

# SMALL-SCALE SAFETY TEST REPORT FOR RDX (SECOND CALIBRATION)

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#### LLNL IDCA Project Report

Small-scale Safety Test Report for RDX (second calibration)

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From: Peter C. Hsu

Title: Small-scale Safety Test Summary Report-RDX (second) (for triplicates)

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Sample: RDX was provided by Indian Head and was dried at 60 C for 16 hours, cooled and kept in a desiccator before use.

Please note that the impact testing was done on both pellets and loose powder which resulted in different data. The impact sensitivity on pressed pellets was 34 cm that is greater than that on loose powder, as expected. The impact test data on the loose powder was similar to what Indian Head and LANL got. Remarkable consistent results were observed for test results of loose powder RDX. The average impact sensitivity (DH<sub>50</sub>) was 21.8 cm and the average friction sensitivity ( $F_{50}$ ) for loose powder was 24.9 kg, respectively. DSC charts showed that peak temperatures and onset temperatures for all 3 runs of RDX samples were almost identical. All electrostatic spark sensitivity was 0/10 @ 1.0 J with a 510-ohm resistor in the discharge circuit.

Impact Test Result Summary for RDX

		Impact Test I	count Summ	lary for KDA	y
Sample ID	Test Date	Temperature,	Relative	Height for 50%	Standard
11/04/330 W4 • H 1 9/04/32/43		F	Humidity	Reaction (DH <sub>50</sub> ),	Deviation ( $\sigma$ ),
			(RH), %	cm	log unit
RDX (IH), 15089, pellets	09/08/10	75	32	34.0	0.059
RDX (IH), 15089, loose powder	09/09/10	75	30	22.9*	0.042
RDX (IH), 15089, loose powder	09/13/10	73	23	20.7*	0.095

<sup>\* 180</sup> grit paper

Friction Test Result Summary for RDX

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Sample ID	Test Date	Temp., F	Relative Humidity (RH), %	Friction Reaction (TIL)* 0/10 @ kg	Friction Reaction 1/10 @ kg	Load for 50% Reaction (F <sub>50</sub> ), kg	Standard Deviation (\sigma), log unit
RDX (IH), 15089	09/08/10	75	26	16.0	16.8	23.1	0.035
RDX (IH), 15089	09/09/10	75	31	16.8	18.0	25.4	0.054
RDX (IH), 15089	09/09/10	75	31	16.8	19.2	26.0	0.050

• TIL- Threshold initiation is the load (kg) at which zero reaction out of ten trials with at least one reaction out of ten trials at the next higher load level.

Static Spark Test Result Summary for RDX

Sample ID	Test Date	Temperature, F	Relative Humidity (RH),	Spark Reaction* 0/10 @
RDX (IH), 15089	09/08/10	75	26	1.0 Joule
RDX (IH), 15089	09/08/10	75	32	1.0 Joule
RDX (IH), 15089	09/10/10	75	29	1.0 Joule

<sup>\*</sup> With a 510 ohms resistor in the discharge circuit.

**DSC Test Result Summary for RDX** 

Sample ID	Test Date	DSC Onset/Peak	DSC Onset/Peak
		Temperature, F	Temperature, F
		Closed Hermetic Pan, (ΔH,	Pinhole Hermetic Pan, (ΔH,
		J/g)	J/g)
RDX (IH),	08/27/10	187.3/188.3 (125.7,	187.4/188.4 (109.5,
15089		endotherm); 215.6/238.0	endotherm); 213.1/240.1
		(exotherm, 3517)	(exotherm, 2432)
RDX (IH),	08/27/10	187.3/188.3 (132.4,	187.5/188.6 (129.2,
15089		endotherm); 214.6/231.2	endotherm); 215.6/240.6
		(exotherm, 3478)	(exotherm, 2419)
RDX (IH),	08/27/10	187.4/188.3 (114.1,	187.4/188.4 (135.4,
15089		endotherm); 215.2/230.6	endotherm); 217.9/238.7
		(exotherm, 3805)	(exotherm, 2399)

