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OBJECT:

1. To determine the abrasion required on various aluminized fabrics to obtain 1% or more light transmittance in the 350 µm to 2000 µm range.

2. To obtain transmittance data on sewed seams in order to determine the effectiveness of sealing needle holes.

3. To obtain peel strength data on various seam tapes.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Aluminized Fabric C.F.R., manufactured by Connecticut Hard Rubber Company, was superior to S.R.G.A.-0213, manufactured by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company in abrasion resistance. The C.F.R. material required three (3) times as many wear cycles (Taber Abraser) to obtain approximately 1.3% transmittance in the 350 µm to 2000 µm range.

2. The transmittance of various seam - sealants used to cover needle holes on S.R.G.A.-0213 fabric was zero. These seam sealants, LA #1 through LA #6, were supplied by Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company.

3. Of the various seam tapes tested C.F.R. Alt. No. 2, manufactured by Connecticut Hard Rubber Company showed the greatest peel strength.

TEST SPECIMENS AND PROCEDURE:

Test Specimens:

The following specimens were subjected to abrasion and tested for light transmittance:

2. S.R.G.A.-0213 (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company)

The following S.R.G.A.-0213 specimens received transmittance tests on needle holes closed using the following seam sealants:

1. LA #1 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
2. LA #2 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
3. LA #3 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
4. LA #4 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
5. LA #5 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
6. LA #6 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
TEST SPECIMENS AND PROCEDURE: (Cont'd)

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Peel strength tests were made on the following seam sealing materials:

1. LA #1 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
2. LA #7 (Los Angeles Standard Rubber Company).
3. C.H.R. Alt. (Connecticut Hard Rubber Company)
   No. 2

Test Procedure:

Test Specimens C.H.R. and S.R.G.A.-0213 were tested with the Taber Abraser using a 1000 gram load and CS-17 wheel. Transmittances of both samples were obtained with a spectrophotometer in the 350 μm to 2000 μm range after intervals of wear cycles on the Taber Abraser until each specimen showed a transmittance of 1% or more.

Transmittances were also obtained on needle holes covered by seam sealants LA #1 thru LA #6 on S.R.G.A.-0213 fabric while the fabric in each case was drawn taut.

Peel strengths were obtained using seam tapes LA #1, LA #7 and C.H.R. Alt. No. 2. An autographic peel tester, as described in Report No. 8-07310, was used to make evaluations.

RESULTS:

The results of the transmittance tests after different wear cycles on the Taber Abraser for Fabrics S.R.G.A.-0213 and C.H.R. are shown in Figures 1 thru 4.

The results show that Fabric C.H.R. required 1500 wear cycles on the Taber Abraser to obtain a transmittance of approximately 1.3%, while Fabric S.R.G.A.-0213 required 500 wear cycles.

The results of the transmittance tests on seam sealants LA #1 thru LA #6 are shown in Figures 5 thru 11. All of these samples showed zero per cent transmission.

The results of the peel strength tests are shown in Table I. Of the various seam tapes which were tested, Fabric C.H.R. Alt. No. 2 showed the highest peel strength.

NOTE:

The data from which this Report was prepared are recorded in Engineering Test Laboratories Data Book No. 3056.
# Table I

**Results of Peel Strength of Aluminized Fabrics**

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