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ABSTRACT

A stress analysis of the instrumentation support structures added to the LOFT center fuel module upper core support structure and the modifications to the upper structure was performed. Stresses resulting from thermal and gamma heating were found negligible while hydraulic conditions were considered the primary source of load.

Stress levels in the support structures were found to be small based on conservative analysis (less than 2300 psi). It is concluded that the proposed instrumentation support structures are structurally sound and comply with requirements of the ASME Code.

This revision to LTR 1111-62 is made to include the lug attachment weld change on Page A-8, to add a check on the LVDT holdown spring on Page A-8, and to change the torque calculation on Bolt 209250-18, Page A-11, to reflect the actual reduced engagement length of .148 inch.

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STRESS ANALYSIS OF INSTRUMENTATION SUPPORT  
STRUCTURES AND CENTER FUEL MODULE UPPER CORE  
SUPPORT STRUCTURE MODIFICATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

Additional LVDT and UDD instrumentation has been proposed for the LOFT Center Fuel Module. The instrumentation will be located in the upper core support structure and it is the purpose of this report to determine the structural integrity of the instrumentation supports as well as the modified upper structure. Details of the instrumentation supports and modifications to the upper core support structure are contained in Drawings 209250 and 209282 (Ref's 1 and 2).

The subjects covered by this analysis consist of: (1) a single and a double LVDT support described in Ref. 1 and attached to the lower orifice plate of the upper structure and (2) a UDD and thermocouple mounting described in Ref. 2 and located approximately 49 inches above the bottom of the upper structure.

## II. LOAD CONDITIONS

### 1. HYDRAULIC LOADS

The primary source of loading of the instrumentation supports is the result of hydraulic forces acting on the instrument and instrument support surfaces exposed to reactor fluid flow. These forces were evaluated from:

$$P = C_d \times A \times \rho V^2 / 2g_c$$

where  $C_d$  = Drag Coefficient (Assumed 2.5)

$A$  = Flow Area

$\rho V^2 / 2g_c$  = Dynamic Pressure.

The dynamic pressure terms were obtained from Reference 3 with the maximum reported value being used for this analysis.

### 2. THERMAL LOADS

Both thermal and gamma heating were considered in this analysis. Gamma heating was concluded negligible based on the results of Reference 4. Stresses resulting from thermal heating were also concluded negligible since the support structures are cantilever nature and relatively free to expand. In addition, a discussion with H. Rhodes, Thermal Analysis Branch, indicated that heating and cooling of the supports could be considered fairly uniform.

Thermal loading of the UDD instruments themselves results in reactive loading of the supports. These loads were obtained from Reference 5 and were considered in this analysis.

### III. STRESS ANALYSIS

Conservative linear elastic techniques were used to analyze the instrumentation supports and modifications to the upper structure. Details of the analysis are included in Appendix A.

The stresses arising from application of the loads discussed in Section II were found to be less than 2300 psi and ASME Code<sup>[6]</sup> requirements could be judged satisfied.

#### IV. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

An evaluation of the instrumentation supports and modified upper core support structure for the loadings of Section II found the structures sound. The proposed supports and modifications can withstand the expected loadings and meet ASME Code requirements.

V. REFERENCES

1. EG&G Idaho, Inc. Drawing 209250, LOFT LVDT and UDD Mounting Details Upper Core Support Structure Center Fuel Assembly.
2. EG&G Idaho, Inc. Drawing 209282, LOFT UDD and Thermocouple Mounting Details Upper Core Support Structure Center Fuel Assembly.
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6. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section III, "Nuclear Power Plant Components", 1977.

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APPENDIX A  
SUPPORTING ANALYSIS

SINGLE AND DOUBLE LVDT SUPPORTS.

