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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents part of the results of a study on rail material characterization for the correlation of rail defect growth and failure properties to better define rail defect mechanisms. The work was conducted as part of the Track Structures Program under the direction of the Transportation Systems Center, and sponsored by the Federal Railroad Administration. The results are presented in two volumes entitled:

Determination of Residual Stresses in Rails, FRA/ORD-83/05. Fatigue Crack Initiation Properties of Rail Steels, FRA/ORD-82-05.

Fatigue cracks are a source of rail failure and subsequent train derailment. Residual stresses constitute an important driving force for the initiation and growth of fatigue cracks. Residual stresses are the result of several factors including the effects of the manufacturing/fabrication processes, the constraints and/or loadings due to the total track structure, and the live loads imposed during train passage. Detailed knowledge of the distribution and magnitudes of the residual stresses existing in rail is essential for the analysis of fatigue crack initiation and growth and fracture of rail. The objective of the work described in this report was to determine the residual stress levels and distribution in rail.

A destructive sectioning technique for measuring the complete three-dimensional residual stresses in rail cross sections (away from the bolted or welded joints) was developed. The technique was applied to four tangent rail specimens. Two 136-pound rail specimens were taken from FAST (83 and 270 MGT) and two 132-pound rail specimens were obtained from revenue service (100 and 300 MGT).

The results show that:

- High compressive stresses exist in and near the tread surface of the rail, particularly near the edges of the wear pattern where the plastic flow of metal is extreme.
- High tensile stresses are found just below the tread surface with peak stresses near the edges of the tread (and flange) wear pattern.
- For the traffic ranges examined (83 to 300 MGT), the tensile stresses internal to the rail head increase with increasing MGT.

INTRODUCTION

In its lifetime, a rail is subjected to loadings that cause localized plastic deformations within the rail cross section. The plastic deformations create stresses in the rail that remain even after the original loads are removed. These locked-in stresses are known as residual stresses. Residual stresses, in combination with the cyclic operational stresses, constitute one of the key factors of the internal rail environment in which cracks develop and grow. Therefore, specific knowledge of the residual stress patterns in rail cross sections is essential to any analysis which attempts to investigate fatigue and fracture of rail.

Frequently, the term "residual stress", as applied to rail, refers to the stress condition that is found in the rail in situ, i.e., the rail is constrained and loaded by the conditions of its existence in the total track structure (temperature, joints, tie plates, ties, fill, etc.). These conditions are exclusive of the additional "live" loads to be found during the passage of a train. It is possible, though not normally the case, that these conditions can cause the local plastic deformations described in the first paragraph above. If the rail were removed from these conditions, that is, completely freed from the track structure, its internal stress state would change, but it would still retain significant internal stresses as a vestige of the plastic deformations it experienced throughout its lifetime (including the deformations incurred as part of its manufacture). It is this latter (freed) residual stress state of the rail that is pursued in the work reported herein, and which is referred to as "residual stress" in the remainder of this report.

Various analytical attempts (1,2) have been made to determine the "freed" residual stress state of the rail, particularly with respect to the plastic deformations resulting from wheel/rail contact stresses. This is an extremely complex analytical problem and no definitive answers have resulted from these efforts. Numerous attempts have been made to experimentally determine the "freed" residual stress state of rail. These efforts have used faulty techniques (yielding erroneous results) and/or they have been limited in scope in terms of the extent of the cross section measured and in terms of determining what conditions affect the residual stress formation, and how they affect it. (3)

The main objective of the work described herein is to provide a detailed description of the residual stresses* throughout transverse cross sections of rail and to correlate the measured residual stress patterns and magnitudes with the affecting rail conditions. A key question to be answered is, "Does shakedown (the gradual change in the internal residual stress pattern toward a stable, unchanging pattern) actually occur?" In all of this work, the cross-sectional variations in residual stresses are examined only in that portion of the rail length away (from 3 to 4 feet minimum) from the rail joints (welded or spliced).

A necessary extension of the above objective is to codify the results in a simplified format that renders the results clear and in enough detail that they can be used by other investigators concerned with residual stresses in rails, e.g., fracture and fatigue.

^{*}A similar study was conducted at United States Steel (USS) under a program funded by the Association of American Railroads. The results of that program should partially complement and overlap the subject work. [See reference 4.]

2. SUMMARY

One of the first tasks, and a major achievement in this program, was the development of a technique for measuring the three-dimensional residual stress throughout a rail cross section. The method used involved destructive sectioning of the rail specimen combined with an analytical procedure for resolving measurements of the sectioning effects into the original residual stress state of the rail specimen. Both the experimental and analytical portions of the technique were tested to verify/demonstrate the validity of the technique.

An experimental plan was developed by identifying the most likely affecting variables, by determining what ranges of these variables to investigate, and by balancing the foregoing factors with what specimens could realistically be obtained within the allowed budget. After several iterations, the specimen matrix shown in Figure 1 was accepted.

The main features of this test matrix are three test variables (tonnage, type of traffic, and curvature) of two levels each. The two levels of the tonnage variable were selected primarily to answer the question of shakedown. If shakedown occurs, the stable residual stress pattern should be well established by usage up to the first level, 60 to 150 MGT, and the pattern should remain relatively unchanged by substantial usage through the second level, 200 to 350 MGT. It is recognized that the high rail on curved track goes through a transition in the way it is loaded when the curvature becomes great enough to cause the wheel to go from lateral shear to flange loading. It is estimated that this slippage normally occurs at about 1 to 2 degrees curvature. The limitations on the number of specimens that could be examined and the limited availability of well-documented curved specimens caused the extremes of curvature (tangent and 5 degrees) to be selected for measurement. It must be noted that the shear phenomena will prevent any interpolation between these two data extremes for rail with curvature between tangent and 2 degrees.

Extremes on the type-of-traffic variable, such as heavy traffic (FAST track specimens) and light traffic, were preferred, but obtaining light traffic specimens from industry, particularly in tonnage ranges desired, did not appear feasible. The general traffic specimens 5, 6, 7, and 8 were furnished by Southern Railway System. The general type of traffic on the tangent track included heavy through light freight and a small percentage of passenger service (79 mph maximum speed).

Due to budget restraints which arose after development of the test matrix, only the tangent track specimens 1, 2, 5, and 6 were examined.

Since there were no data on what overall residual stress patterns could be expected in the rail, the first of the four tangent track specimens was heavily instrumented over its head* cross section. Some idea of the detail attempted on this specimen can be obtained from Figure 2, where the dense pattern of rosette strain gages applied to the head cross section is shown. Using the wealth of information obtained on the first specimen, the subsequent specimens were instrumented with fewer gages but with attention to verifying key features of the residual stress pattern and measurement technique.

The data were reduced through point by point calculations of the three-dimensional residual stresses within the rail cross section. Stress contour and vector plots were also prepared in order to convey the patterned information more clearly.

^{*}Previous studies, though of a limited nature, have established that there are only relatively low residual stresses in the web and base of rails. Spot checks during the subject program confirmed this with two exceptions that could be the result of local mechanical working (dents).

TEST MATRIX

33			TON	VAGE	
		60 - 150	MGT	200-30	OO MGT
		TRA	FFIC	TRA	FFIC
_		Heavy	General	Heavy	General
Γ	C U Tan.	136 LB	132 LB	136 LB	132 LB
	V Tan.	(45 mph) 83 MGT	5 (40 mph avg.) 55 mph max.) 100 MGT	2 (45 mph) 270 MGT	6 (40 mph avg.) 55 mph max.) 300 MGT
l	Α Τ		132 LB		131 LB
	4-5° U High Rail	3	7	4	8
	E ''''		IOO MGT		300 MGT

Note: The large numbers in the matrix boxes denote the order of testing.

FIGURE 1. MATRIX OF TEST SPECIMENS FOR RESIDUAL STRESS MEASUREMENTS

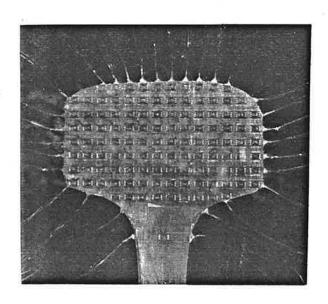


FIGURE 2. ROSETTE STRAIN GAGES ON HEAD CROSS SECTION, SPECIMEN 1

3. MAJOR CONCLUSIONS AND RESULTS

3.1 TECHNIQUE

The techniques used in this program were very successful in detailing the three-dimensional residual stress distributions in the specimens examined. The technique is applicable to those middle lengths of a rail away from its joint ends. Though the technique involves moderately exacting experimental measurements, the analytical conversion of the data to residual stresses was simplified through the adaptation of approximating assumptions. These assumptions have been shown to effect errors of less than 10 percent at points of significant residual stress over the major portion of the rail head. Errors of up to 44 percent occur in the very high compressive stress gradient found near the edge of the surface metal flow lip.

3.2 GENERAL PATTERNS OF RESIDUAL STRESS

General patterns of residual stress formation emerged from the measurements on tangent rail. These are revealed in Figures 3 and 4. Figure 3 shows the contours of the axial stresses in heavy traffic specimen 1, taken at 83 MGT. Flow of the surface metal laterally away from the top rail contact region, and particularly toward the gage side of the cross section, precipitates regions of acute compressive stress at the edges of these flow paths. A very high compressive stress* (>90 ksi) is found at the gage-side surface just below the edge of the flange wear pattern. These regions of compressive stress are not very deep at the edges of the wear pattern, but become deeper as they run across the head of the rail beneath the central tread region.

Closely allied to the regions of high compressive stress are regions of tensile stress. Note how the tensile stress regions seem to point peninsulas of tensile stress diagonally up toward the high compressive regions at the edges of the wear pattern. This is particularly visible in Figure 4, where the principal stresses in the plane of the cross section are shown. Note the high surface compressive stresses (inward arrows) at the edges of the wear (flow) region. But more importantly, note how high, in-plane, tensile stresses peak and point diagonally up toward the surface regions after running broadly and horizontally across the head underneath the center tread compressive zone. Both the axial and in-plane stresses drop off to low levels as the head narrows into the web.**

3.3 CONSISTENCY OF STRESS PATTERN ALONG RAIL LENGTH

The residual stress patterns, particularly those inside the rail and away from the surfaces, are consistent along the length of a tangent rail specimen. Checks on the uniformity of the stress patterns observed, with position along the length of the rail, were made. The principal compressive stresses over three feet along the centerline of the tread surface of specimens 1 and 2 vary as much as 34 percent from their average value. Two cross sections, 18 inches apart along the length of specimen 2, were subjected to identical transverse section measurements. The average variation in

^{*}The results show stresses at a few points that may be in excess of the ultimate material strength. This probably arises from a condition where the strain relaxation upon sectioning went slightly plastic. The stress calculations that use these strains assume elastic relaxation, and therefore they produce an artificially high stress prediction. These points should be regarded as being highly stressed in the direction indicated (tensile or compressive), but the actual magnitude is somewhere between yield and ultimate.

^{**}A region of high compressive stress (-35 to -65 ksi) may be observed in the lower field-side portion of Figures 3 and 4. This region does not appear to be associated with the contact surface of the rail, and this knot of compressive stress was not found in the other three specimens examined. It was noted during sectioning of specimens that apparently very hard spots would occur locally, as evidenced by repeated saw-tooth breakage over a 1/2- to 1-inch length of the cut. These spots occur only at a few locations whose distribution appears random. Perhaps these regions are artifacts of the manufacturing process.

