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#### PREFACE

This study was conducted for the U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) under contract DACA39-92-M-7281 as part of the Joint U.S./Republic of Korea (ROK) R&D Study for New Underground Ammunition Storage Technologies. Technical Managers for the Joint Program were Mr. Landon K. Davis, Geomechanics and Explosions Effects Division (GEED), WES, and Dr. So-young Song, Korean Agency for Defense Development. The Program Managers were Mr. Gary Abrisz, U.S. Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety, and COL Yeon Woo Chung, Logistics Bureau, Korean Ministry of Defense.

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#### **NOMENCLATURE**

- $A^*$  Chocked flow area (= vent pipe area)
- $A_b$  Propellant burning area
- $C_D$  Orifice flow coefficient
- $P_c$  Pressure in bunker
- R Propellant combustion gas constant,  $C_p C_V$
- $T_c$  Measured gas temperature in bunker
- $V_c$  Bunker volume, ~5 m<sup>3</sup>
- r Propellant surface burn, or recession rate, in./sec
- t Time for propellant ignition
- $\gamma$  Ratio of gas specific heats,  $C_p/C_V$
- ρ Density, gas or propellant

#### **Subscripts**

- *b* Denotes burning or propellant characteristic
- *c* Denotes chamber or bunker conditions/characteristics
- *p* Denotes peak value, as in peak pressure

#### **Conversion Factors, Non-SI to SI Units of Measurement**

Non-SI units of measurement used in this report can be converted to SI (metric) units as follows:

Multiply	Ву	To Obtain
atmospheres	101.325	kilopascals
BTU per square foot-second	1134.893	joule per square metre-second
calories per square inch- second	0.648521	joule per square centimetre- second
degrees	0.01745329	radians
degrees Fahrenheit	{5/9} {F-32}	Celsius
degrees Celsius	C + 273.15	Kelvins
degrees Kelvin	1.8	Ramkine
feet	0.3048	metres
feet per second	0.3048	metres per second
inches	2.54	centimetres
kilowatts per square metre	1.000000	joule per square metre
litres	0.001	cubic metres
pounds (mass)	0.4535924	kilograms
pounds (mass) per cubic foot	16.01846	kilograms per cubic metre
pound (mass) per cubic inch	27.67990	grams per cubic centimetres
pounds (force) per square inch (psi)	6.894757	kilopascals

#### Section 1 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiment Station (WES), is conducting a test program to study the effects of the accidental burning of propellants stored in a confined area. This work is a part of a broader program called the Joint U.S./ROK (Republic of Korea) R&D Study for New Underground Ammunition Storage Technologies. The goal of the 5-year U.S./ROK Study is to develop improved designs for underground magazines which will greatly reduce the present external hazard areas that are required by current U.S. and Korean military safety standards to protect against the possibility of accidental fires and explosions.

Documentation of propellant burn tests performed to date is presented in Ref. [1]. Additional tests are planned; however, improvements to the instrumentation for these tests have been deemed necessary before executing them. REMTECH, Inc., was tasked by WES to review the instrumentation performance during the Ref. [1] tests and recommend improvements/additions to the Ref. [1] instrumentation for application to a subscale test scheduled for May 1993 at WES. Instrumentation performance experience during these tests will be factored into the instrumentation selection for full-scale tests to be conducted at a later time.

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The results of this review are documented in the subject report.

#### Section 2 OBJECTIVES AND TECHNICAL APPROACH

The objectives for this review were to:

- 1. Develop improved instrumentation/techniques for measuring the thermal effects of propellant burn tests in confined areas.
- 2. Develop empirical methods for estimation of the thermal and fluid dynamic environments of the propellant burns.

The technical approach adopted to accomplish these objectives was divided into several phases: review of the available recorded data from Ref. [1] for each instrument channel in terms of quality and inter-channel compatibility; development of a preliminary one-dimensional model of the flow process; characterization of the propellant thermochemical properties; and comparison of results from the model and propellant characterization with the experimental results.

#### Section 3 PROPELLANT THERMOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES

As a means of establishing a standard by which the performance of the instrumentation for KA-III, Phase C, tests could be measured in terms of possible total energy release and likely pressure rise times, the thermochemical and burning properties of the propellant used in these tests were examined.