REF DRAWING 209250

LOAD SOURCES LVDT SUPPORT:

- 1) ATTACHED UDD INSTRUMENT
- 2) FLUID HYDRAULIC FORCES
- 3) LVDT HOLDOWN SPRINGS
- 4) THERMAL AND GAMMA HEATING

GAMMA HEATING WAS SHOWN TO BE NEGIGIBLE IN  
REF 4

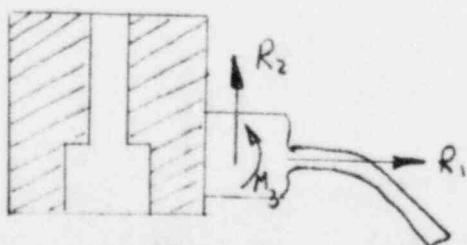
SINCE THE LVDT SUPPORT IS CANTILEVERED AND  
FREE TO EXPAND AND SINCE HEATING AND  
COOLING WILL BE FAIRLY UNIFORM THERMAL  
STRESSES ARE JUDGED NEGIGIBLE.

THE HOLDOWN SPRING IS A 25.5 1/16 IN SPRING FORCE  
1.0 IN FREE LENGTH SPRING COMPRESSED TO  
.75 IN AT INSTALLATION

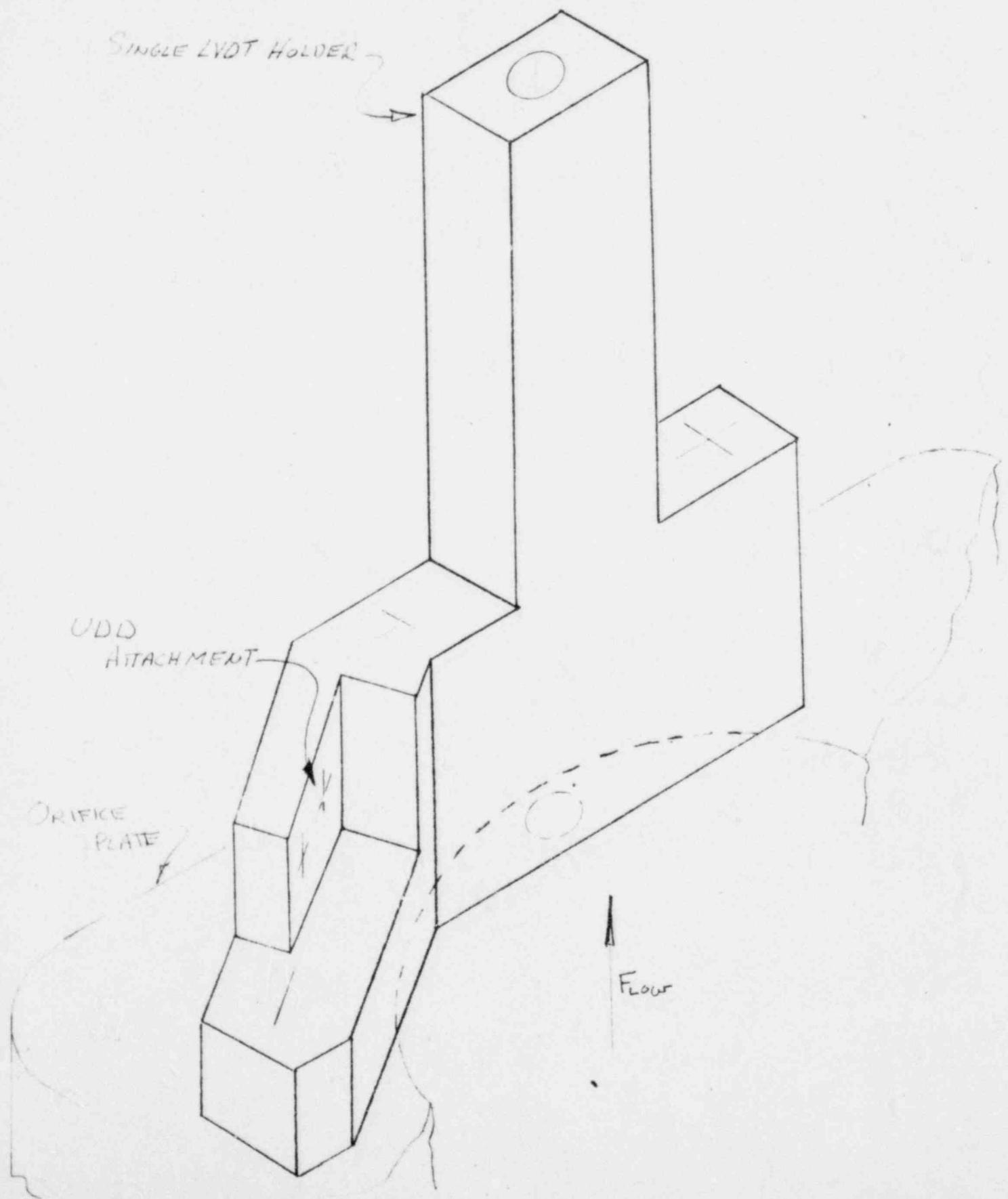
$$\text{Spring force} = (25.5)(1.0 - .75) = 6.4 \text{ lb} \quad \underline{\text{small}}$$

