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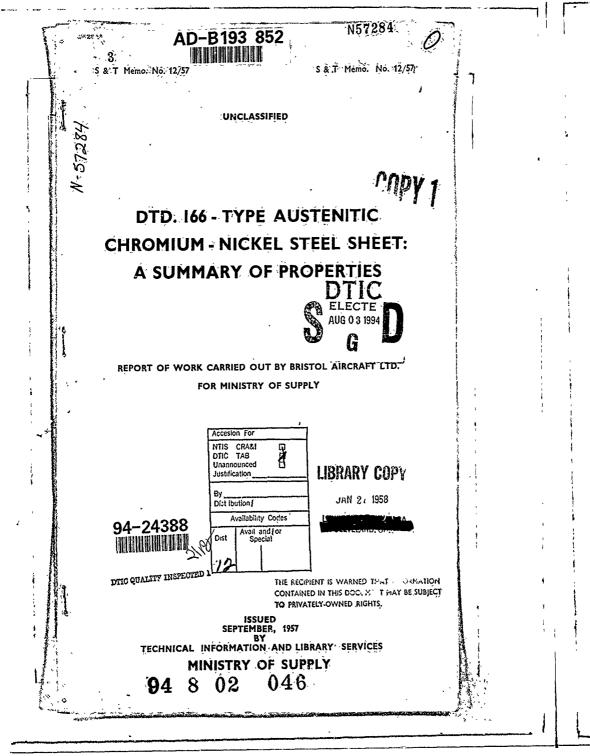
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#### 00. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises the properties of the stabilised 18% chromium/ 8% nickel stainless steel sheet materials chosen by Bristols for structural applications. The major characteristics influencing this selection were the weldability (in particular to FV.448, a 12% chromium type steel) and the high strength.

The material is basically Firth-Vickers steel FDP (which conforms to specialcation DTD.466, recently superseded by S.520) modified by various special Bristol requirements. The factors which have led to the formulation of these special requirements are outlined herein.

Messrs. Fairey Aviation Co. Lt2. have also chosen this material for structural applications and, with their agreement, this report has been extended to include comments on their experience.

<u>Note</u>: All results quoted in this report have been obtained using material supplied by Firth-Vickers (Stainless Steel) Ltd. Figures 1-11 are based on results obtained by Bristols (or supplied to then by Firth-Vickers) and Figure 12 is based on results obtained by Faireys.

#### 01. CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

The material is of the 18% chromium 8% nickel stabilised austenitic type. The specified che.ical composition is given in Table 1 attached, together with those for the now obsolete DTD.166 and for S.520 (the nearest equivalents in national specifications).

#### 02. GRADES USED

02.01 By Bristol Aircraft Ltd.

Bristol specifications have been prepared for 4 grades of DTD.166-type material, as follows:-

Application	Specification No.	Min. Spec. Properties				Comments
		Ec	t <sub>1</sub>	ft	e	
Purchase from Firth-Vickers	BAC. A. 1038	-	42	58-68	15	Requires conver- sion by User to 1021, 22 or 61
Aircraft use	BAC. A. 1021 BAC. A. 1061	27.0	48 45	64. 60	6 6	)Properties )after heat )treatment by )User
Non-aircraft use (e.g. models)	BAC. A. 1022	-	42	56	15	Does not require heat treatment
DTD. 166 and S. 520	(ref. only)	-	40-50	52-70	15	Not used

Thus BAC.A.1021 covers the high grade aircraft material, and BAC.A.1061 the material for use where modulus is less critical. The special requirements in these BAC.A. specifications are summarised in Table 2 attached. UNCLASSIFIED

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An important feature to be noted is that many of the special requirements cannot be checked by the material supplier, but only by the user (e.g. puddle-widshifty) compression modulus). The user, therefore, is driven to creating an inturnel encoding and re-identification procedure not encountered with most other saterials.

### .02.02, By Fairey Aviation Co. Ltd.

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A Fairey specification (FSIS. 183) has been prepared to cover "Righer Property Level Macerial"; with the following properties:-

- : 60 tons/in<sup>2</sup> min.
- : 65 tons/in2 min.
- e : 5% min.

these higher properties are obtained on surip-rolled material by cold work. This specification covers both purchase and use. Mechanical properties are checked by longitudinal testing, there is no modulus testing, modulus recovery treatment or demonstration of weldability.

DED.166 material without special streng.h.roquirements is also used by Faircys; end is called "house Property Level. Baterial".

Note: It is considered by both Bristols and Paireys that it is not desirable to use the DTD. 165/3.520 specifications without additional controls as material to these 'national' specifications can show large variations in properties.

