

# HVOF as a Hard Chrome Replacement



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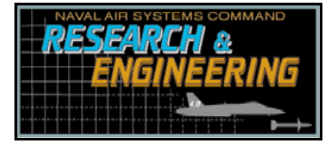
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## Current Status of P-3 Main Landing Gear

**HVOF MLG Piston installed 26 April 99 on VP-30 Aircraft BuNo 156522**

**Aircraft completed PDM at NADEP JAX on 5 Dec 99**

**PDM extended due to multiple spar cap insertions**

**850 Landings on HVOF coated MLG Piston (Aug 00)**

**HVOF Coated Piston removed from service Aug 00 due to internal oil leak on ID-2 (NOT HVOF COATED)**

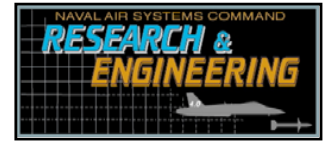
**HVOF Coated Strut repaired, sent back to VP-30**

**Installed on Aircraft 160284 STBD April 25, 2001**

**1,078 Total Landings on HVOF coated strut (8/23/01)**



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## Current Status of P-3 Main Landing Gear

**655 Landings on HVOF coated strut since 4-25-01 (2/1/02)**

**1,505 Total Landings on HVOF coated strut as of 01 Feb 02**

**44 Landings on HVOF coated strut since 2-1-01 (9/5/02)**

**1,549 Total Landings on HVOF coated strut as of 5 Sept 02**

**584 Landings on HVOF coated strut since 9-5-02 (3/28/03)**

**2,133 Total Landings on HVOF coated strut as of 28 March 03**

**725 Landings on HVOF coated strut since 3-28-03 (9/30/03)**

**2,858 Total Landings on HVOF coated strut as of 30 Sept 03**

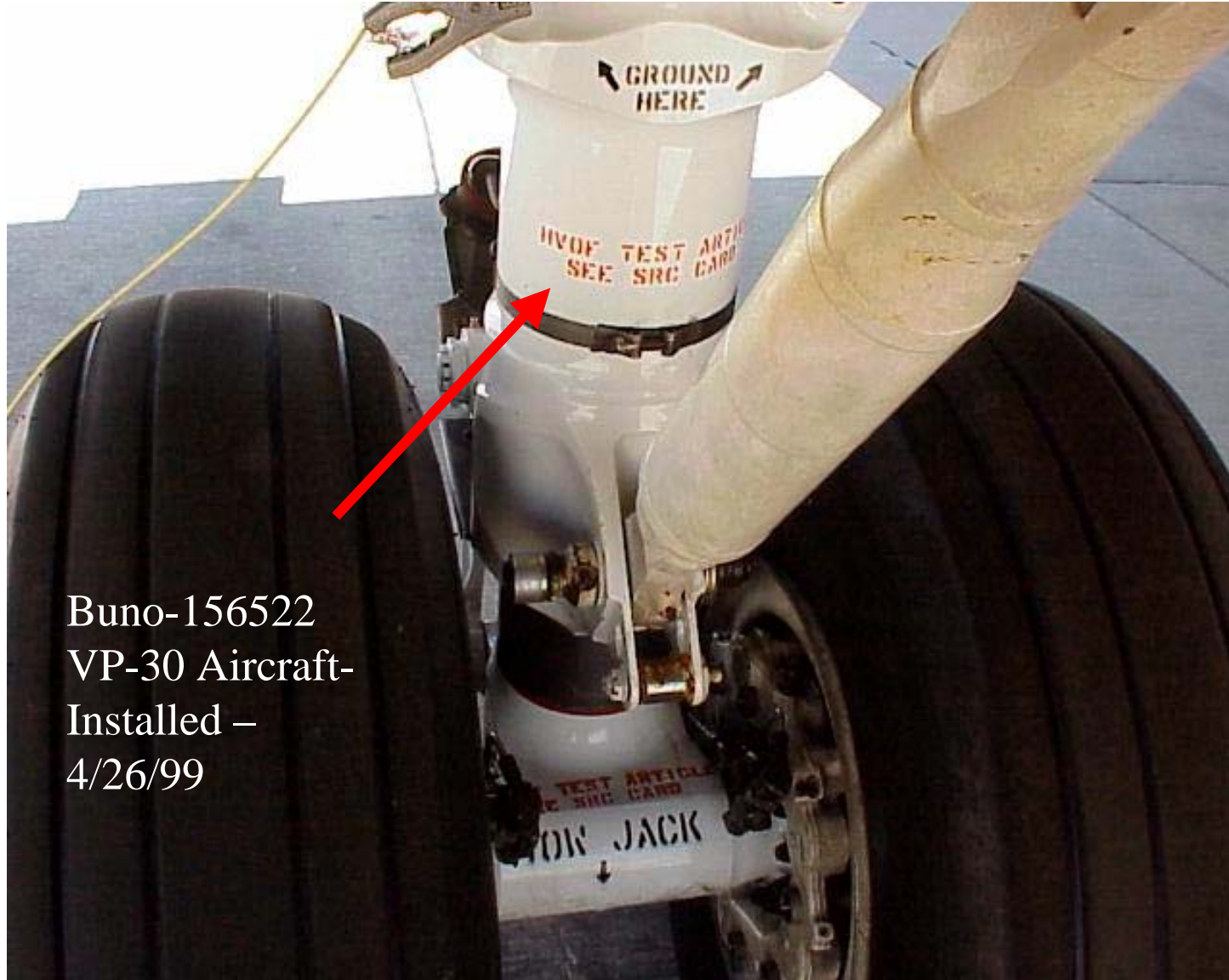
**Aircraft sent to Depot JAX for PDM on 13 August 2003**

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Buno-156522  
VP-30 Aircraft  
Installed 4/26/99

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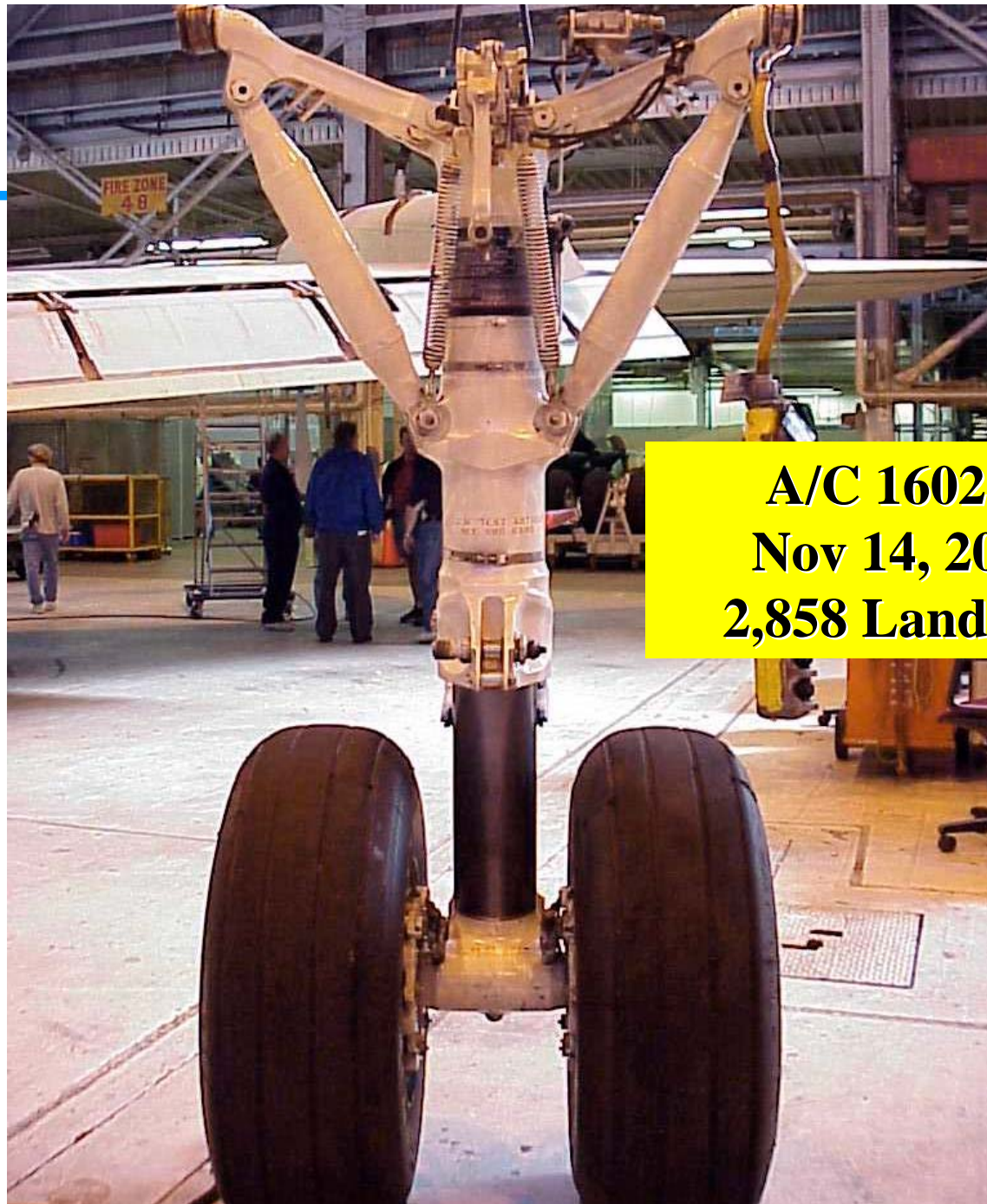
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**A/C 160284**  
**Nov 14, 2003**  
**2,858 Landings**