#### 3.1 Propellant Thermochemical Properties

The propellant used in the KA-III, Phase C, tests and planned for use in the WES May '93 tests is, in the U.S. Army notation demoted as M-1. Its chemical composition is defined in Ref [2] and repeated herein as

Ingredient	Percent by weight
Ethanol ( $C_2H_6O$ )	0.75
Nitrocellulose ( $C_6H_{7.3715}N_{2.6355}O_{10.2715}$ )	83.74
Dinitrotoluene ( $C_7H_6N_2O_4$ )	9.84
Diphenylamine (C <sub>12</sub> NH <sub>11</sub> )	0.99
Butyl Phthalate ( $C_{16}H_{22}O_4$ )	4.93
Water (liquid)	0.50

This composition was input to REMTECH's in-house version of the NASA Chemical Equilibrium Composition code (CEC) [3] to determine the propellant combustion product and the amount of energy released upon burning.

Two burning condition were analyzed; adiabatic, representing the maximum possible energy release, and isentropic, representative of the propellant burning at one pressure and expanding isentropically to another pressure (atmospheric in this case). The resultant pressure and temperatures for these cases are tabulated as follows:

Condition	Pressure, atm	Temperature, K
Adiabatic	1810.	2437.
Isentropic	1.00	1919.

The complete CEC code outputs for these conditions are included in Appendices A and B, respectively. Therein the combustion products are listed to be approximately 50 percent CO, 20 percent H<sub>2</sub>, 13 percent water, 10 percent N<sub>2</sub>, and 6 percent CO<sub>2</sub>, with lesser amounts of other constituents.

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Determination of the adiabatic properties was aided significantly by the assistance of Dr. A. J. Kotlar, USA Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, which is hereby acknowledged.

#### 3.2 Propellant Burning Properties

Mr. Michael M. Swisdak, Jr., Naval Surface Warfare Center/Dahlgren Division, is hereby acknowledged for his providing the geometry and burning characteristics for the M-1 propellant. Shown in Fig. 1 is the propellant geometry; its density is nominally 0.0566 lb/in.<sup>3</sup>, and its burn-rate equation is defined as

$$r = A * (Pressure)^N \tag{1}$$

where

r = the propellant burning surface recession rate (in./sec),

A = 0.00161 in./sec/psi, and

N = 0.741.

The time for a propellant grain to be consumed by burning for the conditions of the KA-III, Phase C, tests (Test C-3), using the log-mean pressure from initial to peak and the grain cylindrical surface area (inside and external) with the above equation, was estimated to be 0.40 sec.

Comparing this result with the actual burn time of approximately 10 seconds with the theoretical value of 0.40 seconds has several potential implications which include:

1. The entire surface areas of the pellets are not being ignited simultaneously.

2. The mass of the air in the bunker is significant compared with the burned propellant gas mass during the initial pressure buildup.

3. Stacking methods and container type probably influence the burn history since they may control the amount of surface area available for burning as a function of time.

As will be shown later in the report, the vent pipe exit velocity exceeds the combustion gas speed-of-sound (~2000 ft/sec) for portions of the burn history prior to and after the pressure peak. Considering the average grain burn time, any burning grains that become airborne during the burning process could travel as much as 800 ft while in the burning state, thus giving credence to the likelihood of burning propellant being ejected out of the bunker during the KA-III, Phase C, tests.

Similar effects were observed for tests reported in Ref [4], in which upwards to 80 percent of the combustible material was ejected out of the combustion chamber, depending on the vent diameter. Shown in Fig. 2 is a curve of the observed variation of the ejecta material percent vs. the vent diameter.

The presence of this phenomena in the instant process raises concerns as to the scalability of any subscale results to full-scale applications without an attendant math model of the flow process.



Figure 1. M-1 propellant grain geometry



Figure 2. Variation of ejected combustible material with vent diameter, (Ref. [4])

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#### Section 4 ANALYTICAL FLOW MODEL

As a means of establishing a standard by which the performance of the instrumentation for KA-III, Phase C, tests could be measured in terms of pressure histories and related heat transfer variations, a one-dimensional model of the flow process was developed.

#### 4.1 Flow Model Development

Applying the conservation of mass principle to these tests, the combustion gas generated in the process of burning the propellant is accounted for in the accumulation of mass in the bunker and the mass that is vented out the connecting pipe. This balance is expressed in equation form as

$$A_{b}r\rho_{b} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\rho_{c}V_{c}\right) = A P_{c} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{RT_{c}} \left(\frac{2}{\gamma-1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma}\frac{1}{1}}}$$
(2)

assuming the "chocked" flow condition governs the vented mass flow rate, i.e., the condition for which the bunker pressure is greater than 1.9 times atmospheric pressure. Another expression applies for the "unchoked" condition.

