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#### SUMMARY

Tests were conducted to determine the properties of (a) several untreated commercial cotton-fabric phenolic sheet laminates, (b) the same laminates after exposure to a typical postforming heating cycle, (c) industrially postformed shapes made from one of these materials, (d) industrially molded and laboratory-molded shapes, and (e) flat panels postformed in the laboratory from the laboratory-molded shapes. Tensile properties, flexural properties, and water absorption were determined.

In general, the tensile strength of the sheet laminates varied from 8,000 to 12,000 psi, the tensile secant modulus varied from  $0.8 \times 10^6$  to  $1.3 \times 10^6$  psi for the stress range 0 to 2,500 psi, the flexure strength varied from 15,000 to 26,000 psi, and the flexure modulus varied from  $0.7 \times 10^6$  to  $1.2 \times 10^6$  psi. Most of the materials showed directional variations in strength when tested parallel to, perpendicular to, and at 45° to the warp yarn in the face ply of the fabric. In general, the lowest strength values were obtained in the 45° direction. There was some indication that for those materials in which the tensile strength and modulus were greater in one direction, the flexural strength and modulus were also greater in that direction.

In general, heating the laminate sheets in oil at  $375^{\circ}$  F up to 120 seconds or in air at  $400^{\circ}$  F up to 5 minutes, as was done in the postforming operation, resulted in slight changes in dimensions. The thickness increased as much as 3.5 percent and the length and width decreased as much as 1 percent with one exception, in which case the thickness increased 14 percent. The flexural strength decreased less than 12 percent in most cases.

Industrial postforming decreased the strength of the flat sections of the postformed parts less than 15 percent in most cases. The water absorption did not change appreciably for the flat sections, but increased approximately 20 percent for a  $30^{\circ}$  curved section and approximately 50 percent for a  $90^{\circ}$  curved section.

The strength of industrially molded parts was significantly less than that of similar sheet laminates. The tensile strength of the flat sections was less by an average of approximately 35 percent and the flexural strength, by an average of approximately 20 percent.

The flexural strength and modulus of the flat sections of laboratorymolded V-panels were equal to or slightly greater than those of similar sheet laminates. In general, postforming did not appreciably affect the strengths of the formerly flat sections of these panels. The results differed for the postformed  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections, depending somewhat on the side of the material under tension during test and on the orientation of the warp yarn in the top layer of fabric. In most cases, the flexural strength of these formerly  $45^{\circ}$  curved sections was equal to, or not more than approximately 40 percent less than, the flexural strength of the flat sections, and the strength of the formerly  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections was equal to, or not more than approximately 25 percent less than, the strength of the formerly  $45^{\circ}$  curved sections.

The water absorption for the 45° and 90° curved sections of the laboratory-molded panels was equal to or less than that for the flat sections. After postforming, in general, the absorption was not changed appreciably for the flat sections but was as much as approximately 25 percent higher for the formerly 45° curved sections and as much as approximately 50 percent higher for the formerly 90° curved sections.

# INTRODUCTION

The first known literature reference to the fact that cured phenolic laminates can be formed when heated is contained in a footnote to a table in a paper published in 1922 by Dellinger and Preston (ref. 1). They stated that thin sheets could be pressed to simple shapes when warm. However, the art and commercial application of postforming phenolic laminates was developed within the last 15 years. Postforming was developed and used extensively, especially in the construction of aircraft components, during World War II. One of the foremost early workers with this technique, Beach (refs. 2 to 7 and ref. 8 by Nash and Beach), refers to the process as thermoelastic forming of laminates. Types of laminates particularly suited for postforming, methods of postforming, and applications of postforming have been described by various investigators (refs. 9 to 17). The fact that phenolic laminates can be postformed points out forcefully that thermosetting plastics are to some extent thermoplastic. Fully cured standard grades of phenolic laminates in thin sheets become soft and pliable at elevated temperatures and can be formed into simple shapes. However, forming is easier, more complicated shapes can be made, and improved results are obtained if appropriate modifications are made in the resin and fabric used. The resin may be modified to obtain a wide range of flexibility at the temperature of forming (ref. 8); the use of undercured stocks is not recommended by Beach (see ref. 8). Fabrics that stretch more, without rupturing, than the ducks commonly used in plastic laminates may be used (ref. 18). With a suitably formulated resin the limiting factor in forming is the amount the fabric can be stretched (ref. 8).

This report presents data on the properties of (a) several commercial postforming cotton-fabric phenolic laminates, (b) industrially postformed shapes made from one of these materials, (c) industrially molded shapes made from a similar base fabric and resin, and (d) laboratory postforming stock, molded shapes, and postformed shapes made from the same lot of resin-coated fabric used by one of the manufacturers to make one of their commercial postforming stocks.

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#### MATERIALS

The materials used in this investigation are listed in table I. The same stock of resin-impregnated fabric was used in samples SB2, SC1, SC2, MC1, and PC1 (code explained in the footnote, table I). Likewise, samples SB3, SC3, MC2, and PC2 were prepared from a single stock of resin-impregnated fabric.

The following data were supplied concerning materials furnished by source B. The materials were molded in a hydraulic press with steamheated platens. The molding temperature was measured by a thermocouple placed in a cushion one-twentieth of the distance between the laminate and the press platen. Sheets SB2 and SB3 were molded at 1,100 psi. Sheet SB2 was held in the press for 15 to 30 minutes after reaching 160° C. Sheet SB3 was held in the press for 30 minutes after reaching 153° to 155° C. Angles MB1 and channels MB2 were molded at 2,000 psi for 30 minutes after the molding temperature of 160° C was reached. The platens were cooled rapidly by circulating cold water. The outer faces of samples MB1 and MB2 were machined to the indicated dimensions.

The samples made at the National Bureau of Standards were molded in a hydraulic press with steam-heated platens. In the 4-ply samples, the warp yarns of the two center plies were parallel to each other and perpendicular to the outer plies, resulting in the outer plies being parallel to one another. In the 9-ply samples, the warp yarns of the two outer plies were parallel to one another; adjacent plies were perpendicular to one another throughout the panel. In the 16-ply samples, the warp yarns of the two outer plies were parallel to one another; adjacent plies were perpendicular to one another except for the two center plies which were parallel to one another. The temperature during molding was measured with a thermocouple placed between plies of the sheets. The layers of resin-impregnated fabric were placed in the press and the temperature was raised to 153° to 155° C in 15 minutes and maintained there for 30 minutes. The platens were cooled rapidly by circulating cold water.

The pressures used for molding the various samples at the National Bureau of Standards were as follows:

Sample	Pressure, psi
Sheets SC1	200
Sheets SC2	1,000
Sheets SC3	500
Molded V-panels MCl	1,000
Molded V-panels MC2	1,000

Sample SC3 was molded so as to obtain a laminate duplicating sample SB3, which was made with a molding pressure of 1,100 psi. However, a pressure of 1,000 psi caused an excess of resin to run from sample SC3. The duplication was therefore attempted on the basis of density and it was found that a pressure of 500 psi produced a laminate with a density similar to that of the SB3 sample material.

The V-sections, samples MCl and MC2 illustrated in figure 1, were molded in 1/16-inch thickness from four plies of resin-impregnated fabric

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by using a steel mold. Three types were made, varying in the orientation of the warp yarn of the outer plies with respect to the lengthwise direction of the molded V-section; the R designation (table I) indicates parallel orientation, the S designation,  $45^{\circ}$  orientation, and the T designation, perpendicular orientation. After laminating, the edges were trimmed and the panels were stored at  $25^{\circ}$  C and 50-percent relative humidity for at least 96 hours before postforming. Some of these samples were postformed into essentially flat sheets, samples PCl and PC2.

#### POSTFORMING

Samples MCl and MC2, molded V-panels, were postformed into essentially flat sheets by heating in a circulating-air oven, removing, and pressing between hardwood blocks in an arbor press for 30 seconds. The pressure was applied less than 5 seconds after removal from the oven. The temperatures and times used were slightly below those that would produce blistering as determined by trial experiments. Sample MCl was heated for 180 seconds at  $204.5^{\circ}$  C ( $400^{\circ}$  F) and sample MC2 for 60 seconds at this same temperature. The resulting flat panels, samples PCl and PC2, made from the V-sections had slight ridges along the former lines of curvature. The deviation from flatness of these ridges was less than 0.010 inch in most cases.

The PGl channels and PG2 angles were postformed from sample SBl by heating in a circulating-air oven at  $274^{\circ} \pm 14^{\circ}$  C ( $525^{\circ} \pm 25^{\circ}$  F) for 55 to 60 seconds and molding between hardwood blocks. The postformed parts, samples PGl and PG2, and their respective blanks, cut from sample SBl, are shown in figures 2 and 3, respectively.

#### HEAT TREATMENTS

The effects of the heating conditions used in postforming were determined by heating specimens of samples SAL, SA2, SBL, SDL, SEL, SFL, and SF2 by two different methods. In one method the materials were placed in a circulating-air oven at  $204.5^{\circ}$  C ( $400^{\circ}$  F) for the period of time indicated in tables II and III. In the other method the materials were immersed in oil at  $190.5^{\circ}$  C ( $375^{\circ}$  F) for the period of time indicated in tables II and IV. In some of the latter tests, SAE 20 lubricating oil containing 10 percent sulfur was used; in other cases, Markol paraffin oil was used. The longest period of time used was slightly less than that required to produce blistering of the material.

#### SAMPLING PROCEDURE

The specimens for all tests of samples SA1, SA2, SD1, SF1, and SF2 were cut from a single sheet of each material. Since sample SB1 consisted of blanks cut for forming, the largest about 8 by 9 inches, as shown in figures 2 and 3, groups of specimens for a test were composites taken from three of these nominally identical blanks. The tensile test specimens of sample SE1 were taken from one sheet and the flexural test specimens from another. Large pieces of these samples were subjected to the heat treatments before being cut into test specimens.

The specimens for all the tests of samples SB2-8X, SB2-4X, SB3-8Y, and SB3-4Y were also cut from a single sheet of each material. For samples SB2-16X and SB3-16Y, the sheets were cut into halves, one-half of each sheet was then cut in half, and sets of specimens were taken from each of these three parts.

Sets of test specimens were cut from samples SA1, SA2, SB1, SB2, SB3, SD1, SE1, SF1, and SF2 in each of three directions. The lengths of the test specimens were either parallel to, perpendicular to, or at 45° to the warp yarn in the fabric of the face ply.

Five tensile specimens in the parallel direction only and five flexural specimens in each of the three directions were cut from each sheet of samples SC1, SC2, and SC3 as illustrated in figure 4. One sheet each of SC1 and SC2 and two sheets of SC3 were tested.

Four flexural and two tensile specimens were cut from each of the three sides of two samples of channels MB2-16, MB2-8, and MB2-4. Six flexural and two tensile specimens were cut from each of the two sides of two pieces of angles MB1-16, MB1-8, and MB1-4. The specimens were cut from samples MB1 and MB2 so that the lengthwise dimension was parallel to the length of the channels and angles. The orientation of these specimens is illustrated in figure 5.

Six flexural specimens were cut from each panel of samples PCl and PC2 so that the lengthwise direction of the specimens was perpendicular to the axis of the V-section originally molded in the sheets. Since the flattened V-sections had slight ridges at the site of the former curvatures, the flexural specimens had three ridges across each one. Drawings of the V-sections before and after postforming are shown in figure 6. The figure shows that the two outer ridges were obtained by flattening  $45^{\circ}$  bends and the inner ridge by flattening a  $90^{\circ}$  bend.

Water-absorption specimens, 0.5 by 1.5 inches, were cut from strips, 1.5 inches wide, of samples MCl, MC2, PCl, and PC2 so that three types were produced. One type was cut from a flat section outside the V-area.

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A second type was cut with a  $45^{\circ}$  bend or a ridge resulting from a flattened  $45^{\circ}$  bend along the longitudinal center line. The third type was cut with a 90° bend or a ridge resulting from a flattened 90° bend along the longitudinal center line. For these measurements, panels of samples MCl and MC2 were cut crosswise to the longitudinal axis of the V-section into two pieces; one piece was cut into test specimens, and the other piece was postformed flat, giving panels of PCl and PC2, and then cut into test specimens. Consequently, test specimens both before and after postforming were cut from the same panels.

Water-absorption specimens, 0.5 by 1 inch, were cut from PG1 channels and PG2 angles with the axis of the curved section parallel to the 1-inch dimension.

#### METHODS OF TEST

#### Tensile Tests

The tensile properties were measured in accordance with Method No. 1011 of Federal Specification L-P-406a (ref. 19) except that the rate of head separation was maintained at 0.05 inch per minute throughout the test. Load-extension curves were obtained on a Southwark-Templin autographic recorder which was operated by a Southwark-Peters plastics extensometer mounted on the specimens. The tests were made on a universal hydraulic testing machine using ranges of 0 to 240 pounds, 0 to 1,200 pounds, or 0 to 2,400 pounds. The test specimens conformed to type 1 of Method No. 1011.

#### Flexure Tests

The flexural strength and modulus of elasticity in bending (flexural modulus) were measured in accordance with Method No. 1031 of Federal Specification L-P-406a (ref. 19) using the O- to 240-pound range of a universal hydraulic testing machine. The tests were conducted at a spandepth ratio of 16:1 using the equipment described in reference 20 and pictured in reference 21. The load-deflection curves were obtained on a Southwark-Templin autographic recorder which was operated by a Southwark-Peters plastics extensometer. The supports and loading nose of the jig were rounded to a radius of 1/32 inch. The test specimens were 0.5 inch wide and 5 inches long.

#### Water-Absorption Tests

The water-absorption tests were made in accordance with Method No. 7031 of Federal Specification L-P-406a (ref. 19), except that it was found necessary to reduce the size of the specimens. The specimens of samples SB1, PG1, and PG2 were 0.5 by 1 inch. The specimens of samples MC1, MC2, PC1, and PC2 were 0.5 by 1.5 inches.

