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### ABSTRACT

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The object of this thesis was to investigate the variation of bending and torsional stiffness of a beam with permanent twist. The mild steel beam was cruciform in cross section with webs 0.102" thick and a total depth of 1.503" with .200" fillet radii at the center. The beam length was 50 inches. The effects noted on this beam must modify calculations for other twisted beams such as propeller blades, pump rotors, turbine blades, etc.

The torsional stiffness was calculated from the elastic angle of twist in the beam length under a constant torsional moment. The bending stiffness was calculated from bending deflections measured with the beam acted up on by constant bending moments. Bending stresses were in the elastic range.

The torsional stiffness increased with permanent twist approximately as the square of the helical angle of the outer beam fibers. The stiffness was doubled at a helical angle of 0.27 radians. This checked rather closely with the results of previous theoretical work. The overall results of the torsion tests conform to theory for cross sections approximating simple finned members.

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In the bending tests the ratio of deflection to the theoretical deflection, based on simple beam theory, increased approximately as the cube of the helical angle to a value of helical angle of about 0.15 radians. This indicates that the beam becomes less stiff as the helical angle increases. At higher angles of twist the curve droops, reaching a maximum deflection ratio of 1.32 at a helical angle of 0.23 radians. The last experimental point showed a deflection ratio of 1.20 at a helical angle of 0.314.

The results of the bending tests show quantitatively the effect of twist on bending stiffness of a member of a particular section. Because this effect is large and its cause unknown it is obvious that much more experimental and theoretical work must be done to establish theories for the many applications of twisted beams in practice. in the mention trace the sates of definition in the description

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### NOMENCLATURE

L	= Length of beam from load to load or 50".
r.	= Length of beam used in measurement of torsional stiffness in inches.
æ	= Angle of permanent twist in the beam in degrees.
¢	= Angle of elastic twist of the beam under the action of torsional moment, T, where the moment was applied to the beam over a length L'; $\phi$ in degrees.
ßo	= Helical angle of outer fiber of the beam = $\frac{\alpha \times Y_0}{57.3 \times L}$ radians.
ro	= Radius of the outer fiber of the beam in inches or 0.751".
J	= Torsional stiffness of the beam, T/O
J/J <sub>s</sub>	= Ratio of the torsional stiffness of the twisted beam to that of the straight beam.
J.	= Torsional moment, inch pounds.
8	= Angle of elastic twist per unit length as a result of the torsional moment; radians per unit length.
۵	<ul> <li>Displacement of a point on the beam when loaded, measured from the unloaded position.</li> </ul>
रु	<ul> <li>Displacement of a point on the loaded beam from the tangent at the center of the beam, corrected for lack of straightness in the unloaded beam.</li> </ul>
50	= Theoretical displacement from horizontal tangent at center of beam, based on simple beam theory.
5/50	= Ratio of displacement of beam to theoretical displacement. $\delta/\delta_0 = (EI)_0 / EI =$ ratio of original stiffness to stiffness at a given angle of permanent twist.

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### INTRODUCTION

Conventional beam theory states that if the EI product of a beam is constant, that is the stress-strain relationship is linear and the moment of inertia does not change, the beam will maintain the same bending stiffness, EI. Under these conditions the beam will always deflect the same amount under identical loadings.

The question then arises as to what happens to the bending stiffness when the beam has a longitudinal twist. If the modulus of elasticity is constant and the section has a rotationally constant moment of inertia, that is the I is the same about all axis through the center of gravity of the beam section, will the beam theory break down for a twisted beam? In the case of helical pump impellers and also in airplane propellers with their inherent pitch this question of twisted beams arises. The pump impeller designer will want to know the impeller stiffness for strength and for vibration characteristics. The propeller designer will pose the same questions concerning his design.

As far as is known no experimental or theoretical work has been done on the above question of bending stiffness. However, it is the belief of some engineers that the bending stiffness is not the same for a twisted beam as for a straight beam with the same E.I. In one instance the designers of airplane propellers find it difficult to calculate the exact natural frequency of vibration of the blades and their results may be 15% in error from the actual value. This error may be due to using an incorrect value of the bending stiffness of the blade because

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they do not account for the twist.

