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## IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT

This report is part of a total effort to assist the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation in developing specifications for selecting and properly constructing fabric-reinforced overlays. The laboratory test results reported here show which properties of fabrics, tack coat, and fabric placement within the overlay contribute to a longer reflection cracking life of an overlay. These findings, when supplemented by the results of the field observations to be reported in a subsequent report, will form the basis for a set of specifications for selecting and placing fabrics.

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## SUMMARY

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The two fracture properties of the overlay material, A and n, are related to each other by the equation

$$n = a + b \log A$$

where  $\log A$  is always negative. The constants a and b depend upon the tack coat application rate.

The larger A and n become, the faster the crack will travel through the overlay. Thus, better fabrics will reduce A as far as possible. The tests indicate that A can be reduced by placing the fabric near the bottom of the overlay, rather than near the top, using heavier fabrics, and using higher tack coat rates.

Appendices to the report give a procedure for determining the optimum tack coat application rate, descriptions of the engineering fabrics used in the testing program, original test data, computer programs for test data reduction, and data reduction results.

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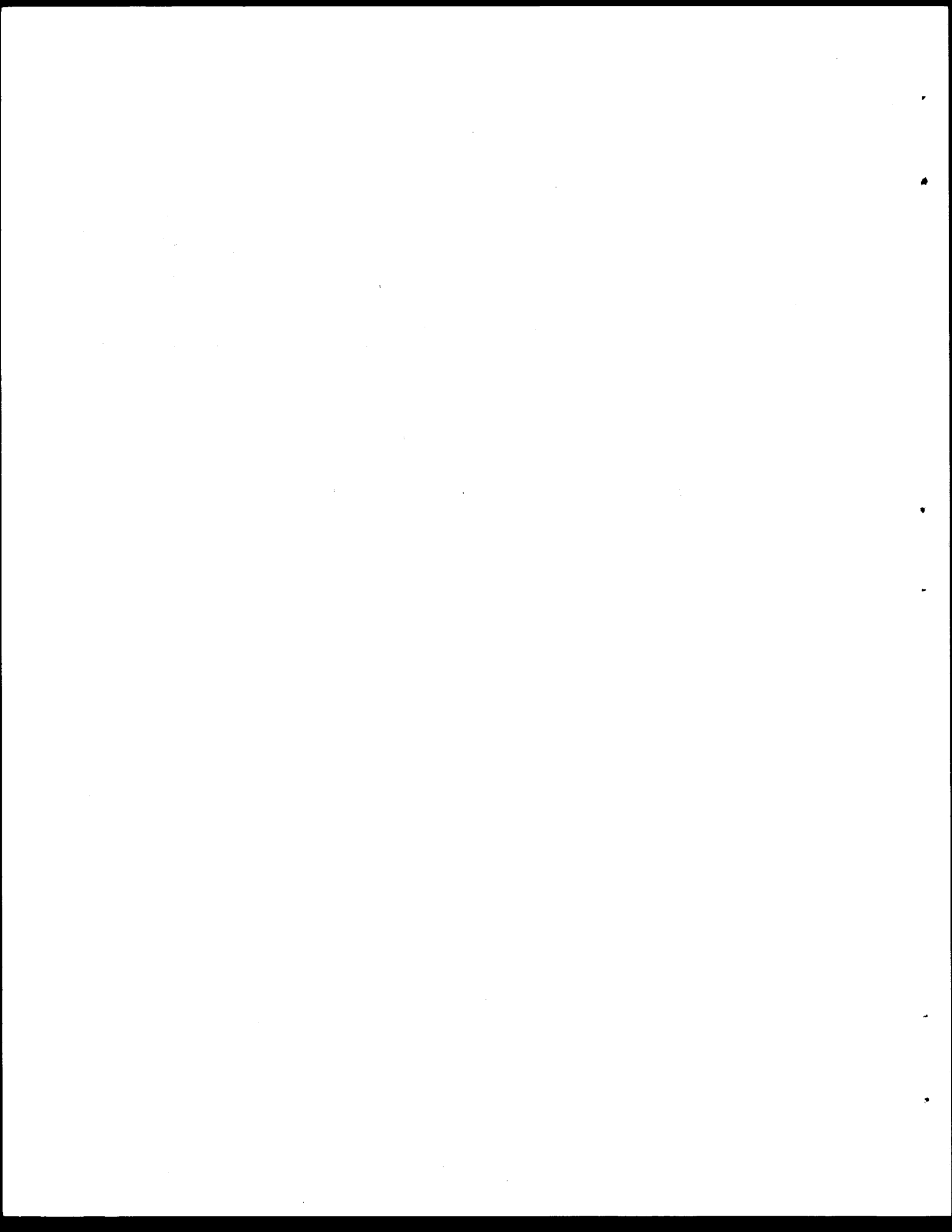
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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### Background

The primary objective of any pavement design is to provide a safe roadway with desirable ride performance characteristics. In addition, the design should extend these characteristics over a maximum useful life with a minimum of required maintenance (1). However, all pavements, whether rigid (portland cement concrete) or flexible (asphaltic concrete), require maintenance to keep them in the same, efficient operating condition. The type of maintenance required by a particular pavement depends upon the type and extent of distress the pavement is undergoing. Asphaltic concrete (bituminous) overlays are often the most economical method available to overcome a wide variety of defects in both rigid and flexible pavements (2).

An asphaltic concrete overlay is one or more courses or layers of asphalt construction placed and compacted on an existing pavement (3). The overlay often includes a "leveling course" of asphaltic concrete to correct the minor deformations of the old pavement (4). One or more uniformly thick layers of asphaltic concrete are then placed and compacted above the leveling course until the required overlay thickness is reached. A tack coat of asphalt cement is often applied to the old pavement surface prior to overlay construction. This tack coat is used to seal existing cracks and to ensure that a

good bond will develop between the old pavement and the new overlay (4).

When a pavement no longer adequately performs the functions for which it was designed, the application of an asphaltic concrete overlay is often used to extend its useful life. These overlays are used to: 1) restore smoothness to distorted pavements, 2) strengthen pavements which are too weak to adequately support traffic loads, 3) improve skid resistance of slippery pavements, and 4) prevent water intrusion into base or subgrade materials by sealing cracks and joints (1). When properly designed and constructed, a bituminous overlay can add many years of safe, efficient performance to the life of a pavement.

However, many pavements which are considered to be structurally sound after the construction of an overlay, prematurely exhibit a cracking pattern similar to that which existed in the old pavement. The cracking in the new overlay surface is due to the inability of the overlay to withstand shear and tensile stresses created by movements of the underlying pavement. This movement may be due to traffic loading causing differential deflections in the underlying pavement layers, expansion or contraction of subgrade soils, or expansion or contraction of the pavement itself due to changes in temperature. Pavement movement, induced by any of the above causes, creates shear or tensile stresses in the new overlay. When these stresses become greater than the shear or tensile strength of the asphaltic concrete, a crack develops in the new overlay. This propagation of an existing cracking pattern from the old pavement into and through a new overlay

is known as "reflection cracking" (5).

The occurrence of reflection cracking may take place several years after overlay construction or after only a few months. This form of cracking, together with its accompanying effects, is the primary cause of overlay deterioration. When reflection cracking occurs, the continuity of the overlay surface is destroyed, the structural strength of the pavement is decreased, and water is allowed to enter the pavement system, leading to further deterioration (6). Thus, the occurrence of reflection cracking prematurely shortens the useful life of asphalt overlays by extending the same problems which weakened the original pavement into the new overlay.

Fabrics reduce the amount of water that enters the sublayers of a pavement both by reinforcing and by undersealing the overlay. Reinforcing delays the appearance of the reflection cracking and reduces the width of cracks that develop. Undersealing may not prevent water from entering the pavement structure below the overlay but usually reduces the amount of water that penetrates into the sublayers.

Various engineering fabrics have been used in recent years to provide reinforcement and undersealing for overlays in attempting to prevent or delay the occurrence of reflection cracking and the subsequent penetration of water into the sublayers.

#### Causes of Reflection Cracking

Both traffic loads and temperature changes cause cracks in an old pavement to reflect through the overlay. Everytime a load passes over

a crack in the old pavement, three pulses of high stress concentrations occur at the tip of a crack as it grows up through the overlay, as illustrated in Figure 1. With each pulse of high stress concentration, the crack grows a little bit more. The first stress pulse that the crack feels is a maximum shear stress pulse shown as Point A in Figure 1. The second stress pulse is a maximum bending stress pulse shown at Point B in Figure 1. The third stress pulse is again a maximum shear stress pulse, except that it is in the opposite direction to the previous shear stress pulse. Also, because there is a void beneath the old surface course at this point, the maximum shearing stress at Point C is larger than at Point A. These stress pulses occur in a very short period of time, on the order of 0.05 seconds. The stiffness of the asphaltic concrete in the overlay and in the old pavement at these high loading rates is fairly high.

The change of temperature in an overlaid pavement can also cause a reflection crack to grow. The thermal stresses in the overlay are due to temperature changes at the surface as shown at Point A in Figure 2, and to the contraction and curling of the underlying old pavement surface as shown at Point B in the same figure. It is observed that thermal stresses can cause cracks to propagate both from the top and the bottom of the overlay. The contraction and curling of the old pavement surface layer applies a shear stress along the bottom of the overlay and produces a concentration of tensile stress at Point B. The change of temperature in a pavement occurs very slowly, over a period of several hours or even the major part of a day. The stiffness of the asphaltic concrete in the overlay and in the old

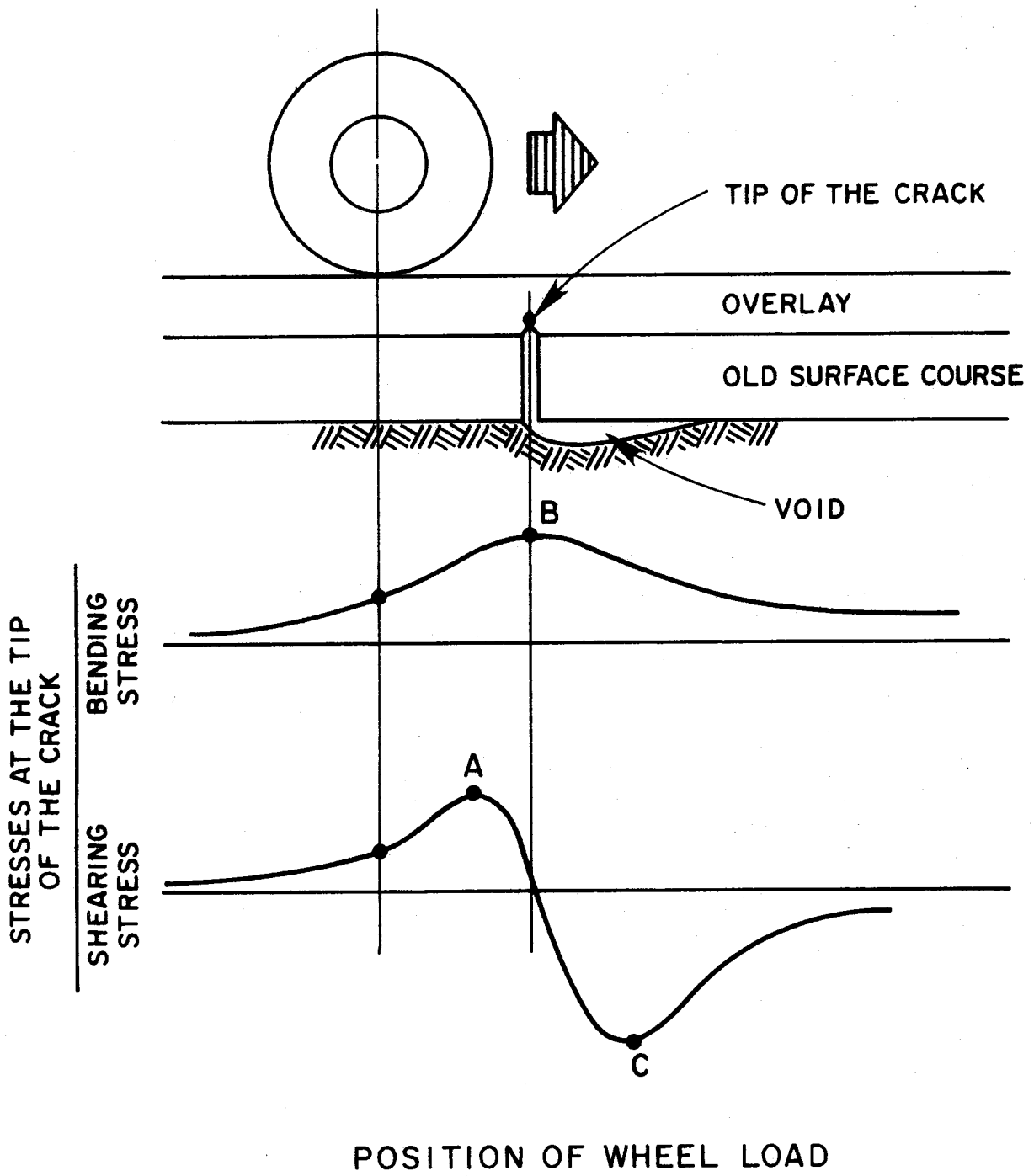


FIGURE 1. Stresses and Crack Growth in Overlays Due to Traffic

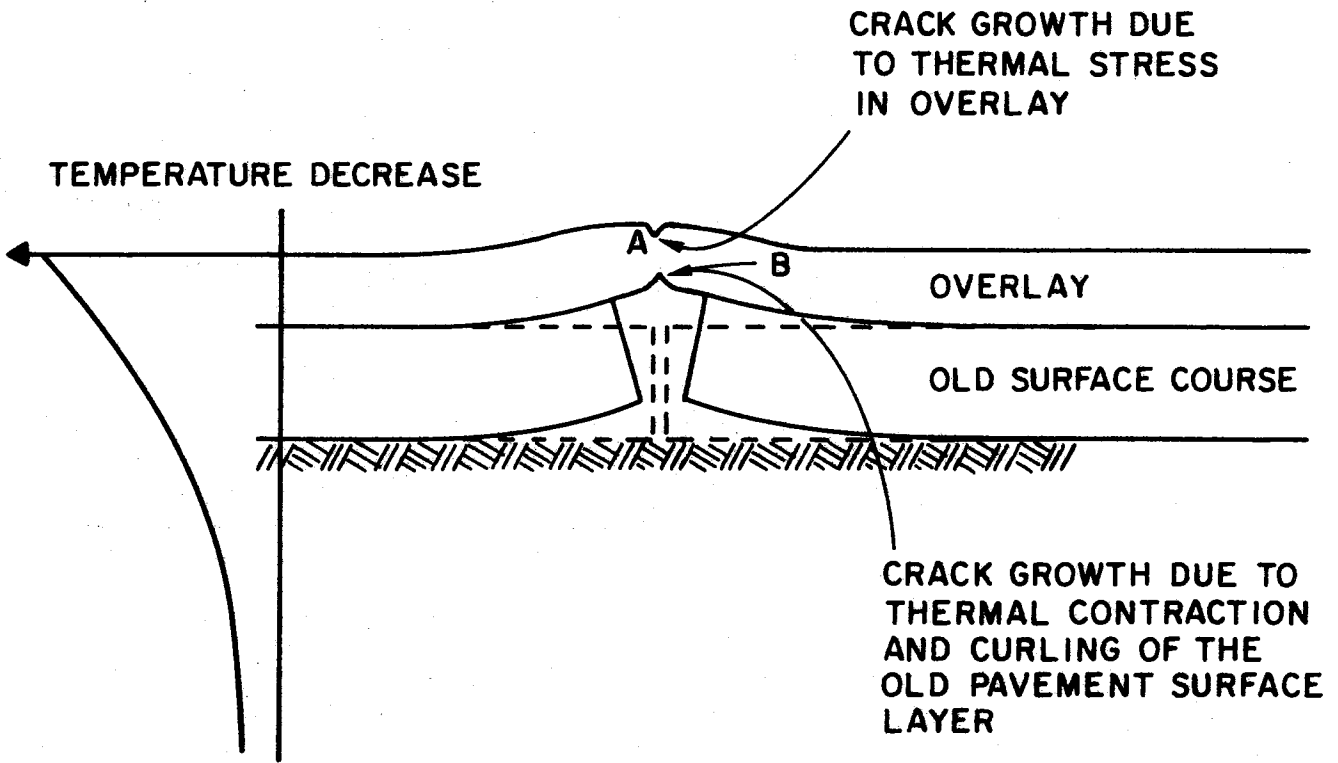


FIGURE 2. Temperature Changes and Consequent Crack Growth in Overlays



pavement is very low, as much as 1000 to 10,000 times lower than the modulus that these same materials exhibit under traffic loads.

Every time a load passes and every time the temperature decreases in an overlaid pavement the reflection crack grows a little more. The major hope that engineers have of retarding the growth of such reflection cracks is in the selection of the material properties of the overlay and of the fabrics that are used to reinforce it so as to reduce, as much as is possible, the growth of these cracks.

#### Testing Reflection Cracking Properties of Overlays

Because reflection cracking has a variety of contributing causes including traffic, temperature changes, and moisture changes in the base course and subgrade, and because the application of shear and tensile stresses to the overlay occurs at different rates and temperatures, it is difficult to devise a single laboratory test that will exactly duplicate the behavior of an overlay under field conditions. The Federal Highway Administration now has under contract a research project which is attempting to build, test, and verify the applicability of such a laboratory testing device. The test must be set up to simulate a single chosen field condition in which the traffic, crack spacing, temperature change in the underlying cracked pavement, subgrade stiffness, presence or absence of voids beneath the pavement surface, degree of aggregate interlock across the crack in the old pavement, overlay thickness, fabric position, weight, and tack coat application rate are specified. Because each of these affect the rate at which the reflection crack propagates through the overlay, the

extension of the test results to other field conditions requires a new test setup and a separate evaluation. The evaluation of the relative effectiveness of various fabrics at different positions within the overlay must be done on a project-by-project basis provided that all of the variables that are noted above can be specified and simulated in the testing apparatus.

There is an alternative to this approach which makes use of relatively simple tests, each of which determines the "fracture properties" of an overlay due to one of the three major means by which cracks propagate through the overlay: bending, shear, and contraction of the underlying pavement. The "fracture properties" are material properties of the overlay and depend upon the properties of the asphaltic concrete mixture, the fabric, its position within the overlay, and its tack coat application rate. The "fracture properties" for fracture due to bending, shear, and contraction are then put into a simple computer program along with data on traffic, daily temperature change, crack spacing and overlay thickness to calculate the number of load applications and temperature cycles that a given overlay can withstand. The advantage of this approach is that more of the simple tests can be made for each mode of fracture separately to permit a more careful investigation of the best fabric properties and positions within an overlay and the best tack coat application rate to reduce as much as possible the rate of crack growth through an overlay. These tests can show more clearly the contribution of the fabric to the retardation of reflection cracks in each fracture mode separately and can lead more directly to rules,

guidelines and specification limits on the use and application of fabrics in overlays. This is the alternative that has been adopted by the Texas Transportation Institute with the assumption that the fracture properties due to bending and shear are the same.

A computer program has been written and transmitted to the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in a technical memorandum dated October 11, 1982 which can take "fracture properties" as measured in the beam fatigue and overlay tester laboratory testing devices and can predict how long a specific overlay will last under specified traffic and daily temperature changes. This report documents the measurement of the "fracture properties" of overlays that have been reinforced with a variety of fabrics, in different positions, and with different tack coat application rates.

The results of only one type of test are presented in this report, and that is the overlay tester. The device was built to simulate the contraction in an old pavement due to temperature changes. Tests are normally run at room temperature (77°F or 25°C) and at a load cycle rate of one every 10 seconds. The modulus of the overlay material that is produced at this temperature and loading rate is similar to what is produced by thermal contraction over a six-hour period at temperatures around 20° to 25°F (-7° to -4°C).

This test is used alone because it is against this type of movement that fabrics are most effective. The test is simple, reliable and repeatable. As will be seen in the remainder of this report, much can be learned from a careful study of the test data of the reasons why fabrics are effective in reinforcing overlays.

### Purpose

The general purpose of this study is to develop the information necessary to evaluate the relative effectiveness of commercially available engineering fabrics in correcting the types of pavement distress caused by thermally induced reflection cracking of bituminous overlays. Evaluation of the test data will also aid in the development of realistic specification limits for the use of engineering fabrics in bituminous overlay construction.

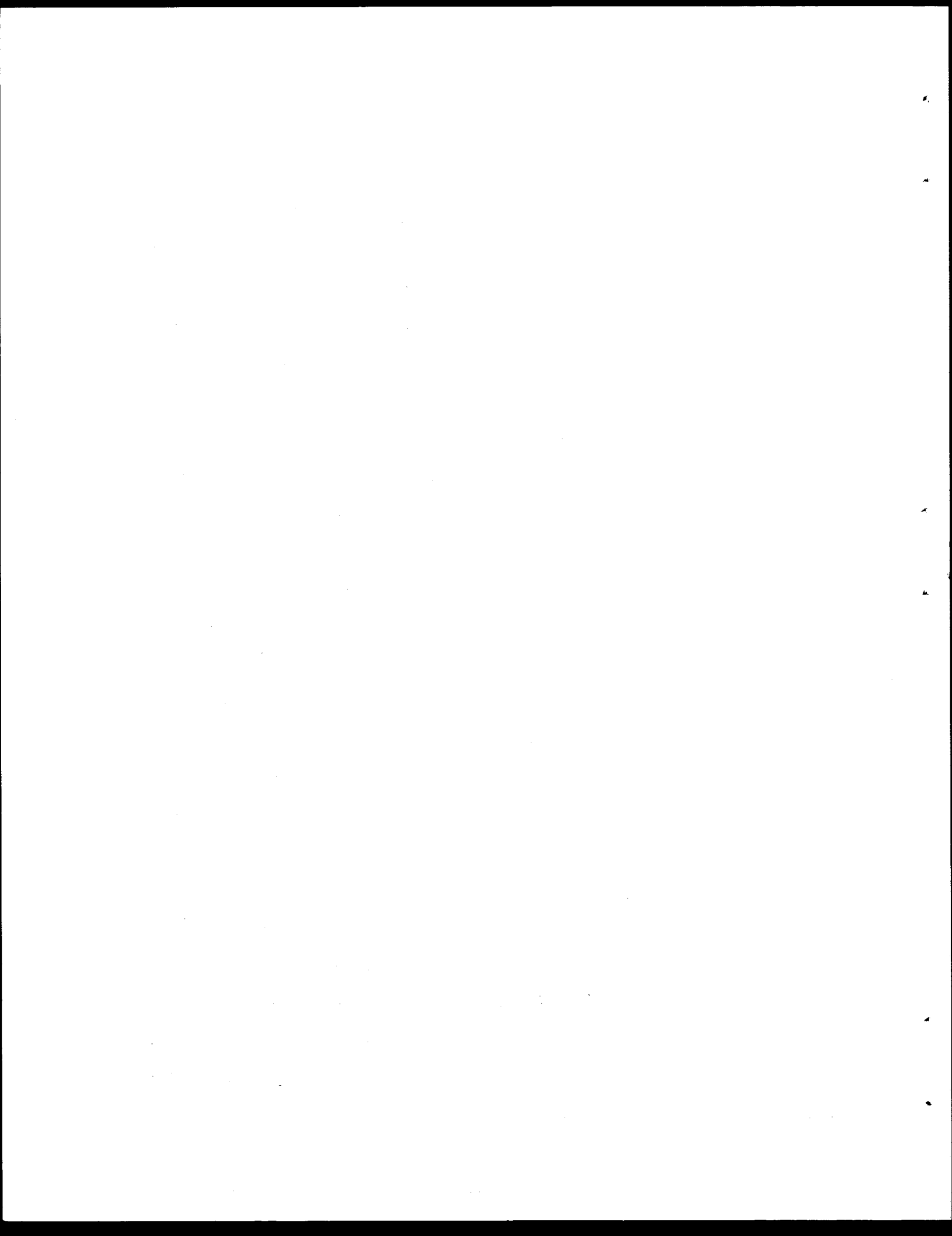
### Specific Objectives

The specific major objectives of this study are as follows:

1. To obtain representative samples of engineering fabrics currently being used in overlay construction.
2. To determine the amount of asphalt required to saturate each of the fabric types.
3. To prepare and test laboratory samples of fabric reinforced asphaltic concrete for resistance to reflection cracking stresses.
4. To analyze the test data and determine the relative effectiveness of each of the engineering fabrics in delaying reflection cracking.
5. To evaluate the effect of fabric location and tack coat rate in delaying reflection cracking.
6. To determine those fabric material properties that have the greatest effect on overlay performance.

## Scope of the Investigation

This study examines the use of six commercially available engineering fabrics purported to reduce and/or delay the occurrence of reflection cracking in bituminous overlays. Three tack coat rates and two fabric locations within the overlay were used for each fabric type examined. (Appendix D describes the procedure used to determine the various tack coat rates.) A dense graded asphaltic concrete composed of a river gravel and 3.8 percent AC-10 asphalt (by weight of aggregate) was used to construct the overlay test samples. (Appendix C describes the sample construction procedure.) All the samples were tested on a special fatigue testing apparatus known as the "TTI Overlay Tester" which was designed to model displacements caused by the thermal stresses resulting from cyclic variation of the ambient temperature. In this testing device, the alternate expansion and contraction of the existing pavement structure is simulated by a horizontal, oscillatory motion of two platens on which the sample is mounted. The maximum opening width between the platens is limited only by the stroke of the loading ram, which may be several inches, depending upon the choice of ram. In the test series reported here, a constant crack opening width of 0.070 in. was used primarily to provide a testing period of one to four hours. However, it is a practical opening width as well since it corresponds to a thermally-induced displacement which occurs in a portland cement concrete pavement, with 15 foot joint spacings, as it undergoes a 60°F change in temperature. Information recorded during each test has been used to determine the relative effectiveness of the various overlay designs as reflection crack retarders.



## CHAPTER II

### REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

#### General

Before entering into a description of the overlay tester and its test results, it is considered opportune to describe some of the results of field trials that have been tried by other agencies than the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation of methods that are intended to retard reflection cracking. As a consequence, an extensive review of the literature was conducted and the results are presented in this chapter.

A wide variety of methods and materials designed to reduce and/or delay the occurrence of reflection cracking have been employed in the past with varying degrees of success. These attempts to reduce reflection cracking may be grouped into four general classifications: (a) increased thickness of the asphaltic concrete overlay, (b) special treatment of the existing pavement, (c) treatment of existing cracks and joints, and (d) special consideration of the asphaltic concrete overlay design (7, 8, 9, 10). Most of these methods are not well suited to laboratory test procedures, and consequently the majority of reflection crack investigations to date have concentrated on field experimentations.

#### Results of Field Trials

Various experimental efforts in each of the four categories

listed above have proven successful to some degree in eliminating, reducing, or delaying reflection cracking. Each of these are discussed in detail below.

#### Thick Overlays

Though asphaltic concrete overlays are sometimes designed to add structural strength to a pavement system, they are most often used to correct surface deformations, provide skid resistance, or prevent water intrusion into existing cracks or joints. Consequently, overlays are generally relatively thin layers of asphaltic concrete - less than three inches thick. Attempts to delay reflection cracking by increasing the overlay thickness have proved to be only partially successful. In general, increases in overlay thickness have been found to significantly delay the occurrence of reflection cracking only when the overlay thickness is sufficient to significantly increase the structural strength of the pavement (generally four inches or more in thickness) (10).

The delay or reduction in reflection cracking of "thick" overlays is due to: (a) the additional material the crack must propagate through, (b) the increased structural strength of the pavement provided by the overlay, and (c) the protection against asphalt aging in lower levels of the cross section provided by the increased thickness. The maximum strain in a new overlay, due to movement of the old pavement, occurs at the pavement - overlay interface. The strain then decreases through the height of the overlay to a point where it may become zero. The decrease in strain depends on the



plasticity of the overlay - the more plastic the asphaltic concrete, the more rapid is the reduction in strain. If there is enough material above the zero point, the effects of crack movement in the old pavement will not be evident in the new overlay. However, if there is insufficient thickness of material, the tensile stresses will become apparent at the surface of the overlay and if these stresses exceed the tensile strength of the material, the overlay will rupture.

The addition of a "thick" overlay to structurally weak pavements may provide sufficient additional strength to support traffic loads, thereby reducing or eliminating load-induced displacements of the old pavement. This reduction in pavement movement leads to a corresponding decrease in load-induced reflection cracking. In addition, the lower levels of the cross section are less exposed to embrittling agents than the upper surface. Exposure to the elements causes aging and embrittlement of the asphalt, resulting in a loss of resilience. With advancing age of the bituminous overlay, there is increasing embrittlement and less tolerance of movements in the existing pavement (8, 10). A state is eventually reached where the overlay is no longer flexible enough to resist pavement movements, and cracks begin to reflect upward from the lower levels to the top of the overlay. In "thick" overlays, this process is delayed and therefore the rate of reflection cracking is reduced (10).

#### Treatment of Existing Pavement

Modification of existing pavements as a method of preventing reflection cracking has included breaking of the existing pavement to

destroy the cracking pattern and the addition of thick layers of crushed stone (8, 9, 10, 11). Breaking of portland cement concrete pavements is generally accomplished by means of heavy roller and/or a truck mounted impact hammer. The broken pavement is then left in place, seated with a roller, and a relatively thick bituminous overlay is then applied. The fractured original pavement then acts as a base course with large voids, thus eliminating the original cracks and construction joints. Reductions in reflection cracking may be due to improved seating of the original pavement and the elimination of existing cracking patterns. With other conditions remaining the same, reflection cracking above the broken pavement is reduced with increased thicknesses of the bituminous overlay (10, 12). This method has proved to be partially successful, particularly where the original rigid pavement is poorly seated, but is very costly and time consuming.

The addition of an interlayer consisting of large size aggregate (up to four inches) prior to the placement of a bituminous overlay has become known as the Arkansas method (10). The crushed stone is applied directly to the existing pavement in a layer 4 to 6 inches thick and is then seated with a roller. A dense-graded asphaltic leveling course is then applied and this is followed by an asphaltic surface course. Total pavement thicknesses of as much as 10 inches are not uncommon with this method. Reductions in reflection cracking in the Arkansas overlays may be attributed primarily to the increased thickness of the pavement and the fact that they are installed over pavements that have been in operation for some time (10). The

Asphalt Institute describes a similar construction procedure which it claims is an effective means of combating reflection cracking (13). This method, though generally effective, is much more expensive than a normal overlay due to the large quantities of crushed stone and asphalt required and the extensive construction involved.

Heater scarification of badly cracked bituminous pavement surfaces has also been used to eliminate the existing cracking pattern in various attempts to reduce reflection cracking (1, 10). This method is most often used when the asphalt in the pavement has aged to a very brittle state, making it practically non-effective for flexible service over a wide range of temperatures. The existing pavement is usually scarified to a depth of about 3/4 inch, and this material is then treated with an asphalt emulsion or other rejuvenating agent designed to combine with the original asphalt and restore the material's flexibility. After application of the rejuvenating agent, the scarified material is then recompact and the overlay is applied and compacted. Heater scarification is used prior to overlay construction as a means of eliminating existing cracking patterns, restoring flexibility to aged and brittle pavements, and creating a positive and effective bond between the old pavement and the new overlay. This method has been used successfully on both airfield and highway pavements. The Arizona Department of Transportation concluded that this method was the most effective means of retarding the appearance of reflection cracks of twenty different pavement treatments tested (1).

A method somewhat similar to heater scarification utilizes

pulverization of the existing bituminous pavement and addition of a rejuvenating agent to remove the existing cracking pattern and restore flexibility to the pavement surface. A field trial conducted by the Vermont Department of Highways utilized this method to rehabilitate a section of aged, badly cracked bituminous pavement. Preliminary results indicated that pulverization is a viable alternative for the rehabilitation of distressed pavements and that it should help delay the occurrence of reflection cracking in bituminous overlays placed over these pavements (14). Similar results were found in field tests conducted in Ontario, Canada (15).

#### Treatment of Existing Cracks and Joints

Treatment of the existing cracks and joints in pavements prior to overlay construction has had limited success in reducing reflection cracking in various field trials (8, 10, 11, 16). The larger cracks are generally cleaned of all foreign matter and are then sealed with a compressible material. Various types of bond breaking agents have been applied in narrow strips along either side of the cracks in an attempt to reduce the strains developed in an overlay by movement of the underlying pavement. Bond breaking agents have included materials such as: sheet metal, saturated building paper, aluminum foil, wax paper, stone dust, and agricultural lime (10, 11, 17).

The application of these bond breaking agents creates a narrow area on either side of a crack where the overlay does not bond to the old pavement. This is thought to reduce the stresses in the overlay caused by movements of the old pavement. The strain produced in the

overlay is spread over a wider area due to the absence of bond between the two pavement layers. This has resulted in the occurrence of numerous small cracks rather than a single large reflective crack in some field trials (10). Although the use of bond breaking agents has effectively reduced reflection cracking in some field trials, their use is not widespread at the present time. Construction difficulties, concern over possible lateral dislodgement of the overlay due to horizontal shearing forces created during braking, and the introduction of other stress relieving interlayers has reduced the use of the above mentioned bond breaking agents.

#### Modified Overlay Design

One rapidly developing area of reflection crack retardation study involves the modification of the overlay material properties. Since the environmental and load induced forces causing movement in the old pavements (and therefore reflection cracking in the new overlay) cannot be controlled, research efforts have been directed toward developing overlays that are more tolerant of pavement strains. Traditional methods of design modification have utilized "softer" asphalts or increased asphalt content. However, undesirable effects such as reduced stability and a tendency toward "bleeding" have prevented these methods from becoming general cures for the reflection cracking problem (10). This has led to pavement design and construction techniques which incorporate various types of additives and reinforcement or stress relieving interlayers in the bituminous overlays.

Rubber asphalt is a type of asphaltic concrete which includes "crumbs" (approximately No. 30 sieve size) of ground tire rubber. These crumbs are added to the hot asphalt and mixed with it prior to placement and compaction. The particles of ground rubber add ductility and resilience to the pavement mixture. This overlay design has proved effective in reducing both fatigue and reflection cracking (1, 8, 10). "Rubberized" asphalt has also been used to add ductility to chip seal coats. Reflection cracks through these asphalt mixes are generally fewer in number and smaller in size than reflective cracks through similar nonrubberized asphalt layers. This reduction in reflection cracking is generally attributed to the increased ductility, resilience and toughness of the mixture produced by the addition of ground rubber. This change in material properties permits greater movement of the original pavement without exceeding the rupture strength of the new overlay (10).

The addition of various types of reinforcing materials to bituminous overlays has been used for years in attempts to increase the tensile strength of overlays and make them less susceptible to reflection cracking. Early field trials employed steel reinforcing in the form of welded wire fabric or expanded metal mesh. Reinforcement of this type is typically delivered in rolls of suitable width, placed over the pavement to be overlaid, tensioned, and then anchored in place. The asphaltic concrete is then placed and compacted by conventional means. In many cases the overlay consists of two or more courses of material and the reinforcement is placed about midway within the overlay. Field trials utilizing steel reinforcement have

shown conflicting results (1, 10, 15, 18, 19). Due to the marginal benefit derived from this type of reinforcement, numerous construction problems and increasing material and installation costs, the use of steel reinforcement in bituminous overlays has declined sharply in recent years.

Synthetic fibers, manufactured from polypropylene or polyester, are a relatively new form of reinforcement for asphaltic concrete. (In the past, asbestos fibers have been used as reinforcement, but due primarily to health hazards, they are no longer in use for this purpose). The fibers are added in small percentages during the mixing process. Conventional equipment is then used to place and compact the overlay. Since the fibers absorb some asphalt during the mixing operation, asphalt quantities must be greater than normal. Increases in ductility and tensile strength of pavements containing fiber reinforcement are probably due to the increased asphalt content of the composite material and the ability of the individual fibers to withstand small tensile loads. Though experimentation with fiber reinforcement is relatively new and incomplete, some promising results have been obtained thus far (10, 20).

A tremendous effort is currently underway to utilize various types of synthetic fabrics as reflection crack arrestors. These petrochemically derived "engineering" fabrics consist of various combinations of polyester, polypropylene, and nylon and may be either woven or non-woven. In general, these fabrics are nonbiodegradable and biologically and chemically resistant, as well as being resistant to rot, mold, and mildew (21). Historically, engineering fabrics

have been used very successfully for other engineering applications such as subgrade restraint, embankment stabilization, erosion control and water proofing (10, 21).

Since their introduction into the construction field in the mid 1960's, the use of engineering fabrics has increased tremendously - from less than one million square yards of fabric being used in 1969 to an anticipated total of more than forty million square yards in 1980 (21). Their application as a reinforcing material to increase the tensile strength of bituminous overlays and to reduce reflection cracking is a relatively recent utilization of these materials (10, 21, 22). When installed in a bituminous overlay (in combination with a tack coat of asphalt cement), these fabrics act as reinforcement to retard cracking and as a waterproofing agent to prevent water intrusion through those cracks that do form. These fabrics have also been installed directly over old pavements prior to overlay construction to act as waterproofing underseals and stress relieving interlayers.

The present status of nationwide usage of engineering fabrics as a reinforcing material for bituminous overlays varies from a few agencies who utilize these fabrics in standard maintenance procedures to those who have not yet constructed their first experimental facility. The Federal Highway Administration has been very active in sponsoring field evaluation tests of the various engineering fabrics in cooperation with interested state agencies. Experimental field trials have been initiated in over twenty states from Maine to Texas and from South Carolina to California (10, 23, 24).



Reproducibility of the field test results is difficult to achieve due to insufficient monitoring of the many variables.

In spite of this lack of definitive, reproducible results, it does appear that the use of engineering fabrics is useful in extending the service life of bituminous overlays in many cases (7, 8, 10, 25, 26). In addition to retarding or reducing reflection cracking, the asphalt impregnated fabrics may also be helpful in reducing the amount of water intrusion (through those cracks which do reflect through the overlay) into the underlying pavement layers (7, 25). This exclusion of surface water, together with good drainage capable of preventing prolonged internal flooding is well recognized as one of the most effective means of ensuring long, trouble-free service of highway systems (27).

These field trials are generally conducted by highway agency personnel who are primarily concerned with solving problems associated with fabric installation. Therefore, many reports of field trials utilizing engineering fabrics deal primarily with installation problems and procedures and only secondarily with preexisting conditions and variables that may affect the performance of the installation (28, 29, 30, 31). Efforts are being made by some agencies to develop standardized installation procedures as well as fabric specifications that will help correct some of the installation problems that have occurred to date (32). Although these specifications do not include criteria directed at reducing reflection cracking, some unproven manufacturer's standards purport to address this problem (10, 33).

## Results of Laboratory Testing

The bulk of experimentation dealing with reflection cracking in bituminous overlays has been conducted on test sections in the field rather than on laboratory prepared specimens. This is due primarily to the complexity of the reflection cracking phenomenon and the extreme variability of those factors influencing cracking. Also, most of the standard laboratory tests which are designed to evaluate the physical properties of construction materials are not sufficient to determine the effectiveness of various composite materials as reflection crack arrestors.

Due to the complex nature of experimentation involving the propagation of reflection cracks through a bituminous overlay, attempts have been made to perform laboratory tests which will aid in the determination of those material properties which will have the greatest effect on the occurrence of reflection cracking. Various laboratory experiments have been designed to evaluate the role of mixture design variables such as: aggregate type and gradation, asphalt type and content, test temperature, air void content, and the addition of stress relieving interlayers. These tests have been performed on a variety of sample types and results of tests performed to date are not entirely conclusive. These results may be due in part to variables that were not considered in the various tests (test temperature, asphalt type and amount, aggregate gradation, etc.) and variations in test procedures (controlled stress tests versus controlled strain tests, etc.)(34, 35, 36).

One of the first efforts to develop a mechanistic model using

fracture mechanics to explain crack growth and predict the fatigue life of an asphalt-aggregate material was carried out at Ohio State University (37, 38, 39, 40). Fatigue tests were performed on a series of bituminous samples in order to evaluate the effects of various mix parameters on the material constants "A" and "n" in the crack propagation formula developed by Paris and Erdogan,  $dC/dN = A K^n$  (41). This equation relates the rate of crack growth per loading cycle ( $dC/dN$ ) to the stress-intensity factor (K).

Laboratory test results from Ohio State showed that the parameter "A" was increased by a decrease in asphalt viscosity (40). An increase in "A" leads to a decrease in the fatigue life of samples tested under controlled stress conditions. Also, open-graded mixes were found to have a shorter fatigue life than dense-graded mixes under similar test conditions (39).

Experimental fatigue tests were also performed at Ohio State on asphaltic concrete specimens reinforced with an engineering fabric (Petromat)(42). These tests were performed on bituminous beams resting on an elastic support to simulate the road structure. Bituminous beams, both fabric reinforced and non-reinforced, were tested using dynamic loads of 140, 170, and 200 pounds. Fabric reinforcement in these Ohio State test specimens was placed in one of three locations -- the upper third, mid depth, or lower third of the sample. Test results indicate that fabric reinforcement showed the greatest increase in fatigue life when placed in the lower third position in the beam for the 140 pound loading. (Fabric location made little difference in tests using the 170 and 200 pound loadings.)

All tests indicated that fabric reinforcement significantly extended the fatigue life of the samples as compared to non-reinforced samples. Additional tests conducted at various temperatures indicated that the fabric's effectiveness increases significantly as the test temperature decreases (42).

Though fatigue testing of bituminous samples provides useful information for the comparison of various overlay designs, it does not duplicate the thermally induced stresses which are the primary cause of most reflection cracking in overlays placed over pavements with crack or joint spacing greater than about 15 feet. Germann, et al. (43), in tests that were made at the Texas Transportation Institute, used an "overlay tester" designed to simulate thermally induced displacements and stresses to test the reflection cracking resistance of various overlay material samples. He then used experimental data and finite element stress analysis and fracture mechanics concepts to predict the reflection cracking life of composite bituminous overlays. This experimental program is the only one reported to date which tests composite bituminous materials for resistance to "thermally induced" stresses leading to reflection cracking.

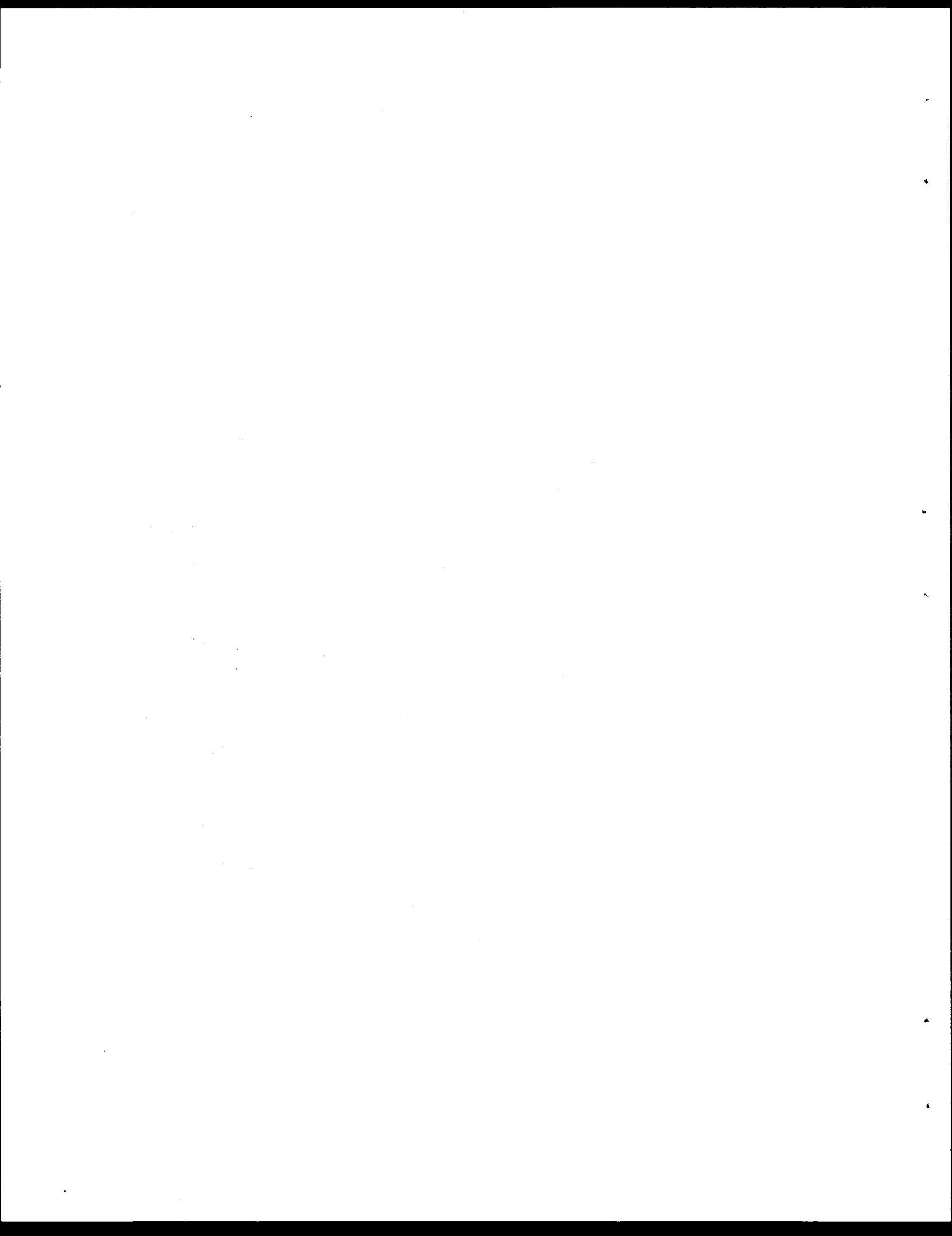
Results from these tests indicate that the reinforcing fabrics used significantly increase the resistance of the samples to "thermally induced" cracking. Those samples with "high" asphalt contents had greater thermal fatigue lives than those with "low" asphalt contents. Also, increases in sample thickness resulted in increased resistance to cracking (43).

## Summary

Field trials of various methods of preventing reflection cracking have shown that several techniques can be applied successfully under a variety of traffic and climatic conditions. Among the important variables that affect the performance of an overlay in retarding reflection cracking include the existing condition of the pavement, material properties, and construction details. Among those techniques that have proven successful is the use of synthetic fabrics.

Field observations have been conducted of numerous test sections with fabric reinforced overlay that have been placed in Texas. The observations have been made systematically over a period of years and the results of the study are presented in the second report of this series, TTI Research Report 261-2.

Theoretical and laboratory studies are being conducted under both Federal Government and industrial sponsorship. These studies are to understand the mechanics of reflection cracking and establish criteria for design of crack resistant overlay systems. Even though they are still in their early stages, they are beginning to identify the important engineering material properties that contribute most to retarding reflection cracking. The results of laboratory tests with the "overlay tester" that are reported here represent a substantial advance in our understanding of the part that fabrics play in reducing reflection cracking.



## CHAPTER III

### MATERIALS AND APPARATUS

#### Materials

This study utilized laboratory constructed asphaltic concrete beams measuring 3 in. X 3 in. X 15 in. to investigate the effects of fabric reinforcement on the rate of reflection crack propagation through a bituminous mixture. Six "engineering" fabrics purported to be beneficial in arresting reflection cracking were used as reinforcement in these bituminous "overlay" samples. Descriptions of the reinforcing fabrics used in this experiment are given in Appendix E. The mixture design and construction procedure used in fabricating each of the test samples are detailed in Appendix C.

Each beam sample was constructed of a washed, rounded, siliceous gravel and a viscosity graded AC-10 petroleum asphalt. Fabric reinforcement consisted of 3 in. X 15 in. precut strips of selected engineering fabric applied with a tack coat of AC-10 asphalt cement. Samples were designed to evaluate the effects of (a) type of fabric reinforcement, (b) location of reinforcement, and (c) amount of tack coat. Therefore, the aggregate type and gradation, asphalt type and content, and sample construction procedure were kept constant throughout the experiment.

## Apparatus

### Sample Construction Equipment

The asphaltic concrete beam samples tested during this investigation were fabricated in the laboratory in a manner similar to that used for construction of beams to be tested for their resistance to fatigue loading. (Appendix C describes the sample construction procedure in detail.) Mixing of the aggregate and asphalt was accomplished in a large bowl (at 300°F) by means of a mechanical mixer. Heat was applied to the materials during the mixing process by means of a Bunsen burner placed beneath the mixing bowl. When all of the aggregate was thoroughly coated with asphalt, the mixing was terminated and the mixture was divided into three parts.

Compaction of the asphaltic concrete was accomplished in three layers at 250°F in a steel mold measuring 3 in. X 4 in. X 15 in. A Soiltest, Inc. Model CN-425A pneumatic static compactor was used to compact the three lifts (layers) of each sample. (Refer to Figure 1 on the following page.) This compactor utilizes pneumatic pressure to apply a predetermined load to the material within the mold by means of a 3 in. X 4 in. compaction "foot" attached to a movable loading ram. Though this compactor allows the applied load and compaction dwell time to be adjusted to meet a variety of needs, a ram pressure of 500 psi and a dwell time of 1.5 seconds were used during the compaction of all samples. Uniform compaction throughout the entire length of each layer was accomplished by moving the location of the beam mold incrementally with relation to the loading ram. This was done by manually moving the beam support (and attached mold) by



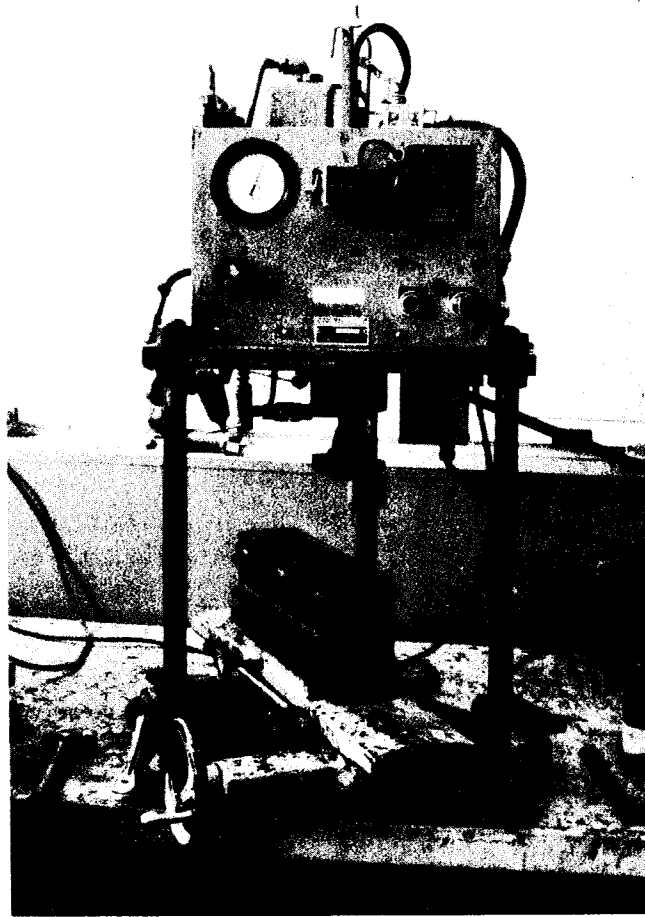


Figure 3. Soiltest, Inc. Model CN-425A pneumatic compactor with beam mold in position.

means of a crank-controlled gear assembly.

Upon completion of the compaction process, a leveling load of 12,000 pounds (approximately 270 psi) was applied for five seconds to provide final compaction and remove surface irregularities. This leveling load was applied by means of a hydraulic universal testing machine manufactured by the Baldwin Southwark Corporation. A heated steel beam (3 in. X 4 in. X 15 in.) was used to distribute the leveling load uniformly over the surface of the sample. Figure 2 illustrates a sample prepared for application of a leveling load.

After the leveling load was applied, each beam was manually extruded from the mold, placed on a 1/2 in. X 4 in. X 16 in. aluminum plate and allowed to "cure" at laboratory room temperature for approximately 24 hours. After this period, all samples were stored in an environmentally controlled room (77<sup>0</sup>F, 25% relative humidity) until tested.

#### Testing Equipment

Tests of the asphaltic concrete beam samples were conducted on a machine called the "TTI Overlay Tester". The Overlay Tester is a fatigue testing machine designed and constructed by personnel at the Texas Transportation Institute (43). This apparatus utilizes a hydraulic servo-control mechanism to model displacements which occur in pavements as a result of thermally induced stresses. These displacements are the result of expansion and contraction of the pavement surface or base materials with changes in temperature.

To simulate the horizontal displacements that occur in pavements due to temperature associated expansion and contraction of the

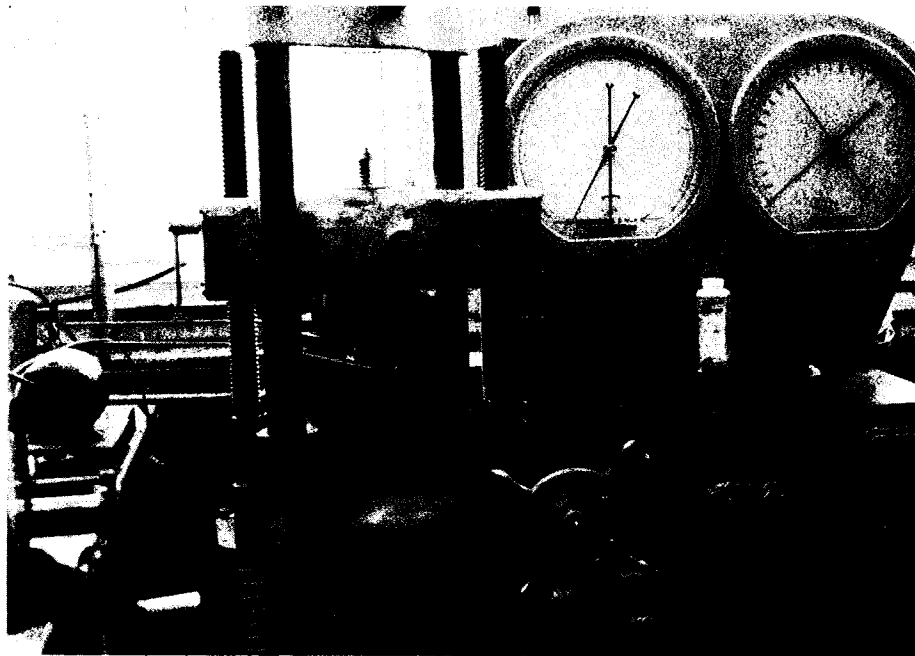


Figure 4. Baldwin Southwark Corporation hydraulic universal testing machine with beam sample (in mold) prepared for final leveling load.

pavement, the Overlay Tester utilizes a hydraulically powered ram. This ram is equipped with a load cell and is mounted in a horizontal position to a support frame. Two aluminum plates 3/8 in. X 9 in. X 12 1/2 in. are also mounted horizontally to the support frame. One of these plates is rigidly fixed to the support frame. The other plate is attached to the loading ram and is allowed to move freely within two "tracks" in the support frame as the ram is moved. Beams tested on the Overlay Tester were first glued to two aluminum plates as described in Chapter IV. These plates (with attached sample) were then bolted to the two plates of the Overlay Tester. Figure 3 shows an overlay sample bolted into position and prepared for testing on the Overlay Tester.

The Overlay Tester is electronically controlled by means of a command console manufactured by Gilmore Industries, Inc. Although this system allows the test rate (cycle frequency) and displacement magnitude to be varied, all samples were tested under similar conditions. The test frequency used was 6 cycles per minute and the maximum horizontal displacement was 0.070 inches. (One "cycle" is defined as movement of the ram from the "closed" position to the "open" position and back to the original "closed" position.) Refer to Chapter IV for details of the test procedure.

A graph of load versus displacement was made of selected cycles during testing of each sample by means of a Hewlett-Packard Model 7046A X-Y Recorder. This load-displacement information was also stored on magnetic cassette tape by means of a cassette recorder and a microcomputer developed by personnel of the Texas Transportation

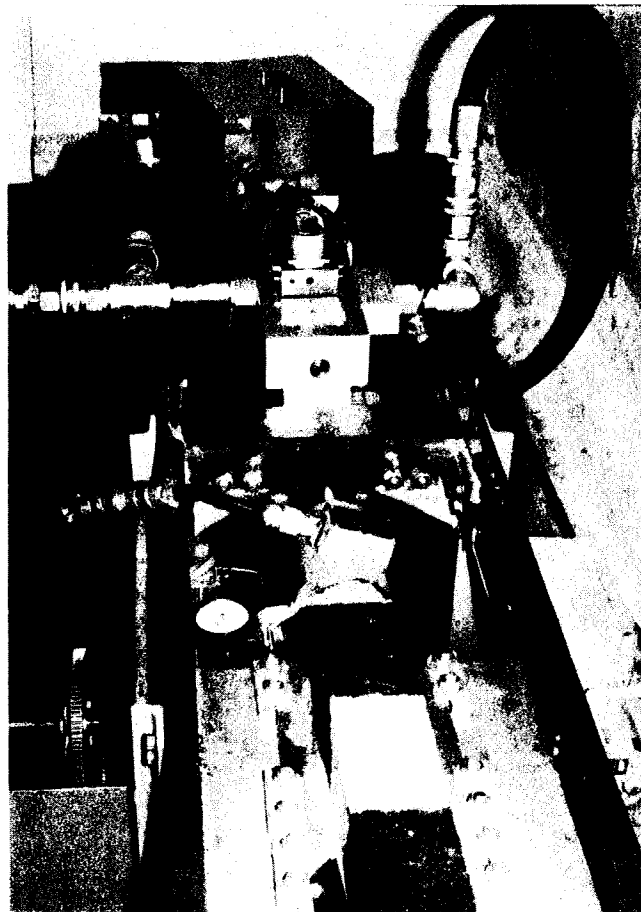


Figure 5. TTI Overlay Tester with 3 in. X 3 in. X 15 in. beam sample prepared for testing.

Institute. A Texas Instruments "Silent 700" Electronic Data Terminal was used to enter sample and cycle number identification information and crack length data to be recorded on the magnetic tape. Figure 4, page 31, illustrates the X-Y Recorder, Data Terminal, and Microcomputer used to record the test data. Figure 5 shows the Gilmore Electronic Command Console, as well as the above mentioned data recording equipment.

The load and displacement experienced by a test specimen during each cycle were transformed into electronic voltages by a load cell and a linear variable differential transformer (LVDT) respectively. The X-Y Recorder then used these voltages to produce a graph of load versus displacement for selected cycles. The TTI Microcomputer was used to convert these voltages into a computer-usable form and store these data on magnetic cassette recording tape. Data recorded and stored in this manner were later analyzed by means of a second computer system.

#### Data Analysis Equipment

Test data stored on magnetic cassette tape was analyzed by means of a second microcomputer system. The data analysis program was stored on a disk which was used in a Smoke Signal Broadcaster Model BFD-68 Disk System. This system was interconnected to a cassette tape player and a Smoke Signal Broadcaster Model 6800 Mnemonic Assembler Microcomputer. These systems were also connected to a Micro-Term, Inc. Model ACT-5A Video Terminal and a Teletype Model 43 Electronic Data Terminal. The data analysis procedure is described in detail in Chapter V.

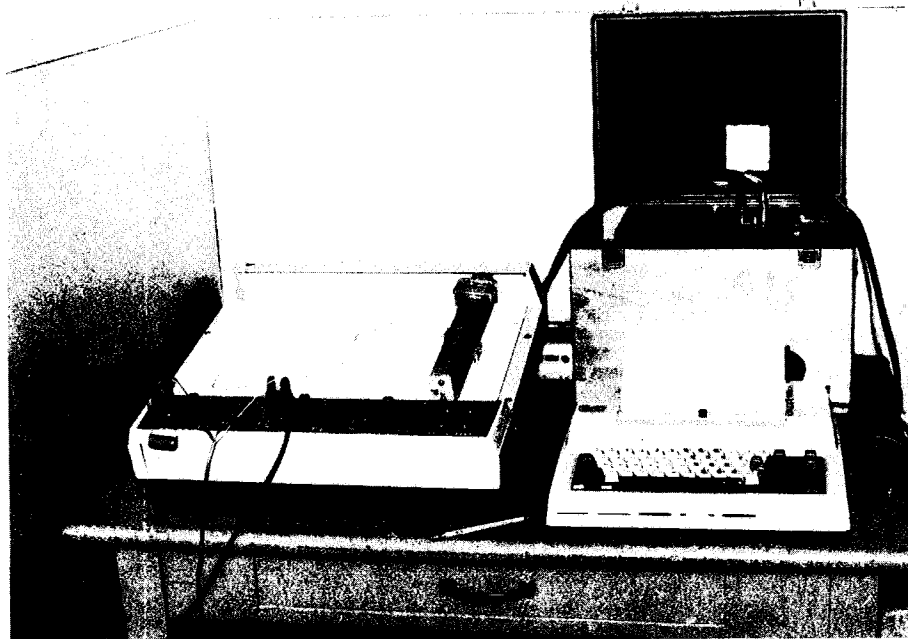


Figure 6. Hewlett-Packard Model 7046A X-Y recorder, Texas Instruments "Silent 700" electronic data terminal, and TTI micro-computer.

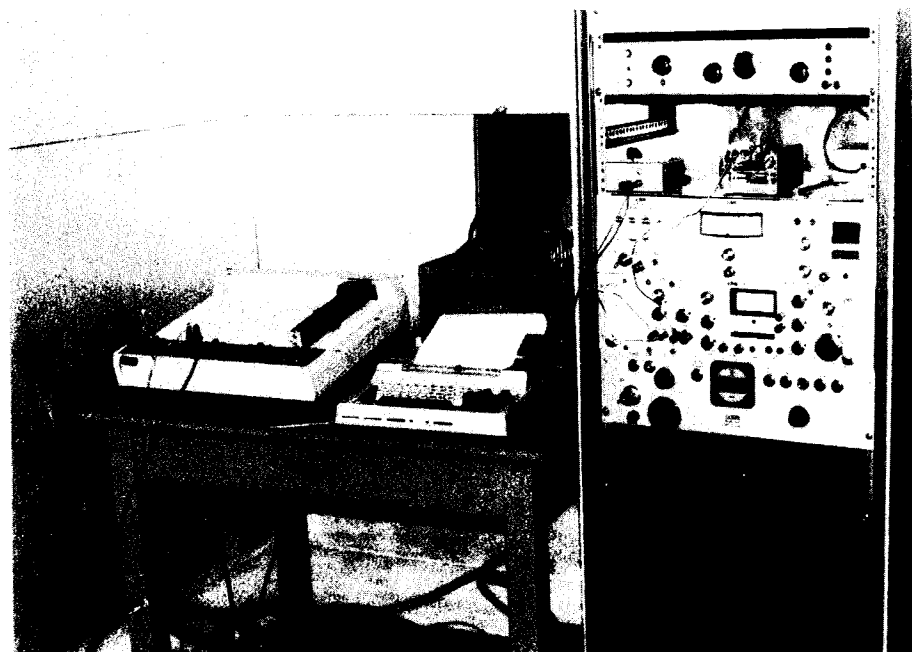
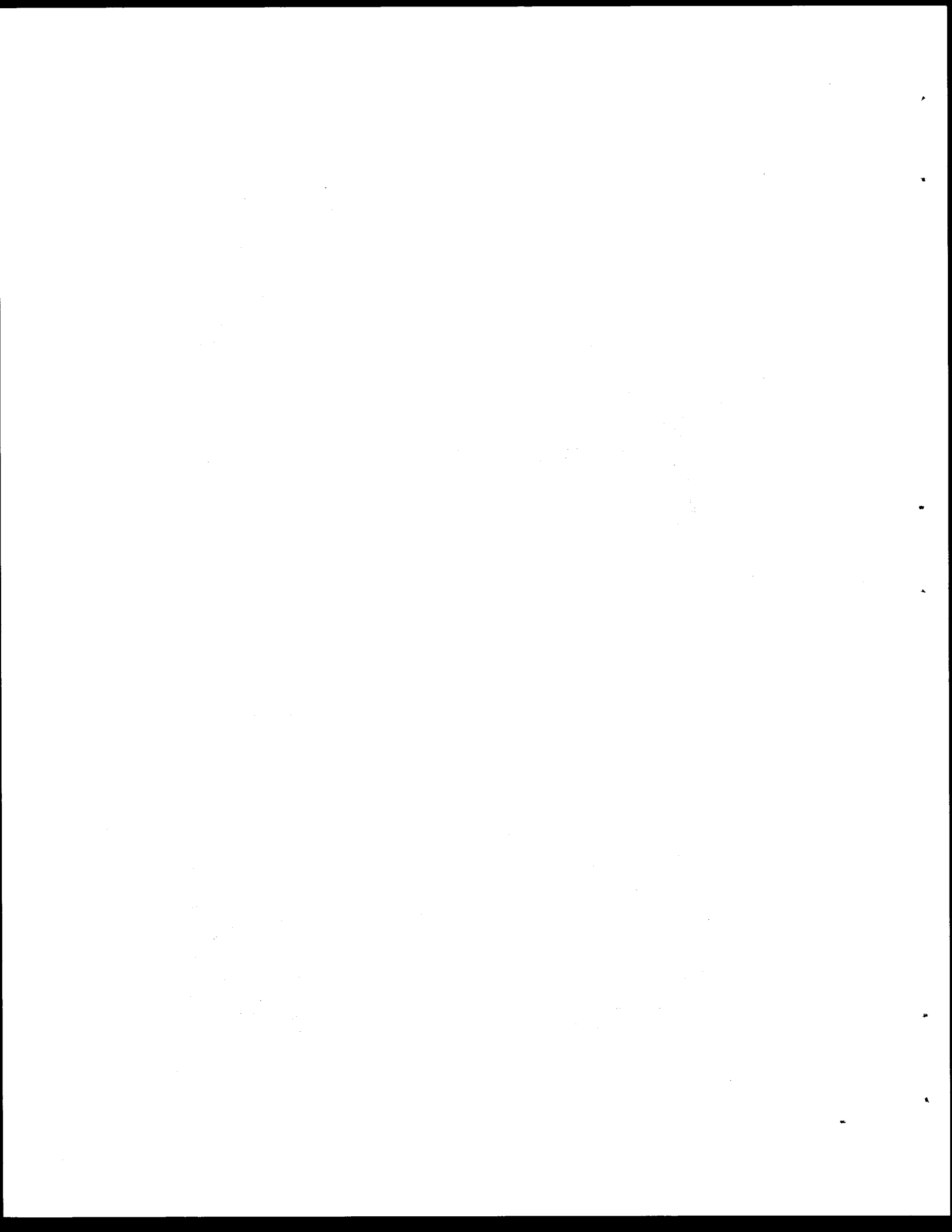


Figure 7. X-Y recorder, data terminal, microcomputer, and Gilmore electronic command console.





## CHAPTER IV

### PROCEDURE

#### General

As mentioned previously, this experiment investigated the influence of fabric reinforcement on the rate of reflection crack propagation through a bituminous mixture. Asphaltic concrete beams reinforced with a selected "engineering" fabric (applied with a tack coat of asphalt cement) were tested for their resistance to reflection cracking. The sample construction procedure is described in detail in Appendix C. The procedure used to determine the optimum fabric tack coat rate is described in Appendix D. The following discussion describes the sample preparation and actual testing procedures in detail.

#### Sample Preparation

Each beam sample was compacted and "cured" at laboratory room temperature for approximately 24 hours. After this initial curing period, the samples were stored in an environmentally controlled room (77°F, 25% relative humidity) for a minimum period of seven days before they were tested. Prior to testing, each beam was glued to a pair of aluminum base plates (1/2 in. X 6 in. X 9 in.) by means of an epoxy resin cement. Prior to gluing, the two base plates were aligned, a hacksaw blade was placed between adjoining ends of the plates, and a narrow (approximately 1/4 in. wide) strip of tape was placed over the hacksaw blade. This arrangement simulates the construction of a bituminous overlay over a cracked or jointed pavement. The hacksaw

blade was used to provide a uniform spacing or "crack" between the two base plates. This blade was removed prior to testing. The tape was used to prevent excess glue from entering the space between the base plates and thereby gluing the plates together. A second asphaltic concrete beam, similar to the test specimen was used as a weight during the gluing process. Figure 6 shows a sample being glued to the base plates.

A minimum of 24 hours was allowed for the glue to reach final "set" prior to testing. After this allotted time, the weight and hacksaw blade were removed. The sample was then marked with white chalk in the area where cracking was most likely to occur. This was done to aid visual detection of the reflective crack as it propagated through the sample during testing. The base plates, with sample attached, were then bolted to the plates of the Overlay Tester - one to the fixed plate and the other to the moveable plate. Figure 7 shows a sample bolted into position on the Overlay Tester. (Note the reflection crack extending through the specimen at the conclusion of testing. This photograph was taken with the Overlay Tester in the "open" position.) Figure 8 illustrates the test arrangement in schematic form.

### Sample Testing

Prior to testing, the Overlay Tester was calibrated to ensure a maximum ram displacement (and therefore differential gap opening) of 0.070 inches. (A movement of 0.070 in. is approximately equivalent to the displacement experienced by a portland cement concrete pavement with 15 foot joint or crack spacings as it undergoes a 60<sup>0</sup>F change in pavement temperature.) The X-Y Recorder was also calibrated and the

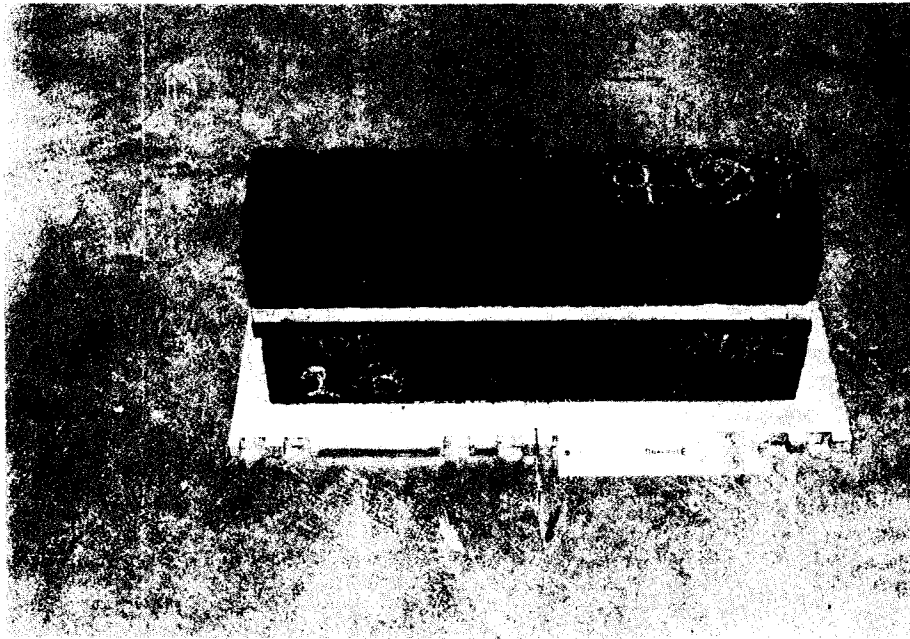


Figure 8. Beam sample being glued to aluminum plates with a second beam being used as a weight.

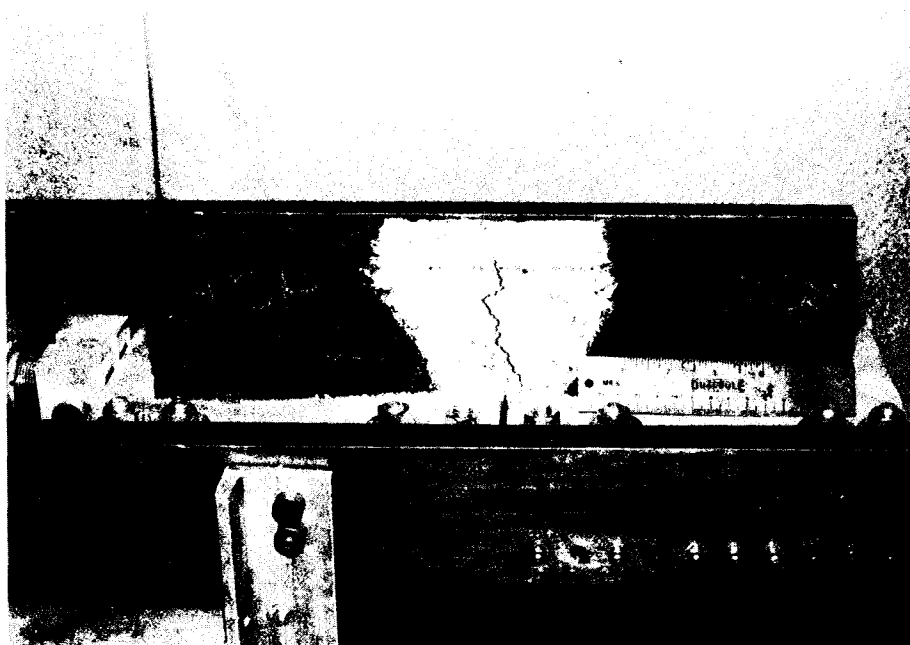


Figure 9. Beam sample at failure with crack extending through specimen.

