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PERFORMANCE ORIENTED PACKAGING TESTING OF CNU-445/E AND CNU-447/E ALUMINUM MAVERICK MISSILE CONTAINER

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND: Aeronautical Systems Division, ASD/SDML, requested assistance from the Air Force Packaging Evaluation Activity (AFPEA) to conduct certification and qualification testing on two new aluminum Maverick missile containers, the CNU-445/E and the CNU-447/E (see AFPEA Test Report 88-R-01). Part of the certification testing was the Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) testing on the container design. The containers were designed and fabricated by AD/YNP, Eglin AFB, FL 32542-5000.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this project was to determine whether the CNU-445/E and CNU-447/E container design could pass the two required POP tests. The container is designed to provide safe shipment, storage, and handling of one AGM-65A/B/C/D/E/F/G all-up-round (AUR) Maverick missile. The container will also be used for shipment, storage, and handling of the missile less the guidance unit (GU) and the missile less both the GU and the hydraulic actuation system (HAS). The United Nations (UN) hazard code for the missile is class 1.1F. The packing code is Group II, with the packing method of E146.

TEST SPECIMEN

One prototype CNU-447/E container was sent from AD/YNP. The sides and ends were labelled as shown in figure 1.

Design: The CNU-445/E and the CNU-447/E are controlled-breathing containers with a pressure relief valve, a humidity indicator, and a desiccant port. Each container is designed to limit the transmission of shocks to the missile to 30 Gs when subjected to the conditions in ASD/SDML Specification CON 320. Fourteen wide-handle latches are designed to allow quick access to the container contents without the use of tools. The missile is attached to the cradle by a forward bracket and an aft strap (see figure 2). The bracket fits over the forward part of the missile and also pins into the missile itself. This bracket is attached to the cradle by two quick release pins. The strap fits between the two sets of fins on the aft end of the AGM-65 missile.

Construction: The container consists of aluminum extrusions for the exterior walls, the skids, and the missile cradle. Sheet aluminum is used for the top and bottom. Rubber pads between the missile and the cradle prevent scratching or scarring of the missile body. Four pound density polyethylene foam provides cushioning between the cradle and the floor and between the missile and the cover of the container. A silicone gasket provides a seal between the container base and the container cover.

TEST OUTLINE AND TEST EQUIPMENT

TEST PLAN: Tests were conducted in accordance with table I. Test methods and procedures used were as outlined in UN Standard (Ref. ICAD 4.3), UN "Transport of Dangerous Goods", and DOD Hazardous Materials Packaging Test Plan.

TEST CONTAINERS: The tests in this report were performed on a prototype CNU-447/E container (see figure 3). Only one container was used for testing since the tests were severe and it would be too costly to provide a new container for each drop.

TEST LOADS: All tests were conducted using the heaviest missile the container was designed to hold. The test load was an inert missile weighing 675 pounds (see figure 2). A container base loaded to 1191 pounds was also used for test number 2 to simulate the stacking interface and weight of a stacked container. Steel plates and lead weights were used in test number 2 to simulate the stacked load.

TEST SITES: Testing was conducted at AFPEA, HQ AFLC/DSTZ, Building 70, Area C, Wright-Patterson AFB OH. The equipment required for testing was a forklift truck.

TEST PROCEDURES AND RESULTS

UN DROP TEST

Test No. 1: The CNU-447/E prototype container with the 675 pound test load was dropped from a height of 1.2 m as follows:

a. Flat drop on bottom.

b. Flat drop on top (see figure 4).

c. Flat drop on left side (long side).

d. Flat drop on forward end (short side).

e. Corner drop on right rear corner of cover (see figure

The container shall not spill its contents.

Results: The container was visually inspected following each drop:

a. Bottom - several welds securing the skid to the container base broke.

b. Top - middle three latches on the right side of the container became unlatched. These were secured before the testing continued.

c. Left side - no additional visible damage.

d. Forward end - cover deformed and weld cracked at forward right corner of the cover on the right edge. Crack was two inches long (see figure 6).

e. Right rear corner of cover - desiccant port fell off and cover deformed at corner impacted. Cover also deformed on aft end along the flange (see figure 7). Both latches on the aft end became unlatched.

