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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The goals of the present R&D program are to develop a Nickel/Zinc Battery for electric vehicle propulsion having the performance characteristics given below:

1. Battery Capacity ^a (kW-hr)	20-30
2. Battery Dimension (cm H x cm W x cm L)	to be determined
3. Volume (L)	to be determined
4. Weight (kg)	to be determined
5. Installation Voltage ^b	to be determined
6. Volumetric Energy ^a (W-hr/L)	>120
7. Specific Energy ^a (W-hr/kg)	> 70
8. Specific Power (W/kg)	
Peak Battery ^c - 5 sec. avg.	>125
Sustained ^f	> 45
9. Duty Cycle	
Charge (hrs)	4-8
Discharge (hrs)	2-4
10. Lifetime	
Deep Discharges ^d	>400
Wet Life (years)	> 2
11. Price/Energy ^e (\$/kW-hr)	< 75
12. Energy Efficiency (%)	> 60

^aC/3 rate discharge; 8 hour charge; rated at 100% discharge

^bFor compact passenger car.

^cAt 80% discharged state.

^d80% depth-of-discharge from rated capacity

^ePrice delivered to auto manufacturer for production of 10,000 units/year

^f20 minute sustained power drain after 50% DOD at C/3.

In order to accomplish these goals, a Program Management Plan was written detailing the major technical tasks to be accomplished in order to achieve these goals. Five major tasks were delineated, and a Milestone Schedule and Status Report prepared to show the scheduled progress of these tasks, and an up-to-date report of the status of each task. The Program Management Plan was submitted on 15 May 1979 and listed these five major technical tasks:

- ESB No. 6050 - Battery Design and Development
- ESB No. 6051 - Nickel Cathode Study
- ESB No. 6052 - Basic Electrochemistry
- ESB No. 6053 - Reporting
- ESB No. 8345 - Four Cell Monobloc Mold Procurement.

2.0 TECHNICAL PROGRESS IN REPORTING PERIOD

2.1 Battery Design and Development

A) Cells being tested during the ESB Development Program were continued on test to logical conclusion. Experimental Cell S/N-001 was the first cell constructed in a plastic jar, and was tested to determine the feasibility of the plastic jar construction as well as the suitability of brass anode substrates. The cell was not optimized for energy density. The design specifications sheet for this cell is shown in Table 1. Test data for the cell is presented in Figure 1.

Testing of S/N-001 was terminated after 86 cycles because of the unusually high frequency and amplitude of voltage excursions during charge. Examination of the cell revealed damage to the plastic netting on the nickel electrodes, especially along the bottom edges. These areas of heat distorted plastic matched dense, hard, zinc projections on the opposing anodes. (Figure 2). Apparently, the interelectrode gap was bridged, resulting in periodic short-circuiting, which caused enough heat to soften and distort the plastic netting. It should be noted that the cell was operating in spite of this condition. Further investigation will be made to find a way to avoid zinc "shape change" and its consequent adverse effect on cell performance.

The following general conclusions have been derived from an analysis of the data:

- 1) There is initially a relatively rapid decrease in capacity with cycling, reaching a level of about 75-80 percent of the initial value in 10 cycles or less.
- 2) Cell capacity can be recovered by utilizing a two-stage charge. This is a charge interrupted by an open circuit period, followed by a resumption of charge; the open circuit period being about 16 hours (overnight).
- 3) Extended charge input, about two to three times normal also appears to result in improved capacity.
- 4) Additions of zinc oxide during cycling appear to have a beneficial effect on capacity retention, especially when the cell appears to be zinc-limited on discharge. Once the cell becomes positive-limited, no further addition of zinc oxide is needed.
- 5) For charged stand intervals up to four days, the rate of loss of charge retentions has been about 8 percent a day. It should be noted that this performance was obtained with cadmium-plated brass anode substrates.

TABLE 1

Experimental Cell - Design Specification SheetCell S/N 001Type Ni-Zn VIBROCEL™Positive Electrodes

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Used</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Wt (gm)</u>
Matsushita Sintered	2 (one double riveted)	9.2" H x 4.95" W x .065" T	180 each
Jungner Pocket	2 outside	9.2" H x 4.95" W x .160" T	330 each

Capacity: Each electrode 15 Ah @ C/5 - Cell 60 AhPositive Insulator:Type - Polypropylene Netting 12" x 12" x .025" TNegative Substrate

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Used</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Wt (gm)</u>
Brass sheet perforated .024" T	2	4.85" W x 8.8" H x .082" T	190 each
Screen 24 x 24 mesh welded			
Cadmium plated			

Negative Active Material: ZnO - 110 gmInterelectrode Spacing: 0.1" approx.Electrolyte: 6M KOH + 10 g/l LiOH · H₂O - 700 mlCell Dimensions Overall: 12.0" H x 5.7" W x 2.0" TCell Weight: 3629 gmCell Jar Material: Polysulfone sheet - cementedVibration Mechanism: Eccentric shaft - yoke fitting

PERFORMANCE OF A NICKEL-ZINC VIBROCEL™ OF 5-PLATE (60 AH NOM) DESIGN

CELL JAR: SLOTTED PLASTIC (POLYSULFONE)
 ANODES: CADMIUM-PLATED BRASS SUBSTRATES (2 PER CELL)
 CATHODES: COMPOSITE OF ONE THIN MATSUSHITA SINTERED CATHODE IN CENTER,
 2 OUTSIDE JUNGHIER POCKET CATHODES, TOTAL THEOR. CAPACITY 60 AH

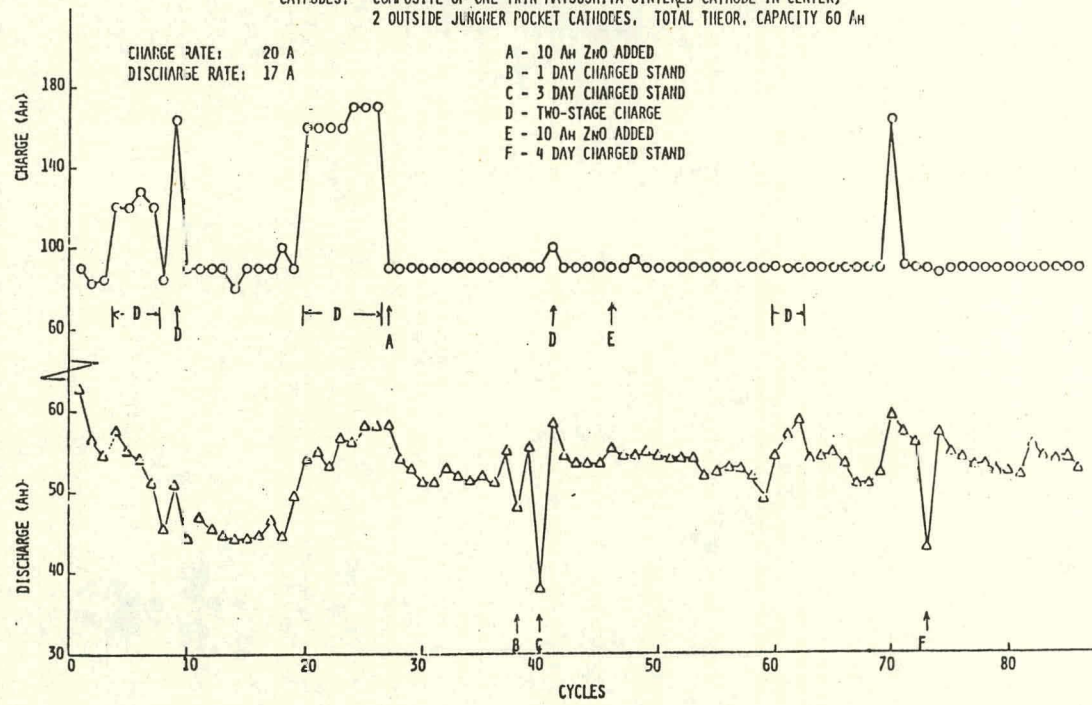


FIGURE 1

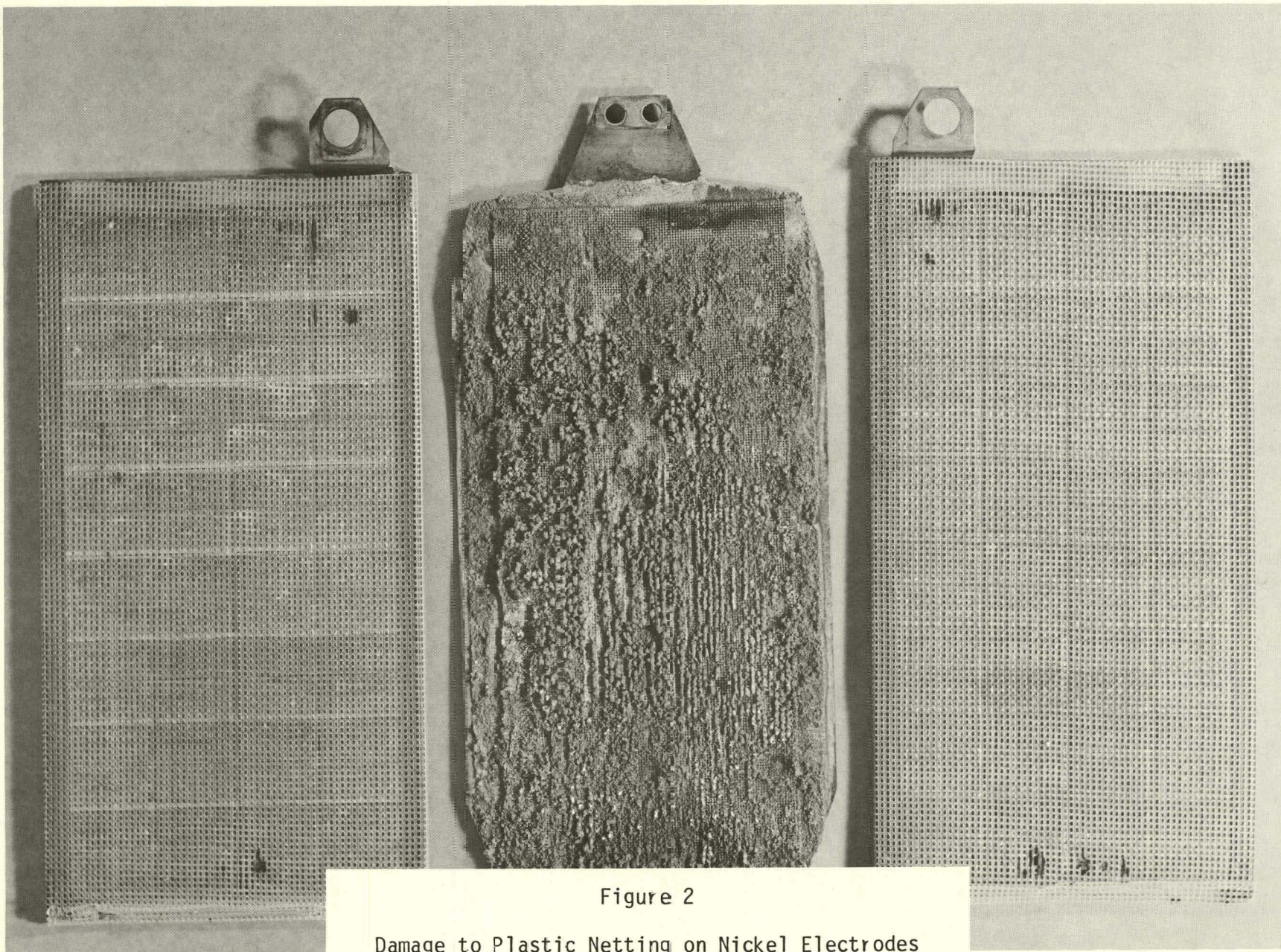


Figure 2

Damage to Plastic Netting on Nickel Electrodes

B) Experimental Cell S/N-002 (Design Specification Sheet shown as Table 2) was one of the earlier models in a steel jar. It included seven (7) electrodes, four (4) positives and three (3) negatives), and had a nominal capacity of 72 Ah based on the nickel electrodes. This experiment was run in order to get a general picture of the capacity maintenance of VIBROCEL™ when deep cycled. The test data for this cell are presented in Fig. 3.

VIBROCEL™ S/N-002 continues on test after 165 cycles. Capacity is about 52 Ah or 90 percent of the original value, and the cell appears to be positive-limited. Testing of the cell will be terminated in the near future to make the test facility available for new cells. It is believed that very little remains to be learned from this cell and VIBROCEL™ development will be expedited by the evaluation of other parameters.

C) A new experimental test cell has been designed which incorporates improvements over earlier designs. Details of construction of the new test cell are shown in the photographs of Figures 4-7 and detailed drawings in Appendix A. Also included is the design of the test stations in which each cell can be easily accommodated for testing.

The new design eliminates expensive ball bearings, and minimizes the difficulty in aligning the activator and eccentric shaft. (DWG. 6050-0107, Rev. A, Appendix A - VIBROCEL™ Activator Assembly). Also, a bellows seal (DWG. 6050-1000, Item 8, Appendix A) has been used to prevent electrolyte leakage. A carbon block (DWG. 6050-0111, Appendix A, Zinc Filter for VIBROCEL™) replaces the sheet nickel previously used to react galvanically with the zinc sediment. It is much more reactive with zinc, does not passivate, and will keep the bottom of the cell relatively free of unreacted zinc sediment.

The basic experimental test cell is of 7-plate construction and will be used for the evaluation of various VIBROCEL™ parameters. It incorporates four (4) nickel electrodes and three (3) zinc anode substrates. Initially, the nickel electrodes utilized were Matsushita impregnated sintered nickel each having a nominal capacity of 22 Ah. The first study involving the 7-plate test cell will be concerned with an evaluation of the effect of interelectrode spacing on performance. This spacing was set at 1.5, 2.5 and 3.5 mm, with one cell used to test only one spacing. All other parameters will remain the same. These cells have been built and testing has been initiated. The Design Specification Sheets for the respective cells are shown in Tables 3, 4 and 5.

Test data to date for Test Cells S/N-003, -004 and -005 are shown in Table 6. The nominal capacity of the cells was 132 Ah and the charge input was generally regulated at 135 percent of this value. The amount of zinc oxide was based on an efficiency value of 85 percent, yielding 155 Ah or 232 grams of zinc oxide. The anode vibration frequency was 20-21 Hz. Charge and discharge were at 40 A

TABLE 2

Experimental Cell - Design Specification Sheet

Cell S/N 002

Type Ni-Zn VIBROCEL™Positive Electrodes

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Used</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Wt (gm)</u>
Matsushita Sintered	4 (2 doubles) riveted inside	9.0" H x 4.9" W x .068" T	196 each
Matsushita Pocket	2 outside	9.1" H x 4.9" W x .190" T	294 each

Capacity (Ah): 72 Ah @ C/3 based on formed Positive Capacity.Positive InsulatorType - Polypropylene Netting 12" x 12" x .025" TNegative Substrate

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Used</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Wt (gm)</u>
Mild Sheet Steel 30 x 30 x .012 Wire Screen Welded - Cd Plated	3	8.8" H x 4.8" W x .096" T	185 each

Negative Active Material: ZnO - 123 gmInterelectrode Spacing: 0.1" approx.Electrolyte: 6M KOH + 10 g/l LiOH + H₂O - 1000 mlCell Dimensions Overall: 12.4" H x 5.9" W x 2.0" ICell Weight: 4587 gmCell Jar Material: Mild Steel-Ni PlatedVibration Mechanism: Eccentric shaft-yoke Fitting

Performance of Ni-Zn VIBROCEL™ S/N 002, 7-Plate, 72 Ah Nom.
Cathodes: Composite of Matsushita Sinters and DP Pocket Types
Anodes: Cd-Plated Steel
Charge and Discharge at 24 A
Vibration - 12-13 HZ

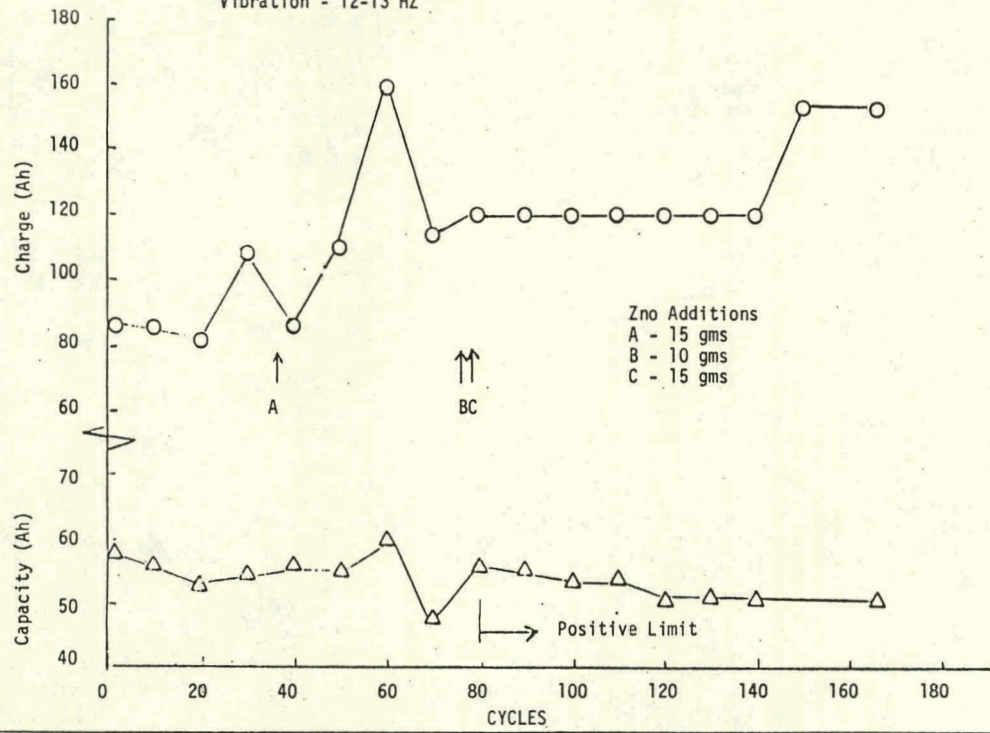
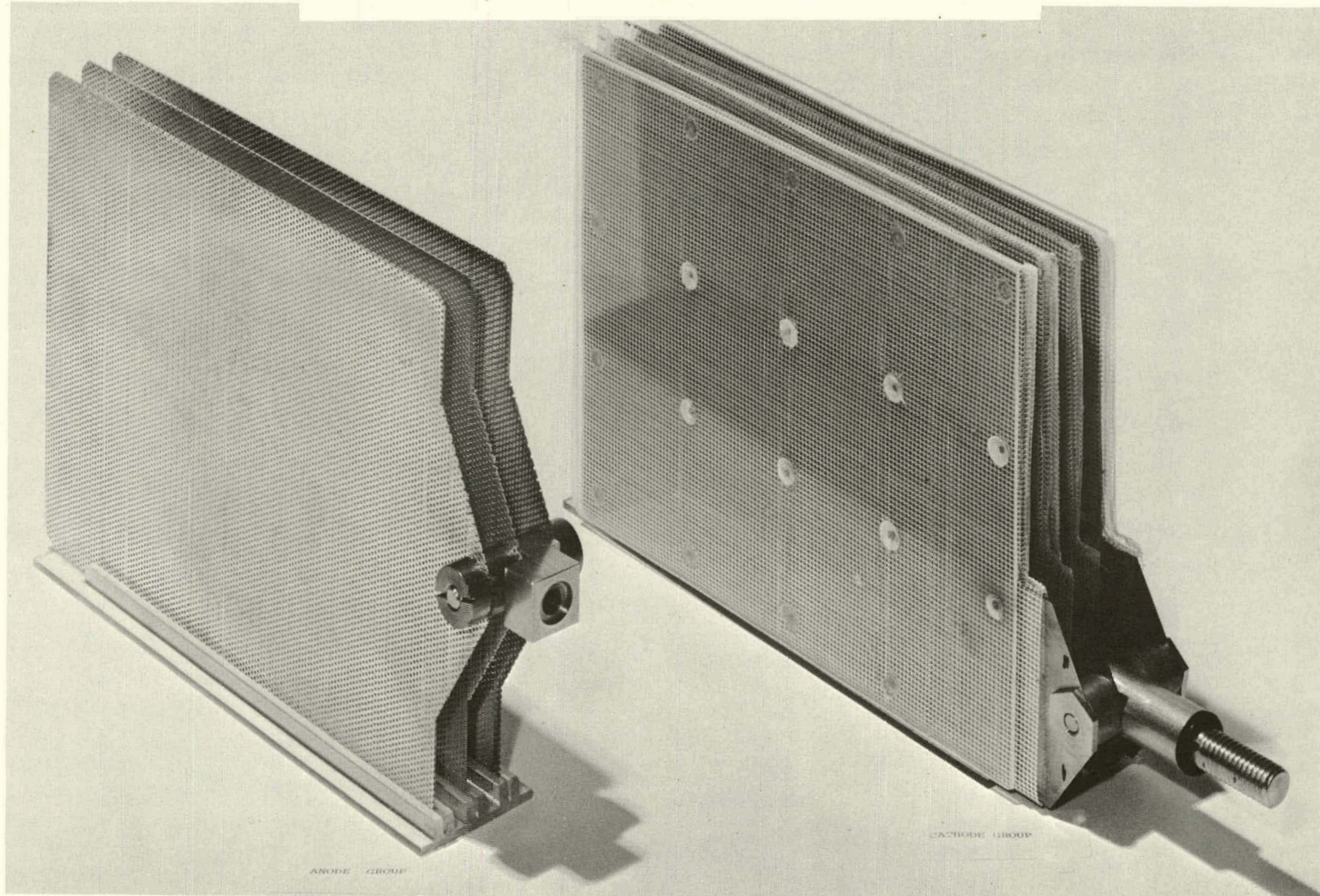


Figure 3

Nickel-Zinc VIBROCEL™ (Anode and Cathode Group)



ANODE GROUP

CATHODE GROUP

NICKEL-ZINC VIBROCEL

Figure 4

Anode Group with Actuator



ANODE GROUP
WITH ACTUATOR

Figure 5

Nickel-Zinc VIBROCEL™

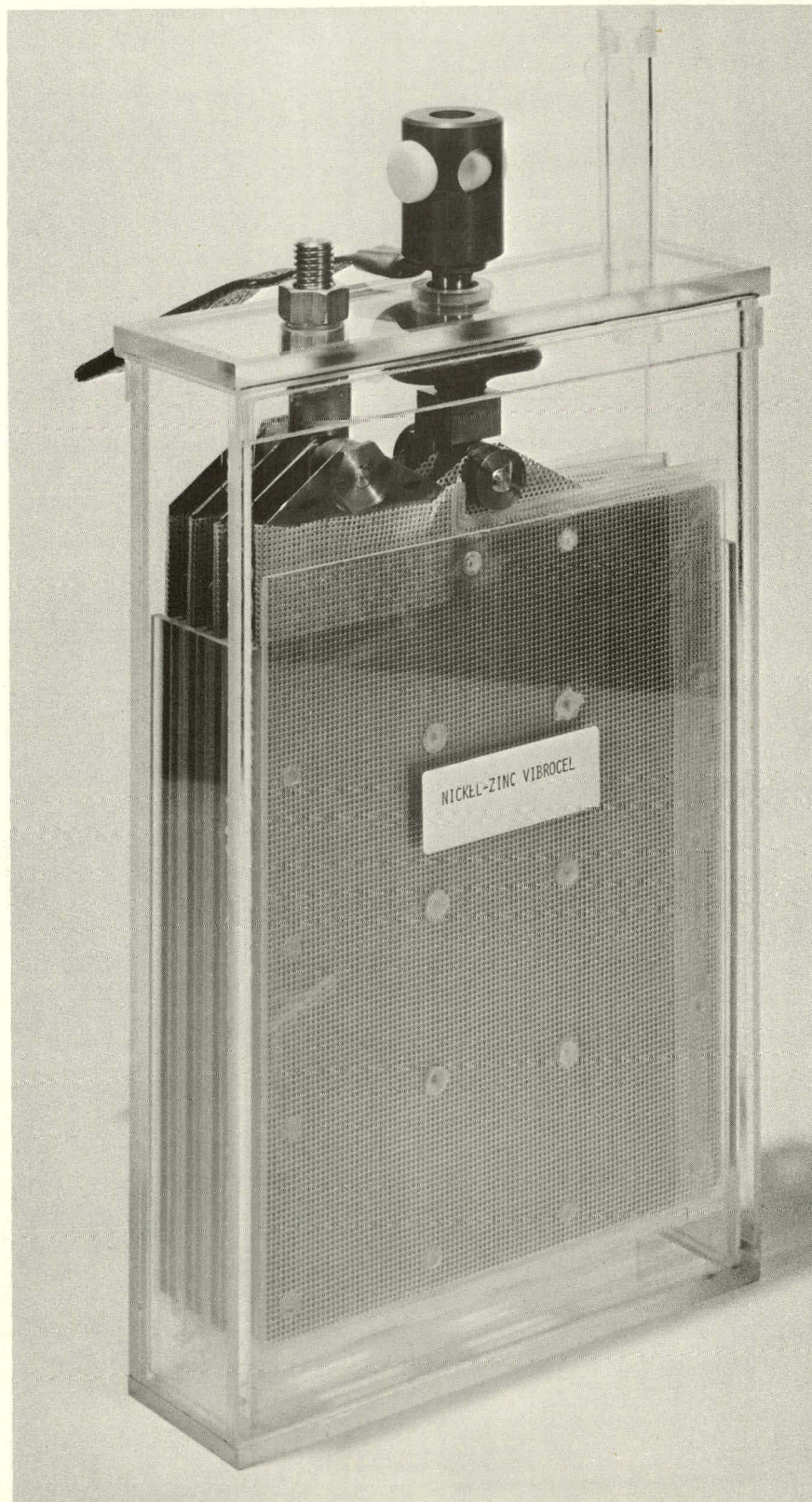


Figure 6

Nickel-Zinc VIBROCEL™ and Test Station

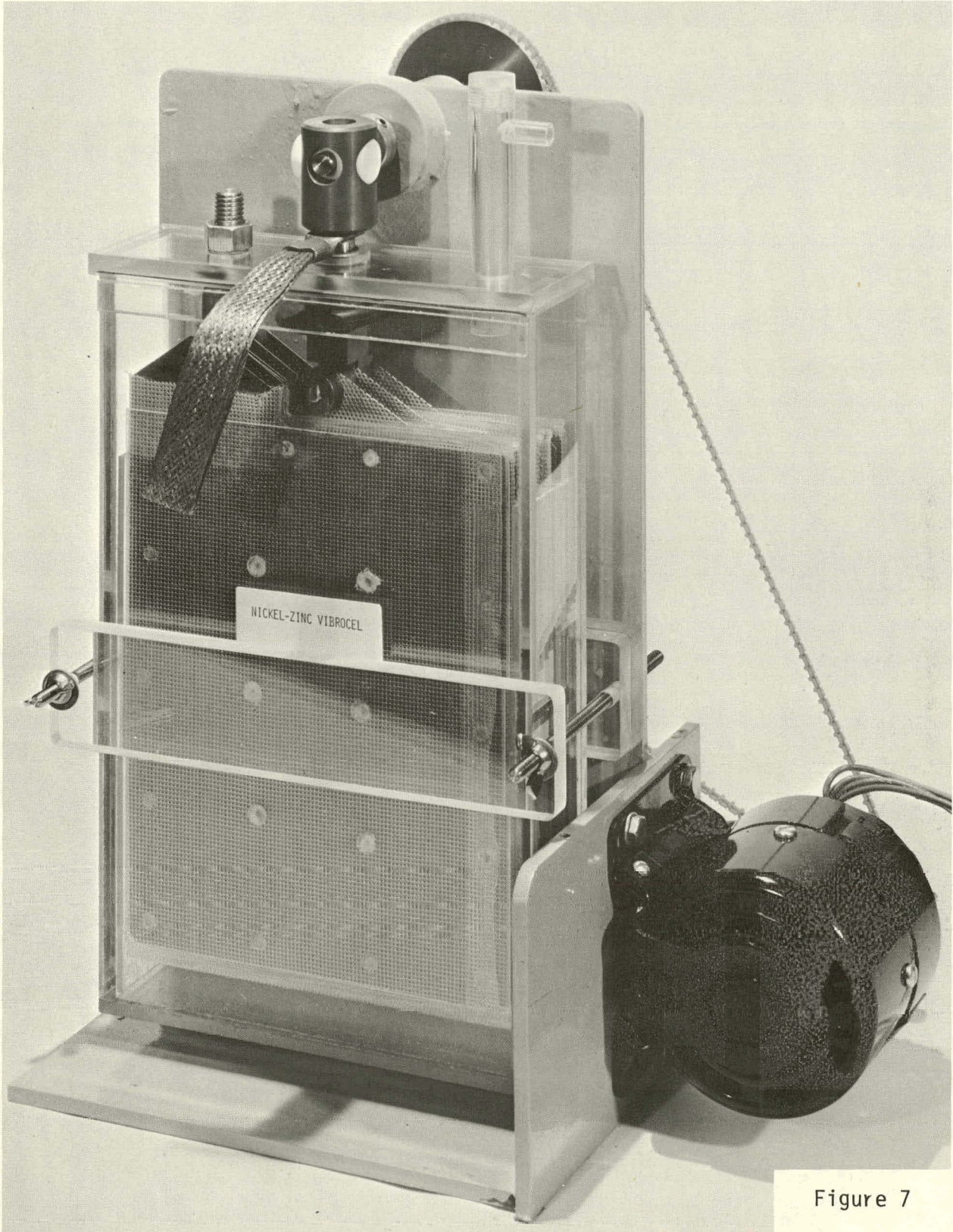


Figure 7

TABLE 3

Experimental Cell - Design Specification Sheet

Cell S/N 003, 7-Plate. Electrode Spacing Test; 1.5mm

Type: Ni-Zn VIBROCEL™ 132 Ah Nom.Positive ElectrodesType: Matsushita SintersNo. per Cell: 6 *W 6.89 ± .040 in.H 8.937 ± .040 in.T 0.064 - 0.067 in.Wt: 234 ± 2 gm. eachDwg: 6050-0104
6050-0113Negative SubstrateType: Perforated Steel, Cd-PlatedNo. per Cell: 3W 6.875 + .03 in.
- .00H 9.00 + .00 in.
- .03 in.T 0.024 in.Wt: 454 gm. (Total)Dwg: 6050-0101Positive Insulator:Type: Vexar Netting, Polypropylene, 596V 360 PA NL, 11 x 11 mesh,
34-37 mils. Applied as per Dwgs 6050-0104 and 6050-0113.Negative Active Material: ZnO - 232 gm.Interelectrode Spacing: 1.5 mmElectrolyte: 6M KOH + 10 g/l LiOH · H₂OCell Dimensions Overall: 16.0" H x 7.80" W x 1.81" TCell Weight: Dry - 3940 gm; Filled (Electrolyte & ZnO) - 5367 gmCell Jar Material: PlexiglasVibration Mechanism: Actuator Body - Lucite; Shuttle-Delrin
Total Amplitude - 0.090 in. Frequency - 21 HZ

