives an analysis of the mechanisms of scattering and absorption in highly-reflective paint coatings. This supplement is intended to serve as a guide in the formulation of reflective coatings.

The thermal sources for the energy to be reflected were specified in the contract to be 30000K and 60000K black bodies, which yield peak intensities at 1.0 micron and 0.50 micron, respectively. The modification of the energy distributions from these sources by atmospheric absorption is discussed to show how such absorption might be used to protect an aircraft.

The optical characteristics required in vehicles and pigments suitable for reflective coatings are summarized, and tentative recommendations are made. For vehicles, fluoroethylenes (Kel-F, Teflon), silicones, and chloroacrylonitrile copolymers are considered suitable; for pigments, rutile and colorless silicon carbide are outstanding, but boron nitride and colorless bariite titanate also have possibilities. Since titanium dioxide is readily available, its methods of manufacture are discussed in some detail to show how particle size and impurity content are controlled.

On the basis of several approximations, first-order particle size distributions required in rutile pigments for the reflection of 30000K and 60000K radiation are presented. Centrifugal sedimentation and elutriation techniques were described for the classification of pigments and the formulation of specified size distributions. The presence of considerable infrared in the radiations to be reflected requires the presence of larger particle sizes than are normally present in conventional white pigments. This is particularly true for 30000K radiation, where the median particle size should be about 0.45 micron instead of the 0.25 micron size present in commercial rutile pigments. If a coating having a median size of 0.25 micron were exposed to 30000K radiation, about half of the radiation would penetrate to the base of the coating. For 60000K radiation the penetration would be about 20%, which is still seriously large.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 57-334.

This is the final report on Contract AF 33(616)-3595 ARF Project C 097, for Wright Air Development Center.
A first approximation to an optimum size distribution though refractive indices of vehicles and vehicles are considered in terms of incident radiation. The choice of any one of the analytical methods ministration which two parts, one for X- and gamma radiation and the other analysis because of serious interference from tannins which frequencies of aromatic molecules give some indication of NATED FUNGICIDAL AGENTS IN AIR FORCE MATERIEL.

cycloalkanes, alkenes, cyclopropanes, cyclobutanes, cyclopentanes, cyclohexanes, substituted benzences, naphthenes and biphenyls. The skeletal bending frequencies of the alkenes and alkanes and the nonplanar bending frequencies of cycloalkanes and aromatics are the most useful. The wavelength and intensity of the out-of-plane ring frequencies of aromatic molecules give some indication of the nature of the substituents. Typical infrared spectra of the hydrocarbons are presented.

The infrared absorption spectra of some 400 aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons have been investigated from 15 to 35 microns and the characteristic absorption frequencies incorporated into spectructure correlation charts. The classes of compounds studied were alkanes, alkenes, cyclopropanes, cyclobutanones, cyclopentanes, cyclohexanes, substituted benzences, naphthenes and biphenyls. The skeletal bending frequencies of the alkenes and alkanes and the nonplanar bending frequencies of cycloalkanes and aromatics are the most useful. The wavelength and intensity of the out-of-plane ring frequencies of aromatic molecules give some indication of the nature of the substituents. Typical infrared spectra of the hydrocarbons are presented.

WADC TN 58-105.


This report contains a bibliography of several books and articles that have been published through 1957 on photographic film dosimetry. It has been divided into two parts, one for X- and gamma radiation and the other for neutrons. Brief abstract type comments are included with each reference.

WADC TN 57-395.

DENSITY MEASUREMENTS FOR SMALL PARTICLES. Nora E. Srp. May 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 151188. PB 151003. Order from OTS $0.50.

A method is described for determining the density of small solid objects. A capillary buret is used to draw liquid from a convex meniscus at the top of a small metal cup until the meniscus breaks. The small object is then dropped into the cup and the excess liquid is drawn into the buret until the meniscus breaks again. The difference between the two levels on the buret measures the volume of the material. The weight of the material divided by the volume of the material gives the density of the object. The samples were measured at 80° F. Since standards were not obtained the accuracy was not determined. The expected deviation from the mean for a single determination is

0.07 g/cc.

WADC TN 58-46.


A discussion is given of conditions required for the extraction of the metallic ions from an organic liquid soap to an aqueous phase previous to the determination of the metallic ion concentration.

An analytical procedure for these ions, using the flame photometer, is proposed and evaluated.

WADC TN 57-413.


The infrared spectra of a series of aliphatic and aromatic bromides have been studied with the intent of establishing the carbon-bromine stretching vibration absorption band. Infrared spectra of the straight chain aliphatic series produce two strong absorption bands in the 15.5-15.7 micron and the 17.7 to 18.0 micron region due to the trans and gauche vibrations of the RCH-Br group. At least one strong absorption band, which appears to be characteristic of a C-Br stretching vibration, is present in the 15-20 micron region in all the aliphatic bromides studied.

The assignment of bands to the carbon-bromine stretching vibration in aromatic bromides is complicated by the presence of bands due to vibrations of the aromatic ring structure.


QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF FLUORINATED FUNGICIDAL AGENTS IN AIR FORCE MATERIEL. Harry V. Drushel, Doris J. Toir. AF 33 (616)-3998. ASTIA Document No. AD 155524. PB 131993. Order from OTS $2.25.

Methods for the extraction of the fungicides 1-fluoro-3-methyl-4,6-diethylbenzene and 5,5'-difuoro-2,2'-di-hydroxydiphenyl sulfide have been developed on the basis of the mechanism of interaction between the fungicide and the treated material. Numerous methods including polarography, spectrophotometry, and colorimetry have been shown to be useful for the determination of these fungicides. Leather, however, offers considerable difficulty during analysis because of serious interference from tannins which are simultaneously extracted. Steam distillation or aseptic distillation with organic solvents was not successful for separating the fungicide from tannin. Anion exchange chromatography was used to separate the fungicide but this technique suffers from the disadvantage of being time-consum ing. Some additional methods of separation and determination which have not, as yet, been examined are discussed. The choice of any one of the analytical methods described will depend upon the nature of the material which has been treated with the fungicide.

WADC TN 58-58.


This report describes a fast and efficient method of determining the radioactive particulate matter content of air. A comparison is made with the previous time consuming method to show the advantages of the new method. The method is unique for calibration since the counting system can be easily calibrated for any isotopes to be used for com-

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parison purposes. This method is definitely an advance-
ment in the state-of-the-art for air sampling techniques.

Midwest Research Institute. WADC TR 58-70.
HEAT CAPACITY DETERMINATION OF MINERAL AND
SYNTHETIC ENGINE OILS, LUBRICANTS, FUELS, AND
HYDRAULIC FLUIDS IN THE TEMPERATURE RANGE
70° to 500°F. J. W. Barger, C. C. Bolsa, T. M. Medved.
AF 33 (616)-5269, June 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD
155630. PB 1512fi. Order from OTS $1.50.
An adiabatic calorimeter for measuring heat ca-
pacities of liquids in the temperature range 70° to 500°F
was designed and constructed. Experimental technique
and methods of calculation were devised to minimise
errors. Using these calorimeters, the heat capacities of
32 mineral and synthetic engine oils, lubricants, fuels
and hydraulic fluids were measured. The heat capacities
were measured at five temperatures spanning the 70° to
500°F range. The calculated errors in the final results
were 2 to 5 percent.

WADC TN 58-142.
THE IDENTIFICATION OF CRYSTALLINE FERROCENES
BY X-RAY DIFFRACTION. William L. Baus, I/Lt
USAF. July 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 155761. PB
151310.
X-ray diffraction patterns for twenty-three solid
crystalline ferrocenes are presented. These compounds
are of interest because of their high thermal stability and
wide potential applications. They are particularly well
suited for x-ray diffraction analysis because of their
crystalline nature and the individualistic patterns obtained
from these compounds.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 58-158.
INVESTIGATION OF EFFECTS OF RADIATION APPLI-
CABLE AS GAMMA RADIATION DOSIMETERS. J. F.
Kircher, M. J. Oestmann, J. H. Cahn, P. Schall, B. W.
King, W. A. Hedden, J. Moody, G. D. Calkins. AF 33
Pb 151314. Order from OTS $2.50.
This project was initiated to survey the field of
radiation effects to determine which effects might be use-
ful for high-level gamma dosimetry. Accordingly, the
approach has been to survey the literature in broad areas
and then to initiate experimental studies in those cases
where additional information was required for evaluation
of certain systems. It was not possible, however, to
carry out experimental programs with all promising sys-
tems.

The areas investigated fall into four general cate-
gories: organic systems, inorganic oxidation-reduction
reactions, semiconductor materials and devices, and
ceramics.
Several promising organic systems are evaluated.
Polymer systems and dye solutions will serve as dosim-
eters, but probably not to the high dosages desired. Re-
duction of metal oxides by hydrogen evolution from organic
material holds promise but needs more study for proper
evaluation.

The literature on radiation effects on inorganic re-
actions was surveyed but no experimental work was under-
taken. However, some promising systems are pointed
out.

A theoretical study of gamma-ray effects in semi-
conductor materials points up the energy dependence of
this effect. It was demonstrated, however, that simple
semiconductor devices can function as very high-intensity
dose rate meters.

Several promising glass formulations were uncov-
ered. These are primarily antimonate glasses, with and
without added polyvalent metal oxides, and high-lead
glasses. These glasses show promise of being useful do-
simeters to the highest dosage of interest, 1012 ergs/g(C).

The Anderson Physical Laboratory. WADC TN 58-
134.
THE DETERMINATION OF NEAR INFRARED SPECTRA.
Scott Anderson, Raymond Isaac. AF 33(616)-5283. August
1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 155773. PB 151309. Order
from OTS $1.00.
Eight hundred and fifty (850) near infrared spectra
of various classes of organic compounds and commercial
mixtures, of interest to the Air Force Research and Devel-
opment Program, were determined between the region 0.7
and 2.8 μm with the use of a Beckman DK-Z Ratio Recording
Spectrophotometer.

Rapid sorting of spectra was provided with the use of
Wyandotte - ASTM structure and name-formula IBM cards.
A method for cooling near infrared absorption bands on the
standard Wyandotte - ASTM card was devised.

Methods of sample preparation and the use of sol-
vants is discussed.

WADC TN 58-56.
THE EVALUATION AND ADAPTATION OF THE BROMINA-
TION TECHNIQUE OF DETERMINING OXYGEN IN METALS.
Document No. AD 155821. PB 151250. Order from OTS
$1.00.
This paper contains laboratory results and discus-
sion of the problem of determining oxygen in titanium and
other metals using the technique of bromination.

The gravimetric bromination equipment was adapted
for use with the conductometric carbon dioxide determina-
tor so that the length of time of bromination could be
shortened and a lower range of oxygen could be measured
accurately.

An evaluation of the method and the recommendations
for its use is given.

TRG, Incorporated. WADC TR 58-112.
TRANSFORMATIONS OF SOLUTIONS OF DIFFUSION
EQUATIONS IN TWO-MEDIUM GEOMETRIES. Visvaldis
Mangulis. AF 33 (616)-5187. August 1958. ASTIA Docu-
ment No. AD 155771. PB 151313.
The purpose of the work performed was to find trans-
formations of solutions of diffusion equations in certain
two-medium situations for isotropic sources having simple
geometric shapes. It is expected that the results will be
applicable to some shielding problems. The transformations
were obtained for the following sources: point, disk, in-
finite plane, and solid cylinder sources interior to a semi-
infinite medium joined at an infinite plane surface to a
source free semi-infinite medium of a different material,
and spherical shell or solid sphere sources interior to a
spherical medium imbedded in an infinite medium of a dif-
ferent material.

WADC TR 58-78.
THE EFFECTS OF GAMMA IRRADIATION ON ACRYLONI-
TRILE-BUTADIENE COPOLYMERS. John A. Parker,
Freeman F. Bentley, E. A. Peterson, Denver Hals.
September 1958. ASTIA Document No. AD 155871. PB
151261. Order from OTS $2.50.
Changes in the chemical and physical properties
produced by the irradiation of a series of acrylonitrile-
butadiene copolymers varying in composition from 20 to
50% acrylonitrile with gamma photons from the cobalt-60

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source at Wright Air Development Center have been measured and correlated with the nature of the copolymer, initial type of cure (sulfur, peroxide, or radiation), and the total integrated dose. This dose has been converted to the energy equivalent in graphite units now being recommended for standardized dosage terminology.

The efficiencies of these cross-linking processes induced by radiation have been estimated from the molecular weights between cross-links, $M$, determined by swelling volume measurements by a procedure similar to that used for natural rubber by Charlesby. This molecular weight varies with the radiation dose according to the general relationship:

$$ M = \frac{m}{1 + \frac{r}{r_i}} $$

Where $r^*$ is the actual radiation dose incurred by the sample and $r_i$ is an amount of radiation equivalent to the initial number of cross-links in the system. The slope varies with the particular copolymer.

The efficiencies of cross-linking determined in this way are a more realistic measure of the relative stabilities of these copolymers than a comparison of the complex physical properties. Nevertheless, reasonable agreement exists between cross-linking densities determined by swelling volume and those determined by modulus measurements. The very regular behavior of the change in cross-linking density as a function of the total amount of energy deposited in terms of equivalent in graphite suggests the use of such polymers in dosimeter applications. These relationships enable one to predict the energy equivalent per gram of graphite for compositions cured either sulfur or peroxides.

The qualitative changes in the chemical structure associated with the radiation induced cross-linking have been characterized by infrared spectra. By using the incremental change in modulus it is possible to apply the empirical equation proposed by Sisman and Bopp relating the change in Young’s modulus to total dose. Specific constants for these equations have been calculated for this series of elastomers by means of which one may predict the useful life of mechanical rubber goods compounded from them in a radiation field of known intensity.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 56-222


Equipment has been designed, constructed, and calibrated for the measurement of total normal emissivity in the range -300°F to +300°F. The procedure consists in comparing the total normal radiation of a sample to that of a comparison blackbody, the ratio of the signals being taken as the emissivity. A thermistor detector is used in conjunction with a folded optical system to record the radiation which is chopped at 16 cps.

The normal spectral emissivity values are obtained by an optical pyrometer method which makes use of the relationship between the true temperature of a sample to its apparent brightness temperature. A Leeds and Northrup disappearing filament pyrometer is used to make the necessary measurements.

An integrating sphere reflectometer is used to measure spectral reflectivity in the wavelength range, 0.3 to 3.0 microns. A General Electric Recording Spectrophotometer is used for the visible range and an apparatus of our own design for the ultraviolet and infrared. The latter employs a Perkin-Elmer monochromator, a comparison type integrating sphere, and a lead sulfide cell detector. Spectral reflectivity data are combined with solar spectral energy data to determine solar absorptivity at sea level and above the earth’s atmosphere.
spatial configurations, allowing resonance effects to exist, may permit absorbed energy to be inappropriately reduced to levels which are below that required to rupture the molecular structure.

The presence of different functional groups on aromatic ring systems markedly influence the mode of radiolytic scission. These differences are reflected in either gas yield, polymer yield, or both.

The data do not permit complete and unequivocal definition of either the mode of radiolytic decomposition or the delineation of the structure of all products detected.

