OGIVE CYLINDER MODIFIED FOR NEAR MINIMUM SIDE MOMENT.

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Bodies of revolution develop side moments at large angles of attack due to asymmetric vortices. Consequently, a composite ogive cylinder model was designed in order to determine what modifications were necessary to suppress this moment. Low speed wind tunnel tests, in which the geometry of the model was systematically varied, revealed that a simple afterbody step down coupled with slight nose bluntness could reduce side moment by over 90% compared to the unmodified model. (Continued on back.)
Conventional models were constructed in order to substantiate the results obtained with the composite model. Tests were conducted at three different velocities (85 mph, 120 mph, 140 mph). Large reduction in side moments (90% reductions) were obtained.
FOREWORD

The work reported herein presents the results of an experimental research program to determine a method for minimizing side moment on a symmetric pointed body of revolution. This work was authorized under AIRTASK A03W-350D/004B/7F32-301-000.

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NOMENCLATURE

\( C_n \) Side moment coefficient, \( n/Qsd \)
\( C_Y \) Side force coefficient, \( Y/Qs \)
\( C_m \) Pitch moment coefficient, \( M/Qsd \)
\( C_N \) Normal force coefficient, \( N/Qs \)
\( Q \) Dynamic pressure, \( \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \) (lb/ft\(^2\))
\( \rho \) Air density (slug/ft\(^3\))
\( V \) Tunnel velocity (ft/sec)
\( d \) Model maximum diameter (ft)
\( S \) Reference area, \( \pi d^2/4 \) (ft\(^2\))
\( r_n \) Nose radius (ft)
\( Y \) Side force, lb
\( n \) Side moment, ft/lb
\( M \) Pitch moment, ft/lb
\( N \) Normal force, lb
\( \alpha \) Angle of attack (deg)
\( \phi \) Roll angle (deg)

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INTRODUCTION

Efficient high-speed flight of missiles and aircraft necessitates the use of slender pointed fuselage forebodies for aerodynamic drag minimization. However, these slender pointed bodies develop significantly large side moments at high angles of attack\(^1\)\(^-\)\(^4\) that can result in flight control problems.

The alleviation of this problem is of particular interest to aircraft designers since these side moments can have a predominant effect on aircraft stall and spin characteristics. It is also of interest to the missile designer who contemplates the design of highly maneuverable guided missile configurations.\(^5\)

Generally, it is agreed that side moments on a symmetric body are the result of asymmetric vortices that develop at high angles of attack. The phenomenon is complicated by a switching effect; i.e., side forces have been observed to change direction with roll angle. Side forces and moments are relatively more severe at low velocities and gradually diminish as the velocity increases.

Jorgensen\(^6\) has measured side forces and moments on numerous configurations and showed that body geometry has a strong influence on their magnitude. Therefore, it was felt that given sufficient freedom to vary body geometry, shapes could be evolved that develop near minimum side moment.

A composite model of a 10-caliber ogive cylinder, whose schematic is shown in Figure 1, was fabricated and wind tunnel tested in order to evaluate this hypothesis. This paper presents the results of that study.

COMPOSITE OGIVE CYLINDER

A composite model (CPM) of a 10-caliber ogive cylinder was fabricated at the Naval Surface Weapons Center, White Oak Laboratory (NSWC/WO), in order to study the effect of geometry variation on side moment.

The basic configuration shown in Figure 2a has its component parts supported by a steel rod through the center. The parts may be disassembled by unscrewing the threaded nose cap. The base of the model is designed to contain a sting mounted, four component, strain gage balance.

Figure 2 compares the basic configuration with configurations having radical variations in geometry. These variations are shown only to illustrate the models' utility.
WIND TUNNEL TEST PROCEDURE

Static force tests were conducted in the Edgewood Arsenal 28- by 40-in. subsonic wind tunnel. Normal force, pitching moment, side force, and side moment coefficients were measured in aeroballistic axes (non-rolling). All moments are referenced about the model base. Angles of attack from 0 to 90° were investigated.

Preliminary tests revealed that the composite model, because of a lack of rigidity, could only be tested at tunnel velocities less than 100 mph. Model vibrations above this velocity were too severe to obtain good quality data. Consequently, initial tests were conducted at 85 mph because of the good performance of the model and balance system. Later tests were conducted on conventionally fabricated models at higher velocity.

TEST RESULTS

COMPOSITE MODEL

Initially, the variation of the static stability coefficients with angle of attack and for roll angles of 0, 90, and 180° were evaluated for the basic configuration (ogive cylinder shown in Figure 2a). Figure 3 presents these data.

The side moment coefficient changes sign with roll angle as expected and has a maximum value nearly equal to half the pitching moment. Slight differences in the normal force and pitching moment coefficients with roll angle were obtained.

The initial runs showed that it was very time consuming to properly roll the composite model on its sting. Consequently, it was decided that further tests on the composite model would be conducted at a roll angle of 0° and the pertinent test results be verified with conventional models at a later date.

