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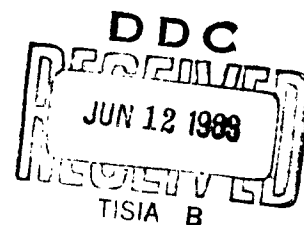
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Abstract:

The addition of 0.1 per cent genitian violet to Metlbond 4021 adhesive primer (Narmco Resins and Coatings Inc.) was evaluated with respect to its effect on the strength of metal to metal bonds. Tensile-shear tests made in accordance with Specification Mil-A-5090B were made to compare tinted with un-tinted primers used in the preparation of joints which were bonded at 275°F under a pressure of 100 psi. The comparative test results showed that the dye did not adversely affect the Metlbond 4021 primer.

Reference: Lintvedt, V., Miyaji, M. C., Sutherland, W. M.,  
"Tensile-Shear Strength of Tinted Metlbond Primer,"  
General Dynamics/Convair Report MP 56-39, San Diego,  
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**ANALYSIS**

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TENSILE-SHEAR STRENGTH OF  
TINTED METLBOND PRIMER

INTRODUCTION:

Shop personnel suggested the use of dye in adhesive primers for easy identification of primer in the liquid state and on primed parts before bonding. Preliminary tests by Narmco indicated that gentian violet did not adversely affect the bond strength of their Metlbond 4021 system.

OBJECT:

To determine the practicability of using 0.1% gentian violet in Metlbond 4021 adhesive primer to facilitate identification, inspection, and control of the spraying process.

CONCLUSION:

Tinting of Metlbond 4021 Type II primer with 0.1% gentian violet does not adversely affect the bond strength.

It is feasible to use this dye to facilitate application, identification, and inspection of Metlbond primer.

TEST SPECIMEN:

Material - .064" 2024T3 Alclad

Dimensions - 1/2" overlap tensile shear as specified in MIL-A-5090B

Tape - Narmco's Metlbond 4021 type I, Batch 146 Roll-13 (Later test groups M, N, and O were bonded with Batch 211 Roll 6)

Surface Preparation - All samples except those groups listed below cleaned and Alodized (600) in Dept. 31 processing tanks according to Convair Spec. 8-07308. Group D-2 was cleaned by immersion in water - sulfuric acid - sodium dichromate (30-10-1 parts by wt.) cleaning solution and was not Alodized. Groups M through R were cleaned and Alodized in laboratory solutions in the Materials and Processes Laboratory.

Bonding Procedure - All groups except the last six (M through R) placed in a press which was at 200°F. or lower and allowed to heat up to the bonding temperature under pressure. The last six groups were placed in a press which was preheated to 275°F. and the 100 psi pressure quickly applied. The silicone rubber strips were taped to the bottom of the panels so that very little heat was applied to the panels until they contacted the upper platen.

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#### TEST PROCEDURE:

Tensile-shear testing was done on a Tinius-Olsen machine with a tank adaptor to provide a temperature controlled bath for low and elevated temperatures.

Tensile-shear creep tests were conducted by the use of spring loaded tension applying levers placed in an oven. Creep measurements were made by microscopic examination (using a calibrated eyepiece) of lines scribed across the bond on the edge of the overlap. A direct reading extensometer was made which operates on a zero gauge length and permits reading of deformation at any time. The values obtained with this extensometer were compared with those of the microscope. Specimens were selected at random for each test.

Tests of groups J, H, and L were added to the original tests to furnish more data comparing tinted and untinted primers in low temperature tensile shear tests.

#### DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The gentian violet provided sufficient color to easily identify the primer and showed some color change in prime baking.

The direct reading extensometer values differed from the microscope readings by 0.7 mil. In a subsequent test, play developed between the supporting pins and their bearings. This resulted in a discrepancy of two mils.

Omitting of Alodized surface treatment in the case of group D-2 produced high -67°F. tensile shear values. This is further evidence that the gentian violet does not adversely affect the bond.

Data shown in Table IV indicates that with a good sample of tape, carefully controlled processing solutions, and a desirable bonding cycle a very high shear strength at -67°F. can be attained. There is no significant difference in the tinted and the untinted prime in the results of these salt spray and humidity exposure tests.