Visual inspection of the inside of the container after testing revealed the missile was still in the cradle. The cradle had become detached from the base of the container (see figure 8). Detachment was caused by foam shear and not adhesive failure (see figure 9). The forward end of the cover was deformed where the missile nose had impacted and the dome shattered. A weld crack was visible on the forward edge of the cover on the inside. The desiccant basket was deformed and weld cracks were found at the aft end of the cover.

The container did not spill its contents. Results of this test are acceptable.

UN STACKING TEST

Test No. 2: At ambient temperature, the container was subjected to a superimposed load of 2230 pounds through the stacking provisions for 24 hours. The container shall not permanently deform.

Results: The container dimensions were checked and no permanent deformation occurred during the stacking test. The results of this test are acceptable.

CONCLUSION

1. The container successfully passed the POP tests, as prescribed by the UN test criteria.

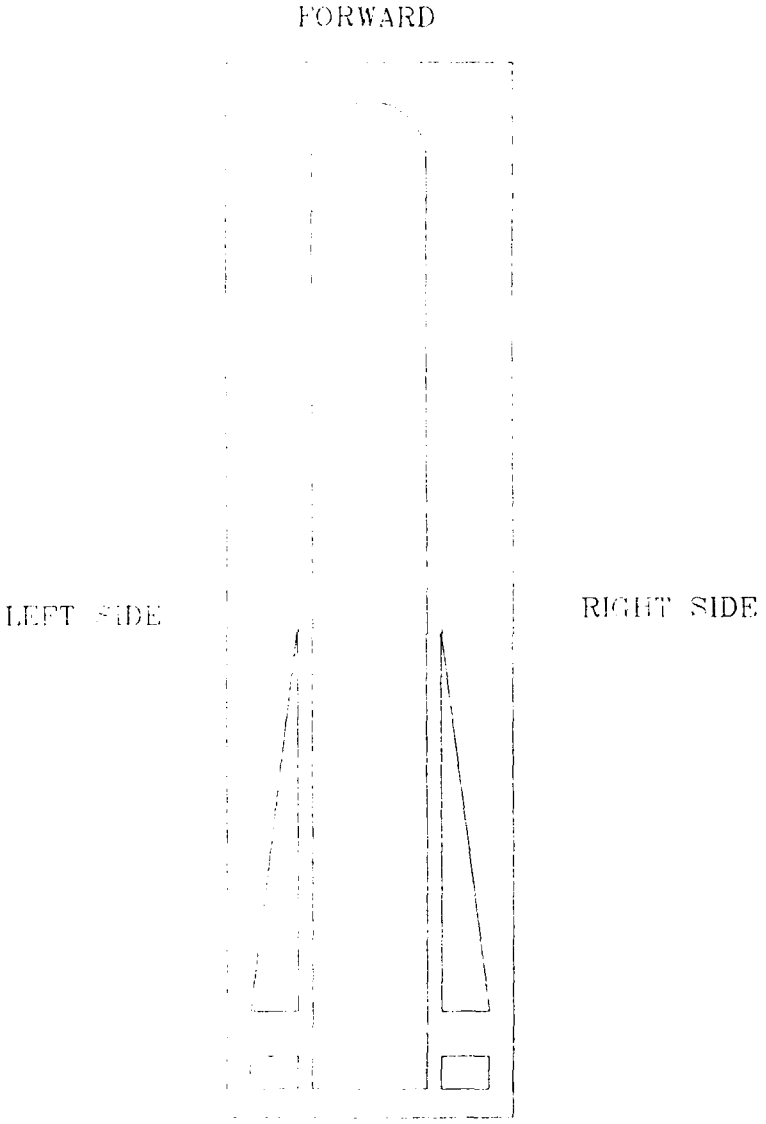
FORWARD
LEFT SIDE
RIGHT SIDE
AFT
Desiccant port
Humidity indicator
Pressure relief valve

FIGURE 1.