Mechanisms for product formation are suggested in cases where the data are sufficiently coherent and complete to permit rational systemization.

WADC TR 58-198 Sup 1.


The infrared absorption spectra of some 400 aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons have been investigated from 15 to 35 microns and the characteristic absorption frequencies incorporated into spectra-structure correlation charts. The classes of compounds studied were alkanes, alkenes, cyclopropanes, cyclohexanes, substituted benzenes, naphthalenes and biphenyls. The skeletal bending frequencies of the alkanes and alkenes and the non-planar bending frequencies of the aromatic hydrocarbons are the most useful for qualitative analysis in this region. The wavelength and intensity of the out-of-plane ring frequencies of aromatic molecules give some indication of the nature of the substituents. Typical infrared spectra of the hydrocarbons are presented.

WADC TN 58-146.


A comparison of the suspected initial species formed in the radiation interaction primary act with the characteristics of subsequent chemical reactions affords the possibility to follow the roles of ionization, excitation, dissociation, and other initial processes in a radiation chemistry reaction and, in this way, explain its mechanism. Such comparisons are carried out in this report, and a summary of data is given pertaining to simple radiation chemistry reactions of hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, nitrogen, and a few of their most simple compounds.

Stanford Research Institute. WADC TR 58-683.


Practical nuclear power applications require organic materials which offer optimum resistance to the undesirable effects of radiation. Hydralic and lubricating fluids in nuclear power auxiliary equipment are cases in point. Some of these may of necessity be located in a high flux density radiation field.

This study of several representatives of different types of organic structure was an attempt to provide background information which may suggest methods of judicious choice for the efficient design of radiation-resistant equipment.

The following compounds were subjected to high energy electron or gamma bombardment: aromatic amines, aromatic nitro compounds, alkyl aromatic ethers, alkyl aromatic hydrocarbons, and aliphatic esters. In addition, alkyl aromatic compounds and aliphatic esters were subjected to high energy neutron bombardment.

The data do not permit either complete and unequivocal definition of the mode of radiolytic decomposition, or complete delineation of the structures of all products detected. Conclusions were drawn concerning (1) the relative stability of compounds, and (2) the influence upon stability of the location and nature of functional groups. The conclusions derived from the thirty-month study are listed below.

1. Higher molecular weight compounds in general, and condensed aromatic ring systems in particular, are the most resistant to radiation. Aliphatic or heterocyclic linkages between aromatic ring systems are sites of primary radiolytic scission.

2. The extent of formation of species of higher molecular weight than the parent material is directly dependent upon the fate of the initial products of the scission of each radiolytically labile linkage. The primary products may either (1) hydrogenate and revert to stable form, (2) attack parent material if energetic enough, or (3) condense with each other, producing products comparable to the parent in molecular weight.

3. Compounds not possessing the ability to assume certain spatial configurations, cannot utilize otherwise available resonance energy dissipation processes. Such processes would permit absorbed energy to be reduced to levels below that required to rupture the molecular structure.

4. The presence of different functional groups on aromatic ring systems markedly influences the mode of radiolytic scission. These differences are reflected in either gas yield, polymer yield, or both.

5. There is no linear relationship between the amount of methylene insulation between two aromatic systems and differences in radiolytic stability.

6. Unsymmetrical phenyl loading of a short alkyl chain does not alter the degree of radiolytic stability.

7. Alkyl unsaturation introduced between two aromatic systems facilitates hydrogen transfer to the target but does not reduce the total radiolytic instability of the system.

8. There is no essential difference in the yield or the nature of radiolytic products when alkyl aromatic hydrocarbons and aliphatic esters are irradiated with gamma rays, electrons, or neutrons.

9. An oxygen-rich atmosphere did not effectively scavange energy, and thus inhibit radiolysis damage during electron bombardment of either alkyl aromatic hydrocarbons or aliphatic esters.

10. Branching of aliphatic chains induces radiolytic instability in either esters or hydrocarbons.
mercury as well as necessary cells were constructed. This high sensitivity has been attained by using a metal foil as sensing element and determining its displacement by measuring the change in capacitance between the foil and a fixed test electrode. The necessary control of temperature gradients to 0.0001°C was accomplished and preliminary calibration and investigation on sucrose solutions.

University of Michigan. WADC TR 58-405.

An all-metal concentric cylinder type of thermal conductivity cell was designed, fabricated, and calibrated to measure the thermal conductivity of forty natural and synthetic base lubricating fluids.

Thermal conductivity values in the temperature range from 70 to 500°F are reported for fluids considered stable to the higher temperatures. The maximum temperatures for other fluids were limited by their instabilities under test conditions. Since each fluid has individual characteristics, no correlation of conductivity values appears possible. Values are considered precise and for possible correlation can be compared to those of a fluid chosen as a "standard reference".

WADC TR 59-119.

The Removal Dose of any material is the net energy per unit mass that a liminally small mass of the material transfers from the incident photon flux to the kinetic energy of the associated flux of charged particles. Removal Dose is compared to both Absorbed Dose and Exposure Dose (roentgen) in terms of cross sections and spectra. Its relation to radiation effects is compared to the similar relation of Absorbed Dose.

WADC TN 59-79.
INVESTIGATION OF A NEW DYE-GLASS GAMMA RADIATION DOSIMETER. Denver Hale. May 1959. ASTIA Document No. AD 214763. PB 151964. Order from OTS $0.50.

This report was an investigation of the effects of gamma radiation on a unique organic dye - porous glass system. Effect of gamma ray dosage on the optical absorbancy of Methylene Blue, Fluorescein, Rhodamine B, Fast Red S, and Brilliant Green dyes absorbed in Cornth "thirsty glass" are presented. Data appear to be analytical and to follow Beer's law, thereby allowing one to relate optical absorbancy with radiation dosage.

These experiments were of an exploratory nature, and although not complete, do indicate that this absorption of dyes in a porous glass matrix merits additional study for possible use as dosimeters in the range of 104 or higher erg gm⁻¹ carbon gamma dosage.

WADC TN 58-368.
THE QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF 5, ETHYL-10, 10-DIPHENYLPHENAZASILINE IN AROMATIC BASE STOCK FLUID PRIOR TO PERFORMANCE TESTING. Lt James T. Thompson. May 1959.

A quantitative ultra-violet method, based on Beer's Law, has been developed for determining the quantity of an antioxidant additive (5-ethyl-10, 10-diphenyl-phenazasiline) when blended with an aromatic base stock fluid. The method is applicable prior to performance testing for lubricity.

WADC TN 58-361.

A rapid method separating iron and aluminum has been developed, with the aluminum being determined gravimetrically. It is applicable to analyzing for aluminum in ferrous metals in the absence of nickel.

The separation of iron and aluminum is accomplished via the sodium hydroxide method and the aluminum is precipitated with 8-hydroxyquinoline.

Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp. WADC TR 59-107.

There are three areas in which mass spectrometry may be expected to contribute importantly to science and technology within the foreseeable future. They are (1) identification and estimation of minor components and trace impurities in solids; (2) structural studies of high-molecular weight materials; (3) identification and estimation of unknown materials by precise measurement of molecular weight. No mass spectrometer useful in all three of these fields has yet been built; however, the requirements on the instrumentation for these fields have sufficient similarity to encourage the belief that a single high-performance mass resolving system, together with a limited number of ion source and ion detector modules, might be adaptable to any of these fields. This discussion is a report of the progress made during the first phase of a three-phase program of research and development on such a system.

Anderson Physical Laboratory. WADC TR 59-344.

Near infrared spectra of organic compounds of interest to the Air Force Research and Development Program were determined between the region 0.7 to 3.5 μm on a Beckman DK-2 Ratio Recording Spectrophotometer. Modification of the instrument's recording, to accommodate a chart which presents spectra at a single scale expansion of 1x, is discussed.

Rapid sorting of spectra was provided with the use of Wynandot-ASTM structure and name-formula IBM cards.

Ledoux & Co. WADC TR 59-325.

While individual elements in association with beryllium can be determined by conventional chemical methods, ion exchange procedures are extremely useful when beryllium is combined with a number of alloying constituents.

Methods are described in this report involving both cation and anion exchange resins which allow the determination of all elements in successive steps using one sample portion. The elements covered in the range of 0.1 to 10% are copper, aluminum, iron, nickel, cobalt, cerium, etc.
NAPHTHYLAMINE AND 5-ETHYL-10,10-DIPHENYL-... on theoretical and experimental grounds. For plasma jets, the polycrystalline triazine derivatives. Methods of minimizing maintenance problems.

Absorption bands at 6.4, 6.65 and 6.9 microns have been assigned to vibrations arising from the triazine ring system, with the 6.65 micron band being the most prominent. X-ray powder diffraction data are presented for fifteen of the polycrystalline triazine derivatives. Methods of minimizing preferred orientation in these compounds and analysis of mixtures and impure compounds are discussed. The data presented permit rapid identification regardless of the complexity of the substitution.

A quantitative ultra-violet method has been developed for determining the quantity of two antioxidant additives (n-phenyl-alpha-napthylamine and 5-ethyl-10,10-diphenyl-phenazasiline) when blended with an aliphatic triester base stock fluid. The method has been applied to engine tested samples. Only a relative value of unity is known. The synthetic methods are described for a series used. The device is capable of measuring number average molecular weights up to 2000 at solution concentrations of 0.1% (gms/100cc). In order to extend the range of the instrument to molecular weights of 20,000, it is necessary to work with at least 1% solutions. At these concentrations, the instrument is accurate to approximately 95%. A glass valve assembly and metal-coated Mylar sensing foils have been developed for use with the instrument. These facilitate the manipulations when making measurements and minimize maintenance problems.

The infrared spectra of molecules illustrating each of these three types of minima are reported and discussed briefly for cyclopentane, cyclohexane, cycloheptane, cyclooctane, oxycyclopentane (tetrahydrofuran) and 1,4-dioxy-cyclohexane (dioxane). Isolated low frequencies are given for thiaclobutane, disilacyclobutane and dimethylacetylene. New values of the thermodynamic functions for hydrasine are listed, and values from the literature are included for diborane and cyclobutane.

The differential vapor pressure molecular weight instrument developed previously was subjected to use and further evaluated with regard to sensitivity, reproducibility, and accuracy. In addition to this, a number of materials having molecular weight in the range 300 to 20,000 were used. The infrared spectra (50 - 600 cm⁻¹) are reported and of the temperature rise at a point along the direction of the line and may be only a relative value. The infrared spectra in the region 50 - 300 cm⁻¹ are reviewed. All molecules were studied in the vapor phase and both rotational and vibrational spectra were obtained. Pure rotational spectra of nitrogen dioxide, ozone, and sulfur dioxide are mentioned briefly. The value of the infrared spectra for study of low vibrational frequencies is discussed. It is pointed out that molecules with several potential minima usually have low frequencies and that observation of these frequencies can be useful in determination of the heights of barriers separating minima. Three origins of multiple minima are discussed: ordered rotation, inversion and quasi-linearity. Far infrared spectra of molecules illustrating each of these three types are described. Data are presented for methylamine, hydrazine, trimethylene oxide and disiloxane.
heat flow. It is unique in that it confines thermometric sensing to a single point which, when located at one face of the test specimen, renders the method 'non-destructive'. With appropriate recording apparatus, measurements can be made on thin samples and on materials that preclude internal instrumentation.

The feasibility of the technique has been demonstrated on aluminum, Armco iron, copper, yttrium and on a plastic laminate, covering a diffusivity range from $7 \times 10^{-4}$ to $1.0 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec.}$ and temperatures between 25 and 950°C.

University of Dayton. WADD TR 60-55.


X-ray diffraction and related methods which are concerned with the analysis of the microstructure of matter are restricted in their possible variety of application by the relatively small radiation density emitted from ordinary X-ray tubes. Intensities about a million times higher than used now would be necessary to conduct high speed diffraction analyses for dynamic problems, and to produce static problems, and to produce in static problems diffraction and related pictures from very small areas or volumes of matter. The highly intense X-ray flash probably can be developed into such a source. By successive studies, the radiation and energy properties of X-ray flashes are investigated, other literature about this field is collected, and the feasibility of the project, to produce diffractograms with X-ray flashes, is demonstrated. The first X-ray Laue diffraction picture from a crystal (NaCl) obtained in an irradiation time of less than one microsecond and another one exposed within about 4 microseconds are shown at the end of this report; they demonstrate the feasibility of the methods as proposed by the author in March 1959. Many new ideas and information were gathered for still necessary wide improvements in the future.


The principles governing emission, transmission, reflection and absorption of radiant energy are briefly reviewed; definitions of pertinent terms as used in the text are given; and mathematical relationships between properties and quantities that are involved in the project are presented.

A double-beam, ratio-recording spectrometer was modified so that it would compare radiant flux in beams emitted by a blackbody furnace and by a specimen at the same temperature, and record automatically a curve of normal spectral emittance of the specimen versus wavelength. The equipment employs a lead sulfide detector. Spectral reflectivity and transmission data on non-conducting materials such as refractories and glasses. Several samples are heated simultaneously in a tubular, wire wound furnace and presented successively in the field of view of a thermistor detector. The assembly is fastened to a turntable, and moved around the furnace to expose the specimen at different angles with respect to the furnace walls. The equipment and methods are described and data are presented for a list of materials. Low temperature measurements were made with equipment described in Parts I and II.

Normal spectral emissivity is the ratio of normal radiation emitted by a material to that emitted by an ideal blackbody at the same temperature. Parts I and II of this report described equipment and techniques employed for obtaining total normal emissivities of conducting materials, such as metals, at elevated temperatures. Part II describes equipment and techniques developed to make similar measurements on non-conducting materials such as refractories and glasses. Several samples are heated simultaneously in a tubular, wire wound furnace and presented successively in the field of view of a thermistor detector. The assembly is fastened to a turntable, and moved around the furnace to expose the specimen at different angles with respect to the furnace walls. The equipment and methods are described and data are presented for a list of materials. Low temperature measurements were made with equipment described in Parts I and II.

An integrating sphere reflectometer was used to measure spectral reflectivity and transmission in the spectral range, 0.3 to 3.0 microns. This employs a Perkin-Elmer monochromator, a comparison integrating sphere, and a lead sulfide detector. Spectral reflectivity and transmission data are combined with solar spectral energy data to determine solar absorptivity at sea level and above the earth's atmosphere. Results are presented for a list of materials.

Perkin-Elmer Corporation. WADD TR 59-763.


The design and construction of a Double Beam
Recording Wide Range Infrared Spectrophotometer to automatically cover the range from 2.5 approximately 50 microns through four ranges is discussed. Experiments with gratings showed that to cover this range, gratings blazed at 6 microns through 30 microns, both used in the first and second orders were required. By selecting the beginning and end points of the regions as all exact integral multiples of one another, one wave number cam is used to drive the gratings thus assuring simple and accurate abscissa presentation. In order to separate the overlapping orders of the gratings, three prisms are used, NaCl, KBr, and CsI, with the prism monochromator double passed, since the dispersion from the prism must be large when wide slits are used to gain high signal-to-noise ratios. Because slit widths can become as great as 20 mm, an attenuator using two blades which may be tilted, similar to the action of a venetian blind, is used. A Golay cell was chosen as the detector since a large target was necessary to receive the energy from the wide slits.