# 4.2 Flow Model Application

Shown in Fig. 3 are the bunker pressure histories for test C-3 of the KA-III, Phase C Tests as measured by instruments ABI180, -181B, and 182. Also shown on Fig 3 is the division between "chocked" and "unchoked" flow; at pressures greater than the division line, the "choked" form of Eq. (2) applies. The comparison temperature (TF190) history is presented in Fig. 4.

The exhibited pressure trends in Fig. 3 are interpreted as propellant burning until the pressure peak, after which pressure decay occurs as the bunker is vented to atmosphere. Then, for the pressure decay portion of the process, the mass generation term goes to zero in Eq. (2) preceding. The reduced Eq. (2) takes the form

$$\frac{dP_c}{dt} = \frac{A}{V_c} \sqrt{RT_c \gamma \left(\frac{2}{\gamma - 1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{1}}} P_c \quad 0$$
(3)



Figure 3. KA-III, Phase C, Test C-3 Bunker Pressure Histories.

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Test C-3 Chamber Temperature

Figure 4. KA-III, Phase C, Test C-3 Bunker Gas Temperature History.

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for which the solution takes the form

$$P_{c}(t) = (P_{c})_{p} e^{-Bt}, \text{ where } B = \frac{A*}{P_{c}} \sqrt{RT_{c}\gamma\left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}$$
(4)

The instant venting process may be related to venting through an orifice, so the constant, B, is redefined as  $B * C_D$ , where  $C_D$  is the discharge coefficient.  $C_D$  is a measure of the resistance offered by the orifice to passing the flow through it; a unity value denotes no resistance, i.e., isentropic flow, and values less than unity, increased resistance, typifying real flow with pressure losses and flow friction. The coefficient, B, was computed for the conditions of Test C-3 to be

5.666, treating the gas temperature as constant during the period of "choked" flow ( $\approx$  14.0 to 15.0 sec). Hence, the particular solution for this case from Eq. (4) is

$$P_{c}(t) = (P_{c})_{p} e^{-5.666C_{Dt}}$$
(5)

The pressure-decay portion of Fig. 3 is expanded in Fig. 5. Also presented in Fig. 5 are the computed pressure decay rates for  $C_D = 1.0$  and 0.18 to illustrate the degree to which the measured decay is non-isentropic and the value of  $C_D$  required to match that decay. The normal range for the coefficient,  $C_D$ , to account for pressure losses in the orifice is 0.8 - 0.95; the value required to match the measured decay indicates significant other resistance mechanisms in operation. One such mechanism is thermal choking in the vent pipe, caused by heat release with time. This observation is in concert with the likelihood of burning propellant being ejected, and its definition would require the development of a particle transport mechanism model.

In Fig. 3 an apparent acoustical phenomena of the order of 1 Hz is manifested in the pressure history. Attempts to relate this occurrence to any of the geometric or flow parameters of this case have thus far proved unsuccessful, hence, its cause is not currently understood.



Figure 5. Ka-III, Phase C, Test C-3 Post-peak Bunker Pressure Histories

#### Section 5 TEST RESULT REVIEW AND COMPARISON WITH ANALYSIS

A review of the KA-III, Phase C Tests and comparison with analytical results based on the information and insights developed in the prior Sections are now presented to gauge the instrumentation performance. Two primary data sources were used: the Test Report [1], and the video footage of the plume history.

# 5.1 Plume, Bunker Pressure and Temperature Measurements Review

Review of the video coverage of the plume behavior during the propellant burns for all of the tests (C-1 through C-4) showed marked unsteadiness in the plume character, i.e., its shape, radiation intensity, and its apparent mean velocity. Moreover, on one occasion the plume was observed to be completely extinguished only to be subsequently re-ignited.

The observed unsteadiness likely is related to the acoustical phenomena detected in the pressure histories, so understanding this phenomena has more than a causal interest. The reignition process could be related to the presence of burning propellant grains or burning of the  $H_2$  produced in the combustion products of the propellant burning process. To gain understanding of these plume characteristics, additional instrumentation to the surface pressures measured in the subject tests is necessary. Recommendations to define the required additional instrumentation are presented in the next Section.