The experimental determination of the variation of bending stiffness vs. angle of permanent twist is then begun without knowing the nature of the possible results or if there are any variations whatever. It is known, however, that in applying the angle of permanent twist to the beam that the outer fibers will be yielded in tension and the inner fibers will be yielded in compression. However, during the bending tests, since the beam is free to change its length longitudinally, the state of longitudinal stress will be well below the yield stress after the twisting moment is removed even though the beam has been yielded. The stress pattern of the beam will be quite complicated because of the bending stresses being superimposed upon the stresses that have been set up during the application of the permanent twist. It is felt that the latter stresses will have little effect upon the stiffness of the beam as long as the total stress is kept below the proportional limit. If there is a change in bending stiffness with changing angles of permanent twist it is most likely due to the interaction of the stresses caused by the geometry of the beam.

The other major topic to be examined here is the variation of the torsional stiffness of a beam as the angle of permanent twist is varied. This subject has been theoretically and experimentally studied and a bases for a comparison of results is at hand. Let it suffice to say that the torsional stiffness will increase with the angle of permanent twist and that for a rectangular beam this increase is primarily a function of the square of the height to thickness ratio of the beam cross section.

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### FIGURE I

## THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE BEAM DURING BENDING TESTS

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# FIGURE II CLOSE-UP OF THE BEAM AT **3**, =.314

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### PROCEDURE

The beam shown in Figure IV was designed with a rotationally constant moment of inertia in order that the conditions of the thesis could be met. The beam dimensions were chosen on the basis of predictable results to be obtained from the laboratory technique employed. The bending stiffness of the beam was to be obtained from the deflection of the beam loaded as shown in Figure III. This laoding produces a constant bending moment on the beam between the supports. These deflections, to be measured with an inside micrometer (see Figure I), were to have an approximate maximum value of .100" at the center of the beam while keeping the stress in the beam well below the yield stress of the material, mild steel, or about 15,000 psi. The .100" maximum deflection figure was chosen since it was felt that an error of .001" would have to be accepted in the deflection measurements. This then would limit the error to 1% at the maximum deflection point. Furthermore, the loads to be used on the beam would have to be of a size that could be readily applied in the laboratory.

In order to obtain the variation of bending stiffness with the angle of permanent twist the beam was to be given additional twist prior to each run. Since there were no mechanical means of applying this twist available it would have to be applied manually. This condition further dictated the beam dimensions but it was found by using the membrane analogy that this condition of manual twisting of the beam did not necessitate a change in the beam dimensions derived from the above

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bending criteria. The final beam design is shown in Figure IV.

The beam and its fittings were manufactured at the Boston Naval Shipyard. It was planed from solid stock, heat treated and planed to its final dimensions. Because of the length of the beam and the play in the planer head it was found that the design tolerances could not be met. The beam micrometer readings are shown in Figure V. From these readings a mean value of flange thickness was taken as .1020" and mean beam depth of 1.5030". The moment of inertia of the section was calculated from these mean values and found to be .02925 in.<sup>4</sup>. The support rings, load rings and deflection rings were hand filed and fitted to the beam snuggly with a hand fit. The bed plate was surface ground to a smooth finish.

The procedure used in the deflection tests is shown in Figure I where the supports are set up on parallels so that an inside micrometer might be used to measure the deflections. In the no load condition only the load rings (pulleys) were in place and deflections were read at each deflection ring between the supports. To apply the loads the weight supports (shown) were hung over the load rings and equal load weights, calibrated to .01#, were placed on the supports. Each separate weight (note two weights on table in Figure I) was  $11.03 \pm .01\#$  and the weight supports weighed 1.39# at each end of the beam. The weight supports were designed so that no torsional moment would be applied to the beam when the load was applied. For each load condition 4 weights were placed on the beam, two at each end. The deflection rings were placed

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to give a spread of readings. Deflection ring 3 was placed 3" from the support, or two beam diameters distance so that the effect of the support would not be felt. This is in accordance with Saint Venant's principle.

The beam stiffness in bending was checked in two rotational positions. The initial position of the beam was with flange 3 vertically up at the mid-span of the beam. No load and loaded beam deflections were taken with the beam in this position. When the beam was unloaded it was rolled through 45° with flanges 3 and 4 thus:  $\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{1}$  when looking at the beam from the left end in Figure III. At Run 15, when the largest value of  $\beta$  was reached, the beam deflection was read with flange 3 at mid-span rotated through 360° with readings taken at each 45° interval. This beam rotation was accomplished to ascertain if the stiffness varied with the beam position on the supports. It seemed likely that if the beam stiffness varied with the angle of permanent twist that it might also vary with the position of the beam on the supports.

