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ABSTRACT

The failure of anti-friction bearing races usually results from fatigue induced by cyclical ball loads. Bearing life may be significantly increased if residual compressive stresses can be developed in surface regions which are normally subjected to tensile stresses in service.

The results of this investigation indicate that average compressive residual stresses of the order of 30,000 to 40,000 psi may be developed initially in the first few thousandths of an inch beneath the outer surface of a heat-treated 52100 bearing race. When the race has been completely finished to size after hardening and tempering, those regions in which compressive residual stresses are developed by hardening have been removed, so that no beneficial residual stresses remain to influence and increase bearing life.

INTRODUCTION

The failure of the balls and races of anti-friction bearings is usually due to fatigue. The cyclical nature of the rotating loads and the development of Hertzian stresses ultimately lead to a spalling of either or both of the elements of the bearing. Under such conditions anything which can induce significant residual compressive stresses in the loaded surfaces and slightly below them may greatly improve the service life of a bearing. Two possibilities for developing favorable residual compressive stresses lie either in the hardening of the balls and races or in some machining operation such as grinding. In either case such residual stresses must lie far enough beneath the surface not to be removed when the balls or races are finished to size. They must lie in regions where tensile stresses develop under normal loading. In the particular case at hand, an investigation was made to determine the nature and magnitude of whatever stresses might be developed in the outside diameter of an outer race of a ball bearing as a result of hardening the race.

I. SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

This report is divided into three major sections. Section I includes a summary and interpretation of the results of the investigation. Section II presents a detailed summary of the various test data and their correlation. Section III includes details of the setups and the procedures by which the data were taken and analyzed.

The results of these investigations lead to the conclusion that the hardening of 52100 steel outer bearing races induces residual compressive stresses in the outer layers. These compressive stresses may be on the order of perhaps as high as 50,000 psi maximum if a generalized analysis of data is made. Figure 1 shows a plot of what the distribution of such stresses might be. However, these stresses are only a few thousandths of an inch (0.001-0.004 in.) below the surface, and these outer layers are removed by the subsequent grinding necessary to finish the outside diameters to the proper dimension. As a consequence, any beneficial residual stresses that might be developed by hardening are eliminated, and only residual stresses arising from the grinding operations remain.

Table I is a compilation of the calculated residual stresses and their

TABLE I

CALCULATED RESIDUAL STRESSES AND THEIR DEPTHS BELOW THE SURFACE

Group No.	Metal Ground Off, O.D., In.	Average Stress, Psi
1	0.00177	13,100 Tension
2	0.00462	38,000 Compr.
3	0.00723	21,800 Tension
4	0.00973	7,100 Tension
5	0.01223	2,180 Tension
6	0.01500	10,900 Compr.
7	0.00000	21,800 Tension

depths from the hardened surface. These stresses have been calculated by treating one quarter of the bearing race as a simple cantilever and using the analysis shown in Fig. 4 of Section III. They should be considered as

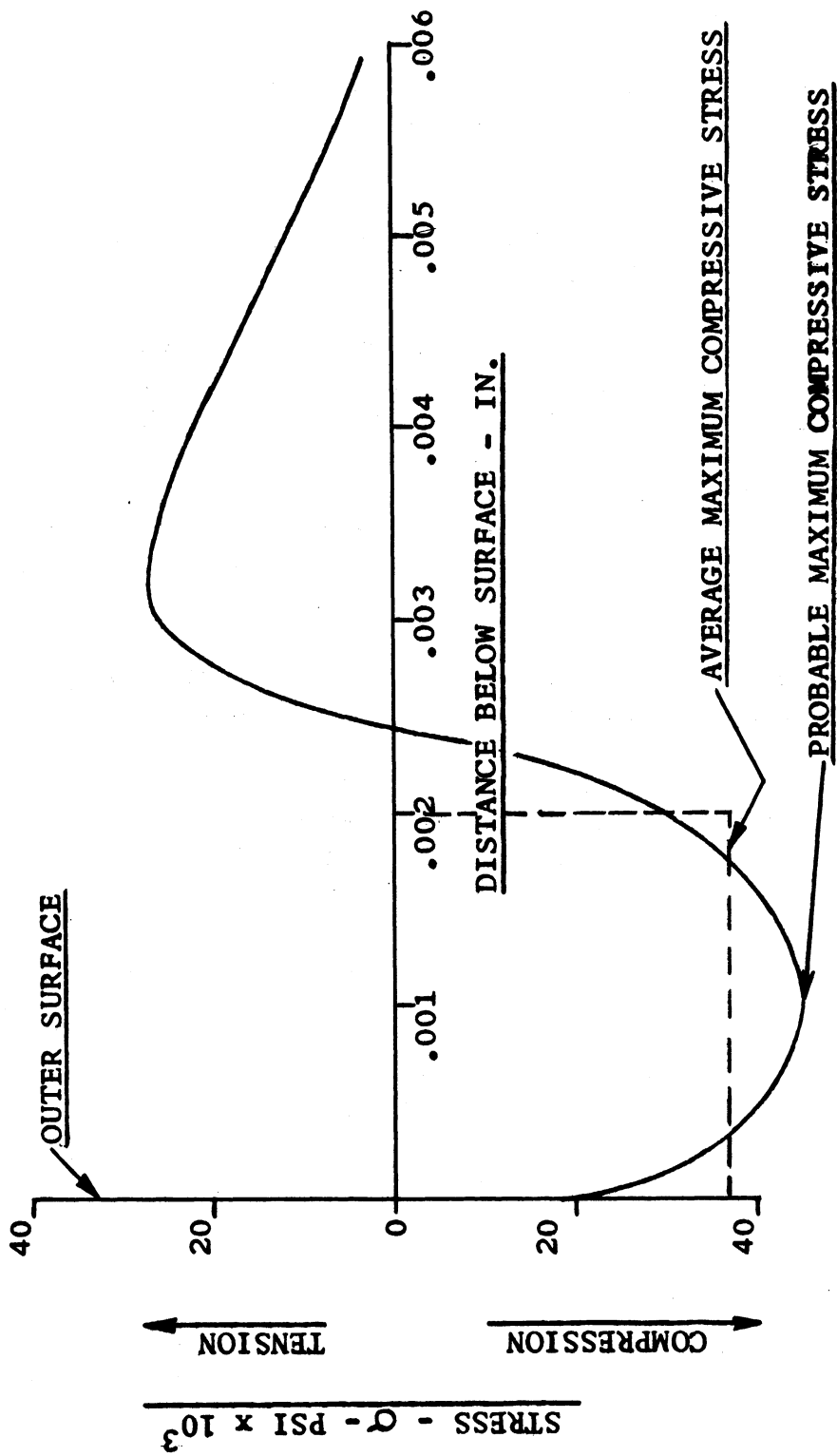


Fig. 1. Probable stress distribution in hardened outer race.

average stresses based on the average change in diameter of fifteen specimens after an average of 0.001 in. of metal was ground from the outside diameter of each of six groups in one or more passes. In the case of Group 1, which had a nominal 0.001 in. ground off the outside diameter but did not clean up because its out-of-roundness was greater than 0.001 in., the calculated values are somewhat questionable and may be low.