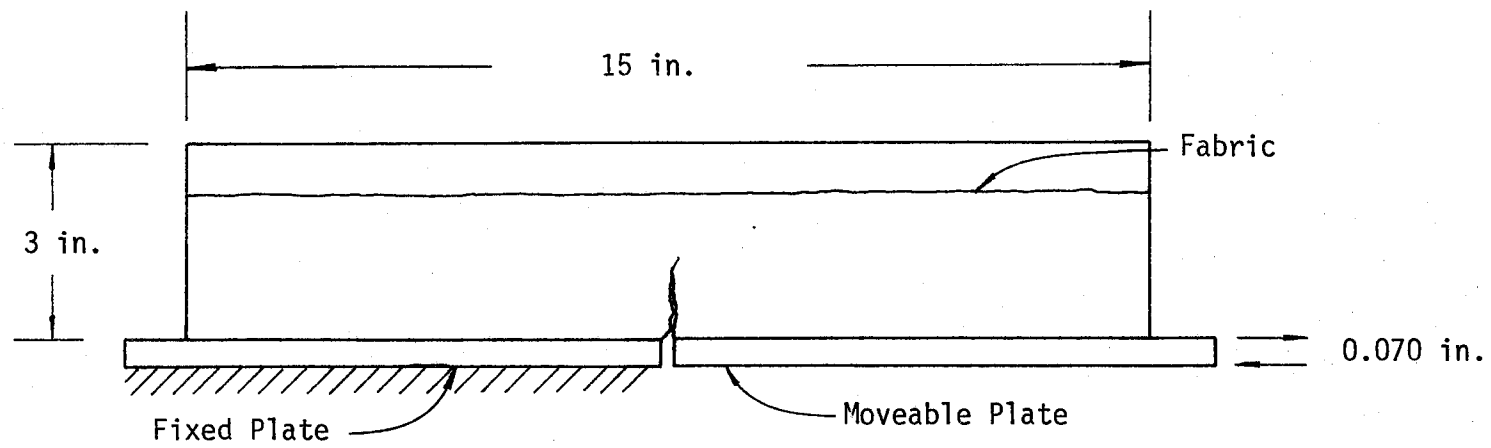


Figure 10. Schematic diagram of test specimen and TTI Overlay Tester.

calibration values for load and displacement were recorded. The TTI Microcomputer was then programmed to receive the overlay test data. For programming convenience, the "Overlay Test Initialization" program was recorded on magnetic cassette tape. A copy of this program is included in Appendix A. After the TTI Microcomputer was programmed to receive the test data, the initialization tape was replaced by a "blank" tape to be used for data collection and storage. Sample identification information and calibration values for load and displacement were entered into the TTI Microcomputer by means of the Texas Instruments Electronic Data Terminal. This information was then stored on the data collection tape.

Actual testing of the overlay samples consisted of moving the loading ram) with the sample bolted into position on the Overlay Tester) from the "closed" position to the "open" position (a displacement of 0.070 in.) and back to the original "closed" position. (This movement from "closed" to "open" and back to the "closed" position is defined as one "cycle.") This oscillating horizontal movement simulates the opening and closing of pavement cracks and joints produced by thermal contraction and expansion of the pavement materials. Continued oscillating movement of this type ("thermal" cycling) causes a crack to propagate from the bottom of the sample (near the butt joint of the two base plates) upward through the sample. "Failure" is defined as the condition in which a continuous reflection crack is visible up both sides of the sample and across the entire width of the top of the sample, as observed when the Overlay Tester is in the "open" position. Under this condition, the load required to open the gap between the

sample base plates is due to the frictional forces that must be overcome to separate the two sample parts and the energy required to stretch the unbroken fabric reinforcement fibers. A view of a typical test specimen at failure is shown in Figure 7.

A loading rate of one cycle per ten seconds was used throughout the entire test program. Loading and unloading were carried on in a continuous cycling motion except for short delays prior to cycles for which data were to be recorded. (The sample was left in the "closed" position during these delays.) The load and displacement values were monitored and recorded only during selected loading cycles of each test. The X-Y Recorder was used to plot the applied load versus displacement relationship during the selected cycles. (Copies of these graphs are included in Appendix B.) Figure 9 illustrates the general shapes of typical load versus displacement graphs at various stages during an overlay test. This load and displacement information was also collected (in the form of varying electronic voltages) by the TTI Microcomputer. These voltages were converted into a computer usable form and stored in the TTI Microcomputer memory until the sampling for an individual cycle was completed. The converted information was then stored on the magnetic cassette data tape.

An engineer's scale was used to visually measure the crack height on both sides of the test specimen during those cycles in which the load and displacement data were recorded. Crack height measurements were made when the sample reached its maximum displacement or completely "open" position. (The full length of the crack is most

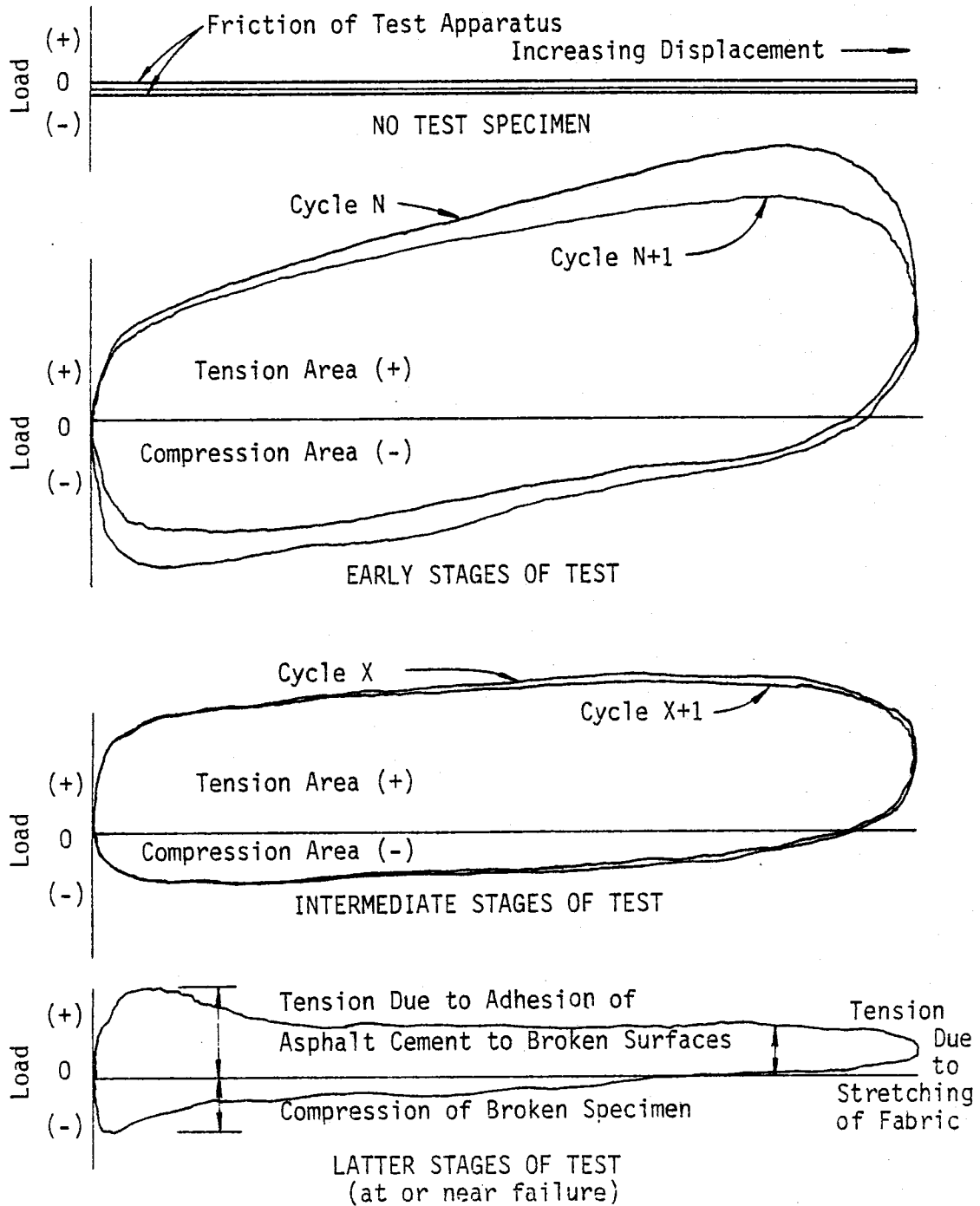


Figure 11. Typical recordings of load versus displacement at various stages during an overlay test.

readily visible when the sample is in this position.) This crack height information was entered into the TTI Microcomputer through the Electronic Data Terminal and was then stored on the magnetic cassette data tape. The arithmetic average of the two crack heights was used in the data analysis calculations.

#### Summary

Each test specimen was subjected to repetitive tensile loading, by a cyclic opening and closing of a predetermined gap, until failure occurred. The load, displacement and crack height information were recorded at selected cycles throughout the testing of each sample. These data were stored on magnetic tape for future analysis. The data analysis procedure is described in Chapter V. Original data are included in Appendix B.



## CHAPTER V

### DATA REDUCTION AND ANALYSIS

#### General

The computer-based collection/reduction system used in this experiment was developed by the personnel of the Texas Transportation Institute in an effort to expedite the collection and reduction of data obtained from various laboratory tests. This system utilizes a microcomputer to collect and store test data on magnetic cassette tape. A second microcomputer is used to reduce these data into forms that may be readily analyzed by performing various mathematical calculations.

The TTI data collection/reduction system may be adapted for use with a number of different testing devices. When used with the TTI Overlay Tester, six separate computer programs are used to collect, store and reduce the test data. Copies of these programs are included in Appendix A.

Voltages representing load and displacement were monitored during selected loading cycles of each overlay test. The crack length, load and displacement data were recorded on magnetic tape. The load and displacement data were also recorded in graphical form by the X-Y plotter. Copies of these graphs are included in Appendix B.

In this chapter, data reduction and analysis methods used in determining strain energy release rate and fracture properties for

each sample are described in detail.

#### Determination of Strain Energy Release Rate, G

The first step used in the data reduction procedure was to determine the total energy required to produce the 0.070 in. displacement (gap opening) during each of the selected loading cycles. This crack opening energy, E, is represented by the area under the tension portion of the load versus displacement graph for each loading cycle. Energy values were calculated for the selected loading cycles by mathematical integration of the load versus displacement data. These calculations were performed by the Smoke Signal Broadcaster 6800 Mnemonic Assembler which utilized the computer program shown on page 108 of Appendix A. A number of these calculations were also performed manually to check the accuracy of the computer data collection/reduction system. The manual data reduction procedure utilized a planimeter to determine the area under the tension portion of the load versus displacement curves. Energy values were then calculated from this area using the appropriate load and displacement scaling factors.

The second step in the data reduction procedure was to determine the relationship between crack length, C, and loading cycle number, N. The computer program shown on page 111 was used to calculate the logarithm of each crack length and loading cycle number for the selected cycles in which data were recorded. The relationship of log C versus log N was then represented mathematically by the equation:

$$C = aN^b \quad (5-1)$$

where

- C = the crack length (average of two sides) measured (in inches) from the base of the sample,
- a = a regression constant representing the average crack length at the first cycle opening (i.e. the Y - intercept of the log C versus log N curve)
- N = the loading cycle number, and
- b = the slope of the log C versus log N curve.

The values of a and b were determined by the computer by representing all the log C versus log N data with a single straight line by using simple linear regression techniques. A similar procedure was performed graphically for a number of test samples to check the accuracy of the computer program. A typical graph of log C versus log N is shown in Figure 12.

The third step in the data reduction procedure was to determine the relationship between the crack opening energy, E, and the loading cycle number, N. The computer program shown on page 111 was used to calculate the logarithm of each energy value and loading cycle number. The relationship of log E versus log N was then represented mathematically by the equation:

$$E = cN^d \quad (5-2)$$

where

- E = the crack opening energy (or tensile work for one cycle) measured in inch-pounds,
- c = a regression constant representing the energy required to produce the predetermined gap opening in the first

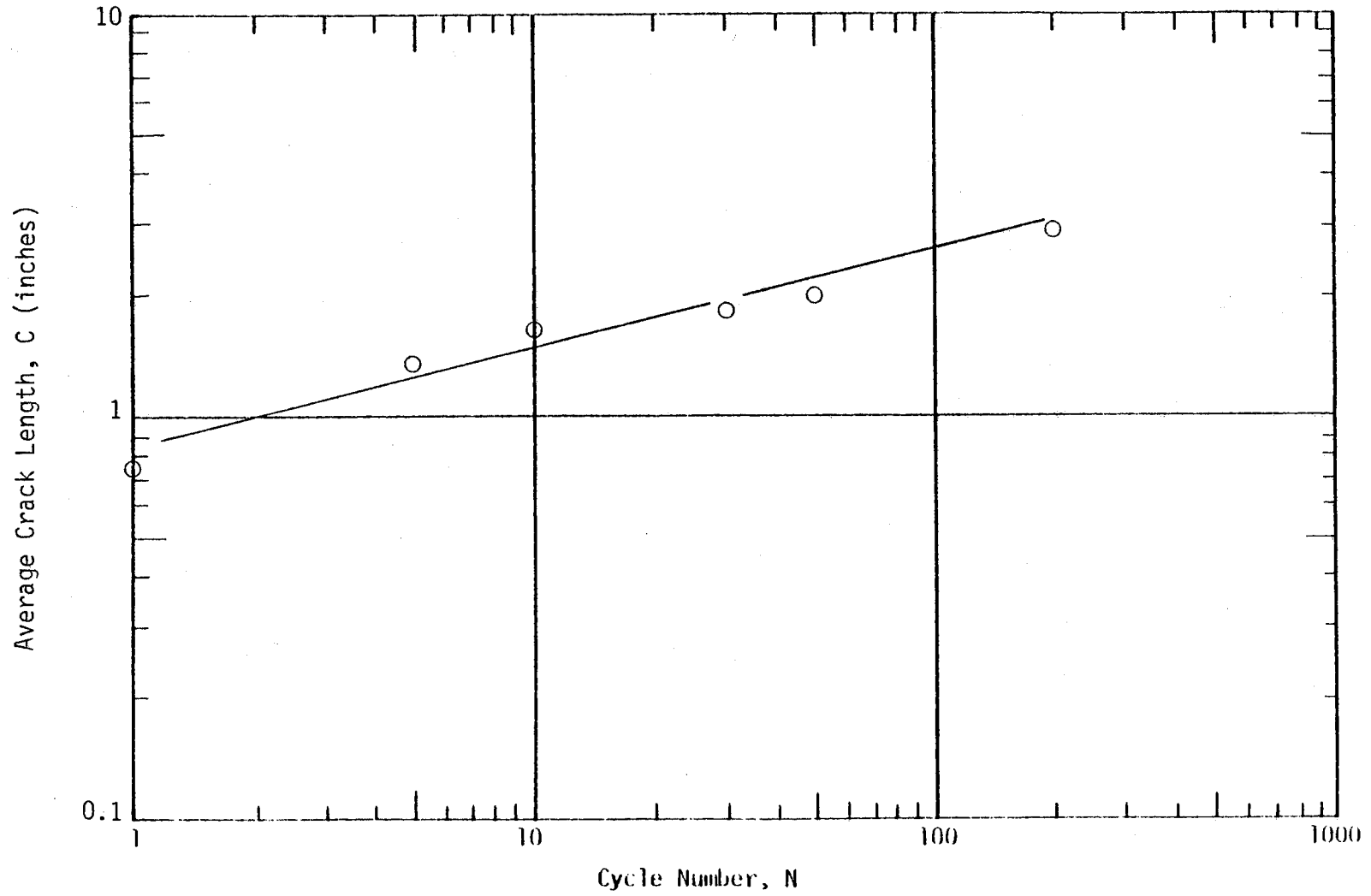


Figure 12. Log C versus Log N for Sample 110.

loading cycle,

- N = the loading cycle number, and  
d = the slope of the log E versus log N curve. (Since the crack opening energy, E, decreases with additional loading cycles, the slope of the log E versus log N curve is always negative. Therefore d is also negative.)

Linear regression techniques were also used here to represent the log E versus log N data with a single straight line. Data for selected samples were also graphed manually to check the accuracy of the computer program. A typical graph of log E versus log N is shown in Figure 13.

The fourth step in the data reduction process involved the calculation of the strain energy release rate, G, for each of the test specimens. The strain energy release rate used here is defined as the initial change of work per unit of increased crack surface area and therefore calculated at the first loading cycle. Computation of the strain energy release rate, G, was performed by the computer using Equation (5-7). A brief derivation of this equation is given below.

Equation (5-1) related crack length to cycle number as follows:

$$C = aN^b \quad (5-1)$$

Taking the derivative of C with respect to N gives the rate of crack growth per cycle as a function of the number of cycle repetitions.

This is represented by the following equation:

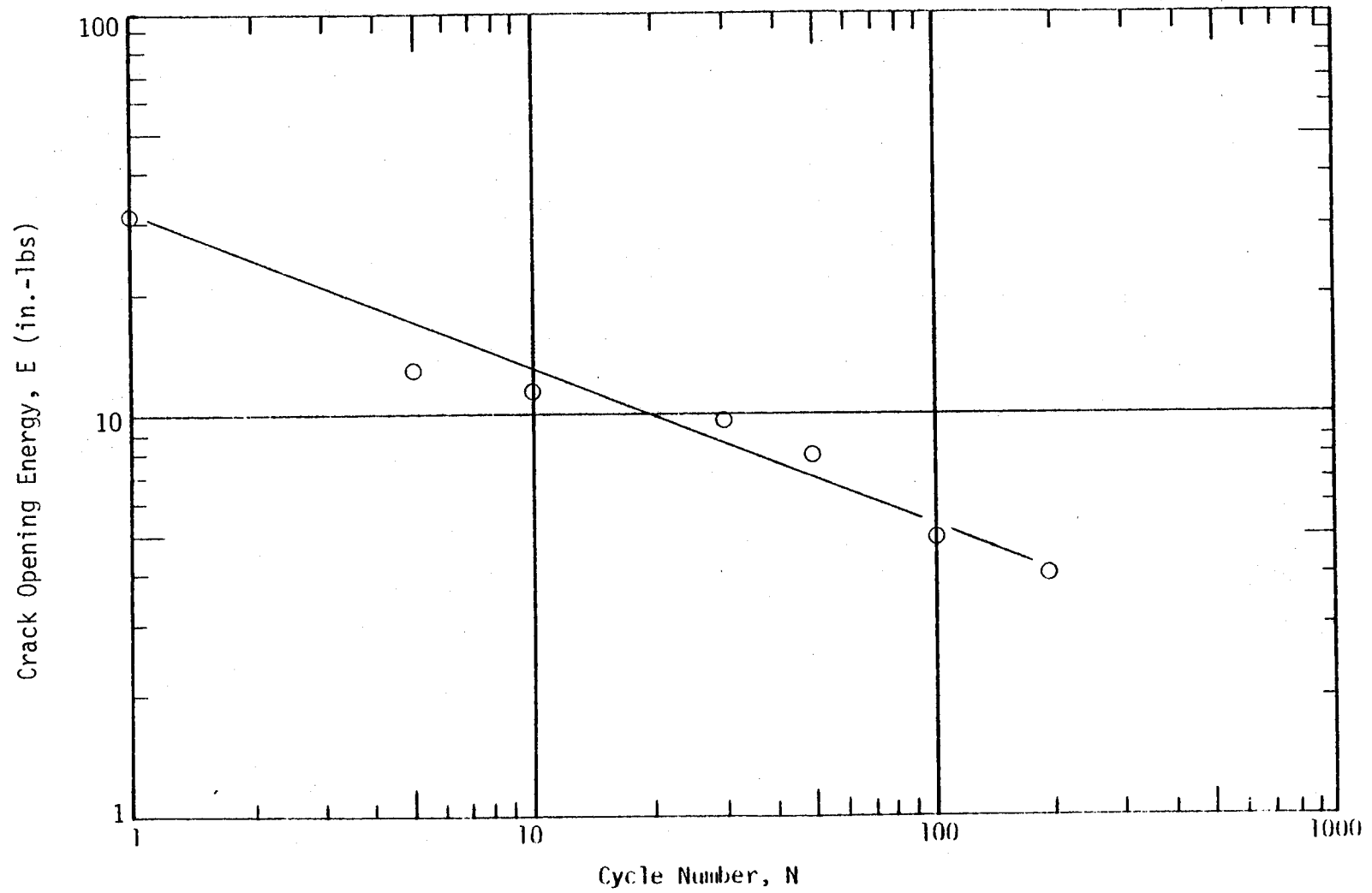


Figure 13. Log E versus Log N for Sample 110.

$$\frac{dc}{dN} = (ab) N^{b-1} \quad (5-3)$$

The rate of change of work with each cycle is found by taking the derivative of Equation (5-2) with respect to the number of loading cycles as follows:

$$\frac{dE}{dN} = (cd) N^{d-1} \quad (5-4)$$

The rate of change of energy (work) with crack length is then found by dividing Equation (5-4) by Equation (5-3), as follows:

$$\frac{dE/dN}{dc/dN} = \frac{dE}{dc} = \frac{(cd)N^{d-1}}{(ab)N^{b-1}} = \frac{(cd)}{(ab)} \cdot N^{d-b} \quad (5-5)$$

The rate of change of energy per unit area,  $A$ , of the crack is obtained by dividing Equation (5-5) by twice the width of the overlay specimens (i.e. 6 inches).

$$\frac{dE}{dA} = \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{dE}{dc} = \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{(cd)}{(ab)} \cdot N^{d-b} \quad (5-6)$$

Since the rate of strain energy release is calculated at the first loading cycle, it is given by the following equation:

$$G = \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{(cd)}{(ab)} \quad (5-7)$$

The strain energy release rate,  $G$ , as calculated here, has units of in/lbs per sq. in. Note that since  $d$  is always a negative number and the remaining constants are positive, the strain energy release rate,  $G$ , is always negative.

Crack propagation was significantly retarded at or near the fabric reinforcement layer in some test specimens. Therefore, the log  $C$  versus log  $N$  and log  $E$  versus log  $N$  test data for these specimens

could not be accurately represented in a single straight line. The computer program shown on page 113 used linear regression techniques to describe the test data in two separate segments. The first segment includes all test data up to the time (or cycle number) when the reflective crack reaches the fabric layer. The second segment includes all test data from the time the reflective crack penetrates the fabric layer until sample failure. Figure 14 illustrates a typical graph of log C versus log N for test data where there was a significant delay in reflective crack propagation. Figure 15 shows the log E versus log N relationship for the same test specimen. The strain energy release rate in these samples were calculated using the regression coefficients obtained for the first segment which represents the data before the crack reached the fabric.

#### Determination of Fracture Properties, A and n

The analysis of sample failure due to crack propagation was done using fracture mechanics concepts. The basic equation in fracture mechanics, known as Paris' Law, relates the rate of crack growth per load cycle,  $\frac{dc}{dN}$ , to the stress intensity factor change during loading, K, in the following manner.

$$\frac{dc}{dN} = A(\Delta K)^n \quad (5-8)$$

where

A, n = fracture properties of the material

Finite element analysis methods were used to obtain relationships between the dimensionless quantities K/P and  $2K/Eu$  and the relative crack length c/d. These relationships are shown in graphical form in



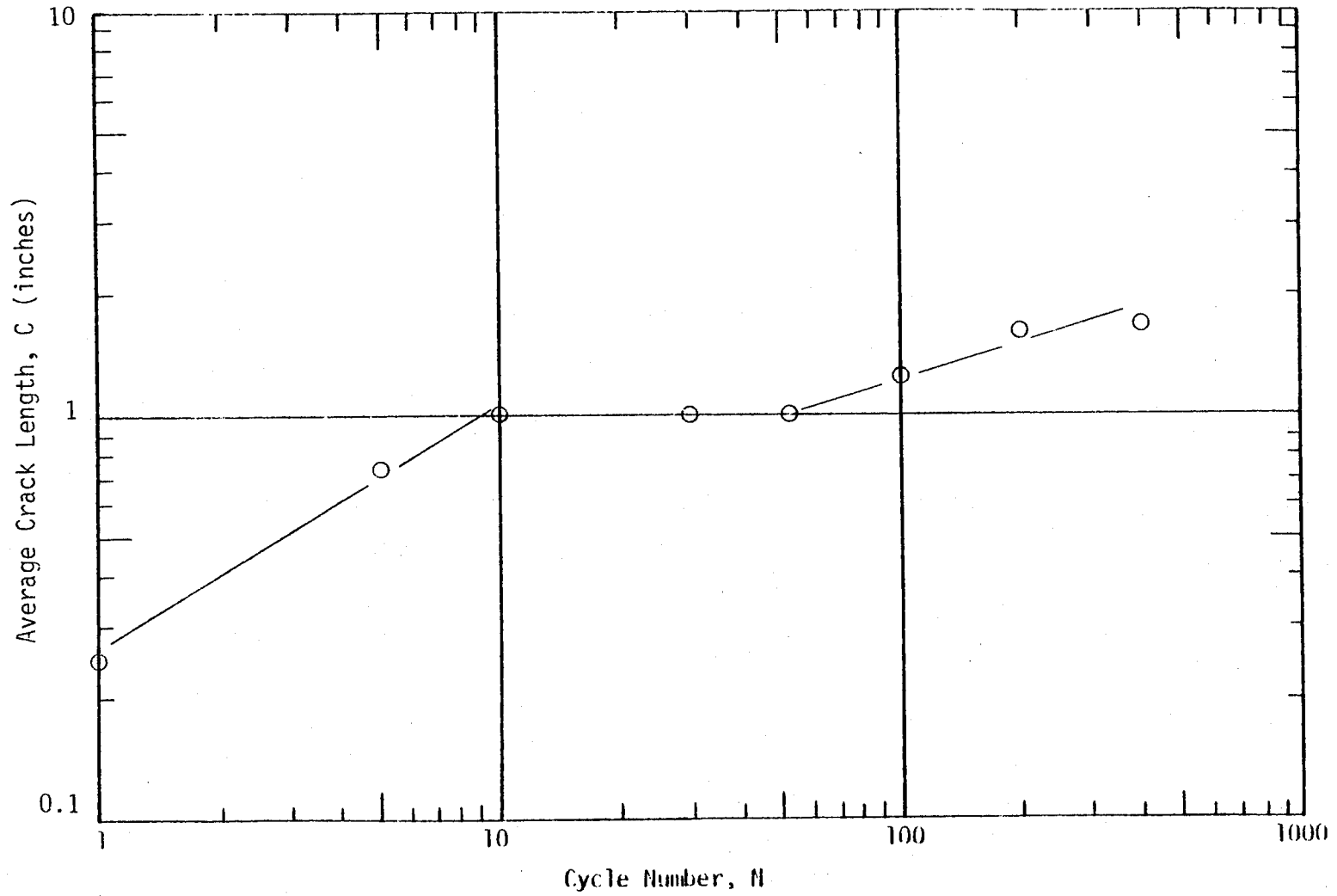


Figure 14. Log  $C$  versus Log  $N$  for Sample 101.

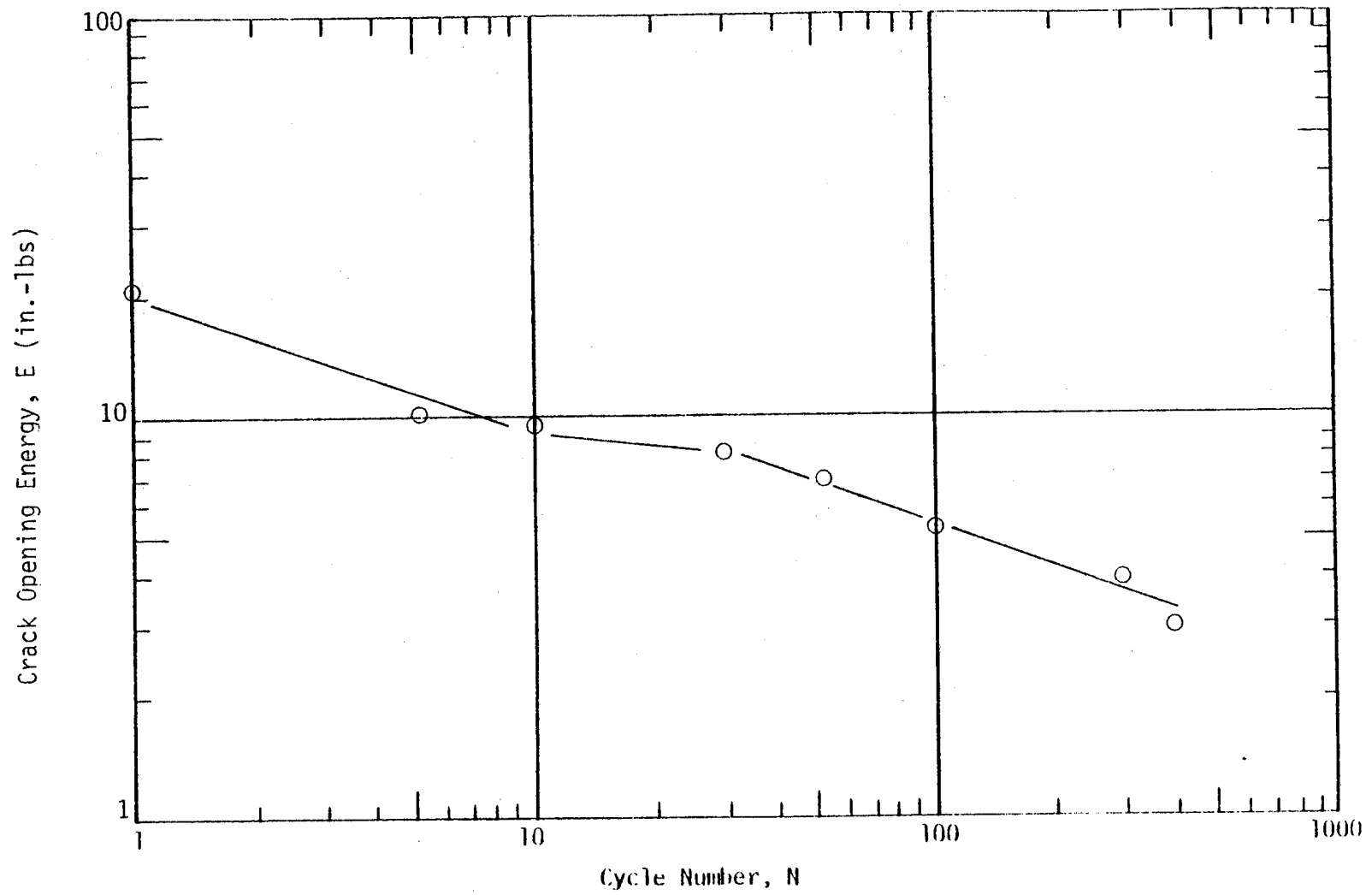


Figure 15. Log E versus Log N for Sample 101.

Figures 16 and 17. The following definitions apply to the symbols used.

- K = Stress Intensity Factor
- P = Peak Load
- E = Relaxation Modulus
- u = Crack opening at the bottom of the sample
- c = Crack Length
- d = Depth of the sample

The procedure used in the determination of the fracture properties A and n for each specimen is described below.

The first step in this analysis is to calculate the average of the crack lengths measured on either side of the sample. The ratio of this average crack length, c, to the depth of the overlay sample, d, is used on the graph shown in Figure 16 to obtain the corresponding K/P value. This quantity when multiplied by the measured load, P, gives the required stress intensity factor, K. The value of  $2K/Eu$  is then determined using the c/d ratio calculated above on Figure 17. Since the stress intensity factor, K, is already known, the relaxation modulus, E, corresponding to the current level of crack length can be determined. Using Equation (5-3), the rate of crack growth,  $\frac{dc}{dN}$ , can then be computed for each cycle number for which the stress intensity factor has been determined. Finally, linear regression analysis techniques are used to determine the constants, A and n, which relate the logarithm of crack growth rate,  $\frac{dc}{dN}$ , to the logarithm of stress intensity factor, K. The relevant equation is

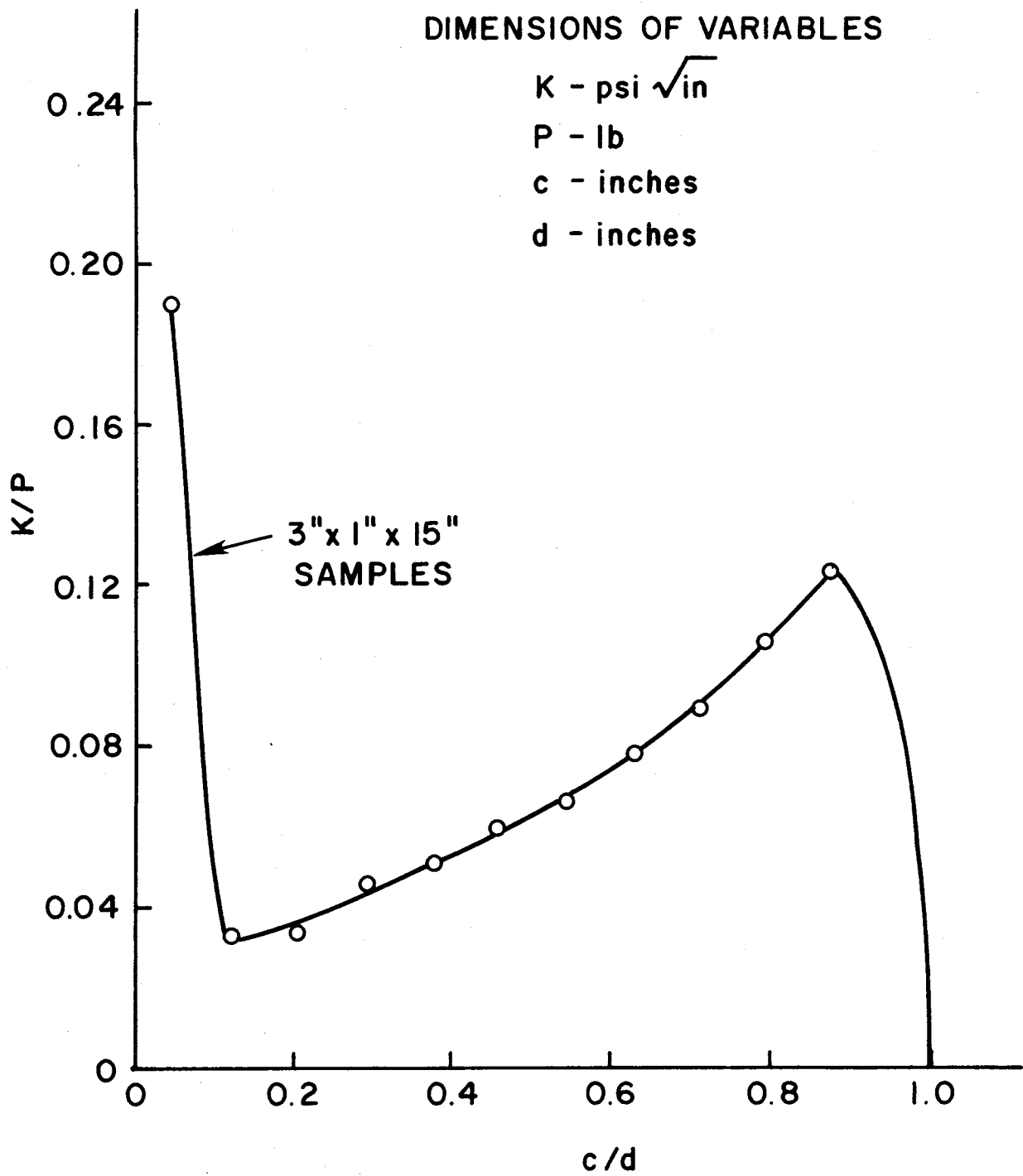


FIGURE 16. K/P versus c/d

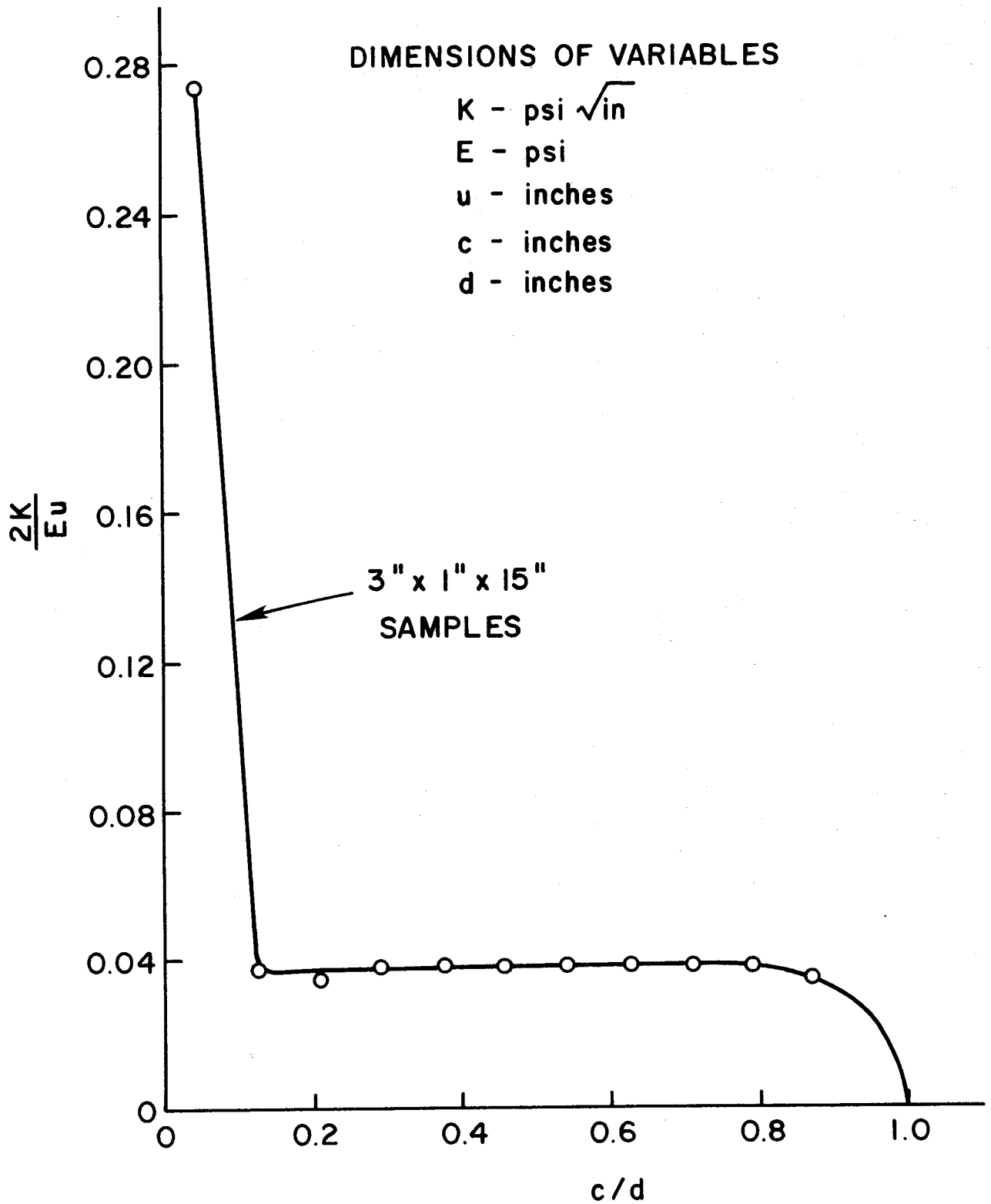


FIGURE 17.  $2K/Eu$  versus  $c/d$

$$\log\left(\frac{dc}{dN}\right) = \log A + n \log(K) \quad (5-9)$$

### Summary

Data obtained during testing included: (a) the number of loading cycles required to produce failure, (b) the crack length at selected load cycles, (c) a graphical plot of load versus displacement for selected loading cycles, and (d) measurements of load and displacement throughout selected loading cycles. Using various computer programs these data were analyzed to obtain the strain energy release rate,  $G$ , and the fracture properties,  $A$  and  $n$ , for each of the test specimens. A detailed account of the data reduction and analysis procedures adopted were given in this chapter. The results of these analyses are presented and discussed in Chapter VI.

## CHAPTER VI

### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

#### General

The data reduction and analysis procedures described in Chapter V were used to determine the strain energy release rate,  $G$ , and the fracture properties  $A$  and  $n$  for each of the test specimens. These results and other information recorded during testing can be used to determine the relative effectiveness of the different overlay designs in delaying reflection cracking. The details of this analysis are presented in this chapter.

#### Analysis of Loading Cycles to Failure, $N$

One of the most obvious methods of evaluating the relative resistance of each of the test specimens to reflective cracking is to compare the number of loading cycles required to produce failure in each sample. Table 1 lists the number of loading cycles each test specimen was subjected to during testing. "Failure" is defined as the condition in which a continuous reflection crack is visible up both sides of the sample and across the entire width of the top of the sample, as observed when the TTI Overlay Tester is in the "open" position. This implies that an overlay sample that has reached failure would consist of two separate portions of the original sample. (However, this does not imply that the fabric reinforcement is broken

Table 1. Summary of Test Results.

Sample Number	Fabric Type	Tack Coat Ratio	Cycles to Failure	Energy Release Rate G(lb-in/in <sup>2</sup> )	a	b	c	d
100*	Old Petromat	Low	675(1)	-8.24	0.59	0.24	12.32	-0.59
101**	Old Petromat	Low	1150+ ⊕	-22.20	0.35	0.26	27.83	-0.44
102*	Old Petromat	Optimum	290	-17.74	0.12	0.64	23.73	-0.35
103**	Old Petromat	Optimum	500	-9.58	0.50	0.25	20.32	-0.35
104*	Old Petromat	High	600	-6.34	1.01	0.16	20.87	-0.29
105**	Old Petromat	High	1575(2)	-8.96	0.20	0.32	19.36	-0.18
106*	New Petromat	Low	110	-12.00	1.07	0.23	29.20	-0.61
107**	New Petromat	Low	300+ ⊕	-39.51	0.23	0.31	32.34	-0.53
108*	New Petromat	Optimum	225	-11.07	0.36	0.43	29.20	-0.35
109**	New Petromat	Optimum	125	-11.08	0.32	0.47	27.65	-0.37
110*	New Petromat	High	350	-7.21	0.85	0.22	25.96	-0.31
111**	New Petromat	High	2325(2)	-21.99	0.24	0.46	34.12	-0.44
112*	Mirafi 140	Low	450	-11.41	0.76	0.24	30.29	-0.42
113**	Mirafi 140	Low	300+ ⊕	-47.46	0.92	0.02	21.14	-0.30
114*	Mirafi 140	Optimum	500	-8.82	0.36	0.37	21.71	-0.33
115**	Mirafi 140	Optimum	725+ ⊕	-21.82	0.50	0.14	25.19	-0.38
116*	Mirafi 140	High	1000(2)	-8.41	0.31	0.42	21.81	-0.30
117**	Mirafi 140	High	1450 ⊕ (2)	-16.63	0.36	0.26	32.45	-0.29



Table 1. (Continued)

Sample Number	Fabric Type	Tack Coat Ratio	Cycles to Failure	Energy Release Rate G(lb-in/in <sup>2</sup> )	a	b	c	d
118*	Bidim C34	Low	250	-14.56	0.36	0.40	25.79	-0.51
119**	Bidim C34	Low	550 ⊕	-6.01	0.62	0.18	15.80	-0.26
120*	Bidim C34	Optimum	375	-11.66	0.49	0.32	31.16	-0.36
121**	Bidim C34	Optimum	1300 ⊕	-9.32	0.52	0.20	18.73	-0.31
122*	Bidim C34	High	1100(2)	-9.59	0.95	0.18	32.21	-0.32
123**	Bidim C34	High	2050 ⊕	-10.08	0.27	0.33	19.86	-0.28
124*	Woven Tape	Low	175	-6.59	0.74	0.27	22.21	-0.37
125**	Woven Tape	Low	1000+ ⊕	-33.50	0.77	0.10	34.25	-0.50
126*	Woven Tape	Optimum	475	-11.03	0.36	0.34	28.18	-0.29
127**	Woven Tape	Optimum	875(1)	-6.63	0.63	0.17	27.09	-0.16
128*	Woven Tape	High	625(2)	-6.80	0.58	0.25	21.20	-0.28
129**	Woven Tape	High	300	-6.78	0.19	0.43	19.86	-0.17
131**	Burlington 2532	Low	340+ ⊕	-36.75	0.63	0.11	24.36	-0.67
132*	Burlington 2532	Low	500(2)	-8.26	0.54	0.29	22.63	-0.35
133**	Burlington 2532	Optimum	450	-7.15	0.48	0.26	17.86	-0.30
134*	Burlington 2532	Optimum	485	-6.66	0.73	0.23	19.85	-0.34
135**	Burlington 2532	High	475	-15.50	0.23	0.39	23.97	-0.36
136*	Burlington 2532	High	675	-8.96	0.53	0.27	23.88	-0.33

- Notes:
- \* Reinforcement fabric is located 3/4 inches from top of sample.
  - \*\* Reinforcement fabric is located one inch from bottom of sample.
  - (1) Cracking pattern resulted in "hinge effect".
  - (2) Multiple cracking occurred.
  - + Failure was not reached due to excessive slippage at the fabric.
  - ⊕ Slippage occurred at the fabric layer.

at "failure". Due to stretching and slippage of the reinforcement fabrics, each fabric remained essentially intact throughout the full extent of the overlay test for each sample.) This "ideal" mode of failure was not observed in some specimens for reasons discussed below.

Some of the test specimens developed a cracking pattern in which two primary cracks formed, one on either side of, and extending into, the beam sample. Failure of these cracks to join each other as they propagated upward and across the top of the sample resulted in development of a "hinge" effect. When this condition occurred, the load distributed to the uncracked material was reduced and the number of loading cycles required to produce failure was therefore increased. Failure was not reached in other test specimens, due to the breaking of the bond between the fabric reinforcement and the adjoining layer of asphaltic concrete. When this situation developed, slippage along the bottom of the reinforcement layer reduced the amount of load which could be distributed to the uncracked material. In extreme cases excessive slippage resulted in termination of the reflective crack at or near the fabric layer.

Table 2 summarizes the loading cycle data. Examination of these data lead to the following observations:

1. Cracking patterns resulting in the development of a "hinge" effect occurred in only two cases. In each of these cases, continued loading produced failure.
2. Multiple cracking, i.e. formation of more than one primary crack, occurred in five cases. (Four of these cases were in

Table 2. Number of loading cycles to failure.

Fabric Type	Low Tack Coat Rate		Optimum Tack Coat Rate		High Tack Coat Rate	
	Fabric Position		Fabric Position		Fabric Position	
	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom
Old Petromat	675 <sup>(1)</sup>	1150+ ⊕	290	500	600	1575 <sup>(2)</sup>
New Petromat	110	300+ ⊕	225	125	350	2325
Mirafi 140	450	300+ ⊕	500	725+ ⊕	1000	1450 <sup>(2)</sup> ⊕
Bidim C34	250	550 ⊕	375	1300 ⊕	1100 <sup>(2)</sup>	2050 ⊕
Woven Tape	175	1000 ⊕	475	875 <sup>(1)</sup>	625 <sup>(2)</sup>	300
Burlington 2532	500 <sup>(2)</sup>	340+ ⊕	485	450	675	475

Notes:

- (1) Cracking pattern resulted in "hinge effect".
- (2) Multiple cracking occurred.
- + Failure was not reached due to excessive slippage at the fabric layer.
- ⊕ Slippage occurred at the fabric layer.

samples with high tack coat rates.)

3. Slippage along the fabric reinforcement layer was observed in ten cases.
  - a. All slippage cases occurred in samples with the fabric located near the lower one-third of the sample.
  - b. Every sample constructed with a low tack coat rate with the fabric positioned in the lower one-third of the sample experienced some slippage.
4. Considering only those cases where the "ideal" mode of failure occurred (i.e. one primary crack propagating from the bottom to the top of the sample without slippage) overlay sample life appears to be increased by increasing the tack coat rate.

#### Analysis of Strain Energy Release Rate, G

The values for the rate of energy release listed in Table 1 have units of in-lbs per sq. in. It can be seen that larger (absolute) values of energy release rate, G, occur most often when excessive slippage along the fabric layer was observed very early in the testing period. Smaller values of energy release rate generally occur where no excessive slippage was observed. Other cracking patterns do not appear to have much effect on the magnitude of the energy release rate.

#### Analysis of Crack Growth Coefficients, a and b

Equation (5-1) related crack length to cycle number as

follows:

$$C = aN^b \quad (6-1)$$

where

- C = the crack length,
- N = the loading cycle number,
- a = a regression constant representing the average crack length at the first cycle opening,
- b = the slope of the log C versus log N curve.

Values of a and b were determined for each sample by the use of regression techniques applied to the crack length versus loading cycle number data. These values, listed in Table 1, may be interpreted in the following manner.

The constant, a, is the distance, in inches, that the crack travels into the overlay specimen the first time the sample is "opened" (i.e. the first loading cycle). Examination of the values listed in Table 1 reveals that "a" ranged from 0.12 to 1.07 with an overall mean of 0.52 inches. The mean values for samples having low, optimum, and high tack coat rates at 0.63, 0.45, and 0.48 inches, respectively. These data indicate that an excessively low tack coat rate may result in accelerated initial crack growth. The type of fabric reinforcement used was not found to have a significant effect on the magnitude of "a". Samples with fabric located near the top of the sample have a mean "a" value of 0.44 inches. This indicates that fabric placement near the bottom of the overlay has a greater effect on the reduction of initial crack growth than does fabric placement near the top of the overlay. With the values of b, c and d remaining

constant, smaller values of "a" result in larger (absolute) values of the energy release rate.

The power,  $b$ , represents the slope of the  $\log C$  versus  $\log N$  curve and is a measure of crack retardation. Smaller values of  $b$  indicate slower rates of crack growth and therefore, extended overlay life. The values of  $b$  listed in Table 1 range from 0.02 to 0.64 with an overall mean of 0.28. (The value of 0.02 recorded for Sample 113 is unusually low due to the crack propagation reaching the fabric layer on the first loading cycle and not advancing beyond that level due to slippage at the fabric layer.) The mean  $b$  values for samples having low, optimum, and high tack coat rates are 0.22, 0.32, and 0.30, respectively. The low mean value of  $b$  observed for samples with a low tack coat rate may be attributed to insufficient bond development and resultant slippage along the fabric layer. As previously noted, slippage occurred only when the fabric was located in the lower one-third of the sample. Comparison of the mean value of  $b$  for samples with fabric located near the bottom of the sample ( $b = 0.26$ ) with the mean value of  $b$  for samples with fabric near the top of the sample ( $b = 0.30$ ) indicates that fabric location has little effect on the magnitude of the  $b$  value. The slightly lower mean value of  $b$  for samples with fabric near the bottom of the sample may be attributed to the amount of slippage observed in this group of samples. The type of fabric reinforcement used was not found to have a significant effect on the magnitude of  $b$ . With the values of  $a$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  remaining constant, smaller values of  $b$  result in larger (absolute) values of energy release rate.

### Analysis of Tensile Work Coefficients, c and d

Equation (5-2) related the crack opening energy to the loading cycle number as follows:

$$E = cN^d \quad (6-2)$$

where

- E = the crack opening energy (or tensile work for one cycle) measured in inch-pounds,
- c = a regression constant representing the energy required to produce the predetermined gap opening on the first cycle,
- N = the loading cycle number, and
- d = the slope of the log E versus log N curve.

Table 1 lists the values of c and d obtained (by the use of regression techniques) for each of the test specimens. These values may be interpreted in the following manner.

The constant, c, is the initial work, measured in inch-pounds, that must be done to open the crack. Examination of the values of c listed in Table 1 reveals that c ranged from 12.32 to 34.25 with an overall mean of 24.56 inch-pounds. The mean values for samples having low, optimum and high tack coat rates were 24.85, 24.22, and 24.63, respectively. These values indicate that the tack coat rate used has very little effect on the magnitude of c. "Old" Petromat reinforced samples had the lowest mean value of c (i.e. 20.74) while "New" Petromat reinforced samples had the highest value of c (i.e. 29.75). The mean values of c for samples reinforced with the other fabrics were more nearly equal to the mean value of c for all the samples.

The location of the fabric reinforcement within the sample had no effect on the magnitude of  $c$ . With the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $d$  remaining constant, larger values of  $c$  result in larger (absolute) values of strain energy release rate.

The power,  $d$ , represents the slope of the  $\log E$  versus  $\log N$  curve. Smaller absolute values of  $d$  indicate a greater resistance to further crack extension. This means that greater amounts of energy are required to extend a reflection crack through an overlay with a small (absolute)  $d$  value than through the same thickness of overlay having a larger absolute  $d$  value.

The values of  $d$  listed in Table 1 range from -0.16 to -0.67 with an overall mean of -0.36. The mean  $d$  values for samples having low, optimum and high tack coat rates were -0.46, -0.32, and -0.30, respectively. The higher mean (absolute) value of  $d$  observed for samples with a low tack coat rate indicates that insufficient tack coat quantities may significantly reduce an overlay's overall resistance to reflective cracking. The location of the fabric reinforcement within the sample was not found to have a significant effect on the magnitude of  $d$ . "New" Petromat reinforced samples had the highest mean (absolute) value of  $d$  (i.e. -0.44) while the Woven Tape reinforced samples had the lowest mean (absolute) value of  $d$  (i.e. -0.30). No direct correlation between the magnitude of  $d$  and the type of fabric used is apparent from the test data. With the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  remaining constant, larger (absolute) values of  $d$  result in larger (absolute) values of strain energy release rate indicating less overall resistance to crack propagation.



### Analysis of Peak Load Versus Cycle Number Data

The peak load,  $P$ , required to open a test specimen 0.070 inches was determined for selected loading cycles from the load versus displacement graph for each sample. A summary of the peak load recorded on the first loading cycle for each sample is shown in Table 3. Plots of the  $\log P$  versus  $\log N$  data are included in Appendix B.

The  $\log P$  versus  $\log N$  curves characteristically have three sections or stages of development. In the first stage, a relatively high peak load for the first loading cycle is generally followed by a rather rapid decrease in peak loads for the next few cycles. Thus, the first stage of crack advancement appears as a rather steeply sloping curve in the initial portion of the  $\log P$  versus  $\log N$  graph. In a few instances, this rate of decrease in peak load per cycle continues until failure, indicating a nearly uniform crack growth rate occurs with each cycle. However, in the majority of cases, the rate of decrease in peak load per cycle lessens with increasing load cycles, indicating a second stage of crack development is taking place.

This second stage appears as a "flatter" portion of the graph due to a reduction in the crack growth rate per cycle. Samples exhibiting an essentially flat curve in this second stage indicate that much of the observed load was supported by the reinforcing fabric. As a result of this, crack growth often stopped or proceeded at an undetectable rate. Occasionally, fine cracks appeared on the top of the sample before the primary crack penetrated above the fabric layer.

Penetration of the reflection crack beyond the fabric layer and

Table 3. Peak load, P, values (measured in pounds) for the first loading cycle.

Fabric Type	Low Tack Coat Rate		Optimum Tack Coat Rate		High Tack Coat Rate	
	Fabric Position		Fabric Position		Fabric Position	
	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom
Old Petromat	465	498	465	525	585	442
New Petromat	660	645	738	670	633	697
Mirafi 140	600	465	547	502	525	622
Bidim C34	637	525	600	555	825	525
Woven Tape	582	507	622	661	541	532
Burlington 2532	447	383	531	309	615	555

through the remainder of the sample comprised the third stage of crack advancement. This stage of crack development generally appears as a steeply sloping curve in the final portion of the log P versus log N graph. The overall mean peak load observed for samples at "failure" was 80 pounds, (about fifteen per cent of the overall mean initial peak load) rather than zero, as one might expect. The residual load required to separate the two parts of the sample after it has reached failure is due to one or more of the following causes: stretching of the fabric; breaking of the asphalt bond that is established when the sample is in the "closed" position; and overcoming friction forces created by movement of the broken sample parts past irregularly cracked surfaces of the asphaltic concrete.

Maximum observed peak loads for the first loading cycle range from 309 to 825 pounds with an overall mean of 562 pounds. The mean values for samples having low, optimum, and high tack coat rates are 534, 560, and 591 pounds, respectively. These data indicate that the force required to propagate a new crack into fabric reinforced overlays tend to increase as the tack coat rate is increased. Samples with fabric located near the top of the sample have a mean initial peak load value of 590, while those with reinforcement located near the bottom of the sample have a mean initial peak load value of 534 pounds. The lower mean values for both the samples with low tack coat rates and the samples with fabric located near the bottom of the sample are due primarily to the extent of fabric slippage which occurred in these samples.

The mean initial peak loads for the six different types of fabric

are as follows:

Old Petromat	497
New Petromat	674
Mirafi 140	544
Bidim C34	611
Woven Tape	574
Burlington 2532	473

Although it can be expected that the initial peak load would be related in some manner to the type of reinforcement, it is difficult to establish any direct correlation between these two variables. This is because the variations in other parameters such as tack coat rate are also dependent upon the type of fabric. However, it is significant to note that, with the exception of one case, samples reinforced with New Petromat exhibited higher initial peak load values than did samples reinforced with any of the other fabrics.

The initial peak load values listed in Table 3 provide an indication of the amount of thermally induced tensile stress a newly constructed overlay can be expected to withstand. If the load induced in a new overlay by thermal contraction of an old pavement is significantly less than the initial peak load observed for a similarly constructed overlay sample, the overlay will either resist the tensile forces and remain intact, or a reflection crack (smaller than the laboratory induced 0.070 inches opening) will develop. Overlay tests performed on both fabric reinforced and nonreinforced samples indicate that fabric reinforcement increases the initial peak load value. This increase may be due, at least in part, to the increased asphalt

content associated with fabric reinforcement and a resultant decrease in air void content in the immediate vicinity of the fabric.

#### Analysis of the fracture properties, A and n

The analytical procedure described in Chapter V was used to determine the fracture properties A and n for each overlay specimen. The samples in which failure was brought about by excessive slippage at the fabric was excluded from this analysis. The results obtained are given in Table 4.

As indicated by Paris' Law (Equation 5-8)

$$\frac{dc}{dN} = A(\Delta K)^n \quad (6-3)$$

Smaller values of the coefficient, A and the power, n would mean slower rates of crack propagation and therefore greater resistance to fracture. Also, it was observed that there is a linear relationship between  $\log_{10}A$  and n which could be represented by an equation of the form:

$$n = a + b \log_{10}A \quad (6-4)$$

where  $\log_{10}A$  and the coefficient, b will always be negative.

This equation relating the two material properties shows that when A gets smaller (more negative), n will get larger. These observations suggest that the sum of  $\log_{10}A$  and n can be regarded as a measure of resistance to fracture. The following rule may be

TABLE 4. Fracture Properties of Fabric Reinforced Asphaltic Concrete Overlay Samples

Sample Number	Fabric Type	Fabric Weight (oz/sq.yd)	Fabric Position	Optimum Tack Coat Rate (gal/sq.yd)	Actual Tack Coat Rate		Relaxation Modulus at Fabric (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	A	n
					L/O/H	(gal/sq.yd)			
100	Old Petromat	3.50	A	0.26	Low	0.13	1401	$2.51 \times 10^{-4}$	4.29
101			B		Low	0.13	*	*	*
102			A		Optimum	0.26	4133	$1.21 \times 10^{-2}$	0.54
103			B		Optimum	0.26	2705	$3.63 \times 10^{-6}$	6.16
104			A		High	0.52	3326	$9.33 \times 10^{-5}$	2.97
105			B		High	0.52	1350	$2.61 \times 10^{-4}$	2.25
106	New Petromat	4.10	A	0.22	Low	0.11	3151	$4.10 \times 10^{-4}$	2.70
107			B		Low	0.11	*	*	*
108			A		Optimum	0.22	5254	$1.25 \times 10^{-3}$	1.66
109			B		Optimum	0.22	4185	$4.38 \times 10^{-3}$	1.14
110			A		High	0.44	2699	$2.01 \times 10^{-5}$	4.19
111			B		High	0.44	2362	$3.77 \times 10^{-4}$	1.80
112	Mirafi 140	4.00	A	0.20	Low	0.10	2626	$3.27 \times 10^{-4}$	3.16
113			B		Low	0.10	*	*	*
114			A		Optimum	0.20	2277	$3.40 \times 10^{-3}$	1.16
115			B		Optimum	0.20	*	*	*
116			A		High	0.50	2102	$6.06 \times 10^{-4}$	2.23
117			B		High	0.50	2993	$1.59 \times 10^{-4}$	2.30
118	Bidim C34	8.00	A	0.40	Low	0.20	5254	$3.25 \times 10^{-2}$	0.05
119			B		Low	0.20	2232	$2.95 \times 10^{-4}$	2.83
120			A		Optimum	0.40	5323	$1.07 \times 10^{-4}$	2.91
121			B		Optimum	0.40	1944	$2.07 \times 10^{-6}$	6.21
122			A		High	0.80	3852	$3.77 \times 10^{-7}$	5.52
123			B		High	0.80	2232	$7.10 \times 10^{-6}$	4.68
124	Woven Tape	4.50	A	0.14	Low	0.07	2801	$1.20 \times 10^{-3}$	2.32
125			B		Low	0.07	*	*	*
126			A		Optimum	0.14	2689	$2.84 \times 10^{-3}$	2.67
127			B		Optimum	0.14	3551	$4.35 \times 10^{-7}$	5.74
128			A		High	0.28	2521	$4.42 \times 10^{-5}$	4.28
129			B		High	0.28	2413	$3.84 \times 10^{-3}$	0.95

TABLE 4. Fracture Properties of Fabric Reinforced Asphaltic Concrete Overlay Samples (cont'd)

Sample Number	Fabric Type	Fabric Weight (oz/sq.yd)	Fabric Position	Optimum Tack Coat Rate (gal/sq.yd)	Actual Tack Coat Rate		Relaxation Modulus at Fabric (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	A	n
					L/O/H	(gal/sq.yd)			
131	Burlington 2532	6.91	B	0.16	Low	0.08	*	*	*
132			A		Low	0.08	2977	$1.94 \times 10^{-2}$	0.06
133			B		Optimum	0.16	2367	$2.89 \times 10^{-5}$	5.73
134			A		Optimum	0.16	3151	$9.50 \times 10^{-5}$	3.38
135			B		High	0.32	1603	$2.67 \times 10^{-3}$	1.23
136			A		High	0.32	2941	$2.10 \times 10^{-4}$	2.79

A = Reinforcement Fabric Located 3/4 in. from top of the sample.

B = Reinforcement Fabric Located 1 in. from bottom of the sample.

\*Failure due to excessive slippage at fabric

used to rank different fabric reinforced overlay samples.

The smaller (more negative) the sum of  $\log_{10}A$  and  $n$ , the more crack resistant is the fabric reinforced sample.

Table 5 gives the ranking of the different overlay designs in the order of decreasing fracture resistance. It is difficult to observe any general trend in this tabulation since the results reflect the influence of several design variables.

Plots of  $n$  versus  $\log_{10}A$  for the three different tack coat ratios used (viz. low, optimum, and high) are given in Figure 18. Linear regression techniques were used to obtain the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  in each case. The results of this analysis are tabulated below.

TABLE 6. Coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  in Plots of  $n$  versus  $\log_{10}A$  for Different Tack Coat Ratios

Ratio of Actual Tack Coat to Optimum Tack (AT/OT)		$a$	$b$	$R^2$
Low	0.5	-2.668	-1.694	0.92
Optimum	1.0	-2.208	-1.429	0.91
High	2.0	-1.967	-1.242	0.93

From the above discussion it becomes clear that a line of  $n$  versus  $\log_{10}A$  lying further below would indicate better resistance to crack propagation. Therefore, from the results shown in Figure 16 it can be concluded that better crack resistance can be obtained by having higher tack coat ratios.



TABLE 5. Ranking of the Overlay Samples in the Order of Decreasing Fracture Resistance

Sample Number	Fabric Type	Fabric Weight (oz/sq.yd)	Fabric Position	Optimum Tack Coat Rate (gal/sq.yd)	Actual Tack Coat Rate		Relaxation Modulus at Fabric (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	n+log <sub>10</sub> A
					L/O/H	(gal/sq.yd)		
132	VI	6.91	A	0.16	L	0.08	2977	-1.652
111	II	4.10	B	0.22	H	0.44	2699	-1.624
117	III	4.00	B	0.20	H	0.50	2993	-1.499
129	V	4.50	B	0.14	H	0.28	2413	-1.466
118	IV	8.00	A	0.40	L	0.20	5254	-1.438
102	I	3.50	A	0.26	O	0.26	4133	-1.377
135	VI	6.91	B	0.16	H	0.32	1603	-1.343
105	I	3.50	B	0.26	H	0.52	1350	-1.333
114	III	4.00	A	0.20	O	0.20	2277	-1.309
108	II	4.10	A	0.22	O	0.22	5254	-1.243
109	II	4.10	B	0.22	O	0.22	4185	-1.218
120	IV	8.00	A	0.40	O	0.40	5323	-1.061
104	I	3.50	A	0.26	H	0.52	3326	-1.060
116	III	4.00	A	0.20	H	0.50	2102	-0.988
122	IV	8.00	A	0.40	H	0.80	3852	-0.904
136	VI	6.91	A	0.16	H	0.32	2941	-0.888
119	IV	8.00	B	0.40	L	0.20	2232	-0.700
106	II	4.10	A	0.22	L	0.11	3151	-0.687
134	VI	6.91	B	0.16	O	0.16	2367	-0.642
127	V	4.50	B	0.14	O	0.14	3551	-0.622
110	II	4.10	A	0.22	H	0.44	2699	-0.600
124	V	4.50	A	0.14	L	0.07	2801	-0.507
123	IV	8.00	B	0.40	H	0.80	2232	-0.469
112	III	4.00	A	0.20	L	0.10	2626	-0.325
128	V	4.50	A	0.14	H	0.28	2521	-0.074
121	IV	8.00	B	0.40	O	0.40	1944	0.526
100	I	3.50	A	0.26	L	0.13	1401	0.690
103	I	3.50	B	0.26	O	0.26	2705	0.720
133	VI	6.91	B	0.16	O	0.16	2367	1.191

Fabric Type - I = Old Petromat  
 II = New Petromat  
 III = Mirafi 140  
 IV = Bidim C34  
 V = Woven Tape  
 VI = Burlington

Fabric Position - A = Reinforcement Fabric Located 3/4 in. from the top of the sample.  
 B = Reinforcement Fabric Located 1 in. from the bottom of the sample.

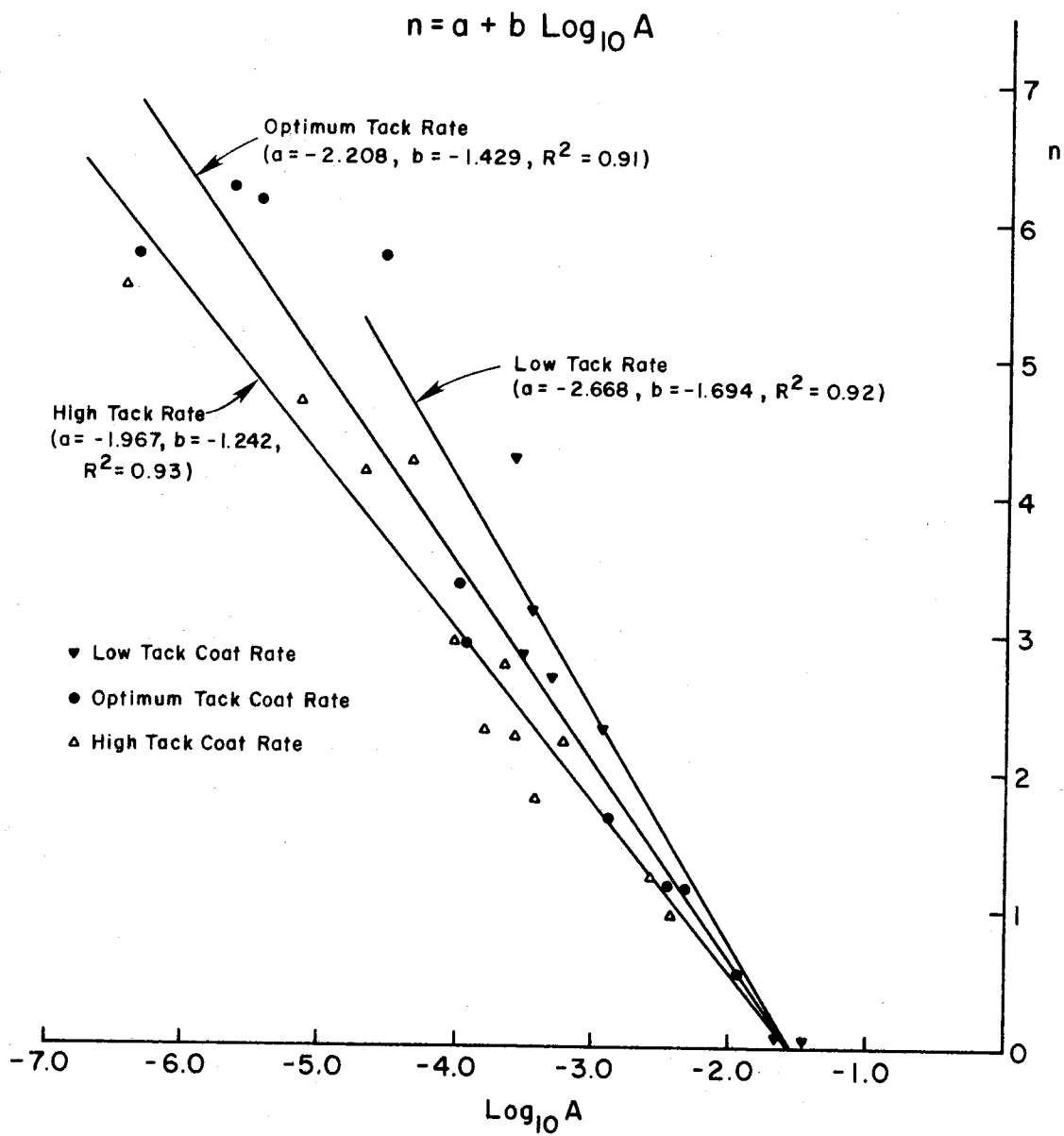


FIGURE 18. Fracture Properties of Overlay Samples Reinforced with Fabric

The results obtained also suggest a relationship between the magnitude of the coefficients a and b and the tack coat ratio. Figure 19 shows  $\log_{10} a$  and  $\log_{10} b$  plotted against  $\log_{10}(\frac{AT}{OT})$ . The linear variation observed between the above parameters yields the following equations.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -2.265\left(\frac{AT}{OT}\right)^{-.217} \\ b &= -1.445\left(\frac{AT}{OT}\right)^{-.225} \end{aligned} \quad (6-5)$$

Thus it can be seen that a knowledge of the tack coat ratio would enable one to determine the n versus  $\log_{10}A$  relationship for a fabric reinforced asphalt concrete overlay.

#### Relative Influence of Overlay Design Variables on Fracture Resistance

Since the crack growth rate,  $\frac{dc}{dN}$ , (and therefore the useful life of an overlay) depends on the fracture properties, A and n, it is desirable to be able to determine those factors which have the greatest effect on these properties. A computer program which utilized select regression techniques was employed to determine the relative influence of each of the four variables on the magnitude of the fracture property, A. (Since n can be evaluated when A is known, it was not considered necessary to include the former fracture property into the analysis.)