Strain gages, as shown in Figure VI, were placed on the beam to give possible aid in the analysis of results. These gages were all placed to indicate longitudinal strain near the outer fibers of the flanges in order that a longitudinal stress distribution might be had with the beam in a twisted condition. These gages were read only during the bending tests.

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and checked against the calculated values found by using standard beam theory. In order to determine the modulus of elastity of the material a tensile test specimen was made by the shipyard and given the same heat treatment as the beam. A stress-strain curve was made from a tensile test and the modulus of elasticity was found to be 29.7 x  $10^6$  psi. The material had a proportional limit of 24,500 psi and an ultimate stress of 56,900 psi.

The torsional stiffness was found with the beam in the straight condition. This was done by holding the beam fixed at one end and applying a twisting moment at the other end. A twisting moment of 124.3 in. lbs. was used and the shear stresses set up in the beam were well within the elastic region of the beam material. The beam was held at one end by fastening a die stock to the load ring and holding the arms of the stock firmly to a stationary support. On the other end the load ring had been drilled and tapped (note holes in support ring at far end in Figure I) symetrically so that an arm could be fitted to it. This arm was grooved 10" from the center of the beam thus giving the arm of the moment. From this groove the load supports were hung along with one lead weight, or a total of 12.43#. With this load applied the arm was made to be horizontal by setting the position of the die stock at the other end. Therefore, the full moment acted on the beam. The load was then removed and the angle through which the beam untwisted with the other end fixed was measured by using a protractor. This made possible the calculation of the torsional stiffness. This test was

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The next phase was to apply a permanent twist to the beam. This was done by fastening the die stock to the load ring on one end of the beam and using the arm on the other end. The beam was placed freely on the bed plate and manually given a permanent twist. The beam was maintained straight by the bed plate in vertical plane but could possibly bend somewhat in the horizontal plane. But by carefully applying this torsional moment the bending of the beam could be minimized and it was found to be very small. Figure VIII shows the amounts of permanent twist put into the beam with each run.

With permanent twist in the beam the deflection and torsional tests were again made in the same manner as described above. The amount of permanent twist applied to the beam was to be small at the off -set so that the initial trend of the stiffness curves could be accurately detarmined. After this trend had been found the angle of permanent twist between runs was increased as shown in Figure VIII. Permanent twist was applied to the beam up to the point where it became too stiff to twist manually. It was also necessary to check to see if the beam flanges warped from the twisting since if they did the moment of inertia of the section would be reduced. This was done by checking to see if the flanges were still at right angles and also by the tightness of the deflection rings on the beam.

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# FIGURE V

# DIMENSIONS.

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STATION	F1.#1	F1.#2	F1.#3	F1.#4	Fls.1-3	Fls.2-4
0	.1023	.1017	.1023	.1030	1.5002	1.5033
1	.1003	.1008	.1015	.1002	1.5017	1.5035
2	.1006	.1010	.1016	.1010	1,5021	1.5041
3	.1014	.1018	.1028	.1025	1.5030	1.5047
4	.1015	.1024	.1033	.1021	1.5028	1.5040
5	.1018	.1012	.1033	.1004	1.5037	1.5037
6	.1023	.1016	.1030	.1013	1.5040	1.5038
7	.1028	.1019	.1040	.1028	1.5040	1.5037
8	.1020	.1016	.1038	.1025	1,5036	1.5032
9	.1010	.1002	.1015	.1006	1.5036	1.5028
10	.1011	.1003	.1015	.1016	1.5030	1.5035

Stations are spaced each 5 inches along length of the beam. Station 0 is at left end of the beam as seen in Figure III.

All measurements are in inches.

Flange thicknesses were measured at the outer edges of the flange.

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#### STRAIN GAGE LOCATIONS

The strain gages are designated as to location by the flange number, the flange face letter (A or B) and by their distance in inches from the left end of the beam as shown in Fig. III. Then gage 3A 16 would be on flange 3, on the A face and 16 inches from the left end. All gages were oriented to give longitudinal strain and the center of the gage resistance wires were 0.1" in from the outer edge of the flange.

#### STRAIN GAGE DATA

Type: A-7 Res. in Ohms: 120 Gage Factor: 1.96 Lot Number: 501 Manufacturer: Baldwin Loco. Vorles.





