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CAVITATION DAMAGE

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## INTRODUCTION

The main objective of this research is to investigate the cavitation damage from conventional vibratory means and the damage pattern.

## DESCRIPTION

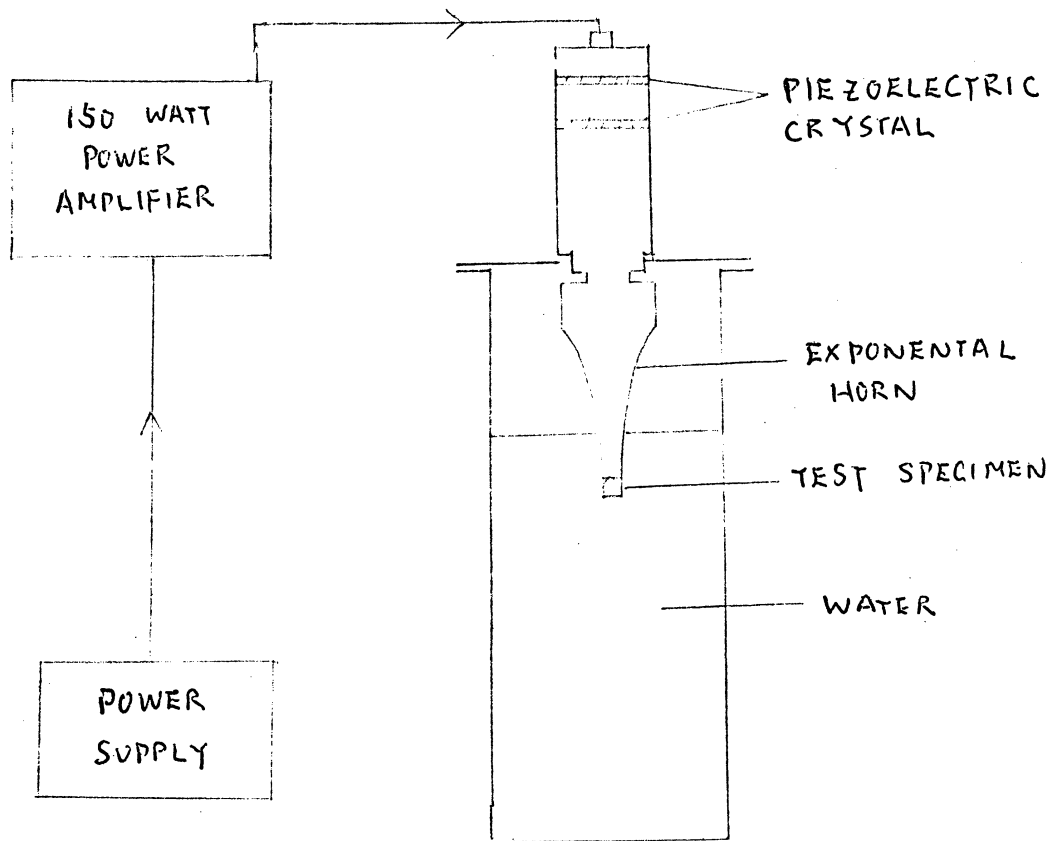
Cavitation damage data from conventional vibratory damage tests will be obtained in the usual way i.e. for a given fluid - material at given temperature and pressure, mass loss measurement will be made at selected interval, until the full damage curve has been developed.

Curves of weight loss vs time is plotted and from the maximum slope the MDPR max (Mean Depth of Penetration) will be calculated and plotted against amplitude. - The material employed was aluminium and the fluid was water.

As for the pattern of cavitation damage, the material we employed are cadmium plated specimen and plexiglass using the same apparatus set up

as the conventional vibratory damage test The damage are photographed with ~~long~~ large scale magnification.