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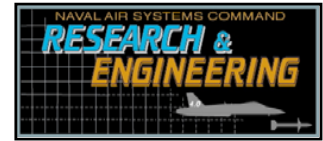


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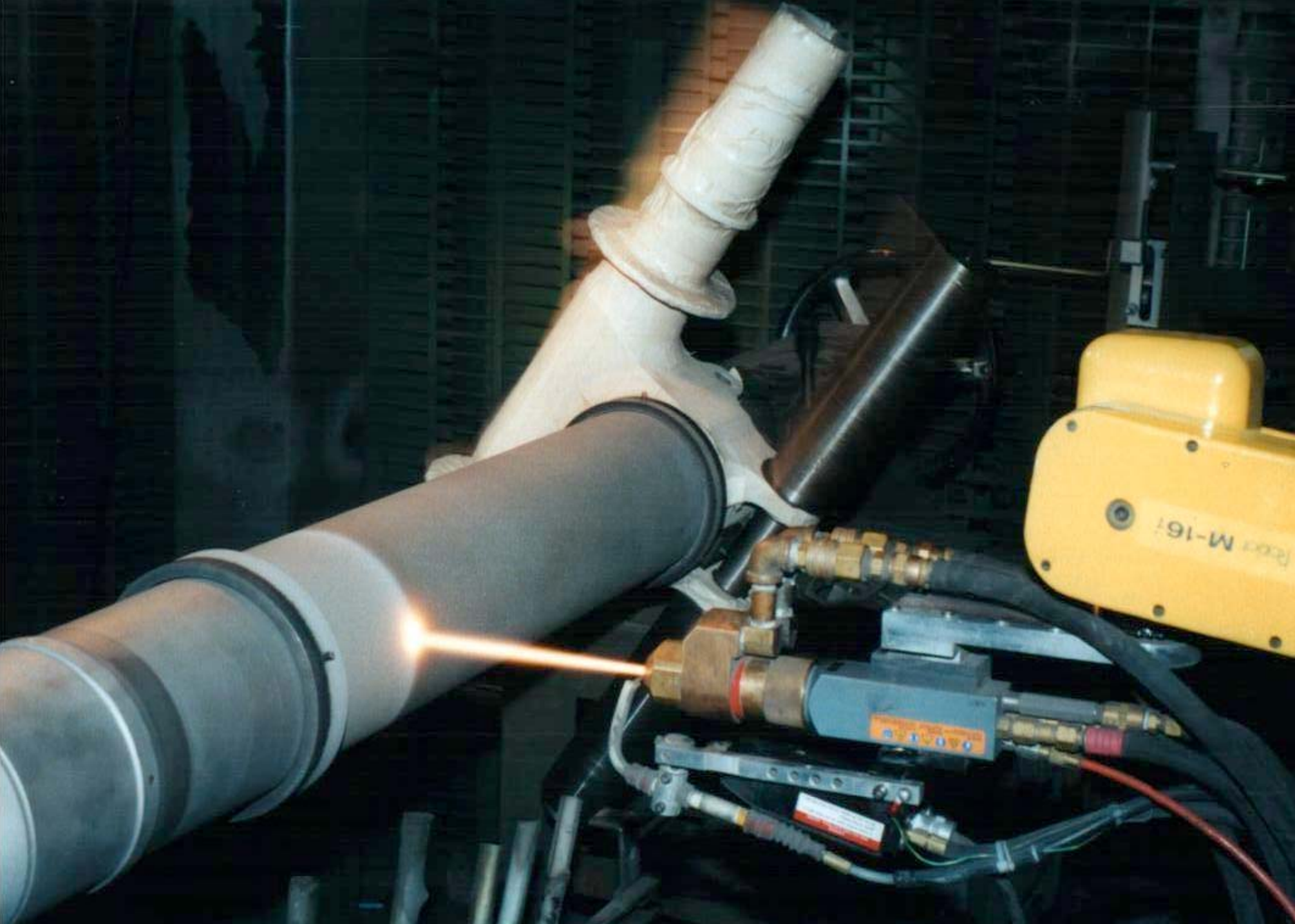
## Second P-3 MLG Piston coated with HVOF WC/Co 83/17

- To be used in \$70M P-3 aircraft SLAP/SLEP - Full Scale Fatigue Test
- R/H MLG chrome plated
- L/H MLG HVOF coated
- HVOF coating, grinding & processing of gear funded by Naval Research Lab (NRL)
- Testing started 30 August 2001 (24 month test)
- 16,000 Cyclic Test Hrs. accumulated as of 30 Aug. 02
- Test down since April '02 for repairs; hope to be up Sept. 02
- 26,000 CTH planned; ECD December 02 if all goes well
- Landing gear shows no sign of coating problems

