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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document presents the results of the Low Maintenance Hydraulic Accumulator research program conducted under contract to the Air Force Aero Propulsion Laboratory (AFAPL) by The Boeing Military Airplane Company.

The program objective consisted of analysis and evaluation of bellows shapes and characteristics, accumulator design studies and establishment of a prototype design for interchangeability with existing accumulators.

The program was conducted in two phases. The initial phase consisted of evaluation and testing of metal bellows configurations and the design of an accumulator. The final phase included testing and evaluation of a 100 cubic inch accumulator housing.

Present day aircraft in military and commercial service are using accumulators in hydraulic systems for a variety of purposes including energy storage, surge damping, hydraulic pump size reduction and to provide increased flow and pressure response to actuation subsystems. The number of accumulator applications has, however, been held to a minimum due to the demonstrated unreliability of these devices and the attendant high maintenance costs. The basic problem of existing accumulators can be generalized as the inability to retain the gas precharge for a reasonable length of time.

Recent advancements in metallic bellows technology including improved fatigue life, new welding techniques and improved fabrication methods have led to several successful applications in the aerospace industry. Current studies indicate that use of a metal bellows as a gas-oil separator has potential for providing a reliable and consequently low maintenance cost accumlator. Use of an all-welded construction and hermetically sealed gas chamber will eliminate periodic accumulator precharge maintenance.

Experience obtained in development of a metal bellows reservoir for the Boeing Supersonic Transport (SST) and a follow-on program at Boeing Military Airplane Company to develop a high pressure hydraulic accumulator provided background for this program.

### SUMMARY

2.0

This report presents the results of a program to develop a low maintenance accumulator using a metal bellows instead of a piston or bladder as the gas-oil separator. The purpose of the program was to develop an accumulator with a substantial increase in reliability and maintenance over existing conventional accumulators. Various concepts were evaluated for their ability to meet design objectives. Devleopment of an appropriate metal bellows was considered to be the critical task.

A bellows manufactured by the Metal Bellows Corporation (MBC), Chatsworth, California, was selected after a series of evaluation tests on candidate metal bellows diaphragm configurations. Additional testing was conducted on MBC capsules to prove design capability prior to accumulator fabrication. Capsules testing indicated a diaphragm size of 2.97 0.D., 2.12 I.D. and a thickness of 0.004 inches offered the best design concept based on an evaluation of 21 capsules by MBC. Results of the capsule testing showed promise for attaining the accumulator design goal of a ten-year unserviced life, based on F-16 service activity.

Additional effort was expended to design a hermetically sealed (all welded) accumulator compatible with the selected bellows capsule. Designs were in accordance with criteria and requirements established in preceeding studies, evaluations and tests. The accumulator was designed to be equivalent in function with existing standard MS accumulators. The final design is a 100 cubic inch accumulator similar to the MS envelope and interchangeable with MS 28797-4. This unit uses a metal bellows as the separator and is hermetically sealed to provide reliability and does not require gages or gas charging equipment. This aspect eliminates all possibility of seal leaks and provides an accumulator insensitive to environmental conditions.

Accumulator testing included housing tests (impulse and burst) and vibration of a full size bellows assembly. All tests were satisfactorily accomplished. Testing was concluded at this point due to time and budget constraints of the program. However, MBC will continue development with their own funds including full scale testing of a 100 cubic inch accumulator. This activity will include proof pressure, bottoming and endurance tests. Additional effort will be required to determine if precharge monitoring is required, based on test results and system utilization aspects.

### 3.0 DESIGN OBJECTIVES

The design objectives for the metal bellows accumulator were as follows:

- Envelope Form, fit and functionally interchangeable with the existing MS accumulator
- Weight Competitive with equivalent MS accumulator sizes
- Environment
   Operational over a temperature range of ~65°F to +275°F (compatible with a Type II hydraulic system)
- Maintenance
   Zero leakage of fluid or gas precharge (10-year service life no maintenance is the goal)

Simple precharge pressure monitoring methods

- o Reliability The goal will be to provide the reliability required to attain full service life without failure
- o Cost Life cycle costs significantly less than MS accumulator
- General Compatible with applicable fluids and meet or exceed existing Military Specifications (except in cases of obvious conflict between design and requirements which are directed specifically to MS cylinder type units)

Design life at least three times that required by Military Specifications for existing accumulators.