A plot of the change in outside diameter of the bearing race when cut versus the amount of metal removed from the outside diameter, as shown in Fig. 2, will give some idea of what the nature and levels of stress are in the layers removed by grinding. The nature or direction of the stress in a particular layer, whether tension or compression, can be determined by what effect its removal has upon the change in diameter of the race when the race has been cut after the layer has been removed. If the diameter were unchanged, then the layer would have had no stress in it. If the diameter increase is less than the diameter increase due to the removal of the prior layer, then the stress in the removed layer would be tensile. If the diameter increase is greater than the diameter increase due to the removal of the prior layer, then the stress in the removed layer is compressive. Thus, in the races considered, the layers between 0.002 and 0.003 in. and those between 0.005 and 0.006 in. are in compression, when results in an increase in the diameter when they are removed by grinding and their restraining influence is removed.

Figure 1 is a plot of the probable stress distribution as a function of its depth beneath the surface of the hardened race. It represents more nearly the idealized situation that could be expected rather than what was actually determined. The failure of the races in Group 1 to clean up when initially ground and the subsequent effect on the change in diameter when the races was cut tended to shift the stress distribution to the right as shown by Fig. 2. In addition the effect of any residual stresses on the inside diameter as a result of heat treatment were neglected since the primary concern was a determination of stresses beneath the outer surface. Finally, so long as the general nature and magnitude of the stresses just beneath the outer surface had been established, it was deemed unnecessary to further refine their exact distribution.

INCREASE IN DIAMETER AFTER CUTTING - IN. $\times 10^{-1}$

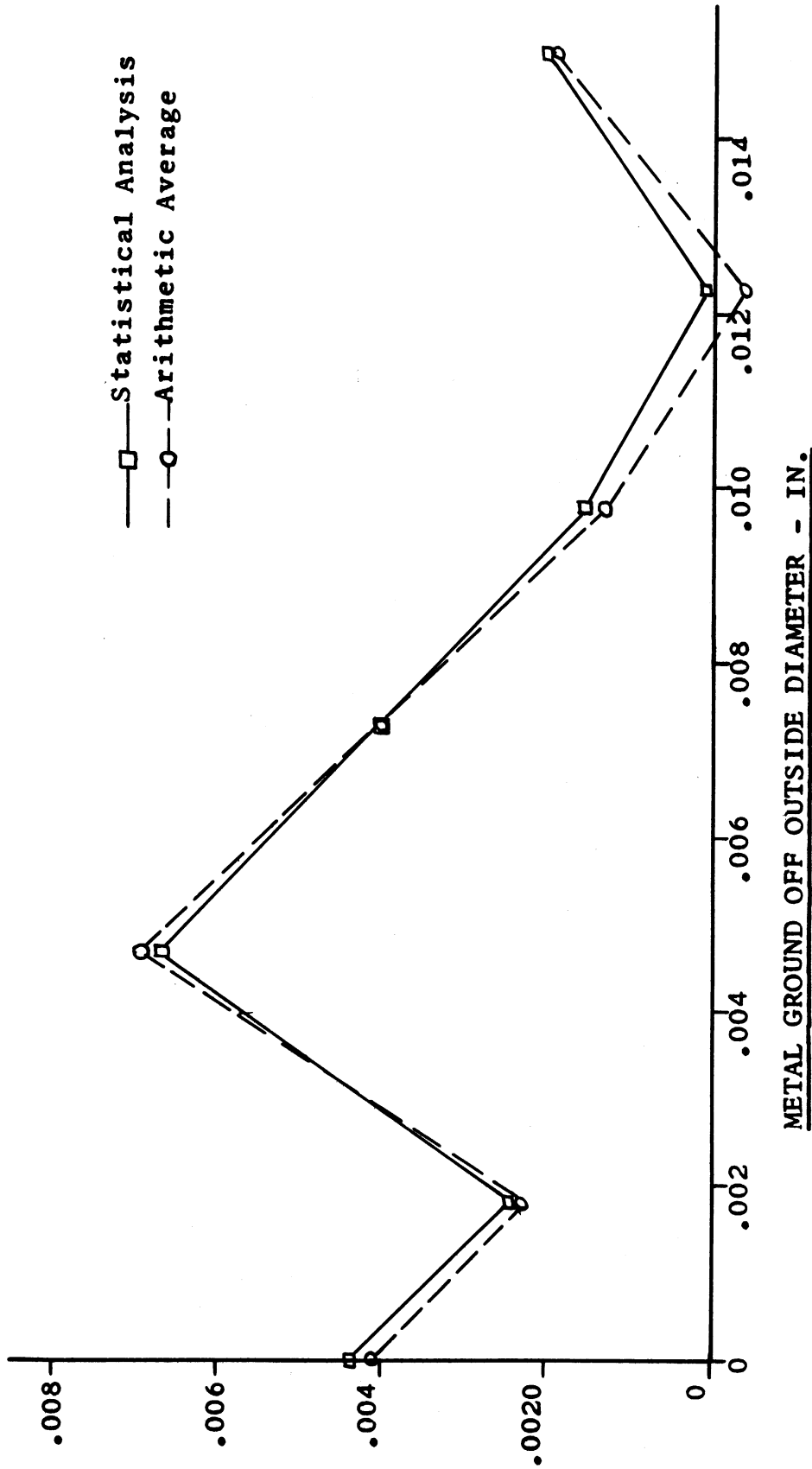


Fig. 2. Diameter change vs. metal removed for hardened outer race.

II. RESULTS OF DETAILED INSPECTION

Tabulated on the following pages are the inspection data on the six groups, of fifteen outer races each, used to establish the diameter changes that resulted from hardening, grinding, and cutting.

SPECIMEN NUMBERS ARRANGED BY INCREASING SIZE AND GRINDING GROUPS

Group 1 Spec. No.	Group 2 Spec. No.	Group 3 Spec. No.	Group 4 Spec. No.	Group 5 Spec. No.	Group 6 Spec. No.	Group 7 Spec. No.
29	17	68	85	50	78	36
114	18	81	38	48	28	70
31	96	26	118	25	77	45
97	99	80	61	13	104	57
33	30	94	10	86	11	59
117	55	115	119	111	106	34
2	41	32	101	79	23	20
54	116	22	1	40	95	14
73	92	4	75	82	12	8
47	5	64	91	112	6	103
88	93	42	56	49	44	108
35	120	19	51	52	63	110
3	39	105	37	66	21	46
72	43	69	102	71	53	87
9	24	62	58	65	7	84

Note:

- Group 1: 0.002 in. to be removed from the diameter in one step.
- Group 2: 0.004 in. to be removed from the diameter in two equal steps.
- Group 3: 0.006 in. to be removed from the diameter in three equal steps.
- Group 4: 0.008 in. to be removed from the diameter in four equal steps.
- Group 5: 0.010 in. to be removed from the diameter in five equal steps.
- Group 6: 0.012 in. to be removed from the diameter in six equal steps.
- Group 7: Unground; as received after hardening.

TEST GROUP DIAMETERS BEFORE GRINDING

Average Diameter = 2.84825 in.