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The results of the torsion tests are shown in figures VII and VIII. It will be seen that the torsional stiffness increases with increased helical angle in approximately a parabolic manner and that the stiffness ratio J/Jsreaches 2.00 at a  $\beta o$  of .27.

The results of the bending tests are shown in figures IX and X. It will be seen that the displacement ratio  $\delta/\delta o$ , which is the reciprocal of the stiffness ratio (EI)<sub>0</sub>/ (EI), increases with helical angle exponentially to a  $\beta_0$  of about .15. The exponent in this case is evidentially slightly less than 3. Above  $\beta o = .15$  the rate of increased  $\delta/\delta_0$  decreases until a maximum value of  $\delta/\delta_0 = 1.32$  at  $\beta o = .23$  is reached. The trend of the results continues with this drooping characteristic to the last experimental point of  $\delta/\delta_0 = 1.2$  at  $\beta o = .314$ .

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# FIGURE VIII TABLE OF TORSION DATA & RESULTS

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RUN	×°	ß	ø°	Ľ	θ	$\frac{J}{J_{s}} = \frac{00426}{\Theta}$
	0	0	11	45.1	.00426	1.000
2	16	.0042		45.1	.00426	1.000
. 3	55	.0144	11	45.1	.00426	1.000
. 4	98	.0257	(1	45.1	. 00426	1.000
5	1701/2	.0 447	12	- 50	.00418	1.018
. 6	243	,0639	12	50	.00418	1.018
7	3011/2	0807	101/2	50	.00366	1.162
8	389	. 1022	10	50	.00349	1.220
9	458	,1200	942	50	.00332	1.282
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1	692	. /8.14.	8	50	.00279	1.525
12	866	.227	7	50	.00244	1.744
13	866	. 227		50	.00244	1.744
14:	1063	.278	.5 1/2	50	.00.192	2.217
15	1199	.314	5 1/2	50	.00192	2.217

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# FIGURE X

# TABLE OF DISPLACEMENTS OF POINT 3 & SUPPORT FROM POINT 2; CENTER OF BEAM.

## Symbols as shown in Figure XI

# X indicates beam rotated 45°.

RUN S/S	Load	53	Ss	S3/ S30	55/550	RUN S/S.	Load	S3	Ss	S3/5 S5/ S30 S50
Theory	Id.1 Id.2	.021	.031			RUN 8	Id.1 Id.2	.022	.032 .062	1.05 1.03 1.07 1.05
RUN 1	Id:1 Id:2	.021	.030	1.00	.98	1.06 X	Ld.1 Ld.2	.022 .043	.032	1.05 1.03 1.07 1.05
1.00 X	Ld.1 Ld.2	.021	.031	1.00	1.00	RUN 9 1.11	Ld.1 Ld.2	.023	.034	1.10 1.10
RUN 2	Ld.1 Ld.2	.021	.030	1.00	0.97	RUN 10 1.21	Ld.1 Ld.2	.025	.037	1.191.19 1.251.22
1.00 X X	Ld.1 Ld.2	.021	.030	1.00	0.97	RUN 11 1.29	Ld. 1 Ld.2	.027	.040	1.29 1.29
RUN 3	Id.1 Id.2	.022	.031 .059	1.05	1.00	RUN.12&13	Ld.1 Ld.2	.028 .053	.040	1:33 1:29 1.33 1.31
1.01 X X	Id.1 Id.2	.022	.031 .059	1.05	1.00	1.32 X X	Ld 1 Ld 2	.028 .053	.041	1.33 1.32 1.33 1.32
RUN 4	Id.1 Id.2	.021	.031	1.00	1.00	RUN 14	Id.1 Id.2	.027 .051	.040	1.29 1.29
1.01 X X	Id.1 Id.2	.021 .042	.031	1.00	1.00	1.28 X X	Ld.1 Ld.2	.027	.039 .075	1.29 1.26
RUN 5	Id.1 Id.2	.021	.031	1.00	1.00	RUN 15	Id.1 Id.2	.026 .048	.037	1.24 1.19 1.20 1.22
1.02 X X	Id.1 Id.2	.022	.031	1.05	1.00	1.20 X X	Id.1 Id.2	.025 .047	.037	1.19 1.19 1.1 <b>9</b> 1.20
RUN 6	Ld.1 Ld.2	.022	.032	1.05	1.03	R 16 90° R 17 135°	Id.1 Id.1	.025	.037	1.191.19 1.191.19
1.03 X X	Ld.1 Ld.2	.021	:031 •060	1.00	1.00	R 18 180° R 19 225°	Id.1 Id.1	.026	.037	1.24 1.19 1.19 1.19
RUN 7	Id.1 Id:2	.022	.031	1.05	1.00	R 20 270° R 21 315°	Ld.1 Ld.1	.026	.037	1.24 $1.191.19$ $1.19$
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The results of torsional experimentation are compared in Figure VII with the theoretical results of Chu in reference 1, which are based on the following equation:\*

