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SUMMARY

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A combustion temperature of 3900° R at a combustion efficiency of 0.96 and a corresponding net thrust ratio of 2.03 was obtained for an altitude of 25,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 0.92. Peak combustion temperatures were obtained at the stoichiometric fuel-air ratio or at slightly richer mixtures. Maximum combustion efficiency was reached at a fuel-air ratio of about 0.055 and remained relatively constant with increasing fuel-air ratio. The importance of providing a good fuel distribution by using a large number of injection points rather than relying on penetration was demonstrated by the high burner performance. At the high exhaust-gas temperatures obtained, an excessive amount of air was required to cool the afterburner by the convective shell-cooling method used. As much cooling air as 34 percent of the exhaust-gas flow was required to maintain an average afterburner shell temperature of 1300 F at a combustion temperature of about 3600 R. These requirements stressed the need for a more effective method of utilizing the cooling air for high-temperature afterburners.

INTRODUCTION

The need of military aircraft for greater acceleration rates and higher flight speeds is demanding a more complete exploitation of the thrust potentialities of afterburners. In most previous investigations of afterburning conducted at the NACA Lewis laboratory, the maximum thrust potential of an afterburner was compromised to some extent by afterburner shell cooling. Burning was concentrated in the central portion of the afterburner and the unburned gases in the tail pipe surrounding the high-temperature region were used as a means of minimizing the secondary air flow required to cool the afterburner shell. The net result was a mean bulk gas temperature somewhat below the maximum that might be expected for a homogeneous stoichiometric fuel-air mixture.

In response to the ever-increasing need for high thrust augmentation, an investigation was conducted that had as its primary objective the attainment of maximum exhaust-gas temperature and thrust (ref. 1). The afterburner shell was supplied with sufficient cooling from an external source to permit high-temperature operation. Performance approaching theoretical values was obtained at a nominal burner inlet pressure of 2450 pounds per square foot by the use of adequate flame-holder blockage, long fuel-mixing length, and relatively low burner-inlet velocity, and by careful matching of the fuel injection pattern to the gas flow pattern to obtain a uniform fuel-air ratio distribution.

Although the afterburners of reference 1 were capable of operation at exhaust-gas temperatures near theoretical, operational limits were not established and performance was obtained for only a limited range of flight conditions. The investigation reported herein was therefore conducted to ascertain the operational limits of the most promising high-temperature afterburner design of reference 1 and to determine its performance over a wide range of flight conditions.

An engine with the aforementioned afterburner was installed in an altitude test chamber at the NACA Lewis laboratory. Operational limits were obtained for a flight Mach number of 0.8 and performance characteristics were determined for a range of altitudes from 10,000 to 55,000 feet and flight Mach numbers from 0.6 to 1.0, which correspond to burner-inlet pressures from 510 to 3090 pounds per square foot. Efforts to further improve the performance of the afterburner led to a brief evaluation of the effect of fuel distribution and certain measurements of the fuel-air ratio distribution within the burner. The cooling requirements of the afterburner were also briefly evaluated.

APPARATUS

Engine

The axial-flow type turbojet engine used in this investigation (fig. 1) develops 3000 pounds thrust at static, sea-level conditions while operating at a rated engine speed of 12,500 rpm with an average turbine-outlet gas temperature of 1625° R. The air flow at this condition is about 58 pounds per second. The engine components consisted of an ll-stage axial-flow compressor, a compressor-outlet mixer, a double-annulus through-flow type combustor that merges into a single annulus, and a two-stage axial-flow turbine. The compressor-outlet mixer is used to obtain a velocity profile entering the combustor that provides a satisfactory radial temperature distribution at the turbine.

Afterburner

The afterburner configuration used in this investigation was similar to the most promising configuration developed in reference 1 and designated therein as the series C afterburner with the number 4 flame holder and corresponding optimized fuel pattern. The components of the afterburner consisted of a diffuser section, a combustion chamber with variable-area exhaust nozzle, a fuel distribution system, and a flame holder. Vortex generators were used on the inner cone at the diffuser inlet to minimize flow separation. The general arrangement and detailed dimensions of the afterburner shell and cooling shroud are shown in the sectional view of figure 2. Most of the afterburner combustion-chamber shell was provided with a uniform 1/2-inch annular passage for external air cooling while the exhaust nozzle and nozzle transition sections were water cooled. The required coolants were supplied from an outside source.

The fuel distribution system was installed in the diffuser section approximately 18 inches upstream of the flame holder. A total of 24 spray bars were equally spaced around the circumference of the afterburner, 12 long and 12 short tubes in alternate positions as sketched in figure 3. The spray bars were constructed of 1/4-inch Inconel tubing flattened to a thickness of about 1/8-inch. Holes of 0.020 inch diameter were drilled in the flattened sides of the spray bars, thus injecting fuel normal to the direction of gas flow. For a part of this investigation at high altitude only the 12 long spray bars were used. The 12 short spray bars were not removed but were separated from the fuel supply and blocked off.

The flame holder was of the three-ring V-gutter type with a blocked area of 35 percent. Details of the flame holder are shown in figure 4.

Ignition of the afterburner was accomplished by the hot-streak method wherein additional fuel was momentarily introduced at one location in the engine combustor to provide a flame through the turbine.

Installation

The engine and afterburner were installed in a lo-foot diameter altitude test chamber. A bulkhead in the test chamber, installed at a section corresponding to the engine inlet, was used to separate the inlet air flow from the exhaust gases and provide a means of maintaining a pressure differential across the engine. The exhaust gas from the jet nozzle was discharged into an exhaust diffuser. The pressure recovery in this diffuser was utilized to extend the maximum altitude limits of the facility. Combustion in the afterburner was observed through a periscope located in the exhaust duct behind the engine.