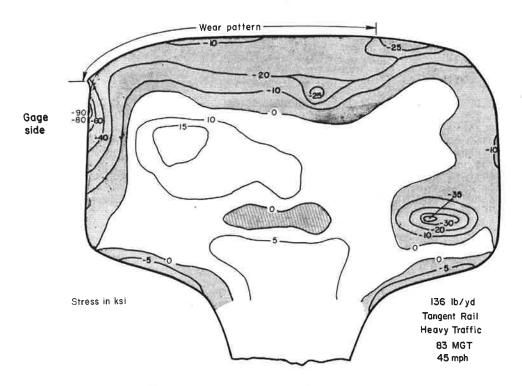


FIGURE 3. AXIAL RESIDUAL STRESS PATTERN

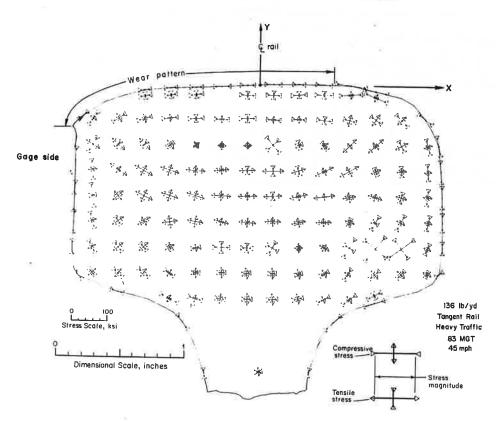


FIGURE 4. RESIDUAL STRESSES IN TRANSVERSE CROSS SECTION

internal (away from the surface) principal stress from one section to the next is 12 percent, with a maximum variation at one location of 26 percent. The orientations of these internal stresses from point to point are virtually identical. The variations in the stresses on the rail surfaces at these two sections average 25 percent, with a maximum variation at one location of 62 percent.

3.4 RESIDUAL STRESS MAGNITUDES AND SHAKEDOWN

The general stress patterns described above are present in all four tangent rail specimens. In terms of the stress magnitude, the surface and near-subsurface compressive stresses are the highest. Of these, the transverse stresses (those oriented around the periphery of the rail cross section and/or those lying in the transverse cross section) are greater than the axially oriented compressive stresses. Next in magnitude come the tensile stresses lying in the transverse cross section. The tensile stresses oriented in the axial direction have the lowest maximum values of all the residual stress component orientations. Table 1 lists the maximum values of each type of residual stress orientation for each of the tangent rail specimens.

The data from the four specimens* support the conclusion that shakedown does not occur within the range of 83 to 300 MGT for tangent rail under general-to-heavy traffic conditions. By looking at columns B and D in Table 1, it can be seen that the stresses (both compression and tension, lying in the transverse cross section of the rail) increase markedly with increased MGT. The axial tensile stresses (column E in Table 1) increase with MGT for the heavy traffic condition and register a slight decrease for the general traffic condition. Both the in-plane and axial stresses associated with the rail surfaces (columns A and C in Table 1) show a decrease with increased MGT. Perhaps flowing of the surface metal passes through a maximum stage after which the residual stresses in and near the rail surfaces are more evenly distributed and wear mechanisms erase the regions of acute stress.

The trend that emerges from the examination of these four tangent rail specimens is one of a general stress pattern within which the levels of stress are fluid, that is, the stress magnitudes change with time. Furthermore, these changes in stress magnitude at a point in the rail cross section are not merely the result of a moving (lowering) wear surface.

The increased pounding of tonnage (whether from general or heavy traffic) up into the 300 MGT level seems to drive the stresses in the transverse plane to higher levels within a general pattern that moves down into the rail head along with the wear surface. The axial tensile stresses inside the head also increase in this manner for heavy traffic, but remain relatively unchanged under general traffic.

The compressive stresses at and near the rail surface are more complex and difficult to predict. This is probably due to an intimate relationship between these stresses and the surface wear mechanisms and also to the fact that the stresses at the rail surface more closely reflect the random nature of the wheel contact loads that create the residual stress conditions.

^{*}It must be recognized that examination of only four specimens (each differing from the others) represents a severely limited sampling.

TABLE 1. MAXIMUM RESIDUAL STRESSES MEASURED ON EACH OF TANGENT RAIL SPECIMENS

			MAXIMUM RESIDUAL	MAXIMUM RESIDUAL STRESS COMPONENT, ksi	r, ksi	
		(A)	(8)	(၁)	(a)	(E)
	SPECIMEN NO. DESCRIPTION	PERIPHERAL ON THE SURFACE (COMPRESSIVE)	IN THE TRANSVERSE PLANE SUBSURFACE (COMPRESSIVE)	AXIAL (COMPRESSIVE)	IN THE TRANS- VERSE PLANE (TENSILE)	AXIAL (TENSILE)
<u> </u>	Heavy Traffic 83 MGT	-142.7	-49.0	-91.0	41.0	17.3
2.	Heavy Traffic* 270 MGT	-100.7	-66.5	-63.8	64.3	22.0
2.	General Traffic 100 MGT	- 59.2	-34.3	-39.7	35.9	18.9
9	General Traffic 300 MGT	- 40.2	-59.8	-31.6	41.3	18.4

*The stresses shown are the maximums from either of two locations where measurements were made.

4.1 DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEST MATRIX

The primary objective of task 2 was to develop, analyze, and report data on three-dimensional residual stresses in rails in order that the likely state of residual stress in a rail can be readily determined for use in analyses. One of the major aspects of the above objective is the consistency of the residual stress pattern in a rail with continued cycles of loading. Does the rail approach a "shakedown" condition? The test matrix, shown in Figure 1, was developed with the above objective and the practical limitations of specimen collection and measurement in mind. This development is described below.

4.1.1 Excluded Parameters

From the outset it was obvious that it would be difficult to obtain rail specimens in which specific combinations of parameters were present or in which the actual affecting parameters were well known. In addition, the accurate measurement of three-dimensional stresses in rail is an expensive and time-consuming task. This placed practical limits on the number of measurements that could be made. And finally, some parameters that are likely to affect residual stress formation may not be realistic in terms of the existing or near-term spectrum of rail service. In view of the above considerations, it was necessary to judiciously select the set of affecting parameters to be examined experimentally.

By examining the literature and discussing the problem with experienced railroad personnel, a list of possible contributing factors, shown in Table 2, was developed. These factors, in effect, make up the rail service environment. All of the factors shown can affect the residual stress formation. An attempt was made to select the most significant parameters from this list; those selected are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 2. PARAMETERS AFFECTING RESIDUAL STRESSES IN RAIL

Initial Rail Conditions Size

Physical Description (yield, hardness, composition, etc.) Manufacture/Mill

Traffic

Type Speed Density

Time in Service

Tonnage Wear

Construction/Maintenance

Class Subgrade/Ballast Type (bolted, welded) Tie Spacing Installation Temperatures

Territory

Tangent Curved Length of Grade Freeze/Thaw Cycles

Flaws

Size Location Orientation

TABLE 3. INITIAL LIST OF IMPORTANT PARAMETERS

Rail Size Rail Material/Manufacture Type of Traffic Curvature Grade

The reasons for excluding some of the factors listed in Table 2 are as follows:

- 4.1.1.1 Thermal A well designed, installed, and maintained rail should not experience plastic strain due to thermal cycles alone. It is difficult to say what the combined effects of thermal and operational loads are on residual stress formation. In the subject study, it has been assumed that the thermal contribution is minimal.
- 4.1.1.2 <u>Flaws</u> Flaw free rails were used for the residual stress measurements so that the magnitude and distribution of the residual stresses could not be affected by the presence of flaws.
- 4.1.1.3 Wear Wear rates are not necessarily a direct function of tonnage. However, the differences may not affect the residual stress pattern significantly. It has been assumed that if wear affects the shakedown question, it will be manifested in the tonnage parameter.
- 4.1.1.4 Construction/Maintenance Analyses (under DOT/TSC-1038) of normal operating stresses (other than contact stresses) in a normally supported rail have shown that these stresses should not contribute directly to the residual stress formation. This is not true in the joint region, but the program emphasis has been placed on analysis of the midrail (continuous) region. [See reference 2.]
- 4.1.1.5 Traffic Speed Recently collected data under DOT/TSC-1051 have shown that the loads that a rail sees are definitely a function of the train speed. It must be assumed that speed also affects the residual stress formation. A study of this variable was omitted on the grounds that obtaining specimens with all other parameters equal but at two distinct levels of traffic speed would be difficult. The more likely situation is that the speed is constant (the FAST specimens are all at 45 mph) or extremely varied. In any event, some documentation or estimation of the constant speed or speed range has been annotated to the measurements that were made. [See reference 5.]
- 4.1.1.6 Traffic Density It is known (DOT/TSC-1044) that traffic density can affect the life of a rail. Though it is not clear what the mechanism would be, it is likely that residual stress formation would also be affected. The test matrix (Figure 1) includes density after a fashion. The heavy traffic specimens (FAST) also reflect heavy density. The general traffic specimens are of lower density but do not represent low density. [See reference 6.]
- 4.1.1.7 Manufacture/Mill It has been assumed that there will be little difference in the residual stress formation in rail from one mill versus another, particularly for standard strength rail. However, the baseline "new" rail data are needed and may be a subject for future work. Two of the specimens US Steel is examining are new rail. (4)

The parameters shown in Table 3 were discussed with technical investigators of the Transportation Systems Center (TSC). The reasoning behind the further deletions that resulted in the text matrix (Figure 1) is outlined below.

4.1.1.8 Size - It is likely that the mechanisms of residual stress formation do not change greatly with rail sizes, provided that these rail sizes are within a reasonable range. Therefore, no effort was made to control the size variable; however, 132-pound rail was preferred since this size predominates now and probably will be used in the future.

- 4.1.1.9 <u>Grade</u> For the vast majority of track, it is likely that there is little grade effect. The effect that the grade parameter may have on residual stress formation (if any) is entirely dependent on train handling. For the specimens in the test matrix the grade was minimal.
- 4.1.1.10 Metallurgy High strength rail may well have a significant effect on the residual stresses that are formed in a rail. There is, however, little high strength rail in use.

4.1.2 Test Matrix

The parameters that were selected for inclusion in the test matrix of Figure 1 are tonnage, traffic, and curvature.

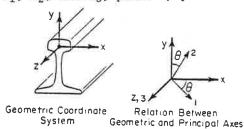
- 4.1.2.1 Tonnage The question of shakedown can only be answered by examining the residual stress pattern at different levels of track usage. The range of 60 to 150 MGT tonnage for the first level was chosen on the basis of indications in the literature that shakedown may have occurred by 40 MGT. The second level of tonnage to be investigated was set at from 200 to 300 MGT, which was considered to be sufficiently advanced beyond the first level to show differences in residual stress patterns, if they exist. The first two specimens of tangent track that saw the heavy traffic of FAST were pulled from service after 83 and 270 MGT, respectively. The general traffic specimens were collected at either 100 or 300 MGT.
- 4.1.2.2 <u>Traffic</u> The extremes of traffic type, heavy and light, were chosen to provide the <u>maximum</u> potential for detecting the effects of this parameter. The heavy traffic specimens all came from FAST where the traffic density is heavy. Light traffic specimens could not be readily located in the industry, so general traffic specimens were collected and used.
- 4.1.2.3 Curvature Three levels of curvature are recognized as being significant in terms of rail loading. These are:
 - tangent track,
 - b. low curvature, where considerable lateral shear forces are in play but the flange does not come in contact on the gage side, and
 - c. high curvature, where the flange is in contact.