TABLE I. Container Test Plan.

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(Container Test Plan)

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CONTAINER SIZE (L x W x D)(INCHES) INTERIOR:	EXTERIOR:	WEIGHT (LBS) GROSS:	ITEM:	CUBE (CU. FT.)	QUANTITY	DATE
	108x28.5x30					7 Dec 88

ITEM NAME: AGM-65 Maverick Missile

MANUFACTURER:

CONTAINER NAME: CNU-445/E and CNU-447/E

CONTAINER COST:

PACK DESCRIPTION: Aluminum Container

CONDITIONING: Ambient

TEST NO.	REF STD/SPEC AND TEST METHOD OR PROCEDURE NO'S	TEST TITLE AND PARAMETERS	CONTAINER ORIENTATION	INSTRU-MENTATION
1.	UN DROP TEST UN "Orange Book", Requirement 9.7.3	Drop container from a height of 1.2 meters (3.94 feet), as required for Packing Group II. The container shall not spill its contents. A different container may be used for each drop.	One each flat drop on the bottom, top, long side, and short side; and a corner drop. Total of 5 drops. Test with heaviest All-up-round (AUR) missile.	Visual inspection
2.	UN STACKING TEST UN "Orange Book", Requirement 9.7.6	Simulate stacking to a minimum height of 3 m (9.84 ft) for 24 hours. There shall be no permanent deformation.	Test with heaviest AUR.	Visual inspection

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Figure 3. Missile attachment and test load.

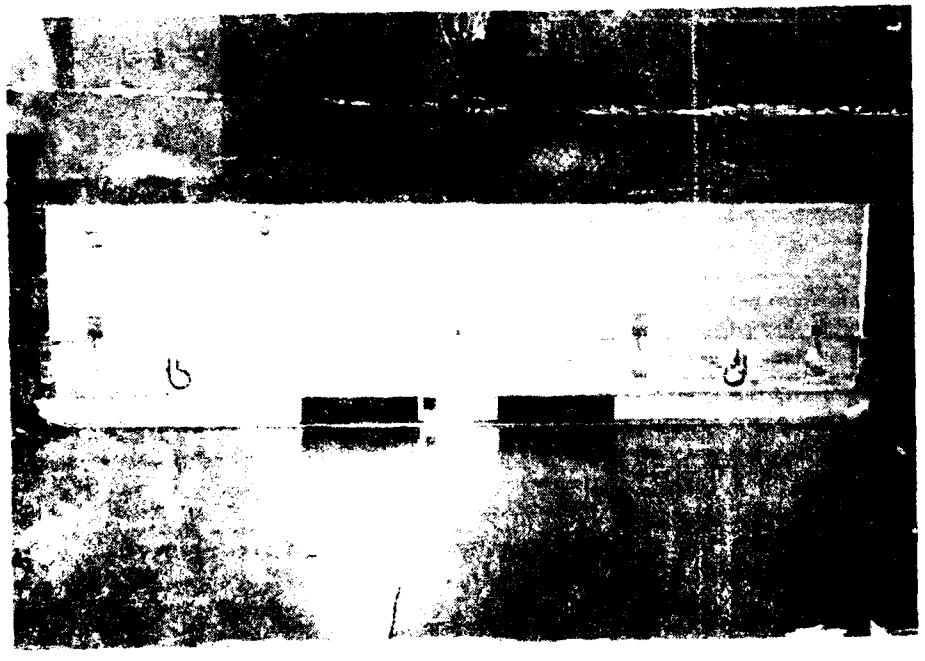

Figure 4. BNU-44 /E prototype container.