*The cathode element consisted of two single outer electrodes and two double inner electrodes (4 total)

TABLE 4

Experimental Cell - Design Specification SheetCell S/N 004, 7-Plate. Electrode Spacing Test; 2.5mmType: Ni-Zn VIBROCEL™ 132 Ah Nom.Positive ElectrodesType: Matsushita SintersNo. per Cell: 6 *W 6.89 ± .040 in.H 8.937 ± .040 in.T 0.064-0.067 in.Wt: 234 ± 2 gm. eachDwg: 6050-0104
6050-0113Negative SubstrateType: Perforated Steel, Cd PlatedNo. per Cell: 3W 6.875 + .03
- .00 in.H 9.00 + .00
- .03 in.T 0.024 in.Wt: 501 gm.Dwg: 6050-0101Positive Insulator:Type: Vexar Netting, Polypropylene, 596V 360 PA NL, 11 x 11 mesh,
34-37 mils. Applied as per Dwgs 6050-0104 and 6050-0113.Negative Active Material: ZnO - 232 gm.Interelectrode Spacing: 2.5 mmElectrolyte: 6M KOH + 10 g/l LiOH · H₂OCell Dimensions Overall: 16.0" H x 7.80" W x 2.05" TCell Weight: Dry - 4125 gm; Filled (Electrolyte & ZnO) - 5857 gmCell Jar Material: PlexiglasVibration Mechanism: Actuator Body - Lucite; Shuttle-Rulon
Total Amplitude - 0.090 in. Frequency - 21 HZ

*The cathode element consisted of two single outer electrodes and two double inner electrodes (4 total)

TABLE 5

Experimental Cell - Design Specification Sheet

Cell S/N 005, 7-Plate. Electrode Spacing Test; 3.5mm

Type: Ni-Zn VIBROCEL™ 132 Ah Nom.Positive ElectrodesType: Matsushita SintersNo. per Cell: 6 *W 6.89 ± .04 in.H 8.937 ± .04 in.T 0.064-.067 in.Wt: 234 ± 2 gm. eachDwg: 6050-0104
6050-0113Negative SubstrateType: Perforated Steel, Cd-PlatedNo. per Cell: 3W 6.875 + .03 in.
.00 in.H 9.00 + .00 in.
- .03 in.T 0.024 in.Wt: 532 gm. (Total)Dwg: 6050-0101Positive Insulator:Type: Vexar Netting, Polypropylene, 596V 360 PA NL, 11 x 11 mesh,
34-37 mils. Applied as per Dwgs 6050-0104 and 6050-0113.Negative Active Material: ZnO -232 gm.Interelectrode Spacing: 3.5 mmElectrolyte: 6M KOH + 10 g/l LiOH · H₂OCell Dimensions Overall: 16.0" H x 7.80" W x 2.285" TCell Weight: Dry - 4270 gm; Filled (Electrolyte & ZnO) - 6274 gmCell Jar Material: PlexiglasVibration Mechanism: Actuator Body - Lucite; Shuttle-Nylon GS
Total Amplitude - .090 in. Frequency - 21 HZ.

*The cathode element consisted of two single outer electrodes and two double inner electrodes (4 total)

TABLE 6

EFFECT OF INTERELECTRODE SPACING ON VIBROCEL™ PERFORMANCE

CHARGE AND DISCHARGE AT 40A

Cycle	S/N-003		S/N-004		S/N-005	
	Charge (Ah)	Discharge (Ah)	Charge (Ah)	Discharge (Ah)	Charge (Ah)	Discharge (Ah)
1	180	125 ⁽¹⁾	180	125	180	130
2			180	97.4	180	104
3			180	90	180	96
4			200	90	200	99
5			180 ⁽²⁾	95	180 ⁽²⁾	106
6			180 ⁽³⁾	94	180 ⁽³⁾	94
7			180 ⁽⁴⁾	88	180 ⁽⁴⁾	-
8			220 ⁽⁵⁾	98	220 ⁽⁵⁾	94.6

Remarks

(1) Cell S/N-003 failed after Cycle 1. Outside cathodes buckled, contacted anodes and prevented vibration of the negative groups.

(2)-(4)

The pre-charge frequency was changed from 1300 RPM (21 Hz) on Cycle 5 to 1000 RPM on Cycle 6 and then to 875 RPM on Cycle 7. Samples of electrolyte were removed from the top and bottom of cells at intervals of 0, 15, 30 and 60 minutes during each pre-charge test.

(5) Two-day charge conducted at 875 RPM. Charge was interrupted overnight (open circuit).

S/N-003 failed after the first cycle. The anode group was found to be incapable of being vibrated. An examination of the cell revealed that the outside nickel electrodes had become distorted, contracting the adjacent anodes, thereby preventing independent movement of the anode group. A new method of supporting the outside (single) cathodes has been found and is effective in minimizing buckling or distortion of the cathode. Testing was discontinued after 8 cycles because the same condition existed in the other cells. It was not so catastrophic as in Cell S/N-003 but still precluded a reliable evaluation of the effect of interelectrode spacing on VIBROCEL™ performance. The cells will be rebuilt using properly supported outside nickel electrodes.

Samples of electrolyte were taken from the top and bottom of Cells S/N-004 and S/N-005 on Cycles 5, 6 and 7 (see REMARKS, Table 6). The aim was to determine the vibration period required at various frequencies to minimize zincate concentration gradients developed during discharge. Cell S/N-005, having the widest spacing, required no vibration to equalize zincate concentration. However, Cell S/N-004 required from 15 to 60 minutes of pre-charge vibrations, the time increasing as the frequency decreased in the range 1300 to 875 RPM (Figure 8). The purpose of the study is to find a way to reduce vibration frequency, thereby increasing the operating life of the actuators and other vibration hardware.

It is postulated that the concentration gradient must be minimized to avoid zinc "shape" change during charge. Therefore, pre-charge vibration for the prescribed interval should be effective in minimizing or eliminating shape change during cycling. The other requirement for vibration is to break dendrites that would result in short-circuiting during charge. It has been found in previous tests that a frequency of 500 RPM or lower is completely effective. However, pre-charge vibration time is too long for practical purposes. A frequency of 875 RPM appears to be a good compromise, and will be utilized when testing is resumed.

D) In addition to the 7-plate test cells, an increase in length "L", as shown in Container Drawing 6050-0102, Appendix A, will allow use of the test station to test a full size (15-plate, 300 Ahr) cell. Parts for a 300 Ahr cell have been received, and the cell will be fabricated in the near future. This first cell will utilize Matsushita impregnated, sintered nickel electrodes. It will be tested to determine the state-of-the-art specific energy, peak power and sustained power capabilities.

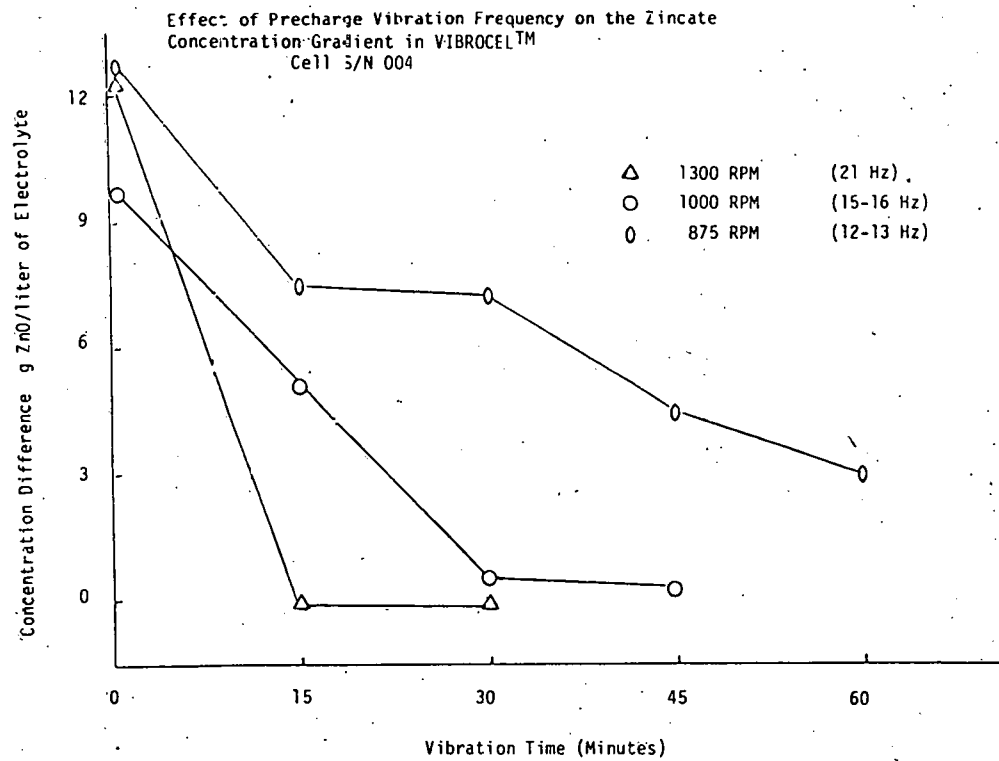


Figure 8

E) One of the problems encountered in the design of the nickel-zinc VIBROCEL™ has been the transmission of high currents to and from the vibrating zinc anode in this system. At present, a woven metal strap is employed which has a number of disadvantages. First, each individual strand has a high surface area to volume ratio. Hence, the woven metal strap is very susceptible to corrosion damage. Second, the woven metal strand wire may act as a wick for any electrolyte that may creep past the battery's static post and sliding pushrod seals. Third, each individual strand of the woven metal cell interconnector straps must be plated in a pore-free manner with nickel in order to prevent corrosion.

Because of these shortcomings, a flexible leaf type of intercell connector has been designed. In this interconnector system, the conductive medium which is typically a copper alloy, or copper-metal oxide dispersion, has been arranged so that it is divided into individually sliding members only in a plane normal to the geometry axis of flexure. In this the surface area of the flexible connector is minimized thus reducing the possibility of this cell strap's failure via electrolyte attack to an absolute minimum.

It is a common practice in those applications which utilize copper in a flexing mode to employ alloying or hardening agents to maximize cycle time to failure. Such techniques are common throughout the motor and relay industries. With this in mind, we selected several alloys for evaluation in this application. These are listed in Table 7 along with their chemical composition, flexure strength and conductivity.

TABLE 7

ALLOYS USED FOR FLEXIBLE CONNECTOR

Name	Chemical Composition	Fatigue Str. (psi)	Elect. Cond. % I.C.A.C.
Mallory-3	Cr .4-1.2%; rem. Cu.	32,000	78-85
Berylco 10	Be .4-.7%; Co 2.4-2.7%; rem. Cu.	45,000	48
Berylco 25	Be 1.8-2.0%; Co + Ni .2% min.; Fe .4% Max; rem. Cu	60,000	22
BeNi 440	Be 1.95%; Ti .5%; rem. Ni	140,000	7
GLIDCOP 20	Al ₂ O ₃ .4%; Cu 99.6%	20,000	89

With the exception of GLIDCOP 20, all of these alloys were heat treated to maximize hardness and conductivity and then electroplated with nickel to avoid corrosion due to alkaline electrolyte creepage. The electroless process was chosen in preference to conventional electroplating in order to minimize hydrogen embrittlement of the strap samples under consideration.

At present, a test jig (Fig. 9) is being constructed which will allow cycle life or fatigue testing of these straps to take place in a controlled environment. Conductivity measurements will be made before and after fatigue testing to determine if work hardening has an adverse effect on sample conductivity.

2.2 Nickel Cathode Study

A) Candidates - Presently, the following companies' nickel electrodes are being evaluated:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Electrode Construction</u>
INCO	CMG-Controlled Microgeometry- Layered Nickel Foil-Slurry Coated with Active Material.
MATSUSHITA	Sintered Nickel Powder (Impregnated)
JUNGNER (NIFE)	Pocket Type
DAUG (MERCEDES)	Sintered Nickel Wool (Impregnated)
ESB	Plastic Bonded.

B) Preliminary Evaluation of CMG Electrodes

Initial testing of the CMG electrode was in vented nickel cadmium cells having the following basic design:

Cell Design

o Positive Plates - 1/Cell

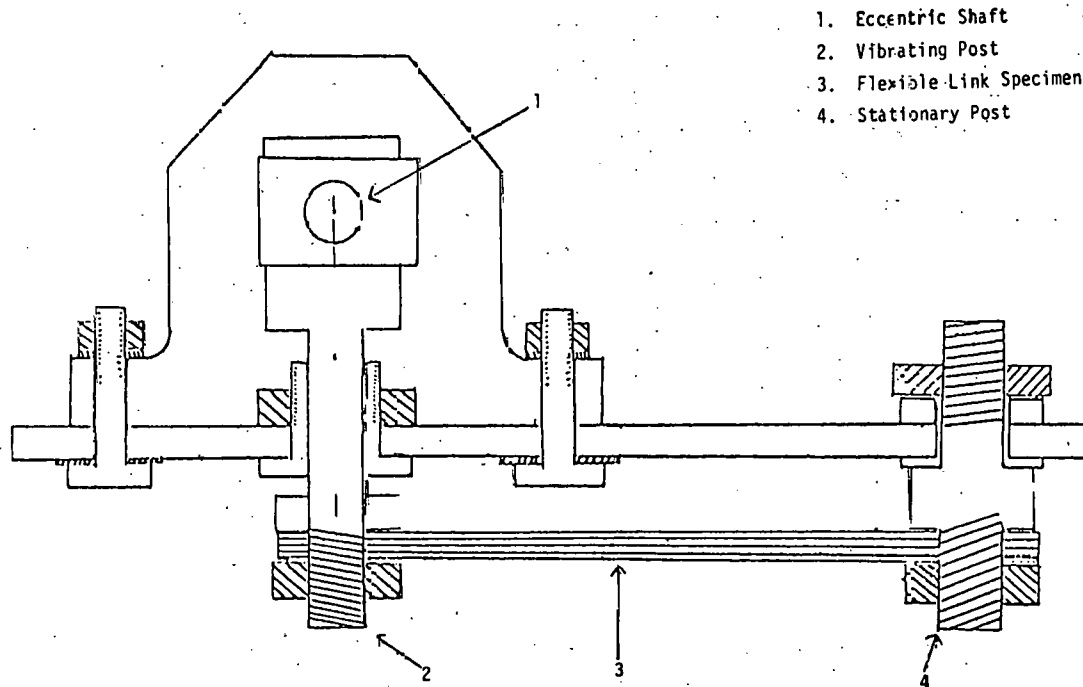
Theoretical Capacity - 36.5 Ahr

Dimensions - 5.8" x 12" x .085"-.090"

Weight - Electrode No. 40-1 (209);
Electrode No. 40-2 (222.5 gm)

Number of Foils/Electrode - 40

Active Material - Slurry Coated on Nickel Foil



- 1. Eccentric Shaft
- 2. Vibrating Post
- 3. Flexible-Link Specimen
- 4. Stationary Post

Fatigue Test Jig
Figure 9

- Negative Plates - 2/Cell (Plastic-bonded Calcium)
- Separator - GAF 10,010 (Polypropylene Felt) + VEXAR (Plastic Mesh)
- Electrolyte - 30% KOH + 10 g/l LiOH • H₂O

Two (2) test cells were assembled in oversize cell jars with excess electrolyte. One variation in the cell design was in the type of restraint used to support the cell core assembly. These were:

- Shimmed - usual NiCd cell configuration with plexiglas shims added to insure tightness of cell core assembly.
- Bolted - the cell core assembly was bolt (8) restrained between two pieces of plexiglas (.5" T) and placed in a cell jar.

After sufficient formation cycling to develop full capacity of the nickel electrodes, the following regime was run:

Test Regime - the cells were tested at three temperatures - R.T. (-18°C/-0.4°F); -30°C/-22°F).

-Room Temperature-

Charge - 12 Amps for 6 hours

Discharge - C/5, C/3, C/2 and C/1 rates to 0 Volts vs Hg/Hgo ref.

-Low Temperature-

Charge - With cell stabilized at room temperature - 12 Amps for 6 hours or 150% of capacity removed on previous discharge. Temperature Stabilization - The cells were stored at temperatures for a minimum of 16 hours.

Discharge - C/5, C/3, C/2 and C/1 rates to 0 Volts vs Hg/Hgo ref.

Test Results

- Room Temperature

Figure 10 - the bolted restrained electrode (40-2) yielded 211.6 Ah/kg at the C/5 rate. At the C/1 rate, the electrode yielded 184 Ah/kg (87% of the C/5 rate).

- Figure 11 - the shimmed restrained electrode (40-1) performance was somewhat less than the bolted restrained construction.

Evaluation of Slurry-Coated CMG Nickel Cathodes - Room Temperature

Electrode 40-2 (40' Fo11)

Assembled vs Cd Anodes - Bolted Restraint

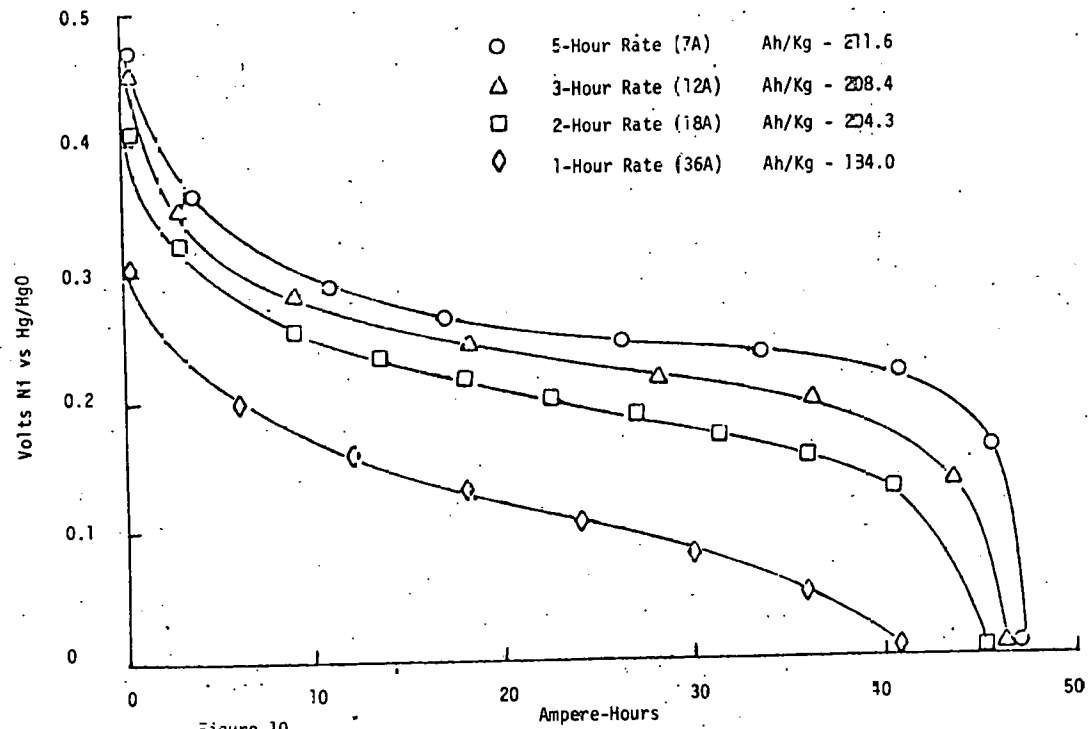


Figure 10

Evaluation of Slurry Coated CMG Nickel Cathodes - Room Temperature

Electrode 40-1 (40 Foil)

Assembled vs Cadmium Anodes in Normal (Shim) Restraint

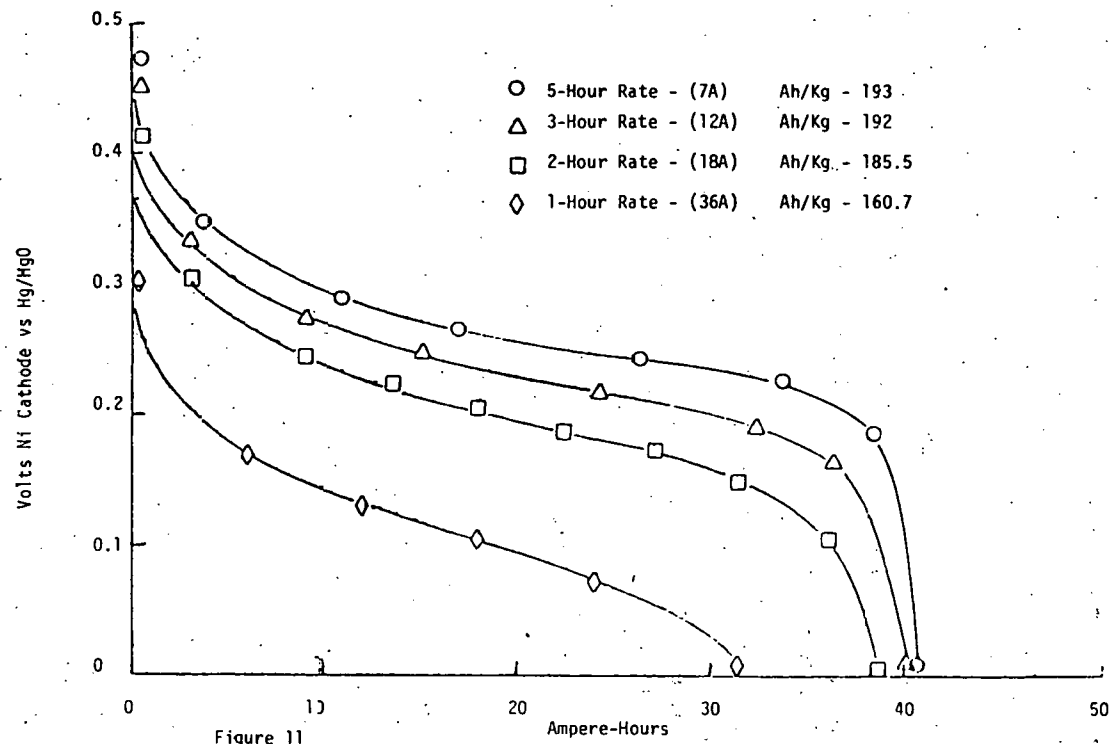


Figure 11

- Low Temperature

-18°C/-0.4°F:

The test results are shown in Figures 12 and 13. Again, the test results at low temperatures were encouraging at the C/5 and C/3 discharge rates. As expected, the high rate discharges C/2 and C were derated appreciably at this lower temperature. As at room temperature, the bolted restraint construction outperformed the normal shim restraint.

-30°C/-22°F:

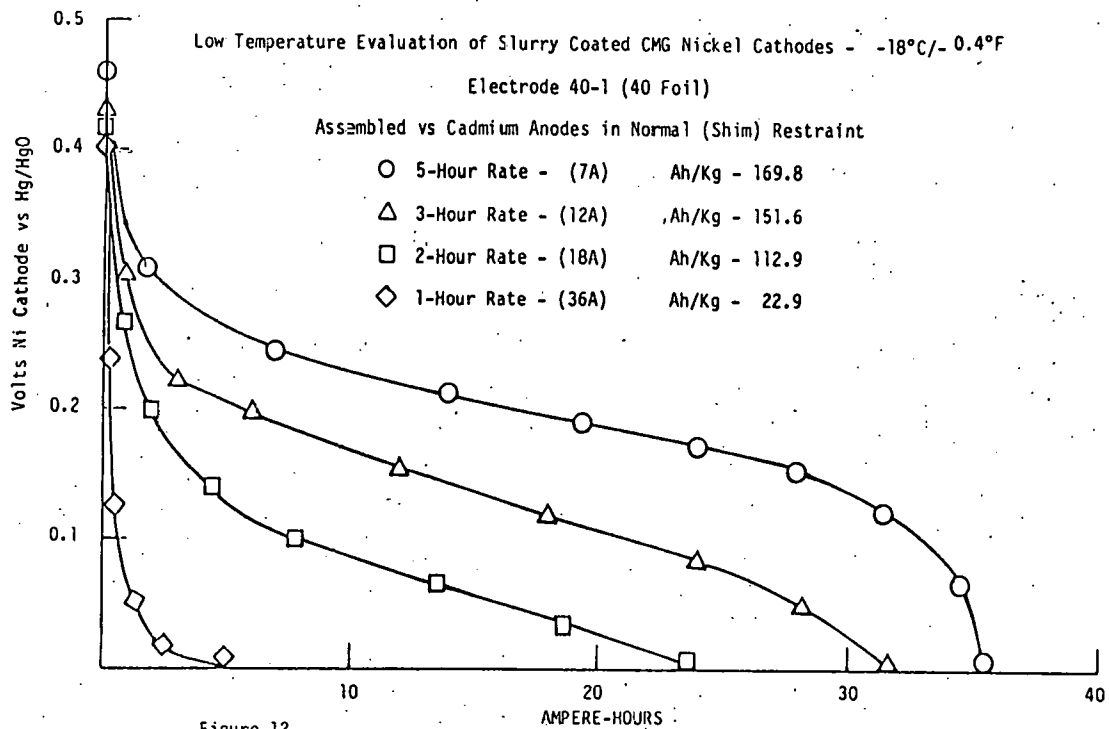
The test results are shown in Figures 14 and 15. There was a marked decrease in the voltage performance of the cell with the normal shim restraint. The bolted restraint gave acceptable performance up to the C/1 rate. At the C/1 rate, both cells were below the 0 Volt cut-off at the start of the discharge.