### 4.0 CONCEPT TRADE STUDIES

4.1 Bellows Design Evaluation

Technical data concerning the basic technology of welded metal bellows were reviewed concerning:

- o Types of construction
  - Welded
  - Formed material
- o Diaphragm configurations
- o Bellows characteristics
  - Spring rate
  - Resistance to pressure, nested/extended
  - Long stroke capability
  - Stroke linearity

Figure 1 illustrates the various types of diaphragm configurations available. Some configurations are unacceptable due to inability to withstand high differential pressure in the nested position. The only acceptable configurations are the single sweep and the nesting ripple. Analysis methods used to select metal bellows operational parameters are included in Appendix A. Figures 2 and 3 illustrate the critical problems during the discharged (nested) condition showing the critical load occuring on the diaphragm area adjacent to the inside diameter weld of the convolutions. Figure 2 illustrates nesting concepts and Figure 3 illustrates a coining concept designated to reduce the critical load area thus improving bellows life.

### 4.2 Bellows Selection

Proposals received from Metal Bellows Corporation (MBC), Flexible Metal Hose Manufacturing Company, Sealol Incorporated, and Parker-Hannifin Corporation were evaluated to select candiate suppliers of bellows capsule assemblies for development testing. MBC and Sealol were selected to provide metal bellows capsule assemblies for endurance (bottoming) testing of bellows configurations. The selections were made based on improvements in design technology exhibited by both companies, with an attendant increased possiblity of achieving the design requirements. The MBC design incorporated a spacer providing a bearing column at the bellows I.D. The Sealol design utilizes "tilt-edge" to decrease the unsuported diaphragm gap at the bellows I.D.

### 4.3 Bellows, Test Fixture

A test fixture, Figure 4, for testing bellows capsules was designed and fabricated. This fixture enabled installation of a test capsule to evaluate endurance (bottoming) cycles to permit design optimization prior to full scale bellows development.

### Bellows Test Requirement

4.4

The original test plan consisted of 32,500 bottoming cycles to represent 10,850 full stroke cycles in ten years, assuming F-16 usage of 355 sorties per year plus two additional accumulator pressurizations per day for engine and system ground operation. A factor of three was imposed on this requirement resulting in the 32,500 cycle requirement. The bottoming test simulates a normal pressure shut-down of the aircraft hydraulic system. With pressure shut-down, the bellows which is pressure balanced during operation of the hydraulic system, is compressed to its stacked position by the hermetically sealed gas charge. The gas charge then exerts an external differential pressure on the stacked bellows. The bottoming cycle goal/requirement was reduced later in the program to 15,000 cycles as the original objective of 32,500 cycles was considered too severe. This was agreed upon during discussions between Air Force and Boeing personnel relative to the actual usage of aircraft. The requirement for 15,000 cycles is considered to be representative of F-16 operation.

### 5.0 BELLOWS TESTING

### 5.1 Preliminary Testing

Preliminary testing included bottoming tests on four capsules from Metal Bellows Corporation and two capsules from Sealol Incorporated. The test fixture, Figure 4, was designed to accommodate 6 to 14 convolutions in order to standardize capsules. This fixture provides a fluid pressurization port, positive sealing external to the bellows and a center (dry) cavity for leak detection. The capsules were tested in the set up shown on Figures 5, 6, and 7. A Metal Bellows capsule is shown on Figure 8 and a Sealol capsule is shown on Figure 9.

### 5.1.1 MBC Capsule Testing

Test capsules were made with approximately 20 percent of the number of convolutions of a full size production capsule. Each test capsule consists of fourteen (14) convolutions and two (2) test terminals. The results of testing of the Metal Bellows Corporation capsules are tabulated below:

| <u>Capsule No.</u> | Cycle<br><u>To Failure</u> | Remarks   | Diaphragm<br><u>Thickness</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1                  | 5,148                      | 13 leaks; clicking noted on each cycle  | .005                          |
| 2                  | 4,273                      | 4 leaks; clicking noted on each cycle   | .005                          |
| 3                  | 15,784                     | 4 leaks; no clicking noted  | .005                          |
| 4                  | 10,716                     | 4 leaks; clicking noted and<br>internal bellows area lubricated<br>with MIL-H-5606 after 200 cycles.<br>No clicking noted after<br>lubricating. | .005                          |

The failed capsules were analyzed by Metal Bellows and the cause of the leaks was identified as fatigue cracks in the diaphragm next to the I.D. weld. The cause of the fatigue cracks is the high stress generated by contour differences between adjacent diaphragms (those welded together at 0.D.). Sample No. 4 clicked when originally installed (indicating a contour difference) and stopped clicking when the inside surface was lubricated. The lubrication allowed the diaphragms to shift with respect to each other at a lower stress level, increasing its cycle life. It should be noted that the test capsules were tested in reverse with respect to air and fluid side (oil outside/air inside) in an accumulator design. Therefore, lubrication of the inside surface of the capsules more closely represents an accumulator application. Consequently, capsules were lubricated for all subsequent tests.