Polycrystalline Institute of Brooklyn. WADC TN 59-210.


This report presents the results of an experimental investigation of the downstream influence of localized mass transfer in the stagnation region of a blunt body under hypersonic flow conditions. The coolant is injected through a porous plug coaxial with the center line of symmetry of the model. The tests were carried out in a Mach 6 wind tunnel with stagnation temperatures of approximately 1600°R and with a stagnation pressure of approximately 600 psia. Four different gases were injected over a range of mass flows. The heat transfer on the impermeable section was measured under isothermal wall conditions; for the higher rates of mass flow, adiabatic surface temperatures were also determined. The theoretical analysis of the boundary layer flow is investigated in order to establish the similarity parameters for the flow system. These parameters permit the extrapolation of the test results to other flow conditions provided laminar flow prevails. Helium is found to be the most efficacious coolant.

*Photochemistry Lab., GRD, AFCRL, Bedford, Mass.


The objective of this task is the determination of the composition of the upper atmosphere as a function of position and time. This includes the quantitative analysis of the molecular, atomic, and ionic constituents of the upper atmosphere, their relative concentrations as well as absolute densities. Direct composition measurements are made by suitable instrumentation in balloons, sounding rockets, and orbiting vehicles. The principal instruments to be used are: (1) Time-of-flight mass spectrometer. This instrument, with suitable modifications, will be used on all three types of vehicles: balloons, sounding rockets and orbiting vehicles; (2) The Paul-type mass spectrometer. This instrument is in the research and development stage but promises to be much superior to the time-of-flight instrument; and (3) Desorption spec-

* Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.

* Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

ANALYTICAL APPLICATIONS OF FLAME SPECTROSCOPY, W. D. Cooke. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-484; AFSORS, DCS.

This research is concerned with the development of new methods of excitation of atomic and molecular spectra and the application of such procedures to analytical problems. The procedures proposed will avoid some of the problems in flame chemistry, such as flame fluorescence spectroscopy, impact excitation, and others.

*Chemistry Research Lab., ARL, Dayton, Ohio.

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY OF SPECIAL ALLOYING METALS, R. W. Mohier. Project 7364(802), Internal.

This work emphasizes theoretical and experimental investigations of the properties of new chelated compounds of the metals: titanium, zirconium, hafnium, vanadium, niobium, tantalum, molybdenum and tungsten. It further determines the applicability of the properties of these new compounds for use in the development of a superior procedure for the analytical determination of each of these metals in the presence of eight of them.

*Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo, Ohio.

ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR DETERMINATION OF VARIOUS CHEMICAL COMPONENTS IN REFRACTORY SYSTEMS, F. Close. Project 7022(802), Contract AF 33(616)-7431; ARL, MCB.

Various chemical analytical methods shall be investigated and/or developed for the following: (a) the amount of free magnesium oxide (MgO) in a heterogeneous mixture of ZrO₂ - MgO and the amount of MgO in solid solution in the ZrO₂ phase. The oxides, calcium oxide (CaO) and cerium oxide (CeO₂), will also be considered; (b) the amount of free metal (Ti, Zr, or Cr) in a heterogeneous mixture of ZrO₂ - (Ti, Zr, or Cr) and the amount of Ti, Zr, or Cr in solid solution in the ZrO₂ phase are to be determined. This phase of work will not be started until the ZrO₂ - MgO analyses have progressed satisfactorily; (c) chemical analysis of silicon-boron and boron-oxygen compounds; and (d) determination of the silicon and boron content of borosilicate phases in the presence of silicon and silicon-borides. Accuracy to three significant figures is desired for the various analyses.

*Huffman Microanalytical Labs., Wheatridge, Colo.

ANALYTICAL RESEARCH DATA FOR DETERMINING EVALUATION AND INTERPRETATION OF MOLECULAR STRUCTURES, E. W. D. Huffman. Project 7023(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6742; ARL, CRB.

This contract calls for the performance of quantitative chemical microanalyses and physical measurements on chemical compounds to be supplied by the Chemistry Research Branch, Aeronautical Research Laboratory, Wright Air Development Division. When standard analytical methods do not provide results which are within the limits of accuracy and precision of standard chemical practices, research shall be done to devise new methods to bring the results within such limits.
Contract

ATOMIC PHENOMENA OCCURRING ON AND NEAR THE SURFACE OF SOLIDS. B. M. Siegel. Project 9761(802), Contract AF 33(616)-5612; ARL, CRB.

Research is being performed on the application of the ion-exchange method for the separation of the metals occurring in special-property alloys. The contractor will present a complete procedure for the quantitative separation of the metals occurring in special-property alloys. To date the following mixtures of metals have been quantitatively resolved: (1) iron, manganese; (2) iron, chromium; (3) iron, titanium; (4) iron, cobalt, nickel; (5) iron, cobalt, aluminum; (6) cobalt, nickel, aluminum; (7) iron, cobalt, nickel, aluminum.

*Washington Univ., St. Louis Mo.
APPLICATION OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE TO SOLID STATE PHYSICS. R. E. Norberg. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-808; AFSOR, DSS.

This research will make use of nuclear magnetic resonance and electron spin resonance measurements to learn more about the properties of solids. Four experimental programs are planned: (1) Premelting phenomena will be studied in sodium and if possible in other metals by observation of resonance line width behavior. (2) Spin resonance of conduction electrons in metals will be studied in such metals as the alkaline and beryllium which have been highly purified and then in some of their alloys. The data in this area are important in determining the extent and nature of electron interactions in metals. (3) The coupling between electron and nuclear spins will be studied in such "dilute" metals as sodium dissolved in liquid ammonia. (4) The electron-nuclear spin coupling and nuclear-nuclear coupling through electrons will be studied by measurement of pulsed nuclear magnetic resonance in spinning solids.

*Colorado Univ., Boulder.
ATMOSPHERIC COMPOSITION. W. A. Rense. Project 6687(770), Contract AF 19(604)-5533; GRD, PL.

The objective is to continue studies and experimental investigation of the fundamental properties of reactivity and transmission of radiation by thin films in the vacuum ultra-violet region of the spectrum, lying between 200 and 2000 Angstroms.

*Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.
ATOMIC BEAM MAGNETIC RESONANCE AND QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS. V. W. Hughes. Project 9767(803), Contract AF 49(638)-545; AFSOR, DSS.

The purpose of this project is to study the electronic and nuclear properties of metastable and excited states of simple atoms and meson complexes by atomic beam resonance methods. Also studied are the formation and decay of short-lived excited complexes such as positronium and muonium. This work will give cross-section variations between ground and excited states of light- and medium-weight elements and molecules important to fuel energetics, particle decay processes and abnormal cross-sections of excited complexes.

*Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N. Y.
ATOMIC PHENOMENA OCCURRING ON AND NEAR THE SURFACE OF SOLIDS. B. M. Siegel. Project 9761(802), Contract AF 18(600)-674; AFSOR, DSS.

Our present knowledge of the structure of surfaces of solids, and of the initial reactions of a surface with corroding elements, is fragmentary and, in many instances, contradictory. This work is undertaken in the belief that basic progress awaits studies with "clean" surfaces under conditions of ultra-high vacuum (less than 10^-9 mm. Hg) and using high-resolution electron diffraction. Thin films of Cu, Ni, Fe, W and alloys will be studied and compared to single crystal of the same materials. The information obtained from the high surface to volume ratio thin films will finally be correlated to the bulk surface properties of the single crystals by electron microscopy using pre-shadowed carbon replicas.

*Arkansas Univ., Fayetteville.
ATOMIC SPECTROSCOPIC INVESTIGATION OF NUCLEAR PROPERTIES. R. H. Hughes. Project 9767(803), Contract AF 49(638)-547; AFSOR, DCS.

High-stability spectrographic equipment will be constructed for the measurement of weak spectral lines of stable isotopes of light- and medium-weight atoms. Isotopic shifts in even-even and even-odd neutron-proton isotope neighbors will be analysed for particle effects, spectral shifts, and binding energy shifts. This will permit formulation of stability criteria and excitation levels of elements important as primary radiation and as high temperature alloy materials.

*Wisconsin Univ., Madison.
CHARGE TRANSFER COMPLEXES. M. Kusower. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-282; AFSOR, DCS.

The research involves a study of the charge-transfer spectra of complexes of simple halides with transition metal ions. The findings should provide accurate information on the exchange contribution to molecular binding energy.

*Stanford Univ., Calif.
CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE. R. A. Oggi. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-286; AFSOR, DCS.

The research will apply techniques of high resolution nuclear magnetic resonance to obtain information about molecular structure of chemical substances and of the changes these undergo during reaction. This approach should permit detection and study of short-lived reaction intermediates. Prime emphasis will be given to inorganic compounds of nitrogen and boron.

*Arizona Univ., Tucson.
COMPLEXING AGENTS (CHELATING AGENTS) FOR THE METALS NIOBIUM AND TANTALUM. H. Freiser. Project 7364(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6415; ARL, CRB.

Studies will be performed on the preparation and properties, especially the stability, of complexes of niobium III, with the aim of finding one or more such complexes having stability under laboratory working conditions. The study will extend to the application of separation techniques with the ultimate goal of separating niobium and tantalum one from another in a quantitative degree. Very little is known about the properties of niobium in the valence state of three except in high-temperature metal oxide studies. Niobium (III) exists in aqueous solution and is very reactive, being readily oxidized even by air to the pentavalent state. Meager knowledge of niobium (III) shows it
to have much different properties in aqueous solution than niobium (V) the latter being very similar to tantalum (V). Metallic complexes with organic and inorganic agents have great advantage in analytical chemistry because the resultant complex reacts different with other reagents. A systematic study of the reaction of the better known complexing agent with niobium (III) will be made, prior consideration being given to those agents which have been found to stabilize the lower valence states of one or two other metals.

*Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind.
COORDINATION KINETIC CHROMATOGRAPHY, D. W. Margerum. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-60; AFOSR, DCS.

The object of this project is the investigation of pre-concentrating techniques in order to lower the limits of detectability of trace impurities in a silicon carbide matrix. The method makes use of electro-kinetic phenomena in order to separate and concentrate an impurity in solution and subsequent emission spectrography for qualitative and quantitative determination. This project will add to the knowledge of silicon carbide chemistry, and throw light on the nature of the chemical imperfections in currently available silicon carbide.

*Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Bayside, N. Y.
DEVELOPING A METHOD OF ANALYZING CONCENTRATIONS OF IMPURITIES IN SILICON CARBIDE, G. Morrison. Project 5620(802), Contract AF 19(604)-4944; ERD, EML.

The feasibility of using coordination kinetics as a general tool for separation and analysis of metal ions will be determined, along with a study of the coordination reaction rates and the variables affecting them. This research might lead to a method for analysis, separation and purification of metals.

*Columbia Univ., New York.
ELECTRON SPIN RESONANCE IN GASES, G. K. Fraenkel. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-520; AFOSR, DCS.

This research is concerned with four applications of the technique of electron spin resonance: (1) relaxation phenomena of free radicals; (2) paramagnetic resonance of gases; (3) double resonance experiments; and (4) studies of complex ions. The spin resonance technique is extremely sensitive and is useful in detecting, identifying and studying free radicals.

*Texas A. and M. Research Foundation, College Station.
ELECTRONIC SPECTRA OF SIMPLE MOLECULES IN VACUUM ULTRAVIOLET, J. B. Coon. Project 9751 (801), Contract AF 49(638)-816; AFOSR, DCS.

This work will consist of the study of the absorption spectra of selected polyatomic molecules such H$_2$O, D$_2$O, H$_2$S, NO$_2$, H$_2$CO and C$_2$H$_4$ in the region from 1000 to 2000 Angstroms. These data will be correlated with current theories of molecular structure and calculations concerning the anharmonicities and shapes of the potential functions will be carried out.

*Arkansas Univ., Fayetteville.
EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW METHOD FOR MEASURING SURFACE ROUGHNESS ON A...

*Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
The following studies will be made to ascertain the effects of high pressure upon electronic absorption spectra: (1) determination of U.V. absorption frequencies of large molecules in vapor state, from experimental determinations in liquid state, at high pressure; (2) characterization of electronic transitions, from pressure dependent frequency shifts; (3) determination of oscillator strength; (4) investigation of the nature of intermolecular forces; and (5) examination of the connection between statistical and collision theories.

National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

HIGH RESOLUTION FLAME STUDIES, E. K. Plyler. Project 8603(804), Contract C50A 60-530; GRD, TRL.

The goal of this research is high resolution precision spectroscopy of combustion flames in emission and absorption. The near infrared (1-5 microns) is the region of interest in the electromagnetic spectrum. Studies of the effects of pressure-broadening of absorption lines of H2O at 3.15 microns continue to be made. A precision wavelength calibration standard system is being established for use in the infrared region from 2-38 microns with high resolution spectra.

Mellon Inst. of Industrial Research, Pittsburgh, Pa.

HIGH RESOLUTION INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY OF SOLIDS, R. M. Hexter. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-542; AFOSR, DCS.

The infrared spectra of pure and mixed crystals of simple molecules such as methane, silane, germane, water, ammonia and the methyl halides are being investigated for the purpose of exploring motions of these molecules where situated in the close proximity dictated by the crystal arrangement characteristic of the solid state. Rotation of water and ammonia molecules dissolved in solid inert gases has been demonstrated conclusively. The infrared spectra of these solids yield important information of the forces acting between molecules and on the effects of these forces on molecule oscillations.

Liège Univ. (Belgium).

HIGH RESOLUTION INFRARED STUDIES, M. V. Migeotte. Project 8603(804), Contract AF 61(514)-962; GRD, TRL.

This contract supports three separate subgroups of the University of Liège. One group is working at Arrosa, Switzerland, on infrared problems associated with atmospheric ozone; another small group is working at the University of Liège on high resolution infrared problems; and the main group works at the Jungfraujoch Scientific Station in Switzerland. At the Joch, studies are underway on the IR spectra of sunspots, on interferometry in the near and far infrared, and on high resolution solar spectrum studies.

*Thermal Radiation Lab., GRD, AFCLR, Bedford, Mass.

HIGH RESOLUTION MOLECULAR STUDIES, J. S. Garing. Project 8603(804), Internal.

Many improvements have been incorporated into the high resolution double-beam grating spectrophotometer of the Geophysics Research Directorate, including the addition of a wavelength calibration system. The instrument is used to study molecular absorption bands in the 3 to 20 micron spectral region. Molecular spectra of the oxides of nitrogen, N2O and NO of CS2, which is very similar to CO2, and the 9 micron bands of ozone have been obtained. Future studies will include other molecules of atmospheric interest.

*Battelle Memorial Inst., Columbus, Ohio.

INFRARED ABSORPTION SPECTRA OF SELECTED AROMATIC COMPOUNDS, R. Jacobson. Project 7364(802), Contract AF 33(616)-7162; WADD, MC.

This research program is designed to gain the maximum information about the sensitivity of long wavelength infrared absorption for characterization of substances on aromatic rings, and for elucidation of structural differences existing between the solid and liquid states of aromatic compounds. Complete vibrational assignments have been made so far for phenol, p-xylene, p-cresol and hydroquinone.

