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This report covers the POP tests performed on wood wirebound box fabricated per MIL-B-46506. This wirebound box is being used as shipping and storage container of various 60MM Mortar Cartridges. The wirebound box tested (P/N 9280108) contained two metal containers PA70 (P/N 9252724). Each metal container contained eight cartridges, Each cartridge is packaged in spirally wound fiber container PA73 (P/N 9280110). The tests were conducted in accordance with Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) requirements specified by the United Nations, "Transportation of Dangerous Goods" and the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR, Parts 107 through 178.

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I. Data:

Container:

Type: Box, Wirebound
 Code: 4C1
 Specification: MIL-B-46506
 Drawing Number: 9280108/9317918
 Material: Wood
 Maximum net mass: 50 kg (110 lbs)
 Dimensions:
 Inside: 31.91 cm X 30.80 cm X 42.39 cm
 (12 9/16 in X 12 1/8 in X 16 11/16 in)
 Outside: 37.94 cm X 33.50 cm X 45.09 cm
 (14 15/16 in X 13 3/16 in X 17 3/4 in)
 Closure Method/Type: 1 Flat strapping or
 2 Galvanized Round Steel Tying Wire
 Gross Weight: 59 kg (130 pounds)
 Tare Weight: 7.7 kg (17 pounds)

Additional description: Each cartridge is packed in PA73 or PA78 Fiber Container in accordance with drawing 9280110/9293287. Eight fiber containers are packed in the PA70 Metal Container in accordance with drawing 9280109 or 9252724. Two metal containers are overpacked in the wirebound box in accordance with drawing 9280108/9293440.

Product:

1. Name: Cartridge 60MM, HE M888 W/Fuze, PD M935
 Drawing Number: 9354430
 Cage Code: 19200
 National Stock Number: 1310-01-149-3185
 DOD Identification Code: B643

Proper Shipping Name: CARTRIDGES FOR WEAPONS
 United Nation Identification Number: 0321
 United Nation Packaging Group: II
 Hazard Classification/Division: 1.2E
 Physical State: Solid

2. Name: Cartridge 60MM, Smoke, WP M302A2
 Drawing Number: 12903088
 Cage Code: 19200
 National Stock Number: 1310-01-240-9253
 DOD Identification Code: B630

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Proper Shipping Name: AMMUNITION, SMOKE, WHITE PHOSPHORUS
 United Nation Identification Number: 0245
 United Nation Packaging Group: II
 Hazard Classification/Division: 1.2H
 Physical State: Solid

3. Name: Cartridge 60MM, Illuminating, M83A3 W/Fuze
 Time, M65A1
 Drawing Number: 9207516
 Cage Code: 19203
 National Stock Number: 1310-00-113-5911
 DOD Identification Code: B627

Proper Shipping Name: AMMUNITION, ILLUMINATING
 United Nation Identification Number: 0171
 United Nation Packaging Group: II
 Hazard Classification/Division: 1.2G
 Physical State: Solid

4. Name: Cartridge 60MM, HE, M720 W/Fuze, MO M734
 Drawing Number: 9275526
 Cage Code: 19203
 National Stock Number: 1310-01-022-7680
 DOD Identification Code: B642

Proper Shipping Name: CARTRIDGES FOR WEAPONS
 United Nation Identification Number: 0321
 United Nation Packaging Group: II
 Hazard Classification/Division: 1.2E
 Physical State: Solid

5. Name: Cartridge 60MM, Smoke, WP, M722 W/Fuze PD M745
 Drawing Number: 12902791
 Cage Code: 19200
 National Stock Number: 1310-01-236-1354
 DOD Identification Code: B646

Proper Shipping Name: AMMUNITION, SMOKE, WHITE PHOSPHORUS
 United Nation Identification Number: 0246
 United Nation Packaging Group: II
 Hazard Classification/Division: 1.3H
 Physical State: Solid

II. Reference Material:

- a. Federal Register, "49 CFR Part 107-179"
- b. United Nations, "Transport of Dangerous Goods"

III. Background:

This Performance-Oriented Packaging (POP) test was performed to ascertain whether the MIL-B-46506 wood wirebound box used for shipping and storage of various 60MM Cartridges met the Packaging Group II requirements specified by the Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Part 107 through 179 dated 1 October 1993.

The box tested conforms to MIL-B-46506, Type II, Class 1, Grade A and contains sixteen cartridges each; the cartridge is packaged in a fiber container and eight packaged fiber containers are packed in a metal container. Two metal containers then packed in the wirebound box. One steel strap is used to secure the wood wirebound box during the tests.

IV. Tests Performed

The following POP tests were performed at ambient temperature:

1. Vibration Test

Procedure:

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.608. Two loaded and closed wirebound boxes packed as for shipment were placed on a vibrating platform. The vertical double-amplitude of the vibrating platform was one inch at a frequency of 275 cycles per minute. The test duration was one hour. The frequency was sufficient to allow the package to become completely airborne and enable a 1/16" piece of strapping material to be slid underneath the package during the vibration.

Pass Criteria

Immediately following the vibration test, each container should be removed from platform, turned on its side and examined for any evidence of leakage. All containers should remain securely closed with no evidence of leakage of contents.

Results:

After the tests, the wirebound boxes experienced no structural damage; there was no spillage of contents; the passing criteria was met.

2. Stacking Test

Procedure:

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.606. Three different wirebound boxes were used, each loaded with a stack weight of 1197 pounds. This simulated the weight imposed on the bottom container of a ten-foot stack of identical containers. The test was performed for 24 hours.

Pass Criteria:

After the required time, the weight should be removed and the container examined for any evidence of leakage, deterioration or distortion.

Results:

During the test, the containers supported the loads adequately. No structural damages were found on the tested container. The passing criteria is met.

3. Drop Test

Procedure:

The test is performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.603. One container is used for each drop orientation. The drop height is 1.2 meters (four feet) with the following orientations:

- a. Flat on Bottom
- b. Flat on Top
- c. Flat on Long Side
- d. Flat on Short Side
- e. On a Corner

Pass Criteria:

The contents of the container should be retained within its package and exhibit no damage liable to affect safety during the transportation.

Results:

There was no visible damage on the first four drops. On the fifth drop (on a corner), the impact corner received minor indentation. Also, minor cracks were observed on the top panel of the wirebound box. However, the container was in a sound condition. All contents remained inside the container and package was capable of being handled without danger of spillage. It was determined that the containers met the passing criteria of CFR 49.

V. Based on the above POP testing results, the following POP symbol has been applied to wirebound box in accordance with drawing 9280108 or 9293440.

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