## APARATUS



Power of  $\approx 2.0$  mls are sent to the horn. Their periodic motion generates a standing wave whose amplitude is increased as it traverses the exponential horn assembly, to which the test specimens are attached at the small end

## RESULT

6 AL-1100 specimen are selected to demonstrate the cavitation damage from conventional vibratory means. The first 4 specimen are tested under normal condition. The weight loss were measured at selected interval until a general shape of weight loss vs time curve is developed. The rate of weight loss is pretty uniform at the beginning of the selected intervals finally the rate of weight loss decreased after a period of time. I believe it is the general behavior of the cavitation damage. Actually the <sup>main</sup> ~~mean~~ object of developing such a curve is to find out the maximum slope of each individual curve. From it we can calculate for  $MDPR_{max}$  by using the equation

$$MDPR_{max} = \frac{0.257 \times WLR_{max}}{\text{Density of material}}$$

For the 4 tested specimen, four different values of  $MDPR_{max}$  are obtained, using a log-log plot of  $MDPR_{max}$  vs Amplitude a straight line curve is obtained.

We then using the other 2 specimen and test it in the same operating condition as above, instead a strong magnetic field of  $B \cong 8000$  GAUSE is applied during the cavitation damage took place.

To our great surprise, the shape of the curve did not change, even we can generate another curve which coincide with the without magnetic ~~are~~ field curve. Thus we can prove that ~~without~~ with or without magnetic field do not change the rate of cavitation damage

The results are shown in fig. 1 & 2.

As for the pattern of damage, we choose plexiglass and cadmium-plated specimens and then run them under the same operation condition as the aluminum specimen. The only different is that only a very short operating time is allowed. Because we only want to obtain as little cavitation damage as possible. The result is shown in Fig 3, 4, 5 and 6.

## CONCLUSION

The rate of cavitation damage we obtained are very successful. As for the damage pattern, due to machine cutting, lot of machine marks are left behind. Furthermore, there are lots of impurities embedded in the plexiglass specimen, thus we are ~~we~~ very difficult to distinguish whether it is cavitation damage or not. The end results were not a successful one. I think if we want a successful result, every specimen must be polished very well and inspected before we run it. During the operating time, ~~with~~ utmost care is needed to protect the specimens from scratching and in contact with other foreign material.





MATERIAL

DAMAGE SHEET

Material AL - 7100

Number 6

RUNNING CONDITIONS

Turn Ti + S.S.

Temperature 75 °F

Power ~ 21%

Pressure 1 ATM

Approx. Date 3-5-75

Torque 80 - 90 IN-LB

Medium

Surface Preparation

BASIS FOR CALCULATIONS

Density 2.71 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>

Area

MDP Factor

Comments

$$WLR_{max} = \frac{14}{5} = 2.8 \text{ mg/min}$$

$$MDPR = \frac{0.257 \times 2.8}{2.71} = 0.265535 \text{ mils/min}$$

DATA

Time Interval Min	Cumulative Time Min	Wt. Loss mg	Cumulative Wt. Loss mg	MDP	Cumulative MDP
0	0	0	0		
2.5	2.5	5.55	5.55		
2.5	5	8.15	13.70		
2.5	7.5	6.50	20.20		
2.5	10	8.50	28.70		
2.5	12.5	4.1	32.8		
2.5	15.0	5.4	38.20		
2.5	17.5	1.35	39.55		
2.5	20	2.90	42.45		