#### Conditioning

All specimens were conditioned at least 48 hours at  $25^{\circ}$  C and 50-percent relative humidity prior to testing and were tested at the same conditions.

### Statistical Calculations

The variability of experimental results, which includes both test error and variability among different specimens of the same material, is expressed in most cases in terms of the coefficient of variation C.V. calculated by the following formula (ref. 22):

c.v. = 
$$\frac{\sqrt{\sum (d_i)^2/(n-1)}}{A} \times 100$$

where

A average result

C.V. coefficient of variation, percent

di deviation of individual result i from average

n number of test results

The standard error of the average was calculated according to the formula

S.E. = 
$$\sqrt{\sum (d_i)^2/n(n - 1)}$$

The results obtained were analyzed statistically to determine whether observed differences were significant.

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#### RESULTS

#### Initial Properties of Sheet Materials

The tensile strength, tensile modulus of elasticity, and strain at failure of cotton-fabric phenolic sheet laminates are presented in tables V, VI, and VII, respectively. The flexural strength and flexural modulus of elasticity are presented in tables VIII and IX, respectively.

The average tensile strengths of the flat sheets in all directions were in the range of 8,000 to 12,000 psi, except for the samples SF1 and SF2 which were higher in the lengthwise direction (table V). Some of the materials did not show any appreciable directional variation in tensile strength; in some materials, the tensile strength in the  $45^{\circ}$  direction was as much as approximately 25 percent less than that in the lengthwise and crosswise directions, and, in others, the tensile strength in both the  $45^{\circ}$  and the crosswise directions was less than that in the lengthwise direction. For the SF1 and SF2 materials, the tensile strengths were approximately 40 to 50 percent less in the  $45^{\circ}$  and the crosswise directions than in the lengthwise. For some materials, certain thicknesses showed directional variations with respect to tensile strength whereas other thicknesses of the same material did not. There was no consistent indication of variation of tensile strength with the thickness of the laminate for a given sample.

The average values for tensile modulus (table VI) over the stress range of 0 to 2,500 psi ranged from approximately  $0.8 \times 10^6$  to  $1.3 \times 10^6$  psi. In most cases, those materials exhibiting higher tensile strengths in one direction also exhibited higher tensile-modulus values in the same direction. The modulus in the 45° and crosswise directions was less than that in the lengthwise direction by as much as approximately 30 percent.

The values for strain at failure (table VII) differed widely for the materials tested, from average values of 1.7 to 7.5 percent. There was no consistent behavior with respect to the direction of warp yarn or to tensile strength or tensile modulus.

The average values obtained for flexural strength (table VIII) varied from approximately 15,000 to 26,000 psi. Directional variations in flexural strength were usually observed in those materials in which variations in tensile strength had been observed. In some cases, there was no significant directional effect for flexural strength; in some cases, the strength was less by as much as approximately 20 percent in the 45° direction only; and, in others, the strength was less in both the 45° and crosswise directions. However, as in the tensile tests, the SF1 and SF2 materials showed high strength values in the lengthwise directions and significantly lower values for the 45° and crosswise directions. The average values for flexural modulus of elasticity (table IX) ranged from approximately  $0.7 \times 10^6$  to  $1.2 \times 10^6$  psi. Again, as in tensile properties, in most cases those materials showing directional variations in flexural strength exhibited directional variations in the flexural modulus. The values obtained for the modulus for the transverse directions were as much as approximately 30 percent lower than those obtained for the lengthwise direction, and, in a few cases, were as much as approximately 10 percent higher.

#### Properties of Heat-Treated Sheet Materials

The dimensional changes on heating, the effects of heating in air on the flexural properties, and the effects of heating in oil on the flexural properties of the sheeet materials are presented in tables II, III, and IV, respectively.

The actual measurements of the dimensional changes (table II) are significant to 0.2 percent, but observed differences of less than 1 percent are not considered to reflect real differences in the materials. The heating of laminate sheets in oil at 375° F up to 120 seconds resulted in only slight increases in thickness in most cases, varying up to approximately 3 percent, with no significant changes in others. In one material, SF1, the thickness increased approximately 14 percent. In most cases, the decrease in length or width was too small to be statistically significant. However, in view of the consistency of this effect, it is believed that, although small, the decrease caused by heating is real.

Heating the laminate sheets in air at 400° F up to 6 minutes also resulted in only slight increases in the thickness, the highest increase being 3.5 percent. In most cases, there was no significant change in the length or width during the heating cycle, but, as above, the consistency of the small changes would indicate a small but real decrease. Sample SA2-16 warped considerably during both heat treatments.

Heating the sheet laminates in air up to 6 minutes also decreased the flexural strength less than approximately 10 percent (table III). The flexural modulus of elasticity decreased less than approximately 20 percent in most cases.

The immersion of the laminates in the hot oil up to 120 seconds decreased the flexural strength less than 12 percent in most cases. The flexural strength of sample SFI decreased more when immersed in a Markol paraffin oil than when immersed in the lubricating oil. The effect of varying the composition of the immersing fluid was not studied further. In most cases, the decrease in flexural strength was accompanied by a decrease in flexural modulus of elasticity. In a few isolated tests, however, heating increased the modulus slightly.

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#### Effect of Industrial Postforming on Properties

#### of Flat Sections

Sample SB1-16 was taken from production materials being used to postform ammunition chute parts. The mechanical properties of flat sections cut from two of these postformed parts, samples PG1-16 and PG2-16, were determined and are reported in table X. The water absorption of flat sections cut from sample SB1-16 and of flat and curved sections cut from samples PG1-16 and PG2-16 are also reported in table X.

Postforming resulted in a slight decrease in tensile strength and tensile modulus and a slight increase in strain at failure for sample PGL, which was tested only in the lengthwise direction. The flexural strengths of both postformed samples PGL and PG2 decreased in all three test directions. The average decrease in flexural strength for the PGL specimens was approximately 13 percent, whereas the average decrease for the PG2 specimens was only 4 percent. The flexural modulus also decreased in all three directions for the PGL sample, the average decrease being approximately 10 percent, but did not change significantly for the PG2 sample.

The water absorption did not change appreciably for the flat sections of the postformed parts. The water absorption of the curved sections of both postformed samples was higher than that of the flat sections. The average increase was approximately 50 percent for the PGl sections and 20 percent for the PG2 sections.

#### Properties of Molded Angles and Channels

The tensile and flexure properties of specimens cut from both molded channels MBl and molded angles MB2 are presented in tables XI and XII, respectively. The differences in properties between flat sheet SB2 and angle and channel laminates obtained from the same source and molded from similar materials are shown in table XIII.

Data were not available to permit a comparison of the properties of the molded angles and channels with those of flat sheets made from the same materials. However, a comparison of the average values obtained for the molded pieces with the average values obtained for flat-sheet sample SB2 made from similar materials indicates that the tensile strength for the molded parts is approximately 30 to 40 percent less than that for the flat sheets. The tensile modulus of elasticity is approximately 5 to 25 percent less. The flexural strength and the flexural modulus of elasticity are approximately 10 to 25 percent less for the molded parts than for the flat sheets.

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There was no significant difference between the values obtained for the channels and the angles. However, the values obtained for the flexural strength with the molded side in tension were slightly higher than those obtained with the machined side in tension. Also, there was some indication that the tensile strength and tensile modulus of the molded pieces increased slightly with increasing thickness.

# Effect of Postforming on Properties

#### of Curved Sections

The molded V-sections, samples MCl and MC2, were postformed to flat panels. Specimens were cut from the flat and the formerly 45° curved and 90° curved areas. The flexural strength, flexural modulus of elasticity, and water absorption were determined. The results are presented in tables XIV, XV, and XVI, respectively.

In discussing the test results obtained on these panels, two separate meanings are applied to the use of angular degrees. In one case,  $0^{\circ}$ ,  $45^{\circ}$ , and  $90^{\circ}$  refer to the direction of the warp yarn in the face ply of the laminate with respect to the lengthwise direction of the molded V. The letters R, S, and T are used in the sample designations to indicate, respectively, these three directions. The angles  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  also refer to the amount of bending caused by the postforming operation of the molded V's, as shown in figure 6.

In analyzing the results of the effects of postforming, the assumption was made that differences in strength values between the postformed flat sections and the postformed curved sections were due to the postforming operation and not to the original molding operation. In other words, it was assumed that the strength of the curved sections of the original molded V-panels was the same as that of the flat sections. To achieve this condition insofar as possible, extreme care was used in molding the V-panels. Some indication that this assumption was valid is given by the data for water absorption, presented in table XVI. These data show that the water absorption of the curved sections of the V-panels was equal to or less than that of the flat sections of these panels.

The results of the flexural-strength tests for PCl and PC2 are shown graphically in figures 7 and 8. There was little or no change in the flexural strength of the flat sections of the molded MCl V-panels on postforming (fig. 7 and table XIV). As in the sheet laminates, the strength of the postformed samples with the  $45^{\circ}$  warp yarn was slightly less than that with lengthwise and crosswise warp yarn. For the postformed PCl samples, the flexural strength of the formerly  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections averaged approximately 25 percent and 35 percent, respectively, less than that of the flat sections, except for one sample. The sample oriented  $45^{\circ}$  with respect to the warp yarn, when tested with the loading nose

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applied on the convex side, had a flexural strength approximately 15 percent higher than that of the flat sections. In general, the specimens of the formerly curved sections had slightly higher strengths when tested on the convex side than when tested on the concave side.

As in the MCl samples, postforming did not appreciably affect the flexural strength of the flat sections of the MC2 panels (fig. 8). The flexural strengths of the formerly  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections, sample PC2, when tested on the convex side, were either equal to or greater than those of the flat sections. However, when the formerly curved sections were tested on the concave side, the flexural strength of the formerly  $45^{\circ}$  curved sections averaged approximately 20 percent less than that of the corresponding flat sections, and that of the formerly  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections. Thus, in all of the samples of the formerly curved sections, the flexural strength was significantly less when tested with the loading nose applied on the concave side than when tested with it applied on the convex side.

For the flat sections, both before (samples MCl and MC2) and after (samples PCl and PC2) postforming, the flexural strength of the MCl and PCl panels was approximately the same as that of the corresponding MC2 and PC2 panels in most cases (figs. 7 and 8). For the formerly curved sections, the values for flexural strengths for the two sets of panels were similar when the specimens were tested on the concave side. When they were tested on the convex side, however, the formerly curved sections of the PC2 samples with  $0^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  warp yarn had higher strength values than did the PCl samples.

The effect of postforming on flexural modulus of elasticity of curved sections is shown in figures 9(a) and 9(b). As can be seen from table XV, the flexural modulus of elasticity of the flat sections of the postformed PCl V-panels was approximately 25 percent less than that of the original flat section MCl. For the PCl panels, the moduli for the formerly  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections were approximately 15 and 20 percent less, respectively, than those for the corresponding flat sections, except for the samples oriented  $45^{\circ}$  with respect to the warp yarn, which were unchanged when tested on the convex side.

For the PC2 panels, in which the orientation of warp yarn was  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$ , there was no significant change in the flexural modulus of the flat sections on postforming, with one exception, in which the flexural modulus for the postformed flat sections was more than that for the original molded flat sections, when the angle of the warp yarn was  $0^{\circ}$ . When the postformed panels were tested on the convex side, the moduli for the formerly  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections were equal to or up to approximately 20 percent greater than the modulus for the corresponding flat section. There was no significant difference between the values obtained for the  $45^{\circ}$  and the  $90^{\circ}$  sections tested on the convex side.

When the postformed panels were tested on the concave side, however, the modulus for the formerly  $45^{\circ}$  curved sections was 5 to 10 percent lower than that for the corresponding flat section, and the values obtained for the formerly  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections were approximately 10 to 20 percent lower than those obtained for the corresponding flat section.

The flexural modulus of elasticity of the flat sections of the MCl samples was greater than that of the MC2 samples but, after post-forming, the reverse was true for the formerly flat sections and the formerly curved sections.

The results of the water-absorption tests are shown in figures 10 and 11 and table XVI. For the original molded MCl V-panels, in general, there was no appreciable difference in the water absorption of the flat sections,  $45^{\circ}$  curved sections, and  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections (fig. 10(a)). Also, there was no appreciable effect of warp-yarn orientation on water absorption.

Postforming the V-panels did not appreciably affect the water absorption of the flat sections of the PCl panels. However, the water absorption increased for the formerly 45° and 90° curved sections, the increase being approximately 25 percent for the 45° sections and approximately 50 percent for the 90° sections. Again, there was no significant variation of water absorption with warp-yarn orientation.

In the tests on the MC2 molded V-panels (fig. lo(b)), the water absorption was less for the panels with the 0° warp-yarn orientation than for the panels with 45° and 90° orientation. This was true for the flat sections and the 45° and 90° curved sections. Also, there was some indication that the water absorption was less for the 45° and 90° curved sections than for the corresponding flat sections.

For the postformed PC2 panels, there was an increase in water absorption of the flat sections and formerly  $45^{\circ}$  curved sections only when the warp yarn was oriented 0°. This increase was approximately 20 percent. For the panels in which the warp yarn was oriented  $45^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$ , postforming did not affect the water absorption of these sections. The postformed formerly  $90^{\circ}$  curved sections, however, showed increases in water absorption ranging from approximately 10 to 30 percent for all three warp-yarn directions.

Both before and after postforming, the water absorption of the MC2 panels was greater than that of the MC1 panels.

#### DISCUSSION

# Initial Properties of Sheet Materials

Most of the commercial phenolic-laminate sheets show a tendency to exhibit directional variation in mechanical properties as can be observed from table XVII. Approximately half of the materials show different strengths in the lengthwise and the crosswise directions. Most of the materials show different strengths in the lengthwise and the 45° directions. In most cases, the strengths are higher in the lengthwise direction.

