

Failure Modes and Effects Analysis

RETF ALTITUDE TEST STAND B

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I. SCOPE

The purpose of this report is to identify the principal hazards resulting from operating the RETF B Stand Altitude Exhaust System while testing rocket engines using hydrogen and oxygen gaseous propellants.

II. GENERAL SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The B Stand altitude exhaust rocket engine test will make use of several new systems and minor modifications to several other systems at the RETF. These systems are:

1. Altitude exhaust system
2. Motive fluid nitrogen system
3. Water spray cooling system
4. Diffuser cooling water system
5. Mechanical vacuum pump system
6. Gaseous hydrogen system
7. Gaseous oxygen system

1. ALTITUDE EXHAUST SYSTEM CF100881, 43086M245103

The rocket engine is fired in an evacuated test chamber. The rocket exhaust is collected by a second throat exhaust diffuser and passes into the spray cooler. In the spray cooler, water is sprayed into the exhaust stream to cool it and condense a large portion of the rocket exhaust. The remaining exhaust passes out of the spray cooler and into two parallel trains of ejectors which produce the altitude condition. These ejectors are driven by gaseous nitrogen motive fluid. At the exit of the ejectors the mixed rocket exhaust (H_2O & GH_2) and nitrogen is exhausted to atmosphere through two stacks.

2. MOTIVE FLUID NITROGEN SYSTEM CF100881, 43086M245103

The motive fluid gaseous nitrogen is stored in two separate bottle storage farms at the RETF. 370000 SCF are stored in the 6000 psi bottle farm which is an existing, operational bottle farm. A new three inch XXS stainless steel pipe connects this farm to the ejector platform. At the ejectors, the pressure is reduced to 500 psi with two regulators N4486 and N4463. These are then connected through annin shutoff valves and flow switches to three of the four ejectors. In the ejector the nitrogen mixes with the rocket exhaust and is eventually dumped to atmosphere. A second, new bottle farm located atop the water detention tank stores 330000 SCF of additional nitrogen at 4000 psi. This farm is connected to the ejector platform with a 3 inch SCH160 stainless pipe. Regulator N4473 is used to reduce the pressure to 500 psi. The flow passes through a flow switch and a shutoff valve before entering the fourth ejector.

3. WATER SPRAY COOLING SYSTEM CF 100881, 43086M245103

Cooling water from the RETF 500000 Gallon water reservoir is routed through a new 18 inch water line to the spray cooler. There the flow splits to five spray banks inside the cooler. Shutoff valves on three of these allow differing amounts of water cooling. The spray banks consist of pipe manifolds with many brass spray nozzles, located such that an even spray covers the whole cross section of the cooler. The cooling water collects in the bottom of the spray cooler before draining through an 18 inch drain line to the detention tank. A control valve in this drain is used to maintain 18 inches of water in the bottom of the cooler.

4. DIFFUSER COOLING WATER SYSTEM CF100881, 43086M245103

A separate six inch water line takes reservoir water and routes it to a pump which will pump 1800 gpm at 75 psid. This flow passes through a shutoff valve and then to the diffuser cooling jacket. Upon exiting the diffuser, the water passes through a flow switch and a back pressure regulator before being routed to the detention tank.

5. MECHANICAL VACUUM PUMP SYSTEM 43086M245103

A 350 CFM Stokes mechanical vacuum pump located under the test cell is connected to the test chamber through a 6 inch vacuum line. Shutoff valves at the pump and at the test chamber isolate the pump, with an atmospheric vent valve in-between. This system is used to pump down the altitude system prior to each run and is valved off and the pump shut down during actual rocket firing.

6. GASEOUS HYDROGEN SYSTEM 43086M245104

Gaseous hydrogen propellant for rocket combustion comes from one of two possible sources. The primary source will be NASA tube trailers that are located in the upper south forty next to Building 305. This trailer station is connected to the RETF with a 1¹/₂ inch stainless pipe line. A solenoid at the trailer station allows remote operation of the trailer pneumatic shutoff valves. The line is routed across the pipe bridge and onto the roof of the fuel pit before entering the test cell. A shutoff valve at this location isolates the RETF from the hydrogen source and is tied into the prop-stop abort. A regulator (located next to the shutoff valve) reduces the pressure to 1800 psi. Downstream of the regulator, a swing elbow allows selection of the second possible source for hydrogen, mainly, the existing 4000 psi bottle farm and pipeline. This system has its own regulator, shutoffs, and controls and is an existing approved, operational system. Downstream from the swing elbow, the flow (from either source) passes through a venturi flowmeter and through the fire valve and into the rocket injector.

7. GASEOUS OXYGEN SYSTEM 43086M245100

Gaseous oxygen propellant comes from a NASA tube trailer located in the upper south forty. This trailer has been operational for previous B Stand testing. The pipeline connecting it to RETF has been enlarged to 1¹/₂ inch. This line is routed down the hill and through the pipe trench underneath the lower road. The pipe then enters the ox pit where the main shutoff valve is located. The line then enters the test cell where a regulator reduces the pressure to 1800 psi before the flow passes through a venturi and then to the fire valve. From the fire valve, the gas enters the rocket injector.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

This portion of the hazard analysis is concerned exclusively with the sequential control logic for the fluid systems. The logic is directed by a Modicon 384 Programmable Controller (P.C.) by way of a user-constructed program.

The principal hazard associated with any programmable controller's sequential logic is the inadvertent or unauthorized alteration of the program. To control this hazard, the P.C. manufacturer furnishes a key-operated MEMORY PROTECT switch which, when in the ON position, prevents any attempt to alter the program. Also, a data entry system has been devised and programmed such that the set point of certain timers and counters can be changed by entering new data into the proper holding register from a digital thumbwheel switch bank on an operator's panel. This supplants the need to change these set points from the programming unit, thereby avoiding the possibility of an inadvertent alteration of the program.

The risk of an unintentional alteration of a set point is reduced because the DATA ENTRY pushbutton is a guarded-type pushbutton.

Another hazard experienced with programmable controller applications is the spurious energization of an output in the absence of any command, especially while the control station is unattended. To control this hazard, all source power to all output modules is turned off during idle periods.

The program, for this application, employs a somewhat unique four zone control scheme. As the name implies, the logic is divided into four distinct but interrelated zones; identified as PRERUN (Zone 1), RUN (Zone 2), NORMAL SHUTDOWN (Zone 3), and ABORT (Zone 4). In addition, the logic includes an emergency stop provision identified as PROP STOP (propellant stop), and a first-out annunciator network.

The duration of each of the four zones is governed by its zone timer. Also, within each zone, any P.C. output is capable of being energized and de-energized during various time bands, as directed by the program. In order to accomplish this type of control, the P.C. program has 200 timers, each of which can be independently set via the data entry system previously described. In addition, in Zone 2, the NAVEC timer operates to control certain portions of the test sequence.

Prior to the start of the automatic sequencing, the P.C. outputs are programmed to respond to several operator's commands (pushbutton actuations). And, where the program so dictates, certain process variables are monitored as permissive conditions to these responses. This action is to prepare or set up the equipment for the actual test run. These outputs must also be de-energized at the end of the day's testing.

Zone 1 is begun when the RUN pushbutton is actuated. If all goes well the program will automatically proceed through Zone 1 and Zone 2 while monitoring various process variables. Should something go awry, the program will either alert the operator or will alert the operator and immediately proceed to Zone 4, depending upon the fault which has occurred.

A preset up-counter allows Zone 2 to be repeated several times. Upon completion of the last Zone 2 cycle, the program automatically proceeds to Zone 3 (NORMAL SHUTDOWN) where the systems are shut down in an orderly manner.

The program will only enter Zone 4 (ABORT) if the ABORT pushbutton is actuated or if a serious fault is detected during operation in one of the other zones. Zone 4 is also an orderly shutdown but is more rapid than Zone 3 and does not necessarily follow the same sequence.

The PROP STOP is an instantaneous function, initiated by pushbutton or other inputs, which immediately closes all fuel valves and opens all vent valves. PROP STOP does not rely on the Modicon and is totally hard wired.

During the check-out phase and during trouble shooting procedures it is a common practice to use the DISABLE ON/OFF FEATURE IN THE PROGRAMMER TO "freeze" one or more elements (inputs, outputs and/or coils) in the on or the off state. Once disabled, these elements are no longer under control, each element must be individually ENABLED. A hazard could arise if an element is not enabled when the systems are returned to normal operation. To control this hazard, the startup check list will include instructions to search the P.C. program for disabled elements. This search procedure is outlined in the manufacturer's user's manual.

FMEA, RETF Altitude Test Stand B

| <u>Hazard</u> | <u>Effects</u> | <u>Criticality</u> | <u>Control</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Asphyxiation of personnel entering test capsule | Death or injury to personnel | 4 | Capsule purged with air, then rolled back. Personnel will not enter capsule thru manway. |
| Propellant explosion in exhaust system | Damage exhaust system components | 2 | Procedural detection of propellant leaks, interlocks on capsule pressure prevent ignition at unsafe pressure levels. |
| Engine fires with ejector isolation valves closed. | Damage exhaust system components | 2 | Interlocks prevent engine start sequence unless valves are open, or pressure in capsule is low enough. |
| Water floods spray cooler and capsule through level control failure | Damage capsule, engine. | 2 | Level switch detects high level condition, aborts run. |
| Diffuser coolant water failure | Damage diffuser, engine. | 2 | Flow switches and pres. transducer detect condition and abort run. |
| Spray cooler water supply failure. | Damage spray cooler, engine. | 2 | Flow switch detects condition, aborts run. |
| Ejector motive fluid regulator fails open. | Burst ejector motive fluid piping. | 2 | Properly sized rupture discs and relief valves. |

| <u>Hazard</u> | <u>Effects</u> | <u>Criticality</u> | <u>Control</u> |
|--|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Diffuser aerodynamic design faulty. | Damage engine. | 1 | Capsule pressure tied to auto abort system, and will detect condition and abort run. |
| Ejector motive fluid system failure or ejector design faulty | Damage engine. | 1 | Motive fluid flow switch and capsule pressure detect condition and abort run. |

| <u>Hazard</u> | <u>Effects</u> | <u>Criticality</u> | <u>Control</u> |
|---|--|--------------------|---|
| Failure of Nav-Tec sequence timer. | Facility aborts not sampled, damage to engine, exhaust system components. | 2 | Technicians monitor timer operation during run and abort run if timer inoperative. |
| Failure of Calnex voltage comparator (auto abort) circuits. | Facility aborts inoperative, damage to engine or exhaust system components. | 2 | Voltage comparator operation is fail-safe. Failure causes alarm and abort of the run. |
| Failure of annunciator. | Inability to signal alarm condition. | 1 | Annunciators tested each run day. |
| Programmable Controller: | | | |
| a. CPU failure. | Inability to control valves, etc. | 1 | All outputs turned off. Propellant valves close and vent valves open. |
| b. Remote I/O modem failure. | Inability to energize circuits, valves, etc. | 1 | System will automatically shut itself down on I/O failure. |
| c. I/O module failure in nonconducting condition. | Inability to energize circuits, valves, etc. | 1 | Auto abort system detects unsafe conditions and aborts run. |
| d. I/O module failure in conducting condition. | Inability to de-energize circuits, valves, etc. | 2 | Prop stop system closes all shutoff valves and stops all propellant flow and is independent of Modicon. |
| e. CRT/Programmer failure. | Improper or incorrect program elements entered into CPU, damage to engine, facility. | 2 | Printout of program is always checked vs. the source documents. |

Hazard

Effects

Criticality

Control

f. Altitude sequence failure.
Damage engine, exhaust system components.

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Sequence failure will terminate test cycle and shutdown the test.

Failure Modes are categorized according to criticality, that is, the seriousness of effects that could be generated. These failure mode categories are:

Category 1 Failure that results in temporary or permanent malfunction or loss of function with no potential for injury to personnel. Proper function can be restored in a short time using normal repair or maintenance procedures.

Category 2 Failure with no potential for injury to personnel. The distinction between Category 2 and Category 1 failure modes lies in the increased time, difficulty or cost of effort required to restore function in the case of Category 2.

Category 3 Failure that results in potential for causing injury to personnel.

Category 4 Failure that results in potential for causing death or multiple injuries to personnel.

