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# THE EFFECTS ON THE CENTER OF PRESSURE AND THE STATIC MARGIN OF A TDU-34/A TARGET VEHICLE OF SIX DIFFERENT NOSE CONE AFTERBODY COMBINATIONS 

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Calculations were made to determine the effects on the aerodynamics of six different nose cone afterbody combinations. The static stability margin for the six combinations is tabulated. The highest static stability margin is provided by a short nose cone on the basic " $x$ " fin body without the boat tail afterbody.


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INTRODUCTION

This technical report documents the effects on the aerodynamics of a TDU-34/A target vehicle of six different nose cone-afterbocy combinations.

DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION

The basic data on the TDU-34/A target vehicle is shown in Figure 1. The six nose cone-afterbody combinations are shown in Figure 2 attached to the body of the TDU-34/A.

Configuration Figure 2-(I) is the basic " X " fin-body combination with a one caliber ogive nose cone and no afterbody.

Configuration Figure 2-(II) is the basic " X " fin-body with a $31 / 3$ caliber rounded tapered nose cone and no afterbody.

Configuration Figure 2-(III) is the basic " X " fin-body with the one caliber nose cone and with a 2 caliber boat tail afterbody.

Configuration Figure 2-(IV) is the basic "X" fin-body with the one caliber nose cone and with a $1 / 2$ caliber boat tail afterbody.

Configuration Figure $2-(V)$ is the basic " $X$ " fin-body with the $31 / 2$ caliber rounded tapered nose cone and with the 2 caliber afterbody.

Configuration Figure 2-(VI) is the basic "X" fin-body combination with the $31 / 2$ caliber rounded tapered nose cone and with the $11 / 2$ caliber boat tail afterbody.

The problem is to calculate the zero moment, center of pressure point for each configuration due to the aerodynamic loading and so determine the static stability margin defined as the distance from the center of pressure to the vehicle center of mass.

## OPERATINGCONDITIONS

The speed range is Mach 0.6 to 0.8. The angle of attack perturbations are around the zero and are small in magnitude, i.e. $\left(-5^{\circ}<\alpha<+5^{\circ}\right)$. It is presumed that the center of mass for the total vehicle can be maintained at the same position by adding balance mass and that the center of pressure from the aerodynamic loading on the fins remains essentially at the same location.

CENTER OF PRESSURE
(FOR BODY ALONE) LOCATION FROM NOSE

STATIC STABILITY MARGIN
17.4"
14.9"
17.22"
17.26"
14.8"
14.9"

The following is a list, in decending order, of the static stability margin

STATIC STABILITY
MARGIN
17.4"
$17.6^{\prime \prime}$
17.22"
$14.9^{\prime \prime}$
14.9"
14.8"

CONFIGURATION SEE FIG. 2

2 - (I)
2 - (IV)
2 - (III)
2-(II)
2 - (VI)
2 - (V)

It can be seen that decreasing the nose cone length improves the static stability margin and that adding the boat tail after body reduces the static margin. From configurations (III), (IV), (V), and (VI) it can be seen that the boat tail after body moves the 'body-alone' center of pressure out in front of the nose of the vehicle. This later boat tail effect is the major influence of the body shape on the static stability margin.

Comparing configurations 2 - (I) and 2 - (II) shows that shortening the nose cone improves the static stability margin.

Comparing the static margin of 2 - (III) to 2 - (IV) and 2 - (V) to 2 - (VI) it is evident that the increased boat tail length improves the static stability margin slightly.

1. The highest static stability margin is provided by a short, one caliber ogive nose cone on the basic " X " - fin-body without the boat tail afterbody. See configuration (I), Figure 2.
2. The addition of the boat tail afterbody reduces the static margin.
3. The longer boat tail afterbody of 2 calibers produces a very slight improvement in the static stability over the shorter boat tail of $1 / 2$ caliber.
4. If the boat tail on the short nosed vehicle can be faired out the static stability margin can be increased from 17.22 inches to 17.9 inches (i.e., an increase of 0.68 inches or 4\%). However reference 4, page 3-20 indicates that a small drag penalty of $\Delta D$. $=0.07$ would result from fairing out the boat tail base to a constant diameter cylindrical base.