Specimen No.	Diameter, in.	Deviation of Diameter from Average	Specimen No.	Diameter, in.	Deviation of Diameter from Average
1	2.84835	+ 10	41	2.84705	-120
2	2.84627	-198	42	2.84783	- 42
3	2.84655	-170	43	2.84746	- 79
4	2.84770	- 55	44	2.84982	+157
5	2.84731	- 94	45	2.85075	+250
6	2.84979	+154	46	2.85150	+325
7	2.84997	+172	47	2.84637	-193
8	2.85030	+205	48	2.84852	+ 27
9	2.84672	-153	49	2.84897	+ 72
10	2.84832	+ 7	50	2.84852	+ 27
11	2.84959	+134	51	2.84844	+ 19
12	2.84979	+154	52	2.84901	+ 76
13	2.84858	+ 33	53	2.84992	+167
14	2.85076	+251	54	2.84628	-197
15	2.85173	+348	55	2.84700	-125
16	2.84532	-293	56	2.84843	+ 18
17	2.84675	-150	57	2.85078	+253
18	2.84675	-150	58	2.84850	+ 25
19	2.84786	-139	59	2.85150	+325
20	2.85016	+191	60	2.85197	+372
21	2.84984	+159	61	2.84830	+ 5
22	2.84768	- 57	62	2.84808	- 17
23	2.84965	+140	63	2.84984	+159
24	2.84751	- 74	64	2.84773	+ 52
25	2.84856	+ 31	65	2.84904	+ 77
26	2.84759	- 66	66	2.84903	+ 76
27	2.84321	-504	67	2.85146	+321
28	2.84932	+107	68	2.84758	- 67
29	2.84566	-259	69	2.84804	- 21
30	2.84692	-133	70	2.85038	+213
31	2.84584	-141	71	2.84903	+ 78
32	2.84764	- 61	72	2.84668	-157
33	2.84606	-219	73	2.84630	-195
34	2.85032	+207	74	2.84475	-350
35	2.84645	-180	75	2.84838	+ 13
36	2.85062	+237	76	2.85190	+365
37	2.84844	+ 19	77	2.84955	+130
38	2.84818	- 7	78	2.84922	+ 97
39	2.84743	- 82	79	2.84874	+ 49
40	2.84884	+ 59	80	2.84762	- 63

Concluded

Specimen No.	Diameter, in.	Deviation of Diameter from Average	Specimen No.	Diameter, in.	Deviation of Diameter from Average
81	2.84759	- 66	101	2.84834	+ 9
82	2.84896	+ 71	102	2.84847	+ 22
83	2.85259	+434	103	2.85057	+232
84	2.85109	+284	104	2.84958	+133
85	2.84812	- 13	105	2.84791	- 34
86	2.84863	+ 38	106	2.84960	+135
87	2.85027	+202	107	2.85010	+185
88	2.84641	-184	108	2.85025	+200
89	2.85082	+257	109	2.85350	+525
90	2.85393	+568	110	2.85012	+187
91	2.84839	+ 14	111	2.84868	+ 23
92	2.84713	-112	112	2.84897	+ 72
93	2.84733	- 92	113	2.85175	+350
94	2.84763	- 62	114	2.84580	-245
95	2.84966	+141	115	2.84764	- 61
96	2.84687	-138	116	2.84709	-116
97	2.84591	-234	117	2.84624	-201
98	2.85293	+468	118	2.84822	- 3
99	2.84688	-137	119	2.84833	+ 8
100	2.85351	+526	120	2.84735	- 90

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS

Specimen No.	Maximum Diameter	Diameter at 90° to Maximum Diameter	Difference x 10 ⁻⁵
Group 1			
29	2.84566	2.84241	+325
114	2.84580	2.84545	+ 35
31	2.84584	2.84493	+ 91
97	2.84591	2.84599	- 8
33	2.84606	2.84287	+319
117	2.84624	2.84242	+382
2	2.84627	2.84064	+563
54	2.84628	2.84298	+330
73	2.84630	2.84332	+298
47	2.84637	2.84352	+285
88	2.84641	2.84515	+126
35	2.84645	2.84383	+262
3	2.84655	2.84376	+279
72	2.84668	2.84167	+501
9	2.84672	2.84632	+ 40
		Average	<u>3828</u>

Group 6			
78	2.84922	2.84496	+426
28	2.84932	2.84542	+390
77	2.84955	2.84342	+613
104	2.84958	2.84415	+543
11	2.84959	2.84520	+439
106	2.84960	2.84762	+198
23	2.84965	2.84360	+605
95	2.84966	2.84430	+536
12	2.84979	2.84790	+189
6	2.84979	2.84584	+397
44	2.84982	2.84528	+454
63	2.84984	2.84439	+545
21	2.84984	2.84321	+663
53	2.84992	2.84282	+710
7	2.84997	2.84066	+931
		Average	<u>7637</u>

AVERAGE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	Average Diameter Before Grinding (in.)	Average Diameter After Grinding (in.)	Difference x 10 ⁻⁵ in.
Group 1			
29	2.84566	2.84444	122
114	2.84580	2.84438	142
31	2.84584	2.84450	134
97	2.84591	2.84455	146
33	2.84606	2.84418	188
117	2.84624	2.84458	166
2	2.84627	2.84448	179
54	2.84628	2.84456	172
73	2.84630	2.84451	179
47	2.84637	2.84454	183
88	2.84641	2.84459	182
35	2.84645	2.84446	199
3	2.84655	2.84448	207
72	2.84668	2.84429	239
9	2.84672	2.84454	218
Average	2.84624	2.84447	177

Group 2			
17	2.84675	2.84250	425
18	2.84675	2.84295	430
96	2.84687	2.84251	436
99	2.84688	2.85255	433
30	2.84692	2.84254	438
55	2.84700	2.84255	445
41	2.84705	2.84255	450
116	2.84709	2.84256	453
92	2.84713	2.84263	450
5	2.84731	2.84247	484
93	2.84733	2.84247	486
120	2.84735	2.84246	489
39	2.84743	2.84250	493
43	2.84746	2.84243	503
24	2.84751	2.84237	514
Average	2.84712	2.84250	462

AVERAGE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	Average Diameter Before Grinding (in.)	Average Diameter After Grinding (in.)	Difference x 10 ⁻⁵ in.
Group 3			
68	2.84758	2.84051	707
81	2.84759	2.84048	711
26	2.84759	2.84053	706
80	2.84762	2.84049	713
94	2.84763	2.84053	710
115	2.84764	2.84053	711
32	2.84764	2.84054	710
22	2.84768	2.84053	715
4	2.84770	2.84053	717
64	2.84773	2.84060	713
42	2.84783	2.84053	730
19	2.84786	2.84052	734
105	2.84791	2.84047	744
69	2.84804	2.84047	757
62	<u>2.84808</u>	<u>2.84036</u>	<u>772</u>
Average	2.84774	2.84051	723

Group 4			
85	2.84812	2.83864	948
38	2.84818	2.83865	953
118	2.84822	2.83859	963
61	2.84830	2.83868	962
10	2.84832	2.83867	965
119	2.84833	2.83868	965
101	2.84834		
1	2.84835	2.83874	961
75	2.84838	2.83862	976
91	2.84839	2.83863	976
56	2.84843	2.83865	978
51	2.84844	2.83864	980
37	2.84844	2.83853	991
102	2.84847	2.83848	999
58	<u>2.84850</u>	<u>2.83847</u>	<u>1003</u>
Average	2.84835	2.83862	973

AVERAGE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	Average Diameter Before Grinding (in.)	Average Diameter After Grinding (in.)	Difference x 10 ⁻⁵ in.
Group 5			
50	2.84852	2.83657	1195
48	2.84852	2.83659	1193
25	2.84856	2.83682	1174
13	2.84858	2.83659	1199
86	2.84863	2.83663	1200
111	2.84868	2.83660	1208
79	2.84874	2.83658	1216
40	2.84884	2.83654	1230
82	2.84896	2.83662	1234
112	2.84897	2.83663	1234
49	2.84897	2.83657	1240
52	2.84901	2.83649	1252
66	2.84903	2.83646	1257
71	2.84903	2.83641	1252
65	2.84904	2.83638	1266
Average	2.84881	2.83657	1223