This data analysis procedure related  $\log_{10}A$  to three of the independent variables by using an equation of the form given below:

$$\log_{10}A = C_0 + C_1(FP) + C_2(FW) + C_3(AT) \quad (6-6)$$

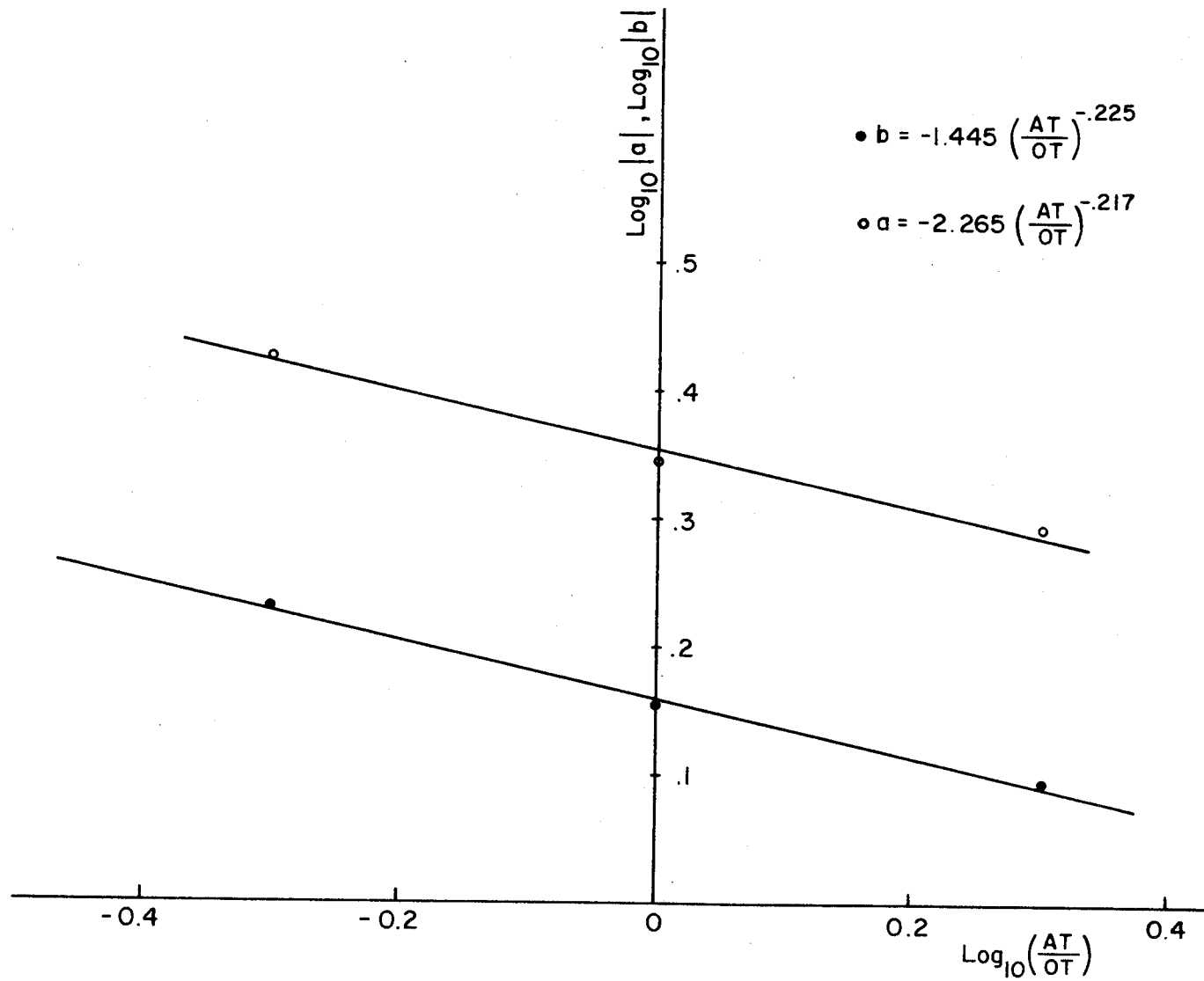


FIGURE 19. a and b versus Tack Coat Ratio Relation for Fabric Reinforced Overlays

where

- A = a fracture property relating the crack growth rate to the stress intensity factor in Paris' Law.
- $C_0$  = a regression constant
- $C_1, C_2, C_3$  = regression coefficients for the independent variables.
- FP = the fabric position within the overlay specimen, measured in inches from the bottom of the sample.
- FW = the fabric unit weight, oz/sq. yd.
- AT = the actual tack coat rate used during the fabric installation, gal/sq. yd.

The optimum tack coat rate, OT, was excluded from this analysis because a select regression analysis performed on the full model indicated that this variable and the fabric weight, FW, are not independent of each other.

The analysis performed on the data obtained from each overlay test resulted in the following equation:

$$\log_{10}A = -3.196 + 0.356(FP) - 0.0574(FW) - 2.591(AT) \quad (6-7)$$

From the above equation it can be concluded that the value of  $\log_{10}A$  (and therefore A) can be decreased by:

- (i) placing the fabric reinforcement near the bottom of the overlay, rather than near the top
- (ii) using heavier fabrics
- (iii) using higher tack coat rates.

These results reinforce the observations and tentative conclusions previously made concerning the effects of these variables on the resistance of the overlay to crack propagation.

Examination of Equation (6-7) also reveals that, of the three independent variables considered, the actual tack coat rate has the greatest influence on the magnitude of A. The other two variables, listed in the order of decreasing influence are: the fabric position and fabric weight.

A similar analysis was carried out using the following quantities as the independent variables.

FP = the fabric position, measured in inches from the bottom of the overlay sample

FW = the fabric unit weight, oz/sq. yd.

ET = the tack coat rate used in excess of the optimum, gal/sq. yd.

RM = the relaxation modulus at fabric, lb/sq. in.

The select regression analysis performed using the above as independent variables resulted in the following equation:

$$\log_{10}A = -3.473 + 0.292(FP) - 0.143(FW) - 2.651(ET) + 0.723 \times 10^{-4}(RM) \quad (6-8)$$

This equation confirms the conclusions made previously regarding the influence of fabric position, fabric weight, and tack coat rate on the magnitude of A. In addition, it also indicates that higher relaxation moduli would result in lower fracture resistance. In other words, better performance of an overlay can be obtained by designing it to be more flexible.

Equation (6-8) also indicates that the value of  $\log_{10}A$  is influenced primarily by the tack coat rate used. The location of the fabric and the fabric weight also have significant influence on

$\log_{10}A$  while the relaxation modulus has a relatively small effect.

A third select regression analysis was performed in order to develop an equation relating Relaxation Modulus, RM, to other variables. The relationship obtained by this analysis can be represented by the equation given below:

$$RM = 1127 + 618(FP) + 31.8(FW) - 989(AT) + 3749(OT) \quad (6-9)$$

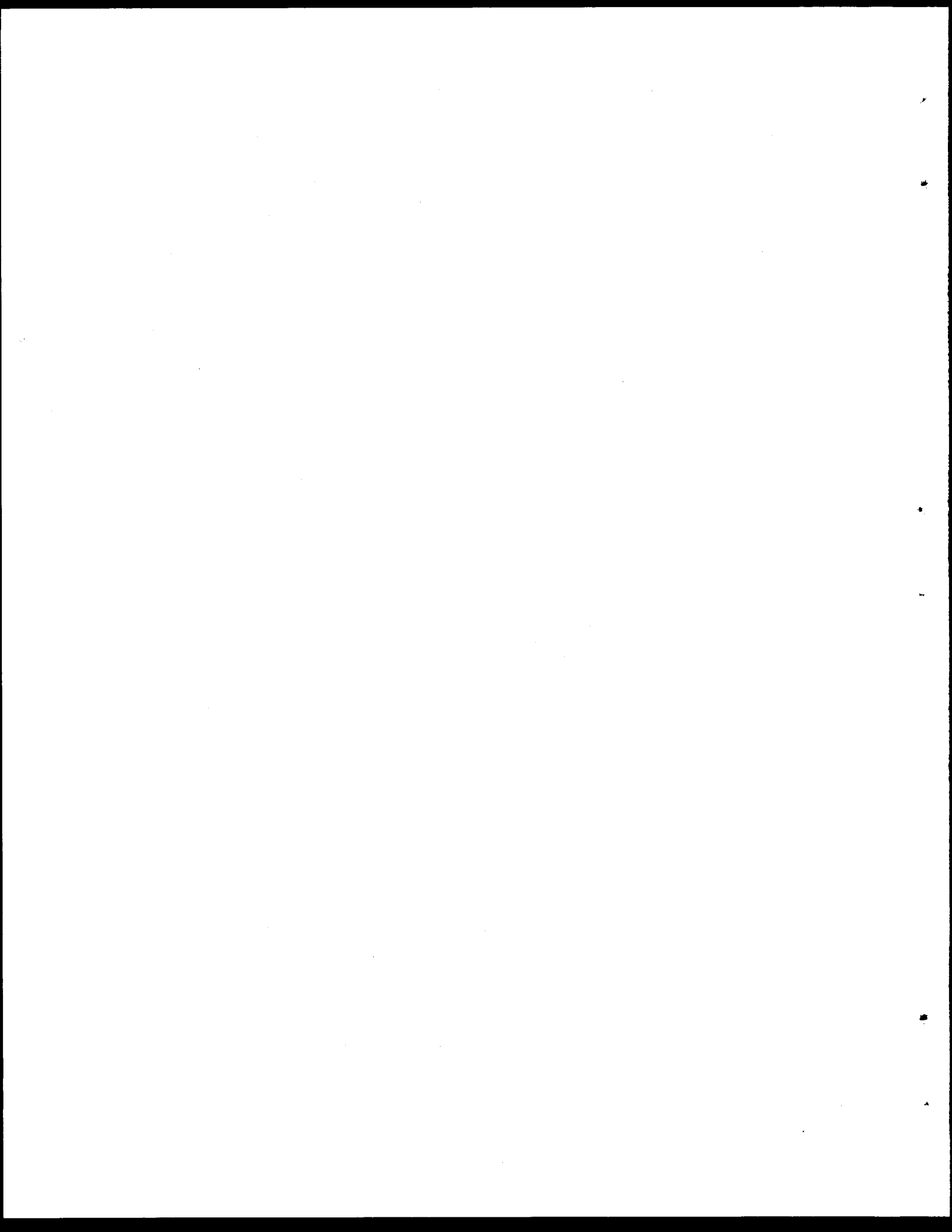
This equation shows that the relaxation modulus increases by:

- (i) having the reinforcement fabric at a higher position
- (ii) using heavier fabric
- (iii) using lower tack coat rates
- (iv) using fabrics with larger optimum tack coat rates.

### Summary

In the present chapter, the results of the data reduction and analysis methods described previously were examined with the objective of determining the effects of different overlay design variables in improving the performance of an overlay against reflection cracking. The discussion included: (a) examination of the number of loading cycles required to cause the "failure" of an overlay specimen; (b) analysis of the strain energy release rate values calculated for each test specimen; (c) analysis of the crack growth coefficients, a and b; (d) analysis of the tensile work coefficients, c and d; (e) comparison of the relationship of peak tensile load to loading cycle number of each specimen; (f) analysis of the fracture properties, A and n, obtained for each specimen, and (g) determination of the relative influence of different design variables on fracture properties.

Final conclusions of this study will be outlined in Chapter VII.





## CHAPTER VII

### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Conclusions

Based upon review of the current literature, observations made during laboratory preparation and testing of overlay specimens, analysis of experimental data, and other information gained from this study, the following conclusions are made:

1. Asphaltic concrete overlays are often the most economical method available to overcome a wide variety of defects in both rigid and flexible pavements.
2. Overlays often exhibit a (reflective) cracking pattern similar to that which existed in the original pavement, even when the "new" pavements are considered to be structurally sound.
3. The occurrence of transverse reflection cracking, and the consequent penetration of water into the pavement sublayers, is the primary cause of highway pavement overlay deterioration.
4. Reflection cracking in overlays may be caused by cyclic traffic loading and unloading, thermally induced tensile stresses produced when pavement materials contract, or a combination of these two.
5. Efforts are currently underway both in Texas and elsewhere to develop economical overlay systems which can be used to prevent and/or delay reflection cracking in overlays. These efforts

include numerous field trials, laboratory evaluation programs, and theoretical studies of the reflection cracking problem.

6. The complexity of the reflection cracking problem will necessitate the combined use of information gained from field trials, laboratory test programs and theoretical studies in order to develop the optimum overlay design to resist reflection cracking.
7. One of the most promising methods of providing reflection crack resistance utilizes synthetic "engineering" fabrics, installed in combination with a tack coat of asphalt cement, as a reinforcing membrane within the overlay. Fabrics reduce the amount of water that enters the sublayers of a pavement by both reinforcing and undersealing the overlay. Reinforcing delays the appearance of the reflection cracking and reduces the width of the cracks that develop. Undersealing reduces the amount of water that penetrates into the sublayers. Field observations of the degree of success obtained by the fabrics in these two functions are contained in the next report in this series, TTI Research Report 261-2.
8. Field test trials and laboratory studies indicate that fabric reinforcement of overlays can delay reflective cracking caused by both fatigue traffic loads and thermally induced cyclic tensile stresses. The amount of benefit gained by adding fabric reinforcement depends on a great many variables.
9. Controlled displacement tests using the TTI Overlay Tester that were reported in TTI Research Report 207-5 showed that fabric

reinforcement can greatly increase the reflective crack resistance of laboratory-prepared overlay specimens. The study reported herein involved testing similar to that in Research Report 207-5 and an evaluation of the test data obtained from 36 fabric reinforced samples.

10. The TTI Overlay Tester was designed to subject laboratory-prepared asphaltic concrete "beam" specimens to tensile loads sufficient to produce a predetermined displacement (crack) in the overlay specimen, and then to exert a compressive load sufficient to return the sample to its zero-displacement position. This test apparatus effectively simulates thermally induced loading (and unloading) of an overlay, but the characteristics of the apparatus, and the test in general, must be considered when overlay test data are evaluated:
  - a. The modulus of the asphaltic concrete material when tested at this loading rate in a constant temperature environment (77°F) is approximately the same as the modulus of the same material when loaded for several hours at a temperature of 20° to 25°F. Thus, there is an approximate correspondence between the laboratory test conditions and the thermal loading rates in the field at lower temperatures.
  - b. The laboratory test procedure applied a tensile load to each overlay specimen through a loading ram attached to a plate epoxied to the bottom of the specimen. This loading system simulates the loading produced by contraction of an old pavement below the new overlay. Under field conditions, the

new overlay will also tend to contract with decreases in temperature. Thus, the overlay will be subjected to thermally induced stresses developing within itself, as well as those transferred to it from the underlying old pavement.

- c. The construction control employed in the laboratory is not available in the field. Inconsistencies in overlays, resulting from construction difficulties, may reduce the ability of the overlay to withstand the reflection cracking forces.
  - d. The TTI Overlay Tester was used to induce only horizontal tensile loads in the test specimens. No attempt was made to model traffic loading.
  - e. All tests were performed on "new" overlay specimens. The aging process which occurs in the field will undoubtedly reduce the ability of an overlay to withstand reflection cracking.
11. The number of loading cycles required to produce "failure" in an overlay sample is only a relative measure of the resistance to reflection cracking that a similar overlay would exhibit in the field.
12. Examination of the cracking patterns that formed during testing leads to the following observations:
- a. Multiple cracking (formation of more than one primary crack) is most likely to occur in overlays constructed with high tack coat rates. This indicates that the excess asphalt tends to distribute the tensile load over a wider area, thus

increasing overlay life.

- b. Slippage along the fabric layer was observed during testing of every sample constructed with a low tack coat rate when the fabric was located near the bottom of the sample. Slippage was also observed in two samples constructed with high tack coat rates.
  - c. Slippage was observed only in samples with fabric located one inch from the bottom of the sample. This indicates that the combined tensile strength of the asphaltic concrete material above the fabric and of the fabric itself is greater than the horizontal shear strength along the bottom of the fabric. This lack of horizontal shear strength is due either to a lack of an adequate tack coat or to an excessively thick film of tack coat beneath the fabric.
13. Fabric reinforcement, together with a tack coat of asphalt cement, significantly increases the maximum tensile load required to produce a given displacement (crack opening) in an uncracked overlay. This reinforcement also retards crack growth during additional loading cycles.
14. Considering only those cases where one primary crack propagated from the bottom of the sample to the top without slippage, overlay sample life appears to increase with increasing tack coat rate.
15. The tensile loads created during testing were not sufficient to rupture any of the fabrics used as reinforcement. This is due to the ability of the fabrics to stretch and distribute the tensile

load to the adjoining layers of the overlay. If these asphalt impregnated fabrics remain intact under field conditions, they should serve to effectively retard water intrusion into the pavement system, thereby reducing the detrimental effects of reflection cracking.

16. Analysis of test results does not lead to a clear decision of which of the six fabrics evaluated in this study provides the best resistance to reflection cracking. However, some general conclusions about the fabrics and their use are drawn:
  - a. The information available concerning the engineering properties of each fabric is generally incomplete, and comparisons between two or more fabrics is difficult due to the wide variety of test types and conditions the manufacturers employ to evaluate their product.
  - b. The woven fabrics required less tack coat than did the nonwoven fabrics.
  - c. At least one case of slippage during testing was observed with each fabric type.
  - d. The location of the fabric within the overlay system and the amount of tack coat applied with the fabric have a greater influence on an overlay's resistance to cracking than does the type of fabric.
17. Fracture mechanics principles together with the equations developed in Chapter VI can be used in the prediction of the reflection cracking life of an overlay and design future overlays.

## Recommendations

Based upon the information gathered from this study and the conclusions drawn therefrom, the following recommendations are made:

1. Information gained from field trials, laboratory research and theoretical study should be used to update and improve both the overlay design process and the construction specifications for fabric reinforced overlays.
2. The use of thin overlays with fabrics should be avoided.
3. Economic analyses should be used to determine the cost effectiveness of using various types of engineering fabrics to reinforce and underseal overlays.
4. Standard laboratory test procedures should be developed and implemented to evaluate the engineering properties of fabrics before they are accepted for use in overlays. These tests should include a determination of the optimum tack coat rate of the fabric and its modulus at low strain levels of around 10 percent.
5. The optimum tack coat rate for any new fabrics should be determined according to the procedure described in Appendix D.
6. Evaluation of fabrics in overlays by means of tests performed on the TTI Overlay Tester and the analysis methods described in this report, should be conducted prior to field installation of the overlays.
7. The equations developed in this report should be used to estimate the relative resistance to reflection cracking of future fabric reinforced overlay systems.
8. As a basis for future design, fabrics used as reinforcement for

overlays should be placed near the bottom of the overlay, but generally no nearer than the distance a reflection crack will travel during the first opening cycle. The crack length after the first opening cycle, represented by the value "a" shown in Table 1, is generally about 1/4 to 3/4 inch. Optimum fabric placement can be accomplished by placing a level-up course of 3/4 to 1 inch thickness on the old pavement before installing the fabric and the remaining layer(s) of the overlay.

9. The tack coat rate used when installing the fabric should be the highest practical, consistent with economic, construction and maintenance considerations, but never less than the optimum rate. Too high of a tack coat can result in flushing (or bleeding) and slippage cracking. Thus, the actual tack coat rate should be about 100 percent above the optimum, and should be applied uniformly on the surface on which the fabric will be placed. More viscous tack coats such as AC-20 are more desirable.
10. The fabric should also be uniform in weight and in low strain modulus. Non-uniform fabrics will cause excesses of tack coat in the low density areas which will increase the consequent flushing and slippage problems.



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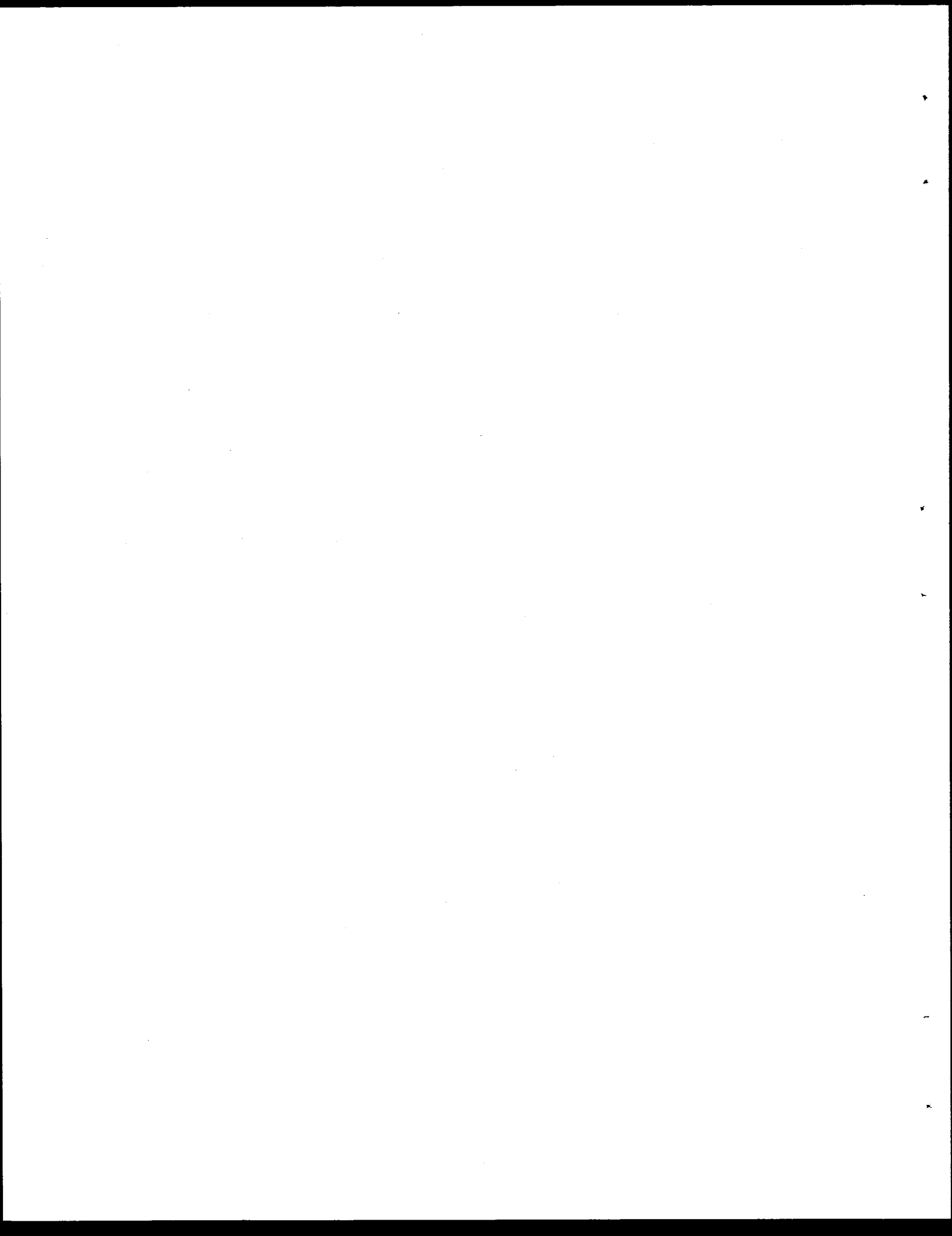
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APPENDIX A  
COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR  
TEST INITIALIZATION, DATA COLLECTION,  
DATA REDUCTION AND DATA ANALYSIS

As mentioned previously, data collection and reduction were accomplished by the use of microcomputers using computer programs developed by personnel of the Texas Transportation Institute. A computer program was also used to prepare the data collection computer to receive the overlay test data. A total of six programs were used in the various stages of test initialization and data collection and reduction. The data analysis procedure utilized three computer programs. A brief description of the use of each of these programs is given below.

The "Test Initialization and Data Collection Program" was used to prepare the data collection microcomputer to receive test data in the form of electronic voltages, convert these data to a computer-usable form, and store them on magnetic tape. This program was also used to select the voltage monitoring rate and record the sample size and identification information, as well as calibration values for load and displacement. (The above mentioned information was manually entered into the TTI microcomputer by means of the Texas Instruments "Silent 700" electronic data terminal.) A copy of the "Test initialization and Data Collection Program" is shown on pages 99 through 105.

Overlay test data were entered into the data analysis computer either automatically from the magnetic data storage tape or manually by means of the Micro-Term, Inc. video terminal. The program used to prepare the Model 6800 Mnemonic Assembler to receive commands for the

method to be used for entering test data is shown on page 106.

The computer initialization and data reduction program for manually entered data is shown on page 107. The computer initialization and data reduction program for data reduction directly from the magnetic tape is shown on pages 108 through 110. Manually entered test data included manually calculated values of the crack opening energy,  $E$ , for the selected loading cycles. The computer program used to reduce test data directly from the storage tape provides the capability of calculating these energy values by numerically integrating the tension portion of the load versus displacement data. Both programs calculate the logarithm of the average crack length,  $C$ , loading cycle number,  $N$ , and crack opening energy,  $E$ , values.

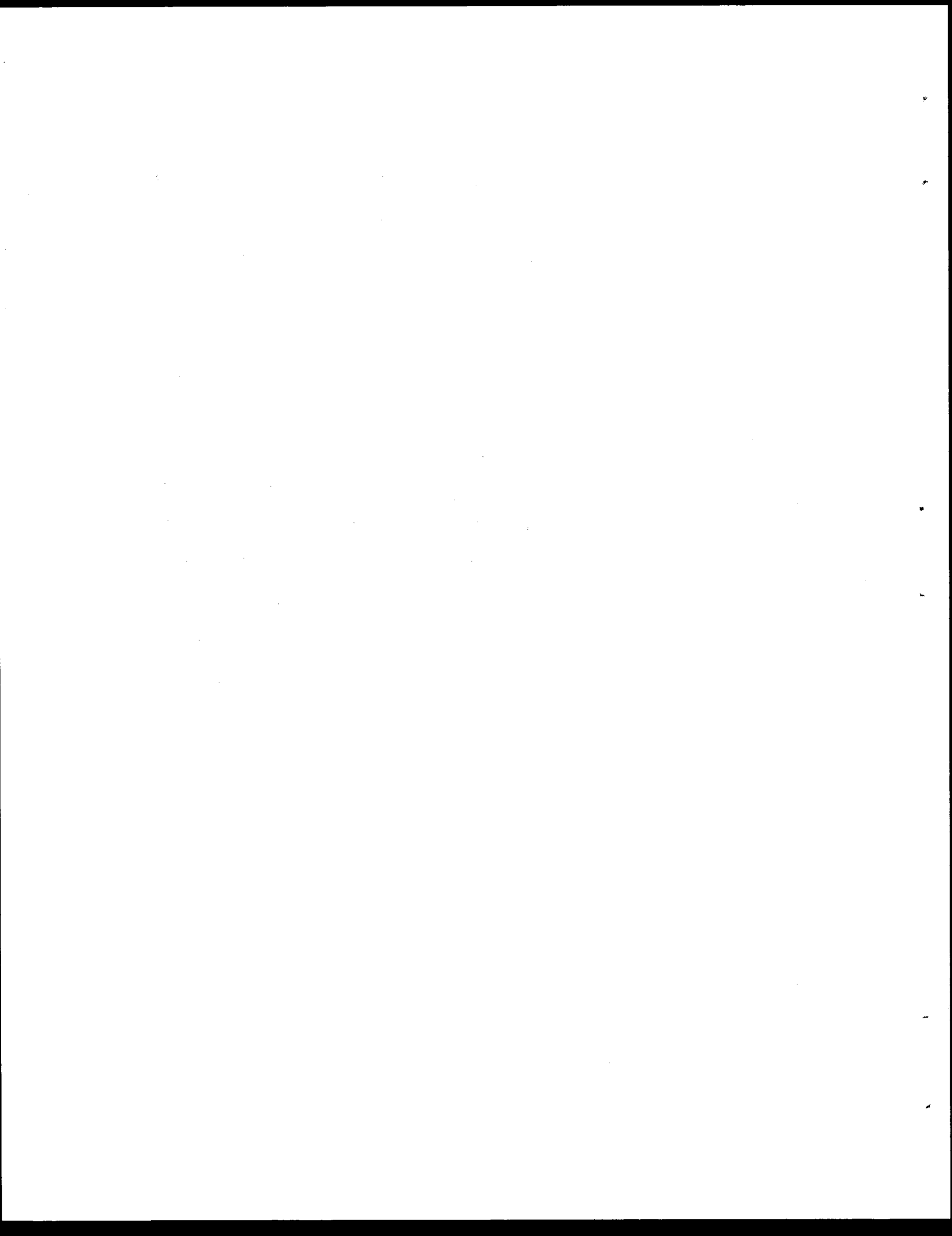
The two remaining data reduction programs were used to relate the average crack length,  $C$ , to the loading cycle number,  $N$ , and the crack opening energy,  $E$ , to the loading cycle number. Simple linear regression techniques were used to represent these  $\log C$  versus  $\log N$  and  $\log E$  versus  $\log N$  data as single straight lines. A copy of the program used to perform the linear regression calculations is shown on pages 111 through 112.

Since crack growth was significantly retarded by the presence of the reinforcing fabric layer in many of the test specimens, the  $\log C$  versus  $\log N$  and  $\log E$  versus  $\log N$  data could not be accurately represented by a single straight line in many cases. Therefore, a multiple linear regression program was used to determine separate linear relationships for these test data in two segments. The first segment included all data from the first loading cycle until



the reflection crack reached the fabric layer. The second segment included all data from the cycle when the reflective crack penetrated the fabric layer until failure. A copy of the program used to perform the multiple linear regression calculations is shown on pages 113 through 114. Both the single and multiple regression programs also performed fracture toughness calculations.

The data analysis procedure utilized the computer program shown on pages 116 through 118 to calculate the stress intensity factor,  $K$ , and the crack growth rate,  $\frac{dC}{dN}$ , in fifteen incremental steps. This program also calculated values for the material properties  $A$  and  $n$  for each sample. The relationship of  $n$  versus  $\log A$  was then determined for all the samples by means of a computer program employing simple linear regression techniques. The final data analysis step involved relating the  $A$  value to five variables and using select logarithmic regression computer analysis techniques to determine which variables have the greatest effect on the magnitude of  $A$ .



COMPUTER PROGRAM  
FOR  
TEST INITIALIZATION AND DATA COLLECTION

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        ORG      $0200
        NAM      ADTAPE
        OPT      NOG
OUTSTR EQU      $E07E
OUTCH EQU      $E1D1
INC EQU        $E1AC
OUTSP EQU      $E0CC
FBLOCK EQU     $0800
REGIS EQU      $0000      COMMON
XH1 EQU        REGIS
PTR EQU        REGIS+2
CHCNT EQU      REGIS+7
BLKNO EQU      REGIS+13
LIB EQU        $E400      PROM LIBR
TINIT EQU      LIB+$09
WBLOCK EQU     LIB+$0C
ADINIT EQU     LIB+$2A
ADCONV EQU     LIB+$2D
TIMER EQU      LIB+$30
DTOB EQU       LIB+$33
DECOUT EQU     LIB+$36
INCHR EQU      LIB+$39
TIMPIA EQU     $8008      TIMER PIA
KB EQU         $8004
MSG1 FCC       / ENTER NUMBER OF CHANNELS: /
        FCB     4
MSG2H FCC      / HIGH CALIBR VALUE FOR CHANNEL /
        FCB     4
MSG2A FCC      / A-D SIGNAL (RET) /
        FCB     4
MSG2L FCC      / LOW CALIBR VALUE FOR CHANNEL /
        FCB     4
MSG3 FCC       / ENTER FILE NAME: /
        FCB     4
MSG4 FCC       / ENTER UNITS OF MEASURE: /
        FCB     4
MSG5 FCC       / CRACKS: /
        FCB     4
MSG6 FCC       / :01 SECONDS/
        FCC     / BETWEEN SAMPLINGS: /
        FCB     4
MSG7 FCC       / SAMPLING /
        FCB     4
MSG8 FCC       / ENTER STARTING CYCLE; /
        FCB     4

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TEST INITIALIZATION AND DATA COLLECTION

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```

MSG9  FCC      / END OF TEST /
      FCB      4
MSG10 FCC      / ENTER BEAM WIDTH: /
      FCB      4
BLK   FCB      0
MSREAD FCB      1
CHAN  FCB      0
DIOBL RMB      4
*
ADTAPE EQU     *          A/D READINGS TO TAPE
      JSR     TINIT      INIT ROUTINES
      JSR     ADINIT
      LDAA    #4         .01 SEC
      JSR     TIMER      .01 SEC
      CLR     BLKNO      BLK 0
      JSR     CHDATA     CHANN DATA
      LDX     #FBLOCK    BL0 WRITE
      STX     REGIS
      LDX     #300
      STX     REGIS+4
      JSR     WBLOCK     BL0 WRITE
ADT1  JSR     ELINE      LF,CR
      LDX     #MSG8      CYC ST
      JSR     OUTSTR
      LDX     #FBLOCK+10 CYC
      LDAA    #3
      JSR     INCHR
      CPX     #FBLOCK+10 END?
      BEQ     ADT8
      JSR     COMMA
      STX     PTR
      JSR     ELINE
      LDX     #MSG7      ST
      JSR     OUTSTR
      JSR     ELINE
      INC     BLKNO      NEXT BLK
      LDX     PTR        A/D START
ADT3  LDAB    MSREAD     SKIP CNT
ADT4  JSR     TIMD       CLK
      DECB
      BNE     ADT4       MORE SKIPPING
      LDAA    #1
      ANDA   KB          KB ENTRY (A/D END)?
      BNE     ADT6
      CLRA
ADT5  PSHA

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TEST INITIALIZATION AND DATA COLLECTION

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```

        JSR   ADCONV   DATA
        STAA  0,X
        INX
        PULA
        INCA
        CPX   #FBLOCK+2000
        BEQ   ADT6     IF END
        CMFA  CHAN     MORE CHS?
        BNE   ADT5     NEXT A/D READ
        BRA   ADT3     WAIT TIM
ADT6   DEX
        STX   REGIS+2  END BLK
        LDX   #MSG5    CRK
        JSR   OUTSTR
        JSR   CRKIN    CRACK WIDTHS
        LDX   #FBLOCK
        STX   REGIS    BLK START
ADT7   JSR   SUB16    FIND BLK LEN
        JSR   WBLOCK
        BRA   ADT1
ADT8   LDX   #0
        STX   REGIS+4  0 LEN(EOF BLK)
        JSR   WBLOCK
        JSR   ELINE
        JSR   ELINE
        LDX   #MSG9    END
        JSR   OUTSTR
        JMP   $E0E3    SWTBUG
*
*
CHDATA EQU *        CHANNEL DATA TO TAPE
        LDX   #FBLOCK
        STX   PTR     SET PTR
        JSR   ELINE   CR,LF
        LDX   #MSG3
        JSR   OUTSTR
        LDX   PTR
        LDAA  #9      CNT
        JSR   INCHR   FNAME ENTER
        JSR   COMMA
        STX   PTR
CHD2   JSR   ELINE   CR,LF
        LDX   #MSG1   # CH
        JSR   OUTSTR
        LDX   PTR
        LDAA  #1

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TEST INITIALIZATION AND DATA COLLECTION

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```

JSR    INCHR
STX    PTR
DEX
LDAA   0,X      GET CHAR
ANDA   #0F      BCD
STAA   CHAN     CH CNTR
JSR    ELINE
JSR    ELINE
CLR    CLRB
CHD3  INCB
PSHB   SAV CHAN CNT
LDX    #MSG2H
JSR    RANGIN   HIGH RANGE INPUT
LDX    #MSG2A   A/D READ
JSR    ACTIN
LDX    #MSG2L   LOW RANGE INPUT
JSR    RANGIN
LDX    #MSG2A   A/D READ
JSR    ACTIN
JSR    UNTR
JSR    ELINE
JSR    ELINE   NEXT CH DATA
FUL    REST CHAN CNT
CMP    CHAN     END?
BNE    CHD3
LDX    #MSG6    TIMING
JSR    OUTSTR
LDAA   #3       DEC IN
LDX    #DIOBL
STX    REGIS
JSR    INDIG
JSR    DTOB
STAA   MSREAD   CLOCK SKIPS
LDX    PTR
STAA   0,X      SAV TIM
INX
STX    PTR
JSR    ELINE
LDX    #MSG10
JSR    OUTSTR   BEAM W
LDX    PTR
LDAA   #4
JSR    INCHR
JSR    COMMA
STX    PTR
JSR    ELINE
RTS
    
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TEST INITIALIZATION AND DATA COLLECTION

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*
RANGIN JSR   OUTSTR
        TBA
        ORAA  #$30   ASCII
        JSR   OUTCH
        JSR   OUTSP
        LDX   PTR
        LDAA  #5
        JSR   INCHR   CALIB VAL
RA2     JSR   COMMA
        STX   PTR
        JSR   ELINE
        RTS

*
ACTIN  JSR   OUTSTR   A/D INPUT
ACT1   JSR   INC      KB INP
        CMPPA #$4B   'K' HAND ENTER?
        BNE  ACT2
        LDX  #DIOBL  FETCH KB ENTER
        STX  REGIS
        LDAA #3
        JSR  INDIG   DEC IN
        JSR  DTOB   CONVERT
        LDX  PTR
        STAA 0,X
        INX
        STX  PTR    INCR PTR
        BSR  ELINE
        RTS
ACT2   TBA
        DECA          CH SYNC
        JSR  ADCONV  A/D DATA
        LDX  PTR
        STAA 0,X
        INX
        STX  PTR
        LDX  #DIOBL  B-D TABLE
        STX  REGIS
        JSR  DECOU  DISPLAY
        JSR  ELINE
        RTS

*
UNTR   LDX  #MSG4   TITL REQ
        JSR  OUTSTR
        LDX  PTR
        LDAA #5
    
```

TEST INITIALIZATION AND DATA COLLECTION

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UN3   JSR   INCHR
      JSR   COMMA
      STX   PTR
      RTS

*
ELINE LDAA  #$0A    LF
      JSR   OUTCH
      LDAA  #$0D    CR
      JSR   OUTCH
      RTS

*
SUB16 LDAA  REGIS+2  16B SUBTR
      LDAB  REGIS+3
      SUBB  REGIS+1
      SBCA  REGIS
      STAA  REGIS+4
      STAB  REGIS+5
      RTS

*
*
CRKIN LDAA  #9      RESULT CRACKS INP
      LDX  #FBLOCK
      JSR  INCHR
      JSR  COMMA
CRK2  RTS

*
INDIG EQU  *      NUMER INP
IND1  LDX  #DTOBL  CONV BUFF
IND2  JSR  INC     CHAR
      CMPA #21     '1'
      BEQ  IND1
      CMPA #$0D    CR?
      BEQ  IND3
      CPX  #DTOBL+4  END?
      BEQ  IND2
      ANDA #$0F    BCD
      STAA 0,X
      INX
      BRA  IND2
IND3  BSR  COMMA
      RTS

*
COMMA LDAA  #$2C
      STAA 0,X
      INX
      RTS

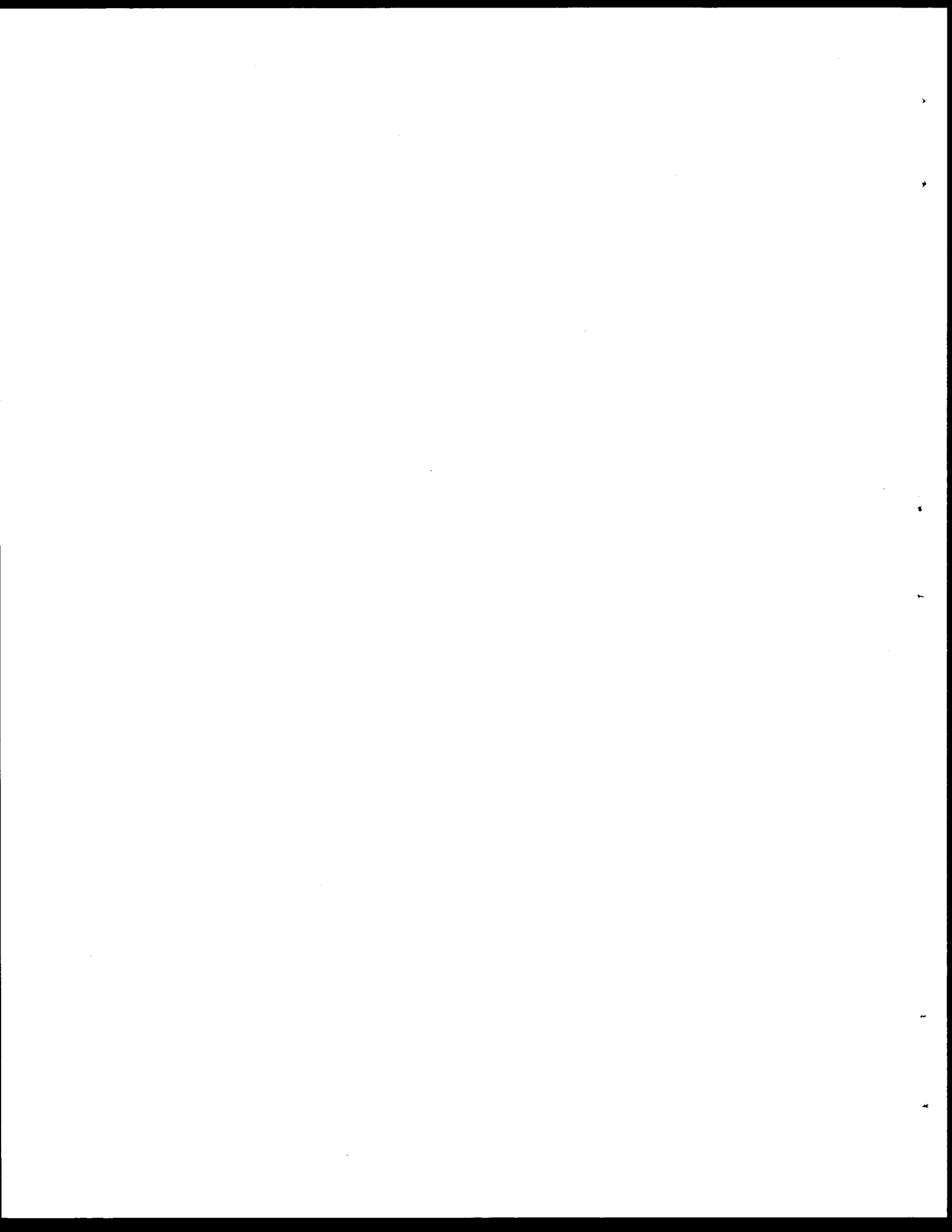
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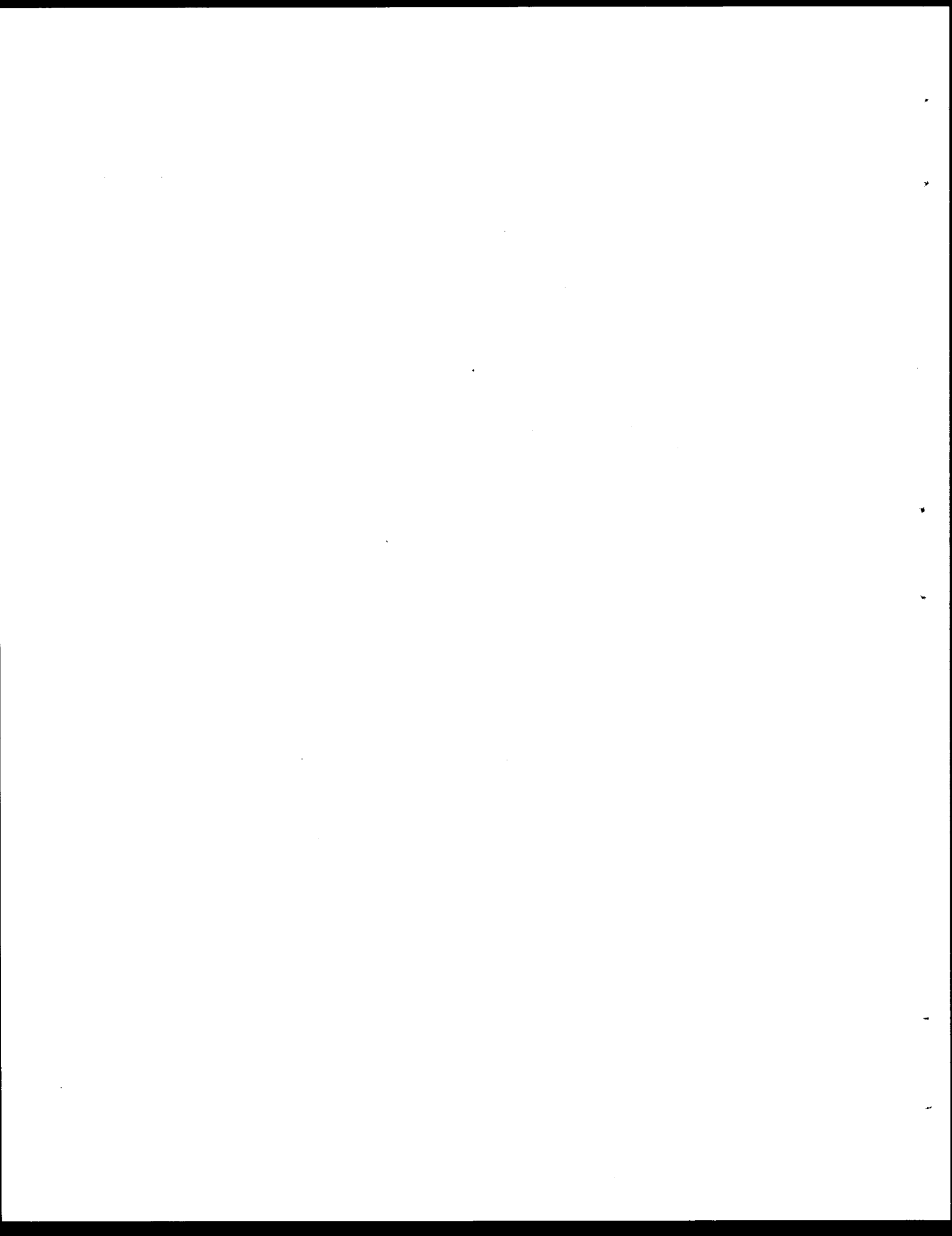
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*
TIMD LDAA #$80      TIMER WAIT
      ANDA $8009    ADDR
      BEQ  TIMD
      LDAA $8008    RESET
      RTS
      END
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COMPUTER PROGRAM  
FOR  
RECEIVING DATA FORMAT COMMANDS

```
0010 PRINT CHR$(12);"";CHR$(30);TAB(25);"TTI OVERLAY TEST SYSTEM "  
0020 SKIP 5  
0030 PRINT TAB(30);"ACTION CODES"  
0040 SKIP 2  
0050 PRINT TAB(10);CHR$(14);"1";CHR$(14);TAB(15);  
"REDUCE TEST FROM TAPE":SKIP 2  
0060 PRINT TAB(10);CHR$(14);"2";CHR$(14);TAB(15);  
"ENTER TEST DATA BY HAND":SKIP 2  
0070 PRINT TAB(10);CHR$(14);"3";CHR$(14);TAB(15);"QUIT PROGRAM":SKIP 5  
0080 PRINT "ENTER ACTION CODE --->";:INPUT A  
0090 IF A=1 THEN CHAIN ADBAS  
0100 IF A=2 THEN CHAIN ENTER  
0110 IF A=3 THEN END  
0120 GOTO 10
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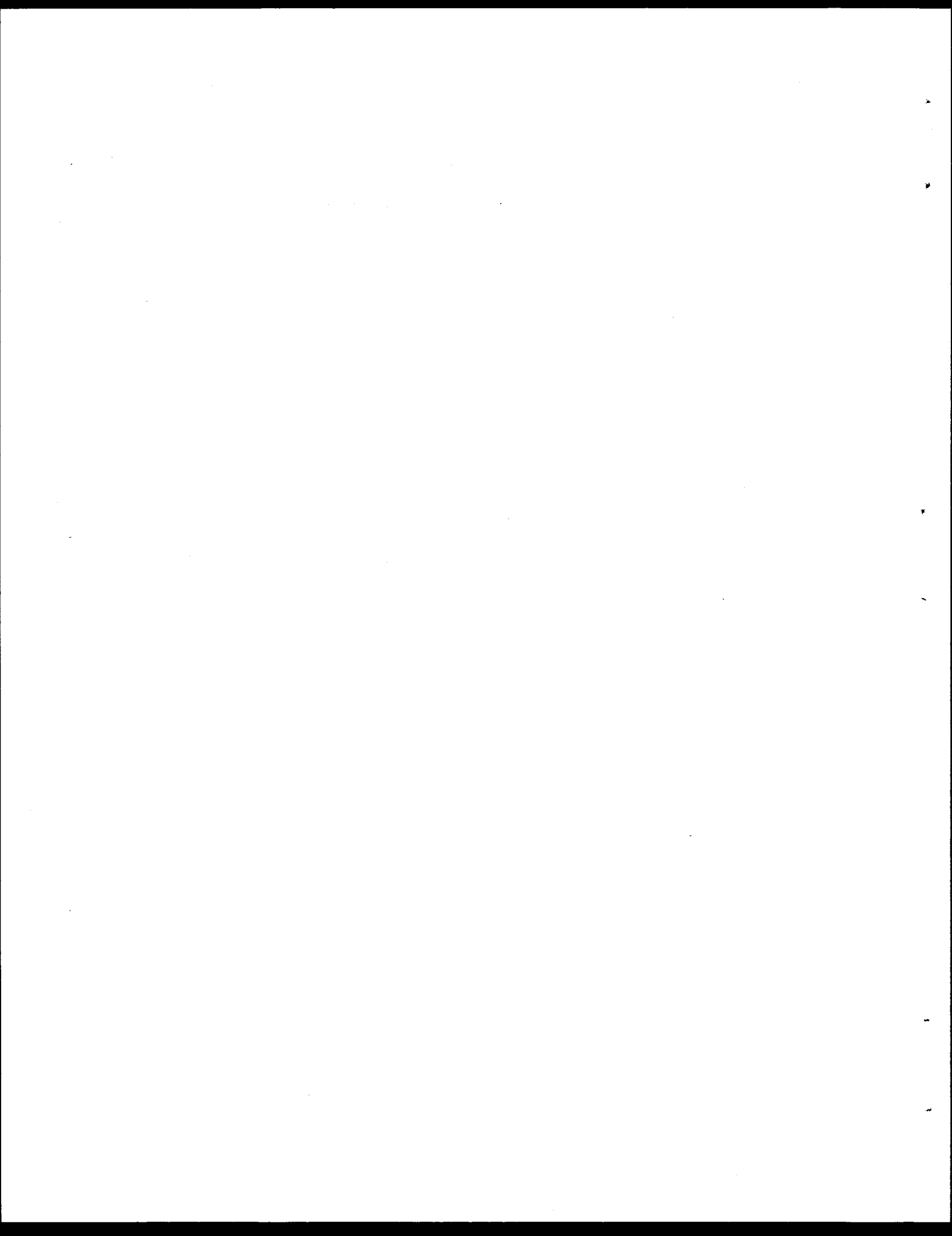
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BASIC  
#
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COMPUTER PROGRAM  
FOR  
REDUCTION OF MANUALLY ENTERED TEST DATA

```
0001 LINE= 80
0010 PRINT "PROGRAM FOR ENTERING DATA BY HAND OF OVERLAY DATA REGRESSION"
0015 PRINT "ENTER ZERO FOR CYCLE NUMBER TO END "
0016 PRINT "ENTER FILE NAME";:INPUT A$
0017 PRINT ""
0018 PRINT "FILE NAME IS ";A$
0020 OPEN #1,"OVLDAT":SCRATCH#1
0021 PRINT "ENTER THE BEAM WIDTH ";:INPUT X
0022 WRITE #1,A$,X
0030 PRINT "CYCLE ";:INPUT A:IF A=0 THEN CLOSE #1:GOTO 70
0040 PRINT "ENERGY ";:INPUT B
0050 PRINT "CRACK LENGTH AVG. ";:INPUT C
0051 PRINT ""
0052 PRINT "CYC= ";A;TAB(15);"E= ";B;TAB(25);"C= ";C
0060 LET D=LOG(A):E=LOG(B):F=LOG(C):WRITE #1,B,C,A,D,F,E:GOTO 30
0070 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO PERFORM A SINGLE OR MULTIPLE REGRESSION ";
0080 INPUT A$:IF LEFT$(A$,1)="S" THEN CHAIN REGRES
0090 IF LEFT$(A$,1)="M" THEN CHAIN REG2
0100 GOTO 70
```

```
BASIC
#
```