*Weizmann Inst. of Science. (Israel).

INFRARED DISPERSION OF GASES, J. H. Jaffe. Project 8603(804), Contract AF 6(052)-57; GRD, TRL.

This project is concerned with the infrared dispersion of gases in the neighborhood of infrared absorption bands. Apparatus has been designed and constructed which records dispersion curves automatically, instead of on a point-to-point basis. The data is being interpreted to obtain values for the intensity and half widths of spectral lines. Primary interest is focused in the lithium fluoride region of approximately 1 to 7 microns. Studies have been made on gases with widely spaced lines such as HCl. As suitable techniques are developed the emphasis will shift to the atmospheric gases such as CO2, H2O, N2O, and CH4.

*Pittsburgh Univ., Pa.

INFRARED LINE WIDTHS, W. M. Benesch. Project 8603(804), Contract AF 19(604)-6138; GRD, TRL.

This effort is directed toward a better understanding of the line width of individual rotational absorption lines as a function of the vibration-rotational state of the molecule. Toward this end, a vacuum spectrograph is being finished which has an unusual hydraulically operated grating wavelength drive system and also makes use of a Michelson-type interferometer to measure the angle of rotation of the grating. The study of line widths includes the use of very broadening gases. Also program of observation line widths of molecules in electrodeless discharges has been started.

*Akron Univ., Ohio.

INFRARED SPECTRAL LINE INTENSITIES, H. M. Hanson. Project 8603(804), Contract AF 19(604)-6126; GRD, TRL.

The goal of this research is a theoretical and experimental study of the intensities of infrared spectral lines in vibration-rotation bands of atmospheric molecules.

*Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn, N. Y.

INFRARED SPECTRAL STUDY OF INTRAMOLECULAR AND INTERMOLECULAR FORCES, R. P. Bruman. Project 7364(802), Contract AF 33(616)-6778; WADD, MC.

Intermolecular interactions and the results of these on infrared vibrational spectra are being investigated. The work is being conducted along two lines; weak interactions, such as those between tetrahedral molecules in the liquid phase, are being examined and strong interactions, such as hydrogen bonding are receiving attention. In the spectrum of CF3 in CCl4 solution there appears to be some splitting of the normally degenerate vibrations of this tetrahedral molecule. This may be due to the appearance of hot

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bands and a further investigation of the vapor spectrum at low temperatures is being carried out. Hydrogen bonding is being studied through the use of dihydroxyanthraquinones. Since the bonding groups are fixed in space, the positions which can be determined from knowledge of bond angles and lengths, these molecules are well suited to a study of this type. Attempts are being made to purify 2,6 dihydroxyanthraquinone (anthraflavic acid). It is expected that this work will not only aid in the interpretation of infrared spectra but will help explain certain physical properties (viscosity and vapor pressure) of materials.

INFRARED VIBRATION-ROTATION BAND MEASUREMENTS, B. Schurin. Project 8603(804), Internal.
The high resolution double-beam double-pass grating spectrophotometer of the Geophysics Research Directorate will be used as the basic instrument for measurements of atmospheric molecular band intensities. Auxiliary apparatus is under design and construction to facilitate the use of the spectrophotometer for such measurements. These data are used to obtain radiation transfer properties of atmospheric molecules, such as the oxides of nitrogen.

*Electronic Tech. Lab., WADD, Dayton, Ohio.
INTERACTION OF ENERGY LEVELS IN LIQUIDS, L. Politzer. Project 4150(803), Internal.
A microwave spectrometer for investigation of the dielectric properties of liquids is being constructed. It is intended to be a broadband unit. When completed it will be used to investigate absorption and transmission of microwave energy in non-polar solvents with various solutes.

*Texas Univ., Austin.
INSTRUMENTATION FOR PLANETOLOGY, W. H. Hartwig. Project 7698(770), Contract AF 19(604)-5717; GRD, RIL.
Theoretical and experimental studies will be directed toward determining the potential of the photodiode and photomagneto-electric effects for infrared sensors.

*New Mexico Coll. of A. and M. A., State College.
INSTRUMENTATION FOR PLANETOLOGY, B. A. Smith. Project 7698(770), Contract AF 19(604)-5553; GRD, RIL.
The objective is to determine possible methods of improving resolution of astronomical photographs, to construct a prototype in image aberration compensation device and to test these methods.

*Paris Univ. (France).
IONIC THINNING OF SPECIMENS FOR ELECTRON MICROSCOPY, R. Castaing. Project 7022(802), Contract AF 61(052)-338; WADD, MC.
This work will consist of an extensive study of the "ionic thinning" of metallic or non-metallic specimens. The main purpose of the work shall be to understand the true process involved in "ionic thinning" so that an optimum surface condition can be obtained for use with transmission electron microscopy.

*Picker X-Ray Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.
LOW ENERGY X-RAYS, E. White. Project 7364(802), Contract AF 33(616)-7177; WADD, MC.
Basic research on methods of studying X-ray spectra in the 15 to 50 Angstroms region is sought. Techniques and equipment developed will be applied to the study of L spectra shifts and fine structure for such metals as iron, manganese, and titanium, and K spectra of such elements as nitrogen, oxygen and carbon.

*New York Univ., N. Y.
LOW-FREQUENCY ABSORPTION SPECTRA, Y. Beers. Project 9768(803), Contract AF 49(638)-359; AFOSR, DPS.
The purpose of this investigation is to extend the studies of absorption of vapors and gases to the low microwave and ultra-high frequency regions and to develop instruments and techniques for using this radiation as a tool in studying the properties of gases, liquids and vapors. The rotational transition, the doubling transitions, the pure quadrupole transitions and the inversion spectra of heavy ammonia will be studied. The transitions will be checked as to their possibilities as frequency standards. The principal objective of this research is the study of molecular spectra at frequencies below 6,000 megacycles, actually down to about 300 mc. This involves techniques of high resolution spectroscopy. One improvement introduced by Professor Beers is the use of a parametric amplifier which is believed to be the first such use in spectroscopy. In addition to the work on gases, research on nuclear resonance in solids has been initiated.

*Sheffield Univ., (Gt. Brit.).
LOW LEVEL EXCITATION AND ENERGY TRANSFER, G. Porter. Project 6694(750), Contract AF 61(052)-32; GRD, PL.
Studies are being performed on the radiationless transitions in molecules where the triplet state is known to occur. The effect of additions such as paramagnetic ions is being investigated. The kinetics of triplet conversion is being investigated by flash photolysis and photoelectric spectroscopy.

*Georgia Inst. of Tech., Atlanta.
MASS SPECTROGRAPHIC STUDY OF ION-MOLECULE REACTIONS, E. McDaniel. Project 9767(803), Contract AF 18(600)-1524; AFOSR, DPS.
This research deals with ion identification in gaseous electronics experiments involving complex initial ionization processes which are not well understood. Following ionisation, the drifting ion may change its identity in a number of ways such as charge transfer, chemical reaction, clustering through attachment of molecules to the ions, dissociation, and interaction with metallic surfaces. The problem of identification following such changes requires investigation. Present work covers precise mass spectrographic studies of ion-molecule reactions under thermal equilibrium conditions. Research of this nature had not been performed previously as far as is known. Theoretical interpretation of the experimental results is being undertaken. In addition, studies are being initiated on the transport properties of a fully ionised gas.

*Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park.
MEASUREMENT OF BORON AND OTHER IMPURITIES IN SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS BY MASS SPECTROMETRY, L. Herzog. Project 5620(802), Contract AF 19(604)-5538;

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The purpose of this research is to develop instrumenta-
ment and experimental techniques for studying the
effects of extreme temperatures and damaging radiation
on the microwave spectra and magnetic resonance of
matter. Some of the materials to be considered are

hormones, vitamins, proteins and other biological sub-
stances; flames, crystals, liquids (possible fuels), gases
and free radicals. The production and measurement of
sub-millimeter waves will also be studied and the super-
conductivity and dielectric dispersion of substances at these
wave-lengths will be measured.

*Washington Univ., St. Louis, Mo.
MOLECULAR ELECTRONIC STATES, W. T. Simpson.
Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-677; AFOSR, DCS.

By means of absorption spectrography, polarised
emission, absolute intensity measurements, and reflection
measurements, the experimental work on electronic spec-
tra of molecules and molecular crystals is being performed.
Correlative quantum mechanical calculations will be car-
rried out to enhance the theoretical understanding of
the electronic processes through the comparison between theory
and experiment. This research will test the validity of
quantum mechanical predictions of the behavior of mole-
cules containing light atoms, such as beryllium.

*Mic1higan Univ., Ann Arbor.
MULTIPLE-BEAM INFRARED INTERFEROMETRY, C. W.
Peters. Project 8603(804), Contract AF 19(604)-2071;
GRD, TRI.
A Fabry-Perot (multiple-beam) type interferometer has
been built for the near infrared. The ultimate goal is
to obtain sensitivity at very low levels of luminosity in the
1.5 micron region. Studies have also been continued on
the production of electric field-induced rotation-vibration
absorption in homonuclear diatomic molecules, such as
H₂ and D₂, and in the direct observation of the derivative
of infrared spectra.

*Illinois Univ., Urbana.
NEW SPECTROCHEMICAL METHODS, H. V. Malmstadt.
Project 9763(802), Contract AF 18(603)-137; AFOSR, DCS.

This research involves the development of new
emission and absorption spectrochemical methods, tech-
niques and applications, such as molten state excitation
technique of emission spectrochemical analysis, and ab-
sorption and phosphorescent spectra under high pressure.
Some of these analytical techniques have already been ap-
plicated to the determination of trace metals in oils and minor
constituents in titanium-sponge and alloys.

*Florida State Univ., Tallahassee.
NMR STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE AND REACTIVITY OF
MOLECULES, R. A. Krombouk, E. Gruwald. Project
9760(802). Contract AF 49(638)-378; AFOSR, DCS.
The program involves a comprehensive study of the
NMR spectra of amines and acid salts. Specifically,
rates and mechanisms of protolysis (i.e., hydrogen trans-
fer) involving N-H bonds, rates of complex formation of
amines with metal ions and with electron acceptor acids
and the complexing of amines or ammonium ions with other
molecules will be studied.

*Photochemistry Lab., ORD, AFCSL, Bedford, Mass.
NON-OPTICAL SPECTROMETRY, H. E. Hinteregger.
Project 6688(770), Internal.
The object of this work is the detection and analysis
of extreme ultraviolet and x-ray flures for cases that are

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not conducive to measurements with monochromators (i.e., optical dispersion). Monochromators, at least those for the wavelength range under consideration here, are probably useful only for the measurement of radiations from a point-like source at which the instrument must be kept aimed with a suitable "pointing control." Partially or fully non-optical techniques of extreme ultraviolet and x-ray measurements do not require a pointing control and they can be applied to radiation detection with large aperture and over a wide range of angles of incidence. Therefore, the use of existing techniques of this type and the development of improved or new ones fill an important experimental gap in exploring and surveying the aero-space or radiation environment.

*Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N. J.

The investigation will be concerned with such problems as: (a) dynamic polarization of nuclear spins at low temperatures and the attainment of extremely low temperatures; (b) a study of the Overhauser effect in liquids; (c) nuclear magnetic resonance studies of the solid, liquid, and gaseous states of monatomic systems; (d) use of nuclear magnetic resonance techniques in fundamental studies of self diffusion and liquid structure of water; (e) the application of steady-state free precession techniques to the measurement of nuclear spin relaxation times and self diffusion coefficients; (f) the use of intense rf pulses to eliminate the effect of the inhomogeneity of magnetic fields on response width in nuclear magnetic resonance; development of a high Q filter.

*Texas A and M Research Foundation, College Station.
NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE STUDIES OF BINARY SOLUTIONS, M. Eisner. Project P 9751(801), Contract AF 18(600)-1300; AFOSR, DPS.

This project concerns the use of nuclear magnetic resonance to study the interactions of two liquids on the microscopic level. This is aimed at a better understanding of the liquid state. The main point is that one is observing the reaction of a microscopic magnet to an applied magnetic field. The microscopic magnet, however, is also immersed in the magnetic field of the surrounding nearest neighbor magnetic dipoles and the rotations or diffuse collisions are affected by this field.

*Liege Univ. (Belgium).
NUCLEAR QUADRUPOLE RESONANCE IN SOLIDS, J. Duchesne. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 61(052)-167; AFOSR, DCS.

This is a study of the nature of chemical bonds and of the interaction of high energy radiation with matter by using nuclear quadrupole resonance techniques on selected organic and inorganic halogen compounds.

*Stanford Univ., Calif.
PARAMAGNETIC RESONANCE, G. Pake. Project 9751 (801), Contract AF 18(600)-131; AFOSR, DPS.

The objective of this research is to develop methods of measuring electronic and nuclear spin lattice relaxation times at extremely low temperature and to analyze these data in terms of the exchange interactions, nuclei electron interaction and dipolar interactions between pairs of electrons and pairs of nuclei. These methods will be tested by applying them to studies of free radicals. More careful studies of the Overhauser effect as a possible means of achieving nuclear alignment at low temperature will be carried out.

*Kansas Univ., Lawrence.
PHOTOMETRIC TITRATION OF ORGANIC GROUPS, C. A. Reynolds. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-472; AFOSR, DCS.

This project deals with the adaptation of the photometric titration technique to the analysis of several organic functional groups, thereby improving the speed and accuracy of this type of analysis. The general method of attack will be the same regardless of the specific titration reaction employed.

*Columbia Univ., New York.
PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF GASES AT HIGH TEMPERATURES, P. Kusch. Project 9767(803), Contract AF 49(638)-557; AFOSR, DPS.

High-temperature, high-resolution atomic and molecular beam sources and spectrometers have been constructed for the investigation of the physics and chemistry of gases and of simple molecules having appreciable vapor pressures only at elevated temperatures. Studies will also be made of single crystal evaporation processes and the formation of metastable states from an initial |Q state. This work is expected to provide new dissociation data and improved theoretical models of phase equilibria, internal interactions and population balances in metastable states.

*Minnesota Univ., Minneapolis.
POLAROGRAPHY AND AMPEROMETRY IN NON-AQUEOUS SOLVENTS, I. M. Kolthoff. Project 9763(802), Contract AF 49(638)-519; AFOSR, DCS.

This is a systematic study of the polarography and amperometric behavior of inorganic constituents in non-aqueous solvents with emphasis on analytical applications. Procedures may be developed for the polarographic and amperometric determination of these ions, like magnesium and the rare earths, which cannot be determined in aqueous media.

*Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, Md.
POST-DISCHARGE AFTER-GLOW SPECTROSCOPY, D. E. Kerr. Project 9767(803), Contract AF 18(600)-363; AFOSR, DPS.

Studies are being carried out on the ionisation and related mechanisms leading to the formation of the stationary state in gaseous discharges, and of the deionisation processes in the post-discharge after-glow. New equipment for improved time-resolved spectra of after-glow phenomena have been constructed. Time-resolved atomic line spectra and molecular band structure of light gases are investigated to relate electron density, ambipolar diffusion, and pressure effects to desorption or relaxation processes. Improved theories of relaxation from excited states with radiative transfer are expected from this research.

*Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research Fiscal Year 1960.
This program involves research in the far infrared (initially 400 to 1000 μ) on the structure and spectral line shape of molecules of atmospheric interest. Particular attention is being placed on the measurement of line widths in the pure rotational spectrum of water vapor as a function of the water vapor pressure and without pressure broadening by foreign gases.

This research will try to determine the effects of neighboring atoms and molecules on the resonance characteristics of a paramagnetic molecule. These data will be collected from similar crystals by studying the proton-proton separation. The crystalline hydrates will be studied first. The various possible origins for shifts will be separately analyzed.

Research is being performed in applying the reagent, pyridylazonaphthol, to the spectrophotometric determination of the metals niobium and tantalum and those metals with which they are always associated. The results to date are: (1) conditions have been determined whereby the pyridylazonaphthol reacts with each of the eight metals; titanium, zirconium, hafnium, vanadium, niobium, tantalum, molybdenum and tungsten; (2) a colorimetric method has been developed for the determination of vanadium in the presence of iron; and (3) usable methods, for the determination of each of the metals zirconium and hafnium, and for the determination in their mixtures, have been developed.

This investigation is directed toward research into methods for the measurement of the gas temperatures of air in the range 4000K to 8000K at pressures of 0.01 to 10 atmospheres as might be produced in hypersonic flight induced boundary layers and in the tail flames of air stabilized plasma jets. Several methods including microwave radiometer noise measurements as applied to stellar temperatures, microwave absorption measurements and plasma probe measurements suggest themselves as possible methods for quickly measuring the gas temperature of high temperature air. It is therefore the objective of this program to carefully review the literature and determine the feasibility of various possible methods and to develop at least one of the selected methods into a laboratory tool suitable for measurement of the gas temperatures and apply it to the measurement of gas temperatures in an electrically driven plasma jet or a shock tube.

An apparatus for generating radiant energy in the soft x-ray and far ultra-violet region (10 to 1000 Å) has been developed. It is planned to exploit this wave-length region by performing experiments in vacuo in five areas, namely: (1) fluorescent soft x-ray solid state spectroscopy. A study of emission and absorption spectra at very low temperatures using fluorescent radiation techniques may help to check the theory of superconductivity in the solid state; (2) soft x-ray spectroscopy will be extended to elements not yet investigated, e.g., gallium. This may add to the knowledge of the electron band structure of the elements; (3) absorption curves of the optimum thickness can be made with different orientations. This would offer valuable information about the crystalline zone structure and its geometrical dependence; (4) soft x-ray spectroscopy of organic crystals by the fluorescent radiation technique will avoid destruction of the crystal by direct electron bombardment and may contribute to knowledge of problems of energy exchange; (5) the spectroscopy of multiple-ionized gases with the sliding spark method may contribute to the solution of problems concerned with thermonuclear energy.
SPECTROSCOPIC STUDIES. R. S. Mulliken. Project 6688 (770), Contract AF 19(604)-6662; GRD, PL.
This research relates to molecular structure and high resolution spectroscopy of atmospheric gases.

Pennsylvania State University, University Park.
SPECTROSCOPIC INSTRUMENTATION, T. K. McCubbin. Project 8602(804), Contract AF 19(604)-5458; GRD, TRL.
This research covers techniques of achieving high resolution (0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> or less) beyond 4 microns in the infrared by means of multiple-beam interferometric methods. A high resolution prism grating instrument has been assembled and will be used to investigate interferometric and multichannel methods of improving the luminosity of IR spectrometric instruments.

Colorado University, Boulder.
SPECTROSCOPIC STUDIES, W. A. Rense. Project 6688(770), Contract AF 19(604)-7215; GRD, PL.
This research is directed toward the study of various features of the ultra-violet portion of the solar spectrum such as emission line shapes and intensities and the extent and nature of any existing continua.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
SPECTROSCOPIC STUDIES, J. D. Strong. Project 6688 (770), Contract AF 19(604)-6139; GRD, PL.
The objective is to perform research concerning developing the art of making extreme ultraviolet gratings.

Thermal Radiation Lab., GRD, AFCRL, Bedford, Mass.
SPECTROSCOPY OF HIGH TEMPERATURE GASES, G. W. Wares. Project 8647(806), Internal.
Gases at high temperatures, simulating astrophysical sources and the luminous shock waves of hypersonic missiles and vehicles, will be studied in the laboratory to measure their fundamental optical properties, particularly their absolute f-values. The latter are essential to the interpretation of astrophysical and shock wave spectra to determine the physical conditions of these high temperature sources from optical observations at a distance. The shifts and profiles of spectral lines will also be studied for the same purpose since they are directly controlled by the temperature, pressure, density, turbulent motion, and magnetic fields prevailing in these sources. The high temperatures required will be obtained in the laboratory principally by the shock tube technique which provides known and controlled high temperatures without insulation and with a minimum of contamination, at the expense of short time duration. This last requires high time resolution spectroscopy and associated electronics and wide-aperture optics. These short time durations in the shock tube have the advantage of providing time resolution of high temperature chemical kinetics of ionization, dissociation and recombination and of the relaxation times for various types of equilibrium.

Advanced Studies Office, RADC, Rome, N. Y.
SPIN COUPLING INVESTIGATION, C. D. Mollenhauer. Project 8503(803), Internal.
Three permanent magnets have been modified to provide homogeneous fields. The 5-inch magnet has a gap of 1-1/2 inches and a field strength of 39000 oersteds with a homogeneity of .05 oe. over a 1cm<sup>3</sup> volume. The two smaller magnets have adjustable gaps and three sets of interchangeable pole caps providing a range of fields from 1400 to 3500 oe. with a maximum homogeneity of .02 oe. with a 1/2 inch gap. An improved Pound-Watkins NMR spectrometer was used to measure relaxation times of proton spins in a water solution of ferric ion. A theoretical analysis of the transient wiggles was completed and the theoretical results were related to the experimental results in order to obtain the above estimates of field homogeneity. Future efforts will involve studies of enhanced nuclear polarization in liquids obtained through the inverse Overhauser Effect.

Stanford University, California.
STRUCTURE OF LIQUIDS. C. Pings. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-469; AFOSR, DCS.
This is an investigation by x-ray and neutron diffraction of the structure of liquids. It is planned to determine the radial distribution function as a function of thermodynamic state, giving special emphasis to detailed studies near the regions of the critical state and phase boundaries. Combination of the x-ray and neutron diffraction data is to be used to determine the interaction between unlike molecules in condensed mixtures. This is part of a program aimed at achieving a generally applicable theory of the liquid state, such as those now in use in the solid and gaseous states.

California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.
STRUCTURE OF LIQUIDS, C. J. Pings. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-800; AFOSR, DCS.
This is an investigation of the structure of liquids by means of x-ray and neutron diffraction. New apparatus advances enable these techniques to be used to determine the radial distribution function as a function of pressure and temperature, near the critical state and at phase boundaries. First liquid metals, then other substances, will be studied. Interactions between unlike molecules in liquids will be determined.

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
STRUCTURE OF LIQUIDS BY X-RAY DIFFRACTION, H. Ritter. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 18(600)-485; AFOSR, DCS.
The objective of this research is to investigate structures of selected liquids by means of their x-ray diffraction patterns. The proposed liquids include: fused salts, iodine solutions in donor and non-donor solvents, mixtures of cis and trans isomers and amalgams. This research represents an area of fundamental importance in the development of the theory of fluids.

Birmingham University (Gt. Brit).
STRUCTURE OF MOLECULES BY MICROWAVE SPECTROSCOPY, J. Sheridan. Project 9767(803) Contract AF 61 (052)-241; AFOSR, DCS.
The study of microwave spectroscopy has helped in determining the configuration of many molecules. The present work will be concerned with very short wavelengths in the millimeter range and the results used to analyze molecules as to their internuclear distance, nuclear quadrupole and molecular dipole moments, and
thermodynamic properties. Some of the secondary benefi-
cies from this work will be the possible establishment of
frequency standards and the development of new methods
of generating and detecting millimeter wavelengths which
may be useful in the field of radar.

*Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.
STUDIES OF THE SURFACE OF SOLIDS WITH THE
MASS SPECTROMETER AND FIELD EMISSION MICRO-
SCOPE, R. C. Bradley. Project 976(802), Contract AF
49(638)-748; AFOSR, DSS.

This research includes (1) an experimental study of
the secondary ion emission from single crystal copper
and molybdenum surfaces; (2) a theoretical study of the
whole problem of secondary ion emission in an effort to
arrive at a better understanding of what is involved in
the process; (3) a study of sputtering and ion reflection; (4) A
study of the kinetics of the formation and removal of the
oxides and carbides; and (5) an investigation of the sur-
faces of some binary alloys to determine how the com-
position is modified by temperature, ion bombardment, and
environment.

*Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
THEORETICAL INTERPRETATION OF INFRARED SPECT-
RA, W. S. Benedict. Project 8603(804), Contract AF
19(604)-6130; ORD, TRL.

The goal of this research is to interpret theoretical-
ly various aspects of the infrared spectra of simple
molecules, particularly those of importance in the atmos-
pheres of the earth and planets. The studies will include
analysis of high resolution spectra in terms of energy
levels and of intensities of lines and bands. The analysis
and interpretation of the spectra of NH3 and its isotopic
modifications has been carried out in great detail. A tab-
ulation of all the water vapor lines in the pure rotation
band has been prepared, giving the position, intensity,
and width of each observable line as a function of tempera-
ture in the range of atmospheric interest 200-320C. The
effects on the intensities caused by mutual interactions of
the vibrations are being investigated. Attention has also
been directed to various problems involved in relating the
intensities and widths of the individual lines to the low-
resolution transmission of water vapor.

*Mechanics Research Branch, ARL, Dayton,
Ohio.
TUNED TORSIONAL VISCOSIMETER, K. A. Erfurth.
Project 7063(806), Internal.

A review of the literature on viscosimetry dis-
closed that there are four general types of viscosimeters,
namely: (1) Capillary Tube; (2) Stokes Law Equilibrium
Type; (3) Rotating Cylinder; (4) Oscillating Disc. None
of these instruments is capable of measuring the viscos-
ity of a fluid under conditions of steady state oscillation.
The proposed Tuned Torsional Viscosimeter is a null-
reading instrument that should be able to measure the ef-
fect of environmental disturbances, such as acoustical,
thermal, and radiational inputs. It should also be capable
of disclosing the presence of nonlinear viscous forces,
thereby adding to the basic knowledge of behavior of
damping fluids.

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TWO-BEAM IR INTERFEROMETRY, J. G. N. Brath-
waite. Project 8603(804), Contract AF 19(604)-2284; GRD,
TRL.

A two-beam Michelson type interferometer has been
used for spectral investigations in the PbS region (1 to 2.7
microns), and the design of a new longer wavelength inter-
ferometer has been completed and its fabrication started.
The data is obtained in the form of a two-beam interfer-
ogram function whose cosine Fourier transform yields the
desired spectral information. The major effort has been
concentrated on developing proper numerical procedures
for converting interferograms to spectra.

*Photochemistry Lab., GRD, AFCRL, Bedford,
Mass.
UPPER ATMOSPHERE RESEARCH, H. Pond. Project
6690(770), Internal.

The measurement of density, pressure, and tem-
perture of the upper atmosphere involves the aerody-
namics of high speed vehicles travelling through a rarefield at-
mosphere. A study and critical evaluation of the drag
coefficient, the thermal, and drag coefficient in the transition
region between hydrodynamic and free molecular flow. In
addition, the relations between the ambient conditions and
those measured with gauges and other instruments in rockets
and satellites will be critically examined.

*Centre National de la Rcherche Scientifique.
(Paris).
VACUUM ULTRA-VIOLET SPECTROGRAPHIC INVESTI-
GATION OF GASEOUS IMPURITIES IN METALS, B. Vodar.
Project 7364(802), Contract AF 64(952)-77; ARL, CRB.

Research is being performed on applying the new
technique of vacuum ultraviolet spectroscopy to the deter-
mination of the gaseous impurities, oxygen, nitrogen, and
hydrogen, which occur in metals to the detriment of their
usefulness as structural material. In the spectrographic
analysis of materials, the arc or spark volatilisation of the
sample excites the electrons of the atoms which emit radia-
tions of definite frequencies characteristic of the atomic
number of the atom. The non-metallic elements emit radi-
ations of higher energy, which are found in the far ultra-
 violet. Radiation of this high energy, (less than 1800 Å wave
length) is absorbed by the air in the spectrograph before it
reaches the recorder. The vacuum spectrograph alleviates
this absorption, permitting recording qualitative and quan-
titative data. This research aims to catalog the character-
istic U-V frequencies of oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen
and to establish relations between the gases and inten-
sity of radiation. The work on oxygen has been
completed, and is underway on the other two gases.

*Columbia University, New York.
VALENCE THEORY AND NUCLEAR RESONANCE, J. Ver-
dieck. R. Bersonh. Project 9753(801), Contract AFOSR
Grant 60-26; AFOSR, DFS.

An interpretation of the quadrupole resonance effects
and their perturbations in single crystals of polyhalide salts
such as KCl125 will be studied. Specific investigations
will be conducted on ertic hindrance effects on quadrupole
coupling constants and the orientation of the nuclei of gas
molecules through optical pumping techniques. A general theoretical study of the molecular orbitals of polyhalide ions will also be attempted.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. VAPORIZATION PROCESSES AT HIGH TEMPERATURE, R. F. Porter. Project 9768(802), Contract AF 18(603)-1; AFSOR, DCS.

A time-of-flight mass spectrometer will be used as a tool for studying high mass temperature vaporization processes of several oxides, nitrides, and carbides. From the data gathered, determination is to be made of the thermodynamic quantities for individual molecular species in vapors.

Texas A and M Research Foundation, College Station. VIBRATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ELECTRONIC SPECTRA OF MOLECULES, J. B. Coon. Project 9751 (801), Contract AF 49(638)-993; AFSOR, DCS.

This project deals with experimental and theoretical studies on the electronic states and electronic transitions of simple polyatomic molecules. The characteristics of interest are the oscillator strengths, polarizability and symmetry. The experimental work will be done by means of ultraviolet, and visible spectroscopy. The results of the analysis of these spectra will be used to verify the theoretical work. Of special interest will be the cases of double minimum potentials and the improvement of application of the Franck-Condon principle. The results of this type of work are useful in the field of photochemistry, reaction mechanisms, collision cross-section and high temperature thermodynamics.

Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. VIBRATIONAL AND VIBRATION-ROTATIONAL SPECTROSCOPY, D. F. Eggere. Project 9760(802), Contract AF 49(638)-797; AFSOR, DCS.

This is a study of vibrations and rotations of small molecules and calculation of atomic motions, forces and energies, by means of infrared absorption spectra, using new measurements made possible by high resolution techniques, partial isotopic substitution and very low temperatures.


X-ray work utilizing a Weissenberg Geiger Counter Diffractometer was directed towards refinements to obtain improved accuracy of line intensities. A computer program was developed for determination of oxygen parameters in garnets from the measured intensities. The x-ray facilities were expanded to include the x-ray fluorescent analysis method. The signal to noise level was appreciably improved in the existing apparatus.