Energetic Materials Center Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



Unclassified Correspondence

#### DROP HAMMER TEST REPORT

Operator: Reviewed and approved by:	Gary Hust G	H
Date of Test:	9/8/10	\
Name of Explosive: Identification Number: Composition:	RDX 15089	
Requester: Project No: Task No: Sample Description: Test Type: Temperature: Humidity: Book Reference:	1 of 3 Peter Hsu 34339 108103 35 mg Pellets 12 A 75 °F 32% 23-96	
Number of X's Number of O's +/- 0.5 Least Height for X's or O's LOG of Least Height LOG of Interval # of Events at Least Height # of Events at Next Height	8 7 0.5 28.1 1.4487 0.05 2 28. 2 31. 3 35. 0 39. 0 44. 0 50.	5 4 7 5
Dh <sub>50</sub> CALCULATION		
REMARKS: Sum ( $N_i$ * i) Sum of Events for Calculation LOG of $Dh_{50}$	8 . 7 1.5308	34.0 cm
STANDARD DEVIATION CAL	CULATION	
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i <sup>2</sup> ) STANDARD DEVIATION	14	0.059
MAXIMUM Dh <sub>50</sub>	4.9	38.9 cm
MINIMUM Dh <sub>50</sub>	-4.3	29.7 cm

Impact (drop hammer) Test Worksheet

Test Date:	09/08	/2010	
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Sample description: RDX (Indian Head) standard, first test of second series

ID Number: 15089

Temperature: 75 F

Relative humidity: 32%

Table 1: Impact test for determining the height for 50% reaction

Height, cm	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	ΣX	Σο
28.1						0								0			2
31.5	0				X		0						X		X	3	2
35.4		0		X				0		0	D 370H-1	X		77		2	3
39.7			X						X		X					3	

Total: 8 7

Gary Hust

Operator

Peter C. Hsu

RI for impact test

<sup>\*</sup> X- reaction indicated by voltmeter reading ≥ 1.3 V

<sup>0</sup>- no reaction indicated by voltmeter reading < 1.3 V

FRIC	TION TEST REPO	ORT	1		
Operator:	Gary Hust	Test date:	9/8/10		
Reviewed and approved by:	Peter Hsu	c. 0			
Requester:	Peter Hsu	91			
requester.	1 Cler riou	Book			-
Project No:	35339	Reference:	3-86		
Task:	108103 1 of 3				
Material:	RDX				
Identification Number:	15089				
Composition:	Pure I	RDX			
Temperature:	75°F				
Relative Humidity:	26%				
Test Results: 1of10 Test Results: 0of10	1/10 @ 16.8 kg 0/10 @ 16.0 Kg				
Number of X's	6		Datasheet		
Number of O's	9		Weight	Go (X)	No Go (O)
+/- 0.5	-0.5	#2	21.6		0
Least Friction Weight for X's or O's	21.6		25.2		0
LOG of Least Friction Weight	1.3345		28.8	X	
LOG of Interval	0.06		25.2		0
	# of Events	Wt, kg	28.8		O
# of Events at Least Weight	1	25.2	32.4	Х	
# of Events at Next Weight	4	28.8	28.8	X	
# of Events at Next Weight	1	32.4	25.2		0
# of Events at Next Weight	0	36.0	28.8	X	
# of Events at Next Weight	0		25.2		0
# of Events at Next Weight			25.2	ļ	0
***************************************			28.8	X	-
Dh <sub>50</sub> CALCULATION		*****	25.2	^	Ö
O (NI + 1)	6		21.6 25.2		0
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i) Sum of Events for Calculation	6		Total	6	9
LOG of F <sub>50</sub>	1.3645		Total	, ,	······
F <sub>50</sub>	1.0040	23.1	Kg		
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NDARD DEVIATION CALCULA	ATION				
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i²) STANDARD DEVIATION	8	0.035			
MAXIMUM F <sub>50</sub>	2.0	25.1	Kg		
		21.3		-	
MINIMUM F <sub>50</sub>	-1.8	41.3	Kg		1

#### ELECTROSTATIC SPARK TEST REPORT.

Operator: Gary Hust GH

Test Date:

9/8/10

Reviewed and Approved by: Peter Hsu

Requestor: Peter Hsu

Project No: 34339

Task No:

108103

Material:

Temp: 75 °F

RDX-1

R.H: 26%

ID Number: 15089

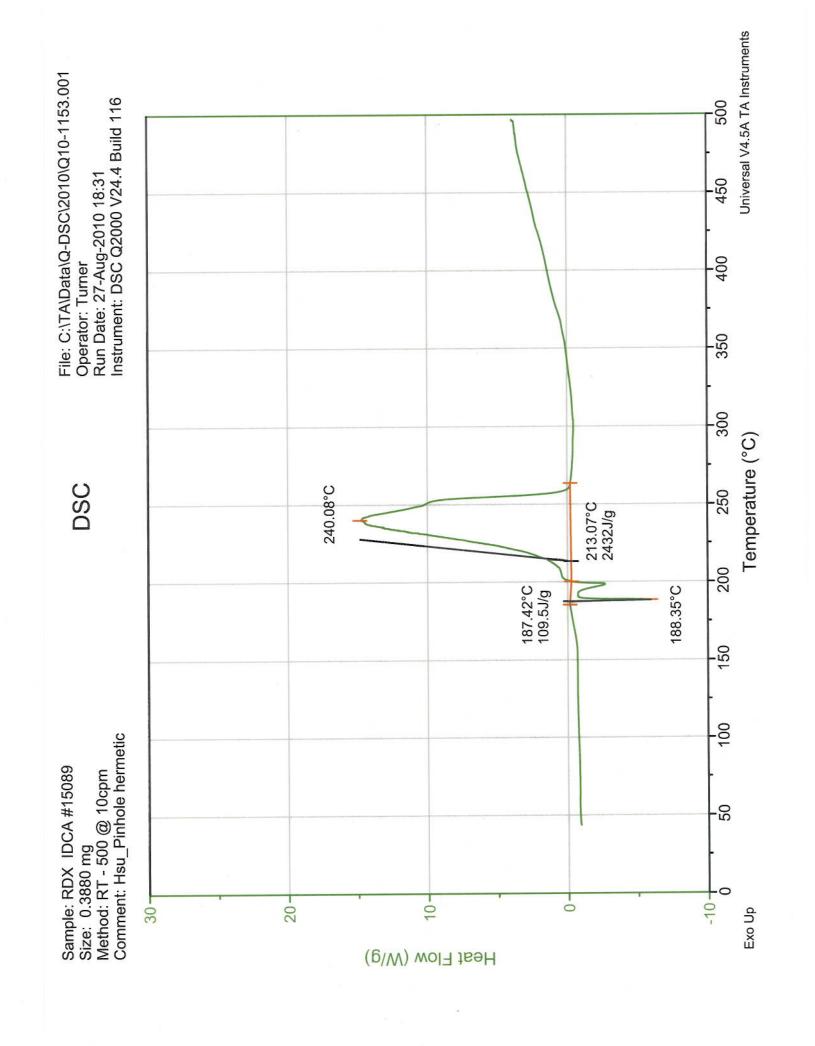
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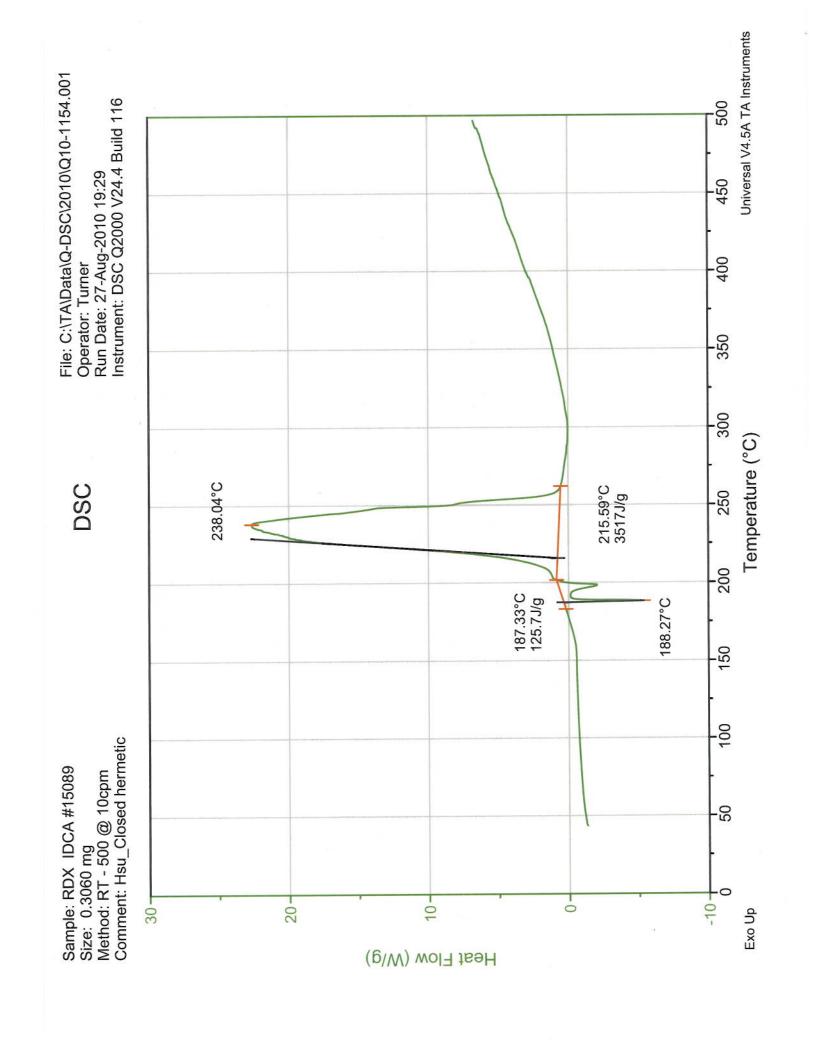
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CAP.	VOLTS	RESISTANCE	GAP	ENERGY	REACTION
(pF)	(kV)	(ohms)	(in.)	(Joules)	(YES or NO)
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	07 1.00 NO	
20K	10	510 .007 1.00		NO	