$$J/J_{s} = 1 + 2 \left[ \frac{2}{15} (1 + \mu) \beta_{0}^{2} \left( \frac{L}{h} \right)^{2} \right]$$
(1)

Where  $\mu$  = poisson's ratio, assumed .3 C = chord = 1.503" k = thickness = .102" J = torsional stiffness J<sub>s</sub> =  $\frac{G}{3}$  C k<sup>3</sup> from membrane analogy, in this case corrected for fillets.

It is readily observable that the results are compatable within limits set by the experimental limitations of the set up used in this thesis. Due to the lack of precision in measuring angles on the guage rings the angles were measured from end to end of the entire beam. Consequently there is an indeterminent error due to the constraint of the support rings which may be noted in figures I and II. In order to bring the results more closely in line, rather complex changes would have to be made in the theory to account for fillets.

The results of the bending tests are; to the best of the author's knowledge, the first ever to be obtained, therefore there are no other

<sup>\*</sup>Ref. 1, pg. 150.

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results or equations available for comparison. At small angles of twist below  $\beta o = .15$  the trend of  $\delta/\delta_0$  is exponential at a rate slightly less than the cube of  $\beta o$ . Above this point the curve droops, reaches a maximum of  $\delta/\delta_0 = 1.32$  at  $\beta o = .23$  and continues to the last experimental point of  $\delta/\delta_0 = 1.2$  at  $\beta o = .314$ . Calculations were made as shown in Appendix C. Point 1 was not used because the slight variation in beam dimensions accentuated the error for  $\delta_1$  to an inacceptable degree. The errors inherent in the system and due to the supports, as mentioned under the torsional results; and due to lack of straightness and the consequent error if there is a slight rotation of the beam in different load conditions. It is believed that the entire beam was elastic and that the E was nearly constant during these runs, as final no- load readings checked original no- load readings for every bending test.

It was noted that the beam did not warp from the application of the permanent twist nor did the deflection rings loosen appreciably.

Despite the limited scope of these results, they show a definite loss in bending stiffness in twisted members. They are the first quantitative results to be obtained to this problem and thus are important in themselves, and as proof that further research will be rewarding.

Strain gage readings have been included in the data section of the Appendix, however, no attempt has been made to analyse them. They do, however, indicate that no permanent set took place in the beam during the bending tests. This is readily seen by obtaining the

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#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is concluded that the torsional results check those of Chu in reference 1, and that his equations may be used with confidence for cross sections that do not vary a great deal from simple finned forms.

The bending results show a definite loss of bending stiffness in twisted members and may be taken as the first results in a series of tests to establish workable theories for the many applications of twisted beams.

It is recommended that future tests be modified to maintain straightness and that the beam be annealed in each twisted position to assure constant E.

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#### APPLNDIX A

Application of the Membrane Analogy.

With the beam in the initial straight condition it would be well to calculate the torsional stiffness of the beam by using the membrane analogy. This analogy establishes certain relations between the deflection surface of a uniformly loaded membrane and the distribution of stress in a twisted bar. The portion of the analogy to be used here states that twice the volume included between the surface of the deflected membrane and the plane of its outline is equal to the torque of the twisted bar.

The probelm of finding the volume under the membrane that would lie over the cross section of our beam is complicated by the fillets. This cross section is shown in Figure XII. It is assumed that the membrane takes a parabolic shape. Therefore, the area A is

$$A = b^3 G \Theta / 6 \tag{2}$$

where b = width of cross section G = modulus of shear (11,500,000 psi) ⊖ = angle of twist in radians per inch

The problem was resolved into finding the three volumes 1, 2 and 3, and because of the symmetry of these volumes the total volume could be found. Region 3 was readily solved since b is directly known, as is the length of this straight section. In region 2 the values of  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $b_3$ and  $b_4$  were found by using trigonometry and thus their parabolic areas were found. The volume of this region was then found by using Simpson's rule utilizing five equally spaced stations. The volume in region 3 was found in the same manner. However, in region 3 stations  $b'_2$ ,  $b'_3$  and  $b'_4$ 

