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INTRODUCTION

A. <u>BACKGROUND</u>. The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center (DAC), Validation
Engineering Division (SIOAC-DEV), was tasked by U.S. Army Armament Research,
Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) to conduct MIL-STD-1660 tests on
40- by 44-inch oak pallets manufactured by Mcalester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP). This
report contains test results with the pallets provided meeting MIL-STD-1660, Design Criteria for
Ammunition Unit Loads, requirements.

B. <u>AUTHORITY</u>. These tests were conducted IAW mission responsibilities delegated by the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCCOM), Rock Island, Illinois.

C. <u>OBJECTIVE</u>. The objective of these tests was to confirm that the enhanced wood pallet with modified metal bottom adapter (four corner end braces) meets MIL-STD-1660 performance requirements and is acceptable for use for storage and transportation of ammunition.

D. CONCLUSION. The oak pallets met MIL-STD-1660 requirements.

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TEST PROCEDURES

The test procedures outlined in this section were extracted from MIL-STD-1660, Design Criteria for Ammunition Unit Loads, 8 April 1977. This standard identifies nine steps that a unitized load must undergo if it is to be considered acceptable. The four tests that were conducted on the test pallets are summarized below.

A. <u>STACKING TEST</u>. The unit load was loaded to simulate a stack of identical unit loads stacked 16 feet high, for a period of one hour. This stacking load was simulated by subjecting the unit load to a compression weight equal to an equivalent 16-foot stacking height. The compression load was calculated in the following manner. The unit load weight was divided by the unit load height in inches and multiplied by 192. The resulting number was the equivalent compressive force of a 16-foot-high load.

B. <u>REPETITIVE SHOCK TEST</u>. The repetitive shock test was conducted IAW Method 5019, Federal Standard 101. The test procedure is as follows: The test specimen was placed on, but not fastened to, the platform. With the specimen in one position, the platform was vibrated at 1/2-inch amplitude (1-inch double amplitude) starting at a frequency of approximately 3 cycles per second. The frequency was steadily increased until the package left the platform. The resonant frequency was achieved when a 1/16-inch-thick feeler gage momentarily slid freely between every point on the specimen in contact with the platform at some instance during the cycle or a platform acceleration achieved 1 +/- 0.1 Gs. Midway into the testing period, the specimen was rotated 90 degrees and the test continued for the duration. Unless failure occurred, the total time of vibration was two hours if the specimen was tested in one position and three hours for more than one position.

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C. EDGEWISE ROTATIONAL DROP TEST. This test was conducted using the procedures of Method 5008, Federal Standard 101. The procedure for the edgewise rotational drop test is as follows: The specimen was placed on its skids with one end of the pallet supported on a beam 4-1/2 inches high. The height of the beam was increased if necessary to ensure that there was no support for the skids between the ends of the pallet when dropping took place, but was not high enough to cause the pallet to slide on the supports when the dropped end was raised for the drops. The unsupported end of the pallet was then raised and allowed to fall freely to the concrete, pavement, or similar underlying surface from a prescribed height. Unless otherwise specified, the height of drop for level A protection conforms to the following tabulation:

	DIMENSIONS OF			
GROSS WEIGHT	ANY EDGE, HEIGHT	HEIGHT OF DROPS		
(WITHIN RANGE	OR WIDTH (WITHIN	ON EI	DGES	
LIMITS)	RANGE LIMITS)	Level A	Level B	
(Pounds)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)	
150 - 250	60 - 66	36	27	
250 - 400	66 - 72	32	24	
400 - 600	72 - 80	28	21	
600 - 1,000	80 - 95	24	18	
1,000 - 1,500	95 - 114	20	16	
1,500 - 2,000	114 - 144	17	14	
2,000 - 3,000	Above 145 - No limit	15	12	
Above - 3,000		12	9	

D. INCLINE-IMPACT TEST. This test was conducted by using the procedure of Method 5023, Incline-Impact Test of Federal Standard 101. The procedure for the incline-impact test is as follows: The specimen was placed on the carriage with the surface or edge to be impacted projecting at least 2 inches beyond the front end of the carriage. The carriage was brought to a predetermined position on the incline and released. If it was desired to concentrate the impact on any particular position on the container, a 4- by 4-inch timber was attached to the bumper in the desired position before the test. No part of the timber was struck by the carriage. The position of the container on the carriage and the sequence in which surfaces and edges were subjected to impacts was at the option of the testing activity and depends upon the objective of the tests. This test was to determine satisfactory requirements for a container or pack, and, unless otherwise specified, the specimen was subjected to one impact on each surface that has each dimension less than 9.5 feet. Unless otherwise specified, the velocity at time of impact was 7 feet per second.