Group 6			
78	2.84922	2.83455	1467
28	2.84932	2.83461	1471
77	2.84955	2.83463	1492
104	2.84958	2.83463	1495
11	2.84959	2.83470	1489
106	2.84960	2.83475	1485
23	2.84965	2.83473	1492
95	2.84966	2.83474	1492
12	2.84979	2.83473	1506
6	2.84979	2.83473	1506
44	2.84982	2.83476	1506
63	2.84984	2.83473	1511
21	2.84984	2.83470	1514
53	2.84992	2.83471	1521
7	2.84997	2.83471	1526
Average	2.84962	2.83469	1500

AVERAGE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	Average Diameter Before Cutting (in.)	Average Diameter After Cutting (in.)	Difference x 10 ⁻⁵ in.
Group 1			
29	2.84444	2.84489	+45
114	2.84438	2.84405	-33
31	2.84450	2.84470	+20
97	2.84455	2.84484	+29
33	2.84418	2.84455	+37
117	2.84458	2.84517	+59
2	2.84448	2.84477	+29
54	2.84456	2.84459	+03
73	2.84451	2.84534	+83
47	2.84454	2.84521	+67
88	2.84459	2.84514	+55
35	2.84446	2.84438	-08
3	2.84448	2.84463	+15
72	2.84429	2.84433	+04
9	2.84454	2.84391	-63
Average	2.84447	2.84470	+23

Group 2			
17	2.84250	2.84328	+78
18	2.84245	2.84316	+71
96	2.84251	2.84268	+17
99	2.84255	2.84332	+77
30	2.84254	2.84344	+90
55	2.84255	2.84350	+95
41	2.84255	2.84264	+09
116	2.84256	2.84337	+81
92	2.84263	2.84330	+67
5	2.84247	2.84330	+83
93	2.84247	2.84278	+31
120	2.84246	2.84355	+99
39	2.84250	2.84335	+85
43	2.84243	2.84326	+83
24	2.84237	2.84301	+64
Average	2.84250	2.84320	+69

AVERAGE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	Average Diameter Before Cutting (in.)	Average Diameter After Cutting (in.)	Difference $\times 10^{-5}$ in.
Group 3			
68	2.84051	2.84091	+50
81	2.84048	2.84170	+122
26	2.84053	2.84059	+06
80	2.84049	2.84105	+56
94	2.84053	2.84076	+23
115	2.84053	2.84088	+35
32	2.84054	2.84109	+55
22	2.84053	2.84099	+46
4	2.84053	2.84121	+68
64	2.84060	2.84059	-01
42	2.84053	2.84087	+34
19	2.84052	2.84044	-08
105	2.84047	2.84110	+63
69	2.84047	2.84102	+55
62	<u>2.84036</u>	<u>2.84023</u>	<u>-13</u>
Average	2.84051	2.84090	+40
Group 4			
85	2.83864	2.83897	+33
38	2.83865	2.83789	-76
118	2.83859	2.83868	+09
61	2.83868	2.83807	-61
10	2.83867	2.84004	+137
119	2.83868	2.83869	+01
101			
1	2.83874	2.83861	-13
75	2.83862	2.83827	-35
91	2.83863	2.83829	-34
56	2.83865	2.83946	+81
51	2.83864	2.83887	+23
37	2.83853	2.83891	+38
102	2.83848	2.83870	+22
58	<u>2.83847</u>	<u>2.83911</u>	<u>+64</u>
Average	2.83862	2.83875	+13

AVERAGE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	Average Diameter Before Cutting (in.)	Average Diameter After Cutting (in.)	Difference x 10 ⁻⁵ in.
Group 5			
50	2.83657	2.83662	+05
48	2.83659	2.83607	-52
25	2.83682	2.83713	+31
13	2.83659	2.83729	+70
86	2.83663	2.83607	-56
111	2.83660	2.83710	+50
79	2.83658	2.83721	+63
40	2.83654	2.83661	+07
82	2.83662	2.83621	-41
112	2.83663	2.83600	-63
49	2.83657	2.83604	-53
52	2.83649	2.83683	+34
66	2.83646	2.83579	-67
71	2.83641	2.83640	-01
65	<u>2.83638</u>	<u>2.83651</u>	<u>+13</u>
Average	2.83657	2.83653	-04

Group 6			
78	2.83455	2.83518	+63
28	2.83461	2.83491	+30
77	2.83463	2.83471	+08
104	2.83463	2.83503	+40
11	2.83470	2.83467	-03
106	2.83475	2.83571	+96
23	2.83473	2.83478	+05
95	2.83474	2.83479	+05
12	2.83473	2.83522	+49
6	2.83473	2.83454	-19
44	2.83476	2.83483	+07
63	2.83473	2.83448	-25
21	2.83470	2.83436	-34
53	2.83471	2.83470	-01
7	<u>2.83471</u>	<u>2.83532</u>	<u>+61</u>
Average	2.83469	2.83488	+19

AVERAGE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	Average Diameter Before Cutting (in.)	Average Diameter After Cutting (in.)	Difference x 10 ⁻⁵ in.
Group 7			
36	2.85062	2.85097	+35
70	2.85038	2.85018	-20
45	2.85075	2.85126	+51
57	2.85078	2.85160	+82
59	2.85150	2.85145	-05
34	2.85032	2.85069	+37
20	2.85016	2.85038	+22
14	2.85076	2.85070	-06
8	2.85030	2.85132	+102
103	2.85057	2.85077	+20
108	2.85025	2.85072	+47
110	2.85012	2.85065	+53
46	2.85150	2.85177	+27
87	2.85027	2.85080	+53
84	<u>2.85109</u>	<u>2.85233</u>	<u>+124</u>
Average	2.85062	2.85104	+41

GROUP 1

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
29	2.84442	2.84445	2.84446	2.84444	04
114	2.84440	2.84438	2.84438	2.84438	02
31	2.84454	2.84449	2.84448	2.84450	06
97	2.84455	2.84453	2.84457	2.84455	04
33	2.84415	2.84417	2.84423	2.84418	08
117	2.84455	2.84459	2.84465	2.84458	10
2	2.84450	2.84447	2.84446	2.84448	04
54	2.84458	2.84455	2.84455	2.84456	03
73	2.84450	2.84450	2.84454	2.84451	04
47	2.84456	2.84452	2.84454	2.84454	04
88	2.84458	2.84460	2.84459	2.84459	02
35	2.84445	2.84446	2.84446	2.84446	01
3	2.84450	2.84445	2.84450	2.84448	05
72	2.84430	2.84428	2.84430	2.84429	02
9	2.84455	2.84453	2.84455	2.84454	02

GROUP 1

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

(Diameter at 90° to Maximum Diameter)

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
29	2.84263	2.84264	2.84261	2.84263	03
114	2.84443	2.84442	2.84449	2.84445	07
31	2.84431	2.84433	2.84435	2.84433	04
97	2.84455	2.84454	2.84449	2.84453	06
33	2.84260	2.84335	2.84360	2.84352	25
117	2.84259	2.84273	2.84272	2.84268	14
2	2.84130	2.84135	2.84132	2.84132	05
54	2.84302	2.84305	2.84304	2.84304	03
73	2.84367	2.84363	2.84370	2.84366	07
47	2.84373	2.84374	2.84372	2.84373	02
88	2.84453	2.84452	2.84457	2.84454	05
35	2.84375	2.84375	2.84372	2.84374	03
3	2.84379	2.84374	2.84362	2.84371	17
72	2.84220	2.84223	2.84223	2.84222	03
9	2.84463	2.84465	2.84470	2.84466	07