### 5.1.2 Sealol Capsule Testing

The results of the Sealol capsule tests are tabulated as follows:

| <u>Capsule No.</u> | Cycle<br><u>To Failure</u> | Remarks                | Diaphragm<br><u>Thickness</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1                  | 5,029                      | 2 leaks - (lubricated) | (.008)                        |
| 2                  | 3,359                      | l leak - (lubricated)  | (.008)                        |

The failed capsules were analyzed by Sealol and the cause of the leaks was identified as fatigue cracks in the second diaphragm from the fixed terminal adjacent to the I.D. weld. This was attributed to irregular I.D. welds and heat distortion.





As seen from the above results, the four MBC capsules and the two Sealol capsules all failed to meet the required 32,500 pressure cycles.

5.2 Additional Preliminary Testing (Capsule Redesign)

Eight additional capsules were received and tested, four from MBC and four from Sealol. The MBC capsules were Hipress units of .003 inch thickness and were not heat treated in order to improve ductility and to reduce heat treat distortions. The Hipress design incorporates a metal flexible bellows to provide volumetric displacement without the use of any elastomeric material. Double diaphragm and increased thickness were added to test capsules to reduce stress diaphgram and increased thickness were added to test capsules to reduce stress failures where the diaphragm joins the sweeper terminal as illustrated.



Testing was accomplished on the MBC capsules and all four capsules failed to meet program objectives. Results are tabulated below.

| Cy<br><u>To Fa</u> | ycle<br>ailure                           | Remarks  | Diaphragm<br><u>Thickness</u>  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 1                  | 5,126                                    | Probable failure due to fatigue cracks generated by adjacent       | .003   |
| 1                  | 6,814                                    | diaphragm contour differences.                                     |  |
| 6,                 | 562                                      |  |  |
| 1,0                | 025                                      | Manufacturing discrepancy  | .003   |
|                    | C<br><u>To F</u><br>1<br>1<br>6,9<br>1,0 | Cycle<br><u>To Failure</u><br>1 5,126<br>1 6,814<br>6,562<br>1,025 | Cycle<br>To FailureRemarks15,126Probable failure due to fatigue<br>cracks generated by adjacent16,814diaphragm contour differences.6,5621,025Manufacturing discrepancy |

1 floating terminal stop removed - floating terminal failed - bellows was okay.

The four Sealol units were "tilt-edge" configuration on the I.D. weld and straight configuration on the O.D.

The four Sealol capsules also failed to meet program objectives. Test results are tabulated below.

| <u>Capsule No.</u> | Cycle<br><u>5. To Failure</u> <u>Remarks</u> |                                | Diaphragm<br><u>Thickness</u> |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3                  | 8,519  | Probable fatigue crack failure | .008                          |
| 4                  | 7,643  | Probable fatigue crack failure | .008                          |
| 5                  | 500  | Failure mode not identified    | .005                          |
| 6                  | 700  | Failure mode not identified    | .005                          |

### 5.3 Preliminary Testing Conclusions

Preliminary testing has indicated problem areas in manufacturing techniques including die design and assembly practices.

- Testing of capsules showed inability to meet the program objective (32,000 cycles at 0 - 2000 psi alternating pressure).
- o The MBC design, .005 diaphragm thickness, exhibited the greatest promise with one capsule reaching approximately 50 percent of the design goal.
- All BMC capsules illustrated failures due to contour differences probably caused by a mismatched diaphragm, one concave, one convex, formed in different dies.
- o The Sealol "tilt-edge" design functioned best using .008 thickness for the diaphragm. However, testing indicated only 25 percent of the desired pressure cycles were achieved.

### 6.0 PROGRAM REVIEW

After completion of preliminary testing, program review was held at WPAFB with Boeing and AFAPL personnel to assess program results and to develop a follow-on plan. The following plan was developed as a result of this review.

- o Four additional advanced design MBC Hipress capsules would be designed, manufactured and tested. The four capsules would be matched, neutered pairs of diaphragms. The capsules would be assembled with close attention to the concentricity of the matched pairs since failures to date indicate contour interferences. This will require the design and manufacture of a special set of neutered dies, concentricity control of 0.D. and I.D. during weldment and identification and matching of diaphragm pairs.
- Testing will be conducted using 0 2000 psi alternating pressure cycles and internally lubricating the bellows.
- o Program continuation, including accumulator fabrication, will be determined based on results of the capsule testing.

### 7.0 ADVANCED DESIGN TESTING

The four bellows capsules were manufactured by MBC and tested at Boeing with the following results.