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TABLE I

Tensile Shear Results Using Tinted Matlbond PrimerGroup A  
Tinted  
Test Temp. -67°F.

| PSI       |
|-----------|
| 1510      |
| 2115      |
| 2210      |
| 2150      |
| 2270      |
| 2160      |
| 2165      |
| 1960      |
| Ave. 2068 |

Group B  
Tinted  
Test Temp. -67°F.  
30 Days Salt Spray

| PSI       |
|-----------|
| 2005      |
| 1540      |
| 2215      |
| 1960      |
| 2115      |
| 1885      |
| 1645      |
| 1710      |
| Ave. 1884 |

Group C  
Tinted  
Test Temp. -67°F.  
168 Hrs. of 100%  
Humidity

| PSI       |
|-----------|
| 2250      |
| 2165      |
| 1845      |
| 2040      |
| 1625      |
| 2690      |
| 2000      |
| 2115      |
| Ave. 2091 |

Group D  
Tinted  
Room Temp. Test  
PSI

|           |
|-----------|
| 4565      |
| 4460      |
| 4525      |
| 4640      |
| 3970      |
| 4640      |
| 4690      |
| 4400      |
| Ave. 4486 |

Group E  
Tinted  
Test Temp. +300°F.  
PSI

|           |
|-----------|
| 1820      |
| 2020      |
| 1765      |
| 1780      |
| 1535      |
| 1845      |
| 1805      |
| 1835      |
| Ave. 1801 |

Group J  
Tinted  
Test Temp. -67°F.  
PSI

|           |
|-----------|
| 2155      |
| 2257      |
| 2068      |
| 2529      |
| Ave. 2252 |

Group D-2 (Special Surface Treatment  
Tinted FPL Cleaning)  
Test Temp. -67°F.

| PSI       |
|-----------|
| 3940      |
| 3880      |
| 1860      |
| 4235      |
| 2120      |
| 4314      |
| 4088      |
| 3817      |
| Ave. 3544 |

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TABLE II

Tensile Shear Results Using Untinted Matlbond 2021 Primer

Group G  
Test Temp. -67°F.  
30 Days of Salt Spray  
PSI

1485  
1330  
2220  
2185  
2165  
1325  
1715  
1970

Ave. 1799

Group H  
Test Temp. -67°F.  
168 Hours 100% Humidity  
PSI

2900  
3385  
2170  
2170  
2650  
3450  
1800  
3430

Ave. 2744

Group L  
Test Temp. -67°F.  
PSI

2149  
2070  
2772  
2592  
Ave. 2396

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TABLE III

TENSILE SHEAR CREEP

Load --- 900 Psi  
 Test Temperature - 300°F.  
 Time under load and temperature - 192 hours

| <u>TINTED</u><br><u>GROUP F</u> |                                         | <u>UNTINTED</u><br><u>GROUP I</u> |                                         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <u>Sample No.</u>               | <u>Creep Deformation</u><br><u>Mils</u> | <u>Sample No.</u>                 | <u>Creep Deformation</u><br><u>Mils</u> |
| 1                               | 7.                                      | 1                                 | 8.5                                     |
| 2                               | 6.5                                     | 2                                 | 5.5                                     |
| 3                               | 9.5                                     | 3                                 | 6.5                                     |
| 4                               | 10.5                                    | 4                                 | 8.                                      |
| 5                               | 6.5                                     | 5                                 | 6.5                                     |
| 6                               | 11.5                                    | 6                                 | 7.                                      |
| 7                               | 9.5                                     | 7                                 | 7.                                      |
| 8                               | Sample broke under<br>load              | 8                                 | 6.5                                     |
| Ave. excluding No. 8 - 8.7      |                                         | Ave. 6.9                          |                                         |