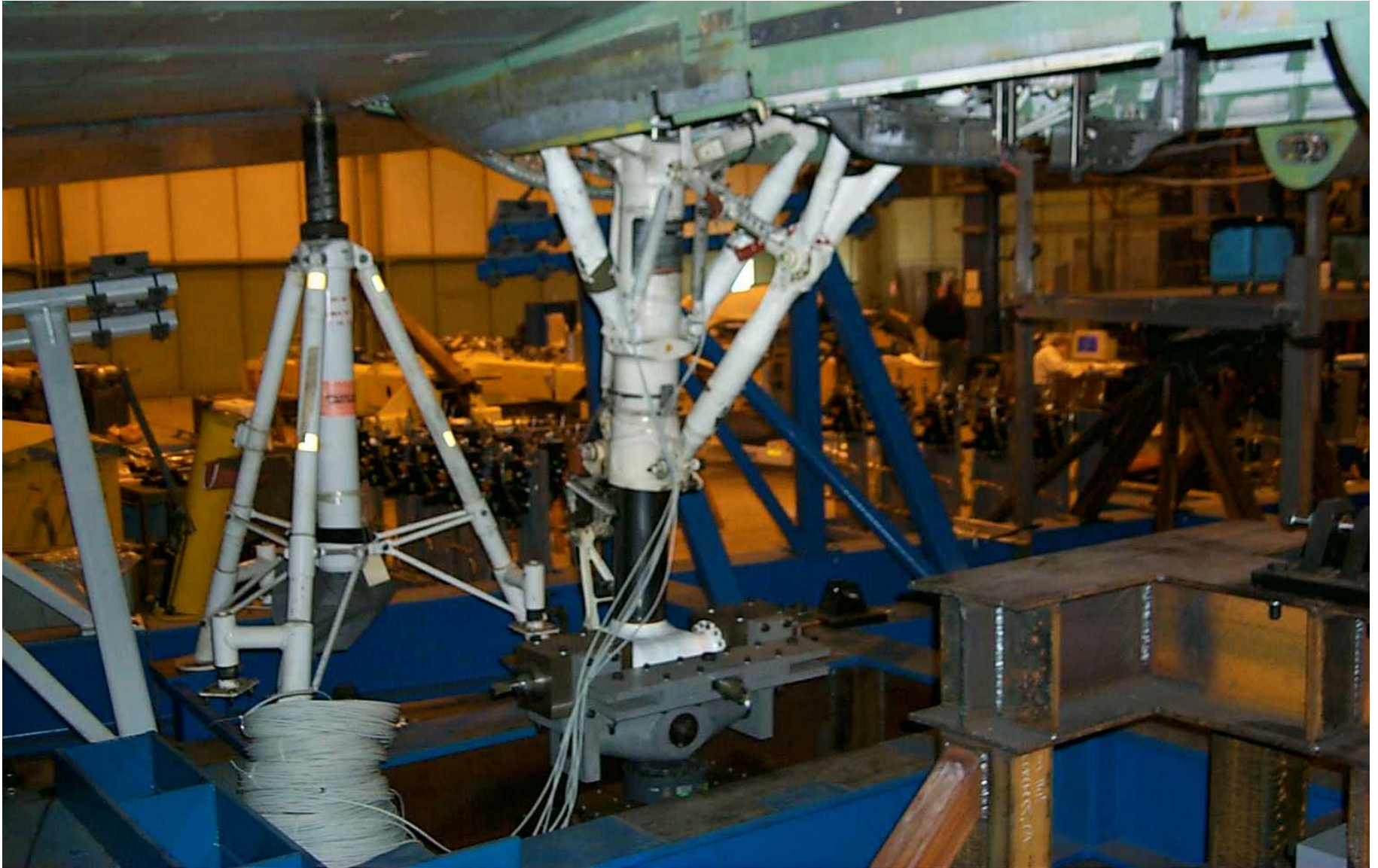
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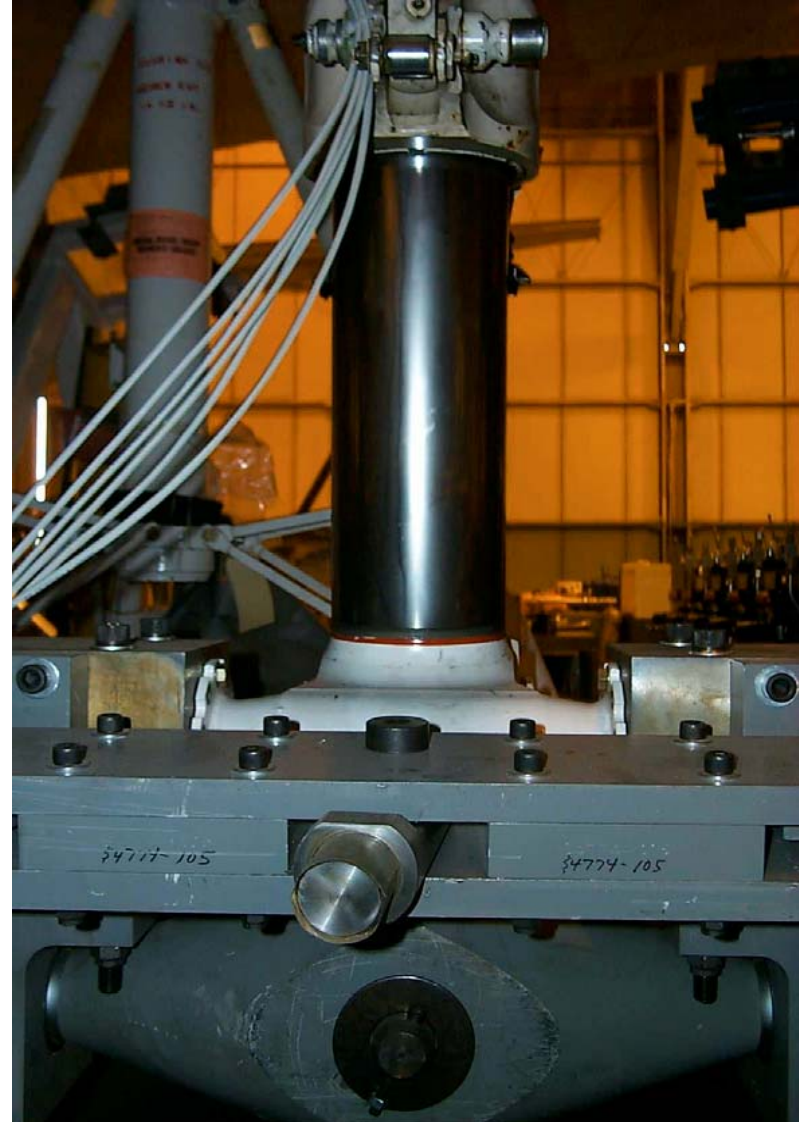
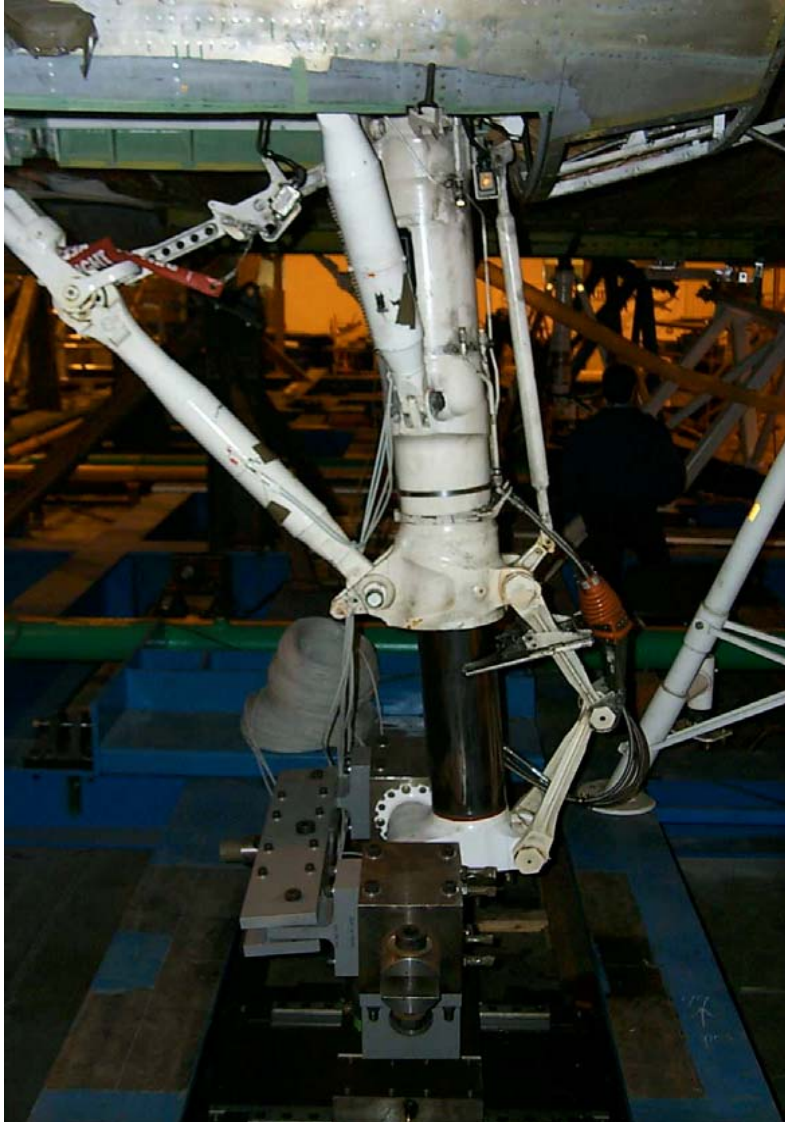
- 26,000 CTH initially planned
- Test extended to 38,000 CTH - some of airframe not tested sufficiently
- 200-250K cycles on LG representing 47,000 Landings
- Test represents two fatigue lifetimes
- If this testing doesn't break the landing gear or HVOF coating, then nothing will!
- Landing gear shows no sign of failure or coating problems
- Test Completed with a "BANG!" on 4 March 2003
- Landing Gear removed April 2003 for inspection