#### 03. LETHOD OF MANUFACTURE

DTD.155 specification permits manufacture either by single sheetrolling or by continuous strip-rolling; the relative advantages of these two processes are as follows:

Strip-rolling compare	a with sheet-rolling				
Advantages	Disadvantages				
<ol> <li>Higher strength attaliable (at corresponding loss of elongation)</li> <li>No length limitation for sheet midths by to 40" (or up to 35" with beige triming to achieve tighter thickness tolerances).</li> <li>Closer thickness tolerances attainablé.</li> <li>Flatness standard probably superior.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Large minimum quantity (9000 lb. normally; 5000-7000 lb. specifily); hence strip-rolled insterial for test purposes not available unless this quantity is being produced for other explications.</li> <li>The stress-strain curve is always vory flat, and stratch founing therefore impossible.</li> <li>Oxidation of outcropping titionium stringers gives longi- tudinal defects instead of curved 'shell' mark defects; this would not be relevant if nicolum-vere used instead of titenium for stabilisation.</li> </ol>				
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The advantages of strip-rolling have been considered by Bristols and by Faireys to outweigh the disadvantages, and sheet rolling has therefore been eliminated from the relevant "BAC."," and "FSIS" specifications.

#### 4. THICKNESS TOLERANCES

As a given excess thickness an steel gives three times the excess weight of that in aluminium alloy, close thickness control is very desirable.

For strip-rolled BAC.A. 4038, edge tramming (2" each side) enables a much more witform sheet to be used. Means and 90% probability ranges (applicable as thickness distributions were generally Gaussian) are shown in Figure 1 for about 2500 results covering 5 thicknesses; and it can be gen that the desired range after trimming is not unrealistic if small percentages outside can be accepted.

#### 05 .... MECHANICAL PROPERTIES. "AS-DELIVERED".

(a) Strengtns Achieved

The strength achieved is primarily a function of the amount of cold work during rolling, although it can also be affected by variations in chemical composition within the specified range. The relation between  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  is given in Figure 3; the wider scatter in sheet-rolled materials is probably associated with:-

(i) The variation in the forms of stress-strain curves obtainable from sheet-rolled material. (see Figure 2), and

(ii) the wider range of delivery dates for the sheet-rolled material actually tested, and the expectation therefore of greater variations. in chemical composition between different specimens.

#### (b) Directional. Variations

As DID.166-type materials are cold-worked, it would be expected that there would be some directional variation of properties. As can be seen from Figure 4, this variation does occur (particularly with strip-rolled material), being most marked in E, E<sub>0</sub> and c<sub>1</sub> and less marked in t<sub>1</sub> and f<sub>L</sub>. It is important to note that, contrary to aluminium alloys, it is the longitudinal direction which is the weaker (hence the need for longitudinal testing).

#### (c), Compression/Tension Relationship

From Figure 5 it can be seen that longitudinally  $c_1$  is markedly lower than  $t_1$ , although  $E_c$  and E are similar (transversely, tension and compression properties are similar).

#### (d) Effects of Cold Hork

Froliminary tests on sheet-rolled material show that transverse E.drops to the level of longitudinal E with 1% prestrain or more (less than 1% might be sufficient), with a corresponding increase in  $t_{1}$ ; they also show that longitudinal of drops by some 30% with 2% prestrain or more. These tests were regarded as showing a considerable Bauschinger effect, and the need to include forming effects when considering design strengths.

#### (c) Effects of Straining Rate

It has been shown that variation of straining rate within the range likely to be encountered in normal laboratory work does not affect test results.

#### (f) Properties at Elevated Temperature

Test dats are inadequate at present, but drops at 20090 of 15-207 in t, and r, have been obtained; drops in B are not yet well established (due to testing difficulties) but are probably less than in strength.

Reating at 200°C for up-to 10 hours gave an increase in ti but ho'chunge in other room temperature ('recovery') properties.

(g). Bearing/Tension Relationship

There is some evidence to suggest that the proof bearing stress of DD 160-6006 materials is about 1.8 times the proof tensile-stress, mice is intential to be factor of 115 normally assumed when no dest data are available. However, considerable soatter was obtained on the tests (1.55 to 2.221 so 1.5 would appear to be realistic for design purposes.

(b) Fatigue Properties

The results of longitudinal fatigue tests are shown in Figure 12. The results obtained were as follows :-

	Long Surface F	inish Nicro-in.	Endurance Limit at	Endurance	
.Material	As Delivered	After Polishing	105 cycles tons/in2	Rátio	
Lower Property	4/42	1/12	, 27,1	.0.521	
"Higher Property Level"	32	22	33.3	0:514	

The transverse surface finish of the specimens (i.e. resulting from longitudinal markings) was generally about 12 micro-in. greater than the longitudinal value.

6. DECHANICAL PROFERTIES ATER "KOMMUJ RECOVERY" HEAT THEATMENT

(a) Effect on Mechanical Properties

Heat treatment of DTD.166-type materials in the range 400/550°C produces an increase in mechanical abrength and stiffness with sometimes a loss in ductility. The effect is due to a precipitation-type mechanism, and the treatment has been variously described as!-

Precipitation treatment, Rodulus Recovery treatment, or High Temperature suress-rolleving.