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SPRAY COOLER DRAIN LINE ANALYSIS

PROBLEM : AT 7200 GPM THE SPRAY COOLER WATER LEVEL IS TOO HIGH RESULTING IN WATER FILLING THE TEST CAPSULE

APPROACH : ANALYZE DESIGN OF DRAIN LINE TO DETERMINE CAUSE

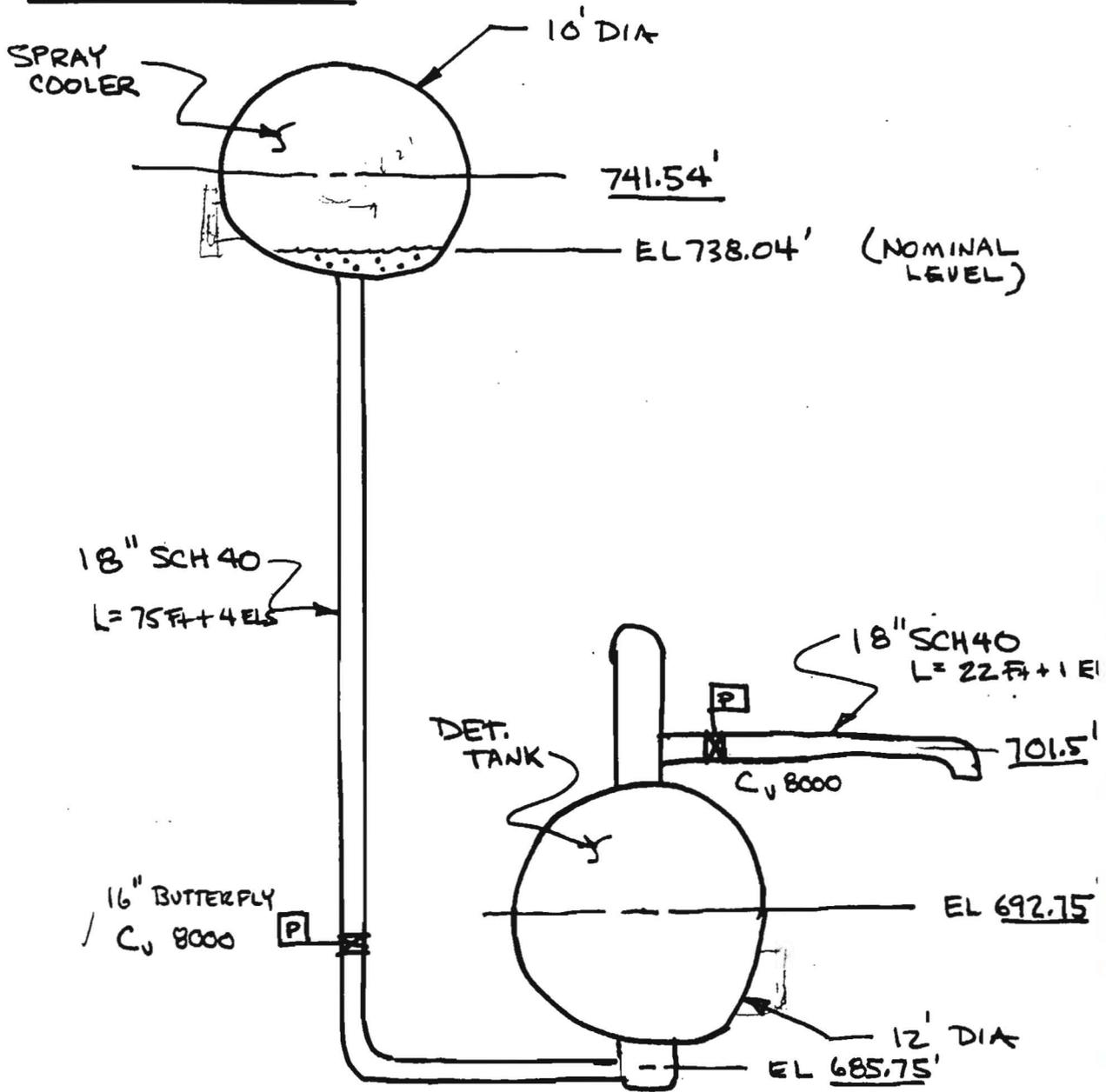
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. AT 10000 GPM DESIGN CONDITION THE SPRAY COOLER WILL OVERFLOW IF THE DETENTION TANK IS MORE THAN 10' FILLED
2. IF DETENTION TANK IS FILLED + OVERFLOWING THE SPRAY COOLER WILL OVERFLOW IF THE FLOW IS GREATER THAN 5600 GPM
3. ANALYSIS PREDICTS LOWER WATER LEVELS THAN ACTUAL WATER FLOW TEST
4. ANALYSIS SHOWS ADDITION OF 1 MORE 18 INCH DRAIN LINE + OVERFLOW WILL JUST SOLVE THE PROBLEM FOR 10000 GPM NOMINAL FLOW

RECOMMENDATION

- ADD ADDITIONAL DRAIN LINE , 24 INCH IF INCLUDING VALVES
- OR -
- ADD ADDITIONAL 18 IN LINE , ELIMINATE VALVES

$Q_{IN} = 10000 \text{ GPM}$



SIMPLIFIED DIAGRAM

SPRAY COOLER DRAIN SYSTEM

CALCULATE FRICTIONAL PIPE LOSS FOR SPRAY COOLER DRAIN LINE

DRAIN LINE

LENGTH = 75' + 4 ELS

EQUIVALENT L = 75 + 72 = 147'

$$Re = 50.6 \frac{\rho e}{d \mu} = 50.6 \frac{10000 (62.4)}{18 (.85)}$$

$$Re = 2 \times 10^6 \Rightarrow f = .0127$$

$$K = K_{ENT} + f \frac{L}{D} + K_{EXIT}$$

$$K = .50 + .0127 \left(\frac{147}{1.5} \right) + 1.0$$

$$K = 2.745$$

$$P \frac{v^2}{2g} K$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho A V = \rho \frac{\pi d^2}{4} v$$

$$v = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho A}$$

$$\Delta P = 3.63 \frac{\dot{m}^2 K}{d^4 \rho}$$

$$\dot{m} = 10000 \frac{GAL}{MIN} \times 8.34 \frac{LB}{GAL} \times \frac{1}{60}$$

$$\dot{m} = 1390 \text{ LB/SEC}$$

$$\Delta P = 3.63 \frac{(1390 \text{ LB/SEC})^2 (2.745)}{(16.876)^4 (62.4)}$$

$$\frac{4 \times 12^4}{\pi \times 144 \times 64.4}$$

$$\Delta P = 3.80 \text{ PSI } 1.056$$

$$\Delta h = 3.80 \times \frac{144}{62.4} = 8.78 \text{ FT } 8.04$$

$$2.43$$

OVERFLOW LINE

LENGTH = 22' + 1 EL

EQUIVALENT L = 22' + 18' = 40'

$$K = K_{ENT} + f \left(\frac{L}{D} \right) + K_{EXIT} =$$

$$= .50 + .0127 \left(\frac{40}{1.5} \right) + 1.0$$

$$K_{\text{TOT}} = 1.839$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta P &= 3.63 \frac{\text{m}^2 K}{d^4 e} \\ &= 3.63 \frac{(1390)^2 (1.839)}{(16.876)^4 62.4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta P = 2.55 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\Delta h = 5.88 \text{ ft. } 1.63$$

VALVES 16" BUTTERFLY, $C_V = 8000$

$$\Delta P = \frac{.0160 e Q^2}{C_V^2}$$

$$\Delta P = \left(\frac{Q}{C_V}\right)^2 \frac{\rho}{62.4} = \left(\frac{Q}{C_V}\right)^2_{\text{for water}}$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{.0160 (62.4) (10000)^2}{8000^2}$$

$$C_V = 21,500 \text{ for } 24''$$

$$\Delta P_V = 1.56 \text{ PSI}$$

$$\Delta P_{V''} = .216 = .5 \text{ ft}$$

$$\Delta h_V = 3.60 \text{ Ft}$$

TOTAL FRICTIONAL + VALVE LOSSES
WITH FLOW OUT OVERFLOW

$$\Delta h_{TOT} = \Delta h_{LINES 1} + \Delta h_{VALVE 1} + \Delta h_{LWE 2} + \Delta h_{VALVE 2}$$

$$\Delta h_{TOT} = 8.78 \text{ Ft} + 3.60 \text{ Ft} + 5.88 \text{ Ft} + 3.60 \text{ Ft}$$

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| $\Delta h_{TOT} = 21.86 \text{ Ft}$ | TOTAL FRICTIONAL + VALVE LOSSES |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|

f. 24" $\Delta h_{TOT} = 2.43 + .5 + 1.63 + .5 = 5.06 \text{ ft}$

HEAD LOSS AVAILABLE FOR PIPE FLOW

$$z_1 + \frac{144 P_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = z_2 + \frac{144 P_2}{\rho_2} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_L$$

$$V_1 = V_2 \quad \text{°°}$$

$$z_1 + \frac{144 P_1}{\rho_1} = z_2 + \frac{144 P_2}{\rho_2} + h_L$$

$$h_L = z_1 - z_2 + \frac{144}{\rho} (P_1 - P_2)$$

$$z_1 = 738.04'$$

$$z_2 = 701.5' \quad \text{WORST CASE}$$

$$P_1 = 1.5 \text{ PSIA}$$

$$P_2 = 14.3 \text{ PSIA}$$

$$h_L = 738.04 - 701.5 + \frac{144}{62.4} (1.5 - 14.3)$$

$$h_L = 36.54 - 29.54$$

$$h_L = 7.00 \text{ Ft}$$

AVAILABLE FOR
FRICTIONAL PIPE LOSS
WORST CASE DETENTION
TANK FULL

$$h_L = 2.62 \text{ F}$$

ASSUMING PERFECT
VACUUM, DET TANK FULL

CHECK CALCULATION METHOD VS
MEASURED FLOW DATA

$$Q = 7200 \text{ GPM}$$

$$\text{SPRAY COOLER LEVEL} = 27''$$

$$\text{DETENTION TANK LEVEL} = 8 \text{ Ft}$$

$$\Delta h = \left(\frac{7200^2}{10000} \right) \times (8.78 + 3.60)$$

$$\Delta h = 6.42 \text{ Ft}$$

SPRAY COOLER WATER LEVEL ELEVATION

$$Z_1 = 741.54' - 5' + \frac{27'}{24} = 737.67'$$

DETENTION TANK WATER LEVEL ELEVATION

$$Z_2 = ~~700~~ 692.75' - 6' + 8' = 694.75'$$

$$\Delta Z = 42.915$$

CHECK AVAILABLE HEAD LOSS %

$$h_L = Z_1 - Z_2 + \frac{144}{e} (P_1 - P_2)$$

$$h_L = 42.915 - \frac{144}{62.4} (1.0 - 14.3) =$$

$$h_L = 12.25 \text{ Ft}$$

FOR 5400 GPM

$h_L = 3.61$ Ft OR 2.8 Ft LESS
THAN THAT FOR 7200 GPM

DATA:

FOR 5400 GPM THE SPRAY COOLER
LEVEL WAS 16 INCHES OR ONLY
11 INCHES LESS THAN FOR
7200 GPM ??

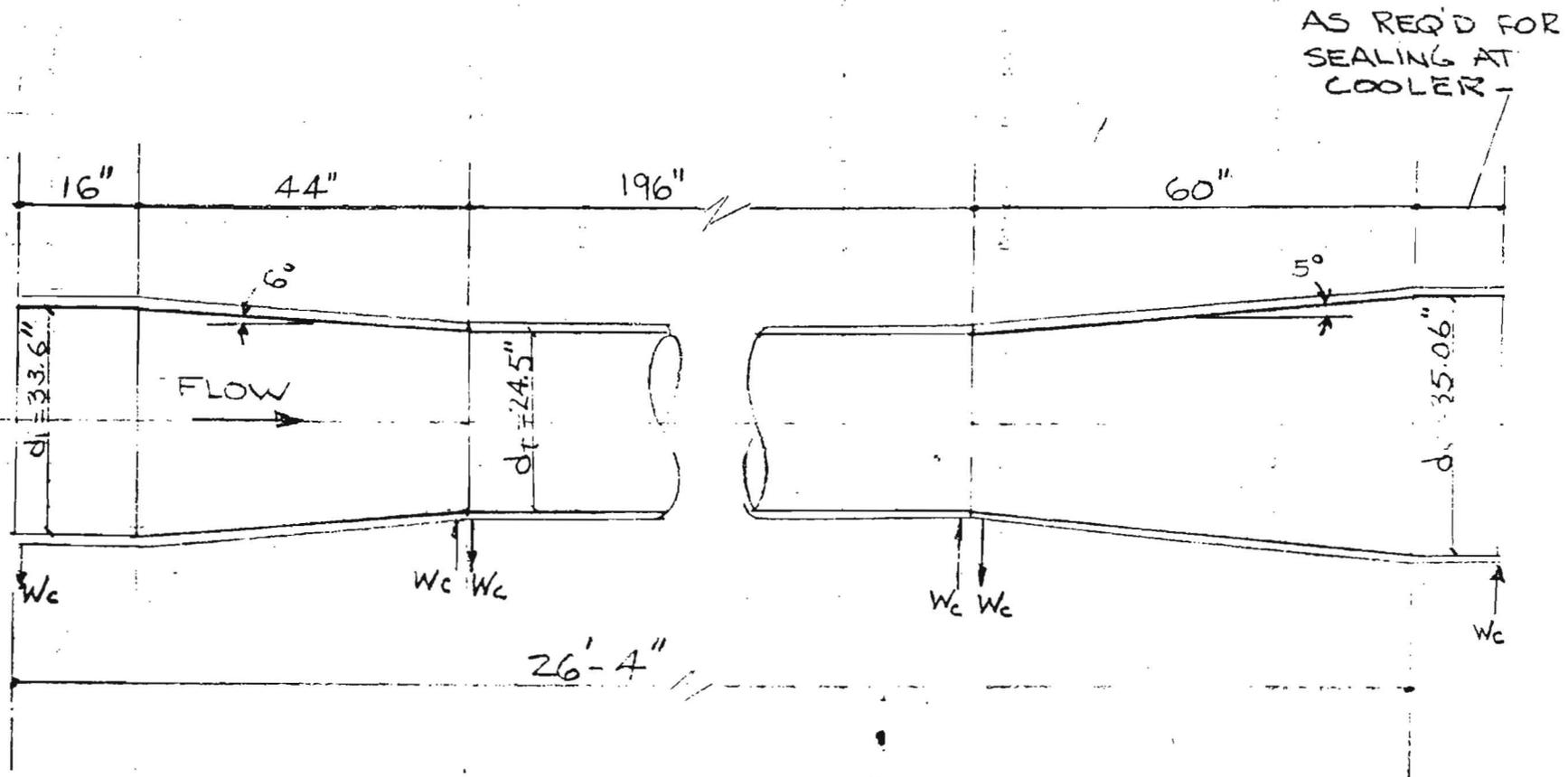
PRELIMINARY DIFFUSER CONFIGURATION

SHEET NO. 01
JOB NO.