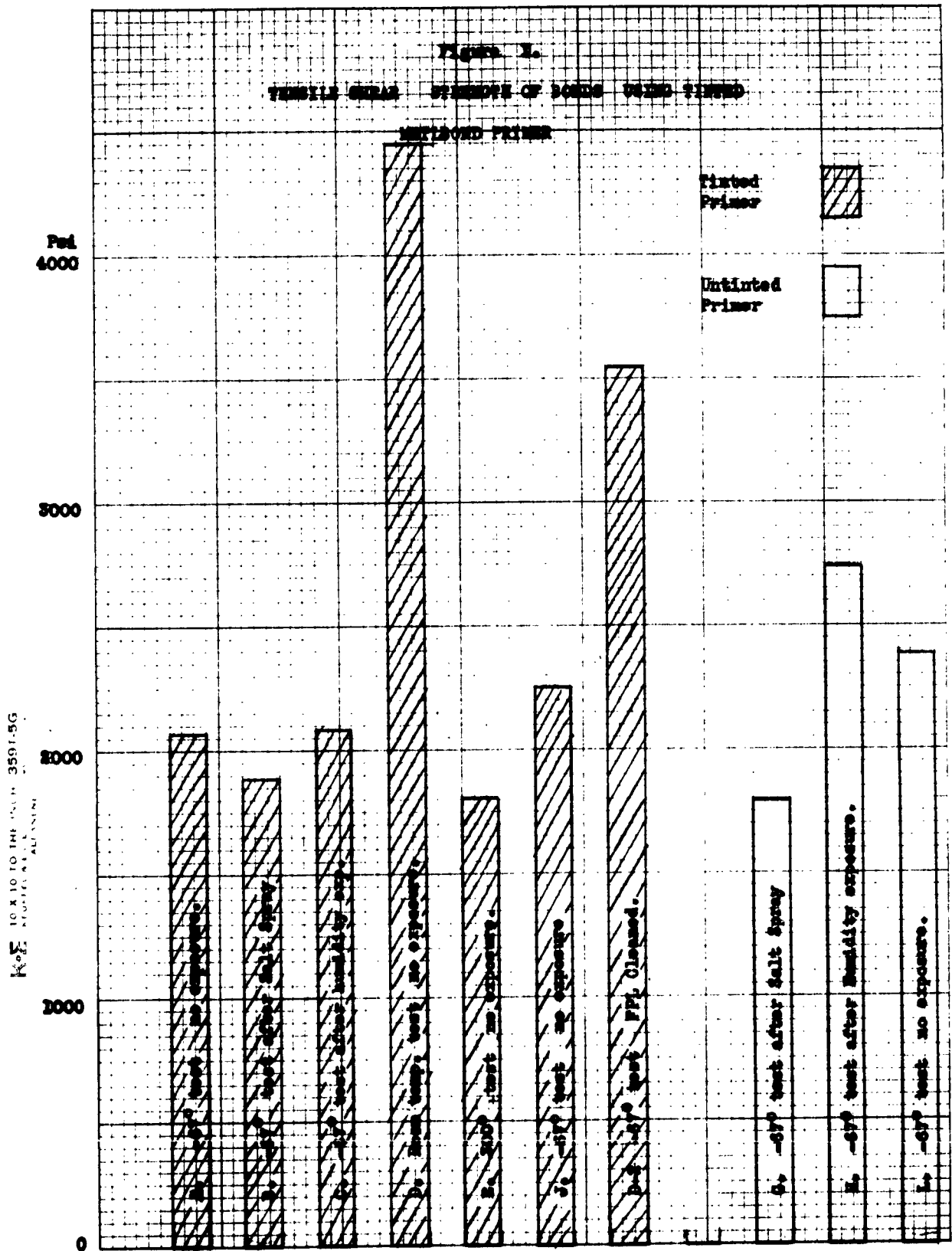
Extensometer Readings  
for No. 6 of Group F Above