#1 failed after 7,063 cycles #2 failed after 11,123 cycles #3 failed after 7,727 cycles #4 failed after 4.324 cycles

All leaks were in the first transition convolution from the floating end

terminal. The cause of failure was determined to be a mismatch between the floating terminal ripple contour and the contour of the first transition diaphragm.

7.1 Metal Bellows Corporation Testing

Because of program cost considerations, all subsequent development testing was conducted at the Metal Bellows Corporation in Chatsworth, California.

7.1.1 Advanced Design, Bellows Testing

The MBC bellows tests were conducted on the test set up shown in Figure 10. New tooling was made for diaphragms weith an O.D. of 3.25 inches and an I.D. of 2.40 inches. Tests 5 through 16, Table 1, were performed on test capsules made using the new tooling. Several design and manufacturing variations were evaluated. Tests 14 and 15 indicate that .004 inch thick material is suitable for meeting a 15,000 bottoming cycle requirement. The final diaphragm size, 2.97 I.D. by 2.12 I.D. was selected to satisfy envelope requirements of MIL-A-5498 specifications. Test No. 17 resulted in a bottoming cycle life of 12,000 cycles. A different manufacturing technique was used for Test 19 and 20, using the same material thickness as Test No. 17.

Two test capsules (see Test No. 19 and 20 of Table 1) were installed in a test housing. The gas side of the bellows (external) was pressurized to 2000 psig nitrogen and sealed off. The oil side of the bellows (internal) was pressure cycled to extend the test capsule to its normal operating length and back to the bottomed position with 2000 psig differential pressure acting across the compressed capsule. Test No. 19 was stopped after 32,5000 cycles for examination of the bellows. The gas charge pressure did not decrease from the start of the test. The capsule was found to have a leak detectable with a helium mass spectrometer. Test No. 20 was stopped after 20,000 cycles. A helium leak was also found, but the test was continued. After 31,000 cycles, a decrease in gas pressure was observed.

Inspection of Table I, (Test 14 through 21) indicates accomplishment of the design goal of 15,000 bottoming cycles. Test No.'s 14 and 15 of Table I shows that .004 inch thick diaphragm material is satisfactory in a 3.25 O.D. capsule. The production size, 2.97 O.D. is demonstrated by Test No.'s 19 and 20. Test No. 21 shows that .003 inch thick material may also be acceptable.

### 7.1.2 Endurance Testing

The endurance test simulates normal operation of the hydraulic system. Capsules were not subjected to the endurance test as this requirement is considered to be met by analysis. The capsule is designed to be near its free length at operating conditions. The conditions of the endurance test produce a balanced pressure across the bellows resulting in no pressure stress on the bellows. The bellows motion resulting from pressure cycling between 2600 psig and 3000 psig does not produce a stress high enough to limit the life of the bellows.

### 7.1.3. Vibration Testing

The vibration test was conducted using a full-sized bellows assembly. An aluminum test housing, with inside dimensions identical to the flight housing, was used for the vibration test. The aluminium test housing was bolted together such that it could be disassembled to provide access for bellows examination. The test housing was also reusable for other types of testing.

Although not required by existing accumulator specifications, vibration testing per MIL-STD-810C, Method 514.2, Procedure I, Curve L was chosen to represent a possible severe environment. Test housing, P/N 77907, with a representative Bellows Assembly, P/N TC 77882, was subjected to adverse effects of the test.

The results of this test were satisfactory with the bellows showing no sign of physical damage (Reference Appendix B).

### 8.0 ACCUMULATOR DEVELOPMENT

8.1 Design Considerations

Various accumulator configurations were evaluated to determine optimum design considering the following variables:

- Bellows outside diameter (limited to MS constraints)
- o Bellows inside diameter
- o Mean effective diameter of bellows
- Number of bellows convolutions
- o Material selection
- o Material thickness
- o Heat treat effects
- o Position of bellows during heat treat
- o Precharge pressure
- o System pressure
- o Temperature

Results of these studies indicated a short, large diameter accumulator may afford the best configuration. However, due to design constraints of current MS accumulators, a configuration similar to the MS accumulator was designated. Figure 11 provides a conceptual description of an advanced design metal bellows accumulator.

### 8.2 Accumulator Design Requirements

The following design requirements were established to be in conformance with MS 28797-4, permitting interchangeability of accumulators with respect to envelope and function.