The lower values noted in the crosswise direction when compared with those in the lengthwise direction may be due in part to differences in the yarns per inch of the cloth fabric in the two directions. The lower values in the  $45^{\circ}$  direction are probably due to the fact that in this direction the full strength of the yarns is not utilized.

The data indicate that, usually, for those materials in which the tensile strength is greater in one direction, the flexural strength is also greater in that direction.

The two samples SF1 and SF2 that exhibit very high strength values in the lengthwise direction have rather low strengths in the crosswise and 45° directions, probably indicating that the cloth yarns in this laminate were preferentially oriented (tables V, VI, VIII, and IX). It should be noted that the difference in yarns per inch in the two directions for the fabric used in these laminates is much greater than in any of the other laminates. None of the other materials show such a large difference in properties between the lengthwise and transverse directions.

The effect of laminating pressure on the properties of flat sheets can be observed by comparing the results obtained for the SCl panels with those obtained for the SC2 panels. Both samples were made of similar materials. The laminating pressure used for the SCl panels was 200 psi and that used for the SC2 panels was 1,000 psi. With one exception, the values for tensile strength, tensile modulus, flexural strength, and flexural modulus are greater for the SC2 panels than for the SCl panels.

#### Properties of Heat-Treated Sheet Material

The slight changes in dimensions observed in most cases on heating the laminates represent a reversal of the changes in dimensions that occur during high-pressure laminating. The thickness increased slightly on heating and there was an indication of decrease in length and width. It is plausible to consider the phenolic resins as being partially thermoplastic, with the result that there is a slight tendency for the resin to assume its original dimensions when heated. This resulting increase in thickness would result in a tendency toward partial delamination of the laminate, leading to a decrease in strength properties which is observed as a result of the heating cycles.

#### Effect of Industrial Postforming on

#### Properties of Flat Sections

The PGl samples showed larger changes in flexural properties and water absorption due to postforming than did the PG2 samples. This is probably due to the fact that the postforming operation was much more severe for the former samples than for the latter. The postformed PGl sample contained several  $90^{\circ}$  bends whereas the PG2 sample contained only one  $30^{\circ}$  bend. According to the fabricator, the same heating cycle was used in both cases.

The water-absorption results indicate that the greatest effects of postforming occur at the curved sections. It was noted that in these curved sections, the fabric was more prominent in the outer surface and numerous fine cracks appeared in the resin.

# Properties of Molded Angles and Channels

The strength and modulus of flat portions from the commercially molded channels MBl and angles MB2 are considerably less than those of flat sheets made from similar materials. However, the strength and modulus of the flat sections from the V-panels molded in the laboratory at the National Bureau of Standards are in most cases higher than those of similar flat sheets. These differences in behavior between commercially molded and laboratory-molded parts may be due to differences in fabrication conditions or techniques. Thus, it appears that the strength and modulus of flat portions of molded laminate sections may or may not be different from those of sheet laminates.

# Effects of Postforming on Properties of Curved Sections

As stated previously, the strengths of the flat sections of the laboratory molded V-panels are in most cases higher than those of sheet laminates, whereas industrially molded parts have lower strength values. In addition, the postforming heating cycle did not affect the flexural strength of the flat sections of the V-panels in most cases, whereas the flexural strength of commercial sheet laminates decreased as much as approximately 10 percent on heating in most cases. These differences in behavior may be due to fabrication techniques.

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The PC2 panels were made of materials used in postforming-grade laminates whereas the PCl panels were not. This difference is reflected in the slightly higher flexural strengths of the postformed PC2 panels in two cases only, when specimens of the formerly curved sections with O<sup>O</sup> and with 90<sup>O</sup> warp yarn were tested on the convex side. In addition, the water absorption is greater for the PC2 panels than for the PCl, both before and after postforming. However, the flexural modulus of elasticity of the PC2 panels was consistently greater than that of the PCl panels, with one exception. These results would indicate that shapes postformed from postforming-grade laminates do not necessarily have superior properties for structural and semistructural applications than do those fabricated from regular-grade laminates.

In most cases, the strength of the formerly 90° curved sections was equal to or lower than that of the formerly 45° curved sections and the water absorption was higher. These latter results are in agreement with the results obtained on the commercially postformed shapes. These results would indicate that the higher the angle of bending, the more the properties of the material are affected.

In general, the flexural-strength values for the formerly curved sections when tested on the convex side were higher than when tested on the concave side. In postforming, compressive stresses are induced in one surface of the formerly curved sections and tensile stresses in the other. When the specimens are tested on the concave side, the side with the residual compressive stresses is in tension, and, when tested on the convex side, the side with the residual tensile stresses is in tension. One might therefore expect the specimens tested on the concave side to give higher strength values than the specimens tested on the convex side. Actually, the reverse was found to be true. One explanation is that there is probably a realinement of residual forces in the laminate when the pressure applied in postforming is removed because of the tendency of the material near the neutral axis to assume its original position. Because of this alinement, the face formerly in compression would now be in tension and vice versa. Thus, when the specimens are tested on the concave side, the face in tension already has a residual tensile stress, which would tend to decrease the flexural strength. The reverse is true for the convex side and results in higher strength values for the specimens when tested on the convex side than when tested on the concave side.

# CONCLUDING REMARKS

Tests were conducted to determine the properties of flat sheets, molded shapes, and postformed shapes of cotton-fabric phenolic laminates. Most commercial cotton-fabric phenolic sheet laminates tested showed directional variations in mechanical properties. In most cases, the values obtained when the specimens were tested at a 45° orientation to the warp yarn in the top ply are up to 25 percent lower than those obtained when the specimens were tested lengthwise or crosswise. For materials in which the tensile strength and modulus were greater in one direction, the flexural strength and modulus also tended to be greater in that direction.

Postforming may or may not affect the strength properties of flat sections, probably depending on the fabrication technique and possibly the resins used. In general, the strength of curved sections decreased on postforming and the water absorption increased. The degree to which these properties changed increased as the bending angle increased. The flexural strength of postformed curved sections was higher when the load was applied to the convex side than when it was applied to the concave side.

The molding of shapes of phenolic laminates may or may not reduce the strength properties of the laminate, probably depending on the fabrication techniques.

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NBS sample		Approximate			Fabric	
designation (a)	Туре	size, in.	Number of plies	Yarns per in.	Yarn, ply	Weave
SA1-16	Grade C postforming	70 by 46	4	39 by 34	1	Plain
SA2-16	Grade C infrared postforming	70 by 46	4	50 by 34	1,2	bplain
SB1-16	Grade C natural postforming	9 by 8.5 9 by 3.75	4	38 by 38	l	Plain
SB2-16X	Grade C	36 by 36	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SB2-8X	Grade C	36 by 36	9	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SB2-4X	Grade C	36 by 36	16	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SB3-16Y	Grade CJP-ll postforming	36 by 36	4	40 by 38	1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SB3-8Y	Grade CJP-ll postforming	36 by 36	9	40 by 38	1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SB3-4Y	Grade CJP-ll postforming	36 by 36	16	40 by 38	1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC1-16X		10 by 10	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC1-8X		10 by 10	9	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC1-4X		10 by 10	16	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
<sup>c</sup> SC2-16X		10 by 10	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC2-8X		10 by 10	9	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC2-4X		10 by 10	16	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC3-16Y		10 by 10	4	40 by 38	1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC3-8Y		10 by 10	9	40 by 38	1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SC3-4Y		10 by 10	16	40 by 38	1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
SD1-16		36 by 36	4	39 by 37	l	Plain
SE1-8	Grade C	36 by 36	7	50 by 34	l	Plain

# TABLE I.- DESCRIPTION OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC LAMINATES

<sup>a</sup>First letter indicates form: S indicates flat sheets, M indicates molded shapes, P indicates postformed shapes; second letter indicates source (letter C designates samples prepared at NBS); first number is sample number; number after dash is reciprocal of nominal thickness in inches; all materials with X in their designation are made with same resin and fabric and under similar molding conditions; all materials with Y in their designation are made with same resin and fabric and under similar molding conditions; in samples MC and PC, R indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were parallel to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel, S indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were at 45° to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel, and T indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were perpendicular to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel.

bTwo-ply yarn in one direction, single ply in other.

<sup>C</sup>SCl and SC2 differ only in that SCl was molded at 200 psi and SC2, at 1,000 psi.

					Fabric	
NBS sample designation (a)	Туре	Approximate size, in.	Number of plies	Yarns per in.	Yarn, ply	Weave
SF1-16 SF2-16	Natural postforming Green postforming	48 by 48 48 by 48	56	70 by 40 70 by 40	-	Twill, over 2 under 1 Twill, over 2 under 1
d <sub>MB1-16</sub>	Grade C	36 by 2.3 sides	4	52 by 42	l	Plain
d <sub>MB1-8</sub>	Grade C	36 by 2.3 sides	9	52 by 42	l	Plain
d <sub>MB1-4</sub>	Grade C	36 by 2.3 sides	16	52 by 42	l	Plain
eMB2-16	Grade C	36 by 2.3 sides and base	4	39 by 37	l	Plain
eMB2-8	Grade C	36 by 2.3 sides and base	9	39 by 37	1	Plain
e <sub>MB2-4</sub>	Grade C	36 by 2.3 sides and base	16	39 by 37	l	Plain
fMC1-16XR		5 by 4	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
fMC1-16XS		5 by 4	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
fMC1-16XT		5 by 4	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
fMC2-16YR	and the second	5 by 4	4	40 by 38	l	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
fMC2-16YS		5 by 4	4	40 by 38	1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
fMC2-16YT		5 by 4	4	40 by 38	l	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
gPC1-16XR	Postformed from MC1-16XR	5 by 4	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
gPC1-16XS	Postformed from MC1-16XS	5 by 4	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
gPC1-16XT	Postformed from MC1-16XT	5 by 4	4	40 by 38	2	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck

TABLE I.- DESCRIPTION OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC LAMINATES - Continued

<sup>a</sup>First letter indicates form: S indicates flat sheets, M indicates molded shapes, P indicates postformed shapes; second letter indicates source (letter C designates samples prepared at NES); first number is sample number; number after dash is reciprocal of nominal thickness in inches; all materials with X in their designation are made with same resin and fabric and under similar molding conditions; all materials with Y in their designation are made with same resin and fabric and under similar molding conditions; in samples MC and PC, R indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were parallel to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel, S indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were at 45° to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel, and T indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were perpendicular to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel.

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dMolded angles; natural color.

eMolded channels; natural color.

<sup>f</sup>Molded V-panels; see fig. 1.

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gv-panels postformed into flat sheets.

TABLE I.- DESCRIPTION OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC LAMINATES - Concluded

NBS sample	Туре	Approximate			Fabric	
designation (a)	-920	size, in.	Number of plies	Yarns per in.	Yarn ply	Weave
<sup>g</sup> PC2-16YR <sup>g</sup> PC2-16YS <sup>g</sup> PC2-16YT	Postformed from MC2-16YR Postformed from MC2-16YS Postformed from MC2-16YT	5 by 4 5 by 4 5 by 4 5 by 4	4 4 4	40 by 38 40 by 38 40 by 38 40 by 38	1 1 1	Plain, 8.66-oz army duck Plain, 8.66-oz army duck Plain, 8.66-oz army duck
hpg1-16	Postformed from SB1-16	9 by 2.5 base and three sides	4	38 by 38	1	Plain
<sup>i</sup> PG2-16	Postformed from SB1-16	9 by 3.75 with 30° bend 1.75 in. from one end	4	38 by 38	l	Plain

<sup>a</sup>First letter indicates form: S indicates flat sheets, M indicates molded shapes, P indicates postformed shapes; second letter indicates source (letter C designates samples prepared at NBS); first number is sample number; number after dash is reciprocal of nominal thickness in inches; all materials with X in their designation are made with same resin and fabric and under similar molding conditions; all materials with Y in their designation are made with same resin and fabric and under similar molding conditions; in samples MC and PC, R indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were parallel to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel, S indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were at 45° to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel, and T indicates that warp yarns of outer plies were perpendicular to lengthwise direction of molded V-panel.

gv-panels postformed into flat sheets.

 $h_{\mbox{\sc Ammunition}}$  chute part from B-25 nose assembly, channel; see fig. 2.

 ${\rm i}_{\rm Ammunition}$  chute part from B-25 nose assembly; see fig. 3.

#### TABLE II.- DIMENSIONAL CHANGES PRODUCED BY POSTFORMING HEAT TREATMENTS ON COTTON-FABRIC

PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATE

			Immersion in o (a)	il at 375 <sup>0</sup> F				Heat	ing in circulatir	ng air oven at 400	) <sup>0</sup> F	
NBS sample designation	Duration of heating, sec	Average original thickness, in.	Average thickness after heating, in.	Change in thickness on heating, percent	Change in length, percent	Change in width, percent	Duration of heating, min	Average original thickness, in.	Average thickness after heating, in.	Change in thickness on heating, percent	Change in length, percent	Change in width, percent
SA1-16	20 40	0.0654 .0664	0.0656 .0669	0.2	0 7	-0.4 4	1 2 3.5	0.0648 .0647 .0654	0.0651 .0650 .0674	0.4 .4 3.0	-0.5 2 9	-0.2 3 6
SA2-16	<sup>b</sup> 30 <sup>b</sup> 60 <sup>b</sup> 120	.0679 .0680 .0699	.0689 .0693 .0713	1.5 1.9 2.0	7 3 -1.0	-1.0 -1.0 -1.0	3 5	.0692 .0686	.0708 .0710	2.4 3.5	3 -1.0	-1.0 -1.0
SB1-16	<sup>b</sup> 30 <sup>b60</sup> <sup>b</sup> 120	.0643 .0706 .0632	.0650 .0712 .0640	1.1 .8 1.3	0 7 3	-1.0 5 0	2 3	.0642 .0631	.0652 .0637	1.6 1.0	3 0	0 -1.0
SD1-16	25 35 45	.0655 .0655 .0662	.0654 .0656 .0659	2 .2 4	4 4 4	2 2 4	1 2 3	.0654 .0650 .0649	.0651 .0652 .0655	5 .3 .9	0 4 4	1 2 3
SE1-8	60 120	.1245 .1253	.1257 .1280	1.0 2.2	5	2 5	3 6	.1259 .1289	.1259 .1311	0 2.4	0 2	1 2
SF1-16	25 35 535 50 50	.0749 .0739 .0736 .0748 .0725	.0761 .0768 .0788 .0869 .0797	1.6 3.2 7.1 13.9 9.9	5 4 .3 7 7	3 4 -1.0 9 5	1 2 3	.0743 .0750 .0741	.0745 .0771 .0757	.2 2.6 2.1	0 2 9	0 2 4
SF2-16	25 35	.0692 .0701	.0696 .0720	.6 2.6	2 2	1 2	1 2 3	.0698 .0694 .0695	.0695 .0700 .0694	4 .8 1	2 2 2	0 1 2

<sup>a</sup>SAE 20 oil containing 10 percent sulfur was used for oil immersion except where otherwise noted. <sup>b</sup>Markol paraffin oil.