COMPUTER PROGRAM  
FOR  
REDUCTION OF AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED TEST DATA

```
0001 PRINT ""
0010 REM PROGRAM TO CONVERT A/D DATA
0020 REM U$=UNITS;Y$=NAME;Z$=NUMBER
0030 REM C=CALIBR DATA ((MAX,MIN),CH),N=CHANS
0040 REM I=CNTRS;K=CONSTS;L=MEM LOCS
0043 DIM C(2),D(2),F(8),U$(8)
0044 LET N1=0
0045 DIGITS= 3
0046 DEF FNF(X9)=(PEEK(X9)-128)*F(1)
0047 DEF FND(X9)=(128-PEEK(X9+1))*F(2)
0048 DEF FNL(X9)=LOG(X9)/2.3025851
0050 REM
0055 OPEN #1,"OVLDAT"
0056 SCRATCH #1
0060 REM READ BLOCK 0 CHANNEL DATA
0070 REM
0080 LET L1=61440
0090 LET L2=14080
0100 LET L7=L1
0110 GOSUB 800
0120 LET Y=USER(L7)
0130 IF PEEK(8) <> 0 THEN 510
0140 REM
0150 REM FILE NAM
0160 REM
0170 LET L=L2-1
0180 GOSUB 900
0190 LET Y$=Z$
0200 PRINT "FILE NAME IS ";Y$
0205 PRINT
0210 REM
0220 REM # CHANNELS
0230 REM
0240 LET L=L+1
0250 LET N=VAL(CHR$(PEEK(L)))
0260 REM
0270 REM MAX,MIN CALIBR,A/D PER CHANNEL
0280 REM
0290 FOR I=1 TO N
0300 GOSUB 900
0310 LET C(1)=VAL(Z$)
0320 LET L=L+1
0330 LET D(1)=PEEK(L)
0340 GOSUB 900
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REDUCTION OF AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED TEST DATA

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0350 LET C(2)=VAL(Z$)
0360 LET L=L+1
0370 LET D(2)=PEEK(L)
0380 GOSUB 900
0390 LET U$(I)=Z$
0420 LET F(I)=(C(1)-C(2))/(D(1)-D(2))
0430 NEXT I
0431 LET F(2)=-F(2):L=L+1:J=PEEK(L):GOSUB 900
0437 LET W=VAL(Z$):WRITE #1,Y$,W
0440 REM
0450 REM NOW FOR DATA BLOCKS
0460 REM
0470 LET Y=USER(L7)
0490 LET L3=PEEK(2)*256+PEEK(3)
0500 IF PEEK(8)=0 THEN 530
0510 IF PEEK(8)=8 THEN 700
0511 PRINT "I/O ERROR #";PEEK(8)
0520 PRINT "CONTINUE WITH NEXT BLOCK ";
      :INPUT A$:IF LEFT$(A$,1)="Y" THEN 470
0521 END
0530 IF L3=L2 THEN 630
0535 LET L=L2-1
0540 GOSUB 900
0545 LET C1=VAL(Z$)
0550 GOSUB 900
0554 IF Z$="" THEN Z$="0"
0555 LET C2=VAL(Z$)
0557 LET L=L2+9
0560 GOSUB 900
0565 LET C3=VAL(Z$)
0575 LET L=L+1
0577 LET L4=L3-L+1
0580 LET F1=FNF(L)
0585 LET D1=FND(L)
0590 LET E=F1*D1
0595 FOR I=1 TO 2000
0597 LET L=L+2
0600 LET F=FNF(L)
0605 LET D=FND(L)
0607 IF F>0 THEN 610
0608 IF I>60 THEN 635
0610 LET E=E+(F+F1)*(D-D1)
0615 LET F1=F
0620 LET D1=D
0630 NEXT I
0635 LET E=.5*(E+F1*(FND(L)-D1))

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REDUCTION OF AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED TEST DATA

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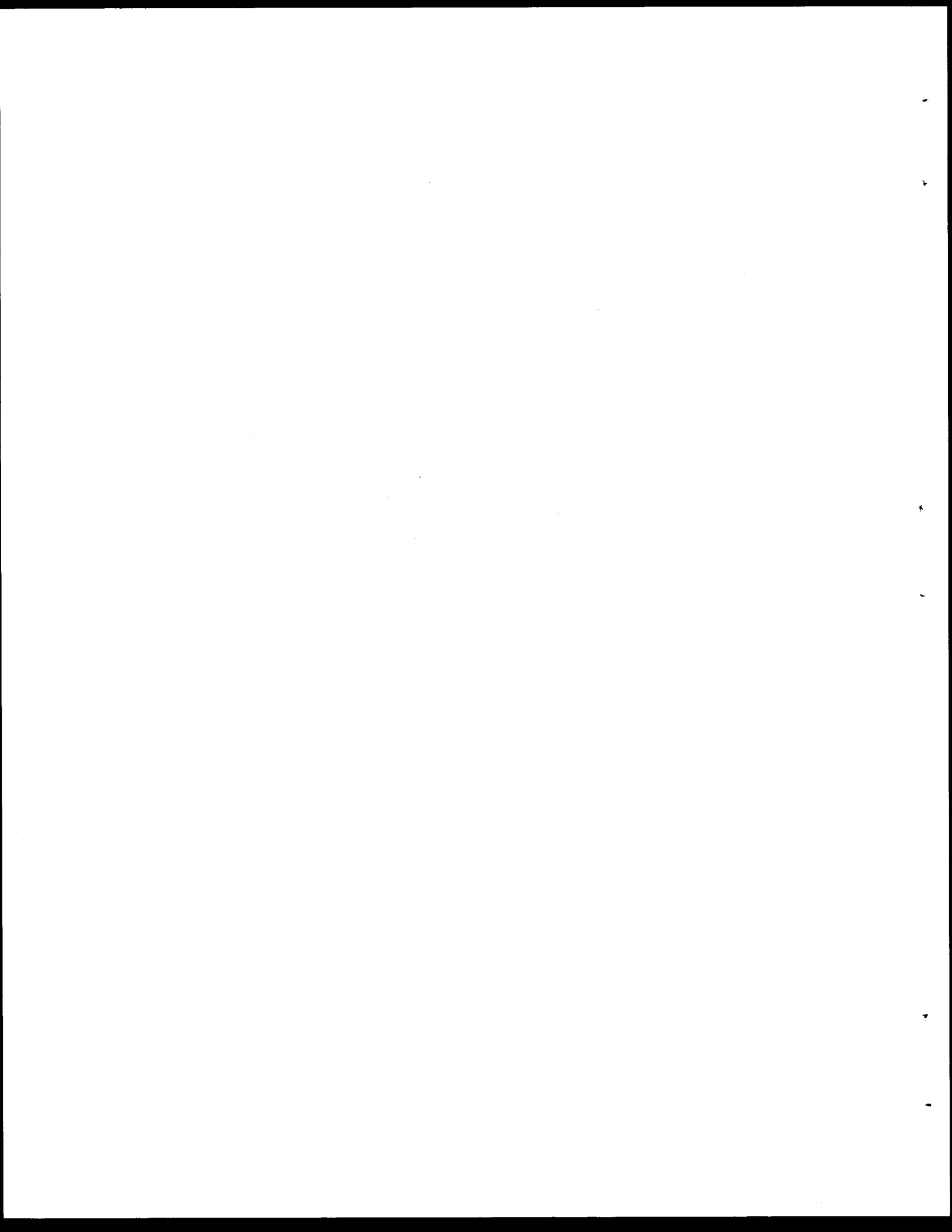
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0640 LET C=.5*(C1+C2)
0641 LET N=C3:IF N<N1 THEN N=N*10
0646 PRINT "CYC =";N,"E = ";E,"C = ";C
0647 IF E<=0. THEN E=1
0650 LET X=LOG(N)
0651 IF C<>0 THEN 655
0652 LET C=.001
0655 LET Y=LOG(C)
0660 LET Z=LOG(E)
0665 WRITE #1,E,C,N,X,Y,Z
0666 LET N1=N
0670 GOTO 470
0700 PRINT "END CONVERSION FOR SAMPLE ";Y$
0705 CLOSE #1
0710 PRINT "DO YOU WANT SINGLE OR MULTIPLE LINE REGRESSION";:INPUT A$
0711 IF LEFT$(A$,1)="S" THEN CHAIN REGRES
0712 IF LEFT$(A$,1)="M" THEN CHAIN REG2
0713 GOTO 710
0715 END
0795 REM
0800 REM USER ADD ROUTINE
0810 REM
0820 POKE( 40,INT(L7/256))
0830 POKE( 41,IMOD(L7,256))
0840 RETURN
0850 REM
0900 REM FIELD READ
0910 REM
0920 LET Z$=""
0925 LET L=L+1:X$=CHR$(PEEK(L)):IF X$="0" THEN X$=""
0930 IF X$="," THEN RETURN
0940 LET Z$=Z$+X$:GOTO 925

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COMPUTER PROGRAM  
FOR  
SINGLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS AND CALCULATION  
OF STRAIN ENERGY RELEASE RATE

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0010 REM OVERLAY DATA REGRESSION
0011 PRINT ""
0060 DIGITS= 2:STRING=10:LINE=80:P=1:REM P=PASS NUMBER
0100 REM EQERY FOR DATA DELETIONS
0120 PRINT "DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ";:INPUT A$
0160 IF LEFT$(A$,1)="N" THEN 280
0180 LET N5=VAL(A$)
0200 FOR N=1 TO N5
0220 PRINT "CYCLE ";
0240 INPUT C(N):NEXT N
0280 PRINT "DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ";
0300 INPUT A$:IF LEFT$(A$,1)="N" THEN 440
0340 LET N6=VAL(A$)
0360 FOR N=1 TO N6
0380 PRINT "CYCLE ";:INPUT E(N):NEXT N
0440 REM OPENING THE FILE
0441 OPEN #1,"OVLDAT"
0460 READ #1,Z$,W
0480 PRINT
0500 PRINT "REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA ";Z$
0660 FOR I=1 TO 200
0680 IF STATUS #1=6 THEN 1080
0700 READ #1,E,C,N,X,Y,Z
0740 FOR N1=1 TO N5
0760 IF N=C(N1) THEN 900
0780 NEXT N1
0800 LET X1=X1+X
0820 LET Y1=Y1+Y
0840 LET S3=S3+X*Y
0860 LET S2=S2+X^2
0900 FOR N1=1 TO N6
0920 IF N=E(N1) THEN 1040
0940 NEXT N1
0960 LET X2=X2+X
0980 LET Z1=Z1+Z
1000 LET T2=T2+X^2
1020 LET T3=T3+X*Z
1040 NEXT I
1080 LET I1=I-1-N5
1100 LET X3=X1/I1
1120 LET Y3=Y1/I1
1160 LET S5=S3-(X1*Y1)/I1
1180 LET S6=S2-(X1^2)/I1
1200 LET S9=Y3
1220 GOSUB 6000
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SINGLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS AND CALCULATION  
OF STRAIN ENERGY RELEASE RATE  
(continued)

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1240 LET A1=EXP(S7)
1260 LET B1=S8
1280 PRINT
1300 PRINT "A= ";A1,"B= ";B1
1340 LET I1=I-1-N6
1360 LET X3=X2/I1
1380 LET Z3=Z1/I1
1400 LET S5=T3-(X2*Z1)/I1
1420 LET S6=T2-(X2^2)/I1
1440 LET S9=Z3
1460 GOSUB 6000
1480 LET C1=EXP(S7)
1490 LET D1=S8
1500 PRINT "C= ";C1,"D= ";D1
1540 PRINT
1560 PRINT "FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = ";(C1*D1)/(2*W*A1*B1)
1561 CLOSE #1
1570 SKIP 2
1575 PRINT "DO YOU WISH TO REPEAT THE REGRESSION ON THE SAME SAMPLE ";
1576 INPUT A$:IF LEFT$(A$,1)="Y" THEN 120
1580 PRINT
1585 PRINT "ANOTHER TEST TO ANALYSE ";:INPUT A$
1590 IF LEFT$(A$,1) <> "Y" THEN END
1600 CHAIN ADBAS
6000 REM
6080 LET S8=S5/S6
6120 LET S7=S9-S8*X3:RETURN
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COMPUTER PROGRAM  
FOR  
MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS AND CALCULATION  
OF STRAIN ENERGY RELEASE RATE

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0010 REM OVERLAY DATA REGRESSION
0011 PRINT ""
0060 DIGITS= 2:STRING=10:LINE=80:P=1:REM P=PASS NUMBER
0100 REM QUERY FOR DATA DELETIONS
0120 PRINT "DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ";:INPUT A$
0160 IF LEFT$(A$,1)="N" THEN 280
0180 LET N5=VAL(A$)
0200 FOR N=1 TO N5
0220 PRINT "CYCLE ";
0240 INPUT C(N):NEXT N
0280 PRINT "DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ";
0300 INPUT A$:IF LEFT$(A$,1)="N" THEN 440
0340 LET N6=VAL(A$)
0360 FOR N=1 TO N6
0380 PRINT "CYCLE ";:INPUT E(N):NEXT N
0440 PRINT "ENTER FABRIC HEIGHT ";:INPUT M
0441 OPEN #1,"OVLDAT"
0460 READ #1,Z$,W
0480 PRINT
0485 IF P>1 THEN 660
0500 PRINT "REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA ";Z$
0660 FOR I=1 TO 200
0680 IF STATUS #1=6 THEN 1080
0700 READ #1,E,C,N,X,Y,Z
0701 IF P<>1 THEN 703
0702 IF C>=M THEN 1080
0703 IF P<>2 THEN 740
0704 IF C<=M THEN 680
0740 FOR N1=1 TO N5
0760 IF N=C(N1) THEN 900
0780 NEXT N1
0800 LET X1=X1+X
0820 LET Y1=Y1+Y
0840 LET S3=S3+X*Y
0860 LET S2=S2+X^2
0900 FOR N1=1 TO N6
0920 IF N=E(N1) THEN 1040
0940 NEXT N1
0960 LET X2=X2+X
0980 LET Z1=Z1+Z
1000 LET T2=T2+X^2
1020 LET T3=T3+X*Z
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MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS AND CALCULATION  
OF STRAIN ENERGY RELEASE RATE  
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1040 NEXT I
1080 LET I1=I-1-N5
1100 LET X3=X1/I1
1120 LET Y3=Y1/I1
1160 LET S5=S3-(X1*Y1)/I1
1180 LET S6=S2-(X1^2)/I1
1200 LET S9=Y3
1220 GOSUB 6000
1240 LET A1=EXP(S7)
1260 LET B1=S8
1280 PRINT
1290 IF P=1 THEN PRINT"REGRESSION RESULTS BELOW THE FABRIC "
1291 IF P=2 THEN PRINT"REGRESSION RESULTS ABOVE THE FABRIC "
1292 IF P=3 THEN PRINT"OVERALL REGRESSION RESULTS "
1300 PRINT "A= ";A1,"B= ";B1
1340 LET I1=I-1-N6
1360 LET X3=X2/I1
1380 LET Z3=Z1/I1
1400 LET S5=T3-(X2*Z1)/I1
1420 LET S6=T2-(X2^2)/I1
1440 LET S9=Z3
1460 GOSUB 6000
1480 LET C1=EXP(S7)
1490 LET D1=S8
1500 PRINT "C= ";C1,"D= ";D1
1540 PRINT
1560 PRINT "FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = ";(C1*D1)/(2*W*A1*B1)
1561 LET P=P+1:IF P<4 THEN CLOSE #1:GOTO 441
1570 SKIP 2
1575 PRINT "DO YOU WISH TO REPEAT THE REGRESSION ON THE SAME SAMPLE ";
1576 INPUT A$:IF LEFT$(A$,1)="Y" THEN 120
1580 PRINT
1585 PRINT "ANOTHER TEST TO ANALYSE ";:INPUT A$
1590 IF LEFT$(A$,1)<>"Y" THEN END
1600 CHAIN ADBAS
6000 REM
6080 LET S8=S5/S6
6120 LET S7=S9-S8*X3:RETURN

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COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR  
CACULATION OF FRACTURE PROPERTIES

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1. //REFC JOB (W188,505A,502,001,KT), 'CRACK'
2. // *XBM WATFIV
3. DIMENSION CLC(30),CRL(30),FMX(30),SK(30),DCN(30),EK(30),E(30)
4. +,FTO(35),FFB(35),SLU(35)
5. DIMENSION CD(30),FK(30),X01(65),Y01(65),X02(65),Y02(65)
6. DIMENSION TITLE1(20),TITLE2(20),DL(30)
7. DATA X01/0.,.04,.06,.08,.10,.12,.135,.14,.15,.16,.17,.18,.19,.2,
8. +.22,.24,.26,.28,.30,.325,.35,.375,.4,.425,.45,.475,.5,.51,.52,.53,
9. +.54,.55,.56,.57,.58,.59,.6,.61,.62,.63,.65,.675,.7,.725,.75,.775,
10. +.80,.81,.82,.84,.86,.87,.88,.89,.9,.91,.92,.93,.94,.95,.96,.97,
11. +.98,.99,.994/
12. DATA Y01/.19,.19,.125,.075,.045,.0335,.0318,.0319,.0322,.0326,
13. +.033,.0338,.0345,.0355,.0368,.0384,.04,.041,.0426,.0448,.0473,
14. +.0488,.0518,.054,.056,.0589,.062,.063,.064,.065,.066,.067,.0677,
15. +.0695,.0707,.0725,.074,.0748,.076,.077,.0802,.0838,.088,.0925,
16. +.0966,.1018,.1078,.1085,.1118,.1168,.1202,.1224,.122,.1208,
17. +.1189,.1149,.1109,.106,.101,.094,.085,.0735,.0598,.0377,.0/
18. DATA X02/0.,.045,.06,.08,.10,.1205,.14,.16,.17,.18,.19,.2,.225,
19. +.25,.275,.3,.325,.35,.375,.4,.425,.45,.475,.5,.525,.55,.56,.57,
20. +.58,.59,.6,.61,.62,.63,.64,.65,.67,.68,.69,.70,.72,.74,.76,
21. +.78,.79,.8,.81,.82,.84,.85,.86,.87,.88,.89,.9,.91,.92,.93,.94,
22. +.95,.96,.97,.98,.99,.994/
23. DATA Y02/.273,.273,.232,.172,.112,.0429,.0377,.0371,.0372,.0373,.0
24. +374,.0375,.0377,.038,.0382,.0385,.0386,.0387,.0388,.039,.0391,.039
25. +2,.03925,.0393,.0394,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.03
26. +95,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0395,.0393,.03
27. +9,.0389,.0387,.03826,.03782,.03694,.0365,.0363,.0359,.0352,.0343,
28. +.033,.032,.031,.029,.027,.024,.021,.018,.012,.0055,.0/
35. READ(5,1)TITLE1,TITLE2
36. 1 FORMAT(20A4,/,20A4)
37. WRITE(6,2) TITLE1, TITLE2
38. 2 FORMAT(1H1,///,120('*'),///,10X,'PROJECT : ',20A4,
39. +///,10X,'FILE NAME : ',20A4,///)
40. READ(5,9)SB,SD,SL,CK,DOV,DUN,FM,NC
41. 9 FORMAT(7F10.3,I10)
42. READ(5,12)AFM,FL,FCL,LL1,LL2
43. 12 FORMAT(F10.1,2F10.2,2I5)
44. WRITE(6,15)
45. 15 FORMAT(25X,'INPUT DATA',/)
46. WRITE(6,17)SB,SD,SL,CK,DOV,DUN,FM,FL
47. 17 FORMAT(10X,'THE WIDTH OF SPECIMEN =',F7.1,1X,'IN',/,
48. C 10X,'THE DEPTH OF SPECIMEN =',F7.1,1X,'IN',/,
49. C 10X,'THE LENGTH OF SPECIMEN=',F7.1,1X,'IN',/,
50. C 10X,'THE CRACK OPENING =',F7.3,1X,'IN',/,
51. C 10X,'THE HEIGHT OF OVERLAY =',F7.1,1X,'IN',/,
52. C 10X,'THE HEIGHT OF UNDERLAY=',F7.1,1X,'IN',/,
53. C 10X,'THE FABRIC MODULUS =',F7.1,1X,'LB/IN*2',/,
54. C 10X,'THE FABRIC LENGTH =',F7.1,1X,'IN',/)

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35.      WRITE(6,18)
36.      18 FORMAT(10X,'NO. OF CYCLE',8X,'CRACK',14X,'FMAX',17X,'DL',/,
37.      C      30X,'LENGTH',13X,'(LB)',16X,'(IN)',/)
38.      DO 20 I=1,NC
39.      READ(5,30)CLC(I),CRL(I),FMX(I),DL(I)
40.      CD(I)=CRL(I)/FCL
40.1     N=CLC(I)
41.      20 WRITE(6,25)  N,CRL(I),FMX(I),DL(I)
42.      25 FORMAT(10X,I5,10X,F10.3,10X,F10.3,10X,F10.4)
43.      30 FORMAT(F5.1,3F10.3)
44.      IF(LL1.EQ.1)GO TO 31
45.      UU=CK/2.
46.      CALL INTERP(X01,Y01,CD,PK,NC,NO)
47.      CALL INTERP(X02,Y02,CD,EK,NC,NO)
48.      CALL REGR(CLC,CRL,NC,A,B)
49.      DO 36 I=1,NO
50.      SK(I)=(FMX(I)/SB)*PK(I)
51.      DCN(I)=A*B*CLC(I)**(B-1.0)
52.      E(I)=SK(I)/(UU*EK(I))
53.      36 CONTINUE
54.      WRITE(6,40)
55.      40 FORMAT(///,25X,'OUTPUT DATA',///,14X,'N',9X,'C',8X,'FMX',11X,'C/D'
56.      +,9X,'K/P',9X,'K',8X,'DC/DN',8X,'2K/EU',9X,'E',/)
57.      DO 59 J=1,NC
58.      N=CLC(J)
59.      IF(CD(J).GT.0.994 ) GO TO 55
60.      WRITE(6,45)  N,CRL(J),FMX(J),CD(J),PK(J),SK(J),DCN(J),EK(J),
61.      +E(J)
62.      45 FORMAT(9X,I5,5F12.3,E12.2,F12.4,F12.3)
63.      GO TO 59
64.      55 WRITE(6,58)  N,CRL(J),FMX(J),CD(J)
65.      58 FORMAT(9X,I5,3F12.3)
66.      59 CONTINUE
67.      CALL REGR(SK,DCN,NO,AA,BN)
68.      WRITE(6,65)AA,BN
69.      65 FORMAT(//,65X,'A = ',E10.3,/,65X,'N = ',E10.3)
70.      GO TO 999
71.      C
72.      C      CALCULATION OF MINIMUM SHEAR STRESS AND MODULUS OF UNDERLAY
73.      C      FROM THE LAST CYCLE
74.      C
75.      31 SSMIN=2.0*FMX(NC)/(SB*SL)
76.      EU =0.125*SL*SL*SSMIN/(CK*DUN)
77.      WRITE(6,32)
78.      32 FORMAT(//,25X,'OUTPUT DATA')
79.      WRITE (6,35)SSMIN,EU
80.      35 FORMAT(//,10X,'MINIMUM SHEAR STRESS =',F10.4,1X,'LB/IN*2',//,
81.      C      10X,'MODULUS OF UNDERLAY =',F10.4,1X,'LB/IN*2',/)
82.      C
83.      C      CALCULATION OF K0 BY TRY AND ERROR FROM THE FIRST CYCLE
84.      C

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107.      FBTA=1./SL
108.      ESP =0.001
109.      J=0
110.      50 AA =0.5*FBTA*SL
111.      J=J+1
112.      IF(J.GT.500)STOP
113.      SK0 =FMX(1)*FBTA*SINH(AA)/(SB*CK*(COSH(AA)-1))
114.      SBTA=SGRT(SK0/EU*DLN)
115.      IF(ABS(SBTA-FBTA).LE.ESP) GO TO 60
116.      FBTA=SBTA
117.      GO TO 50
118.      60 WRITE(6,70) SK0
119.      70 FORMAT(10X,'STIFFNESS K0           =',F10.4,/)
120.      SLU(NC)=0.5*FL
121.      IF(LL2.EQ.1) GO TO 75
122.      FTLC = 0.5*AFM*CK*SB/SLU(NC)
123.      WRITE(6,78) FTLC
124.      78 FORMAT(10X,'FABRIC FORCE           =',F10.4,/)
125.      GO TO 999
126.      75 WRITE(6,38)
127.      38 FORMAT(23X,'NO. OF CYCLE',3X,'OVERLAY STRESS',6X,'FABRIC FORCE/WID
128.      CTH',10X,'LU',/,40X,'(LB/IN*2)',14X,'(LB/IN)',16X,'(IN)',/)
129.      C *****
130.      C CALCULATE THE FABRIC FORCE, OVERLAY FORCE, AND LU
131.      C FOR ALL CYCLES
132.      C *****
133.      DO 100 I=1,NC
134.      FTO(I)=EU*DL(I)/SL
135.      100 FFB(I)=FMX(I)/SB-FTO(I)*DOV
136.      RFM=2.*SLU(NC)*FFB(NC)/(CK*SB)
137.      NN=NC-1
138.      DO 200 J=1,NN
139.      200 SLU(J)=0.5*RFM*CK*SB/FFB(J)
140.      WRITE(6,80)(CLC(I),FTO(I),FFB(I),SLU(I),I=1,NC)
141.      80 FORMAT(10X,I18,3F20.4)
142.      WRITE(6,90)RFM
143.      90 FORMAT(/,10X,'RE-FABRIC MODULUS   =',F10.4,/)
144.      999 STOP
145.      END
146.      SUBROUTINE INTERP(X0,Y0,CD,Y,NC,NO)
147.      DIMENSION X0(65),Y0(65),CD(30),Y(30)
147.1      NO=0
148.      DO 60 K=1,NC
148.1      IF(CD(K).GT.0.994) GO TO 60
148.2      NO=NO+1
149.      23 I=1
150.      24 IF(CD(K)-X0(I)) 27,26,25
151.      25 I=I+1
152.      GO TO 24
153.      26 Y(K)=Y0(I)
153.1      GO TO 60

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154.      27 Y(K)=(Y0(I)-Y0(I-1))/(X0(I)-X0(I-1))*(CD(K)-X0(I-1))+Y0(I-1)
174.      60 CONTINUE
175.      RETURN
176.      END
177.      SUBROUTINE REGR(X,Y,N,A,B)
178.      DIMENSION X(30),Y(30)
179.      AX=0.0
180.      BY=0.0
181.      AA=0.0
182.      ASX=0.
183.      RN=FLDAT(N)
184.      DO 10 I=1,N
185.      XX=ALOG(X(I))
186.      YY=ALOG(Y(I))
187.      AX=AX+XX
188.      BY=BY+YY
189.      AA=AA+XX*YY
190.      ASX=ASX+XX*XX
191.      10 CONTINUE
192.      A1=AA/RN
193.      XM=AX/RN
194.      YM=BY/RN
195.      SX=ASX/RN
196.      BN=A1-XM*YM
197.      DN=SX-XM*XM
198.      B=BN/DN
199.      AR=YM-B*XM
200.      A=EXP(AR)
201.      RETURN
202.      END

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APPENDIX B  
ORIGINAL TEST DATA

As explained in Chapter IV, selected loading cycles were monitored by the TTI data collection microcomputer during testing of each specimen. Electronic voltages representing load and displacement were received by the microcomputer and stored on magnetic tape. These data were later used to calculate the crack opening energy,  $E$ , for each loading cycle. The load versus displacement data for each test specimen were also graphically recorded by means of the X-Y recorder. Copies of these original graphs are included on pages 121 through 156 .