The transition between low and high curvature is not well defined, since it depends on several track parameters, but it is generally thought to be between 1 and 2 degrees of curvature. While it would have been desirable to examine a low-curvature specimen, it is not possible to obtain specimens of this type from FAST. The only place that this curvature exists at FAST is on spiral track where the loads tend to vary in an unpredictable manner. Only the two extremes of curvature, tangent and 5 degrees, were to be examined. The additional question of whether lubricated rail is to be used or avoided was not resolved. This may be a moot question since this practice has not been consistent on the FAST track.

- 4.1.2.4 Statistics As cautioned above in Section 3, Major Conclusions and Results, four specimens constitute rather slim evidence from which to draw generalizations. Accordingly, the conclusions are limited to the observations that the general residual stress patterns in all four specimens are similar, and that it should not be assumed that the shakedown phenomenon exists.
- 4.2 BATTELLE SLICING TECHNIQUE FOR THREE-DIMENSIONAL RESIDUAL STRESS DETERMINATION IN RAIL

The Battelle slicing technique for determining the three-dimensional residual stress field in a rail consists of modifying and combining what is commonly known as

the Yasojima and Machii technique with the Kalakoutsky or Meier technique. However, as is shown below, the Yasojima and Machii technique is very much modified by taking both a much thinner slice than is normally done and by subslicing (dicing) the slice. The Meier technique, as applied, is essentially unaltered. The following development shows that the first x-y slice (see Section 4.2.1, Mechanical Procedure), by relieving the z stress, causes the strains at each point in the slice ($\epsilon_{\rm X}$ and $\epsilon_{\rm Y}$ in the x-y plane) to be incremented by a function of the original z stresses on the face. The subsequent dicing of the x-y slice permits determination of the incremented strains ($\epsilon_{\rm X}$ and $\epsilon_{\rm Y}$). Further, the Meier technique provides the original z-axis strain, $\epsilon_{\rm Z}$. Combining $\epsilon_{\rm X}$ and $\epsilon_{\rm Y}$ and $\epsilon_{\rm Y}$ and $\epsilon_{\rm Z}$ (by the techniques described in Section 4.2.2, Analytical Procedure) permits the original strains $\epsilon_{\rm X}$ and $\epsilon_{\rm Y}$ (those in the presliced condition) to be determined. Finally, from the original strains ($\epsilon_{\rm X}$, $\epsilon_{\rm Y}$, and $\epsilon_{\rm Z}$) the residual stress field ($\sigma_{\rm X}$, $\sigma_{\rm Y}$ and $\sigma_{\rm Z}$) is determined point by point. These can then be transformed to the principal stresses $\sigma_{\rm 1}$, $\sigma_{\rm 2}$, and $\sigma_{\rm 3}$, point by point.



Much work went into the development of both the experimental and the analytical procedures used in the Battelle slicing technique. This evaluation/calibration work and results are detailed in Appendix A.

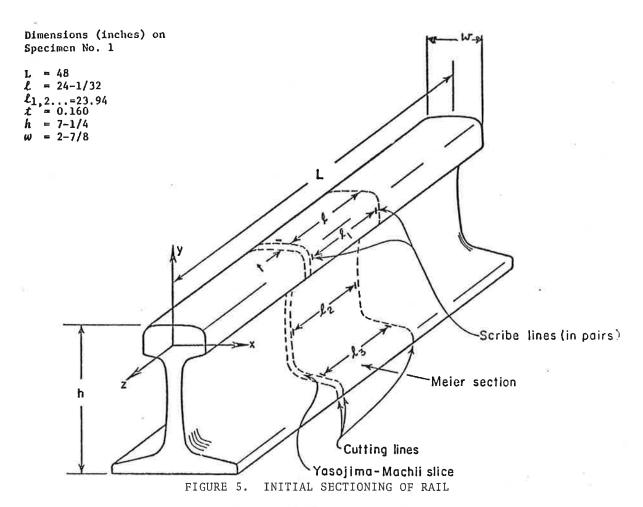
4.2.1 Mechanical Procedure

The mechanics of supplying this technique are now described as they were applied to specimen 1. Initially, a section of rail L inches in length is considered within which it is desired that the full three-dimensional residual stress field be determined. (See Figure 5.) For clarity, the steps of Battelle's slicing technique are listed below. The slicing of the rail (modified Yasojima and Machii technique) and the cutting of it into thin rods (Meier technique) are described separately even though some of the steps are similar and are done at the same time.

This technique involves cutting two slices, as shown in Figure 5, called the Yasojima-Machii slice and the Meier section. From the Yasojima-Machii slice, the strains ϵ_Z and ϵ_t (ϵ_t is the tangential strain) on the periphery are determined along with the incremental strains ϵ_Z' and ϵ_Y' and ϵ_Y' on the face of the slice. The Meier section provides the z-axis strain, ϵ_Z , corresponding point by point to the ϵ_X' and ϵ_Y' strains determined from the Yasojima-Machii slice. These are then combined in a manner, detailed later in this report, to produce the three-dimensional stress field in the rail.

4.2.1.1 Modified Yasojima and Machii Technique

- Step 1. The rail is laid out for the initial x-y slicing. For the modified Yasojima-Michii technique, a thin x-y slice on the order of t = 0.160 inch is required.
- Step 2. The strain gages are applied prior to slicing in order to measure the released strains/deformations on the periphery of the rail from slicing. Biaxial strain gages (Micromeasurements EA-06-Sl224-120) oriented in the z and in the tangential direction are applied around the periphery of what is to be the Yasojima-Machii slice; see Figure 6. The number or frequency of gage locations depends on the fineness desired for inferring surface strains. Forty-three peripheral gages were used on specimen 1.
- Step 3. The Yasojima-Machii x-y slice of the rail is cut using a new bandsaw blade with slow feed and air coolant.
- Step 4. Strain gages on the periphery of the slice are read and recorded. The maximum strain change registered in the peripheral gages on specimen 1 due to the slab cut was 2630×10^{-6} inch/inch. This value was in the longitudinal direction near the edge of the wear lip on the gage side of the rail.



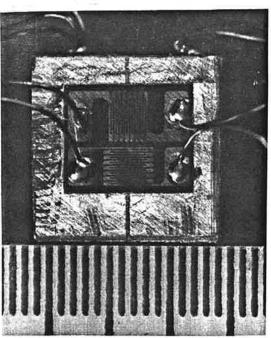


FIGURE 6. DETAIL OF BIAXIAL PERIPHERAL GAGE ON YASOJIMA-MACHII SLICE (SHOWN AFTER DICING)

- Step 5. One face of the Yasojima-Machii x-y slice is hand sanded with emery cloth to smooth the surface for strain gaging. Then this surface is laid out and instrumented for dicing. This slice is laid out in the same size pattern as for the Meier section. (See step D below.) Then at the center of each x-y area, a three-gage strain rosette (Micromeasurements EA-06-015-RJ-120) is placed with a given orientation to the x-y coordinate system; see Figures 7 and 8. (The biaxial gages on the periphery of this slice were placed there in step 2 above.)
- Step 6. The rosette gages are all zeroed and then the slice is diced into cubes 0.160 inch on a side, each containing a peripheral gage and/or a rosette gage; see Figure 9. A bandsaw with slow feed and air coolant is used in this dicing. The change in strain as measured by the strain rosettes for each x-y area is determined. Also, on the periphery σ_Z and σ_t (σ_t is the tangential stress perpendicular to the z axis) are determined directly.

4.2.1.2 Meier Technique

Step A. The rail is laid out for the initial x-y slicing. For the Meier technique, a section approximately three to four times as long as the height of the rail is required (longer lengths are better). However, it is necessary to stay away from the ends of the specimen -- perhaps 1 to 1.5h from each end. Consequently, the above length, ℓ , is a tradeoff (depending on L) between eliminating end effects and improving measurement accuracy over the length ℓ . The longer ℓ is, the greater the accuracy of measuring ℓ and thus calculating ℓ = ℓ = ℓ ℓ . Therefore, a minimum specimen length is defined as

$$3h + 2h < L_{min} < 4h + 2(1.5h)$$

or

$$5h < L_{min} < 7h$$
 .

In the case of specimen 1:

$$36.25 < L = 48 \text{ inches} < 50.75$$
.

$$3h = 21.75$$

 $21-3/4 < \ell = 24$ inches for specimen number 1.

To facilitate the slow bandsaw cutting operation, specimens having a Meier length ℓ of 18 inches are used. This is justified because of the fact that the end effects to be avoided tend to be localized in the various major portions of the rail cross section (base, web, and head). The use of h as the fundamental dimension is, therefore, conservative. The portion of the rail of greatest concern is the head. Its fundamental dimension is its width, w = 2-7/8 inches.

$$3w = 8-5/8 < \ell = 18$$
 inches.

The extent of the end effect was checked on one specimen, and the results readily supported the use of an 18-inch specimen length. This check is described in Appendix A.

- Step B. Scribe marks are applied prior to slicing to measure the released strains/deformations from slicing. Parallel scribe marks are placed inside the slice lines for the Meier slice. Measurements of the change in length between these lines on slicing and grinding (see step D below), divided by the original length, give an indication of the z-axis strain change caused by slicing, e.g., $\epsilon_{\rm Z}$ ^ $\Delta k_1/k$, etc. For specimen 1, these strains range from -41 to 76 x 10-6 inch/inch.
- Step C. The Meier section of the rail is cut using a new bandsaw blade with slow feed and air coolant.
- Step D. The ends of the Meier slice are ground flat and parallel. A grid work is laid out for subslicing the rail into longitudinal rods denoted by (x_1, y_1) , (x_3, y_3) , etc.; see Figure 10. These should correspond to the (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) ,

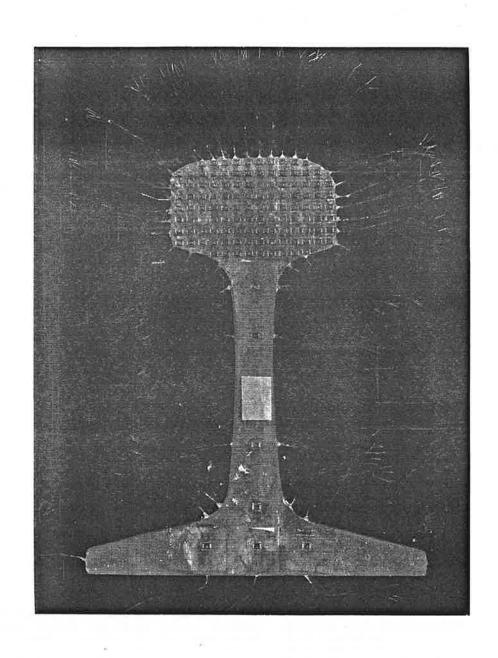


FIGURE 7. FULL ARRAY OF GAGES ON YASOJIMA-MACHII SLICE FROM SPECIMEN 1

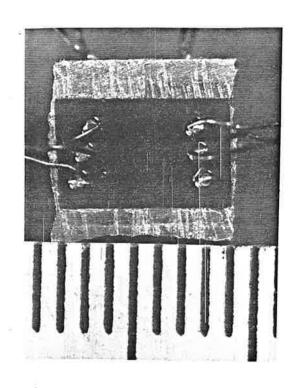


FIGURE 8. DETAIL OF ROSETTE GAGE ON FACE OF YASOJIMA-MACHII SLICE (SHOWN AFTER DICING)

