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INTRODUCTION

A. <u>BACKGROUND</u>. The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School (USADACS), Validation Engineering Division (SMCAC-DEV), was tasked by the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) to conduct a static pull test on the STINGER missile pallet as part of the helicopter External Aerial Transport (EAT) certification process.Testing was conducted IAW MIL-STD-209, Military Standard Slinging and Tiedown Provisions for Lifting and Tying Down Military Equipment.

B. <u>AUTHORITY</u>. The test was accomplished IAW mission responsibilities delegated by the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCCOM), Rock Island, Illinois. Reference is made to the following:

1. Change 4, 4 October 1974, to AR740-1, 23 April 1973, Storage and Supply Activity Operation.

2. AMCCOM-R 10-17, Mission and Major Functions of USADACS, 13 January 1986.

C. <u>OBJECTIVE</u>. The purpose of this test was to determine if the toplift frame and strapping configuration of the pallet was sufficient to withstand the rigors associated with EAT prior to flight testing.

D. <u>CONCLUSION</u>. Following successful completion of MIL-STD-209 requirements, the modified STINGER missile pallet was determined to be suitable for helicopter flight testing. The STINGER missile pallet was forwarded to U.S. Army Combat Systems Test Activity (USACSTA) for helicopter flight testing.

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TEST PROCEDURES

As part of the External Aerial Transport (EAT) certification procedure, a static load of 4,200 pounds was applied to the STINGER missile pallet IAW MIL-STD-209. Prior to testing, the 1,200-pound pallet was secured to an M872 semitrailer utilizing two 1-1/4-inch metal bands over the top of the second layer of missile containers (see part 5). A 50,000-pound-capacity container handler was connected to the pallet utilizing a four-legged sling appropriate for helicopter slinging. The pallet was then pulled to the design limit load (3.5 times the pallet weight) for a period of 90 seconds. During the pull, the static load was monitored with a 5,000-pound-capacity dynamometer. Upon completion of the test, the pallet was inspected for damage due to the static load.

TEST RESULTS

Upon completion of MIL-STD-209 testing, the STINGER missile pallet was inspected for damage from the static loading. The first article pallet that was initially tested was noted to have minor permanent deformation in the toplift frame. Since no permament deformation is allowed, the first article pallet was determined to have failed the MIL-STD-209 static pull test. A second pallet toplift frame was then constructed substituting 10 gauge metal for 12 gauge metal. The lift test was repeated with the new toplift frame on the pallet. Upon completion of this test, the pallet was inspected and determined to have sustained no permanent deformation as a result of the static load. Metal strapping used to unitize the pallet was also determined to have sustained no damage as a result of the static loading.

PHOTOGRAPH

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Photo No. AO317-SCN94-160-2378: This photo shows the STINGER missile pallet attached to the M872 semitrailer during MIL-STD-209 static pull testing.

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