#### DISCUSSIONS TO SHAPED CHARGE JET TESTS AFTER MIL STD 2105 B

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#### ABSTRACT

In contrast to the fragment impact test the shaped charge jet impact test No. 5.2.6 of MIL STD 2105 B is very conservative. The detailed description for the shaped charges, which should be used, is already modified from the first edition of the MIL STD 2105 B. The 50 mm Rockeye warhead, fired at 147 mm stand-off, is not internationally to everybody available and represents not the real threat by modern shaped charge systems. On one hand it exist a very large number of shoulder launched projectiles with about 300 mm to 400 mm perforation capabilities. But the missile warheads have mostly 100 mm to 150 mm diameters with perforation potentials of 800 mm to 1.200 mm and jet tip velocities over 9 mm/µs. After the perforation of 100 mm RHA or less the residual jet tip velocities are over 8 mm/µs with large jet diameters. Further missile WH are nearly 100 % using now tandem shaped charges, where the jet of the precursor charge can sensitise propellant and high explosive charges, where the later arriving main jets can start now violent reactions. The initiation criteria for shaped charge jets as function of jet velocities, diameter, material, acceptor charge configurations, covered or not, unconfined and confined etc. will be shortly described. Finally it will be tried to give recommendations for different levels of shaped charge threats.

#### BACKGROUND

The ammunitions should be less sensitive against different threats, to avoid per example the damage of mass or sympathetic donations at storage magazines (Fig. 1). To get national and international standard test procedures, the MIL-STD-2105A was created first on the 09.09.1982 and the second draft on the 09.01.1990. To the old standard tests in MIL-STD-810 B, seven additional threat tests were added, which includes also tests with shaped charge jet impacts and shape charge spall fragment impacts (Fig. 3). They differentiate between 6 reaction levels, which are verbal described in paper form (Fig. 4). With regards to the fragment formations and blast pressure this text is visualised by the author (Fig. 5).

#### SHAPED CHARGE TESTS

In the first edition the shaped charge tests were described in § 5.1.10 by threats either of M42/M46 grenades or the 81 mm precision shaped charge, which represents a HEAT attack. The M42/M46 grenades should be fired in the built in stand-off and the 81 mm SC in 147 mm distance (Fig. 6). Surprisingly is, that not the in extremely large quantities produced M42/M46 grenades or bomblets should be used as the standard version (Fig. 7), but a special type with a trumpet liner (Fig. 8) with very special requirements for the liner material (Fig. 9). In the very short distance the liner texture has a minor influence on the jet characteristics.

I have found two sketches for the 81 mm precision shaped charge in the open literature (Fig. 10 and Fig. 11). Also in this case a very precise liner material was required, which has as well no influence on the jet characteristics in the required two calibre stand-off (Fig. 12).

The test procedure was reworked and in my latest edition of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1984 (Fig. 13) is described in § 5.2.6, that now the Rockeye shaped charge warhead with 50 mm diameter should be used at 147 mm standoff (Fig. 14). This can be an USA national standard but not an international standard, because this cluster ammunition is not world-wide available.

For the spall fragment impact tests the 80 mm precision shaped charge is left (Fig. 15), where the same limitations exist for this shaped charge type, as described before.

#### JET INITIATION PHENOMENA

A rough rule of thumb for the initiation threshold of high explosive charge is the Held  $v_i^2 \cdot d_i$ criteria, where v<sub>i</sub> is the jet impact velocity and d<sub>i</sub> the jet diameter (Fig. 17). The high explosive charges behave much more sensitive, if the charges have an air gap between a casing or a cover plate and the charge (Fig. 18). They reacts faster with less build up distances as the pictures of a rotating mirror cameras with 1 million frames/sec show (Fig. 19). The charges behave much less sensitive, if the air gaps are beneath 1 mm and they are more or less constant sensitive, if the air gap is larger than 5 mm (Fig. 20). If the casing or the cover plate is thicker than 6 mm, then the charge reacts less sensitive (Fig. 21). The build up distances  $\Delta s$ , measured delayed times  $\Delta t$  or initiation times t<sub>i</sub> as a function of jet velocity for a composition B charge type are presented in Fig. 22, or as a function of the  $v_i^2 \cdot d_i$  in Fig. 23. The following observation is very surprising. If the jet is beneath the initiation threshold of an acceptor charge in contact to a barrier and then follows an air gap, the charge is initiated after the air gap. The detonation wave also runs again backwards and detonates the already by the jet perforated charge section (Fig. 24). The different threshold values of high explosive charges, arranged in direct contact or in an air gap distance, explains the author by a pre-compression of the bulging cover material, if the charge is in contact to the case. The cover material move before the jet exits (Fig. 25). On the high explosive charge are first arriving shock waves. The longitudinal sound velocities in steel are 5.9 mm/us fast. Before the jet arrives, the surface between barrier and high explosives starts to move and precompress the charge and squeeze out the hot spots (Fig. 26). The pressure is in this case rising from a low value up to the Bernoulli stagnation pressure over a time scale of few microseconds as a ramp wave. If the jet is directly impacting or after an air gap the produced shock wave is rising spontaneously to a 5 times higher value, but over one magnitude less duration (Fig. 27). The high explosives react much more sensitive under this second load condition.