TEST EQUIPMENT

A. Pallet A (Test Sample).

1. Size:40- by 44- inch2. Pallet Load:PA116 containers3. Quantity of Containers:254. Weight Loaded:2,490 pounds5. Unit Load Height:43.5 inches

B. Pallet B (Test Sample).

- 1. Size:
- 2. Pallet Load:

3. Quantity of Containers:

- 4. Weight Loaded:
- 5. Unit Load Height:

C. Compression Tester.

- 1. Manufacturer:
- 2. Platform:
- 3. Compression Limit:
- 4. Tension Limit:

D. Transportation Simulator.

1. Manufacturer:

- 2. Capacity:
- 3. Displacement:
- 4. Speed:
- 5. Platform:

40- by 44- inch PA116 containers 25 2,500 pounds 43.5 inches

Ormond Manufacturing 60- by 60-inch 50,000 pounds 50,000 pounds

Gaynes Laboratory 6,000-pound pallet 1/2-inch amplitude 50 to 400 rpm 5- by 8-foot

E. Inclined Plane.

- 1. Manufacturer:
- 2. Type:
- 3. Grade:
- 4. Length:

Conbur Incline Impact Tester 10 percent incline 12-foot

PALLET NAILS

Α.	1.	Length:	3-1/4 inches
•	2.	Diameter:	10 gauge
	3.	Rockwell Hardness:	C37
	4.	Nail Type:	Pallet nail
	5.	Supplier:	Insteel Wire Products
	6.	Quantity:	30 per pallet
В.	1.	Length:	2-1/4 inches
	2.	Diameter:	11 gauge
	3.	Rockwell Hardness:	C37
	4.	Nail Type:	Drive screw pallet nail
	5.	Supplier:	Stiff stock
	6.	Quantity:	30 per pallet
C.	1.	Length:	1-5/8 inches
	2.	Diameter:	11 gauge
	3.	Rockwell Hardness:	C37
	4.	Nail Type:	Drive screw pallet nail
	5.	Supplier:	Stiff stock

6. Quantity:

Stiff stock 24 per pallet

Pallet Production.

The type of nail and nailing pattern used by MCAAP in fabricating the test pallets is detailed in the drawing on page 8-2.

Nails described in part 5-A were driven from the deck board through the stringer and into the post. Three nails were used to fasten the deck to each of the six posts in the two outside deck boards. A total of four nails were used to fasten the deck to each of the three posts above the center skid.

Nails described in part 5.B. fastened the skids to the posts. A total of three nails were used to fasten the outside skids to each post. The center skid consisted of one board and was fastened by five nails into each post. The pattern of these nails is shown in the drawing on page 8-2.

MIL-P-15011 states that each deck board is fastened to each stringer board using 1-5/8-inch nails. Nails described in 5.C. were used to fasten the deck boards to the stringer boards. For these pallets, a total of three nails were used to fasten each deckboard to each stringer board. At the locations that the three nails described in 5.A. are fastening the deck to the post, no nails described in 5.C. were used. Every place where two nails described in 5.A. were used in fastening the deck to the post, one nail described in 5.C. was also used to fasten the deck board to the post. At the locations where no post was under the stringer board, three nails described in 5.C. were used to fasten the deck board to the stringer board. The pattern of nails described in 5.C. is shown in the drawing on page 8-2.

TEST RESULTS

TEST OBSERVATIONS. Each test pallet was loaded with 25 PA116 containers IAW DAC drawing 19-48-4079/7. Each container was filled with approximately 75 pounds of iron granules, creating a total 2,500-pound unitized load.

A. PALLET A:

STACKING TEST. The test sample was initially loaded to 2,490 pounds compression.
 After one hour the compression was released. No physical damage to the test sample was noticed.

2. <u>REPETITIVE SHOCK TEST</u>. The duration of the test was 90 minutes for each orientation of the test sample. In order to achieve the clearance between the test sample and the transportation simulator bed, the equipment was operated at 199 rpm for the lateral orientation and 202 rpm for the longitudinal orientation. No physical damage was noticed at the end of this test.

3. EDGEWISE ROTATIONAL DROP TEST. Each side of the pallet base was placed on a beam displacing it 4-1/2 inches above the floor. The ends of the test sample were raised to a height of 15 inches. The process was repeated in a clockwise direction until all four sides of the pallet had been tested. There was no physical damage noticed at the end of this test.

4. <u>INCLINE IMPACT TEST</u>. The incline-plane was set to allow the pallet to travel 8 feet prior to impacting a stationary wall. The pallet was rotated clockwise after each impact, until all four sides had been tested. No physical damage was noticed at the end of this test.

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5. <u>END OF TEST INSPECTION</u>. During final inspection, there was no physical damage noticed on the test sample.

B. PALLET B:

<u>STACKING TEST</u>. The test sample was initially loaded to 2,500 pounds compression.
 No physical damage was noticed at the end of this test.