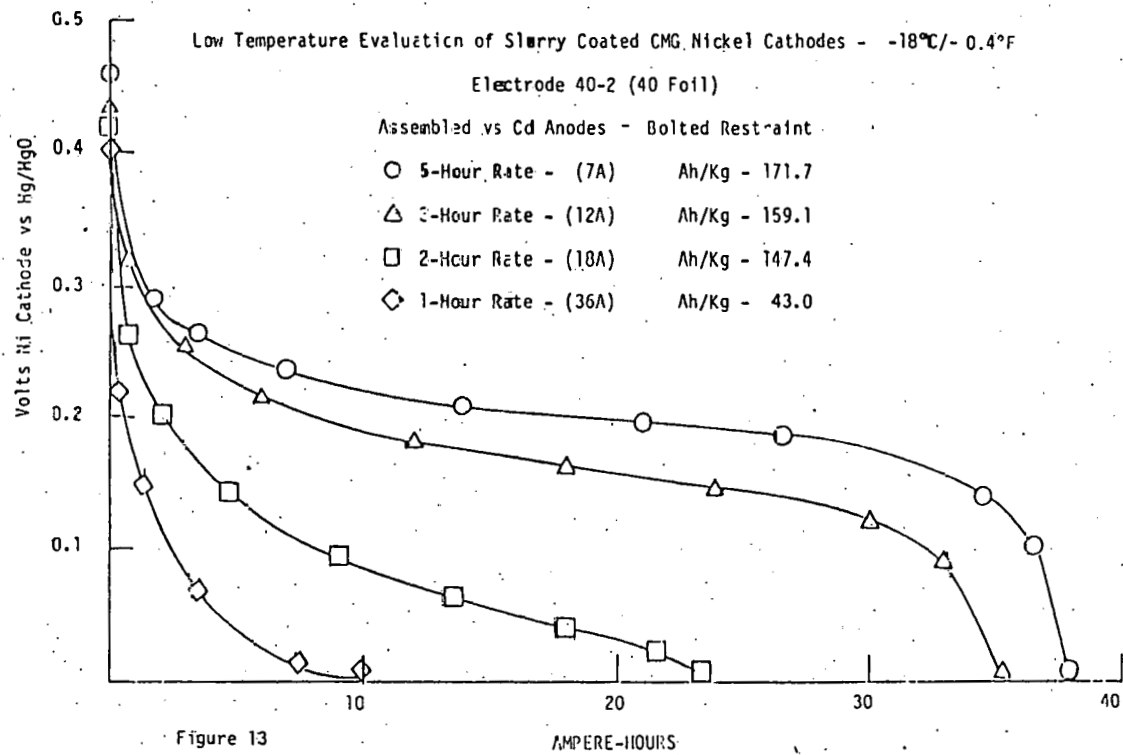
These initial results on the CMG electrodes were encouraging, particularly the bolted restraint design. The Ah/kg figures were good and the electrodes delivered a narrow range of capacities, up to and including the C/3 discharge rate.

C) Evaluation of CMG Electrodes - in VIBROCEL™ Configuration

CMG electrodes were evaluated in the "free standing" or VIBROCEL™ type configuration. We were aware of some problems in cycling this type of electrode unsupported, namely, warping and delamination of the layers. Several design changes were made to improve these characteristics. Two constructions were made to give some physical support to these electrodes in the free-standing condition. These were:

- Riveted - The electrodes were bagged in a non-woven absorber (polyamide felt). They were then overlaid with a heat shrinkable P.V.C. netting. The layers of foil were then fastened thru pre-punched holes with nickel rivets (Figure 16). Average electrode weight was 196 gms and electrode dimensions were 5.0 in. W x 9.46 in. H x .20 in. T.
- Stitched - The bagging and overlaying with P.V.C. was similar to the riveted design. The layers of foil were fastened by stitching thru the electrode structure with polypropylene thread on half-inch centers (Figure 16). The average electrode weight was 185 gms, and dimensions were 4.96 in. W x 9.42 in. H x .19 in. T.





Low Temperature Evaluation of Slurry Coated CMG Nickel Cathodes - -30°C/-22°F

Electrode 40-1 (40 Foil)

Assembled vs Cadmium Anodes in Normal (Shim) Restraint

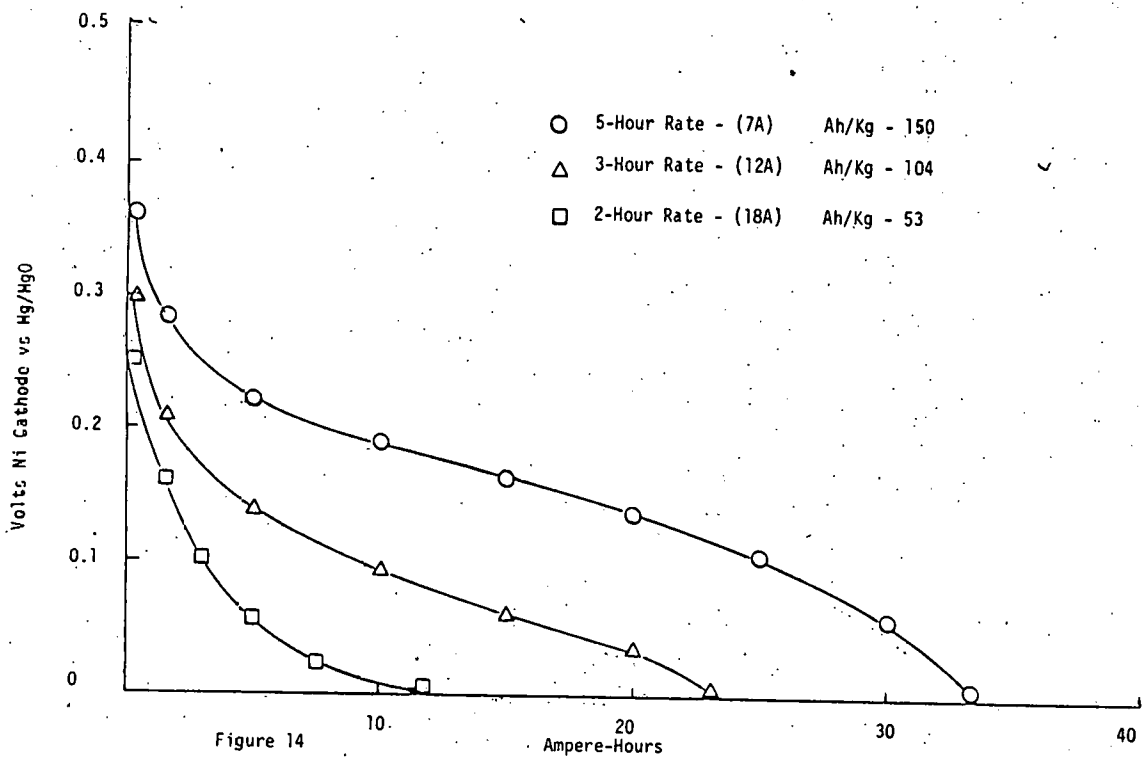


Figure 14

Low Temperature Evaluation of Slurry Coated CMG Nickel Cathodes - -30°C/-22°F

Electrode 40-2 (40 Foil)

Assembled vs Cd Anodes - Bolted Restraint

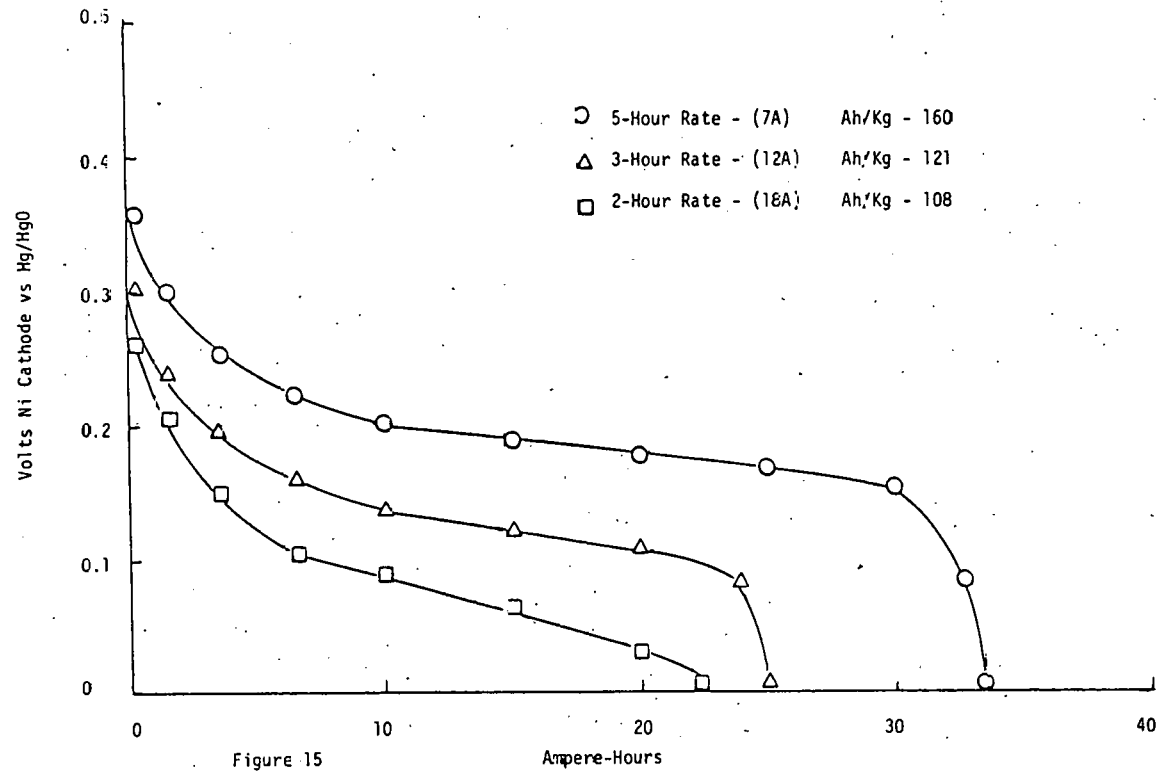
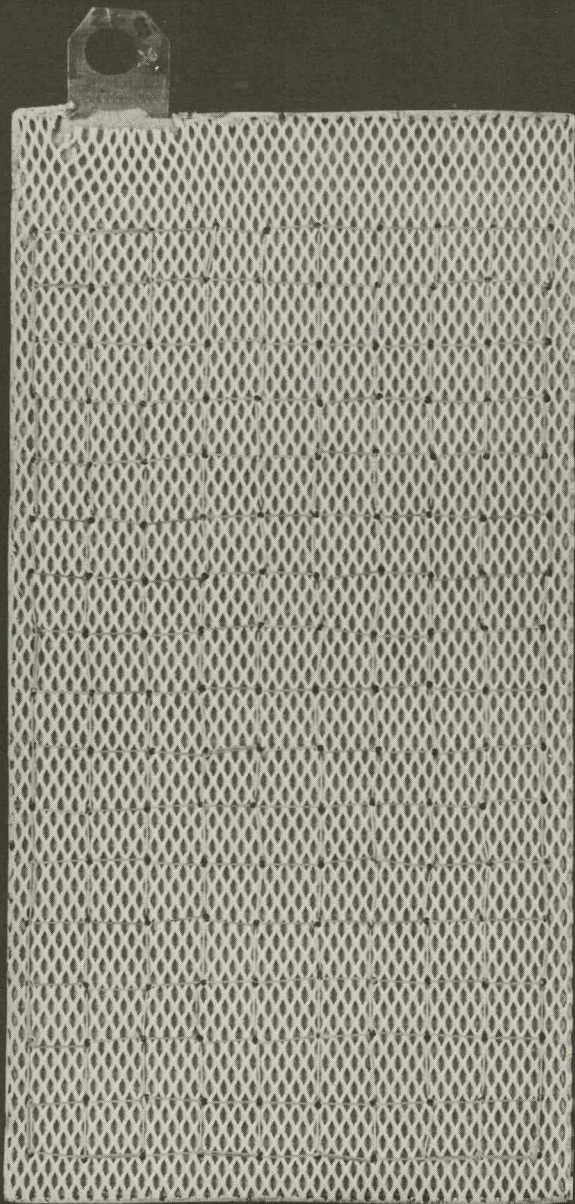


Figure 15

STITCHED



RIVETED

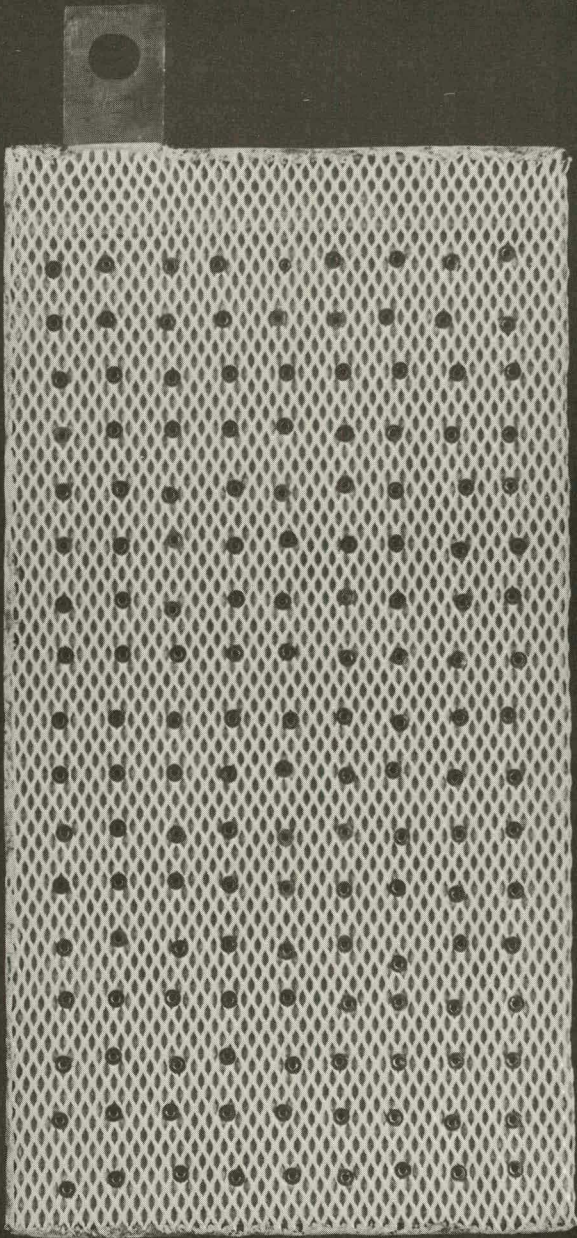


Figure 16
CMG Nickel Electrodes

Test Results

Two 3-plate cells were assembled using the nickel sheet counter electrodes for each cell. The cycling regime was:

Charge - 14 Amps - 10 hrs.

Discharge - Various rates to 0 Volts vs Hg/Hg0 ref.

Test results for the cell containing CMG electrodes VSM 13, 14 and 15 (Riveted) are given in Figure 17 and Table 8 and for the cell containing CMG electrodes VSM 25, 26 and 27, (Stitched), are shown in Figure 18 and Table 9. The results clearly indicate the superiority of the stitched version. Capacity densities in the range of 145 Ah/kg were obtained with a good V-I relationship. No degradation was observed over an 18-cycle test regime. The riveted version on the other hand, never reached nominal capacity, capacity deteriorated as testing progressed and showed a poor V-I relationship. Some loss of active material from these electrodes was seen as black particulate material which settled at the bottom of the cell. Considering these results, the stitched construction has been selected for use in the prototype VIBROCEL™ designs.

D) Matsushita Sintered Nickel Electrodes

Sintered nickel electrodes supplied by Matsushita measured 6.9 in. W x 8.95 in. H x .065 in. T. and had a nominal capacity of 23 Ah. The electrodes were tank-formed and after five formation cycles, delivered an average of 22 Ah or 100 percent of the rated capacity. Following formation, the plates were washed in deionized water and dried. In order to use the Matsushita electrodes in the VIBROCEL™ configurations, a "double thickness" plate was required. This was accomplished by riveting two plates (.065" each) back-to-back for a final thickness of .130" and a nominal capacity of 46 Ah at C/5.

As required for VIBROCEL™ operation, the free-standing electrode was insulated with Conwed 5340 polypropylene netting having 15 x 15 strands/inch and a weight of 50-60 pounds per 1000 sq.ft. The test regime (in triplicate) using two nickel sheet anodes, and zinc-free electrolyte, was as follows:

Charge - 9 amps for 10 hrs (100% overcharge at the 5-hr rate)

Stand - 1/4 hour

Discharge - C/5, C/3, C/2 and C/1 rates to 0 Volts vs Hg/Hg0 reference

Evaluation of CMG Nickel Electrode for VIBROCEL™ Application
Performance of 3-Plate Groups of Stitched and Riveted Electrodes

Nom. Three-Plate Capacity - 72 Ah

Stitched-VSM 25-27

Riveted-VSM 13-15

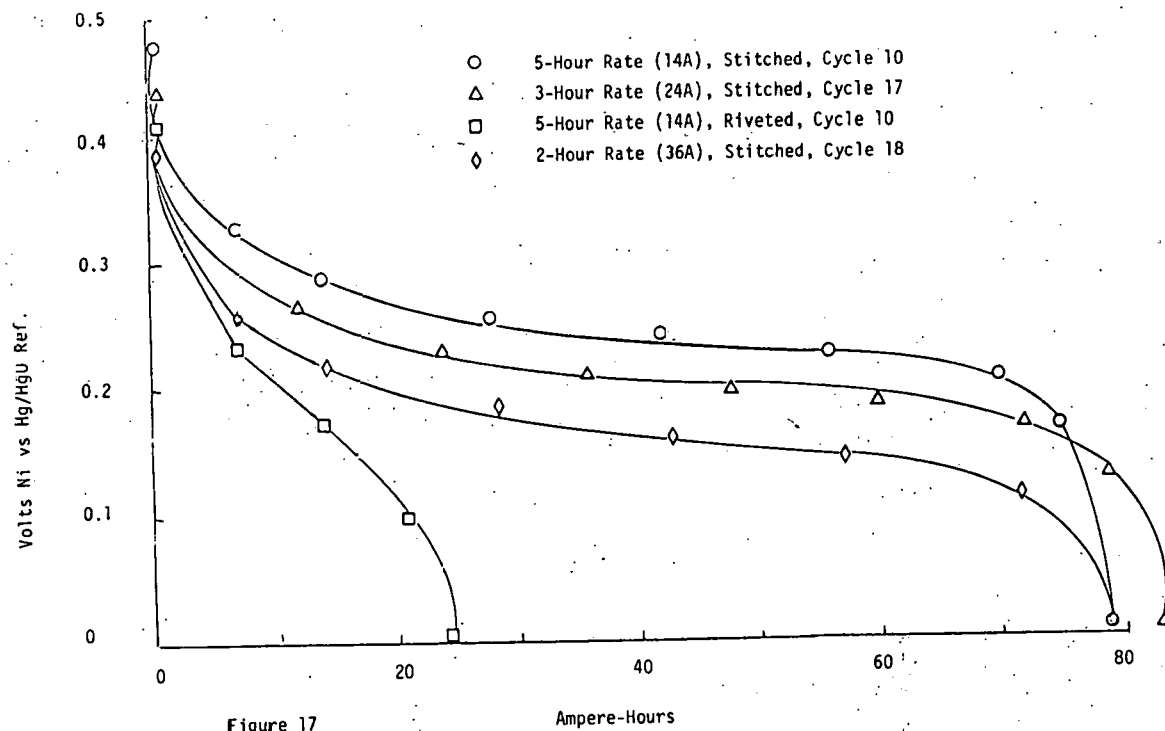


Figure 17

Ampere-Hours

Table 8

Performance of CMG Nickel Electrodes Prepared
For VIBROCEL™ Application

Three-Electrode Group VSM 13-15 [Riveted]

All Charging at 14A, 10 Hours

Cycle	Discharge Rate (A)	Group Capacity (Ah)	Ah/Kg (3-Plate Group)	
			Bare CMG Electrodes	Complete CMG Electrodes
1	14	36.5	89.4	61.8
2	14	54.0	132.3	91.5
3	14	49.3	120.8	83.5
4	14	43.2	105.8	73.2
5	14	41.1	100.7	69.6
6	14	41.2	101	69.8
7	14	35.1	86	59.5
8	14	31.2	76.4	52.8
9	14	27.0	66.1	45.7
10	14	24.7	60.5	41.8
11	24	16.8	41.1	28.4
12	24	14.8	36.2	25.0

Table 9
Performance of CMG Nickel Electrodes Prepared
For VIBROCEL™ Application

Three-Electrode Group VSM-25-27 [Stitched]
All Charging - 14A, 10 Hours

Cycle	Discharge Rate (A)	Group Capacity (Ah)	Ah/Kg (3-Plate Group)	
			Bare CMG Electrodes	Complete CMG Electrodes
1	14	41.5	103.2	74.5
2	14	65.2	162.1	117.1
3	14	68.6	170.6	123.2
4	14	69.5	172.9	124.8
5	14	74.0	184.0	132.9
6	14	72.0	180.0	130.0
7	14	76.0	189.0	136.5
8	14	79.0	196.5	141.9
9	14	76.1	189.3	136.7
10	14	79.0	196.5	141.9
11	24	76.8	191.0	137.9
12	24	76.8	191.0	137.9
13	24	79.9	198.7	143.5
14	24	80.1	199.2	143.9
15	24	80.6	200.5	144.8
16	24	82.3	204.7	147.8
17	24	83.2	206.9	149.4
18	36	78.9	196.2	141.7

Performance with CONWED 5340

The test results with the netting are shown in Figure 18. The capacity was marginal at the C/5 and C/3 rates and the voltage level was depressed somewhat. The higher rates, particularly the C/1 rate, were exceptionally poor. By a process of elimination, it was determined that CONWED 5340 netting open area was not sufficient and could be affecting the performance of the electrode. Following Cycle 7, the netting was removed from Electrode #1 and the 40 amp discharge repeated. The results with and without the netting at 40 amps are shown in Figure 19. The performance was improved markedly. There was about a 0.3 V improvement in the discharge voltage.

Performance without Netting

The netting was removed from all electrodes and the test regime repeated. The results are shown in Figure 20. The improved performance without the netting can be easily seen, especially at the high discharge rates.

The use of netting as a positive insulator without a sufficiently open structure to permit adequate circulation of electrolyte can effect the performance of positive (nickel) electrodes. This effect is likely to be more pronounced in a stationary test cell (non-vibrating) such as these, however, it is obvious that candidate insulating netting material will have to be tested in the future to find materials having the least adverse effect in electrode performance.

Two candidate nettings selected for testing were:

- VEXAR-V360 PANL - polypropylene
- CONWED-XN 3230 - polypropylene

Electrode Performance with VEXAR Netting

The test results and the various discharge rates are shown in Figure 22. The capacities and voltage levels were all acceptable and the VEXAR is a suitable netting for use in the VIBROCEL™.

Electrode Performance with CONWED XN-3230 Netting

Again, the test results at various discharge rates are shown in Figure 21. The capacities and voltage levels were slightly better than the electrode with the VEXAR netting. These slight differences may be due to variations in the electrodes themselves. In either case, both nettings are suitable for VIBROCEL™ application.

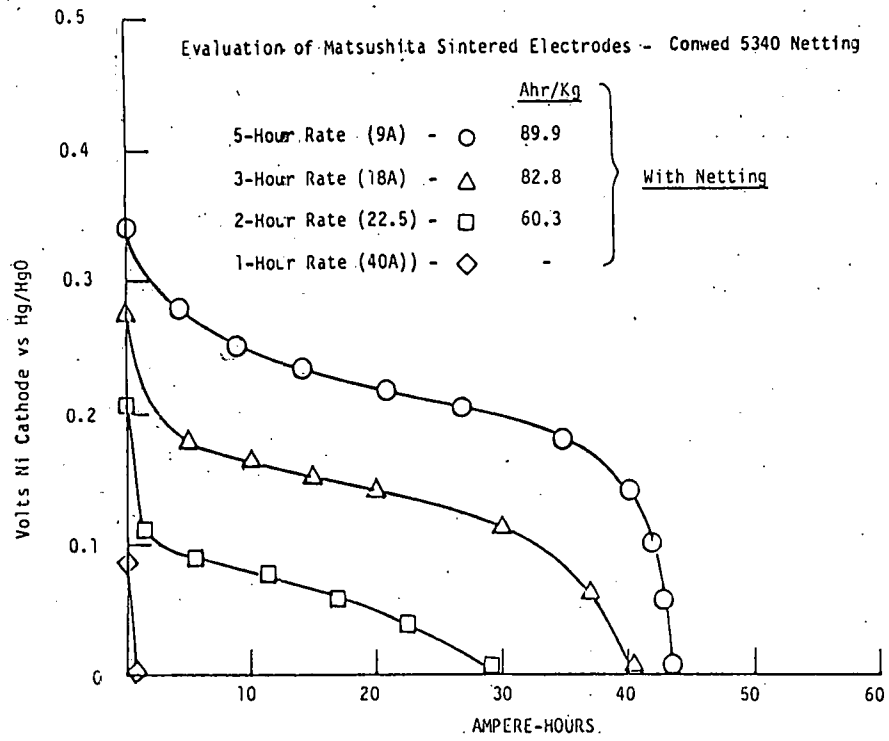


Figure 18

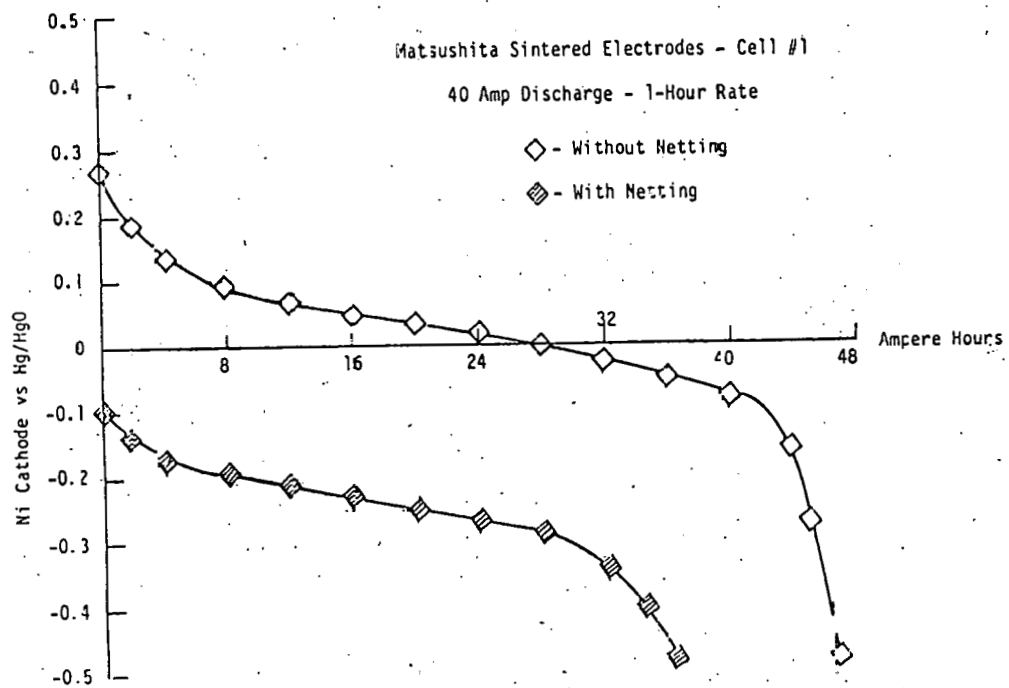


Figure 19

Evaluation of Matsushita Sintered Electrodes Without Netting

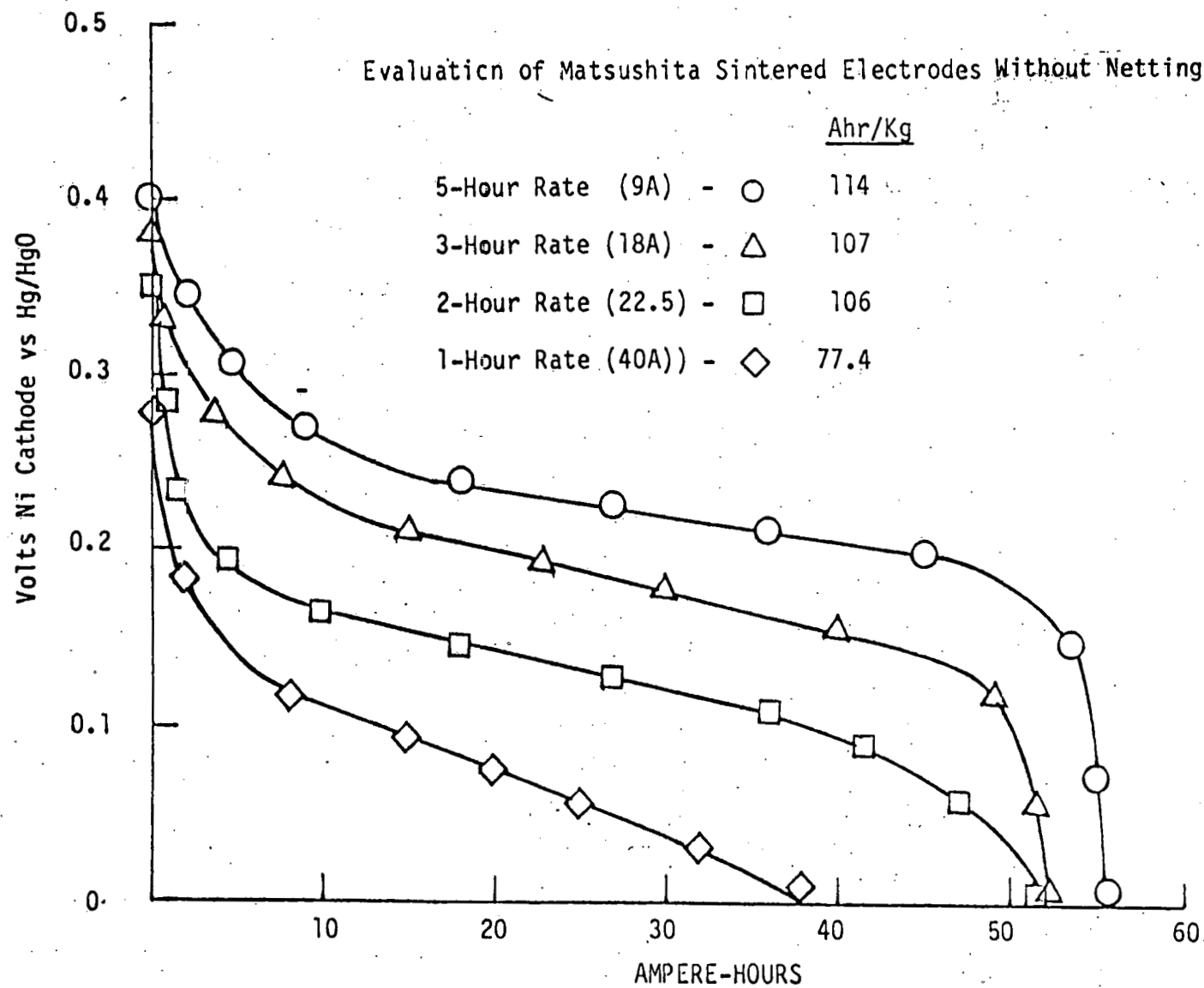


Figure 20

Evaluation of Matsushita Sintered Electrodes
with Vexar Netting (546 V360 PA NL) Polypropylene