The MIL-STD-2125 B requires firing of shape charges through the centre of a rocket motor if the energetic material contains a cavity (Fig. 28). It was in this case also documented, that higher violent reaction levels occur. The explanation is a bit different then the expelled propellant material from the inner surface impacts as a powder on the other side with high velocities, where it starts to react much more easily.

#### SHAPED CHARGE THREAT

A big threat for military and civilians terrorist attacks are the shoulder launched HEAT rounds. World-wide most distributed and produced seems to be the RPG 7 (Fig. 29). But it exists in every country similar systems mostly with better performances as M72 in USA, LAW 80 in UK, Panzerfaust in Germany etc. Also this shoulder launched weapon systems have now tandem shaped charges (Fig. 30). But in the worldwide distributed anti tank missile systems with larger warheads between 100 mm and 150 mm diameter and which are ranging in the penetration between 800 mm and 1.200 mm (Fig. 31). The first warhead generation has one shaped charge. In the next generation a leading shaped charge is installed

in front, to defeat especially reactive armour systems. The numbers are remarkably world-wide less, but the threat by the faster and thicker jets are enormous increased.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Some time ago on a meeting in Shrivenham, a Lady from USA says that she had done an extremely large gap test against a propellant charge and has got no detonation. Therefore she had not to do any shaped charge tests. I think tandem shaped charge impact tests, where the precursor charge can sensitise remarkably the reaction behaviour of energetic materials, cannot be compared with shock load tests. To reduce the costs, I would recommend the following test procedure. Start with a small shaped charge. If no violent reaction happens continue with a bigger shaped charges and finally with a tandem shaped charge, as examples: start with an M42/M46 shaped charge in the building stand-off. If no violent reaction happens, then take the RPG 7 or similar type. If also this showed no violent reaction, a 100 mm or 150 mm mono shaped charge with jet tip velocities of at least of 9 mm/µs and in a stand-off of 300 mm (2 CD) would be good realistic test vehicles. If this was also OK then I would recommend to use a tandem shaped charge test set-up. For this an existing tandem shaped charge can be used. Eastern countries are typically using 64 mm leading shaped charges, which can be arranged in typically 2 CD's stand-off to the test item and the main shaped charge in 900 mm or 6 CD stand-off (Fig. 32).

#### CONCLUSION

No type of high explosive charge is found up to now, which is not violent reacting against larger shaped charge warheads. On the other hand, the initiation process is not at all well understood. To find out how the initiation with violent reactions can be reduced, more fundamental tests of the interaction behaviour of shaped charge jets with high explosive charges under different configurations should be conducted under different diagnostic techniques. A better understanding means it can be better worked on the taylorring of the high explosive behaviour against single and tandem shaped charge jet loads.

















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# **Required shaped charge tests**

# Jet initiation phenomena

Shaped charge threat

Recommendations

### MIL-STD-2105 A (NAVY) 19. Jan. 1990

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## **MILITARY STANDARD**

HAZARD ASSESSMENT TESTS FOR NON-NUCLEAR MUNITIONS



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### **Item Number and Test Sequence**



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## MIL-STD-2105 A (NAVY)

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Explosive reaction levels.

a. Detonation Reaction (Type I). The most violent type of explosive event. A supersonic decomposition reaction propagates through the energetic material to produce an intense shock in the surrounding medium,e.g., air or water, and very rapid plastic deformation of metallic cases followed by extensive fragmentation. All energetic material will be consumed. The effects will include large ground craters for munitions on or close to the ground, holing/plastic flow damage/fragmentation of adjacent metal plates and blast overpressure damage to nearby structures.