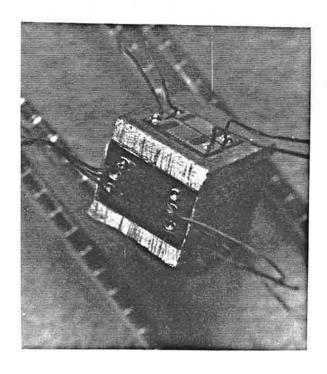


FIGURE 9. GAGED CUBE DICED FROM YASOJIMA-MACHII SLICE

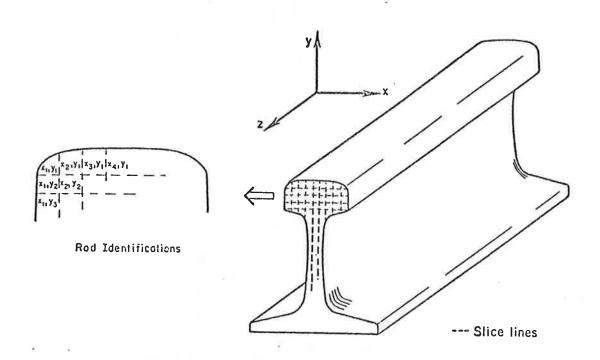


FIGURE 10. LAYOUT OF MEIER SLICE FOR SUBSLICING

 (y_3, y_3) grid on the Yasojima-Machii slice. (See step 5 above.) For each rod position, the lengths, e.g., ℓ_{11} , ℓ_{12} , ℓ_{13} , etc., are measured if different from ℓ (these are not different if the ends are flat and parallel). See Figure 11.

- Step E. The overall change in length at each pair of scribe marks is measured and recorded; see step B (above) and Figure 12.
- Step F. The indicated cuts are made using new saw blades with slow feed and air coolant. (See Figures 13, 14, and 15.) The rod ends are deburred if necessary. The change in length for each x-y rod is determined (see Figure 16), and the z-axis strain calcualted by

$$\left[\varepsilon_{z}\right]_{ij} = \frac{\ell_{ij} - \ell}{\ell}$$
 $i,j = 1,2,...$

Finally, after these two sets of steps have been completed, the strains ϵ_X' , ϵ_Y' , and γ_{XY} are known from the dicing of the Yasojima-Machii slice, and ϵ_Z is known from the Meier section point by point (at the selected points) in the rail. Also, σ_Z and σ_t are known on the periphery of the rail at selected points. Then, using the method described in the following section on analytical procedure, the residual stress field, i.e., σ_X , σ_Y , σ_Z , and τ_{XY} , in and on the rail can be determined. From the strains ϵ_X , ϵ_Y , and γ_{XY} , the principal stress direction θ can be determined,

where

$$\theta = 0.5 \tan^{-1} \frac{Y_{xy}}{x^{+\epsilon}y}$$

Should they be desired, the principal stresses σ_1 , σ_2 , and σ_3 at these points can also be determined.

4.2.2 Analytical Procedure

The analytical procedure must take the various sectioning strains as measured in the mechanical procedure and combine them in a proper sequence of calculations so that the unrelaxed residual strain state (and thereby the residual stress state) that existed in the rail specimen before sectioning is determined. The calculations to do this rely on the following three assumptions:

- a. The residual stresses σ_X , σ_y , σ_z , and τ_{XY} and principal residual stresses σ_1 , σ_2 , and σ_3 are not a function of z; therefore, the direction of the principal stress, σ_3 , is parallel to the z axis. Thus $\sigma_z = \sigma_3$, and $\tau_{XZ} = 0$.
- b. The stresses or strains that originally exist in the rail are not increased during slicing so as to move them into the plastic range. In addition, the unloading stress/strain, σ and ε , curve is the tangent modulus line, i.e., ε = σ/E for a uniaxial stress state.
- c. The material everywhere is homogeneous, linear elastic, and orthotropic. In the calculations for specimen 1 the material properties are assumed to be isotropic (with a Young's modulus of E = 28.9 x 10^6 psi, and a Poisson's ratio of ν = 0.3).

Based on the third assumption, the principal residual stresses in the rail are given by: (For simplicity, the isotropic constitutive equations are presented; however, the method is equally well suited for orthotropic materials.)

$$\sigma_{x} = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \qquad \left[(1-\nu)\varepsilon_{x} + \nu(\varepsilon_{y}+\varepsilon_{z}) \right]$$

$$\sigma_{y} = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \qquad \left[(1-\nu)\varepsilon_{y} + \nu(\varepsilon_{x}+\varepsilon_{z}) \right]$$

$$\sigma_{z} = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \qquad \left[(1-\nu)\varepsilon_{z} + \nu(\varepsilon_{x}+\varepsilon_{y}) \right]$$

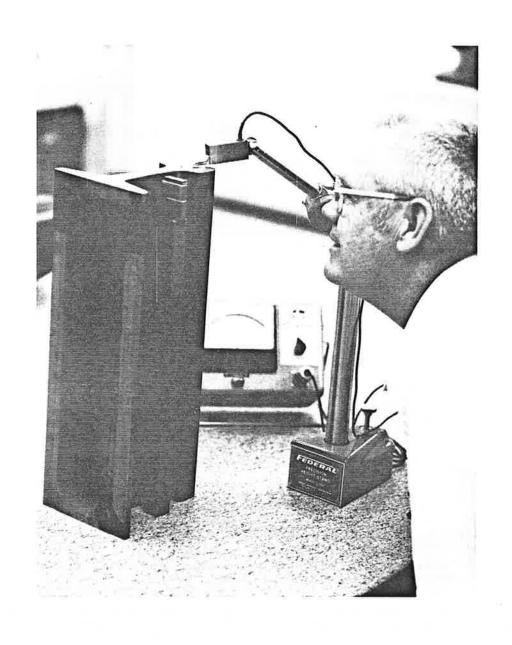


FIGURE 11. MEASURING LENGTH OF MEIER SECTION BEFORE SAWING OF RODS

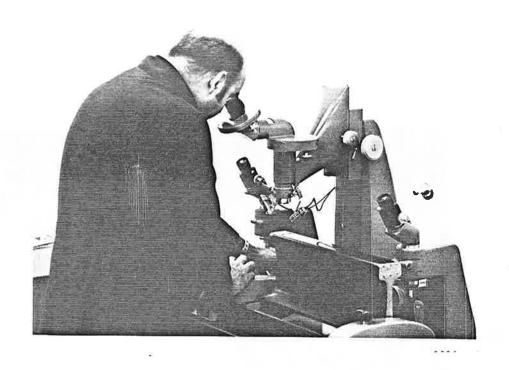


FIGURE 12. MEASURING CHANGES IN LENGTH DUE TO SLICING AND GRINDING MEIER SECTION

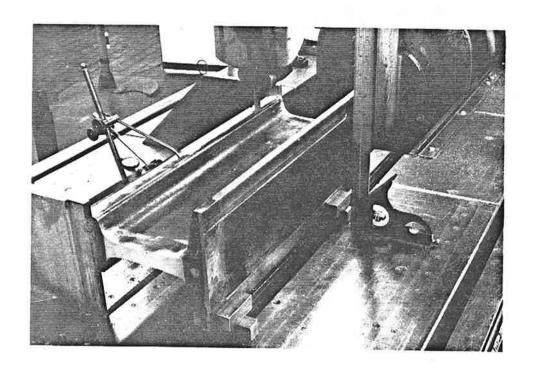


FIGURE 13. INITIAL RAIL HEAD REMOVAL AS PART OF MEIER ROD SLICING

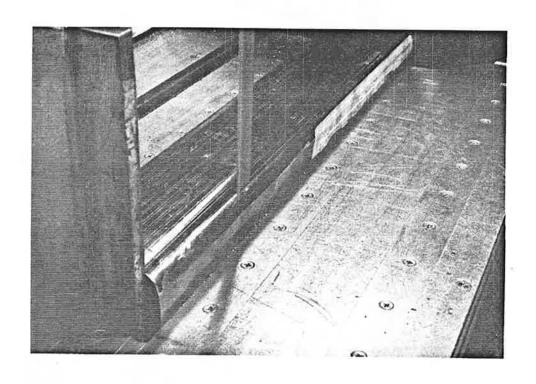


FIGURE 14. FURTHER CUTTING OF RAIL HEAD TO OBTAIN MEIER RODS

FIGURE 15. RODS FROM ONE VERTICAL SLICE OF RAIL HEAD

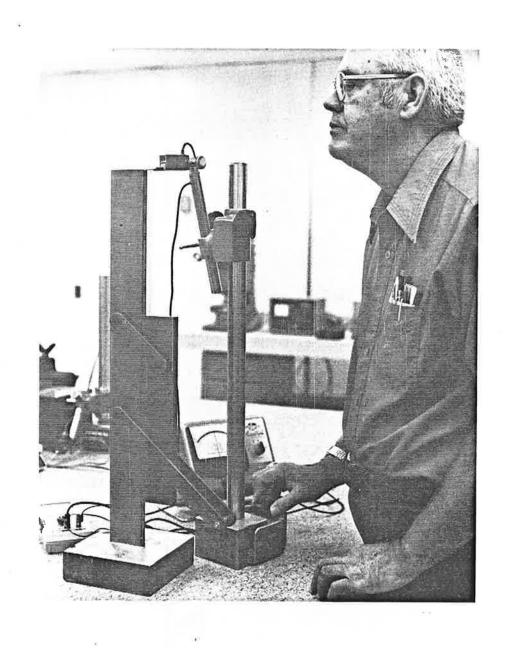


FIGURE 16. MEASUREMENT OF FINAL MEIER ROD LENGTH IN HOLDING FIXTURE

where σ_X , σ_Y , and σ_Z are the residual stresses and ε_X , ε_Y , and ε_Z are the residual strains. Likewise, the actual strains in the rail expressed in terms of the stresses are given by:

$$\varepsilon_{x} = \frac{1}{E} \left[\sigma_{x} - \nu (\sigma_{y} + \sigma_{z}) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_{y} = \frac{1}{E} \left[\sigma_{y} - \nu (\sigma_{x} + \sigma_{z}) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_{z} = \frac{1}{E} \left[\sigma_{z} - \nu (\sigma_{x} + \sigma_{y}) \right]$$
(2)

Two methods of analyzing the strain data have been developed, a complex but accurate analysis and a simplified approximate analysis. The approximate analysis technique was selected for the reduction of the data from all specimens. The reasoning behind this choice is discussed below. Calculations that were run to develop the accurate analysis technique and calculations that were run to compare the two techniques (using data from specimen 1) are described in Appendix A. Since an understanding of the accurate analysis helps in understanding the assumptions employed in the approximate analysis, both techniques are described below.