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# TABLE III.- EFFECT OF OVEN HEATING AT 204.5° C (400° F) ON FLEXURAL PROPERTIES

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OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

NBS sample	Time of				strength a)						Flexural modulus o	f elasticity		
designation	heating, min	Number of tests	Average, psi	Range, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original	Number of tests	Average, psi		Range, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original
SA1-16	0 1 2 3.5	10 5 5 5	19,900 19,300 19,200 18,300	18,800 to 20,300 19,000 to 19,500 18,900 to 19,500 18,000 to 18,600	140	1.6 1.3 1.5 1.5	100 97.0 96.4 91.8	9 5 4 5	0.92 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .93 .84 .84	0.81 × .89 .78 .80	to 0.97 × 106 to 0.95 to 0.90 to 0.89	0.018 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .011 .021 .010	5.8 2.7 5.1 2.8	100 101 91.2 91.2
SA2-16	0 3 5	5 5 5	18,200 17,300 17,300	17,800 to 18,800 17,100 to 17,700 17,000 to 17,800	200 100 150	2.4 1.4 2.0	100 95.0 95.0	5 5 5	.94 .80 .77	. 89 .74 .75	to 0.99 to 0.84 to 0.79	.016 .017 .008	3.9 4.7 2.2	100 85.1 82.0
SB1-16	0 2 3	546	17,600 17,600 16,800	17,200 to 17,900 17,000 to 18,200 15,500 to 17,900	150 280 370	1.9 3.2 5.4	100 100 95.4	536	.83 .82 .79	.78 .80 .74	to 0.88 to 0.85 to 0.82	.016 .013	4.4  4.2	100 98.8 95.2
SD1-16	0 1 2 2 3	10 5 4 5	19,900 19,900 19,500 19,100 19,500	19,300 to 20,400 18,400 to 20,500 19,100 to 19,700 19,100 to 19,100 18,900 to 20,100	100 410 110 0 200	1.6 4.6 1.3 0 2.2	100 100 98.0 96.0 98.0	10 3 5 4 5	.96 1.00 .97 .97 .93	.91 .98 .94 .93 .89	to 1.00 to 1.03 to 1.00 to 0.99 to 0.97	.009 .011 .013 .015	3.0  2.5 2.7 3.6	100 104 101 101 96.8
SE1-8	0 36 0 36 0 36	10 5	<sup>b</sup> 18,700 b18,900 c21,000 c19,900 c19,400 19,400 18,400	19,400 to 20,600 18,400 to 19,000 18,400 to 19,400 19,100 to 21,600 19,200 to 20,500 19,000 to 19,600 19,100 to 19,900 18,000 to 18,800 17,600 to 18,200	80 110 160 140 220 80 90 140 120	1.7 1.3 2.0 2.0 2.4 .9 1.4 1.7 1.5	100 93.0 94.0 100 94.7 92.3 100 94.8 92.1	19 5 10 4 4 10 4 5	.91 .84 .88 .97 .98 .91 .91 .87 .84	.88 .81 .84 .94 .91 .87 .88 .85 .82	to 0.94 to 0.89 to 0.90 to 1.00 to 1.02 to 0.97 to 0.94 to 0.88 to 0.87	.004 .016 .012 .006 .024 .022 .008 .008 .008	2.1 4.1 3.1 1.9 4.9 4.8 2.7 1.8 2.3	100 92.2 96.6 100 101 93.8 100 95.6 92.3

 $^{\rm a}{\rm Specimens}$  tested  $45^{\rm o}$  to lengthwise unless otherwise indicated. bTested lengthwise.

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#### TABLE III. - EFFECT OF OVEN HEATING AT 204.5° C (400° F) ON FLEXURAL PROPERTIES

OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES - Concluded

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NBS sample designation	Time of heating, min	Number of tests	Average psi	Range, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original	Number of tests	Average psi		Range, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original
SF1-16	0	11	19,600	18,600 to 20,100	160	2.7	100	11	1.04 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.97 × 1	.0 <sup>6</sup> to 1.11 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.012 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	3.8	100
	1	5	19,400	18,800 to 19,700	160	1.9	98.9	3	•94	•93	to 0.95	·		90.3
	2	5	17,500	17,100 to 17,900	140	1.9	89.2	4	.90	.90	to 0.90	0	0	86.5
	2	4	17,500	17,200 to 18,000	180	2.0	89.2	4	.90	.85	to 0.95	.024	5.3	86.5
	3	5	18,100	18,000 to 18,400	80	.9	92.3	5	.89	. 85	to 0.91	.010	2.6	85.5
SF2-16	0	11	16,600	15,800 to 17,200	140	2.7	100	11	1.05	.92	to 1.16	.032	9.5	100
	1	5	16,500	16,100 to 17,800	320	4.3	99.3	5	.88	.87	to 0.89	.004	1.0	83.8
	2	5	16,100	15,700 to 16,300	100	1.5	96.9	5	.88	. 84	to 0.93	.016	4.0	83.8
	2	4	16,500	16,400 to 16,600	60	.7	99.3	4	•93	.91	to 1.00	.022	4.8	88.5
	3	5	16,900	16,800 to 17,000	40	•5	102	5	.91	. 87	to 0.94	.014	3.4	88.6

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<sup>8</sup>Specimens tested 45° to lengthwise unless otherwise indicated.

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# TABLE IV.- EFFECT OF IMMERSION IN OIL AT 190.5° C (375° F) ON FLEXURAL PROPERTIES

OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

NBS sample	Time of			Flexural s (b)	trength			Flexura	l modulus of e	lasticity	
designation	immersion, sec (a)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original
SA1-16	0 20 40	10 5 5	19,900 19,300 19,000	100 200 120	1.6 2.3 1.4	100 97.0 95.4	9 5 5	0.92 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .94 .90	0.018 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .026 .047	5.8 6.2 11.7	100 102
SA2-16	0 °30 °60 °120	5 5 5 5 5	18,200 16,900 16,700 16,600	200 240 90 130	2.4 3.2 1.2 1.8	100 92.8 91.7 91.2	5 5 5 5 5	.94 .89 .90 .90	.016 .018 .011 .009	3.9 4.4 2.8 2.2	97.8 100 94.6 95.8 95.8
SB1-16	0 °30 °60 °120	6664	17,100 16,600 17,000 16,500	450 190 140 150	6.9 2.8 2.1 1.8	100 97.0 99.3 96.4	6 5 6 4	. 80 . 79 . 84 . 88	.005 .013 .012 .020	1.5 4.2 3.4 4.6	100 98.7 105 110
SD1-16	0 25 35 45 45	10 5 4 5 4	19,900 19, <b>3</b> 00 19,100 19,300 19,400	100 40 60 70 80	1.6 .5 .7 .8 .8	100 97.0 96.0 97.0 97.5	10 5 4 5 4	.96 .93 .85 .91 .92	.009 .007 .013 .022 .018	3.0 1.7 3.1 5.5 3.9	100 96.8 88.5 94.7 95.8
SE1-8	0 60 120 60 120 0 60 120	19 5 5 10 5 5 10 5 5 5 5 5 5	<sup>d</sup> 20,100 <sup>d</sup> 18,500 <sup>d</sup> 18,100 <sup>e</sup> 21,000 <sup>e</sup> 20,000 <sup>e</sup> 18,600 19,400 18,700 17,800	80 120 250 140 110 130 90 80 110	1.7 1.4 3.1 2.0 1.2 1.6 1.4 .9 1.4	100 92.0 90.0 100 95.2 88.5 100 96.3 91.6	19 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 5	.91 .84 .80 .97 .91 .87 .91 .84 .81	.004 .010 .006 .010 .007 .008 .007 .007	2.1 2.7 3.0 1.9 2.5 1.9 2.7 2.0 2.0	100 92.2 87.8 100 93.8 89.6 100 92.3 89.0

<sup>a</sup>Immersion in SAE 20 lubricating oil containing 10 percent sulfur unless otherwise noted.

<sup>b</sup>Specimens tested 45° to lengthwise unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>C</sup>Immersion in Markol paraffin oil instead of lubricating oil.

dTested lengthwise.

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eTested crosswise.

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# TABLE IV.- EFFECT OF IMMERSION IN OIL AT 190.5° C (375° F) ON FLEXURAL PROPERTIES

OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES - Concluded

	Time of			Flexural (b	strength )		Flexural modulus of elasticity (b)						
NBS sample designation	immersion, sec (a)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Percent of original		
SF1-16	0	11	19,600	160	2.7	100	11	1.04 × 106	0.012 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	3.8	100		
	25	5	18,600	230	2.7	94.8	5	.98	.036	8.3	94.2		
	25	4	17,400	170	1.9	88.7	4	•95	.032	6.6	91.3		
	35	5	18,400	210	2.5	93.8	5	•95	.024	5.6	91.3		
	°35	5	15,100	140	2.1	77.0	5	•77	.010	3.0	74.0		
	50	5	18,100	160	2.0	92.3	5	.91	.020	5.0	87.5		
	°50	5	15,600	90	1.3	79.5	3	.81			77.9		
			16 600	140	2.8	100	11	1.05	.030	9.5	100		
SF2-16	0	11	16,600					-	.013	3.1	88.5		
	25	5	16,200	100	1.4	97.5	5	.93			86.6		
	25	4	16,300	40	•5	98.0	4	.91	0	0			
	35	5	16,100	140	1.9	96.9	5	1.12	.041	8.3	107		

aImmersion in SAE 20 lubricating oil containing 10 percent sulfur unless otherwise noted.

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<sup>b</sup>Specimens tested 45° to lengthwise unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>C</sup>Immersion in Markol paraffin oil instead of lubricating oil.

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# TABLE V. - TENSILE STRENGTH OF COTTON-FABRIC

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PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

NBS sample	Average	Number	-	Tensile st	trength, le (a)	engthwise,	1	Tensile st	(a)	osswise,		Tensile	strength a	ut 45°
designation	thickness, in.	of sheets	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent
SA1-16 SA2-16 SB1-16	0.064 .069 .065	1 1 3	5 5 12	11,900 9,000 11,300	140 30 190	2.6 .8 5.7	5 5 9	9,400 8,900 9,600	70 60 200	1.8 1.5 6.1	5 5 9	9,000 8,900 10,000	70 30 240	1.8 .8 7.8
SB2-16X SB2-8X SB2-4X	.068 .154 .269	1 1 1	14 5 5	9,700 11,700 10,100	150 170 150	5.9 3.3 3.3	15 5 5	9,800 11,600 10,900	210 160 100	8.2 3.2 2.1	15 5 5	8,500 9,800 10,100	120 30 100	5.2 .7 2.1
SB3-16Y SB3-8Y SB3-4Y	.065 .133 .245	1 1 1	9 5 5	12,000 12,400 11,700	210 70 60	5.3 1.2 1.1	9 5 5	10,800 10,600 12,000	450 260 120	12.5 5.4 2.2	10 5 5	10,100 9,500 9,300	90 90 80	2.8 2.1 2.0
SC1-16X SC1-8X SC1-4X	.070 .152 .270	1 1 1	5 5 5	9,700 9,900 10,600	120 110 260	2.7 2.5 5.5								Ξ
sc2-16x sc2-8x sc2-4x	.064 .141 .243	1 1 1	5 5 5	10,400 11,000 10,000	170 220 170	3.6 4.4 3.7								Ξ
SC3-16Y SC3-8Y SC3-4Y	.053 .115 .228	2 2 2	10 10 10	10,500 11,600 12,400	140 150 120	4.1 4.1 3.0								
SD1-16 SE1-8 SF1-16 SF2-16	.063 .123 .073 .067	1 1 1 1	5 5 5 5	10,500 11,500 15,000 16,900	140 70 90 200	2.9 1.3 1.3 2.6	5 5 5 5	9,400 11,300 8,400 7,800	100 100 70 100	2.4 1.9 1.9 2.7	5 5 5 5	9,400 10,000 9,300 8,300	80 190 40 70	2.0 4.3 .9 1.8

<sup>a</sup>Lengthwise, crosswise, and 45° indicate that warp yarns on face plies were parallel, perpendicular, and at 45°, respectively, to length of test specimen.