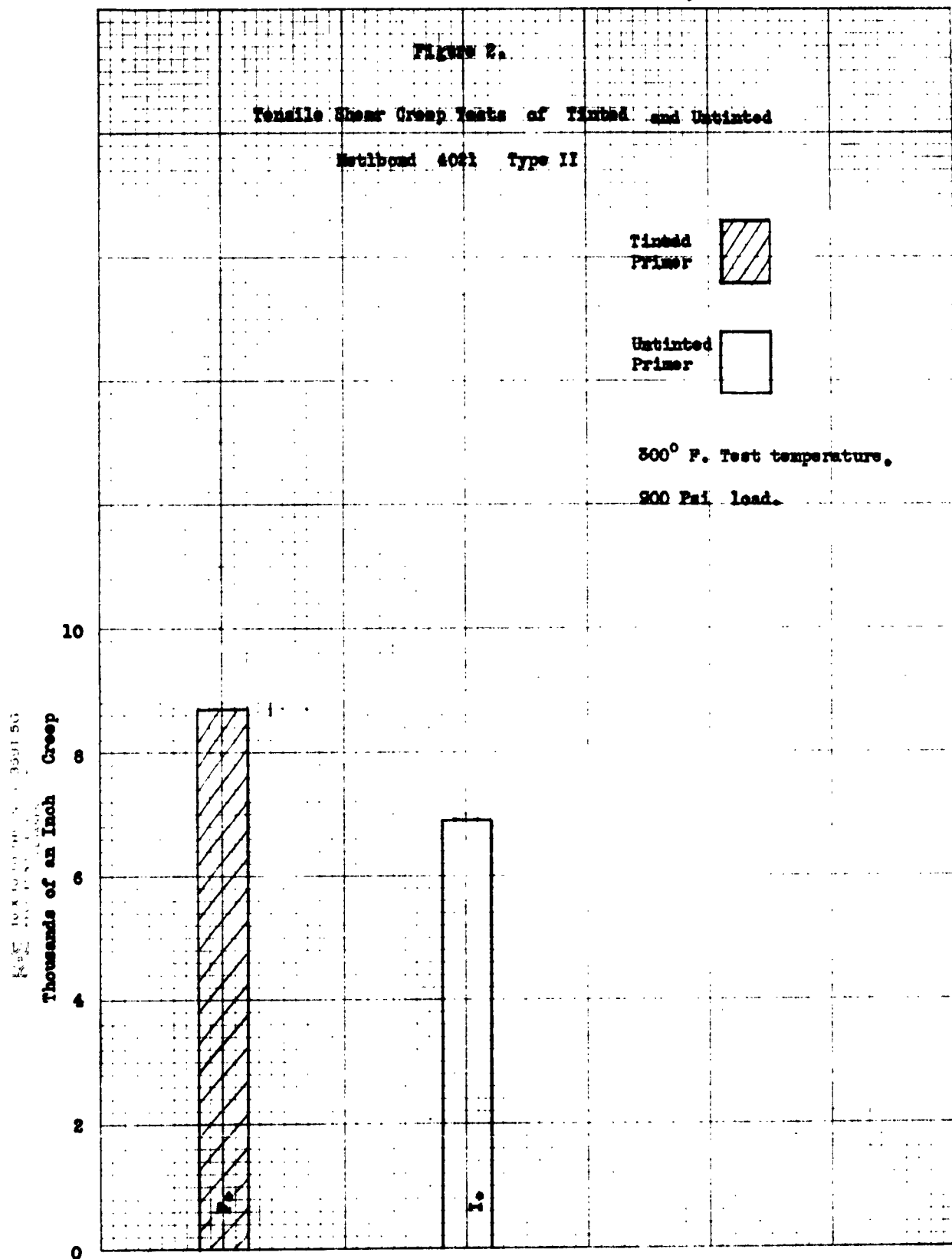
| <u>Time In Oven</u> | <u>Deformation Mils.</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 15 min.             | 6.0                      |
| 1 hour              | 10.0                     |
| 16 hours            | 11.7                     |
| 72 hours            | 12.0                     |
| 192 hours           | 12.2                     |