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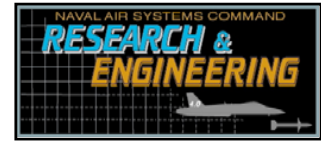
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- **P-3 Bomb Bay Door Actuator Pistons coated, ground, & superfinished**
- **Four HVOF coated P-3 Bomb Bay Door Actuator Assemblies RFI and installed on VP-30 Aircraft BuNo 156510 July 2001**
- **Aircraft undergoing PDM at JAX July 2001**
- **A/C delivered back to VP-30 on 7 Sept 01**
- **91 Flight Hours on HVOF coated actuators (01 Feb 02)**
- **232 Flight Hours on HVOF coated actuators (05 Sept 02)**
- **704 Flight Hours on HVOF coated actuators (28 March 03)**
- **869 Flight Hours on HVOF coated actuators (24 Sept 03)  
(Aircraft currently at Whidbey Is. for AEB 003)**



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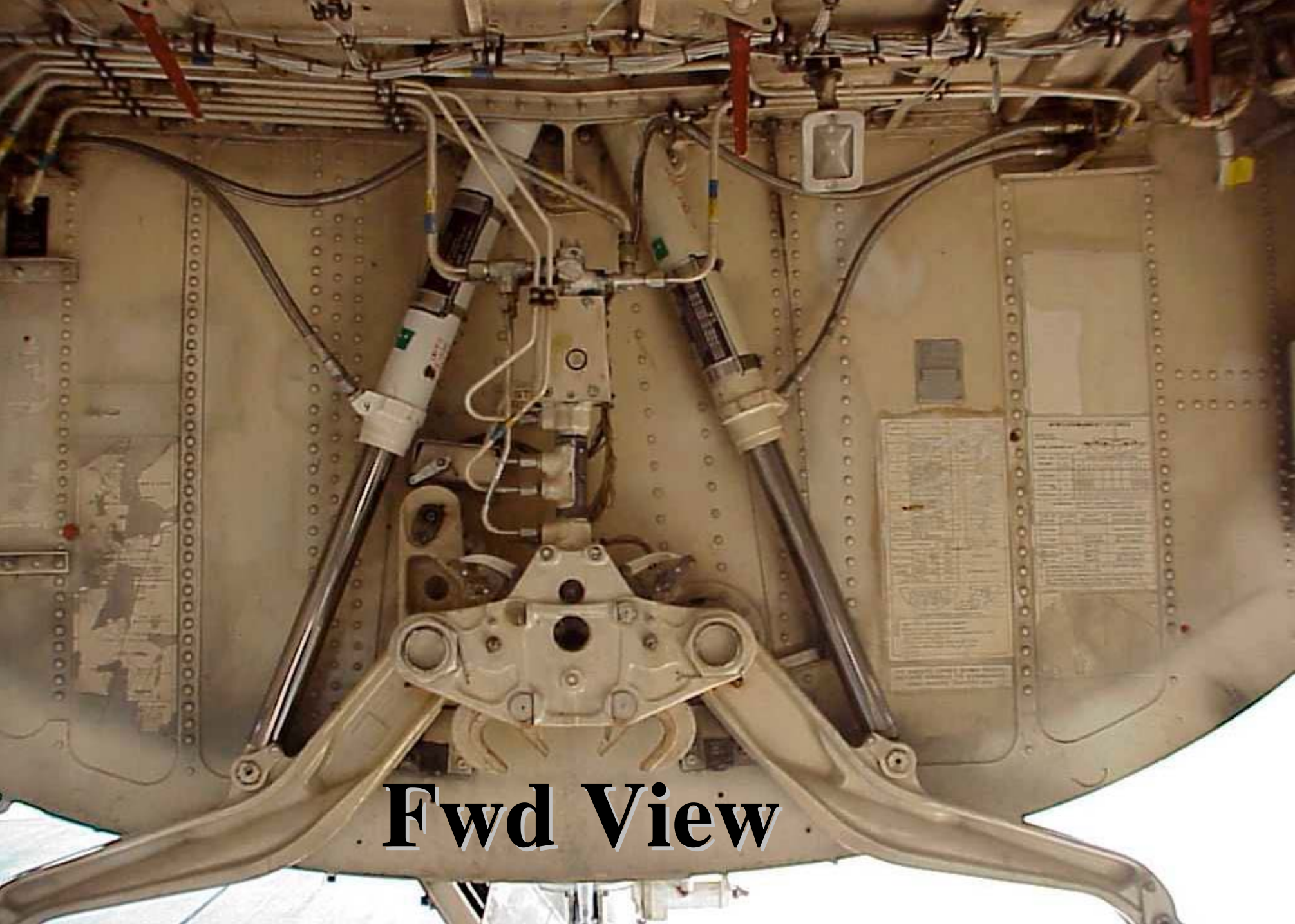
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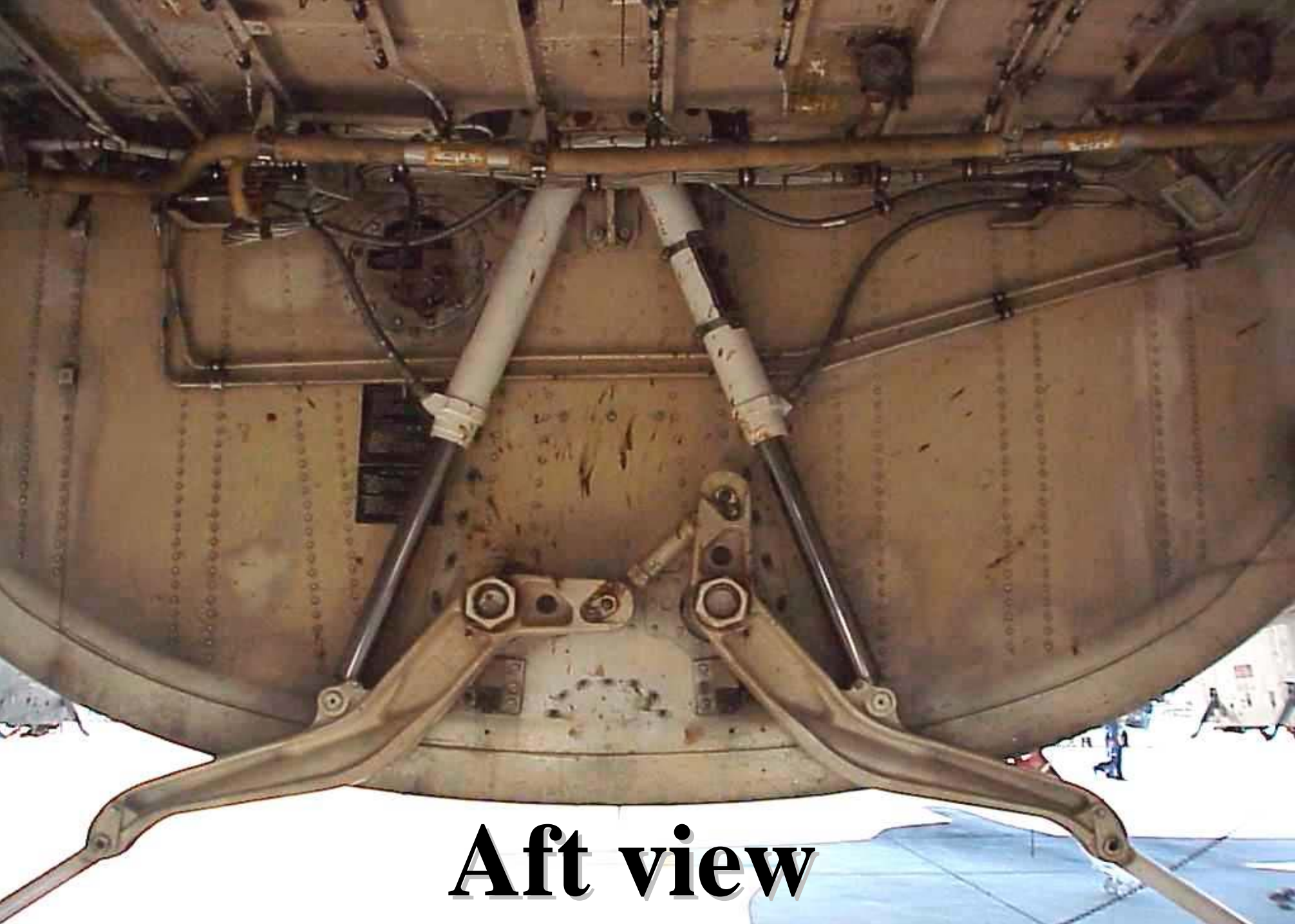