These descriptions are synonymous, and the second is favoured at Bristoi.

The improvement in moduli and strength due to this type of treatment is marked, and may be accompanied by some reduction in clongation. Information is available, on the effects of the following 5 treatments:-

(4) 590°C for 4 hours : moduli and strengths are improved nearly as much as for (ii), (iii) and (v) treatments, with increased clongation, suggesting that the typer softening range is compending at this temperature.

- (ii) 550°C for 4 hours : moduli and strengths are significantly improved (see Figures 6 and 7) without reduction in elongation.
- (iii) 525°C for 4 hours : although elongations tend to be slightly lower with this treatment than with (ii), the difference is not significant, so that in Figures 6 and 7 this treatment has not been differentiated from (ii).
- (iv) 500°C: there is evidence that the maximum strength increase, accompanied by the maximum reduction in elongation, occurs at 500°C, and that this temperature should be avoided.
- (v) 450°C for 2 hours : moduli and proof strengths are improved as for (ii) and (iii), but ultimate strengths tend to be schewhat higher and elongations to be somewhat lower (see Figures 6 and 7), than for (ii) and (iii).

It may also be noted that the improvements in moduli and strength were more marked in strip-rolled than in cheet-rolled material and that the large reductions in elongation appear to be confined to sheet-rolled material.

The relation between  $t_i$ ,  $f_t$  and e% after "Modulus-Recovery" is shown in Figure 8, and commared with the As-delivered properties (see Figure 3) there is again a general improvement in characteristics, particularly for strip-rolled material. It is possible that variations in chemical composition rather than the rolling method used, was responsible for the effects noted in this and the previous paragraph.

Properties in the As-delivered condition have been regarded by this Company as inadequate for structural use, and "Modulus Recovery" has been required for all material both to achieve the higher strongths and stiffnesses and to achieve less directional and compression/tension variations (see below). Experience to date suggests that the funal properties boing achieved are satisfactory.

"Modulus Recovery" must follow all forming operations other than distortion correction.

The colour of sheets after "Kodulus Recovery" varies from yellom-brown to blue-brown, the blue trend increasing with increasing "Modulus Recovery" temperature and with lack of degreasing

#### (b) Effect on Directional Variations

From Figure 9 it can be seen that, although the material is still significantly directional, the variation is less marked than in the As-delivered condition (Figure 1).

#### (c) Effect on Compression/Tension Relationship

From Figure 40 it can be seen that the differences between compression and tonsion properties are much smaller than in the As-delivered condition (Figure 5).

#### (d) Scatter of Properties within a Sheet

Extensive tests within a sheet have shown that the Coefficients of Variation on tension and compression moduli in the longitudinal and transverse directions vary from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 3%, so that individual testing of sheets is a satisfactory means of control. The Coefficient of Variation on DEN numbers varied from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; the direction of indentation affects DEN values in the same sense as direction of loading affects f, values.

#### (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ffects of Prestrain prior to "Modulus Recovery"

Tests on material given 3% tensile prestrain followed by a "Nodulus Recovery" treatment have shown that the need to include forming effects when considering design strengths is not fully eliminated by introducing "Modulus Recovery":-

- (i) longitudinal prestrain. Including the prestrain has little effect on the longitudinal tension or compression properties after "Nodulus Recovery".
- (ii) transverse prestrain. Including the prestrain has little effect on the transverse compression properties after "Modulus Recovery", but the offcet on the transverse tension properties is approximately to double the increases in t<sub>1</sub> and t<sub>t</sub> due to "Modulus Recovery", apparently without impairing the elongation (compare Figure 14 with Figures 3 and 3).

#### (f) Effects of Low Temperature Treatment Prior to "Kodulus Recovery"

There is some evidence to suggest that a low temperature treatment at, say, -50°C will increase the effect of a subsequent "Nodulus Recovery" treatment, but it is not conclusive.

#### (g) Effect on Distortion

In thicker parts (16 swg., say) the distortion produced by "Modulus Recovery" is small. In thinner parts (22 swg., say), however, distortion is sufficient to require subsequent correction if serious assembly stresses are to be avoided; the effect of this correction on properties is removed by applying a second "Modulus Recovery" treatment (this second treatment usually produces some further distortion which this Company would correct without further "Modulus Recovery", accepting any resultant loss in property).

#### 07. FORMING

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#### 07.01 At Bristol Aircraft Ltd.

Stretch-forming was originally selected on the basis of some satisfactory operations on sheet-rolled material at the lower end of the DFD.466 strength range. However, despite extensive dovelopment trials, stretch-forming of strip-rolled material and the majority of sheet-rolled material subsequently proved impractical; this seems explicable in terms of the shapes of the stress-strain curves to failure (see Figure 2), the 'flat top' types not permitting stretch-forming.