The crack length was also recorded for each of the selected loading cycles. Crack length measurements were made from the base plates to the crack's longest vertical extension on each side of the specimen. (The average of the two crack lengths was then used in all data reduction calculations.) These measurements were made visually using an engineer's scale when the sample reached its maximum "open" position during the loading cycle. Crack length data were manually entered into the TTI microcomputer and then stored on magnetic tape. The cycle number and crack length data were also recorded on test data sheets. These original data sheets have been transcribed and copies for each test specimen are included on pages 157 through 192 . An illustration showing the approximate cracking pattern at failure is also included on these data sheets. This cracking pattern information is useful in evaluating the additional test data as described in Chapter VI.

The peak load,  $P$ , required to produce the 0.070 inches gap opening was determined for selected loading cycles from the load versus displacement graphs. The relationship between  $\log P$  and  $\log N$  is shown for each sample on pages 193 through 228 . Analysis of these graphs is discussed in Chapter VI, page 58 .

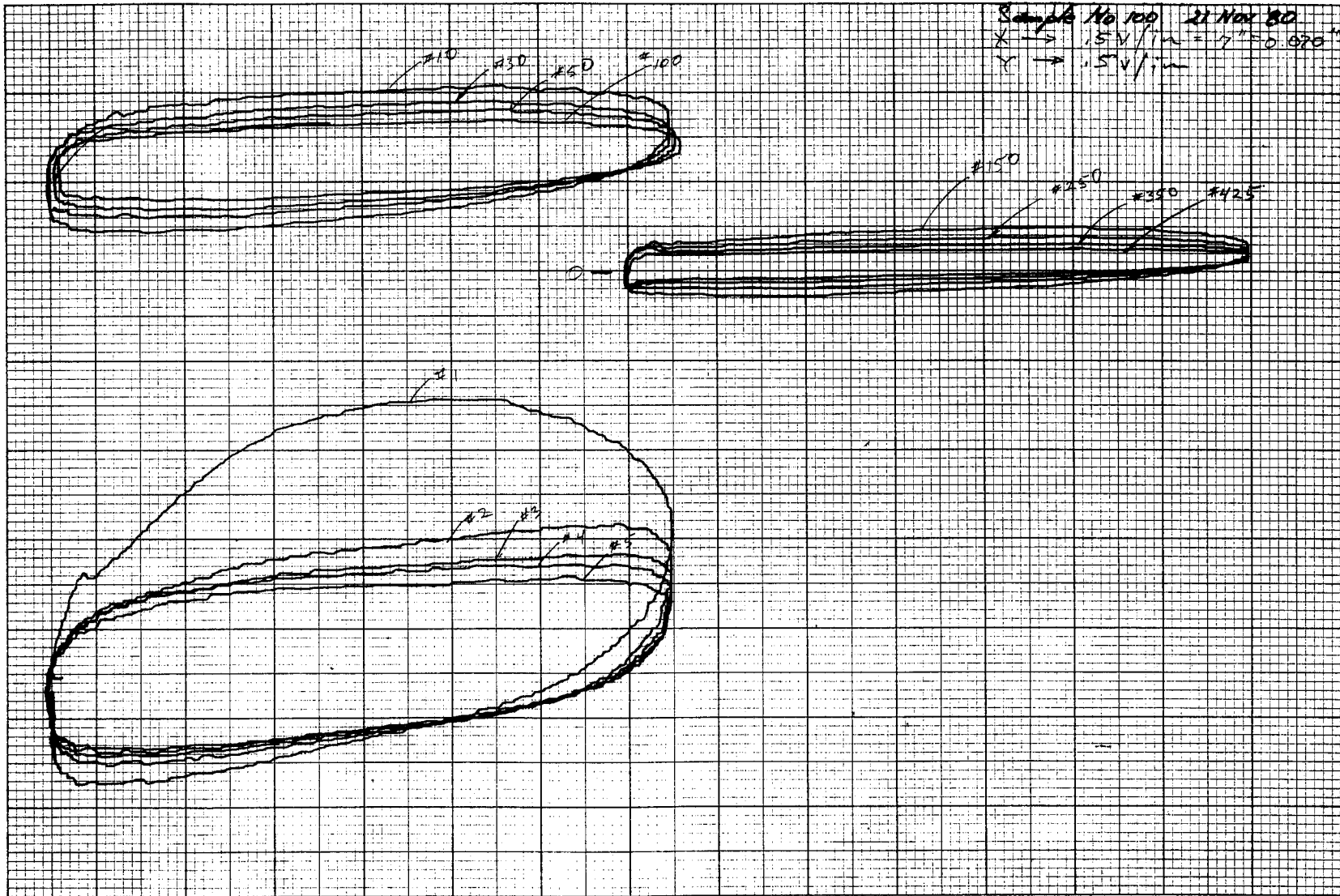


Figure 1B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 100.

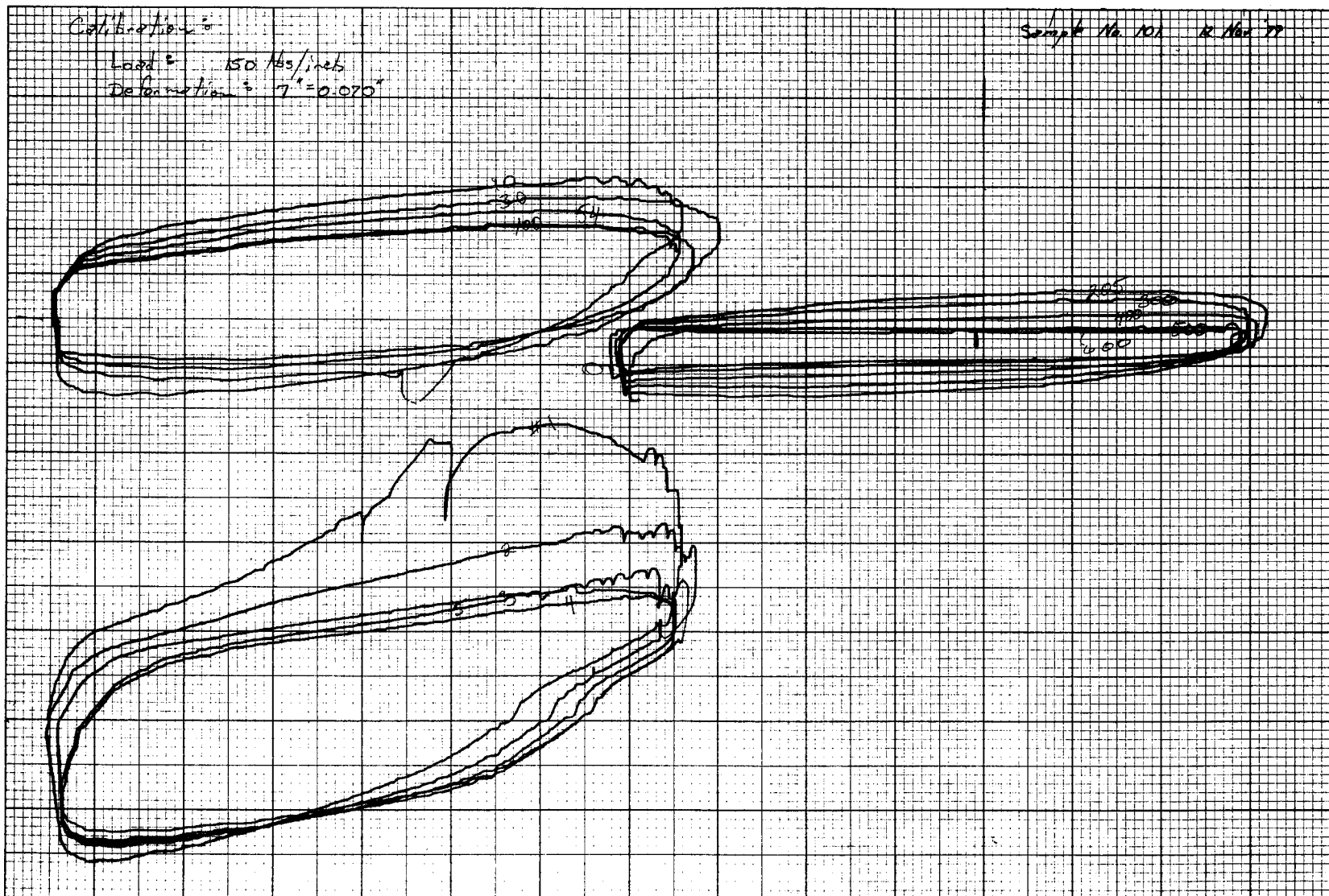


Figure 2B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 101.

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Calibration:  
Load = 150 lbs/inch  
Deflection = 1" = 0.020 inches

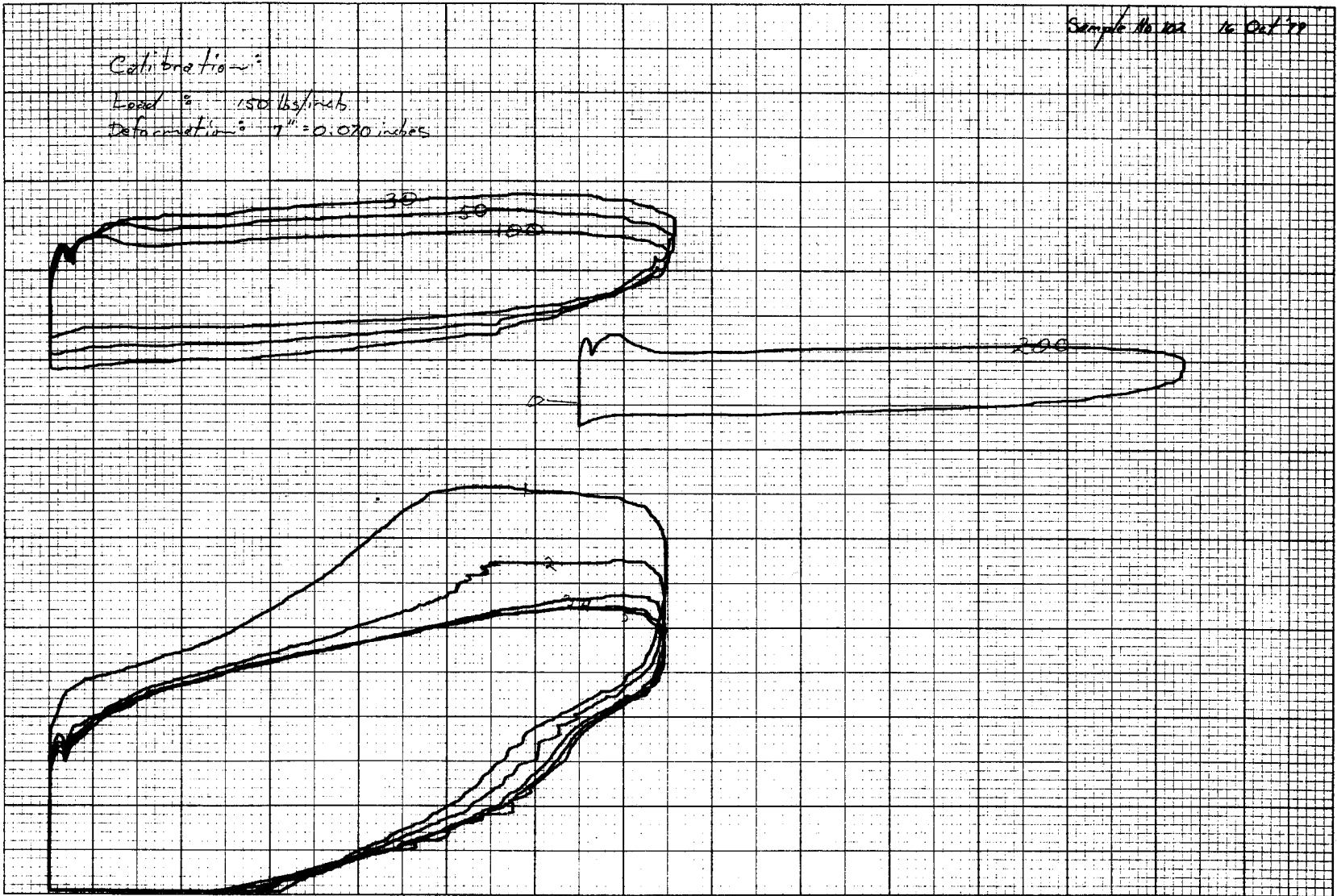


Figure 3B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 102.

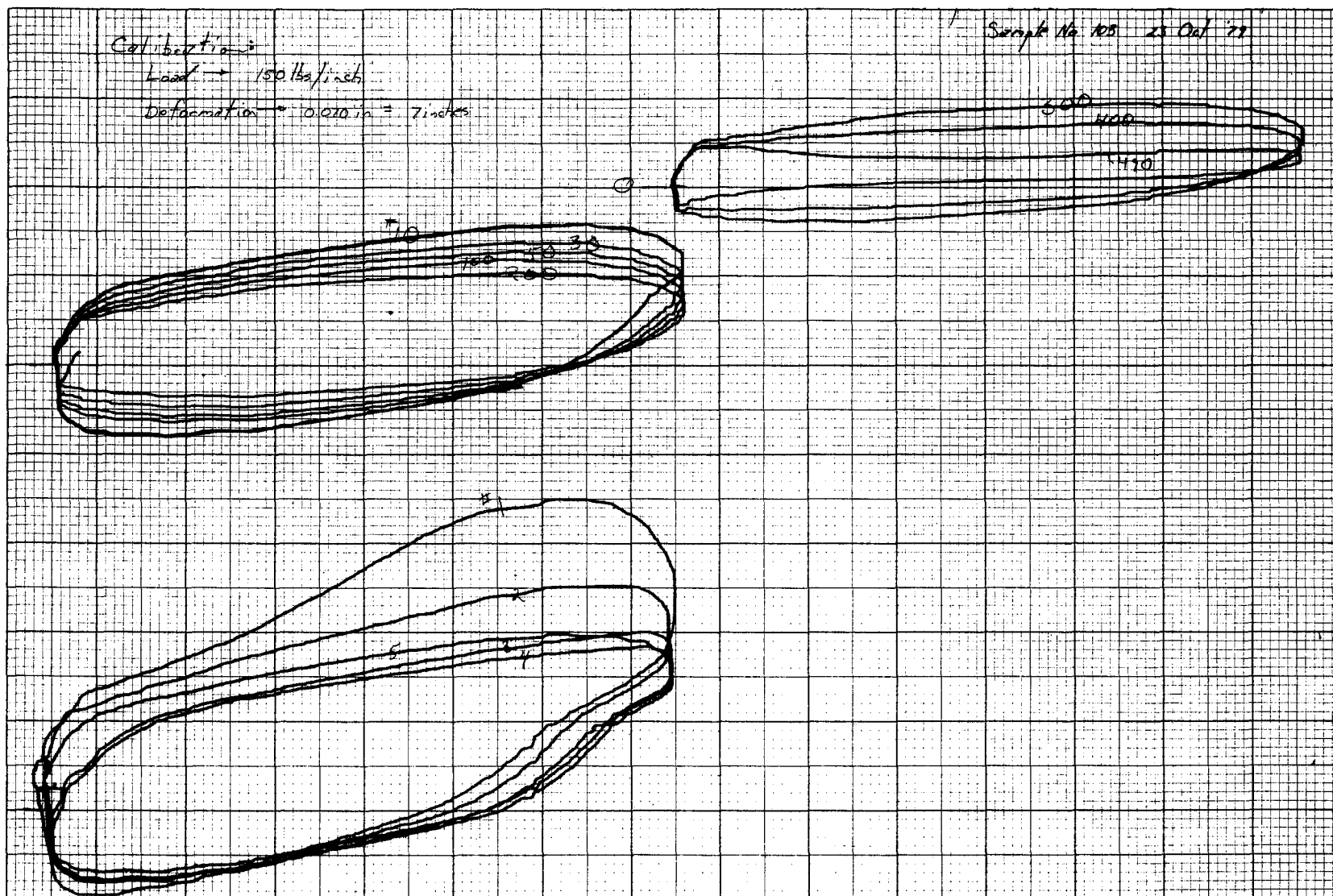


Figure 4B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 103.



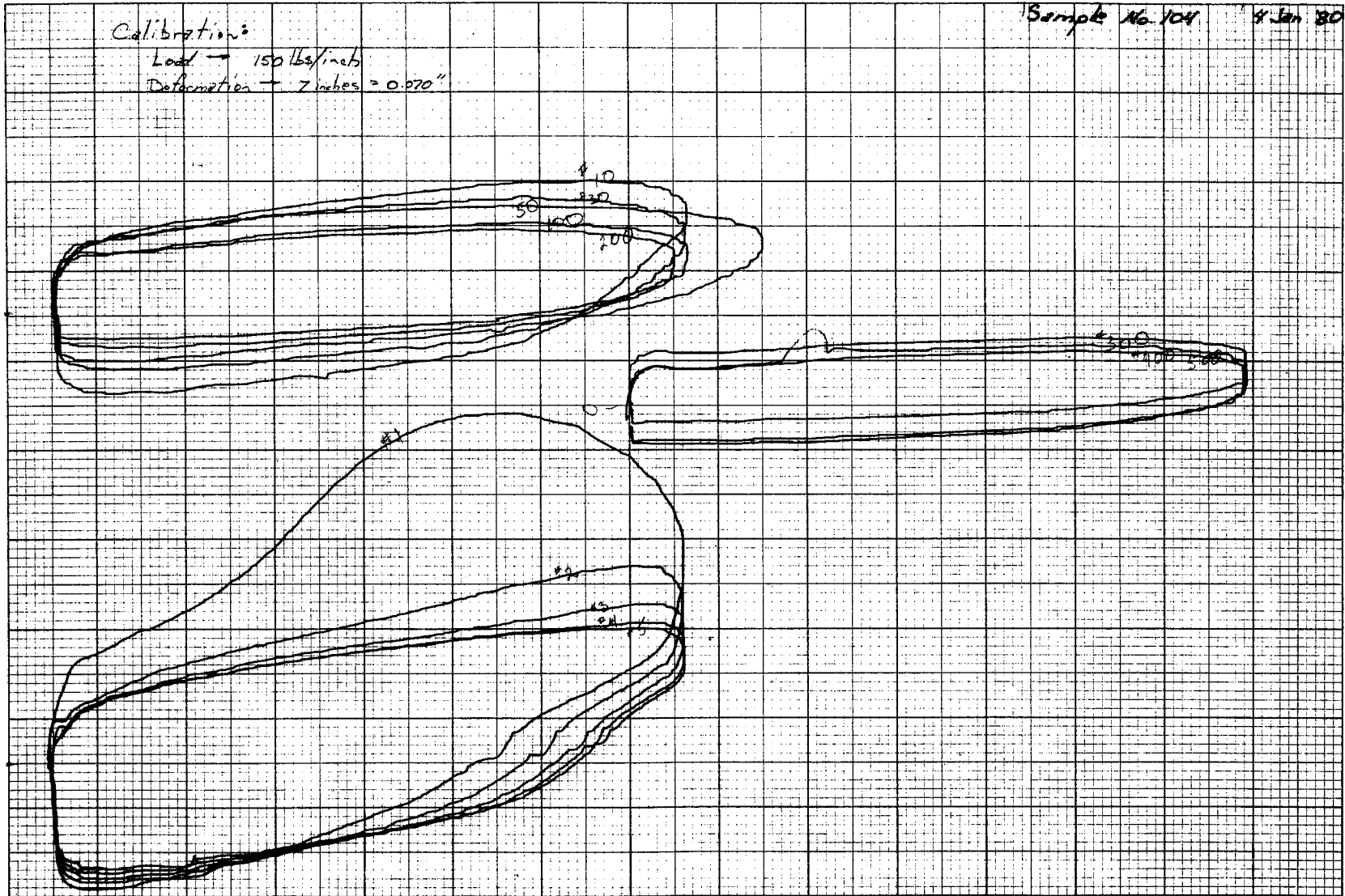


Figure 5B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 104.

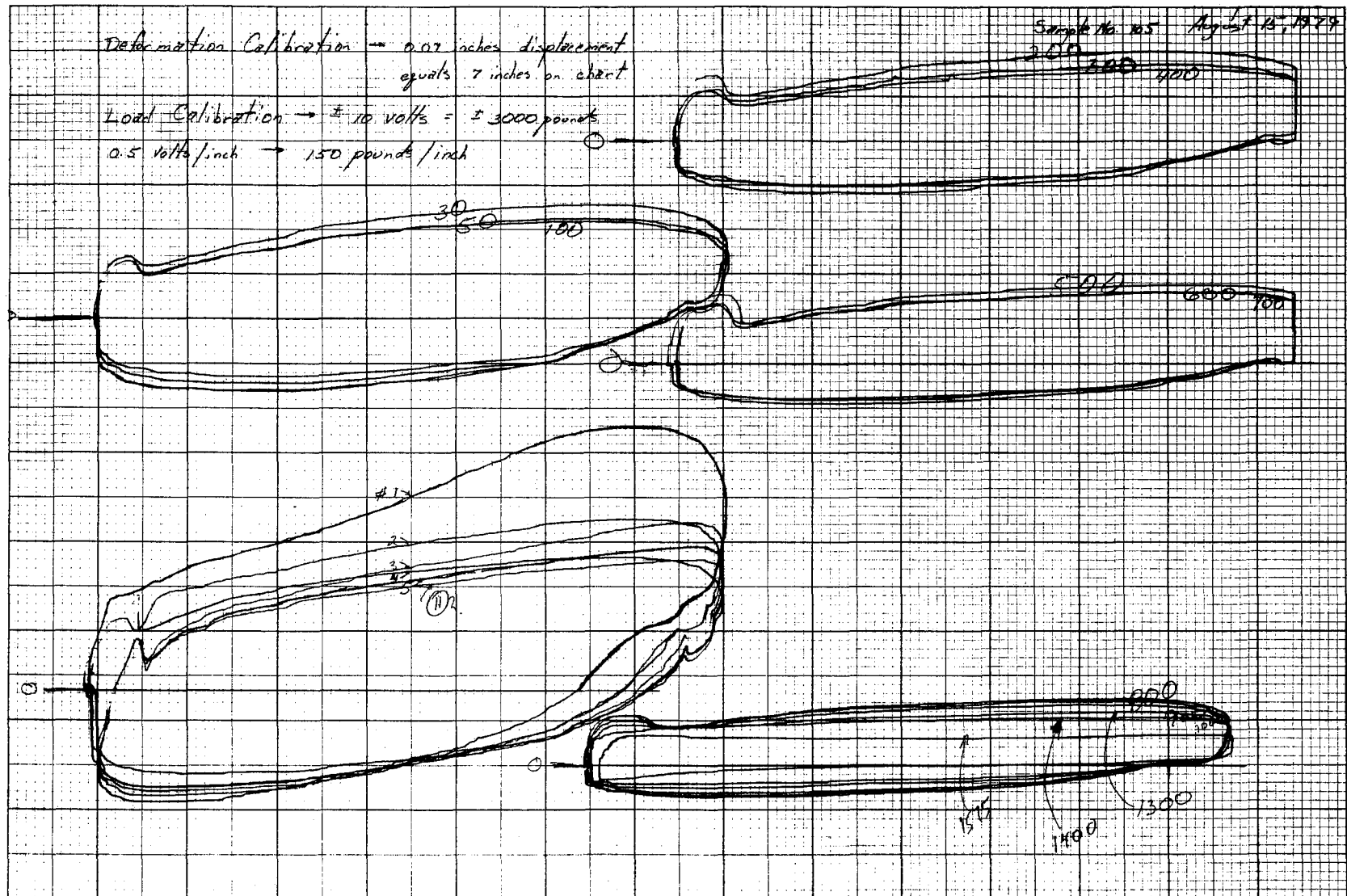


Figure 6B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 105.

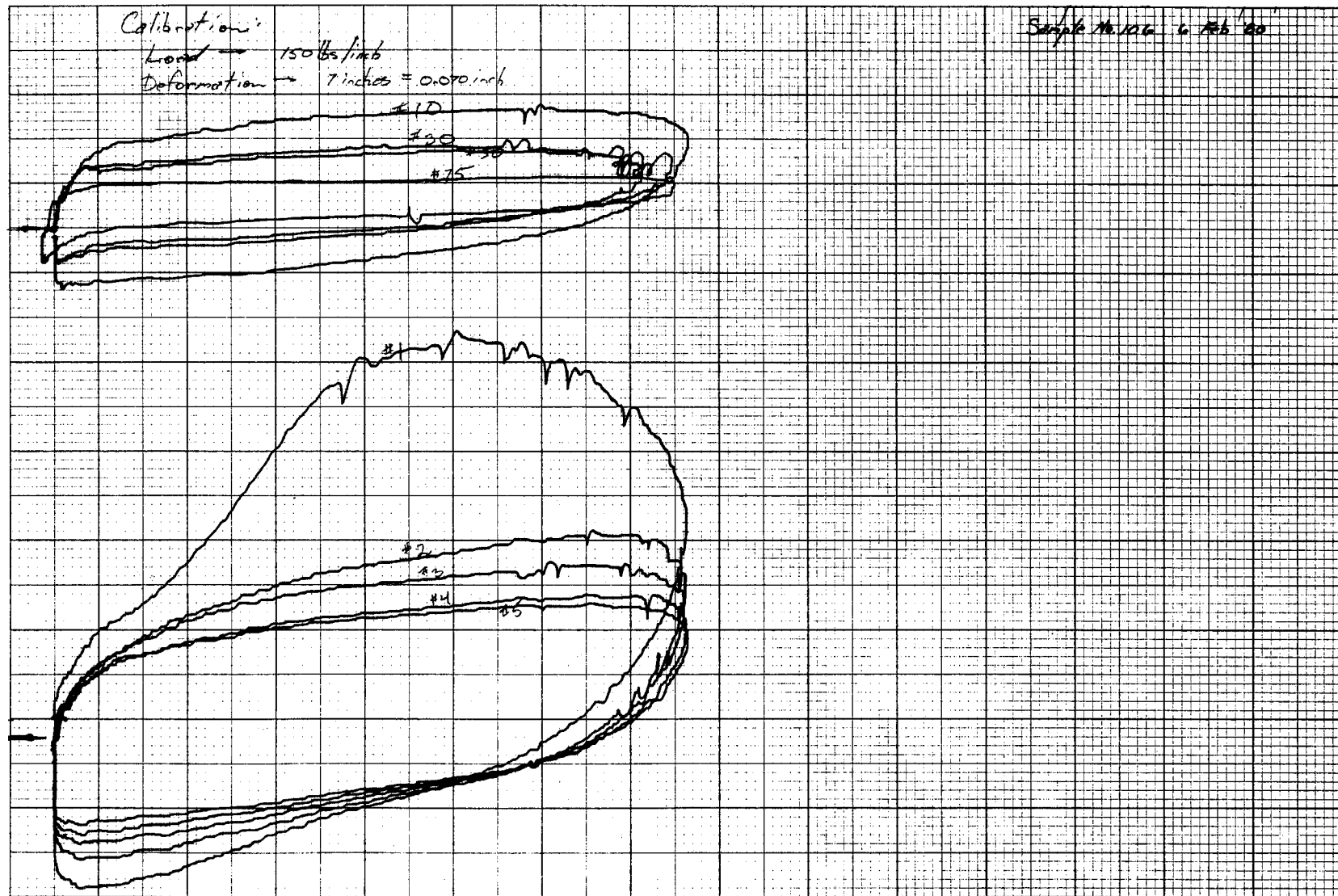


Figure 7B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 106.

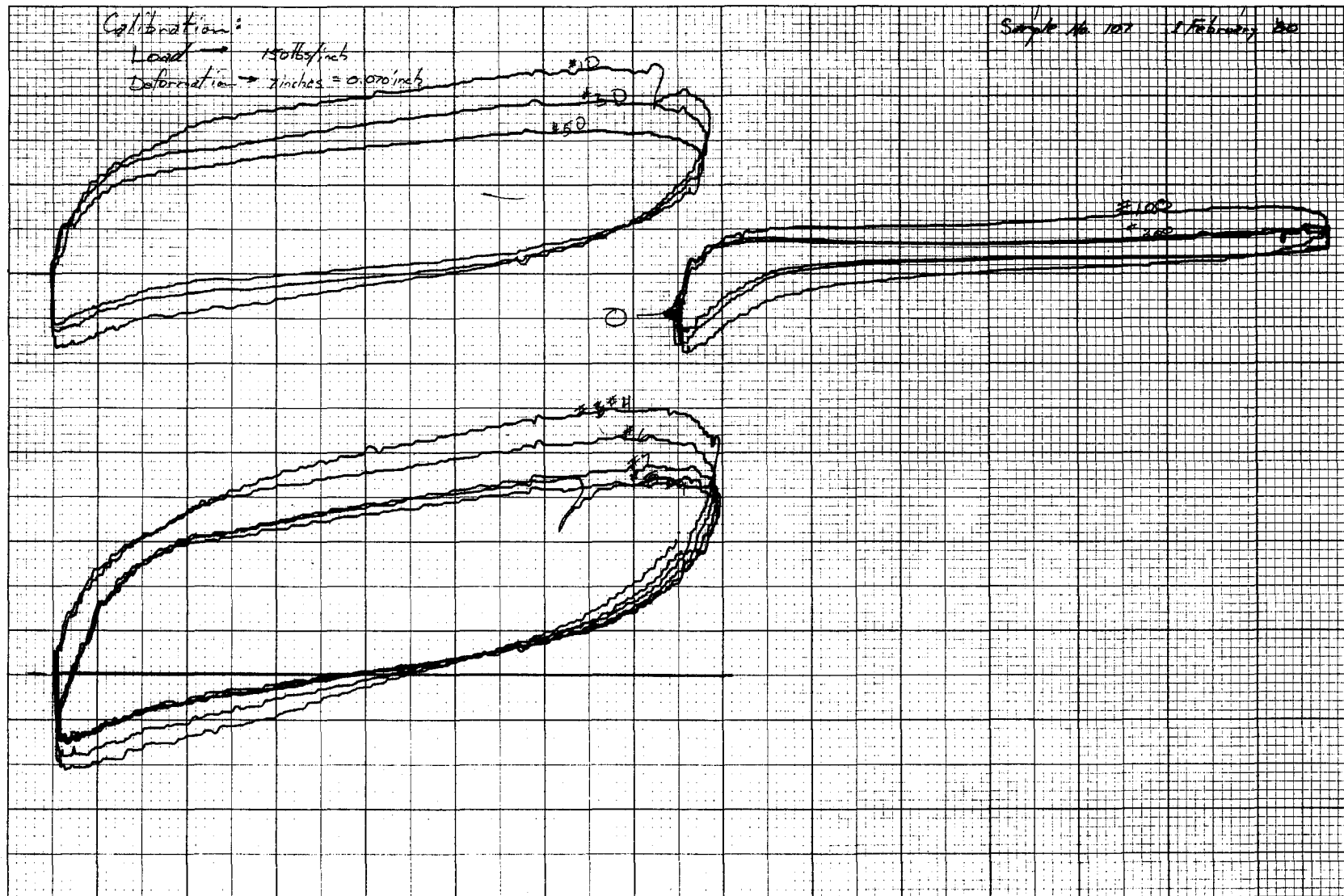


Figure 8B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 107.

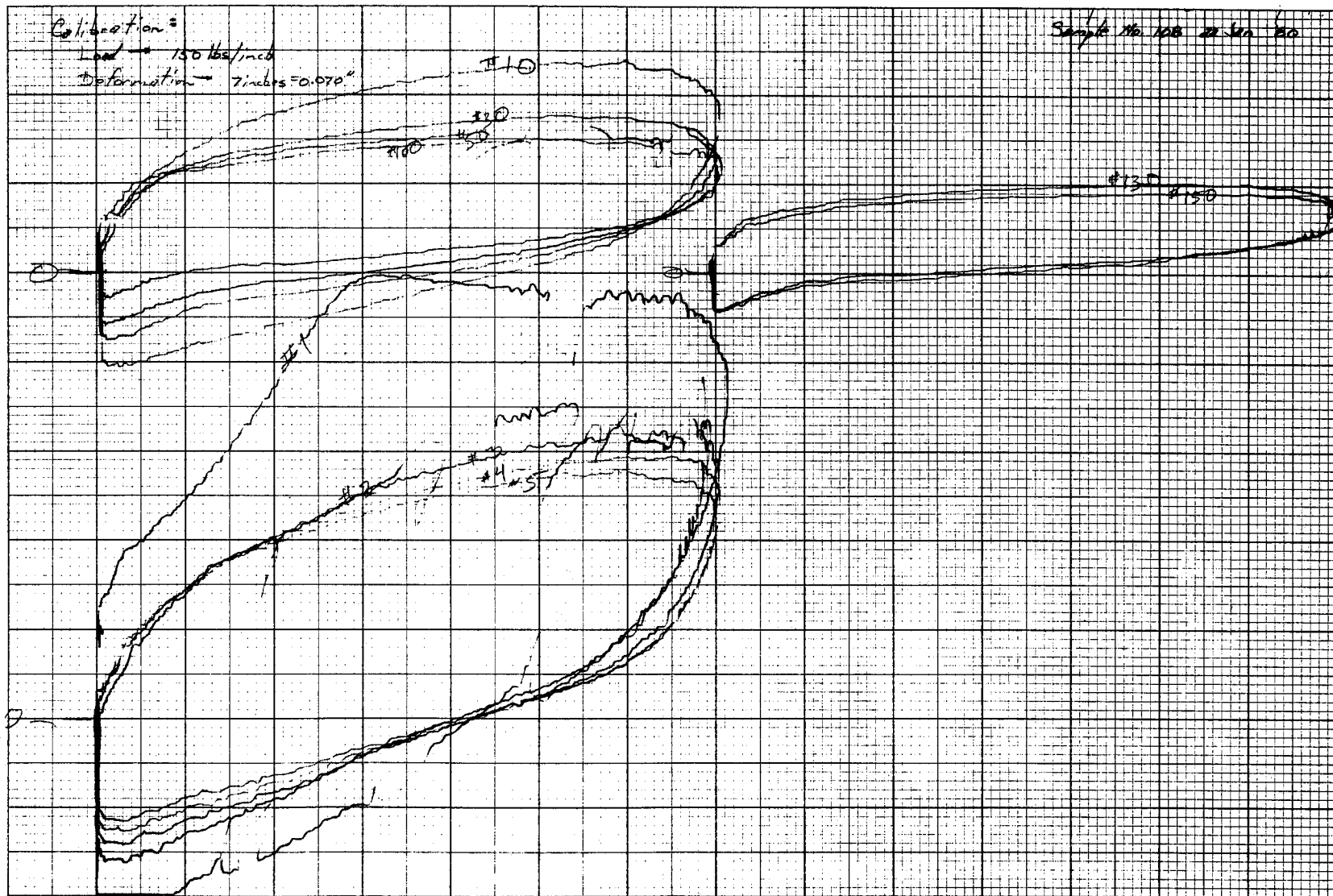


Figure 9B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 108.

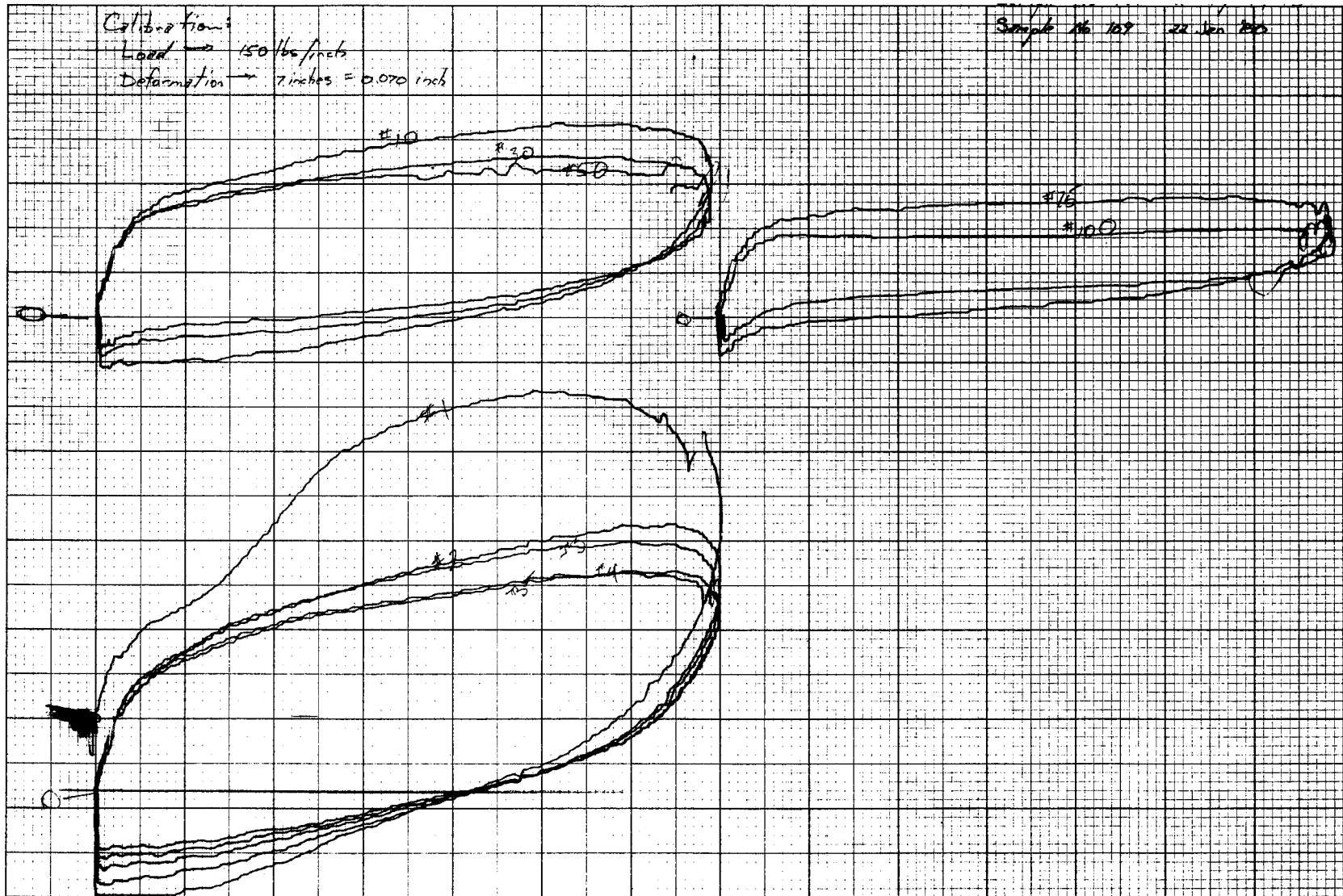


Figure 10B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 109.

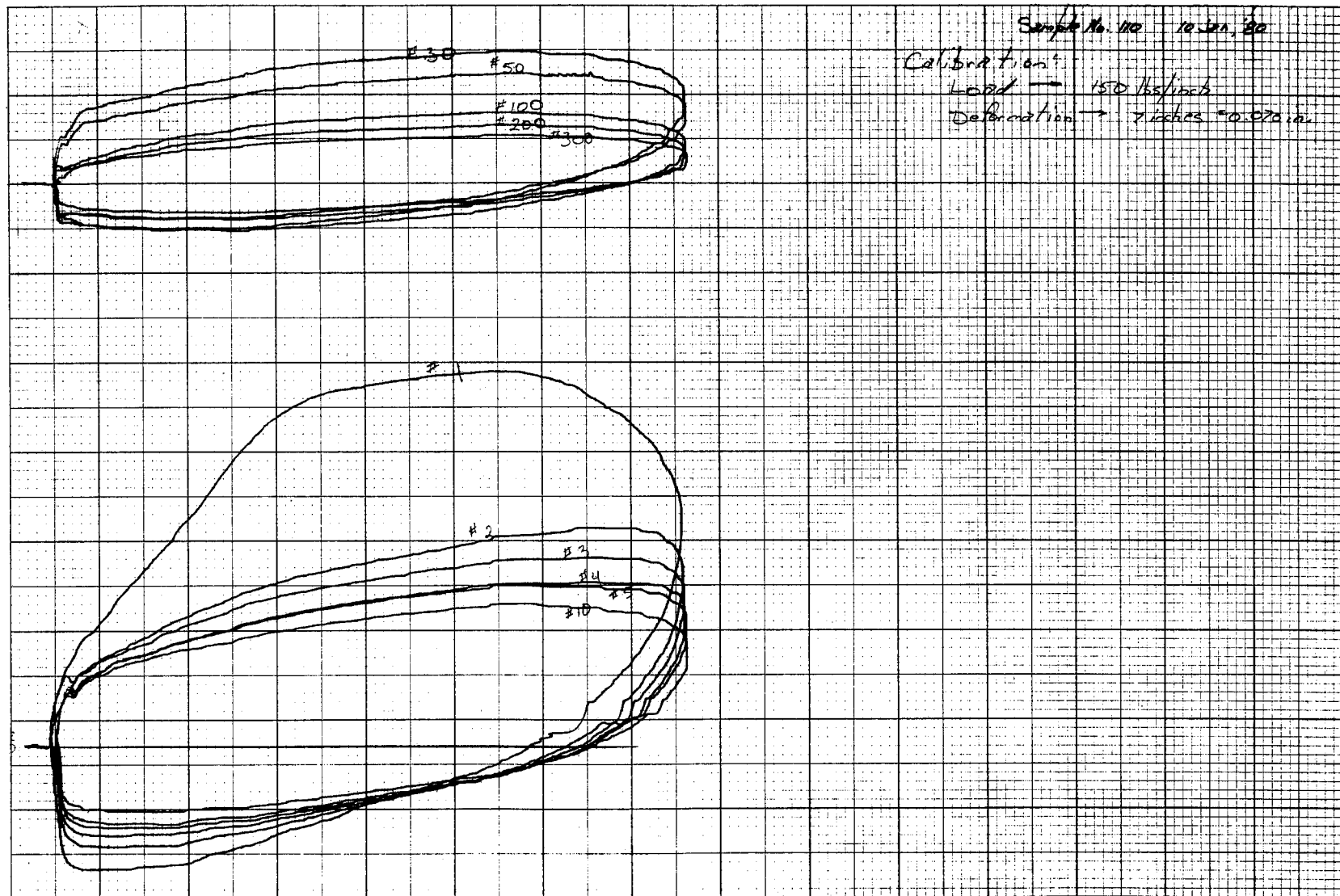


Figure 11B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 110.

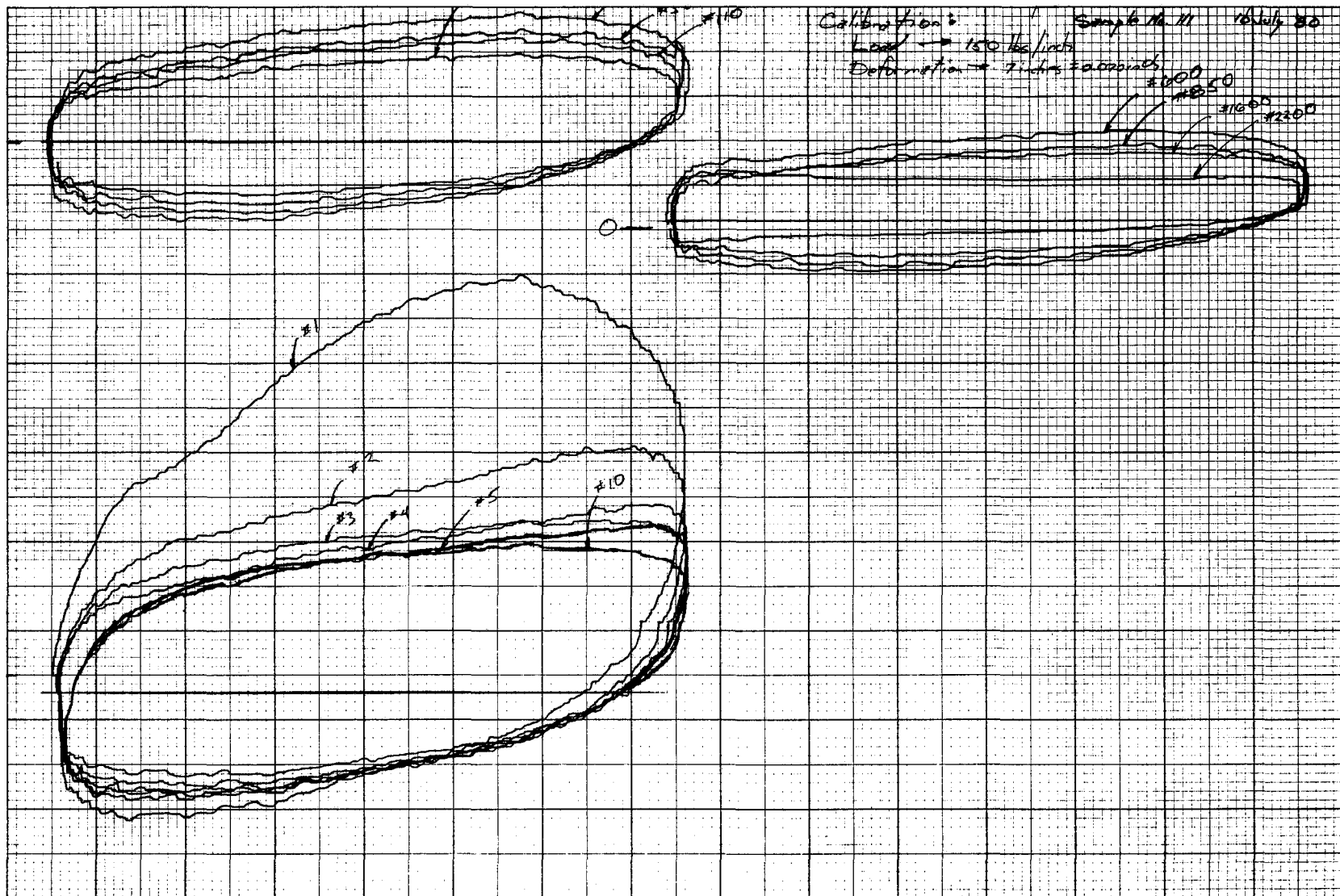


Figure 12B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 111.



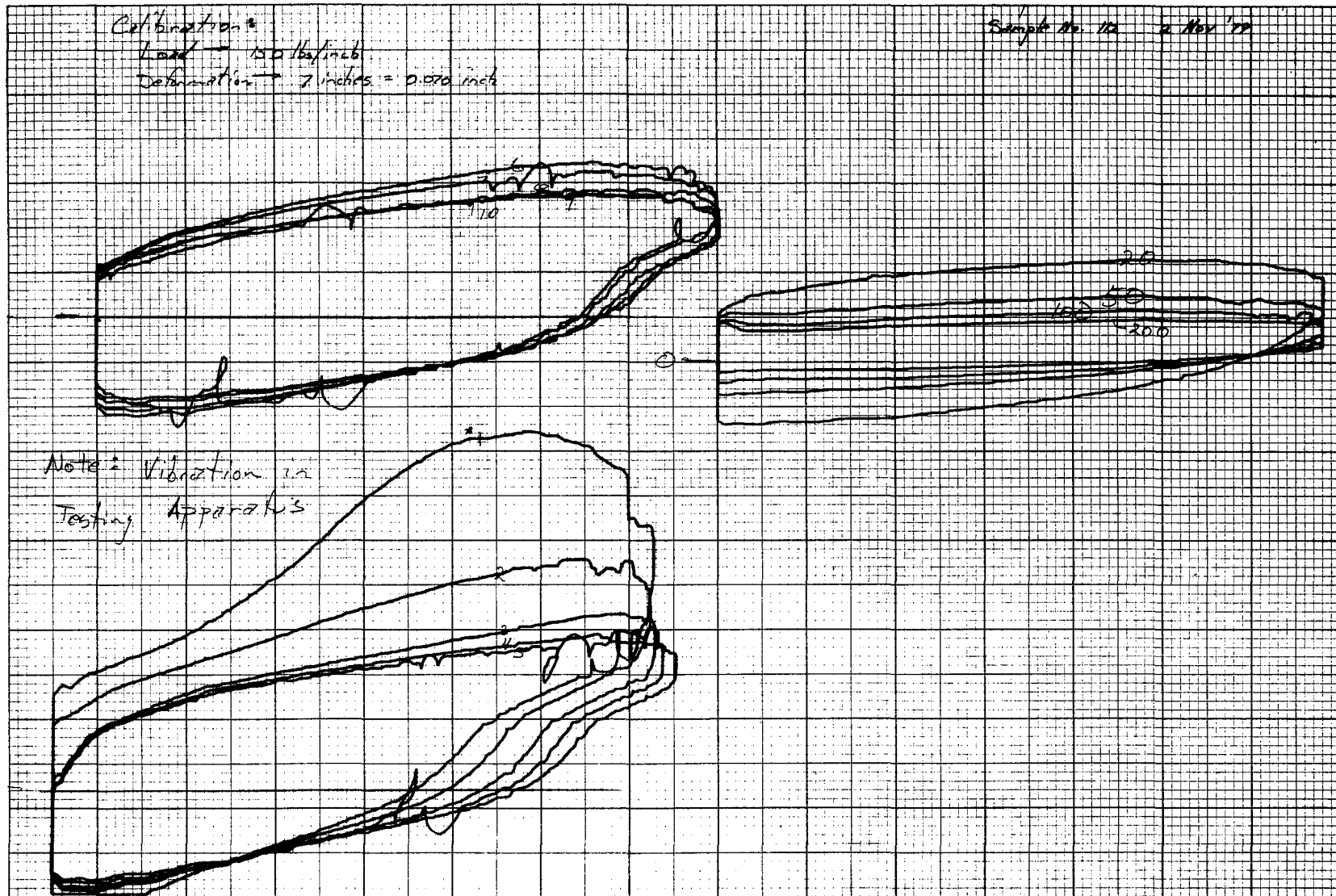


Figure 13B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 112.

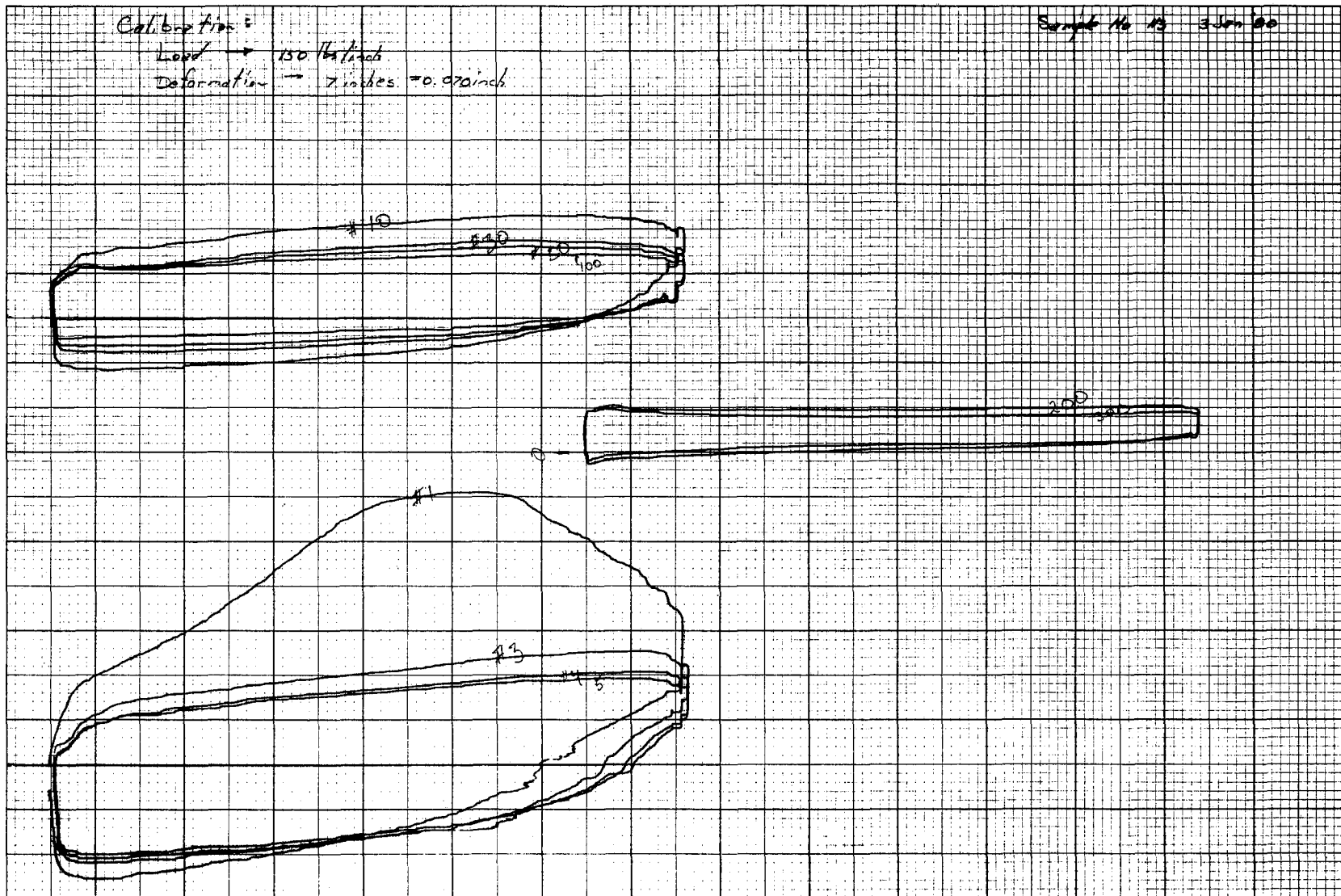


Figure 14B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 113.

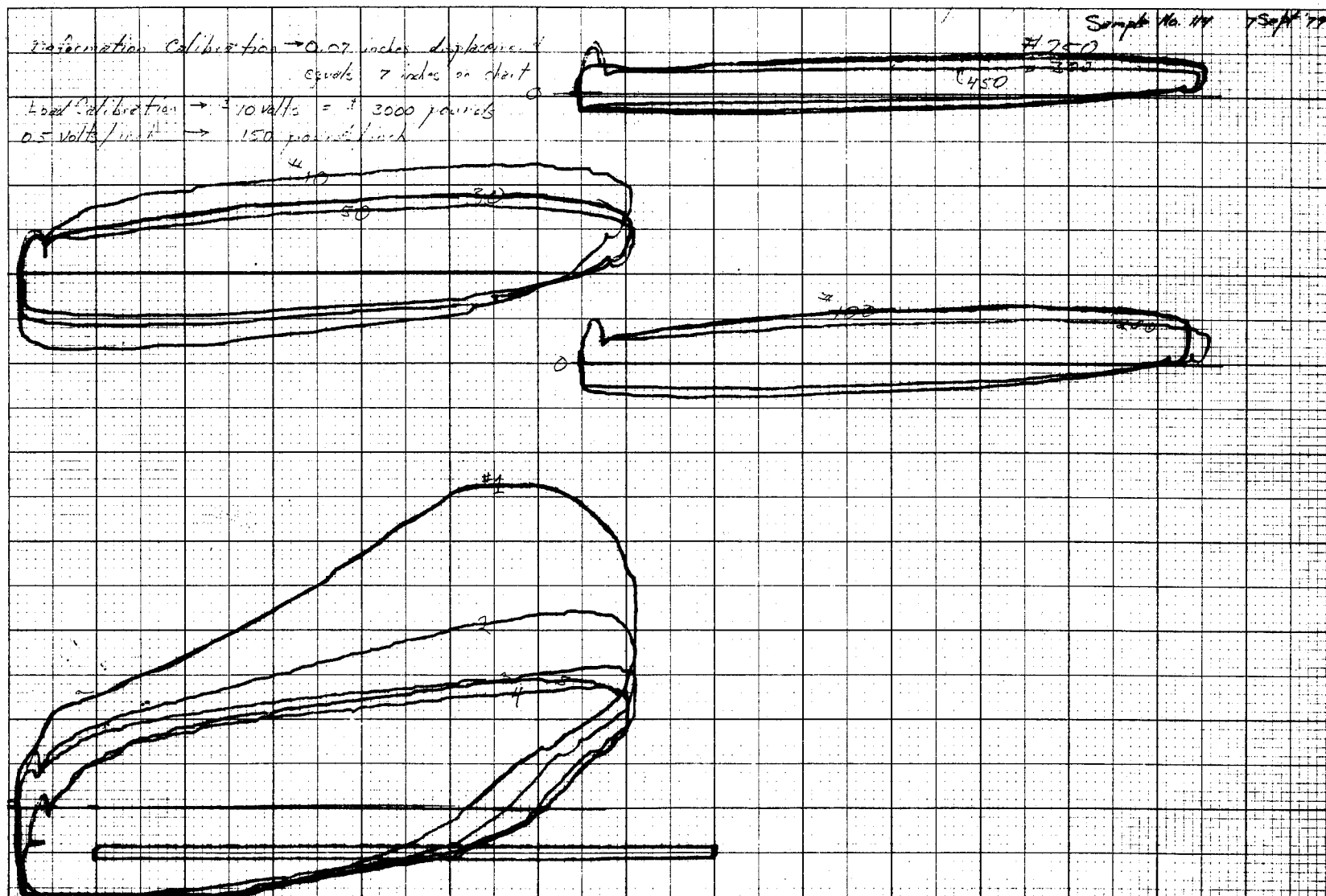


Figure 15B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 114.

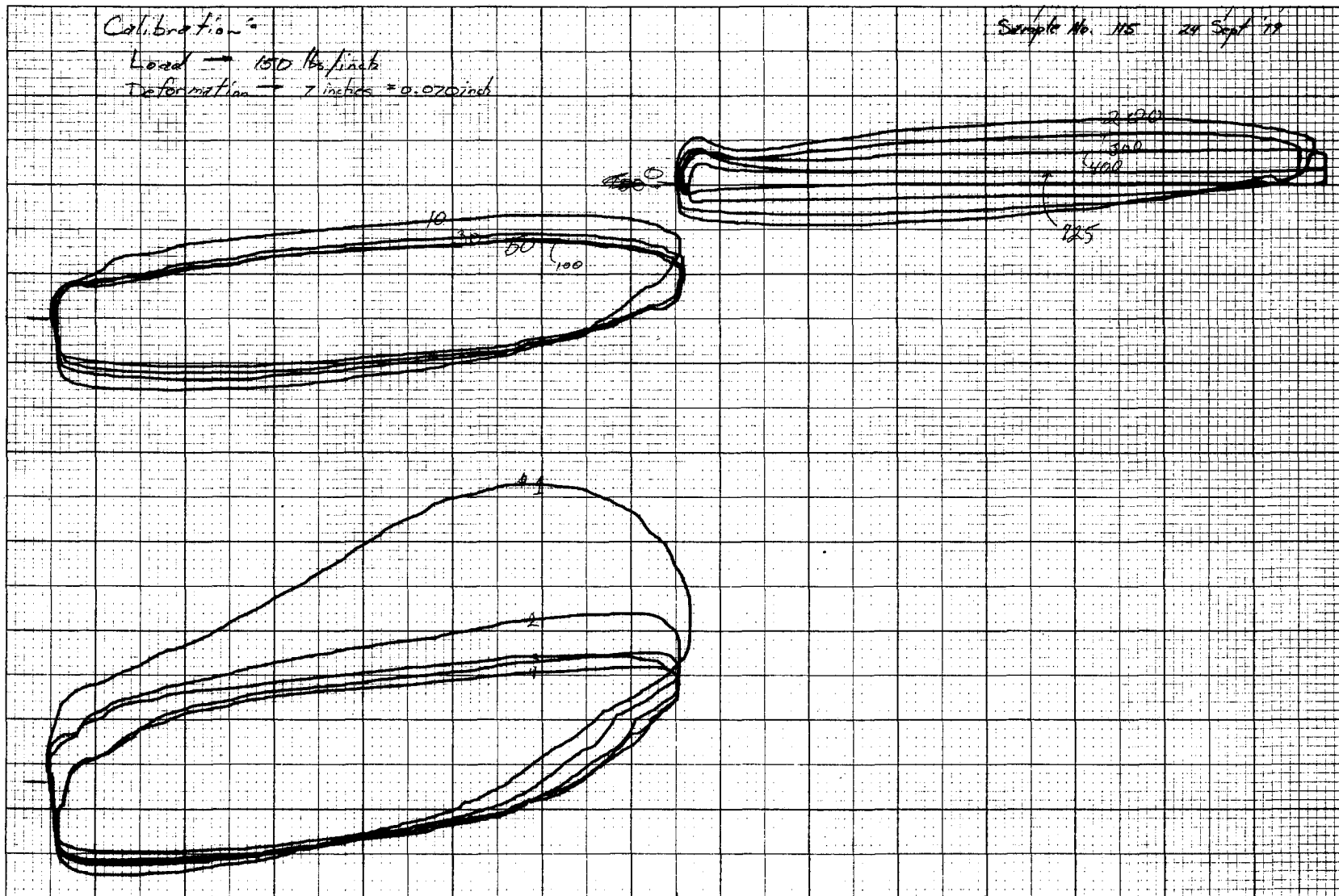


Figure 16B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 115.

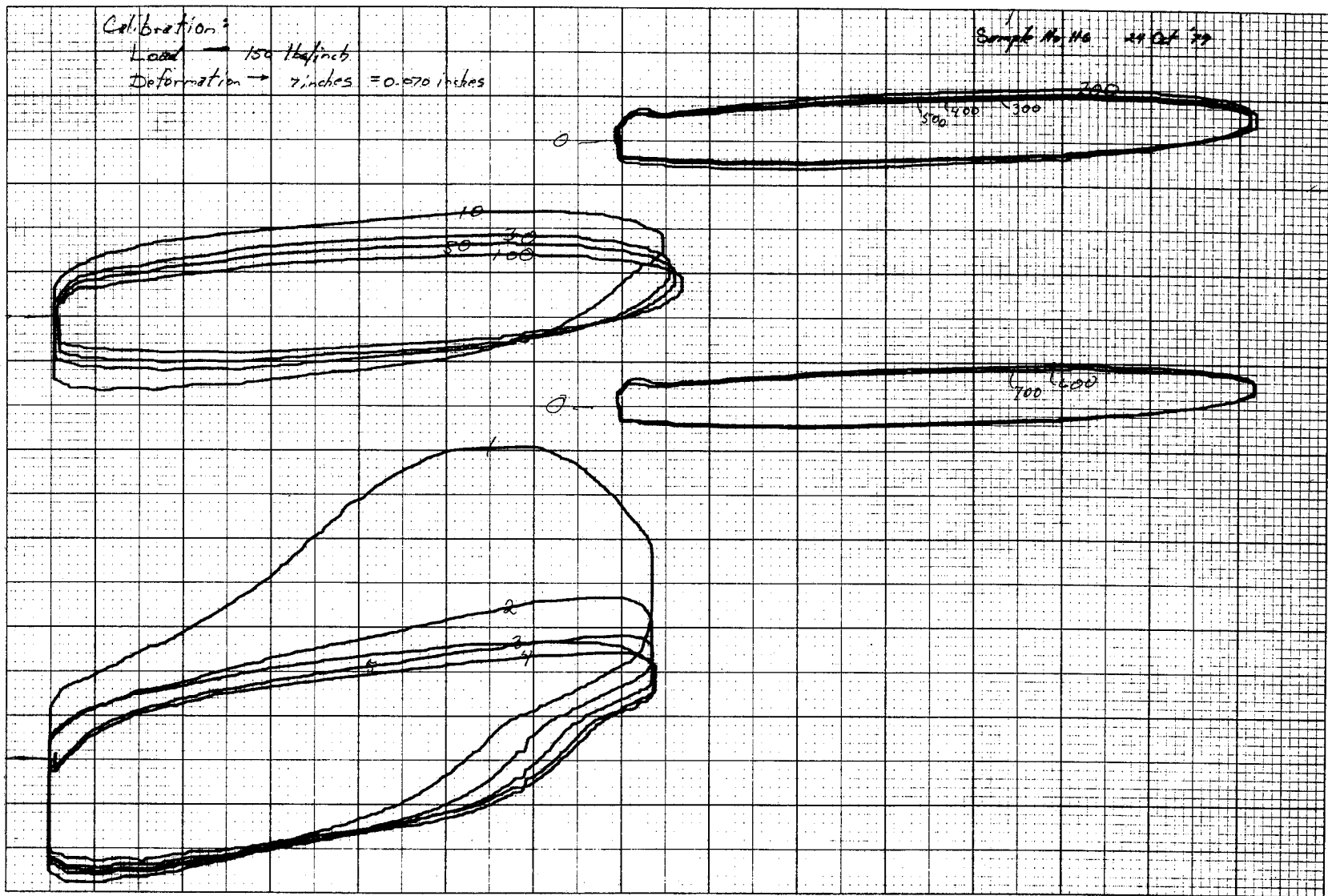


Figure 17B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 116.



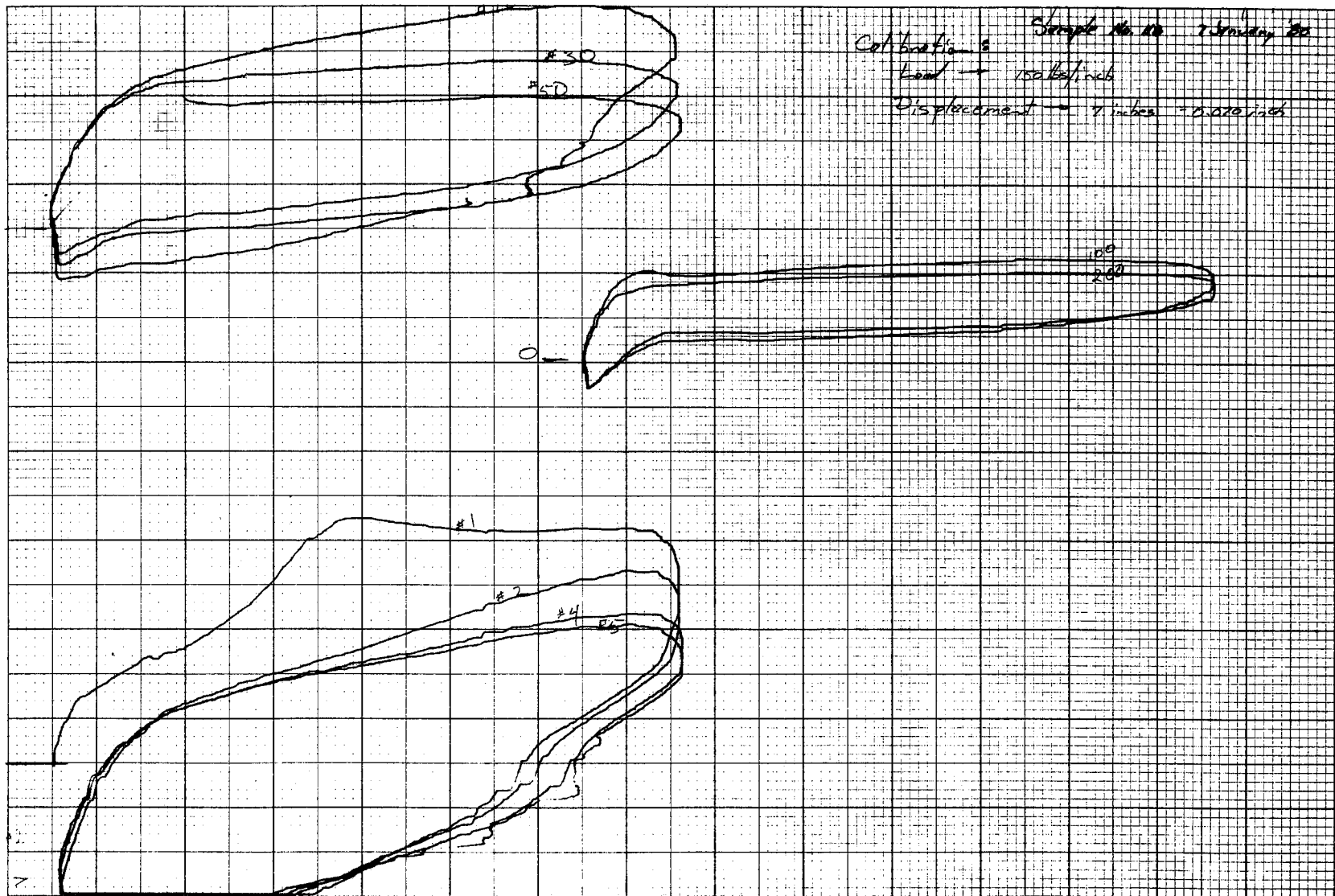


Figure 19B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 118.

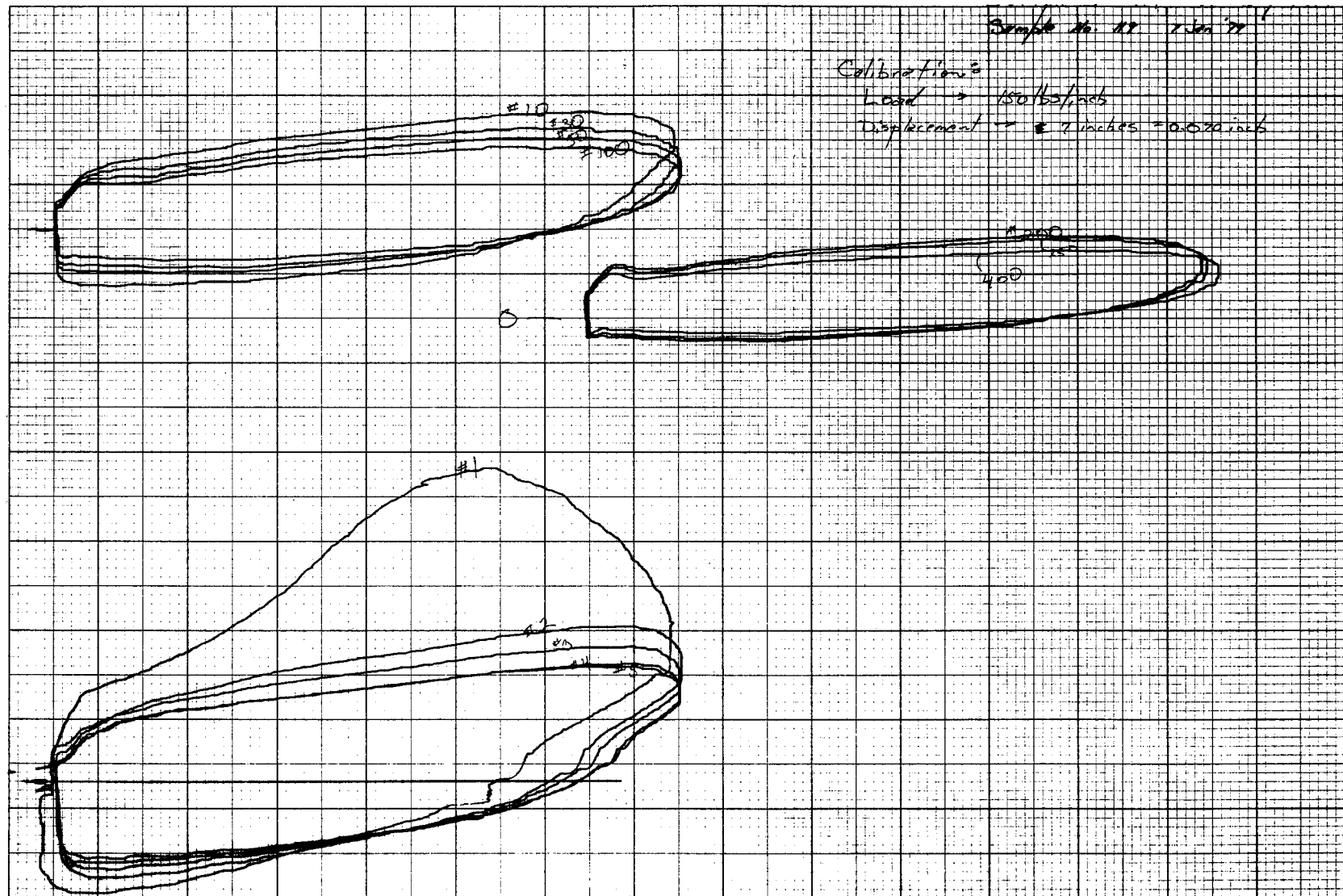


Figure 20B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 119.



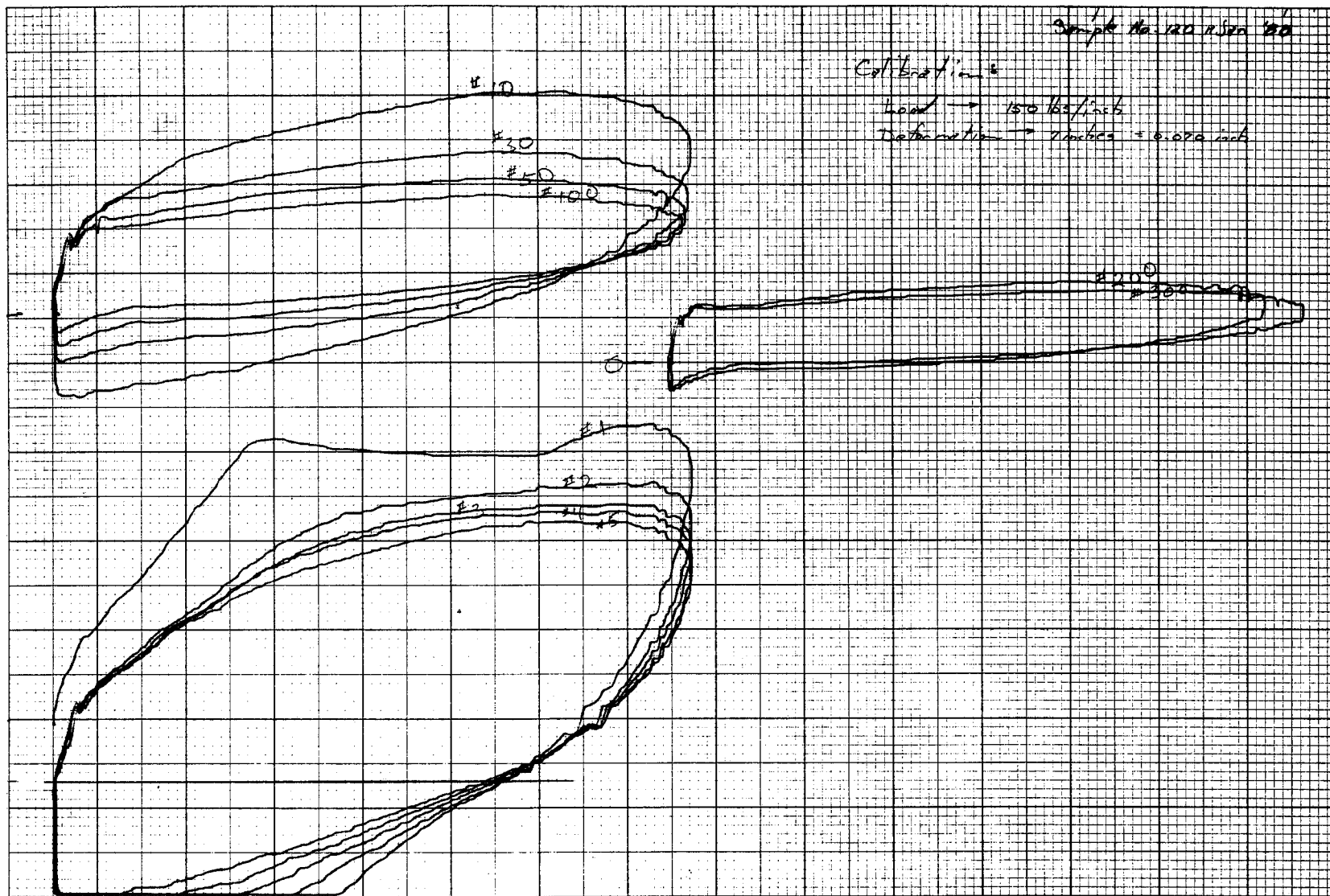


Figure 21B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 120.

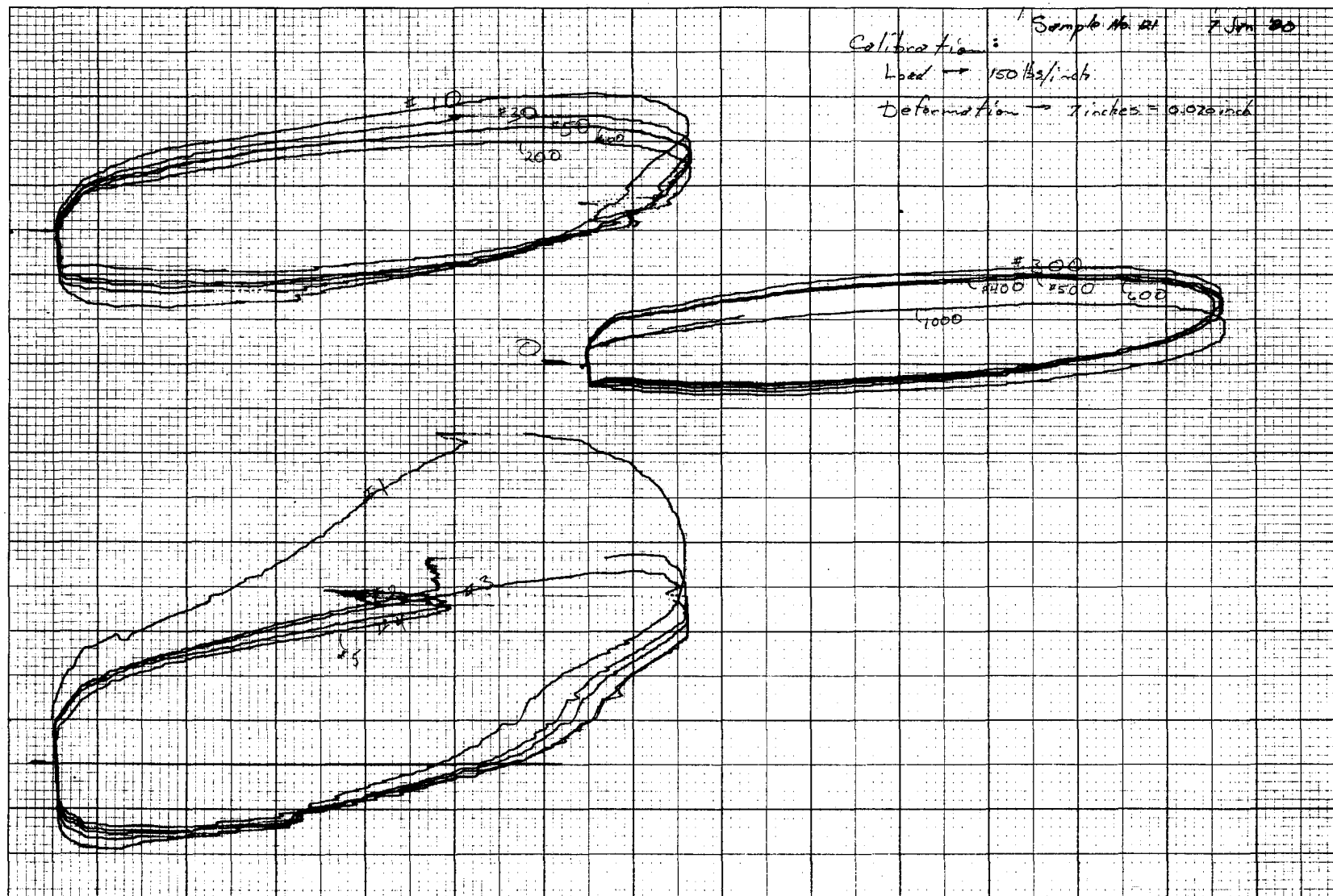


Figure 22B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 121.

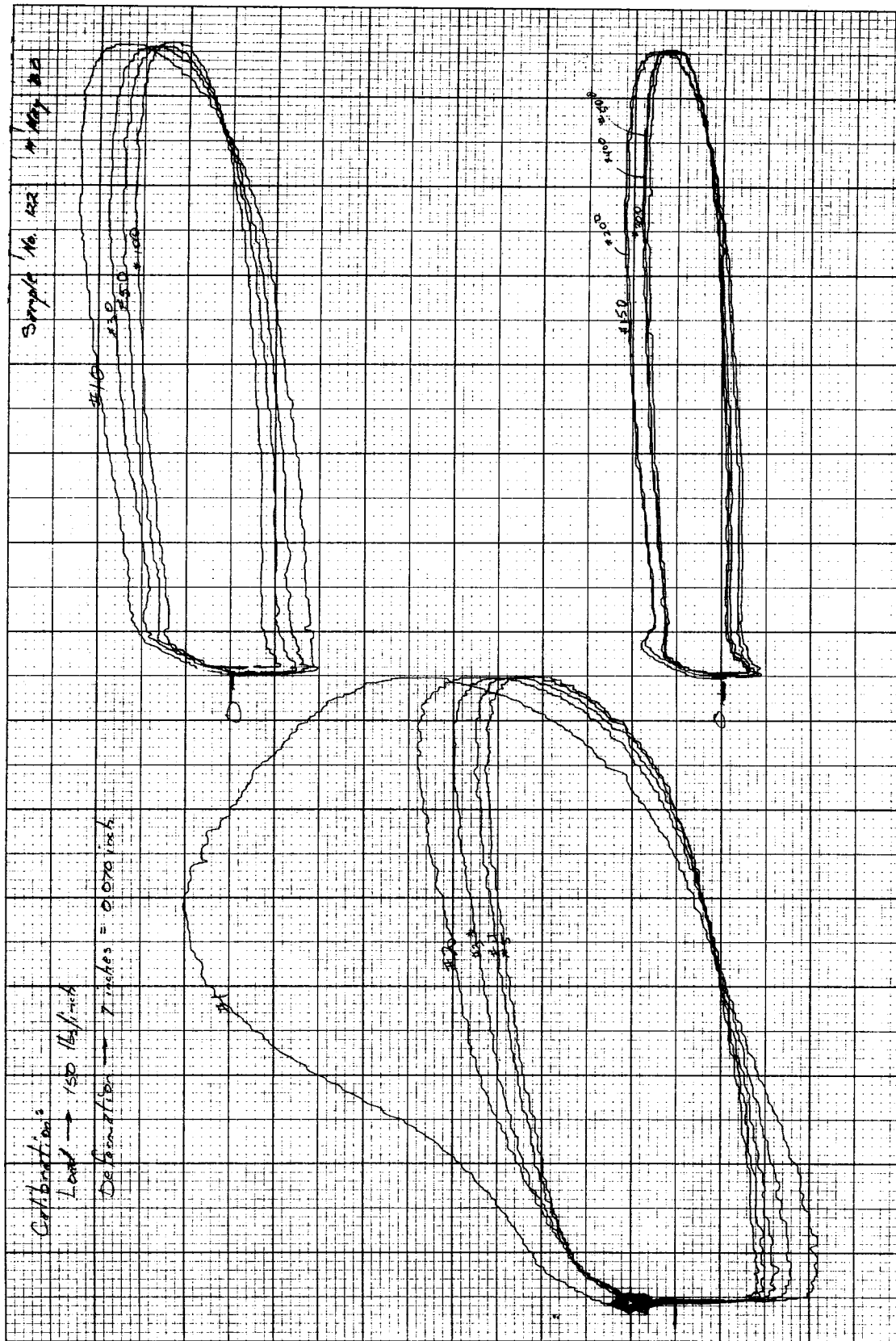


Figure 23B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 122.

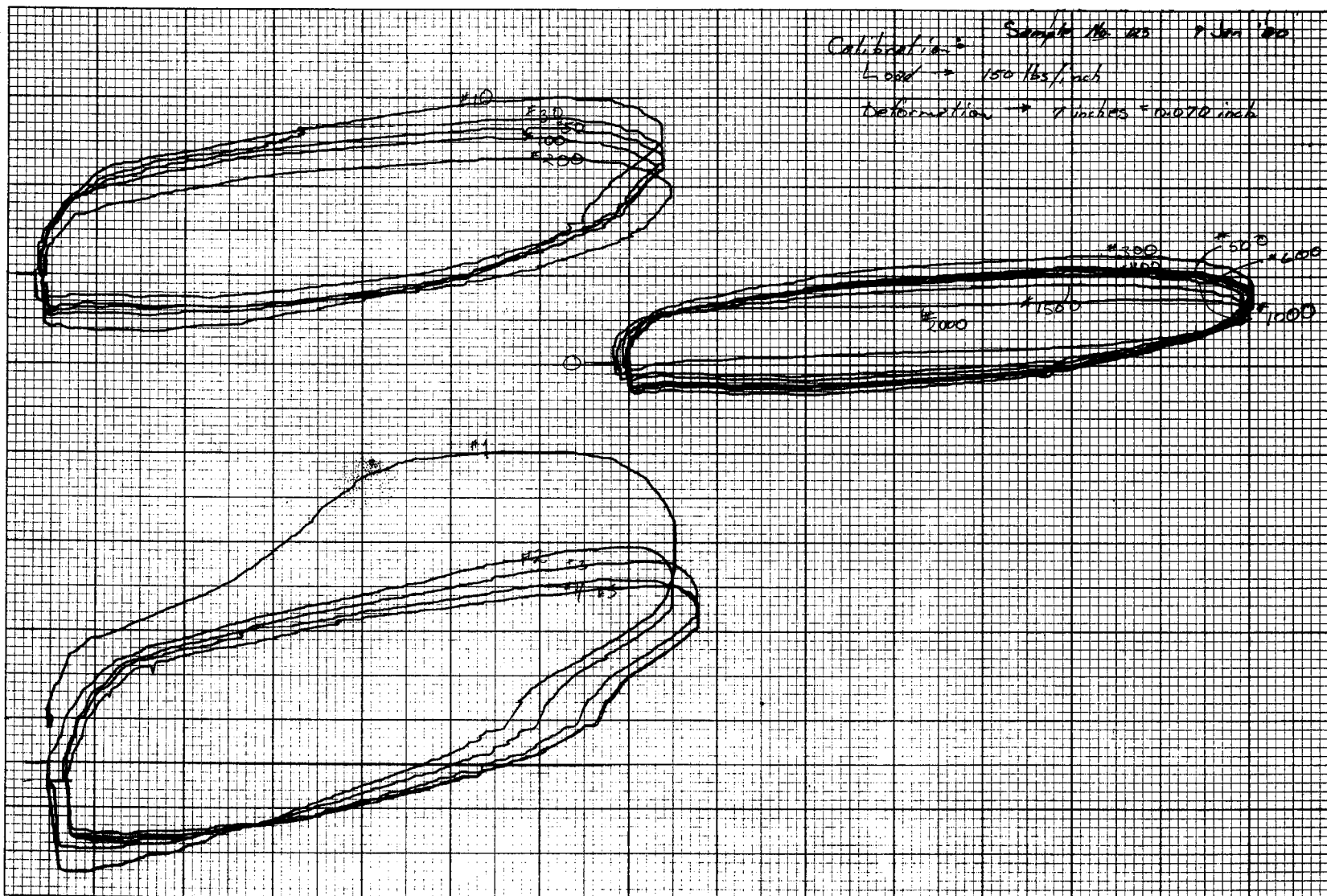


Figure 24B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 123.

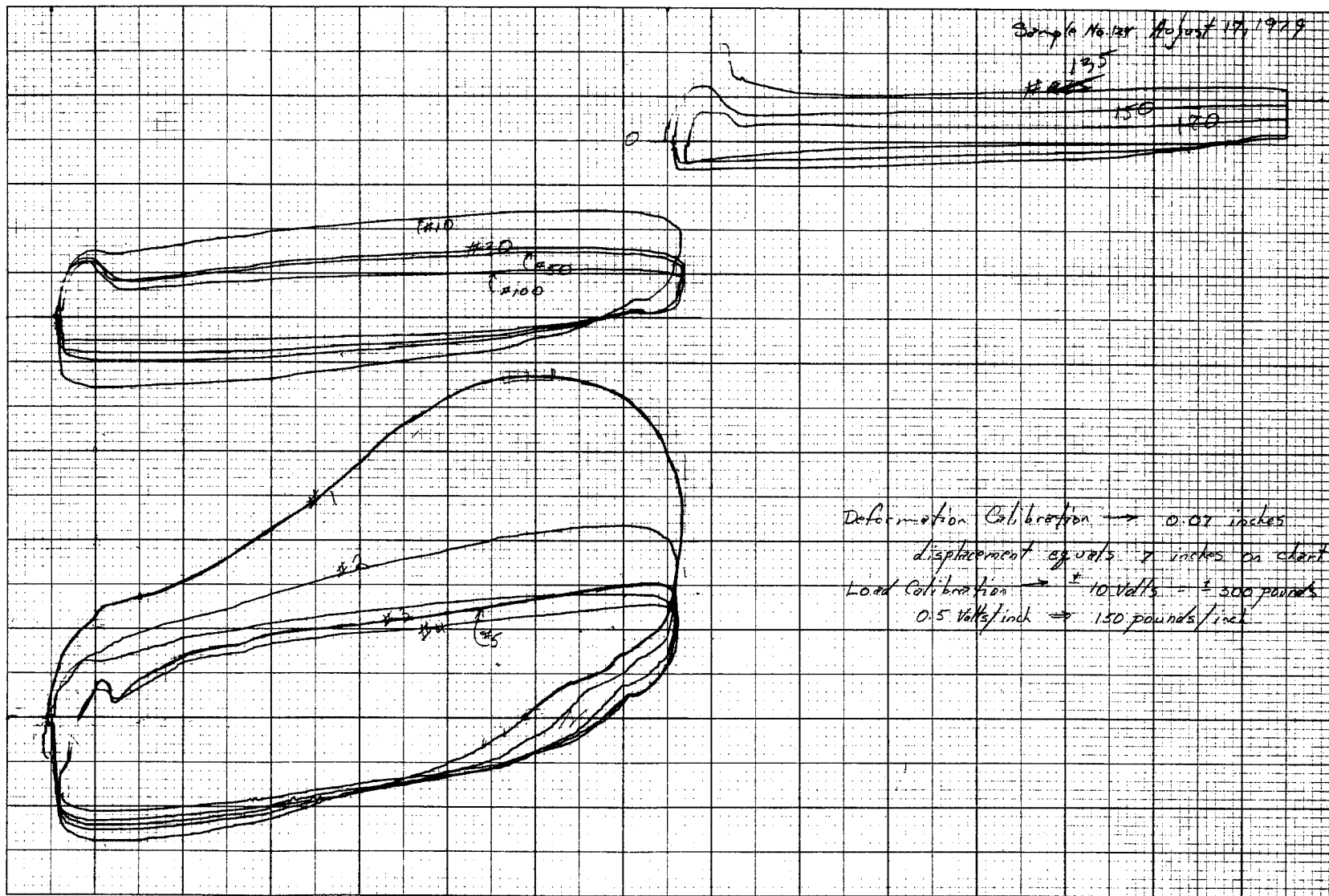


Figure 25B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 124.

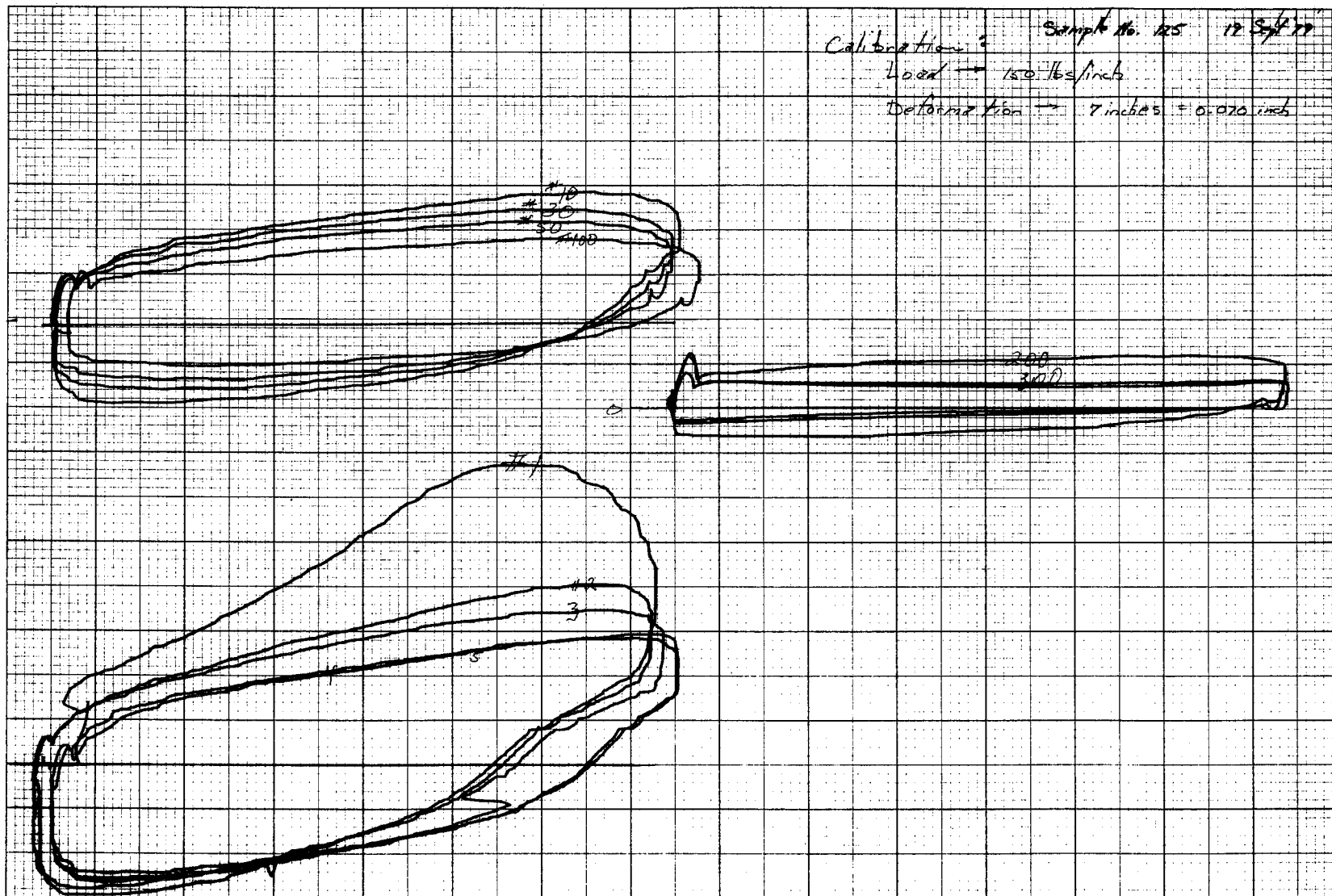


Figure 26B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 125.

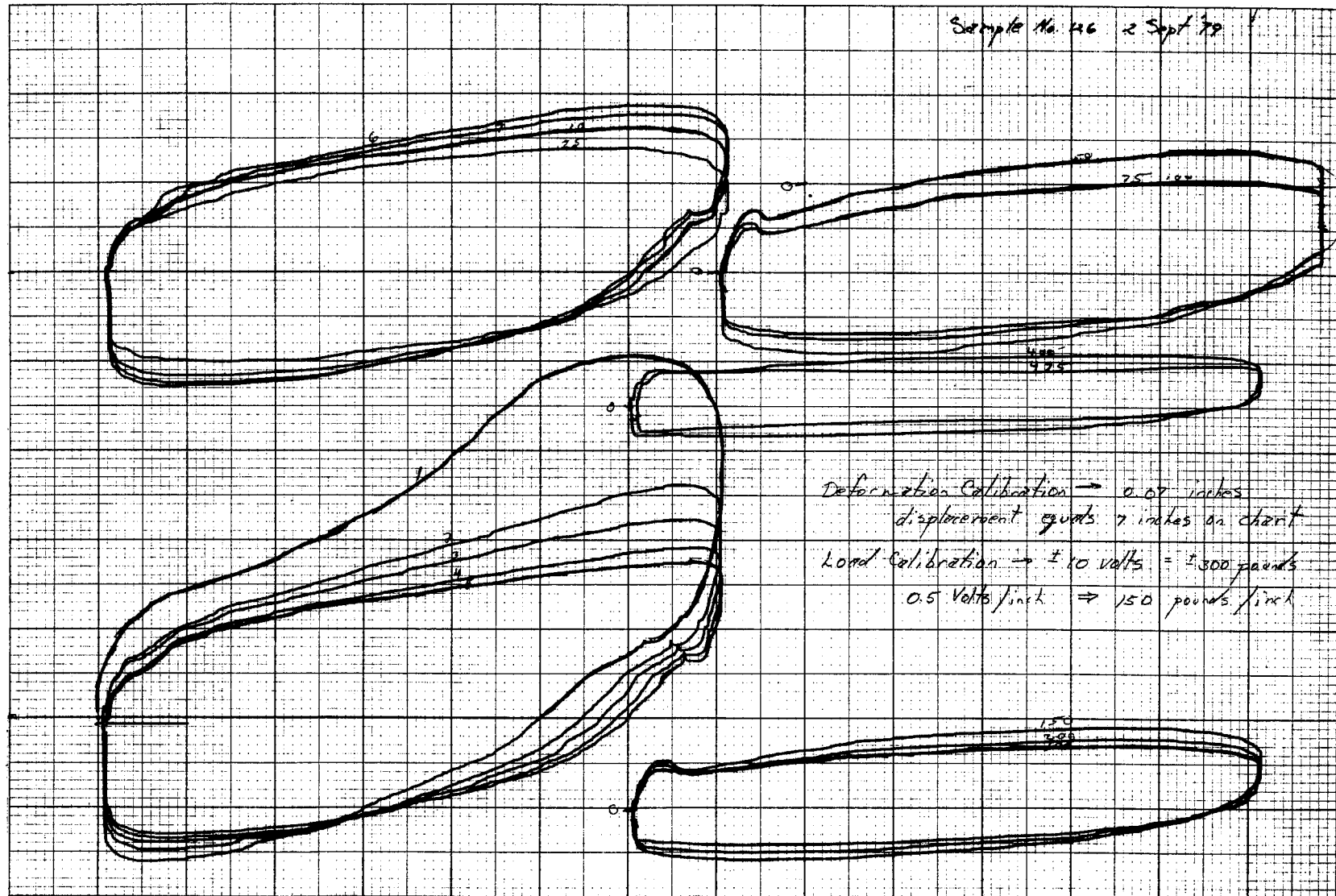


Figure 27B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 126.

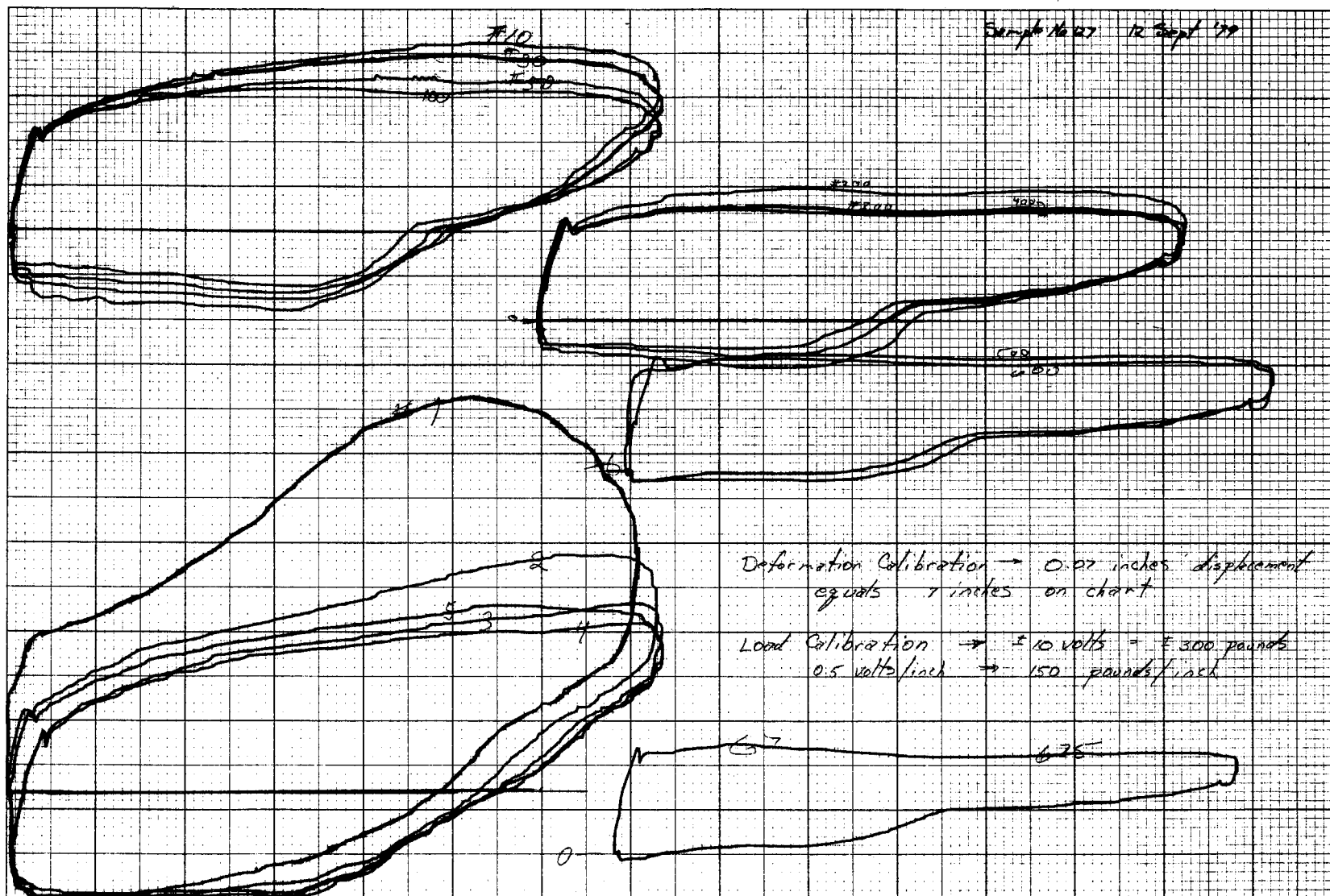


Figure 28B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 127.



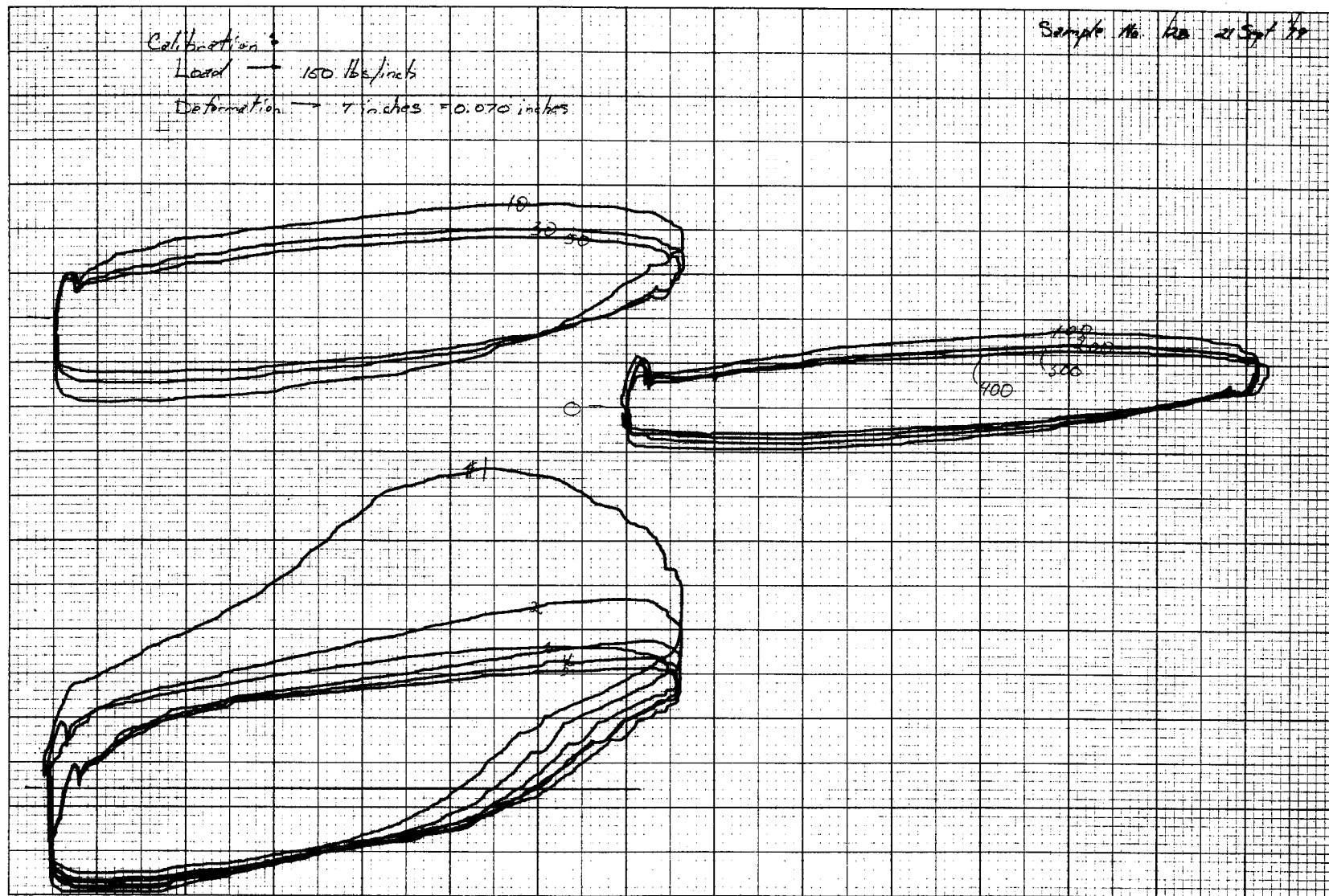


Figure 29B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 128.

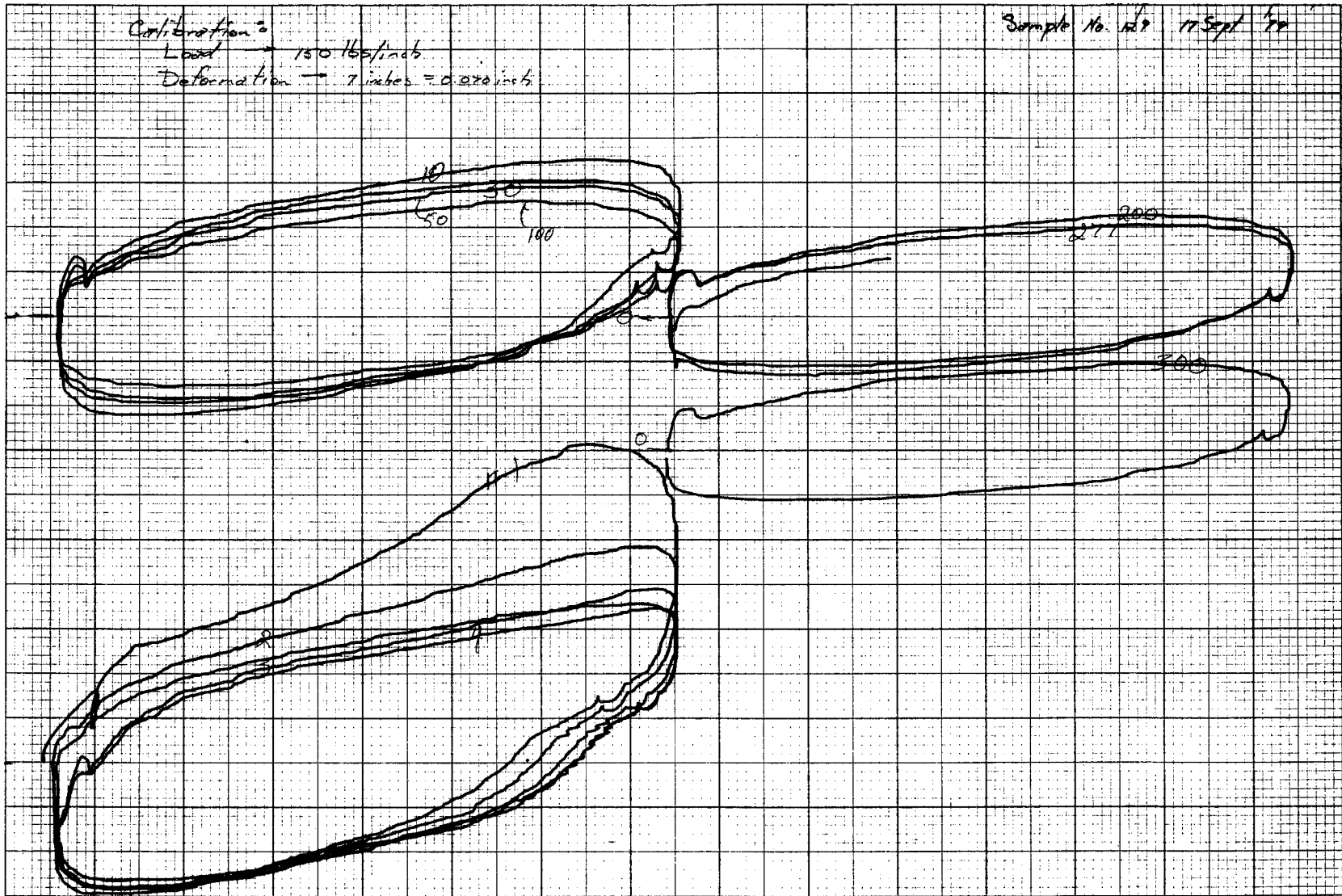


Figure 30B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 129.

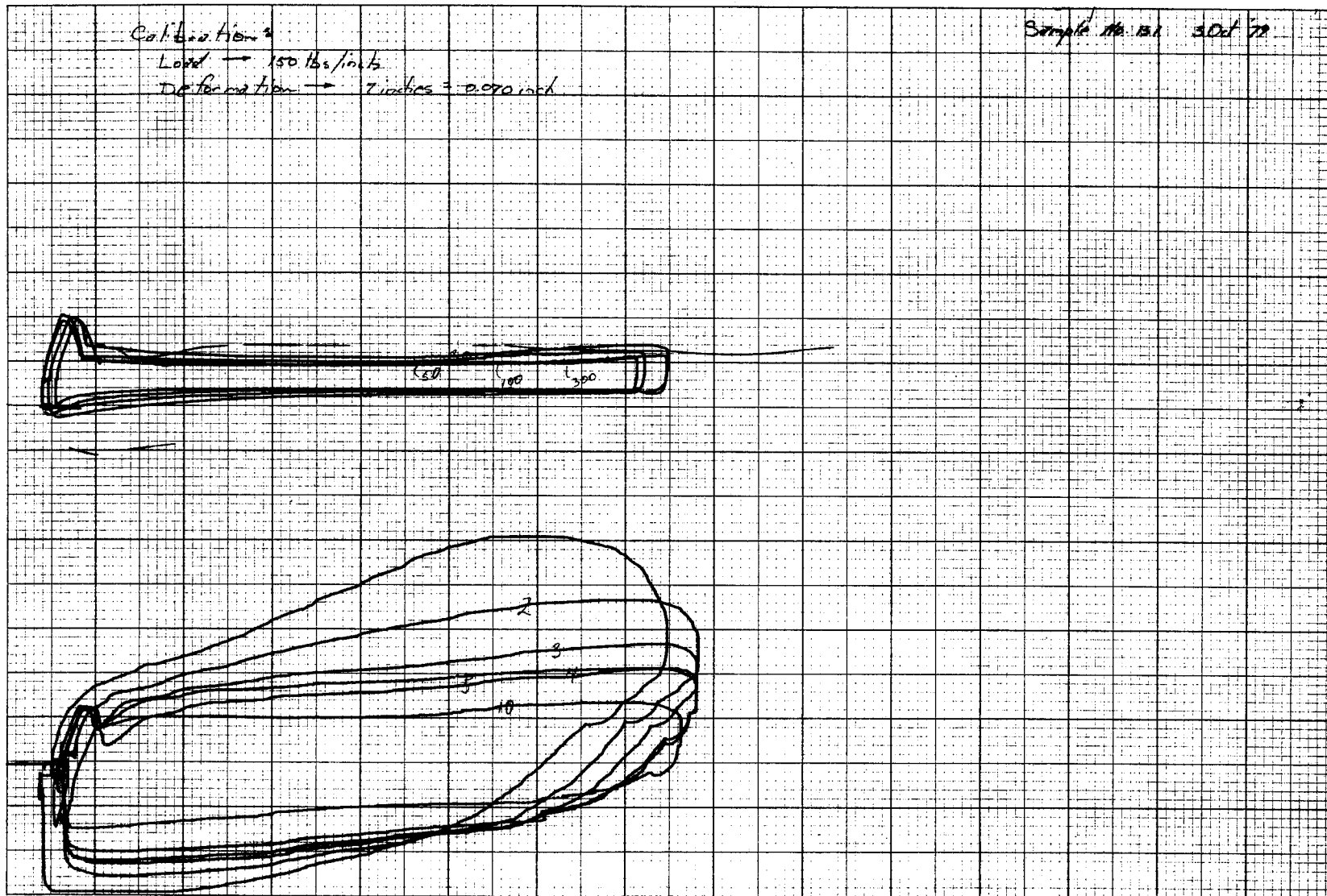


Figure 31B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 131.

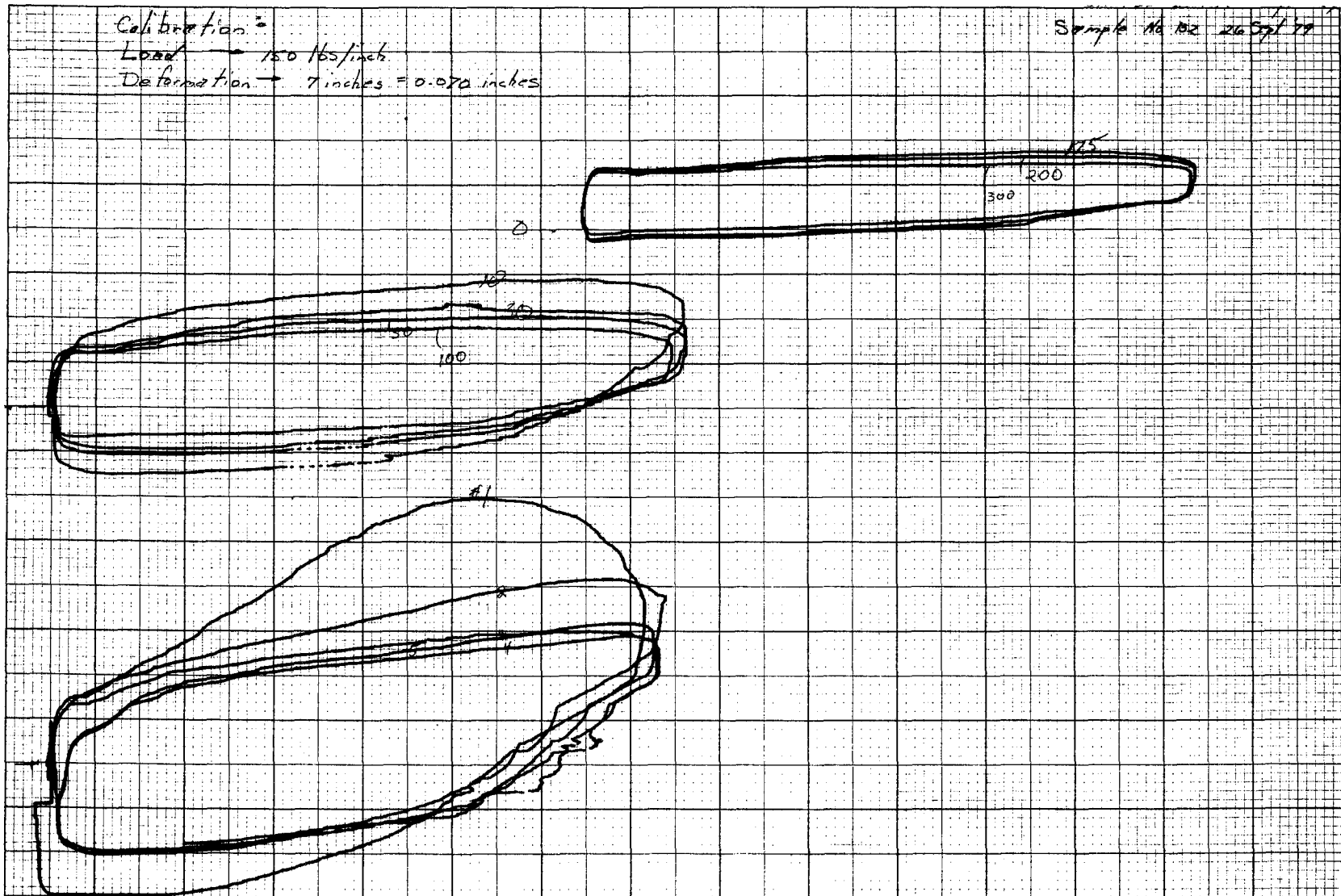


Figure 32B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 132.

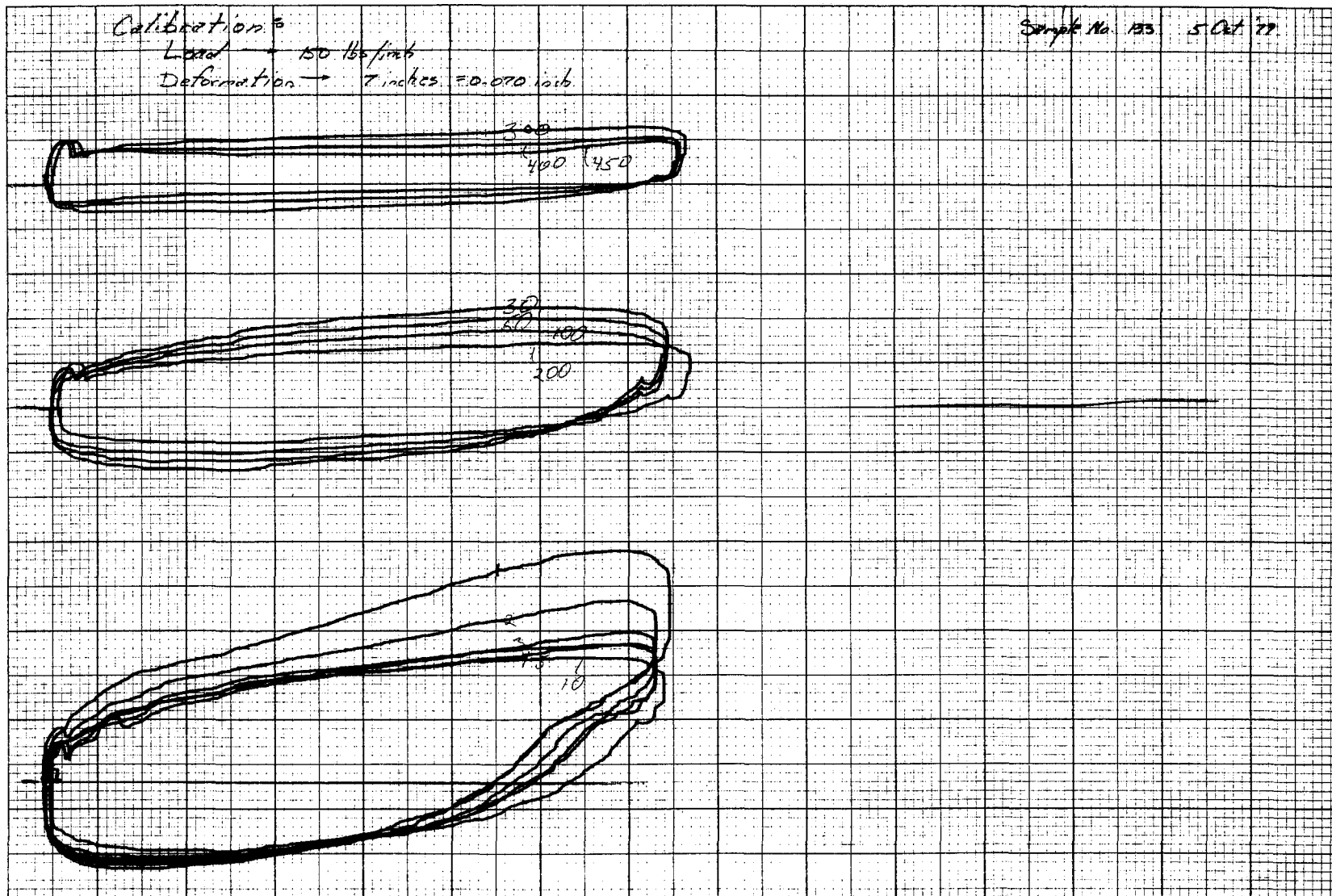


Figure 33B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 133.

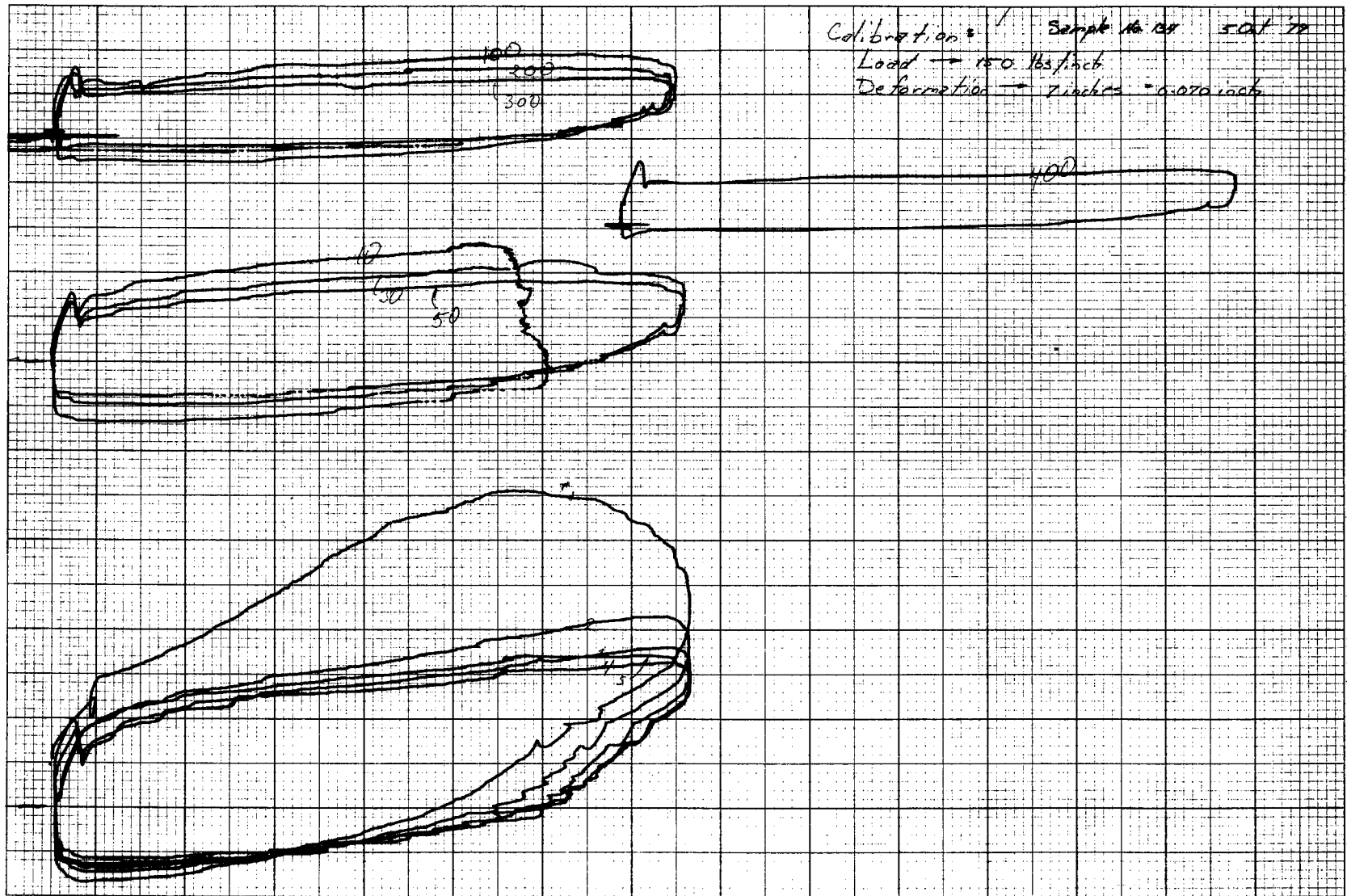


Figure 34B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 134.

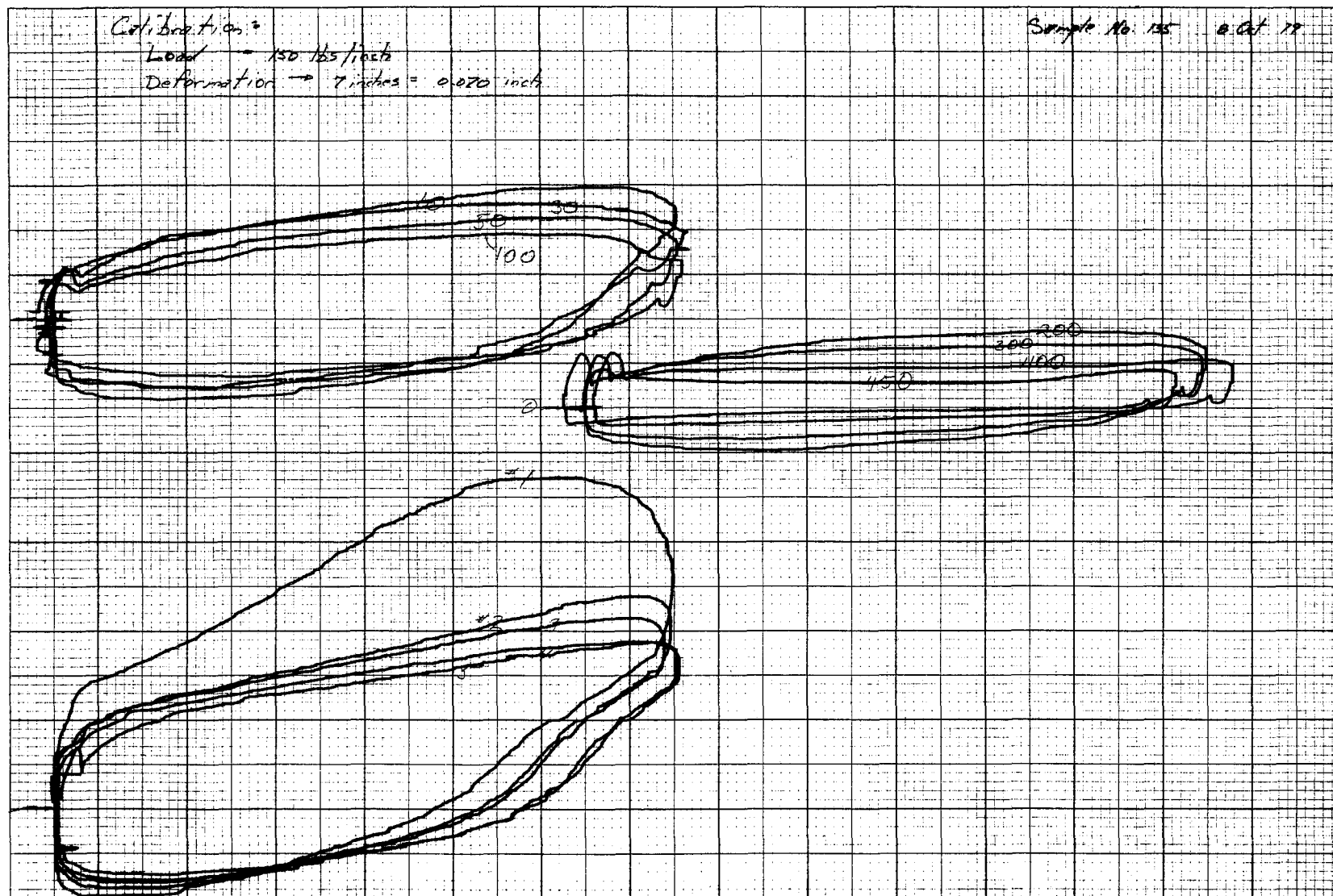


Figure 35B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 135.

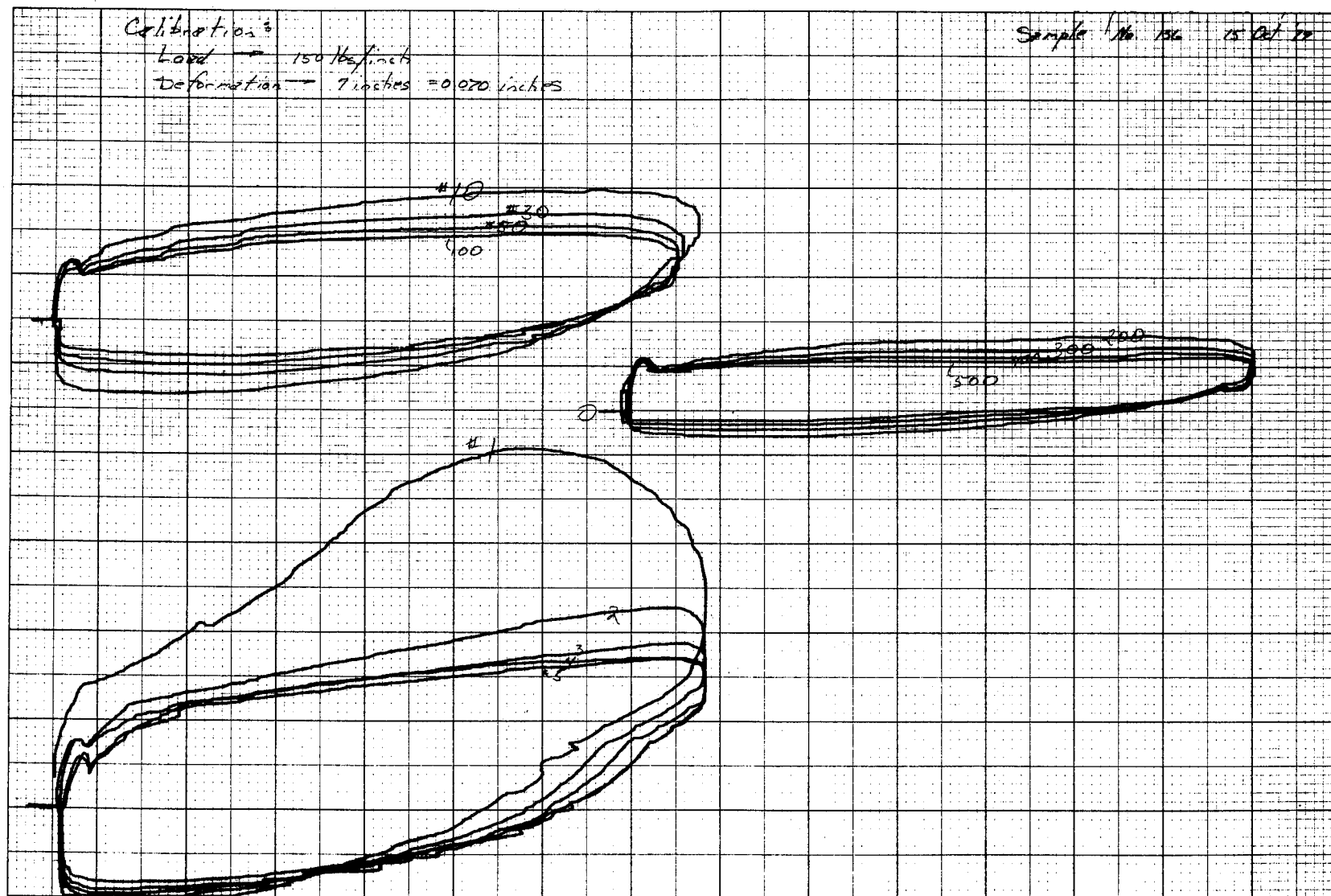


Figure 36B. Load versus Displacement for Sample 136.



OVERLAY TEST DATA

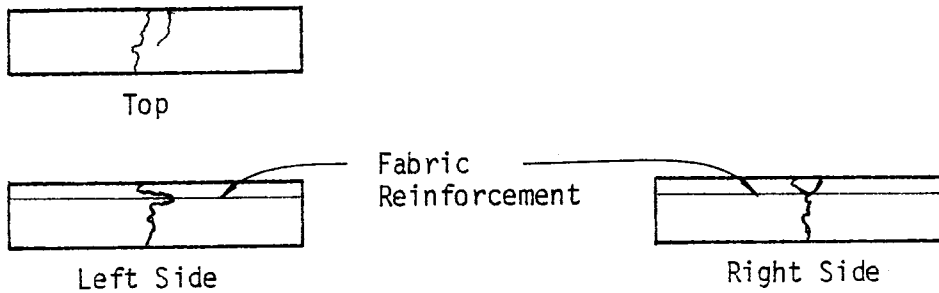
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 100

Test Date: Nov. 21, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
3	0.75	1.00
5	1.00	1.10
10	1.25	1.25
30	1.40	1.30
50	1.50	1.30
100	1.50	1.60
150	1.75	1.75
200	1.80	1.90
250	2.25	2.25
300	3.00	2.25
350	3.00	3.00
425	3.00	3.00
550	3.00	3.00
675	3.00	3.00

Note: "Hinge" effect developed on top of sample at cycle 400.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

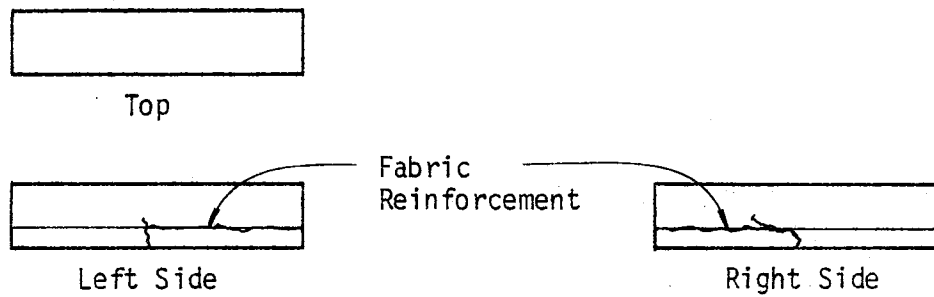
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 101

Test Date: Nov. 12, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	0.75	0.75
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.00
54	1.00	1.00
100	1.50	1.00
205	1.50	1.75
300	1.50	1.75
400	1.50	1.75
500	1.50	1.75
600	1.50	1.75

Note: Slippage along the fabric layer was evident at cycle 30. Excessive slippage prevented the crack from penetrating the remainder of the sample.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

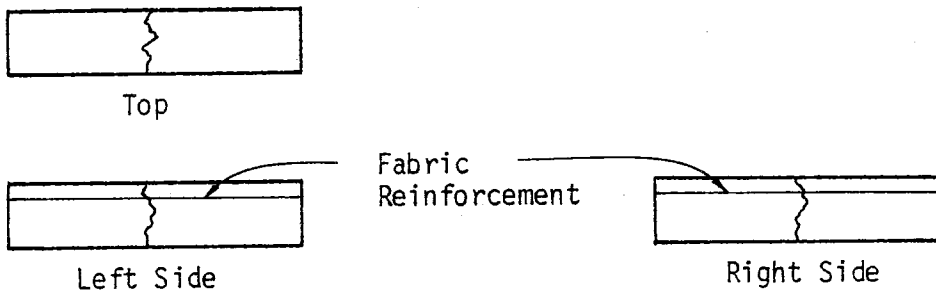
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 102

Test Date: Oct. 16, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.10	0.10
5	0.25	0.25
10	0.90	0.75
30	1.40	1.50
50	2.25	2.25
100	2.25	2.25
200	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

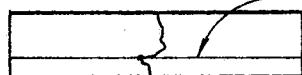
Sample Number 103

Test Date: Oct. 23, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
5	0.75	0.75
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.10	1.00
200	1.25	1.25
300	1.25	1.80
400	2.00	2.00
490	3.00	3.00



Top



Left Side

Fabric Reinforcement



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

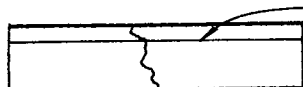
Sample Number 104

Test Date: Jan. 4, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	1.25	1.25
5	1.25	1.40
10	1.30	1.45
30	1.30	1.45
50	1.50	1.80
100	1.75	2.25
200	2.25	2.25
300	3.00	2.25
400	3.00	3.00
500	3.00	3.00

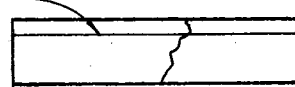


Top



Left Side

Fabric Reinforcement



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

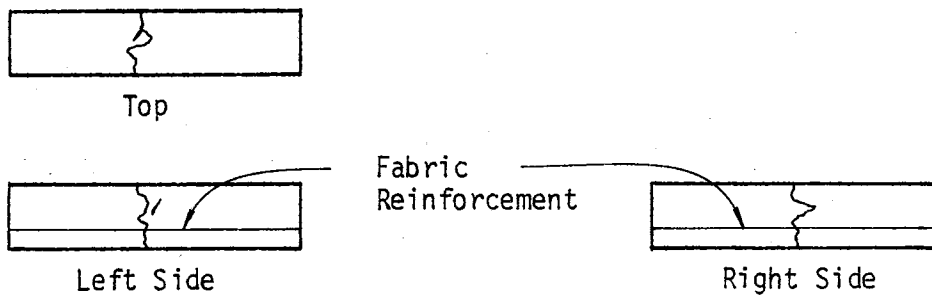
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 105

Test Date: Aug. 16, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	0.37	0.38
11	0.40	0.40
30	0.60	0.75
50	0.65	0.80
100	0.70	0.88
200	0.75	0.90
300	0.90	1.00
400	1.00	1.00
500	1.10	1.40
600	1.10	2.10
700	1.25	2.20
800	1.25	2.20
1000	1.25	2.20
1300	2.25	2.50
1400	2.25	3.00
1440	3.00	3.00

Note: Multiple fine cracks formed prior to failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

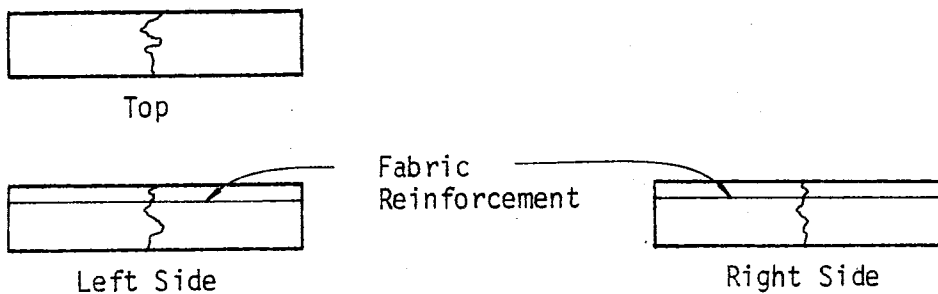
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77<sup>0</sup>F

Sample Number 106

Test Date: Feb. 6, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	1.00	1.00
5	1.50	1.50
10	2.25	2.25
30	2.25	2.25
50	2.25	3.00
75	3.00	3.00
100	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

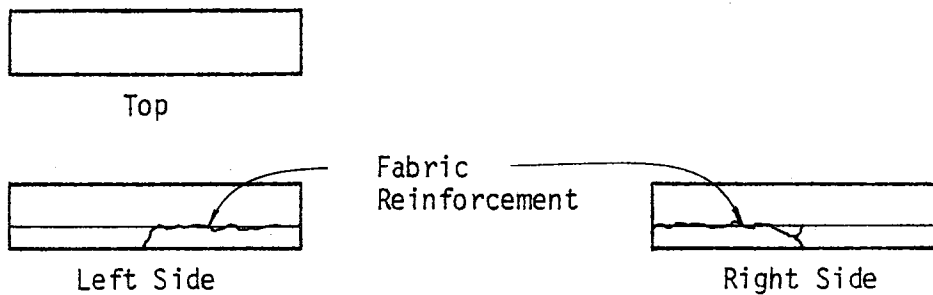
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 107

Test Date: Feb 1, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
2	0.75	0.75
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00
200	1.00	1.00
300	1.00	1.00

Note: Slippage along the fabric layer was evident at cycle 50. Excessive slippage prevented the crack from penetrating the remainder of the sample.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE



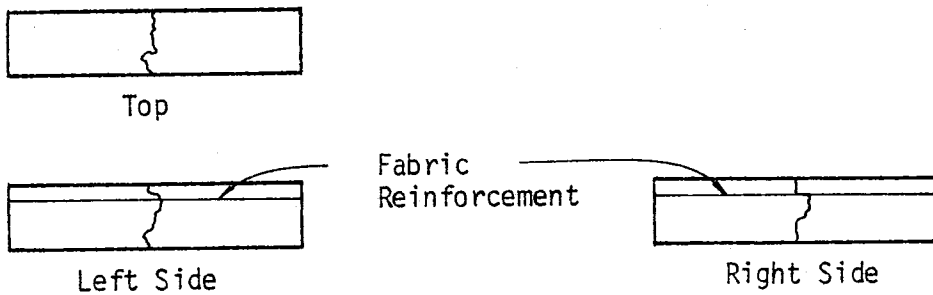
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 108

Test Date: Jan. 22, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.50	1.25
30	1.75	1.50
50	2.25	1.75
100	2.25	2.25
130	3.00	3.00
150	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

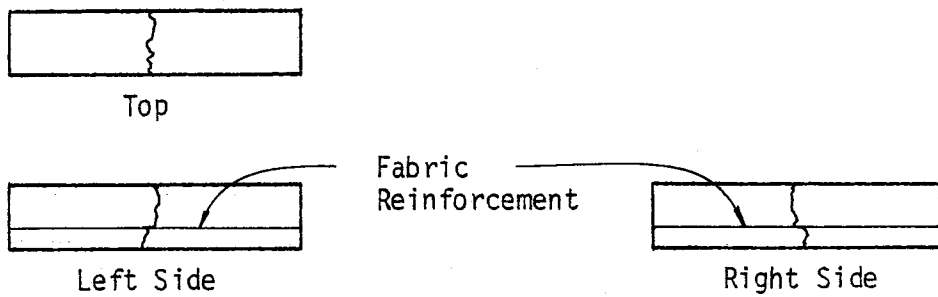
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 109

Test Date: Jan. 22, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.30
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.25	1.50
50	1.75	1.75
75	2.25	3.00
100	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

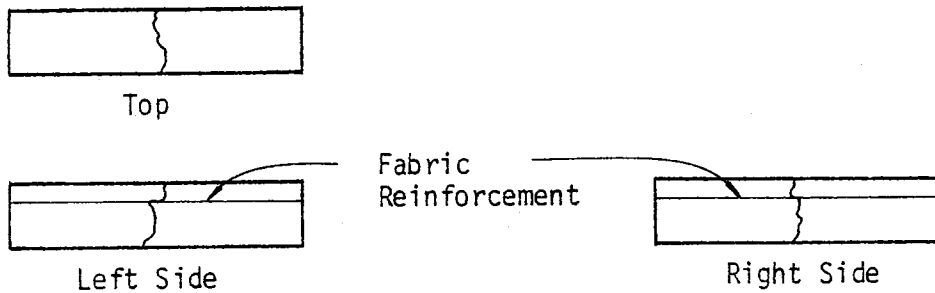
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 110

Test Date: Jan. 10, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.75	0.75
5	1.50	1.25
10	1.75	1.50
30	1.80	1.80
50	2.00	2.00
100	2.10	2.25
200	3.00	3.00
300	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

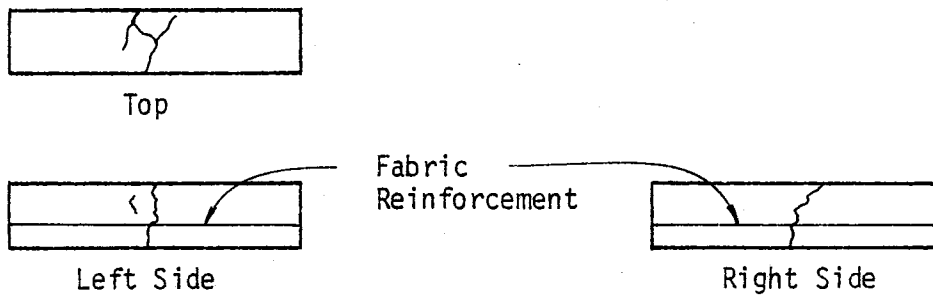
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 111

Test Date: Jul. 10, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	0.50	0.50
10	0.75	0.75
30	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
110	1.00	1.00
300	1.00	1.00
600	1.00	1.00
850	1.25	2.00
1100	2.00	3.00
1600	2.25	3.00
1835	2.25	3.00
2200	3.00	3.00

Note: Multiple cracking occurred on both the sides and top of the sample prior to failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

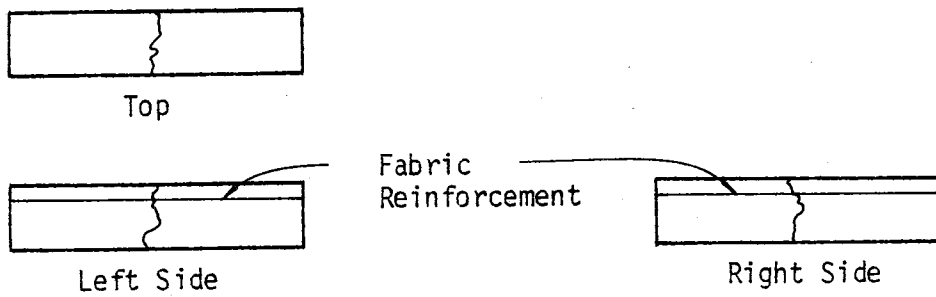
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 112

Test Date: Nov. 2, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.75	0.75
6	1.00	1.00
10	1.25	1.25
20	1.75	1.75
30	2.25	2.25
50	2.25	2.25
100	2.25	2.25
150	3.00	3.00
200	3.00	3.00
300	3.00	3.00
400	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

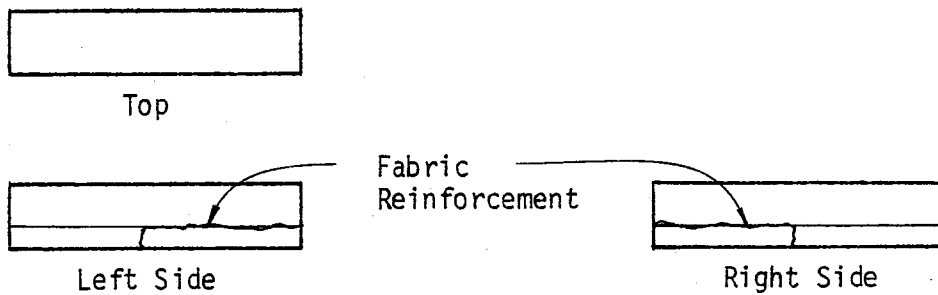
Test Temperature: 77<sup>0</sup>F

Sample Number 113

Test Date: Jan. 3, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	1.00	1.00
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00
200	1.00	1.00
300	1.00	1.00

Note: Crack progressed to fabric layer on the first cycle. Slippage along fabric layer then prohibited the crack from extending upward through the sample.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

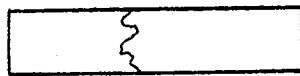
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 114

Test Date: Sept. 7, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.15	0.15
5	1.00	1.25
10	1.25	1.50
30	1.50	2.00
50	1.75	2.15
100	2.25	2.25
200	2.40	2.40
250	2.50	3.00
300	2.50	3.00
450	2.90	3.00



Top



Left Side

Fabric Reinforcement



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

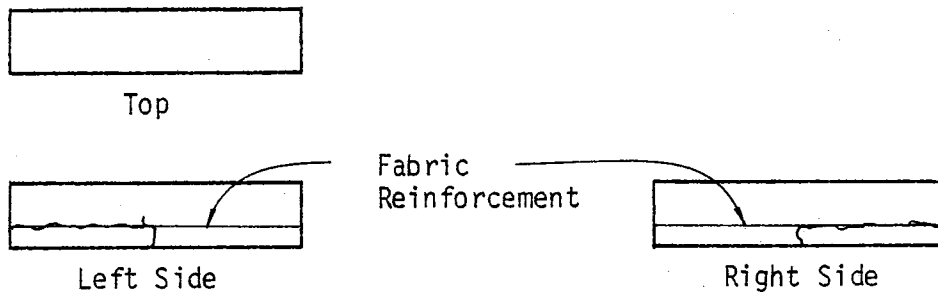
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 115

Test Date: Sept. 24, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00
200	1.25	1.00
300	1.25	1.00
400	1.25	1.00
725	1.25	1.00

Note: Slippage along the fabric layer was evident at cycle 10. Excessive slippage prevented the crack from penetrating beyond the fabric.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE



OVERLAY TEST DATA

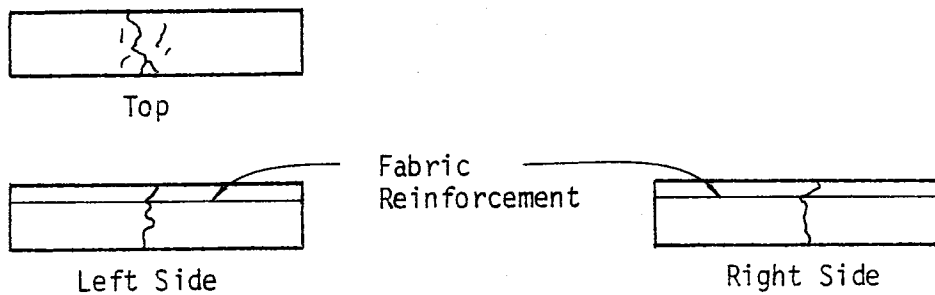
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 116

Test Date: Oct. 24, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	0.75	0.75
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.50	1.50
50	1.75	1.50
100	1.80	1.75
200	2.25	2.25
300	2.25	2.25
400	2.25	2.25
500	2.25	2.25
600	2.25	2.25
700	3.00	3.00

Note: Multiple fine cracks formed on the top of the sample prior to failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

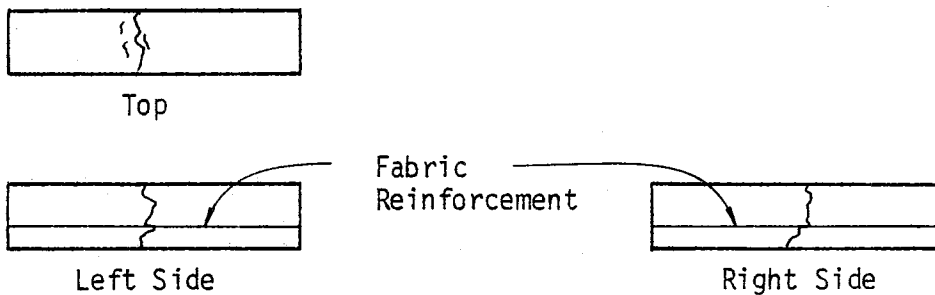
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 117

Test Date: Mar. 24, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	0.75	0.75
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00
200	1.00	1.00
300	1.00	1.00
400	1.00	1.00
500	1.00	1.00
600	1.00	1.00
700	1.50	3.00
800	1.50	3.00
900	2.00	3.00
1000	2.00	3.00
1100	3.00	3.00
1200	3.00	3.00
1300	3.00	3.00
1400	3.00	3.00

Note: Some slippage occurred along fabric layer and multiple fine cracks formed prior to failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

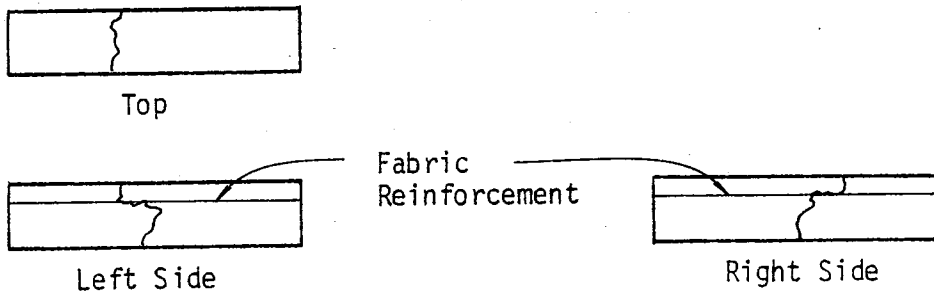
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 118

Test Date: Jan. 7, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.25
5	0.75	0.50
10	1.00	0.75
30	2.00	1.75
50	2.25	2.25
100	2.25	2.25
200	3.00	3.00

Note: A crack appeared on the top of the sample at about cycle 150. (Cracks on sides were still at the fabric layer.) The crack then progressed from the top of the sample down both sides to the fabric layer.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

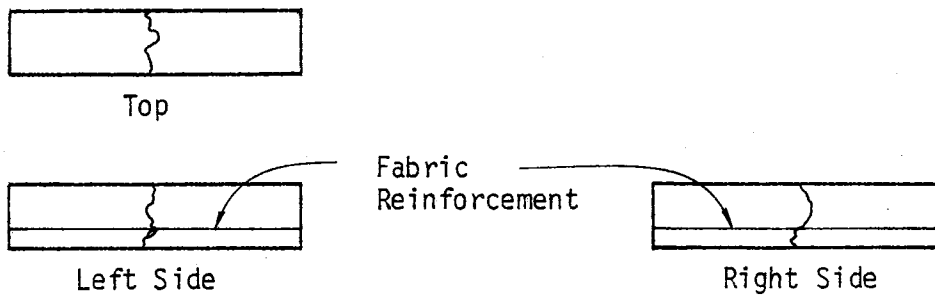
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 119

Test Date: Jan. 7, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.75	0.75
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00
200	1.00	1.00
250	2.25	1.75
400	3.00	3.00

Note: Slippage along the fabric layer was evident at cycle 20. The crack progressed up the left side, across the top, then down the right side.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 120

Test Date: Jan. 11, '80

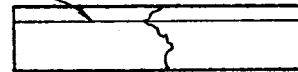
<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.50
5	0.90	1.00
10	1.00	1.20
30	1.75	2.00
50	2.25	2.25
100	2.25	2.25
200	2.25	2.25
300	3.00	3.00



Top



Left Side



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

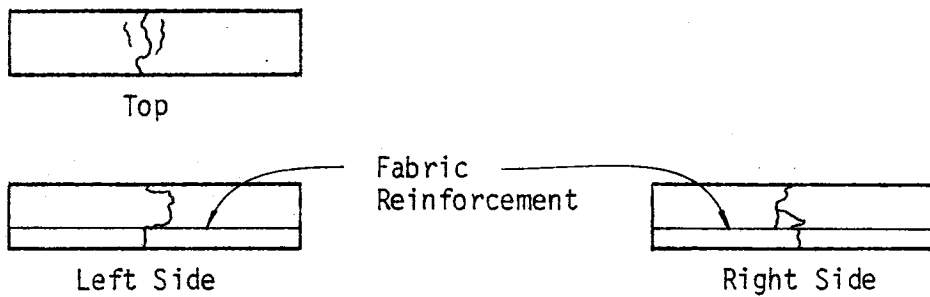
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 121

Test Date: Jan. 7 '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
5	0.75	0.75
10	0.90	1.00
30	0.90	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00
200	1.00	1.00
300	1.00	1.00
400	1.00	1.00
500	1.00	1.00
600	1.00	1.00
700	1.00	1.00
800	1.00	1.00
900	1.50	1.50
1000	1.75	1.50
1300	3.00	3.00

Note: Some slippage occurred along fabric layer, but continued loading eventually caused failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

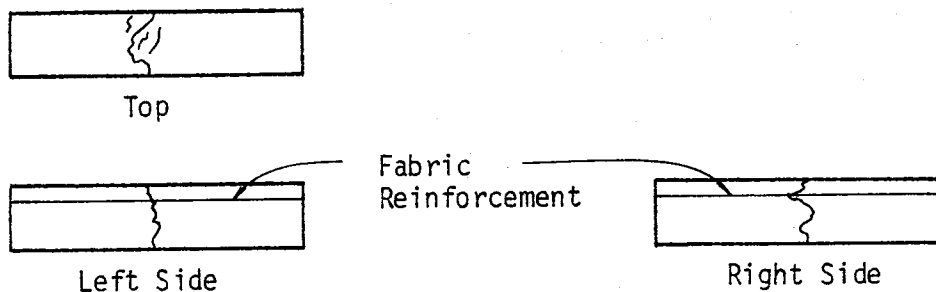
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 122

Test Date: May 14, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.75	1.00
5	1.25	1.50
10	1.50	1.75
100	2.00	2.25
150	2.25	2.25
200	2.25	2.25
300	2.25	2.25
400	2.25	2.25
500	2.25	2.25
700	3.00	3.00
900	3.00	3.00

Note: Multiple fine cracks formed on the top of the sample prior to failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

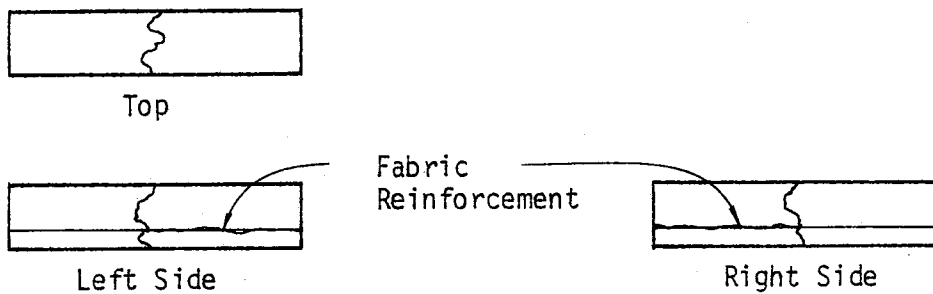
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 123

Test Date: Jan. 9, '80

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	0.50	0.50
10	0.75	0.75
30	0.75	0.75
50	0.80	0.80
100	0.90	1.00
200	1.00	1.00
300	1.00	1.10
400	1.10	1.10
500	1.10	1.10
600	1.10	1.10
700	1.10	1.10
800	1.10	1.10
900	1.25	1.20
1000	1.25	1.20
1200	1.25	1.50
1500	2.25	2.00
2000	3.00	2.90