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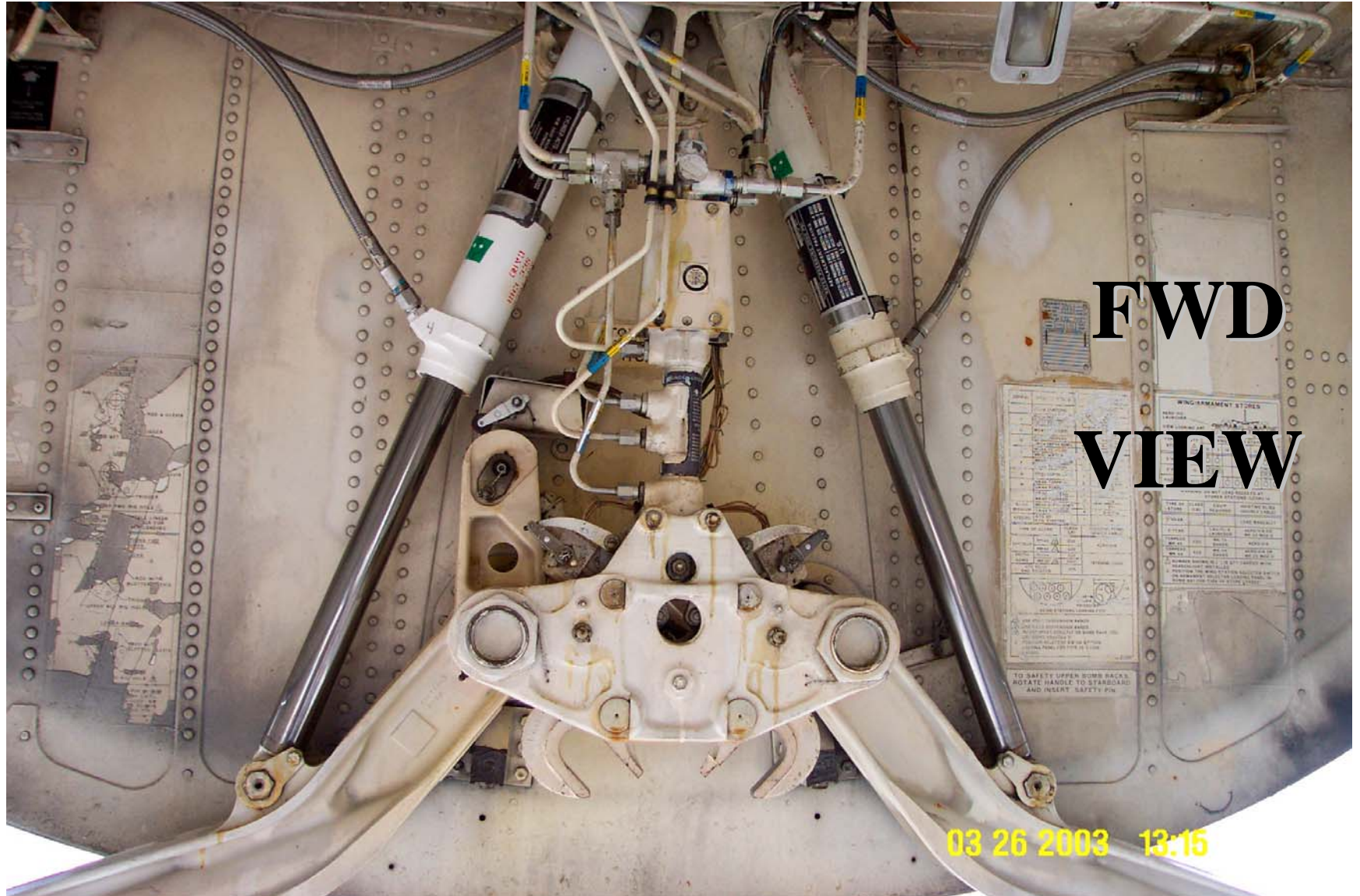