Farnham rolling followed by wheeling has been used successfully for forming severe single curvatures (also including slight reflex double curvatures) and does not seem to produce much change in properties. To avoid minor surface damage of the rolls which might later imprint on soft surfaces (of, e.g. aluminium alloys) it has been found satisfactory to Farnham roll DTD.166-type materials between aluminium alloy sheets which protect the rolls.

Bend radii down to 2t havo been produced by "rubber bolster" press forming, and by using female rubber dies in brake press forming, provided special care is exercised on tool design. Soction rolling down to 2t has also been successful but only so far on a laboratory scale and has not yet been proved as a production process. Dimples can also be produced in the material, but again need special tool downlorment. When DTD.166-type materials are worked to hardnesses in excess of 350/370 DPN (as could occur in dimpling), stresscorrision troubles are thought to be liable to occur; to avoid these possible troubles, a stress-relief (which is provided by the "Modulus Recovery" treatments) is considered to be most advisable.

#### 07.02 At Fairey Aviation Co. Ltd.

The use of matched tools on a power press has been found necessary for producing details such as flanged ribs, but the inish is not suitable for subsequent spot welding. Normal rubber press forming techniques were inadequate for forming the material, and hand forming was not practicable an material thicker than 20 swg.

#### 08. WELDABILITY

#### 08.01 Puddle Welding

The "puddle welding" process has been developed by Bristols for welding through DED.165-type materials either into DDD.165-type or into FV.448-type materials (see para. O0 : Introduction). It is an orgon-are process using a tangatem cleatrode but not involving pressure; there is full penetration of the upper sheet by the weld pool, and partial penetration of the lower sheet by the used also for welding more than 2 sheets). The gap between the sheets at time of welding must be restricted, as increased gaps result in reduced strength; gaps of no more than 0.002 inches have been required by Bristols, and they necessitate both accurate forming before welding and stiff jigs with power-holding. Individual welds are used rather than continuous runs, to reduce distortions.

"Fudile welds" have shown good shear strength and consistency and tension strengths of the same order. There appears to be considerable energy absorption at failure, when the weld nugget is generally pulled out from a sheet. Heat treatment after welding has not been considered necessary.

Inspection of welds by radiography is often difficult, due to:-

(i) accessibility problems, and

 difficulties of interpretation - e.g. cracks can be detected but inadequate penetration is not shown up.

It has been found, however, that visual examination of the back of the wold provides an excellent means of identifying bad wolds (the back of the weld shows coloured zones produced by oxide films of varying thickness); a reweld procedure has been developed to permit repair.

One batch of sheet-rolled DID.166-type material was found to exhibit absormal welding characteristics; tests on several hundred other sheet-rolled and strip-rolled batches have not reproduced this condition (neither have batches specially manufactured to check extremes of chemical composition). However, all material is now checked on receipt to ensure normal welding characteristics.

#### 08:02 Spot Welding

Test data have been obtained by Faireys on the most welding of both the "Lower Property Level Material" (DDD.166) and the "lighter Property Level Material" (FSIS.183). Although the interpretation of the results is, as they emphasise, complicated by variations in the welding process, the following conclusions have been dramn-

- (a) Although P<sub>5</sub>/t of about 35,000 lb./in. was obtained with DTD.166, only 20,000/25,000 lb./in. was obtained with FSIS.183.
- (b) Tension strengths were slightly higher than shear strengths.
- (c) The presence of a spot weld reduced the static proof and ultimate strengths of the basic sheet materials by up to 10%, and the endurance limit at 10 x 10<sup>6</sup> cycles by some 10% to 20%.
- (d) Shear tests in fatigue P (1 ± ½) produced failure at 10 x 105 cycles when P = 9% nean static failing load in DFD.166 and 15% nean static failing load in FSIS.183.
- (e) More limited evidence suggests that tension tests in fatigue  $P(1 \pm \frac{1}{2})$  produced failure at 40 × 10 cycles when P was about  $\xi_{x}^{x}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}x^{y}$  of the nean static failing i.e.d.

#### 09. CORROSION RESISTANCE

At worst only slight local pitting was found by Faireys when samples of DD.466 material were exposed for 150 days either to local industrial atmosphere or to twice-daily intermittent salt spray corrosion conditions.