Note: Some slippage occurred along the fabric layer.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE



OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 124

Test Date: Aug. 17, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
5	1.50	1.75
10	1.75	2.00
30	2.25	2.25
50	2.25	2.25
100	2.25	2.25
135	2.75	3.00
150	2.90	3.00
175	3.00	3.00



Top



Left Side

Fabric  
Reinforcement



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

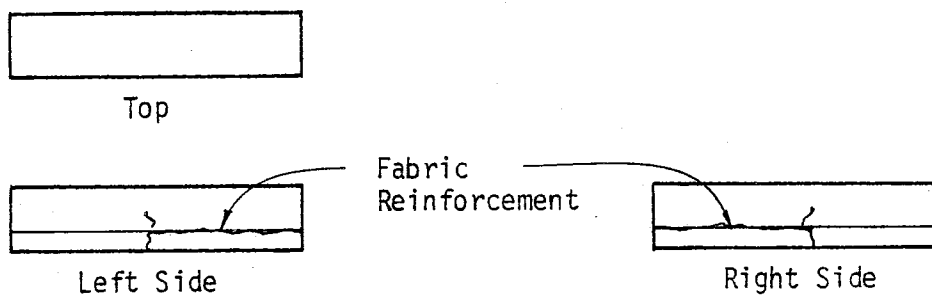
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 125

Test Date: Sept. 19, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.75	0.75
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.10
30	1.00	1.10
50	1.00	1.10
100	1.00	1.10
200	1.40	1.50
300	1.50	1.60
400	1.50	1.60
700	1.50	1.60
850	1.50	1.60
1000	1.50	1.60

Note: Excessive slippage along the fabric layer prevented the crack from completely penetrating the sample.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

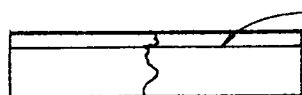
Sample Number 126

Test Date: Sept. 2, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.25
7	0.75	0.50
10	0.80	0.60
25	1.50	1.20
50	1.80	1.20
75	2.00	1.50
100	2.20	1.75
150	2.00	2.00
200	2.00	2.00
300	2.50	2.50
400	3.00	2.50
475	3.00	3.00

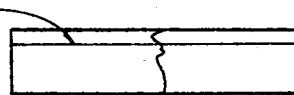


Top



Left Side

Fabric Reinforcement



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

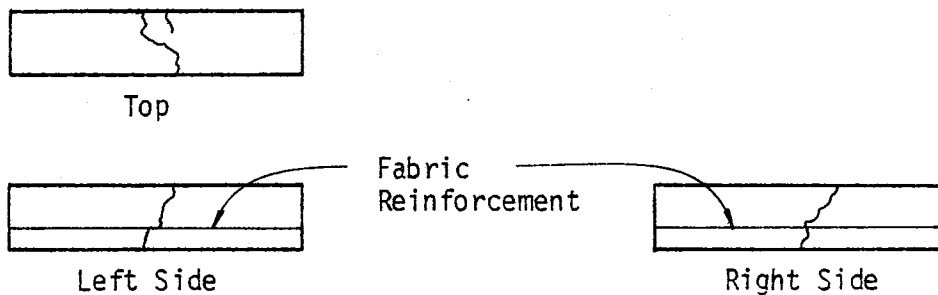
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 127

Test Date: Sept. 12, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.75	0.75
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.10
50	1.00	1.10
100	1.00	1.10
200	1.10	1.10
300	1.87	1.20
400	2.20	1.20
500	2.25	1.20
600	3.00	1.20
675	3.00	3.00

Note: A "hinge" effect developed, but continued cycling resulted in failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

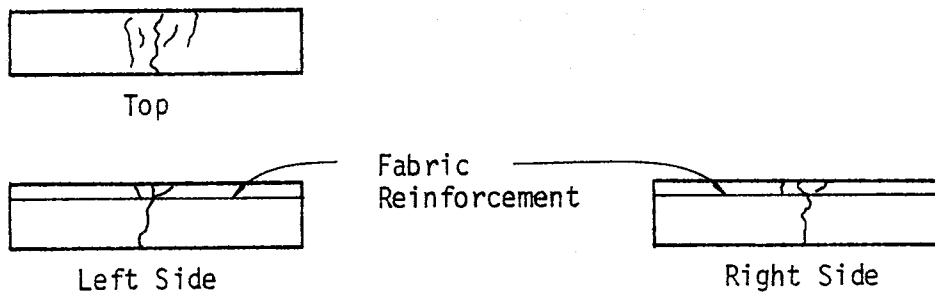
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 128

Test Date: Sept. 21, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
6	0.90	0.90
10	1.25	1.25
30	1.50	1.50
50	1.75	1.90
100	1.90	2.00
200	2.00	2.20
300	2.25	2.25
400	2.25	2.25
500	3.00	3.00
600	3.00	3.00

Note: Multiple fine cracks formed on both the sides and top of the sample prior to failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

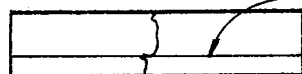
Sample Number 129

Test Date: Sept. 17, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.15	0.15
5	0.50	0.50
10	0.75	0.90
30	0.90	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00
200	1.10	1.10
277	3.00	3.00
300	3.00	3.00

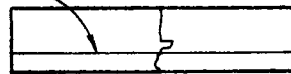


Top



Left Side

Fabric Reinforcement



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

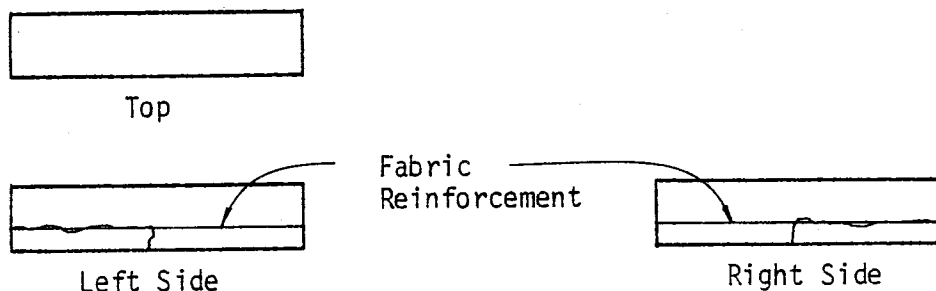
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 131

Test Date: Oct. 3, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
2	0.50	0.50
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.00
50	1.00	1.00
100	1.00	1.00

Note: Complete slippage at fabric layer prevented the crack from penetrating the remainder of the sample.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

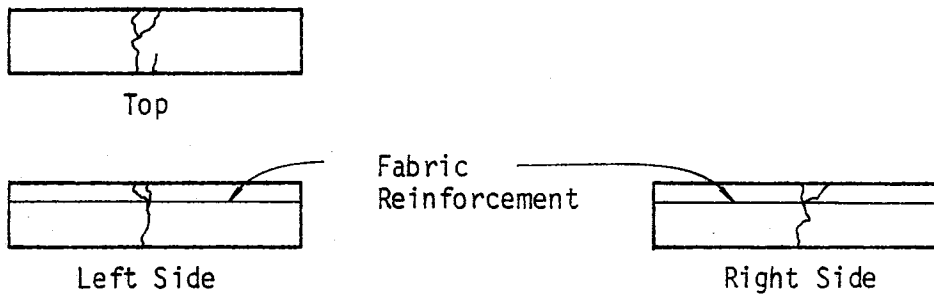
Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 132

Test Date: Sept. 26, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
5	1.00	0.75
10	1.50	1.00
30	1.50	1.25
50	1.75	1.75
100	2.25	2.00
175	3.00	2.50
200	3.00	3.00
300	3.00	3.00
400	3.00	3.00
450	3.00	3.00

Note: Multiple fine cracks formed on both the sides and top of the sample prior to failure.



SAMPLE AT FAILURE



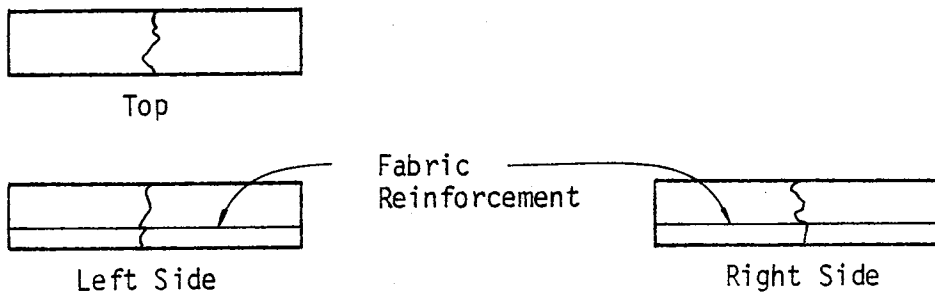
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 133

Test Date: Oct. 5, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
5	0.90	0.90
10	1.00	1.00
30	1.00	1.10
50	1.00	1.10
100	1.00	1.50
200	1.00	1.90
300	1.50	2.50
400	3.00	3.00
450	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

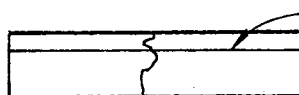
Sample Number 134

Test Date: Oct. 5, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.75	0.75
5	1.00	1.00
10	1.25	1.10
30	1.75	1.50
50	2.00	2.25
100	2.25	2.25
200	2.50	2.50
300	2.50	3.00
400	2.75	3.00
450	3.00	3.00



Top



Left Side

Fabric  
Reinforcement



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

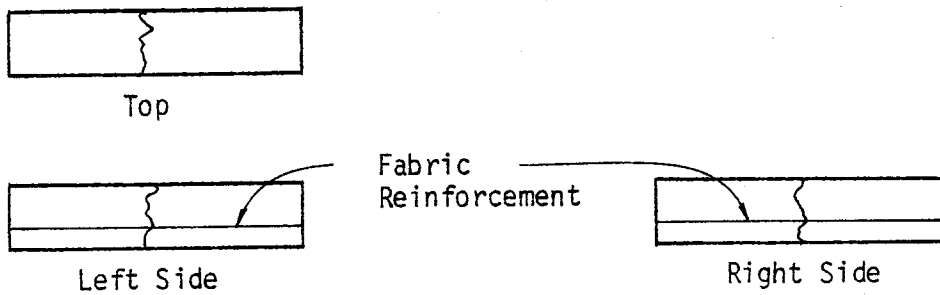
OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

Sample Number 135

Test Date: Oct. 8, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.25	0.25
5	0.50	0.50
10	0.70	0.70
30	0.75	0.75
50	0.80	0.90
100	1.00	1.00
200	2.00	2.00
300	2.25	2.50
400	3.00	3.00
450	3.00	3.00



SAMPLE AT FAILURE

OVERLAY TEST DATA

Test Temperature: 77°F

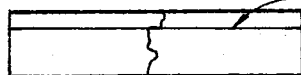
Sample Number 136

Test Date: Oct. 15, '79

<u>Cycle Number</u>	<u>Left Crack Length</u>	<u>Right Crack Length</u>
1	0.50	0.50
5	0.75	1.00
10	0.75	1.10
30	1.50	1.75
50	1.70	1.75
100	2.00	1.90
200	2.25	2.25
300	2.25	2.90
400	2.25	3.00
500	3.00	3.00



Top



Left Side



Right Side

SAMPLE AT FAILURE

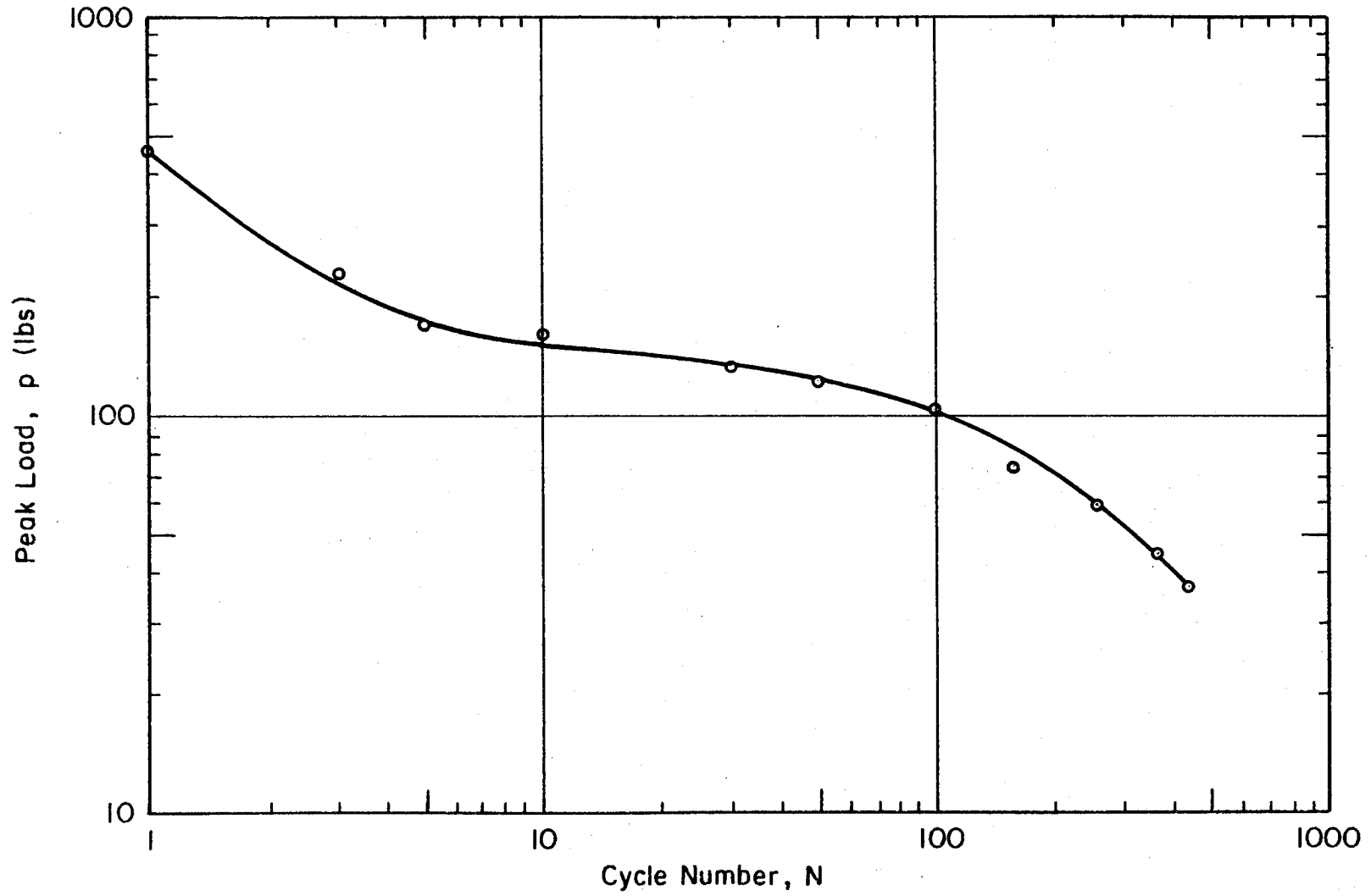


FIGURE 37B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 100

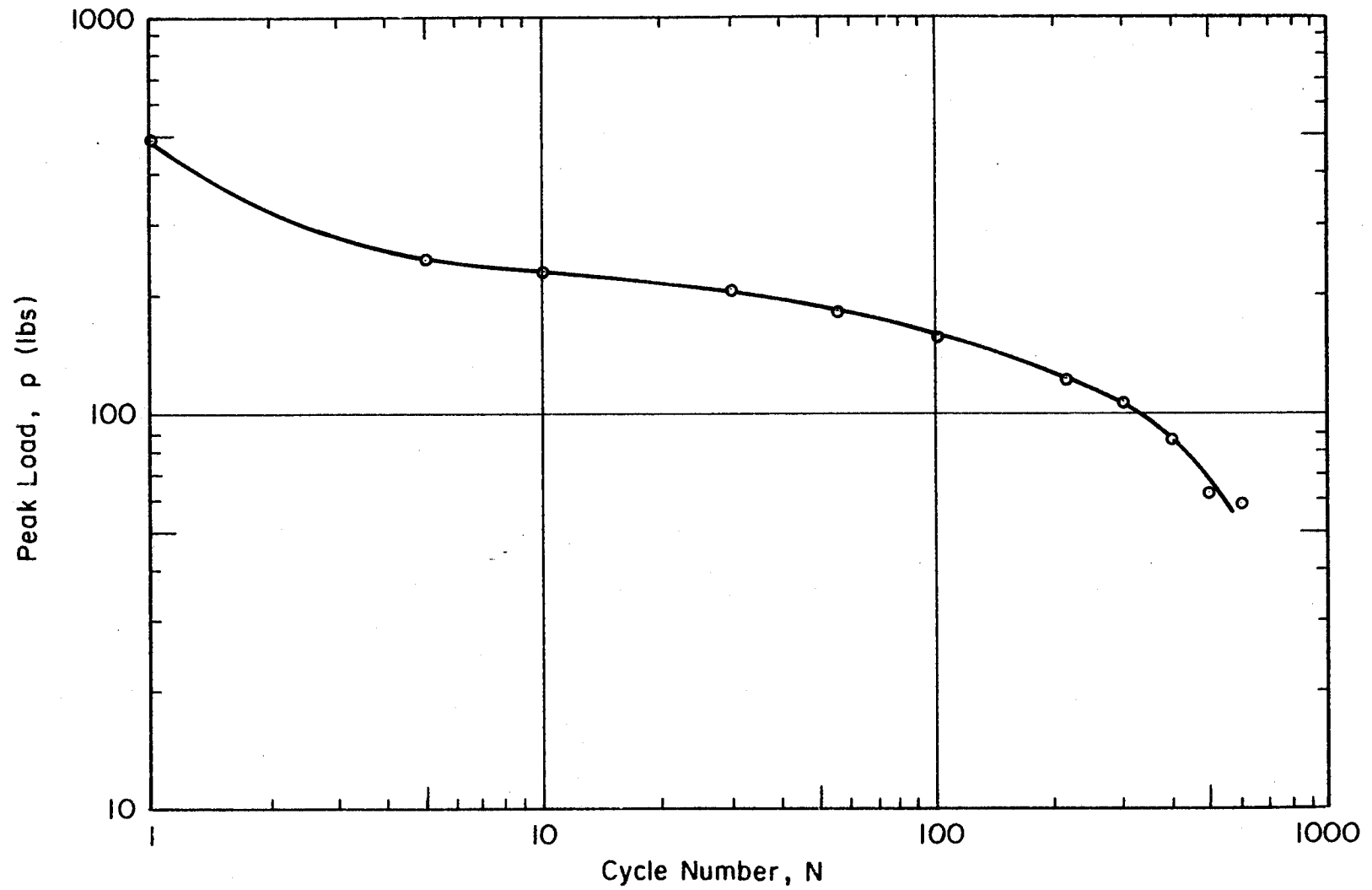


FIGURE 38B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 101

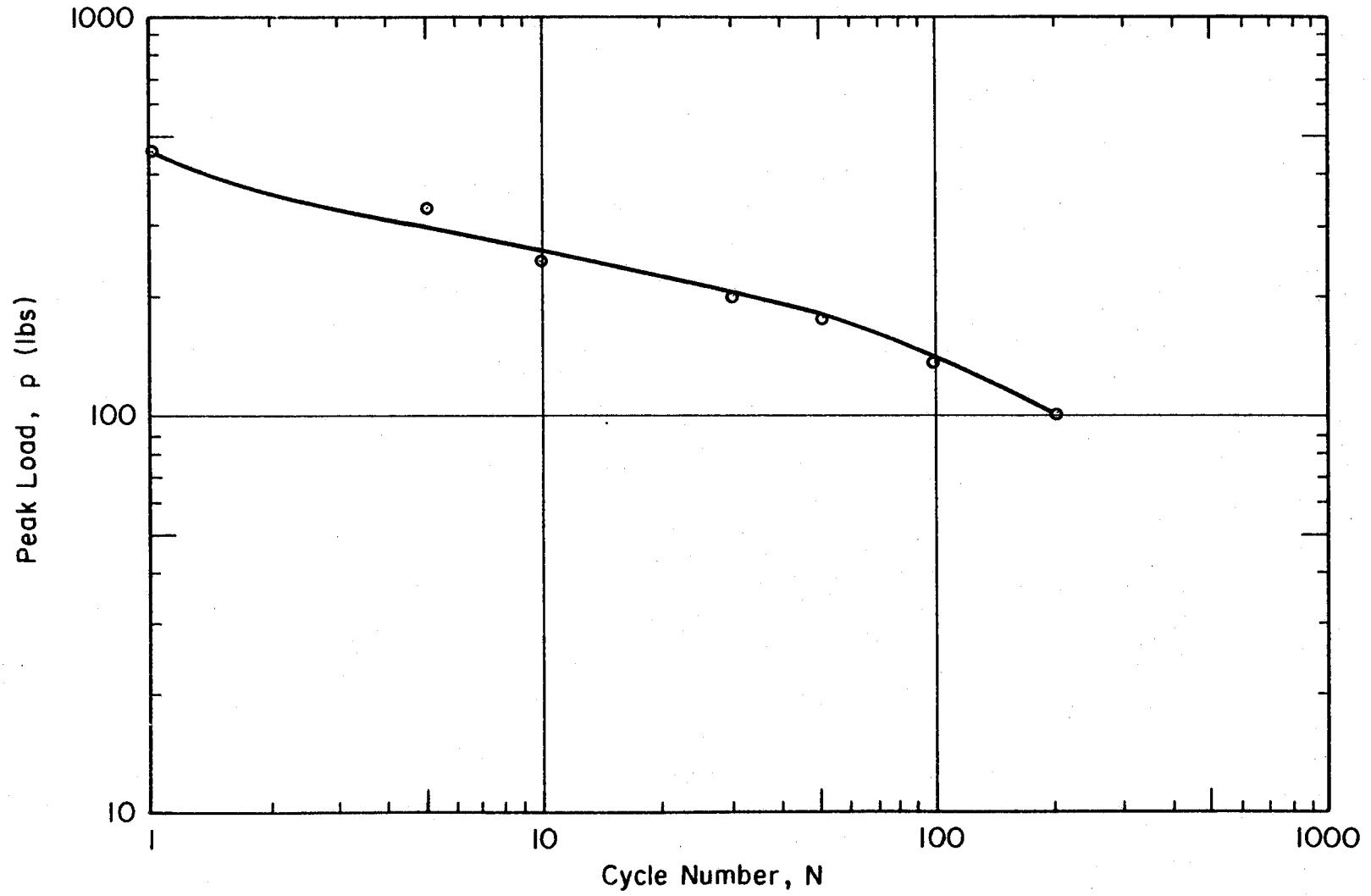


FIGURE 39B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 102

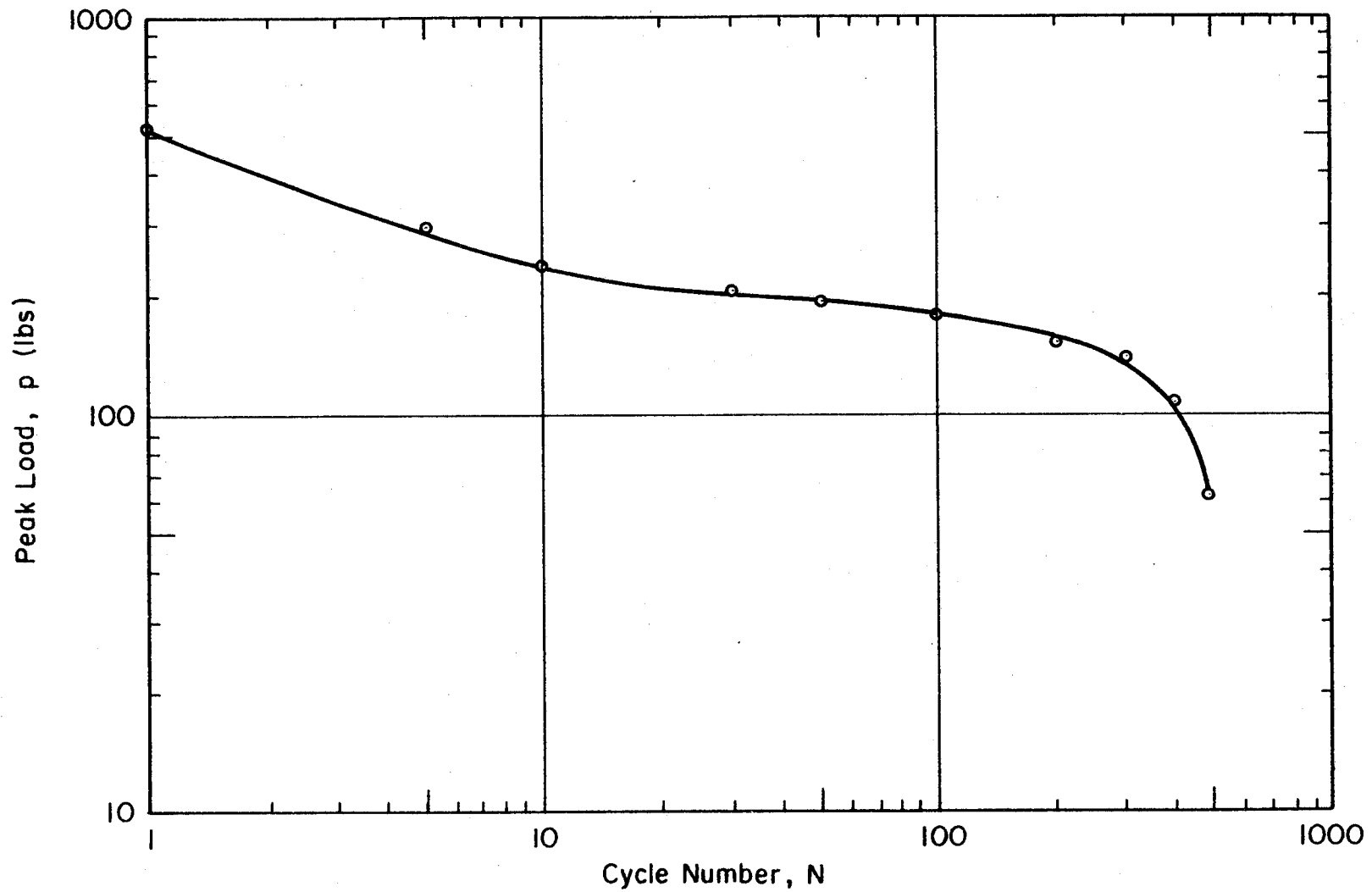


FIGURE 40B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 103



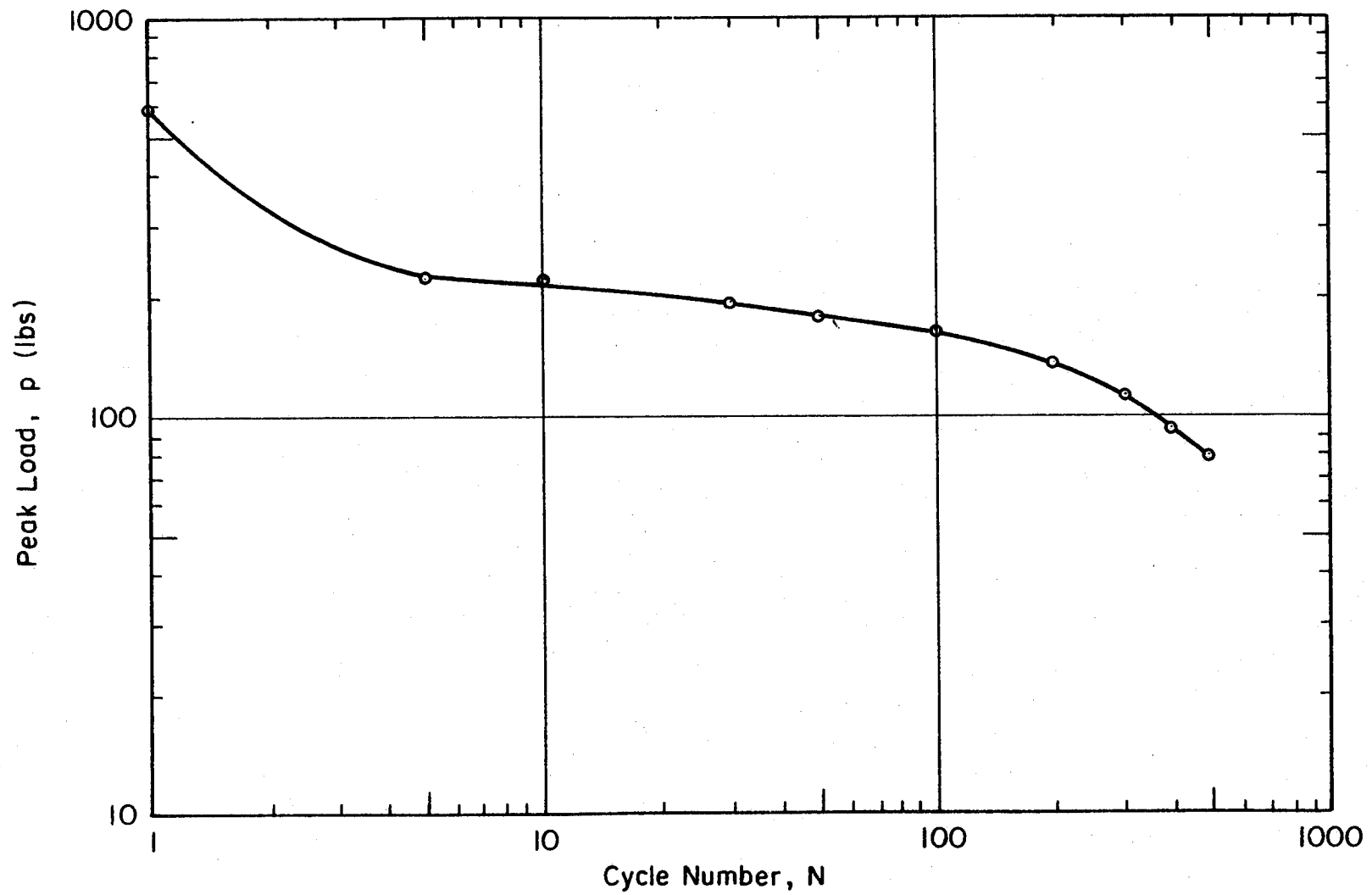


FIGURE 41B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 104

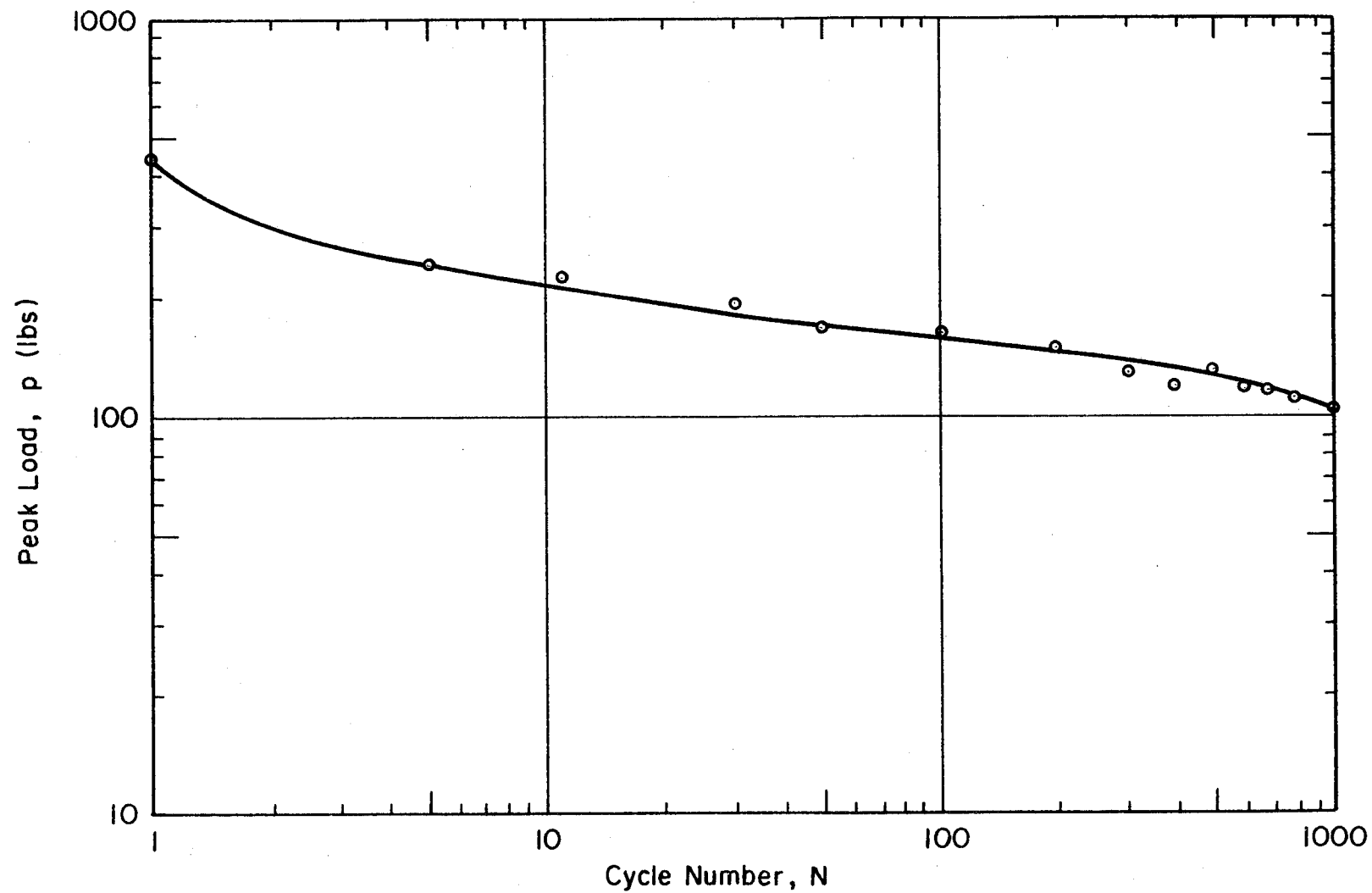


FIGURE 42B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 105

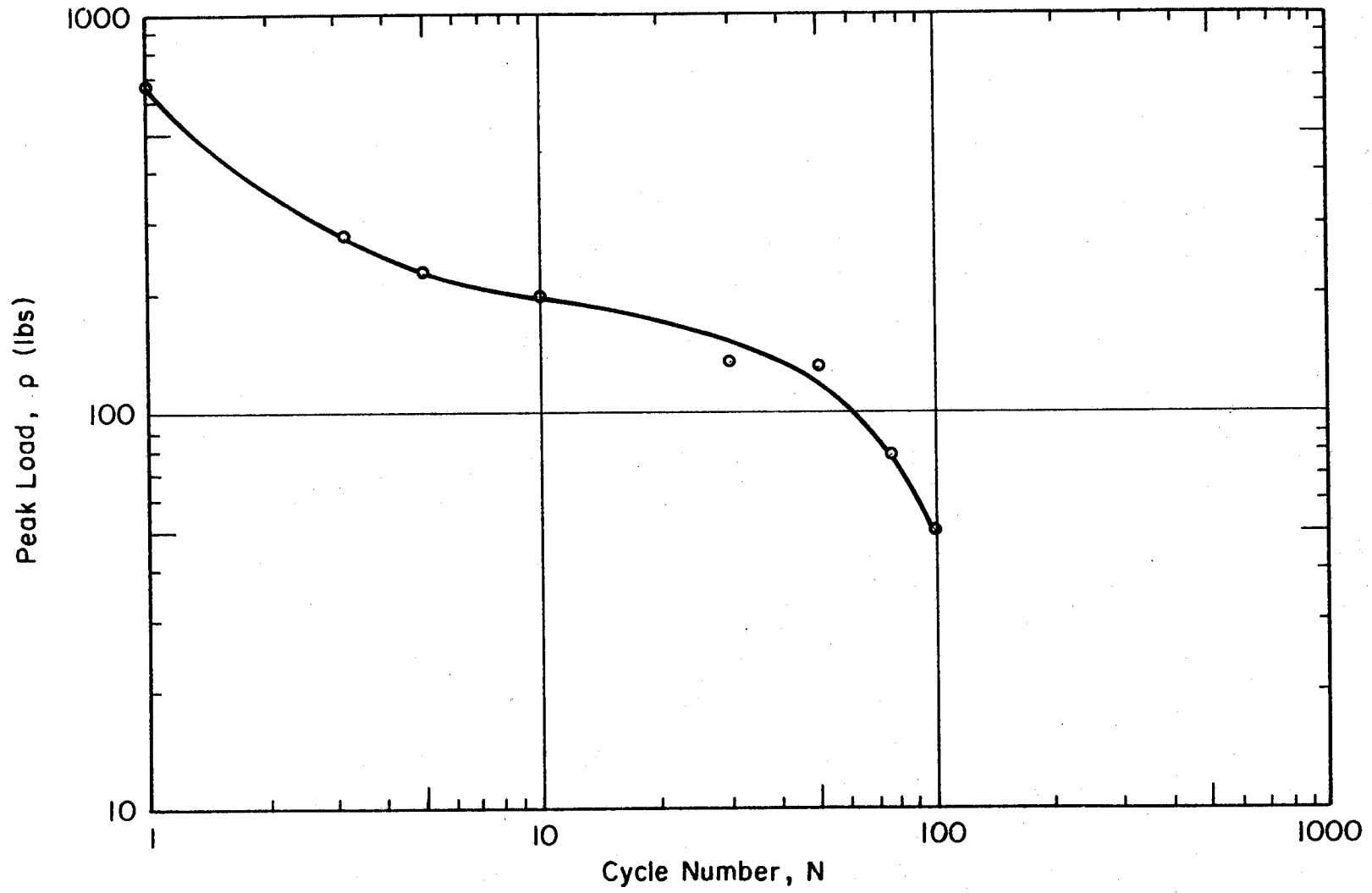


FIGURE 43B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 106

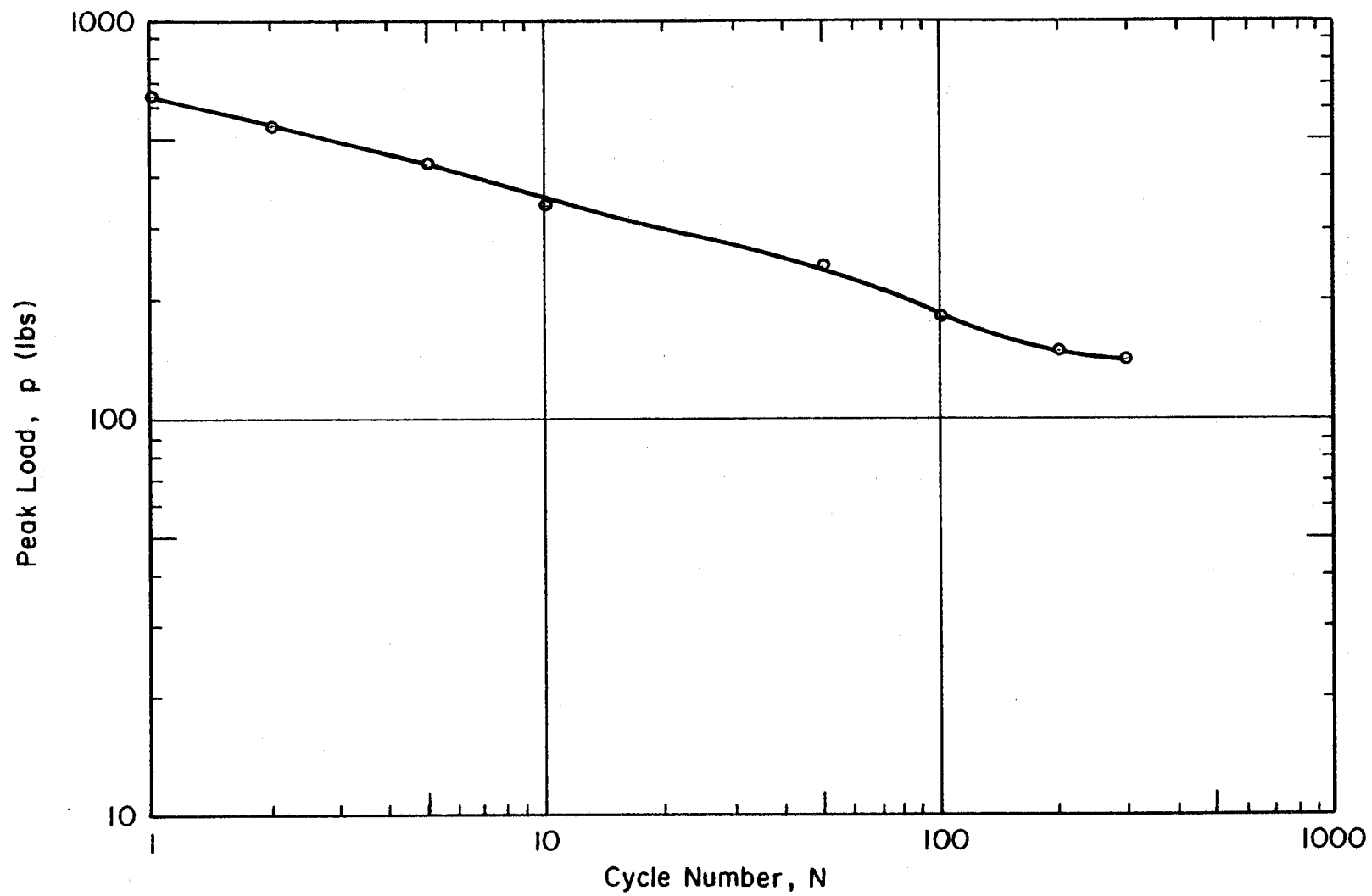


FIGURE 44B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 107

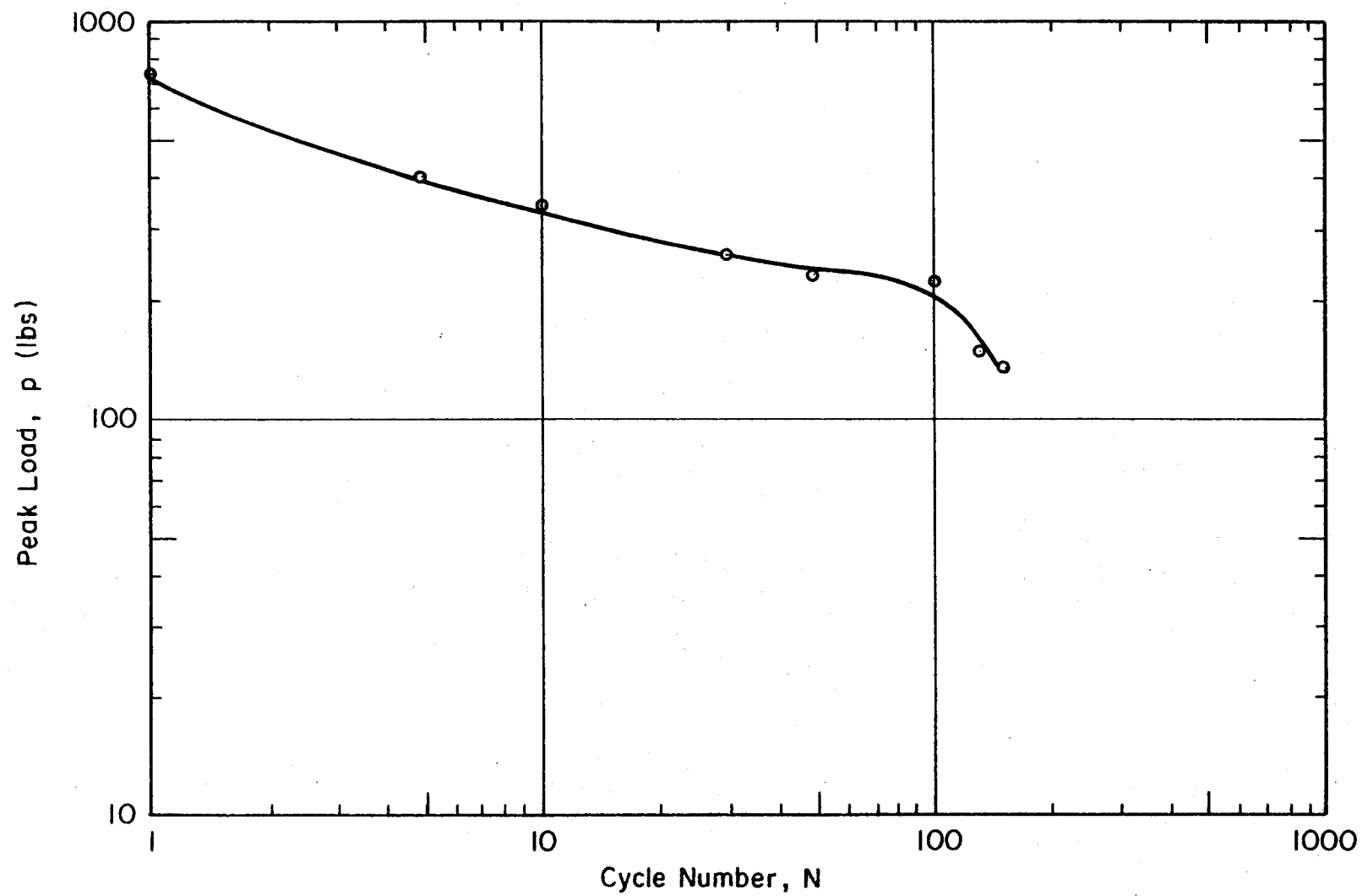


FIGURE 45B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 108

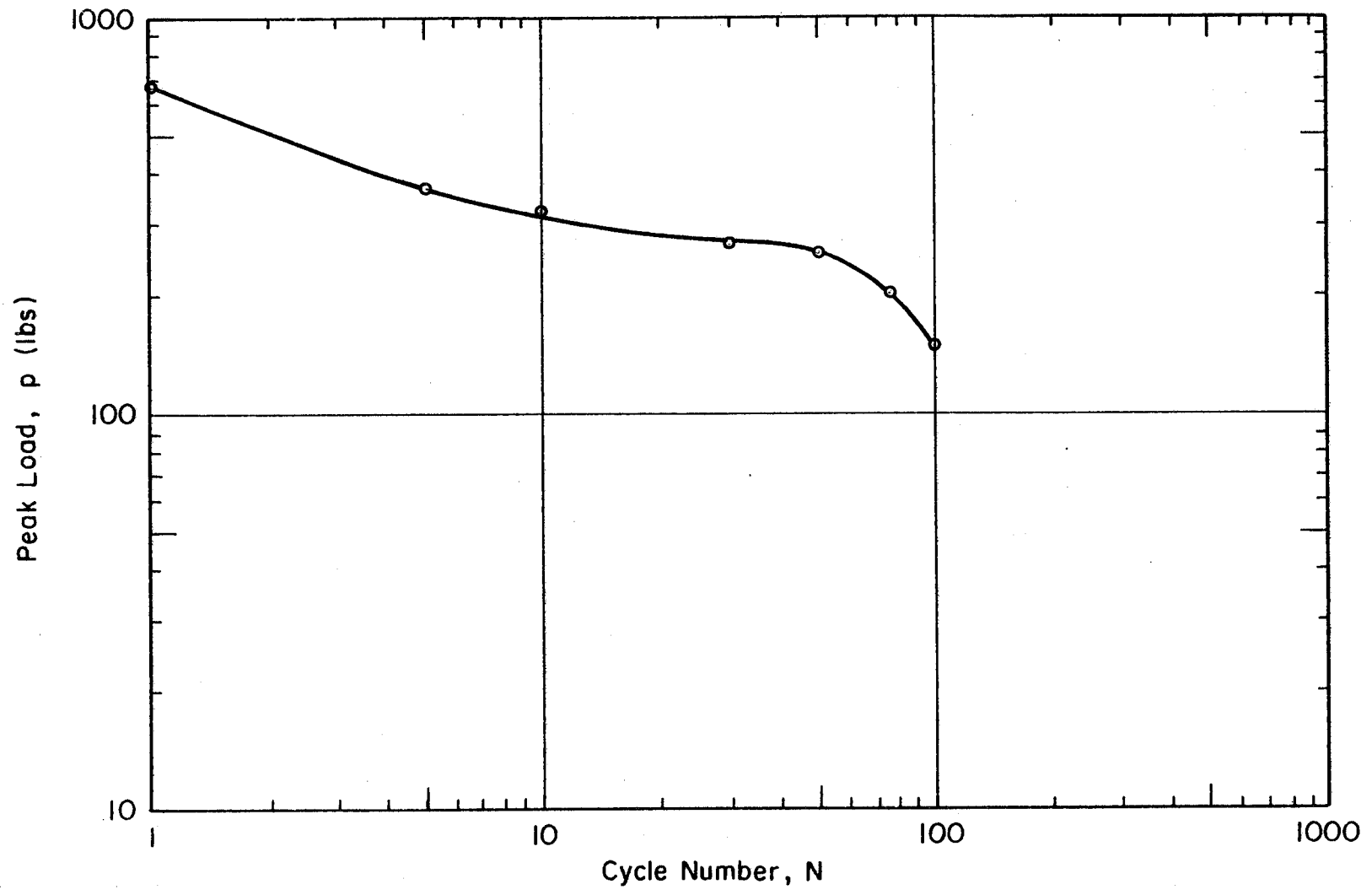


FIGURE 46B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 109

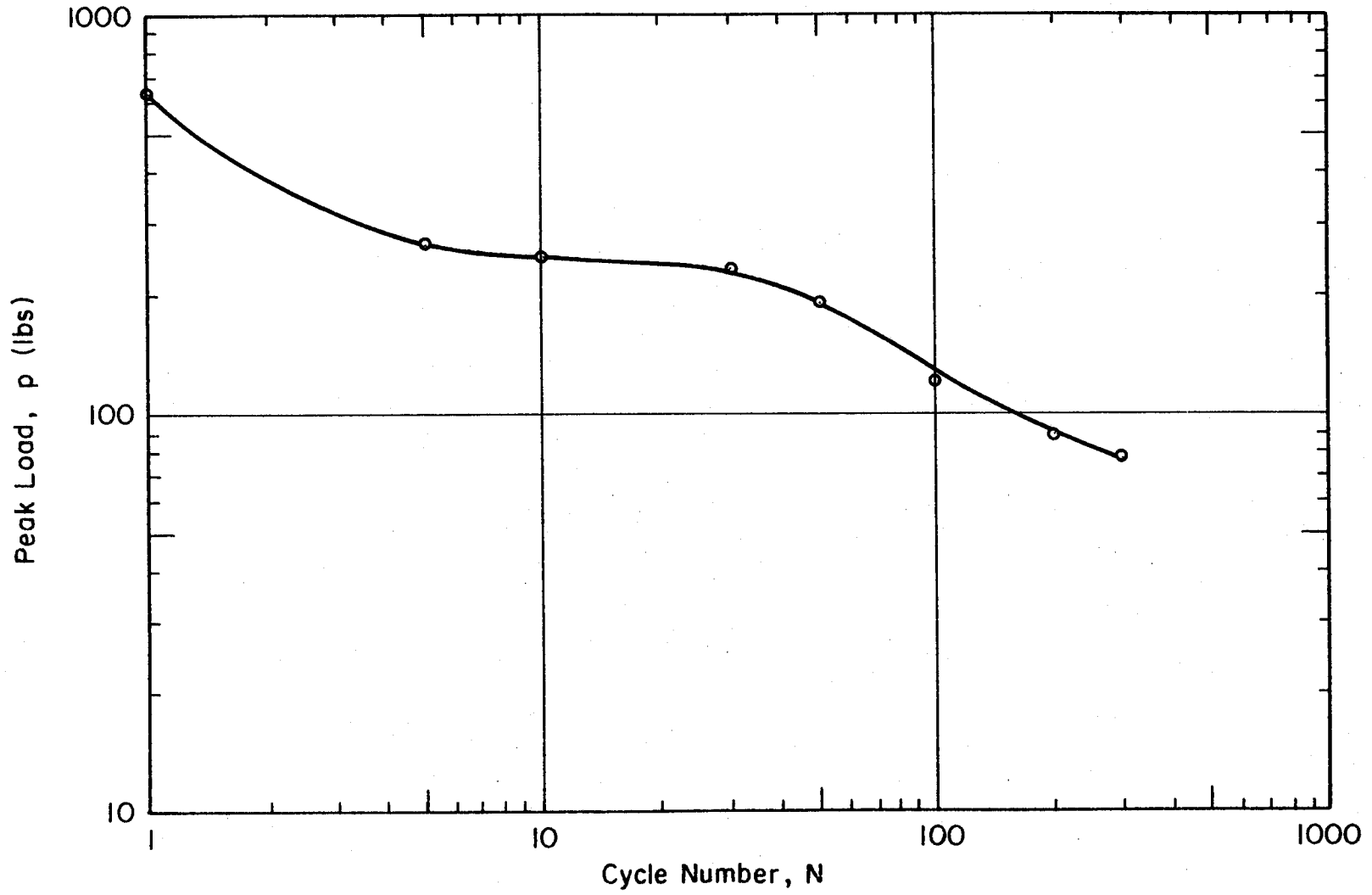


FIGURE 47B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 110

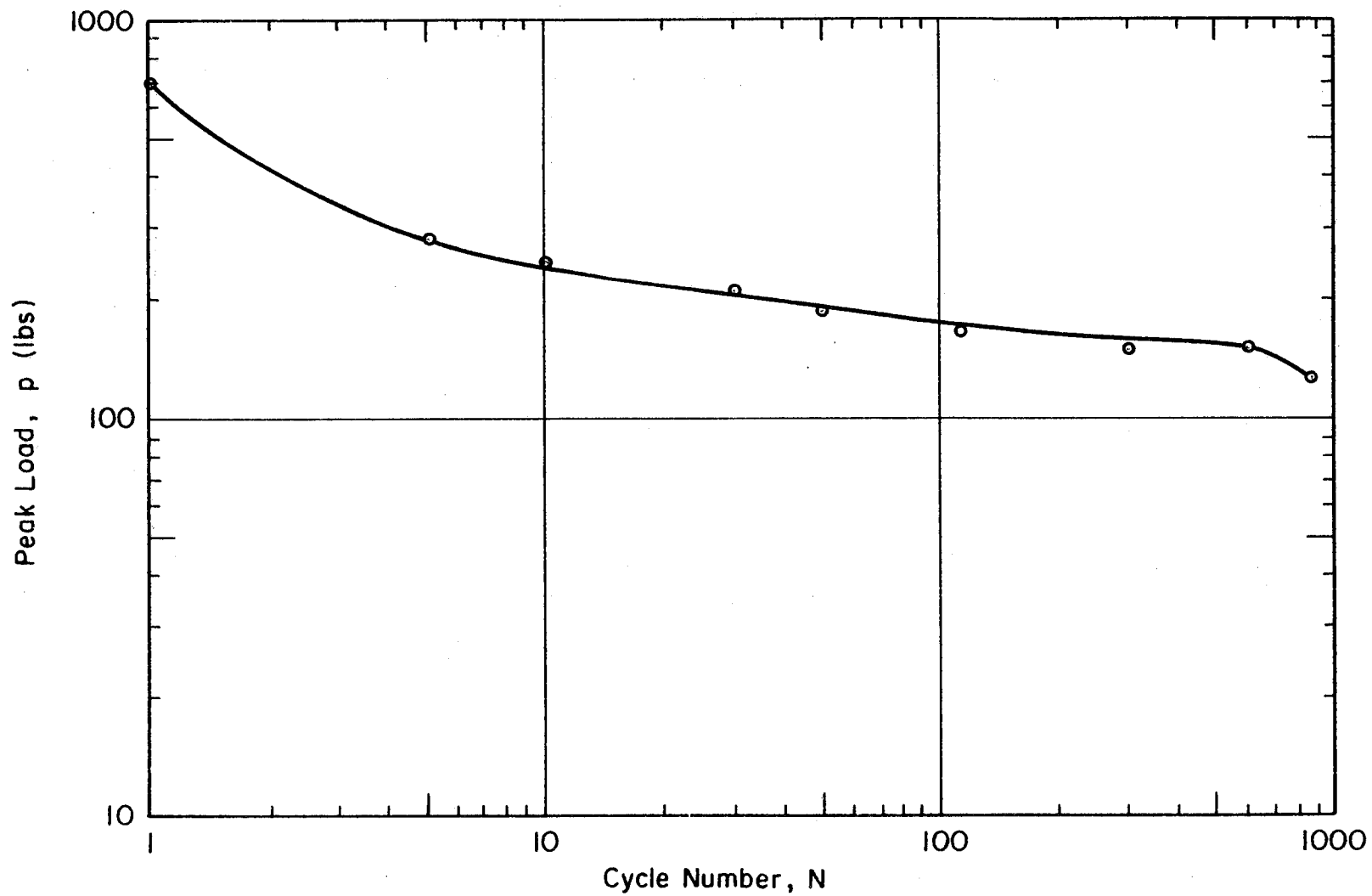


FIGURE 48B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 111



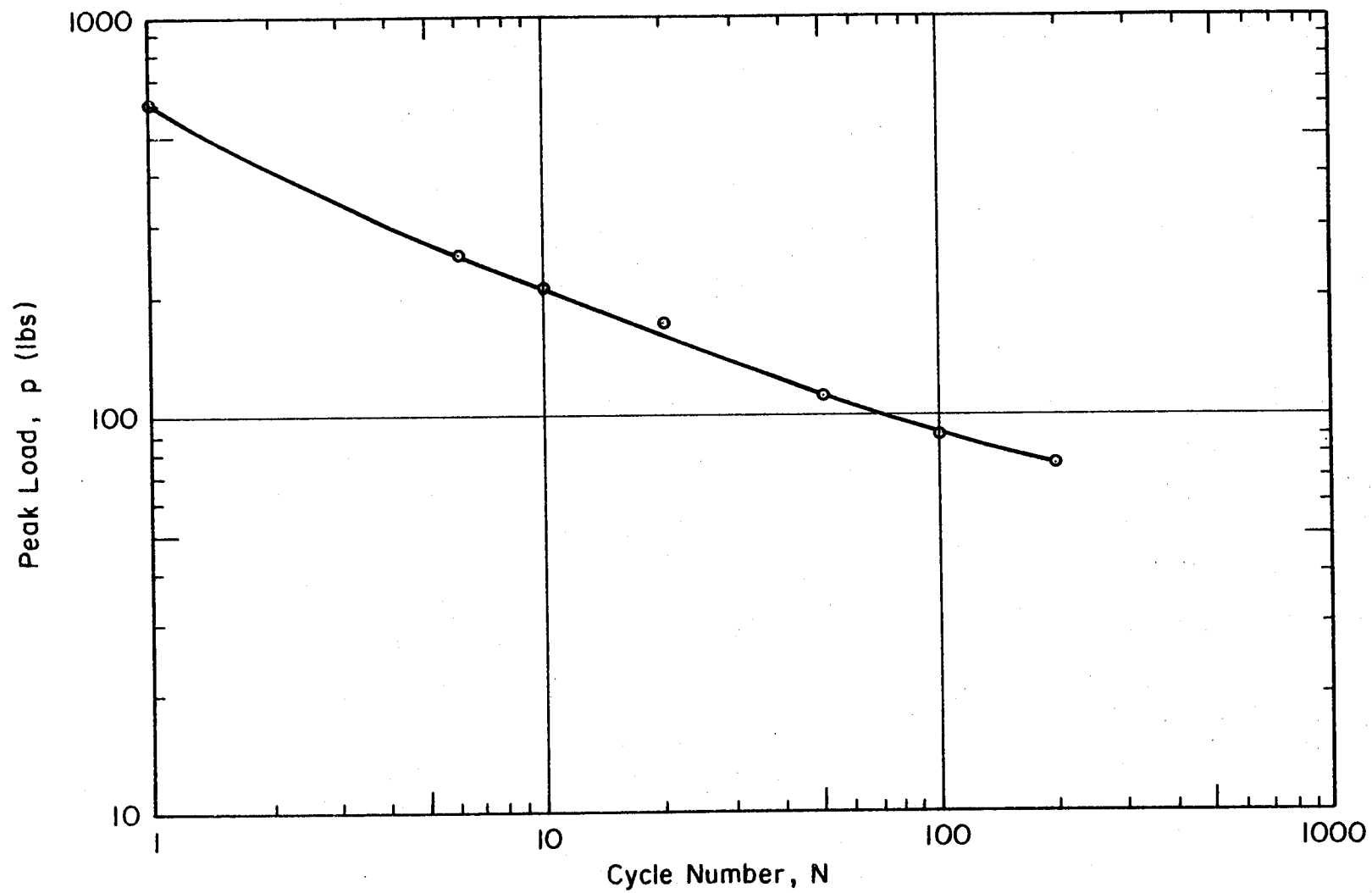


FIGURE 49B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 112

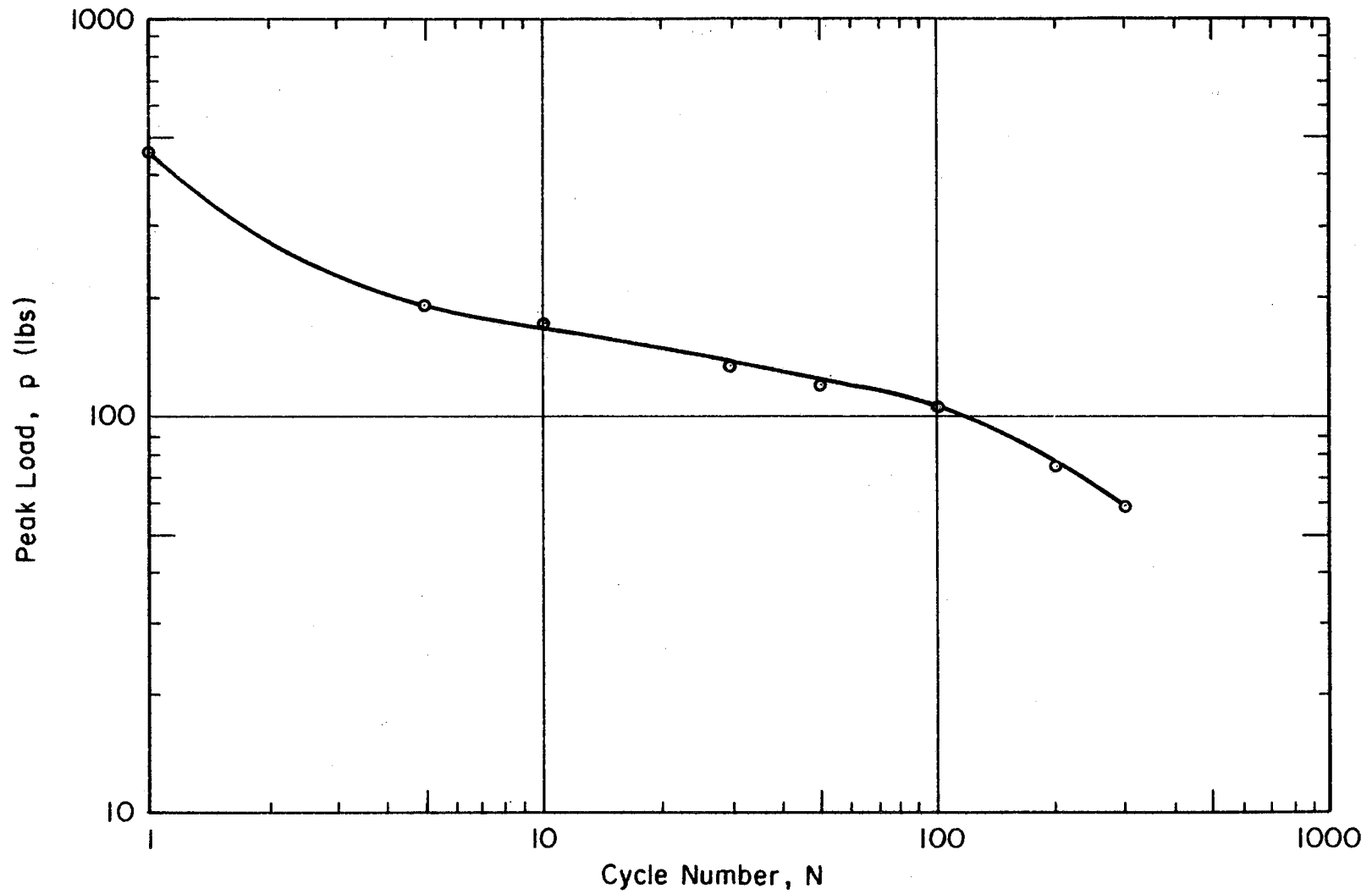


FIGURE 50B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 113

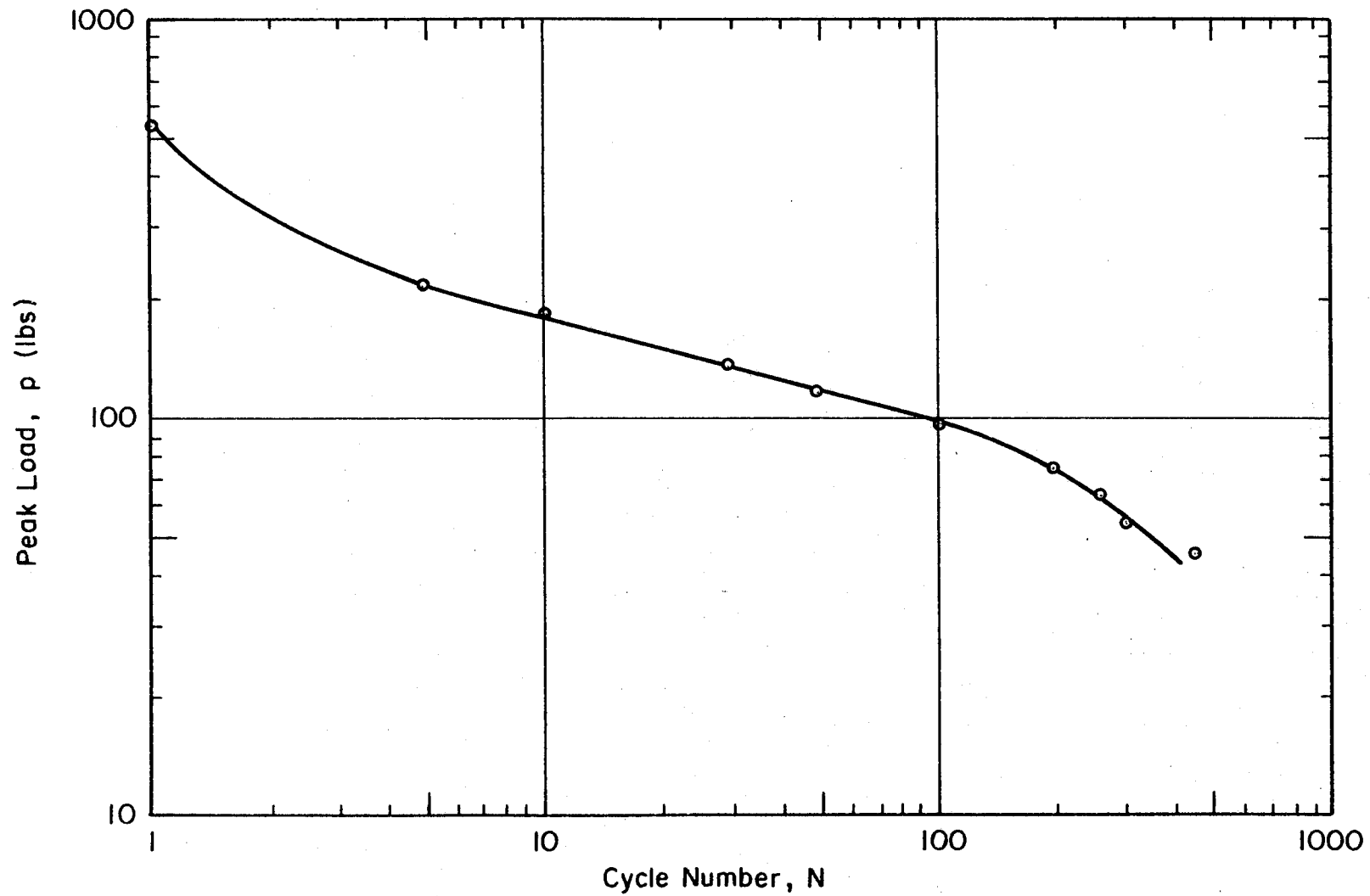


FIGURE 51B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 114

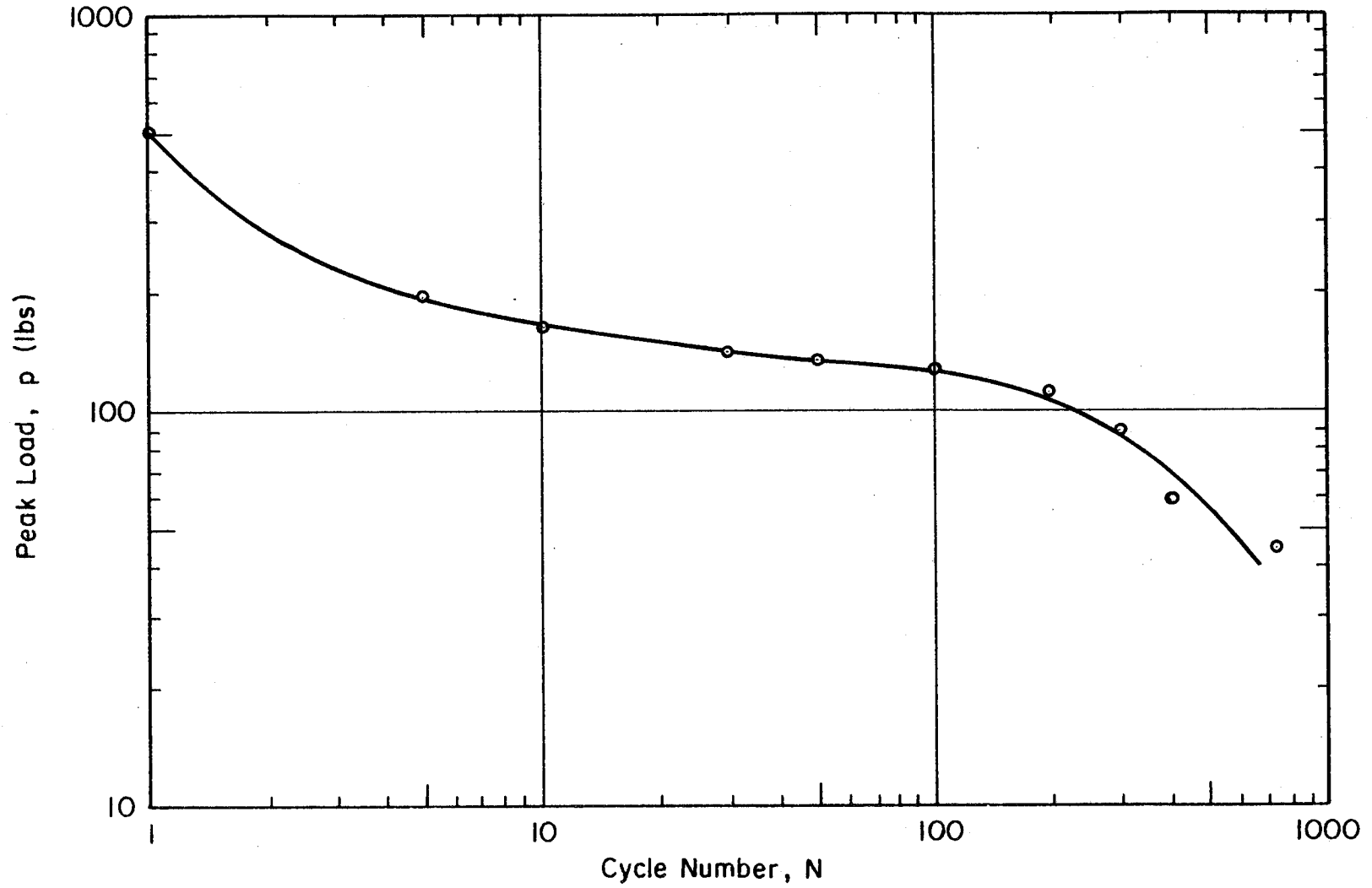


FIGURE 52B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 115

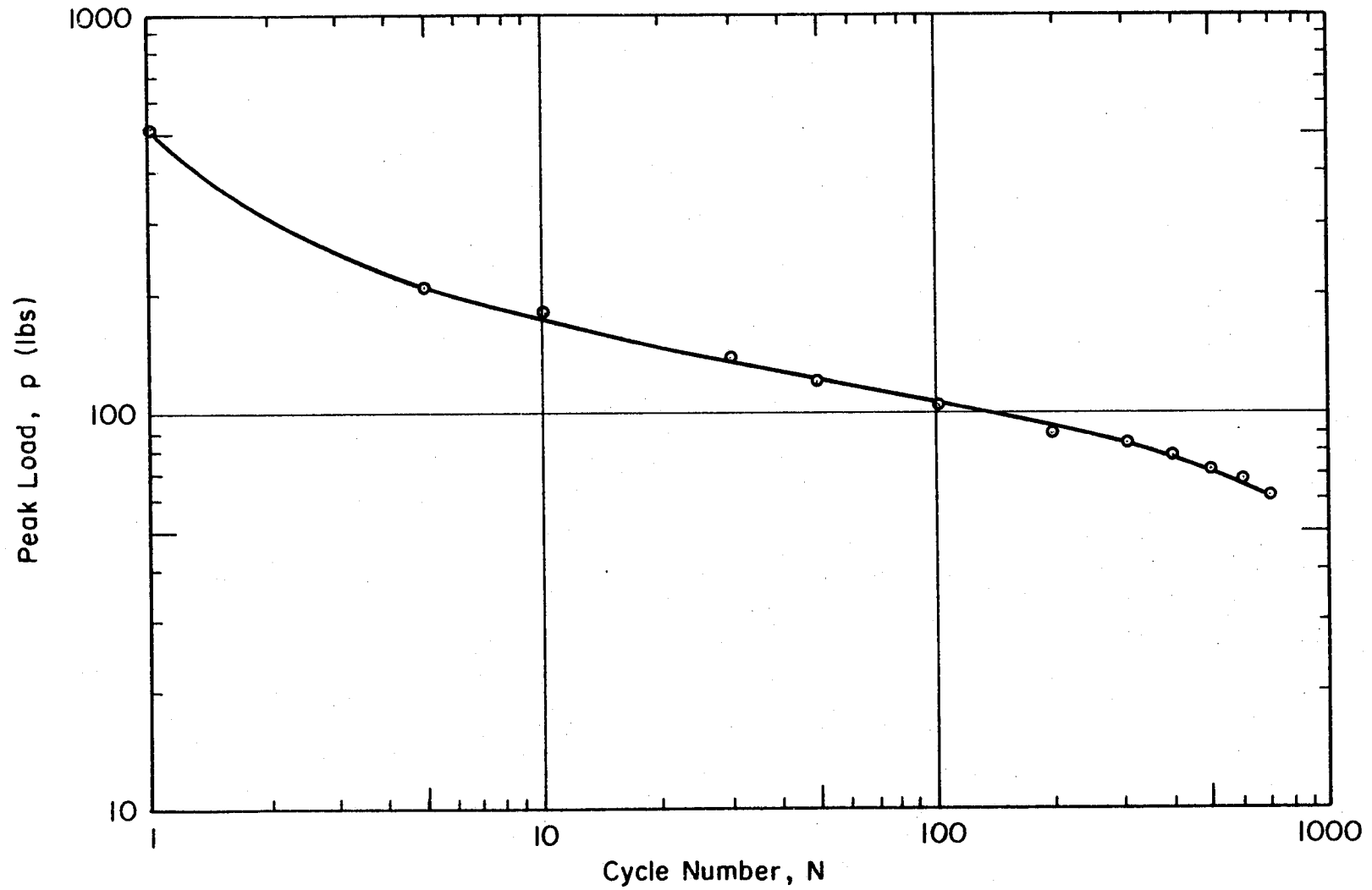


FIGURE 53B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 116

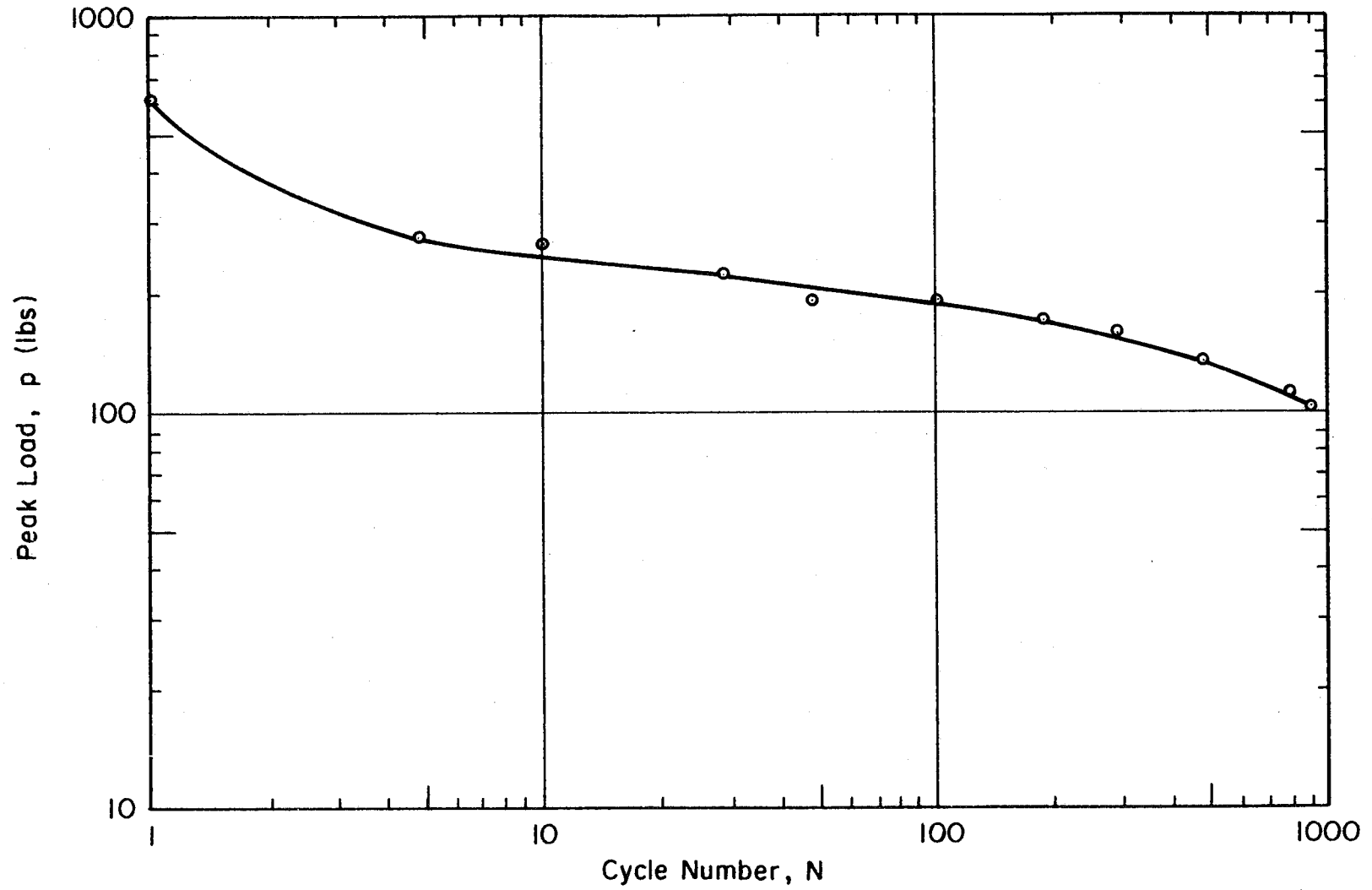


FIGURE 54B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 117

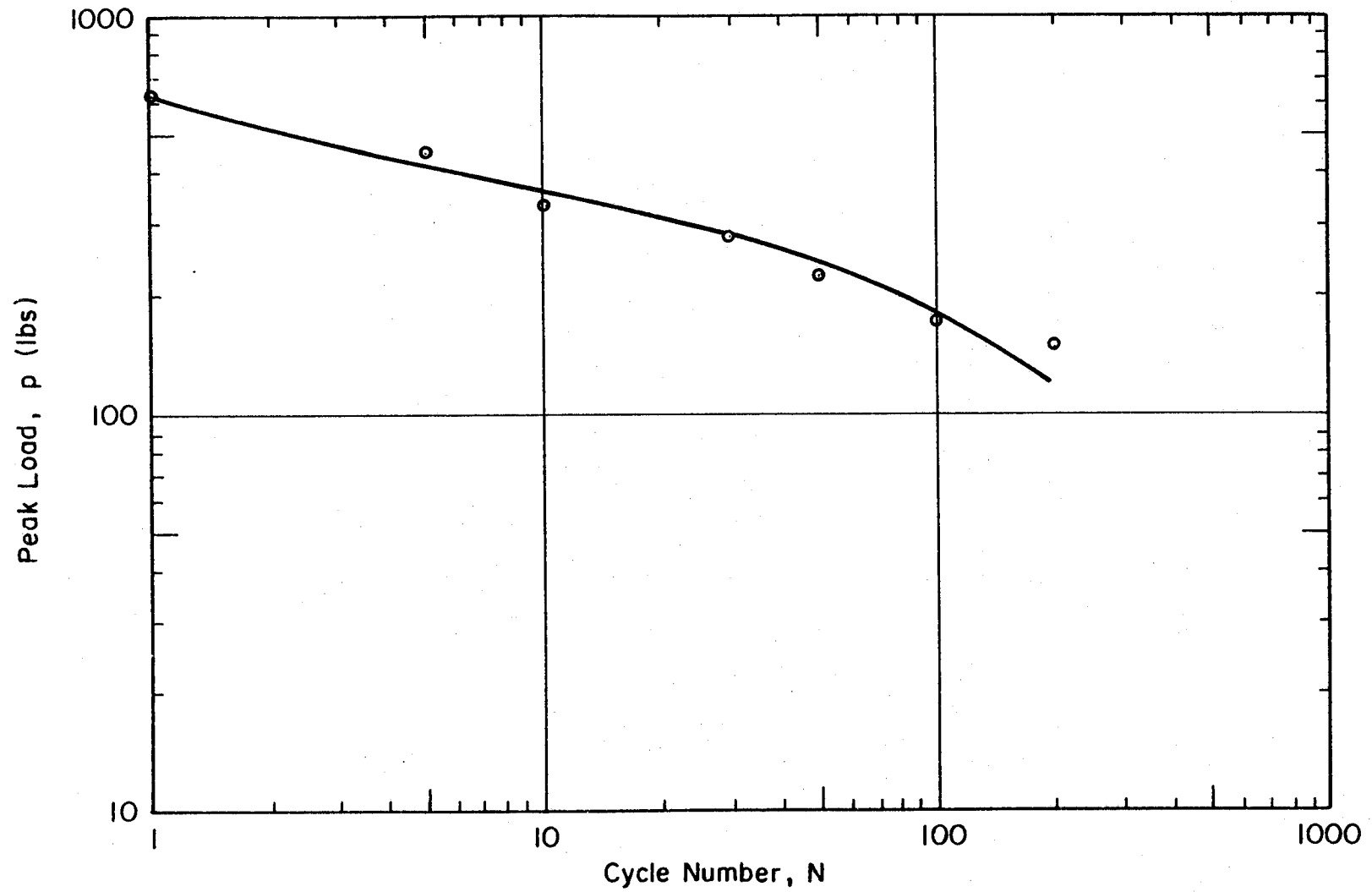


FIGURE 55B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 118

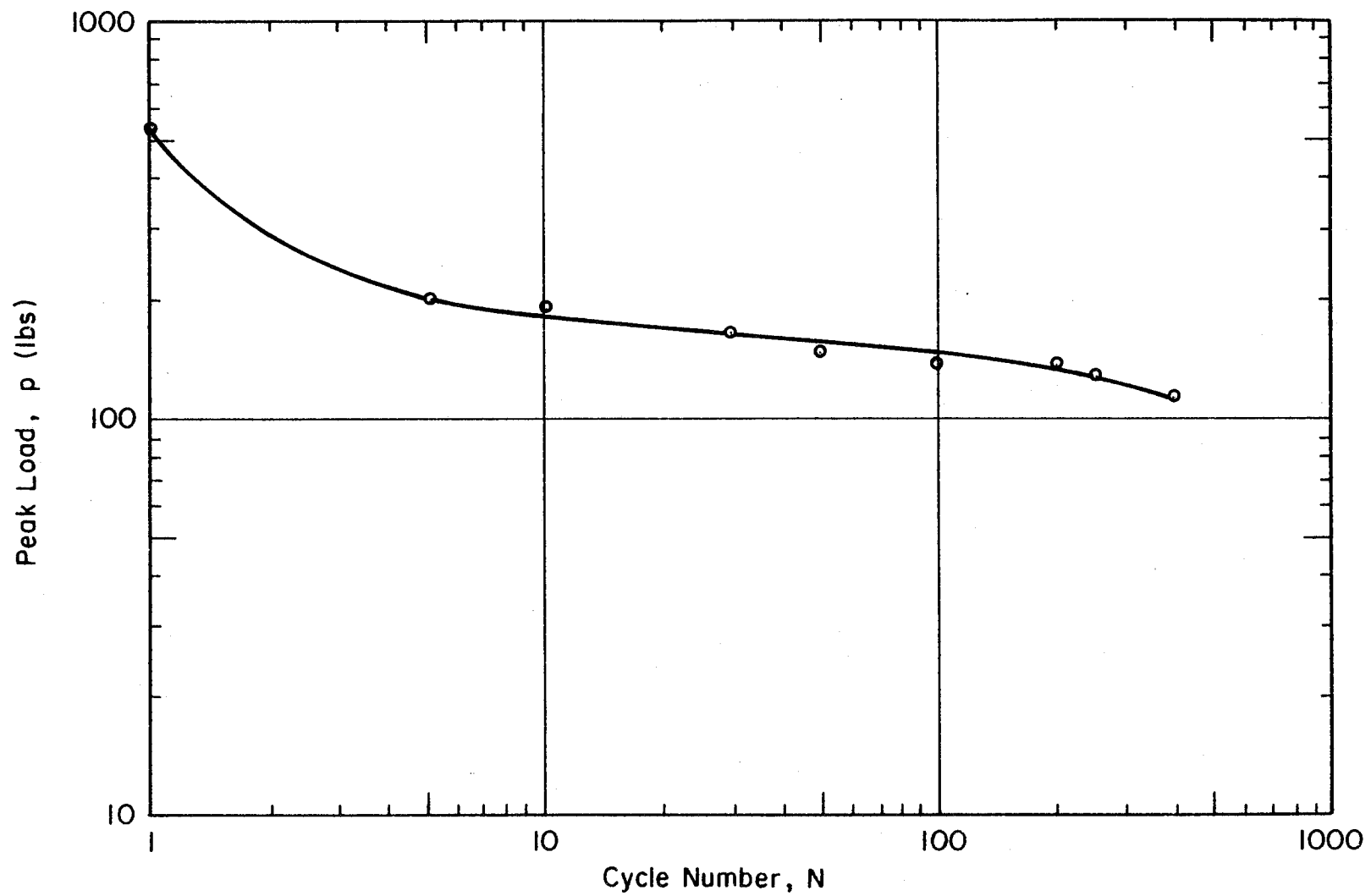


FIGURE 56B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 119



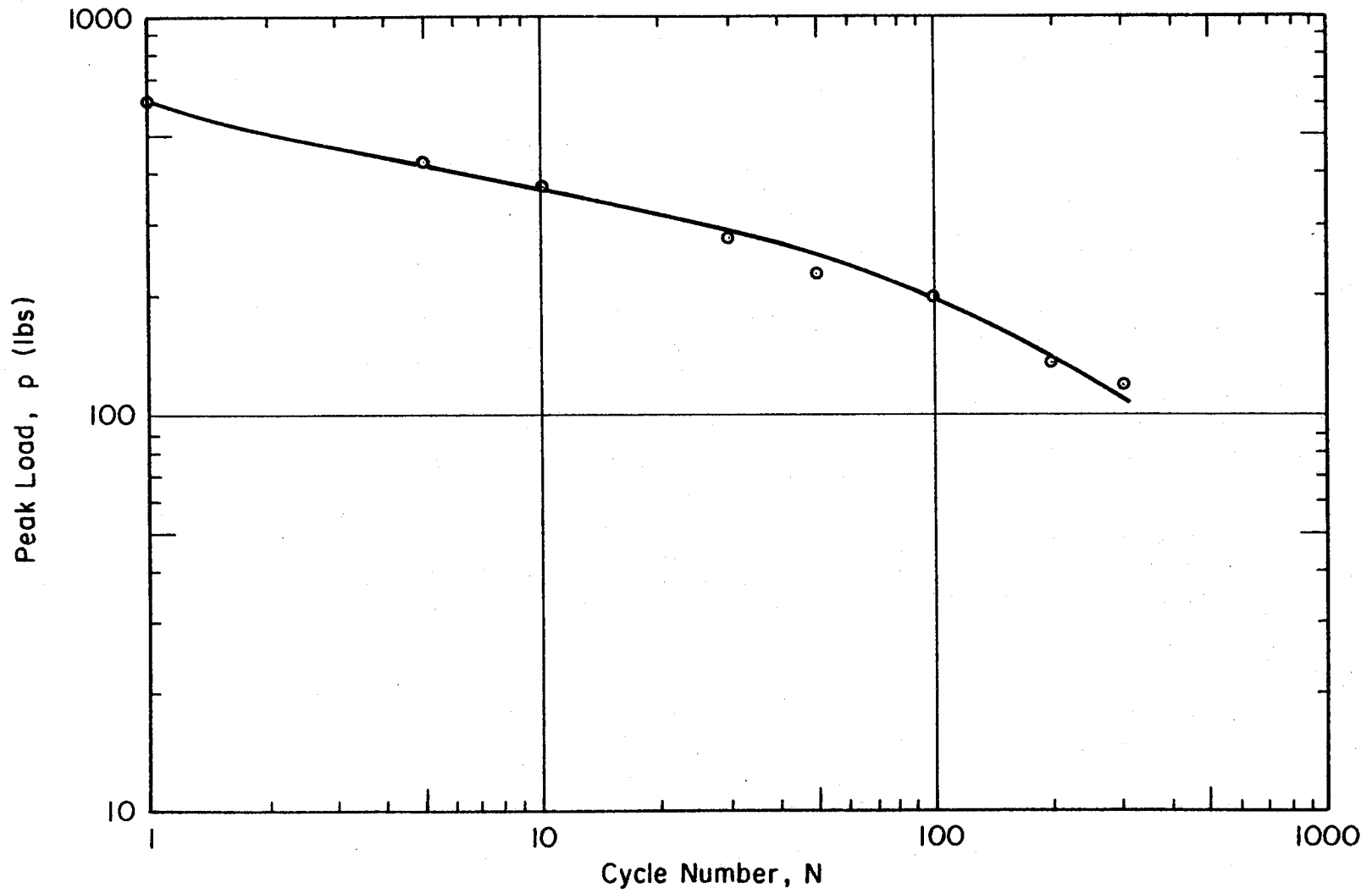


FIGURE 57B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 120

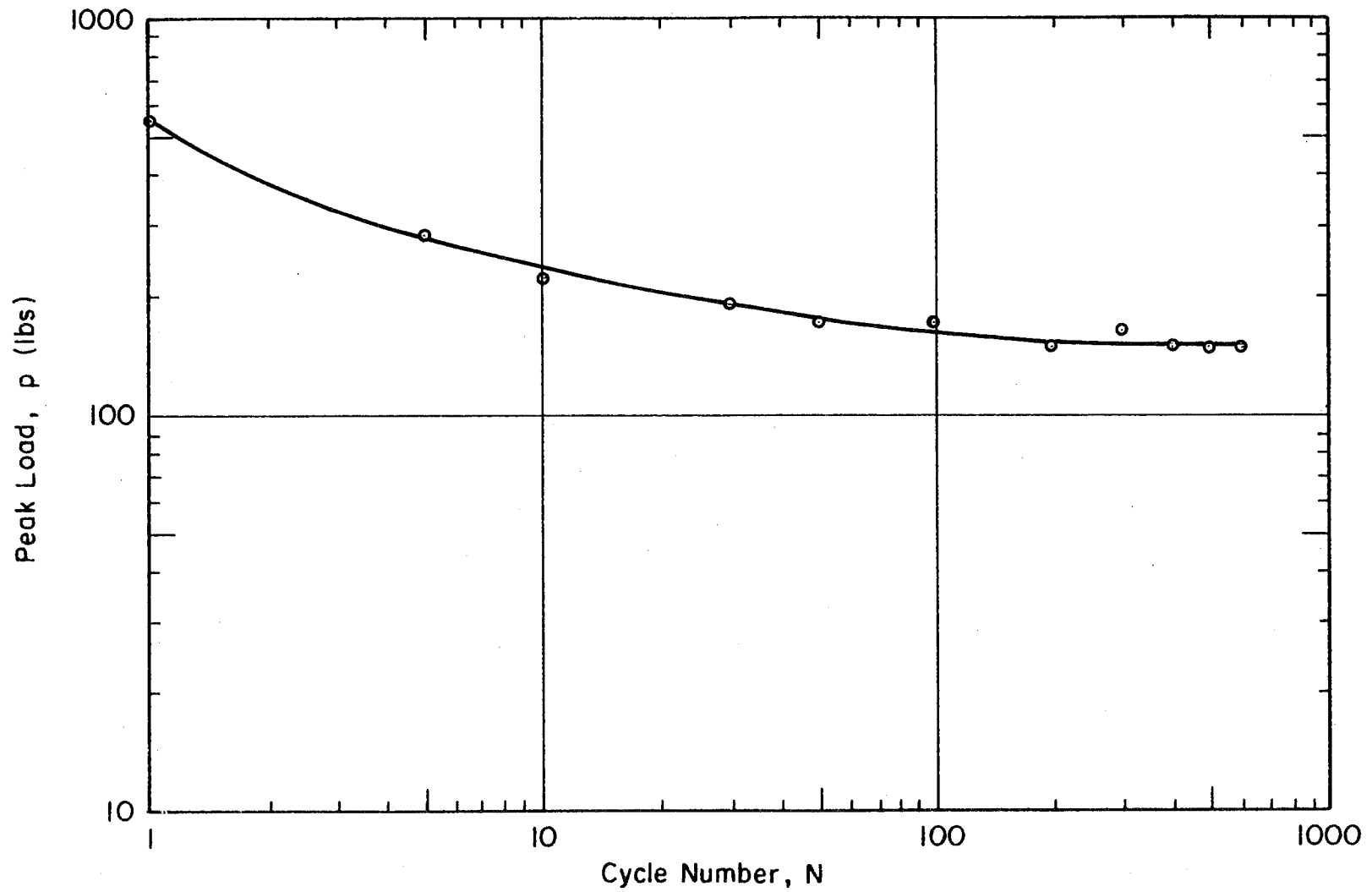


FIGURE 58B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 121

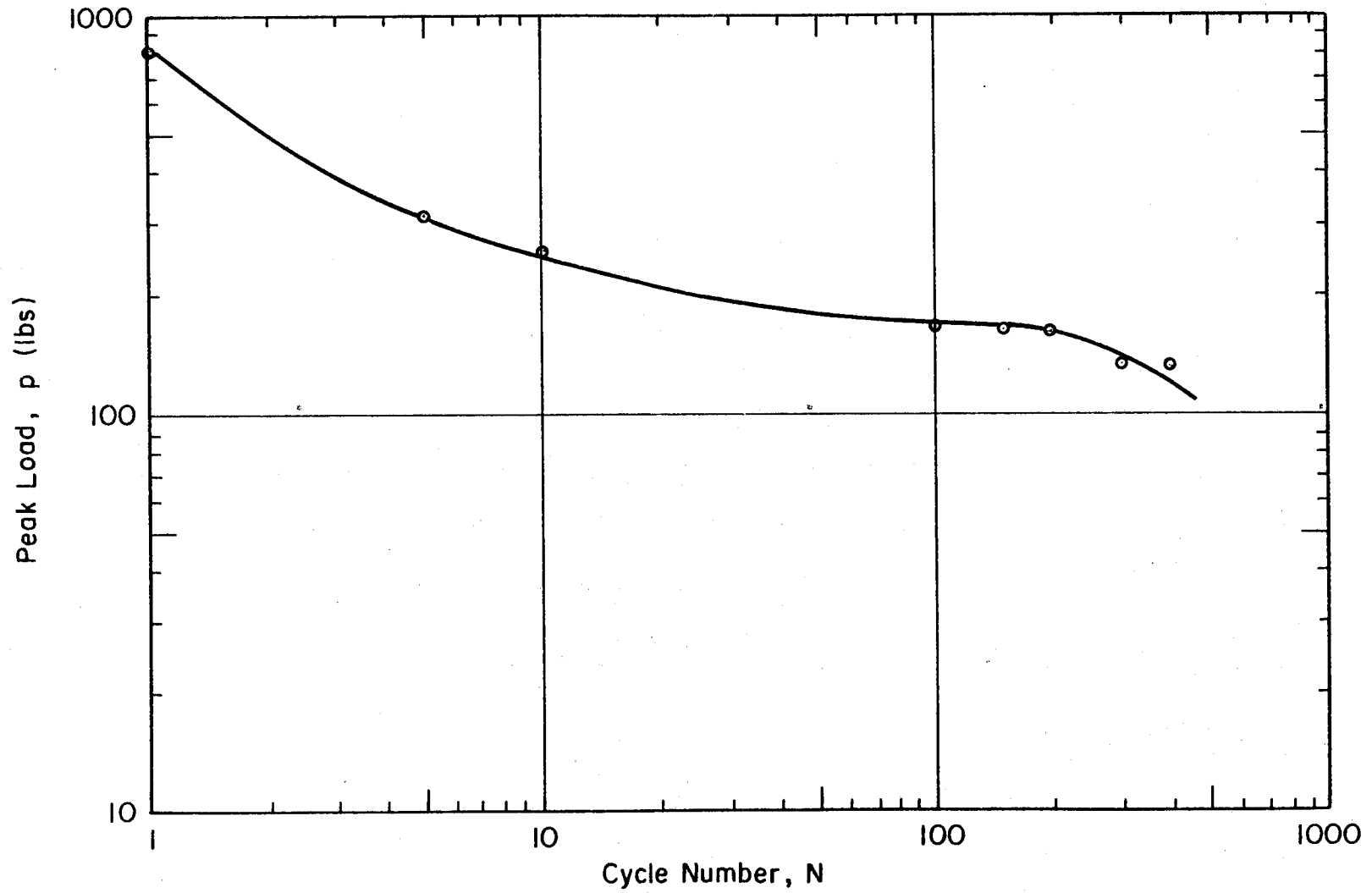


FIGURE 59B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 122

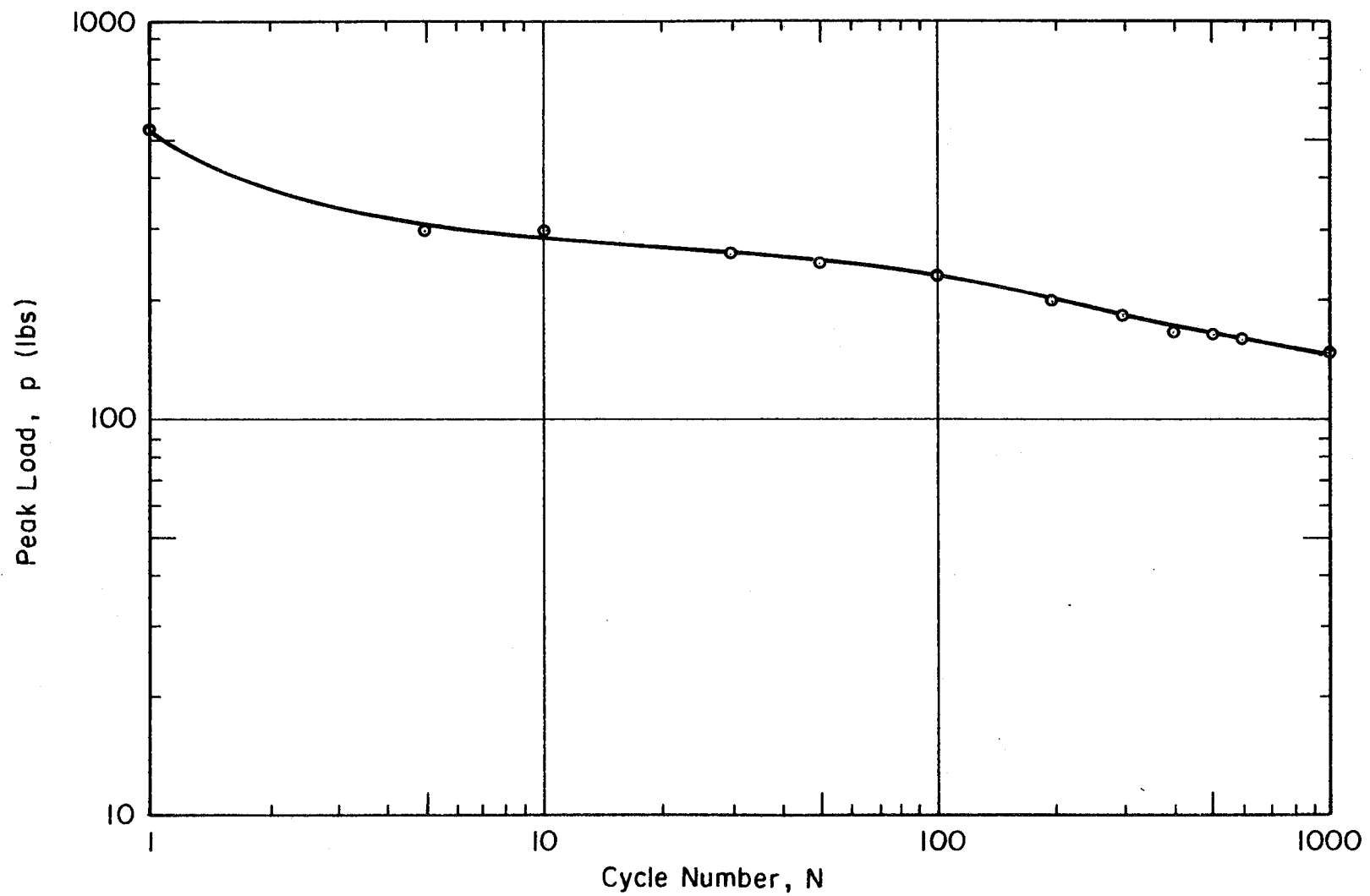


FIGURE 60B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 123

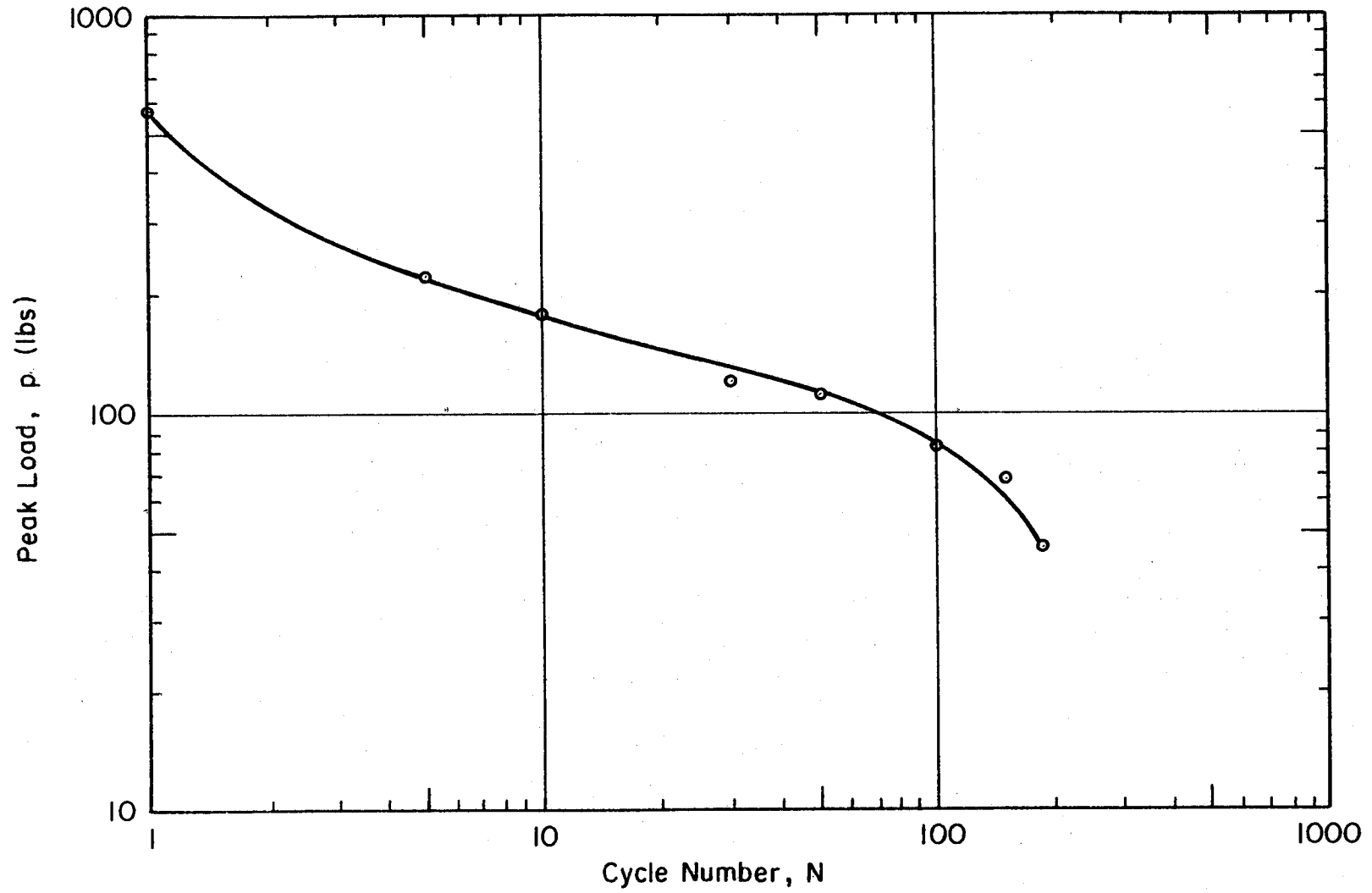


FIGURE 61B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 124

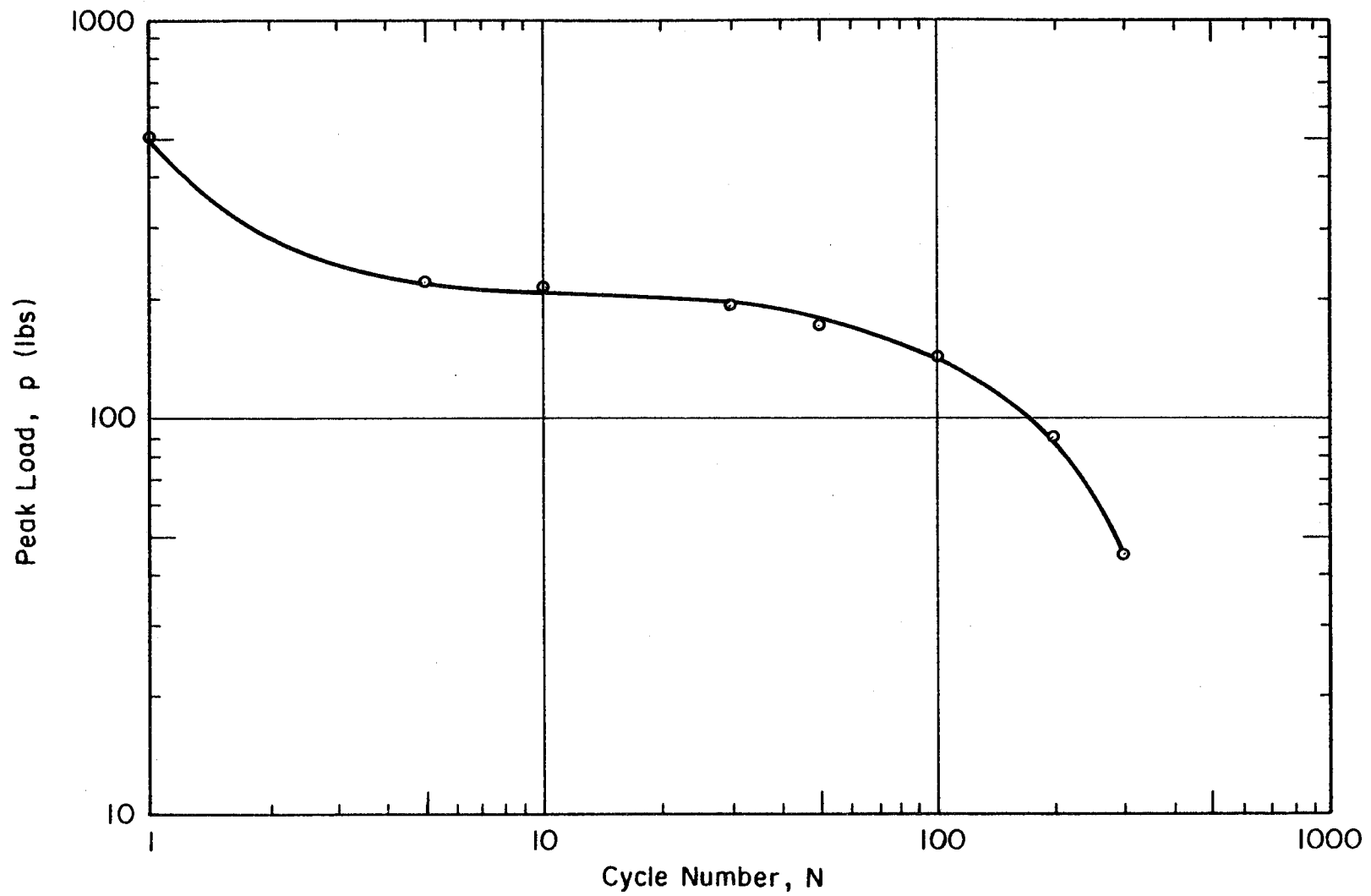


FIGURE 62B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 125

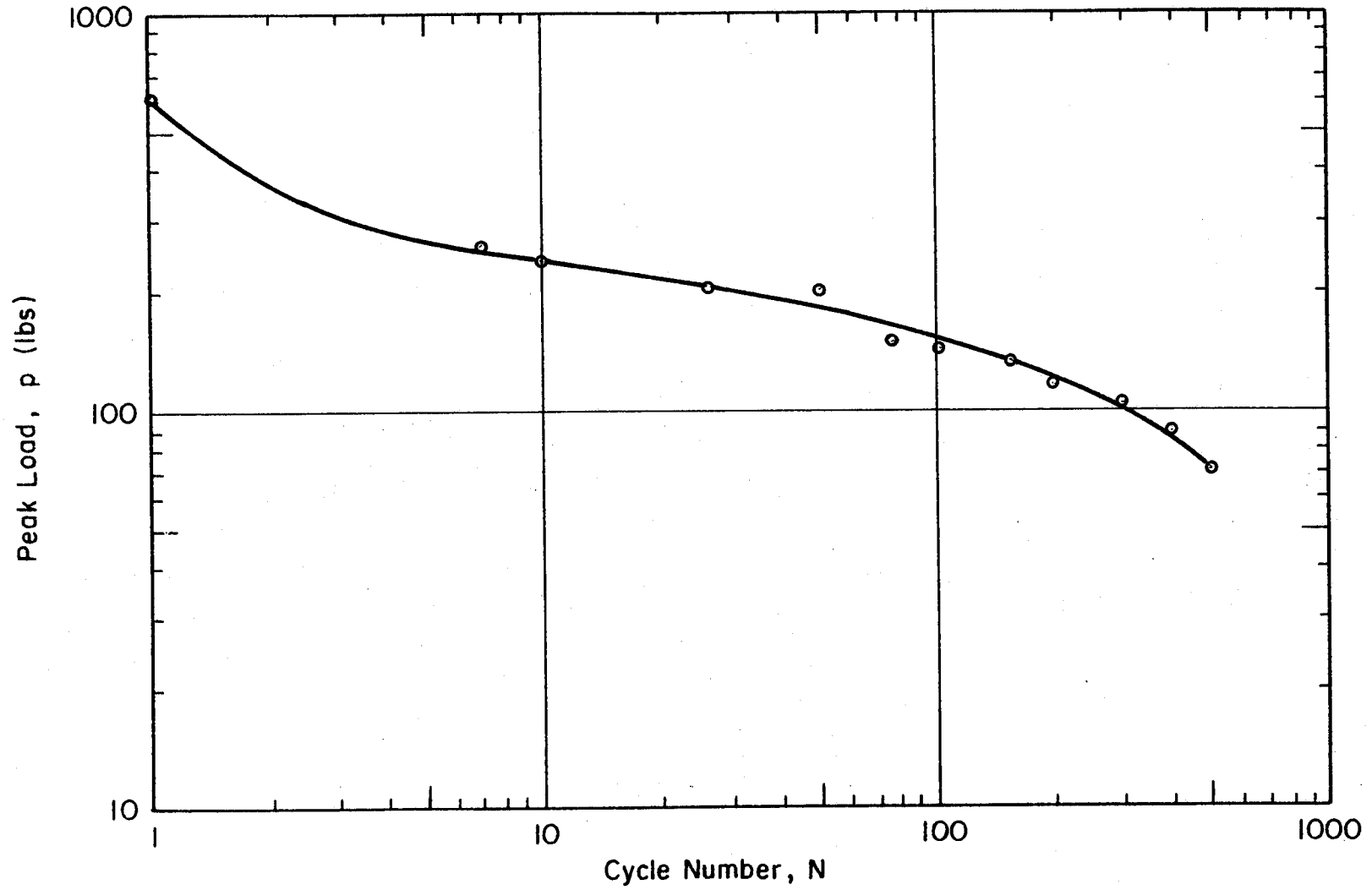


FIGURE 63B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 126

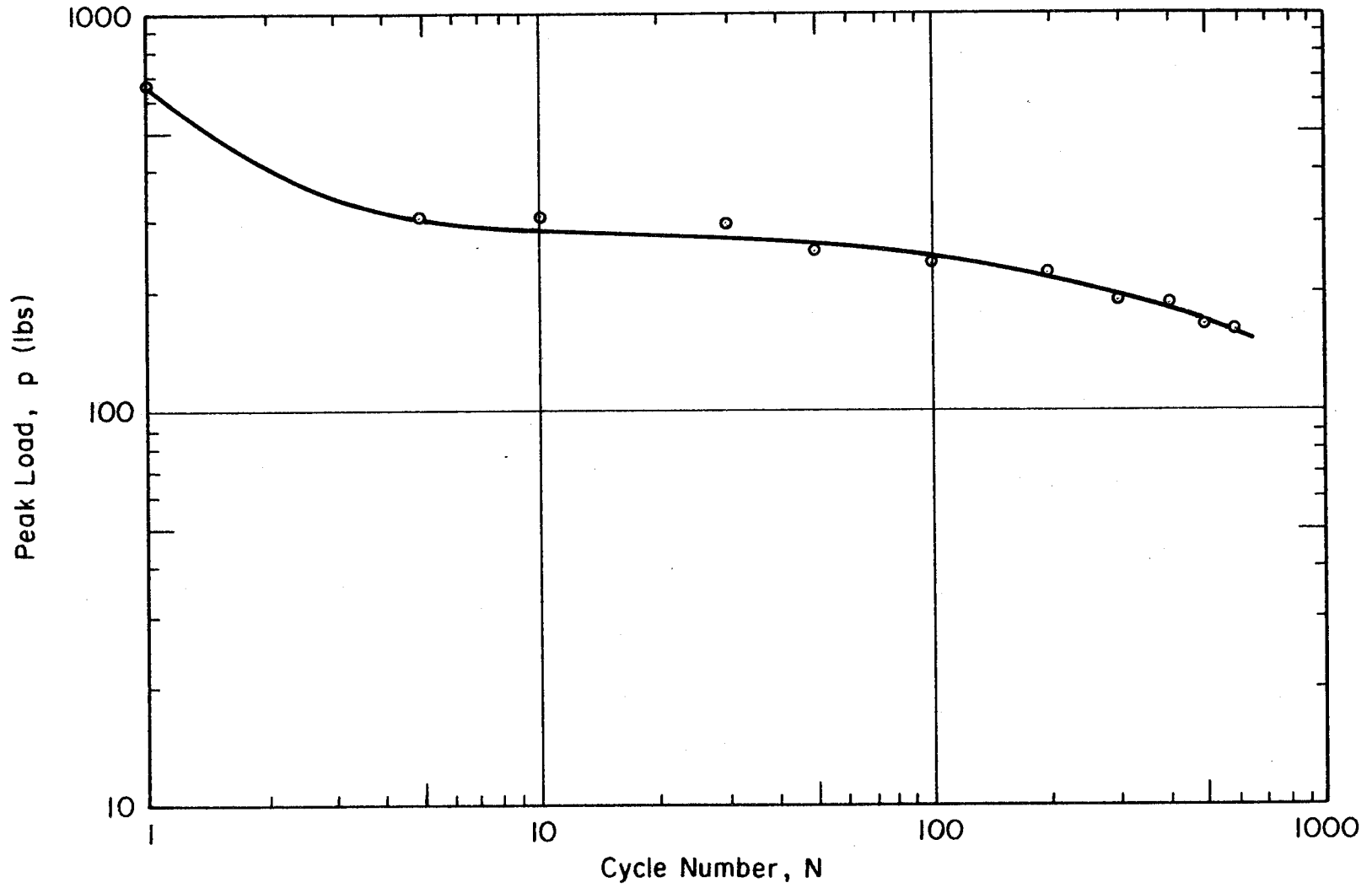


FIGURE 64B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 127



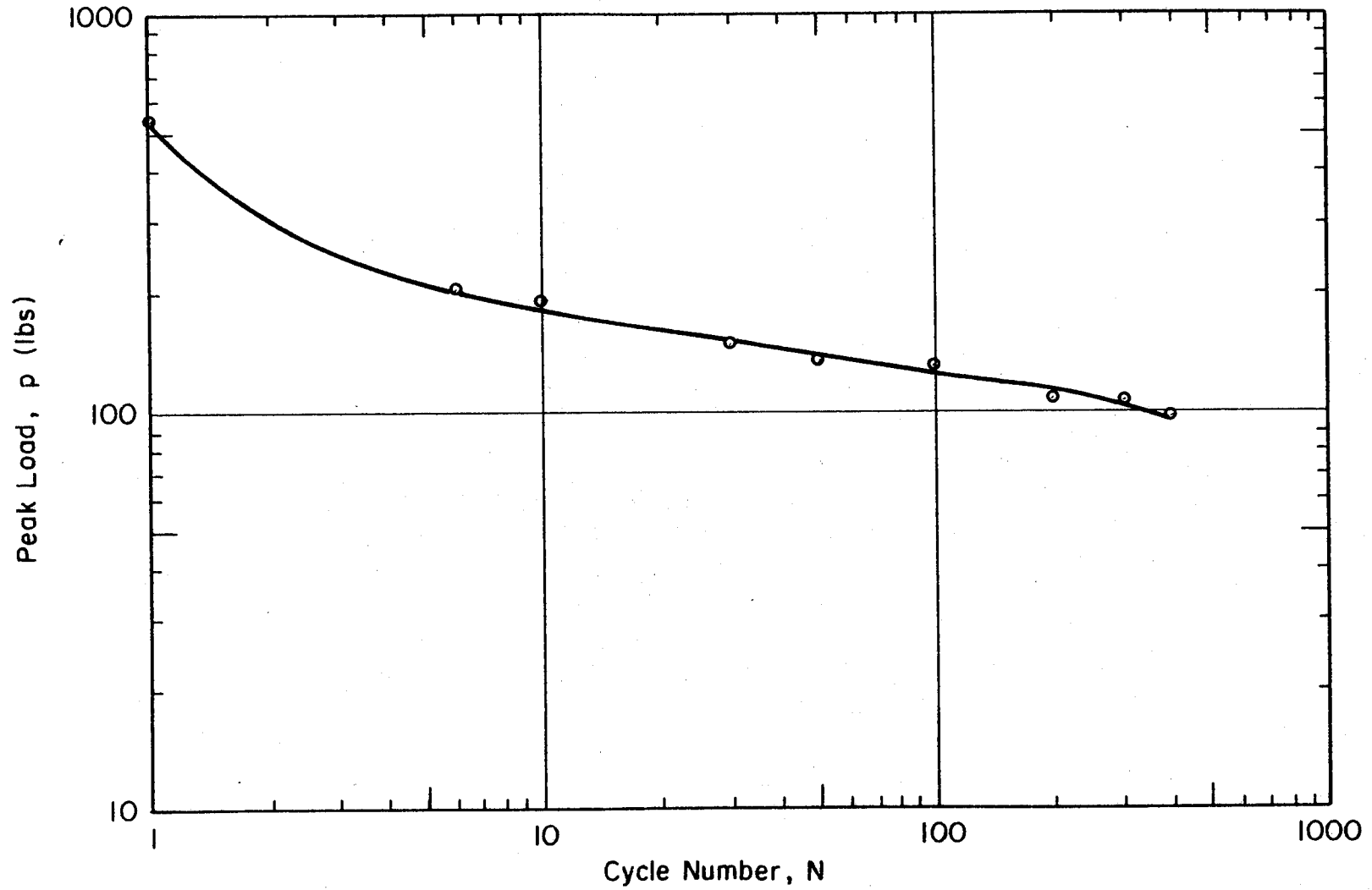


FIGURE 65B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 128

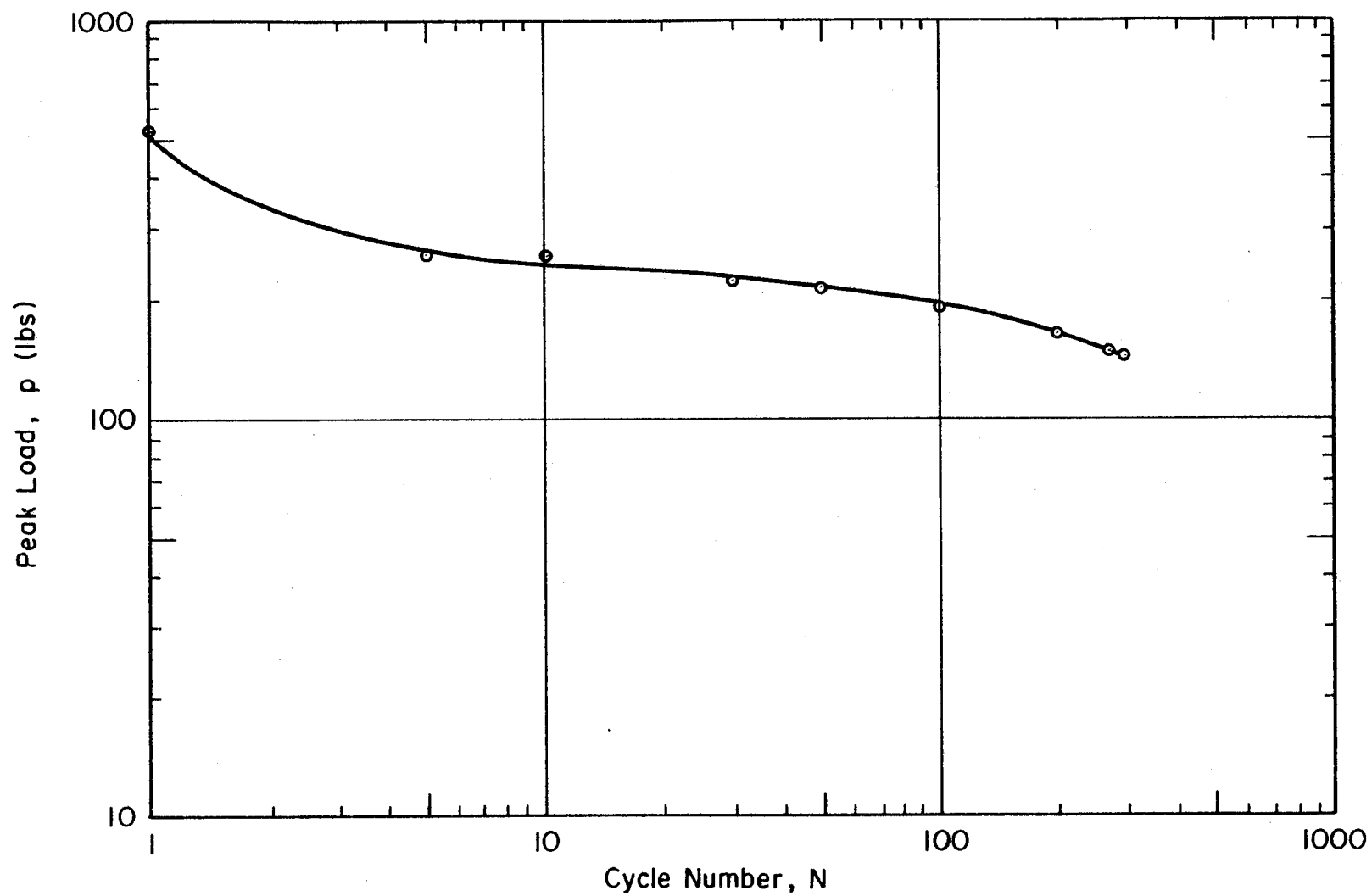


FIGURE 66B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 129

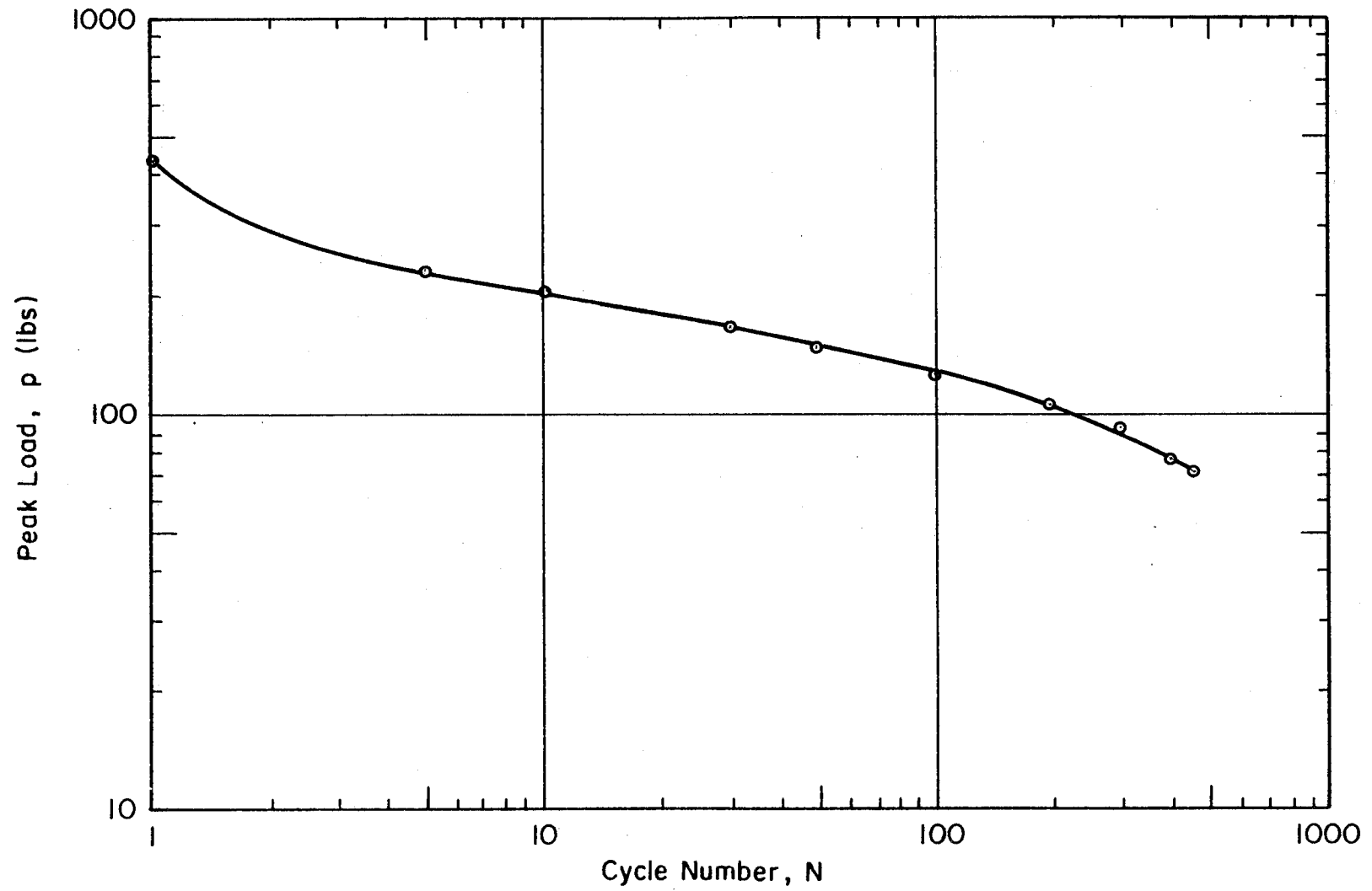


FIGURE 68B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 132

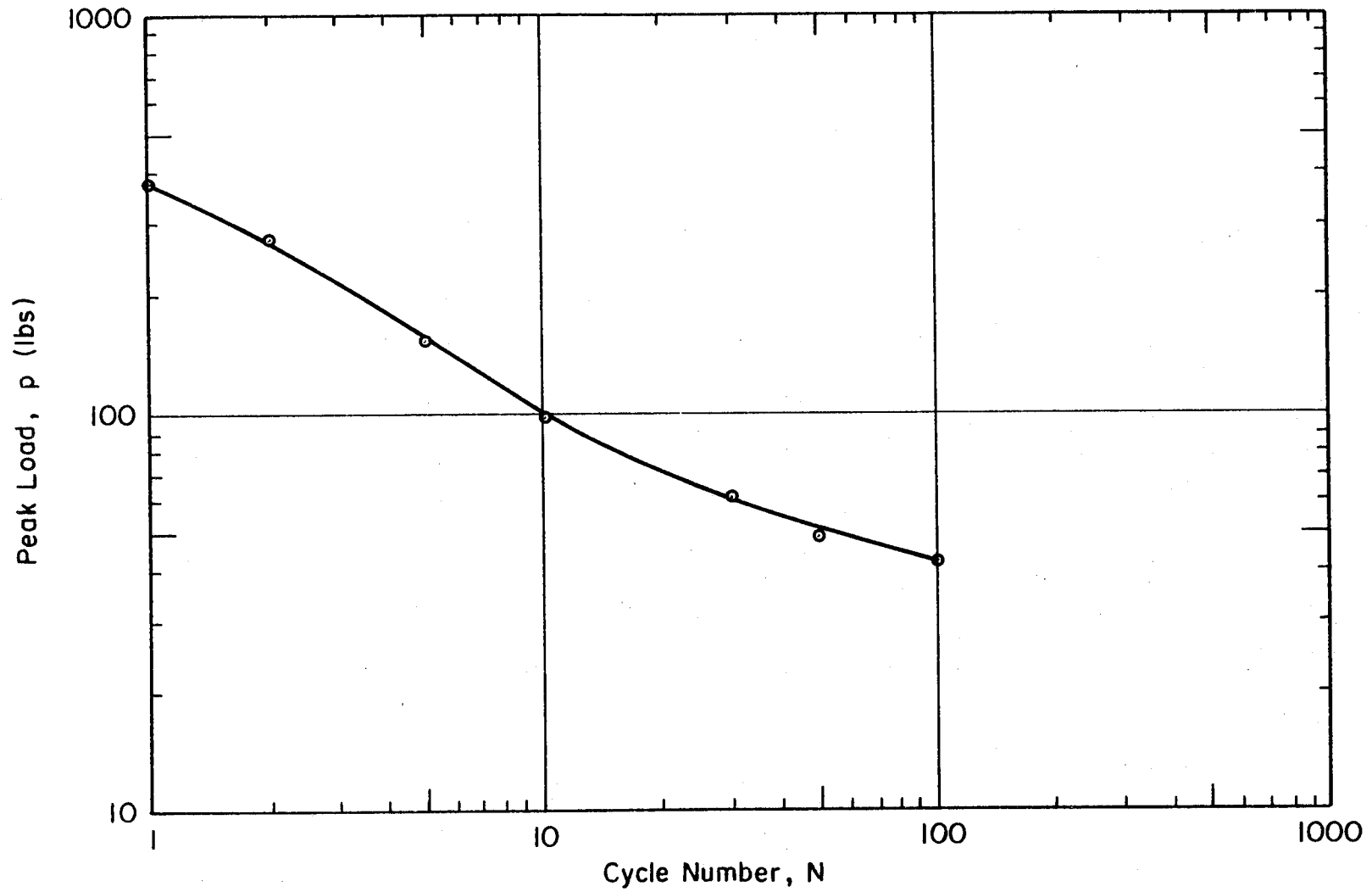


FIGURE 67B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 131

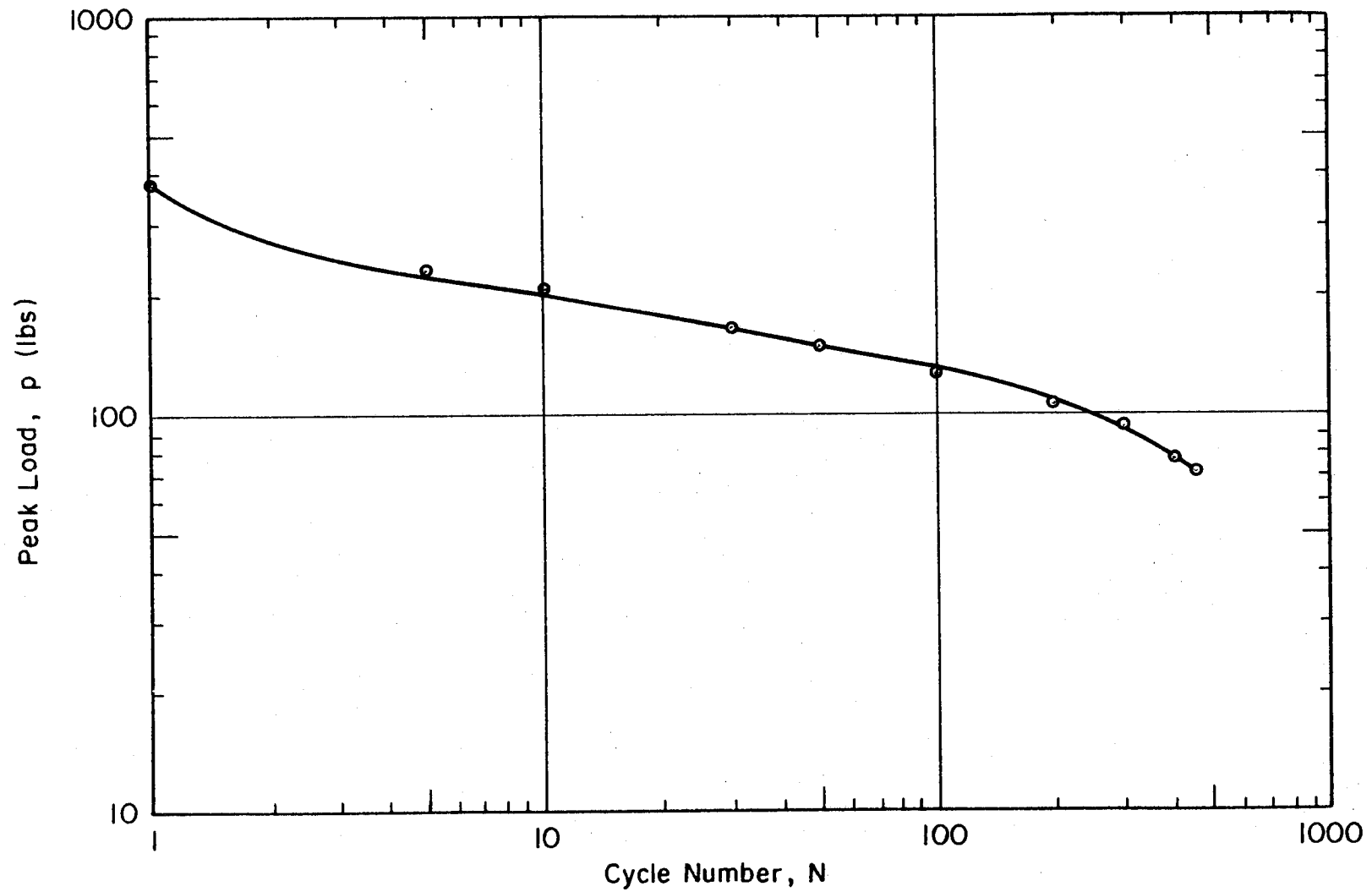


FIGURE 69B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 133

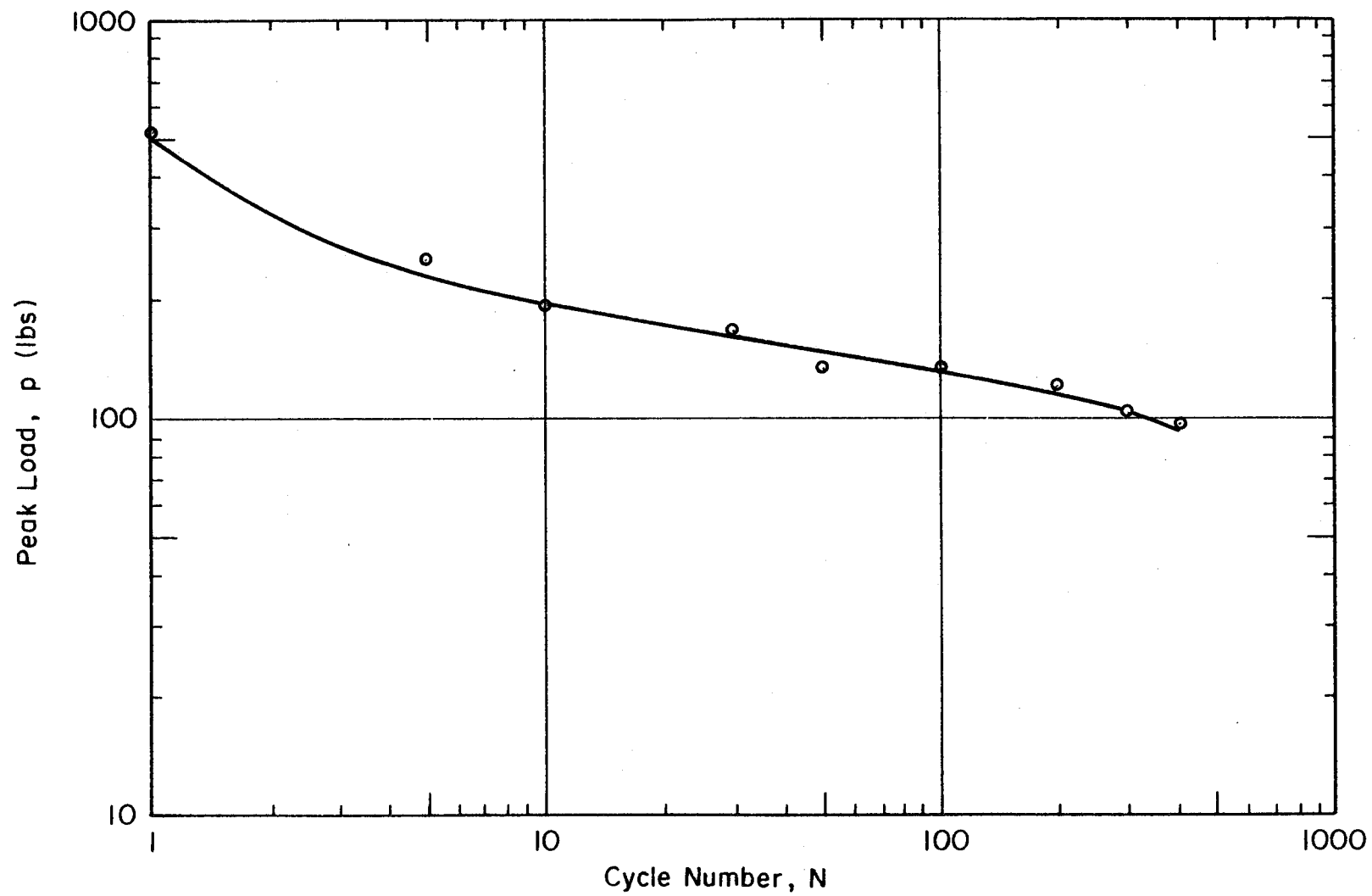


FIGURE 70B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 134

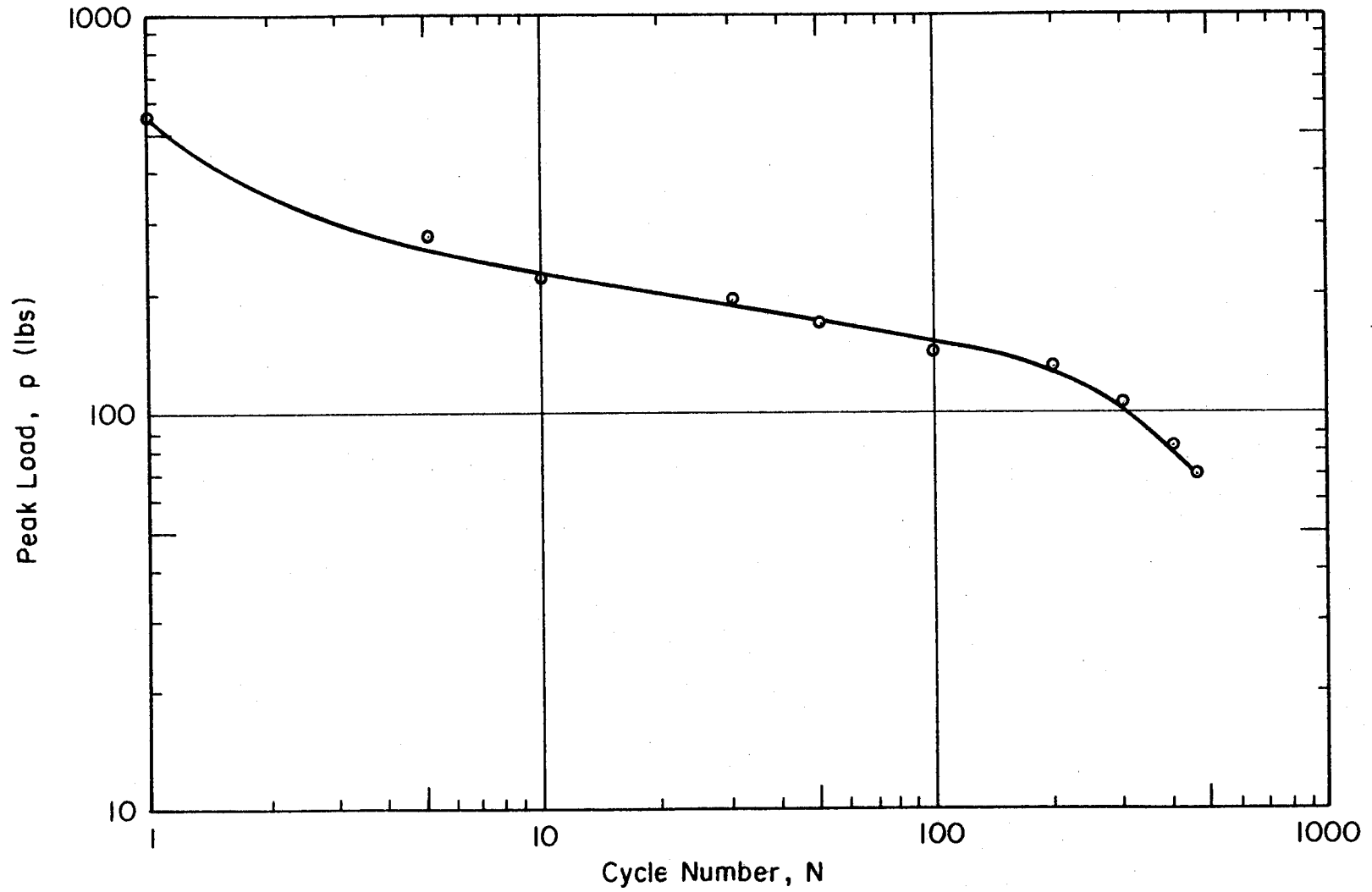


FIGURE 71B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 135

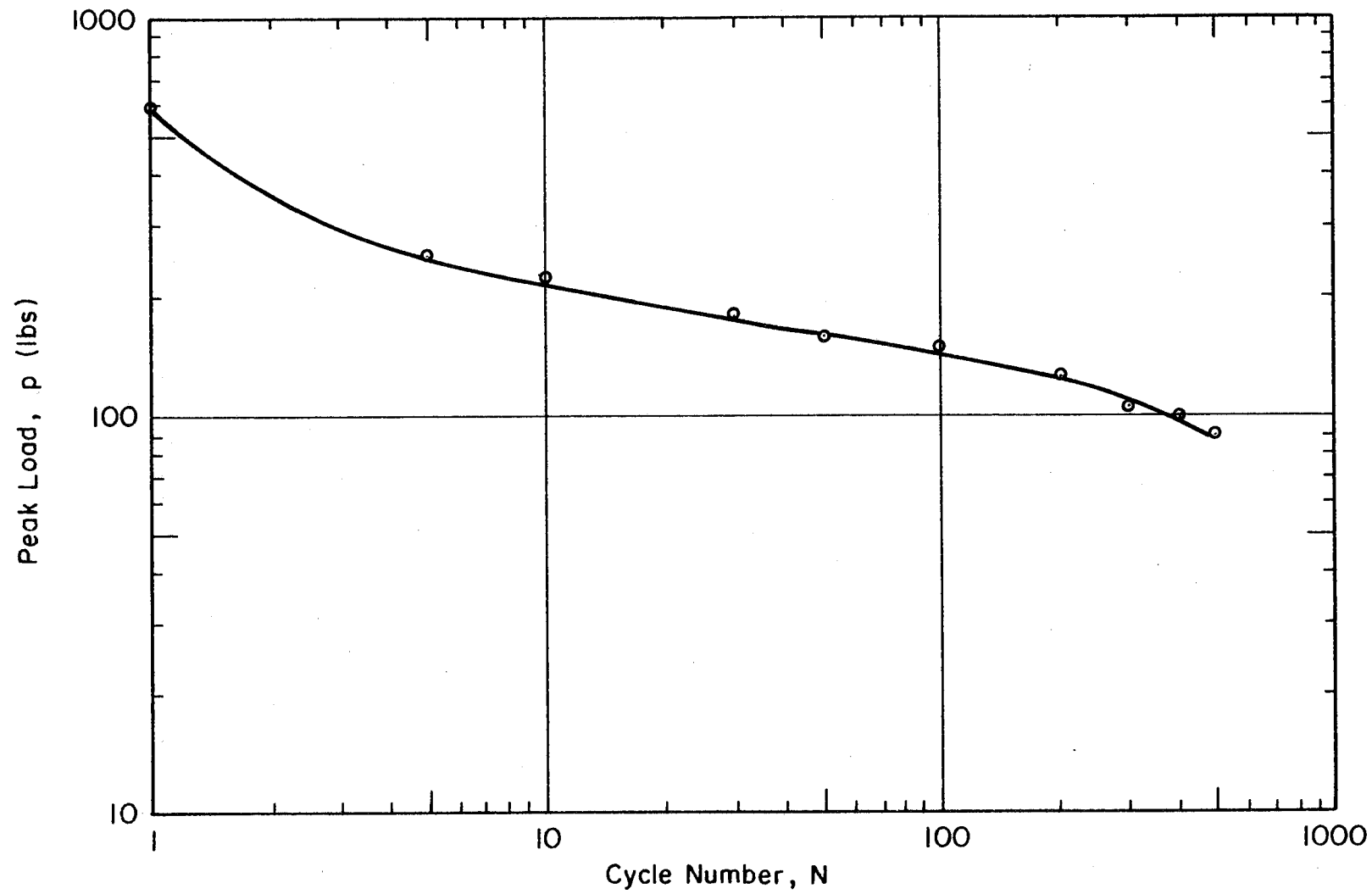


FIGURE 72B. Peak Load versus Cycle Number for Sample 136



## APPENDIX C

### SAMPLE CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURE AND SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

Each sample tested on the TTI "Overlay Tester" consisted of a dense graded asphaltic concrete "beam" measuring 3 in. X 3 in. X 15 in. and reinforced with a selected engineering fabric applied with a tack coat of asphalt cement. A viscosity graded AC-10 petroleum asphalt cement produced by the American Petrofina Company was used for both the fabric tack coat and the asphaltic concrete mixture. The aggregate consisted of a washed, rounded, siliceous gravel obtained from a Gifford-Hill plant at the Brazos River near College Station, Texas.

The mixture design of the asphaltic concrete used in constructing each of the samples conforms to the laboratory standard established by the Materials Division of The Texas Transportation Institute (44). The aggregate gradation used in preparing the samples is shown in Table 1C on the following page. This gradation also meets the grading specifications established by ASTM D 1663-5A, shown in Table 2C, page 231 , for dense graded asphaltic concrete (45). The project gradation design as well as the upper and lower limits of the ASTM specifications are shown in Figure 1C, page 232 .

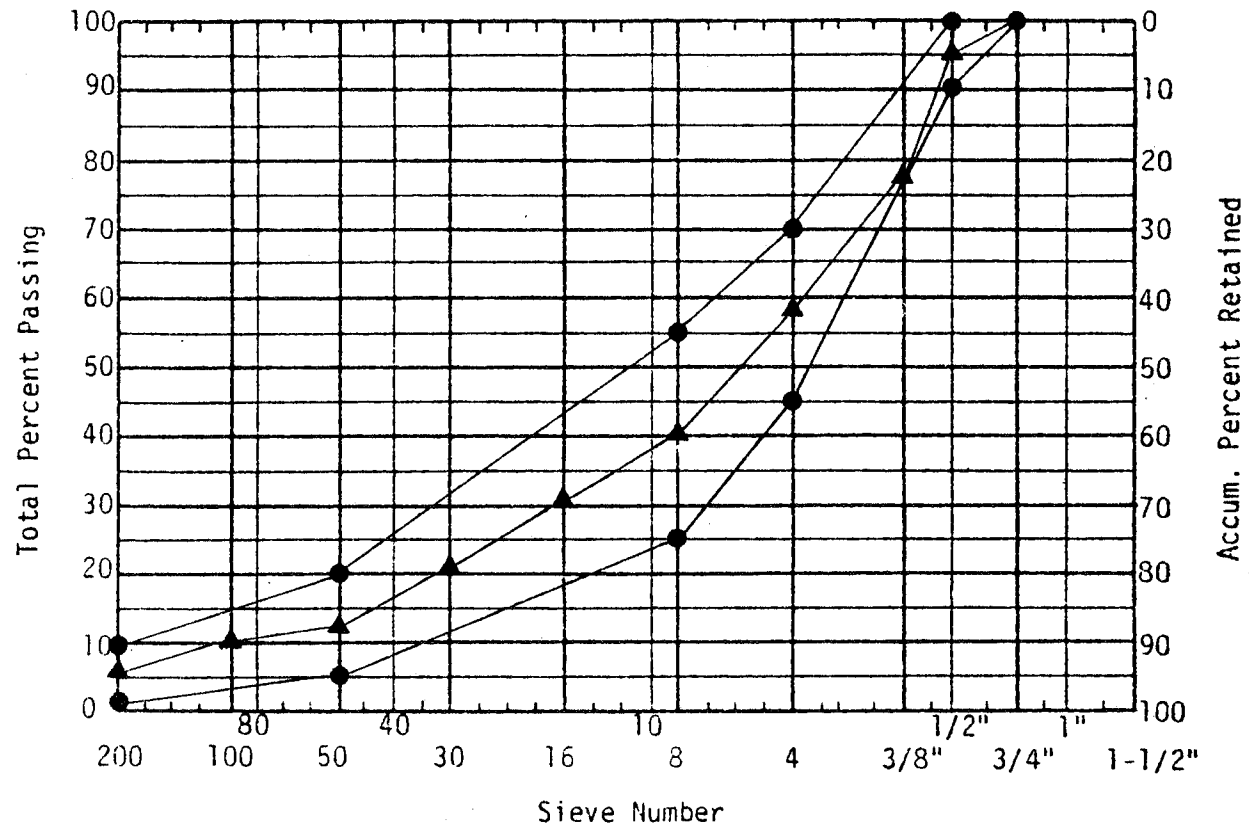
The aggregate was separated into various fractions by a combination of mechanical and manual sieving methods (46, 47). Then prior to mixing, the aggregate was recombined in appropriate quantities to meet the grading specifications shown in Table 1C, page 230 and Figure 1C , page 232. Both the AC-10 asphalt and the aggregate were heated to

TABLE 1C. Gifford-Hill river gravel gradation  
and sample weights.

Sieve Size		Percent (by Weight)	Aggregate Weight (grams)
Passing	Retained On		
3/4 in.	1/2 in.	5.00	260.0
1/2 in.	3/8 in.	18.75	975.0
3/8 in.	No. 4	18.75	975.0
No. 4	No. 8	17.50	910.0
No. 8	No. 16	9.10	473.2
No. 16	No. 30	9.20	478.4
No. 30	No. 50	9.20	478.4
No. 50	No. 100	3.50	182.0
No. 100	No. 200	3.50	182.0
No. 200	---	5.50	286.0
TOTAL		100.00	5200.0

TABLE 2C. ASTM D 1663 - 5A aggregate gradation (45).

Sieve Size	Percent (by Weight) Finer Than Sieve Size
3/4 in.	100
1/2 in.	90 to 100
3/8 in.	-----
No. 4	45 to 70
No. 8	25 to 55
No. 16	-----
No. 30	-----
No. 50	5 to 20
No. 100	-----
No. 200	2 to 9



- ▲ Project Design Gradation
- ASTM D 1663-5A Specification Limits

Figure 1C . ASTM D 1663 aggregate gradation specification 5A and project gradation design.

305  $\pm$  5<sup>o</sup>F in an oven; then the aggregate (5200 grams) and the asphalt (198 grams) were blended in a mechanical mixer. Combining the materials in these proportions produces an asphaltic concrete with 3.8 percent asphalt (by weight of aggregate).

When the blending of the asphalt and aggregate was completed, the mixture was then divided into three portions. For those samples with fabric reinforcement located one inch from the bottom of the sample, three equal portions of 1760 grams each were used to construct the beam in three equal layers. Material for samples with reinforcement to be located 3/4 inches from the top of the sample was divided into portions weighing 1975 grams, 1975 grams and 1320 grams for the bottom, middle, and top layers, respectively. After dividing the mixture into the appropriate proportions, the material was again placed in an oven and reheated to 250  $\pm$  5<sup>o</sup>F for compaction purposes.

Compaction of the test samples was accomplished in three layers by use of a Soiltest, Inc. Model CN-425A pneumatic static compactor. Refer to Figure 3, page 29. Reinforcing fabric measuring 3 in. X 15 in. was located either between the first and second layers (one inch from the bottom of the sample) or between the second and third layers (3/4 inches from the top of the sample). A tack coat of liquid AC-10 asphalt (250  $\pm$  5<sup>o</sup>F) was applied to the newly compacted asphaltic concrete, then the reinforcing fabric was applied and the final layer(s) of material was added and compacted. The first two layers of material received 35 compaction tamps each, while the final layer received 70 tamps. Each tamp applied approximately 40 psi pressure (500 psi ram pressure with a 3 in. X 4 in. compaction "foot")

for a dwell time of 1.5 seconds. A leveling load of 12,000 pounds (approximately 270 psi) was then applied for five seconds to provide final compaction and remove surface irregularities. This leveling load was applied by means of a hydraulic universal testing machine manufactured by the Baldwin Southwark Corporation. A heated steel beam (3 in. X 4 in. X 15 in.) was used to distribute the leveling load uniformly over the surface of the sample. Figure 4 on page 31 of Chapter III illustrates a sample prepared for application of a leveling load.

After the leveling load was applied, each beam was removed from the mold and allowed to "cure" at laboratory room temperature for approximately 24 hours. All samples were then stored in an environmentally controlled room (77<sup>0</sup>F, 25% relative humidity) until tested. All samples were stored in this environment for at least 7 days prior to testing.

Table 3C on page 235 lists the samples tested, type and location of reinforcing fabric and fabric tack coat rate. Refer to Appendix D, page 237 for an explanation of the various tack coat rates. Appendix E, page 240 describes the various engineering fabrics used in the testing program.

TABLE 3C. Identification of fabric reinforced asphaltic concrete beams.

Sample Number	Fabric* Position	Fabric Tack** Coat Rate	Fabric Type
100	A	Low	Old Petromat
101	B	Low	Old Petromat
102	A	Optimum	Old Petromat
103	B	Optimum	Old Petromat
104	A	High	Old Petromat
105	B	High	Old Petromat
106	A	Low	New Petromat
107	B	Low	New Petromat
108	A	Optimum	New Petromat
109	B	Optimum	New Petromat
110	A	High	New Petromat
111	B	High	New Petromat
112	A	Low	Mirafi 140
113	B	Low	Mirafi 140
114	A	Optimum	Mirafi 140
115	B	Optimum	Mirafi 140
116	A	High	Mirafi 140
117	B	High	Mirafi 140
118	A	Low	Bidim
119	B	Low	Bidim
120	A	Optimum	Bidim
121	B	Optimum	Bidim

TABLE 3C. (Continued)

Sample Number	Fabric* Position	Fabric Tack** Coat Rate	Fabric Type
122	A	High	Bidim
123	B	High	Bidim
124	A	Low	Woven Tape
125	B	Low	Woven Tape
126	A	Optimum	Woven Tape
127	B	Optimum	Woven Tape
128	A	High	Woven Tape
129	B	High	Woven Tape
131	B	Low	Burlington 2532
132	A	Low	Burlington 2532
133	B	Optimum	Burlington 2532
134	A	Optimum	Burlington 2532
135	B	High	Burlington 2532
136	A	High	Burlington 2532

## Notes:

- \* Fabric position "A" refers to the location 3/4 inches from the top of the sample. Fabric position "B" refers to the location one inch from the bottom of the sample.