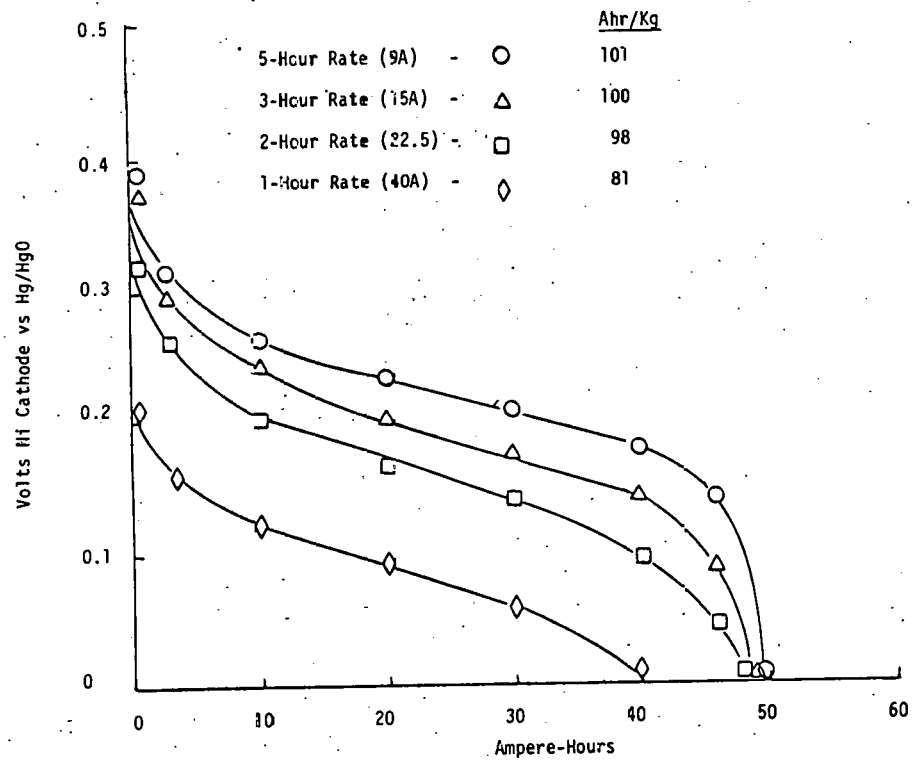
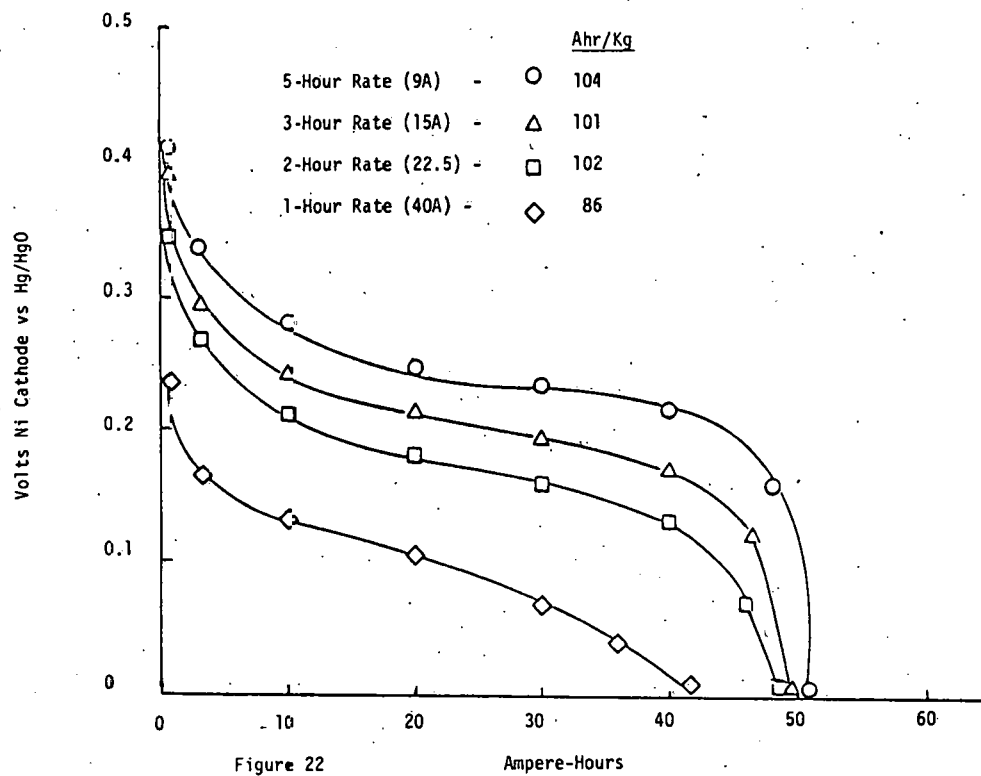


Figure 21

Evaluation of Matsushita Sintered Electrodes-
with Conwed Netting (XN3730) Polypropylene



Charge/Discharge Efficiency

During the characterization of the candidate electrodes at various discharge rates, the charge has always been - charge at 5 hr rate - 100% overcharge. The primary reason for this type of charging regime is to determine if the "free standing" electrodes will accept the overcharge without warping, delaminating or sloughing off active material. Part of the electrode characterization studies is to determine what percent overcharge is required to maintain rated capacity.

The test scheme for determining charge/discharge efficiency was as follows:

Charge - 5 hour rate (9 amps) for periods of 1.5, 3.0, 4.5, 6.0, 7.5, 9.0 and 10 hrs.

Stand - 1/4 hr.

Discharge - 5 hour rate (9 amps) to 0 Volts Hg/HgO reference after each of the above charge periods.

The turn-around efficiencies are shown in Table 10. Results indicate the initial part of each charge is very efficient but as we approach full charge, the charging efficiency falls off. The ampere-hour input and ampere-output figures are plotted in Figure 23. These results indicate the Matsushita electrodes require a 35-40 percent overcharge to maintain rated capacity. A slight increase in capacity can be achieved by overcharging by 60 or 70 percent.

E) Jungner NIFE-Pocket Type Nickel Electrode

The Jungner cathodes received for evaluation measured 7.1 in. W x 8.9 in. H x .20 in. T, had an average weight of 495 grams and a rated capacity of 34 Ah. Eight plates were tank-formed as prescribed by the manufacturer.

Charge - 8 hr rate for 8 hrs + 100% overcharge

Discharge - 8 hr rate to 0 Volts vs Hg/HgO reference

At the end of five formation cycles, the cathodes were delivering 36 Ah. These cells were assembled using individual free standing Jungner electrodes (without netting) and two nickel sheet anodes for each cell assembly. Electrode performance was determined by the following test regime:

TABLE 10

CHARGE/DISCHARGE EFFICIENCIES
MATSUSHITA ELECTRODES

<u>Period</u>	<u>Charge Hrs @ 9 Amps</u>	<u>Ah Input</u>	<u>Ah Output</u>	<u>Turnaround Efficiency</u>	<u>Percent Overcharge</u>
1	1.5	13.5	12.9	96%	4%
2	3.0	27.0	26.5	98%	2%
3	4.5	40.5	38.1	94%	6%
4	6.0	54.0	46.1	85%	18%
5	7.5	67.5	49.0	72%	39%
6	9.0	81.0	52.6	65%	54%
7	10.0	90.0	53.3	59%	70%

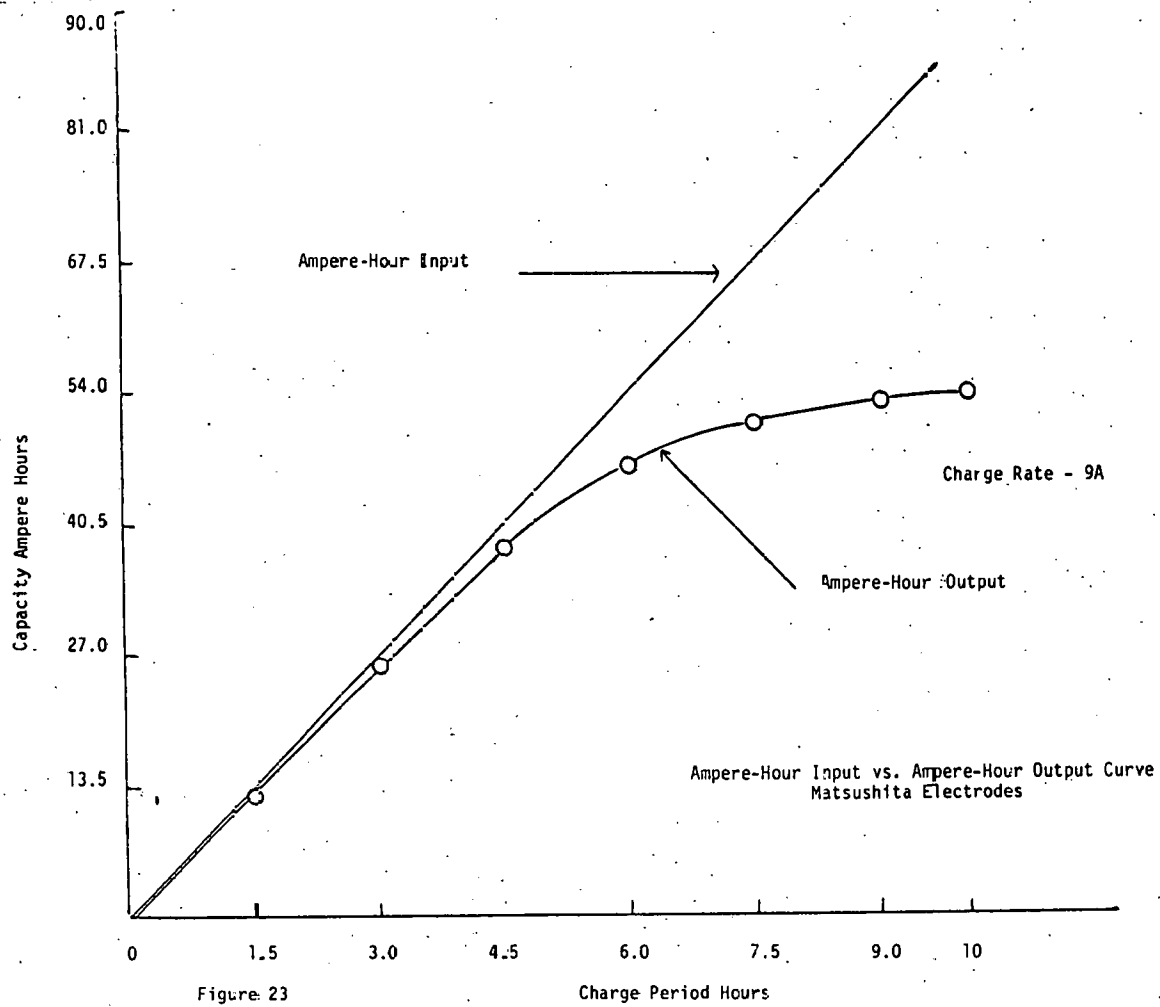


Figure 23

Charge Period Hours

Ampere-Hour Input vs. Ampere-Hour Output Curve
Matsushita Electrodes

Charge - 7 amps for 10 hours (5 Ah rate + 100% overcharge)

Stand - 1/4 hour

Discharge - C/5, C/3, C/2 + C/1 rates to 0 Volts vs Hg/HgO reference.

The test results are shown in Figure 24. At the C/5, C/3 and C/2 discharge rates, the electrodes delivered acceptable voltage levels and ampere-hour capacities. At the C/1 discharge rate, the performance fell off sharply. The heavier weights of the pocket type electrode produced Ah/kg. figures that are marginal for VIBROCEL™ applications.

Charge/Discharge Efficiencies Jungner-NIFE Pocket Electrodes

The test scheme for determining charge/discharge efficiencies was as follows:

Charge - 5 hour rate (7 amps) for periods of 1.5, 3.0, 4.5, 6.0, 7.5, 9.0 and 10 hours.

Stand - 1/4 hour

Discharge - 5 hour rate (7 amps) to 0 Volts vs Hg/HgO reference after each of the above charge periods.

The turnaround efficiencies and percent overcharge figures are shown in Table 11. Again, the results indicate the initial part of each charge is very efficient, but as we approach full charge, the efficiencies fall off. The ampere-input and ampere-hour figures are plotted in Figure 25. Results indicate the Jungner-NIFE pocket electrode also requires 35-40 percent overcharge to maintain rated capacity.

F) ESB Plastic Bonded Electrode

First experiments utilized the standard ESB plastic bonded active material formulation to fabricate sheets of active material. Nominal percentages of components were:

Nickel Hydrate	76.5%
Co(OH) ₂	6.5%
Carbon (Graphite)	15.0%
TFE	<u>2.0%</u>
	100.0%

Evaluation of Jungner Nife Pocket-Type Nickel Cathodes

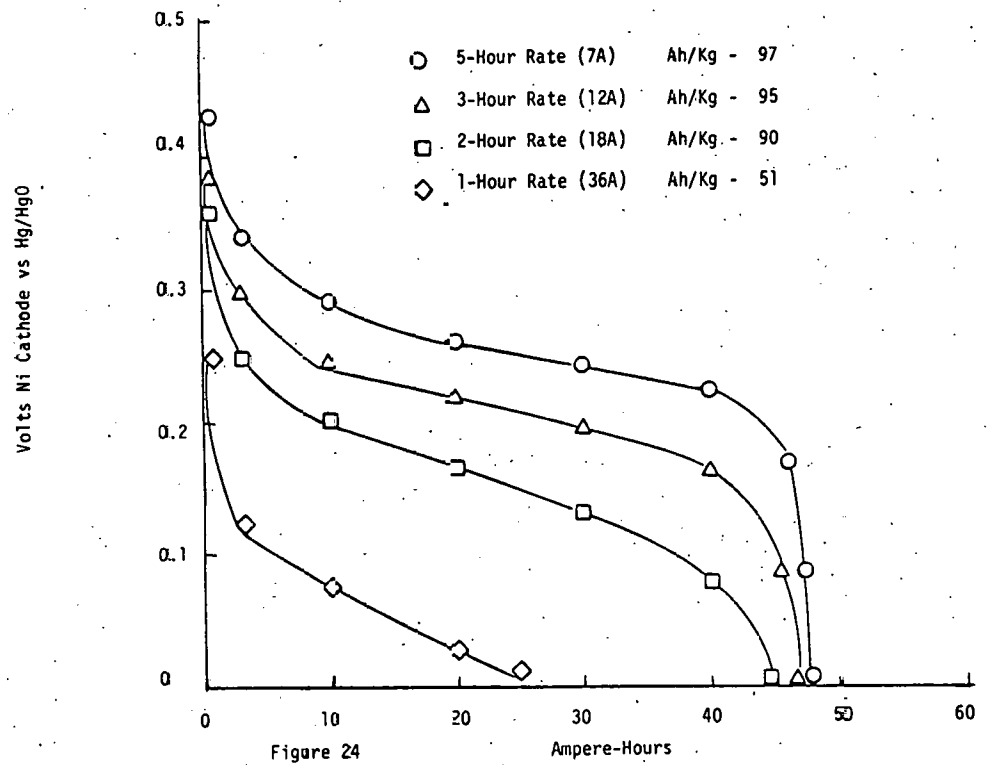


Figure 24

TABLE 11

CHARGE/DISCHARGE EFFICIENCIES
JUNGNER ELECTRODES

<u>Period</u>	<u>Charge Hrs @ 7 Amps</u>	<u>Ah Input</u>	<u>Ah Output</u>	<u>Turnaround Efficiency</u>	<u>Percent Overcharge</u>
1	1.5	10.5	10.3	98%	2%
2	3.0	21.0	20.6	98%	2%
3	4.5	31.5	29.0	92%	9%
4	6.0	42.0	37.3	89%	12%
5	7.5	52.5	43.3	82%	22%
6	9.0	63.0	46.9	74%	35%
7	10.0	70.0	47.5	68%	47%

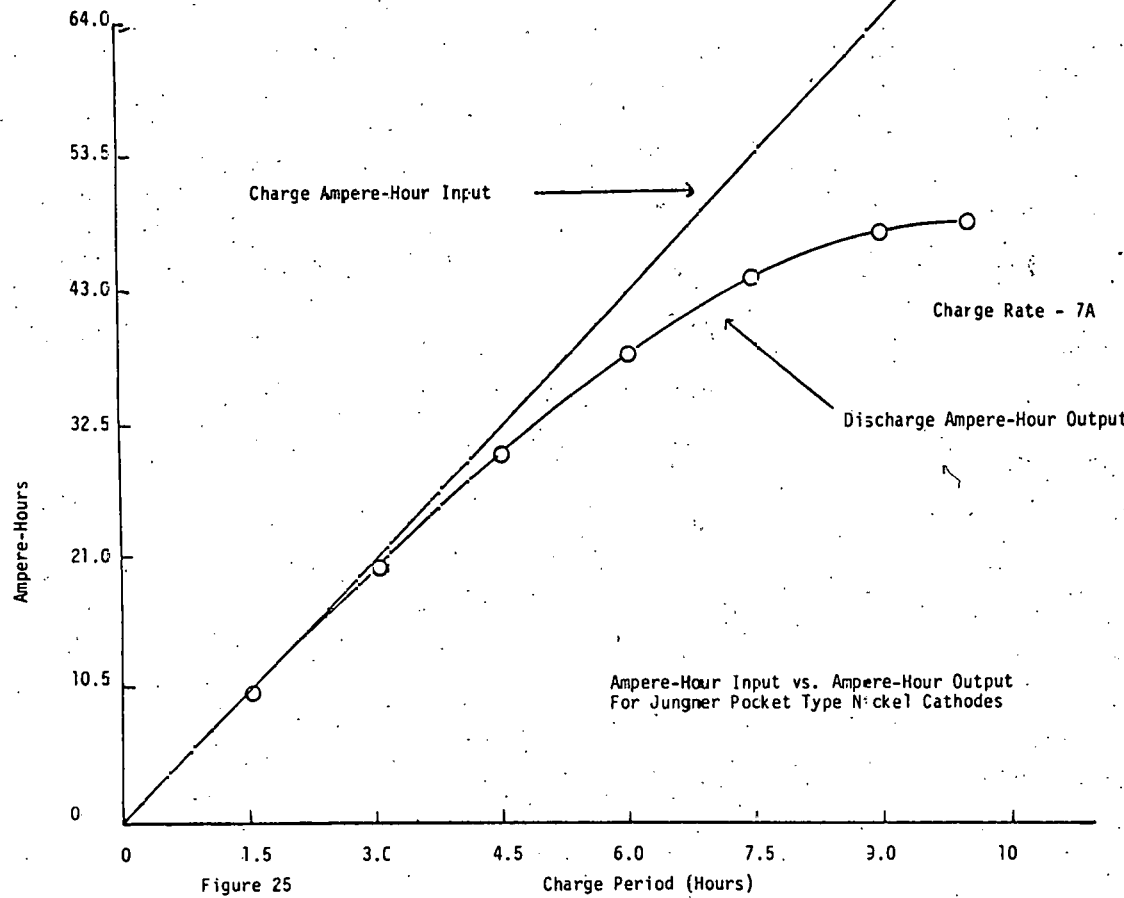


Figure 25

Ampere-Hour Input vs. Ampere-Hour Output
For Jungner Pocket Type Nickel Cathodes

Two types of electrodes were fabricated, i.e. a two-grid construction (1MNP2) utilizing a single thick sheet of active material pressed between two expanded nickel grids, and a three-grid construction (1MNP1) consisting of two half thickness sheets of active material with a center grid combined with the two outside grids. Electrode design details were as follows:

1 MNP 1 - 3 Grids (5 Ni 17 3/0 Distex)

Theoretical Capacity - 20 Ah

Dimensions - 8 in. H x 6.2 in. W x .127 in. T

Total Electrode Wt = 202 gms; Active Material Wt = 135.0 gms

Grid Positioning - Ni Distex
Active Mat'l Compressed
Ni Distex to
Active Mat'l .127 in. T
Ni Distex

(Grids spot welded in pattern for strength)

1 MNP 2 - 2 Grids (5 Ni 17 3/0 Distex)

Theoretical Capacity - 32 Ah

Dimensions - 8.7 in. H x 6.2 in. W x .115 in. T

Total Electrode Wt - 194 gms; Active Material Wt = 142.5 gms

Grid Positioning - Ni Distex Compressed
Active Mat'l to
Ni Distex .115 in. T

(Grids spot welded in pattern for strength)

The experimental electrodes were assembled in three plate cells, using nickel sheet anodes with excess 6M KOH. Electrodes were free standing with no physical support (similar to VIBROCEL™) conditions. Cells were charged and discharged at a nominal rate of C/5. Test results are shown in Figure 26 and Figure 27. Maximum capacity densities obtained were 141 Ah/kg for the 3 grid electrode (Cycle 6) and 121 Ah/kg for the two grid electrode. Voltage performance of the 3 grid design was higher, but both electrodes declined appreciably in voltage over a short test cycle regime (10-15 cycles). Disassembly of the test cells indicated that in both cases the active material had swelled and expanded through the grid structure to a total thickness of about .250 in. This type of unsupported construction evidently results in loss of electrical contact of the grid with the active material, with an accompanying high electrode polarization.

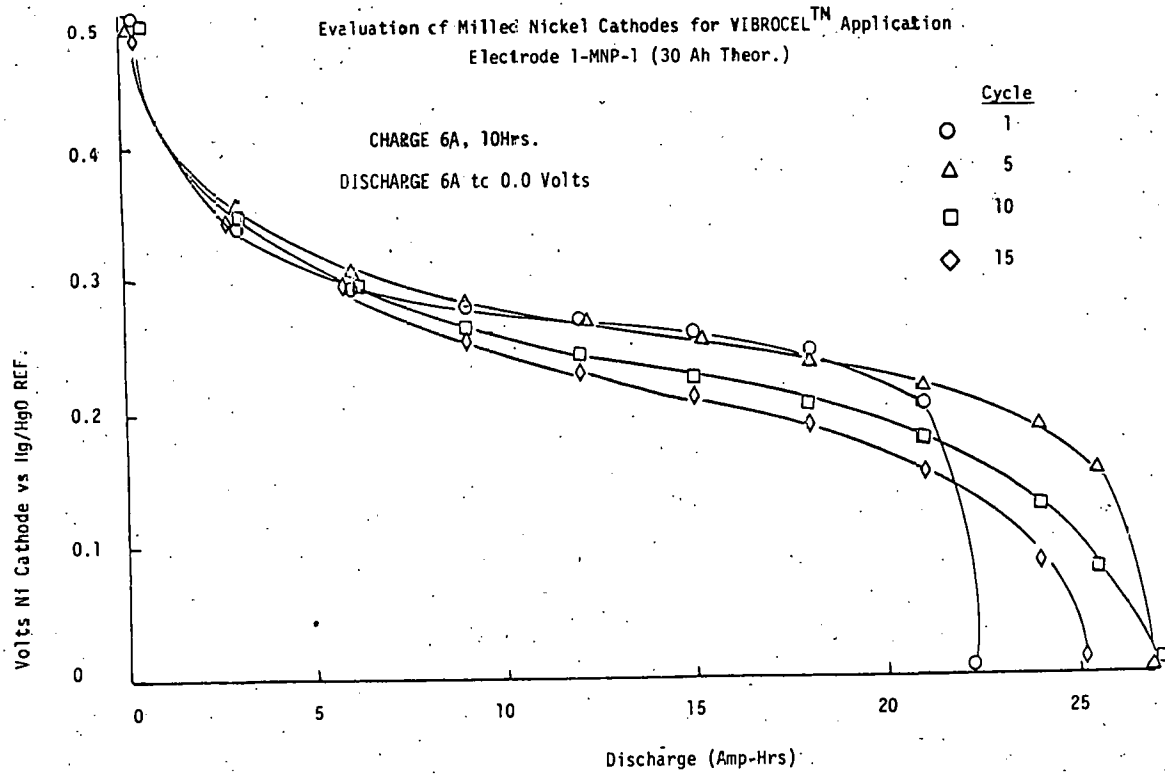


Figure 26

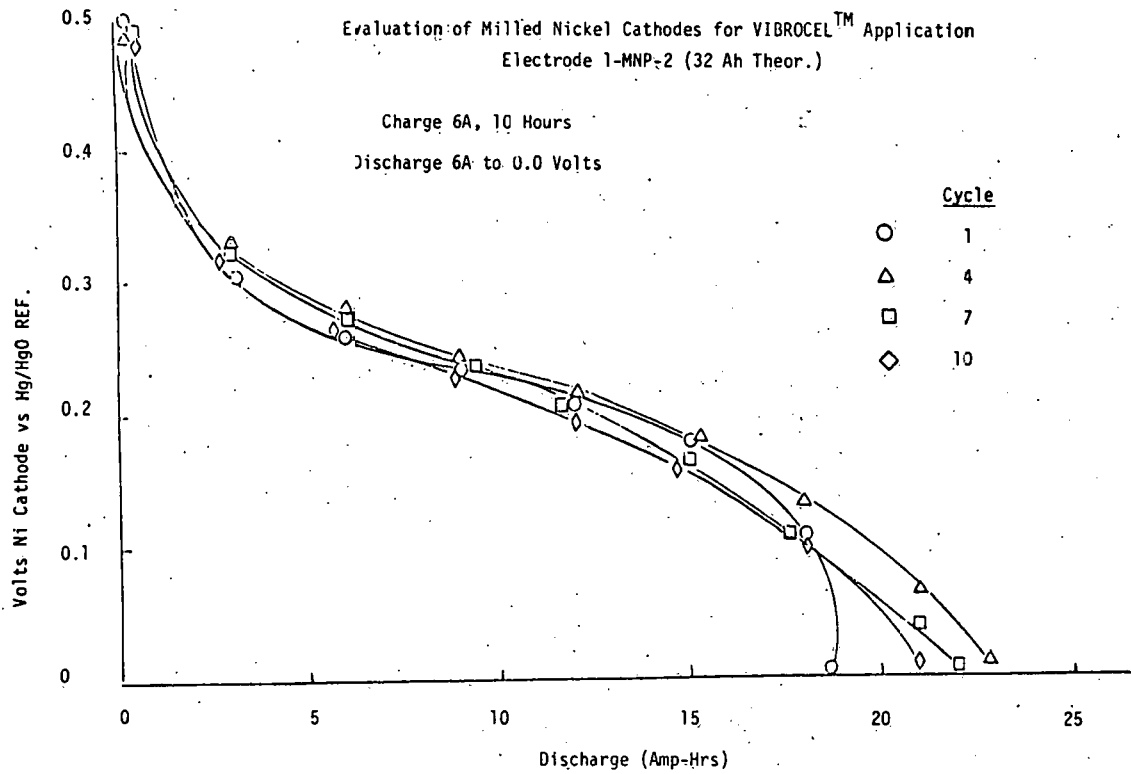


Figure 27

In order to minimize expansion of the active mass, an inert expander (TiO_2 -Rutile grade) was added to the active material formulation. The active material formulation was:

Nickel Hydrate	76%
Co(OH)_2	3%
Carbon (Graphite)	15%
TFE	1%
TiO_2 (Rutile Grade)	<u>5%</u>
	100%

An electrode (2MNP1) measuring 8.7 in. H x 6.2 in. W x .124 in. T was fabricated using the 3 grid welded construction similar to electrode 1MNP1. Theoretical capacity of this electrode was 30.5 Ah. Again, the electrode was assembled in a 3 plate cell and tested in excess 6M KOH unsupported. Results are shown in Figure 28. The use of expander shows no improvement, and in fact, after 9 cycles, the electrode was removed from the cell and its thickness measured at .215 in.