Instrumentation

Pressures and temperatures were measured at several stations throughout the engine and afterburner as indicated in figure 1. Air flow was determined from measurements of pressure and temperature at station 1. Afterburner-inlet conditions were determined from a comprehensive survey of pressure and temperature at the turbine outlet, station 5. The combustion temperature and thrust were determined from a survey of pressure at station 8 using a water-cooled rake located in a water-cooled section of constant diameter. For a part of the investigation the water-cooled rake was used to obtain samples of exhaust gas which were analyzed with an NACA mixture analyzer (ref. 2) to determine the fuel-air ratio distribution in the afterburner. Exhaust pressure was measured on the outside of the nozzle and in the plane of the exhaustnozzle exit. Fuel flow was measured by means of a direct-reading calibrated rotameter.

Afterburner-shell temperatures were obtained with 6 thermocouples installed at each of two stations 6 inches apart located near the rear of the air-cooled portion of the afterburner shell. Cooling-air flow was measured using an orifice located in the supply line. Cooling-air temperatures were obtained from thermocouples located in plenum chambers at the inlet and outlet of the cooling passage.

PROCEDURE

Operational limits and performance at each flight condition were obtained by varying the afterburner fuel flow and jet-nozzle area while maintaining rated engine speed and the rated afterburner-inlet (turbineoutlet) temperature of 1625° R. Operational limits were obtained over a range of altitudes at a flight Mach number of 0.8. The lean fuel-air ratio limit was established by incipient blow-out observed through the periscope. The rich limit of operation was reached where the afterburnerinlet temperature was at the limiting or rated value with a wide open jet nozzle. Afterburner performance was obtained at altitudes from 10,000 to 55,000 feet and at flight Mach numbers of 0.6 to 1.0, thus covering a range of afterburner-inlet pressures of 510 to 3090 pounds per square foot. Inlet conditions to the engine at each flight condition corresponded to NACA standard atmosphere with 100 percent ram pressure recovery. Adequate cooling air and water were supplied to the afterburner shell from an external source to maintain the afterburner-shell temperature below 1550° F.

The symbols and method of calculating various parameters used in this report are shown in the appendix. The fuel used in the engine was clear unleaded gasoline (62 octane); that used in the afterburner was MIL-F-5624A grade JP-4.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Operating Limits

The operating range of the afterburner at a flight Mach number of 0.8 is shown in figure 5. The maximum altitude obtainable was limited by the capacity of the test facilities; however, operation at an altitude of 55,000 feet was possible at only one fuel-air ratio, indicating this to be the maximum altitude limit. The trend of a decreasing fuel-air ratio range with increasing altitude substantiates the conclusion that the maximum operating altitude is in this region. The trend of decreasing rich fuel-air ratio with altitude is typical of most engines and is due to the maximum afterburner gas temperature obtainable with a constant-area (wide-open) jet nozzle that arises from the Reynolds number effect on component efficiencies. Operation at stoichiometric afterburner fuel-air ratio was possible up to an altitude of 45,000 feet. It is expected that operation would have been possible at this fuel-air ratio at altitudes up to 55,000 feet or above had it been possible to further increase nozzle-exit area.

Performance Characteristics

The performance data for several flight conditions are presented in tabular form (table I) and are shown graphically in figures 6 through 9. The variations in combustion temperature and efficiency with afterburner fuel-air ratio are presented in figure 6. Performance data at an altitude of 45,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 0.8 were obtained at afterburner fuel-air ratios greater than the operational range (fig. 5). These data were obtained to more definitely establish the combustion temperature at stoichiometric fuel-air ratio by allowing the afterburner-inlet temperature to exceed 1625^o R. Both the combustion temperature and efficiency were in good agreement with the data of reference 1, which are shown by the dashed line in figure 6.

A peak combustion temperature of 3900° R and a corresponding efficiency of 0.96 were obtained at flight conditions corresponding to afterburner-inlet pressures from 2540 to 2800 pounds per square foot. Peak temperatures occurred at about stoichiometric fuel-air ratio (0.0675) for all conditions except the highest pressure levels, where the peak temperature occurred at a richer mixture. Combustion efficiency (fig. 6(b)) reached a maximum value at a fuel-air ratio of about 0.055 and remained relatively constant with increasing fuel-air ratio. The efficiency decreased with increasing altitude (decreasing afterburner-inlet pressure) with a resultant reduction in combustion temperature. This typical trend of efficiency with pressure is shown in figure 7 for a fuel-air ratio of 0.052. As shown in this figure, a reduction in burner-inlet pressure from 3090 to 510 pounds per square foot lowered the efficiency from 0.95 to 0.61 with a resultant reduction in combustion temperature from 3560° R.

This afterburner configuration produced smooth combustion under all flight conditions tested; however, the similar configuration of reference 1 was subject to a buzzing condition very near the lean blow-out fuel-air ratio at an afterburner-inlet pressure of about 2450 pounds per square foot. Lean blow-out was not obtained at this afterburner-inlet pressure with the configuration of this investigation, but operation at a low fuelair ratio was obtained without encountering a buzzing condition. Combustion was also stable at a fuel-air ratio as low as 0.027 at an afterburner-inlet pressure of 3090 pounds per square foot.