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Since the torque of the bar is equal to twice the volume beneath the membrane, the torque interms of  $\oplus$  follow directly. The calculated results give  $\oplus = .00379$  radians/inch. From Figure VIII it is seen that for the straight beam the experimental results are 11° twist in a length of 45.1". The value of the experimental twist was than .00426 radians/ inch, or 11% greater than the calculated value. This difference in results can be accounted for by the membrane not having the exact parabolic shape that was assumed and by a possible error of 3% in measuring the angle of elastic twist. With these probable errors in mind the experimental and calculated angles of elastic twist are considered to be in good agreement.

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## APPENDIX B

# DATA

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RUN	N.L.	5740	6445	5370	6800	6240	5940	5915	5580	6820	6820
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β,	I.b.I	5820	6595	5470	6895	6220	5925	5910	5665	6790	6735
RUN 1	N.L.	5719	6494	5360	6800	6213	5917	591.0	5655	6810	6855
STRATH	GAGE	3A 34	3A 25	3A 201	3A 16	4B 34	.4B 25	4B 16	4B 203	2A 25	' <b>1</b> B 25

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10 B.	Là.1	0210	0050	9490	0016	1060	0430	0020	0620	00200	
RUN	N.L.	0230	9930	9410	9130	1160	0410	994C	0810	0820	
.1200	Ld.2	8370	8340	8120	8170	9510	8420	8620	9300	9180	
Ba=	Id.1	8370	8210	8030	8160	9700	8410	8490	9320	9320	
RUN S	N.L.	6380	8030	7940	8130	9860	8390	8360	9330	9440	
.1022	Ld.2	7860	8050	7510	8480	8050	7940	8220	8800	8630	
8 Bo=	Ld. J.	7820	7920	7400	8460	8150	0162	8100	8320	8760	
RUN	N.L.	7800	7800	7320	8600	8280	7900	8000	8860	8910	
1080.	Ed. 2	7160	7600	6880	8240	7320	7180	7400	8030	7780	
7 B.	I.d.l	7130	7490	6770	8170	7420	7180	731.0	8040	0162	
RUN	N.L.	7080	7390	6670	8130	7530	7180	7220	8060	8040	
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# A PENDIX C

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

The following calculations were made for Run 10:  

$$\alpha = 567^{\circ}$$
  $L' = 50''$   $r_{\circ} = 0.751''$   $\phi = 8.75^{\circ}$ 

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\alpha \times r_0}{57.3 \times L} = \frac{567 \times .751}{57.3 \times 50} = 0.1488 \text{ rad}.$$

Torsion Calculations:

$$\theta = \frac{\varphi}{57.3 \times L^{1}} = \frac{8.75}{57.3 \times 50} = 0.00305 \text{ rad/in.}$$

$$J/J_{s} = \frac{.00426}{\Theta} = \frac{.00426}{.00305} = 1.395$$

Bending Calculations:

	S2	S3	Δ2	Δ3	53	JS
NL.	1.761	1.752	Lib gti shr	dan sage war	auto youp dant	and the set
Ld.1	1.798	1.704	.037	.012	.025	.037
Ld.2	1.833	1.774	.072	.022	.050	.072
NL	1.701	1.752	yttyter maade filipte	tion and other	and the set	CER-100 148

 $\Delta$  at Ld. 1 = reading at Ld. 1 - reading at NL  $\delta_3 = \Delta_2 - \Delta_3$  $\delta_5 = \Delta_2$ 

Ld. 1 
$$\frac{\delta_3/\delta_{30}}{0.021} = 1.19$$
  $\frac{\delta_5/\delta_{50}}{0.031} = 1.19$ 

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta_0} = \frac{1.19 + 1.19 + 1.25 + 1.22}{4} = 1.21$$

APPENDIA C

# SALLING CALCULATIONS

$$\alpha = 567^{\circ}$$
  $L' = 50^{\circ}$   $x_{o} = 6.751^{\circ}$   $\phi = 8.75^{\circ}$ 

$$\frac{6}{57.3 \times L'} = \frac{8.75}{57.3 \times 50} = 0.00305 \text{ rad/in}.$$

$$1/3_{5} = \frac{.00426}{.00425} = \frac{.0042.6}{.00305} = 1.395$$

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