Fabrication of plastic-bonded nickel electrodes must prevent this expansion in order to perform well in VIBROCEL™.

Evaluation of Milled Nickel Electrode 2-MNP-1
Active Material with 5% TiO₂ (Rutile)

CHARGE 6A, 10 Hours
DISCHARGE 6A to 0.0 Volts -vs- Hg/HgO

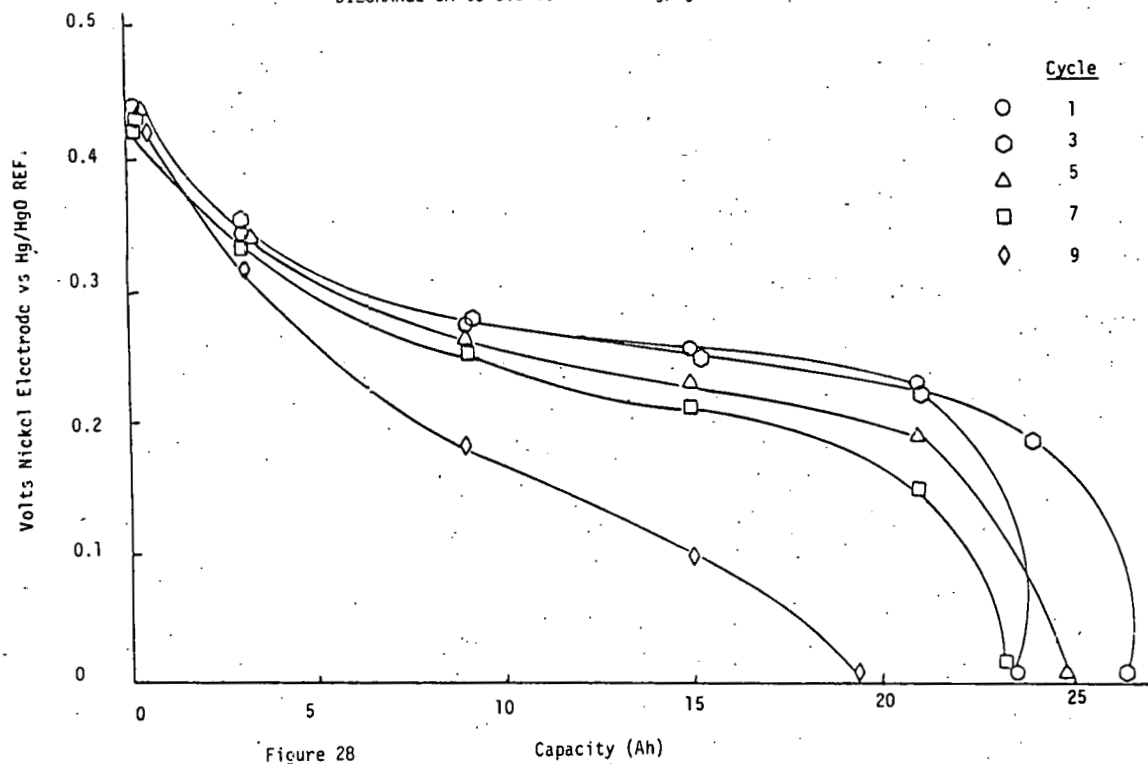


Figure 28

2.3 Basic Electrochemistry

Electrochemical studies in the VIBROCEL™ program are directed toward the improvement of Zn-electrode performance. Vibration of the Zn electrode eliminates dendrite formation, the main disadvantage of the Zn electrode in traditional Ni-Zn batteries. Problems which remain are the corrosion of active zinc (and the resultant loss in capacity) as well as the shedding of active zinc during charge under the influence of mechanical vibration. Electrochemical studies of the zinc electrode in VIBROCEL™ were in two main areas. These were:

- Corrosion of active zinc, and
- Electrodeposition of active zinc.

A) Corrosion and Self-Discharge of Zinc

Zn, deposited from alkaline solutions, is a very active material and tends to dissolve (or corrode). Investigation of corrosion of active zinc in KOH solutions indicates a dependence of the rate of dissolution of zinc on concentration of zincate.

Figure 29 depicts data of such measurements. It is evident that KOH solutions with extremely high concentration of zincate decreases the corrosion rate to a minimum (10 cm³ of H₂ per gram of active zinc in 14 days at room temperature).

A second corrosion process which occurs is galvanic corrosion, i.e. the galvanic dissolution of zinc in contact with different substrate materials.

The rate of corrosion depends on the electrochemical difference between Zn and the more noble metals of the substrate. The ideal substrate would be one with a reversible potential close to zinc and with a high hydrogen overpotential.

Figure 30 depicts capacity losses for some substrate materials during 14 days of storage at room temperature. The performance of four different substrates is presented, with the lowest corrosion rate obtained being about 1 percent per day. It should be noted that for alloy 2 and alloy 3, the corrosion rate increased as cycling progressed, probably due to the deterioration of the plating used on these alloys.

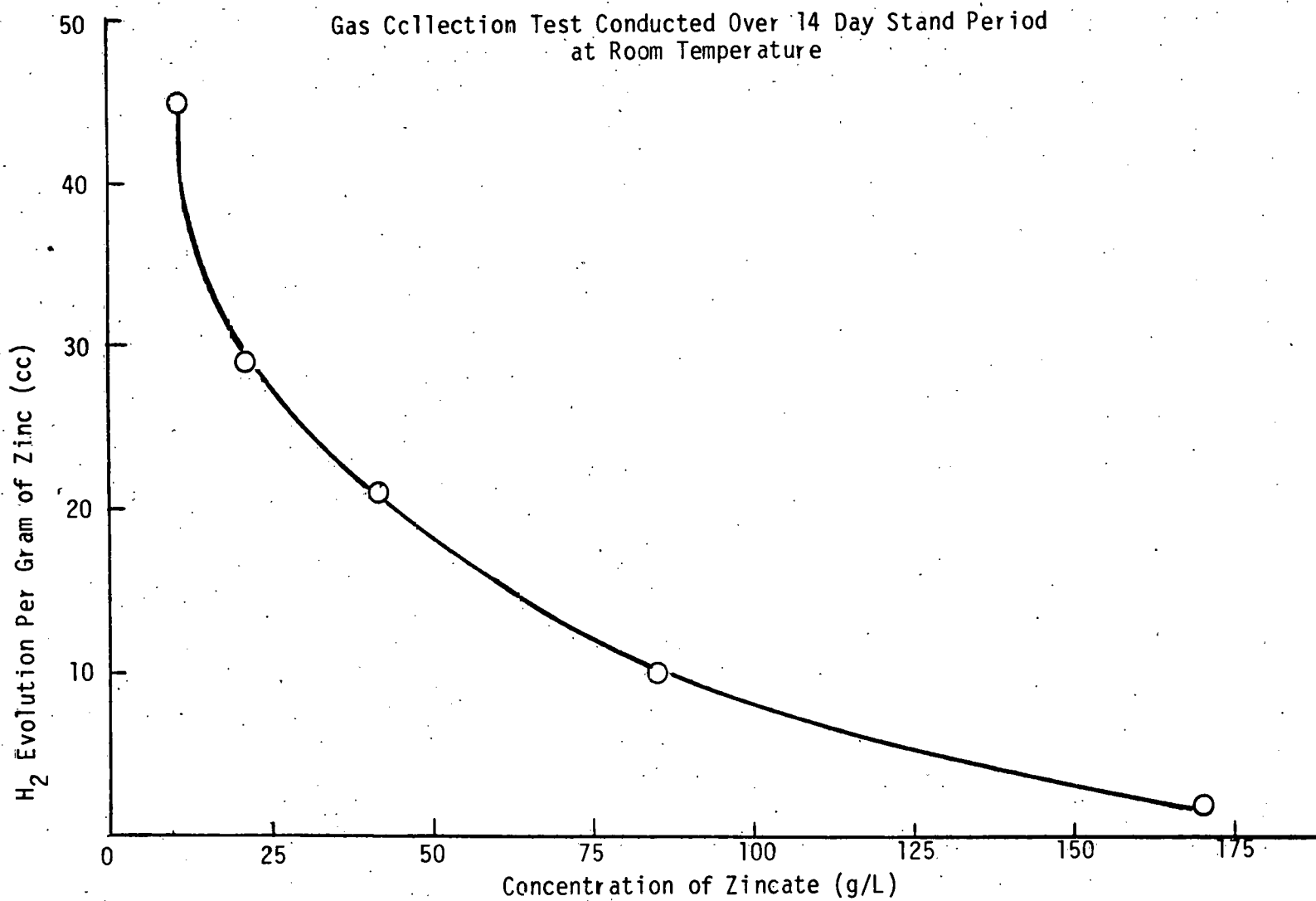


FIGURE 29

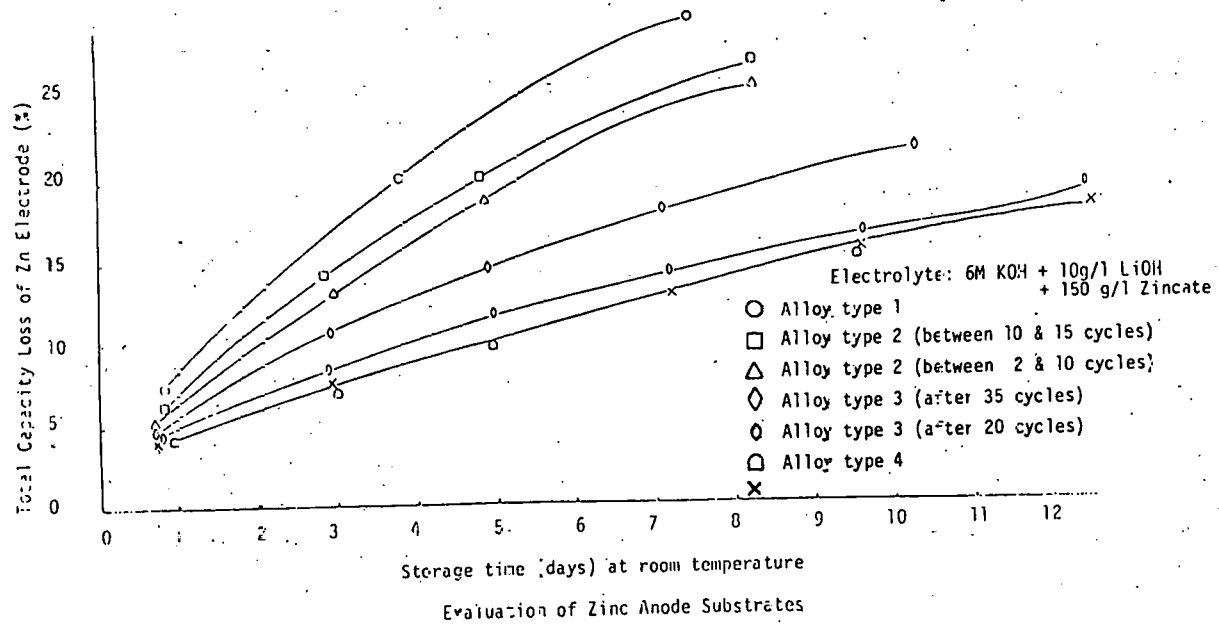


Figure 30

A further investigation was carried out on several other substrate materials, which exhibit hydrogen overpotentials close to the value of zinc when measured galvanostatically. Figure 31 illustrates the corrosion rate of one commonly available alloy, with, and without plating. Best results were obtained with plating type 2, however, it is interesting to note that the unplated material (alloy type 5) gave better results than with plating type 1. Some additional improvements were seen when alloy type 5 was used in the form of an expanded metal. Figure 32 depicts the performance of alloy type 5 as compared to some of the special alloys shown in Figure 30. The data indicates that alloy type 5, shows low corrosion rates, as in general is comparable in performance to some of the special alloys (ref Figure 30) tested.

B) Electrodeposition of Zn

Electrodeposition of zinc from alkaline solutions has been extensively studied in various aspects both from a fundamental interest in this complex system, and for the purpose of using Zn as a rechargeable electrode. In the latter case, the following was investigated:

1. Mechanism of dendrite formation,
2. Formation of slurry and porous deposits.
3. Mechanism of shape change.
4. Passivation of zinc-electrode.

The VIBROCELTM is different from other secondary batteries in that it utilizes a completely soluble zinc electrode. Vibrating the zinc substrate in such a cell actually prevents dendrite formation, however, electrodeposition of zinc (without separators) from highly concentrated zincate solutions lead to very porous, mossy deposits. Such deposits are very active and tend to have higher rates of self-dissolution.

These mossy deposits also create the problem of shedding of zinc from the substrate surface (during vibration) and accumulation of zinc on the bottom of the cell. Accumulation of zinc can be avoided by galvanic dissolution with any number of materials (covering the bottom of the cell); for example, Ni, Cu, C, etc.

Zinc Capacity Loss on Alloy type 5 Substrate
(with and without plating)

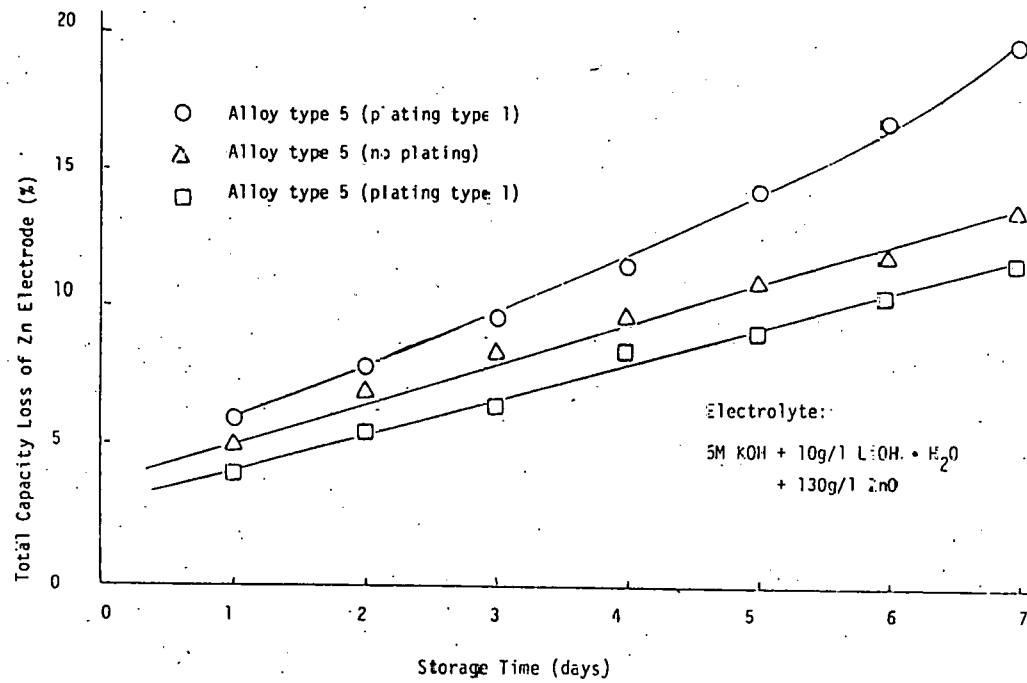


Figure 31

Effect of Substrate Materials on Zinc Capacity Loss

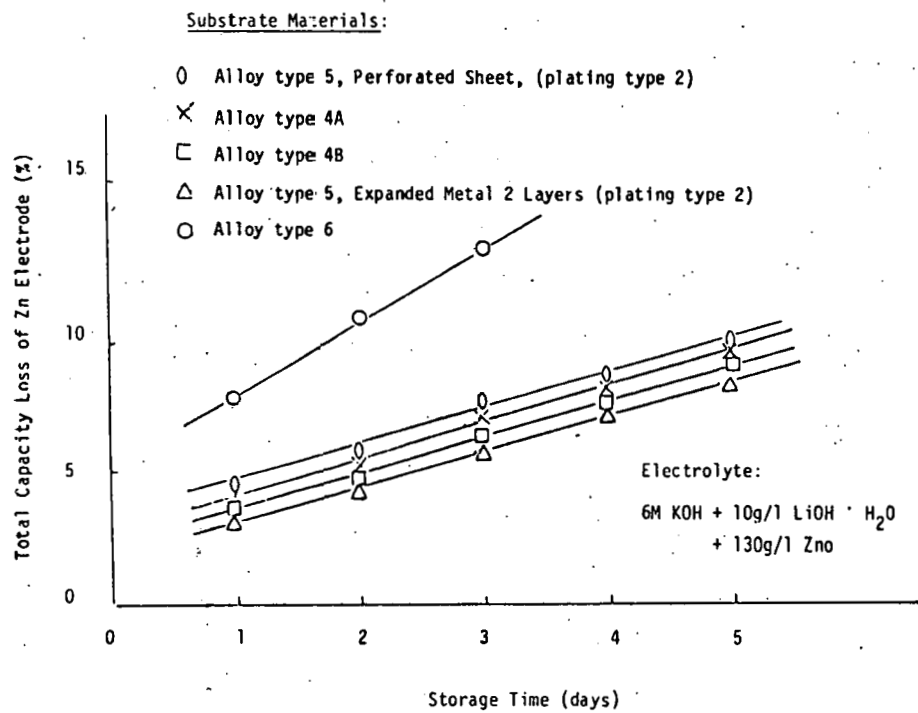


Figure 32

During cell operation, zinc concentration gradients may develop resulting in a ΔE from top to bottom of the electrode as follows:

$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1 = \frac{RT}{2F} \ln A_2 - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln A_1$$

With certain assumptions, ΔE becomes about 10 mV for a 15-20 cm high electrode. This ΔE causes zinc to dissolve at the top and redeposit at the bottom, until $A_2 = A_1$. This condition is progressive, and after a number of cycles, a zinc "shape change" occurs. The calculations of this migration of zinc from the top to the bottom of the electrode were confirmed by experimental testing.

It is obvious that shape-change and its adverse effect on capacity are to be avoided. Various methods for improvement of the quality of zinc electrodeposition are suggested in the literature. One of these is the variation of plating current density. Experiments were run varying the plating current density, and it was found that improved quality zinc was deposited at certain current densities as compared to others. Other areas of improvement involve the use of special charging techniques as opposed to constant current D.C. charging. Here again, certain optimum conditions were found, which resulted in improved quality of plated zinc. This is illustrated in Figure 33, 34, 35 and 36. Figure 33 depicts a mossy type deposit often encountered when constant current D.C. charging is employed. Figure 34 on the other hand shows the same electrode when plated using one of the specialized charging techniques. Here the deposit is smooth, dense and crystalline in nature. Electrodes deposited with zinc, using these special techniques, occupy a much smaller volume and are approximately 80 percent of theoretical density. Figure 35 is a photograph of the surface of the electrode of Figure 34 with 50X magnification, showing the close packed, fine crystalline structure. As a comparison, the surface of the electrode of Figure 33 at 50X magnification is shown in Figure 36, illustrating the mossy non-crystalline nature of this surface.

We have also noticed a difference in performance of the densely deposited zinc as compared to the mossy type. This is shown in Figure 37 where curve No. 2 is the voltage of a 3-plate nickel zinc VIBROCELTM using constant current D.C. charging, and a discharge current density of 14 ma/cm². The interelectrode spacing of this cell was fixed, so that a maximum of 5 Ah of zinc could only be deposited using constant current D.C. When the special charging technique was used, 7.5 to 8.0 Ah of zinc could be deposited, and cell polarization during discharge was reduced. Curve No. 1 shows the discharge of the cell at 14 ma/cm² (the same as curve No. 2), but with a higher capacity and voltage (than curve No. 2), with the denser zinc deposit. When the denser zinc was discharged at 21 ma/cm², cell voltage was at approximately the same level as the mossy zinc at 14 ma/cm², but again with an increased capacity. The denser zinc offers a possible increase in specific energy and volumetric energy if the same benefits are fully attainable in scaled-up cell and battery designs.

Figure 33
Zinc Deposit Constant
Current D.C.