SUBJECT

DATE

DESIGNED BY



WATER COOLED DIFFUSER

COOL DIFFUSER THREE SECTIONS

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BY: _____
 DATE: _____

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: **HEAT TRANSFER STUDY**

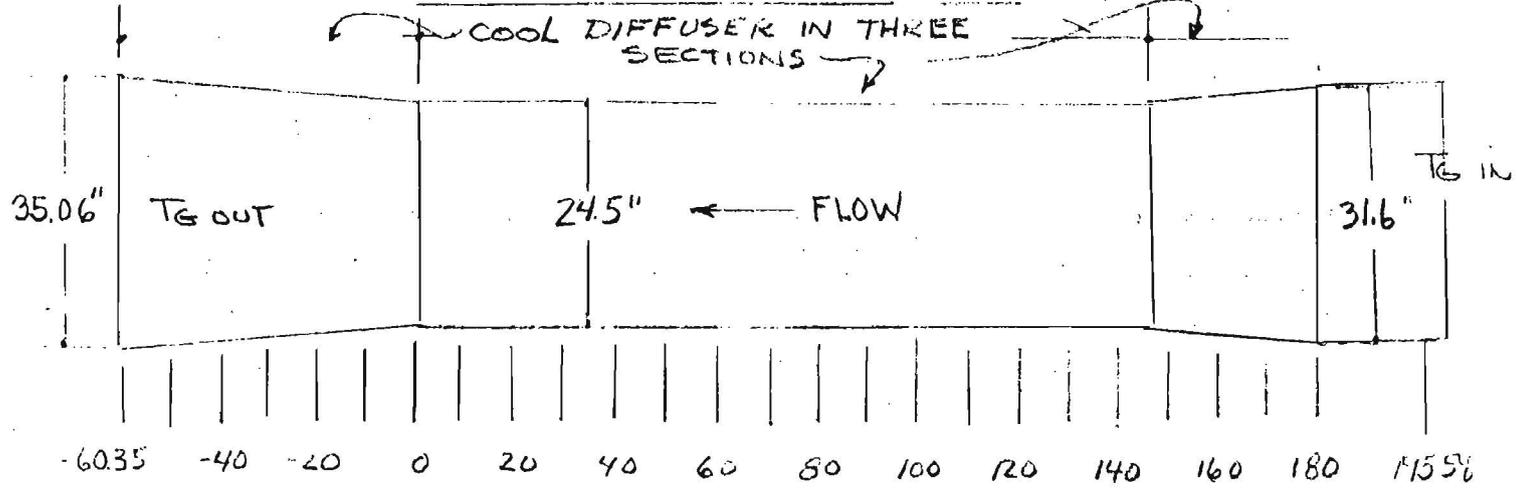
SHEET NO. _____
 JOB NO. _____

| X IN. | Q BTU/SEC IN ² | T _{GW} °R | T _{CW} °R | T _c °R |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| -60.35 | 0.534 | 866 | 692 | 530 |
| -40 | 0.640 | 920 | 709 | 536 |
| -20 | 0.772 | 986 | 726 | 543 |
| 0 | 0.864 | 1025 | 731 | 550 |
| 21 | 0.612 | 891 | 691 | 556 |
| 42 | 0.443 | 803 | 662 | 561 |
| 63 | 0.324 | 742 | 641 | 564 |
| 84 | 0.245 | 701 | 626 | 566 |
| 105 | 0.192 | 674 | 615 | 568 |
| 126 | 0.155 | 655 | 608 | 569 |
| 147 | 0.127 | 641 | 603 | 571 |
| 158 | 0.103 | 630 | 599 | 571 |
| 169 | 0.086 | 622 | 596 | 572 |
| 180.78 | 0.071 | 615 | 594 | 572 |
| 196.58 | 0.071 | 616 | 594 | 573 |

T_c IN = 6300 °R
 T_G OUT = 5700 °R
 T_{GW} - GAS SIDE WALL TEMP
 T_{CW} - COOLANT SIDE WALL TEMP
 T_c - COOLANT TEMP
 Q - HEAT FLUX (LOCAL)
 X - LOCATION OF Q

MAT. 1010 STL
 WALL TK. 0.25 IN
 1/2" DEEP WATER PASSAGE
 44 PSI MIN. WATER PRESS REQ'D

R.E.T.F. DIFFUSER - WATER COOLED



SKETCH C
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FMEA - S 40, REFT 1960

| <u>Mode</u> | <u>Mechanism</u> | <u>Cause</u> | <u>Effect</u> | <u>Crit</u> | <u>Detection</u> | <u>Action To Reduce Failure Occurrence</u> | <u>Action To Reduce Failure Effect</u> |
|---|--|---|--|-------------|--|--|---|
| High/Low Chamber Pressure | 1. Too much or too little propellant 2. Failure to light 3. Engine Burnout | 1. Faulty Controller 2. Incorrect Timing | 1. Burst Chamber 2. Accumulate Propellants | 1 | Pressure Transducer | 1. Auto Abort System 2. Cold Flow Systems 3. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area |
| High/Low LOX Flow | 1. Engine failure 2. Instrumentation failure | 1. Engine burnout 2. Incorrect Instrument setup 3. Faulty Instrumentation | 1. Cause cell damage 2. Improper Engine Operation | 1 | 2nd Flowmeter | 1. Auto Abort System 2. Cold Flow Systems 3. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Abort Test Run and Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area |
| Low Water Coolant Flow | 1. Pump Fails 2. Supply Valve closes | 1. Motor failure 2. Valve System failure | Burnout Engine | 1 | Orifice and Press. Trans. | 1. Auto Abort System 2. Cold Flow Systems 3. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| High/Low LH ₂ Coolant Flow | 1. Faulty Controller 2. Instrumentation failure 3. Engine Failure | 1. Electronic Failure 2. Incorrect Setup 3. Material Failure | 1. Burnout Engine 2. Burst Engine 3. Bad data | 1 | Venturi and Press. Trans. | 1. Auto Abort System 2. Cold Flow Systems 3. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| High/Low Coolant Back Pressure | 1. Faulty Controller 2. Instrumentation Failure | 1. Electronic Failure 2. Engine too hot | 1. Burnout Engine 2. Burst Engine | 1 | Pressure Transducer | 1. Auto Abort System 2. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| High/Low GH ₂ Fuel Flow | 1. Instrumentation Failure 2. Controller Problem | 1. Hydraulic Failure 2. Electronic Failure 3. Material Failure | 1. Engine Operation Off Condition 2. Engine Failure | 1 | Orifice and Press. Trans. | 1. Auto Abort System 2. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| Electric Igniter Failure | 1. No spark 2. No Propellants 3. Incorrect Pressures | 1. Electrical Component failure 2. Valves Fail Closed 3. Incorrect Setup Procedures | 1. No Engine Ignition 2. Propellant Accumulation | 1 | Pressure Transducer | 1. Auto Abort System and Prerun Setup & Checkout 2. Manual Torch Check | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| High/Low Hydrocarbon Flow | 1. Instrumentation failure 2. Controller Problem 3. Engine Failure | 1. Electronic Failure 2. Material Failure | 1. Engine Operation Off Condition 2. Engine Failure | 1 | Turbine flowmeter | 1. Auto Abort System 2. Cold Flow Systems 3. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| H ₂ Burnoff Torch Flame out | 1. Goes out 2. Fails to light | Ignitor Failure | Hydrogen Accumulation and delayed ignition | 1 | Purple peeper | 1. Auto Abort System and Prerun Setup & Checkout 2. Manual Ignition Check | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| Engine Fire-test Cell Fire-explosion | 1. Material Failure 2. Propellant Accumulation | 1. Propellant Line 2. Valve Open incorrectly | 1. Burn up Test Cell Components 2. Blow walls off cell | 2 | TV & Visual Observation | 1. Early Detection of Leak/spill 2. Auto Abort System 3. Concrete Blast Walls | 1. Personnel in Protected Areas 2. Blow Off Cell Walls 3. Fire Fighting Systems 4. Exclusion Lockout Areas 5. Manual Abort & Prop. Stop |
| Hydraulic Fire Valve Failures | 1. Valve Fails Open 2. Valve Fails to operate | 1. Controller Probs. 2. Power Failure 3. Blast Damage | 1. Loss of Propellants 2. Test Cell Fire or Blast | 1 or 2 | 1. Indirect Measurement by Flow Systems Above. 2. Data System Headout 3. Prerun Setup & Checkout | 1. Battery Clamp Switched on Valves except for operation 2. Auto Abort System 3. Moogs Mech. Bias Closed | 1. Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run and Fail Safe Design 2. Prop. Stop System |
| LH ₂ or LOX Tank Press. Reg. Runaway | 1. Pressurization Controller Prob. 2. Incorrect setting | 1. Electronic Problem 2. Hydraulic System Failure 3. Human Error | 1. Possible System over Pressure 2. Incorrect Propellant flow | 1 or 2 | 1. Automatic Relief Systems 2. Indirect Measurements by Flow Systems Above 3. Visual Gages | 1. Good Design Practices 2. Check Sheet Operation. | 1. System Pressure Relief Valves 2. Prop. Stop System |

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|--|--|---|---|-------------|--|---|--|
| H ₂ Vent Stack Fire | Fire Triangle Completed | 1. Too High Vent Rate 2. Stack Contamination 3. Improper Stack Grounding | 1. Destroy Vent Stack 2. Frighten Personnel | 1 or 2 | Visual and TV | 1. Control Vent Rate 2. Stack Ground Check 3. Mission Check Valves 4. Corona Discharge Design | 1. Overdesign Stack 2. Extra High Stack |
| High Pressure Venting Thru Low Press Vent Valves | 1. Incorrect Procedure 2. Valve Failure | 1. Human Error 2. Low Pressure Valve Failed Open | 1. Stack Fire 2. Bend Vent Stack 3. Worry Neighbors | 2 | Visual, Sound | 1. Check Sheet Operation 2. Dual Permissive, Electro-Pneumatic System | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| Bottle Farms Over Pressure | 1. Incorrect Procedure 2. Relief System Failure | 1. Human Error 2. Mechanical Malfunction | 1. Vent GH ₂ 2. Blow Burst Discs | 2 or 3 | Automatic Relief | 1. Good Design Practices 2. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Multiple Relief Systems Fail Safe Design |
| LH ₂ Trailer Overpressure | 1. Valve Failure 2. Human Error | Back Pressure from Facility System | 1. Vent GH ₂ 2. Blow Burst Discs | 2 or 3 | Prerun Setup & Checkout Automatic Relief System | 1. Good Design Practices 2. Prerun Setup & Checkout | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area Multiple Relief Systems |
| Fire Around LH ₂ Tanks | Fuel Burning Under Tank | Fuel Line Leak | Damage Tank | 3 | Visual and TV | 1. Good Design Practices 2. Automatic Relief System | 1. Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run 2. CO ₂ and Water Spray |
| H ₂ Leaks Into Enclosed Areas | Open System in Unvented Area | Fuel Line Leak | Blast Hazard | 2 | 1. Hydrogen Sniffer Systems | 1. Prop Stop System 2. Carefull Design | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area |
| Loss of GN ₂ Valva Energy Source | 1. Valve Fails to Operate or Fails in Wrong Position | Depletion of GN ₂ Source | 1. Terminate Operations 2. Trap Propellants | 1 | GN ₂ Bottle Pressure Readout | 1. Design, Valves Spring to Close 2. Automatic GN ₂ Pumping System | Fail Safe Design |
| LOX System Burnout | 1. Pipe Leaks 2. Oxidation Reaction Started | 1. System Contaminated 2. Water Hammer 3. Cross Mixing of Propellants 4. Cryogenic System Trap | 1. Damage Adjacent Equipment | 2 | | 1. Passivate System with GF ₂ 2. Clean Components for LOX Service 3. Good Design Practices | 1. Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area 2. Prop Stop System |
| Hydrocarbon Fuel Spill | 1. Joint Leaks 2. Valve Open at Wrong Time | 1. System Overpressure 2. Human Error | 1. Environmental Pollution | 1 | Visual Inspection | Good Design Practices | 1. Build Dike Around Possible Spill Areas 2. Use Oil Separator |
| Persons Enter Locked out Area | 1. Lock outs Ignored 2. Lock outs not seen | 1. Person Determined To Enter Area 2. Instructions not Understood | Person Hurt from Normal Firing or System Failure | 3 or 4 | 1. Guard Report 2. Block House Observer 3. Closed Circuit TV | 1. Public Relations 2. Learn From Past Mistakes 3. Enforcement of Rules | 1. Abort Test Operations 2. Warn Person Via PA System 3. Siren on During Test Firing |
| Scrubber Explosion | Propellant Accumulation and ignition source | 1. Abort System Failure 2. Human Error | Big Bang | 2 | Hydrogen Sniffer System | 1. Air and Oxygen Addition with Torches Lit to Burn Fuel Before it can Accumulate 2. Prop Stop System | 1. Scrubber Over Design 2. Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| Too High Vent-Stack Flow Rate | Pressure Too High for Vent System being used | 1. Poor Design 2. Human Error | 1. Possible Stack Failure 2. Stack Fire on H ₂ System | 1 | Visual | Good Design Practices | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area |
| Electric Power Loss (Partial or Total) | ROB Power Loss RETF Power Loss | 1. CEI Outage 2. Local Breaker Opens | Valves Inoperable | 1 | Lights Out | Good Design Practices | 1. Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Relief Systems 2. Fail Safe Design |
| Dual Instrument Failure | Series or Parallel Instruments lost | 1. Common Instrument Power Source 2. Incorrect setup | 1. Engine Operating outside Open Envelope 2. Unnecessary Abort | 1 | Prerun Setup and Checkout | Cold Flow Systems | Indirect Measurement by Flow Systems Above |
| Installation Errors | Mechanical, Electrical Instrumentation Systems Assembled incorrectly | 1. Poor Design 2. Human Error | 1. System Abort 2. System Malfunction | 1 | 1. System End to End Check 2. Document Accurately | 1. Clear Instructions, drawings to Installers 2. Maintain Good Lines of Communication with Field Personnel | Cold Flow Systems and Prerun Setup and Checkout |