**b.** Partial Detonation Reaction (Type II). The second most violent type of explosive event. Some, but not all of the energetic material reacts as in a detonation. An intense shock is formed; some of the case is broken into small fragments; a ground crater can be produced, adjacent metal plates can be damaged as in a detonation, and there will be blast overpessure damage to nearby structures. A partial detonation can also produce large case fragments as in a violent pressure rupture (brittle fracture). The amount of damage, relative to a full detonation, depends on the portion of material that detonates.

**c. Explosion Reaction (Type III).** The third most violent type of explosive event. Ignition and rapid burning of the confined energetic material builds up high local pressures leading to violent pressure rupturing of the confining structure. Metal cases arc fragmented (brittle fracture) into large pieces that are often thrown long distances. Unreacted and/or burning energetic material is also thrown about. Fire and smoke hazards will exist. Air shock are produced that can cause damage to nearby structures. The blast and high velocity fragments can cause

minor ground craters and damage (break-up, tearing, gouging) to adjacent metal plates. Blast pressures are lower than for a detonation.

d. Deflagration Reaction (Type IV). The fourth most violent type of explosive event. Ignition and burning of the confined energetic materials leads to nonviolent pressure release as a result of a low strength case or venting through case closures (leading port/fuze wells, etc.). The case might rupture but does not fragment; closure covers might be expelled, and unburned or burning energetic material might be thrown about and spread the fire. Pressure venting can propel an unsecured test item, causing an additional hazard. No blast or significant fragmentation damage to the surroundings; only heat and smoke damage from the burning energetic material.

**e. Burning Reaction (Type V).** The least violent type of explosive event. The energetic material ignites and burns, non-propulsively. The case may open, melt or weaken sufficiently to rupture nonviolently, allowing mild release of combustion gases. Debris stays mainly within the area of the fire. This debris is not expected to cause fatal wounds to personnel or be a hazardous fragment beyond 50 feet.

**f. Propulsion (Type VI).** A reaction whereby adequate force is produced to impart flight to the test item in its least restrained configuration as determined by the life cycle analysis.

### Explosive Reactive Levels MIL-STD-2105A (NAVY)



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# Shaped Charge Impact Test 5.1.10 MIL-STD-2105 A (NAVY)





### Grenade M 42 / M 46





### Grenade M 42 / M 46







# Shaped Charge Jet Impact Test 5.1.10 MIL-STD-2105 A (NAVY)

The M 42/M46 grenade shall be configured as follows:

Explosive fill: 30 grams of Composition A-5 conforming to MIL-E-14970

Cone angle: Trumpet with 3" radius

- Dimensions:Height of cone= 1.3 inchesOutside diameter= 1.315 inchesInside diameter= 1.237 inchesWall thickness= 0.075 inches
- Liner description: Copper strip, cold-rolled, soft annealed, conforming to QQ-C-576 Electrolytic tough pitch Grain size < ASTM grain size 8 Non-earring quality with suppressed cube texture
- Body: M 42/M46 body load assembly (without fuze)

### 81 mm Precision Shaped Charge





Walters - Fundamental of Shaped Charges 1989

Fig. 10

## **Standard Shaped Charge**



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# Shaped Charge Jet Impact Test 5.1.10 MIL-STD-2105 A (NAVY)

The 81 mm precision shaped charge shall be configured as follows:

Explosive fill:	1,8 pounds of Composition B conforming to MIL-C-401
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- Cone angle: 42°
- Dimensions:Height of cone= 3.7 inchesOutside diameter= 3.2 inchesInside diameter= 2.91 inchesWall thickness= 0.075 inches
- Liner description: Oxygen-free copper conforming to ASTM B152 with a temper of OS025 Grain size < 50 microns after stress relief No shear forming Deep drawn anneal
- Body: Standard 90-mm M371E1 recoilles rifle round



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Fig. 13

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# Shaped Charge Impact Test 5.1.10 MIL-STD-2105 A (NAVY)







### Spall Impact Test 5.1.11 MIL-STD-2105 A (NAVY)





in presented area (up to 40 Fragments total) **Problems with SC Tests** 



Availability

SC - Diameter

Liner material

What is the real threat against what type of munitions ?