- o The 100 cubic inch accumulator design is interchangeable with either part number MS 28797-4 (Procurement Spec. MIL-A-8897) or part number MS 28700-4 (Procurement Spec. MIL-A-5498).
- Clamps to install the Metal Bellows accumulator will be the same as those used with MS accumulator.
- o Operating Pressure: 3000 psi
- o Operating Temperature: -65°F to +275°F
- o Cold Start Conditions: 3850 psig and -65°F
- o Proof Pressure: 4500 psig at 100°F

- o Burst pressure: 12,000 psig at 100°F
- Gas Charge Leakage: Below 10<sup>-8</sup> cc/sec (lose 38 psig max in 10 years)
- o Gas Charge Volume:  $10 \pm 8$  cu. in.
- o Installation: 3.219 Max Clamp Diameter
- o Housing Material: 4130 alloy steel
- o Bellows Material: AM350 Corrosion Resistant Steel
- 8.3 Accumulator Test Requirements

Test requirements for the accumulator are listed on Table II. Test requirements are directed at an accumulator life of seven to ten years based on 15,000 bottoming cycles.

8.4 Accumulator Design

A prototype accumulator design was accomplished for a 100 cubic inch accumulator as shown in Figures 12 and 13. This design featured a concept using a gas side charging tube to be crimped after proper precharge and a non-welded construction to provide disassembly and inspection after testing. The final design would be all welded construction to preclude leakage problems evident in standard accumulators.

The metal bellows accumulator design is a significant improvement in stateof-the-art accumulator design. No periodic checking of charge pressure or recharging to make up for lost gas charge are required. Also eliminated is the frequent complete overhaul to replace worn seals (O-rings). Additiona! efforts to evaluate means of monitoring precharge pressure were not accomplished due to budget and program constraints.

### 8.5 Accumulator Tests

Testing of an all-welded accumulator housing was performed. The housing was identical to the production unit and successfully demonstrated the integrity of the design concept. (Reference Table II.)

8.5.1 Housing Tests (Appendix B)

The 100 cubic inch flight accumulator housing, used for testing, is identical to the production design with the exception that the area of internal bellows attachment was not machined to match the bellows. The external finish of the test housing was left unplated. These two exceptions have no effect on the structural integrity of the accumulator housing. A bellows was not installed within the test housing for these units.

### 8.5.2 Proof Pressure

The accumulator housing (See Figure 12) was pressurized to 6000 psi for one minute. There was no evidence of leakage or permanent deformation.

### 8.5.3 Burst

The accumulator housing was subjected to a burst pressure of 12,000 psig. There was no evidence of leakage or rupture.

### 8.5.4 Impulse

The accumulator housing was subjected to the pressure cycling test in accordance with the requirements of MIL-A-8897A, paragraph 4.7.5, Table I, Step 7. There was no evidence of leakage or permanent deformation. (See Wyle Laboratories Data Sheet Report No. 55556, Appendix C.)

### 9.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 9.1 Conclusions

This program developed the critical portions of an advanced low maintenance accumulator. The design and testing of metal bellows test capsules demonstrate the capability to fabricate a metal bellows capsule capable of withstanding six to ten years of service life. Additional development and testing of a 100 cubic inch accumulator housing demonstrated the ability to manufacture an all-welded (sealed) accumulator. The evaluation included proof, burst and impulse testing of the accumulator housing with satisfactory results. Housing tests met requirements in accordance with MIL-A-8897-A.

Life cycle cost analyses, conducted as part of the proposal effort, support the development and usage of an improved low maintenance accumulator incorporating a sealed housing and welded metal bellows gas/oil separator. Results of the studies showed a potential cost savings of \$11 million over the lifetime of the F-16 fleet.

### 9.2 Recommendations

The program should be continued to fully develop and test a production, flight worthy accumulator. A prototype accumulator should be fabricated and subjected to bottoming and endurance tests. This unit should be monitored to provide test and design data for a flight worthy accumulator. At the conclusion of testing, several flight quality accumulators should be manufactured and subjected to flight clearance testing. Investigations should also be made to provide gas precharge monitoring capability using devices that will not compromise the integrity of the all-welded accumulator. Weight and cost reduction studies should be included to provide the best possible competitive unit.



FIGURE 1





I.D. SIDE OF BELLOWS







- <u>Sweeper terminal support height to specified</u> For each sample (nested bellows)
- 2 SWEEPER TERMINAL THICKNESS "'t" MUST SPAN "C" DIMENSION WITHOUT PERMANENT DEFORMATION WITH 4000 PSI APPLIED TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BELLOWS IN THE NESTED CONDITION

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34 SEALOL INC. TEST CAPSULE

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TEST SET-UP

FIGURE 10a

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FIGURE 11

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### BELLOWS TEST INFORMATION TABLE 1

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## TABLE 2

# ACCUMULATOR TEST SCHEDULE

### APPENDIX A

### ACCUMULATOR ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

### APPENDIX A

The following is a description of the bellows analysis method to determine major operational parameters. Many of the details are available from metal bellows manufacturers and can be applied to the accumulator design.