Figure 4 presents the lateral stability characteristics versus angle of attack for the minimum volume configuration with pointed and blunted nose caps. The lateral stability coefficients for these configurations are small as expected.

The blunted nose cap was introduced at this time since it had been shown that nose blunting reduces side moment. The thickened rear section (cylinder-cone frustum) of the model is required as a housing for the strain gage balance.
The cylinder-cone frustum (that is the rear portion of the model) was systematically extended, as shown in Figure 5, until appreciable side moments developed. Figure 6 shows the lateral stability characteristics and near maximum cylinder-cone frustum length for near minimum side moment. Longer lengths were shown to generate large side moments.

The effect of nose reconstruction is presented in Figure 7. Further lengthening of the nose generated large side moments.

The effect of reducing the resulting gap depth is shown in Figure 8. Further gap depth minimization was not attempted. The blunted ogive cylinder with gap, shown in Figure 8, has a maximum side moment of less than 10% of the side moment developed by its pointed counterpart with straight afterbody (see Figures 2a and 3).

Restoring the afterbody to a constant cross section, as shown in Figure 9, resulted in large side forces and moments. Comparing Figure 3 with Figure 9 indicates no reduction in side moment due to the nose bluntness ($r_n/d = 0.1725$).

Further testing showed that the step down (behind the nose) had to be abrupt in order to produce the desired effect.

CONVENTIONAL MODEL

Convention models (CVM) made up of nose and afterbody sections were fabricated in order to evaluate test results obtained with the composite model. These models were also used to study the effect of roll angle and velocity variation. Roll angles of 0, 90, 180, and 270° were investigated at velocities of 85, 120, and 140 mph which is the tunnel maximum velocity. Figure 10a is a photograph of the ogive cylinder test configuration (CVM). The aerodynamic characteristics of this configuration at 85 mph are in excellent agreement with the results obtained for its CPM counterpart (see Figures 3 and 11). Aerodynamic characteristics for the ogive cylinder (CVM) at higher velocities are presented in Figures 12 and 13.

Comparing Figures 11 and 13 with Figures 12, it is noted that the primary effect of changing velocity is to cause the side force to change direction at $\phi = 90, 270^\circ$.

The aerodynamic characteristics of the blunted ogive cylinder (CVM), shown in Figure 10b, are presented in Figures 14 through 16. The side forces and side moments are significantly reduced at 85 mph and are in poor agreement with the composite blunted ogive cylinder data shown in Figure 9. However, at higher velocities (Figures 15 and 16), large side forces and moments develop at $\phi = 270^\circ$. 

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Figures 17 and 18 present the aerodynamic characteristics of the blunted ogive cylinder with gap (CVM), whose configuration is shown in Figure 10c. The data is in good agreement with the composite model at \( V = 85 \text{ mph} \), and side forces and moments are considerably reduced. However, as the velocity is increased to \( V = 120 \text{ mph} \), the gap becomes considerably less effective.

It was felt that the step up (cone frustum) might be the cause of the increased side moments at \( V = 120 \text{ mph} \), and consequently the cone frustum was eliminated.

The two configurations in Figure 19 having blunted noses and two different afterbody step downs were fabricated and wind tunnel tested. One body had a step down equal to the step down of the composite model in Figure 8 (see square symbol). The step down of the other model (minimum step) was half of the depth of the composite model in Figure 8.

Both bodies experienced very minimal side moments at all velocities tested. The aerodynamic characteristics of the blunted ogive with minimum step is presented in Figures 20 through 22. No further minimization of the step down was attempted. An even smaller step down might be equally as effective.

Combining a pointed ogive with the step down afterbody (Figure 19c) did not sufficiently reduce the side forces and moments. This result is shown by comparing Figures 23 through 25 with Figures 20 through 22. Further improvement of the lateral aerodynamic characteristic of the pointed ogive with step down might have been accomplished by optimizing its geometry via the composite model.

Coe has shown that a parabolic nose (without afterbody) does not exhibit side forces and moments at low speed. Consequently, a three-caliber nose was fabricated to be used with the seven-caliber afterbodies to provide comparison data with the ogive cylinder configurations. These models are shown in Figure 26.

Test results (Figures 27 through 29) showed that the parabolic nose cylinder body developed side forces and side moment that are somewhat smaller than the pointed or blunted ogive cylinder. The lateral characteristics of the parabolic nose cylinder with step down are further improved by the afterbody step down (see Figures 30 through 32). However, the blunt ogive cylinder with step down developed the lowest side forces and side moments. A schematic of the ogive cylinder modified for minimum side moment is presented in Figure 33.
FLOW VISUALIZATION STUDY

A flow visualization study of the leeward wake structure of the pointed ogive cylinder and the blunted ogive cylinder with step down was conducted in the University of Notre Dame low turbulence smoke tunnel. Figures 34 and 35 are sketches of the wind tunnel and test setup.8

Figures 36 and 37 compare smoke photographs of the ogive cylinders at angles of attack of 35 and 45° and a tunnel velocity of 30 ft/sec. Photographs of the pointed ogive cylinder show very distinct vortex cores, and it would appear that the presence of the blunt nose and step down diffuses the wake and somewhat diminishes the vortex strength. However, these conclusions are mainly conjecture. Flow visualization at higher angles of attack and higher velocity was unsatisfactory.

CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions were made based on the results of this study.

1. Side moment on an ogive cylinder can be minimized at low speed by nose blunting and afterbody step down.
2. Proper design can result in side moment reduction on the order of 90%.
3. High-speed tests should be conducted in order to further evaluate the design.
Figure 1. Schematic of Ogive Cylinder Model
Figure 2. Composite Model Showing Possible Radical Variations in Geometry

a. COMPOSITE OGIVE-CYLINDER

b. OGIVE-CYLINDER WITH RADICAL VARIATION OF AFTERBODY GEOMETRY

c. RADICAL VARIATION OF NOSE AND AFTERBODY GEOMETRY
Figure 3. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Ogive Cylinder (CPM) \( V = 85 \) mph
Figure 4. Lateral Stability Characteristics of the Composite Model with Minimum Volume

y = 85 mph
Figure 5. Systematic Extension of Cylinder-Cone Frustum
Figure 6. Maximum Length Cylinder-Cone Frustum for Near Minimum Side Moment
$V = 85$ mph
Figure 7. Effect of Nose Length on Lateral Stability Characteristics of Composite Model
V = 85 mph
Figure 8. Effect of Minimizing Gap Depth on the Lateral Stability Characteristics of the Composite Model

\[ V = 85 \text{ mph} \]
Figure 9. Lateral Stability Characteristics of Composite Ogive Cylinder with Blunted Nose
Figure 10. Conventional Ogive Cylinder Configurations
Figure 11. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Ogive Cylinder (CVM) V = 85 mph
Figure 12. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Ogive Cylinder (CVM) V = 120 mph
Figure 13. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Ogive Cylinder (CVM) $V = 140$ mph
Figure 14. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Ogive Cylinder with Blunted Nose (CVM)  
V = 85 mph
Figure 15. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Ogive Cylinder with Blunted Nose (CVM) 
\[ V = 120 \text{ mph} \]
Figure 16. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Ogive Cylinder with Blunted Nose (CVM)

\( V = 140 \text{ mph} \)
Figure 17. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Blunted Ogive Cylinder with Gap (CVM)  
$V = 85$ mph
Figure 18. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Blunted Ogive Cylinder with Gap (CVM)

\( V = 120 \text{ mph} \)
Figure 19. Ogive Cylinder Configurations with Step Downs

a. BLUNT OGIVE CYLINDER WITH MAXIMUM STEP DOWN (CVM)

b. BLUNTED OGIVE CYLINDER WITH MINIMUM STEP DOWN (CVM)

c. OGIVE CYLINDER WITH MINIMUM STEP DOWN (CVM)
Figure 20. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Blunted Ogive Cylinder with Minimum Step Down (CVM) 
V = 85 mph
Figure 21. Blunted Ogive Cylinder with Minimum Step Down (CVM) $V = 120$ mph
Figure 22. Blunted Ogive Cylinder with Minimum Step Down (CVM) \( V = 140 \) mph
Figure 23. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Pointed Ogive Cylinder with Minimum Step Down (CVM) V = 85 mph
Figure 24. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Pointed Ogive Cylinder with Minimum Step Down (CVM)
$V = 120$ mph
Figure 25. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Pointed Ogive Cylinder with Minimum Step Down (CVM)  
\( V = 140 \text{ mph} \)
Figure 26. Parabolic Nose Cylinder Models

a. PARABOLIC NOSE CYLINDER BODY (CVM)

b. PARABOLIC NOSE CYLINDER BODY WITH MINIMUM STEP DOWN (CVM)
Figure 27. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Parabolic Nose Cylinder \( V = 85 \text{ mph} \)
Figure 28. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Parabolic Nose Cylinder (CVM) $V = 120$ mph
Figure 29. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Parabolic Nose Cylinder (CVM) $V = 140$ mph
Figure 30. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Parabolic Nose Cylinder with Minimum Step Down (CVM) 
\(V = 85\) mph
Figure 31. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Parabolic Nose Cylinder with Minimum Step Down
V = 120 mph
Figure 32. Aerodynamic Characteristics of Parabolic Nose Cylinder with Minimum Step Down
V = 140 mph
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Figure 33. Ogive Cylinder Modified for Near Minimum Side Moment

Figure 34. Sketch of Wind Tunnel and Model (Side View)
Figure 35. Sketch of Experimental Setup for Obtaining Smoke Pictures
Figure 37. Flow Visualization of the Leeward Wake Structure of Ogive Cylinder Models
\[ V = 30 \text{ ft/sec} \quad \alpha = 45^\circ \]
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