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#### TABLE VI.- TENSILE SECANT MODULUS OF ELASTICITY OF COTTON-FABRIC

PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

					5	Tensile secar	t modulus of	elasticity				
NBS sample designation		I	engthwise (b)				Crosswise (b)			45°	to lengthwise (b)	9
(a)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent
				1	Sti	ess range, O	to 2,500 psi					
SAL-16 SA2-16 SBL-16	5 5 9	1.26 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 1.24 1.08	0.006 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .020 .013	1.1 3.7 3.7	5 5 8	1.16 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 1.21 .98	0.018 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .020 .028	3.4 3.8 8.0	5 5 9	1.13 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 1.11 .88	0.010 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .018 .017	1.9 3.7 5.8
SB2-16X SB2-8X SB2-4X	13 5 4	1.01 1.23 1.01	.020 .030 .028	7.2 5.4 5.5	13 4 5	1.00 1.17 1.06	•020 •069 •034	7.2 ±1.7 7.2	15 4 5	.92 1.02 1.02	.014 .016 .026	5.8 3.1 5.7
SB3-16Y SB3-8Y SB3-4Y	8 5 5	1.25 1.11 1.10	.034 .033 .027	7.8 6.7 5.6	10 5 5	1.20 1.14 1.09	.021 .018 .029	5.5 3.5 5.9	10 5 5	1.21 1.09 .96	.026 .029 .018	6.7 6.0 4.1
SC1-16X SC1-8X SC1-4X	5 5 5	.86 .85 .81	.012 .012 .022	3.0 3.2 6.1								
SC2-16X SC2-8X SC2-4X	5 5 5	.96 1.04 .88	.018 .018 .017	4.2 3.9 4.3								
SC3-16Y SC3-8Y SC3-4Y	10 9 10	.97 1.09 1.13	.007 .016 .014	2.1 4.5 3.8							/	
SD1-16 SE1-8 SF1-16 SF2-16	5545	1.19 1.14 1.30 1.31	.015 .038 .031 .017	2.8 7.4 4.8 2.8	5 5 5 5	1.25 1.22 1.05 .88	.010 .030 .024 .016	1.7 5.5 5.2 4.3	5 5 5 5 5	1.10 1.06 1.11 1.02	.013 .018 .016 .013	2.7 3.7 3.3 2.9

<sup>a</sup>Average thickness and number of sheets represented are given in table V.

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<sup>b</sup>Lengthwise, crosswise, and 45<sup>o</sup> to lengthwise indicate that warp yarns on face plies were parallel, perpendicular, and at 45<sup>o</sup>, respectively, to length of test specimen.

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#### TABLE VI.- TENSILE SECANT MODULUS OF ELASTICITY OF COTTON-FABRIC

PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES - Continued

					T	Censile secan	t modulus of	elasticity				
NBS sample		I	Lengthwise (b)				Crosswise (b)			450	to lengthwise (b)	
designation (a)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent
					Str	ress range, 0	to 5,000 psi					
SA1-16 SA2-16 SB1-16	5 5 9	1.19 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 1.14 .96	0.017 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .012 .007	3.1 2.4 2.1	5 5 8	1.08 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 1.13 .85	0.011 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .013 .011	2.4 2.6 3.6	5 5 9	1.05 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 1.04 .78	0.013 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .010 .010	2.9 2.3 3.7
SB2-16X SB2-8X SB2-4X	13 5 5	.87 1.14 .85	.016 .018 .012	6.5 3.5 3.2	13 4 5	.87 1.06 .93	.019 .057 .011	7.7 10.7 2.8	15 3 4	.81 .97 .87	.012 .024 .020	5.8 4.3 4.5
SB3-16Y SB3-8Y SB3-4Y	8 5 5	1.12 1.03 .96	.030 .020 .016	7.5 4.3 3.7	10 5 5	1.09 1.04 .97	.017 .021 .011	5.0 4.5 2.6	10 5 5	1.13 1.00 .86	.022 .018 .011	6.2 4.1 2.8
SC1-16X SC1-8X SC1-4X	5 4 5	.71 .72 .67	.019 .005 .009	6.1 1.4 3.0	=							
sc2-16x sc2-8x sc2-4x	5 5 5	.81 .87 .74	.015 .014 .015	4.0 3.5 4.6	=							
SC3-16Y SC3-8Y SC3-4Y	10 9 10	.82 .97 1.04	.008 .014 .007	3.0 4.3 2.3								
SD1-16 SE1-8 SF1-16 SF2-16	5 5 4 5	1.11 1.03 1.22 1.20	.010 .027 .011 .008	2.0 5.8 1.8 1.6	5 5 5 5 5	1.14 1.10 .94 .66	.006 .025 .014 .010	1.2 6.0 3.3 3.6	5 5 5 5 5	1.00 .97 1.02 .89	.005 .015 .021 .009	1.2 3.5 4.7 2.2

<sup>a</sup>Average thickness and number of sheets represented are given in table V.

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<sup>b</sup>Lengthwise, crosswise, and 45° to lengthwise indicate that warp yarns on face plies were parallel, perpendicular, and at 45°, respectively, to length of test specimen.

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#### TABLE VI. - TENSILE SECANT MODULUS OF ELASTICITY OF COTTON-FABRIC

PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES - Concluded

NBS sample designation (a)		L	engthwise (b)				t modulus of Crosswise (b)		45° to lengthwise (b)				
	Number of tests	Average, psi	(b) Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	
(-/					Str	ess range, C	to 7,500 psi	L					
SB2-16X SB2-8X SB2-4X	8 5 5	0.68 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .97 .63	0.013 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .009 .024	5.5 2.1 8.5	-4 5	0.90 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .74	0.029 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .013	6.4 4.0	 3 4	0.82 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .70	0.028 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .010	6.0 3.0	
SB3-16Y SB3-8Y SB3-4Y	8 5 5	•99 •92 •79	.026 .023 .013	7•3 5•6 3•7	10 5 5	.93 .94 .81	.033 .013 .005	11.1 3.1 1.7	10 5 4	1.03 .90 .75	.027 .012 .008	8.2 3.0 2.2	
SC1-16X SC1-8X SC1-4X	5 - 5	•34 •34	.059 .019	39.4  12.4					=			==	
sc2-16x sc2-8x sc2-4x	5 5 5	•58 •68 •47	.014 .023 .063	5•3 7•5 30•0				====					
sc3-16 <b>y</b> sc3-8y sc3-4y	10 9 10	.48 .76 .84	.014 .013 .007	9.2 5.0 2.7									

 $^{\mathrm{a}}\mathrm{Average}$  thickness and number of sheets represented are given in table V.

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<sup>b</sup>Lengthwise, crosswise, and 45° to lengthwise indicate that warp yarns on face plies were parallel, perpendicular, and at 45°, respectively, to length of test specimen.

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# TABLE VII.- STRAIN AT FAILURE IN TENSILE TESTS OF COTTON-FABRIC

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PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

NBS sample designation		L	engthwise (a)		Crosswise (a)					45° to lengthwise (a)				
	Number of tests	Average, percent	Standard error, percent	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, percent	Standard error, percent	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, percent	C+ondord	Coefficient of variation, percent		
SAL-16	5	2.9	0.07	5.6	5	2.8	0.13	10.3	5	2.6	0.16	14.2		
SA2-16	5	2.2	•25	25.0	5	2.3	.24	24.0	5	1.7	.05	7.0		
SB1-16	8	4.4	.21	13.2	9	5.4	.18	10.1	9	7.5	.28	11.2		
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SD1-16	5	3.8	.15	9.0	5	4.3	.14	7.1	5	5.3	.24	10.1		
SE1-8	4	4.6	.19	8.2	5	4.9	.26	11.9	5	6.5	.08	2.9		
SF1-16	2	3.6			4	3.3	.24	14.3	5	1.8	.06	7.2		
SF2-16	3	5.2	.09	4.0	5	6.4	.21	7.4	5	7.4	.25	7.5		

<sup>a</sup>Lengthwise, crosswise, and 45° to lengthwise indicate that warp yarns on face plies were parallel, perpendicular, and at 45°, respectively, to length of test specimen.

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#### TABLE VIII. - FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF COTTON-FABRIC

PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

NBS sample designation	Average	Number	1	Flexural st	trength, le (a)	engthwise		Flexural :	strength, (a)	crosswise	Flexural strength at 45 <sup>0</sup> (a)			
	thickness, in.	of sheets	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent
SA1-16 SA2-16 SB1-16	0.065 .069 .064	1 1 6	5 5 21	24,300 19,700 20,900	370 150 150	3.4 1.7 3.2	5 5 20	20,000 18,600 19, <b>3</b> 00	340 200 230	3.8 2.4 5.4	16 5 20	19,700 18,200 18,200	120 200 140	2.5 2.4 3.5
SB2-16X SB2-8X SB2-4X bSB2-4X		1 1 1 1	15 5 5 5	18,500 20,800 17,500 15,800	290 260 270 300	5.9 2.8 3.5 4.2	15 5 5 5	18,600 20,800 18,100 16,900	320 250 160 330	6.7 2.7 2.0 4.4	15 5 5 5	17,700 19,400 16,500 15,500	350 120 60 220	7.7 1.4 .8 3.2
SB3-16Y SB3-8Y SB3-4Y		1 1 1	10 5 5	23,200 22,800 20,400	140 250 150	2.0 2.4 1.7	10 5 5	23,200 21,200 20,400	220 220 110	3.0 2.4 1.2	10 5 5	21,800 20,200 17,600	140 240 190	2.0 2.7 1.9
SC1-16X SC1-8X SC1-4X		1 1 1	5 5 	16,800 17,200	220 90	3.8 1.0	5 5 5	16,400 17,700 17,000	160 110 130	2.2 1.3 1.7	553	14,900 16,300 15,700	70 60 70	1.0 .8 .8
sc2-16x sc2-8x sc2-4x		1 1 1	5 5 	19,800 20,000	110 200	1.2 2.2 	5 5 5	19;200 19,600 19,600	180 150 240	2.1 1.7 2.8	5 5 5	16,900 18,400 17,700	130 70 80	1.8 .8 1.1
SC3-16Y SC3-8Y SC3-4Y		2 2 2	10 10 	20,700 21,300	240 310	3.6 4.5 	10 10 10	19,000 21,700 20,500	240 110 280	3.0 1.5 4.4	10 10 10	17,100 19,500 18,800	200 100 90	3.7 1.6 1.6
SD1-16 SE1-8 SF1-16 SF2-16	.063 .123 .073 .067	1 1 1 1	5 19 5 5	21,500 20,100 26,000 23,800	260 80 350 210	2.7 1.7 3.0 2.0	5 10 5 5	21,800 21,000 16,500 16,700	320 140 160 280	3.3 2.0 2.1 3.8	10 10 11 11	19,900 19,400 19,600 16,600	100 90 160 140	1.5 1.4 2.7 2.7

<sup>a</sup>Lengthwise, crosswise, and 45° indicate that warp yarns on face plies were parallel, perpendicular, and at 45°, respectively, to length of test specimen. <sup>b</sup>Specimens tested with lamina vertical (edgewise) instead of in usual horizontal manner (flatwise).

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# TABLE IX. - FLEXURAL MODULUS OF ELASTICITY OF COTTON-FABRIC

PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

NBS sample		Flexural mo	odulus of elas lengthwise (b)	sticity,		Flexural mo	odulus of elas crosswise (b)	sticity,	Flexural modulus of elasticity, at 45° (b)				
designation (a)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	
SA1-16 SA2-16 SB1-16	4 5 20	1.18 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 1.10 .94	0.026 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .010 .014	4.5 2.1 6.7	5 5 17	1.04 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .99 .93	0.046 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .021 .015	9.8 4.8 6.6	16 5 20	0.90 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .94 .86	0.053 × 10 <sup>6</sup> .016 .010	5.3 3.9 5.1	
SB2-16X SB2-8X SB2-4X CSB2-4X	14 5 5 5	.82 1.10 .90 .73	.027 .008 .018 .023	11.9 1.6 4.4 7.0	15 4 5 5	.90 1.13 .97 .85	.014 .050 .006 .036	6.0 8.8 1.3 9.6	13 5 5 5	.85 1.03 .88 .76	.011 .013 .018 .010	4.7 2.8 4.6 2.8	
SB3-16Y SB3-8Y SB3-4Y	10 5 5	1.07 1.16 1.03	.020 .036 .022	5.8 7.0 4.8	10 5 5	1.12 1.11 1.02	.018 .026 .012	5.1 5.4 2.7	10 5 5	1.08 1.06 .94	.014 .024 .015	4.0 5.0 3.6	
SC1-16X SC1-8X SC1-4X	4 5 	.73 .80	.011 .024	3.0 6.6	5 5 5	.80 .80 .83	.017 .017 .011	4.9 4.6 2.9	5 5 4	•78 •76 •82	.031 .007 .030	8.8 1.9 7.3	
SC2-16X SC2-8X SC2-4X	55	.86 .97	.013 .015	3.4 3.5	5 5 5	.90 .93 1.00	.014 .016 .015	3.3 3.8 3.3	5 5 5	.82 .86 .86	.020 .014 .005	5.6 3.7 1.3	
SC3-16¥ SC3-8¥ SC3-4¥	10 9 	.89 1.03	.012 .018	4.4 5.2	10 10 10	.86 1.00 1.09	.012 .016 .012	4.5 5.2 3.4	10 10 10	.86 .96 1.01	.013 .011 .013	4.8 3.7 4.0	
SD1-16 SE1-8 SF1-16 SF2-16		1.12 .91 1.20 1.16	.024 .004 .025 .034	4.8 2.1 4.7 6.8	5 10 5 4	1.12 .97 .99 .80	.031 .006 .030 .029	6.2 1.9 6.8 7.2	10 10 11 11	.96 .91 1.04 1.05	.009 .008 .012 .032	3.0 2.7 3.8 9.5	

<sup>a</sup>Average thickness and number of sheets represented are given in table VIII.

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<sup>b</sup>Lengthwise, crosswise, and at 45° indicate that warp yarns on face plies were parallel, perpendicular, and at 45°, respectively, to length of test specimen.

<sup>C</sup>Specimens tested with lamina vertical (edgewise) instead of in usual horizontal manner (flatwise).