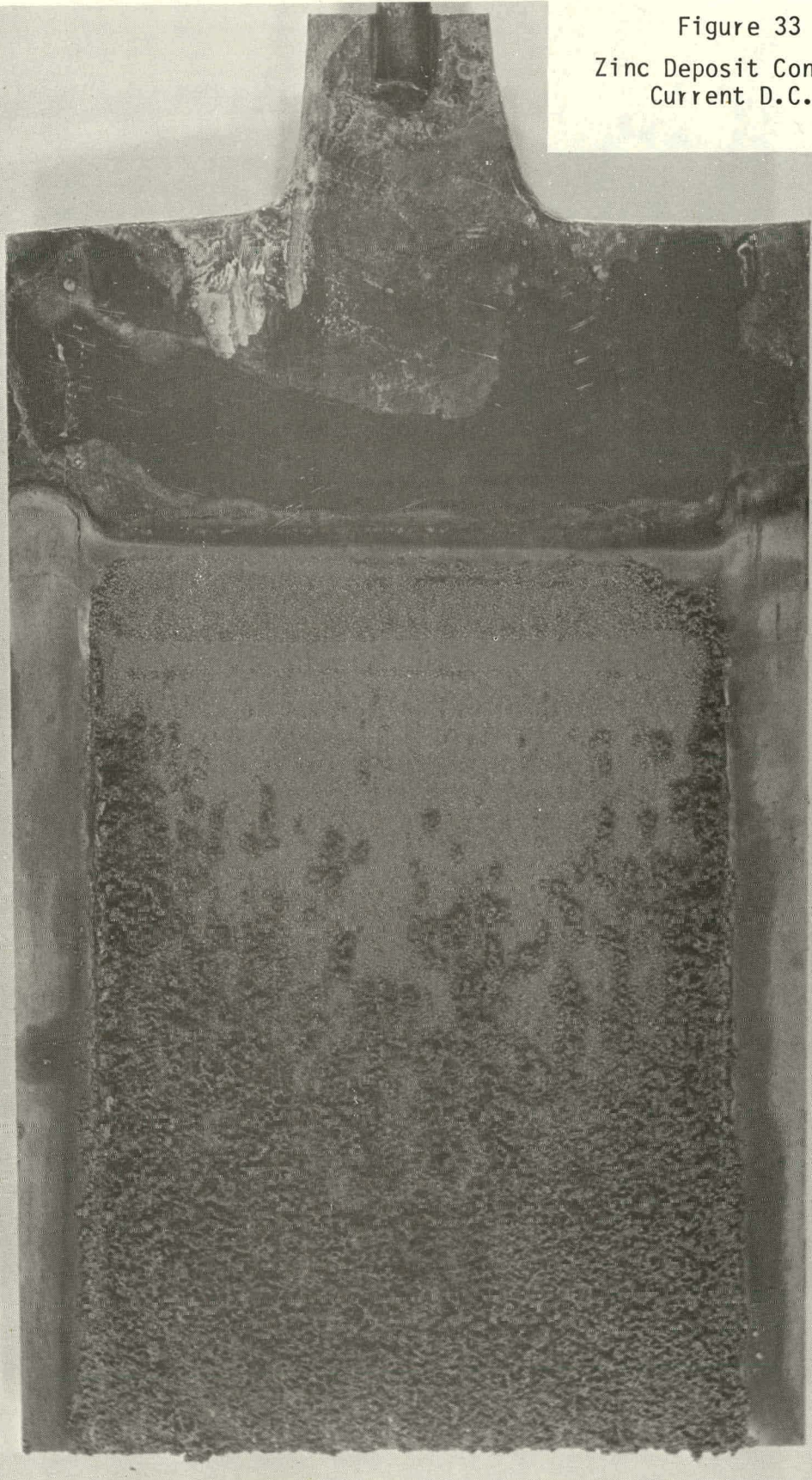


Figure 34
Zinc Deposit Special Charging
Technique

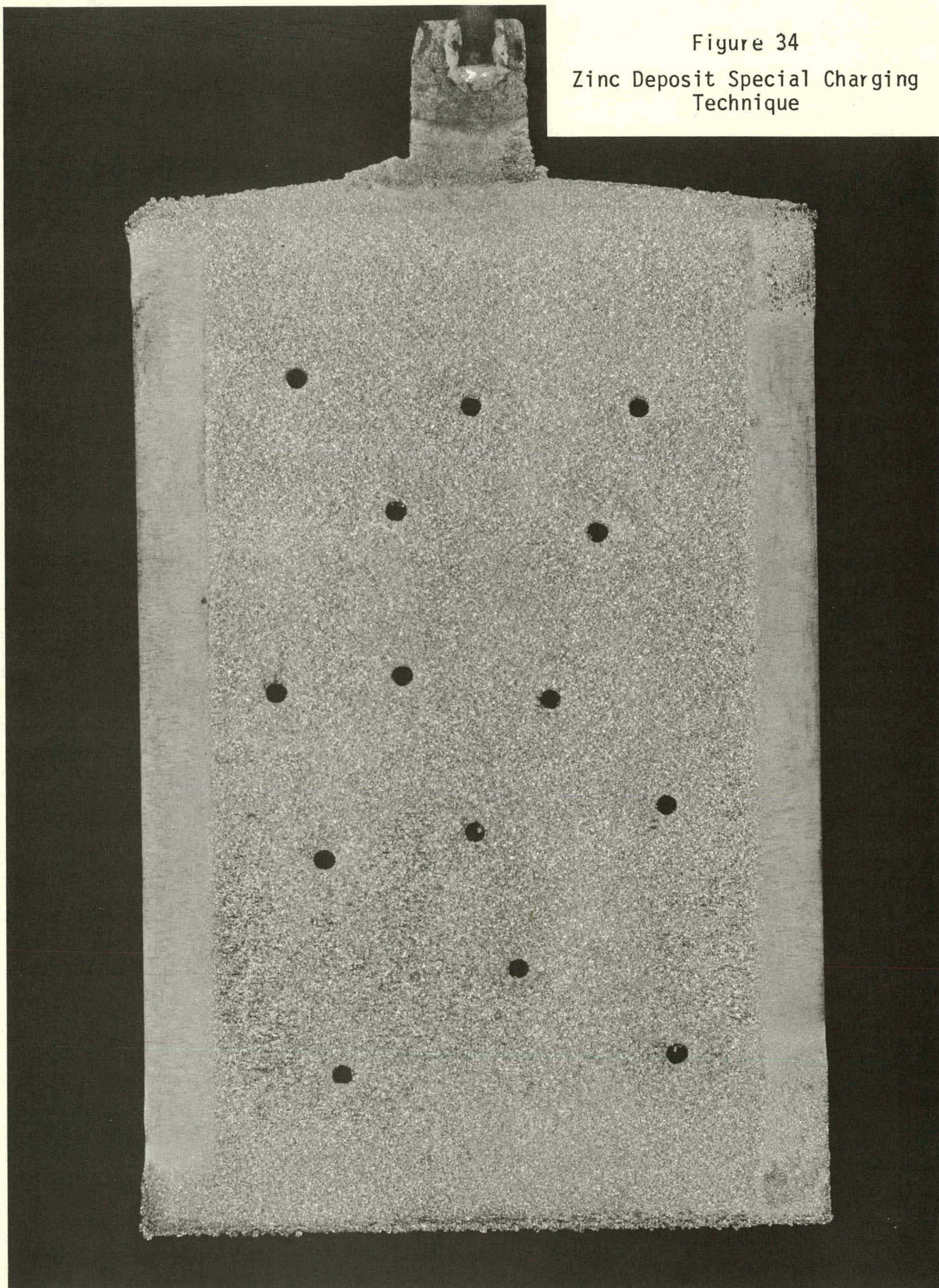




Figure 35
Zinc Deposit 50X
Special Charging Technique

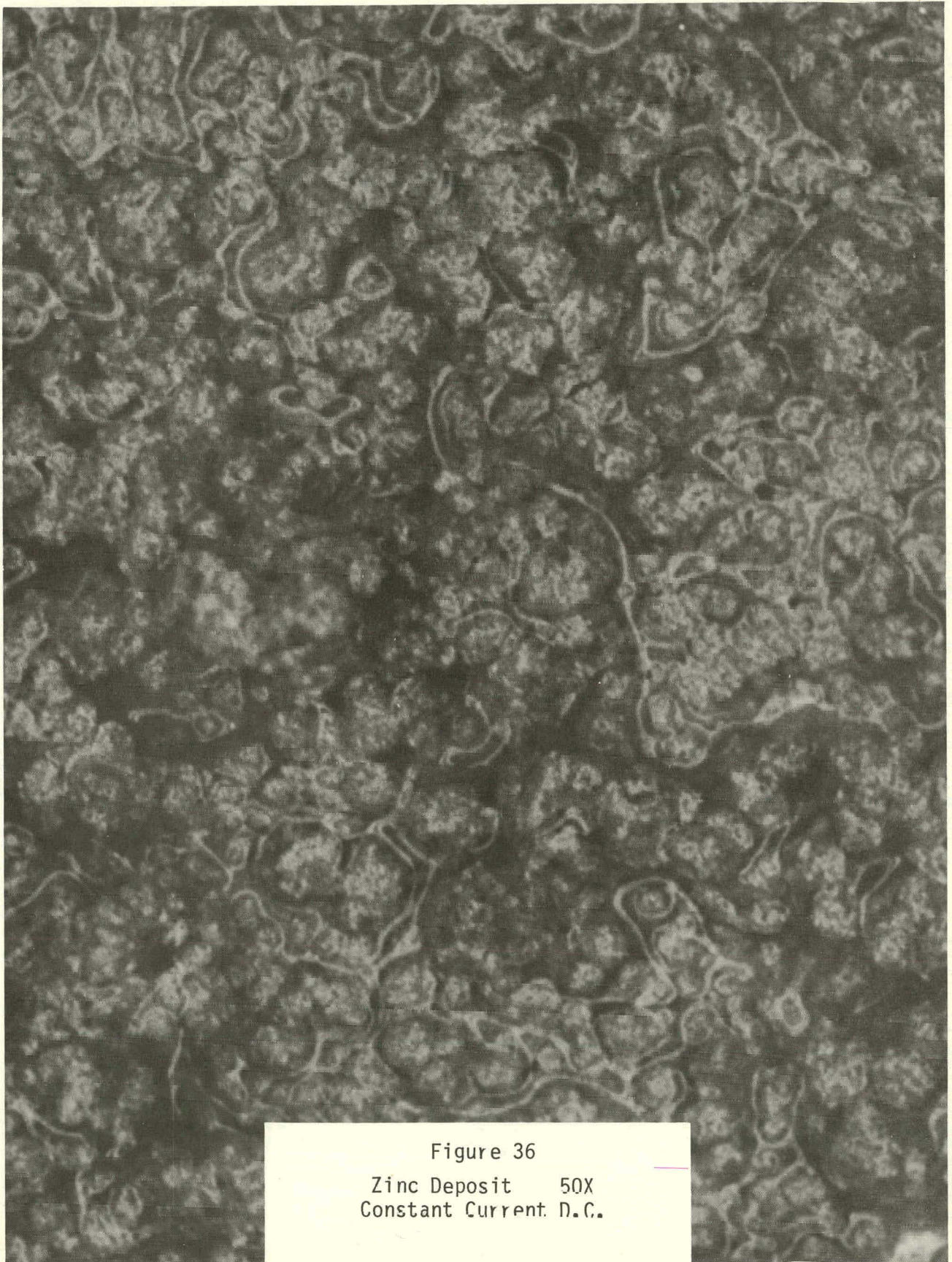


Figure 36
Zinc Deposit 50X
Constant Current D.C.

Performance of VIBROCEL™ with Specially Charged Zinc Electrodes

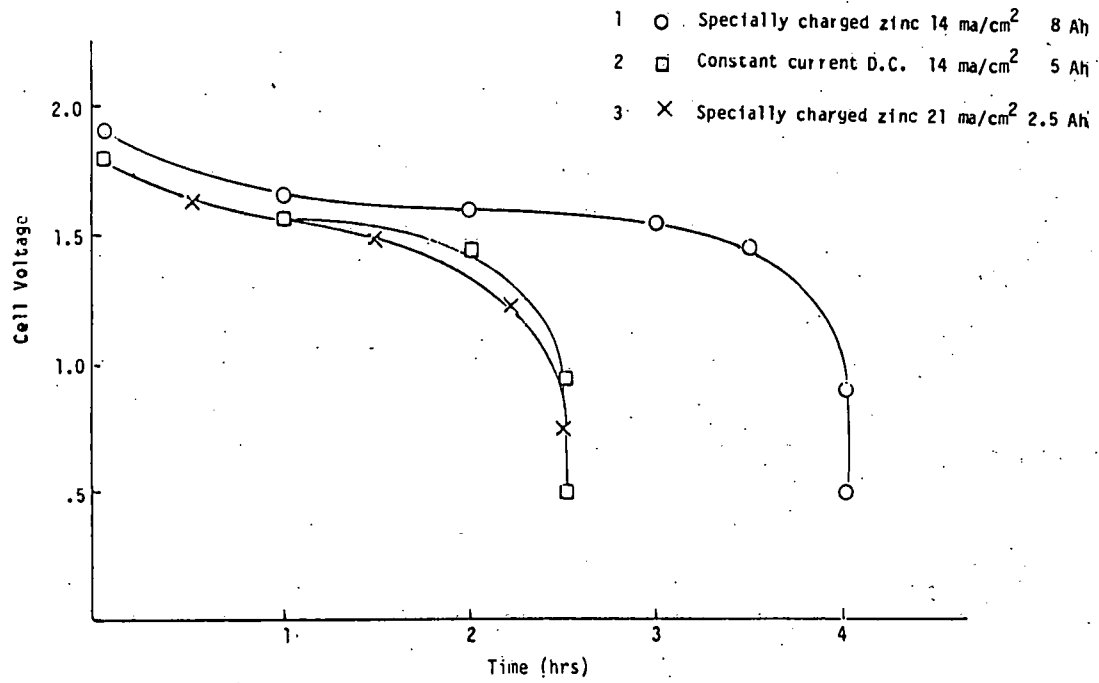


Figure 37

2.4 Reporting

Monthly reports have been prepared giving an update of technical progress for the periods:

April 15-May 31, 1979 No. 1

June 1-June 30, 1979 No. 2

July 1-July 31, 1979 No. 3

In addition, the Milestone Schedule and Status Report (DOE Form 535), the Manpower Management Report (DOE Form 534M), and Cost Management Report (DOE Form 533M) have been prepared for each of the first three reporting periods as well as the period Aug. 1-Aug. 31, 1979. This, "First Annual Report," provides a summary of technical progress for the three reporting periods above, as well as the period Aug. 1-Aug. 31, 1979.

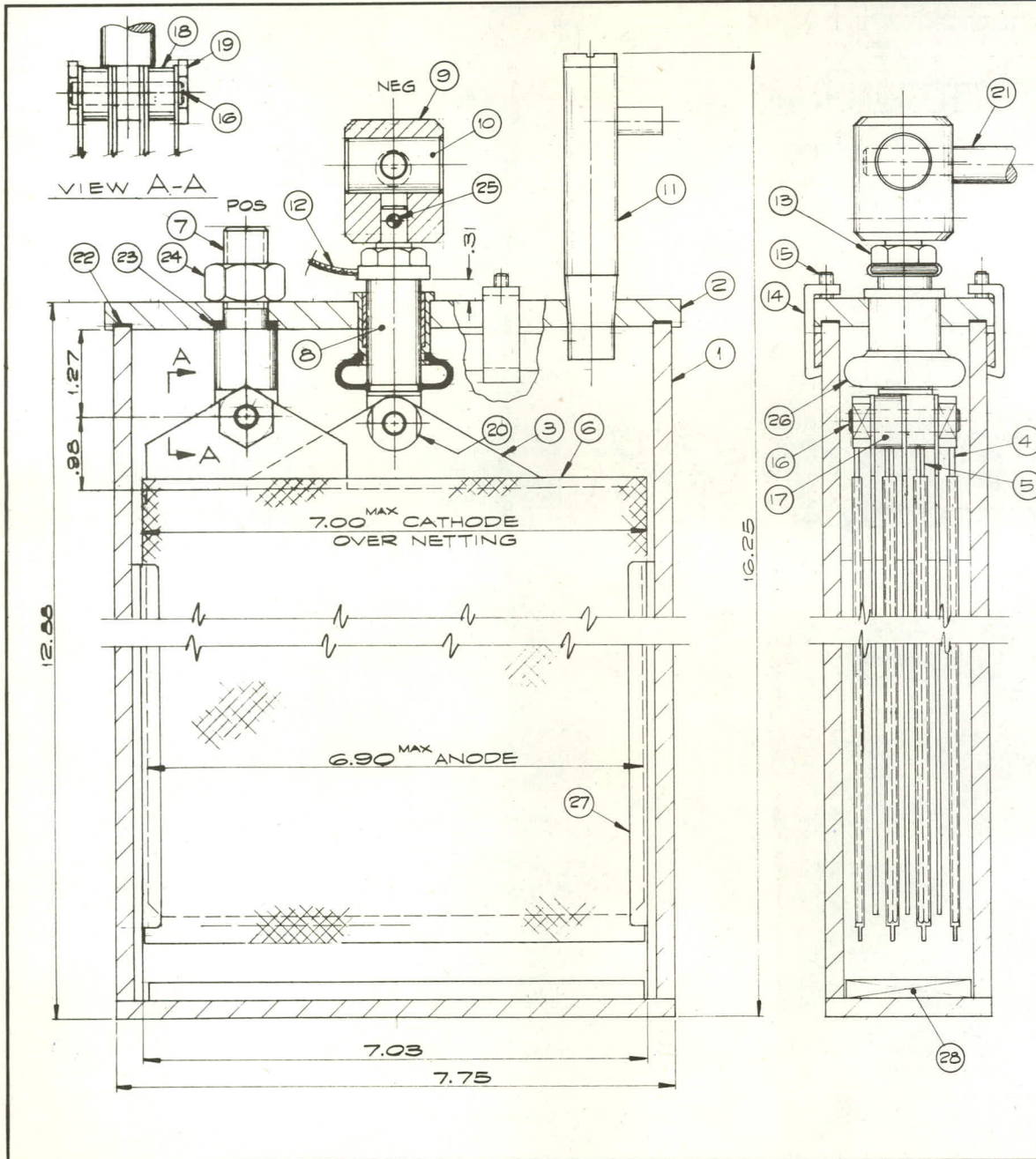
APPENDIX A

DETAILED VIBROCEL™ DRAWINGS

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Drawing No.

EC-15588	VIBROCEL™ Test Cell 7-Plate
EC-15593	Cell Test Station for VIBROCEL™
EB-15569	Anode Electrode MS Size
EC-15567	VIBROCEL™ Container MS Size
EB-15568	Covers for VIBROCEL™ Test Cells
EB-15571	Double Plate Cathode for VIBROCEL™ 44-Ah
EA-15572	Netting for Double Plate Cathode "VIBROCEL™"
EB-15586	VIBROCEL™ Guide Rails
EB-15574	Negative Connector
EA-15575	Actuator
EA-15576	Shuttle
EA-15585	Eccentric Shaft
EA-15573	Positive Connector
EA-15578	Inter-cell Connector
EA-15579	Jam Nut
EA-15581	Stud
EA-15582	Spacer
EA-15583	Nut
EA-15584	Nut
EA-15580	Cover Clamp for VIBROCEL™ Cells
EA-15589	Cover Gasket for VIBROCEL™ Test Cells
EA-15587	Zinc Getter for VIBROCEL™
EA-15577	Vent Tube and Cap VIBROCEL™
EA-15570	Single Plate Cathode for VIBROCEL™ 22-Ah



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2	1	COVER	FIG.2 EB-15568	"
3	3	ANODE	EA-15569	"
4	2	SINGLE PL CATHODE	EA-15570	"
5	2	DOUBLE PL CATHODE	EA-15571	"
6	4	NETTING	EA-15572	POLYPROPYLENE
7	1	POS CONNECTOR	FIG.2 EA-15573	CRS,NP
8	1	NEG CONNECTOR	EA-15574	"
9	1	ACTUATOR	EA-15575	ACRYLIC
10	1	SHUTTLE	EA-15576	RULON
11	1	VENT TUBE	EA-15577	ACRYLIC
12	1	INTERCELL CONN	EA-15578	ACRYLIC
13	1	JAM NUT 5/8-18	EA-15579	COPPER
14	8	COVER CLAMP	EA-15580	"
15	8	SKT SET SCR #10-32x3/8, CUP PT		STL
16	2	STUD	EA-15581	CRS,NP
17	1	SPACER	EA-15582	"
18	2	SPACER	EA-15582	"
19	2	NUT	EA-15583	"
20	2	NUT	EA-15584	"
21	1	ECCENTRIC SHAFT	EA-15585	STL
22	1	GASKET	EA-15589	NEOPRENE
23	1	GASKET	EA-15589	NEOPRENE
24	1	HEX NUT 5/8-18		STL
25	1	PIN .19 DIA x 1.25		"
26	1	BELLOWS SEAL	EA-15586	NEOPRENE
27	2	GUIDE RAILS	FIG.1 EB-15586	ACRYLIC
28	1	ZINC GETTER	EA-15587	CARBON

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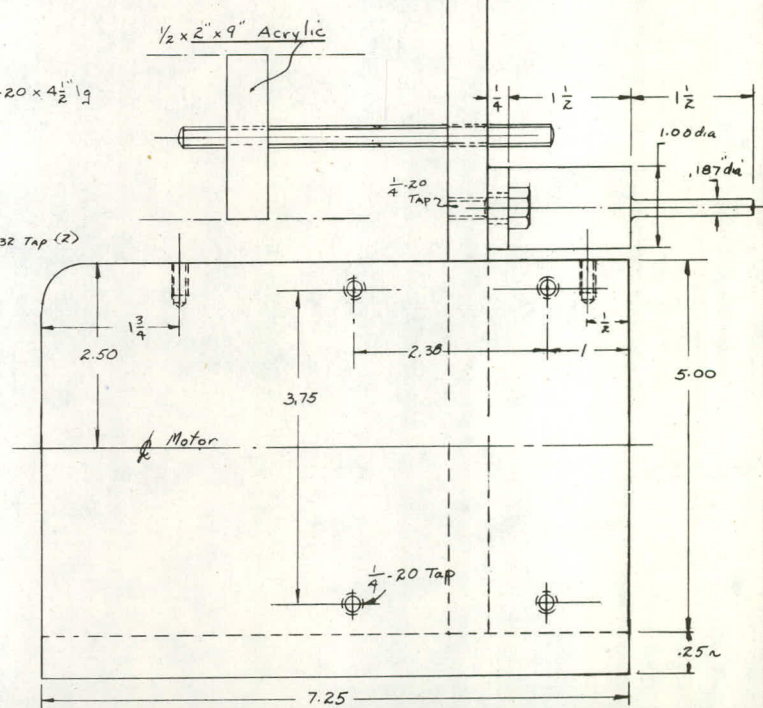
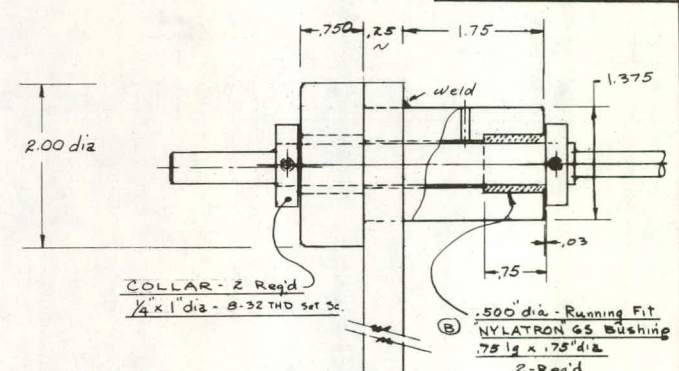
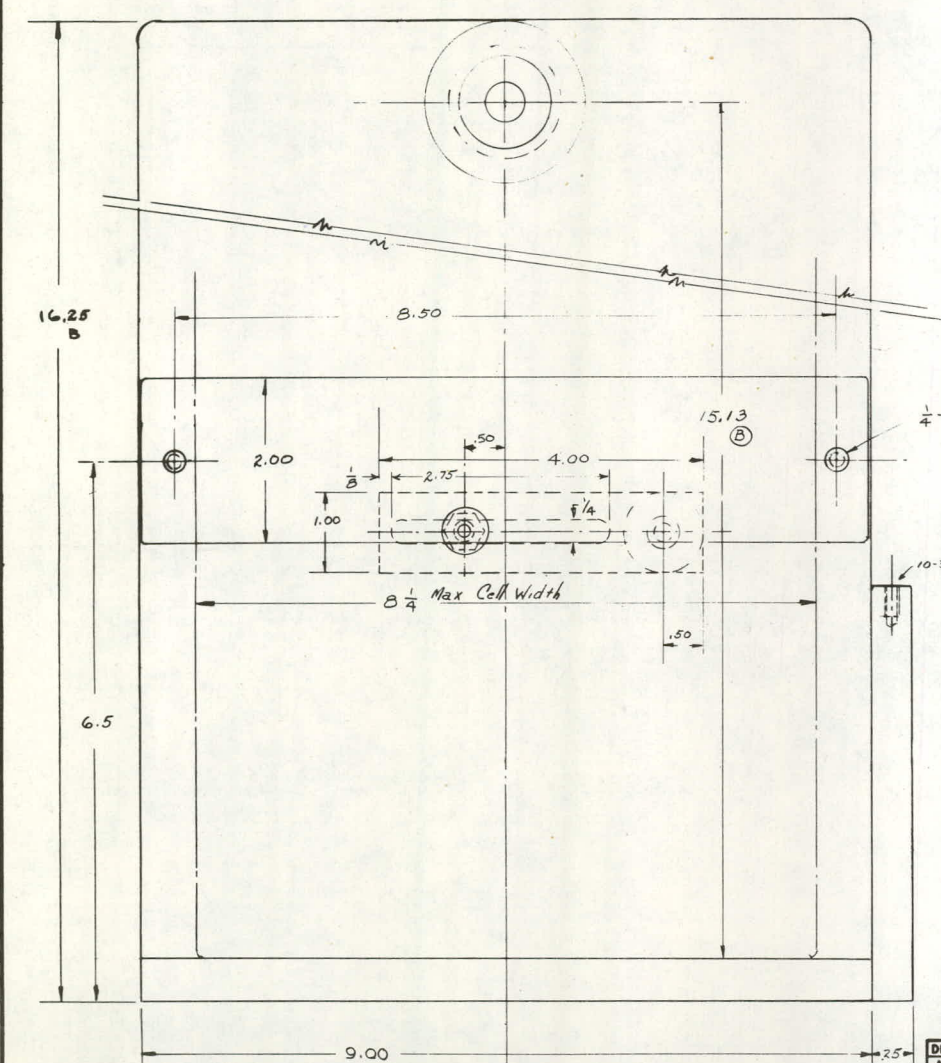
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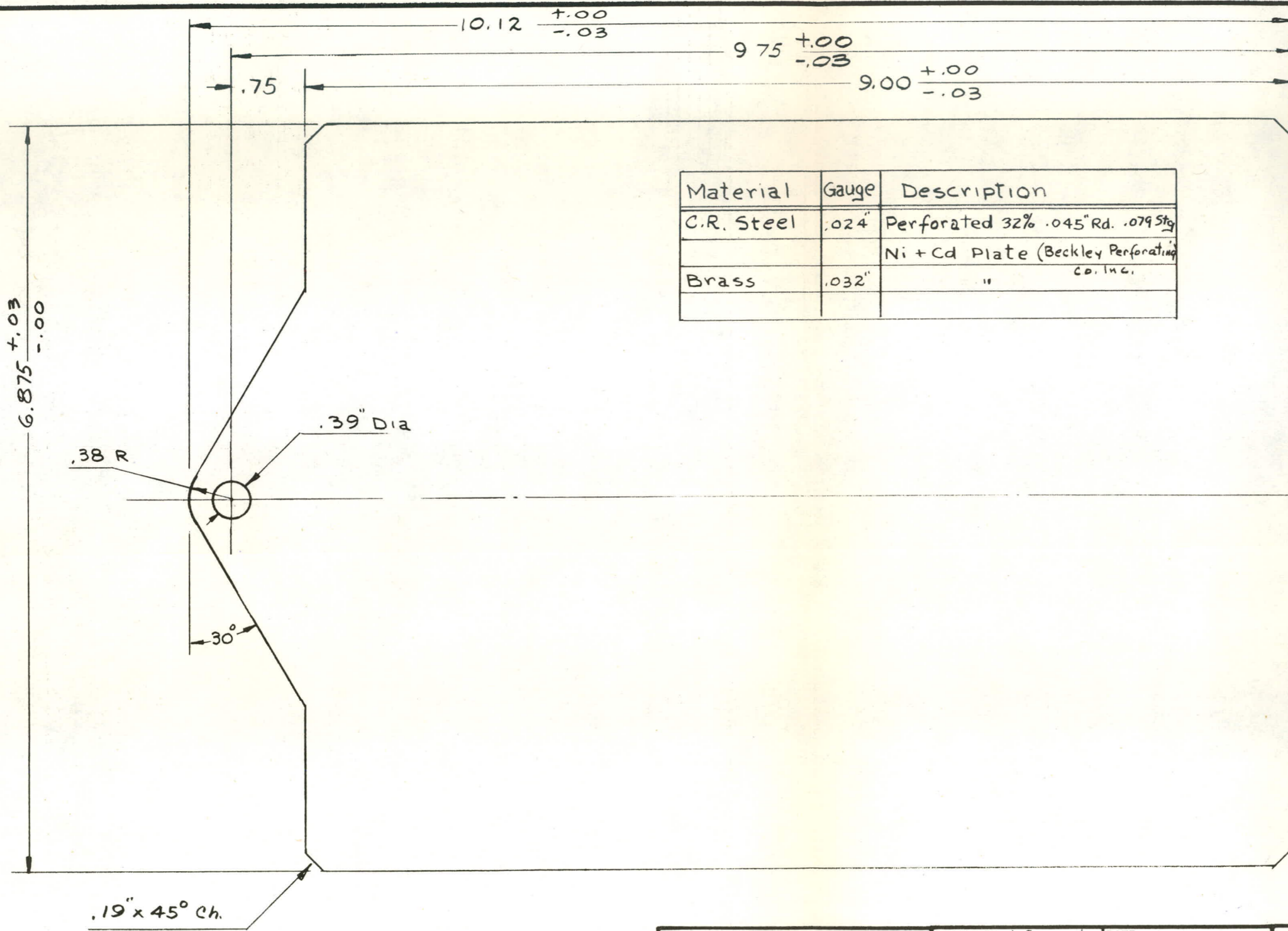
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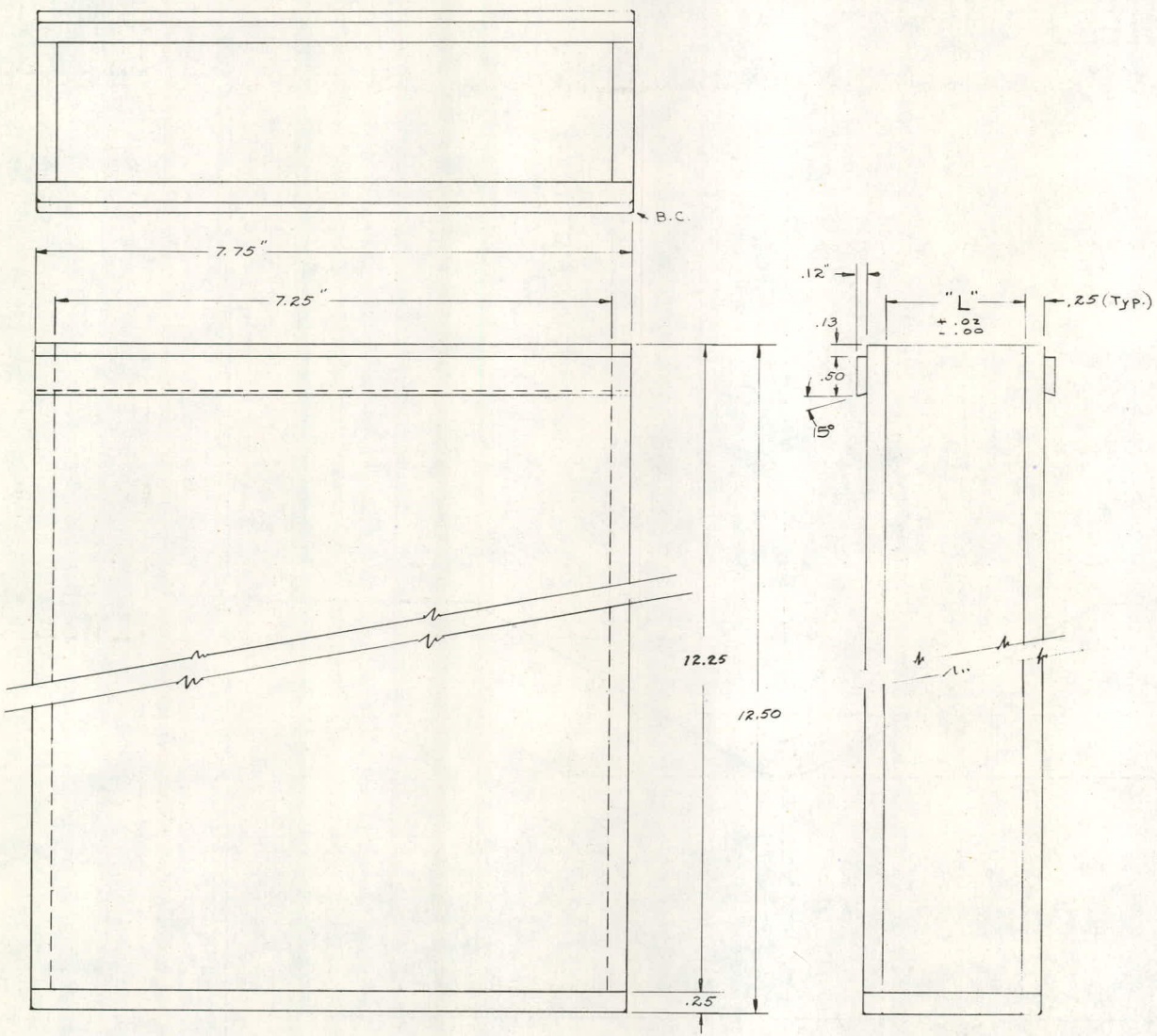
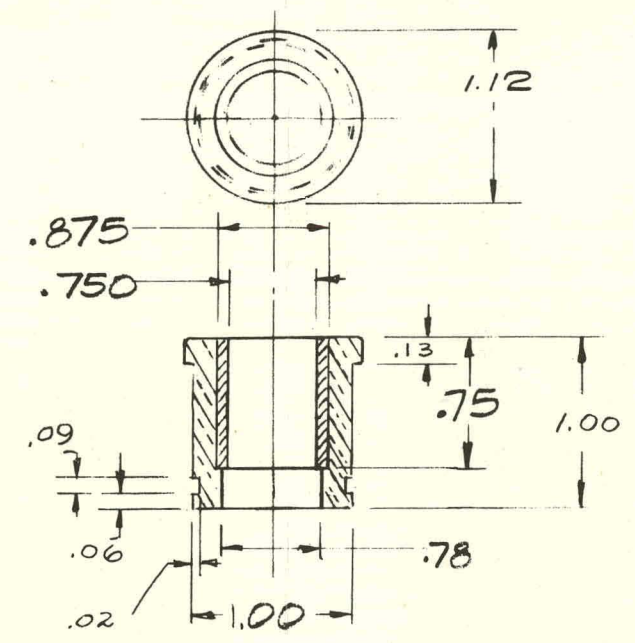
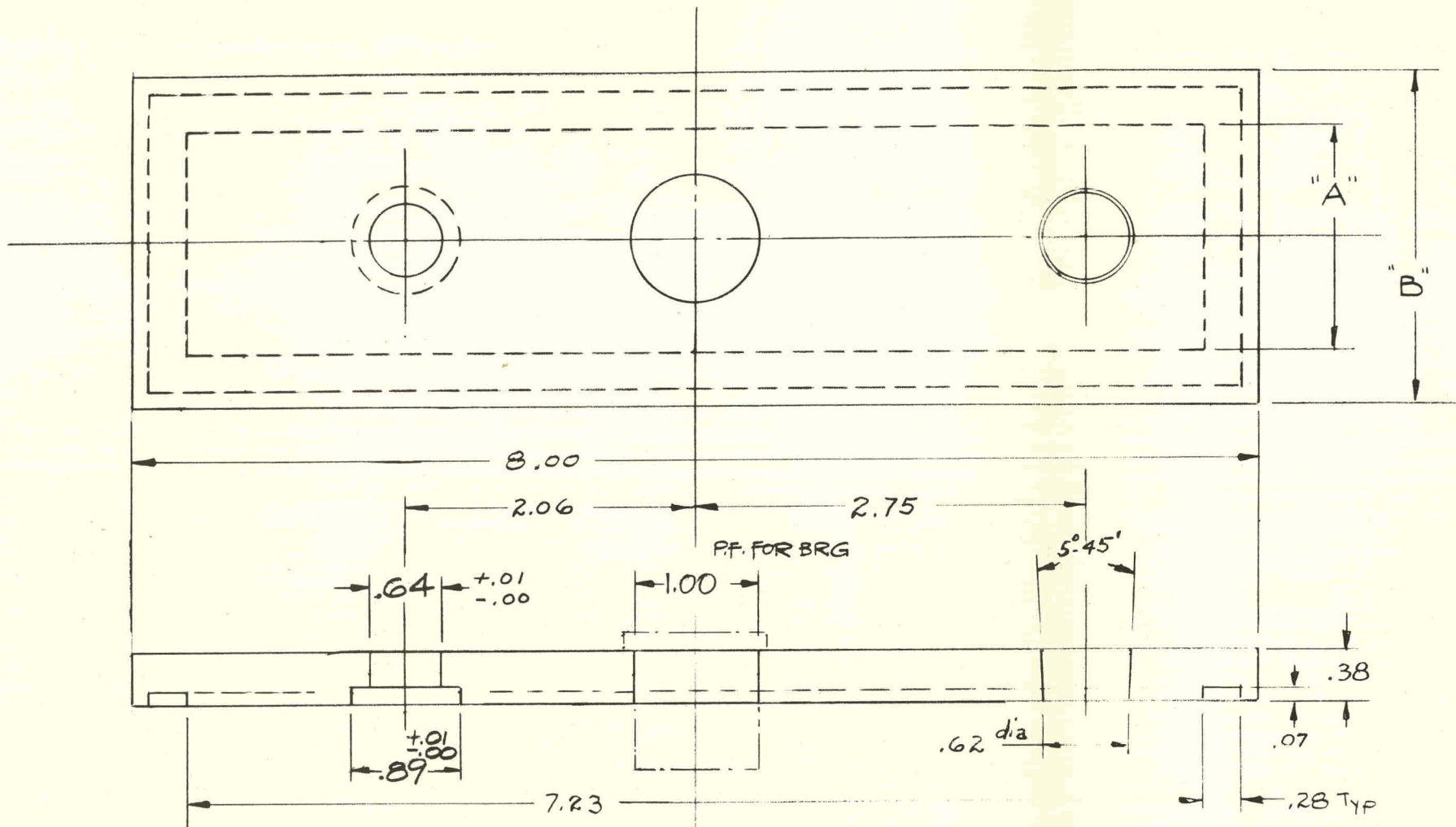