CAVITATION - EROSION TEST DATA

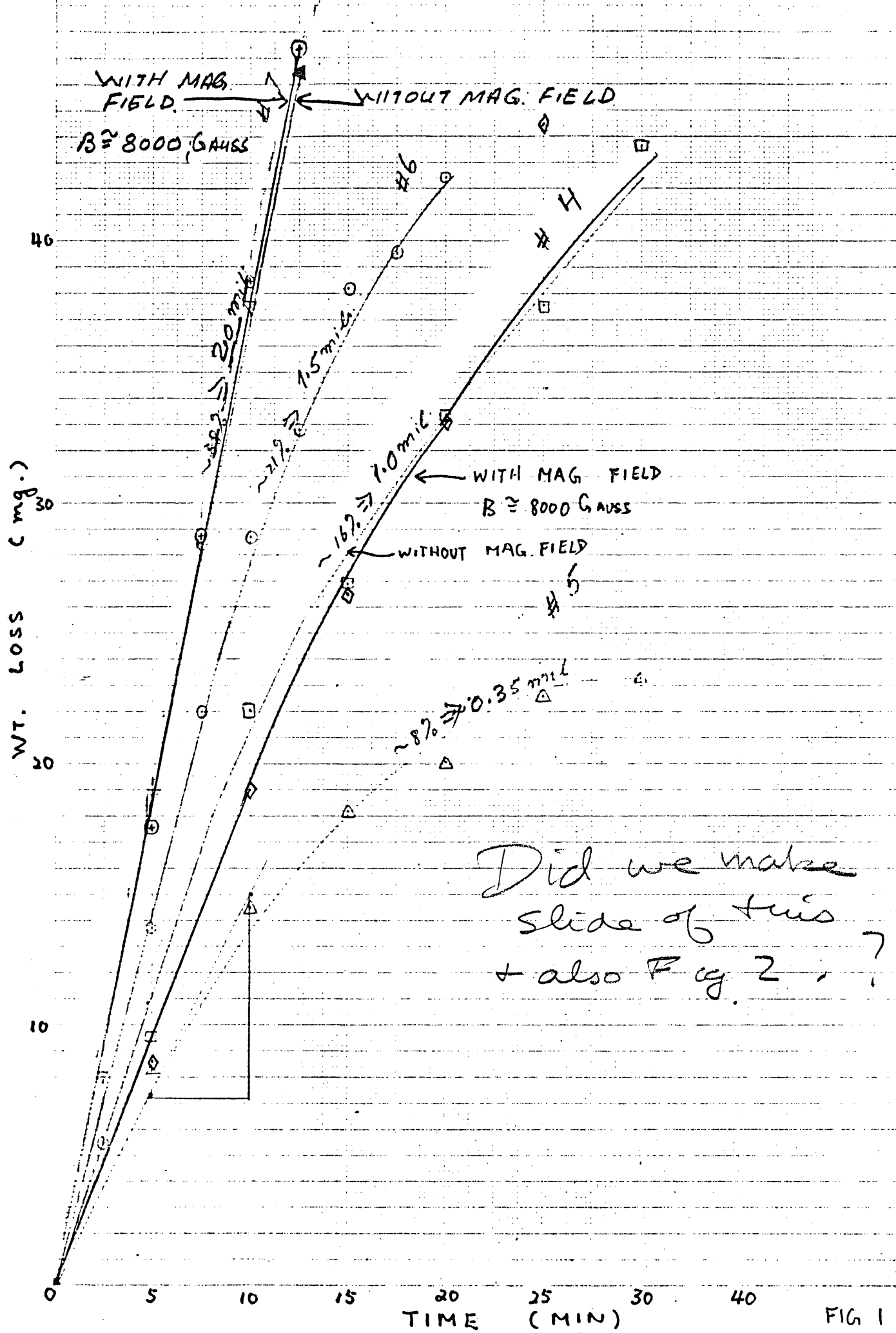