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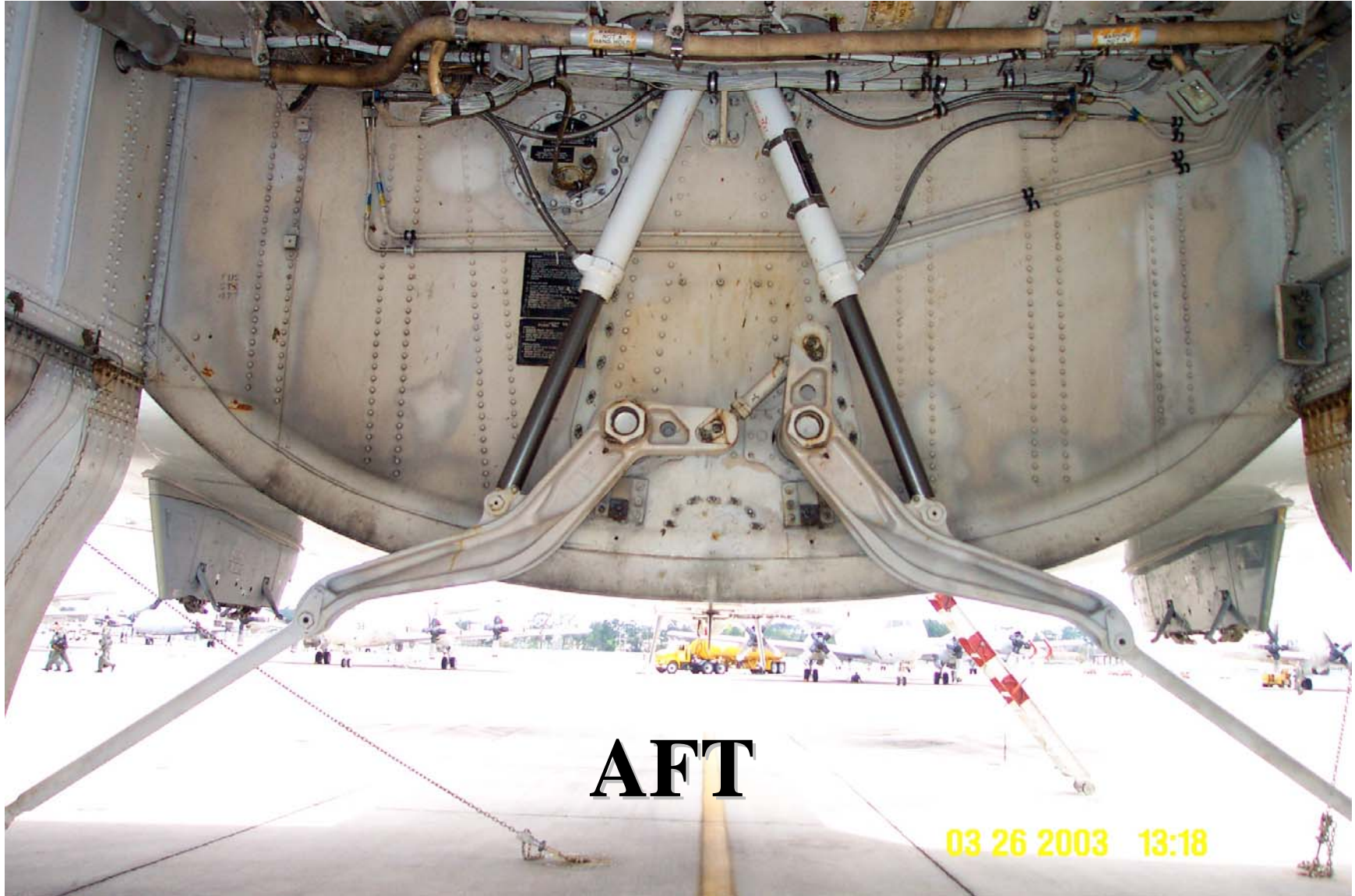
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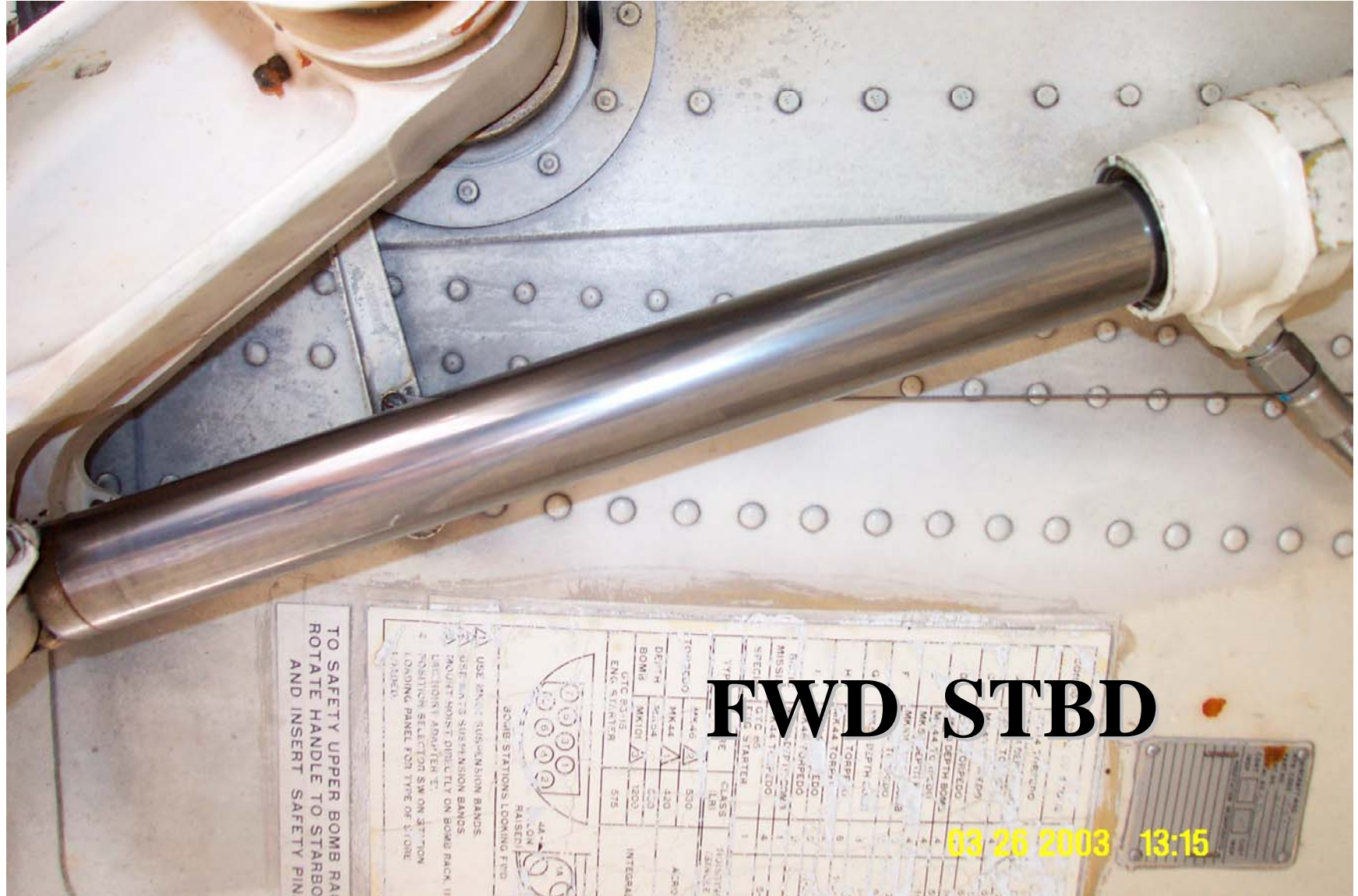


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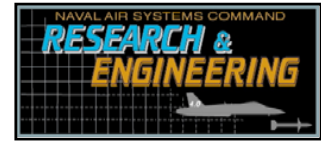


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## F/A-18 Horizontal Stabilator Piston Rod

**P/N 3003130 (Vendor Code 93835) - Nat'l Water Lift**

**HVOF Coat short external end with WC/Co/Cr 86/10/4**

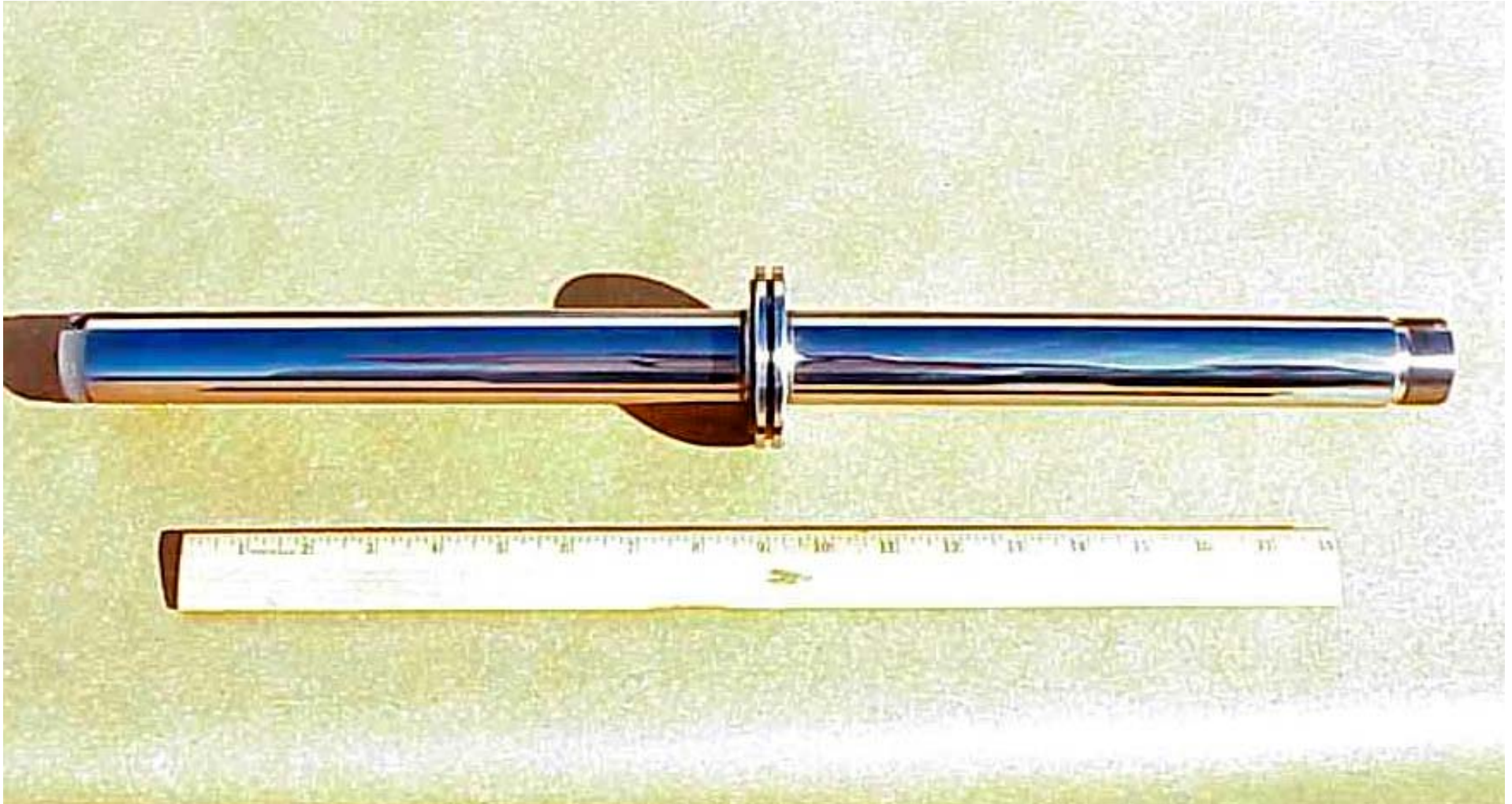
**HVOF Coat longer internal end with WC/Co 83/17**