#### 10. CONCLUSION

Although further information is still required for all the implications of the use of DTD.166-type sneet materials for alroraft structural uses to be fully evaluated, present data suggest that these materials may have considerable advantages for certain types of application. TABLE 1

	Content : %					
Element	• DID. 166B		S.520 and	FSIS.183	BAC. A. 1038	
	Nin.	Kax.	Ľin.	Max.	Min.	Yax.
Carbon	~	0.25	-	0.16	-	0.15
Chronium	12.00	-	16.0	20.0	17.0	19.0
Nickel	6.0	20.0	7.0	12.0	7.0	10.0
Silicon	0.20	-	0.20	-	0.20	1.0
Manganese	-	1.00	-	1.0	-	1.0
Sulphur	-	0.05	-	0.045	-	0.045
Phosphorus	-	0.05	-	0.045	-	0.045
Titanium	optional	-	5 x C <sup>×</sup>	-	5 x C	- 1
Nicbium	optional	-	10 x C <sup>H</sup>	-	-	-
Tungsten	optional	-	optional	-	-	-
Lolybdenum	optional	-	optional	-	-	-
Tentalus	-	-	optional	-	[ -	-
Copper	optional	-	optional	-	- 1	- 1
Vanadium	cptional	-	optional	-	-	- 1

#### CHENICAL COMPOSITION OF DED. 166-TYPE MATERIALS

# In S.520 the titanium and niobium additions are alternatives.

- Notes 1. It has been suggested by Firta-Vickers that manganese contents of all ND.165-type materials should be increased from 1% to 2% max. It is considered that this change (which could permit a reduction in nickel content) should not cause much change in mechanical properties, other than increasing the t<sub>1</sub>/it ratio in the heavily cold--oraced condition. Britetols, however, resisted the proposal for special applications because of the volume of check testing involved. Another user also resisted the proposal because, in applications where contact with hydrogen peroxide night occur, the higher manganese content might be unaceptable.
  - 2. So far as is known, nichima has only recently seen used extensively in this country instead of titanium for stabilising DDD.166-type materials against weld decay. No over, Firth-Vickers are intending to use nichium instead of titanium in the future for ge val manufacture because of the improvement in surface innich which would result; it is expected that this would not result in any changes in basic mechanical properties, but the response of nichium-stabilised material to "voluus Recovery" is not known. It is believed that attempts in the U.S.A. some years ago to use nichium instead of titanium led to some form of trouble but no direct evidence has been found.

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### TABLE 2

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS IN BAC.A. SPECIFICATIONS FOR DTD. 156-TYP3 MATSRIAL

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• Application	Specification	Special Requirements
Purchase from Firth-Vickers	BAC. A. 1038	1. Chemical commosition restricted to sclected manufacturers' range.
		<ol> <li>Only strip-rolled; sheet rolling prohibited.</li> </ol>
		3. Closs thickness tolerance control.
		4. High mechanical properties.
		5. Elongation values to be obtained for material 12 swy. and thinnor.
		6. Blank material required with each "parcel" for subsequent testing by user.
Aircraft use	B40, A. 1021	1. Conversion from E.C. J. 1038 only.
	2	2. additional thickness tolerance control.
		3. Material requires "Modulus Accovery" heat treatment (one of two types to be selected) after major forming but before assembly; spocimens for checking properties, ditor heat treatment extracted longitulinally.
		4. En requirement after "Modulus Recovery".
		5. i.i.fner t <sub>1</sub> and f <sub>4</sub> requirements after "Eddulus Recovery" (t <sub>1</sub> /f <sub>4</sub> = $\frac{3}{4}$ = aircraft proof/ultimate ratio).
		6. 6% elonyation requirement after "Modulus Recovery".
		<ol> <li>Puddle-weldability demonstrated by shear and wrising tests.</li> </ol>
	BAC. A. 1061	all requirements of BAC.n. 1021 except '4'
Non-aircraft use (e.g. models)	BNC. A. 1022	1. Conversion from BaC 1038 only.
··········		2. Puddle-weldability demonstration by shear and prising tests