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#### TABLE X.- EFFECT OF INDUSTRIAL POSTFORMING ON PROPERTIES OF

COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATE

							Sample PG	1-16				Sample PO	32-16	
Property (a)	Number of tests (b)	Average	Standard error	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests (b)	Average	Standard error	Coefficient of variation, percent	of	Number of tests (b)	Average	Standard error	Coefficient of variation, percent	f Percent of origina
Tensile test Strength, psi Lengthwise	12	11,300	190	5.7	12	10,400	210	6.9	92					
Modulus of elasticity, psi Lengthwise	9	1.08 × 106	0.013 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	3.7	6	1.00 × 106	0.025 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	6.0	93					
Lengthwise	8	4.4	0.21	13.2	ш	5.0	0.08	5.3	114					
													1000	
<pre>Flexural test Strength, psi Lengthwise Crosswise At 450 Modulus of elasticity, psi</pre>	21 20 20	20,900 19,300 18,200	150 230 140	3.2 5.4 3.5	8 9 8	18,500 16,500 16,000	180 220 440	2.7 3.9 7.8	89 85 88	12 11 12	19,600 18,500 17,600	100 160 130	2.8	94 96 97
Lengthwise	17	0.93 × 106	0.014 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 0.015 × 10 <sup>6</sup> 0.010 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	6.7 6.6 5.1	9	0.83 × 106	0.014 × 106 0.018 × 106 0.022 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	4.3 6.7 8.3	93 89 86	11	0.90 × 106	$0.018 \times 10^{6}$ $0.016 \times 10^{6}$ $0.013 \times 10^{6}$		97 97 105
Ater absorption 24-hour immersion Flat section, percent Curved section, percent 48-hour immersion	15 	-		==	36				96 148	3 4				112 120
Flat section, percent Curved section, percent 72-hour immersion	10 				2 4				94 146	2				86 106
Flat section, percent Curved section, percent	5				1 2				123 166	1				97 129

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<sup>a</sup>Units apply only to columns entitled "Average" and "Standard error." <sup>b</sup>Each group of test specimens was cut from three pieces or parts. <sup>c900</sup> curved section. <sup>d</sup>300 curved section.

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### TABLE XI.- TENSILE PROPERTIES OF CHANNELS AND ANGLES MOLDED OF

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COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC LAMINATES

Sample		Tens	ile streng (a)	gth		Tensile mod range fro	dulus of ela om 0 to 2,50 (a)	sticity, O psi		Tensile mo range fr	dulus of ela om 0 to 5,00 (a)	sticity, O psi
designation	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent
MB1-16	10	6,000	270	14.0	11	0.84 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.039 × 106	15.7	10	0.68 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.035 × 106	15.4
MB1-8	12	7,000	240	11.7	12	.94	.046	17.0	12	.81	.038	16.3
MB1-4	12	7,000	120	5•7	12	.96	.023	8.2	12	.82	.018	7.6
MB2-16	7	5,900	170	7.5	7	.80	.014	4.7	7	.68	.020	8.0
МВ2-8	8	6,700	260	11.0	6	.92	.032	8.5	6	•78	.043	13.6
MB2-4	8	6,900	90	3.9	8	.96	.027	8.0	8	.80	.014	4.9

<sup>a</sup>Long dimension of specimen was parallel to length of channels and angles.

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#### TABLE XII.- FLEXURAL PROPERTIES OF CHANNELS AND ANGLES MOLDED

OF COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC LAMINATES

	Side of		Flex	ural streng (a)	th		Flexural m	odulus of elas (a)	ticity
NBS sample designation	specimen in tension	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	Coefficient of variation, percent
MB1-16	Molded	12	14,900	640	15.0	10	0.70 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.033 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	14.7
	Machined	12	13,300	560	14.6	11	.74	.039	17.2
MB1-8	Molded	12	16,200	680	14.5	12	.85	.030	12.4
	Machined	11	14,800	540	12.2	11	.86	.021	8.3
MB1-4	Molded	12	14,800	220	5.2	12	•79	.015	6.4
	Machined	12	13,600	270	6.7	12	•81	.013	5.4
MB2-16	Molded	12	14,200	370	9.0	6	•69	.031	10.9
	Machined	12	14,400	210	5.1	4	•77	.024	6.2
MB2-8	Molded	12	15,500	290	6.5	12	•79	.015	6.7
	Machined	11	13,400	370	9.2	11	•81	.019	7.7
MB2-4	Molded Machined	12 12	15,400 13,200	120 220	2.6	12 12	. 83 . 86	.008 .008	3.5 3.3

<sup>a</sup>Long dimension of specimens was parallel to length of channels and angles.

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# TABLE XIII.- DIFFERENCES IN STRENGTH PROPERTIES BETWEEN FLAT SHEET

SAMPLE SB2 AND CHANNELS AND ANGLES MOLDED OF COTTON-FABRIC

### PHENOLIC LAMINATES

Differences are expressed as a percentage of values for flat sheets.

NBS sample designation	Difference in tensile strength, lengthwise, percent	Difference in tensile secant modulus of elasticity; range, 0 to 2,500 psi, percent	Difference in flexural strength, lengthwise, percent	Difference in flexural modulus of elasticity, lengthwise, percent
MB1-16	-38	-17	-20	-15
MB2-16	-39	-21	-23	-16
MB1-8	-40	-24	-22	-23
MB2-8	-43	-25	-26	-28
MB1-4	-31	-5	-15	-12
MB2-4	-32	-5	-12	-8

#### TABLE XIV. - FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF FLAT SHEETS POSTFORMED

FROM MOLDED V-PANELS

			Number		Flexural flat	strength section	of		formerly	strength 6 45° curved tion			formerly	strength 90° curve tion		Str	ength rat	tio
NBS sample designation	Orientation, deg (a)	Load (b)	of panels tested	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	CV, percent (c)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	CV, percent (c)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	CV, percent (c)	450 curved to flat section	90° curved to flat section	90 <sup>0</sup> curved to 45 <sup>0</sup> curved section
MC1-16XR	0		l	7	d <sub>20</sub> ,800	30	1.5											
PC1-16XR PC1-16XR PC1-16XS PC1-16XS PC1-16XT PC1-16XT	0 0 45 45 90 90	Convex Concave Convex Concave Convex Concave	3 3 3 3 3 4 4	26 32 29 30 36 39	20,000 20,400 18,300 18,100 20,200 20,200	250 190 110 77 140 110	6.3 5.3 3.2 2.3 4.0 3.5	21 23 28 28 33 36	13,500 15,500 20,300 13,900 16,100 15,400	670 150 200 95 590 110	22.8 4.6 5.3 3.6 21.1 4.3	12 14 14 14 14 19 21	13,400 12,200 21,400 11,700 15,400 12,200	710 140 210 91 780 81	18.2 4.4 3.6 2.9 22.1 3.1	0.68 .67 1.11 .77 .80 .76	0.67 .60 1.17 .65 .76 .60	0.99 .76 1.05 .84 .96 .79
MC2-16YR MC2-16YS MC2-16YT	0 45 90		1 1 1	7 7 7	d <sub>22</sub> ,200 d18,900 d19,400	450 410 630	5.0 6.0 3.0											
PC2-16YR PC2-16YR PC2-16YS PC2-16YS PC2-16YT PC2-16YT PC2-16YT	0 0 45 45 90 90	Convex Concave Convex Concave Convex Concave	333	15 15 15 15 15 15	21,600 21,200 18,000 17,100 20,400 19,700	200 330 110 130 390 310	3.5 6.0 2.4 3.0 7.5 6.9	15 14 15 15 15 15	21,500 16,000 20,700 13,600 21,400 15,400	370 210 300 120 320 220	6.6 4.9 5.6 3.4 5.9 5.5	15 14 15 15 15 15	23,000 12,400 22,900 11,100 23,000 12,500	540 160 380 150 580 140	9.1 4.9 6.3 5.1 10.0 4.4	1.00 .75 1.15 .80 1.05 .78	1.06 .58 1.27 .65 1.13 .63	1.07 .78 1.11 .82 1.07 .81

<sup>a</sup>Orientation of warp yarn to longitudinal axis of molded V-section.

<sup>b</sup>Load applied at center of former curve; longitudinal axis of former curve was at 90° to length of test specimens.

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<sup>C</sup>CV, coefficient of variation.

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<sup>d</sup>Flexural strength of flat section prior to postforming.

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#### TABLE XV. - FLEXURAL MODULUS OF ELASTICITY OF FLAT SHEETS

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POSTFORMED FROM MOLDED V-PANELS

NBS sample	BS sample Orientation, Load of pane		Number of	Flexural modulus of elasticity of flat section					of ela form	al modulus sticity of erly 45 <sup>0</sup> d section			of elas forme	al modulus sticity of erly 90 <sup>0</sup> i section		M	odulus ra	tio
designation	deg (a)	(b)	panels tested	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	CV, percent (c)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	CV, percent (c)	Number of tests	Average, psi	Standard error, psi	CV, percent (c)	45 <sup>0</sup> curved to flat section	90 <sup>0</sup> curved to flat	90° curved to 45° curved
MC1-16XR	0		l	7	d1.24 × 106	0.026 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	6								(0)	Beccion	section	section
											1							
PC1-16XR	0	Convex	3	18	•94	.019	9	12	0.81 × 106	$0.032 \times 10^{6}$	14	12	0.74 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.032 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	15	0.86	0.79	0.91
PC1-16XR	0	Concave	3	16	.98	.018	12	12	. 81	.017	7	12	.75	.026	12	.83	.77	.93
PC1-16XS	45	Convex	3	16	.88	.015	7	14	.85	.015	7	14	. 86	.017	7	.97	.98	1.01
PC1-16XS	45	Concave	3	16	. 84	.010	5	14	.80	.014	7	14	.76	.016	8	.95	.90	.95
PC1-16XT	90	Convex	4	23	•95	.017	8	20	.85	.026	14	20	. 80	.031	17	.89	.90	
PC1-16XT	90	Concave	4	24	.96	.010	5	21	.84	.015	9	21	. 82	.017	11	.88	.85	.94 .98
MC2-16YR	0		1	7	d1.01	.035	9											
MC2-16YS	45		1	7	d1.02	.033	9											
MC2-16YT	90		1	7	d.95	.017	5											
							-											
PC2-16YR	0	Convex	3	15	1.18	.020	6	15	1.18	.028	9	13	1.18	005	0			
PC2-16YR	0	Concave	3	15	1.18	.019	6	14	1.08	.034	12			.025	8	1.00	1.00	1.00
PC2-16YS	45	Convex	3	15	.99	.015	6	15	1.16	.023	8	14	.99	.021	8	.92	. 84	.92
PC2-16YS	45	Concave	3	15	.99	.018	7	15	.95				1.16	.046	15	1.17	1.17	1.00
PC2-16YT	90	Convex	3	15	1.04	.010	4			.011	5	15	.90	.036	16	.96	.91	•95
PC2-16YT	90	Concave	3	15	1.01	.010	10	15 15	.95	.022	8	15 15	.81	.025	9 25	.94	1.07 .80	.98 .85

<sup>8</sup>Orientation of warp yarn to longitudinal axis of molded V-section.

<sup>b</sup>Load applied at center of former curve; longitudinal axis of former curve was at 90° to length of test specimens. <sup>C</sup>CV, coefficient of variation.

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dFlexural modulus of elasticity of flat section prior to postforming.

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#### TABLE XVI.- WATER ABSORPTION OF PARTS FROM MOLDED V-PANELS

BEFORE AND AFTER POSTFORMING

	BS sample Orientation,					ini	er absorp tial or f curved s	ormerly	ini	er absor tial or curved	formerly	Wate:	r absorp ratio	tion
NBS sample designation (a)		Period of immersion, hr	Number of panels (c)	Average, percent	Range, percent	Number of panels (c)	Average, percent	Range, percent	Number of panels (c)	Average, percent	Range, percent	45° curved to flat section	900 curved to flat section	90 <sup>0</sup> curved to 45 <sup>0</sup> curved section
MC1-16XR MC1-16XR MC1-16XR	0 0 0	24 48 72	4 1 1	2.93 4.38 5.00	2.80 to 3.10	4 1 1	2.90 4.16 4.94	2.80 to 3.00	5 1 1	2.88 4.25 4.84	2.80 to 3.00	0.99 .95 .99	0.98 .97 .97	0.99 1.02 .98
MC1-16XS MC1-16XS MC1-16XS	45 45 45	24 48 72	5 1 1	3.00 4.03 4.52	2.64 to 3.42	5 1 1	2.75 3.85 4.47	2.57 to 2.94	5 1 1	2.62 3.69 4.30	2.45 to 2.71	•92 •96 •99	.87 .92 .95	•95 •96 •96
MC1-16XT MC1-16XT MC1-16XT	90 90 90	24 48 72	4 1 1	3.19 4.34 5.86	2.95 to 3.60	2 1 1	2.79	2.76 to 2.81	3 1 1	2.83 4.06 4.65	2.68 to 2.94	.87	. 89 . 94 . 79	1.01
PC1-16XR PC1-16XS PC1-16XT	0 45 90	24 24 24	5 5 4	3.19 3.28 2.93	3.04 to 3.35 3.12 to 3.50 2.82 to 3.14	5 5 4	3.63 3.31 3.32	3.44 to 3.85 2.84 to 3.58 3.04 to 3.55	5 4 4	4.37 3.93 3.98	3.94 to 4.86 3.45 to 4.43 3.79 to 4.22		1.37 1.20 1.36	1.20 1.19 1.20
MC2-16XR MC2-16XR MC2-16XR	0 0 0	24 48 72	5 1 1	5.45 6.56 7.24	3.51 to 7.15	5 1 1	5.27 6.18 6.80	4.52 to 6.38	5 1 1	4.73 5.78 6.39	3.88 to 5.66	•97 •94 •94	. 87 . 88 . 88	.90 .94 .94
MC2-16XS MC2-16XS MC2-16XS	45 45 45	24 48 72	5 1 1	8.77 9.63 10.12	8.58 to 8.88	5 1 1	7•99 8.89 9.28	7.62 to 8.41	4 1 1	7.20 7.54 7.71	6.82 to 7.69	•91 •92 •92	.82 .78 .76	.90 .85 .83

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<sup>a</sup>Samples PCl and PC2 were postformed from samples MCl and MC2.