CALCULATIONS

To find the center of pressure (i.e., the line of action of the aerodynamic lifting forces) and the static stability margins of several nose cone afterbody combinations on a IDU-34/A target vehicle.


WHERE $C N a=$ Normal lift coefficient vs. angle of attack derivative. $B \rightarrow$ BODY $\rightarrow$ BODY ALONE
T $\rightarrow$ TOTAL $\rightarrow$ BODY + FINS + INTERFERENCE
$\mathrm{F}+\mathrm{I} \rightarrow$ FINS + INTERFERENCE
X $\quad \rightarrow$ Position of line of action of the resultant aerodynamic force from the center of mass of total vehicle. (Defined as static stability margin).
$X c p \rightarrow \quad$ Distance from center of pressure to center of mass.

TAKING MOMENTS ABOUT Cpt. (Clockwise positive)
$C_{N} \alpha_{B}\left(X_{C P B}+X\right)=C_{N}{ }^{\alpha}(F+I)\left(X_{C p}(F+I)-X\right)$
$\left(C_{N-B}+C_{N \alpha}(F+I)\right) \cdot \bar{X}=C_{N} \alpha(F+I) \cdot X_{C P}(F+I)-C_{N} \alpha_{B} \cdot X_{C P B}$
LET $C_{N}{ }^{\alpha}{ }_{B}+C_{N^{\alpha}}$ ( $F+I$ ) BE DEFINED AS $C_{N^{\alpha}}{ }^{1}$
$C_{N} \alpha_{T} \cdot \bar{X}=C_{N} \alpha(F+I) \cdot X_{C p}(F+I)-C_{N} \alpha_{B} \cdot X_{C p B}$

$$
X=\frac{C_{N} \alpha(F+I) \cdot X_{C P}(F+I)-C_{N}{ }^{\alpha} B \cdot X_{C p B}}{C_{N}{ }^{\alpha} T}
$$

$C_{\mathcal{N}} \alpha(F+I)=C_{N} \alpha_{F}\left(1+K_{B}(F)+K_{F}(B)\right)$ FROM Clark De Jonge (reference 2).
WHERE $\quad C_{N^{\alpha}}{ }_{F}=$ FIN ALONE $C_{N X}$.
$K_{B}(F)=$ FINS ON BODY INTERFERENCE FACTOR.
$K_{F}(B)=$ BODY ON FINS INTERFERENCE FACTOR.
( $K_{B(F)}$ AND $K_{F}(B)$ ARE THE MORIKAWA INTERFERENCE FACTORS.)
$K_{F(B)}=\lambda=d / b_{0}$
WHERE $d=$ BODY DIAMETER (FT) $=1$ CALIBER.
$\mathbf{b}=$ FIN SEMI-SPAN (FT).
$b_{0}=$ TOTAL SPAN $=2 b+d(F T)$.
$K_{B(F)}=\frac{C_{N} \alpha_{B}(F)}{C_{N}{ }^{\alpha} F}=\frac{C_{L B I}}{C_{L W}}$ IN LOW AND STONE, reference 3.
WHERE $C_{\text {LBi }}=$ COEFFICIENT OF LIFT OF BODY DUE TO WING (FIN) PRESENCE.
$C_{L W}=$ COEFFICIENT OF LIFT OF WING (FIN).
WITH $\mathrm{d}=12$ INCHES
$b_{0}=36$ INCHES
$\lambda=\frac{12}{36}=\frac{1}{3}$
$K_{F(B)}=1 / 3$
AND FROM Figure 2 of LOW AND STONE (reference 1).

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { FOR }_{\mathrm{O}} / \mathrm{d}=3 \rightarrow \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{B}}(\mathrm{~F})=0.385 \\
& \text { HENCE } C_{N} \alpha(F+I)=C_{N} \alpha_{F}(1+0.333+0.385) \\
& C_{N}{ }^{\alpha}(F+1)=1.718 C_{N} \alpha_{F}
\end{aligned}
$$

FIN ASPECT RATIO AR


$$
\begin{aligned}
& S=\frac{(12)(6.93)}{2(144)}+\frac{(8.5+12)(14.07)}{2(144)}=1.29 \mathrm{FT}^{2} \\
& A R=\frac{2(1)}{1.29}=1.55 .
\end{aligned}
$$

THE EFFECTIVE AREA OF THE "X" FINS.