| <u>Mode</u> | <u>Mechanism</u> | <u>Cause</u> | <u>Effect</u> | <u>Crit</u> | <u>Detection</u> | <u>Action To Reduce Failure Occurrence</u> | <u>Action To Reduce Failure Effect</u> |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------|--|--|---|
| General Operational Mistakes | 1. Operate Valves during Engine Inspection 2. Operate Wrong Valve 3. Open Wrong Vent 4. Set Wrong Pressure on System 5. Incorrect System Setup | 1. Human Error 2. Poor Design | 1. System Abort 2. System Fire 3. Destroy Test Item | 1 to 3 | Cold Flow Systems, Prerun Setup & Checkout | 1. Keep Morale and Job Interest High 2. Trained Operators 3. Up to Date Checksheet to be used. 4. Team Effort 5. Keep Communications Systems in good Condition - PA, Phone, Radio, Written, Verbal | 1. Dual System Valves Shut 2. Fail Safe Design |
| Incorrect Firing Sequence | 1. Incorrect Procedure 2. Timer Failure | 1. Human Error 2. Electronic Part Failure | 1. System Abort 2. Destroy Test Item | 2 | Cold Flow Systems Prerun Setup and Checkout | Auto Abort System | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Abort Test Run |
| Cryogenic Trapping | Series Valves Both Shut on Cryo. line | Power Failure or Mistake | Burst Line | 2 | Visual | Relief Valves or Burst Discs on These Lines | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area and Good Design |
| Fire at Bottle Farm | Static Discharge Ignition After Burst Disc Failure | Over Pressure or Burst Disc Fatigue | Start Secondary Fires | 2 or 3 | Visual | Safety Relief Valves Installed with Lower Set Pressures Than Burst Discs | Relief Device Orifices Sized to Minimum Allowable per CGA Code to Minimize Size of Fire |
| Fire at Roadable Dewar | LH ₂ Leak on Transfer Line | Joint or Hose Failure | Endanger Dewar and Personnel | 2 or 3 | Visual and H ₂ Sniffer | Prerun Setup & Checkout and Check Sheet Operation plus Remote Control of Transfer Valves | 1. Shut off H ₂ Flow 2. CO ₂ + Water System 3. Prerun Setup & Checkout and Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area |
| Catastrophe at Bottle Farm | Bottle Failure | Over Pressure or Fatigue | Destroy Bottle and People | 4 | Periodic Testing of Bottles and Relief Systems | 1. Tripple Safety Relief Systems at RETF 2. Check Sheet Operation for Charging 3. Good Design Practices | Remote Test Cell Location - Exclusion Area |

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CRITICALITY RATING

1. Category 1. Negligible. Failure of an element, subsystem, or system that results in temporary or no loss of function with no potential for injury to personnel. Function can be restored in a short time using normal repair or maintenance procedures.
2. Category 2. Minor. Failure of an element, subsystem, or system that results in loss of function with no potential for injury to personnel. Characteristically, the distinction between Category 2 and Category 1 failures lies in the time required to restore function. Category 2 failures will result in a significant interruption to operations, generally in excess of 48 hours.
3. Category 3. Critical. Failure of an element, subsystem, or system that results in loss of function with potential for injury to personnel or severe damage to major facilities.
4. Category 4. Catastrophic. Failure of an element, subsystem, or system that results in loss of functions with potential for causing death or serious injuries to personnel.

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Reply to Attn of 6152

June 2, 1980

TO: 4150/Chairman, Area 5 Safety Committee
FROM: 6152/Wayne A. Thomas
SUBJECT: Abort Parameters for Rocket Engine Testing at RETF

The following abort parameter list is submitted as part of the operational safety permit request for the RETF.

| <u>System</u> | <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Limit</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| 1. Rocket | Chamber Pressure (Pc) | Hi/Lo |
| 2. Rocket | LOX Flow Rate (Turbine FM) | Hi/Lo |
| 3. Rocket | Chamber water coolant flow (venturi ΔP) | Lo |
| 4. Burnoff | LH ₂ coolant flow rate (venturi ΔP) | Hi/Lo |
| 5. Burnoff | Coolant back pressure (pressure) | Hi/Lo |
| 6. Rocket | GH ₂ Fuel flow (orifice ΔP) | Hi/Lo |
| 7. Rocket | Electric igniter on (101P) | Hi/Lo |
| 8. Rocket | Coolant inlet temp. (CCIT) | Hi |
| 9. Rocket | Hydrocarbon fuel flow (venturi ΔP) | Hi/Lo |
| 10. Rocket | Nozzle water flow rate (orifice ΔP) | Lo |
| 11. Burnoff | Purple peeper (flame out) | Off |

If any one of these automatic abort parameters exceeds the set boundary limits, the entire system (rocket and coolant burnoff) is automatically shut down.


Wayne A. Thomas

cc:
6150/PPO File
6152/W. A. Thomas

S-40, RETF
RUN CONFIGURATIONS

Addendum to Safety Permit

| Config. No. | Propellants | Chamber Pressure (psia) | FUEL | | FUEL PRESSURANT | | OXIDANT | | OXIDANT PRESSURANT | | COOLANT | | COOLANT PRESSURANT | |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Vessel | Working Pressure (psia) | Vessel | Working Pressure (psia) | Vessel | Working Pressure (psia) | Vessel | Working Pressure (psia) | Vessel | Working Pressure (psia) | Vessel | Working Pressure (psia) |
| 1. | RP-1/LOX | 600 | (I) 55 ft ³ | 1440 | (F) GN2 | 3000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2. | Heavy Hydroc./ LOX | 600 | (J) 78 ft ³ | 4670 | (F) GN2 | 3000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 3. | RP-1/LOX- LOX Cooling | 600 | (I) 55 ft ³ | 1440 | (F) GN2 | 3000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 |
| 4. | RP-1/LOX- LOX Cooling | 2000 | (J) 78 ft ³ | 4670 | (F) GN2 | 4000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (N) GHe | 6000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (N) GHe | 6000 |
| 5. | H2/LOX- LH2 Cooling | 600 | (A) GH2 bottles | 4000 | --- | --- | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | (C) 175 ft ³ | 1440 | (A) GH2 | 4000 |
| 6. | H2/LOX- LH2 Cooling | 2000 | (A) GH2 bottles | 4000 | --- | --- | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | (D) 133 ft ³ | 5000 | (A) GH2 | 4000 |
| 7. | H2/LOX- LOX Cooling | 600 | (A) GH2 bottles | 4000 | --- | --- | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 |
| 8. | H2/LOX- LOX Cooling | 2000 | (A) GH2 bottles | 4000 | --- | --- | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 |
| 9. | Water Flow Inj., Chambers | 1440 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | (K) 175 ft ³ | 1440 | (F) GN2 | 3000 |
| 10. | H2/LOX- Water Cooling | 2000 | (A) GH2 bottles | 4000 | --- | --- | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | (L) 78 ft ³ | 4670 | (E) GHe | 4000 |
| 11. | Pumped Water Cooled Chambers | 600 | --- | --- | --- | --- | (H) 53 ft ³ | 5000 | (E) GHe | 4000 | PUMP, 650 gpm, 450 psi, 250 HP PUMP, 1400 gpm, 450 psi, 450 HP | | | |
| 12. | H2/LOX LH2 Cooling | 600 "B" Std | (A) GH2 Bottles | 4000 | --- | --- | (G) 55 ft ³ | 1440 | (E) GH2 | 4000 | (C) 175 ft ³ | 1440 | (A) GH2 | 4000 |
| | H2/GCX LH2 Cooling | 600 "B" Std | (A) GH2 Bottles | 4000 | --- | --- | (M) NASA 2200 (Tuber) | --- | --- | --- | (C) 175 ft ³ | 1440 | (A) GH2 | 4000 |