# **Required shaped charge tests**

Jet initiation phenomena

Shaped charge threat

Recommendations

### v<sup>2</sup> d - Criterion



Threshold or impact velocity as a function of the diameter of shaped charge jets, projectiles or flyer foils for different high explosive charges.

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### **Setups for SC Jet Initiation Test**



Fig. 18

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## **Buildup Distance with Jet Initiation**



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 $\Delta s = f$  (Width of Air Gap)



Fig. 20

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**Spaced Barrier** 



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Fig. 22







## Jet Initiation of a Split HE - Charge



SC 34 608



### Jet Load against Plexiglass after 100 mm M.S. Barrier





Fig. 25

### **Time - Distance - Plot**



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### **Different Loads**



Fig. 27

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### **Delayed Detonation Process**





S.A. Finnigan, AGARD CP-511, 1992





# **Required shaped charge tests**

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Fig. 29a

### PG 7 VL

### P = 500 mm

PART 1

#### ANTITANK **GRENADE LAUNCHERS**

#### ЧАСТЬ 1

ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЕ ГРАНАТОМЕТЫ

#### **PG-7VL ANTITANK ROUND** FOR RPG-7 GRENADE LAUNCHER

The round is designed to combat all types of modern tanks and other armor materiel, suppress weapon emplacements and manpower in buildings and structures.

#### ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЙ ВЫСТРЕЛ ПГ-7ВЛ К ГРАНАТОМЕТУ РПГ-7

Предназначен для борьбы с современными танками всех типов и другой бронированной техникой, подавления огневых точек и живой силы в зданиях и сооружениях.



Basic Characteristics		Основные характеристики	
Caliber, mm	93	Калибр, мм	93
Weight, kg	2.6	Масса, кг	2,6
Sighting range, m	300	Дальность прицельной стрельбы, м	300
Penetration, m:		Толщина пробиваемой преграды, м:	
homogeneous armor	at least 0.5	гомогенной брони	более 0,5
brick	at least 1.5	кирпичной	более 1,5
reinforced concrete	at least 1.1	железобетонной	более 1,1
log and dirt	at least 2.4	деревоземляной	более 2,4







### **PG - 7 VL**

### P = 500 mm

#### PG-7VR ANTITANK ROUND FOR RPG-7V1 GRENADE LAUNCHER

The round is designed to combat all types of tanks, including those provided with explosive reactive armor, and suppress manpower located in buildings and structures.

#### ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЙ ВЫСТРЕЛ ПГ-7ВР K FPAHATOMETY PRF-7B1

Предназначен для борьбы с танками всех типов, в том числе оснащенными динамической защитой, подавления живой силы в зданиях и сооружениях.



### PG7VR

### P behind Era = 600 mm

Basic Characteristics		Основные характеристики	
Warhead	tandem	Боевая часть	тандемная
Caliber, mm	105	Калибр, мм	105
Weight, kg	4.5	Масса, кг	4,5
Accurate firing range, m	200	Дальность прицельной стрельбы, м	200
Penetration, m:		Толщина пробиваемой преграды, м:	
homogeneous armor behind ERA	at least 0.6	гомогенной брони после преодоления ДЗ	более 0,6
brick	at least 2.0	кирпичной	более 2,0
reinforced concrete	at least 1.5	железобетонной	более 1,5
log and dirt	at least 3.7	деревоземляной	более 3,7
GROUP 13 AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES Class 1315 Ammunition from 75 mm to 125 mm		ГРУППА 13 БОЕПРИПАСЫ, БОЕВЫЕ ЧАСТИ РАКЕТ И ВЗР Класс 1315 Боеприпасы и арти калибра от 75 мм до	ывчатые вещества ллерийские выстрелы 125 мм включительно

## **RPG 7 V 1**

PART 1

ANTITANK

AND OG-7V ROUNDS

**PG - 7 VL PG - 7 VR TBG - 7 V** OG -7 V



ЧАСТЬ 1

ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЕ

РУЧНОЙ ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЙ ГРАНАТОМЕТ РПГ-7В1 С ВЫСТРЕЛАМИ ПГ-7ВЛ, ПГ-7ВР, ТБГ-7В





### **RPG 26**

PART 1

#### ANTITANK **GRENADE LAUNCHERS**

### P = 400 mm

#### ЧАСТЬ 1



#### **RPG-26 ANTITANK ROCKET GRENADE** WITH SINGLE-SHOT GRENADE LAUNCHER

The grenade is designed to combat tanks and armored mareriel, suppress weapon emplacements and manpower in buildings and structures.