LOADS FROM ATTACHED UDD

LOADS ON THE UDD ARE OBTAINED FROM  
LTR 141-86, REF 5

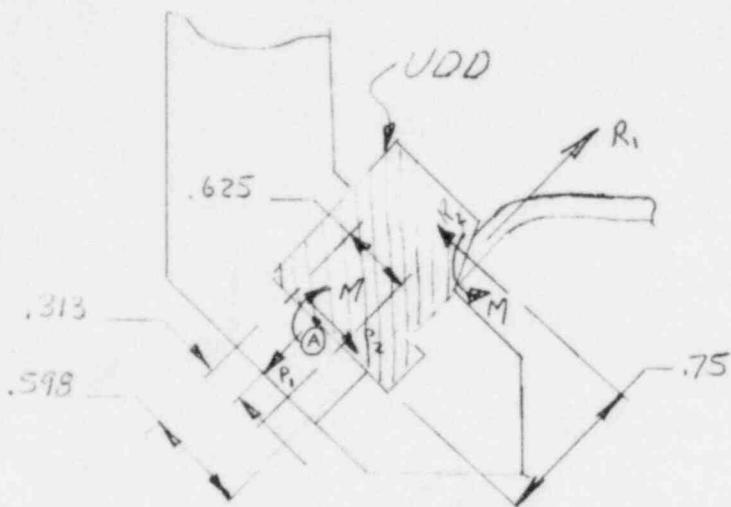


$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= -9.7 \text{ lb} \\ R_2 &= -10.1 \text{ lb} \\ M_3 &= -8.5 \text{ in lb} \end{aligned}$$



SINGLE AND DOUBLE LVDT SUPPORTS.

FOR THE LVDT SUPPORT OF 209250



LOADS AT POINT A)

$$P_1 = R_1 = -9.716$$

$$P_2 = R_2 = -10.716$$

$$M = M_3 + R_1(.75) + R_2(.513)$$

$$M = (-9.5) + (-10.1)(.75) + (-9.7)(.513)$$

$$M = -21.9 \text{ in/lb}$$

HYDRAULIC LOADS ON EXPONDER OF LVDT SUPPORTFLOW PROPERTIES ARE OBTAINED FROM LTR 141-80,  
REF 3

THE HYDRAULIC FORCE ACTING ON THE EXPOSER AREA OF THE LVDT HOLDER IS GIVEN BY:

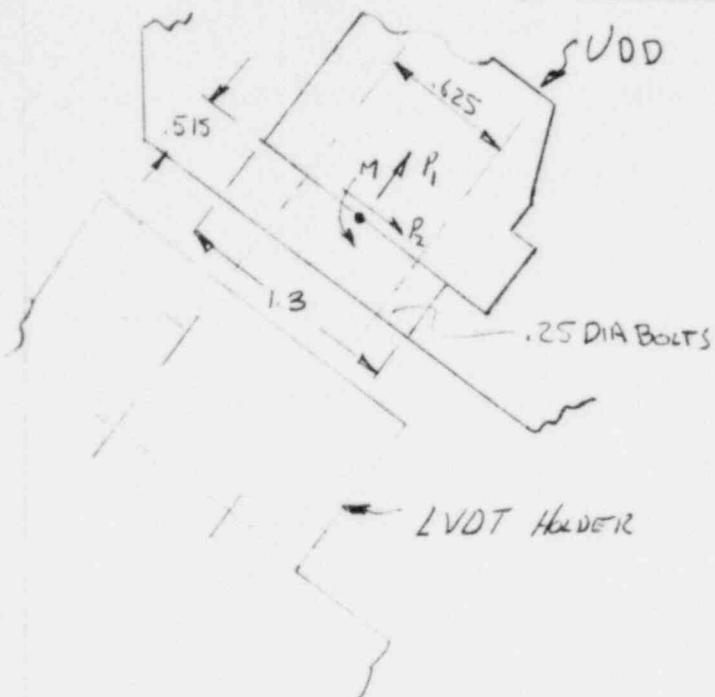
$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 C_d A$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = 24.05 \text{ psi} \quad (\text{REF 3, pg 19})$$

$$C_d = 2.5$$

$$\text{ESTIMATED AREA} = 1.5 \text{ m}^2$$

$$P_0 = (24.05)(2.5)(1.5) = 90.2 \text{ lb}$$

SINGLE AND DOUBLE LYDT SUPPORTSUDD ATTACHMENT Bolts

$$\begin{aligned}P_1 &= 9.7 \text{ lb} \\P_2 &= 10.1 \text{ lb} \\M &= 21.9 \text{ in/lb}\end{aligned}$$

ASSUME BOLT LOADS AS FOLLOWS

$$\text{SHEAR} = 10.1/3 = 3.4 \text{ lb}$$

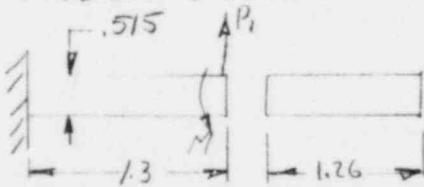
$$\begin{aligned}\text{TENSION } P_1 + M/.625 \\&= 9.7 + 21.9/.625 \\&= 45 \text{ lb}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{TENSION} &= \text{SHEAR AREA} \cdot 0.362 \text{ in}^2 \\ \text{SHEAR STRESS} &= 3.4/0.362 = 9.4 \text{ psi} \\ \text{TENSILE STRESS} &= 45/0.362 = 124.3 \text{ psi}\end{aligned}$$

STRESSES ARE SMALL

.515 Mounting Wall

FOR PURPOSES OF ANALYSIS ASSUME THE UDN MOUNTING WALL TO BE CANTILEVERED WITH EXTERNAL LOAD  $P_1$  AND MOMENT  $M$ .



$$I = \frac{1}{2}(1.26)(.515)^3 = .0143 \text{ in}^4$$

$$M_{max} = 21.9 + 9.7(1.3) = 34.5 \text{ in-lb}$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{(34.5)(.515)}{.0143} = 621 \text{ psi}$$

small

LVDT ATTACHMENT TO ORIFICE PLATE

CONSIDER ONLY 2 BOLTS TO CARRY LOAD

$$\text{SHEAR LOAD FROM UDD} = \sqrt{9.7^2 + 10.1^2} = 14.0 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{TENSILE LOAD} = 90.2 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{LOAD PER BOLT: SHEAR} = 7 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{TENSION} = 45.1 \text{ lb}$$

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## SINGLE AND DOUBLE LVDT SUPPORTS

Assuming f = 8 316 SST ASME SA-173 1/4" UNC OR  
EQUIVALENT BOLT  
STRESS AREA = .0773 in<sup>2</sup>

TENSILE STRESS  $\frac{45.1}{.0773} = 583 \text{ psi}$   
SHOCK STRESS  $\frac{71}{.0773} = 91 \text{ psi}$  low end

THE DOUBLE LVDT HOLDER SEES SHOCK LOADS  
AND STRESSES.