2. <u>REPETITIVE SHOCK TEST</u>. The duration of the test was 90 minutes for each orientation of the test sample. In order to achieve the clearance between the test sample and the transportation simulator bed, the equipment was operated at 184 rpm for the lateral orientation and 195 rpm for the longitudinal orientation. No physical damage was noticed at the end of this test.

3. EDGEWISE ROTATIONAL DROP TEST. Each side of the pallet base was placed on a beam displacing it 4-1/2 inches above the floor. The ends of the test sample were raised to a height of 15 inches. The process was repeated in a clockwise direction until all four sides of the pallet had been tested. There was no physical damage noticed at the end of this test.

4. **INCLINE IMPACT TEST**. The incline-plane was set to allow the pallet to travel 8 feet prior to impacting a stationary wall. The pallet was rotated clockwise after each impact, until all four sides had been tested. No physical damage was noticed at the end of this test.

5. <u>END OF TEST INSPECTION</u>. During final inspection, there was no physical damage noticed on the test sample.



PHOTOGRAPHS





DRAWING

PALLET MANUFACTURING NAILING DIAGRAM MCAAP 40- BY 44-INCH PALLET



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APPENDIX

APPENDIX 7

UNITIZING PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETE ROUNDS PACKED IN CYLINDRICAL METAL CONTAINERS ON 4-WAY ENTRY PALLETS*

PA116 SERIES CONTAINER

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● THE PROCEDURES DELINEATED WITHIN THIS APPENDIX FOR THE ITEMS SPECIFIED IN THE "PALLET UNIT DATA" CHART ARE FOR MARINE CORPS USE ONLY AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE USED BY ANY OTHER SERVICE WITHOUT APPROPRIATE COMMAND APPROVAL

* SEE GENERAL NOTE "J" ON PAGE 3.

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REVISIONS

REVISION NO. 1, DATED JUNE 1989, CONSISTS OF:

1. ADDING PROCEDURES FOR A PALLET UNIT WITH TOP LIFT CAPABILITY (PALLET UNIT "A").

REVISION NO. 2, DATED SEPTEMBER 1993, CONSISTS OF:

 MAKING CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECP'S MOT3016 AND M3K3014.

REVISION NO. 3, DATED APRIL 1996, CONSISTS OF:

1. MAKING CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECP'S M3T4321 AND M4T3007.

2. UPDATING GENERAL NOTES.

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GENERAL NOTES

- A. THIS APPENDIX CANNOT STAND ALONE BUT MUST BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BASIC UNITIZATION PROCEDURES DRAWING 19-48-4079-20PM1002. TO PRODUCE AN APPROVED UNIT LOAD, ALL PERTINENT PROCEDURES, SPECIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA SET FORTH WITHIN THE BASIC DRAWING WILL APPLY TO THE PROCEDURES DELINEATED IN THIS APPENDIX. ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE BASIC PROCEDURES ARE SPECIFIED IN THIS APPENDIX.
- B. DIMENSIONS, CUBE AND WEIGHT OF A PALLET UNIT WILL VARY SLIGHTLY DEPENDING UPON THE ACTUAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CONTAINER AND THE WEIGHT OF THE SPECIFIC ITEM BEING UNITIZED.
- C. FOR DUTLOADING OF THE ITEMS COVERED BY THIS APPENDIX, CONTACT THE U.S. ARMY DEFENSE AMMUNITION CENTER AND AND SCHOOL, ATTN: SIDAC-DET, SAVANNA, IL. 61074-9639. FOR STORAGE DF THE ITEMS COVERED BY THIS APPENDIX, CONTACT THE U.S. ARMY DEFENSE AMMUNITION CENTER AND SCHOOL, ATTN: SIDAC-DES, SAVANNA, IL 61074-9639 FOR SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE.
- D. IF STRAP CUTTERS ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY THE PROCURING ACTIVITY, REFER TO DARCOM DRAWING 19-48-4127-20P1000 FOR APPROPRIATE MEANS OF SECUREMENT TO THE PALLET UNIT.
- E. IF ITEMS COVERED HEREIN ARE UNITIZED PRIDR TO ISSUANCE OF THIS APPENDIX, THE CONTAINERS NEED NOT BE REUNITIZED SOLELY TO CONFORM TO THIS APPENDIX.
- F. FOR DETAILS OF THE PAIL6 SERIES CONTAINER, SEE U.S. ARMY ARMAMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER DRAWING ND. 9386831.