FIG 1

100 AMP = 1000000 W

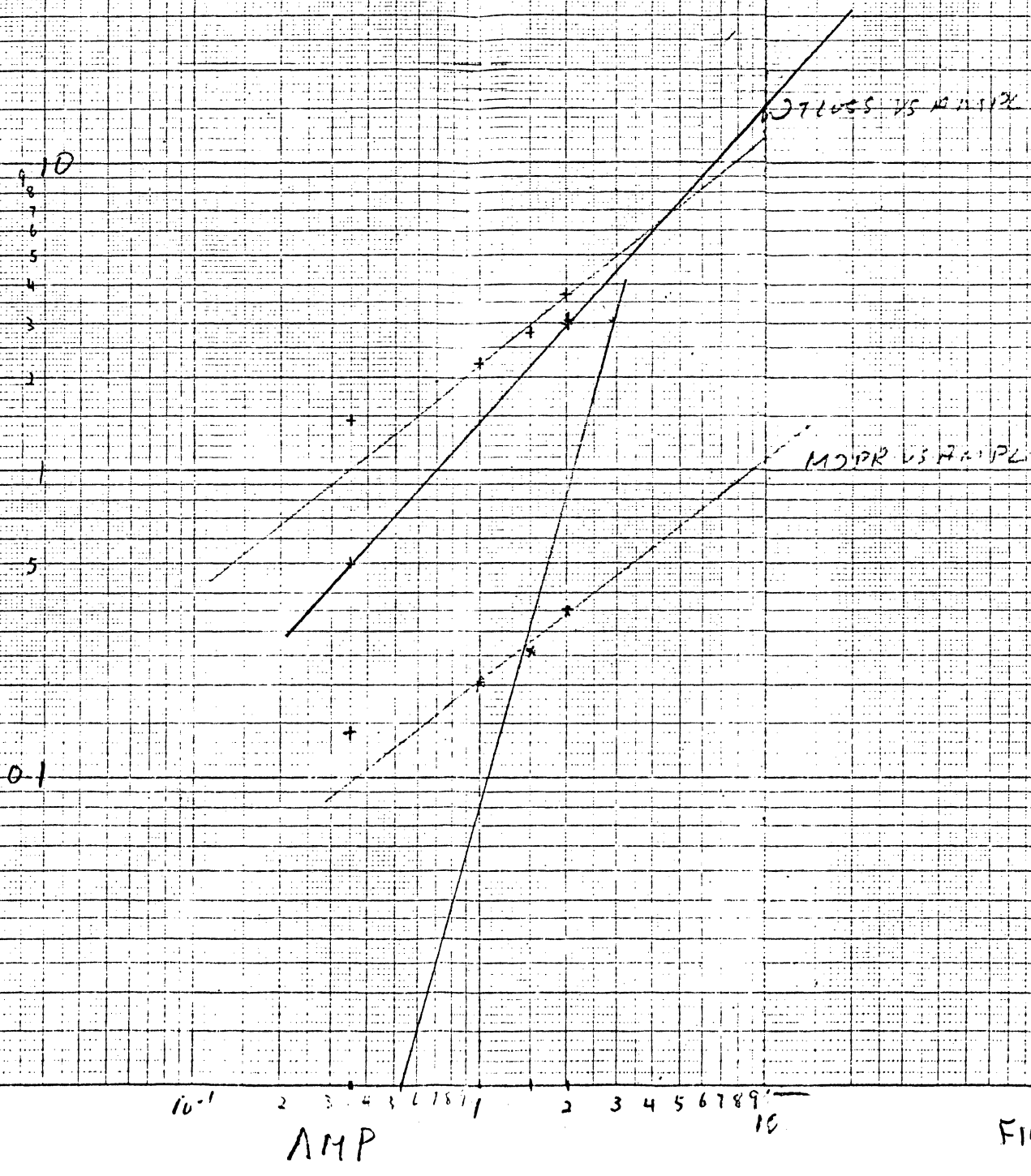