Bell & Howell Research Center. WADD TR 60-415, ELECTROANALYTICAL METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF CARBON AND HYDROGEN IN ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, Herbert S. Haber, Kenneth W. Gardiner.

AF 33(516)-6676. September 1960. PB 171409. Order from OTS $0.75.

This report contains the results of research investigations completed for Contract AF 33(516)-6676 during the period from June 15, 1959 to May 14, 1960. Research efforts were directed toward the development of a rapid electroanalytical method for the determination of carbon and hydrogen in non-metallic organic compounds containing carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. The method utilizes a novel combustion technique and is applicable to the solid, liquid or gaseous state of aggregation. The method at the present time is specific for carbon and hydrogen only in the presence of oxygen, but future work is planned to extend the applicability to compounds containing halides, sulfur, nitrogen, etc. The time required for analysis of a sample is approximately 10 minutes including the weighing of the sample. A suitable-packaged prototype instrument designed to accomplish these ends will be available for delivery to WADD at the termination of this contract.


The results of a fundamental study of the infrared spectra of substituted aromatic hydrocarbons from 2 to 35 microns are discussed. The purpose of this work has been to explore the possibility of correlating the absorption frequencies of substituted benzene with physical properties of the molecules or of their substituents. Since the far infrared spectra (15 to 35 microns) exhibits a greater sensitivity to changes in the substituents bonded to the aromatic ring than the rocksalt spectra (2 to 15 microns), the correlation studies have been limited to the long wavelength region. The materials apparatus and techniques used in this study are discussed in Appendix I. The far infrared spectra of 94 substituted benzenes are given.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADD TR 60-204, INVESTIGATION OF THE INFRARED ABSORPTION OF SELECTED AROMATIC COMPOUNDS IN THE REGION OF 2 TO 35 MICRONS. R. J. Jacobsen. Project 9751(802), Internal.

Far infrared absorption spectra have been obtained for the assigned frequencies that are shown in Progress Report No. 1 and possibly a correlation with Platt's spectrophotometric moments.

Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.

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Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. TR 52-51

FOAMED METAL LOW DENSITY CORE MATERIAL FOR SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION. J. Bjorksten, J.C. Elliott, and R. J. Roth. AF 33(-38)-21838. June 1952

PB 131419 Order from OTS $0.75.

Metallic low density foams were produced from magnesium-aluminum alloys using either titanium or zirconium hydride as the foaming agent.

The most effective procedure consisted of the prior preparation of a mixture of the hydride and the magnesium-aluminum eutectic alloy as the foaming agent. Incorporation of the melted foaming agent into the molten alloy to be foamed at a temperature slightly above its melting point produces a mixture, which on solidification is a satisfactory metallic foam.

By this procedure, a foam with a density of 15 pounds per cubic foot was obtained from the 95% Al-5% Mg alloy. This foam had a nominal cell size of about 1/16 inch. The cell size was quite uniform. More than 80% of the cells were 1/16" or less. 2% zirconium hydride was used to produce this foam.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 52-184.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH BY FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY ON SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRCRAFT. Donald G. Coleman. AF 33(038)-51-4326E. October 1953.

Developments in the program of research in sandwich aircraft construction conducted by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory are summarized. The approach has been in general to derive design criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Sixty-six technical reports issued during the several years this project has been under way are abstracted.

Goodyear Aircraft Corporation. TR 53-72.


Control surfaces, such as tabs and ailerons, and helicopter rotor blades and hollow propellers are most efficient as light weight structures made with relatively thin skin construction. However, this procedure results in design difficulties in order to avoid oil canning and fatigue and vibration failures, which cannot always be eliminated. These problems, it was thought, could be solved by filling the cavities of these parts and structures with a low density core material bonded to the faces or skins to produce a light weight, strong, rigid surface as in sandwich construction. An investigation of a foamed-in-place alkyd-isocyanate resin system as a possible means to accomplish this task is described. Significant features discussed are the treatment of the aluminum skins along with the application of various coatings to achieve improved metal to foam bond. It is concluded that the sulfuric acid-sodium dichromate treatment of the metal produces the most effective cleaning of aluminum for coating preparation. The application of Epon VI as a coating for the aluminum improves the physical strength of the sandwich and minimizes the "cleavage plane" effect in the foam adjacent to the skin-core bond.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. TR 52-51, Part 2.

FOAMED METAL LOW DENSITY CORE MATERIAL FOR SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION. Johan Bjorksten, John C. Elliott and Robert J. Roth. AF 33(038)-21838 S (52-126) September 1953. PB 131468 Order from OTS $0.75.

Progress on the development of an extrusion process for the preparation of metallic low density foams from magnesium-aluminum alloys is described. Difficulties were encountered in a number of process variables and further work is required to develop a successful process.

Inasmuch as this work is being continued, any conclusions must be regarded as tentative and subject to modification based on additional investigation.

Forest Products Laboratory. TR 52-184, Suppl. 1.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH BY FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY ON SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRCRAFT. Donald G. Coleman. AF 33(038)-51-4326E. December 1953.

Developments in the program of research in sandwich aircraft construction conducted by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1953 are summarized. The approach has been in general to derive design criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Five technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Dow Corning Corporation. TR 53-146.

DEVELOPMENT OF A HEAT-RESISTANT FOAMED-IN-PLACE LOW-DENSITY SILICONE RESIN CORE MATERIAL. Kenneth R. Hoffman and Donald E. Weyer. AF 33(600)-6320. December 1953. PB 111555. Order from OTS. $3.25.

Methods for producing low density silicone resin core material have been developed. The foams are unicellular and have excellent heat stability along with low moisture absorption and good electrical properties.

The resins, at 100% solids, were expanded by the thermal dissociation of a blowing agent blended with the resin. None of the materials used in foaming was toxic.

Numerous silicone resins were evaluated and the revised specifications of the contract were met by using Resin XR-544. The expanded resin gave a large variety of physical properties. Controlled density ranged from 8 to 24 pounds per cubic foot and compressive strength varied from 90 to 850 psi at room temperature. Compressive strength at 500 F after 1/2 hour exposure, was from 20 to 240 psi. Thermal life of the foams was over 300 hours at 500 and 600 F with no appreciable weight loss or change of appearance. Specifically, a foam with a 17 lb./cu.ft. density had a room temperature compressive strength of 425 psi. After 1/2 and 200 hours at 500 F its compressive strength was 125 psi and 115 psi respectively. Several of the foams were exposed to 700 F for 10 hours without qualitative change. They were non-flammable and very resistant to a direct flame.

The resins were also foamed-in-place between glass fabric base silicone resin laminated skins. Although comparatively little work has been completed on this phase of foaming, it appeared that the core was fairly uniform and bonded to the faces.
Golladay Aeronautical Laboratory. TR 53-327.
DEVELOPMENT OF PLASTIC EXPANDED PELLET-TYPE CORE MATERIAL FOR SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION.
Arthur Derr Golladay. AF 33(600)-19090. December 1953. ASTIA Document No. AD 24746. PB 125144. Order from L.C. Mi. $ 3.00 Ph. $ 6.30.

Preliminary work has been conducted on expanded plastic pellet-type, low density core materials for fabricating sandwich construction. Expanded plastic pellets of a wide range of sizes have been developed and produced on a laboratory basis by methods closely identical with mass production techniques.

This program has been concerned with the development of core materials making use of commercially available resins, not with the development of basic materials. However, some resin investigation has been necessary, but only enough necessary to produce pellets and core compositions suitable for demonstration of the pellet type core material.

Pellet-type core material weighing 10 pounds per cubic foot has been produced which resulted in a maximum compressive strength of 166 psi at 2% strain. Other formulations investigated varied from 18 to 96 psi. In comparison to other presently available plastic core materials the present pellet type has low compressive strength. Based on 10 pounds per cubic foot density, the pellet core has less than 46 and 10 percent of the ultimate compressive strength of commercially available foamed-in-place and honeycomb cores, respectively.

Bjorksten Research Laboratories, Inc. TR 52-51, Part 3.
FOAMED METAL LOW DENSITY CORE MATERIAL FOR SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION. Johan Bjorksten, John C. Elliott and Robert J. Roth. AF 33(038)-21838 S3 (53-59) May 1954. PB 131467. Order from OTS. $ 0.75.

Research and development work proving the feasibility of foaming metals by means of a miscible gas former and progress in the design and construction of prototype equipment for the continuous production of low density foams from aluminum-magnesium alloys are described. The most important innovations in the above phases of work performed subsequent to the work described in WADC Technical Report 52-51 Part 2 are improved quality of foam through the introduction of air or oxygen into the foamed mixture prior to its solidification and the introduction of aluminum oxide-coated steel, a material with high corrosion resistance towards molten aluminum, magnesium, and their alloys, as a new structural material for certain components of the foaming equipment. Further improvement in quality and uniformity of product is seen to be largely contingent upon the construction of pilot plant equipment capable of providing a more truly continuous flow of foam in larger quantities.

The peel tests included direct peel and drum peel, under both static and impact loading. These tests ranked the peel resistance of bonds in approximately the same order. It appears that there can be standardisation on a simple method to rank peel resistance in the same order as do the complicated and wide variety of peel-test methods in use.

Since each type of test, shear, tension, and peel, seemed to evaluate different properties, all should be used for a complete evaluation of adhesives.

Dow Corning Corporation. WADC TR 53-146
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Methods for producing foamed-in-place sandwich structures from silicone resins have been developed. The most promising method consists of expanding a dry powdered resin containing blowing agent, catalyst and inert filler. The powder melts and expands readily on heating. Core density can be conveniently controlled by adjustments in the expansion temperature. Further density control is possible with small modifications in formulating the powder. The expandible powder produces a stable, uniform multipore foam with a pore structure predominately spherical and unicellular. None of the materials or by-products are toxic. The foams have low moisture absorption along with excellent electrical properties. They are nonflammable and very resistant to open flame.

Expanded-in-place sandwich panels have been consistently reproduced. Density variation among the panels was 1 lb./cu. ft. Sandiwich panels were machined with core density ranging from 11 to 24 lbs. /cu. ft. At room temperature the compressive strength of these panels varied from 80 to 400 psi. Compressive strength after 1/2 hour exposure to 500 F was from 20 to 100 psi. Specifically, a panel having a density of 18 lbs./cu. ft. had a room temperature compressive strength of 200 psi. After 1/2 hour and 200 hours at 500 F its compressive strength was 50 and 70 psi respectively. Room temperature tensile strength of this panel averaged 60 psi.

Thermal life of the core was over 1000 hours at 600 F with no appreciable weight loss or dimensional change. Weight loss of the core after 72 hours at 700 F was less than 6 percent.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-184
(Suppl. 2)

Developments in the program of research in sandwich aircraft construction conducted by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1954 are summarised. The approach has been in general to derive design criteria mathematically and then to check by test. These technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-184
(Suppl. 3)
SUMMARY OF RESEARCH BY FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY ON SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRCRAFT Donald G. Coleman DO 33(616)53-20. November 1955. PB 121152 Order from OTS. $ 0.50.

Developments in the program of research in sandwich construction for aircraft conducted by the U.S. Forest
PERFORMANCE OF GLASS-FABRIC SANDWICH and because of its simplicity, uniformity of peeling, and its percent.

Exposure to high humidity caused increases in weight between two facings to make sandwich constructions, faces bonded to other peel test methods. Test data were obtained on for 60 days. Cores of varying densities were invested to-metal constructions. This method of test. called the AD 97289. PB 121 800. H.W. Eickner, Fred Werren. AF 33(616)-56-9.

DIMENSIONAL STABILITY OF ALKYD-ISOCYANATE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE CLIMBING brazing variables. Nine technical reports issued during the fiscal year are presented. 1956. ASTIA Document No. AD 97328. PB 121152s.

The results indicated that there are differences between alkyd-isocyanate foams that have been foamed in blocks without facings and those that are foamed between two face sheets of aluminum honeycomb cores and from. Exposure to high humidity caused increases in weight as high as 4.0 percent and dimensional increases of 0.7 percent.


This report presents the results of flatwise compression and flexure tests of heat-resistant glass-fabric honeycomb cores and sandwich after short and long periods of exposure to temperatures ranging from 75 to 700 F. Increases in test temperature produced reductions in shear strength and compressive strength of cores treated with phenolic, silicone, or heat-resistant polyester resin. Cores treated with phenolic resin were strongest at all temperatures. Cores treated with silicone resin suffered the least reduction in strength due to increases in test temperature, but these cores were much weaker at all temperatures than cores treated with the other resins.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 55-417. PERFORMANCE OF STAINLESS STEEL SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION AT HIGH TEMPERATURES. V.C. Setterholm, E.W. Kuensi. AD 97288 PB 121 681.

This report presents the results of edgewise-compression and flexure tests which were conducted on stainless steel sandwich constructions at temperatures ranging from 75 to 1,500 F. Although many of the panels were corroded and poorly bonded, results of edgewise-compression tests showed that specimens from panels weighing only 22 pounds per square foot can sustain facing stresses as high as 230,000 pounds per square inch at 75 F. and 57,000 pounds per square inch at 1,200 F.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-184, Suppl. 4. SUMMARY OF RESEARCH BY FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY ON SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRCRAFT. Donald G. Coleman AF 33(616)-56-9. September 1956. ASTIA Document No. AD 97328. PB 121152s.

Developments in the program of research in sandwich construction for aircraft conducted by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1956 are summarised. The approach has been in general to derive design criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Nine technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.


A method of test was developed for determining the peel strength of adhesive bonds in sandwich and metal-to-metal constructions. This method of test, called the FPL climbing peel test, was compared with several other peel test methods. Test data were obtained on match specimens from sandwich panels of aluminum fabric bonded to honeycomb cores and from bonded aluminum-to-aluminum panels. Eleven adhesive processes were used in preparing the test panels.

All the peel tests investigated appeared to rank the peel resistance of the different adhesive bonds in approximately the same order. The climbing peel test is recommended as a standard test method, however, because of its simplicity, uniformity of peeling, and its adaptability to tests at other than room temperature and to tests of both sandwich and metal-to-metal constructions.


Compression, tension, and shear properties of plastic sandwich with foam-in-place cores were determined at temperatures from 75 to 700 F. Cores were of Dow Corning silicone foam R-7002, with a density range of 12.6 to 17.5 pounds per cubic foot, and trially-lycyanurate modified polyester resin (Laminac 423) reacted with 2,4-toluene diisocyanate, with a density range of 11.9 to 12.2 pounds per cubic foot. Also presented are data on the weight and dimensional stability.
of silicone and Laminac 4231 cores exposed to 100 percent relative humidity at 100 F. for 21 days. The strength tests show that Laminac 4231 cores are much stronger than silicone cores of the same density at temperatures below 300 F. Above 300 F., the strength of Laminac 4231 cores approaches the strength of silicone cores. The weight and dimensional ability of silicone cores were not affected by exposure to high humidity. Laminac 4231 cores showed increases in both weight and dimension after the high-humidity exposure.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 57-132.