<sup>b</sup>Orientation of warp yarn to longitudinal axis of molded V-section.

<sup>C</sup>Three similar specimens were taken from each panel.

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### TABLE XVI. - WATER ABSORPTION OF PARTS FROM MOLDED V-PANELS

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BEFORE AND AFTER POSTFORMING - Concluded

NBS sample				ter absor flat sec		ini	er absorp tial or f curved s	ormerly	ini	er absorn tial or f curved s	ormerly	Wate	r absorp ratio	tion
designation (a)	deg (b)	Lumerston,	Number of panels (c)	Average, percent	Range, percent	Number of panels (c)	Average, percent	Range, percent	Number of panels (c)	Average, percent	Range, percent	450 curved to flat section	900 curved to flat section	900 curved to 450 curved section
MC2-16XT	90	24	5	8.06	7.22 to 8.63	5	6.87	6.18 to 7.86	4	6.79	6.30 to 7.28			
MC2-16XT	90	48	ı	8.39		l	7.36		1	7.11		.86	0.84 .85	0.99
MC2-16XT	90	72	1	9.16		l	7.63		l	7.58		.83	.05	•97 •99
PC2-16xR	0	24	4	6.65	5.56 to 7.79	5	6.23	5.45 to 6.86	5	6.27	5.48 to 6.87	.94	.94	1.01
PC2-16XS	45	24	5	8.20	7.59 to 8.97	4	7.77	7.46 to 7.94	5	8.29	7.84 to 9.60	.95	1.01	
PC2-16XT	90	24	5	7.83	7.52 to 8.09	5	7.10	6.48 to 7.53	5	7.45	7.14 to 7.81	.91		1.07
				Ratio d	of values for	postformed			-	1.1.2	1.14 00 1.01	•91	•95	1.05
PC1 to MC1	0	24	-	1.09		-	1.26		-	1.52		1		
	45	24	-	1.09		-	1.21		-	1.50				
	90	24	-	0.92		-	1.19		-	1.41				
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PC2 to MC2	0	24	-	1.22		-	1.19		-	1.32				
	45	24	-	•94		-	.97		_	1.15				
	90	24	-	.97		-	1.04		-	1.10				

<sup>a</sup>Samples PCl and PC2 were postformed from samples MCl and MC2.

 $^{\rm b}{\rm Orientation}$  of warp yarn to longitudinal axis of molded V-section.

c<sub>Three</sub> similar specimens were taken from each panel.

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## TABLE XVII. - COMPARISON OF MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF THREE ORIENTATIONS OF

### COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES

NBS sample	Orientation	Tensile	Tensile modu	lus of elasticit	y for range -	Tensile	Flexural	Flexural modulus of
designation		strength	0 to 2,500 psi	0 to 5,000 psi	0 to 7,500 psi	strain	strength	elasticity
SA1-16	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 •79 •76	1.00 .92 .90	1.00 .91 .88		1.00 .97 .90	1.00 .82 .81	1.00 .88 .76
SA2-16	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .99 .99	1.00 .97 .90	1.00 •99 •91		1.00 1.05 .77	1.00 .94 .92	1.00 .90 .85
SB1-16	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .85 .88	1.00 .91 .81	1.00 .89 .81		1.00 1.23 1.70	1.00 .92 .87	1.00 .99 .91
SB2-16X	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 1.01 .88	1.00 .99 .91	1.00 1.00 .93			1.00 1.01 .96	1.00 1.10 1.04
SB2-8x	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .99 .84	1.00 .95 .83	1.00 .93 .85	1.00 .93 .85		1.00 1.00 .93	1.00 1.03 .94
SB2-4X	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 1.08 1.00	1.00 1.05 1.01	1.00 1.09 1.02	1.00 1.17 1.11		1.00 1.03 .94	1.00 1.08 1.11
SB3-16Y	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .90 .84	1.00 .96 .97	1.00 .97 1.01	1.00 .94 1.04		1.00 1.00 .94	1.00 1.05 1.01

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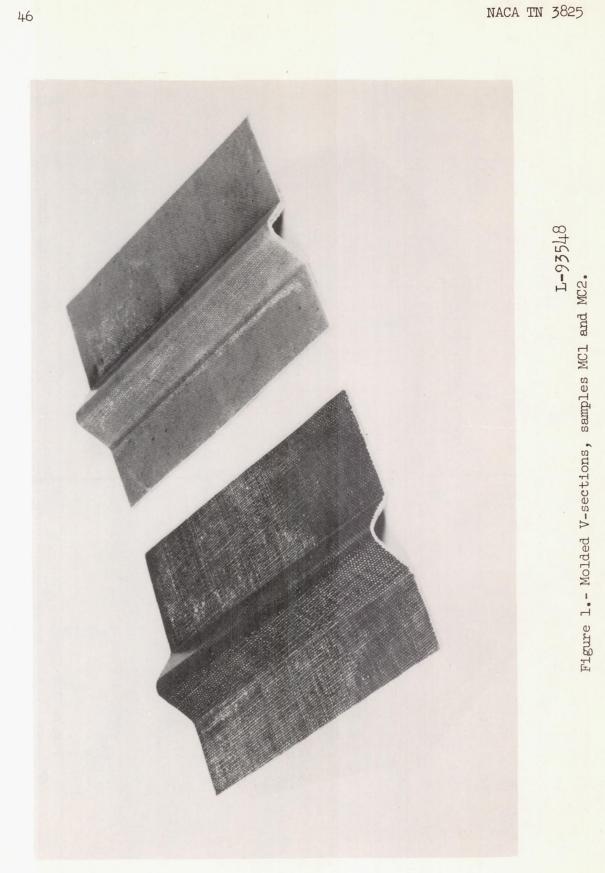
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COTTON-FABRIC PHENOLIC SHEET LAMINATES - Concluded

		Ratio	for property val	ue in direction	indicated to the	at of leng	thwise ori	entation
NBS sample designation	Orientation	Tensile	Tensile modu	ulus of elasticit	cy for range -	Tensile	Flexural	Flexural
		strength	0 to 2,500 psi	0 to 5,000 psi	0 to 7,500 psi	strain	strength	modulus of elasticity
SB3-8Y	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .85 .77	1.00 1.03 .98	1.00 1.01 .97	1.00 1.02 .98		1.00 .93 .89	1.00 .96 .91
SB3-4Y	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 1.02 .79	1.00 .99 .87	1.00 1.01 .90	1.00 1.03 .95		1.00 1.00 .86	1.00 .99 .91
SD1-16	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .90 .90	1.00 1.05 .92	1.00 1.03 .90		1.00 1.13 1.39	1.00 1.01 .93	1.00 1.00 .86
SE1-8	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .98 .87	1.00 1.07 .92	1.00 1.07 .94		1.00 1.07 1.41	1.00 1.04 .96	1.00 1.07 1.00
SF1-16	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .56 .62	1.00 .81 .85	1.00 .77 .84		1.00 .92 .50	1.00 .63 .75	1.00 .82 .87
SF2-16	Lengthwise Crosswise 45 <sup>0</sup>	1.00 .46 .49	1.00 .67 .78	1.00 .55 .74		1.00 1.23 1.42	1.00 .70 .70	1.00 .69 .91

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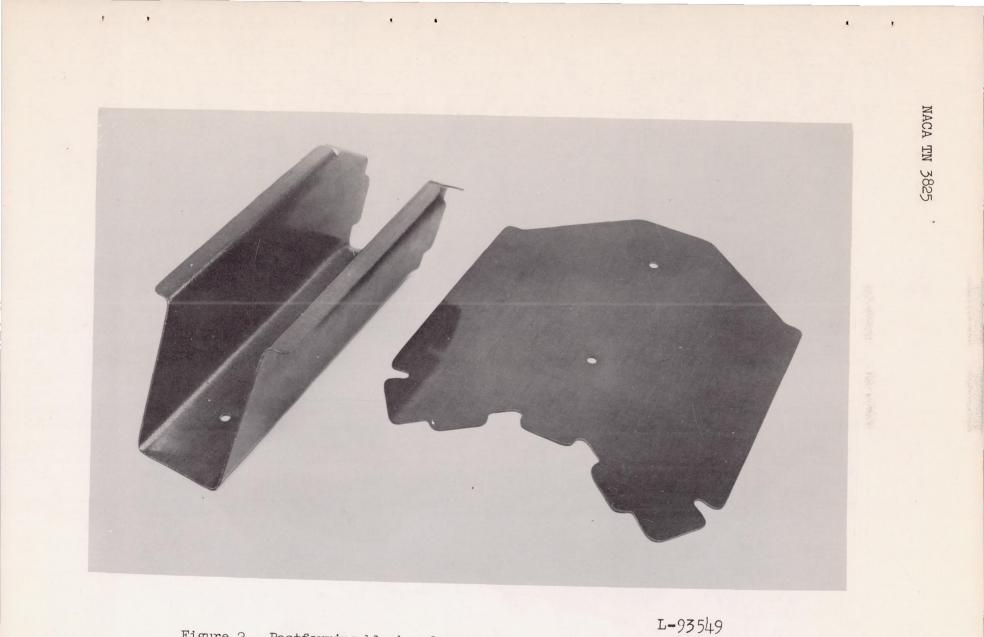


Figure 2.- Postforming blank and ammunition chute part postformed from blank (samples SBl and PGl, respectively).



L-93550 Figure 3.- Postforming blank and ammunition chute part postformed from blank (samples SBl and PG2, respectively).

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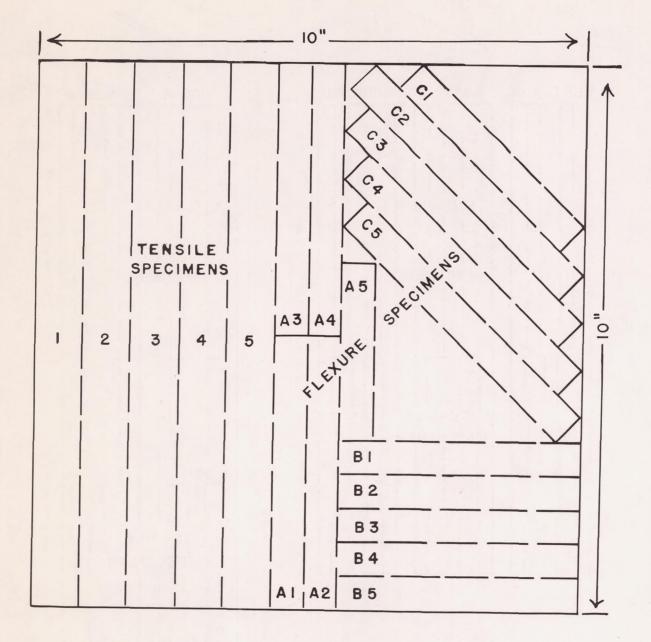


Figure 4.- Orientation of specimens from flat sheets, samples SC1, SC2, and SC3.

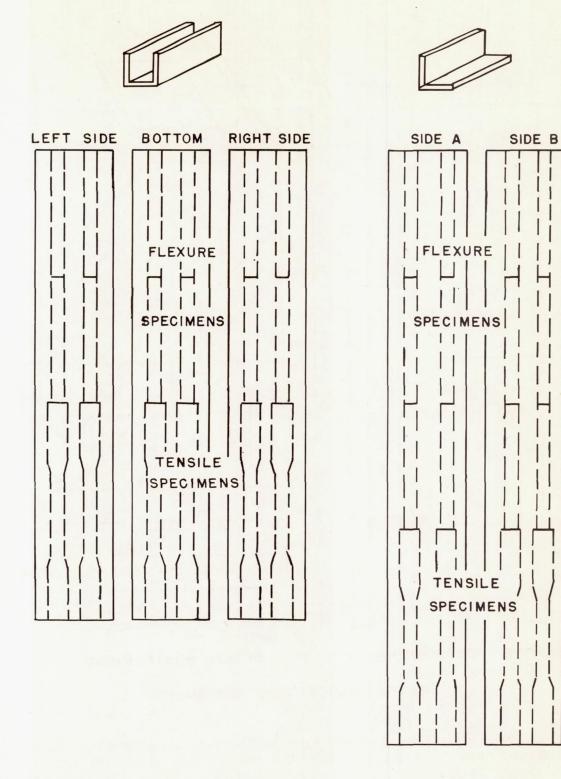
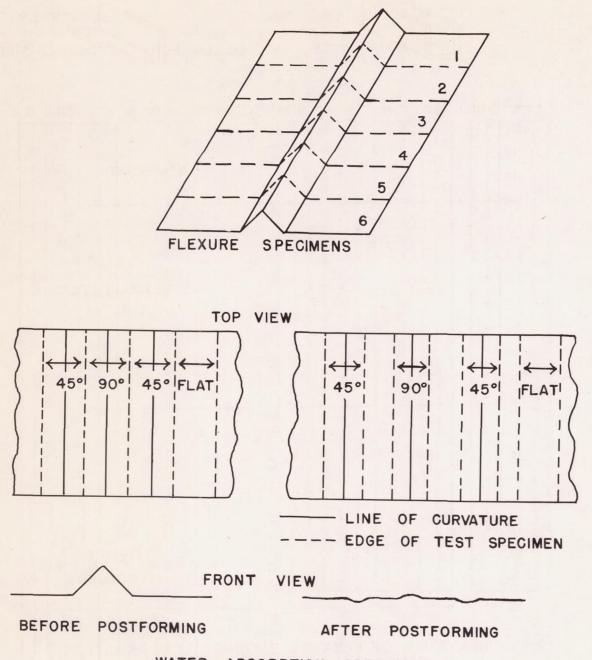
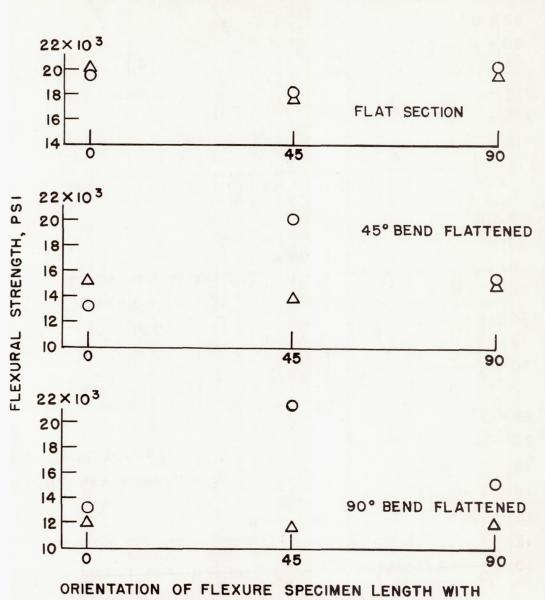


Figure 5.- Orientation of specimens from molded angles and channels, samples MBL and MB2, respectively.