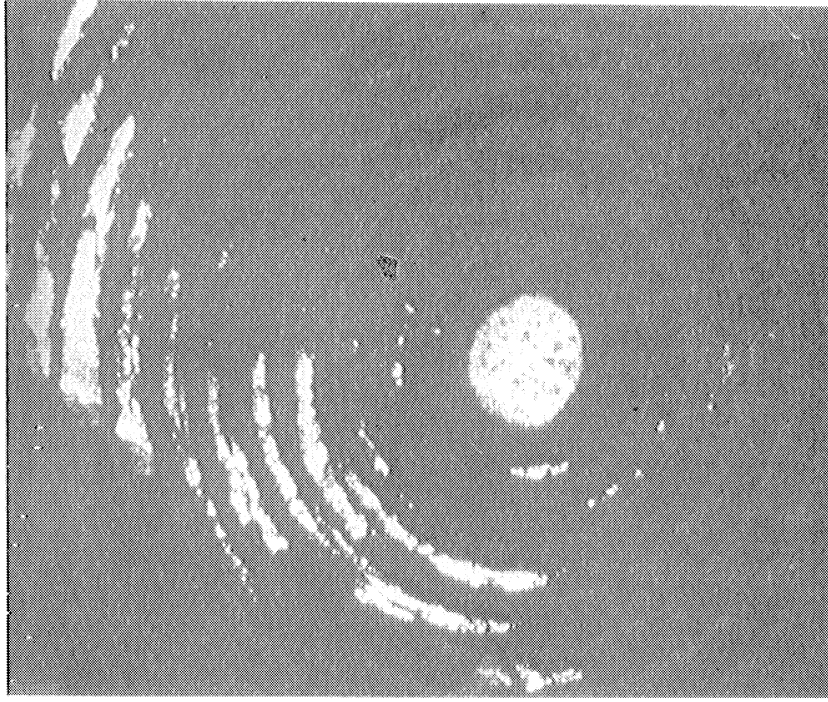
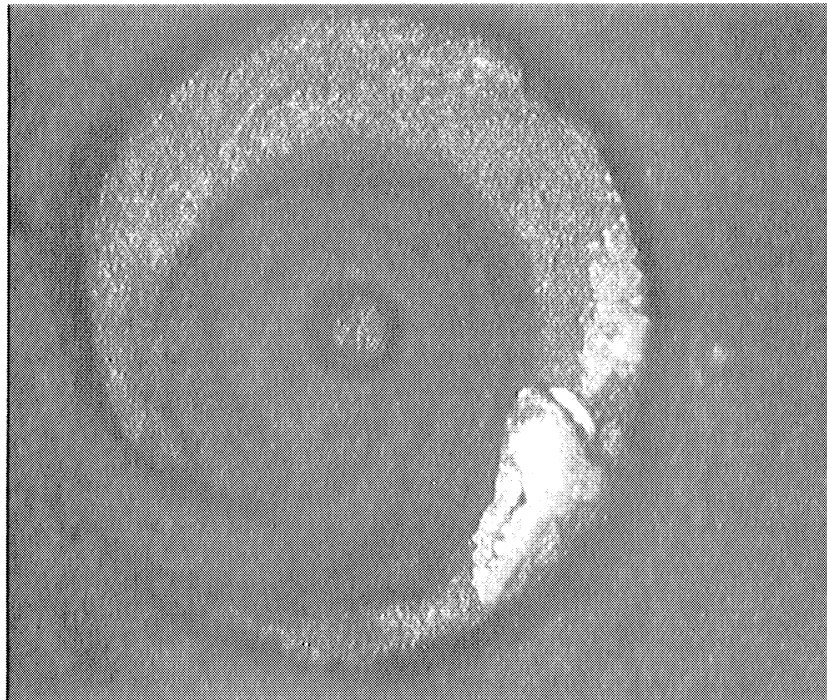