**Grind to 8 - 16  $\mu\text{in}$  Ra finish**

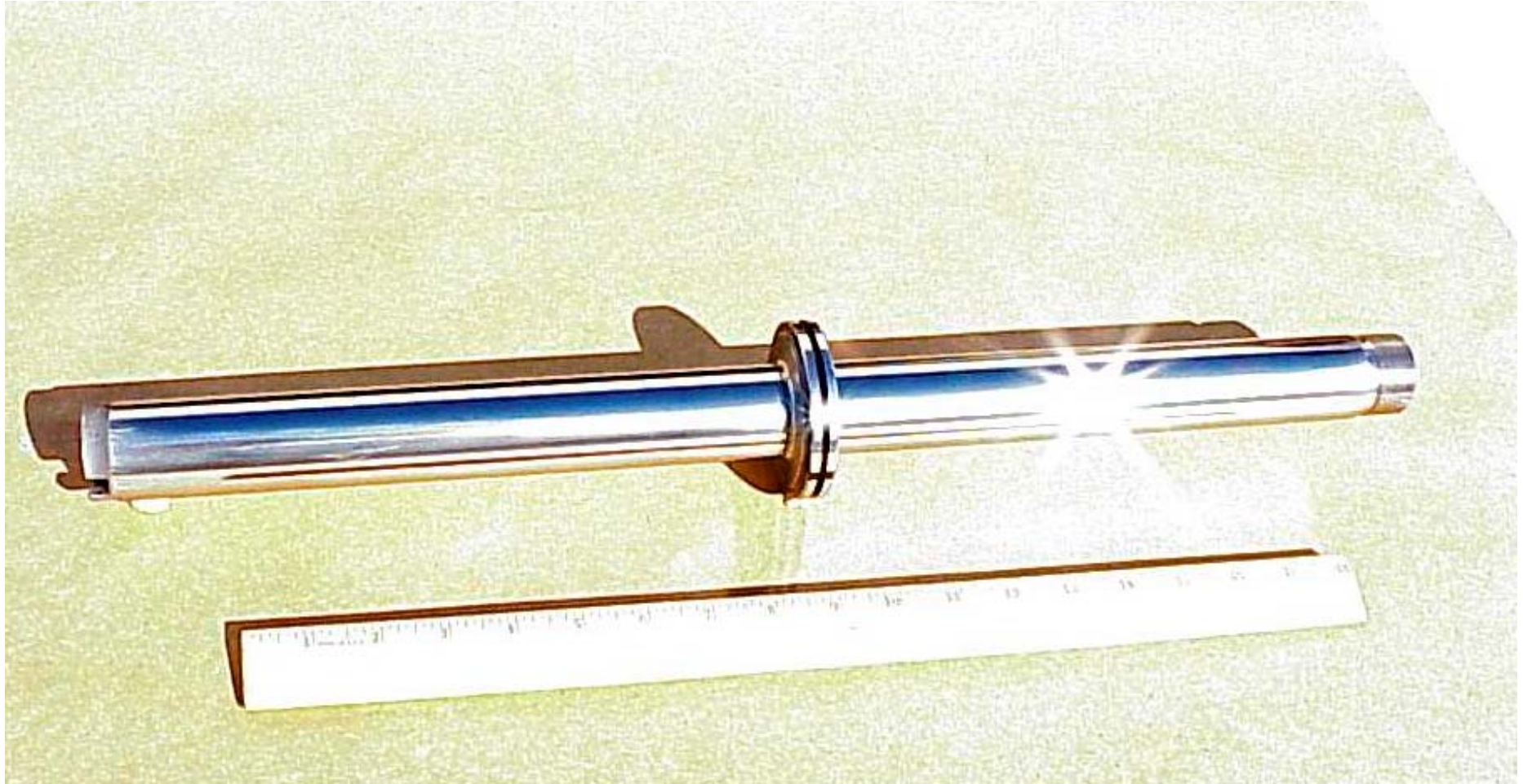
**Superfinish to  $\leq 2$   $\mu\text{in}$  Ra finish**

**Shipped to PAX Lab for additional Hydraulic Actuator seal compatibility testing on 15 Nov 02**

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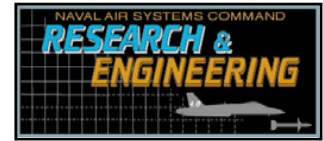


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**F/A-18 Trailing Edge Flap (TEF) Actuator Piston Rod  
P/N 303247-3 (Vendor Code 82106) - Parker Hannifin  
HVOF Coat OD of Piston Rod with WC/Co/Cr 86/10/4**

**Grind to 8 - 16  $\mu$ in Ra finish**

**Superfinish to  $\leq$  2  $\mu$ in Ra finish**

**Shipped to NADEP NORIS for additional Hydraulic  
Actuator seal compatibility testing on 20 Mar 03**

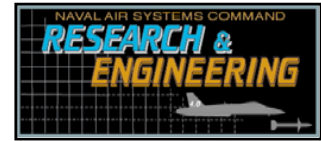
**Second F/A-18 TEF Actuator Piston Rod shipped to  
NADEP NORIS 16 Sept 03 for build-up and then ship to  
PAX for additional Hydraulic Actuator seal  
compatibility testing**

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## Current Status of E-6A Main Landing Gear

**Two HVOF coated E-6A MLG Uplock Hook Shafts  
installed 10 March 99 on A/C 164388**

**3,900.3 Flight Hours (9/01/03)      A/C completed**

**3,116 Landings (9/01/03)              Mod in Waco, TX**

**One HVOF coated E-6A MLG Uplock Hook Shaft  
installed on Aircraft 162784 in Feb. 2000**

**4,223.5 Flight Hours (9/01/03)**

**3,020 Landings (9/01/03)**

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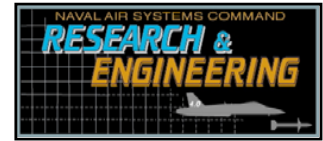
**E-6A MLG Lock Hook Shaft P/N 9-45196**







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## Current Status of HVOF Coated EA-6B Main Landing Gear Flight Clearance

**MLG Collar and Piston coated Oct. 99**

**Components completed depot processing Dec. 99**

**Flight clearance requested Jan 00**

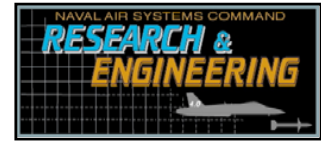
**Meeting at NAVAIR/Pax River 13 April 00**

**Obtained NAVAIR approval of data May 00**

**Flight clearance at AIR 4.3.3 waiting final approval**



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**“NAVAIR ONLY” HVOF L.G. meeting 16 Nov 00**

**Flight clearance on-hold**

**NAVAIR presented 240KSI requirement for all landing gear fatigue tests at Dec 00 HCAT mtg. @ KSC. Not clear where this requirement came from.**

**NAVAIR & NRL meeting 29 Jan 01**

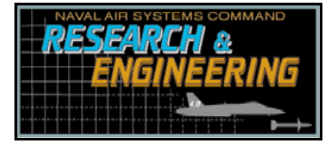
**Large sample (2”-3” dia) testing discussed**

**NAVAIR (Eui Lee) to conduct testing**

**Flight clearance at AIR 4.3.3 waiting final approval**



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**Meeting at BWI Sheraton 23 OCT 01**