### **Bellows Parameters**

Outside diameter Inside diameter Diaphragm span Effective area Diaphragm configuration Material Condition of material Number of convolutions Thickness of material Standard convolutions Two adapter convolutions at each end Spring rate Natural frequency (longitudinal) – dry Both ends fixed

Calculate the bellows spring rate  $(K_B)$ .

$$K_{B} = K_{X} \frac{h^{3}}{s^{2}} + D \stackrel{+}{\longrightarrow} N$$

Where:KX is constant from empirical data<br/>h is material thickness (inches)I.D. is inside diameterN is number of convolutions

Determine the differential pressure required to stroke the bellows from its free position to the completely compressed position.

Differential Pressure = 
$$\frac{X_B (K_B)}{A_B}$$

Where: X<sub>B</sub> is bellows travel (In.)

 $A_B$  is bellows effective area (in.<sup>2</sup>)

Determine the initial precharge pressure and gas volume required at  $75^{\circ}F$  to provide the required fluid displacement with a system

fluid pressure of 3,000 psig at 75°F.

Taking the bellows spring rate into consideration

Precharge Pressure =  $P_2 + P_B$ 

Where: P<sub>2</sub> is final precharge pressure (psig)

P<sub>B</sub> is pressure to compress bellows (psig)

Calculate precharge gas volume (V1)

$$V_1 = \frac{P_2 V_2}{P_1}$$

The equivalent bellows stroke  $(X_B)$  for a displacement of 100 cubic inches can be calculated as follows:

$$X_{B} = \frac{\Delta V}{A_{B}}$$

Determine the bellows separator displacement ( $\Delta V_B$ ) with a gas precharge of 1,500 +50 psi at 75°F when charged with hydraulic fluid at -65°F and 3000 psi.

$$\Delta V_{B} = V_{1} \cdot V_{2}$$

Where:  $V_1$  is gas volume at 1,500 ±50 psi (in.<sup>3</sup>)

 $V_2$  is gas volume at 3,000 psi (in.<sup>3</sup>)

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{P_2 T_1}$$

Where: P<sub>1</sub> is initial pressure (psi)

P<sub>2</sub> is compressed pressure (psi)

 $T_1$  is initial temperature  ${}^{O}R$ 

T<sub>2</sub> is final temperature <sup>O</sup>R

The equivalent bellows travel may be calculated as follows:

$$x_{B} = \frac{\Delta V}{A_{B}}$$

The gas end dome requires sufficient space to insure against the separator bellows bottoming out on the gas end.

Calculate the increase in the precharge pressure due to the rise in temperature from  $75^{\circ}F$  to  $300^{\circ}F$ .

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$$
$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 T_2}{T_1}$$

Calculate the decrease in the precharge pressure due to drop in temperature from  $75^{\circ}$ F to  $-65^{\circ}$ F.

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 T_2}{T_1}$$

Calculate the maximum differential pressure which may be applied internal to the separator at its maximum extended length without inducing "squirm" or canting of the convolutions.

$$P = \frac{C_{S\pi}K_B}{L}$$

Where:  $C_S$  is a constant from empirical data

Calculate the maximum fluid pressure  $(P_M)$  the bellows can withstand internally at the three temperature points:  $275^{\circ}F$ ,  $75^{\circ}F$  and  $-65^{\circ}F$ . The precharge pressure will be considered to be the minimum of 1500 psig at  $75^{\circ}F$ . The bellows maximum displacement will be taken at the position at  $-65^{\circ}F$  and 3000 psig.

$$\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{M}} = \frac{\mathsf{P}_1 \,\mathsf{V}_1 \,\mathsf{T}_2}{\mathsf{V}_2 \,\mathsf{T}_1}$$

Calculate the natural frequency  $(N_f)$  of the behaviors and gas charge system.

Bellows only, both ends considered fixed.

$$N_{f} = .5 \sqrt{\frac{386K}{W}}$$

Where: K is bellows spring rate (lb./in.) W is bellows weight (lbs.)

$$N_{f} = .5 \sqrt{\frac{386 (30)}{4.5}}$$
  
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Bellows and gas charge system, schematically represented as shown below:

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Where: m is mass of bellows moving header (Ib./sec.<sup>2</sup>/in.)

 $K_g$  is spring rate of gas charge (ID./in.) and is defined as

$$K_g = \frac{\Delta P (A_B)}{X_B}$$

**Bellows Life Cycle Equations** 

The alternating and mean stress levels are calculated as follows:

Alternating Stress = 
$$\frac{(Max. Stress) - (Min. Stress)}{2}$$
  
Mean Stress =  $\frac{(Max. Stress) + (Min. Stress)}{2}$ 

The maximum and minimum stress levels are calculated by the following formulae using constants  $K_p$ ,  $K_{PC}$ , and  $K_X$  derived from empirical data.