FIG 2

CAVITATION DAMAGE ON CADIMUM PLATED SPECIMEN :



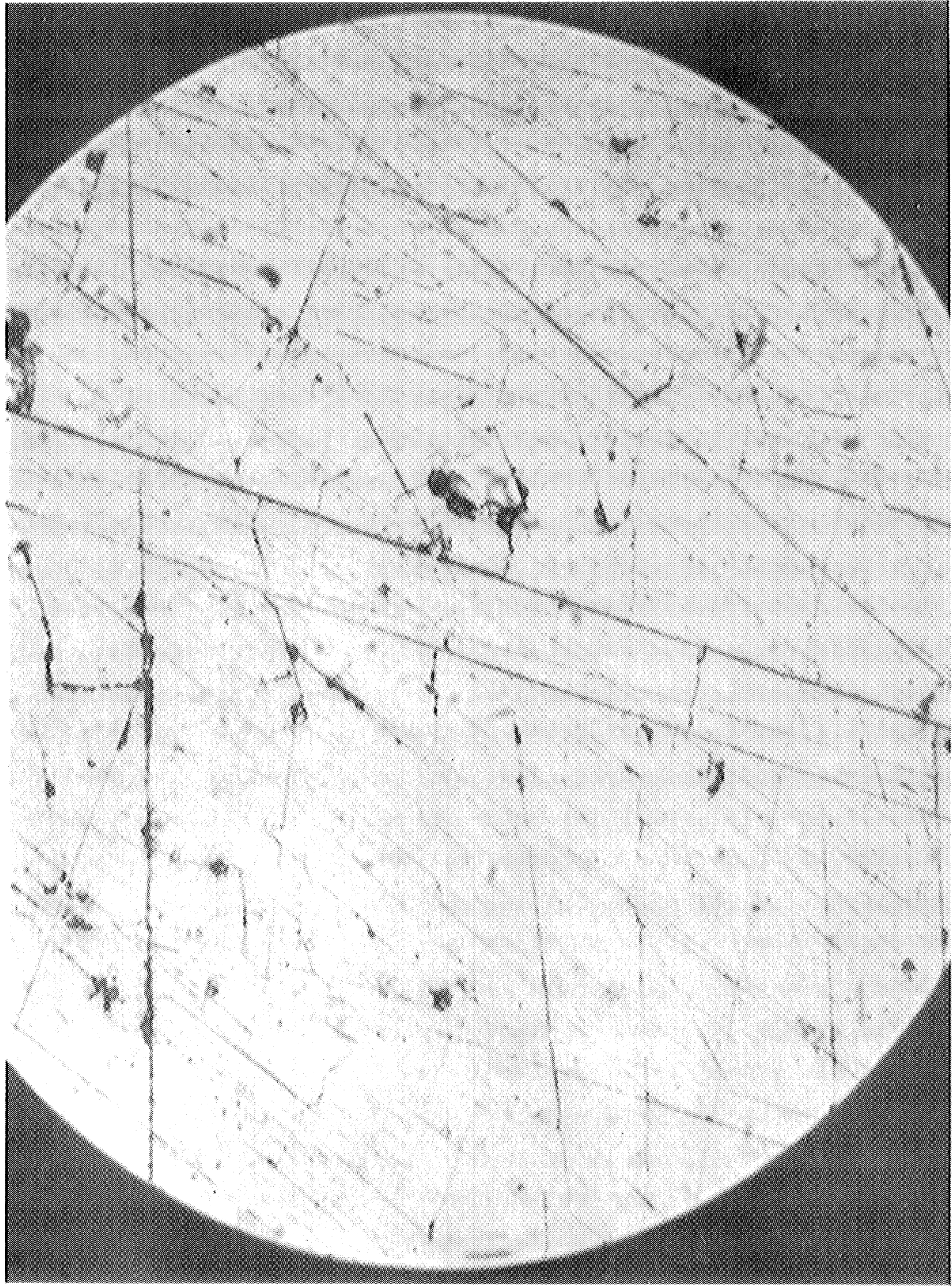
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POWER ≈ 1.5 mls  
TIME 10 MIN.