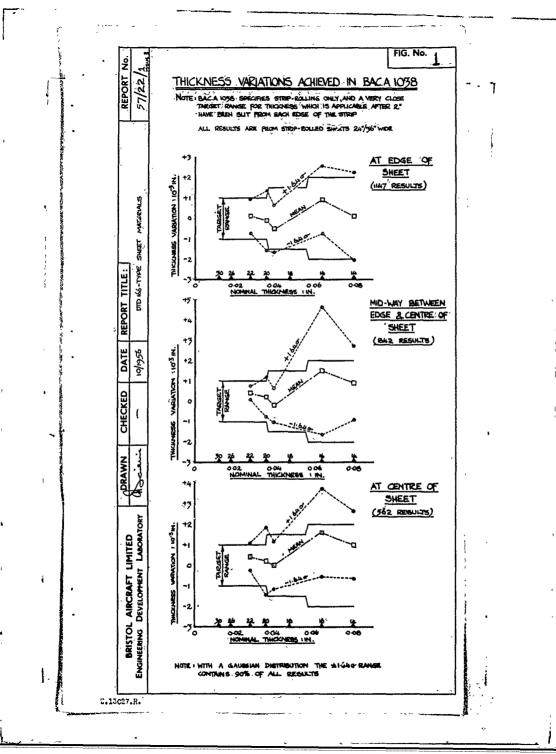
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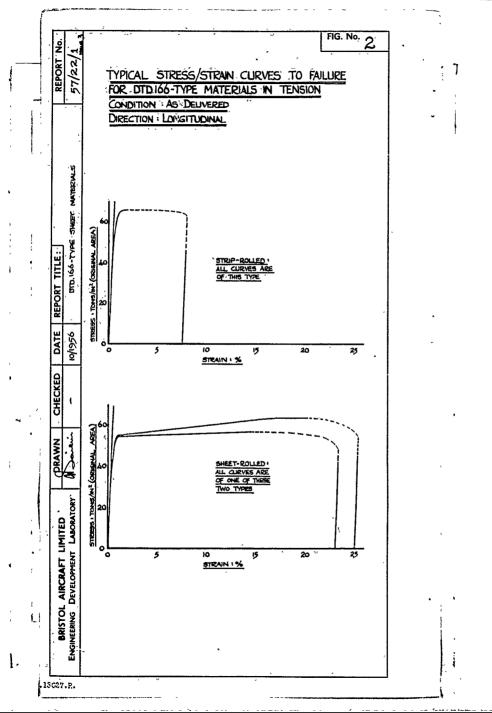
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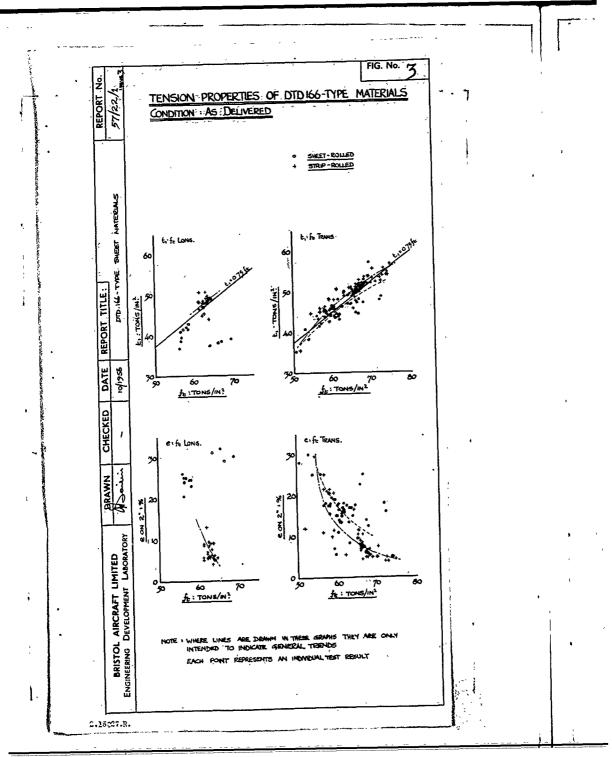
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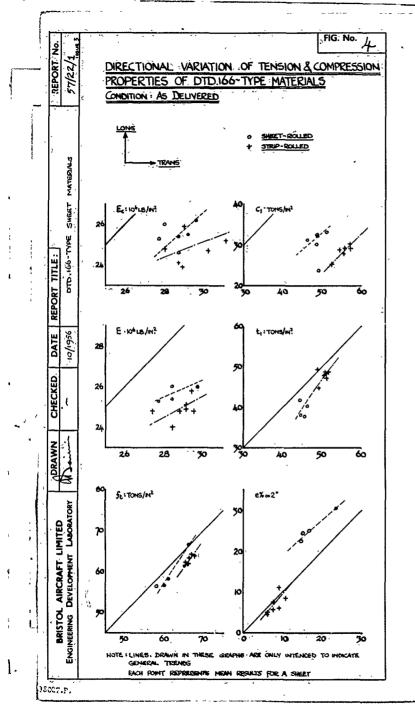
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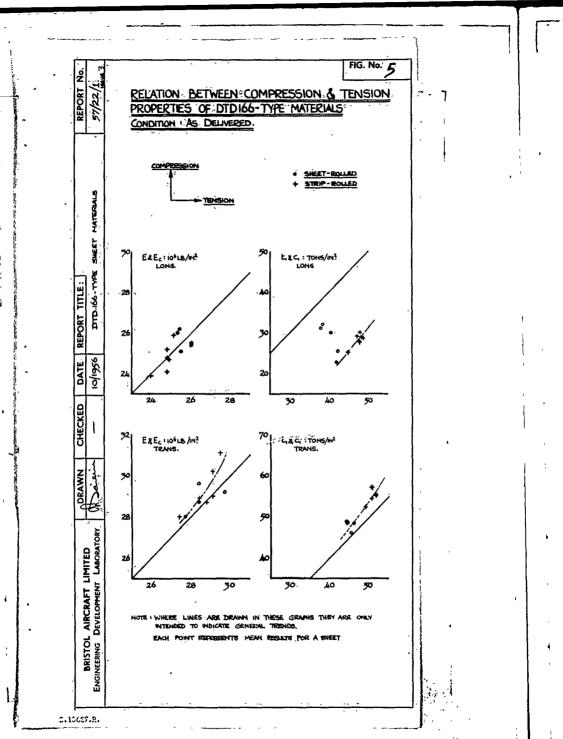
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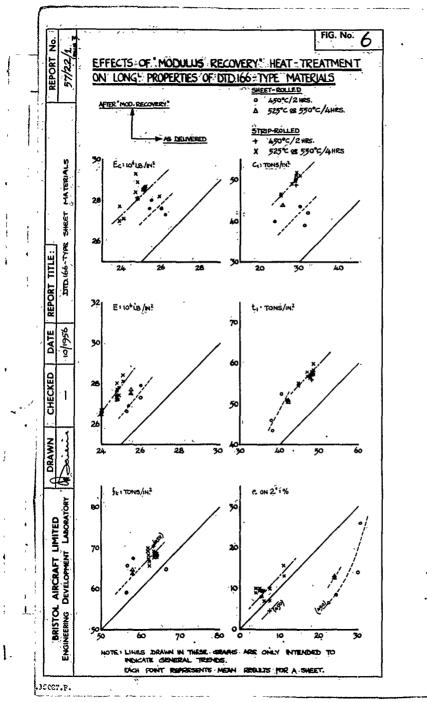