0 OF 10 TESTS @ 1.0 JOULES WITH 510-OHM RESISTANCE

IS SPARK SENS	ITIVE	X	IS NOT SE	PARK SENS	ITIVE
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REMARKS:





#### DROP HAMMER TEST REPORT

Operator: Reviewed and approved by: Date of Test:	Gary Hust G Peter Hsu PG 9/13/10	H
Name of Explosive: Identification Number: Composition:	RDX-3 15089	
Requester: Project No: Task No: Sample Description: Test Type: Temperature: Humidity: Book Reference:	3 of 3 Peter Hsu 34339 108103 35 mg Powder 12 A 75 °F 30% 23-99	
Number of X's Number of O's +/- 0.5 Least Height for X's or O's LOG of Least Height LOG of Interval # of Events at Least Height # of Events at Next Height	1 1 <sup>-</sup> 2 19 2 20 0 29	5.8 7.7 9.9 2.3 5.0 8.1
Dh <sub>50</sub> CALCULATION REMARKS: <b>USED 180</b> grit G	arnet SAND PAF	PER
: Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i) Sum of Events for Calculation LOG of Dh <sub>50</sub> Dh <sub>50</sub>	11 6 1.3153	20.7 cm
STANDARD DEVIATION CAL	CULATION	
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i <sup>2</sup> )  STANDARD DEVIATION	27	0.095
MAXIMUM Dh <sub>50</sub>	5.0	25.7 cm

-4.0

16.6 cm

MINIMUM Dh<sub>50</sub>

Impact (drop hammer) Test Worksheet

Γest Date:	09/13/2010

Sample description: RDX (Indian Head) standard, third test of second series

ID Number: 15089

Temperature: 75 F

Relative humidity: 30%

Table 1: Impact test for determining the height for 50% reaction

Height, cm	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	ΣX	Σο
15.8													0	-2-			1
17.7												X		0		1	1
19.9							0		0		X				X	2	2
22.3		0	8	0		X		X		X						3	2
25.0	X		X		X											3	
28.1																	
31.5																	
35.4																	
39.7																	litto