Review of the plotted results presented in Ref [1] provide a better opportunity for direct comparisons and analysis with what one might expect based on fundamental thermochemical and fluid dynamic considerations. Of the four tests presented, the results for Test C-3 provided the better quality plots, hence our review focused on this test exclusively.

Possibly the most surprising aspect of our review was the apparent low amount of energy released in the bunker during the propellant burning compared to the amount theoretically available (See Section 3.1). The comparatively low pressure is possible in view of the vent and/or the slow burning time compared to the fluid dynamic time scale, i.e., the grains can be exhausted well into the plume before burning is completed. Moreover, the pressure histories from three transducers agree well enough to confirm the measurements as being correct.

However, the indicated gas temperature is well below the maximum value one might expect (900K compared to 1900K), suggesting either incomplete combustion in the burning process or very low rate producing little combustion gas. In the latter case the ambient air in the bunker affects measurably the mixture temperature. In addition, the shielded thermocouples may have had significant time lag and conduction loss resulting in lower than actual indicated temperature.

In this vein the one bunker gas temperature measurement was compared chronologically with one of the bunker pressure histories as shown in Fig. 6. The temperature does not peak until about two seconds after the peak pressure occurs. Remembering the inference that the peak pressure indicates the cessation of propellant burning, the continued increase in gas temperature measurement suggests a thermal lag in the temperature measurement device. Future gas temperature instrumentation should be selected to minimize these potential effects.

# 5.2 Vent Pipe Heat Flux Measurements Review

A means of evaluating the performance of the heat flux instrumentation is the fundamental fluid dynamic relationship between the heat flux and local pressure. This relationship states that the heat flux is proportional to the pressure to an exponent, i.e.,

(6)

$$\dot{q} \propto (p)^n$$

where

n = 0.85 for turbulent flow.

Since the local pressure is related to the bunker pressure fluid dynamically and the bunker pressures were already digitized, one of the bunker pressure histories was used in the above equation with each of the two heat flux measurements (TF191 and -192). Shown in Figs. 7 and 8 are the heat flux histories for each measurement plotted against the bunker pressure in the log-log domain. Also shown is the 0.85 exponent line paired through the measurements. Good agreement with the fluid dynamic model is clearly evident, indicating the heat flux trends to be as expected and that the instrumentation is performing satisfactorily. It should be remembered, however, that instrumentation was severely overdriven in Test C-4, so for that reason a different type of instrument to measure heat flux is recommended in the following Section for the future tests.



Figure 6. KA-III, Phase C, Test C-3 Bunker Pressure and Gas Temperature History.



Figure 7. Power-law Correlation of KA-III, Phase C, Test C-3 TF191 Heat Flux History to Bunker Pressure History



Figure 8. Power-law Correlation of KA-III, Phase C, Test C-3 TF192 Heat Flux History to Bunker Pressure History

#### Section 6 Recommended Instrumentation for Future Propellant Burn Tests

Based on the review and analysis presented in the prior Sections, the following recommendations are made for instrumentation to be used in future propellant burn-type tests. The recommendations are made to improve the definition of the thermal and fluid dynamic aspects of the propellant burn process with the view to enhancing the understanding and definition of the process environments, particularly the amount of energy released and where it is distributed. The recommendations are presented by a generic subdivision of the regions of interest with a rationale of the need for each measurement. Specification sheets for the recommended thermal instrumentation are given in Appendix C identifying the type and recommended supplier. And a summary of all recommended instrumentation is presented in Table 1.

	Specification	Number
Chamber	·	
Pressures	Selected by WES	6
Total Temperature (T)	TCGT 130 Series-569	2
Total Heat Flux (HT)	TCS-E-YY-ZZ-10196	6
Radiometer (R)	32R-L-XX-140-ZZ-21096	. 6
Vent Pipe		
Pressures	Selected by WES	7
Total Temperature (T)	T/C-801	2
Total Heat Flux (HT)	TCS-E-YY-ZZ-10196	3
Radiometer (R)	32R-L-XX-140-ZZ-21096	3
Plume		
Pressures	Selected by WES	2+
Total Temperature (T)	T/C-801	1+
Total Heat Flux (HT)	TCS-E-YY-ZZ-10196	3
Radiometer (R)	32-L-XX-140-ZZ-21096	3

# Table 1: WES May '93 Propellant Burn Tests Recommended Instrumentation Summary

Note: Recording channels for T & HT instrumentation may require 10 MHz sampling rate.