4.2.2.1 Accurate Analysis - The original strains at all points on a cross section of the rail that are eventually to become the face of the Yasojima-Machii slice are the sets:

$$\varepsilon_{x}$$
, ε_{y} , and ε_{z} .

When the Yasojima-Machii slice is removed, the sets of strains become:

$$\varepsilon_x'$$
, ε_y' , and ε_z' .

When the Yasojima-Machii slice, with the rosette strain gages attached, is modified by dicing around each gage, the strain sets ϵ_X^i and ϵ_Y^i are measured, since these are the strains that are relieved by the dicing. The sets of stress components in the x-y plane that are relieved by this dicing are:

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}^{\prime} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^{2}} \left(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}}^{\prime} + \nu \varepsilon_{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^{2}} \left(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime} + \nu \varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}}^{\prime} \right).$$
(3)

The stress components in the z direction throughout the dicing are $\sigma_Z^1 = 0$ by virtue of the fact that cutting the Yasojima-Machii slice relieves all longitudinal stresses on the face of the slice. However, the set of strains in the longitudinal direction that are relieved by the dicing can be calculated by:

$$\varepsilon_{z}^{\prime} = \frac{-v}{E} \left(\sigma_{x}^{\prime} + \sigma_{y}^{\prime} \right) \quad . \tag{4}$$

We now introduce the Meier sectioning which, through the cutting out of the longitudinal rods, provides a direct measure of the original longitudinal strain set ϵ_Z . By combining these measured strains with the results of calculation (4), the set of longitudinal strain changes, $\Delta\epsilon_Z$, that occur when the Yasojima-Machii slice is made can be determined by:

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{z} = \varepsilon_{z}' - \varepsilon_{z} \qquad (5)$$

By taking this set of strains and applying them to a finite element model of the Yasojima-Machii cross section, the sets of x-y strain changes, $\Delta \varepsilon_{\rm X}$ and $\Delta \varepsilon_{\rm y}$, that occur during the slicing operation can be computed.

The original x-y strain sets are then directly calculated by

and

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}} = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger} - \Delta \varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{y}} = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{y}}^{\dagger} - \Delta \varepsilon_{\mathbf{y}} \qquad . \tag{6}$$

The stresses are then calculated by applying the strain sets to Equation (1).

4.2.2.2 Approximate Analysis - The above analysis requires the use of a finite element model to determine the x-y strain changes during the slicing out of the Yasojima-Machii slab section. The analysis described below, by adopting an additional assumption, allows the direct point-by-point calculation of stress from the measured strains of the mechanical procedure.

On the rail in question, let us apply a stress on the rail cross section, x-y plane, everywhere equal but opposite to the set of stresses σ_Z . In doing this, the ε_X and ε_Y sets of strains of Equation (2) become incremented in the manner

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}}^{\prime} = \frac{1}{E} \left[\sigma_{\mathbf{x}} - \nu (\sigma_{\mathbf{y}} + \sigma_{\mathbf{x}}) \right] + \frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime} = \frac{1}{E} \left[\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime} - \nu (\sigma_{\mathbf{x}} + \sigma_{\mathbf{z}}) \right] + \frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_{\mathbf{z}}.$$
(7)

Thus the sets of strains ϵ_X and ϵ_y everywhere in the x-y plane are incremented by the set $\frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_z$.

Due to the absence of the τ_{XZ} and τ_{YZ} , the set of stresses σ_Z must be self-equilibrating and does not upset the equilibrium of stresses in the x-y plane. The particular distribution of σ_Z stresses on the x-y plane affects the relative distributions of σ_X and σ_Y , but overall equilibrium is not affected. If it is assumed that the relative distributions of σ_X and σ_Y sets of stresses are not substantially changed by addition or removal of the σ_Z set of stresses, it can be concluded that applying a σ_Z opposite to the σ_Z in the rail is the same as slicing the rail into a thin x-y section. Further, if the x-y section is subsliced, then the incremented strains ϵ_X^{\prime} and ϵ_Y^{\prime} can be determined point by point in the x-y plane utilizing strain rosettes on the x-y surface. These incremented strains are by definition given as the original strains, ϵ_X and ϵ_Y , plus the increment ν Equation (7), or

$$\varepsilon_{x}' = \varepsilon_{x} + \frac{v}{E} \sigma_{z} \text{ and } \varepsilon_{y}' = \varepsilon_{y} + \frac{v}{E} \sigma_{z},$$
 (8)

but from Equation (1)

$$\frac{v}{E} \sigma_z = \frac{v}{(1+v)(1-2v)} \left[(1-v)\varepsilon_z + v(\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y) \right]. \tag{9}$$

Therefore,

$$\varepsilon_{x}^{+} = \varepsilon_{x}^{-} + \frac{v}{(1+v)(1-2v)} \left[(1-v)\varepsilon_{z}^{-} + v(\varepsilon_{x}^{-}+\varepsilon_{y}^{-}) \right]$$
 (10)

and

$$\varepsilon_{y}' = \varepsilon_{y} + \frac{v}{(1+v)(1-2v)} \left[(1-v)\varepsilon_{z} + (\varepsilon_{x}+\varepsilon_{y}) \right]$$
 (11)

From the Meier technique the original z-axis strain, ϵ_z , is determined. (Also, ϵ_3 = ϵ_z .) Substituting this value in Equation (10) permits ϵ_x and ϵ_y , the original strains, to be determined since ϵ_x' and ϵ_y' were previously determined from the diced x-y slice. Knowing the original strains, ϵ_x , ϵ_y , and ϵ_z , point by point in the rail now

permits, from Equation (1), the residual stresses σ_X , σ_y , and σ_z to be determined point by point. By placing 45-degree rosettes at each location, the residual shear strain γ_{XY} is also determined, yielding the residual shear stress.

It follows that the principal stresses σ_1 , σ_2 , and σ_3 can be derived from σ_X , σ_z , and τ_{XY} in the x-y-z system, realizing that σ_3 = σ_z , and that

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \tag{12}$$

and

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta - \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta, \tag{13}$$

where

$$\theta = 0.5 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_{x} - \sigma_{y}} \right) .$$

4.2.2.3 Comparing the Two Procedures - The approximate analysis procedure described above has the distinct advantage of requiring only a closed form calculation of the stresses at any point, using the measured data for that point on the cross section. The accurate analysis procedure requires the generation and application of a finite element computer model of each rail section for which data are collected. Furthermore, the accuracy of the computer modeling is greatly dependent upon the number of points measured; the more points, the more accurate the model.

The possibility that the approximate technique provides reasonably accurate stress values was examined using the data from specimen 1. The stresses were calculated using both procedures and the results were compared. At points where the accurate analysis showed a maximum principal stress in excess of \pm 10,000 psi, the approximate analysis matched the stress within \pm 10 percent. This was true for the entire rail cross section except at the edge of the tread wear surface, particularly on the gage side. Here the steep compressive stress gradient caused a disagreement of 44 percent between the two methods. This is not viewed as a serious problem since even the "accurate" technique is suspect in this region due to the probable presence of plasticity in the measurement process and due to the coarseness of the finite element gridwork compared to the steep stress gradient.

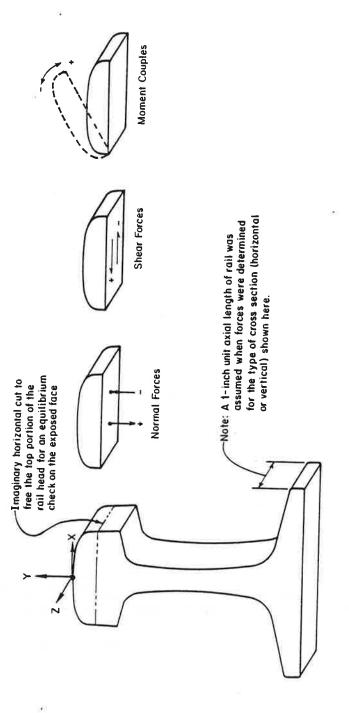
4.2.3 Accuracy Checks

Other than comparison with independent data, there is only one check that can be applied to see if the analytical assumptions and experimental errors have combined to produce unreasonable results. This check is to see if the stress results provide force equilibrium conditions at various cross sections through the rail head. These checks were made using the extensive data from specimen 1. A typical horizontal section taken for this type of check is shown in Figure 17. Equilibrium of the "freed" portion of the head requires that a summation of each force component (normal, shear, and moment) over the cut cross section total up to zero.

Equilibrium was checked on 10 horizontal sections down through the head and on 9 vertical sections taken at either side of the web intersection with the head. Axial equilibrium can be determined only on the one transverse cross section. This was also done but only for the head, i.e., the low stresses in the web and base were not included in the equilibrium balance.

The check results showed reasonably close balances for equilibrium. When equilibrium was checked with cross section not immediately at the surface*, the force or moment imbalances would generally run from 1 to 18 percent of the absolute total of the absolute total of force (moment) components on the section. The horizontal forces and moments in the transverse plane were in particularly good balance. The vertical forces in the plane and the axial forces tended to be overly compressive.

^{*}As discussed previously, the resolution of the technique is inadequate to define the sharply varying compressive stress gradients near the rail surface.



For example, the total normal (vertical) forces on a horizontal cross section generally ran about -24,000 pounds (compressive) versus only 17,000 pounds (tensile). Obviously the normal forces on the cross section are overly compressive; however, if the tensile forces were 17 percent higher and the compressive forces 17 percent lower, the forces would have balanced at -19,900 pounds (compressive) and +19,900 pounds (tensile). The error might be said to be 17 percent. The worst case occurred on the horizontal cut passing through the knot of compressive stress in the lower field-side portion of the head. Very little vertical tensile force, +3,000 pounds, was present here while a very high vertical compressive force, -47,500 pounds, was totalled for the section. This condition suggests that this knot of compressive stress is a local phenomenon and does not extend along the length of the rail; therefore, this knot may have been balanced by some longitudinal stress gradient at this point in the cross section.

The axial forces in the head were +20,500 pounds (tensile) and -29,500 pounds (compressive). This figures to an 18 percent error in each type of force, if they are reconciled in the above manner. Inclusion of the web and base axial stresses in this equilibrium balance may have justified the axial stresses in the head, but the low stresses were not measured with enough definition over the web and base regions to allow this to be done with accuracy.

4.3 RESIDUAL STRESSES IN TANGENT RAIL

The general characteristics of the residual stress patterns in the four tangent rail specimens examined in this program were described in Section 3, Major Conclusions and Results. The results from each specimen are presented here.

- a. A vector plot of the principal stresses in the transverse plane of the rail cross section. This is the only way that the direction of these stresses can be realized. The number and distribution of the measurement points on each cross section are also clearly demonstrated by the vector set plots.
- b. A contour plot of the maximum (tensile) principal stress distributions in the transverse plane. Though this plot does not show the orientations of the tensile stresses, it provides a ready visual display of regions and magnitudes of the tensile stresses in the transverse plane.
- c. A contour plot of the minimum (compressive) principal stress distributions in the transverse plane. This plot displays the regions and magnitudes of the compressive stresses in the transverse plane.
- d. A contour plot of the axial stresses over the head cross section of the rail specimen. Here the stress orientation is always directly out of (or into) the page on which the cross section and the contours are displayed.

