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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

Oklahoma City - Air Logistics Center (OC-ALC/DSPA) requested the evaluation of a Lear Siegler pack, an existing TPO pack and the XAS Fast Pack to determine those suitable for packaging the 7900D Gyro.

DESCRIPTION OF TEST PACKS

With the exception of the cushioning material, the Lear Siegler pack and the TPO pack were essentially the same. Both included an inner carton with polyethylene blocking materials and the complete encapsulation of the item with polyurethane foam. This type of pack and the XAS Fast Pack are shown in figure 1.

Additional pack information is presented in table I.

TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT

1. Oscilloscope, 4 channel storage, Tektronix Model 564-B
2. Accelerometer, tri-axial, Endevco Model 2233E
3. Amplifiers (3 ea.), Endevco Model 2614C
4. Power Supply, Endevco Model 2622C
5. Gaynes Drop Tester, Model 125

TEST PROCEDURE AND RESULTS

The drop tests were conducted in accordance with Federal Test Method Standard 101B, except as noted. A tri-axial accelerometer was located at the center of gravity of the wood simulated model to monitor the impact forces. The drop test data for the three test packs are presented in table II. The shock duration for this test series varied from 30 to 50 milliseconds.
Figure 1. Test Packs

a. Lear Siegler/TPO Pack

b. XA5 Fast Pack
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TYPE PACK</th>
<th>PACK DIMENSIONS (INCHES)</th>
<th>CONTAINER MATERIAL</th>
<th>CUSHIONING MAT'L. SPEC. DENSITY (pcf)</th>
<th>FORMULATION</th>
<th>THICKNESS (INCHES)</th>
<th>GROSS WT. (LBS.)</th>
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<td>ETHER</td>
<td>5 3/8 &amp; 7 1/4</td>
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Table I. Test Pack Information
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<tr>
<th>IMPACT SURFACE</th>
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<td>XA5</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>4 (back)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>5 (l.side)</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>6 (r.side)</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>17</td>
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Table II. Comparison Drop Test Data of the Three Test Packs

OC-ALC/DSPA's request included consecutive drop test data on the same face for the Lear pack and data for the TPO pack with the top and bottom cushions from the Lear pack. This data is listed in tables III and IV.

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Table IV. Drop Test Data of TPO Pack with Lear Top and Bottom Cushions

Since the shock levels of the three test packs exceeded the 15 G fragility rating for this gyro, a new pack design was required. Design data, generated on AFPA's computerized Package Cushion Design Program, resulted in a corner pad design which will protect the gyro during shipment.

To confirm the computer results, a prototype pack was fabricated and tested. The preliminary data revealed that the computer designed pack would provide adequate protection. The prototype pack is shown in figure 2.
DISCUSSION

When OC-ALC/DSPA was informed of the improved performance that a corner pad design would provide, they incorporated the corner pad design with the XA5 Fast Pack as the inner container. This reduced the amount of cushioning material in the outer container and eliminated the need for the inner carton which included expensive polyethylene blocking inserts. The combination of the corner pad design with the XA5 Fast Pack reduced the maximum shock level to 14.8 Gs.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Lear Siegler pack appeared to provide adequate protection when tested in accordance with standard drop test sequences. However, the soft polyurethane ether base foam will compress considerably and allow the item to slip within the cavity and become wedged in the corner. Because of this, the second of two consecutive drops on the same container face will generate shock levels which exceed the 15 G fragility value of the item.

2. The XA5 Fast Pack and the TPO pack will not provide adequate protection for the 7900D Gyro.

3. The combination corner pad design and the XA5 Fast Pack will provide the best protection at the lowest cost.
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