#### 6.1 Propellant Combustion Chamber Instrumentation

Shown in Fig. 9 is a geometrically scaled sketch of the combustion chamber hardware to be used in the WES May '93 tests with the recommended instrumentation located. The recommended instrumentation consists of gas total pressure and temperature and chamber wall total and gas radiative heat flux. The pressure instrumentation used in the KA-III, Phase C tests performed quite well and are recommended for use in the future tests. The sensing face of the transducer should be well shielded from the heat effects of gas radiation. Considering the length- to-diameter of the combustion chamber, it is recommended that three (3) pressure measurements be spaced equally along the chamber length to detect any possible gradients. The pressure measurements at each end are placed to detect any acoustical phenomena.

The gas total temperature measurements should be installed near the pressure measurements located at 0.25 and 0.75 of the chamber length. The measurement tip of the thermocouple should extend about 5 in. beyond the chamber side wall. The spec sheet for this transducer is presented as Fig. C-1 (Appendix C).



Figure 9. Recommended Instrumentation in Combustion Chamber for WES May '93 Propellant Burn Tests

Because of the indication of possible thermal lag of the thermocouple used in the KA-III, Phase C tests, the gauge of the thermocouple wire for this transducer should be as small as possible, consistent with the expected maximum temperature (1900K for the present case). If there is room in the data acquisition system, it would be desirable to add a third thermocouple of a different wire gauge near the bottom of the chamber at the same axial location as one of the top thermocouples to assess the lag effect.

The recommended heat flux measurements in the chamber are designed to allow determination of the amount of energy transferred to the walls before the gas is expelled out the vent pipe. Both total and radiative heat flux instrumentation are recommended to allow the determination of the convective heat transfer (total minus radiative), which may be used in conjunction with the simultaneous gas total and wall temperatures to compute the convective heat transfer coefficient. Having the measurements in this form provides the means to define the thermal environments for other test conditions more readily. The transducer for the total heat flux is actually a surface temperature measurement device; it was selected because it is extremely rugged, provides the direct measurement of the wall temperature, its temperature history can be used in an algorithm to determine the wall heat flux, and it is virtually impossible to overdrive its capability to define the heat flux (as was experienced in the vent pipe for Test C-4 of the KA-III, Phase C tests).

The specs sheets for the surface temperature (total heat flux) and the radiative heat flux gauges are presented as Fig. C-2 and C-3, respectively. The heat flux algorithm is discussed in Subsection 6.4: Recommended Data Reduction and Instrumentation Installation.

#### 6.2 Vent Pipe Instrumentation

The recommended instrumentation in the vent pipe is designed to define the energy and velocity (and mass flow) of the entering and exiting flow, and the distributions with vent-pipe length of static pressure and total and radiative heat flux to the wall. The placing of the vent-pipe instrumentation is shown in Fig. 10; the locations of the wall static pressure and heat flux transducers should be spaced logarithmically along the length for better definition of any pipe-flow characteristics the flow might exhibit.

The total and radiative heat flux gauges and total and static pressure transducers are the same as those recommended for use in the combustion chamber (See Fig. C-2 and C-3). The installation of the pressure transducers in the pitot probes (PT) is described in Subsection 6.4: Recommended Data Reduction and Instrumentation Installation.

The total temperature transducer recommended for use in the vent pipe is similar to the ones in the combustion chamber but has a different radiation shield. The specs sheet for this transducer is presented in Fig. C-4. The concerns for temperature response with thermocouple wire gauge expressed in the combustion chamber discussion apply here also.



Figure 10. Recommended Instrumentation in Vent Pipe for WES May '93 Propellant Burn Tests.

#### **6.3** Plume Instrumentation

Shown in Fig. 11 is a layout for an instrumentation package to minimally define the thermal/fluid dynamic characteristics of the propellant burn exhaust plume. The package consists of a radiometer positioned at three locations along the plume length (15m shown) and a pitot rake which can be positioned at any location along the plume. The pitot rake should facilitate mounting pitot probes and a total temperature transducer at up to eight (8) adjustable positions both vertically and horizontally plus a center position to provide survey type measurements of the plume cross section.