This report presents the results of test to determine structural performance of Bacfoam cores exposed to high humidity. The results are applicable to a two-layer cylinder and, after the high-humidity exposure, the core is suitable for electrical transmission by WADC and for strength at the Laboratory.


Developments in the program of research in sandwich construction for aircraft conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1957 are summarized. The approach has been in general to derive design criteria mathematically and then to check by test. Seven technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Air Force Institute of Technology. WADC TR 58-76.

A solution to the problem of determining the components of stress and displacement in composite cylinders supported as cantilever beams and subjected to flexural and torsional loads is given in this report. The type of cylinder considered is that composed of three circular, coaxial, layers of different materials that are bonded at their junctures. Two main cases are considered; one in which the material in the center layer is cylindrically anisotropic, the other in which it is isotropic. The material in the inner and outer layers is assumed to be isotropic. By taking the thickness of one of the layers equal to zero, the results are applicable to a two-layer cylinder and, by making the inner radius zero, they are applicable to a solid cylinder.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 57-609.

The purpose of this technical report was to evaluate three methods for repairing damage to a typical radome sandwich construction. Six similarly damaged panels were chosen, and WADC sent three to Tinker Air Force Base and three to the Forest Products Laboratory for repair. The repair procedures at Tinker Air Force Base were similar to those used at the Laboratory.

Tests were made to determine edgewise tensile, edgewise compressive, and flatwise tensile strength of the repaired and undamaged sections of the panels. One panel in each set could not be tested because it blistered while the resin was being oven cured.

Results showed, except for edgewise compressive strength of scarf-jointed repairs, that repair efficiency was highest when only one facing was repaired, and that no one method was superior for both one- and two-facing repairs. However, because (a) results from the limited number of strength tests varied considerably, (b) the two repairing facilities used different types of resins, and (c) only one of the three repair methods was duplicated for valid conclusions regarding the repair efficiency of the three methods and a comparison of the repair efficiencies obtained by the two facilities cannot be made. The results of electrical transmission tests on two of the repair methods show that the methods are electrically suitable for general radome repair.

Martin Company. WADC TR 55-463 Part II.

An investigation was undertaken to study various base metal - braze alloy combinations for honeycomb sandwich structures that would have utility up to a maximum temperature of 1200 F. The base alloys, 17-7PH, 422, A-356, 19-9 DL and 17-4 Cu-Mo were evaluated with silver and nickel base braze alloys to determine their compatibility and strength characteristics to develop an optimum sandwich combination.
On the basis of brazing studies and structural tests, it was found that A 286 corrosion resistant steel brazed with a nickel-chromium-silicon-iron-boron alloy offered the optimum sandwich construction for operating temperatures of 1000°F to 1200°F.

Static flexural and axial compression data are given for all optimum base metal-brass alloy combinations. S/N curves for flexural fatigue studies made at temperatures of 75°F, 500°F, and 1000°F are presented for the A 286 with Ni-Cr-Si-Fe-B optimum sandwich combination.


Two sets of composite plastic sandwich panels were fabricated. One set was constructed with premolded, relatively void-free faces and the other was wet laminated, which caused numerous small voids.

Compression tests showed that the panels with void-free, premolded faces were substantially stronger than the wet-laminated panels. Electrical tests showed that although both types passed the minimum electrical transmission specification requirements, exposure to temperature and humidity cycling resulted in practically no change from 100 percent transmission for the premolded panel, whereas the wet lay-up construction was borderline in passing the requirement under the same exposure conditions.


This report presents results of tests to investigate structural performance of stainless steel sandwich comprised of facings brazed to honeycomb cores. Performance was determined at 75°F, 800°F, 1000°F, and 1,200°F after short-time exposure to test temperatures. Included in this report are comparisons between facing stresses actually developed in test specimens and stresses computed theoretically for sandwich that fails either by dimpling of facings into the core cells or by buckling when subjected to edgewise compression.


In Part I of this report, a method is presented for the determination of the frequency response functions of the components of deformation and of stress in orthotropic sandwich plates. It applies to the case of simply supported rectangular plates loaded by dynamic pressure normal to their planes.

In Part II, a similar method is presented for orthotropic sandwich cylindrical shells. The boundaries of the shell are assumed as simply supported, and the dynamic pressure is normal to the middle surface. In both problems, the analysis takes into account the transverse shear deformation of the core and the material damping of core and facings. The results are presented in the form of expressions suitable for numerical evaluations.

Abstract of unclassified basic research project supported by U. S. Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, Fiscal Year 1960.
differential thermal contraction factors are especially important in promoting strong resin-to-glass bonds. Investigations of interactions between resin ductility, strength and size of material have indicated classical brittle behavior for structural resins now used. Additional research will be conducted to establish analytical solutions for specific laminate constructions and experimentally check these solutions; to study the effects of differential thermal contraction on strength as functions of cure parameters and polymer thermochemistry; and to study the effects of resin modulus and ductility on strength as a function of material size.

*Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, Ill. MECHANISMS OF REINFORCEMENT OF FIBER REINFORCED STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE MATERIALS, H. R. Nelson. Project 7021 (802), Contract AF 33(616)-5983; WADD, MC.

The contractor shall conduct chemical, optical and mechanical investigations of interfacial conditions and other reinforced fiber phenomena which may contribute to the structural capabilities of fiber reinforced materials.

*Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn, N. Y. VIBRATIONS OF CYLINDRICAL SHELLS; Y. Y. Yu. Project 9782 (806), Contract AF 49(638)-453; AFSOR, DAS.

The primary objective of this research is to theoretically investigate the vibrational characteristics of finite shells with various degrees of edge restraint. The theoretical developments are to account for the effects of transverse shear deformations and rotational inertia which have not been extensively studied to date. Moreover, consideration will be given to incorporating these effects into the vibrational analysis of both homogeneous and sandwich shells.

Forest Products Laboratory. WADC TR 52-184, Supp. 8.

Developments in the program of research in composite construction for flight vehicles conducted by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory during fiscal year 1960 are summarised. In general, the approach has been to derive design criteria mathematically, and then to check by test. Three technical reports issued during the fiscal year are abstracted.

Thermo and Materials Physics

TR 6189.
THERMAL CONDUCTANCES OF JET ENGINE BLANKETS. METHOD FOR DETERMINATION ABOVE 1200°F.

Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc. TR 52-168.

The influence of one alloying element upon the spectral line intensity of any other alloying element was subjected to investigation in the D. C. Arc. The study was carried out by making homogeneous metallic alloys in an induction furnace. Manganese, silicon, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, vanadium, aluminum and copper were used as the alloying elements in an iron matrix, with percentage magnitudes commonly found in low alloy steels. It is concluded that:
1. The only influence which could be attributed to any of these elements was that of copper upon the line intensity of manganese.
2. Oxygen contained within the metallic sample has a marked influence on the spectral line intensity of chromium.
3. Some other element or elements not included in this investigation such as carbon, sulfur and/or phosphorus affects the line intensities of nickel, silicon and manganese.
4. Alloys can be melted in an induction furnace without change in chemistry by employing the proper techniques.

TR 52-282.

A formula is derived for relating effective and photopic units of luminance, making use of Weaver's interpolated data for the mesopic luminosity functions. This formula is applied to the spectra of four typical Air Force luminescent phosphors and the calculated results are compared with experimental data obtained at Wright Air Development Center. It is concluded that Weaver's data may tentatively be accepted for conversion between effective and photopic units in luminance measurements of luminescent materials.

TR 53-32.
THE CATALYTIC OXIDATION OF AMMONIA. AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY. Hyman Marcus. February 1953. PB 118228. Order from LC, Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

An investigation was conducted to determine the feasibility of removing ammonia gas (injected by necessity) from an air conditioning system by the catalytic action of promoted and unpromoted cupric oxide and a cobalt-bismuth oxide mixture.

A system was designed to deliver 0.378 pounds per minute of a 5% ammonia-enriched air mixture to the catalyst for conversion. This laboratory model was scaled down by a factor of one hundred so that the facilities of the laboratory could best be utilised. The materials used to promote the action of the cupric oxide included red iron oxide, green nickel oxide, and a mixture of the two. The cobalt-bismuth mixture was prepared from the respective nitrates and was analysed to contain 3% bismuth oxide and 97% cobaltous oxide. Analyses of the inlet and exit gases were accomplished to maintain the former at not less than 5% enrichment and to determine the nature of the reaction products at the exit.

The conversion reaction proceeded when the temperature of the preheated gas mixture passing over the catalyst bed had reached approximately 800°F. The temperature of the catalyst bed was raised to about 1500°F and
and higher due to the exothermic nature of the reaction. The energy released in the oxidation of ammonia is of the order of 215 kilocalories per mole. The reaction products consisted of a mixture of nitric oxide, nitrogen dioxide, nitrogen, water vapor, and the ammonium salts of nitrous and nitric acids.

Part 2.
THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY AND HEAT CAPACITY OF MOLTEN MATERIALS. Part 2 - THE HEAT CAPACITY OF ANHYDROUS SODIUM HYDROXIDE FROM 00 to 7000°C. Thomas B. Douglas and James L. Dever. AF 33(616)-52-10. August 1953. PB 138466. Order from LC Mi $3.30, Ph $7.50.

Samples of sodium hydroxide whose purity analyses indicated to be approximately 99.3% were sealed in pure silver. Cryoscopic measurements indicated a freezing point of 317°C and a transition temperature of 293°C. Using a "drop" method and a Bunsen ice calorimeter, the enthalpy change between 0°C and each of eleven temperatures up to 700°C was measured. With reasonable assumptions, the thermal measurements near the freezing point were used to correct for the impurity, giving for pure sodium hydroxide a melting point of 319°C and heats of fusion and transition of 159 and 158 absolute joules per gram, respectively. The heat capacity derived for the liquid is estimated to be correct within two percent. Values of heat capacity, entropy, relative enthalpy, and relative free energy are tabulated between 298° and 1000°K.


By use of an ice calorimeter and a furnace containing a silver core, the relative enthalpy of lithium fluoride was measured from 0°C to 900°C. These measurements, at nine temperatures for the solid and three for the liquid, possessed a probably error of the mean of 0.03% on the average, and led to a heat of fusion of 1043.6±(5) absolute joules per gram. The melting point was measured and found to be 848°C(±1°). After the sample had been frozen rapidly, the mean heat capacity between 0°C and 550°C was found to be lower by 0.2%. The derived heat capacity values of the solid are believed to be accurate in general to within ± 0.75%, and the mean heat capacity of the liquid between 848°C and 900°C, to ± 1.5%. The heat capacity - temperature curve of the solid is in good agreement with values recently reported in the literature for the range 19° to 272°K(-254° to -1°C).

Part 3.

The enthalpy relative to 0°C of a sample of molybdenum disilicide (MoSi₂) was measured at 100-degree intervals up to 900°C, using a nichrome-V container for the sample, a silver-core furnace, and a precision ice calorimeter. Corrections were applied for the impurities (approximately 2%) reported to be in the sample.

The equation
\[ Cp = 0.1019 + 4.32(10^{-5}) t - 1.70(10^{-8}) t^2 \]
giving the heat capacity in calories per gram - deg C at 0°C between 0°C and 900°C. represents the unsmoothed corrected values derived from the data with an average deviation of 0.8%. This equation is believed to have an absolute accuracy within ± 3% between 100°C and 800°C. Values of heat capacity were used to correct within two percent. Values of heat capacity, entropy, relative enthalpy, and relative free energy are tabulated between 298° and 1000°K.

Balco Research Laboratories. TR 53-378.

Methods are discussed for the preparation of transparent, conductive films on both acrylic and glass surfaces. The theory of the structure of such films is presented as well as a description of techniques involved in the preparation. Techniques described are sputtering of metallic cadmium. Films were deposited on both acrylic and glass surfaces. Results on the thin continuous films of nickel and titanium are reported.


Thermal conductivity and heat capacity figures for hot-pressed molybdenum disilicide are reported to 840°C. The property measurements were made at the Naval Research Laboratory where work was initiated in July, 1953. The apparatus and method employed for each property study are described in detail. The conductivity coefficients were measured in a longitudinal type system with guard-ring compensation; the heat capacity results were derived from enthalpy measurements made by a drop-method with a copper block calorimeter. A detailed analytical description for each molybdenum disilicide test sample is included, and the change in property value from ideal due to the impurity content or physical form of the test sample is predicted, where possible.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 53-201.
Part 5.
THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY AND HEAT CAPACITY OF MOLTEN MATERIALS (Part 5 the Thermal Conductivity of Molybdenum Disilicide from 300° to 800°C) E. D. West, D. A. Ditmars, D. C. Ginnings. AF 33(616)-52-10. August 1954. PB 138009. Order from LC Mi $2.70, Ph $4.80.

A new apparatus is described for determining at high temperatures the thermal conductivities of liquids and solids having relatively high conductivities. The apparatus employs steady-state longitudinal heat flow along a rod surrounded by a matched guard tube. Results on molybdenum disilicide are described.

Methods are discussed for the preparation of transparent, conductive films on both acrylic and glass surfaces. A detailed description of the preparation and application of silica undercoatings is presented in addition to sputtering of metallic cadmium under conditions such as to form the oxide. Although the described sputtering techniques apply principally to flat surfaces, the extension of these methods to curved surfaces is discussed. A description of special equipment needed in the sputtering of curved surfaces is also included.

Naval Research Laboratory. WADC TR 54-185. Part 2.

WADC TR 54-45.


THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY AND HEAT CAPACITY OF MOLTEN MATERIALS. D. A. Ditmars, D. C. Ginnings. AF 33(616) 52-10. October 1955. PB 121144. Order from OTS $0.75.

The thermal conductivity of beryllium oxide has been measured from 40°F to 70°F with an apparatus employing steady-state longitudinal heat flow along a rod of high-fired beryllium oxide surrounded by a "guard" tube with matching temperature gradient to minimize radial heat loss. The estimated accuracy of the measurements is about 2%. However, the values of thermal conductivity of the ideal BeO crystal are probably somewhat higher than the values given because of the low density (2.62 g/cm²) of the sample used.

Southern Research Institute. WADC TR 54-306. Part II.

This report describes the measurement of the thermal properties of a selected group of plastic laminates, cores, and sandwich panels. Thermal conductivity, specific heat, and thermal expansion were determined for four glass-fabric laminates with the same reinforcing fabric but with different resins, four foam-plastic cores, one foam sandwich panel, and one honeycomb panel.

The equipment and procedures used in the thermal property measurements are described in WADC TR 54-306, Part I. The only change in procedure was the use of the method of least mean squares to define the enthalpy-temperature curves of the foam cores and the sandwich panels.

The thermal properties of the plastic laminates were in general agreement with those of the laminates tested in the first portion of this program. The foam cores, except the heat resistant core, decomposed at relatively low temperatures. Also, the low densities of these core materials gave less precision in the specific heat determinations.

Battelle Memorial Institute. WADC TR 55-496.

Heat-capacity measurements have been made on chromium, molybdenum, Grade GBH graphite, and Grade 7087 graphite for the temperature range of about 200 to 170°F. Calibration of equipment to extend the measurements to 300°F is presented.