NOTE: The maximum and minimum stress levels given are for the I.D. weld joint. The I.D. joint is the maximum stressed joint in this application.

Pressure stress formula for proof and burst pressure conditions:

$$S_{p} = P K_{p} \left[\frac{I.D.}{t}\right]^{2}$$

Where: Sp is pressure stress (PSI)

P is applied pressure (PSI)

Kp is stress constant

I.D. is bellows inside diameter (In.)

t is material thickness (In.)

Pressure stress formula for bellows under pressure cycling conditions:

$$S_{P} = P K_{PC} \left[ \frac{I.D.}{t} \right]^{2}$$

Deflection stress formula:

$$S_X = K_X \frac{X_1}{(N) 1.D.^2}$$

Where: S<sub>X</sub> is deflection stress (PSI) K<sub>X</sub> is stress constant X is bellows deflection (In.) N is number of convolutions

Calculate the stress on the bellows I.D. joint under proof pressure external: (at 275°F)

NOTE: The pressure stress is tensional (+) and the deflection stress is compressive (-). They are summed algebraically.

Pressure stress at proof:

$$S_P = P K_P \left[\frac{I.D.}{t}\right]^2$$

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### APPENDIX B

AETL REPORT NO. 543-8901

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Report No. 543-8901 P.O. No. 90313 Date: 4 September 1980

Metal Bellows Corporation 20960 Knapp Street Chatsworth, CA 91311

### TEST SPECIMENS

One (1) High Pressure Housing Assembly, Part Number 77907, Serial Number 01.

### SUMMARY

This report certifies that the test specimen identified above has been subjected to Vibration Testing in accordance with MIL-STD-810C, Method 514.2, Procedure I, Curve L. All results conformed to specification requirements and no adverse effects were noted.

### TEST EQUIPMENT

| AETL No. | Manufacturer            | Instrument                         |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| D526V    | Endevco Corporation     | Accelerometer; M/N 2246            |
| D613V    | Unholtz-Dickie Corp.    | Servo Programmer; M/N SP-5         |
| D681V    | Endevco Corporation     | Charge Amplifier: M/N 2720PRS      |
| D731V    | F. L. Moselev           | X-Y Plotter: M/N 135               |
| D762V    | Endevco Corporation     | Charge Amplifier: M/N 2720PS       |
| D763V    | Hewlett-Packard         | Log Voltmeter/Converter: M/N 7562A |
| D997V    | Endevco Corporation     | Accelerometer: M/N 2246            |
| D1024V   | MB Electronics          | Power Amplifier: M/N T999 MOD      |
| D1025V   | Unholtz-Dickie Corp.    | Sweep Oscillator: M/N OSC-1        |
| D1115V   | Spectral Dynamics Corp. | Dynamic Analyzer: M/N SD101A       |
| D4018V   | MB Electronics          | Vibration Exciter: M/N C210        |
| P628V    | Ashcroft                | Pressure Gauge: M/N 1079           |
| P683V    | Ashcroft                | Pressure Gauge; M/N 5000PSI        |

NOTE: The equipment specified above was calibrated, as required, in accordance with MIL-C-45662A, with traceability to the National Bureau of Standards (NBS). The NBS traceability records are maintained on file in the AETL Quality Control Office.

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TEST PROCEDURES AND TEST RESULTS

**Vibration Test** 

Date Commenced: 7 August 1980 Date Completed: 14 August 1980

The Assembly was installed in a test fixture and rigidly mounted on a vibration exciter. The Assembly was then subjected to a sine resonance survey, in each of the three major orthogonal axes (refer to Figure 1), at an input level of 0.1-inch da up to a limiting value of 2 g's peak over the frequency range of 5 to 2000 Hz. The sweep rate was one octave per minute. Resonances were found in all three axes. During the resonance search, the housing was pressurized to 2000 psig with gaseous nitrogen and the bellows was pressurized to 3000 psig with oil.

On completion of the resonance search in each axis, the Assembly was subjected to 30 minutes of frequency dwell at each of the critical resonance frequencies (maximum of four) at the following levels:

| Frequency (Hz) | Levels        |  |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| 5 - 14         | 0.1-inch da   |  |
| 14 - 23        | 1 g's peak    |  |
| 23 - 104       | 0.036-inch da |  |
| 104 - 2000     | 20 a's neak   |  |

Refer to Table I for the Frequency Dwell Schedule. During the frequency dwells, the housing was pressurized to 2000 psig with gaseous nitrogen and the bellows oil pressure was cycled between 2600 and 3000 psig at a rate of 60 seconds per cycle.