#### РЕАКТИВНАЯ ПРОТИВОТАНКОВАЯ ГРАНАТА С ГРАНАТОМЕТОМ ОДНОРАЗОВОГО ПРИМЕНЕНИЯ РПГ-26

Предназначена для борьбы с танками и бронированной техникой, подавления огневых точек и живой силы в зданиях и сооружениях.



Основные характеристики

#### **Basic Characteristics**

GROUP 13 AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES Class 1315 Ammunition from 75 mm to 125 mm		ГРУППА 13 БОЕПРИПАСЫ, БОЕВЫЕ ЧАСТИ РАКЕТ И Класс 1315 Боеприпасы и калибра от 75 ми	ВЗРЫВЧАТЫЕ ВЕЩЕСТВА артиллерийские выстрелы м до 125 мм включительно
log and dirt	at least 2.4	деревоземляной	более 2,4
brick	at least 1.5	кирпичной	более 1,5
reinforced concrete	at least 1	железобетонной	более 1
homogeneous armor	at least 0.4	гомогенной брони	более 0,4
Penetration, m:		Толщина пробиваемой преграды, м:	
Accurate firing range, m	250	Дальность прицельной стрельбы, м	250
Weight, kg	2.9	Масса, кг	2,9
Caliber, mm	72.5	Калибр, мм	72,5





### **RPG 27**

#### PART 1

#### ANTITANK GRENADE LAUNCHERS

### P behind ERA = 600 mm

#### ЧАСТЬ 1

ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЕ ГРАНАТОМЕТЫ

#### RPG-27 ANTITANK ROCKET GRENADE WITH SINGLE-SHOT GRENADE LAUNCHER

The grenade is designed to combat all types of tanks, including those provided with explosive reactive armor, and suppress weapon emplacements and manpower located in buildings and structures.

#### РЕАКТИВНАЯ ПРОТИВОТАНКОВАЯ ГРАНАТА С ГРАНАТОМЕТОМ ОДНОРАЗОВОГО ПРИМЕНЕНИЯ РПГ-27

Предназначена для борьбы с танками всех типов, в том числе оснащенными динамической защитой, подавления огневых точек и живой силы в зданиях и сооружениях.



#### **Basic Characteristics** Основные характеристики Warhead tandem Боевая часть тандемная Калибр, мм Caliber, mm 105 105 Weight, kg 8 Масса, кг 8 Дальность прицельной стрельбы, м Accurate firing range, m 200 200 Толщина пробиваемой преграды, м: Penetration, m: homogeneous armor behind ERA гомогенной брони после преодоления ДЗ более 0.6 at least 0.6 железобетонной и кирпичной более 1.5 reinforced concrete and brick at least 1.5 log and dirt более 3,7 at least 3.7 деревоземляной

#### Fig. 30

### **RPG 29 with PG - 29 V**

### P behind ERA = 600 mm

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более 0,6 более 1,5 более 3,7

#### PART 1

#### ANTITANK **GRENADE LAUNCHERS**

#### **RPG-29 HAND-HELD ANTITANK GRENADE** LAUNCHER WITH PG-29V ROUND

The grenade launcher is designed to combat all types of tanks, including those provided with explosive reactive armor, and other armored materiel and suppress weapon emplacements and manpower located in buildings and structures.

The grenade launcher can be multiply fired. It is provided with an iron, optical and a night sight.

#### РУЧНОЙ ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЙ ГРАНАТОМЕТ РПГ-29 С ВЫСТРЕЛОМ ПГ-29В

Предназначен для борьбы с танками всех типов, в том числе оснащенными динамической защитой, и другой бронированной техникой, подавления огневых точек и живой силы в зданиях и сооружениях.

Гранатомет многоразового применения. Оснащен механическим, оптическим и ночным прицелами.