- \*\* Refer to Table 1D, page 239, Appendix D for a list of the various tack coat quantities for each fabric type.



## APPENDIX D

### PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING THE OPTIMUM FABRIC TACK COAT RATE

A viscosity graded AC-10 petroleum asphalt cement produced by the American Petrofina Company was used as a tack coat to bind a 3 in. X 15 in. fabric sample to the upper and lower layers of the asphaltic concrete. The "optimum" AC-10 tack coat requirement was determined for each fabric type by saturating fabric samples with liquid asphalt (heated to approximately 250<sup>0</sup>F), then placing the samples between sheets of newspaper and pressing with a hot iron to remove excess asphalt. The optimum asphalt content is based on a visual observation and is defined as that amount (by weight) of AC-10 asphalt required to saturate a 3 in. X 15 in. fabric sample (plus a small adjustment for "surface hunger" of the asphaltic concrete). Fabrics with the proper amount of tack coat are thoroughly saturated, but do not contain an excess of asphalt as evidenced by a glossy appearance.

The "surface hunger" of the asphaltic concrete is defined as the amount of liquid asphalt that the asphaltic concrete surface will readily absorb when a tack coat is applied. Based on previous tests performed by personnel at the Texas Transportation Institute (48) approximately 10.5 grams (0.08 gallons per square yard) of AC-10 is required to satisfy the surface hunger of a 3 in. X 15 in. freshly compacted asphaltic concrete surface. This amount of AC-10 (10.5 grams) was added to the amount of asphalt required to saturate a 3 in. X 15 in. fabric sample to determine the optimum tack coat rate for each fabric

type. This additional amount of asphalt was included in the determination of the optimum tack coat rate to ensure that sufficient asphalt was available to completely saturate the reinforcing fabric and to bond the fabric to the asphaltic concrete.

Tack coat rates of "low" and high were defined as one half and twice the optimum tack coat rate, respectively. One of these three tack coat rate types, low, optimum, or high, was used in the construction of each of the fabric reinforced beam samples. Table 1D, on the following page lists the various tack coat rates for each of the reinforcing fabrics. These variations in tack coat rates were used to simulate gross errors in the field application of liquid asphalt tack coats and to help clarify the role of the fabric tack coat in retarding reflection cracking.

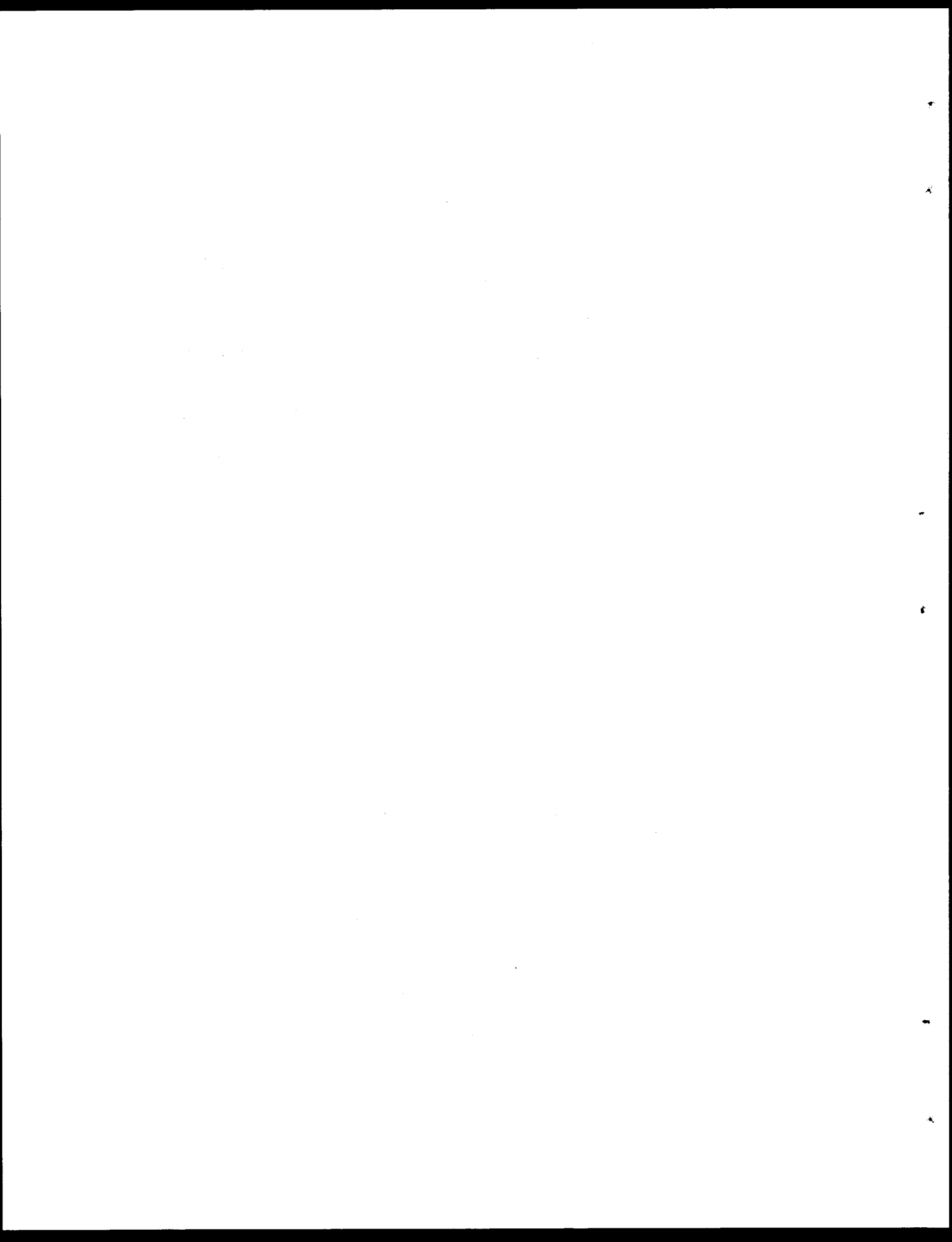
TABLE 1D. Fabric tack coat rates.

Fabric Name	Fabric Saturation Rate		AC-10 Tack Coat Rates* gms/sample and (gals/sq.yd.)		
	gms/ sample	gals/ sq.yd.	Low	Optimum	High
"Old" Petromat	24.0	0.18	17.0 (0.13)	34.0 (0.26)	68.0 (0.52)
"New" Petromat	18.0	0.14	14.0 (0.11)	28.0 (0.22)	56.0 (0.44)
Mirafi 140	17.0	0.12	13.5 (0.10)	27.0 (0.20)	54.0 (0.40)
Bidim	43.0	0.32	26.5 (0.20)	53.0 (0.40)	106.0 (0.80)
Woven Tape	9.0	0.06	9.5 (0.07)	19.0 (0.14)	38.0 (0.28)
Burlington 2532	10.0	0.08	10.0 (0.08)	20.0 (0.16)	40.0 (0.32)

\*Note:

Tack coat rates shown are those used in constructing 3 in. X 3 in. X 15 in. fabric reinforced asphaltic concrete beams.

The "optimum" rate includes an allowance of 10 gms. per sample for "surface" hunger of the asphaltic concrete. "Low" and "High" rates are defined on the preceding page.



APPENDIX E  
ENGINEERING FABRIC DESCRIPTIONS

As stated in Chapter I, six commercially produced engineering fabrics purported to reduce and/or delay the occurrence of reflection cracking in bituminous overlays were used to reinforce laboratory-prepared "overlay" test specimens. Samples of each of these fabrics were obtained from representatives of the various manufacturers. General descriptions of each of these fabrics are given below. These descriptions are based on information provided by the fabric manufacturers, and are included here to familiarize the reader with each of the fabrics. Due to the rapidly changing nature of the engineering fabrics manufacturing industry, these descriptions may not be entirely accurate for fabrics manufactured and marketed under the same trade names in the near future.

"Old" Petromat

Phillips Petroleum Company has been a leader in the production and marketing of engineering fabrics since the middle 1960's. "Petromat" is the manufacturer's name for a family of synthetic engineering fabrics produced for use as a waterproof barrier in reservoirs and as a moisture barrier and reinforcement material in roadway maintenance and construction operations. The "Old" Petromat used in this study was received by the Texas Transportation Institute in 1975. Though this particular type of Petromat is no longer manufactured by Phillips Fibers Corporation, it was included in this study due to its widespread use in many field trials in the past.

"Old" Petromat is a nonwoven fabric composed primarily of polypropylene with strands of polyester filament fused into the primary material. The white polyester strands are spaced approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. apart, alligned in the long dimension of the fabric, and are fused into the "top" side of the black polypropylene fabric. The original paving grade petromat fabric was designed to absorb 0.25 to 0.30 gallons of asphalt per square yard of fabric. The following information was obtained from the manufacturer's product literature for paving grade Petromat (49):

Tensile Strength, either direction, minimum, lbs	50
Elongation, warp direction, maximum @ 20 lbs, inches/3 inches	0.6
Elongation, fill direction, maximum @ 30 lbs, inches/3 inches	1.0
Weight, (fused two sides), oz/sq yd	3 to 5
Width, inches	75 & 150
Length/Roll, (approximate), yds	100

#### "New" Petromat

"New" Petromat is manufactured and marketed by Phillips Fibers Corporation, a subsidiary of Phillips Petroleum Company. The principal difference between the "Old" and "New" Petromat fabrics used in this study is the absence of the nylon strands in the "New" Petromat. Thus, "New" Petromat is a black, needle punched, nonwoven polypropylene fabric, having no machine direction or orientation. A second difference between the two fabrics is that "New" Petromat is designed to absorb 0.20 gallons of asphalt, while "Old" Petromat was designed

to absorb 0.25 to 0.30 gallons of asphalt per square yard of fabric. The following information was obtained from the manufacturer's product literature for paving grade Petromat (50):

<u>Material Property</u>	<u>Typical</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
Weight, oz/sq yd	4.1	3.6
Tensile Strength, lbs	115	90
Elongation at Break, %	65	55
Asphalt Retention, gals/sq yd	--	0.20
Width, inches	75 & 150	--
Length/Roll, yds	100	

Additional product information may be obtained by contacting the manufacturers at the address shown below:

Phillips Fibers Corporation  
Engineered Products Marketing  
P. O. Box 66  
Greenville, South Carolina 29602  
Telephone: (803) 242-6600

#### Mirafi 140

Mirafi 140 fabric is a unique nonwoven fabric constructed from two types of continuous filament fibers. One is a polypropylene homofilament, and the other is a heterofilament comprised of a polypropylene core covered with a nylon sheath. A random mixture of these filaments is formed into a sheet that is heat-bonded or fused at the heterofilament contact points. The polypropylene filaments remain unaffected by the heat-bonding process. Thus, no bonding agent or resin is used in the manufacturing process and purely mechanical links operate to hold the filaments in position.

The following information was obtained from the manufacturer's product literature for Marafi 140 (51):

Weight, oz/sq yd	4
Color	White
Length/Roll, meters	100
Width, meters	4.5

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the manufacturer at the address shown below.

Celanese Fibers Marketing Company  
P. O. Box 1414  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28232  
Telephone: (704) 554-2000

#### Bidim

"Bidim" is the name of a family of engineering fabrics manufactured by the Monsanto Textiles Company. Bidim engineering fabrics are made of continuous filament polyester fibers which are mechanically interlocked by a needle punching process. They are available in five different styles of thicknesses and weights and are designed for use in road construction and repair, railroad track stabilization, drainage systems, soil reinforcement, and erosion control. All Bidim fabrics are gray in color. The following information was obtained from the manufacturer's product literature for Bidim C34 (52):

Weight, oz/sq yd	8
Grab Tensile Strength, lbs	255
Grab Elongation, %	75
Thickness, mils	90
Trapezoid Tear Strength, lbs	125



Mullen Burst Strength, psi	400
Heat Resistance, °F (at 50 psi loading)	480
Length/Roll, yds	330
Width, inches	166 & 209

Additional product information may be obtained by contacting the manufacturer at the address shown below.

Monsanto Textiles Company  
 Nonwovens Business Group - G4WC  
 800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  
 St. Louis, Missouri 63166  
 Telephone: (314) 694-7262

#### Woven Tape

The woven tape fabric used in this study is manufactured by Fiber Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of Celanese Corporation. The fabric consists of continuous polypropylene strands approximately 0.05 in. wide closely woven together. The fabric is black in color and weighs approximately 4.5 ounces per square yard. Additional product information may be obtained by contacting the Celanese Fibers Marketing Company at the address shown on page 243.

#### Burlington 2532

Burlington Glass Fabrics Company, a division of Burlington Industries, manufactures a variety of fiberglass fabrics. Style 2532 is a continuous filament, plain woven fabric manufactured from an electrical type fiberglass yarn. This fabric is manufactured by combining continuous fiberglass filaments into strands of yarn and mechanically weaving these strands together. The warp, or lengthwise direction of the fabric has sixteen strands per inch of width, while

the fill, or crosswise direction has fourteen strands per inch. The following information was obtained from the manufacturer's representative (53):

Style	2532
Color	White
Weight, oz/sq yd	6.91
Tensile Strength, lbs/inch	
warp direction	405
fill direction	325

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the manufacturer at the address shown below:

Burlington Glass Fabrics Company  
1345 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019  
Telephone: (212) 333-5000

## APPENDIX F

### DATA REDUCTION RESULTS

The data reduction procedure is described in detail in Chapter V, page 44. Results of the crack opening energy,  $E$ , calculations are included on the following pages for reference purposes. The regression constants,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ , as well as Strain Energy Release Rate,  $G$ , values for each test specimen are also included here. These results are summarized in Table 1, page 59.

FILE NAME IS NOV21-100

CYC= 1	E= 23.814	C= 0.5
CYC= 3	E= 8.946	C= 0.875
CYC= 5	E= 7.055	C= 1.05
CYC= 10	E= 5.525	C= 1.25
CYC= 30	E= 3.796	C= 1.35
CYC= 50	E= 2.768	C= 1.4
CYC= 100	E= 1.657	C= 1.6
CYC= 150	E= 1.23	C= 1.75
CYC= 200	E= 0.749	C= 1.85
CYC= 250	E= 0.484	C= 2.25
CYC= 300	E= 0.299	C= 2.625
CYC= 350	E= 0.091	C= 3
CYC= 425	E= 0.105	C= 3
CYC= 550	E= 0.01	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? 1  
CYCLE ? 550

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA NOV21-100

A= 0.59	B= 0.24
C= 12.32	D= -0.59

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -8.24

FILE NAME IS NOV12-101

CYC= 1	E= 20.651	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 10.175	C= 0.5
CYC= 10	E= 9.244	C= 1
CYC= 30	E= 8.561	C= 1
CYC= 54	E= 7.167	C= 1
CYC= 100	E= 5.82	C= 1.25
CYC= 205	E= 4	C= 1.625
CYC= 300	E= 3.854	C= 1.625
CYC= 400	E= 2.799	C= 1.625
CYC= 500	E= 1.647	C= 1.625
CYC= 600	E= 0.709	C= 1.625

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA NOV12-101

A= 0.35	B= 0.26
C= 27.83	D= -0.44

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -22.20

FILE NAME IS 0CT16-102

CYC= 1	E= 22.386	C= 0.1
CYC= 5	E= 13.058	C= 0.25
CYC= 10	E= 10.207	C= 0.825
CYC= 30	E= 8.692	C= 1.45
CYC= 50	E= 6.595	C= 2.25
CYC= 100	E= 4.412	C= 2.25
CYC= 200	E= 3.38	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA 0CT16-102

A= 0.12	B= 0.64
C= 23.73	D= -0.35

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -17.74

FILE NAME IS OCT23-103

CYC= 1	E= 20.325	C= 0.5
CYC= 5	E= 11.451	C= 0.75
CYC= 10	E= 10.742	C= 1
CYC= 30	E= 8.776	C= 1
CYC= 50	E= 8.535	C= 1
CYC= 100	E= 7.838	C= 1.05
CYC= 200	E= 6.744	C= 1.25
CYC= 300	E= 6.933	C= 1.525
CYC= 400	E= 5.182	C= 2
CYC= 490	E= 2.623	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NØ  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NØ  
ENTER FABRIC HEIGHT ? 1.00

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA OCT23-103

REGRESSION RESULTS BELOW THE FABRIC

A= 0.50	B= 0.25
C= 20.32	D= -0.35

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -9.58

FILE NAME IS JAN04-104

CYC= 1	E= 26.145	C= 1.25
CYC= 5	E= 9.96	C= 1.325
CYC= 10	E= 8.763	C= 1.375
CYC= 30	E= 6.901	C= 1.375
CYC= 50	E= 8.124	C= 1.65
CYC= 100	E= 5.162	C= 2
CYC= 200	E= 4.427	C= 2.25
CYC= 300	E= 4.44	C= 2.625
CYC= 400	E= 3.457	C= 3
CYC= 500	E= 3.138	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? 1  
CYCLE ? 30

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN04-104

A= 1.01	B= 0.16
C= 20.87	D= -0.29

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -6.34



FILE NAME IS AUG16-105

CYC= 1	E= 20.5	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 11.1	C= 0.375
CYC= 11	E= 10.75	C= 0.4
CYC= 30	E= 10.24	C= 0.675
CYC= 50	E= 10	C= 0.725
CYC= 100	E= 9.75	C= 0.788
CYC= 200	E= 8.52	C= 0.825
CYC= 300	E= 8	C= 0.95
CYC= 400	E= 7.9	C= 1
CYC= 500	E= 7.5	C= 1.25
CYC= 600	E= 7	C= 1.6
CYC= 700	E= 6.75	C= 1.725
CYC= 800	E= 6.62	C= 1.725
CYC= 1000	E= 6.5	C= 1.725
CYC= 1300	E= 5	C= 2.375
CYC= 1400	E= 4	C= 2.625
CYC= 1440	E= 3.5	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA AUG16-105

A= 0.20	B= 0.32
C= 19.36	D= -0.18

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -8.96

FILE NAME IS FEB06-106

CYC= 1            E= 29.772 C= 1

CYC= 5            E= 6.868 C= 1.5

CYC= 10           E= 7.285 C= 2.25

CYC= 30           E= 6.243 C= 2.25

CYC= 50           E= 5.75 C= 2.625

CYC= 75           E= 2.588 C= 3

CYC= 100          E= 1 C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA FEB06-106

A= 1.07            B= 0.23  
C= 29.20           D= -0.61

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -12.00

FILE NAME IS FEB01-107

CYC= 1	E= 20.585	C= 0.1
CYC= 2	E= 20.41	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 15.384	C= 0.75
CYC= 10	E= 12.324	C= 1
CYC= 50	E= 8.606	C= 1
CYC= 100	E= 3.561	C= 1
CYC= 300	E= 1	C= 1

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? NO

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA FEB01-107

A= 0.23	B= 0.31
C= 32.34	D= -0.53

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -39.51

FILE NAME IS JAN22-108

CYC= 1            E= 33.274 C= 0.25

CYC= 5            E= 13.339 C= 1

CYC= 10           E= 13.274 C= 1.375

CYC= 30           E= 8.294 C= 1.5

CYC= 50           E= 7.102 C= 2

CYC= 100          E= 6.438 C= 2.25

CYC= 130          E= 5.481 C= 3

CYC= 150          E= 4.687 C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN22-108

A= 0.36            B= 0.43  
C= 29.20           D= -0.35

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -11.07

FILE NAME IS JAN22-109

CYC= 1            E= 28.756 C= 0.275

CYC= 5            E= 13.007 C= 1