The pressure losses in an afterburner must also be considered in a complete evaluation of afterburner performance. The variation of afterburner pressure loss ratio with afterburner fuel-air ratio is presented in figure 8. The friction total-pressure loss for the cold burner was 6 percent of the afterburner-inlet pressure. The pressure loss ratio increased with increasing fuel-air ratio because of the momentum pressure loss. The pressure loss with afterburning at the stoichiometric fuel-air ratio was about double the friction loss for the cold burner. There was no apparent trend of pressure loss ratio with flight condition or afterburner-inlet pressure.

The effectiveness of the afterburner in terms of thrust is shown in figure 9(a) for the augmented jet thrust ratio and in figure 9(b) for the augmented net thrust ratio. The afterburner produced an augmented jet thrust ratio as high as 1.625 at an afterburner fuel-air ratio of 0.076 at the higher afterburner-inlet pressure levels which correspond to an augmented net thrust ratio of 2.03 at an altitude of 25,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 0.92. At lower pressure levels, the additional gain in augmented jet thrust obtained as the fuel-air ratio was increased above about 0.06 was small. The maximum augmented jet thrust ratio decreased with decreasing afterburner-inlet pressure as a result of the corresponding reductions in exhaust-gas temperature. Augmented jet thrust ratios greater than those measured may have been obtainable at altitudes of 50,000 and 55,000 feet by using a larger exhaust nozzle.

Effect of Fuel Distribution

At an altitude of 45,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 0.8, the fuel manifold pressure had decreased to approximately 25 pounds per square inch absolute at the stoichiometric fuel-air ratio. An attempt was made to improve the fuel penetration at this flight condition through increasing the fuel manifold pressure to 75 pounds per square inch absolute by using only the 12 long spray bars. A comparison of performance with the two fuel system configurations is presented in figure 10. Using only the 12 long spray bars resulted in a shift of the fuel-air ratio required for peak efficiency from 0.060 to about 0.100, with a resultant shift in fuel-air ratio for maximum combustion temperature from 0.068 to 0.078. The trends of increasing combustion efficiency of the 12 long spray bar configuration and the sustained efficiency of the 24 fuel spray bar configuration with increasing fuel-air ratio above

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the stoichiometric mixture are unique with the method of calculating the efficiency. The efficiency, as defined in the appendix, is based on the ideal temperature rise which decreases above the stoichiometric mixture because of chemical energy remaining in the products of an ideal combustion. The most important effect of reducing the number of spray bars was the reduction in maximum temperature from 3420° to 3000° R. Penetration was insignificant in either case and the decrease in performance at a given fuel-air ratio was a result of circumferential and radial maldistribution. These results indicate the importance of providing a good fuel distribution in the afterburner and that such a distribution can be obtained only by using a large number of injection points rather than relying on penetration of the fuel jets into the air stream.

Fuel-Air Ratio Distribution

The fuel distribution was optimized in reference 1 by use of a temperature ladder comprising a 1/2-inch water-cooled Inconel tube spanning the diameter of the afterburner with pieces of 1/8-inch diameter welding rod of uniform length butt-welded to the tube. Local temperature profiles were observed by visual comparison of the color variations of the rods during afterburner operation. Since the criterion of a good fuel distribution system for the attainment of the maximum mean bulk gas temperature is a uniform fuel-air ratio distribution, in this investigation the fuel-air ratio distribution was checked during afterburner operation by direct measurement by use of a fuel-air ratio analyzer. Data from the fuel-air ratio analyzer using samples of the exhaust gas obtained from a survey at station 8, the exhaust-nozzle inlet, are presented in figure 11 for operation at an altitude of 35,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 1.0. The indicated fuel-air ratio distribution, which was fairly uniform, is an indication of the afterburner temperature profile that would be expected with this fuel system. Only a small additional increase in mean bulk temperature would be obtained near stoichiometric with a perfectly uniform fuel-air ratio profile (see fig. 6(a)).

Cooling-Air Requirements

In this investigation, the primary objective was to ascertain the performance over a wide range of flight conditions; the cooling air was therefore supplied from an outside source. The cooling-air flow supplied was adequate to permit operating with an allowable afterburner-shell temperature of 1550° F. During operation at an altitude of 35,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 1.0, the cooling-air requirements with parallel flow convective cooling were determined, and the data are presented in figure 12 as a function of combustion temperature for several average afterburner-shell temperatures. During this phase of the investigation the inlet cooling-air temperature was 83° F and the observed cooling-air temperature vas increased from 100° to 300° F as the combustion temperature.

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These data indicate that at the high combustion temperatures a large amount of cooling air was required for the convective system used herein. As much cooling air as 34 percent of the exhaust-gas flow was required to maintain an average afterburner-shell temperature of 1300° F at a combustion temperature of 3600° R. Minimizing the cooling-air flow requirements by increasing the average afterburner-shell temperature to the maximum safe operating temperature of the material is not representative of safe operation, since hot spots up to 250° F higher than the average were frequently encountered.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

An investigation was conducted to ascertain the operational limits of a high-temperature afterburner and to determine its performance over a wide range of flight conditions. Operational limits were obtained at a flight Mach number of 0.8 and performance data were obtained at altitudes from 10,000 to 55,000 feet and flight Mach numbers from 0.6 to 1.0.

The afterburner, designed to provide high combustion temperature, had a peak combustion temperature of 3900° R, representing a combustion efficiency of 0.96 and an augmented jet thrust ratio of 1.625 at an afterburner-inlet pressure of 2540 pounds per square foot. At these conditions, which compared with an altitude of 25,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 0.92, the augmented net thrust ratio was 2.03. A maximum operational altitude of 55,000 feet at a flight Mach number of 0.8 was obtained with an afterburner fuel-air ratio of 0.052. At this condition the combustion temperature was 2880° R, representing a combustion efficiency of 0.61. Maximum combustion efficiency was obtained at fuel-air ratios of about 0.055 and remained relatively constant with increasing fuel-air ratio. Peak combustion temperatures were obtained at the stoichiometric fuel-air ratio or at slightly richer mixtures.