The pitot probes, total temperature instruments, and the radiometers are the same as those used in the vent pipe application.



Figure 11. Recommended Instrumentation in Plume Region for WES May '93 Propellant Burn Tests.

# 6.4 Recommended Data Reduction and Instrumentation Installation

Data Reduction -- The total heat flux/surface temperature is the only measurement result for which the data reduction procedure is not straightforward multiplication of a gauge constant scale factor, supplied by the instrument vendor, times the instantaneous output of the instrument. Some thermocouple transducers are non-linear and require special digital data reduction.

The surface temperature is obtained by the tabular look-up in the millivolt output tables for Chromel-Constantan taking into account the thermocouple reference temperature, or input of the millivolt output into a curve fit equation of the tables. Computation of the heat flux is more complicated; it requires the time-wise integration of the surface temperature to get the heat flux. The heat flux algorithm is based on the condition of one-dimensional conduction along the gauge, a condition that is satisfied if the gauge is installed in a material of similar thermophysical properties such that  $\sqrt{\rho C_p k}$  for the gauge and the host material are as near the same as possible. For Chromel-Constantan, steel is the best match for these properties. The temperature variation of  $\sqrt{\rho C_p k}$  over the range measured by the gauge is required in the data reduction procedure.

The simplest algorithms that for a gauge installed in a semi-infinite slab under a heating load from a time-invariant heat transfer coefficient. This algorithm is available in Ref [5]. However, it is not likely that the heat transfer coefficient for the conditions of the propellant burn tests will be constant with time.

A second algorithm for the time-variant heat transfer coefficient may be developed by solving the inverse of the equation presented in Ref [6] for the wall temperature as a function of the time-variant heat transfer coefficient. This approach requires the computation of the instantaneous slope of the wall temperature with time.

The most direct method of computing the heat transfer coefficient variation with time from the wall temperature time history is by the use if a one-dimensional conduction code which has this capability built in. The EXITS code, developed by REMTECH, Inc., has this capability and can be made available for use in this application.

This type gauge is recommended despite the difficult data reduction procedure required to compute the heat flux in view of the benefits of a very rugged transducer which is virtually impossible to destroy or over-range. Moreover, its use with the radiometer and gas total temperature measurement permits the computation of the convective heat transfer coefficient.

It should be emphasized here that in order to measure the total heat flux, the exposed surface of the gauge must be coated with a paint of known emissivity -- the closer to unity the better for greater accuracy.

Instrumentation Installation -- The installation requirements (hole diameter and thread type, etc.) for all the thermal instrumentation are called out on the spec sheets for each type. Additional installation considerations are discussed below.

The radiometer and heat flux gauge should be installed flush with the internal wall of the test hardware. The heat flux gauges may be contoured to the local radius. The radiometers should not be contoured and should be installed such that no part of the window is protruding into the flow.

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In order to avoid the violation of thermal diffusion times, which complicates the data reduction procedure for the heat flux gauges, the minimum wall thickness into which these gauges should be installed is 1.5 in. This criterion is not satisfied in the vent pipe as it is presently designed; methods to effectively increase the local wall thickness around each gauge (1.0 in. radius) should be adopted.

The mounting of the total temperature and pitot probes in the vent pipe should be such as to minimize the interference effects of its presence in the passing flow; how much is too much is difficult to determine -- a rule of thumb is no more than 15 percent blockage area to the unblocked flow area.

The important aspect of the installation of the pressures in the pitot pressure probe is that the static pressure transducer be located sufficiently downstream of the probe front face so that the local pressure has returned to the stream static. A rule of thumb for that distance is 10 probe diameters. For all installations the pressure transducers should be protected from direct radiation from the combustion gases.

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# Appendix A ANALYSIS OF ADIABATIC BURNING CONDITION OF M-1 PROPELLANT USED IN KA-III, PHASE C, TESTS (CEC Code Output)

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# Appendix C SPECIFICATION SHEETS FOR THE RECOMMENDED THERMAL INSTRUMENTATION



Figure C-1: Recommended Chamber Total Temperature Instrumentation for WES May '93 Propellant Burn Tests



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Figure C-3: Recommended Radiometer Instrumentation for WES May '93 Propellant Burn Tests

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Figure C-4: Recommended Vent Pipe and Plume Total Temperature Instrumentation for WES May '93 Propellant Burn Tests

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