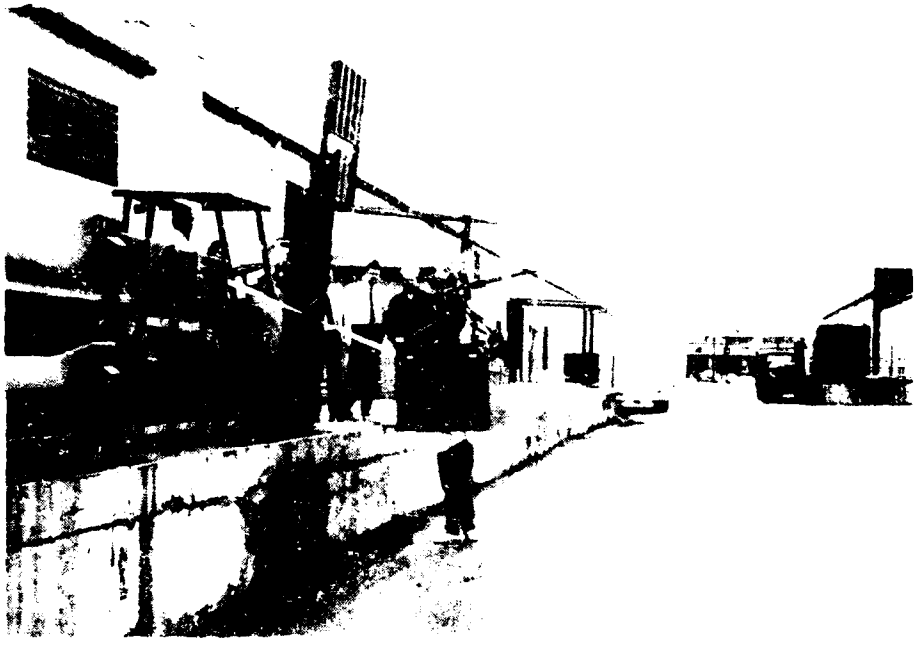

Figure 4. Flat drop on top surface.

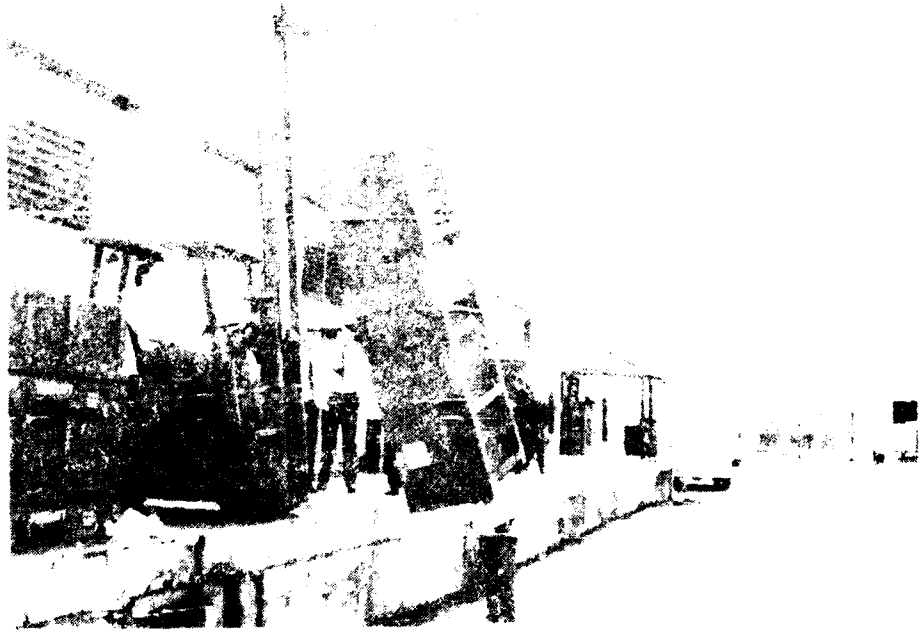

Figure 5. Corner drop on right rear corner of cover.