The attainment of a high bulk gas temperature was dependent upon the attainment of a uniform fuel distribution. At an altitude of 45,000 feet and a flight Mach number of 0.8, the use of 24 instead of 12 spray bars resulted in an increase in temperature from 3000° to 3420° R and a decrease in fuel-air ratio for maximum temperature from 0.078 to 0.068.

A severe cooling-air requirement was imposed on the convective shell cooling system used during this investigation. As much cooling air as 34 percent of the exhaust-gas flow was required to maintain an average afterburner-shell temperature of 1300° F at a combustion temperature of about 3600° R, which stresses the need for a more effective method of utilizing the cooling air.

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APPENDIX - CALCULATIONS

Symbols

The following symbols are used in this report:

| A | cross-sectional area, sq ft |
|------------------|---|
| CT | coefficient of thermal expansion |
| C _{v,e} | effective velocity coefficient |
| FJ | jet thrust, lb |
| FN | net thrust, 1b |
| f/a | fuel-air ratio |
| g | acceleration due to gravity, 32.17 ft/sec^2 |
| Нo | sum of sensible enthalpy and chemical energy, Btu/lb |
| М | flight Mach number |
| m | mass flow, slugs/sec |
| Р | total pressure, lb/sq ft |
| р | static pressure, lb/sq ft |
| R | gas constant, $\frac{1546 \text{ ft-lb}}{(\text{molecular weight}) (lb) (^{O}R)}$ |
| Т | total temperature, ^O R |
| V | velocity, ft/sec |
| Wa | air flow, lb/sec |
| Wf | fuel flow, lb/hr |
| Wg | gas flow, lb/sec |
| r | ratio of specific heats |
| η | combustion efficiency |

 λ^{O} a term accounting for difference between H^{O} of carbon dioxide and that of water vapor in burned mixture and H^{O} of oxygen removed from air by their formation

Subscripts:

- a air
- b afterburner
- e engine
- ef effective

g gas

- m fuel manifold conditions
- max maximum
- n exhaust-nozzle throat

Numbered subscripts as indicated on fig. 1

Methods of Calculation

Gas flow. - Engine-inlet air flow was calculated from measurements at station 1 using the following equation:

$$W_{a,l} = A_l \sqrt{\frac{g}{R_{a,l}}} \frac{p_l}{\sqrt{T_l}} \left(\frac{p_A}{m\sqrt{gRT}}\right)_l^{-1}$$
(1)

Values of the static-pressure parameter $\frac{pA}{m\sqrt{gRT}}$ were obtained from

reference 3 assuming $\gamma_{a,l}$ to be 1.4. The gas flows at the entrance and exit of the afterburner were then determined by adding the appropriate fuel flow to the engine-inlet air flow.

Afterburner fuel-air ratio. - The afterburner fuel-air ratio is defined as the ratio of the afterburner fuel flow plus the unburned fuel from the engine combustor corrected for the difference in heating value of the two fuels to the unburned air entering the afterburner:

$$\left(\frac{f}{a}\right)_{b} = \frac{W_{f,b} + 1.013 (1-\eta_{e}) W_{f,e}}{3600 W_{a,1} - \eta_{e} \frac{W_{f,e}}{0.0665}}$$
(2)

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where 1.013 is the ratio of the lower heat of combustion of the engine fuel to that of the afterburner fuel and η_e is the ratio of the ideal to actual engine fuel flow required to heat the air flow from engine-inlet to afterburner-inlet temperature. The stoichiometric fuel-air ratio of the engine fuel is 0.0665.

Afterburner combustion temperature. - The combustion temperature was calculated from the gas flow and a pressure survey at station 8 using the continuity equation as follows:

$$T_{8} = (A_{8}C_{T})^{2} \frac{g}{R_{g,8}} \left(\frac{p_{8}}{W_{g,8}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{pA}{m\sqrt{gRT}}\right)^{-2}_{8}$$
(3)

Values of the static-pressure parameter were obtained in the same manner as for the engine-inlet air flow using appropriate values for $\gamma_{g,8}$. The gas constant, $R_{g,8}$, and $\gamma_{g,8}$ were determined from the products of ideal combustion with no dissociation using the weighted averaging process and based on values obtained from reference 4. A water-gas reaction constant of 3.8 was assumed for mixtures greater than stoichiometric. The area A_8 was measured at room temperature and C_T was assumed to be unity, since the area at station 8 was water-cooled.