## WATER - ABSORPTION SPECIMENS

Figure 6.- Orientation of specimens from molded V-sections and flat panels postformed from V-sections, samples MCl and MC2 and samples PCl and PC2, respectively.



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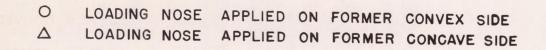
(a) Strength against direction of warp yarn in specimens.Figure 7.- Variation of flexural strength of postformed curved sections, sample PC1.

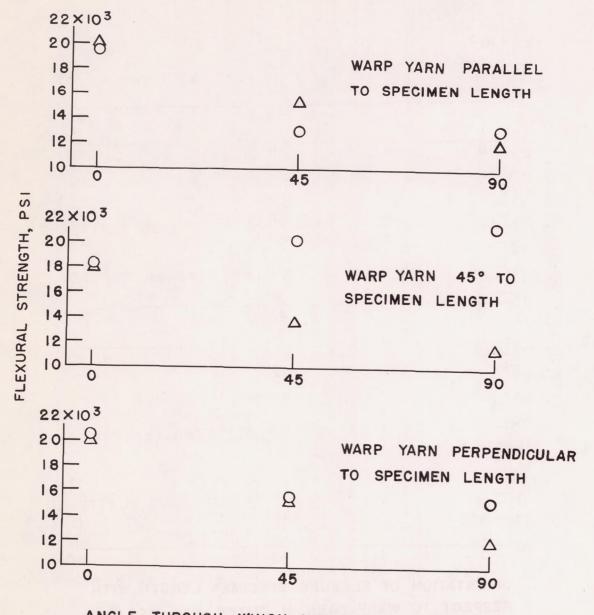
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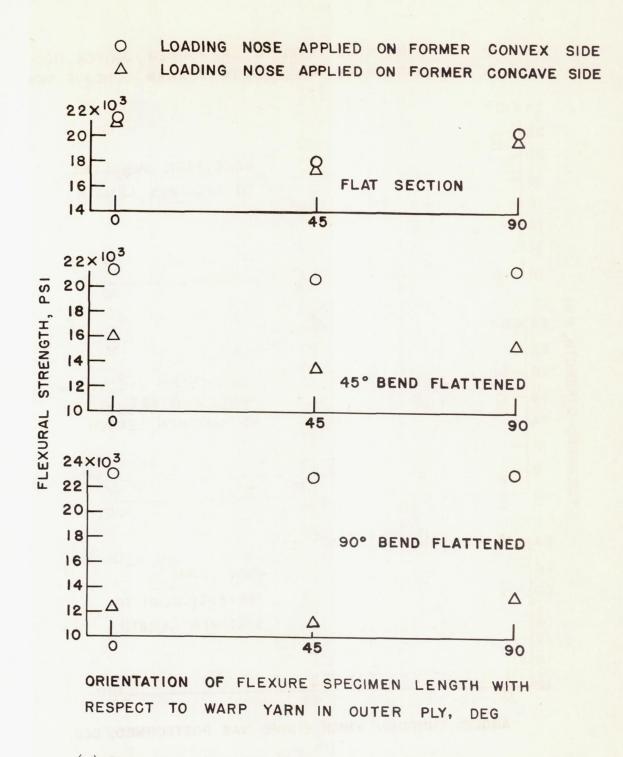




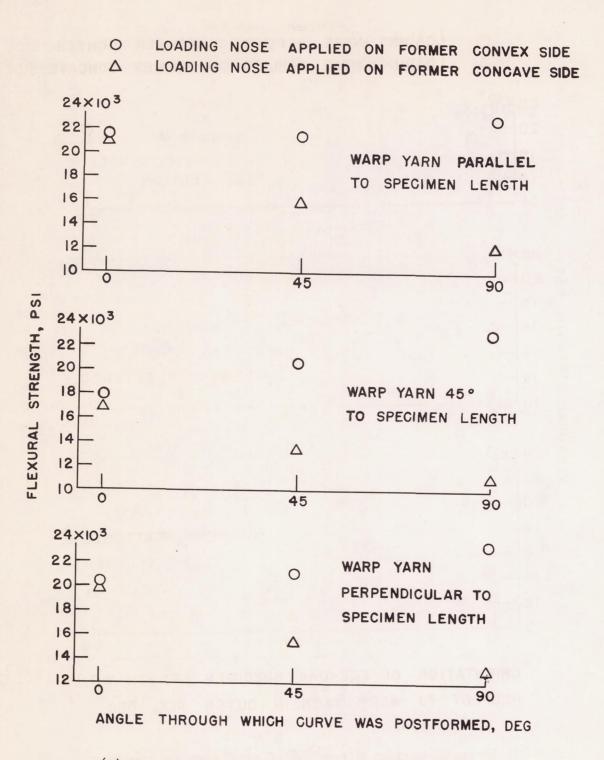
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(b) Strength against postforming bending angle.

Figure 7. - Concluded.



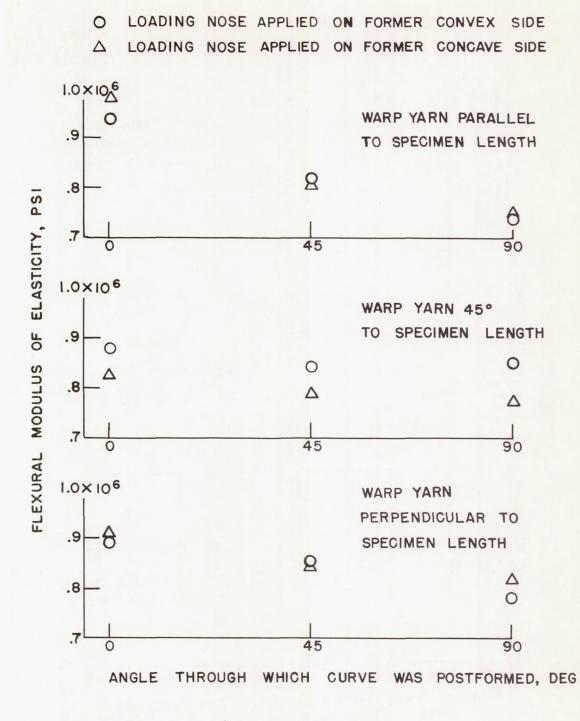
(a) Strength against direction of warp yarn in specimens.Figure 8.- Variation of flexural strength of postformed curved sections, sample PC2.



(b) Strength against postforming bending angle.

Figure 8. - Concluded.

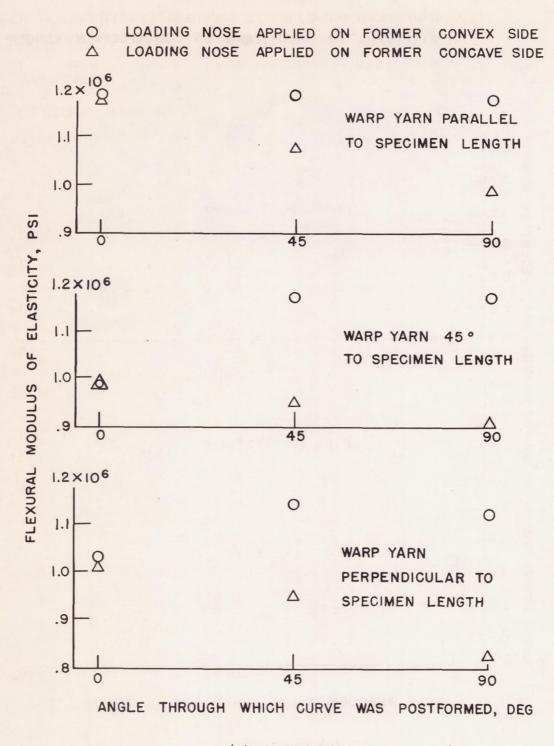
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(a) Sample PCl.

Figure 9.- Variation of flexural modulus of elasticity of postformed curved sections with postforming bending angle.

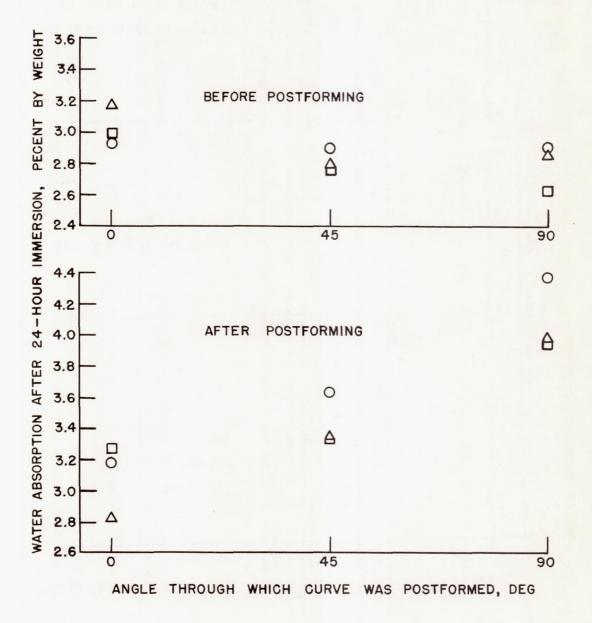
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(b) Sample PC2.

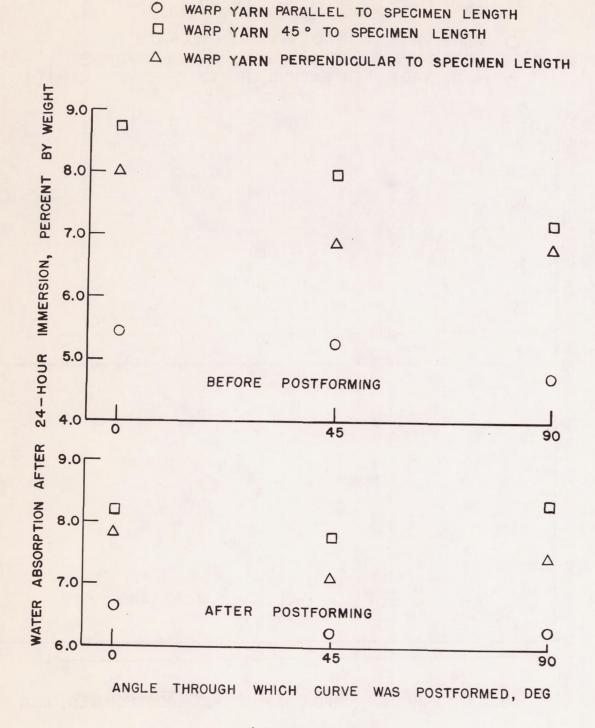
Figure 9. - Concluded.

0	WARP YARN	PARALLEL TO SPECIMEN LENGTH	
	WARP YARN	45° TO SPECIMEN LENGTH	
$\Delta$	WARP YARN	PERPENDICULAR TO SPECIMEN LENGTH	



(a) Sample PCl.

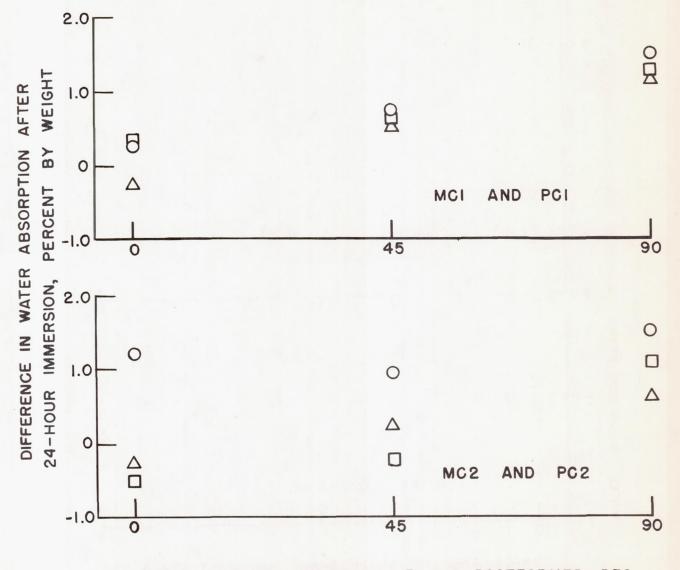
Figure 10. - Effect of postforming on water absorption of molded V-sections.



(b) Sample PC2.

Figure 10. - Concluded.

- O WARP YARN PARALLEL TO SPECIMEN LENGTH
- WARP YARN 45° TO SPECIMEN LENGTH
- A WARP YARN PERPENDICULAR TO SPECIMEN LENGTH



ANGLE THROUGH WHICH CURVE WAS POSTFORMED, DEG

Figure 11.- Difference in water absorption of molded V-sections before and after postforming.