The actual numerical values of the stresses determined at each point of measurement on each specimen are documented in Appendix B. The exact location of each measurement point on each cross section (including the web and base measurement points) is also documented in Appendix B.

4.3.1 Specimen 1, Stresses in Heavy Traffic Rail at 83 MGT

The results from specimen 1 were used in Section 3, Major Conclusions and Results, to demonstrate the general patterns of all four specimens. Significant details in the stress patterns of specimen 1 are described below.

In the principal stress vector plots of Figure 18, the largest residual stresses in the transverse plane are the compressive stresses at both edges of the wear pattern and at the knot of stress in the lower field side of the head. The tensile stresses in this plane run horizontally in a deep band across the middle of the head cross section and point diagonally up toward the edges of the wear pattern.

In Figure 19, the principal tensile stress contour plot shows the in-plane tensile stress to peak out 'at +41,000 psi where the tensile stresses point towards the field-side edge of the wear pattern.

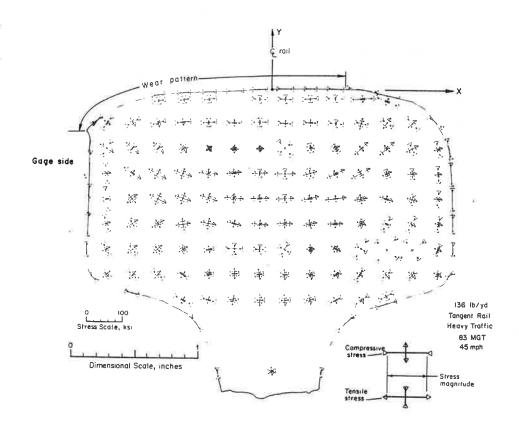


FIGURE 18. SPECIMEN 1, IN-PLANE PRINCIPAL STRESS VECTORS

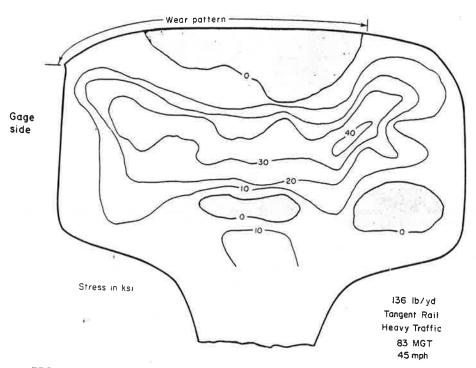


FIGURE 19. SPECIMEN 1, IN-PLANE TENSILE STRESS MAGNITUDE CONTOURS

In Figure 20, the principal compressive stress contour plot shows the in-plane compressive stress to peak at -142,700 psi at the flow lip on the gage-side edge of the wear pattern. A stress of -69,000 psi occurs at the field-side edge of the wear pattern and a stress of -69,000 psi is found in the knot of compressive stress deep inside the head on the field side. Only the central region of the rail cross section displays completely tensile residual stresses.

In Figure 21, the axial (out-of-plane) residual stress contours are shown. Here there is no question of stress direction; it is always normal to the plane of the transverse cross section. The compressive stresses peak at the same locations that the in-plane stresses peak, but the magnitudes are substantially reduced. The axial tensile stress magnitudes are also significantly reduced from the in-plane values. A peak axial tensile stress of +17,300 psi occurs beneath the surface near the gage-side edge of the wear pattern.

4.3.2 Specimen 2, Stresses in Heavy Traffic Rail at 270 MGT

As described earlier, two thin (Yasojima-Machii) slices were taken on this specimen in order to verify the longitudinal consistency of the stress pattern. The actual gaged slices are shown, prior to dicing, in Figure 22. These slices were approximately 18 inches apart at either end of the Meier section. The contour plots presented below were prepared using the averaged values from the two slices. The stress magnitudes discussed here and listed in Table 1 are the maximum values from the two slices.

In the principal stress vector plots of Figures 23 and 24, the consistency of the stress pattern over the 18-inch length is evident. As for the pattern itself, it bears more than a superficial resemblance to the pattern from specimen 1, Figure 18. Again, there are the large compressive stresses in the surfaces associated with the edges of the now broader wear pattern. The tensile stresses run horizontally across the central portions of the head and then point diagonally up toward the edges of the wear (flow) pattern.

In the principal tensile stress contour plots of Figure 25, we see a peak stress of +64,300 psi in the transverse plane. This "finger" of maximum tensile stress points towards the edge of the wear pattern on the field side.

In the principal compressive stress contour plots of Figure 26, the high compressive stresses are again at the edges of the expanded wear pattern, but the magnitudes of from -70 to -100,000 psi are lower than the extremes (-142,700 psi) seen in specimen 1. The region of tensile stresses is broader, and the knot of compressive stresses seen in the low field side of the rail head in specimen 1 is nonexistent in this specimen.

In the axial stress plots of Figure 27, the maximum compressive stresses are again at the surfaces near the edges of the expanded wear pattern. The peak stress of -63,700 psi is lower in magnitude than on specimen 1, and occurs on the field side of the wear pattern rather than on the gage side. The peak axial tensile stress of +22,000 psi also occurs on the field side up near the edge of the wear pattern, whereas the peak stress on specimen 1 was lower (+17,300 psi) and was associated with the gage-side edge of the wear pattern.

4.3.3 Specimen 5, Stresses in General Traffic Rail at 100 MGT

This specimen had a slightly wider wear pattern on the field side than heavy traffic specimen 1 (83 MGT), and it did not have a pronounced flow lip on the gage side as did specimen 1. The principal stress vector plots, shown in Figure 28, display a pattern similar to those of the heavy traffic specimens. The general pattern is one of high surface compressive stresses toward the edges of the wear pattern and horizontally oriented tensile stresses through the central portion of the head with a shift to pointing diagonally up toward the top corners of the rail. There are a few isolated points of compressive stress deep within the rail head.

The principal in-plane tensile stress contours of Figure 29 show a peak tensile stress of +35,700 psi where the stresses point diagonally up toward the gage-side corner of the head. The tensile stress level of +30,000 psi runs broadly across the center of the head around a small region of compressive stress.

Principal in-plane compressive stresses are shown in Figure 30. A surface compressive stress maximum of -59,200 psi occurs at the edge of the wear pattern on the field side. An even higher surface compressive stress may have been present on the gage side

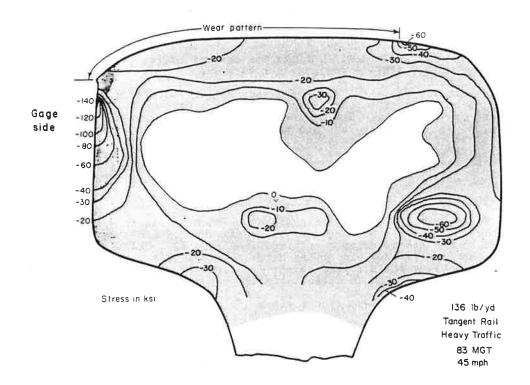


FIGURE 20. SPECIMEN 1, IN-PLANE COMPRESSIVE STRESS MAGNITUDE CONTOURS

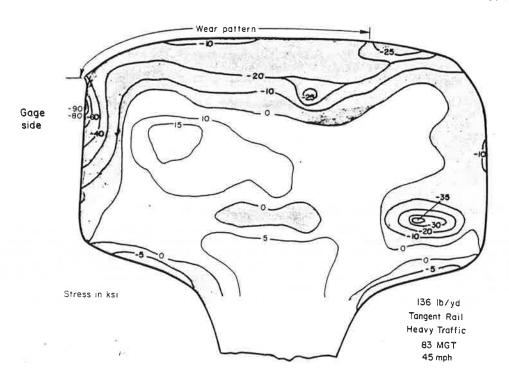
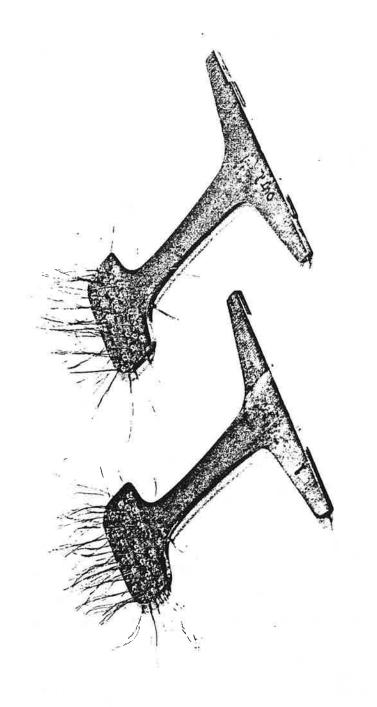


FIGURE 21. SPECIMEN 1, AXIAL STRESS CONTOURS



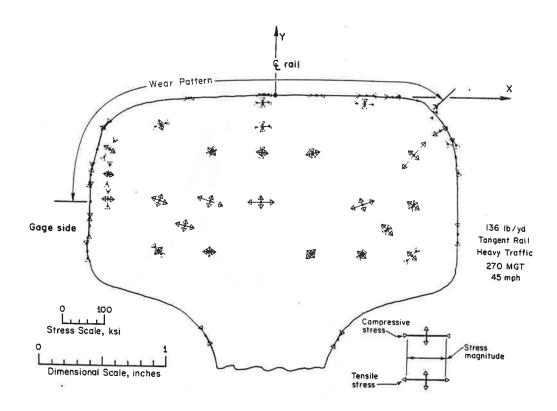


FIGURE 23. SPECIMEN 2, IN-PLANE PRINCIPAL STRESS VECTORS (SLICE 1)

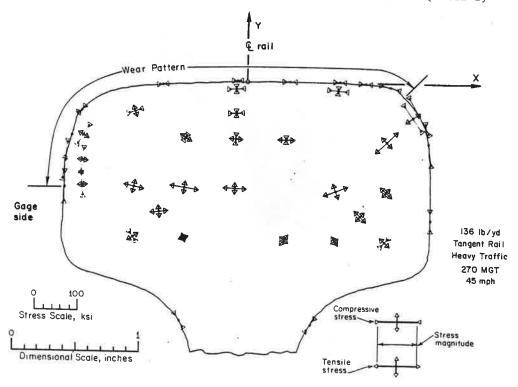


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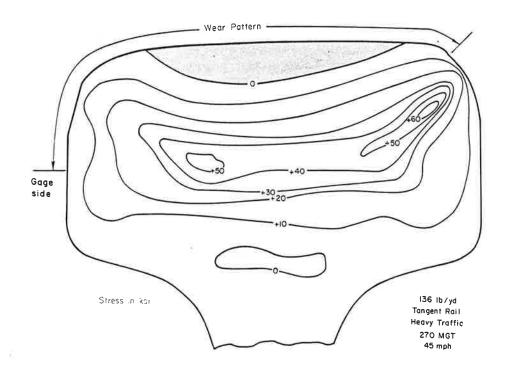