Coefficient of Normal Forces or Lift of Fins Alone. NOTE: The presumption has been made that for small angles of attack the normal force equals the lifting force. Page 13, Figure 7 in Clark De Jonge (reference 2) provides the following information for AR 1.55:
$\operatorname{SINCE} \quad C_{N}{ }^{\alpha}(F+I)=1.718 C_{N \alpha}$

The above are based on fin areas. To convert to the body cross sectional area as the reference area.

The area ratio is as follows: $\frac{\frac{3.6487}{I(1)^{2}}}{4} \frac{\mathrm{ft}^{2}}{\mathrm{ft}}{ }^{2}$

EFFECTIVE FIN AREA $=4.6456$.
BODY X. S. A.
Hence the fin normal force coefficients based on the body X. S. A. are:
$\begin{aligned} C_{N}{ }^{\alpha}(F+I) & =(3.6078)(4.6456) \\ \text { X.S.A. }\left.\right|_{M=0.4} & =16.7605 / \mathrm{RADIAN} \\ & =\frac{16.7605}{\text { RAD }} \quad \frac{(2 \Pi)}{360} \frac{\mathrm{RAD}}{\mathrm{DEGREE}}\end{aligned}$
$=0.2925 /$ DEGREE

$$
C_{N^{\alpha}}^{\alpha}(F+I) \quad=(4.3809)(4.6456)
$$

$$
\begin{array}{l|l}
\text { X.S.A. } & M=0.8
\end{array}
$$

$$
=20.3520 / \text { RADIAN }
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { MACH\# } \quad \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{N}^{\alpha}} \mathrm{F} \text { (based on fin area). } \\
& 0.42 .1 / R A D \\
& 0.8 \quad 2.55 / \text { RAD }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
=\frac{20.3520}{R A D} \quad \frac{2 \pi}{360} \quad \frac{R A D}{D E G R E E}
$$

$=0.3552 /$ DEGREE

## To Find The Position of the Center of Pressure for the Fins Alone.

Seckel (reference 5, page 8) gives the center of pressure at about 0.25 of the mean aerodynamic chord for subsonic flow. The mean aerodynamic chord (MAC) is the weighted average chord of all the wing section chords. Its length is:

$$
\bar{c}=\frac{1}{s} \int_{-b / 2}^{b / 2} c^{2} d y
$$

and its position behind the root leading edge is:

$$
x_{\text {lemac }}=\frac{1}{S} \quad \int_{-b / 2}^{b / 2}\left(x_{1 e}\right)(C) d y
$$

Evaluating these two integrals graphically, see Appendix Figure 3.

$$
\text { gives } \bar{C}=17.227 \text { ins } \rightarrow \frac{\bar{C}}{4}=4.307 \mathrm{in} .
$$

$$
\mathrm{X}_{1 \mathrm{emac}}=2.638 \text { ins. }
$$


$X_{C p}(F+I)=\frac{22.945}{12}=1.912 \mathrm{FT}$ BEHIND CENTER OF MASS.

Coefficient of Lift or Normal Force for the Body Alone and The Position of the Center of Pressure. Clark De Jonge, Figure 1. (Reference 2) gives:
$C_{N} \alpha_{B}$
$=2.5 / \mathrm{RADIAN}$
$M=0.8$

Horner and Borst, Page 19-17, (reference 3) gives the aerodynamic center position as:

$$
\frac{\Delta x}{\ell}=\frac{d C_{m e}}{d C_{\mathrm{Nb}}}=\frac{0.012}{0.032}=0.4
$$

ahead of the reference point used in the particular wind tunnel tests, referred to and Figure 12 of page $19-8$ gives the reference point as 0.57