NOTE: 1. Letter refers to item number on RETF Pressure Vessel List

2. Fuel and Oxidant Injector feed lines purged with GHe from gas bottles (E).

REF. PRESSURE VESSEL LIST

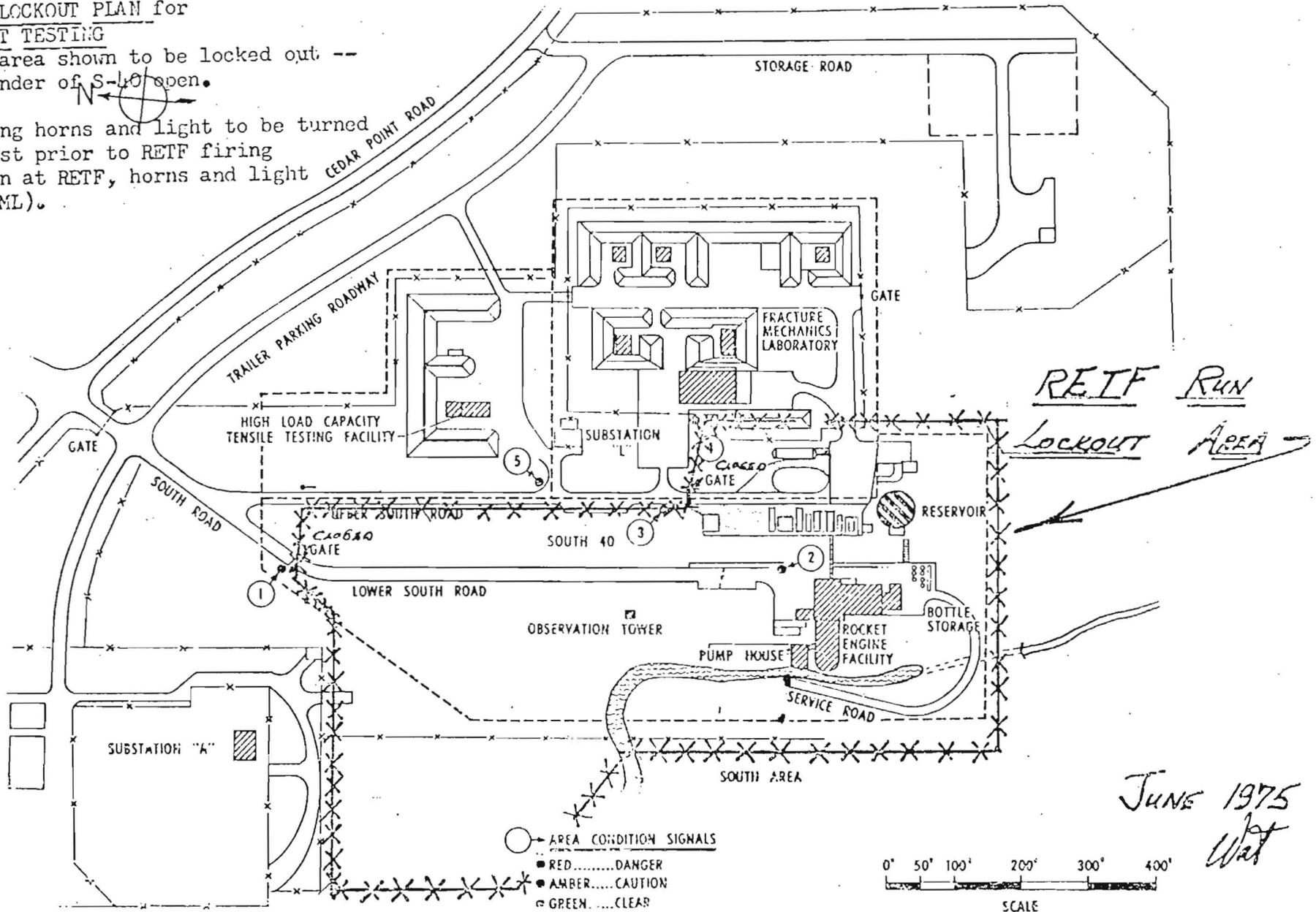
| REF. LETTER | SERVICE | NUMBER OF VESSELS | WORKING PRESSURE (PSIG) | CAPACITY | WATER VOLUME | VESSEL DRWG # | PRIMARY RETF SYST. DRWG # | REMARKS |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| A | GH ₂ | 6 | 4000 | 389,388 SCF | 1431 ft ³ | CF622676 & 7 | CF620915, CF 623224 | |
| B | GH ₂ | 3 | 6000 | --- | 9000 ft ³ | CF622417 | CR622663 | Plan Operation, Summer '81 |
| C | LH ₂ | 1 | 1500 | --- | 175 ft ³ | CE79784 | CF621961, CF 623224 | |
| D | LH ₂ | 1 | 5000 | --- | 133 ft ³ | E-12079P-27 | CF1-1232 | |
| E | GHe | 4 | 4000 | 159,292, SCF | 586 ft ³ | CF622675 | CF620915 | |
| F | GN ₂ | 2 | 2935 | 199,659 SCF | 1000 ft ³ | CF622577 | CF622689 | |
| G | LOX | 1 | 1500 | --- | 55 ft ³ | CE101632 | CD 623223 | |
| H | LOX | 1 | 5000 | --- | 53 ft ³ | E-12079P-1 | CF101233 | |
| I | HYDROCARBON | 2 | 1500 | 411 gal/ea | 55 ft ³ | CR-101635 | CF622505 | RP-1 |
| J | HYDROCARBON | 1 | 6000 | 587 gal | 78.5 ft ³ | CF622578 | CD622504 | RP-1 |
| K | WATER | 1 | 1500 | 1309 gal | 175 ft ³ | (NASA-7055) | CD621877 | |
| L | WATER | 1 | 6000 | 587 gal | 78.5 ft ³ | CD622578 | CD622262 | |
| M | GOX | 1 | 2200 | 50,000 SCF | | (NASA tuber) | CD621916 | |
| N | GHe | 1 | 6000 | --- | 300 ft ³ | CF622417 | CF101525, CR622663 | |

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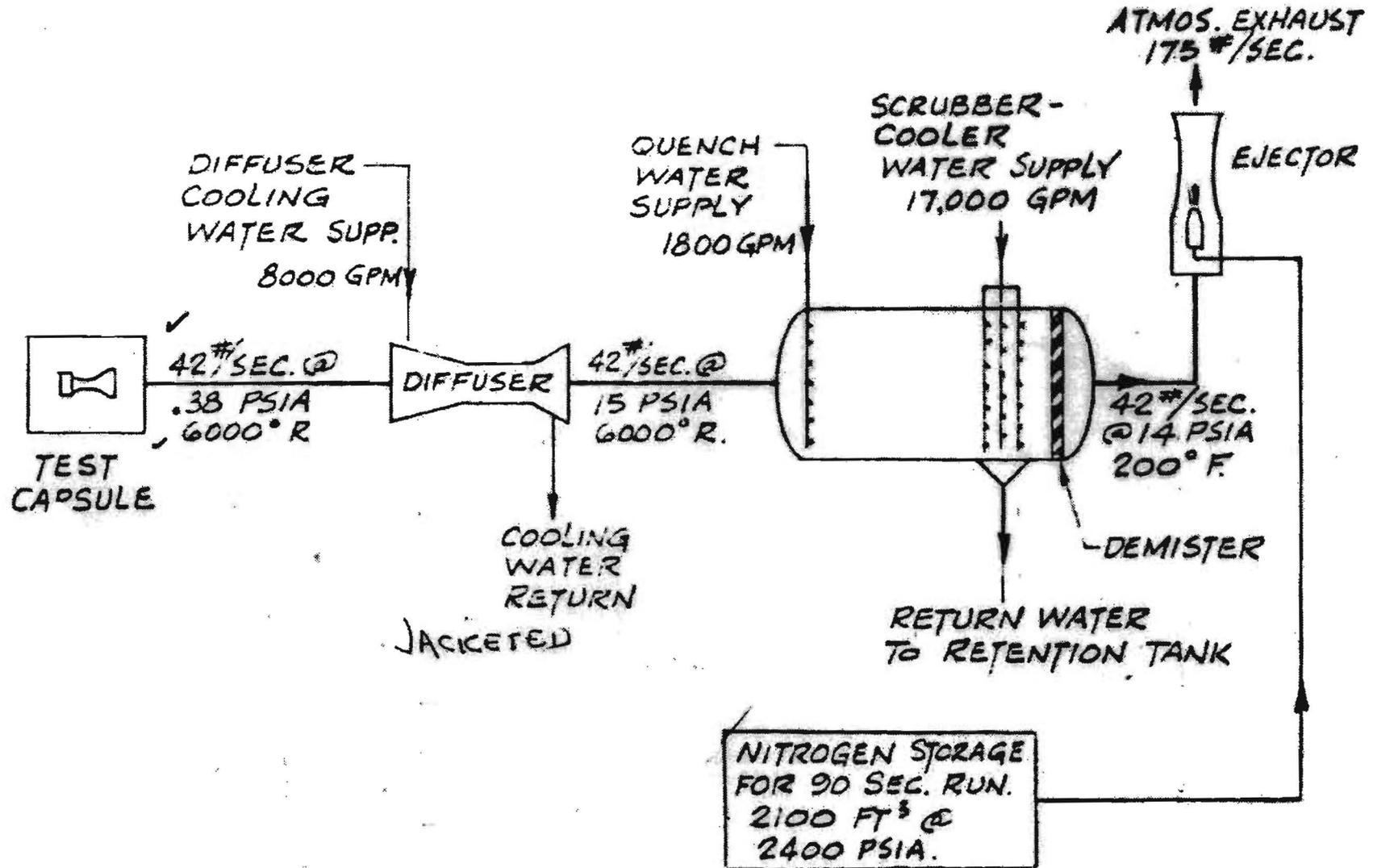
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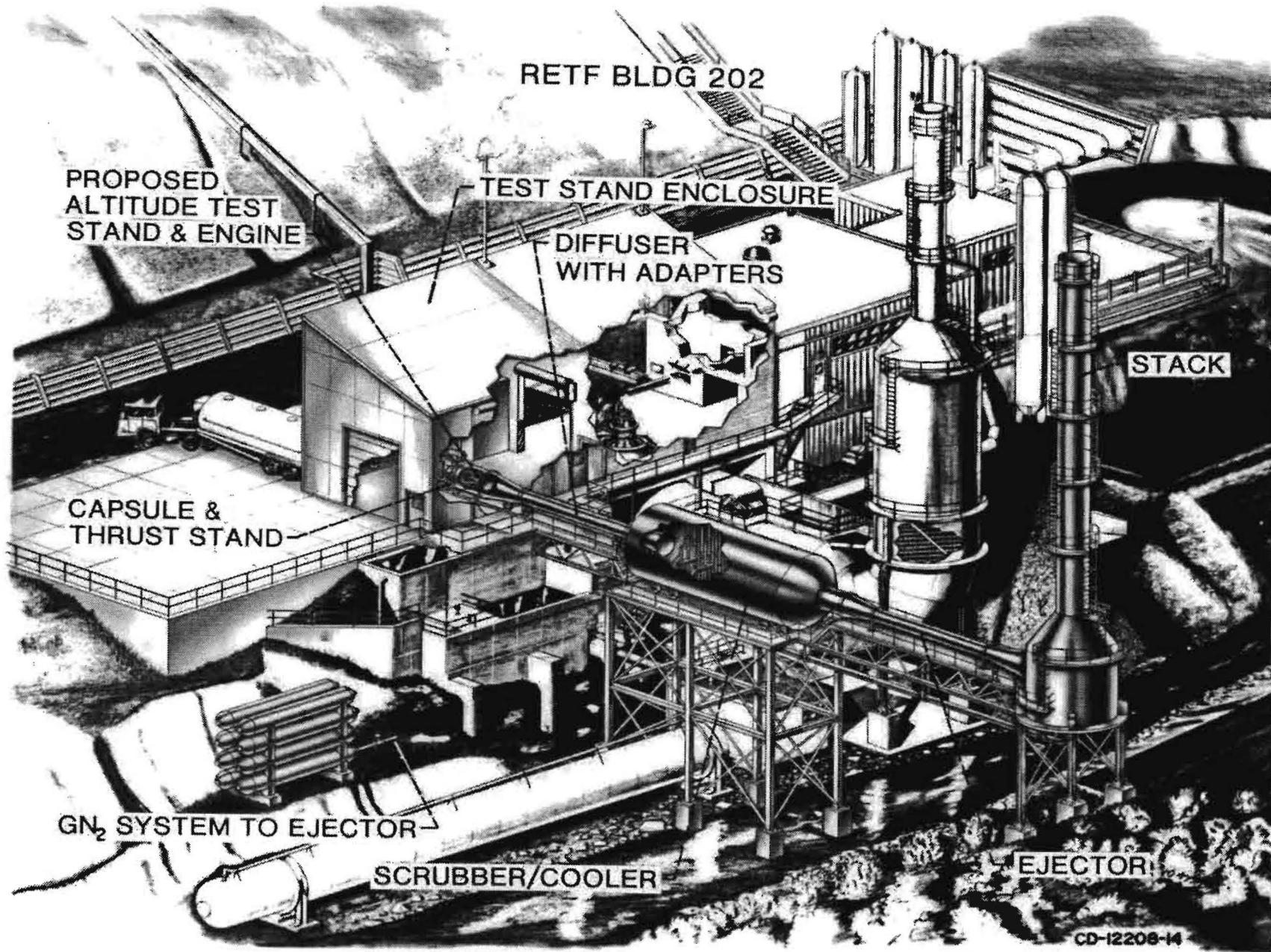
RETF LOCKOUT PLAN for
ROCKET TESTING

1. Only area shown to be locked out -- remainder of S-40 open.
2. Warning horns and light to be turned on just prior to RETF firing (siren at RETF, horns and light at FML).

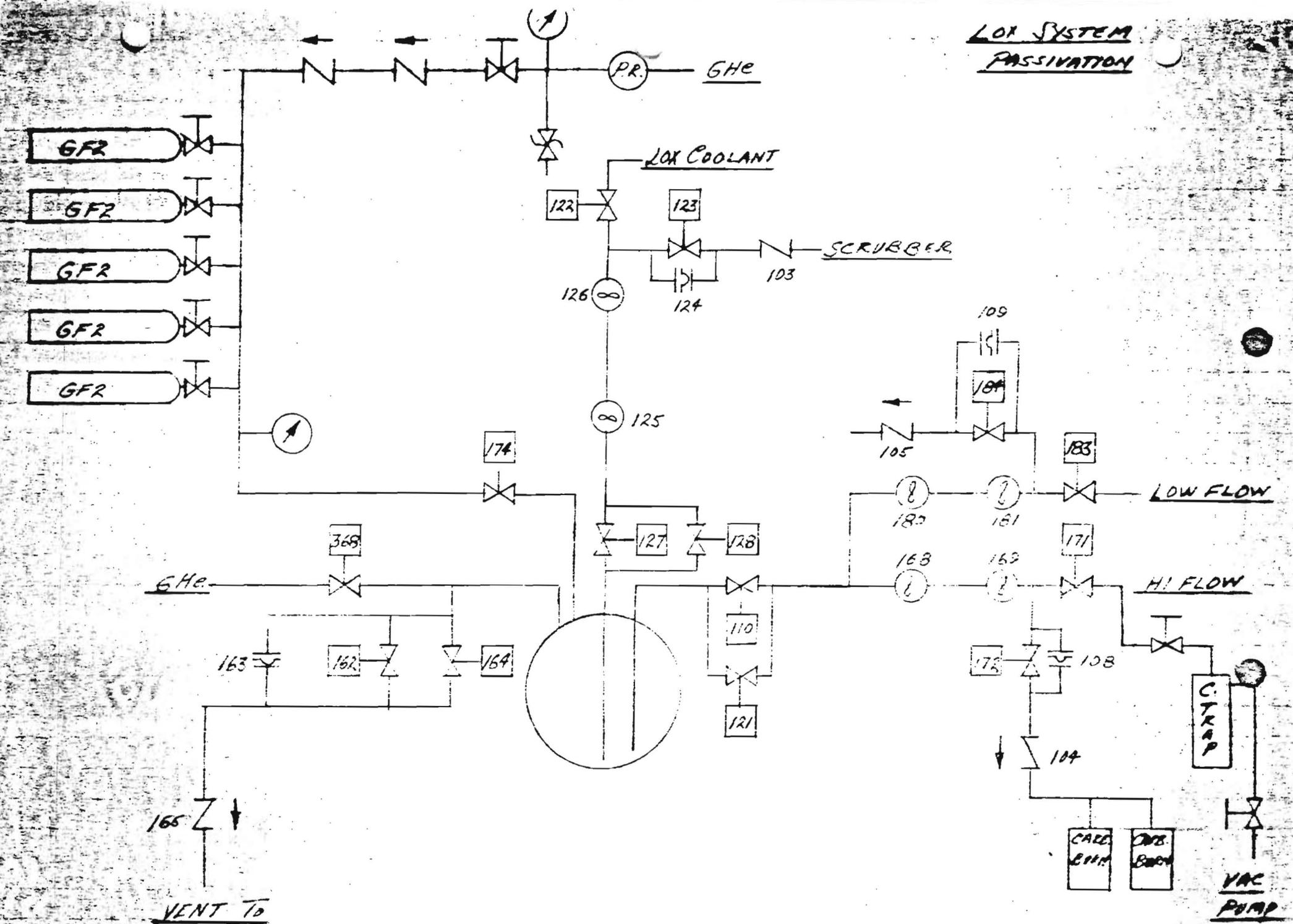


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RETF ALTITUDE CAPABILITY





LOX SYSTEM
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Ed Kowgank
March 1978