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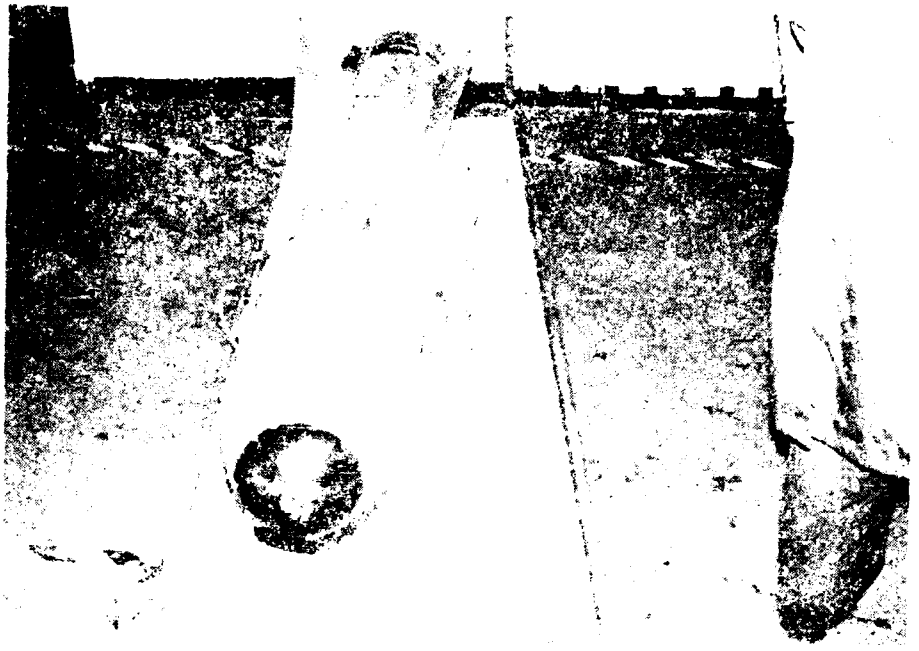

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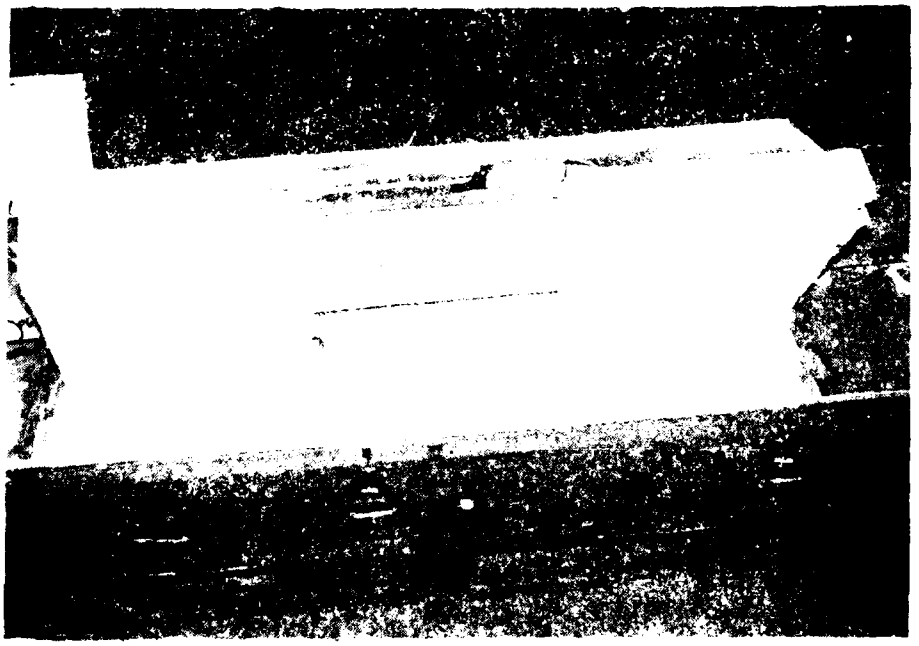

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