Hence the aerodynamic center or the point about which the aerodynamic forces produce zero moment (true for a symmetrical body only) is as follows:

$$
\frac{x}{\ell}=0.57-0.4=0.17 \text { BEHIND THE NOSE. }
$$

This result is for the cylindrical body with a ogive nose cone and no afterbody. Adding a boat tail afterbody has a marked effect on the location of the body alone center of pressure. Moving it out ahead of the nose. Hoerner and Borst, Page $19-21$ and page 19-17, Figure 26 reference 3 gives $x / \ell=-0.1$ for boat tailed, ogive nosed cylinders (the minus sign implies that the center of pressure is in front of the nose) and $x / \ell=+0.17$ for the plain body alone. Along with this change in the center of pressure location there is a reduction in the lift coefficient derivative $\mathrm{dC}_{\mathrm{N}} \alpha_{\mathrm{B}} / \mathrm{da}$ from 2.5/RADIAN for the plain body alone to 1.7 /RADIAN for the boat tailed afterbody (about a 30\% reduction).

For the six nose body afterbody combinations considered the location of the center of pressure for body alone is given below.


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## CALCULATIONS FOR THE STABILITY MARGINS FOR EACH CASE.



$$
\bar{X}_{(1)}=\frac{C_{N \alpha(F+I)} X_{C p}(F+I)-C_{N \alpha B} X_{C P B}}{C_{N \alpha T O T A L}}
$$

$=\frac{(20.352)(1.912)-(2.5)(2.311)}{(22.852)}$

$\bar{X}(1)=1.45 \mathrm{FT} \rightarrow 17.4^{\prime \prime}$
$\bar{x}_{(I I)}=\frac{(20.352)(1.912)-(2.5)(4.250)}{(22.852)}$

$$
\overline{\mathrm{X}}_{(\mathrm{II})}=1.24 \mathrm{FT} \rightarrow 14.9^{\prime \prime}
$$


$\overline{\mathrm{X}}_{\text {(III) }}=1.435 \mathrm{FT} \rightarrow 17.22^{\prime \prime}$
$\bar{X}_{(I V)}=\frac{(20.352)(1.912)-(1.7)(4.225)}{(22.052)}$

$$
\bar{x}_{(I V)}=1.438 \mathrm{FT} \rightarrow 17.26^{\prime \prime}
$$


$\bar{X}_{(v)}=\frac{(20.352)(1.912)-(1.7)(6.84)}{(22.052)}$
$\bar{X}_{(V)}=1.237 \mathrm{FT}+14.8^{\prime \prime}$
$\bar{X}_{(V I)}=\frac{(20.352)(1.912)-(1.7)(6.79)}{(22.052)}$
$\bar{X}_{(V I)}=1.241 \mathrm{FT}=14.9^{\prime \prime}$

Considering the effect of fairing out the boat tail on configuration (III).
The center of pressure for the body alone will move from $x / \ell=-0.10$ (in front of nose) to $x / \ell=+0.17$ (behind the nose). But dCLaB/dl drops by about $30 \%$ by adding the boat tail (Hoerner \& Bors, page 19-17, Figure 26, reference 3) from 2.5/RADIAN down to 1.7/RADIAN.


$$
\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{CpB}}=51.3^{\prime \prime} \rightarrow 4.275 \mathrm{FT}
$$

$$
x_{c p B}=23.5^{\prime \prime} \rightarrow 1.958 \mathrm{FT}
$$

STATIC MARGIN FOR COMPLETE VEHICLE

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{X}=\frac{C_{N \alpha}(F+I) X_{C P}(F+I)-C_{N} \alpha_{B} X_{\mathrm{CPB}}}{C_{N} \alpha_{T O T A L}} \\
& \bar{X}_{(I I I)}{ }^{\text {BOAT -TAIL }}=\frac{(20.352)(1.912)-(1.7)(4.275)}{(22.052)}=1.435 \mathrm{FT} \rightarrow 17.22^{\prime} \\
& \bar{X}_{(\text {III })}{ }^{\text {PAIRED }}=\frac{(20.352)(1.912)-(2.5)(1.96)}{(22.852)}=1.488 \mathrm{FT} \rightarrow 17.9^{\prime \prime}
\end{aligned}
$$

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FIGURE 1. TDU-34/A BASIC DATA


FIGURE 2. TDU-34/A NOSE-AFTERBODY COMBINATIONS

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