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FIG 3



PLEXIGLASS

POWER 1.5 MILS

TIME 1 MIN

FIG 4 G34

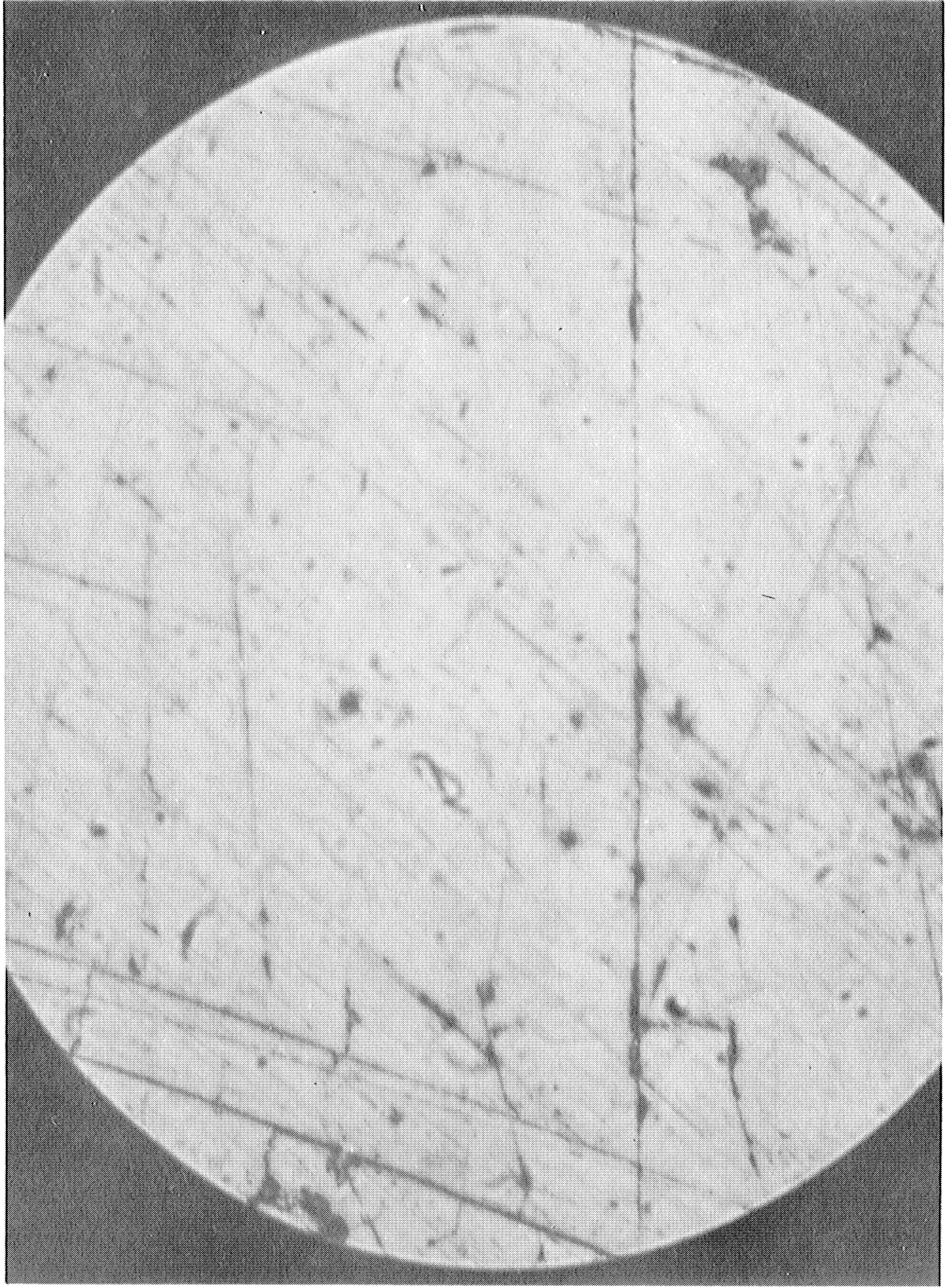