**Large sample (2 1/4" OD dia) testing discussed**

**NAVAIR (Eui Lee) to test additional 30 large samples**

**Must test one NAVAIR large sample with 0.010" coating thickness at max. stress of 200 KSI, actual R-ratio of EA-6B MLG axle to be used during testing**

**Request to AIR 4.3.3 (Alysha Roerden) for R-ratio & max stress of EA-6B MLG inboard axle journal 23 Oct 01**

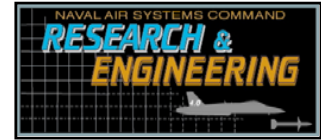
**R-ratio & max. stress from AIR-4.3.3 Feb 02**

**(200 KSI @ R = -1)**

**Flight clearance at AIR 4.3.3 waiting final approval**



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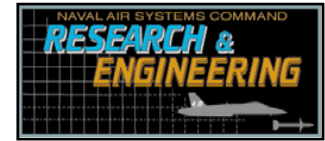
**Jim Candela AIR-4.3.3 stated at the 23 Oct 01 meeting that he would accept data from either axial or bend tests**

**Request to AIR 4.3.3 (Alysha Roerden) for R-ratio & max stress of EA-6B MLG inboard axle journal 23 Oct 01**

**R-ratio & max. stress rec'd from AIR-4.3.3 14 Feb 02  
(200 KSI @ R = -1)**



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**OEM analysis indicates max inboard journal stress for 0.010 inch thick coating is 180 KSI @  $R = +0.1$  and max inboard journal stress of 40 KSI for  $R = -1$**

**Goodrich Corp., Cleveland, OH**

**Jack Pink (216) 429-4214, Neil Harris (216) 429-4202**

**Previously Cleveland Pneumatics - these are the people who designed the EA-6B Landing Gear**

**EA-6B MLG alloy is 4330 V-mod  
220-240 KSI UTS    180-185 KSI Yield Strength**

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**HCAT Landing Gear JTP test data for  $R = +0.1$  testing of 0.003” thick coating up to 220 KSI; no spalling**

**Air Force A-10 NLG testing of 0.010” thick coating at  $R = - 0.33$  up to 260 KSI before spalling**

**Testing of NAVAIR large sample with 0.010” coating thickness at max. stress of 180 or 200 KSI, actual R-ratio of EA-6B MLG axle  $R = +0.1$  is not necessary**

**NAVAIR & HCAT “big bar” tests confirmed that the stress/strain for spalling was essentially the same for both the small fatigue bar samples and the large tensile bars**

**AIR-4.3.3 (Candela) stated at the 23 Oct 01 meeting that he would accept data from either axial or bend tests**

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**Dominant stress on the axle is bending**

**Bend testing done on HVOF coatings will provide more direct results than any axial testing**

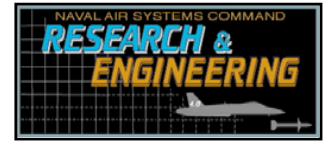
**Axial (tension) testing on a bar does not represent the loading conditions on the axle journal**

**Air Force bend tests on actual A-10 NLG hardware concluded that HVOF applied WC/Co coatings 0.010” thick would remain intact at any stress level up to the yield strength of the substrate being tested**

**Air Force data at more severe condition of  $R = - 0.33$  shows 0.010” coating good up to 260 KSI**



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## Meeting at PAX River on 19 August 2003

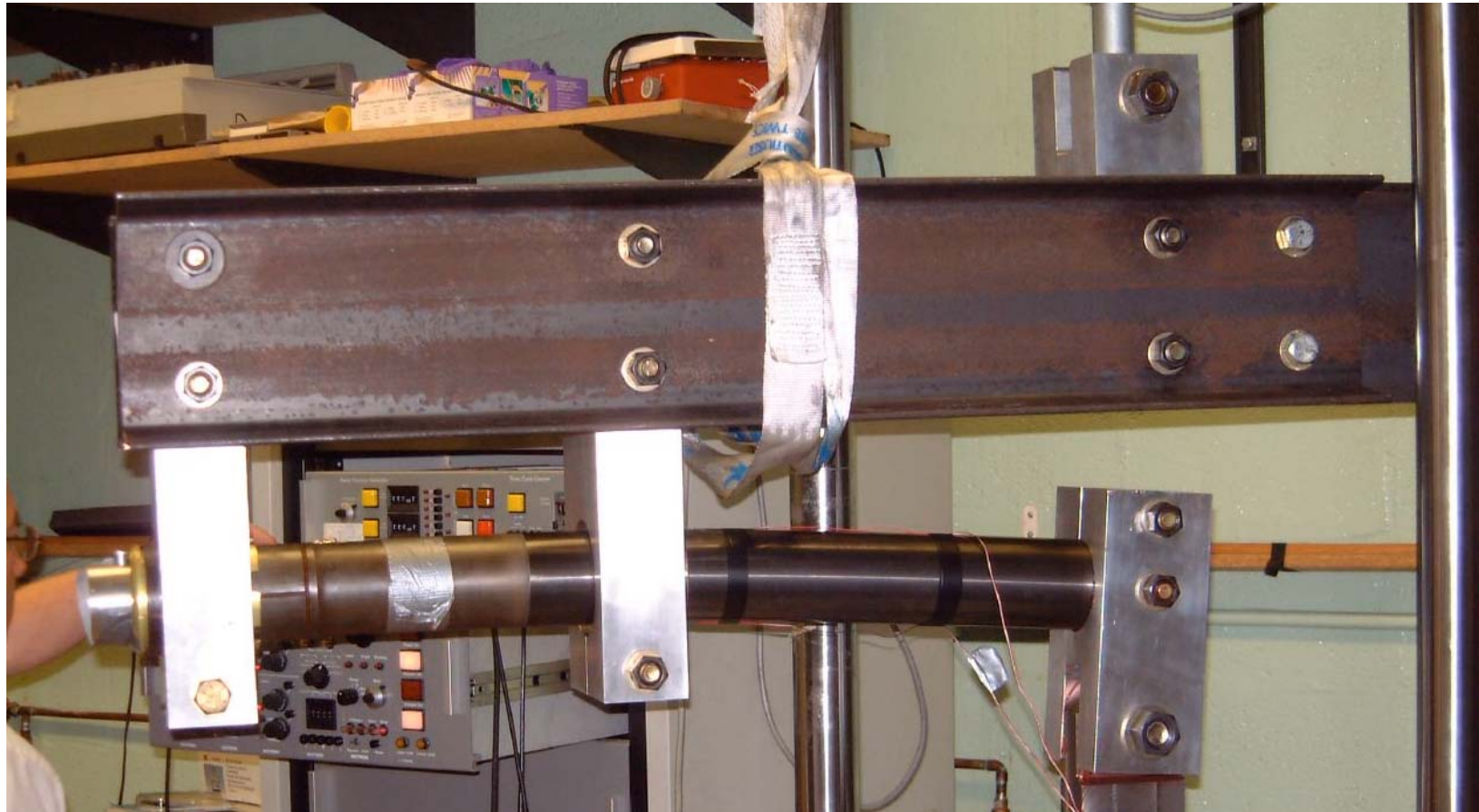
Discussion centered around A/F Bend Test Data. It was agreed that bend test data is more representative of the loading conditions for this application (axle journals).

OEM (Goodrich Corp. - previously Cleveland Pneumatics) presented a detailed stress analysis for the axle journals. Purpose to determine stress levels at bearing journals to aid in decision/evaluation of using HVOF on axle journals.

NAVAIR Structures (AIR-4.3.3.1) has given approval to move ahead with flight clearance request for HVOF coated Strut.



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**A-10 NLG Piston**

**Coating spalled at 260 KSI - Permanent yielding of the piston observed at this stress level**

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**This NAVAIR asset has a replacement cost of \$315,858 and has been collecting dust for three years. Based on stress levels provided by the OEM that designed the gear and the successful AF tests that simulated actual bending stress application in service, the test flying of this EA-6B gear is considered to have minimal risk. It is therefore requested that a flight clearance be issued.**

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