MODIFIED ORIFICE PLATE & UPPER STRUCTURE

MODIFICATION OF THE CENTER FUEL ASSEMBLY ORIFICE PLATE TO ACCOMMODATE THE LVDT BEARER IS SHOWN ON DWG 209250 SHEET 2 AND CONSISTS OF 1) REDUCING THE INSTRUMENT CHANNEL SECTION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ORIFICE PLATE AND 2) LOCATING SEVEN NEW BOLT HOLES AND NOTCHES IN THE PLATE & UPPER STRUCTURE WALL.

THE REDUCED SECTION OF THE INSTRUMENT CHANNEL WAS REVIEWED AND FOUND STRUCTURALLY SOUND IN LETTER KCB-10-78 REF 7.

THE ORIFICE PLATE IS ANALYZED IN LTR 1111-32 (REF 8). THE MAXIMUM STRESS DUE TO PRESSURE LOADING WAS FOUND TO BE 1280 PSI WITH AN ASME CODE ALLOWABLE OF 16100 PSI. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THAT THE DIRECT LOADING OF THE MOUNTING PLATE ON STRESS CONCENTRATIONS DUE TO THESE HOLE'S WILL INCREASE THE STRESS LOADS TO THE 16100 PSI ALLOWABLE.

UDD AND THERMOCOUPLE MOUNTING 209282

PRIMARY LOADING OF THE UDD MOUNTING IS FROM

- 1) LOAD FROM THE UDD
- 2) HYDRAULIC LOAD FROM FLUID FLOW

LOADS FROM THE ATTACHED UDD ARE ASSUMED AS SHOWN ON PAGE 3.

THE HYDRAULIC LOAD IS CALCULATED AS

$$P_d = \frac{1}{2} \rho_c C_d V^2 C_d A$$

THE DYNAMIC PRESSURE TERM  $\frac{1}{2} \rho_c C_d V^2$  IS ASSUMED AS THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF 24.05 psi REPORTED IN LTR 141-80, (REF 3)

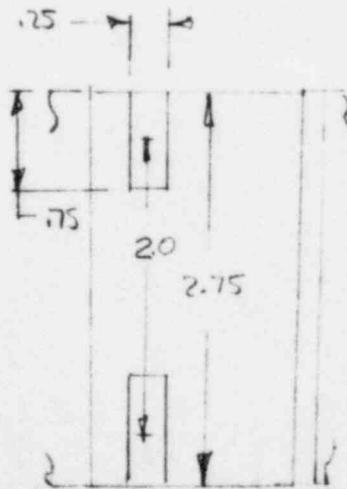
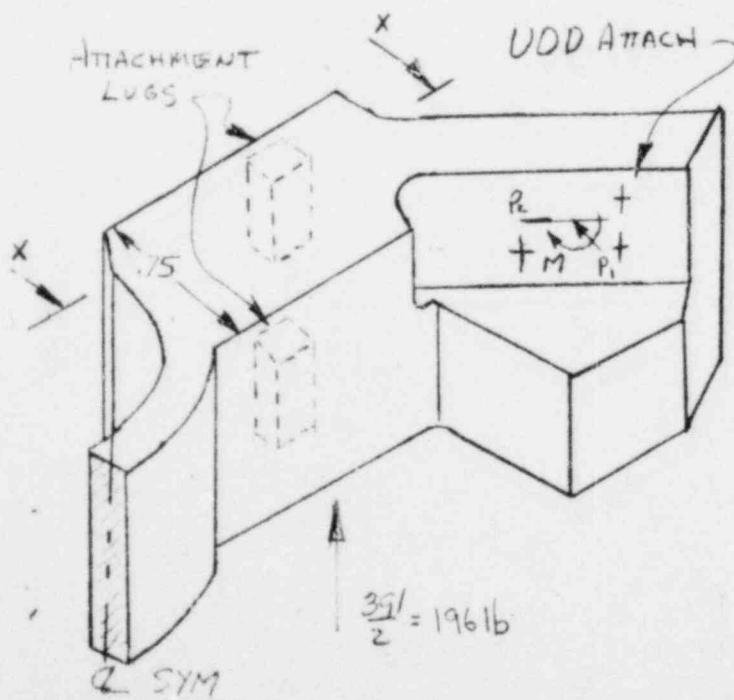
$C_d$  IS TAKEN AS 2.5