The Assembly was then subjected to 2 hours of frequency cycling at the frequency dwell vibration levels. The sweep rate was 5 to 2000 to 5 Hz in 20 minutes. The combined cycling and dwell time in each axis was 3 hours.

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The Assembly was visually examined on completion of testing, and no sign of physical damage waas noted. X-Y Plots were recorded during testing and are presented in the Appendix. This concluded testing and the Assembly was returned to Metal Bellows Corporation.

WILLIAM H. HOYT, V.P. Quality Assurance

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AXIS DEFINITION

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### TABLE I

Resonance Dwell Schedule

| Axis | Frequency (Hz) | Input Level (g's) | <u>Output (g's)</u> | Duration |
|------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|
| x    | 1187           | 20                | 96 - 100            | 30 min   |
|      | 1398           | 20                | 130 - 140           | 30 min   |
| Y    | • 600          | 20                | 100 - 110           | 30 min   |
|      | 981            | 20                | 110                 | 1 min    |
|      | 945            | 20                | 130                 | 2 min    |
|      | 942            | 20                | 120 - 110           | 11 min   |
|      | 958            | 20                | 115                 | 2 min    |
|      | 934            | 20                | 110                 | 6 min    |
|      | 942            | 20                | 120                 | 1 min    |
|      | 920            | 20                | 105                 | 7 min    |
| Z    | 1200           | 20                | 80 - 82             | 30 min   |
|      | 1575           | 20                | 190 - 170           | 30 min   |

APPENDIX B

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X-Y Plots

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### DATA SHEET REPORT No. 55556

### WVLS LABORATORIES

May 23, 1980

Metal Bellows Corp. 20960 Knapp Street Chatsworth, CA 91311

 ATTENTION:
 Mr. John Huffman

 TEST TITLE:
 Pressure Cycling and Endurance

 REFERENCES:
 Your Purchase Order No.
 89727

 Wyle Laboratories Job No.
 55556

 Government Contract No.
 N/A

### Gantlemen:

This is to certify that the enclosed Tost Data Sheets contain true and correct data obtained in the performance of the test program as set forth in your purchase order.

Where applicable, instrumentation used in obtaining this data has been calibrated using standards which are traceable to the National Bureau of Standards.

### Test Results:

One Accumulator, P/N 77189, S/N Qual 1, was subjected to the Pressure Cycling and Endurance Test in accordance with the requirements of MIL-A-8897 A, Paragraph 4.7.5, Table I. Step 7. The specimen complied with specification requirements. The enclosed data is presented for your evaluation.

Enclosures: Data Sheets (1 Pages); Equipment List (1 Page)

| STATE OF CALIFORNIA<br>COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } 35.   | DEPARTMENT Mechanical Systems   |
|--|---------------------------------|
| C. D. Yiakas, Department Manager, being duly sworn,<br>deposes and says: That the information contained in this report is the result of<br>complete and carefully conducted tests and is to the best of his knowledge true | $\square$                       |
| and currect in all respects.   | TEST ENGINEER                   |
|  | TEST WITNESS                    |
| SUBSCRIBE 1) and sworn to before me this 27 day of May , 1980  |                                 |
| ***************************************  | Not Applicable                  |
| William H. Vanderberg, Jr.   | QUALITY CONTROL VIVBUT 12 12013 |
| My Commission Expires July 27, 1982  |                                 |

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|----------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Customer | Metal Bellows Corp.                       | 125 No              | M55556       |
| Specimen | Accumulator                               | Date Test Started   | 5-16-80      |
| Pert No  | 77139                                     | Date Test Completed | 5-22-80      |
| s/n      | Qual l                                    | Amb. Yemp           | 70 ± 10°F    |
| Spec     | MIL-A-8897A                               | Photo               | No.          |
| Para     | 4.7.5, Table I, Step 7                    | Tost Med.           | MIL-H-5606   |
|          |   | Specimen Temp.      | Room Ambient |

### Pressure Cycling and Endurance

Precedure and Results:

The specimen was installed in a test system similar to that depicted in Figure 2 of the above referenced specification. The system was adjusted so that a pressure rise rate of 125,000 to 200,000 psi per second was achieved. The specimen was then subjected to 1,000,000 pressure cycles from 2,000 psi maximum to 3,000 psi minimum at a cycle rate of  $143 \pm 2$  cpm. The test fluid was maintained at 100  $\pm$  15°F for the duration of the test. Upon completion of the 1,000,000 pressure cycles, the specimen was removed from the test system and visually examined. There was no apparent damage, degradation or deformation. A typical pressure cycle, including the rise rate, is shown below.

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