Total: 9

Gary Hust Operator Peter C. Hsu

RI for impact test

<sup>\*</sup> X- reaction indicated by voltmeter reading  $\geq$  1.3 V

<sup>0</sup>- no reaction indicated by voltmeter reading < 1.3 V

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Operator:	Gary Hust 🚓	lest date:	9/9/10		
Reviewed and approved by:	Peter Hsu	GP			
Requester:	Peter Hsu				
Project No:	35339	Book Reference:	3-86		
Task:	108103				
Material:	RDX 2 of 3				
Identification Number:	15089				
Composition:	Pure I	RDX			
	7505	****			
Temperature:	75°F		<u> </u>		
Relative Humidity:	31%	*****			
Test Results: 1of10	1/10 @ 18.0 kg				
Test Results: 0of10	0/10 @ 16.8 Kg		<u> </u>	Å	
lest Results. 00110	0/10 @ 10.0 Ng				-
Number of X's	7		Datasheet		
Number of O's	8		Weight	Go (X)	No Go (O
+/- 0.5	-0.5	#2	21.6		0
Least Friction Weight for X's or O's	25.2		25.2	,	0
LOG of Least Friction Weight	1.4014		28.8		Ö
LOG of Interval	0.06		32.4	Χ	
	# of Events	Wt, kg	28.8	X	
# of Events at Least Weight	4	25.2	25.2	X	
# of Events at Next Weight	2	28.8	21.6		0
# of Events at Next Weight	1	32.4	25.2	Χ	
# of Events at Next Weight	0	36.0	21.6		0
# of Events at Next Weight	0		25.2		0
# of Events at Next Weight	-		28.8	X	
			25.2	X	
Dh <sub>50</sub> CALCULATION			21.6	X	0
			25.2	^	0
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i) Sum of Events for Calculation	7		21.6	7	8
	1 4057			<del> '</del>	<del></del>
LOG of F <sub>50</sub>	1.4057			ļ	<del>- </del>
F <sub>50</sub>		25.4	Kg		
IDARD DEVIATION CALCULA	TION				
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i²)	6			<u> </u>	
STANDARD DEVIATION		0.054			
MAXIMUM F <sub>50</sub>	3.4	28.8	Kg		
MINIMUM F <sub>50</sub>	-3.0	22.5	Kg		

## ELECTROSTATIC SPARK TEST REPORT

Operator: Gary Hust GH

Test Date: 9/9/10

Reviewed and Approved by: Peter Hsu P4

Requestor: Peter Hsu

Project No: 34339

Task No:

108103

Temp: 75 °F

Material:

RDX-2

R.H: 32%

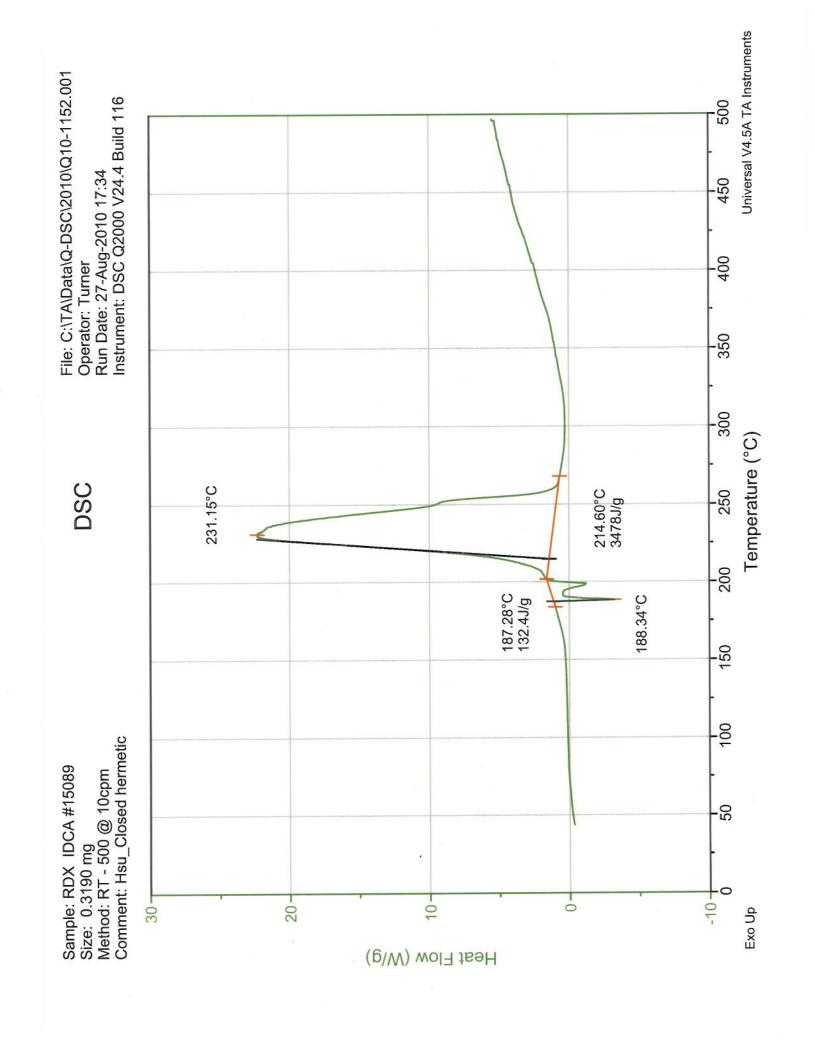
ID Number: 15089

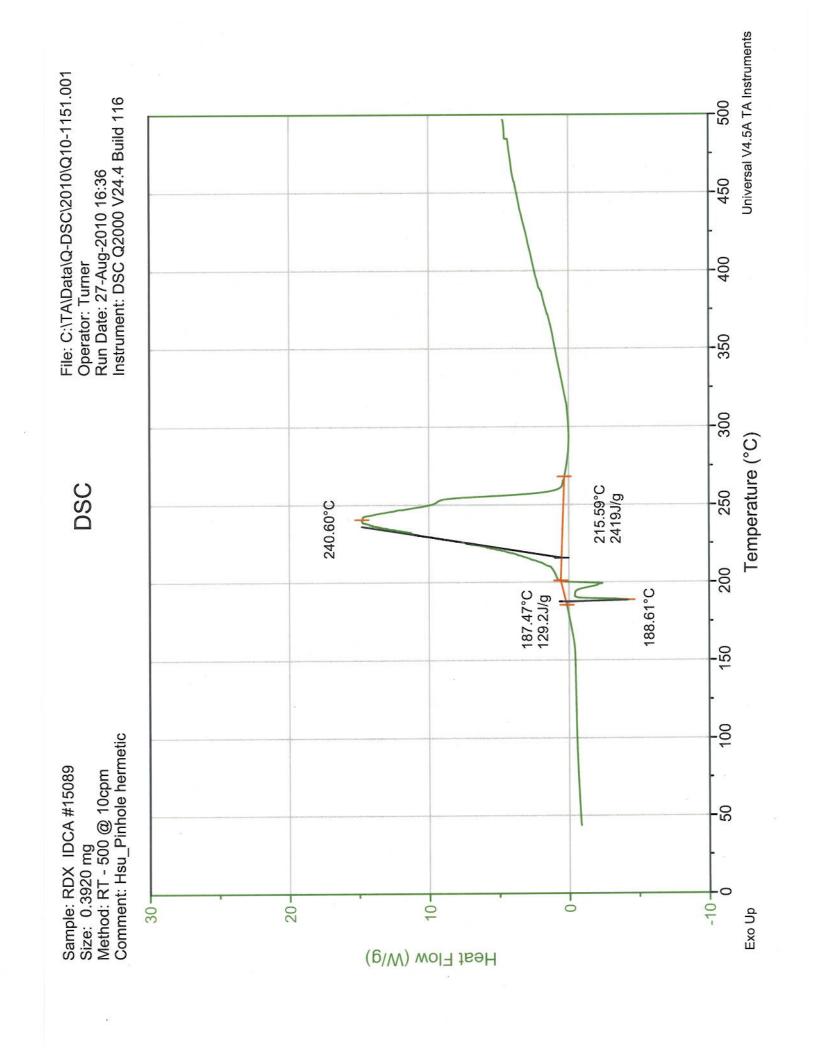
Composition:

CAP.	VOLTS	RESISTANCE	GAP	ENERGY	REACTION
(pF)	(kV)	(ohms)	(in.)	(Joules)	(YES or NO)
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO

0 OF 10 TESTS @ 1.0 JOULES WITH 510-OHM RESISTANCE

IS SPARK SENSITIVE	X_	_IS NOT SPARK SENSITIVE	=
REMARKS:			





#### DROP HAMMER TEST REPORT

Gary Hust Operator: Peter Hsu Reviewed and approved by: Date of Test: 9/9/10 Name of Explosive: RDX Identification Number: 15089 Composition: 2 of 3 Peter Hsu Requester: Project No: 34339 Task No: 108103 Sample Description: 35 mg Powder 12 A Test Type: 75 °F Temperature: 30% Humidity: Book Reference: 23-97 Number of X's 8 7 Number of O's 0.5 +/- 0.5 19.9 Least Height for X's or O's LOG of Least Height 1.2989 LOG of Interval 0.05 3 19.9 # of Events at Least Height 3 22.3 # of Events at Next Height 1 25.1 # of Events at Next Height # of Events at Next Height 0 28.1 0 31.5 # of Events at Next Height 35.4 # of Events at Next Height 0 Dh<sub>50</sub> CALCULATION REMARKS: USED 180 grit Garnet SAND PAPER Sum (N<sub>i</sub> \* i) 5 7 Sum of Events for Calculation LOG of Dh<sub>50</sub> 1.3596 22.9 cm Dh<sub>50</sub> STANDARD DEVIATION CALCULATION Sum  $(N_i * i^2)$ 7 0.042 STANDARD DEVIATION 25.2 cm 2.3

