This report covers the annual retest of POP Requirements of M592 Metal Container used as shipping container for 30mm cartridges. The M592 contains 30mm cartridges of different types, quantities and weights. Tests were conducted using additional test weight in order to insure shipping container integrity.
ANNUAL RETEST OF
PERFORMANCE ORIENTED PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS
OF
M592 METAL CONTAINER USED FOR
PACKAGING 30MM CARTRIDGES
FOR
PACKING GROUP II

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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Transportation (DOT) per CFR 49, Parts 100-179, dated 1 October 91, requires that hazardous materials should be packed in a container that passes the Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) tests. Furthermore, these tests are to be repeated on an annual basis for items in production.

The M592 metal container, part no. 10542565, is being used as shipping container for 30MM cartridges. This box contains a maximum gross weight of 66 kgm.

POP tests were conducted using additional weight (76 kg test weight) to insure container integrity. The tests were conducted in accordance with the referenced sections of CFR 49 and are valid only when the approved 30MM cartridges are packed in the M592 container for the DOD (see Table). The M592 container was tested previously and certified for 50 Kg of gross weight of Packing Group II Items. This report represents the annual retest of the M592 POP certification.

TESTS PERFORMED

1. Drop Test

Section 178.603 of CFR 49 specifies that one box each should be used for each drop orientation. Five (5) boxes were used for five different orientations. Containers were tested to Packing Group II requirements.

One box each was dropped from a height of 1.2 meters (3.9 ft.) in the following orientations: flat on bottom, flat on top, flat on long-side, flat on short-side and on a corner.

2. Vibration Test

Three (3) boxes were placed on the vibrating platform and vibrated for a duration of one hour. The boxes were unrestrained except horizontally to prevent them from falling off of the platform. The peak-to-peak displacement was one inch and the frequency was 4.6 Hertz/sec. This frequency was sufficient enough to allow the package to become completely airborne, enabling a 1/16 inch (.16 cm) thick piece of strapping material to be slid underneath the package during testing.
3. Stacking Test

Section 178.606 of CFR 49 requires that the minimum height of the stack including the test sample must be 3.0 meters (10 ft). Three test samples are required.

A 3.0 meter stack height of samples is equivalent to 1,204 lbs. (547 kg) of stack weight. Three different test samples were each subjected to a stack weight of 1,204 lbs for a period of 24 hours. The samples were then inspected and examined for any damage or distortion.

PASS/FAIL (DOT CRITERIA)

A package for explosives is considered to successfully pass the drop tests if for each sample tested, no rupture of the packaging occurs.

A packaging passes the vibration test if there is no rupture or leakage from any of the packages.

A test sample passes the stacking test when no test sample leaks. No test sample may show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion likely to reduce its strength or cause instability in stacks of packages.

TEST RESULTS

1. Drop Test - Result: pass, no spillage.

The first four drops did not do any damage on any of the four boxes. On the edge drop, the box was dented on the edge, but there was no spillage.

2. Vibration Test - Result: pass, no spillage or damage.

All three boxes were removed from the platform after one hour vibration. Each of the boxes was turned on its side and inspected for any damage and leakage. The packages were all tightly intact and showed no evidence of deterioration.

The stacking test was performed with the use of a forklift to apply a dead load of 1,204 lbs on top of each of the three boxes. Each of the boxes adequately supported the applied load. No evidence of box distortion was noted.

REMARK

Based on the successful POP testing outlined in this report, the following POP symbol:

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shall be applied to containers manufactured in accordance with drawing 10542565 when used to package the NSN’s listed in the Table for 30MM cartridges packed from October 1993 through October 1994.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

1. Federal Register, "49 CFR Part 107, 1 Oct 91"

2. MIL-S-50312
TEST DATA

DATA

Container:
Type: Box
Model No.: M592
UN Code: 4A1
Spec No.: MIL-S-50312
Material: Metal
Capacity: 34.5 liters
Dimensions
Inside: 43.97 cm x 21.99 cm x 35.68 cm
(17 1/4 + 1/16 in x 8 5/8 + 1/32 in x 13 63/64 + 1/16 in)
Outside: 47.23 cm x 24.13 cm x 37.07 cm
(18 19/32 in x 9 1/2 in x 14 19/32 in)
Weight(empty): 9.5 kg (21.0 lbs)
Closure (Method/Type): Removable Lid

PRODUCTS:

Identification No.: See Table
UN Packing Group : II
Physical State : Solid
Amount/Container : See Table

TEST MATERIALS:

Name: Simulated Weights and Sand
Physical State: Solid
Size : 10 in (L) x 3 in (W) x 3 in (H)
or 2 in dia x 7/8 in thick
or granulated sand
Quantity : Twelve (12) lead weights
or lead tablets
or 167 lbs
Dunnage : Fiberboard
Gross Weight : 167 lbs (76 kg)
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