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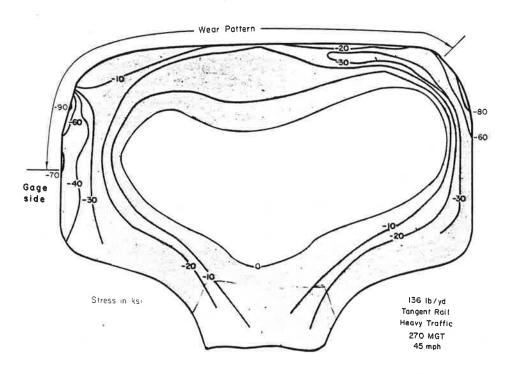


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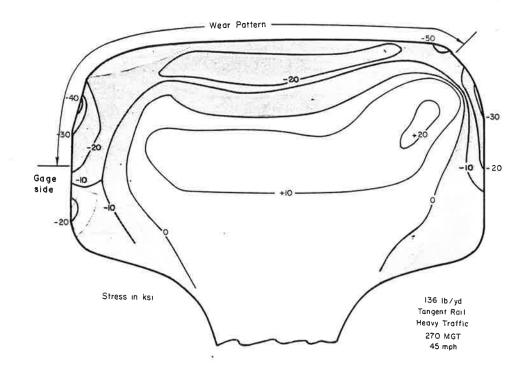


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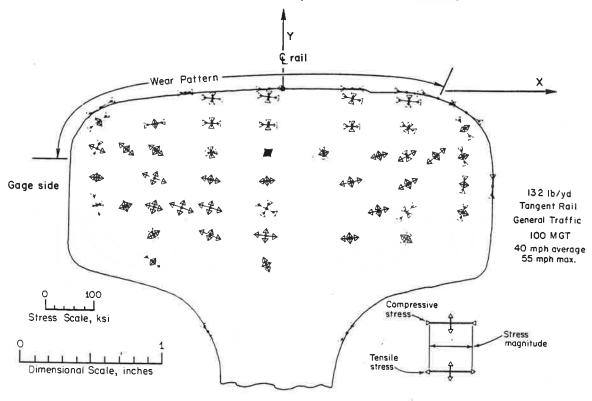


FIGURE 28. SPECIMEN 5, IN-PLANE PRINCIPAL STRESS VECTORS

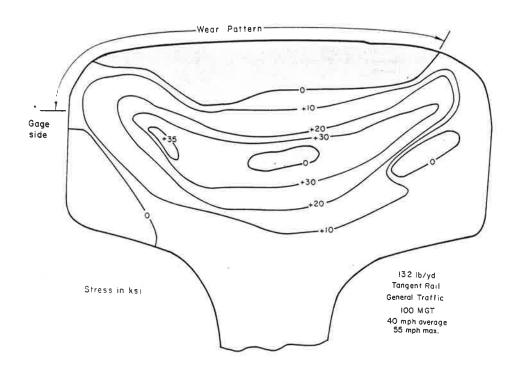


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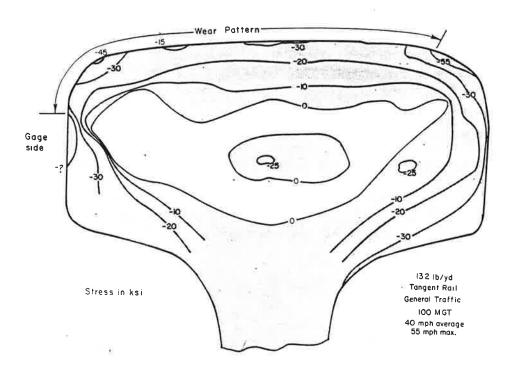


FIGURE 30. SPECIMEN 5, IN-PLANE COMPRESSIVE STRESS MAGNITUDE CONTOURS

of the wear pattern, but the gage location system did not allow sufficient material on this side of the specimen for gaging.

The axial stress contours of Figure 31 show both compressive and tensile stress levels well below the in-plane levels. A maximum axial compressive stress of -39,700 psi occurs on the gage-side corner of the wear surface. A maximum axial tensile stress +18,900 psi occurs in the diagonal run of stress pointing toward the top gage-side corner of the rail cross section.

4.3.4 Specimen 6, Stresses in General Traffic Rail at 300 MGT

The most notable difference between general traffic specimens 5 (100 MGT) and 6 (300 MGT) is that the metal flow at the edges of the wear surface on specimen 6 forms distinct lateral protrusions or "lips." On specimens 1 and 2, the small gage side flow present (or evident) at 83 MGT was completely worn away at 270 MGT, and the gage side of the rail was indented by wheel flange action. The presence of the gage-side lip on the 300 MGT specimen 6 suggests that very little flange contact occurred in this section of tangent track.

The in-plane principal stress vector plots of Figure 32 show the same general stress patterns of the previous three specimens with the exception that gages could not be applied near the edges of the flow lips to adequately verify or disprove the existence of high compressive surface stresses at these points. The usual broad region of tensile stresses runs horizontally through the interior of the head and tips diagonally upward at the edges.

Figure 33 shows the principal in-plane tensile stresses. The peak tensile stress of +41,300 occurs in the same gage-side diagonal location as the tensile peak stress in specimen 5 (+35,700). As well as being higher, the in-plane tensile stresses of specimen 6 cover a broader area of the rail head than those in specimen 5. An interesting point about the general traffic specimen is that, while the in-plane tensile stresses increase in both general and heavy traffic specimens with increased MGT, the peak stress location does not shift from the gage-side diagonal to the field-side diagonal as it does with the two heavy traffic specimens.

The in-plane compressive stress contours of Figure 34 are remarkable only in the one point of compressive stress low in the gage-side portion of the head which measured -59,800 psi. There were inadequate measurements to define the surface stresses near the edges of the wear pattern.

Axial stresses for specimen 6 are shown in Figure 35. The tensile stresses are more solidly established within the rail head than those in specimen 5. The peak tensile stress of +18,400 is relatively unchanged from that of specimen 5 (+18,900 psi) and the location has not shifted to the field side as occurred in the heavy traffic specimens. The compressive stresses where measured on the tread surface are substantially lower than those on specimen 5; see Figure 31.

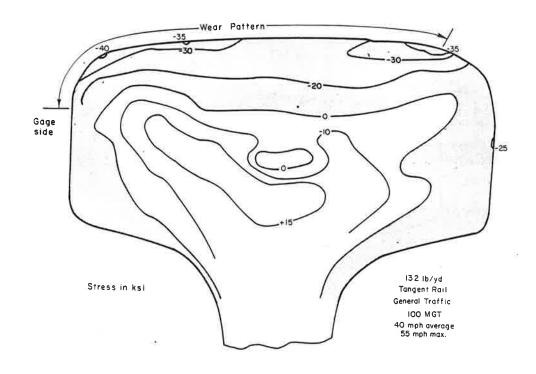


FIGURE 31. SPECIMEN 5, AXIAL STRESS CONTOURS

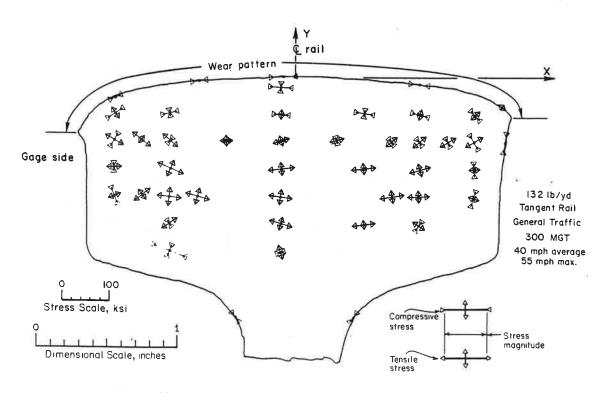


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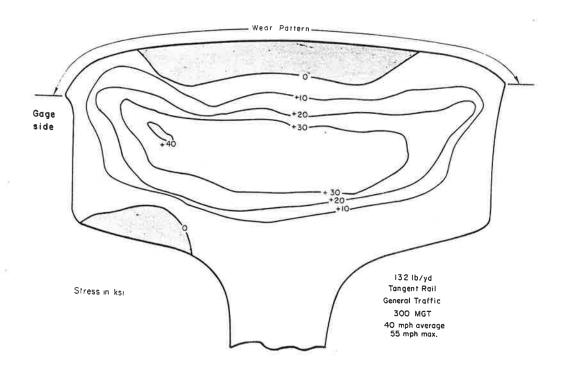


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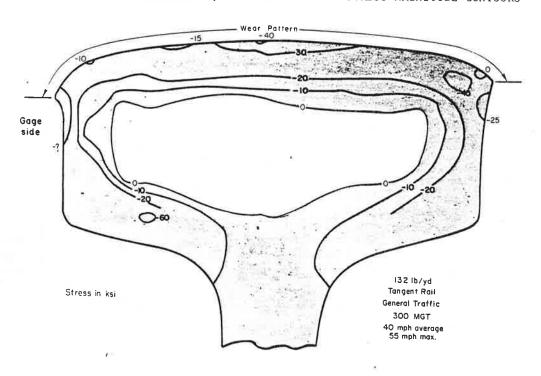


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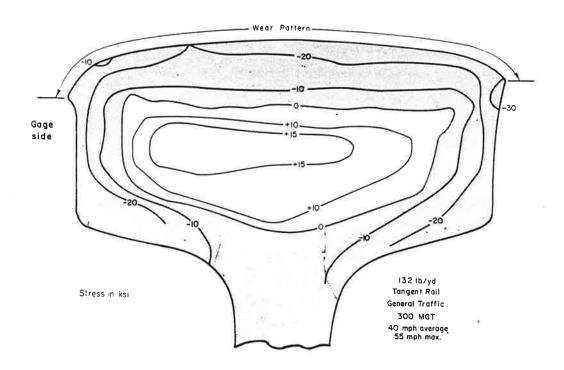


FIGURE 35. SPECIMEN 6, AXIAL STRESS CONTOURS

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APPENDIX A

EXPERIMENTAL AND ANALYTICAL DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDUAL STRESS MEASUREMENTS TECHNIQUE

A number of the assumptions involved in the experimental and analytical procedures of the Battelle slicing technique were subjected to checks, tests, and calibrations. These various evaluation efforts and their results are described below.

Experimental Evaluations

In developing the Battelle slicing technique procedures, special tests were conducted to define the amount of error stemming from the mechanical aspects of the technique itself. Some of these tests were concerned with the sectioning/cutting procedures used in applying the technique, and others were concerned with the consistency of the stress patterns within what were assumed to be axially uniform specimens. These experimental evaluations are discussed in this section.

Cutting Stresses

All of the sectioning of the specimens that took place as part of the Battelle slicing technique was done by bandsaw cutting. Table A-1 lists the various parameters of the bandsaw cutting. Bandsaw cutting does produce some erroneous stress indications in the specimen (through work hardening, heating, etc.), and there are other more delicate techniques, such as Electric Discharge Machining (EDM). But EDM and the other possible techniques are extremely time-consuming and expensive. Previous Battelle experience indicated that bandsaw cutting could be used economically and that the cutting errors could, with care, be controllable to the extent that they could be accounted for by applying a correction factor to the as-measured strains.