Basic Characteristics		Основные характеристики
Warhead	tandem	Боевая часть
Caliber, mm	105	Калибр, мм
Weight, kg:		Масса, кг:
grenade launcher	11.5	гранатомета
round	6.7	выстрела
Accurate firing range, m	500	Дальность прицельной стрельбы, м
Penetration, m:		Толщина пробиваемой преграды, м:
homogeneous armor behind ERA	at least 0.6	гомогенной брони после преодоления ДЗ
reinforced concrete and brick	at least 1.5	железобетонной и кирпичной
log and dirt	at least 3.7	деревоземляной

ПРОТИВОТАНКОВЫЕ ГРАНАТОМЕТЫ





# Stand - off CurvesProving GroundMeppen 1985 / Sept. 2000



#### METRIC

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 Table 1: Standardized V-d values for a copper jet.		
Threat	Representative V <sup>2</sup> D (mm <sup>3</sup> /µs <sup>2</sup> )	
Top Attack Bomblet	200	
50mm Rockeye	360	
Rocket Propelled Grenade	430	
Anti-Tank Guided Missile	800	

### Table 1. Standardized V/2d voluce for a conner ist



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### 13. Characterization of the Shaped Charge Jet.

- a. Note that two shaped charges which deliver the same V<sup>2</sup>d on the outside of a munition or its shielding may deliver VERY different values of V<sup>2</sup>d when the jet reaches the energetic material. Consequently, and so all nations may fully understand the test that is conducted, provide a full characterization of the jet if a jet other than the standard 50mm Rockeye is used. Characterization of the jet requires that the following be specified:
- velocity of the leading particle;
  - diameter of the leading particle;
  - average diameter of the jet particles after particulation;
  - breakup time (time from detonation to jet particulation);
  - standoff from shaped charge to munition;
  - position of the virtual origin of the shaped charge jet within the cone;
  - thickness of conditioning armor if any is used;
  - penetration capability.
- b. It is presumed that nations will have available characterized shaped charge jets that they can use for this test. Characterization of a shaped charge jet requires separate tests that are not described here.





# **Required shaped charge tests**

# Jet initiation phenomena

Shaped charge threat

Recommendations















### **Mono Shaped Charges**



### Tandem Shaped ChargeTest Setup





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# Mass-or Sympathetic Detonation of an Ammunition Storage Place at Kuwait 1991



#### MIL-STD-2105C

- a. Type I (Detonation Reaction). The most violent type of explosive event. A supersonic decomposition reaction propagates through the energetic material to produce an intense shock in the surrounding medium, air or water for example, and very rapid plastic deformation of metallic cases, followed by extensive fragmentation. All energetic material will be consumed. The effects will include large ground craters for munitions on or close to the ground, holing/plastic flow damage/fragmentation of adjacent metal plates, and blast overpressure damage to nearby structures.
- b. Type II (Partial Detonation Reaction). The second most violent type of explosive event. Some, but not all of the energetic material reacts as in a detonation. An intense shock is formed; some of the case is broken into small fragments; a ground crater can be produced, adjacent metal plates can be damaged as in a detonation, and there will be blast overpressure damage to nearby structures. A partial detonation can also produce large case fragments as in a violent pressure rupture (brittle fracture). The amount of damage, relative to a full detonation, depends on the portion of material that detonates.
- c. Type III (Explosion Reaction). The third most violent type of explosive event. Ignition and rapid burning of the confined energetic material builds up high local pressures leading to violent pressure rupturing of the confining structure. Metal cases are fragmented (brittle fracture) into large pieces that are often thrown long distances. Unreacted and/or burning energetic material is also thrown about. Fire and smoke hazards will exist. Air shocks are produced that can cause damage to nearby structures. The blast and high velocity fragments can cause minor ground craters and damage (breakup, tearing, gouging) to adjacent metal plates. Blast pressures are lower than for a detonation.
- d. Type IV (Deflagration Reaction). The fourth most violent type of explosive event. Ignition and burning of the confined energetic materials leads to nonviolent pressure release as a result of a low strength case or venting through case closures (loading port/fuze wells, etc.). The case might rupture but does not fragment; closure covers might be expelled, and unburned or burning energetic material might be thrown about and spread the fire. Propulsion might launch an unsecured test item, causing an additional hazard. No blast or significant fragmentation damage to the surroundings; only heat and smoke damage from the burning energetic material.
- e. Type V (Burning Reaction). The least violent type of explosive event. The energetic material ignites and burns, non-propulsively. The case may open, melt or weaken sufficiently to rupture nonviolently, allowing mild release of combustion gases. Debris stays mainly within the area of the fire. This debris is not expected to cause fatal wounds to personnel or be a hazardous fragment beyond 15 m (49 ft).





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