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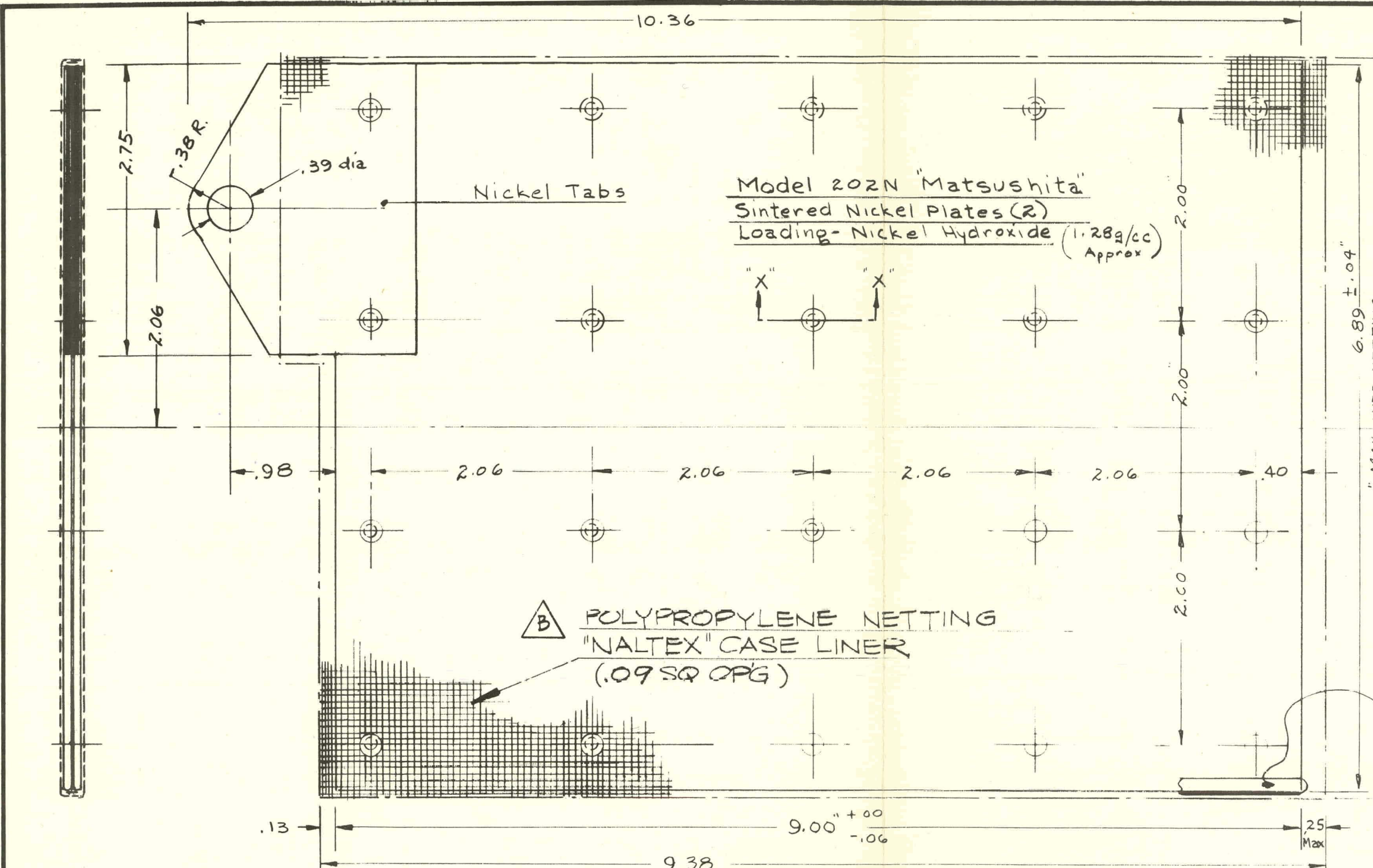


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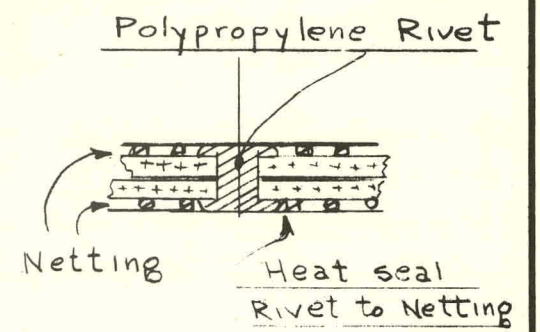
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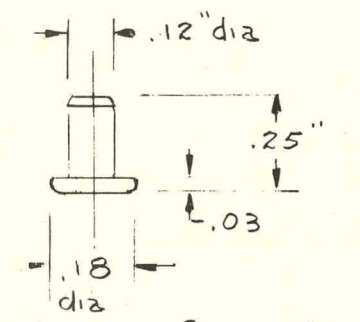
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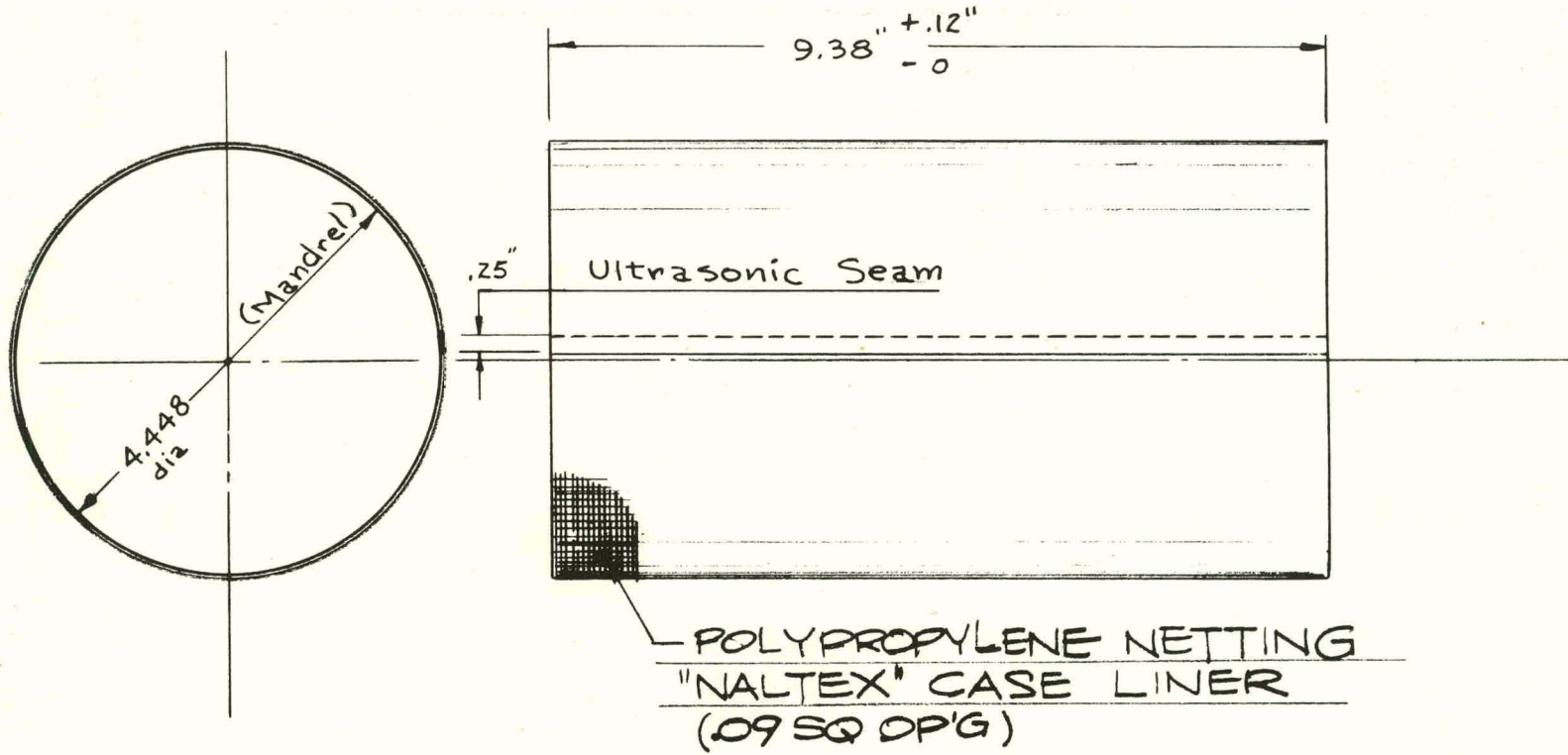
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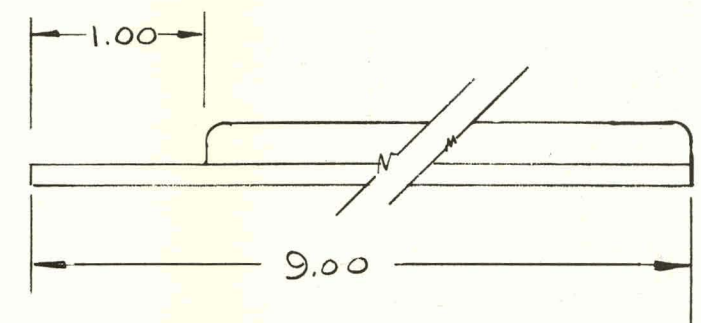
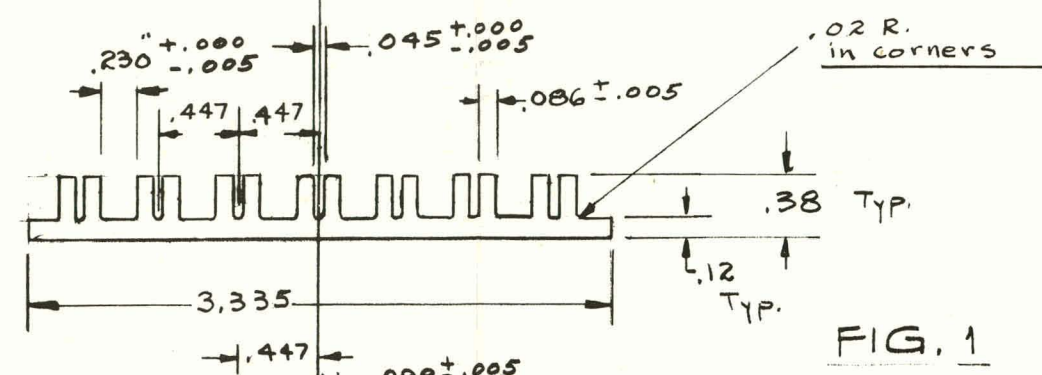
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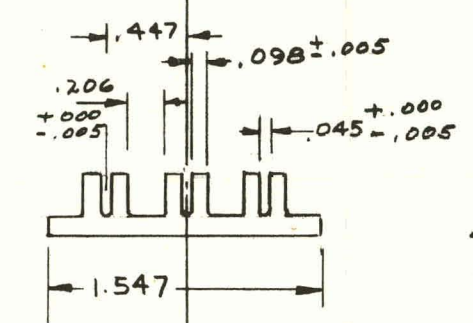
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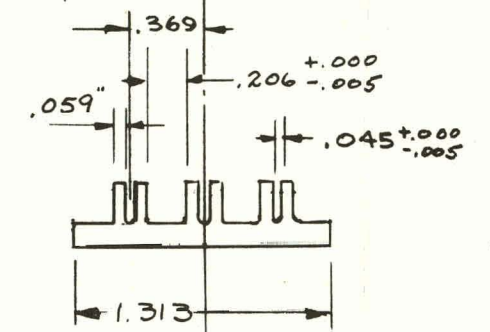
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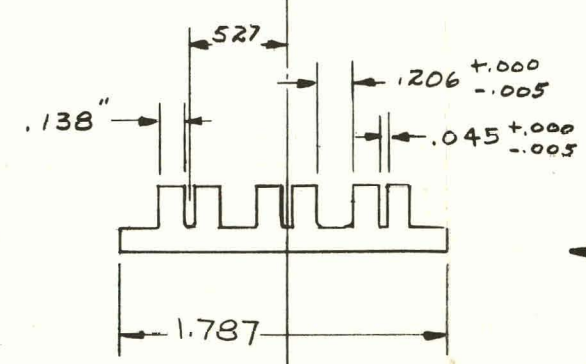
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FIG. 3



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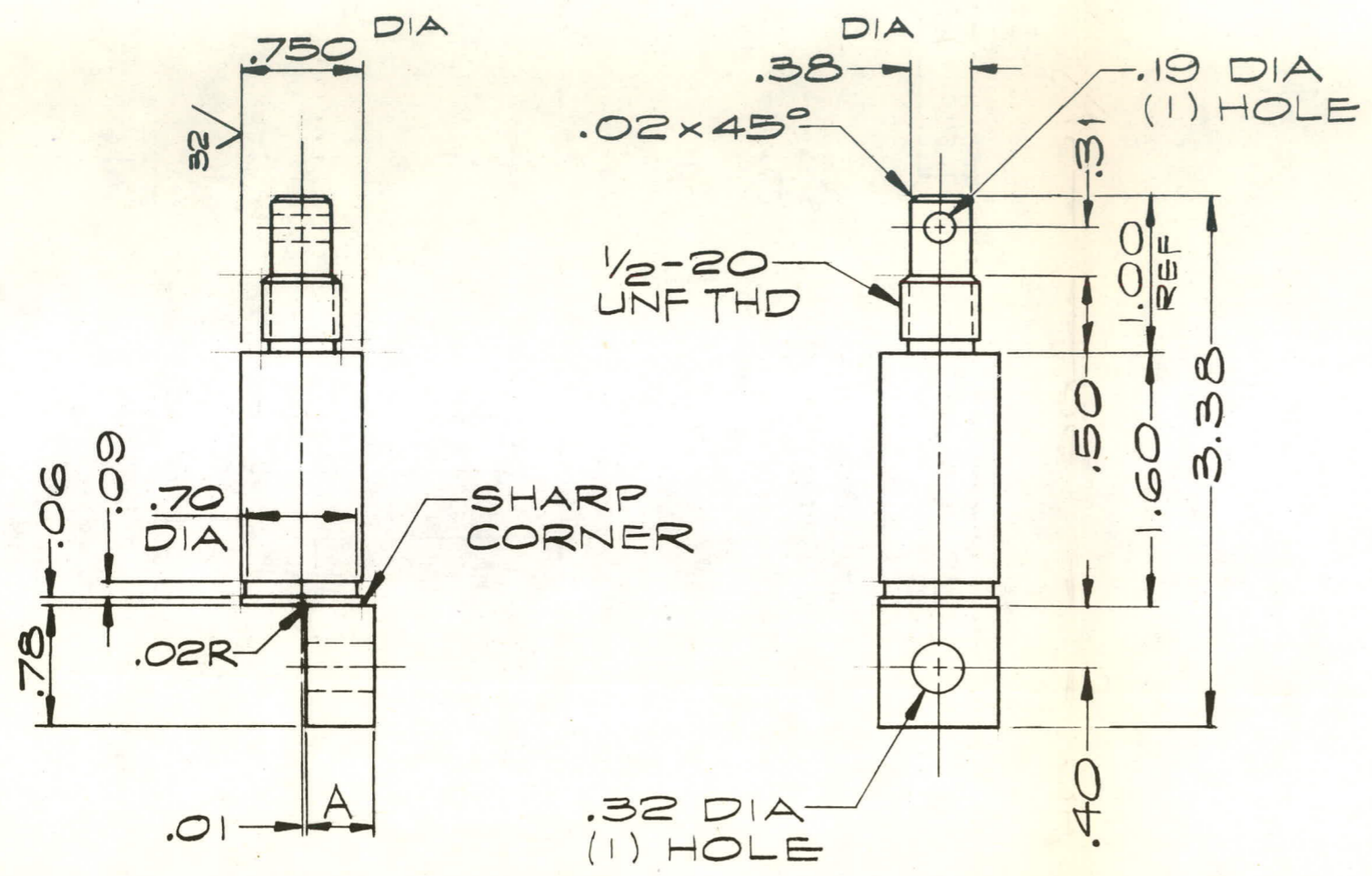


FIG NO.	PLATE GAP, MM	A $\pm .005$
1	1.5	.344
2	2.5	.422
3	3.5	.502

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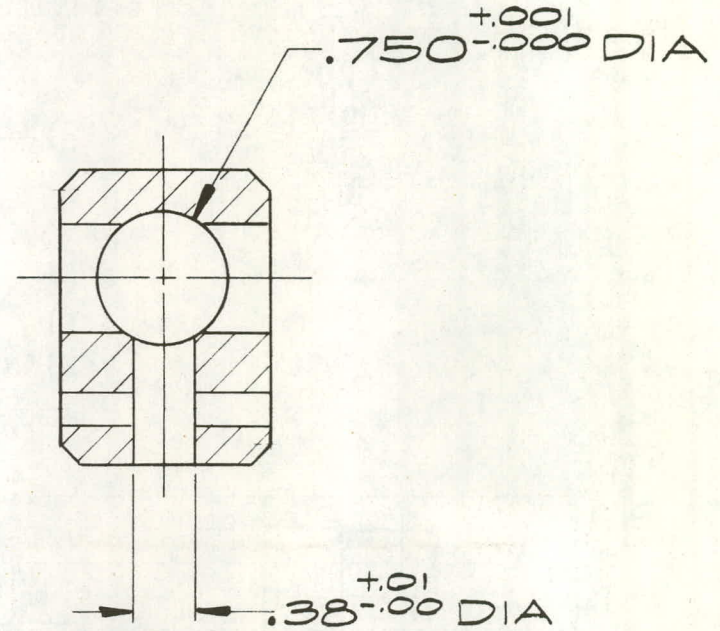
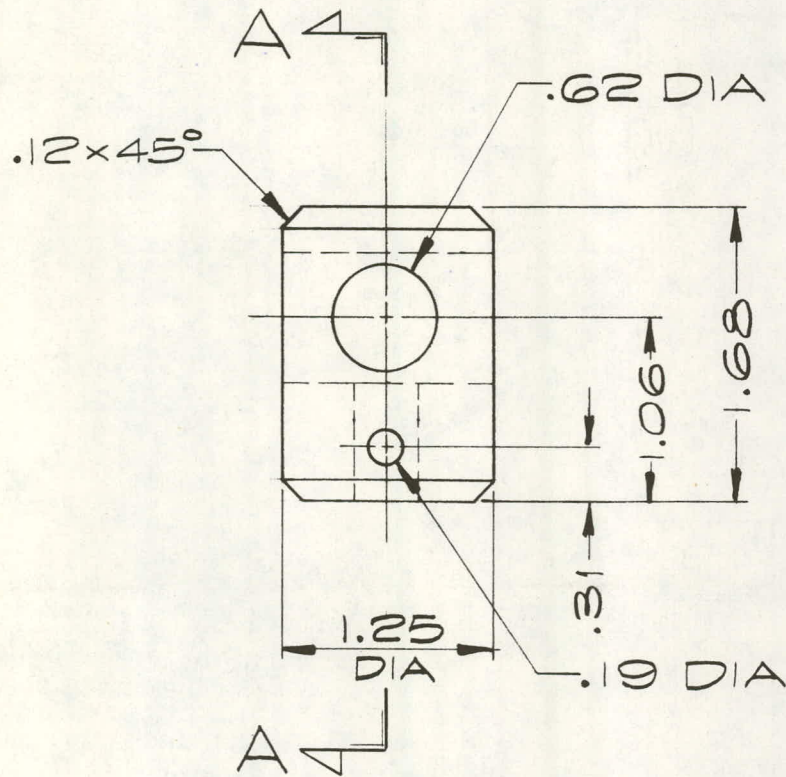
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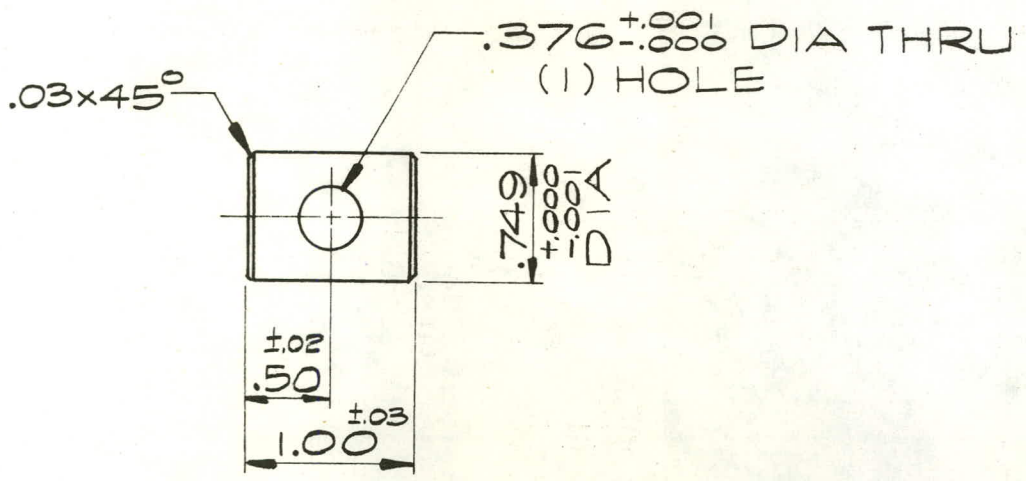
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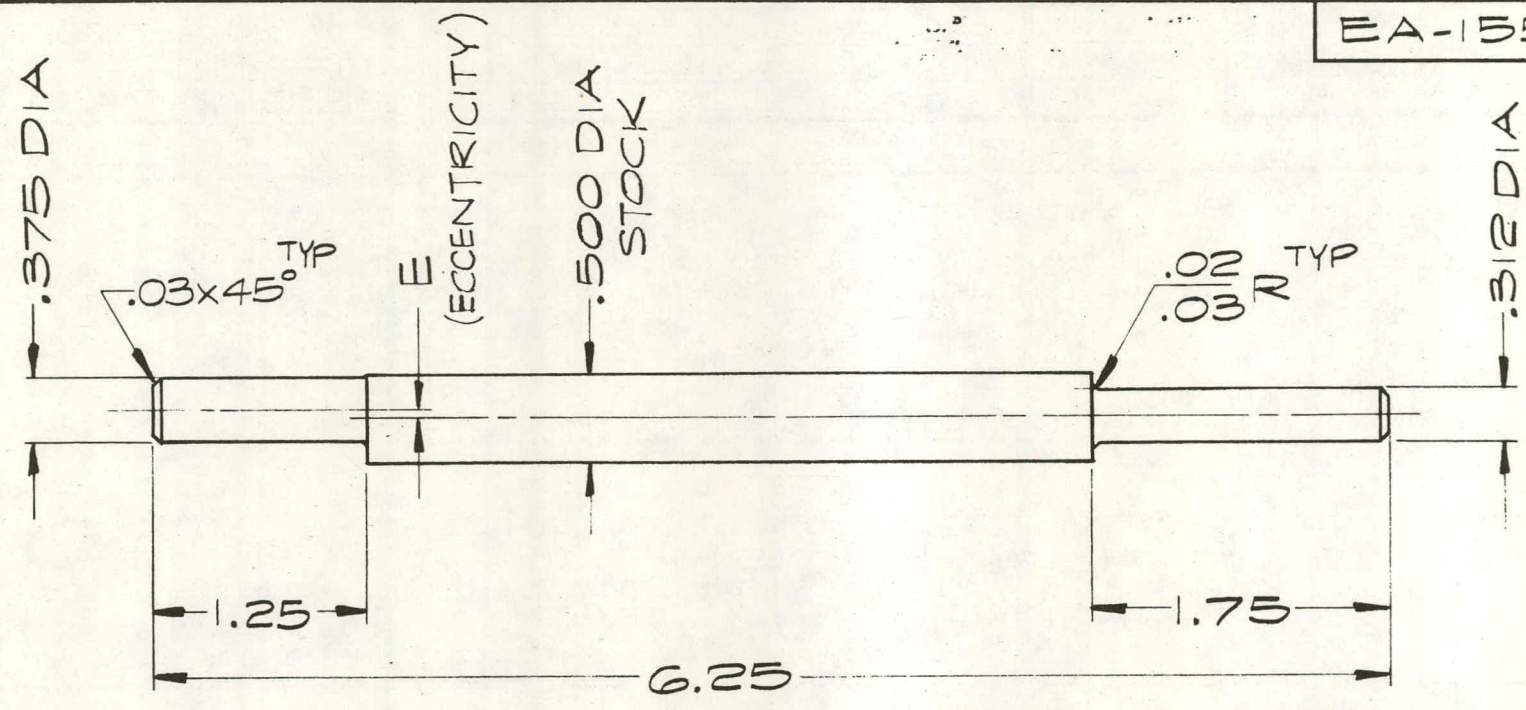
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FIG. NO.	E±.005
1	.035
2	.045
3	.060