Heat-capacity measurements have been made on chromium, molybdenum, Grade GBH graphite, and Grade 7087 graphite from 32 to 3000°F, and on copper from 32 to 1950°F.

Measurements on the linear thermal expansions of chromium, molybdenum, Grade GBH graphite, and Grade 7087 graphite from 68 to 3000°F, and of copper from 68 to 1800°F are reported.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 55-495. Part II.

The objective of Part II of this program was the measurement of the thermal conductivity and specific heat of liquid electrolytic copper up to 3000°F. All measurements were made in the Heat Transfer Laboratory of the Propulsion and Fluid Mechanics Research Department, Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 55-495. Part III.

The objective of Part III of this program was the measurement of the thermal conductivity of sintered tantalum (Farnet Steel Metallurgical Corporation), graphite type 7087 (Speer Carbon Company) and graphite type GBH (National Carbon Company) from 1000°F to 3000°F. All measurements were made in the Heat Transfer Laboratory of the Propulsion and Fluid Mechanics Research Department, Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology.

WADC TR 56-543.

The thermal properties of plastic laminates, cores, and sandwich panels are presented by grouping data from WADC Technical Reports 54-306 Parts I and II into sets, arranged according to the types of resin used in their construction. Curves are presented which are representative of the resin types for each thermal property. The scatter of data about these mean curves varies from ±10% to ±40%.
The density of molten electrolytic tough-pitch copper was determined for the temperature range 2000°F to 3000°F. The thermal conductivity of molten electrolytic tough-pitch copper was measured at 2161 and 2192°F.

North American Aviation, Inc. WADC TR 56-400 Pt I.


Thermal conductivity of liquid copper from approximately 2550°F to 4050°F is found to be nearly consistent in the range 5500°F to 9000°F. At intermediate temperatures (2000°F to 5000°F) the thermal conductivity closely followed the Lorenz-Petit relation for free electrons. At intermediate temperatures (2000°F to 5000°F) the thermal conductivity and specific heat of graphite show no unusual features. However, at higher temperatures abrupt increases in specific heat and thermal resistivity occur which are consistent with the occurrence of thermally produced vacant lattice sites. A vacancy concentration of about 0.4 atomic per cent at the sublimation temperature, and a formation energy in the vicinity of 7 eV are indicated.

North American Aviation, Inc. WADC TR 56-400 Pt II.


Thermal conductivity of liquid copper from approximately 2550°F to 4050°F is found to be nearly constant at about 68 Btu/ft·hr·°F in a study making use of apparatus and techniques developed for and reported in WADC TR 56-400, Part I.

WADC TR 57-92.


A suitable technique was developed for volume dilatometry of plastic materials and the thermal behavior of two commercial linear polyethylene plastics, Marlex 20 and Marlex 50, was observed.

The technique consisted of sealing a test sample in a glass tube with mercury as the confining fluid. The change in volume of mercury as evidenced by its rise in a capillary tube was noted at different temperatures. The volume expansion of the test sample was calculated from the known expansivities of glass and mercury.

The dilatometers used were immersed in an electrically heated oil bath equipped with a motor driven stirrer to insure a uniform temperature distribution.

Test data were obtained for a series of six samples of each material, each series containing one non-irradiated sample and five Materials Test Reactor Facility.

The doses were of the values $10^6$ r, $10^7$ r, $10^8$ r, $5 	imes 10^8$ r, and $10^9$ r for the irradiated samples.

Southern Research Institute. WADC TR 57-10.


This report describes the measurements of the thermal properties of a group of structural panels and cores. Thermal expansion, thermal conductivity, and specific heat were determined for three honeycomb cores, one foam-core sandwich panel, one laminated panel, and five sandwich panels with various honeycomb cores and facing materials. In addition, thermal conductivity determinations were made for two silicone-resin laminates to establish a check for data previously reported on these panels.

The equipment and procedures used in these thermal property determinations were essentially the same as described in WADC TR 54-306 Parts I and II with the exception of additional components necessary to obtain temperatures below ambient temperature.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 57-374 Pt II.


Using accurate apparatus and a "drop" method, the heat content (enthalpy) of zirconium, five zirconium hydrides (NH from 1.34 to 4.14, ) and Stainless Steel Type 316 were measured over the range from 0°C to 900°C. Using the values for the stainless steel and those from the literature for molybdenum and niobium, the heat capacities of typical clad samples of the hydrides may be computed additionally. Thermal hysteresis of the hydrides was investigated in several cases. Corrections were applied for the impurities in the samples measured, but the two sets of hydrides gave heat values believed to be somewhat inconsistent in the range 550°F to 800°F through systematic differences in phase compositions. The heat content data were extensively correlated with certain published equilibrium data for the zirconium-hydrogen system in order to extend knowledge of the heats of hydridding, equilibrium hydrogen pressures, and limits of solid solubility to wider ranges of temperature and composition than those covered by direct measurements. The results are discussed critically, and several structural implications are pointed out.

National Bureau of Standards. WADC TR 57-374 Pt IV.


An apparatus has been designed and constructed for measuring diffusivities up to about 1500°C. Values of
thermal conductivity may be derived from thermal diffusion values using density and heat capacity values. The apparatus was designed for measurements on materials having thermal diffusivity values less than 0.1 cm²/sec, such as most refractory oxides at moderate to high temperatures. A radial heat flow method is used, heating the outside of a cylindrical sample at a constant rate and measuring the resulting radial temperature difference. Preliminary tests at moderate temperatures have indicated satisfactory performance in both precision and in ease of operation. The apparatus will be used to measure thermal diffusivities of certain ceramic materials which seem suitable as standards.

WADC TN 57-362

Twelve assemblies of flight clothing materials presently in use were tested to determine their resistance to thermal radiation. The assemblies were irradiated at intensities of 10 cal/cm² sec and 30 cal/cm² sec. The results were evaluated with respect to the total amount of energy necessary to produce the visible effects of scorch, char, and burn. These evaluations were aimed at determining the relative damage caused by a specific quantity of thermal energy incident upon the assembly.

WADC TR 57-381.

Computations of interplanar spacings, "d" values, obtained from solutions of the Bragg equation nλ2 sin θ, are listed for the radiations normally used in X-ray diffraction analysis. All angular measurements are expressed as (2θ) values. Interplanar spacings are calculated for the Kα1, Kα2, Kβ1, and Kβ2 radiations of the elements copper, molybdenum, iron, chromium, and cobalt.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 57-487.
The objective of this program was the measurement of the high temperature thermal properties of materials. The materials investigated were Hastelloy B, Hastelloy C, Stainless Steel type 17-7 P/M, Stainless Steel type 446, Silicon Carbide, 60-15 Cr (ASTM B83-46), and beryllium. The thermal conductivity, specific heat, and linear coefficient of thermal expansion were measured from 1000°F to 3000°F, or the melting point of the material, whichever was lower. All measurements were made in the Heat Transfer Laboratory of the Propulsion and Fluid Mechanics Research Department, Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. Both the experimental measurements and the results of the conversion of these measurements to the desired physical properties are given.

Southern Research Institute. WADC TR 57-468.

Equipment has been designed and built for the measurement of the specific heat, thermal conductivity and thermal expansion of a series of ten metals and ceramics. These measurements are from about 1000°F to the melting point or 3000°F, whichever is lower. A vacuum dilatometer using a linear variable differential transformer as the sensing element has been used. A comparative method for measuring thermal conductivity has been used. The heat capacity was determined with an ice calorimeter and its associated high temperature furnace designed to operate up to 5000°F.

Data are presented for the expansion of all of the test materials. Enthalpy, specific heat and thermal conductivity data were determined for only part of the materials. All data are presented graphically.

Library of Congress. WADC TR 56-423 Pt II.
The bibliography on the thermal properties of certain metals consists of references, with abstracts, to pertinent open literature published from 1920 to 1957, and to unclassified reports issued from about 1944 to 1957. These references were obtained by a comprehensive search of the sources listed in the Introduction. The material included in the bibliography pertains to various thermal properties, namely, heat capacity, thermal conductivity, emissivity, thermal diffusivity, and thermal expansion of iron (pure), beryllium, iridium, rhodium, palladium, platinum, and tungsten.


Thermal expansion, specific heat, and thermal conductivity properties were measured for six structural panels and cores through a temperature range from -100 to 600°F. In addition, some physical tests were made on these materials. The materials covered in the investigation consisted of one asbestos-resin laminate, three fiberglass-resin laminates, and two fiberglass-resin fluted core sandwich panels.

The test procedures and equipment used in the thermal property evaluations are modifications of the procedure described in WADC TR 54-306 according to MIL and Federal specifications.
The objective of this program was the measurement of the high temperature thermal properties of materials. The materials investigated were Stainless Steel type 316, Stainless Steel type 347, Hastelloy R-235, Aluminum Oxide, Niobium, Lithium Hydride and Synthetic Sapphire. The thermal conductivity, specific heat, and linear thermal expansion were measured from 100°F to 3000°F, or to the melting point of the material, whichever was lower. All measurements were made in the Heat Transfer Laboratory of the Propulsion and Fluids Department, Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. Both the experimental measurements and the results of the conversion of these measurements to the desired physical properties are given.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-476. THERMOPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOLID MATERIALS. Alexander Goldsmith, Thomas E. Waterman. AF 33(616)-5312. January 1959. ASTM Document No. AD 207905. PB 151 715. Thermophysical property data for a number of solid materials are presented in both graphical and tabular form, with all entries annotated. Materials included are generally those with melting points in excess of 1000°F.

This volume is the partial result of the first year's effort in a program whose objective is the compilation, evaluation, and consolidation of all primary test data published since 1940. Although this report is incomplete, it is representative of the end item. The reasons for its early distribution are to disseminate usable information on many important materials and to solicit comments and suggestions for improvement of the final product.


The results obtained from tests of samples of twenty-two different materials are presented. The samples were exposed to the high temperature plasma discharge produced in an air-stabilised electric arc. The sample shape, test conditions and test procedure, and the material behavior are reported upon.


There is described a generator for producing sinusoidal temperatures in an apparatus for measuring thermal diffusivities. Using sine potentiometers, sinusoidal temperature waves have been obtained with distortions comparable with the inaccuracies of the sine potentiometers. The system using pulse time modulation has the advantages that (1) a simple relay is used to turn on and off a fixed current to give a sinusoidal power variation in an electric heater, (2) an additional fixed power can be added to the sinusoidal power without producing distortion, and (3) the generator can be used easily with servo-control either to improve wave form or to introduce known distortion.


Linear-thermal-expansion and specific-heat measurements are made in the same apparatus using the same specimen. Expansion measurements are made by directly viewing fiducial marks on a cylindrical specimen with two telescopes. Specific-heat measurements are made by measuring the heat input to an inner heater which is required to heat the specimen of known mass over a measured temperature range. Thermal-conductivity measurements are made by a radial heat-flow method using a thick-walled-cylindrical specimen with an encircling graphite heater.

No apparatus are essentially completed and are ready for calibration. No measurements are reported.


Because Alnico V and VI magnets have been found suited for use at temperatures up to 550°C, the behavior of remanence in such magnets was studied closely at elevated temperatures.

Temperature effects on the remanence of a magnet are clearly classified and defined: a) reversible, b) irreversible, and c) effects due to changes in the material. These effects were determined on Alnico V and VI magnets at temperatures up to 570°C for periods as long as 1000 hours.

Material effects of a few percent can be minimized for magnet applications between 350°C and 550°C by heat treating at the highest operating temperature for at least 24 hours. Irreversible effects can be eliminated by cycling the magnets between room temperature and the highest operating temperature. After stabilisation, remanence varies less than 2% at elevated temperatures during exposure up to 1000 hours. Reversible effects vary according to the type of material and the temperature range in which a magnet is stabilised.
This report includes the results of an investigation for which the prime objective was the comparison of the relative performance of ablating materials exposed to thermal environments associated with recoverable space capsule trajectories. The experimental equipment used is briefly described, and test results for 19 different test specimens are presented. The data are used to compare the relative performance of the ablating materials with heat sink materials on the weight-per-unit-area basis.

WADD TN 60-88.
ANALYSIS OF RELATIVE PERFORMANCE OF ABLATING MATERIALS COMPARED TO A HEAT SINK MATERIAL.

This report analyses the data presented in WADC TR 59-366 generated by Chicago Midway Laboratories, University of Chicago, under contract AF 33(616)-6006. Data are presented comparing relative performance of ablating materials with heat sink materials in terms of inside surface temperature rise and on a weight-per-unit-area basis. Structural characteristics of available materials and analysis of re-entry deceleration loads are indicated.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-476.

Thermophysical property data, and their variation with temperature, are presented for a great number of solid materials, based on literature published during the period 1940-1957. Each reported value is shown and annotated, and recommended "most probable value" curves are given.

Materials covered include: Elements, Alloys, Ceramics, Cermetics, Intermetallics, Polymers, and Composite Materials. Except for materials in the last two categories, only those melting above 1000°F are included.

Properties covered include the following: Melting point, density, latent heats, specific heat, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, emissivity, reflectivity, thermal expansion, vapor pressure, and electric resistivity.

Each of the four volumes is designed to be expandable, and it is expected that additional or revised data sheets for inclusion in these volumes will be forthcoming.

Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-476, Volume II.

Thermophysical property data, and their variation with temperature, are presented for a great number of solid materials, based on literature published during the period 1940-1957. Each reported value is shown and annotated, and recommended "most probable value" curves are given.

Materials covered include: Elements, Alloys, Ceramics, Cermites, Intermetallics, Polymers, and Composite Materials. Except for materials in the last two categories, only those melting above 1000°F are included.

Properties covered include the following: Melting point, density, latent heats, specific heat, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, emissivity, reflectivity, thermal expansion, vapor pressure, and electric resistivity.

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Armour Research Foundation. WADC TR 58-476, Volume III.

A pulse heating method for measuring the specific heat of conductors from near absolute zero to their melting point is described. Results obtained on copper, iron, molybdenum, tantalum, and rhodium are reported here and indicate that the pulsed heating method gives specific heat data accurate to a few percent. Our measurements show that the heat capacities of molybdenum and tantalum gradually rise above their Dulong and Petit values of 0.06253 and 0.03316 cal/gm°C, respectively, at high temperatures. At 2800 K, cp(Mo) = 0.1350 cal/gm°C and at 3200 K, cp(Ta) = 0.0667 cal/gm°C. These anomalies have been noted in other transition metals.

The percentage elongation, relative to room temperature, of zirconium carbide has been measured 1000 and 2000°C and was found to vary linearly from 0.6% at 1000°C to 1.6% at 2300°C with a permanent set occurring above 2300°C.

A transient method for measuring thermal diffusivity, specific heat, and thermal conductivity of insulators as well as conductors has been under development for the temperature range 20°C to 2500°C. A theoretical analysis of the transient thermal response of this system is presented and basic equations are derived for obtaining the above mentioned thermal properties. Theoretical and experimental results on the thermal response of a tantalum heater compare quite favorably. A cooling curve of beryllium oxide enclosed in a tantalum heater is presented and shows heat conduction losses are completely negligible above 900°C. Experimental diffusivity results are presented on Armco iron below the Curie point.
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