Afterburner combustion efficiency. - The combustion efficiency is defined as the ratio of the increase in energy of the exhaust gases in the afterburner to the ideal energy increase based on the afterburner fuel flow and the unburned engine fuel flow entering the afterburner:

$$\eta_{\rm b} = \frac{W_{\rm g,8} \, {}^{\rm H^{\rm o}}_{\rm g,8} - W_{\rm g,5} \, {}^{\rm H^{\rm o}}_{\rm g,5} - \frac{W_{\rm f,b}}{3600} \, {}^{\rm \Lambda^{\rm o}}_{\rm b,m}}{W_{\rm g,8} \, {}^{\rm H^{\rm o}}_{\rm g,7_{\rm max}} - W_{\rm g,5} \, {}^{\rm H^{\rm o}}_{\rm g,5} - \frac{W_{\rm f,b}}{3600} \, {}^{\rm \Lambda^{\rm o}}_{\rm b,m}}$$
(4)

The term H° was determined in the same manner as the gas constant in the calculation of combustion temperature. The value of $H_{g,T_{max}}$

was determined from the ideal energy modified by an energy difference to account for the increase in chemical energy in the products of combustion due to the effect of dissociation. The value of this energy difference was based on data contained in reference 5. <u>Thrust.</u> - The jet thrust was determined from the gas flow, the combustion temperature, and the ratio of exhaust-nozzle total pressure to altitude pressure $P_{\rm B}/P_{\rm O}$ by means of the following relations:

$$F_{J} = C_{v,e} \left[\frac{W_{g,8}}{g} V_{n} + A_{n} (p_{n} - p_{0}) \right]$$
 (5)

$$F_{J} = C_{v,e} W_{g,8} \sqrt{\frac{R_{g,8} T_{8}}{g}} \left(\frac{V_{ef}}{\sqrt{gRT}}\right)$$
(6)

where

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}_{ef}}{\sqrt{gRT}} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{n}}{\sqrt{gRT}} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_{n}\mathbf{A}_{n}}{\mathbf{m}\sqrt{gRT}} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_{0}\mathbf{A}_{n}}{\mathbf{m}\sqrt{gRT}}$$
(7)

Values of the effective velocity parameter V_{ef}/\sqrt{gRT} were obtained from reference 3 and the ratio of exhaust-nozzle total pressure to altitude pressure P_8/P_0 using appropriate values of $\gamma_{g,8}$.

The normal jet thrust (no afterburning) was calculated in a similar manner using the conditions of the exhaust gases at the turbine outlet (station 5) and a total-pressure loss of 6 percent of P_5 for the nonoperative afterburner. The effective velocity coefficient $C_{v,e}$ was assumed to be unity in both cases. The augmented jet thrust ratio was then obtained by dividing the jet thrust by the normal jet thrust.

The net thrust was calculated from the jet thrust and inlet momentum:

 $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{N}} = \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{T}} - \mathbf{m} \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{O}} \tag{8}$

where

$$mV_{O} = p_{1}A_{1} \left(\frac{pA}{m\sqrt{gRT}}\right)_{1}^{-1} \left(\frac{V}{\sqrt{gRT}}\right)_{O}$$
(9)

Values of $(V/\sqrt{gRT})_0$ were based on the desired ram ratio assuming γ to be 1.4. Values of the static-pressure parameter were the same as those used to determine the engine air flow. The augmented net thrust ratio was then obtained by dividing the net thrust by the normal net thrust.