After the equipment was in place we held a meeting in the control room to finalize the timing and signals to be used during the test. It was decided at this time that no one would be permitted on the upper level of the tower during the test and that only myself and one of Feldman's crew would be on the platform at any time the ejectors were on. A set of hand signals were set up in the event of voice communication failure. At the conclusion of this meeting we returned to the site to begin the tests.

The system was pressurized in accordance with NASA's control room procedure and started up following Kinema's recommendations, i.e., second stage on to a pressure of 5 PSIA and then start first stage. I immediately found that I could not hear anything in my headset. When I felt that the system was stable with both first and second stages in, I proceeded with the test using hand signals and talking into the headset. The test run was completed with all test points documented successfully. All of the data recorded in both tests will be found in the enclosures attached to this report.

After experiencing some difficulties with the valving on the 24N20 (train 1) system, we decided to continue the testing the next morning. I left my instruments in place to expedite start up.

When the valve had been repaired we initiated the second test along the lines described above. This set of data was successfully recorded and we met again in the control room to discuss the findings and decide on the need, if any, for further testing.

Based on the results and in my opinion I felt that both trains of ejectors were operating a bit better than design and from Kinema's standpoint no further testing was needed. After reviewing the data with Feldman and NASA personnel, it was decided that this was in fact the case and I proceeded to remove my equipment from the platform.

When I had retrieved my instruments I returned to the control room and left copies of the pertinent "rough" data collected during the tests. This information has been changed into a more formal format for this report. Copies of the "rough" data will not be included. As all the required testing was completed I left the installation at 2:00 p.m. on 6/11/85.

PART TWO - PERFORMANCE

The main object of these tests was to determine if the ejectors would operate as designed or if some adjustment, or "tune up" work, would be needed.

In running the ejectors and analyzing the data, we found that at the design performance points the actual pressures achieved by the systems were a bit better than expected. The results are plotted against the expected curves submitted with the proposal and can be found in the enclosures. With the exception of the final points taken on train 1, with the motive pressure reduced drastically to 343 PSIG, both systems ran stably and handled the varied load ranges smoothly. This indicates that changes in loading during operation will not be accompanied by wildly fluctuating suction pressures or instability.

Again returning to the plotted curves, we see a more obvious variance from design at the lower load points. The fact that the offset of the curve is to the "good" side suggests two things. These ejectors, being air operated for all intents, work better at the lower load ranges than other "air operated" ejector systems we have designed. The usual dramatic falling off of the capacity at the reduced load levels is not present here. The second point to be made regards the design of the systems themselves. The advantage in capacity found here is due in part to some conservative design by Kinema.

Again, the design points are found to be a few percent to the better, but this brings up another factor. If it is found in the future that the actual operating gas loads are below the expected values, then a possible refit with the idea of saving motive gas could be considered. To explore this point, it would be necessary to conduct further testing on the ejectors while in actual operation and analyzing that data with respect to the information collected and described in this report.

Based on my experience on Kinema's test floor and in the field, I can state that both ejector systems performed better than expected with regard to suction pressure and stability. The operational problems sometimes found with air operated ejectors are not present here.

I also feel that if the proper "bleed back" system were installed, a particular pressure could be maintained by the ejectors and this pressure would be repeatable to a fine degree.

PART THREE - MOTIVE CONSUMPTION

The total amount of motive gas used during a run was another point that demanded an actual test to determine. Several theories and estimates were put forward and can now be compared to the flow rates found during the tests described above.

At each load point during the test the motive gas temperature and pressure was recorded. This would allow us to construct a performance profile based on changing motive gas conditions. We expected to maintain a pressure around 500 PSIG and we knew that we had no control over the motive temperature. It was established that the lowest temperature experienced was -41°F . There was no effect on the ejector performance during the test that could be attributed to the changing mass flow due to gas temperature. The only time that gas pressure affected the performance was when this pressure dropped to 343 PSIG and was coupled with a low ejector load. Under these conditions instability can be expected in any ejector.

The obvious effect on the system of the conditions listed above was the increased motive gas consumption. The average increase in usage on train 2 was 9% for the first section and 15% for the second section of the second stage tests. The first stage used 7% over design on the average. This total amounts to about 17533 lb/hr excessive gas usage for the duration of the test. This is due to the temperature change and the overpressurization found during this test.

Contrast this to the consumption of the first stage, train 1 which amounted to a saving of some 3%. Note also that the average gas pressure on the train 1 test was 483 PSIG or about 3.4% below design.

This leads me to believe that the excessive gas usage can be alleviated by lowering the motive pressure to a point of 5 to 8% below design. The lower gas pressure does not appear to have much effect on performance until it drops well below the 10% range. This point can be developed to a finer degree by further testing.

PART FOUR - MOTIVE CALCULATIONS

In this section I will review the calculations used to determine gas flow based on temperature and pressure.

The formula used is: $W = \frac{A_t \times C_u \times V_{2s}}{v_{2s}}$

The following explanation applies.

W = motive flow in lb/sec

Cu = nozzle coefficient = 1

V_{2s} = square root of $[2 \times g_c \times C_p \times (T_o - T_{2s}) \times 778]$

$$v_{2s} = \frac{R \times T_{2s}}{P_t \times 144}$$

C_p = from temperature chart

$$T_{2s} = T_o \times \left(\frac{P_t}{P_o}\right)^{\frac{K-1}{K}}$$

$$P_t = P_o \text{ (absolute)} \times \frac{P_t}{P_o}$$

K = From temperature chart

$\frac{P_t}{P_o}$ = critical pressure ratio from chart

$$\frac{lb}{hr} = W \times 3600$$

A_t = nozzle area in square feet

g_c = 32.17 constant

T_o = Absolute gas temperature degree R

$$R = \frac{1545}{\text{molecular weight}}$$

P_o = gas pressure (absolute)

778 = constant

The charts necessary for determining certain values for this equation will be found in the enclosures. These are sectional copies of graphs that were submitted earlier. I have adjusted the scales to more closely match the actual conditions found during the tests.

PART FIVE - CONCLUSION

In the form of a wrap up, I would start by saying that from Kinema's standpoint, the test was a complete success. The information gathered allowed us to prove the design of our ejector systems and the theories we had concerning motive flow. The ejectors run a bit better than design and the change in motive gas flow does not seriously affect the performance until extremes are reached.

The methods discussed for calculating gas flow are fairly straightforward and repeatable. The secondary method based on percentages allows relatively quick checks of the flow in lieu of the final form of the gas flow equation.

I want at this time to thank all the people from Feldman and NASA who assisted in the tests and without whose help they could have not been completed successfully. If any questions arise from either the test or the report do not hesitate to call.

PART SIX - ENCLOSURES

The enclosures mentioned in the report are to be found in this section. They consist of:

- Enclosure No. 1 - Test data and calculated motive flows
- Enclosure No. 2 - Performance curves
- Enclosure No. 3 - Motive flow calculations and graphs needed
- Enclosure No. 4 - Motive flow temperature and pressure adjustment curves

Enclosure No. 1 lists the data recorded during the ejector tests including the suction pressures, load points in DAE, motive pressures, motive temperatures and the results of the sound level scan. It also lists the calculated motive flows based on the actual motive gas conditions during the test.

Enclosure No. 2 transfers the suction pressure readings and DAE values to performance curves. The base curves are the expected performance curves submitted to NASA. The curves plotted over the base are the actual performance values recorded during the tests. Noting that a couple of points do not exactly follow the actual curve, I would explain this with the fact that due to the rather short duration allowed for testing based on motive gas consumption, complete leveling out of the suction pressure was not effected. The general parallelism of the curves tells me that the ejectors are operating very well.

Enclosure No. 3 contains motive flow calculation information. It consists of the needed graphs, calculations based on design information and examples.

Enclosure No. 4 is the information to be used to calculate motive flows based on temperature and pressure - vs - percentage of flow. I developed these curves from the information gathered during the tests. They are a quick method of determining mass flow based on the observed conditions.

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ENCLOSURE NO. 1

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EJECTOR TEST DATA

16 N 14 SYSTEM TEST 1

| LOAD POINTS | | SUCTION P. | | MOTIVE P. | | MOTIVE T. | | MOTIVE FLOW | |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-------------|-------|
| lb/hr | lb/sec | S1 mm HgA | S2 mm HgA | 1-psig | 2 | 1 deg.F. | 2 | 1 lb/hr | 2 |
| 1. | 0 0 | 4.66 | 99.56 | 516 | 517 | +47 | +25 | 8490 | 71226 |
| 2. | 925 .256 | 8.66 | 106.17 | 523 | 524 | +29 | +13 | 8789 | 73331 |
| 3. | 2180 .605 | 8.66 | 115.82 | 523 | 524 | +14 | + 7 | 8978 | 73896 |
| 4. | 2520 .700 | 12.66 | 118.87 | 524 | 525 | + 7 | - 7 | 9133 | 75479 |
| 5. | 2705 .751 | 16.66 | 118.87 | 523 | 524 | - 3 | -17 | 9263 | 76281 |
| 6. | 4360 1.211 | 48.66 | 161.54 | 521 | 522 | -15 | -29 | 9351 | 77487 |
| 7. | 4360 1.211 | | 76.66 | | 526 | | -33 | | 78340 |
| 8. | 2705 .751 | | 50.66 | | 522 | | -36 | | 78198 |
| 9. | 2520 .700 | | 50.66 | | 520 | | -38 | | 78216 |
| 10. | 2180 .605 | | 48.66 | | 520 | | -40 | | 78559 |
| 11. | 925 .256 | | 32.66 | | 521 | | -41 | | 78721 |
| 12. | 0 0 | | 8.66 | | 522 | | -41 | | 78868 |

SOUND SCAN RESULTS Both stages with 4360 lb/hr DAE.

| db level | overall | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1K | 2K | 4K | 8K |
|----------|---------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| reading | +140 | 98 | 104 | 110 | 113 | 114 | 111 | 105 | 100 |