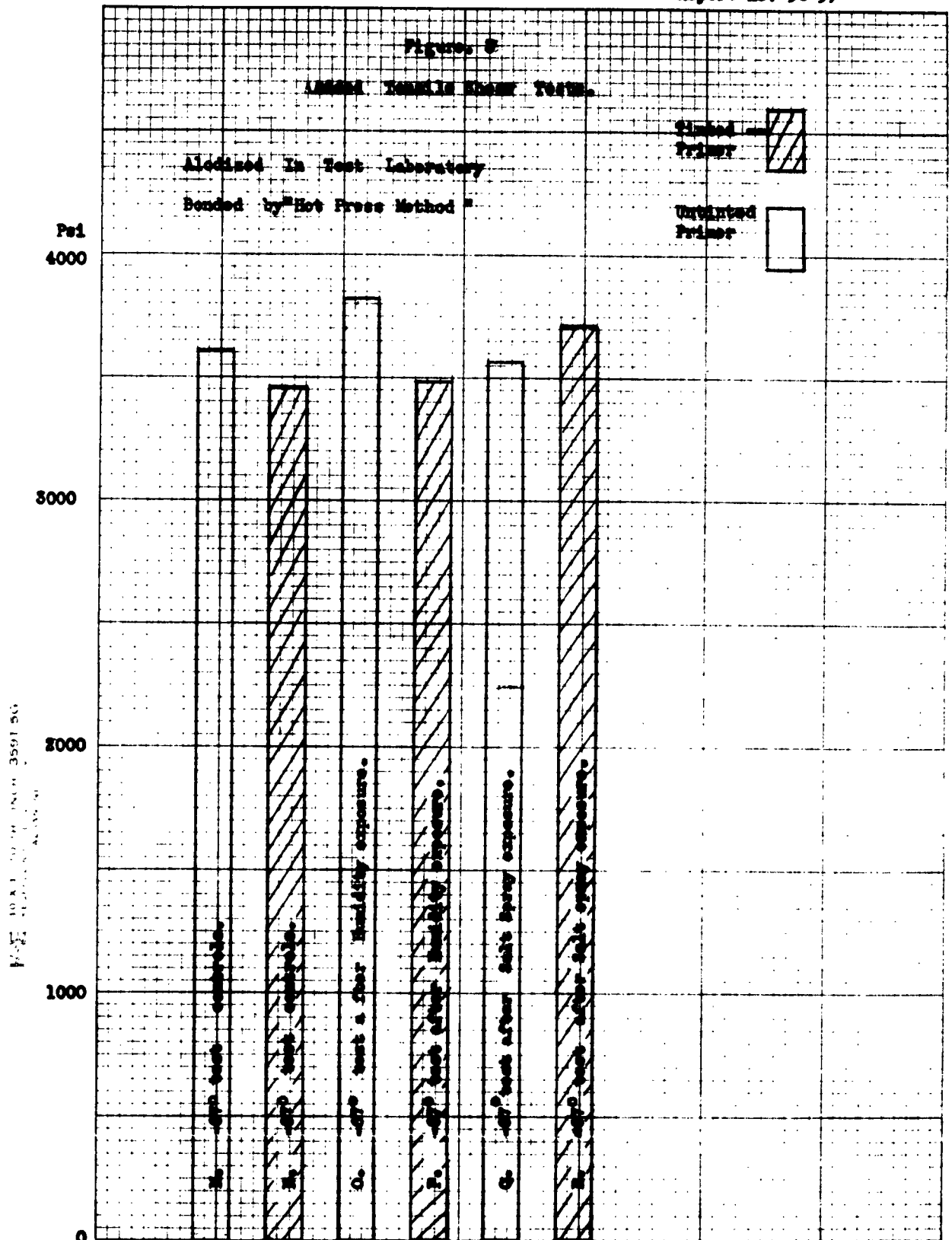
TABLE IV

Results of Tensile Shear Tests At -67°F. Using Lab Alodine  
 And A Preheated Press

| CONTROLS                       |           | Tested After 168 Hours Exposure<br>to 100% Relative Humidity |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Untinted                       | Tinted    | Untinted                                                     | Tinted    |
| M                              | N         | O                                                            | P         |
| 3231                           | 2577      | 2462                                                         | 3933      |
| 2735                           | 2696      | 2157                                                         | 4124      |
| 3577                           | 2240      | 4471                                                         | 3733      |
| 3569                           | 3840      | 3952                                                         | 4585      |
| 3885                           | 4587      | 2580                                                         | 3943      |
| 4069                           | 4078      | 4385                                                         | 4192      |
| 3942                           | 4060      | 3490                                                         | 4077      |
| 4510                           | 2304      | 3353                                                         | 4297      |
| 3404                           | 2235      | 3685                                                         | 2129      |
| 3185                           | 3814      | 4904                                                         | 2510      |
| 4558                           | 3550      | 2906                                                         | 2564      |
| 2406                           | 4010      | 4558                                                         | 2218      |
| 3283                           | 4333      | 2790                                                         | 2510      |
| 4029                           | 4215      | 2631                                                         | 2337      |
| Ave. 3613                      | Ave. 3467 | 3514                                                         | 4198      |
| 30 Days Salt Spray<br>Exposure |           | 4317                                                         | 4371      |
| Untinted                       | Tinted    | 2088                                                         | 3095      |
| Q                              | R         | 4269                                                         | 3897      |
| 2844                           | 4276      | 3728                                                         | 2933      |
| 3185                           | 4571      | 3943                                                         | 4305      |
| 4414                           | 4596      | 3913                                                         | 2760      |
| 3038                           | 2935      | 4667                                                         | 4210      |
| 3410                           | 4692      | 4703                                                         | 3077      |
| 3762                           | 4414      | 4208                                                         | 4178      |
| 3057                           | 3324      | 4447                                                         | 2202      |
| 3219                           | 3555      | 4752                                                         | 4466      |
| 4706                           | 2455      | 4654                                                         | 2058      |
| 3010                           | 4425      | 4314                                                         | 4602      |
| 3693                           | 3119      |                                                              | 4706      |
| 3882                           | 2718      | Ave. 3825                                                    | Ave. 3494 |
| 3381                           | 2846      |                                                              |           |
| 2816                           | 4150      |                                                              |           |
| 4379                           |           |                                                              |           |
| 4187                           |           |                                                              |           |
| Ave. 3561                      | Ave. 3720 |                                                              |           |