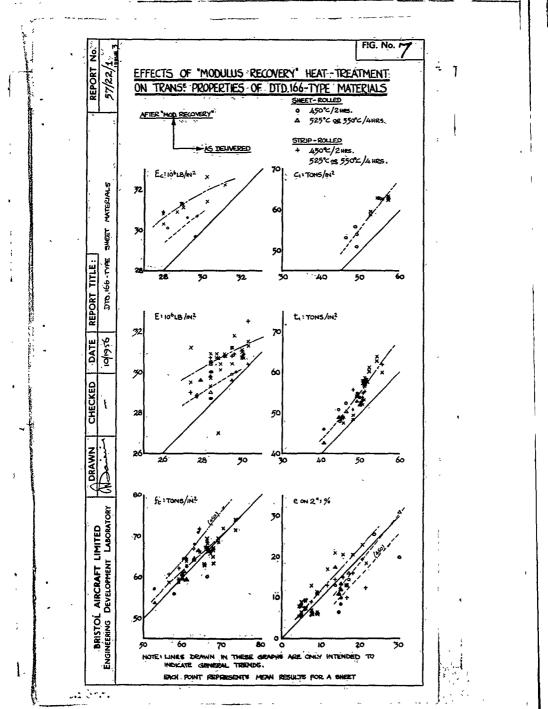


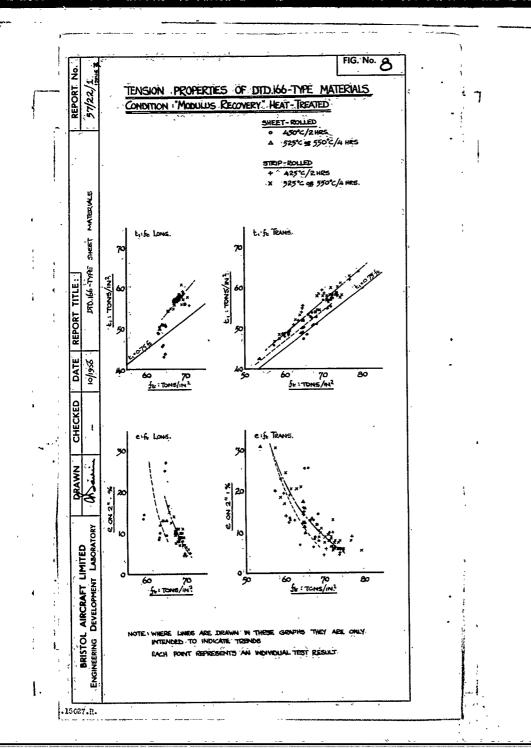


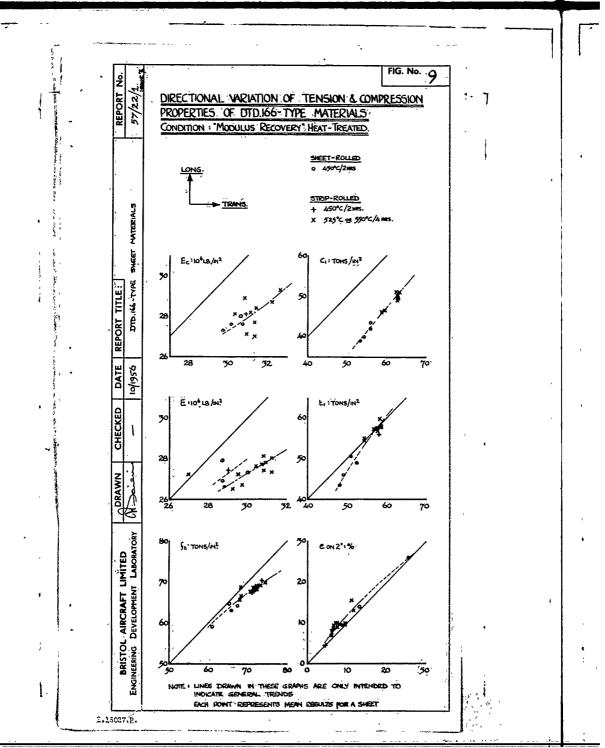


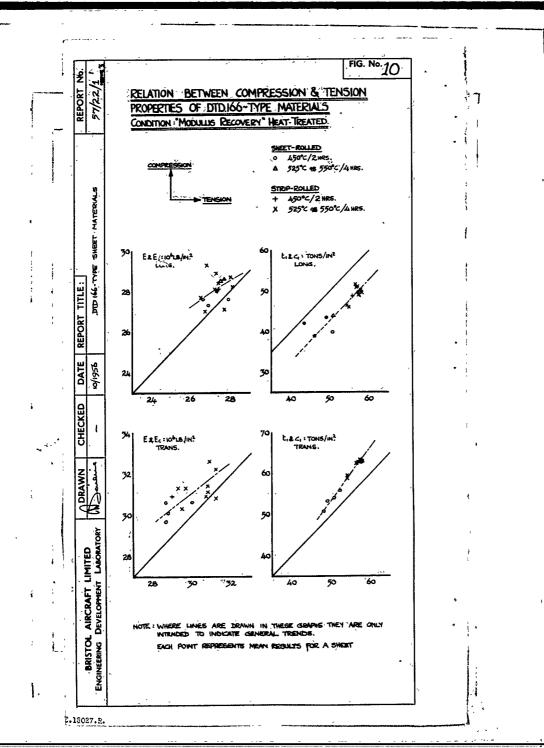