The reading when the rupture disk failed was +157

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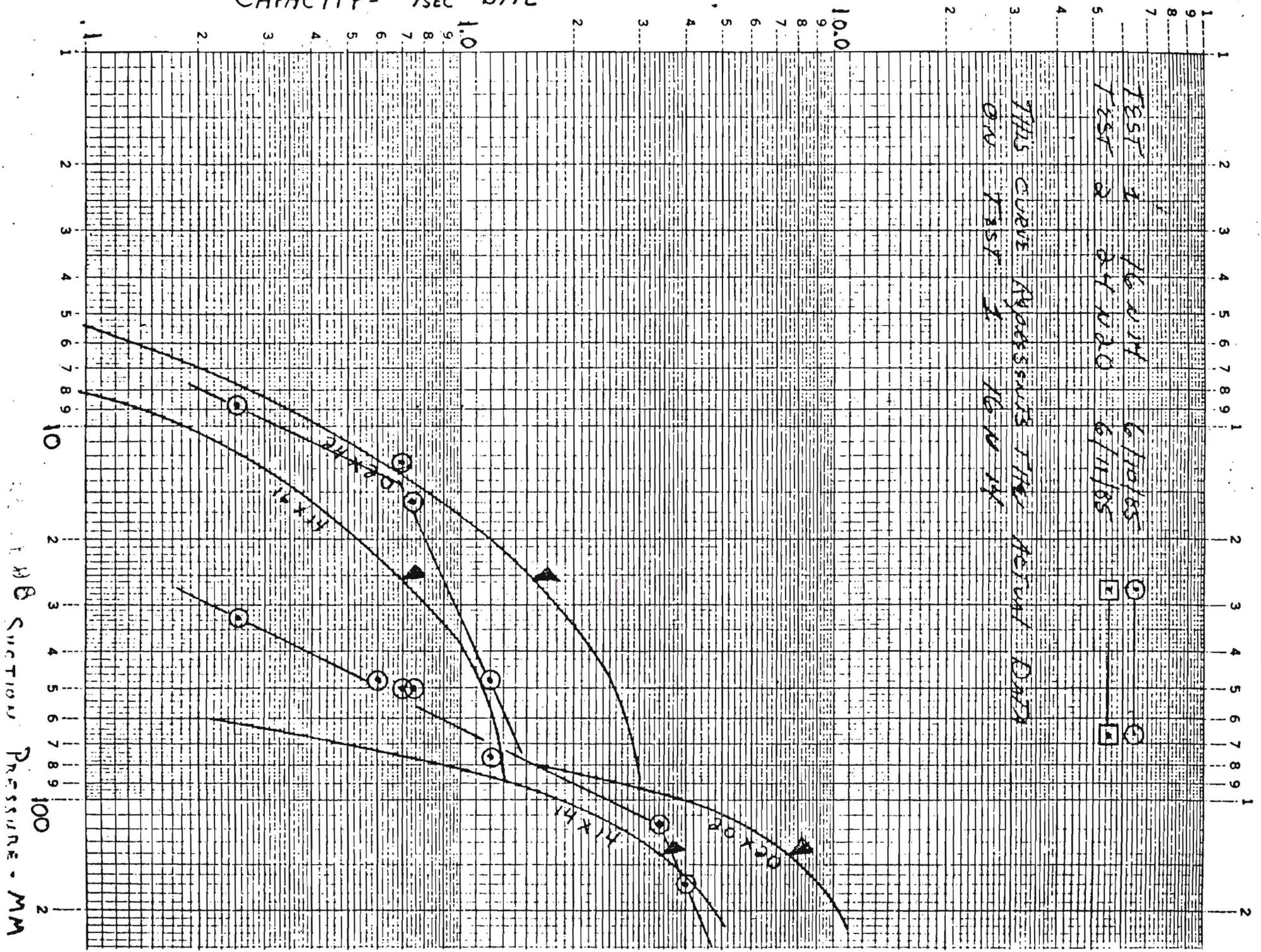
EJECTOR TEST DATA

24 N 20 SYSTEM TEST 2

| LOAD POINTS | | SUCTION P. | SUCTION P. | MOTIVE P. | | MOTIVE T. | MOTIVE FLOW |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-------------|
| 1b/hr | lb/sec | S1 mm HgA | S2 mm HgA | 1 psig | 2 | 1 deg.F.2 | 1 lb/hr 2 |
| 1. | 0 0 | 3.87 | 103.88 | 487 | 490 | +42 | 18008 |
| 2. | 925 .256 | 5.87 | 108.96 | 483 | 479 | +35 | 18014 |
| 3. | 2180 .605 | 5.87 | 114.04 | 482 | 471 | +31 | 18068 |
| 4. | 4360 1.211 | 9.87 | 120.65 | 482 | 464 | +28 | 18136 |
| 5. | 5810 1.613 | 21.87 | 133.35 | 482 | 449 | +27 | 18156 |
| 6. | 5810 1.163 | | 47.75 | | 381 | | |
| 7. | 4360 1.211 | | 39.62 | | 371 | | |
| 8. | 2180 .605 | | 27.68 | | 343 | | |
| 9. | 925 .256 | | unstable | | | | |
| 10. | 0 0 | | unstable | | | | |

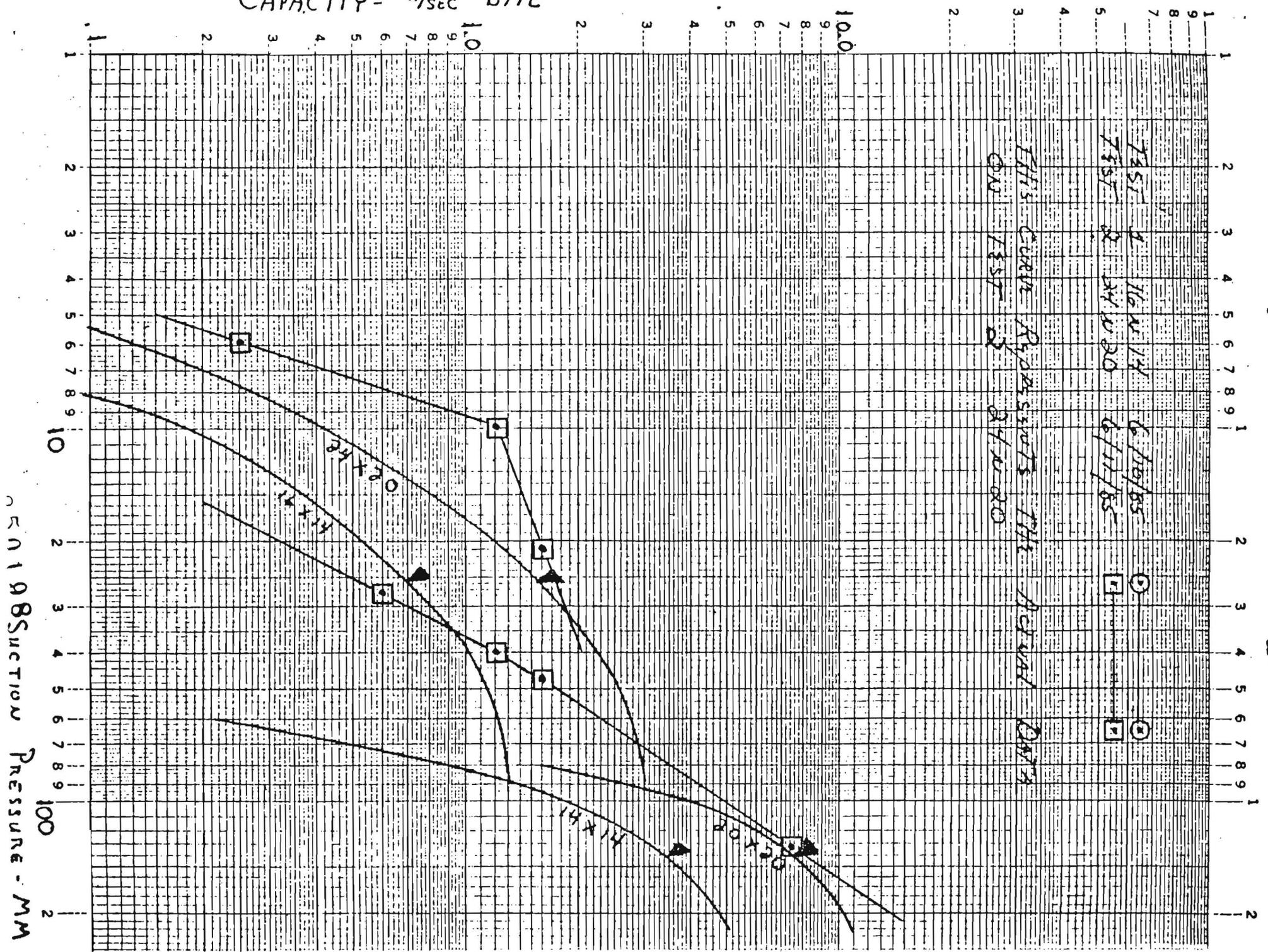
SOUND SCAN RESULTS Both stages with 5810 lb/hr DAE.

| db level | overall | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1K | 2K | 4K | 8K |
|----------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| reading | +140 | 100 | 103 | 112 | 116 | 116 | 117 | 120+ | 120+ |



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 CAPACITY - #/SEC DAE

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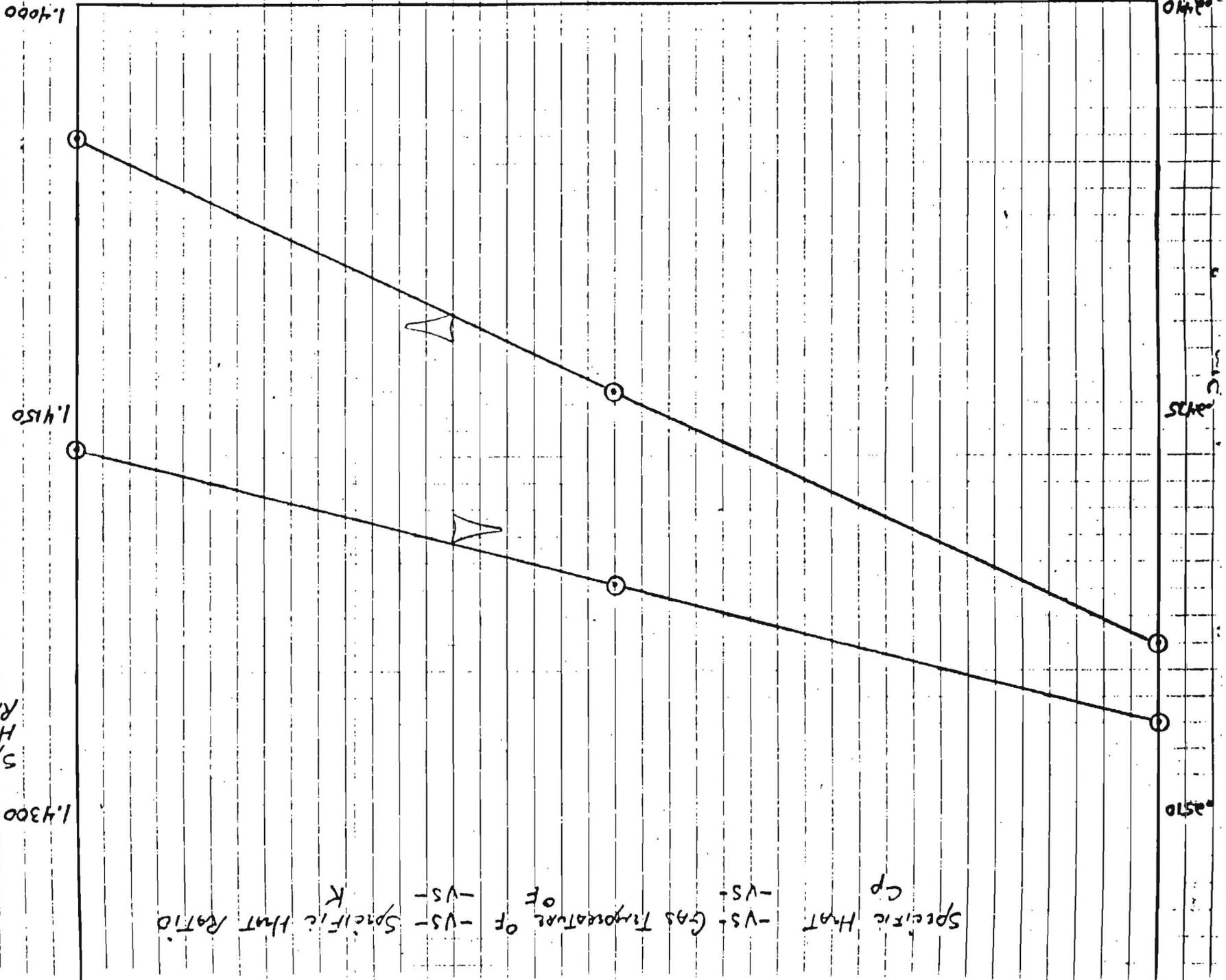
CRN198 Suction Pressure - MM