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TABLE I. - HIGH-TEMPERATURE AFTERBURNER PERFORMANCE

| Data run | Altitude, ft | Flight Mach number, M _O | Afterburner fuel-air ratio, (f/a)b | Engine- inlet temper- ature, T ₁ , °R | Engine- inlet pres- sure, P ₁ , lb sq ft | Engine- inlet air flow, Wa,1, <u>lb</u> sec | Engine speed, rpm | Engine fuel- air ratio, (f/a) _e | Engine combus- tion effici- ency, $\eta_{\rm e}$ | Afterburner- inlet temperature, T ₅ , o _R | Run |
|--|-----------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | 24 spray bar | fuel |
| 70-27 28 29 | 10,000 | 0.6 | 0.0271 .0404 .0477 | 546 547 549 | 1856 1860 1855 | 48.81 48.79 48.42 | 12,505 12,502 12,509 | 0.0148 .0148 .0148 | 1.00 1.00 1.01 | 1620 1623 1632 | 1 2 3 |
| 91-9 8 7 6 5 4 | 15,000 | 0.6 | 0.0331 .0422 .0556 .0609 .0704 .0787 | 503 503 502 501 501 500 | 1504 1507 1515 1506 1506 1510 | 42.73 42.99 43.00 42.95 43.01 43.18 | 12,494 12,486 12,502 12,494 12,511 12,509 | 0.0158 .0157 .0158 .0157 .0157 .0159 | 0.99 .99 .98 .99 .99 .99 | 1641 1631 1632 1629 1633 1626 | 4 5 6 7 8 9 |
| 70-32 33 35 34 37 36 | 25,000 | 0.6 | 0.0481 .0600 .0669 .0720 .0875 .0939 | 470 466 464 466 462 463 | 1000 1004 1003 1004 1000 1003 | 29.32 29.51 29.55 29.70 29.57 29.58 | 12,502 12,502 12,503 12,502 12,489 12,505 | 0.0163 .0158 .0162 .0162 .0164 .0164 | 0.98 .98 .99 .99 .99 .98 .99 | 1631 1596 1630 1632 1633 1626 | 10 11 12 13 14 15 |
| 83-1 2 3 4 | 25,000 | 0.92 | 0.0385 .0499 .0630 .0750 | 506 504 505 504 | 1348 1355 1346 1349 | 37.69 37.97 37.69 37.89 | 12,497 12,505 12,502 12,499 | 0.0157 .0156 .0153 .0155 | 0.99 .99 1.00 1.00 | 1632 1631 1622 1634 | 16 17 18 19 |
| $\begin{array}{c} 58-6\\ 63-7\\ 58-7\\ 58-7\\ 58-7\\ 62-22\\ 58-1\\ 69-9\\ 61-18\\ 70-1\\ 58-3\\ 61-11\\ 58-3\\ 61-11\\ 70-8\\ 9\\ 70-3\\ 7\\ 70-8\\ 64-1\\ 70-8\\ 63-3\\ 64+17\\ 70-5\end{array}$ | 35,000 | 1.0 | 0.0384 .0427 .0429 .0479 .0501 .0551 .0565 .0609 .0609 .0614 .0621 .0653 .0685 .0685 .0687 .0687 .0687 .0685 .0687 .0758 .0758 .0755 .0815 .0815 .0850 .0888 | $\begin{array}{c} 472\\ 476\\ 472\\ 477\\ 477\\ 477\\ 477\\ 477\\ 477\\ 477$ | 947 9379 949 949 954 951 945 951 945 938 945 935 935 945 935 945 945 935 945 945 945 945 945 945 945 935 945 935 945 935 945 935 935 935 | 28.19 27.27 28.00 28.10 27.61 28.30 27.47 27.76 27.47 27.76 27.57 27.28 27.48 27.76 27.85 27.48 27.48 27.48 27.48 27.48 27.48 27.42 27.46 27.23 28.10 27.63 27.64 27.23 28.10 27.64 27.23 28.10 27.64 27.23 28.10 27.64 27.23 28.10 27.64 27.23 28.10 27.64 27.23 28.10 27.64 27.23 28.10 27.64 27.24 27.56 27.64 27.42 27.42 27.42 27.42 27.42 27.42 27.42 27.42 27.42 27.44 27.25 27.44 27.25 28.10 27.24 27.25 28.04 27.45 | 12,502 12,505 12,503 12,511 12,477 12,515 12,515 12,503 12,511 12,497 12,506 12,499 12,509 12,509 12,509 12,509 12,499 12,505 12,515 12,505 12,509 12,499 12,499 12,509 12,509 12,509 12,509 | 0.0164 .0166 .0165 .0168 .0166 .0166 .0165 .0166 .0162 .0162 .0167 .0166 .0162 .0162 .0164 .0162 .0164 .0165 .0166 .0165 .0166 .0166 .0165 .0166 .0166 .0166 .0165 .0166 | 0.95 .94 .94 .96 .97 .96 .97 .98 .97 .98 .97 .95 .95 .95 .95 .96 .97 .97 .98 .97 .95 .97 .95 .96 .97 .95 .97 .95 .97 .97 .96 .97 .97 .95 .97 .95 .95 .97 .97 .97 .97 .97 .95 .97 .97 .97 .97 .97 .97 .97 .97 .97 .97 | 1608 1616 1606 1639 1622 1639 1622 1623 1624 1628 1624 1626 1632 1626 1632 1626 1635 1635 1635 1635 1635 1635 | $\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21\\ 223\\ 24\\ 25\\ 26\\ 29\\ 331\\ 322\\ 33\\ 35\\ 36\\ 7\\ 38\\ 39\\ 40\\ 42\\ 43\\ 445\\ 445\\ 46\\ \end{array}$ |