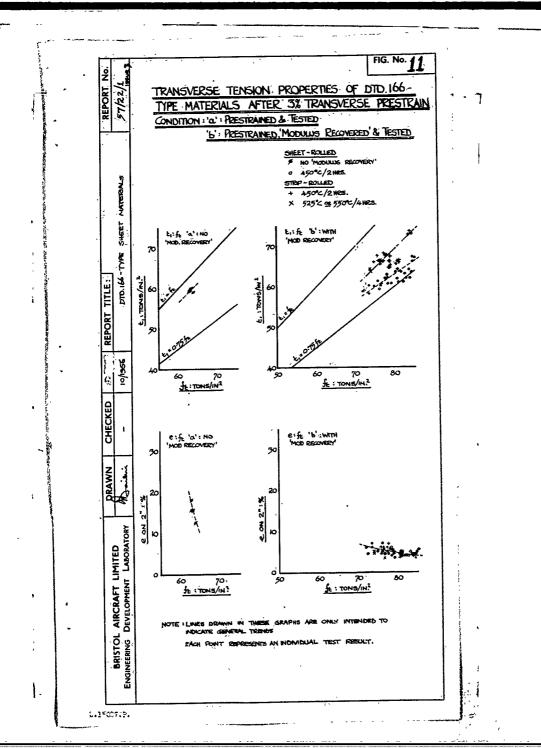






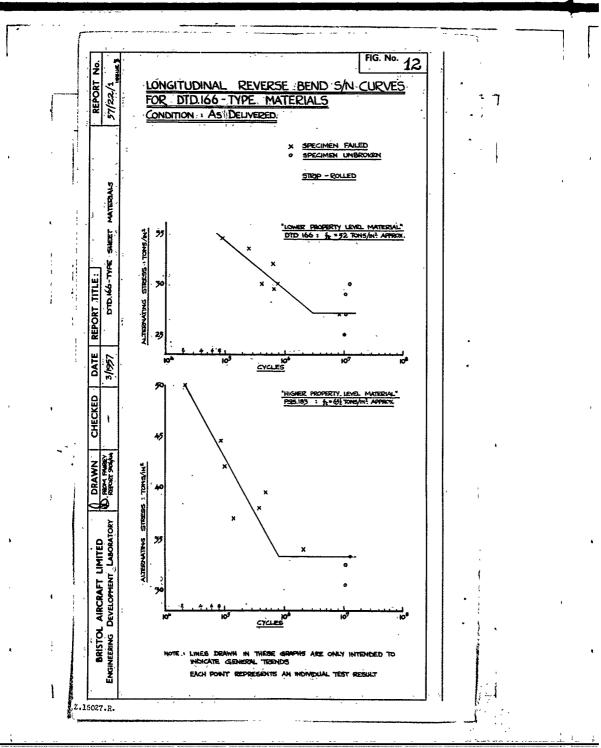






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