GROUP 1

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
29	2.84490	2.84489	2.84488	2.84489	02
114	2.84403	2.84405	2.84406	2.84405	03
31	2.84468	2.84472	2.84470	2.84470	04
97	2.84487	2.84481	2.84484	2.84484	06
33	2.84457	2.84454	2.84455	2.84455	03
117	2.84514	2.84518	2.84518	2.84517	04
2	2.84477	2.84480	2.84475	2.84477	05
54	2.84460	2.84462	2.84456	2.84459	06
73	2.84531	2.84536	2.84535	2.84534	05
47	2.84519	2.84524	2.84520	2.84521	05
88	2.84512	2.84516	2.84513	2.84514	04
35	2.84442	2.84437	2.84435	2.84438	07
3	2.84461	2.84464	2.84463	2.84463	03
72	2.84433	2.84432	2.84435	2.84433	03
9	2.84392	2.84392	2.84390	2.84391	02

GROUP 2

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
17	2.84244	2.84251	2.84254	2.84250	10
18	2.84243	2.84245	2.84245	2.84245	02
96	2.84248	2.84250	2.84254	2.84251	06
99	2.84253	2.84255	2.84257	2.85255	04
30	2.84252	2.84254	2.84256	2.84254	04
55	2.84255	2.84256	2.84255	2.84255	01
41	2.84255	2.84255	2.84257	2.84255	02
116	2.84252	2.84257	2.84258	2.84256	06
92	2.84260	2.84263	2.84265	2.84263	05
5	2.84244	2.84249	2.84248	2.84247	05
93	2.84243	2.84250	2.84247	2.84247	07
120	2.84246	2.84246	2.84247	2.84246	01
39	2.84250	2.84251	2.84250	2.84250	01
43	2.84240	2.84244	2.84244	2.84243	04
24	2.84235	2.84240	2.84236	2.84237	05

GROUP 2

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
17	2.84328	2.84327	2.84328	2.84328	01
18	2.84315	2.84316	2.84317	2.84316	02
96	2.84268	2.84267	2.84269	2.84268	02
99	2.84330	2.84333	2.84332	2.84332	03
30	2.84343	2.84347	2.84343	2.84344	04
55	2.84349	2.84350	2.84350	2.84350	01
41	2.84264	2.84265	2.84264	2.84264	01
116	2.84338	2.84337	2.84336	2.84337	02
92	2.84328	2.84330	2.84332	2.84330	04
5	2.84300	2.84300	2.84300	2.84300	00
93	2.84277	2.84278	2.84280	2.84278	03
120	2.84357	2.84354	2.84353	2.84355	04
39	2.84337	2.84335	2.84335	2.84335	02
43	2.84324	2.84326	2.84327	2.84326	03
24	2.84300	2.84301	2.84302	2.84301	02

GROUP 3

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
68	2.84050	2.84053	2.84050	2.84051	03
81	2.84047	2.84048	2.84048	2.84048	01
26	2.84050	2.84055	2.84054	2.84053	05
80	2.84048	2.84049	2.84049	2.84049	01
94	2.84054	2.84053	2.84053	2.84053	01
115	2.84053	2.84055	2.84052	2.84053	03
32	2.84053	2.84055	2.8454	2.84054	02
22	2.84053	2.84052	2.84054	2.84053	02
4	2.84053	2.84053	2.84053	2.84053	00
64	2.84060	2.84060	2.84060	2.84060	00
42	2.84054	2.84053	2.84051	2.84053	03
19	2.84052	2.84052	2.84052	2.84052	00
105	2.84047	2.84048	2.84046	2.84047	02
69	2.84048	2.84047	2.84047	2.84047	01
62	2.84037	2.84035	2.84035	2.84036	02

GROUP 3

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
68	2.84091	2.84092	2.84090	2.84091	02
81	2.84170	2.84172	2.84169	2.84170	03
26	2.84056	2.84060	2.84060	2.84059	04
80	2.84104	2.84105	2.84105	2.84105	01
94	2.84076	2.84077	2.84079	2.84076	03
115	2.84089	2.84088	2.84086	2.84088	03
32	2.84110	2.84110	2.84108	2.84109	02
22	2.84100	2.84098	2.84099	2.84099	02
4	2.84121	2.84121	2.84121	2.84121	00
64	2.84058	2.84060	2.84060	2.84059	02
42	2.84087	2.84088	2.84087	2.84087	01
19	2.84042	2.84045	2.84045	2.84044	03
105	2.84110	2.84112	2.84108	2.84110	04
69	2.84102	2.84102	2.84101	2.84102	01
62	2.84019	2.84024	2.84027	2.84023	08

GROUP 4

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
85	2.83867	2.83862	2.83863	2.83864	05
38	2.83867	2.83865	2.83862	2.83865	05
118	2.83861	2.83858	2.83859	2.83859	03
61	2.83872	2.83866	2.83867	2.83868	06
10	2.83868	2.83867	2.83866	2.83867	02
119	2.83870	2.83868	2.83866	2.83868	04
101	See Note Below				
1	2.83875	2.83875	2.83871	2.83874	04
75	2.83863	2.83862	2.83860	2.83862	03
91	2.83864	2.93963	2.83862	2.83863	02
56	2.83867	2.83865	2.83865	2.83865	02
51	2.83866	2.83864	2.83862	2.83864	04
37	2.83855	2.83852	2.83852	2.83853	03
102	2.83850	2.83847	2.83847	2.83848	03
58	2.83848	2.83847	2.83847	2.83847	01
107	2.83867	2.83865	2.83864	2.83865	03

Note:

Specimen No. 101 not found in this group as listed in letter July 22, 1965.

Specimen No. 107 in group instead.

GROUP 4

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
85	2.83898	2.83897	2.83896	2.83897	02
38	2.83787	2.83790	2.83789	2.83789	03
118	2.83867	2.83868	2.83868	2.83868	01
61	2.83805	2.83808	2.83807	2.83807	03
10	2.84003	2.84005	2.84005	2.84004	02
119	2.83875	2.83865	2.83866	2.83869	10
107	2.83882	2.83878	2.83878	2.83879	04
1	2.83860	2.83862	2.83862	2.83861	02
75	2.83827	2.83827	2.83826	2.83827	01
91	2.83829	2.83830	2.83829	2.83829	01
56	2.83944	2.83950	2.83944	2.83946	06
51	2.83884	2.83886	2.83890	2.83887	06
37	2.83890	2.83892	2.83890	2.83891	02
102	2.83869	2.83871	2.3870	2.83870	02
58	2.83912	2.83911	2.83911	2.83911	01

GROUP 5

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
50	2.83660	2.83656	2.83655	2.83657	05
48	2.83660	2.83659	2.83657	2.83659	03
25	2.83685	2.83680	2.83682	2.83682	05
13	2.83662	2.83658	2.83658	2.83659	04
86	2.83665	2.83662	2.83663	2.83663	03
111	2.83660	2.83660	2.83661	2.83660	01
79	2.83661	2.83658	2.83657	2.83658	04
40	2.83655	2.83653	2.83653	2.83654	02
82	2.83662	2.83662	2.83662	2.83662	00
112	2.83663	2.83665	2.83660	2.83663	05
49	2.83657	2.83656	2.83658	2.83657	02
52	2.83652	2.83648	2.83647	2.83649	05
66	2.83648	2.83645	2.83645	2.83646	03
71	2.83642	2.83640	2.83640	2.83641	02
65	2.83639	2.83637	2.83637	2.83638	02