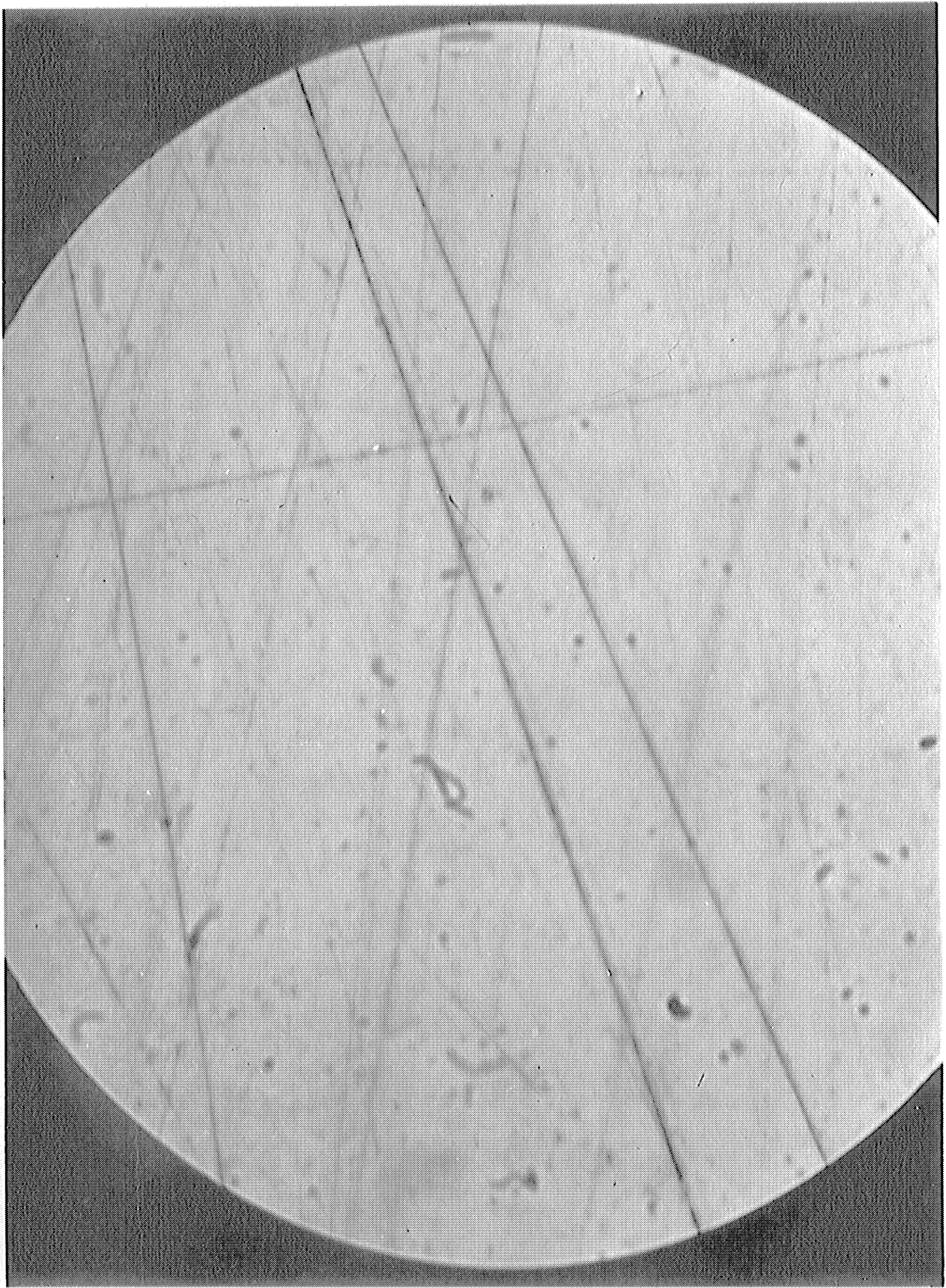


FIG 5 C

TIME 1 MIN

POWER 1.5 MILS

635' PLEXIGLASS



636 PLEXIGLASS POWER 1.0 MILS TIME 1 MIN FIG 6 636