CONTAINER DIMENSIONS - - 44-1/2" LONG X 7-3/4" WIDE X 7-3/4" HIGH CUBE - - - - 1.5 CUBIC FEET (APPROX) WEIGHT (WITH ROUND) - - - - 64, 73 DR 75 POUNDS (APPROX)

- G. THE UNITIZATION PROCEDURES DEPICTED HEREIN MAY ALSD BE USED FOR UNITIZING COMPLETE RDINDS WHEN IDENTIFIED BY DIFFERENT NATIONAL STOCK NUMBERS (NSN) THAN THOSE SHOWN ON PAGE 2, PROVIDED THE ITEM IS PACKED IN THE SAME CONTAINER. THE EXPLOSIVE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER ITEMS MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IS SHOWN.
- H. DIMENSIONS GIVEN FOR DUNNAGE PIECES WILL BE FIELD CHECKED PRIOR TO THEIR ASSEMBLY TO THE PALLET UNIT. CONTAINERS MUST FIT SNUGLY IN THE DUNNAGE ASSEMBLIES. ALSO, DUE TO THE VARIATION OF CONTAINER DIMENSIONS, ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED AS TO THE LOCATION OF CERTAIN PIECES OF DUNNAGE IN A DUNNAGE ASSEMBLY.
- J. THE SPECIAL PALLET WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND ASSEMBLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MILITARY SPECIFICATION MIL-P-ISO11, STYLE 1, TYPE I, CLASS I PALLET WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE TOP AND BOTTOM DECK BUARDS WILL BE 44" LONG INSTEAD DF 48". ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED WITHIN MIL-P-ISO11 FOR A STYLE 1, TYPE I, CLASS I PALLET WILL APPLY TO THE PALLET SPECIFIED WITHIN THIS DRAWING. SEE GENERAL NOTES "R" AND "S".
- K. THE SPECIAL PALLET DELINEATED IN THE DETAIL ON PAGE 4 NEED NOT HAVE CHAMFERS OR STRAP SLOTS AS SPECIFIED WITHIN MILITARY SPECIFICATION MIL-P-15011 WHEN USED FOR THE UNITIZATION OF THE ITEMS COVERED BY THIS APPENDIX.
- L. FULL IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIL-STD-129-1, TO INCLUDE NSN AND DODIC, GUANIITY AND NOMENCLATURE, LOT NUMBER, AND GROSS WEIGHT DF THE LOAD, SHALL BE MARKED ON TAGS LOCATED ON DPPOSITE UPPER CORNERS OF THE LOAD.
- M. BAR CODE LABELS ARE REQUIRED ON THE STRAPS OF OPPOSITE CORNERS. SEE MIL-STD-129-1.
- N. THE THICKNESS OF THE PLYWOOD BUFFER PIECES DEPICTED IN THE "SIDE ASSEMBLY DETAIL" AND THE "PLYWOOD BUFFER DETAIL" ON PAGE 6 MUST BE ADJUSTED, AS REQUIRED, TO COMPLY WITH THE DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE OF THE PAIL6 CONTAINERS, SD AS TO COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE PALLET. THE LENGTH DIMENSION OF THE PALLET UNIT AT THE SIDE ASSEMBLIES MUST BE EQUAL TO DR GREATER THAN 40-1/8" (UNIT A) DR 40" (UNIT B). NDTE: NOMINAL 1" MATERIAL MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE PLYWOOD IF IT WILL CAUSE THE PALLET UNIT DIMENSIONS TO BE EQUAL OR GREATER THAN 40-1/8" (UNIT A) DR 40" (UNIT B) AND IF SD DESIRED. ALL THREE BUFFER PIECES MUST BE THE SAME THICKNESS, FOR EXAMPLE, IF 1" X 4" MATERIAL IS USED FOR THE TOP AND BOTTOM BUFFER PIECES. 3/4" PLYWOOD MUST BE USED FOR THE MIDDLE BUFFER PIECE.

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- D. FOR DETAILS OF THE METAL LIFTING FRAME, SEE U.S. ARMY DEFENSE AMMUNITION CENTER AND SCHOOL DRAWING AC200000807 AND MILITARY SPECIFICATION MIL-A-70788.
- P. PALLET UNIT "A" IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF UNITIZATION AND SHALL BE UTILIZED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE RESPONSIBLE COMMAND.
- **Q.** ALL DUNNAGE SHALL BE PRESERVATIVE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL NDTE "X" IN THE BASIC PROCEDURES.
- R. AS AN ALTERNATE, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE STEEL BANDS, THE TWO DUTSIDE 1" X 8" STRINGER BDARDS ON THE MODIFIED PALLET MAY BE POSITIONED AS SHOWN ON PAGE 6.
- S. AS AN ALTERNATE, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR STEEL BANDS, THE 1" X 4" CENTER STRINGER BOARD ON MODIFIED PALLET MAY BE REPLACED BY A 1" X 6" POSITIONED AS SHOWN ON PAGE 6.
- T. FOR DODICS C380, AND C786 DNLY, THE TOP COVER OF THE PALLET WILL BE MARKED "DOT-E-9649" IN DNE-INCH WHITE LETTERS NEAR THE CLOSED END OF THE CONTAINERS.

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