CYC= 10           E= 11.516 C= 1

CYC= 30           E= 8.567 C= 1.375

CYC= 50           E= 8.131 C= 1.75

CYC= 75           E= 6.686 C= 2.625

CYC= 100          E= 4.121 C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN22-109

A= 0.32            B= 0.47

C= 27.65           D= -0.37

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -11.08

FILE NAME IS JAN10-110

CYC= 1            E= 31.822 C= 0.75

CYC= 5            E= 12.102 C= 1.375

CYC= 10           E= 11.015 C= 1.625

CYC= 30           E= 9.713 C= 1.8

CYC= 50           E= 7.61 C= 2

CYC= 100          E= 5.911 C= 2.175

CYC= 200          E= 5.052 C= 3

CYC= 300          E= 4.218 C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN10-110

A= 0.85            B= 0.22

C= 25.96          D= -0.31

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -7.21

FILE NAME IS JUL10-111

CYC= 1	E= 35.6	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 14.43	C= 0.5
CYC= 10	E= 13.45	C= 0.75
CYC= 30	E= 12.22	C= 1
CYC= 50	E= 10.41	C= 1
CYC= 110	E= 9.5	C= 1
CYC= 300	E= 8.06	C= 1
CYC= 600	E= 9.07	C= 1
CYC= 850	E= 7.25	C= 1.625
CYC= 1100	E= 7	C= 2.5
CYC= 1600	E= 6.78	C= 2.625
CYC= 1835	E= 4.75	C= 2.625
CYC= 2200	E= 4.68	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
ENTER FABRIC HEIGHT ? 1.00

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JUL10-111

REGRESSION RESULTS BELOW THE FABRIC

A= 0.24            B= 0.46  
C= 34.12          D= -0.44

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -21.99

FILE NAME IS NOV02-112

CYC= 1	E= 24.523	C= 0.75
CYC= 6	E= 13.237	C= 1
CYC= 10	E= 11.06	C= 1.25
CYC= 20	E= 9.883	C= 1.75
CYC= 30	E= 9.532	C= 2.25
CYC= 50	E= 5.986	C= 2.25
CYC= 100	E= 4.386	C= 2.25
CYC= 150	E= 3.903	C= 3
CYC= 200	E= 3.492	C= 3
CYC= 300	E= 2.705	C= 3
CYC= 400	E= 1.825	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA NOV02-112

A= 0.76	B= 0.24
C= 30.29	D= -0.42

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -11.41



FILE NAME IS JAN03-113

CYC= 1            E= 22.48   C= 0.9

CYC= 5            E= 11.44   C= 1

CYC= 10           E= 9.74    C= 1

CYC= 30           E= 7.43    C= 1

CYC= 50           E= 6.9     C= 1

CYC= 100          E= 6.5     C= 1

CYC= 200          E= 3.75    C= 1

CYC= 300          E= 3.49    C= 1.1

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN03-113

A= 0.92            B= 0.02

C= 21.14           D= -0.30

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -47.46

FILE NAME IS SEPT07114

CYC= 1	E= 23.917	C= 0.15
CYC= 5	E= 10.315	C= 1.125
CYC= 10	E= 9.886	C= 1.375
CYC= 30	E= 7.278	C= 1.75
CYC= 50	E= 5.987	C= 1.95
CYC= 100	E= 5.332	C= 2.25
CYC= 200	E= 3.881	C= 2.4
CYC= 250	E= 3.624	C= 2.75
CYC= 300	E= 3.55	C= 2.75
CYC= 450	E= 2.54	C= 2.95

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT07114

A= 0.36	B= 0.37
C= 21.71	D= -0.33

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -8.82

FILE NAME IS SEPT24-115

CYC= 1	E= 23.033	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 10.058	C= 1
CYC= 10	E= 9.192	C= 1
CYC= 30	E= 7.272	C= 1
CYC= 50	E= 6.575	C= 1
CYC= 100	E= 6.582	C= 1
CYC= 200	E= 5.709	C= 1.125
CYC= 300	E= 4.218	C= 1.125
CYC= 400	E= 2.858	C= 1.125
CYC= 725	E= 1.093	C= 1.125

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT24-115

A= 0.50	B= 0.14
C= 25.19	D= -0.38

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -21.82

FILE NAME IS OCT24-116

CYC= 1	E= 25.085	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 11.676	C= 0.75
CYC= 10	E= 9.354	C= 1
CYC= 30	E= 7.673	C= 1.5
CYC= 50	E= 6.853	C= 1.625
CYC= 100	E= 5.57	C= 1.775
CYC= 200	E= 4.882	C= 2.25
CYC= 300	E= 4.683	C= 2.25
CYC= 400	E= 4.24	C= 2.25
CYC= 500	E= 4.286	C= 2.25
CYC= 600	E= 4.392	C= 2.25
CYC= 700	E= 3.671	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
ENTER FABRIC HEIGHT ? 2.25

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA OCT24-116

REGRESSION RESULTS BELOW THE FABRIC

A= 0.31	B= 0.42
C= 21.81	D= -0.30

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -8.41

FILE NAME IS MAR24-117

CYC= 1	E= 32.916	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 17.337	C= 0.75
CYC= 10	E= 14.075	C= 1
CYC= 30	E= 12.682	C= 1
CYC= 50	E= 10.82	C= 1
CYC= 300	E= 8.971	C= 1
CYC= 600	E= 6.425	C= 1
CYC= 900	E= 5.794	C= 2.5
CYC= 1100	E= 4.973	C= 3
CYC= 1400	E= 2.285	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA MAR24-117

A= 0.36	B= 0.26
C= 32.45	D= -0.29

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -16.63

FILE NAME IS JAN07-118

CYC= 1            E= 20.93   C= 0.375

CYC= 5            E= 9.147   C= 0.625

CYC= 10           E= 9.303   C= 0.875

CYC= 30           E= 5.716   C= 1.875

CYC= 50           E= 6.751   C= 2.25

CYC= 100          E= 2.513   C= 2.25

CYC= 200          E= 1.21     C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN07-118

A= 0.36            B= 0.40

C= 25.79           D= -0.51

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -14.56

FILE NAME IS JAN07-119

CYC= 1            E= 21.438 C= 0.75

CYC= 5            E= 8.014 C= 1

CYC= 10           E= 7.304 C= 1

CYC= 30           E= 6.074 C= 1

CYC= 50           E= 5.143 C= 1

CYC= 100           E= 4.348 C= 1

CYC= 200           E= 4.303 C= 1

CYC= 250           E= 3.958 C= 2

CYC= 400           E= 3.196 C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN07-119

A= 0.62            B= 0.18  
C= 15.80           D= -0.26

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -6.01

FILE NAME IS JAN11-120

CYC= 1	E= 28.32	C= 0.375
CYC= 5	E= 17.649	C= 0.95
CYC= 10	E= 14.765	C= 1.1
CYC= 30	E= 10.156	C= 1.875
CYC= 50	E= 7.005	C= 2.25
CYC= 100	E= 6.041	C= 2.25
CYC= 200	E= 4.537	C= 2.25
CYC= 300	E= 3.756	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN11-120

A= 0.49	B= 0.32
C= 31.16	D= -0.36

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -11.66



FILE NAME IS JAN07-121

CYC= 1	E= 20.644	C= 0.5
CYC= 5	E= 9.55	C= 0.75
CYC= 10	E= 8.717	C= 0.95
CYC= 30	E= 7.044	C= 0.95
CYC= 50	E= 6.412	C= 1
CYC= 100	E= 6.471	C= 1
CYC= 300	E= 5.078	C= 1
CYC= 500	E= 4.036	C= 1
CYC= 800	E= 3.45	C= 1
CYC= 900	E= 2.766	C= 1.5
CYC= 1000	E= 3.6	C= 1.625
CYC= 1300	E= 0.351	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
ENTER FABRIC HEIGHT ? 1.00

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN07-121

REGRESSION RESULTS BELOW THE FABRIC

A= 0.52            B= 0.20  
C= 18.73           D= -0.31

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -9.32

FILE NAME IS MAY14-122

CYC= 1	E= 37.727	C= 0.875
CYC= 5	E= 15.045	C= 1.375
CYC= 10	E= 15.333	C= 1.625
CYC= 100	E= 7.949	C= 2.125
CYC= 150	E= 7.897	C= 2.25
CYC= 200	E= 7.35	C= 2.25
CYC= 300	E= 5.761	C= 2.25
CYC= 400	E= 5.787	C= 2.25
CYC= 500	E= 5.41	C= 2.25
CYC= 700	E= 4.98	C= 3
CYC= 900	E= 4.576	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
ENTER FABRIC HEIGHT ? 2.25

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA MAY14-122

REGRESSION RESULTS BELOW THE FABRIC

A= 0.95	B= 0.18
C= 32.21	D= -0.32

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -9.59

FILE NAME IS JAN09-123

CYC= 1	E= 21.067	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 10.768	C= 0.5
CYC= 10	E= 10.657	C= 0.75
CYC= 30	E= 8.945	C= 0.8
CYC= 50	E= 5.957	C= 0.95
CYC= 100	E= 7.363	C= 1
CYC= 200	E= 7.565	C= 1.05
CYC= 300	E= 6.848	C= 1.1
CYC= 500	E= 5.52	C= 1.1
CYC= 800	E= 5.097	C= 1.1
CYC= 900	E= 4.954	C= 1.225
CYC= 1000	E= 5.403	C= 1.225
CYC= 1200	E= 4.908	C= 1.375
CYC= 1500	E= 4.231	C= 2.125
CYC= 2000	E= 3.118	C= 2.95

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
ENTER FABRIC HEIGHT ? 1.00

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA JAN09-123

REGRESSION RESULTS BELOW THE FABRIC

A= 0.27            B= 0.33  
C= 19.86           D= -0.28

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -10.08

FILE NAME IS AUG17-124

CYC= 1	E= 26.06	C= 0.5
CYC= 5	E= 9.8	C= 1.625
CYC= 10	E= 8	C= 1.875
CYC= 30	E= 6.78	C= 2.25
CYC= 50	E= 6	C= 2.25
CYC= 100	E= 4.58	C= 2.25
CYC= 135	E= 4	C= 2.875
CYC= 150	E= 3.1	C= 2.95
CYC= 175	E= 3	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA AUG17-124

A= 0.74	B= 0.27
C= 22.21	D= -0.37

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -6.59

FILE NAME IS SEPT19-125

CYC= 1	E= 22.192	C= 0.75
CYC= 5	E= 10.72	C= 1
CYC= 10	E= 10.127	C= 1.05
CYC= 30	E= 9.029	C= 1.05
CYC= 50	E= 8.076	C= 1.05
CYC= 100	E= 6.524	C= 1.05
CYC= 200	E= 4.234	C= 1.45
CYC= 300	E= 1.981	C= 1.55
CYC= 400	E= 1.64	C= 1.55
CYC= 700	E= 1.129	C= 1.55
CYC= 850	E= 0.914	C= 1.55
CYC= 1000	E= 0.694	C= 1.55

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT19-125

A= 0.77	B= 0.10
C= 34.25	D= -0.50

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -35.50

FILE NAME IS SEPT02-126

CYC= 1            E= 27.692 C= 0.375

CYC= 7            E= 12.572 C= 0.625

CYC= 10           E= 12.785 C= 0.7

CYC= 25           E= 12.889 C= 1.35

CYC= 50           E= 11.966 C= 1.5

CYC= 75           E= 8.489 C= 1.75

CYC= 100          E= 7.477 C= 1.975

CYC= 150          E= 7.608 C= 2

CYC= 200          E= 5.852 C= 2

CYC= 300          E= 5.673 C= 2.5

CYC= 400          E= 5.198 C= 2.625

CYC= 475          E= 3.614 C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT02-126

A= 0.36            B= 0.34

C= 28.18           D= -0.29

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -11.03

FILE NAME IS SEPT12-127

CYC= 1	E= 30.74	C= 0.75
CYC= 5	E= 16.72	C= 1
CYC= 10	E= 16.5	C= 1
CYC= 30	E= 16.46	C= 1.05
CYC= 50	E= 15	C= 1.05
CYC= 100	E= 14	C= 1.05
CYC= 200	E= 12.25	C= 1.1
CYC= 300	E= 10.94	C= 1.535
CYC= 400	E= 10.9	C= 1.7
CYC= 500	E= 10	C= 1.875
CYC= 600	E= 9.75	C= 2.1
CYC= 675	E= 8	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT12-127

A= 0.63	B= 0.17
C= 27.09	D= -0.16

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -6.63

FILE NAME IS SEPT21-128

CYC= 1	E= 24.025	C= 0.5
CYC= 6	E= 11.186	C= 0.9
CYC= 10	E= 9.969	C= 1.25
CYC= 30	E= 7.845	C= 1.5
CYC= 50	E= 6.893	C= 1.825
CYC= 100	E= 6.106	C= 1.95
CYC= 200	E= 4.882	C= 2.1
CYC= 300	E= 4.511	C= 2.25
CYC= 400	E= 4.101	C= 2.25
CYC= 500	E= 3.592	C= 3
CYC= 600	E= 3.168	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT21-128

A= 0.58	B= 0.25
C= 21.20	D= -0.28

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -6.80



FILE NAME IS SEPT17-129

CYC= 1	E= 22.864	C= 0.15
CYC= 5	E= 12.598	C= 0.5
CYC= 10	E= 12.206	C= 0.825
CYC= 30	E= 10.26	C= 0.95
CYC= 50	E= 11.123	C= 1
CYC= 100	E= 9.035	C= 1
CYC= 200	E= 7.988	C= 1.1
CYC= 277	E= 7.217	C= 3
CYC= 300	E= 7.088	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT17-129

A= 0.19	B= 0.43
C= 19.86	D= -0.17

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -6.78

FILE NAME IS OCT03-131

CYC= 1            E= 14.166 C= 0.5

CYC= 2            E= 14.166 C= 0.5

CYC= 5            E= 9.258 C= 1

CYC= 10           E= 5.623 C= 1

CYC= 30           E= 2.342 C= 1

CYC= 50           E= 1.463 C= 1

CYC= 100          E= 1.194 C= 1

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? 1  
CYCLE ? 1

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? 1  
CYCLE ? 1

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA OCT03-131

A= 0.63            B= 0.11  
C= 24.36           D= -0.67

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -36.75

FILE NAME IS SEPT26-132

CYC= 1	E= 22.532	C= 0.5
CYC= 5	E= 10.08	C= 0.875
CYC= 10	E= 10.074	C= 1.25
CYC= 30	E= 7.421	C= 1.375
CYC= 50	E= 6.511	C= 1.75
CYC= 100	E= 5.511	C= 2.125
CYC= 175	E= 4.345	C= 2.75
CYC= 200	E= 3.864	C= 3
CYC= 300	E= 3.294	C= 3
CYC= 400	E= 2.223	C= 3
CYC= 450	E= 2.21	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA SEPT26-132

A= 0.54	B= 0.29
C= 22.63	D= -0.35

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -8.26

FILE NAME IS OCT05-133

CYC= 1	E= 15.433	C= 0.5
CYC= 5	E= 9.448	C= 0.9
CYC= 10	E= 9.041	C= 1
CYC= 30	E= 7.46	C= 1.05
CYC= 50	E= 6.489	C= 1.05
CYC= 100	E= 5.367	C= 1.25
CYC= 200	E= 4.494	C= 1.45
CYC= 300	E= 3.786	C= 2
CYC= 400	E= 2.657	C= 3
CYC= 450	E= 1.968	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA OCT05-133

A= 0.48	B= 0.26
C= 17.86	D= -0.30

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -7.15

FILE NAME IS OCT05-134

CYC= 1	E= 21.902	C= 0.75
CYC= 5	E= 9.534	C= 1
CYC= 10	E= 8.398	C= 1.175
CYC= 30	E= 6.161	C= 1.625
CYC= 50	E= 4.914	C= 2.125
CYC= 100	E= 5.229	C= 2.25
CYC= 200	E= 3.956	C= 2.5
CYC= 300	E= 2.716	C= 2.75
CYC= 400	E= 2.519	C= 2.875
CYC= 450	E= 2.119	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA OCT05-134

A= 0.73	B= 0.23
C= 19.85	D= -0.34

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -6.66

FILE NAME IS OCT08-135

CYC= 1	E= 22.237	C= 0.25
CYC= 5	E= 9.737	C= 0.5
CYC= 10	E= 9.409	C= 0.7
CYC= 30	E= 8.832	C= 0.75
CYC= 50	E= 7.952	C= 0.85
CYC= 100	E= 6.384	C= 1
CYC= 200	E= 5.216	C= 2
CYC= 300	E= 4.317	C= 2.375
CYC= 400	E= 2.624	C= 3
CYC= 450	E= 1.528	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA OCT08-135

A= 0.23	B= 0.39
C= 23.97	D= -0.36

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -15.50

FILE NAME IS OCT15-136

CYC= 1	E= 27.341	C= 0.5
CYC= 5	E= 10.816	C= 0.875
CYC= 10	E= 10.386	C= 0.925
CYC= 30	E= 8.044	C= 1.625
CYC= 50	E= 6.549	C= 1.725
CYC= 100	E= 5.755	C= 1.95
CYC= 200	E= 4.749	C= 2.25
CYC= 300	E= 3.698	C= 2.575
CYC= 400	E= 3.115	C= 2.625
CYC= 500	E= 2.685	C= 3

DROP OUT ANY CRACKING POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N  
DROP OUT ANY ENERGY POINTS (N OR TOTAL) ? N

REGRESSION RESULTS FOR DATA OCT15-136

A= 0.53	B= 0.27
C= 23.88	D= -0.33

FRACTURE TOUGHNESS = -8.96

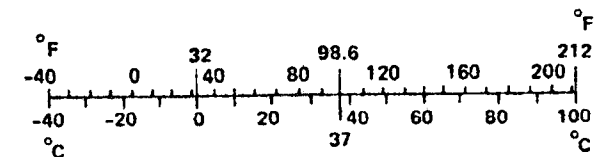
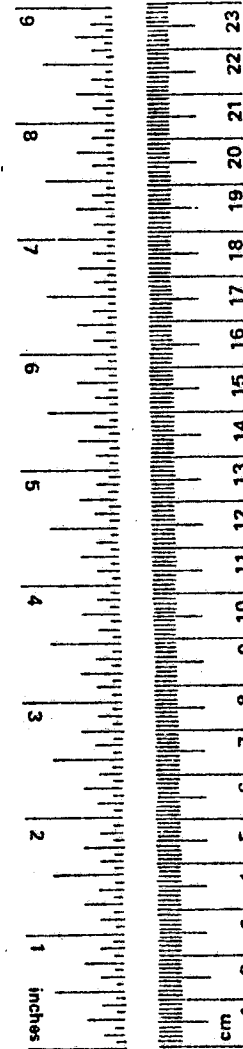
## METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS

### Approximate Conversions to Metric Measures

Symbol	When You Know	Multiply by	To Find	Symbol
<b>LENGTH</b>				
in	inches	*2.5	centimeters	cm
ft	feet	30	centimeters	cm
yd	yards	0.9	meters	m
mi	miles	1.6	kilometers	km
<b>AREA</b>				
in <sup>2</sup>	square inches	6.5	square centimeters	cm <sup>2</sup>
ft <sup>2</sup>	square feet	0.09	square meters	m <sup>2</sup>
yd <sup>2</sup>	square yards	0.8	square meters	m <sup>2</sup>
mi <sup>2</sup>	square miles	2.6	square kilometers	km <sup>2</sup>
	acres	0.4	hectares	ha
<b>MASS (weight)</b>				
oz	ounces	28	grams	g
lb	pounds	0.45	kilograms	kg
	short tons (2000 lb)	0.9	tonnes	t
<b>VOLUME</b>				
tsp	teaspoons	5	milliliters	ml
Tbsp	tablespoons	15	milliliters	ml
fl oz	fluid ounces	30	milliliters	ml
c	cups	0.24	liters	l
pt	pints	0.47	liters	l
qt	quarts	0.95	liters	l
gal	gallons	3.8	liters	l
ft <sup>3</sup>	cubic feet	0.03	cubic meters	m <sup>3</sup>
yd <sup>3</sup>	cubic yards	0.76	cubic meters	m <sup>3</sup>
<b>TEMPERATURE (exact)</b>				
°F	Fahrenheit temperature	5/9 (after subtracting 32)	Celsius temperature	°C

### Approximate Conversions from Metric Measures

Symbol	When You Know	Multiply by	To Find	Symbol
<b>LENGTH</b>				
mm	millimeters	0.04	inches	in
cm	centimeters	0.4	inches	in
m	meters	3.3	feet	ft
m	meters	1.1	yards	yd
km	kilometers	0.6	miles	mi
<b>AREA</b>				
cm <sup>2</sup>	square centimeters	0.16	square inches	in <sup>2</sup>
m <sup>2</sup>	square meters	1.2	square yards	yd <sup>2</sup>
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometers	0.4	square miles	mi <sup>2</sup>
ha	hectares (10,000 m <sup>2</sup> )	2.5	acres	
<b>MASS (weight)</b>				
g	grams	0.035	ounces	oz
kg	kilograms	2.2	pounds	lb
t	tonnes (1000 kg)	1.1	short tons	
<b>VOLUME</b>				
ml	milliliters	0.03	fluid ounces	fl oz
l	liters	2.1	pints	pt
l	liters	1.06	quarts	qt
l	liters	0.26	gallons	gal
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic meters	35	cubic feet	ft <sup>3</sup>
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic meters	1.3	cubic yards	yd <sup>3</sup>
<b>TEMPERATURE (exact)</b>				
°C	Celsius temperature	9/5 (then add 32)	Fahrenheit temperature	°F



\*1 in = 2.54 (exactly). For other exact conversions and more detailed tables, see NBS Misc. Publ. 286, Units of Weights and Measures, Price \$2.25, SD Catalog No. C13.10:286.