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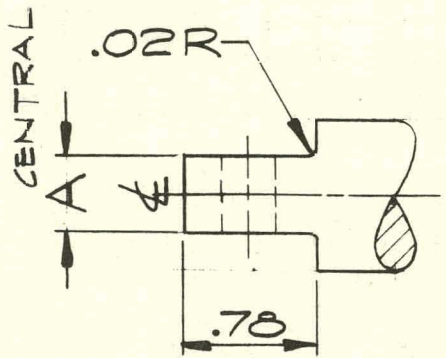
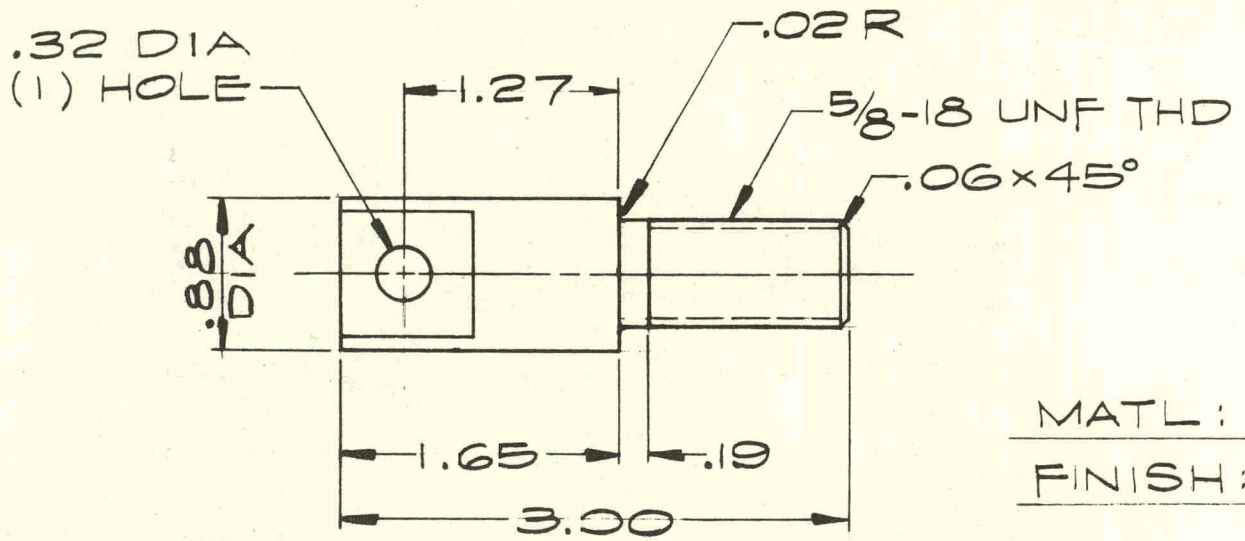


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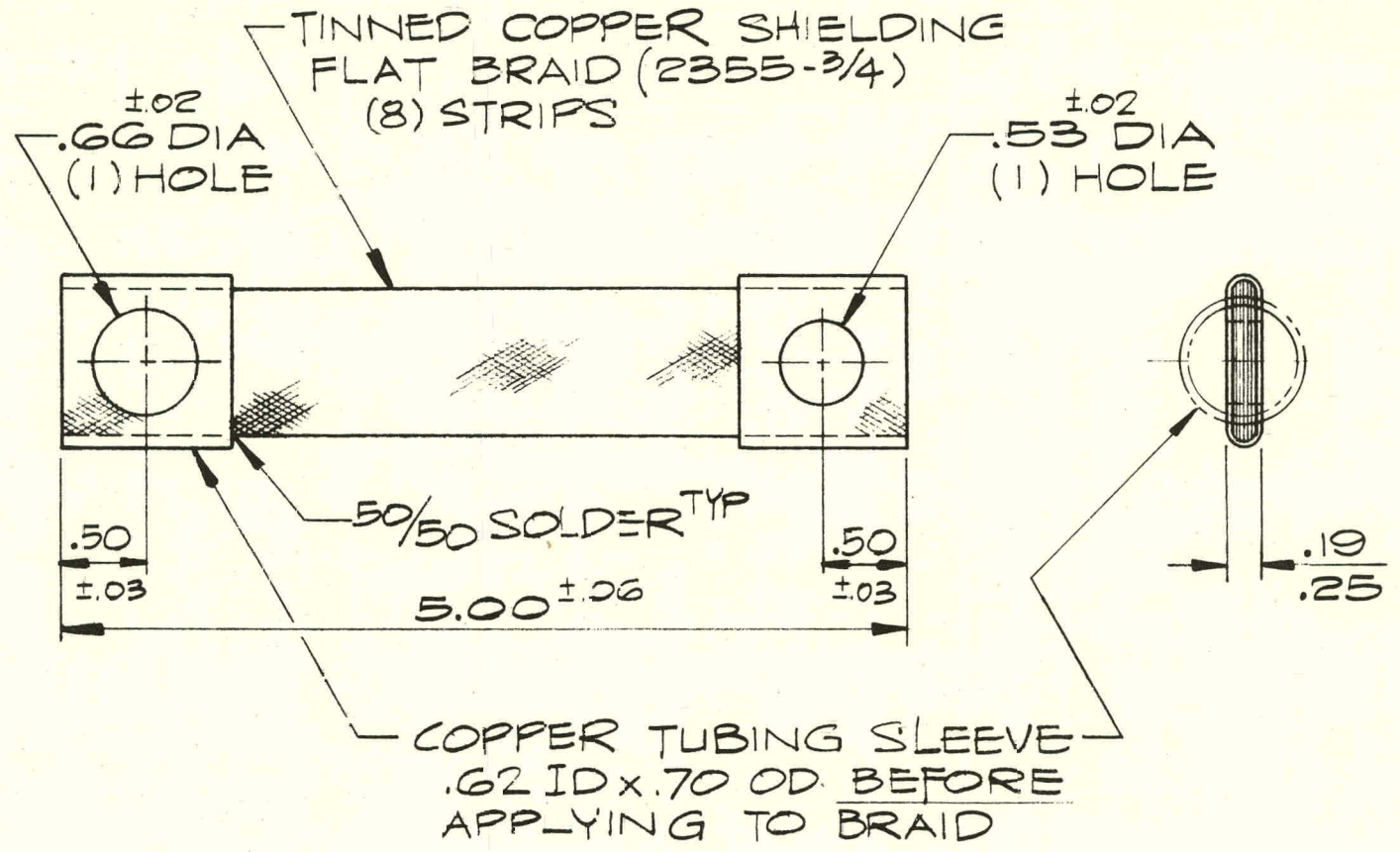
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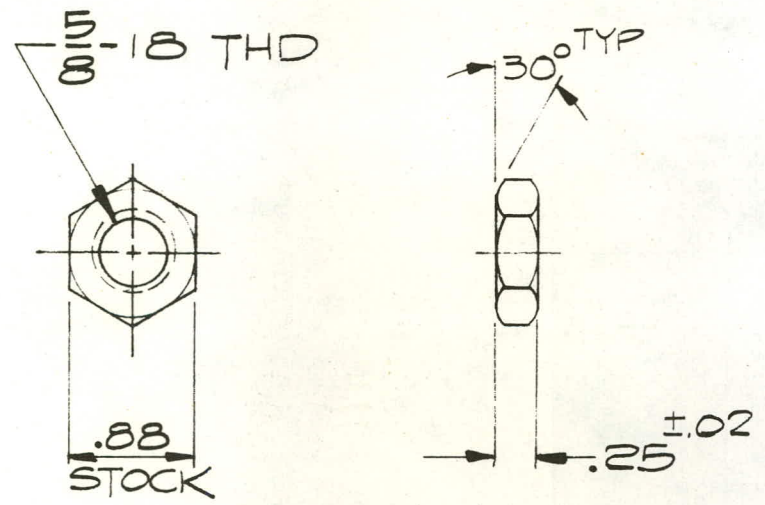
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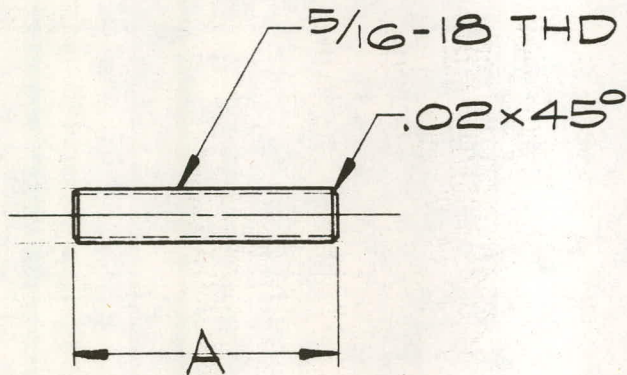
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FIG. NO.	PLATE GAP, MM	A ^{±.01}
1	1.5	1.30
2	2.5	1.55
3	2.5	3.27
4	3.5	1.78

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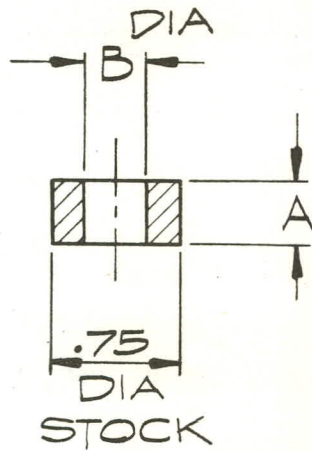


FIG. NO.	PLATE GAP, MM	A ±.005	B
1	1.5	.344	.32 .33
2	2.5	.422	
3	3.5	.502	.38 .39
4	1.5	.344	
5	2.5	.422	
6	3.5	.502	

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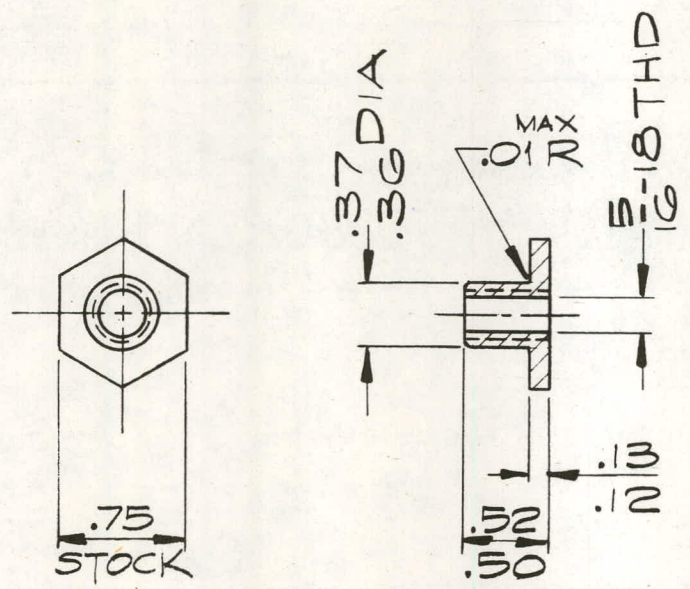
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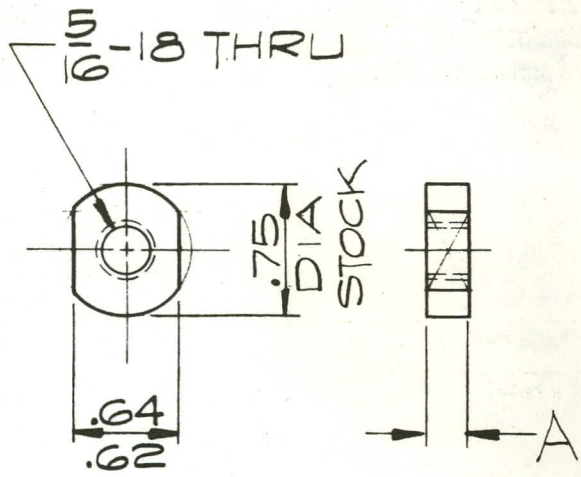


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3	3.5	.312

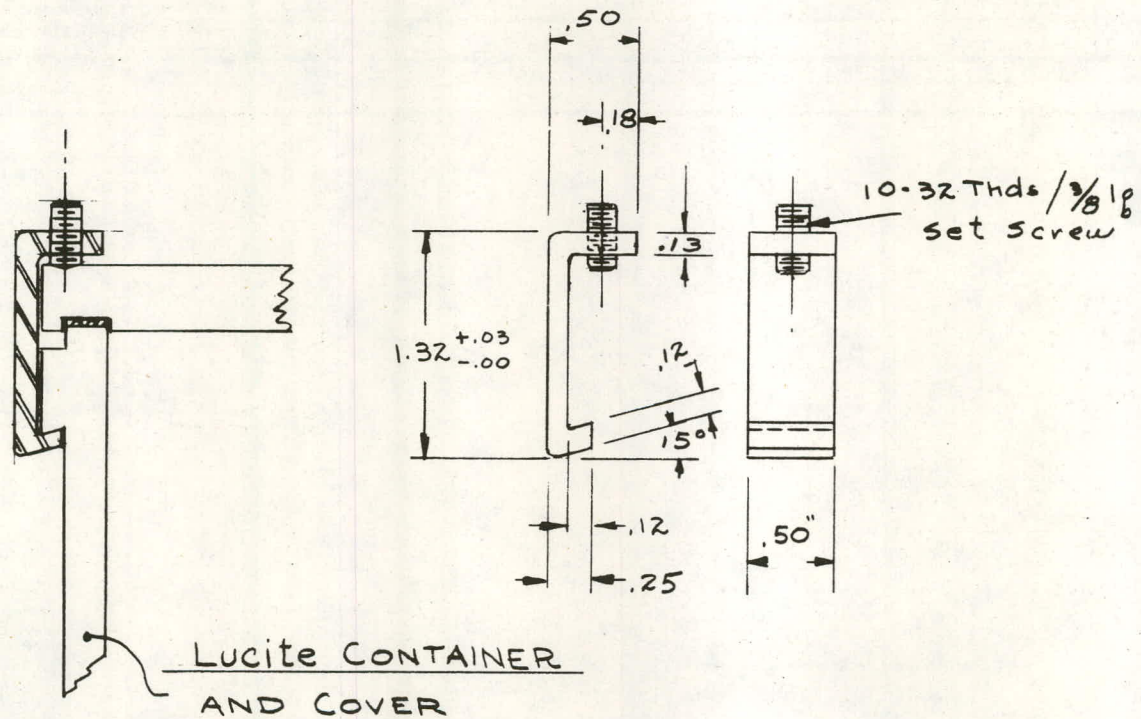
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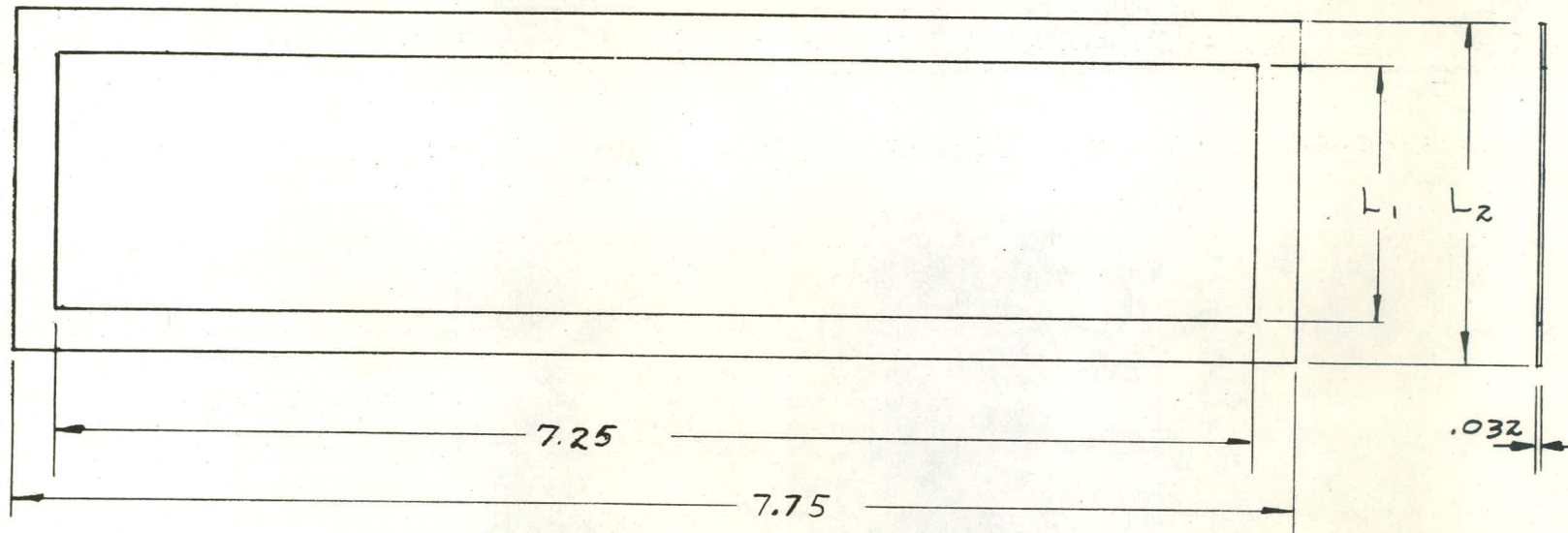


FIG	L ₁	L ₂	NO. OF PL & GAP. (MM)
1	1.32	1.82	7(1.5)
2	1.55	2.05	7(2.5)
3	1.79	2.29	7(3.5)
4	3.34	3.84	15(2.5)

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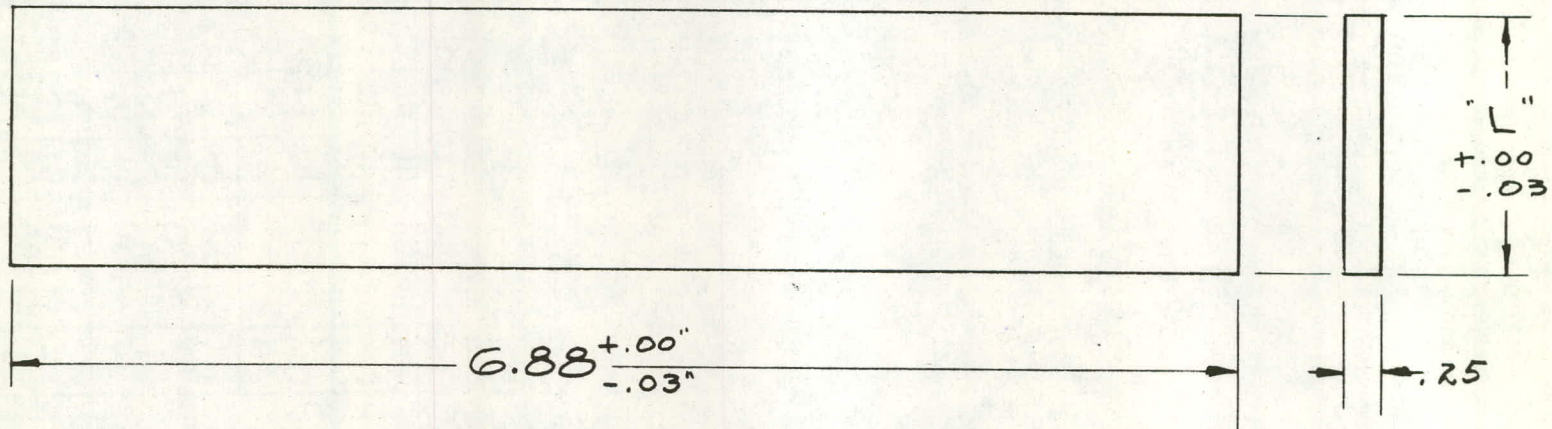
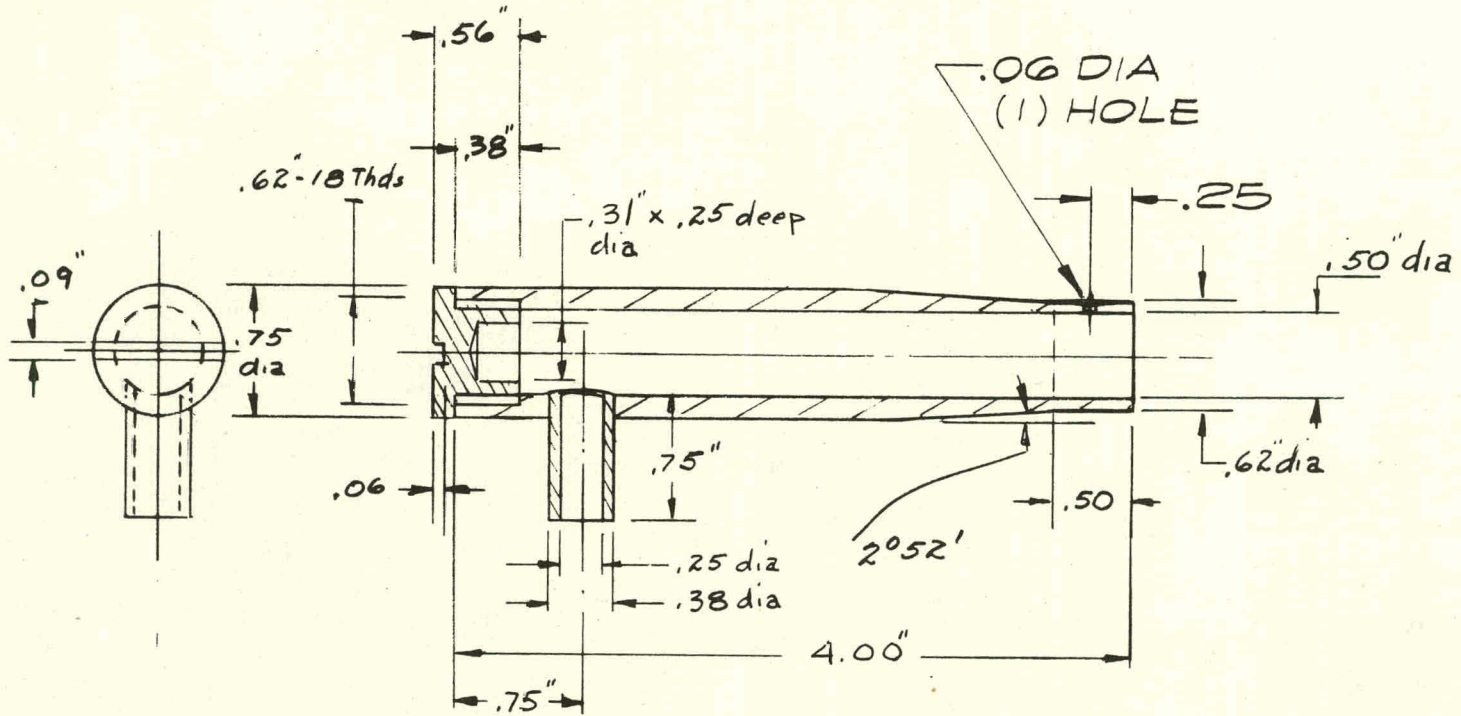



FIG	L ^{+0.00} / _{-0.03}	NO. OF PLATES AND GAP, (MM)
1	1.29	7 (1.5)
2	1.50	7 (2.5)
3	1.75	7 (3.5)
4	3.30	13 (2.5)

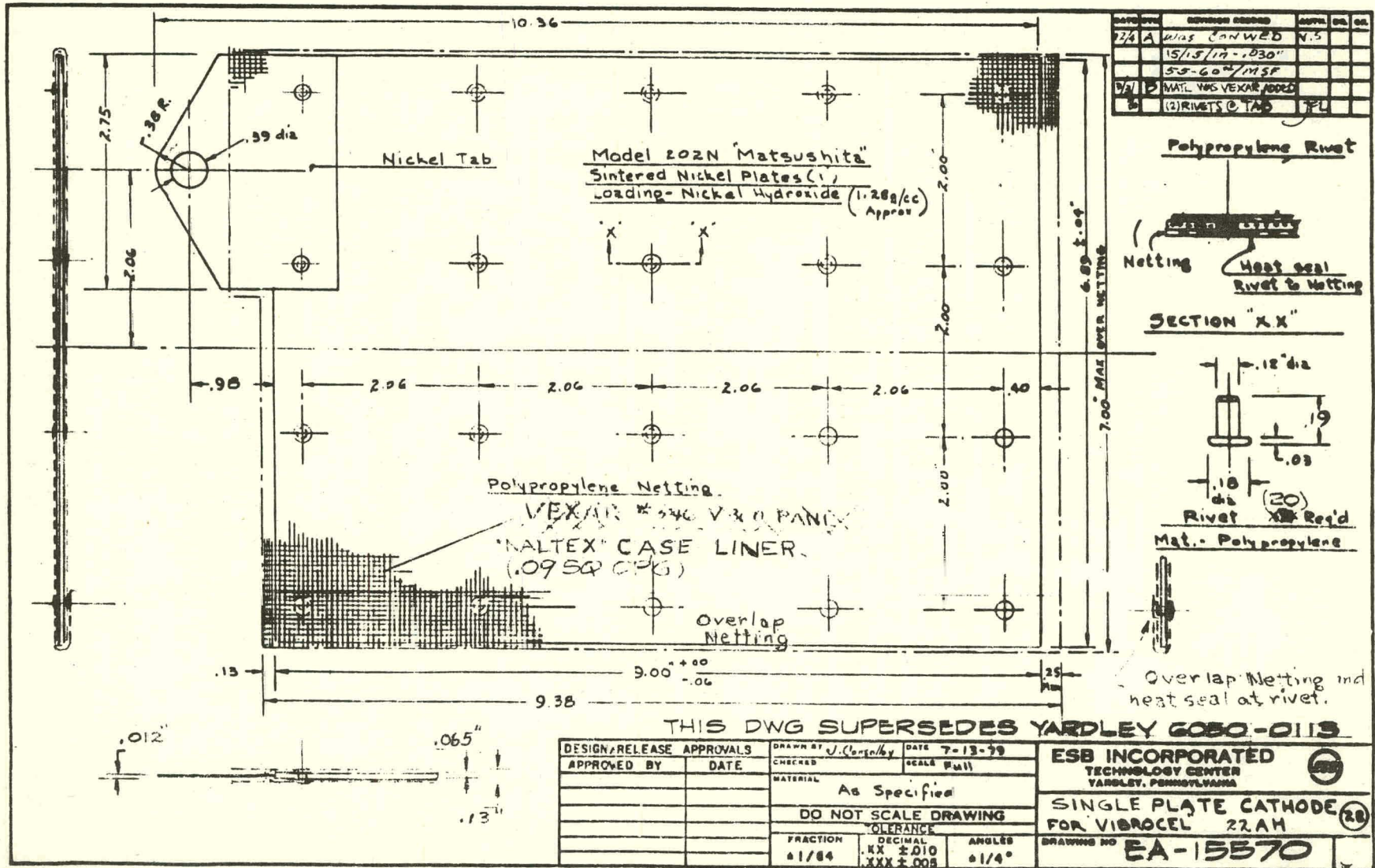
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