Gas Temperature in Digesters F

1.4000 1.4150 1.4300

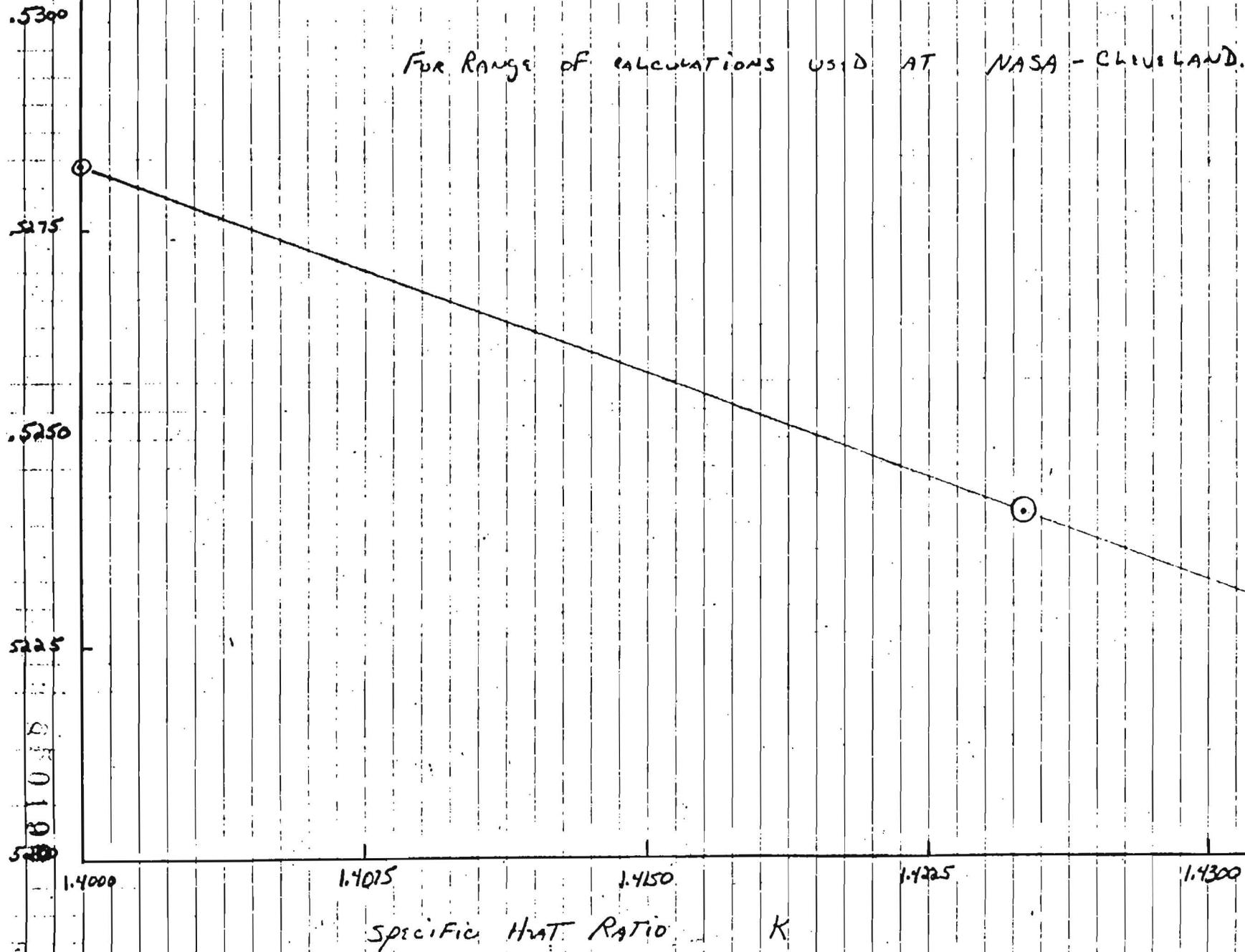
SPECIFIC HMT RATIO K

SPECIFIC HMT -VS- Gas Temperature OF -VS- SPECIFIC HMT RATIO K



SPECIFIC HEAT RATIO -VS- CRITICAL PRESSURE RATIO
 K -VS- $P_{T1/P0}$

FOR RANGE OF CALCULATIONS USED AT NASA - CLEVELAND.



24 N 20

DATE 6/12/85

UNIT DESIGN 24 x 20

Motive Pressure 500 psig Motive Temperature 35 °F
1.66 °C

Step 1 $Q_T = \frac{D^2 \pi H}{144} \left(\frac{.7343}{144} \right)^2 \times .7854 = 2.94^{-03} = K_1$

Step 2 $\bar{V}_{23} = \sqrt{64.34 \times 778 \times C_p \times (T_0 - T_{23})}$
 $\bar{V}_{23} = \sqrt{50056.52 \times (.2482) \times (495 - K_3)} = 1021.38 = K_2$
 Cp From Temp Chart
 $T_0 = °F + 460$

Step 3 $T_{23} = T_0 \left(\frac{P_T}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{K-1}{K}}$
 $T_{23} = (495) \left(\frac{.5268}{1.4015} \right)^{\frac{.4085}{1.4015}} = 411.03 = K_3$
 $\frac{P_T}{P_0}$ From critical Pressure Chart
 K From Temp Chart

Step 4 $v_{23} = R \frac{T_{23}}{P_T (144)}$
 $v_{23} = \frac{(55.17)(K_3)}{(271.03)(144)} = .5804 = K_4$
 $R = \frac{1545}{M_w}$
 $P_T = P_0 \times \frac{P_T}{P_0}$
 $T_{23} = K_3$

Step 5 $w = Q_T C_w \bar{V}_{23}$
 $w = \frac{v_{23}}{K_4} = \frac{(K_1)(K_2)}{(K_4)} = 5.174 \times 3600 = 18629 \text{ } \frac{LB}{HR}$

24 N 20

Date 6/12/85

UNIT DESIGN 20x20

Motive Pressure

psig Motive Temperature

°C

Step 1 $Q_T = \frac{D^2 \pi H}{144} \left(\frac{2.08}{144} \right)^2 \times .7854 = .0235 = K_1$

Step 2 $\bar{V}_{25} = \sqrt{64.34 \times 778 \times C_p \times (T_0 - T_{25})}$
 $\bar{V}_{25} = \sqrt{50056.52 \times (.2422) \times (495 - K_3)} = 1021.38 = K_2$

Cp From Temp CHART

$T_0 = °F + 460$

Step 3 $T_{25} = T_0 \left(\frac{P_T}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{K-1}{K}}$
 $T_{25} = (495) \left(\frac{.5268}{1.4065} \right)^{\frac{.4065}{1.4065}} = 411.03 = K_3$

P_T/P_0 From critical Pressure CHART

K From Temp CHART

Step 4 $v_{25} = \frac{R T_{25}}{P_T (144)}$
 $v_{25} = \frac{(55.17) (K_3)}{(411.03) (144)} = .5804 = K_4$

$R = \frac{1545}{M_w}$

$P_T = P_0 \times \frac{P_T}{P_0}$

$T_{25} = K_3$

Step 5 $\omega = Q_T C_w \bar{V}_{25}$
 $\omega = \frac{K_1}{(K_4)} \frac{K_2}{(K_4)} = 41.52 \times 3600 = 149,480 \text{ LB/HR}$

16 N 14

DATE 6/12/85

UNIT DESIGN 16 N 14 MOTIVE PRESSURE 500 psig MOTIVE TEMPERATURE 35 °F
1.66 °C

$$\text{STEP 1 } Q_T = \frac{D^2 \pi N}{144} \left(\frac{492}{144} \right)^2 \times .7854 = 7.32^{-03} = K_1$$

$$\text{STEP 2 } \bar{V}_{2s} = \sqrt{64.34 \times 778 \times C_p \times (T_0 - T_{2s})}$$

$$\bar{V}_{2s} = \sqrt{50056.52 \times (.2482) \times (495 - K_3)} = 1021.38 = K_2$$

C_p FROM TEMP CHART
T₀ = °F + 460

$$\text{STEP 3 } T_{2s} = T_0 \left(\frac{P_T}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{K-1}{K}}$$

$$T_{2s} = (495) \left(.5268 \right)^{\left(\frac{1.4085}{1.4085} \right)} = 411.03 = K_3$$

P_T/
P₀ FROM CRITICAL PRESSURE CHART
K FROM TEMP CHART

$$\text{STEP 4 } v_{2s} = \frac{R T_{2s}}{P_T (144)}$$

$$v_{2s} = \frac{(55.17)(K_3)}{(271.30)(144)} = .5804 = K_4$$

R = 1545 / MW
P_T = P₀ × P_T/
P₀
T_{2s} = K₃

$$\text{STEP 5 } W = Q_T C_w \bar{V}_{2s}$$

$$W = \frac{v_{2s}}{K_4} \frac{K_1}{(K_4)} = 2.32 \times 3600 = 8363 \text{ LB/HR}$$

16 N 14

DATE 6/12/85

35 ° F

UNIT D2519 14x14

MOTIVE PRESSURE 500 psig MOTIVE TEMPERATURE 1.66 ° C

STEP 1 $Q_T = \frac{D^2 \pi H}{144} \left(\frac{1.404}{144} \right)^2 \times .7854 = .01075 = K_1$

STEP 2 $\bar{V}_{25} = \sqrt{64.34 \times 778 \times C_p \times (T_0 - T_{25})}$
 $\bar{V}_{25} = \sqrt{50056.52 \times (.2482) \times (495 - K_3)} = 1021.38 = K_2$
 Cp From Temp CHART
 $T_0 = °F + 460$

STEP 3 $T_{25} = T_0 \left(\frac{P_T}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{K-1}{K}}$
 $T_{25} = (495) \left(\frac{.5268}{1.4085} \right)^{\frac{.4085}{1.4085}} = 411.03 = K_3$
 $\frac{P_T}{P_0}$ From CRITICAL PRESSURE CHART
 K From Temp CHART

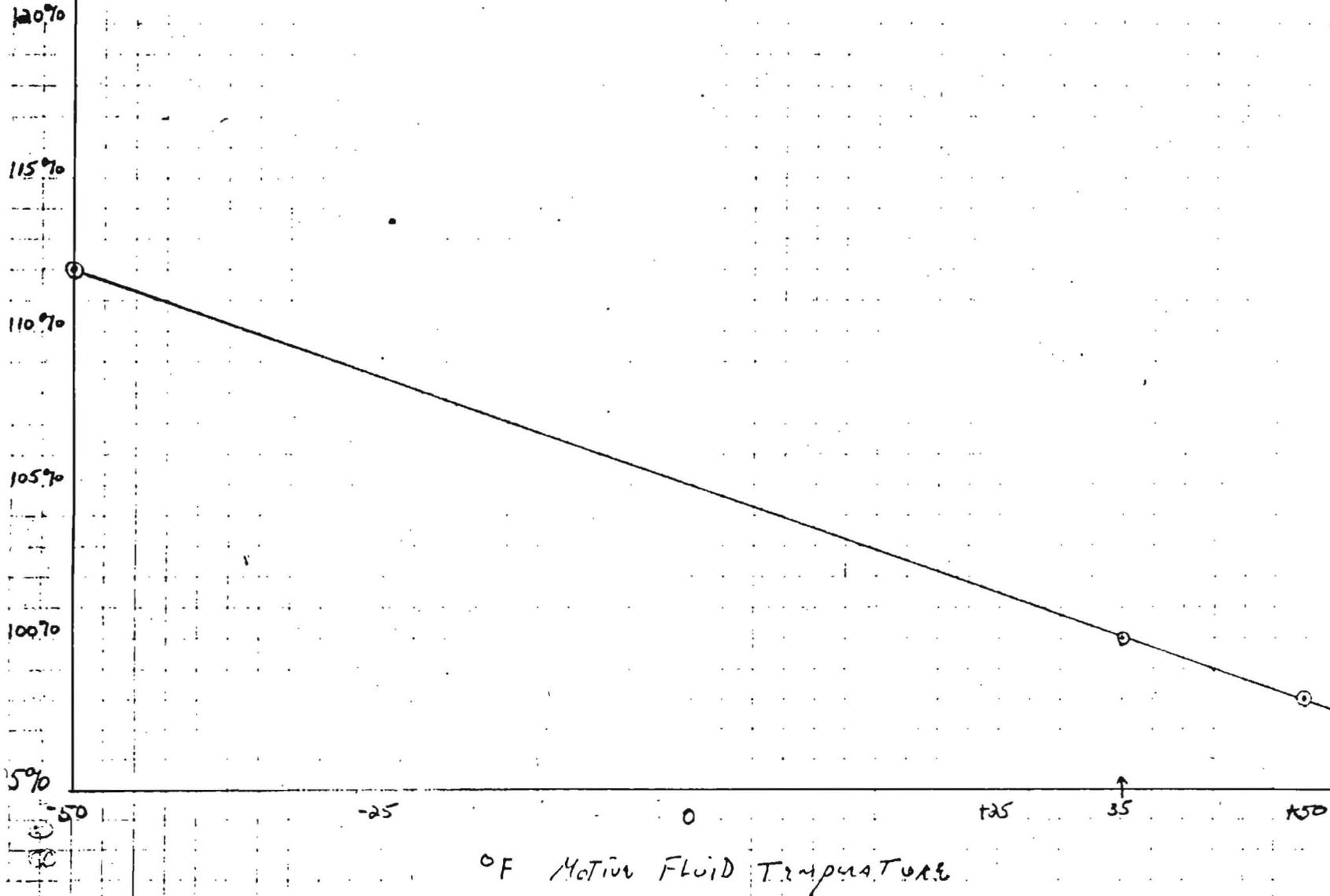
STEP 4 $v_{25} = \frac{R T_{25}}{P_T (144)}$
 $v_{25} = \frac{(55.17) (K_3)}{(271.30) (144)} = .5804 = K_4$
 $R = \frac{1545}{M.W.}$
 $P_T = P_0 \times \frac{P_T}{P_0}$
 $T_{25} = K_3$

STEP 5 $w = Q_T C_L \bar{V}_{25}$
 $w = \frac{v_{25}}{K_4} (K_1) (K_2) = 18.91 \times 3600 = 68107 \text{ LB/HR}$
 (K4)

MASS Flow Correction BASED ON MOTIVE FLUID TEMPERATURE

100% MASS Flow = 18625 L/HR - 24x20
 149460 L/HR - 20x20

8364 L/HR - 16x14
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