$A$  IS ESTIMATED FROM 209282 AS  $6.5 \text{ in}^2$

THE HYDRAULIC LOAD IN THE DIRECTION OF FLOW IS

$$P_d = (24.05)(2.5)(6.5) = 391 \text{ lb}$$

OR AN EQUIVALENT UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED LOAD  
OF  $391/6.5 = 60.2 \text{ lb/in}^2$



ODD AND THERMOCOUPLE MOUNTING 201282

## ATTACHMENT LOGS

From Pg 3       $P_1 = 9.7 \text{ lb}$   
 $P_2 = 10.1 \text{ lb}$   
 $M = 21.9 \text{ in/lb}$

SHEAR LOAD ON LOG =  $P_v = \sqrt{P_1^2 + P_2^2} = 196.3 \text{ lb}$   
 $f_{sv} = 196.3 / (1.25)(.75)(2) = 517 \text{ psi}$   
small ok

## CHECK WELDS - LOG ATTACHMENT TO CHAM STRUCTURE

ASSUME .06 FILLET WELD ONE SIDE OF  
 EACH LOG

SHEAR LOAD ON LOG =  $196.3 / 2 = 98.15 \text{ lb}$   
 TENSILE LOAD ON WELD (.155 in² of Fillet)  
 $(391/2)(1.0) / 2 = 47.7 = 103.5 \text{ lb}$

$f_s = 103.5 / (707)(.06)(.75) = 3030 \text{ psi}$   
 $f_t = 103.5 / (707)(.06)(.75) = 3394 \text{ psi}$

$f_w = \sqrt{3030^2 + 3394^2} = 4593 \text{ psi}$

ALLOWABLE WELD STRESS = 21000 psi ok

## CHECK LVOT HOLD DOWN SPRINGS

SPRING FREE LENGTH = 1.00 in

COMPRESSED LENGTH = .75 in

SPRING RATE = 38 lb/in

SPRING FORCE DOWN ON LVOT =  $(1.0 - .75)(38) = 11.5 \text{ lb}$

ASSUME A FORCE UP ON THE LVOT DUE TO  
 FLOW FROM ONE SIDE AREA OF  $\pi (1.32/2)^2 = .084 \text{ in}^2$

$P_d = \frac{f_{q_c}}{2} \rho V^2 C_d A$   
 where  $\frac{f_{q_c}}{C_d} \rho V^2 = 24.05 \text{ psi}$  (Pg A-7)  
 $C_d = 2.5$

$P_d = (24.05)(2.5)(.084) = 4.83 \text{ lb}$   
4.83 < 9.5

ok

BOLT TORQUE VALUES

PER REF. 6 SUBSECTION NG 3232.2 (b)

"FOR TORQUING DURING INSTALLATION OF FASTENERS, THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF MEMBRANE STRESS INTENSITY SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN 1.2 TIMES THE LIMITS OF "NG 3231.1(a) AT INSTALLATION TEMPERATURE".

PER SUBSECTION NG 3232.1(a)

"THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF MEMBRANE STRESS INTENSITY AVERAGED ACROSS EITHER THE AREA OF THE FASTENER SAWK OR THE TENSILE STRESS AREA OF THE THREAD SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN THE LESSER OF EITHER .9  $S_y$  OR  $\frac{2}{3} S_u$  . . . ."