| 62-33 58-16 17 18 19 20 21 84-4 11 | 40,000 | 0.8 | 0.0333 .0392 .0438 .0505 .0573 .0634 .0679 .0710 .0731 | 420 436 436 436 436 436 436 436 443 443 | 594 592 596 593 593 593 593 591 601 589 | 18.70 18.53 18.60 18.33 18.10 18.10 18.29 18.03 17.82 | 12,508 12,502 12,497 12,508 12,511 12,512 12,514 12,500 12,480 | 0.0180 .0180 .0175 .0178 .0178 .0178 .0179 .0180 .0167 .0172 | 0.92 .91 .92 .91 .91 .91 .92 .97 .96 | 1620 1628 1607 1621 1616 1615 1636 1624 1637 | 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 |
| 28-11 89-8 58-12 87-33 89-7 58-13 89-5 58-14 89-5 87-40 58-15 69-6 70-22 69-5 -7 62-28 84-9 84-9 8 69-8 | 45,000 | 0.8 | 0.0394 .0416 .0444 .0460 .0504 .0520 .0579 .0604 .0656 .06579 .0604 .0668 .0671 .0668 .0671 .0689 .0689 .0726 .0739 .0787 | $\begin{array}{c} 439\\ 445\\ 445\\ 447\\ 438\\ 448\\ 448\\ 448\\ 448\\ 448\\ 448\\ 448$ | $\begin{array}{c} 472\\ 468\\ 463\\ 462\\ 465\\ 467\\ 463\\ 467\\ 466\\ 466\\ 466\\ 466\\ 468\\ 455\\ 459\\ 459\\ 467\\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 14.49\\ 14.15\\ 14.56\\ 14.14\\ 14.38\\ 14.11\\ 14.35\\ 14.18\\ 13.94\\ 14.59\\ 14.22\\ 14.18\\ 14.24\\ 14.21\\ 14.20\\ 13.98\\ 13.89\\ 13.89\\ 13.94\\ 13.69\end{array}$ | 12,499 12,492 12,514 12,503 12,507 12,503 12,503 12,512 12,506 12,514 12,512 12,506 12,514 12,514 12,500 12,500 12,500 12,487 | 0.0180 .0192 .0180 .0185 .0183 .0184 .0184 .0185 .0181 .0184 .0190 .0185 .0185 .0185 .0185 .0185 .0181 .0180 .0180 .0185 .0186 .0187 .0186 .0187 .0186 .0187 .0188 .0184 .0184 .0184 .0184 .0184 .0184 .0184 .0184 .0184 .0185 | 0.89 .87 .90 .89 .87 .88 .87 .88 .87 .89 .88 .87 .89 .88 .87 .89 .88 .91 .88 .87 .89 .88 | 1610 1649 1626 1657 1618 1637 1637 1637 1637 1637 1637 1637 1635 1635 1635 1635 1635 1635 1635 1644 1649 | 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 |
| 62-31 30 84-6 62-29 | 50,000 | 0.8 | 0.0442 .0521 .0552 .0582 | 429 433 450 437 | 367 363 367 370 | 11.32 11.21 10.93 11.27 | 12,500 12,500 12,497 12,509 | 0.0192 .0197 .0190 .0193 | 0.84 .84 .86 .86 | 1606 1624 1634 1634 | 75 76 77 78 |
| 62-32 | 55,000 | 0.8 | 0.0522 | 465 | 288 | 8.52 | 12,518 | 0.0202 | 0.79 | 1622 | 79 |
| | | | | - | | - | | 1 | - | 12 spray bar | fuel |
| 59-10 8 7 11 12 13 14 15 | 45,000 | 0.8 | 0.0573 .0669 .0758 .0805 .0813 .0900 .0905 .0976 | 452 450 440 429 427 425 423 423 | 464 477 460 460 477 459 469 472 | 14.15 14.39 14.03 14.22 14.77 14.27 14.70 14.70 | 12,484 12,508 12,506 12,494 12,499 12,497 12,494 | 0.0184 .0180 .0189 .0189 .0182 .0188 .0185 .0184 | 0.87 .90 .86 .86 .90 .86 .88 .89 | 1612 1621 1619 1608 1614 1600 1610 1611 | 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 |