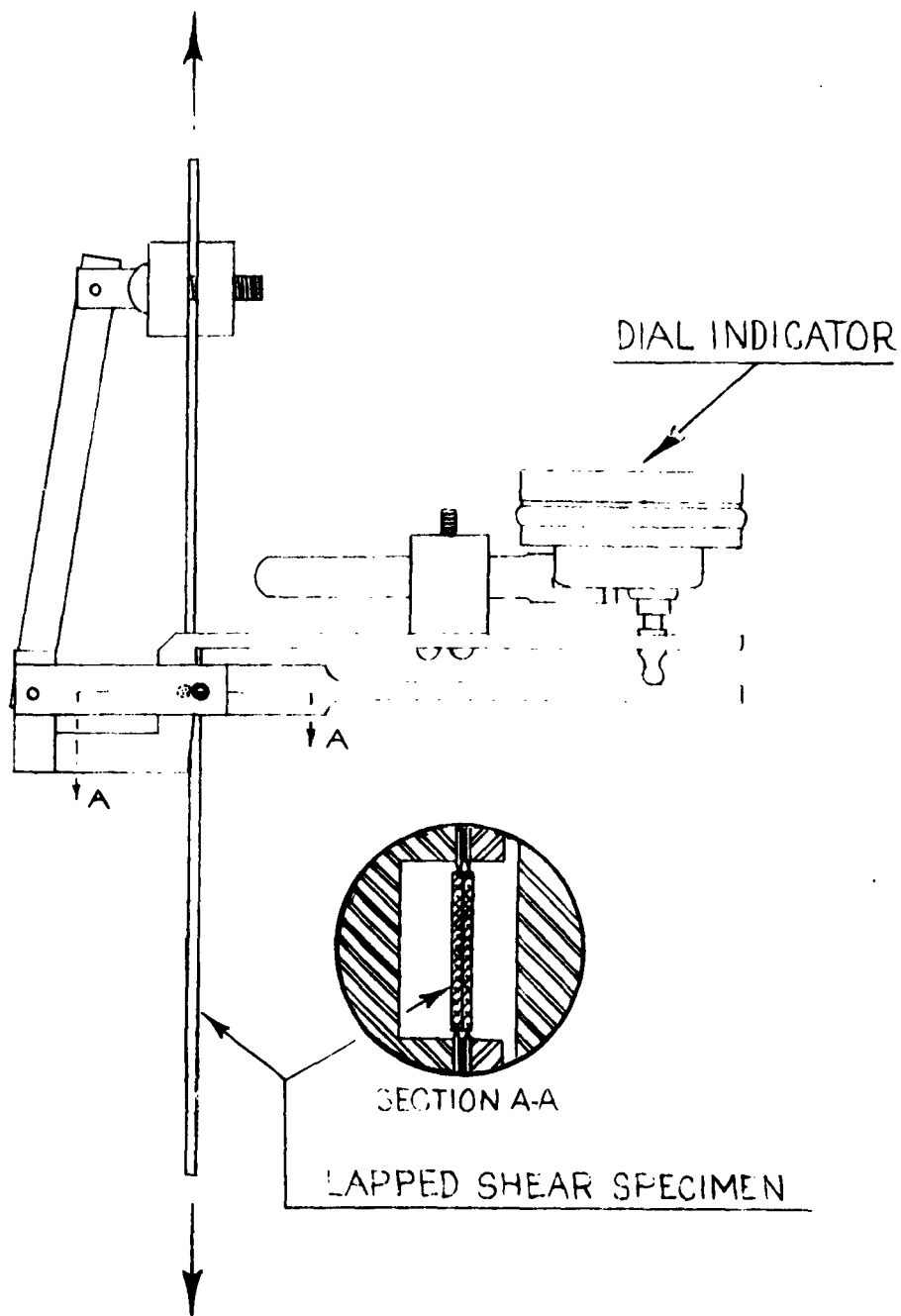


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Figure 4.



"Zero Gauge Length" EXTENSOMETER