-2.1

20.8 cm

MAXIMUM Dh<sub>50</sub>

MINIMUM Dh<sub>50</sub>

Impact (drop hammer) Test Worksheet

Test Date:	09/09/2010	
1 CSt Date	07/07/2010	_

Sample description: RDX (Indian Head) standard, second test of second series

ID Number: 15089

Temperature: 74 F

Relative humidity: 30%

Table 1: Impact test for determining the height for 50% reaction

Height, cm	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	ΣX	Σο
19.9			0				0								0		3
22.3		X		0		X		0		0				X		3	3
25.0	X				X				X		0		X			4	1
28.1												X				1	
31.5																	
35.4																	
39.7															V.		

Total: 8

0- no reaction indicated by voltmeter reading  $< 1.3 \ V$ 

Gary Hust Operator Peter C. Hsu RI for impact test

<sup>\*</sup> X- reaction indicated by voltmeter reading  $\geq$  1.3 V

FRIC	TION TEST REPO	ORT	1		
Operator:	Gary Hust G	Test date:     Test date:	9/9/10		
		D Cot date.	0.07.10		
Reviewed and approved by:	Peter Hsu Peter Hsu	Η	-	ļ	
Requester:	Peter risu	Book			
Project No:	35339	Reference:	3-86	ļ	
Task:	108103				
Material:	RDX 3 of 3				
Identification Number:	15089				
Composition:	Pure I	RDX			
Temperature:	75°F				
Relative Humidity:	31%				
Test Results: 1of10	1/10 @ 19.2 kg	****			
Test Results: 0of10	0/10 @ 16.8 Kg				
Number of X's	7	***************************************	Datasheet		
Number of O's	8		Weight	Go (X)	No Go (O)
+/- 0.5	-0.5	#2	21.6	00 (7.)	0
Least Friction Weight for X's or O's	25.2		25.2	х	
LOG of Least Friction Weight	1.4014		21.6		0
LOG of Interval	0.06		25.2	İ	0
	# of Events	Wt, kg	28.8	Х	
# of Events at Least Weight	3	25.2	25.2		0
# of Events at Next Weight	3	28.8	28.8	X	
# of Events at Next Weight	1	32.4	25.2		0
# of Events at Next Weight	0	36.0	28.8		0
# of Events at Next Weight	0		32.4	Χ	
# of Events at Next Weight			28.8	Χ	
			25.2	Х	
Dh <sub>50</sub> CALCULATION			21.6		0
			25.2	X	
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i)	5		21.6	ļ <sub>7</sub>	8
Sum of Events for Calculation				7	0
LOG of F <sub>50</sub>	1.4143			<u> </u>	
F <sub>50</sub>		26.0	Kg		-
NDARD DEVIATION CALCULA	TION				
Sum (N <sub>i</sub> * i²)	7				
STANDARD DEVIATION		0.050			
MAXIMUM F <sub>50</sub>	3.2	29.2	Kg		
		23.1	<del></del>	-	
MINIMUM F <sub>50</sub>	-2.8	23.1	Kg	1	

## ELECTROSTATIC SPARK TEST REPORT

Test Date: 9/10/10

Operator: Gary Hust GH

Reviewed and Approved by: Peter Hsu PH

Requestor: Peter Hsu

Project No: 34339

Task No: 108103

Temp: 75 °F Material: RDX-3

R.H: 29%

ID Number: 15089

Composition:

CAP.	VOLTS	RESISTANCE	GAP	ENERGY	REACTION
(pF)	(kV)	(ohms)	(in.)	(Joules)	(YES or NO)
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO
20K	10	510	.007	1.00	NO

0 OF 10 TESTS @ 1.0 JOULES WITH 510-OHM RESISTANCE

\_\_\_\_\_ IS SPARK SENSITIVE \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_IS NOT SPARK SENSITIVE

REMARKS:

