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DB180	126.2	646	152	310	Full	Penetrated		
DB182	126.4	527	0	0	.053	Contained		
DB184	126.3	581	0	0	.237	Contained		
DB185	126.2	597	0	0	.308	Contained		
DB186	126.4	578	0	0	.187	Contained		
DB192	126.3	630	0	153	Full	Contained/plug released		
DB193	126.3	629	104	226	Full	Penetrated		
DB195	126.3	616	0	132	Full	Contained/plug released		

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Executive Summary

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This report describes impact testing which has been done on aluminum (Al) 2024 and titanium (Ti) 6Al-4vanadium (V) sheet and plate samples of different thicknesses and with different types of projectiles, one a regular cylinder and one with a more complex geometry incorporating features representative of a jet engine fan blade. Data from this testing will be used in validating material models developed under this program. The material tests and the material models developed in this program will be published in separate reports.

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1.0 Introduction

Numerical simulation of dynamic impact events has reached a level of maturity at which it is commonly used as a design tool for a wide variety of aerospace structures such as jet engine containment systems, fan blades, radomes and cowlings. However, current efforts require extensive testing in parallel with modeling and it is often necessary to adjust model parameters somewhat arbitrarily in order that the model fit the test results. Explicit transient finite element modeling of even the simplest of problems, such as a regularly shaped projectile impacting a flat plate can result in widely varying results, depending on the material and failure models, available material properties, the contact models, the mesh density, and a number of different numerical parameters that must be specified in the computer codes.

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2.0 Methods

Impact tests were conducted on flat Al-2024T3/T351 and Ti-6AL-4V panels with two different areal dimensions, 24- by 24-in. large panel and 15- by 15-in. small panel. The smaller panels were impacted in a normal direction with a cylindrical projectiles ranging in diameter from 0.5 to 0.75 in. The larger panels were impacted by the NGFBF as a simplified simulation of a blade impacting containment structure in an oblique orientation. Different test setups were used for the two sets of impact tests, as described in the following sections. Strains and displacements were measured on the back side of the panels and post-test metallography was selectively performed to characterize the material microstructure and damage and failure in the test specimens.

2.1 Materials

Impact tests were conducted on Al-2024 T3/T351 (AMS 4037) and Ti-6Al-4V (AMS 4911) sheet and plate material of the thicknesses shown in Table 1. The nominal thickness is the thickness stated on the certification sheet and the actual thickness is based on averages of multiple measurements of the as-received material. The material certification sheets are given in Appendix A. For consistency, future reference to target thickness in this report refers to the nominal thickness of the material.

		Small panel				Large panel
A1 2024	Nominal		0.125	0.25	0.5	0.5
AI-2024	Actual		0.126	0.255	0.503	0.503
T: (A1 AV	Nominal	0.09	0.14	0.25	0.5	0.09
11-0A1-4 v	Actual	0.092	0.135	0.254	0.515	0.092

TABLE 1.-TEST SPECIMEN NOMINAL AND MEASURED THICKNESSES (in.)

2.1.1 Material Chemistry

Chemistry was checked by spectroscopy at GRC for all of the plates tested in this study. The results for Al-2024T3/T351 are shown in Table 2 and are within the ranges given in AMS 4037.

TABLE 2.—AI-2024 CHEMISTRT (wt 76)								
Element	P	anel thicknes	AMS	4037N				
		(in.)						
	0.125	0.25	0.5	Min	Max			
Cr	0.003	0.032	0.01		0.1			
Cu	4.41	4.32	4.21	3.8	4.9			
Fe	0.12	0.25	0.19		0.5			
Mg	1.43	1.26	1.27	1.2	1.8			
Mn	0.60	0.55	0.55	0.3	0.9			
Si	0.06	0.10	0.1		0.5			
Ti	0.032	0.017	0.019		0.15			
Zn	0.09	0.12	0.17		0.25			
Al	Balance	Balance	Balance		Balance			

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The chemical results for Ti-6Al-4V from NASA spectroscopy analysis are shown in Table 3. The columns in Table 3 labeled "Cert" refer to the values given in the material certification sheets in Appendix A. The chemical composition of the Ti-6-4 materials is consistent with the ranges specified in AMS 4911.

TABLE 3.—Ti-6Al-4V CHEMISTRY (wt %)

	Panel thickness,								AMS	4911J
Element		in.								
	0.09	Cert	0.135	Cert	0.25	Cert	0.5	Cert	Min	Max
Al	6.74	6.16	6.56	6.27, 6.32	6.13	5.91, 6.03	6.64	6.27	5.50	6.75
V	4.07	3.82	3.99	3.94, 4.03	3.97	4.00, 4.02	4.04	4.08	3.50	4.50
Fe	0.16	0.17	0.15	0.13, 0.16	0.18	0.19, 0.20	0.13	0.16		0.30
0	0.151	0.150	0.146	0.162, 0.145	0.173	0.185, 0.200	0.190	0.170		0.20
С	0.003	0.009	0.017	0.023, 0.027	0.016	0.020, 0.020	0.011	0.016		0.08
Ν	0.006	0.005	0.006	0.004, 0.005	0.006	0.006, 0.007	0.006	0.006		0.05
Ti	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance

2.1.2 Material Texture and Microstructure

The texture and microstructure of all materials used in this study were examined. Techniques and results are given for texture in Appendix B. The aluminum plates were found to have cube textures typical of annealing textures observed in face center cubic (FCC) structure materials. The Ti-6Al-4V plates had either basal or transverse textures typical of hexagonal close packed structure (HCP) materials. For both materials the sharpness of the texture (degree of anisotropy) in each plate varied from plate to plate. This is most likely due to the specific thermal-mechanical processing history rather than a direct consequence of the plate thickness. Therefore, any future plate could have more or less texture than those observed in this study.

Appendix C describes the microstructures for each plate. The aluminum plates exhibit pancake-shape grains typical of aluminum alloys with their longest dimension in the rolling direction. The 1/8 in. thick aluminum has the most equiaxed and the smallest grains. The Ti-6Al-4V plates each have their own unique microstructure dependent on their thermal-mechanical history, yet typical of alpha-beta titanium alloys.

Appendix D is a description of material pedigree for separate purchases of Ti-6Al-4V plates to permit some comment on the variation in pedigree. The additional plates had normal chemistry and microstructure for annealed Ti-6-4. The textures were typical of rolled plate. The degree of anisotropy as given by the texture index was no greater than 1.54 for all eight plates examined.

2.2 Small Panel Test Setup

Twelve Ti-6Al-4V and fifteen Al-2024 target ballistic impact tests were conducted on each of the different thickness target panels shown in Table 1, with the exception of the 0.5 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V for which limited material was available. The projectiles were cylindrical with a large radius almost flat front face and impacted the plates in a normal orientation at the center of the plate. The only exception to this was with the 0.5 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V specimens, for which there were only eleven impact tests and multiple impacts were conducted on each panel, at least 3 in. away from each other. The 0.5 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V multiple tests on a single panel was considered acceptable as the damage was highly localized. The tests were designed such that the ballistic limit velocity for the particular combinations of projectiles and panels was in the range of 600 to 900 ft/sec. This corresponds to the high-speed range of the center of mass of a typical uncontained engine fan blade fragment. The impact tests were conducted at speeds above and below the ballistic limit so that some projectiles penetrated and some did not.

2.2.1 Al-2024 Test Specimens

Al-2024 sheet and plate, AMS 4037 of three different thicknesses, nominally 0.125, 0.25 and 0.5 in. were tested. The 0.125 in. material had a temper of T3 and the 0.25 in and 0.5 in. material had a temper of T351. The certified test reports for the material are shown in Appendix A and actual measured thicknesses are reported in Table 1.

The test specimens were cut in squares, 15 in. on a side, with through holes for mounting bolts as shown in Figure 1. The through holes were 9/16 in. diameter on a 13 in. diameter bolt-hole circle. They were held in massive steel fixtures with a circular aperture shown in Figure 2(a) and (b). The two parts of the fixture were 1.5 in. thick steel.



Figure 2.—Test Fixture Assembly, (a) front and side view (dimensions in inches), and (b) Clamp Fixture Assembly.

2.2.2 Ti-6Al-4V Test Specimens

The titanium test specimens were Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4911, with nominal thicknesses of 0.09, 0.14, 0.25 and 0.5 in., and the same areal dimensions as the aluminum specimens discussed above. The material certification test reports for the material are shown in Appendix A and actual measured thicknesses are reported in Table 1.

2.2.3 Projectiles

The projectiles used for the small panel testing were cylindrical with varying length, diameter and material (Figure 3). They had a relatively large nose radius of 2.75 in., which allowed a slight deviation of 5° in the normal orientation of the projectile without a front edge impact. The edge of the front face was "broken" with a 1/32 in. radius.

2.2.3.1 **Projectiles for Aluminum Panels**

The projectiles used for the 0.125 and 0.25 in. aluminum plates were Ti-6Al-4V cylinders, AMS 4928, with a hardness of 36-37 HRC and a diameter of 0.5 in. The projectiles used for the 0.125 in. plates were 0.7 in. long with a nominal mass of 9.9 gram. The projectiles used for the 0.25 in. plates were 0.9 in. long with a nominal mass of 12.8 gram. The projectiles used for the 0.5 in Al plate had a similar geometry but were manufactured from A2 tool steel and hardened to Rockwell 59C. The diameter was 0.5 in. and initially had a length of 1.5 in. The length was reduced to 1.125 in. after four tests indicated that the longer projectile resulted in a penetration velocity below that desired by this program.





2.2.3.2 **Projectiles for Titanium Panels**

The projectiles used for the 0.09 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V panels were 0.5 in. diameter, 1 in. long Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4928, with a hardness of 36-37 HRC, an average mass of 14.05 gram and the same nose profile as described above. For the 0.14 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V panels, two different projectiles were used to investigate the effects of projectile hardness. The first set of tests used a Ti-6Al-4V projectile similar to the 0.09 in. panel tests, but 1.5 in long and with an average mass of 21.28 gram. The second set of tests on the 0.14 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V panels utilized a hardened A2 tool steel projectile with a diameter of 0.5 in., a length of 0.86 in., an average mass of 21.25 gram and a hardness of 59 HRC. For the 0.25 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V panels the projectile was 0.5 in. diameter, 0.875 in. long A2 tool steel with an average mass of 21.56 gram and a hardness of 59 HRC. The projectiles used for the 0.5 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V were considerably larger and heavier than any of the others, as shown in Table 2. A sample small panel projectile is shown in Figure 3.

The panel thickness and projectile information is summarized in Table 4. Actual thickness of panels were slightly different from the nominal, as shown in Table 1.

Target material	Nominal thickness,	Projectile material	Hardness,	Length,	Diameter,	Mass,
	in.		HRC	in.	in.	gram
Al2024	0.125	Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4928	36-37	0.7	0.5	9.0
Al2024	0.25	Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4928	36-37	.9	.5	12.8
Al2024	0.5	A2 Tool Steel	59	1.125	.5	28.0
Ti-6Al-4V	0.09	Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4928	36-37	1.0	.5	14.05
Ti-6Al-4V	0.14	Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4928	36-37	1.5	.5	21.28
Ti-6Al-4V	0.14	A2 Tool Steel*	59	.86	.5	21.25
Ti-6Al-4V	0.25	A2 Tool Steel	59	.875	.5	21.56
Ti-6Al-4V	0.5	A2 Tool Steel	63	2.25	.75	126.3

TABLE 4.—PROJECTILES USED FOR SMALL PANEL IMPACT TESTS

* Used to study the effect of projectile hardness on penetration speed

2.2.4 Gas Gun

The cylindrical projectiles were accelerated with a helium filled gas gun connected to a vacuum chamber, shown in Figure 4. The gun barrel had a length of 12 ft and a bore of 2.0 in. The pressure vessel was made up of sections as shown in Figure 5, with a total volume of 681 in³. The projectile was carried down the gun barrel supported by rigid foam in a cylindrical polycarbonate sabot shown in Figure 6. The gun barrel protruded into the vacuum chamber which held the fixture for the specimens. The sabot was stopped at the end of the gun barrel by a stopper plate with a through-hole large enough to allow the projectile to pass through. This stopper system was designed such that the bottom of the sabot, including the o-rings, remained in the gun barrel and formed a seal which prevented the gas pressure behind the sabot from affecting the pressure in the vacuum chamber.

2.2.5 Instrumentation

Data acquired from the impact tests included measurements of the impact velocity, post-impact velocity (if penetration occurred) projectile orientation prior to impact, strain gage measurements and full field backside strain and displacement measurements using a digital image correlation system. In addition, high speed cameras provided qualitative observations of each test.



Figure 4.—Large Vacuum Gas Gun (shown with 3 in. diameter gun barrel).



Figure 5.—Pressure vessel.



Figure 6.—Sabots used to transport projectile down the gun barrel. (Post-test sabot shown in center.)



Figure 7.—Schematic of a top view of the vacuum chamber showing the high speed camera locations.

2.2.5.1 General Photo-Instrumentation

Seven high speed digital cameras were used for each test. These cameras provided a side view of the front of the panel and two views of the rear of the panel (side and top) for post-impact velocity measurement. In addition, a calibrated pair of cameras located above and in front of the panel were used to measure impact velocity and projectile orientation, and a calibrated pair of cameras viewing the backside of the panel were used to compute the backside displacement and strain. The locations of these cameras are shown schematically in Figure 7.

2.2.5.2 Point Strain Measurement

Six of the 15 panels from each of the three thicknesses were instrumented with strain gages. Four of these six instrumented panels had five uniaxial strain gages located as shown in Figure 8. The other two of the instrumented panels had triaxial rosettes substituted for two of the uniaxial gages, resulting in nine strain measurements (Figure 9). The uniaxial strain gages were Vishay Micro-Measurements EA-06-125AD-120 (Vishay Micro-Measurements, Malvern, PA), with a gage factor of 2.085. The triaxial rosettes were Vishay Micro-Measurements WA-06-060WR-120 with a gage factor of 2.11. The strain gage bridge completion, signal conditioning and recording were performed with a Spectral Dynamics Impax-SD measurement and control system utilizing SD-VX2805 data acquisition modules (Spectral Dynamics, Inc., San Jose, CA). The acquisition rate for the strain gages was 1.25 Msamples/sec.

2.2.5.3 **Projectile Speed and Orientation**

The speed and orientation of the projectile were measured by tracking the position of two points on the projectile and the position of three fixed points which defined the fixed laboratory coordinate system. The point tracking was accomplished with the use of a calibrated pair of high speed cameras (Phantom V7.3, Vision Research, Inc., Wayne, NJ) and the PONTOS point tracking software system (GOM, Braunschweig, Germany). The three fixed points were located on a metal plate mounted to the specimen fixture in a horizontal plane directly below the path of the projectile as shown in Figure 10. The three points defined a coordinate system with the X-axis pointing in the opposite direction of the direction of travel of the projectile, the Z axis vertically upward and the Y-axis in the horizontal plane and in a direction defined by the vector product of unit vectors in the Z and X directions respectively (Figure 10). The origin of the coordinate system was at point 1 shown in Figure 10. All positions reported for the projectile and the impact point were computed with respect to this coordinate system. In this coordinate system, the center of the impact surface of the test specimens is at (-4.24, 0.8125, 1.125) in.



Figure 8.—Strain gage locations on panels with five gages.



Figure 9.—Strain gage locations on panels with nine gages.



Figure 10.—Points used to define the Laboratory Coordinate System.

The post-impact velocity for the aluminum panel testing was measured with two high speed cameras on the backside of the panel, oriented normal to the path of the projectile, one viewing from above and one viewing from the left side (viewing from the gun barrel). These cameras were calibrated prior to the impact test using an aluminum rod protruding from the gun barrel with calibration marks located at every inch. Calibration tests in which no panel was mounted indicated that the differences in velocity measurements between the two cameras and the PONTOS system were well under 1%.

For the Ti-6Al-4V panel testing, the orthogonal camera system for exit velocity measurement was replaced with a second pair of calibrated cameras and the PONTOS point tracking system.

2.2.5.4 Full Field Displacement and Strain

Full field displacement and strain measurements were obtained using a calibrated pair of high speed digital cameras (Photron model SA1.1, Photron USA, San Diego, CA) and a digital image correlation software package (ARAMIS, GOM, Braunschweig, Germany). The cameras were located on the outside of the vacuum chamber and viewed the backside of the panel through two viewports. The distance from the cameras to the panel was approximately 36 in. and the distance between the cameras was approximately 16 in. For test DB58 and prior tests, the cameras recorded an area of approximately 4- by 4-in. with a resolution of 128 pix in the horizontal direction and 128 pix in the vertical direction and a frame rate of 180,000 frames/sec. Later tests used a resolution of 128 x 160 pixels and a frame rate of 150,000 frames/sec. The back side of each panel was painted with a random set of black dots on a white

background as required by the ARAMIS software. From the images, the software computed the displacements in three directions at any point in the view for every recorded frame. In-plane strains on the back surface of the panel were computed from the displacements.

2.3 Large Panel Test Setup

Four ballistic impact tests were conducted on larger flat panels of each material. These tests were designed to involve a more realistic projectile and non-normal impact orientation to provide data for validation of numerical models under conditions more complex than the small panel tests. It also is a better representative laboratory test for a turbine engine blade release event. Since the release of an engine blade is tangential, as the blade is released the tip makes contact in such a way that it tends to bend, as opposed to a blade exiting in a purely radial direction. This creates a moment and the blade rotates after initial contact, with the heavier root section often being the part of the blade that penetrates the engine case. This test is a simple rig test to try to more represent this type of impact.

2.3.1 Test Specimens

The aluminum test specimens were 24- by 24-in. Al 2024-T351 with a nominal thickness of 0.25 in. The titanium test specimens were 24- by 24-in. Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4911, with a nominal thickness of 0.090 in. The material certification sheets are shown in Appendix A. The panels were held at a 45° angle in a square fixture with a 20- by 20-in. aperture as shown in Figure 11. The panels were through-bolted with 24 0.5 in. bolts equally spaced around the sides, 1 in. in from the edges.

2.3.2 Projectile

The NGFBF projectile used for the large panel test was designed to include some of the features of a real fan blade, such as a thin tip and a heavier shank, while being relatively simple to manufacture and model. It was made from Ti-6Al-4V, AMS 4911 and had a nominal mass of 340 gram. The dimensions are shown in Figure 12 and a still image from a high speed video of an impact test, directly before impact is shown in Figure 13.



Figure 11.—Schematic of the Large Panel Test Setup showing the orientation of the projectile and test specimen.



Figure 12.—Projectile used in the Large Panel Impact Tests. (Dimensions in inches.)



Figure 13.—Still image from a high speed movie of an impact test taken directly before impact.



Figure 14.—Projectile Coordinate System.

2.3.3 Instrumentation

Full field displacement data on the back side of the impacted panels were obtained using a pair of calibrated high speed cameras and a digital image correlation (DIC) system, similar to the small panel tests. In these tests the cameras were operating at 32,000 frames per second with a spatial resolution of 256x256 pixels. In addition a second pair of calibrated cameras and DIC system were used to track the position of individual points on the projectile. From these data, the impact velocity and orientation of the projectile were computed. The cameras used for the projectile information were operating at 12,500 frames/sec with a resolution of 512 pixels in the horizontal direction and 288 pixels in the vertical direction.

For measuring the projectile orientation a coordinate system was established on the projectile as shown in Figure 14. The fixed laboratory coordinate system was specified such that the X direction was in the direction of the axis of the gun barrel. The Y direction was to the right when looking toward the test specimen from the gun barrel and the Z direction was vertically downward. The desired orientation of the projectile at impact was 0° about the X axis (roll), 45° about the projectile y axis (pitch), and 0° about the (rotated) projectile z axis (yaw). In this orientation the angle between the projectile and the test panel was 90°. This orientation was not achieved exactly in all tests, but the actual orientations (Euler angles) were measured and recorded.

3.0 Results and Discussion

3.1 Small Panel Impact Tests

A summary of the small panel impact tests for each of the two materials is given in Table 5 and Table 6. In these tables the impact angle is the angle between the axis of the cylindrical projectile and the normal direction to the panel at the moment of impact.

Test	Projectile mass, gram	Projectile impact velocity, ft/sec	Projectile exit velocity, ft/sec	Projectile impact angle, deg	Comments
DB54	9.90	739	41	1.2	Penetrated
DB55	9.88	722	176	2.1	Penetrated
DB56	9.90	707	69	1.7	Penetrated
DB57	9.90	674	0	3.9	Contained
DB66	9.92	782	383	1.9	Penetrated
DB67	9.91	642	0	3.1	Contained
DB68	9.90	626	0	1.0	Contained
DB69	9.90	673	0	1.1	Contained
DB70	9.90	679	0	3.2	Contained
DB71	9.93	920	697	1.7	Penetrated
DB73	9.95	883	644	1.3	Penetrated
DB74	9.95	978	803	6.1	Penetrated
DB75	9.90	858	610	1.7	Penetrated
DB76	9.95	666	0	3.1	Contained
DB77	9.85	663	0	2.4	Contained

TABLE 5.—SMALL PANEL IMPACT RESULTS FOR Al-2024(a) Impact Results for 0.125 in. Thick Al-2024

(b) Impact Results for 0.25 in. Thick Al-2024

Test	Projectile mass, gram	Projectile impact velocity, ft/sec	Projectile exit velocity, ft/sec	Projectile impact angle, deg	Comments
DB39	12.8	795	386	5.8	Penetrated
DB42	12.8	729	0	3.9	Contained
DB44	12.8	721	0	2.6	Contained
DB45	12.8	752	0	4.0	Hole, projectile rebounded
DB47	12.8	710	17	2.2	Penetrated
DB51	12.7	734	172	5.6	Penetrated
DB52	12.8	763	153	3.2	Penetrated
DB58	12.7	750	0	7.8	Projectile lodged, plug ejected
DB59	12.7	746	145	2.7	Projectile lodged, plug ejected
DB60	12.8	713	0	4.7	Contained
DB61	12.8	733	0	3.3	Contained
DB62	12.8	685	0	3.8	Contained
DB63	12.7	648	0	1.2	Contained
DB64	12.8	861	444	0.6	Penetrated
DB65	12.8	938	494	0.3	Penetrated

(c) Impact Results for 0.5 in. Thick Al-2024

Test	Projectile mass,	Projectile impact	Projectile exit	Projectile impact	Comments
	Bruin	ft/sec	ft/sec	deg	
DB79	37.6	757	232	0.5	Penetrated
DB80	37.5	717	279	1.0	Penetrated
DB81	37.5	690	239	0.8	Penetrated
DB82	37.6	659	155	1.5	Penetrated
DB83	27.9	786	0	1.3	Contained, plug almost ejected
DB84	28.1	832	0	1.0	Projectile lodged, plug ejected
DB85	28.0	876	143	1.7	Penetrated
DB86	28.0	751	0	1.4	Contained
DB87	28.0	819	212	0.4	Penetrated
DB88	28.0	961	400	9.4	Penetrated
DB89	28.0	906	191	2.2	Penetrated
DB90	28.0	851	114	0.8	Penetrated
DB91	28.0	843	244	0.9	Penetrated
DB92	28.0	759	187	1.8	Penetrated
DB93	28.0	717	0	1.6	Projectile lodged, plug ejected

Test	Projectile mass,	Projectile impact	Projectile exit	Projectile impact	Comments
	gram	velocity,	velocity,	angle,	
		ft/sec	ft/sec	deg	
DB126	14.01	768	369	3.8	Penetrated
DB127	14.02	720	(116)	4.5	Contained
DB128	14.04	640	(61)	4.4	Contained, no crack
DB129	14.01	716	(64)	10.4	Contained, petal
DB130	14.06	764	385	6.0	Penetrated
DB132	14.10	864	630	2.3	Penetrated
DB133	14.04	706	(75)	4.1	Contained, petal
DB134	14.09	668	(76)	5.1	Contained, petal
DB135	14.07	705	(57)	0.9	Contained
DB136	14.05	669	(29)	3.7	Contained, crack
DB137	14.08	777	377	2.4	Penetrated
DB138	14.08	637	(52)	0.1	Contained

TABLE 6.—SMALL PANEL IMPACT RESULTS FOR Ti-6Al-4V (a) Impact Results for 0.09 in. Thick Ti-6Al-4V

* Rebound velocity given in parentheses where available

(b) Impact Results for 0.14 in. Thick Ti-6Al-4V (Using Ti-6Al-4V Projectile)

Test	Projectile mass,	Projectile impact	Projectile exit	Projectile impact	Comments	
	gram	velocity,	velocity,	angle,		
		ft/sec	ft/sec	deg		
DB144	21.23	725	(116)	2.7	Contained, crack	
DB145	21.24	695	(61)	1.5	Contained, no crack	
DB146	21.25	743	(106)	2.3	Contained, flap	
DB147	21.33	785	298	8.0	Penetrated	
DB148	21.26	901	571	3.7	Penetrated	
DB149	21.29	743	(70)	0.7	Contained	
DB150	21.29	783	262	1.3	Penetrated	
DB151	21.30	773	36	2.2	Penetrated	
DB152	21.30	904	625	0.7	Penetrated	
DB153	21.30	861	580	2.0	Penetrated	
DB154	21.27	771	232	1.6	Penetrated	
DB155	21.26	757	(15)	1.4	Contained	

* Rebound velocity given in parentheses where available

(c) Impact Results for 0.14 in. Thick Ti-6Al-4V (Using Hardened Steel Projectile)

Test	Projectile mass, gram	Projectile impact velocity,	Projectile exit velocity,	Projectile impact angle,	Comments
		n/sec	It/Sec	ueg	
DB157	21.25	674	Not measurable	3.9	Penetrated
DB160	21.24	614		3.4	Contained
DB161	21.26	650		3.5	Contained
DB162	21.25	651		1.3	Contained

Test	Projectile mass, gram	Projectile impact velocity, ft/sec	Projectile exit velocity, ft/sec	Projectile impact angle, deg	Comments	
DB114	21.52	752	241	2.2	Penetrated	
DB115	21.51	710	(59)	1.7	Penetrated, flap	
DB118	21.61	715	(41)	6.8	Contained, plug	
DB119	21.62	630	(14)	5.5	Contained, crack	
DB121	21.55	696	(16)	3.0	Contained, flap	
DB122	21.59	650	(21)	2.1	Contained	
DB123	21.54	814	336	1.7	Penetrated	
DB124	21.58	852	372	1.5	Penetrated	
DB125	21.61	911	396	5.0	Penetrated	
DB139	21.54	619	(57)	Not available	Contained	
DB140	21.55	762	277	2.0	Penetrated	
DB141	21.55	753	281	1.1	Penetrated	

TABLE 6.—CONCLUDED. (d) Impact Results for 0.25 in. Thick Ti-6Al-4V

* Rebound velocity given in parentheses where available

(e) Impact Results for 0.5 in. Thick Ti-6Al-4V

Test	Projectile mass, gram	Projectile impact velocity,	Projectile exit velocity,	Projectile impact angle,	Plug depth,	Comments	
		ft/sec	ft/sec	deg	1n.		
DB177	126.3	896	475	620	Full	Penetrated	
DB178	126.4	865	424	522	Full	Penetrated	
DB179	126.2	713	241	360	Full	Penetrated	
DB180	126.2	646	152	310	Full	Penetrated	
DB182	126.4	527	0	0	.053	Contained	
DB184	126.3	581	0	0	.237	Contained	
DB185	126.2	597	0	0	.308	Contained	
DB186	126.4	578	0	0	.187	Contained	
DB192	126.3	630	0	153	Full	Contained/plug released	
DB193	126.3	629	104	226	Full	Penetrated	
DB195	126.3	616	0	132	Full	Contained/plug released	

3.1.1 Projectile Residual Velocity

The residual velocity of the projectile is plotted against the impact velocity in Figure 15 to Figure 17 for the Al2024 tests. For the 0.125 in. and the 0.25 in. Al2024 plates the results show a fairly well defined transition between penetration and non-penetration, and a generally regular increase in residual velocity as the impact velocity increases. However, for the 0.5 in. thick Al-2024 plates there is a considerable range of impact velocities where in some cases penetration occurred and in others did not. Due to this unexpected result, the data for these tests were carefully reviewed to the satisfaction of the authors that there is no significant anomaly in the data. It is not known why this occurred for the thick aluminum plates. It is clear that friction plays a more important role in the thicker plates. (In some of the tests, the projectile became embedded in the 0.5 in. plate after a plate plug was ejected.) For the heavier and longer projectiles used for the 0.5 in. thick plates the projectile orientation was generally very good, so the impact angle could not be considered an explanation for the irregularities.

The residual velocity of the projectile is plotted against the impact velocity in Figure 18 to Figure 21 for the Ti-6Al-4V tests. Note that there is no residual velocity plot for the 0.14 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V impacted with the hardened steel projectile due to the fact that only one projectile penetrated this limited set of tests. The residual velocity was low, but could not be accurately measured. For all the Ti-6Al-4V tests there was a well-defined transition between tests where penetration occurred and those where there was no penetration as well as a generally regular increase in residual velocity as the impact velocity increased.



Figure 15.—Exit velocity vs. impact velocity for 0.125 in. thick AI-2024 sheet.



Figure 16.—Exit velocity vs. impact velocity for 0.25 in. thick Al-2024 plate.



Figure 17.—Exit velocity vs. impact velocity for 0.5 in. thick AI-2024 plate.



Figure 18.—Exit velocity vs. impact velocity for 0.09 in. thick Ti-6AI-4V sheet.











Figure 21.—Exit velocity vs. impact velocity for 0.5 in. thick Ti-6AI-4V plate.



Figure 22.—Example of plug formed in 0.5 in. Ti-6AI-4V plate.

For the 0.5 in. Ti-6Al-4V plates, the damage was highly localized and there was a velocity range over which a plug developed but was not ejected (Figure 22). This occurred in the impact velocity range of 578 to 597 ft/sec. Above this there was a velocity range in which a plug was ejected but the projectile was contained. At velocities above 630 ft/sec both the plug and projectile penetrated the panel. For the tests in which a plug formed but was not ejected, measurements were made of the plug displacement (Table 6(e)). This measurement is the height of the plug face above the back surface of the plate.

The penetration results for the two materials are presented in Figure 23 and Figure 24 which show the impact velocity for each test and whether or not penetration occurred. Based on the results shown in Figure 15 to Figure 21 and Figure 23 and Figure 24 the approximate projectile penetration velocity results are shown in Table 7.



Figure 23.—Penetration Results for AI-2024. (Dark circles indicate tests in which penetration occurred. Open circles indicate tests where there was no penetration.)



Figure 24.—Penetration results for Ti-6AI-4V. (Dark circles indicate tests in which penetration occurred. Open circles indicate tests where there was no penetration.)

Target material	Nominal thickness, in.	Projectile material	Hardness, HRC	Length, in.	Mass, gram	Projectile penetration velocity, ft/sec
Al2024	0.125	Ti-6Al-4V	36-37	0.7	9.0	700
Al2024	0.25	Ti-6Al-4V	36-37	.9	12.8	750
Al2024	0.5	A2 Tool Steel	59	1.125	28.0	800
Ti-6Al-4V	0.09	Ti-6Al-4V	36-37	1.0	14.05	740
Ti-6Al-4V	0.14	Ti-6Al-4V	36-37	1.5	21.28	770
Ti-6Al-4V	0.14	A2 Tool Steel*	59	.86	21.25	650
Ti-6Al-4V	0.25	A2 Tool Steel	59	.875	21.56	735
Ti-6Al-4V	0.5	A2 Tool Steel	62-63	2.25	126.2	629

 TABLE 7.—APPROXIMATE PROJECTILE PENETRATION

 VELOCITY FOR THE SMALL PANEL IMPACT TESTS

*Used to study the effects of projectile hardness



Figure 25.—Kinetic energy lost by projectile in AI-2024 impact tests.

3.1.2 Projectile Kinetic Energy Absorbed

A useful metric for impact model validation is the amount of kinetic energy absorbed by a panel when impacted. Figure 25 shows the kinetic energy absorbed by the Al2024 test panels. This is defined simply as the difference in projectile kinetic energy before and after impact and does not take into account the kinetic energy of the plug if one was ejected. In many cases it was not possible to accurately measure the plug kinetic energy, but in general it was less than 5% of the total energy absorbed. The curved reference lines represent the kinetic energy of the projectile as a function of impact velocity. For cases where all of the kinetic energy was absorbed (no penetration), the data points lie on the curves. For higher velocities where the projectile has residual kinetic energy, the points fall below the curves. Figure 26 to Figure 28 show the same information for the Ti-6Al-4V plates. The data is plotted on separate graphs for clarity. In general, for speeds just above the penetration velocity the amount of energy absorbed is slightly less than that at just below the penetration velocity. However, as speeds increase, there is no general trend. The data shows that for thicker panels (0.25 in. and above) the amount of energy absorbed increases as the speed increases beyond the penetration velocity. For thinner panels (0.14 in. and lower) the energy absorbed tends to decrease with increasing impact velocity. This may be indicative of a role that friction may play in the impact process. Another explanation may be related to the different failure modes in thicker specimens and related strain rate hardening effects. At this point there is not enough data to support a general conclusion.



Figure 26.—Kinetic energy lost by projectile in 0.09 and 0.14 in. Ti-6AI-4V impact tests.



Figure 27.—Kinetic energy lost by projectile in 0.25 in. Ti-6AI-4V impact tests.



Figure 28.—Kinetic energy lost by projectile in 0.5 in. Ti-6AI-4V impact tests.

3.1.3 Effects of Projectile Hardness

Referring to Table 7, it can be seen that the Ti-6Al-4V projectile used on the 0.14 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V material (row 5) had a similar mass to the hardened steel projectile used with the 0.25 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V. The penetration velocity for the thicker material was lower than that of the thinner material. It was suspected that the cause for this was the difference in material properties of the projectiles. Macroscopic examination of the two types of projectiles demonstrated mushrooming on the front face of the Ti-6-4 projectiles (Figure 29) which was an obvious indication of extensive plastic deformation. However there were no signs of slip bands, shear bands or grain distortion due to the deformation. In addition, a hardness profile was taken from the top radius of the projectile into the core, looking for evidence of work hardening. Hardness readings were independent of location. The only sign of plasticity was the deformation.

No evidence of plasticity or macro deformation was seen in the hardened A2 projectiles. However, micro-hardness profiles indicated that the surface of the projectile was softer than the core. The surface had a hardness of approximately HRC45 and got increasingly harder toward the center of the projectile, until it reached a constant value of HRC64 at a distance of 200 μ m from the surface. The projectile core hardness is similar to the values for projectile hardness provided in Table 4, since the values in Table 4 were only taken in the core. The reduced hardness at the projectile surface is believed to be due to decarburization of the surface during heat treatment. In some cases the projectiles were hardened in an air atmosphere, producing some surface scale. However, a hardness value of HRC45 is relatively high compared with the Ti-6Al-4V test panel and probably did not affect the overall behavior significantly.

An additional set of tests was conducted on the 0.14 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V plates using a hardened steel projectile of the same mass as the Ti-6Al-4V projectile (see Table 7, row 6). As shown in the table, there was a considerable reduction (15%) in the penetration speed. Simple elastic-plastic LS-DYNA analyses confirmed a significant increase in plastic strains in the panel with a projectile having a higher yield strength, and therefore hardness, and it can be speculated that the higher impedance of the harder projectile induces higher particle velocities and resulting higher strains. It has been observed elsewhere in Anderson et al. (Ref. 1) that the ballistic limit velocity decreases significantly when the hardness of the projectile exceeds that of the target. In thick targets, it has been shown by Forrestal and Piekutowski (Ref. 2) that penetration depth increases and projectile deformation decreases as the hardness of the projectile increases. Hardness is an indicator of material yield strength.



Figure 29.—Evidence of extensive plastic deformation in Ti-6AI-4V projectile.



Impact Test on 0.135 in. Ti-6AI-4V Cameras running at 300,000 frames/sec

Figure 30.—Sequential frames from front and back cameras viewing an impact on a 0.135 in. thick Ti-6AI-4V specimen.

3.1.4 Boundary Conditions

One impact test was conducted using a higher camera frame rate to determine the time duration for failure to develop in a panel compared with the time required for a stress wave to reach the panel boundaries and back. This test was conducted to determine whether boundary conditions play a role in the penetration process. This test was conducted on a 0.14 in. thick Ti-6Al-4V test panel. Two synchronized cameras, operating at 300,000 frames/sec, showed the time of impact and the time at which damage was fully evident on the back side of the panel. Due to the high frame rate, the spatial resolution was limited. The test was somewhat qualitative as the time at which damage fully developed is a matter of judgment. Sequential frames from the two cameras are shown in Figure 30. Each frame is separated by a time of 3.33 µsec. Based on strain gage measurements at different distances from the impact point, the speed of the fastest recorded strain wave in the panel was 208,000 in./sec. For a 10 in. traverse distance (5 in. to the panel boundary and 5 in. back), the time duration is approximately 48.1 µsec, corresponding to

approximately 14 camera frames. It is clear from the images in Figure 29 that damage is fully developed within eight frames for this thickness panel. This leads to the conclusion that the boundary conditions do not play a role in panels of this thickness.

3.1.5 Strain Measurements

Strain measurements on the backside of the panels were recorded using both strain gages and the digital image correlation (DIC) system. Because of the large volume of strain data collected in this study, they are not reported here. However a number of comparisons were conducted to check the correlation between strain measurements using the two measurement methods. It was questionable whether using the DIC system to measure the strain at the actual location of the gage would give accurate results, due to the coating used and the existence of the gage itself. So in addition to comparing the results at the gage location, the strain gage results were also compared with DIC results at the same radial distance from the impact point, but at a location 180° away. Figure 31 shows two strain gage and two DIC strain measurements at four locations on a 0.125 in. thick Al-2024 panel impacted at 679 ft/sec, approaching the penetration velocity (test DB70, Table 6(a)). Strain gage measurements are shown from gages 2 and 7, which, referring to Figure 9, are both 2 in, from the center of the panel and are measuring strain in the radial direction. DIC strain measurements are also shown, one directly on gage 7 and the other 180° away from gage 7 at the same radial distance. It can be seen that strain gages 2 and 7 have a very similar response, indicating that the impact is very symmetric. The DIC strain measurement 180° away from gage 7 also shows very good agreement. The DIC measurement directly on gage 7 has a similar response, although the peak values are somewhat higher. There is more noise in the DIC measurements, due mainly to the limited spatial resolution of the high speed cameras. However, in general the agreement is good, which gives confidence in the full field strain measurements available in both the small panel tests and the large panel tests discussed below, in which no strain gage instrumentation was used.



Figure 31.—Comparison of strain gage (bold line) and DIC strain measurements on a 0.125 in. thick AL2024 panel impacted at 679 ft/sec.



Figure B.3.—Basal (a) and transverse (b) textures of titanium alloys (schematic, (00.2) pole figures) (Ref. 7).

Appendix C.—Grain Structure

Metallographic sections were taken out of all plates to document the general grain structure. All three plate dimensions were polished and examined. The Al 2024 samples were immersion etched in an solution of 2 ml HF, 3 ml HCl, 5 ml HNO₃ and 190 ml H₂O (Keller's etch). The Ti-6-4 samples were etched in 2 mL HF, 8 mL HNO3, and 90 mL distilled water (Kroll's etch).

The 3-D views of the microstructure in each aluminum 2024 plate are shown in Figure C.1.

The three plate directions are indicated in the figure. Table C.1 provides the average grain dimensions for the three plates. The maximum observed grain size is also given in the table and their variables defined in Figure C.2. Finally, the aspect ratio (L/h : W/h : h/h) of each dimension based on the grain thickness is listed.

Thickness	L _{mean}	L _{max}	W _{mean}	W _{max}	h _{mean}	h _{max}	Aspect ratio
1/2 in.	706	1861	163	492	40	130	18:4:1
1/4 in.	1505	4249	344	1356	111	382	14:3:1
1/8 in.	37	122	31	86	17	58	2:2:1

TABLE C.1.-GRAIN DIMENSIONS (µm) FOR AI 2024 PLATES

The $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ in. plates have large aspect ratios with the longest grain dimension elongated in the rolling direction. While the $\frac{1}{2}$ in. plate has the largest grain aspect ratio, its grains are noticeably shorter than those in the $\frac{1}{4}$ in. plate. The other two grain dimensions are also smaller for the $\frac{1}{2}$ in. plate. The 1/8 in. plate contained grains that were more equiaxed and had average grain dimensions less than 50 μ m. Of all three plates, the 1/8 in. plate had substantially smaller grains. All of the aluminum plates were peppered with second phase particles aligned in the rolling direction. These were presumably CuMgAl₂ particles, but were not specifically investigated.

The 3-D views of the Ti-6Al-4V microstructures are shown in Figure C.3. The $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick plate has a binomial grain size consisting of many large areas of elongated unrecrystallized grains interspersed with equiaxed grains having diameters of approximately 15 μ m. The $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick plate has an equiaxed grain structure with an average grain size of 13.5 μ m. The microstructure consists of equiaxed alpha grains in a transformed beta matrix containing coarse acicular alpha. The microstructure of the 0.135 in. plate consists of equiaxed alpha grains of an average diameter of 8.2 μ m, and particles of beta. The 0.09 in. plate contains flattened alpha grains 30 μ m in length, 9 μ m in width, and 3 μ m thick. Grain boundary and particulate beta are also present.



Figure C.1.—Grain structure for the Al 2024 plates: (a) 1/2 in., (b) 1/4 in., and (c) 1/8 in.



Figure C.2.—Direction of grain dimensions. L is parallel to the rolling direction.



Figure C.3.—Grain structure for the Ti-6-4 plates: (a) 0.5 in., (b) 0.25 in., (c) 0.135 in., and (d) 0.09 in.

Appendix D.—Pedigree of Supplemental Ti-6-4 Plates

Four additional plates of Ti-6-4 were examined to provide some guidance on plate variability in the pedigree. Chemistry, texture and microstructure were documented following the procedures described earlier for Ti-6-4. The chemistry is shown in Table D.1 and documents a normal Ti-6-4 composition.

Element	Panel thickness (in.)							AMS 4911J		
	BLM45	Cert	BLM45	Cert	BLM46	Cert	BLM47	Cert	Min	Max
	0.27 in.		0.53 in.		0.27 in.		0.425 in.			
Al	6.2	6.35	6.28	6.28	6.29	6.18	6.25	6.25	5.50	6.75
V	3.99	4.00	4.11	3.97	3.99	4.00	3.75	3.9	3.50	4.50
Fe	0.16	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.15	0.18	0.30	
0	0.193	0.175	0.177	0.183	0.191	0.170	0.176	0.170	0.20	
С	0.004	0.003	0.027	0.027	0.013	0.017	0.016	0.010	0.08	
Ν	0.004	0.006	0.004	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.005	0.006	0.05	
Ti	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.

TABLE D.1.—Ti-6Al-4V CHEMISTRY (wt %)

The 3-D microstructures are shown in Figure D.1, displaying common grain structures for alpha-beta titanium alloys. The grain size appears similar to those from the earlier batch of plates. Texture measurements were taken on the near-surface of the rolling plane for each plate. The texture index is given in Table D.2.

Sample	Texture index	Predominant texture type	Degrees off-center
BLM 45 0.270 in.	1.24	Transverse	31°
BLM 45 0.530 in.	1.13	Basal	27°
BLM 46 0.270 in.	1.33	Transverse	24°
BLM 47 0.425 in.	1.54	Transverse	

TABLE D.2.—TEXTURE RESULTS FOR THE SECOND BATCH OF Ti-6-4 PLATES

The texture indices are the range of values listed earlier for the first set of plates. BLM 47 (0.425 in. thick) has the strongest texture of all eight plates. Unfortunately no mechanical tests were conducted on the latter set of four plates for comparison.

Pole figures are given in Figure D.2. For plates with a transverse (T) texture, the basal planes align perpendicular to the rolling plane with the c-axis parallel to the transverse direction (TD). This indicates that the sample was rolled at a temperature between ~1706 °F and the alpha/beta transus temperature. For a basal (B) texture, the basal planes are nearly aligned with the rolling plane. This indicates that the sample was rolled at a temperature below ~1652 °F (Ref. 5). Table D.2 includes the angle between the maximum intensities of the basal planes and the rolling plane (degrees off center). This angle decreases with increasing degree of deformation (Ref. 6). However, the angles in Table D.2 do not correlate well with the texture indices. This might be due to the fact that there are also transverse texture components present and that the base texture is dominant only in the BLM 45 0.530 in. sample.

General phase ID data was gathered on each sample prior to the detailed texture measurements. As expected, the alpha phase dominated all samples. Unexpectedly, sample BLM 46 0.270 in. showed a visibly noticeable shift in the beta lattice parameter. Therefore, lattice parameters were calculated from the phase ID scans and summarized in Table D.3 along with composition data (major elements only) as determined by a handheld x-ray fluorescence (XRF) instrument. It can be seen from Table D.3 that the beta lattice parameter for sample BLM 46 0.270 in. is clearly larger than the rest. For this sample, the alpha lattice parameters are also larger than those of the other samples, though the differences are much less than the beta phase difference. The sample composition data show only minor variations between samples and also from the expected composition given in the specification. Therefore, the BLM 46 0.270 in. lattice parameter variations do not appear to be due to sample composition.

Sample	La	ttice paramet	ers	Alloy composition (wt%)			
	alpha (Å)		beta (Å)	Ti	Al	V	
	а	с	а				
BLM 45 0.270 in.	2.924	4.671	3.192	89.59 ± 0.65	5.89 ± 0.60	4.12 ± 0.28	
BLM 45 0.530 in.	2.924	4.672	3.198	90.06 ± 0.64	5.03 ± 0.60	4.50 ± 0.28	
BLM 46 0.270 in.	2.929	4.673	3.236	89.57 ± 0.71	6.07 ± 0.68	4.09 ± 0.27	
BLM 47 0.425 in.	2.923	4.669	3.198	90.00 ± 0.64	5.56 ± 0.60	4.07 ± 0.28	

TABLE D.3.—LATTICE PARAMETERS FOR EACH PLATE



Figure D.1.—Microstructures of supplemental Ti-6-4 Plates: (a) BLM 45, 0.270 in. (b) BLM 45, 0.530 in. (c) BLM 46, 0.270 in. (d) BLM 47, 0.425 in.



Figure D.2.—Pole figures of the supplemental Ti-6-4- plates: (a) BLM 45, 0.270 in., (b) BLM 45, 0.530 in., (c) BLM 46, 0.270 in., and (d) BLM 47, 0.425 in.



Figure D.2.—Concluded.

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