AT 100°F FOR 316 SST, ASME SA 193 GR BSM

$$\begin{aligned} S_y &= 30 \text{ KSI} \\ S_u &= 75 \text{ KSI} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{REF 6} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} .9 S_y &= .9(30) = 27 \text{ KSI} \quad \leftarrow \text{LIMITING VALUE} \\ \frac{2}{3} S_u &= \frac{2}{3}(75) = 50 \text{ KSI} \end{aligned}$$

THE CODE LIMIT ON MEMBRANE STRESS INTENSITY IS:

$$(1.2)(27) = 32.4 \text{ KSI}$$

THE FORCE  $F$ , IN THE BOLT SAWK CAN BE RELATED TO THE APPLIED TORQUE BY:

$$T = C F d \quad \text{REF 9}$$

$C$  = COEFFICIENT DEPENDENT ON FRIC. AND  
 $d$  = NOMINAL BOLT DIAMETER

FROM REF 10 FOR STAINLESS STEEL BOLTS WITH 2 COATS OF NEOLUBE

$$C = .247$$

BOLT TORQUE VALUES

SINCE  $F = \sigma_e A_b$  THE BOLT TENSILE STRESS CAN BE EXPRESSED:

$$\sigma_e = \frac{T}{.247dA_b} = \frac{4T}{.247\pi d^3}$$

THE SHEAR STRESS IN THE BOLT CAN BE EXPRESSED: REF 9

$$\tau = \frac{\tau r}{J} = \frac{2T}{\pi r^3}$$

THE STRESS INTENSITY CAN NOW BE WRITTEN

$$\sigma_1 - \sigma_2 = 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_e}{2}\right)^2 + (\tau)^2}$$

$$\sigma_1 = 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{2T}{.247\pi d^3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2T}{\pi r^3}\right)^2}$$

$$\sigma_1 = 32.4 \text{ KSI} = 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{2T}{.247\pi d^3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2T}{\pi r^3}\right)^2}$$

FOR 209250-18, -19 .25-28 UNC TAKE  $d = .125$ ,  $r = .125$

$$\left(\frac{32400}{2}\right)^2 = 27210T^2 + 106243T^2$$

$T = 44 \text{ in/lb}$

FOR 209250-20, -21 .375-16 UNC TAKE  $d = .375$ ,  $r = .1875$

$$\left(\frac{32400}{2}\right)^2 = 2389T^2 + 9327T^2$$

$$\underline{\underline{T = 150 \text{ in/lb}}}$$

BOLT TORQUE VALUES

FOR 209250-18-19 .25-28 UNC

ENGAGEMENT (-18) = .148 in

(-19) = 1 dia = .25 in

T<sub>ALL</sub> = .6 Sm = .6(16600) = 9960 psi S.A. 240

THE ALLOWABLE ANGLE LOAD BASED ON THREAD  
SHEAR \*

(-18)  $F_{ALL} = \frac{\pi(2307)(.148)(9960)}{2} = 534 \text{ lb}$

$F = \frac{T}{.247d} = \frac{44}{(.247)(.25)} = 712 \text{ lb}$

712 > 534 So DETERMINE ALLOWABLE  
Torque  $T = (534)(.247)(.25) = 32 \text{ in/lb}$

(-19)  $F_{ALL} = \frac{\pi(2307)(.25)(9960)}{2} = 902 \text{ lb}$

$F = \frac{T}{.247d} = \frac{44}{(.247)(.25)} = 712 \text{ lb}$

712 &lt; 902 OK

FOR 209250-20-21 .375-16 UNC

ENGAGEMENT = .875 in

D = .3412 in

$F_{ALL} = \frac{\pi(3412)(.875)(9960)}{2} = 4670 \text{ lb}$

$F = \frac{T}{.247d} = \frac{150}{(.247)(.375)} = 1619 \text{ lb}$

1619 &lt; 4670 OK

MAX BOLT TORQUES SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS;

209250-18 .25-28 UNC 32 in/lb

209250-19 .25-28 UNC 44 in/lb

209250-20, -21 .375-16 UNC 150 in/lb

\* BOLT THREAD SHEAR AREA IS DETERMINED FROM

$A_b = \frac{\pi D l}{2}$

l = ENGAGEMENT LENGTH

D = AXE OF MAJOR &amp; MINOR DIAM.