AT SEVERAL ALTITUDES AND FLIGHT MACH NUMBERS

| inject | ion system | | | P5 | 1b | ratio | lb | ratio | |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| 70-27 | | | | | | | | | - |
| 28 29 | 3074 3109 3077 | 2445 3121 3474 | 0.673 .861 .931 | 0.082 .103 .116 | 3578 4048 4196 | 1.241 1.394 1.460 | 2570 3039 3193 | 1.370 1.604 1.707 | 1 2 3 |
| 91-9 8 7 6 5 4 | 2788 2793 2806 2790 2773 2824 | 2755 3223 3508 3744 3810 3885 | 0.774 .896 .866 .936 .926 .960 | 0.076 .085 .093 .100 .107 .119 | 3610 3936 4130 4255 4312 4444 | 1.325 1.440 1.512 1.561 1.583 1.615 | 2763 3084 3279 3406 3462 3591 | 1.472 1.640 1.743 1.815 1.847 1.891 | 4 5 6 7 8 9 |
| 70-32 33 35 34 37 36 | | 3288 3593 3678 3623 3500 3403 | 0.851 .887 .882 .859 .883 .890 | | 2706 2799 2902 2910 2923 2911 | | | | 10 11 12 13 14 15 |
| 83-1 2 3 4 | 2532 2538 2531 2577 | 2937 3485 3829 3940 | 0.792 .917 .960 .972 | 0.104 .116 .122 .122 | 3765 4150 4357 4534 | 1.366 1.496 1.586 1.626 | 2657 3045 3259 3431 | 1.603 1.824 1.976 2.036 | 16 17 18 19 |
| $\begin{array}{c} 58-6\\ 63-7\\ 8\\ 58-7\\ 8\\ 58-1\\ 69-9\\ 58-2\\ 62-22\\ 58-1\\ 69-9\\ 58-2\\ 62-12\\ 61-11\\ 58-3\\ 61-11\\ 64-1\\ 70-8\\ 7\\ 70-3\\ 58-10\\ 70-3\\ 58-10\\ 70-3\\ 58-10\\ 70-5\\ 58-17\\ 70-5\\ \end{array}$ | 1807 1768 1806 1829 1829 1829 1786 1735 1783 1745 1745 1745 1773 1745 1773 1746 1744 1745 1817 1746 1747 1826 1749 1749 1749 1751 | $\begin{array}{c} 2959\\ 30061\\ 3143\\ 3259\\ 32252\\ 3434\\ 3461\\ 3584\\ 3491\\ 3584\\ 3642\\ 36642\\ 36638\\ 3564\\ 36638\\ 35649\\ 36636\\ 35649\\ 36636\\ 35548\\ 35641\\ 35516\\ 35548\\ 35548\\ 35548\\ 35538\\ 35558\\ 35558\\ 35558\\ 35568$ | 0.819 805 851 .855 .796 .858 .900 .836 .876 .862 .889 .872 .889 .872 .889 .872 .881 .850 | 0.090 .005 .094 .107 .101 .112 .120 .126 .126 .126 .126 .126 .126 .132 .132 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 .136 | 2857 2899 3029 3152 3031 3230 3093 3278 3185 3185 3185 3181 3174 3288 3216 3320 3220 3220 3220 3220 3220 3220 322 | $\begin{array}{c} 1.390\\ 1.410\\ 1.417\\ 1.457\\ 1.457\\ 1.450\\ 1.450\\ 1.450\\ 1.505\\ 1.532\\ 1.532\\ 1.532\\ 1.546\\ 1.554\\ 1.554\\ 1.556\\ 1.556\\ 1.556\\ 1.556\\ 1.556\\ 1.556\\ 1.556\\ 1.556\\ 1.557\\ 1.557\\ 1.538\end{array}$ | 2105 2071 2182 2282 2196 2374 2281 2357 2359 2357 2359 2422 242 2404 2365 2383 2404 2457 2355 2356 2357 2357 2357 2357 2358 2358 2358 2358 2358 2358 | $\begin{array}{c} 1.651\\668\\688\\729\\750\\750\\818\\850\\882\\861\\884\\910\\885\\916\\916\\946\\948\\931\\926\\916\\948\\931\\926\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\931\\925\\935\\935\\935\\935\\935\\935\\935\\935\\935\\935\\935\\931\\925\\931\\935\\935\\935\\935\\931\\935\\935\\935\\935\\931\\935\\935\\935\\931\\935\\$ | $\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21\\ 22\\ 23\\ 24\\ 25\\ 26\\ 27\\ 28\\ 29\\ 30\\ 31\\ 32\\ 33\\ 34\\ 35\\ 36\\ 37\\ 38\\ 39\\ 40\\ 41\\ 42\\ 44\\ 45\\ 46\\ \end{array}$ |
| 62-33 58-16 17 18 19 20 21 84-4 11 | 1189 1176 1166 1170 1163 1160 1175 1125 1141 | 2703 2860 3068 3261 3444 3535 3508 3352 3547 | 0.758 .748 .802 .815 .839 .847 .815 .760 .836 | 0.098 .097 .107 .109 .115 .118 .121 .142 .138 | 1750 1788 1846 1891 1918 1946 1980 1844 1917 | 1.311 1.352 1.409 1.454 1.498 1.523 1.513 1.472 1.519 | 1310 1344 1400 1452 1484 1512 1542 1408 1486 | 1.464 1.531 1.618 1.684 1.754 1.791 1.770 1.723 1.788 | 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 |
| 58-11 89-8 58-12 87-39 58-13 89-7 58-14 89-5 89-6 70-22 69-5 89-6 69-7 62-28 84-9 69-8 | 898 891 890 947 898 878 878 875 874 864 903 866 874 871 876 881 877 876 881 877 876 854 | 2755 3028 2869 3043 3149 3333 3252 3447 3203 2213 3409 3409 3409 3409 3401 3391 3441 3365 | 0.686 .802 .681 .748 .748 .756 .829 .756 .835 .717 .796 .786 .786 .786 .767 .770 .788 .768 .763 .792 | 0.107 .112 .105 .113 .113 .124 .125 .132 .134 .122 .134 .122 .133 .138 .138 .138 .139 .142 .141 .141 .142 | $\begin{array}{c} 1339\\ 1372\\ 1387\\ 1424\\ 1438\\ 1459\\ 1460\\ 1446\\ 1458\\ 1446\\ 1458\\ 1458\\ 1458\\ 1458\\ 1458\\ 1458\\ 1458\\ 1458\\ 1451\\ 1411\\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 1.330\\ 1.376\\ 1.407\\ 1.381\\ 1.425\\ 1.454\\ 1.450\\ 1.442\\ 1.454\\ 1.442\\ 1.478\\ 1.478\\ 1.478\\ 1.475\\ 1.487\\ 1.493\\ 1.473\\ 1.493\\ 1.469\\ 1.488\end{array}$ | 991 985 1037 1081 1093 1045 1114 1073 1067 1135 1103 1071 1102 1117 1120 1113 1101 1120 1113 1108 | 1.505 1.615 1.545 1.571 1.646 1.747 1.685 1.791 1.682 1.669 1.738 1.779 1.691 1.726 1.749 1.758 1.720 1.758 | 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 970 71 72 73 74 |
| 62-31 30 84-6 62-29 | 691 683 668 684 | 2845 3049 3072 3145 | 0676 .695 .677 .695 | 0.119 .129 .153 .145 | 1057 1085 1033 1094 | 1.344 1.386 1.369 1.396 | 788 817 767 824 | 1.524 1.585 1.570 1.605 | 75 76 77 78 |
| 62-32 | 510 | 2888 | 0.611 | 0.141 | 773 | 1.334 | 562 | 1.525 | 79 |
| injecti | ion system | | | | | _ | 1 | | |
| 59-10 8 7 11 12 13 14 15 | 883 905 887 888 915 902 914 920 | 2696 2967 2995 2933 2912 2956 2930 2859 | 0.497 .581 .649 .668 .664 .744 .741 .767 | 0.110 .115 .115 .117 .106 .123 .121 .119 | 1311 1405 1407 1421 1477 1462 1497 1505 | 1,330 1.401 1.428 1.428 1.431 1.458 1.449 1.449 | 966 1055 1069 1083 1127 1124 1150 1157 | 1.509 1.642 1.652 1.647 1.653 1.690 1.677 1.678 | 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 |



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Figure 1. - Sectional view of engine showing instrumentation stations.

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Figure 3. - Details of afterburner fuel-distribution system. Diameter of all holes, 0.020 inch. (All dimensions are in inches.)

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(a) View of flame holder.



(b) Flame-holder dimensions. (All dimensions are in inches.)Figure 4. - Details of afterburner flame holder. Area blockage, 35 percent.





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Figure 6. - Variation of combustion temperature and efficiency with afterburner fuel-air ratio at several flight conditions. Afterburner-inlet temperature, 1625° R.

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(b) Combustion efficiency.



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(a) Jet thrust.

Figure 9. - Variation of augmented thrust ratio with afterburner fuel-air ratio at several flight conditions.



(b) Net thrust.





(b) Combustion efficiency.

Figure 10. - Variation of combustion temperature and efficiency with afterburner fuel-air ratio for two fuel system configurations. Altitude, 45,000 feet; flight Mach number, 0.8.







Figure 12. - Parallel flow cooling-air requirements of hightemperature afterburner. Altitude, 35,000 feet; flight Mach number, 1.0; inlet cooling-air temperature, 83° F; cooling-air temperature rise, 100-300° F.

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