GROUP 5

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
50	2.83663	2.83662	2.83660	2.83662	03
48	2.83607	2.83608	2.83606	2.83607	02
25	2.83705	2.83718	2.83716	2.83713	13
13	2.83728	2.83729	2.83730	2.83729	02
86	2.83607	2.83607	2.83608	2.83607	01
111	2.83710	2.83709	2.83710	2.83710	01
79	2.83723	2.83720	2.83720	2.83721	03
40	2.83662	2.83661	2.83660	2.83661	02
82	2.83621	2.83621	2.83622	2.83621	01
112	2.83600	2.83600	2.83600	2.83600	00
49	2.83603	2.83602	2.83606	2.83604	04
52	2.83683	2.83684	2.83683	2.83683	01
66	2.83580	2.83579	2.83579	2.83579	01
71	2.83639	2.83640	2.83640	2.83640	01
65	2.83652	2.83651	2.83651	2.83651	01

GROUP 6

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
78	2.83457	2.83452	2.83457	2.83455	05
28	2.83463	2.83463	2.83458	2.83461	05
77	2.83465	2.83463	2.83462	2.83463	03
104	2.83465	2.83463	2.83464	2.83463	02
11	2.83470	2.83470	2.83469	2.83470	01
106	2.83477	2.83474	2.83474	2.83475	03
23	2.83475	2.83472	2.83471	2.83473	04
95	2.83476	2.83473	2.83474	2.83474	03
12	2.83475	2.83472	2.83472	2.83473	03
6	2.83475	2.83471	2.83473	2.83473	04
44	2.83478	2.83478	2.83472	2.83476	06
63	2.83474	2.83472	2.83473	2.83473	02
21	2.83472	2.83467	2.83470	2.83470	05
53	2.83473	2.83471	2.83469	2.83471	04
7	2.83473	2.83470	2.83470	2.83471	03

GROUP 6

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER GRINDING

(Dia. at 90° To Max. Dia.)

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
78	2.83453	2.83451	2.83453	2.83452	02
28	2.83455	2.83456	2.83458	2.83456	03
77	2.83455	2.83458	2.83461	2.83458	06
104	2.83464	2.83464	2.83464	2.83464	00
11	2.83465	2.83465	2.83471	2.83467	06
106	2.83473	2.83472	2.83476	2.83474	05
23	2.83475	2.83475	2.83473	2.83474	02
95	2.83469	2.83470	2.83470	2.83470	01
12	2.83470	2.83470	2.83475	2.83472	05
6	2.83473	2.83475	2.83476	2.83475	03
44	2.83471	2.83477	2.83473	2.83474	06
63	2.83472	2.83472	2.83472	2.83472	00
21	2.83468	2.83469	2.83469	2.83469	01
53	2.83465	2.83468	2.83470	2.83468	05
7	2.83472	2.83470	2.83468	2.83470	04

GROUP 6

MAXIMUM DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS AFTER CUTTING

Specimen No.	1st Read. (in.)	2nd Read. (in.)	3rd Read. (in.)	Average (in.)	Dispersion .00001 in.
78	2.83518	2.83520	2.83516	2.83518	04
28	2.83493	2.83491	2.83489	2.83491	04
77	2.83472	2.83472	2.83470	2.83471	02
104	2.83503	2.83503	2.83502	2.83503	01
11	2.83470	2.83467	2.83465	2.83467	05
106	2.83572	2.83571	2.83571	2.83571	01
23	2.83478	2.83478	2.83477	2.83478	01
95	2.83480	2.83478	2.83478	2.83479	02
12	2.83523	2.83522	2.83522	2.83522	01
6	2.83455	2.83454	2.83453	2.83454	02
44	2.83484	2.83482	2.83482	2.83483	02
63	2.83446	2.83449	2.83448	2.83448	03
21	2.83437	2.83434	2.83436	2.83436	03
53	2.83471	2.83469	2.83470	2.83470	02
7	2.83532	2.83532	2.83532	2.83532	00

III. ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

If residual stresses are present in hardened bearing races as a result of hardening treatments, then, since such stresses are elastic, reducing those stresses to zero should result in a corresponding strain from which the nature and magnitude of the residual stresses can be calculated. The problem, then, is to determine the strain when hardened races relax elastically. Therefore, the approach used was to measure accurately the outside diameters of bearing races before and after removing a predetermined amount and then to measure the diameter change after cutting the race, as shown in Fig. 3, and allowing it to relax. This approach enables the principal stress, that tangent to the bearing, to be calculated in the manner of a cantilever beam and ignores the small stresses in the other two directions.

There was considerable variation in the outside diameter of an initial sample of 20 bearings, which was inspected and centerless ground in groups of five each to remove nothing, 0.002 in., 0.004 in., and 0.006 in. from the outside diameter after hardening. Because of such variations, it was decided that a larger sample must be used and that the races must be as close to the same size as possible and uniformly subjected to essentially the same processes. As a result a group of 110 bearings, hardened but unground, were inspected and grouped into lots of 15 each with a minimum size variation within each group. Group 1 was centerless ground to remove nominally 0.002 in. from the outside diameter in one pass. Group 2 was centerless ground to remove 0.002 in. from the outside diameter in two equal passes. Group 3 was centerless ground to remove 0.006 in. from the outside diameter in three equal passes. Group 4 was ground to remove 0.008 in. in four equal passes. Group 5 was ground to remove 0.010 in. in five equal passes. Group 6 was ground to remove 0.012 in. in six equal passes. Group 7 had nothing done to it and represented the as-hardened condition.

After the grinding, the bearing diameters were again measured at the same point, after which they were cut at right angles to the measured diameter. An abrasive cut-off machine was used, with an emulsion as coolant. The diameter at right angles to the cut was again measured to determine the elastic strain that resulted from the release of the residual stresses.

MEASURING TECHNIQUES

The outside diameter of the bearing race was measured by use of a Sheffield Comparator, Style 5000, Serial No. 1068RS, with a least reading of 25 millionths of an in. (0.000025 in.). It was set to the appropriate dimension by use of gage blocks, Johansson Standard Set 1-A, Serial No. 4253.

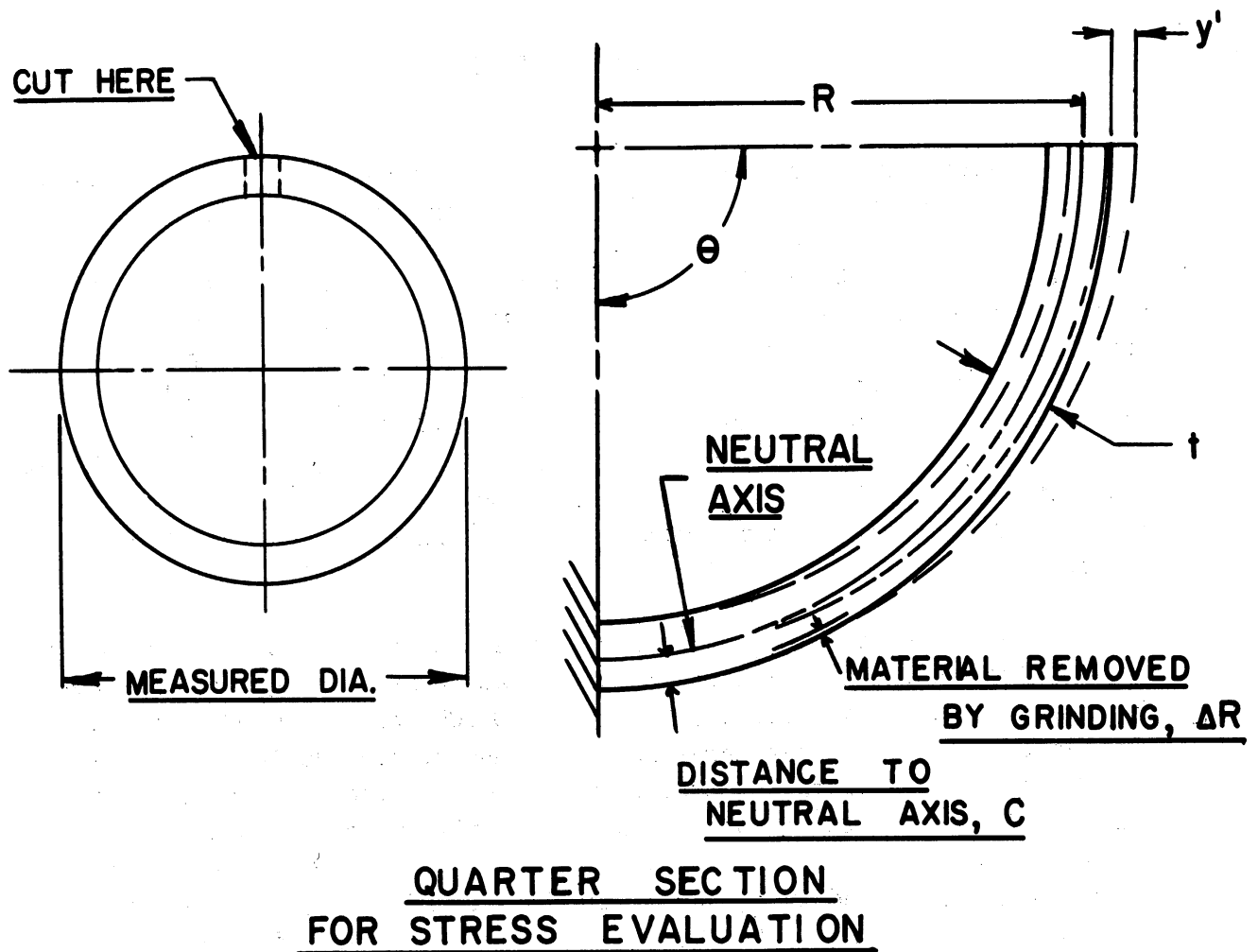


Fig. 3. Method of cutting bearing race.

The outer race has been ground on the outside diameter, with an amount ΔR removed. It is then cut at right angles to the measured dia. and measured again. The stress is computed by treating one quarter of the race as a simple cantilever beam for which one half the change in diameter becomes the deflection as a result of the internal stresses. For the exact analytical relations, see the rest of the report.

Each race was measured to determine its maximum diameter, which was then marked and used for future measurements. Each race was measured three times by the same person under essentially the same conditions. The average of the three readings was used as the diameter.

A statistical analysis of the measurement data was made to verify the validity of using the arithmetic average as the representative diameter. The originally measured diameters followed a Gaussian distribution, but this was eliminated when they were grouped into more nearly uniform sized lots of fifteen each. This changed the distribution to a modified log-normal type, which permitted the use of a Weibull distribution since one could assume that the sample size was homogeneous and that identical treatments had been given to each specimen within a group. A Weibull distribution follows the general equation

$$f(x) = b \left(\frac{x-x_0}{\theta} \right)^{b-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x-x_0}{\theta} \right)^b}$$

which can be modified to give a straight line when plotted on Weibull graph paper with diameter size and frequency of occurrence used as coordinates. After the data were plotted, the 50% readings were taken as the statistical mean. In every case the difference between the statistical mean and the arithmetic average was insignificant, which justifies the use of the arithmetic average as the measured diameter.

STRESS CALCULATIONS

Figure 4 shows the analysis of the stress in the outer part of the races as a result of the relaxation due to cutting the race. One quarter of the race is treated as a simply supported cantilever beam which has deflected an amount, y' , equal to half the change in diameter of the cut race. Practically, the average change in diameter or deflection of each group can be ascribed to the removal of a stressed layer of metal 0.001 in. thick by each grinding operation. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \int_a^b \frac{M}{EI} X \cdot dx \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{M}{EI} (R\theta)(Rd\theta) \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{M}{EI} R^2 \theta \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

POSITIONING APPARATUS FOR CUT-OFF GRINDING

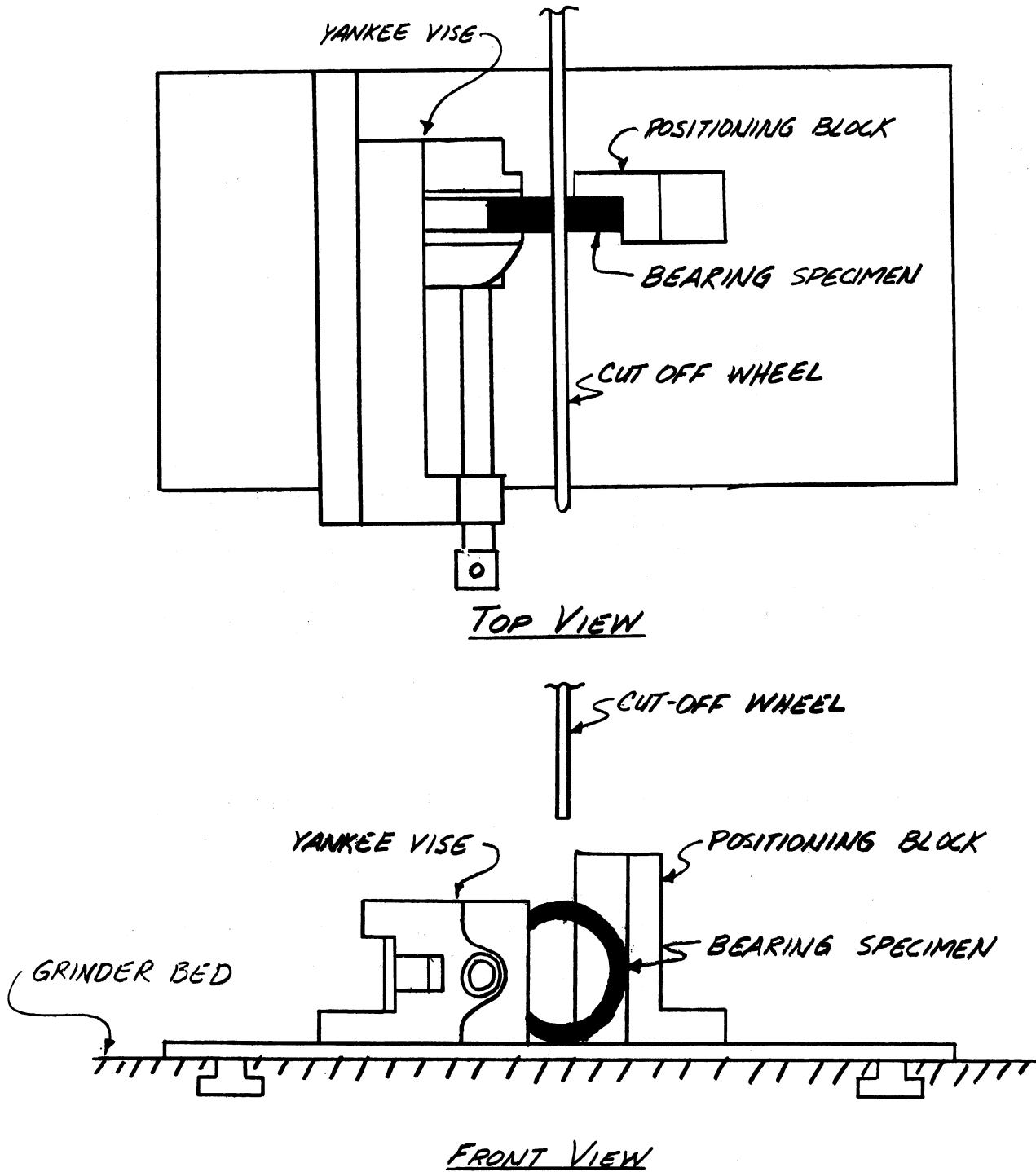


Fig. 4. Residual stress analysis for cut hardened outer race.

$$= \frac{MR^2}{EI} \frac{\theta^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{MR^2}{EI} \times \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

where

- M = bending moment
- X = Rθ
- dx = Rdθ
- θ = π/2 radians
- E = modulus of elasticity
- I = moment of inertia

For the particular situation shown in Fig. 4 (see also Fig. 5),

$$M = \sigma \cdot w \cdot \Delta R \cdot c$$

where

- σ = stress, unknown
- w = width across which σ acts, 0.68 in.
- ΔR = thickness of material removed in grinding, on which σ acts
- c = distance from neutral axis to outer fiber, 0.10 in.

Substituting in the equation above gives

$$y' = \frac{\pi^2 R^2}{8EI} \times \sigma w \Delta R c$$

$$\therefore \sigma = \frac{8EIy'}{\pi^2 R^2 w \Delta R c}$$

For the race used,

$$E = 30 \times 10^6, \text{ and}$$

$$I = \frac{wt^3}{12}, \text{ where } t = 2c.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sigma &= \frac{8}{\pi^2 R^2} \cdot E \cdot \frac{wt^3}{12} \cdot \frac{y'}{w \cdot \Delta R \cdot \frac{t}{2}} \\ &= \frac{4Et^2 y'}{3\pi^2 R^2 \Delta R} \end{aligned}$$

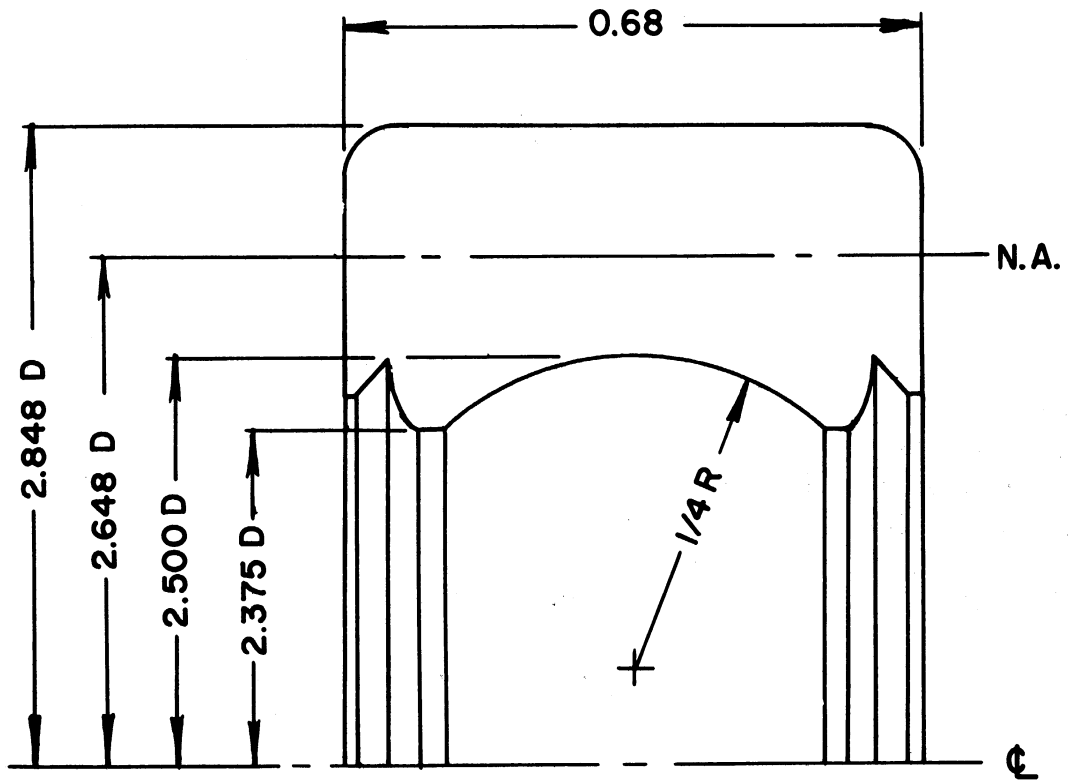


Fig. 5. Outer bearing race.

207 Size Outer Race, Conrad Type
 AISI 52100 Steel, Vacuum Deoxidized
 Nominal Finished Outside Diameter, 2.830 In.
 Nominal Inside Diameter, 2.515 In.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sigma_n &= \frac{4 \times 30 \times 10^6 (.2)^2 y_n'}{3\pi^2(1.22)^2(.001)} \\ &= 10.9 \times 10^7 y_n' \end{aligned}$$

where

R = 1.22 in.
t = 0.2 in.
w = .68 in.
ΔR = 0.001 in.

∴ For:

Group 1, $y' = + 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ in.;	$\sigma_1 = 10.9 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^7$ = 13,100 psi
Group 2, $y' = + 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ in.;	$\sigma_2 = 10.9 \times 3.5 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^7$ = 38,000 psi
Group 3, $y' = + 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ in.;	$\sigma_3 = 10.9 \times 2.0 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^7$ = 21,800 psi
Group 4, $y' = + 0.65 \times 10^{-4}$ in.;	$\sigma_4 = 10.9 \times .65 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^7$ = 7,100 psi
Group 5, $y' = - 0.2 \times 10^{-4}$ in.;	$\sigma_5 = 10.9 \times 0.2 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^7$ = 2,180 psi
Group 6, $y' = + 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ in.;	$\sigma_6 = 10.9 \times 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^7$ = 10,900 psi
Group 7, $y' = + 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ in.;	$\sigma_7 = 10.9 \times 2.0 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^7$ = 21,800 psi

These calculated stress values represent only the average for an average increment of 0.001 in. metal removal. Actual differences in the parameters, as opposed to the nominal values used, may result in stresses perhaps 50% or more above the calculated values.

HEAT TREATMENT OF AISI 52100 STEEL

Procedure used at Bearings Corporation of America:

1. Heat at $1540^\circ\text{F} \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$ for 30 to 40 minutes at heat with a dewpoint of $30\text{-}35^\circ\text{F}$ for the endothermic atmosphere in the furnace.

2. Oil quench in oil of 130°-150°F.
3. Check for hardness; must be Rc 64-66 as quenched.
4. Wash parts.
5. Temper for 2 to 3 hours at 375°F ± 5°F.
6. Final hardness to be Rc 60-64. Grain size should be no larger than 8.

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