A series of tests were run to quantify the errors resulting from the cutting procedures. These tests consisted of applying the procedures to thoroughly stress-relieved rail material and assuming that the resulting residual stress indications were due entirely to technique.

TYPE OF CUT	TYPE OF BLADE*	BLADE SPEED, fpm	BLADE PRESSURE ON WORKPIECE, 1b
Heavy Slab	3/4 - 10 Bimetal	68	40
Thin Rod	3/4 - 10 Bimetal	68	25
Dicing	3/8 - 10 Standard	65	4

TABLE A-1. BANDSAW CUTTING PARAMETERS

*The bandsaw blades were changed at the operator's discretion, but this was done long before a blade would be judged worn under normal cutting conditions.

The stress-relieved rail specimens that were left over from the DOT/TSC-1038 program were used to determine cutting stresses. Under the 1038 program, the rail had been held at a temperature of from 1250°F to 1263°F for 14 hours. It was then cooled down to near room temperature at a rate of less than 10°F/hour. A tensile test on this stress-relieved material gave a yield stress of only 47.3 ksi, an indication that the cold/hot working effects had been relieved.

This material was then used in simulations of the Battelle slicing technique wherein all the procedures that were being used to measure the specimens in the subject program were duplicated on the stress-relieved rail. The results, for gage locations beneath the rail surfaces, are shown in Table A-2 as if the measured stresses were

actual residual stresses. In applying the technique to actual rail specimens, the average stress values shown in Table A-2 were subtracted from the values indicated by the measurements on the specimens*, i.e., the apparent readings were corrected for error due to technique. No corrections were made for the angle \emptyset since it depends on the sequence of bandsaw cuts, and it is nearly symmetrical.

TABLE A-2. PRINCIPAL INTERNAL STRESS INDICATIONS DUE TO TECHNIQUE*

COMPONENT**	AVERAGE, psi	RANGE ABOUT OVER	AVERAGE, psi UNDER
٥٦	-4,800	2,400	-4,000
^σ 2	-7,600	3,100	-4,500
^σ 3	-6,800	2,300	-3,600
Ø (degrees)	8.42	23.02	-27.5

^{*}Stresses σ_1 and σ_2 were determined using seven rosette gages applied to a 0.160-inch thick slab sawed from a stress-relieved portion of rail. The longitudinal stress, $\sigma_3 = \sigma_Z$, was determined from 10 2-foot long rods cut from another stress-relieved section of rail. The strains from the two types of measurements were combined, using the approximate analysis procedure described above. In this one case, where the measurements were being made on stress-relieved material, the approximate analysis procedure is theoretically valid and accurate.

Table A-2 shows a range of stress, about the average for σ_2 , of from +3,100 to -4,500 psi. This error range is reasonable for the bandsaw procedures that were used and should not cause problems where rail residual stress levels on the order of 30 ksi and higher are of concern. The results that went into the compilation of Table A-2 are shown graphically in Figure A-1. Also shown are the correction factors for cuts producing data on the surface of the rail. The surface dicing data show considerable variation (+600 to -12,300 psi) on the transverse/peripheral stress. These latter data are also compiled in Table A-3. The surface cutting variation combined with the natural variability of the rail surface stresses means that all surface stress measurements made with bandsaw cuts should be viewed as approximate.

TABLE A-3. APPARENT SURFACE STRESSES DUE TO BANDSAW AND DRILL TREPANNING CUTS

	AVERAGE	RANGE ABOUT AVERAGE,		
STRESS COMPONENT	STRESS, psi	OVER .	UNDER	
Bandsaw Cutting				
Longitudinal	-4,900	3,000	-2,600	
Transverse/Peripheral	-3,100	3,700	-9,200	
Drill Trepanning				
Longitudinal	-4,000	1,000	-2,600	
Transverse/Peripheral	-2,900	800	-1,200	

^{**} σ_1 and σ_2 are located in the vertical-transverse plane (x-y plane). The angle between the upward-vertical y-axis and the orientation of σ_1 is given by Ø where +Ø is counterclockwise from +y and -Ø is clockwise from +y.

^{*}In the actual calculation procedure, the machining corrections were made on the measured strain components before these components were used in the stress calculation.

Additional test cuts were made on the stress-relieved material using the dental drill trepanning technique for surface residual stress measurements. The apparent stresses produced by this technique are shown in Figure A-1 and are listed in Table A-3. Various survey measurements, using the dental drill trepanning technique, were made on rail specimens. In these cases, the apparent measured stresses were corrected by subtracting the average values shown in Table A-3.

Axial Consistency of Surface Stresses

The first two specimens received (from FAST, specimens 1 and 2) were tested for the axial consistency of their tread surface stresses. Surface trepanning measurements were made at six points along the head centerline of each specimen. The results of these measurements are shown in Figure A-2. Though the trends in the data are clear and moderately consistent, there is considerable variation in the stress values along the length at this one point on the rail cross section. Subsequent data, discussed in the body of this report, show that the surface stresses are much more axially variable than stresses within the cross section. The data do show a surprising amount of agreement in going from specimen 1 at 83 MGT to specimen 2 at 270 MGT. However, the presence of shakedown cannot be judged on the basis of surface stresses alone.

End Effects in the Meier Section

The question of the appropriate length for the Meier section in a specimen was discussed in the text of this report under Section 4.2.1, Mechanical Procedure. The main concern was to choose an economical section length (for rod cutting) in which the longitudinal extent of the effect of freeing the ends represented a small length compared to the unaffected length.

To check the axial extent of the strain effect of cutting out the Meier section, axial strain gages were attached at various points along the length of what was to become the 18-inch long Meier section in specimen 2. All the gages were at the same point on the cross-sectional profile, just below the wear pattern on the gage side of the rail. Based on the results from specimen 1, it was thought that this represented the point of highest longitudinal strain. The Meier section was then bandsawed from the rail specimen, and the ends of the Meier section were ground flat and parallel.

The longitudinal strain change resulting from the Meier sectioning procedure is shown as the heavy line in Figure A-3. Most of the strain change due to sectioning occurred in the first inch into the section from the section face, dropping from 1000 microstrain at the face to 67 microstrain at approximately 1 inch. This means that if there had been no correction on the final Meier rod length reading for this initial sectioning shift, the rod strain would have been low by about 98 microinch/inch. If this had been converted to a uniaxial stress, the z residual stress at this point would have had to be corrected by adding -2,800 psi.

However, all the Meier section rod readings were given an approximate correction to account for the end effects of initial sectioning, as described in the text under Section 4.2.1, Mechanical Procedure. This correction was determined by the length change between surface scribe lines (tick marks) located very close to the ends of the Meier section (see Figures 5 and A-3). For example, the rod corresponding to the above surface gages was corrected for a 115 microinch/inch shift, i.e., approximately -3,300 psi was added to the z stress via the corrected rod reading.

The other plots in Figure A-3 show the total strain changes at the gage locations as the Meier rod was cut out and then specially cut at each gage location to produce a cube similar to those from the modified Yasojima-Machii slices on each end of this specimen. The final (corrected) strains are low, and show much variation along the length among themselves and in comparison with the modified Yasojima-Machii gage readings for this cross section location. What happened is that the peripheral strains at this location (shown on the two modified Yasojima-Machii slices) were much higher than the longitudinal strains (1,900 to 2,300 microstrain, peripheral, versus 60 to 220 microstrain, longitudinal). Longitudinal consistency cannot be judged on the basis of secondary components of biaxial strains such as these (see the discussion of longitudinal consistency of the residual stress pattern in Section 3, Major Conclusions and Recommendations).

Analytical Evaluations

Two separate analytical methods of converting the experimental measurements into residual stresses were described in Section 4, Discussion. Both techniques were developed to the point where they were applied to the common set of data from specimen 1.

FIGURE A-1. CUTTING PROCEDURE EFFECTS IN STRESS-RELIEVED RAIL MATERIAL

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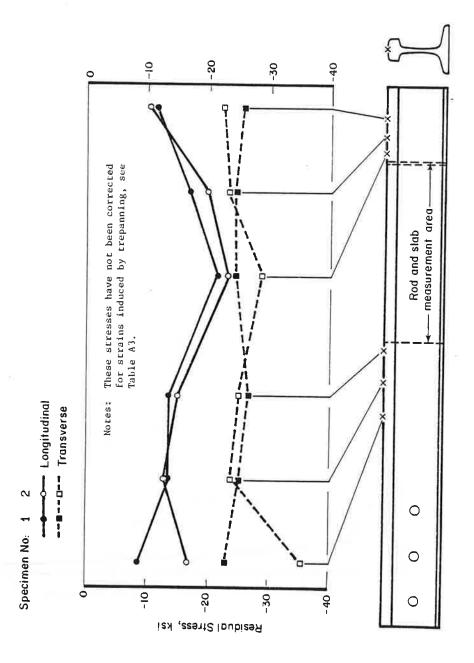


FIGURE A-2. SURFACE STRESS ALONG TREAD CENTERLINE

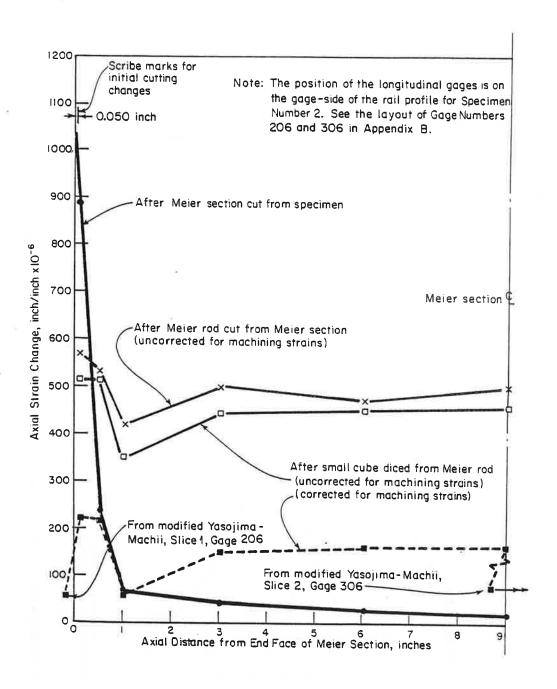


FIGURE A-3. SPECIAL LONGITUDINAL STRAIN CHANGE MEASUREMENTS ON MEIER SECTION OF SPECIMEN 2

The results of this comparison of the two techniques are also discussed in the body of this report under Section 4. As a result of this comparison, the approximate analysis technique was adopted as the method for reducing the data from all specimens.

Part of the development of the methodology in these two techniques involved running both analyses through a test case. This case allowed the procedures to be checked for correct execution, and gave an additional basis for comparing the two techniques. This test case effort is described below.

Analytical Test Case

The test case was derived by conceiving of a stressed body that had the following three attributes:

1. The initial stress state would be known throughout the body.

The stress pattern would not vary along one axis of the body.
 It would be possible to determine all the strain changes that would occur when various portions of the body were removed. (Erroneous strains due to machining would not exist in this hypothetical case.)

The case that was derived is as follows:

a. The body is an infinitely long thick-walled axisymmetric cylinder having a 10-inch inside diameter and 40-inch outside diameter.

b. The cylinder is in an initially stressed state arising from the condition of an axisymmetric temperature field that does not vary along the length of the infinite cylinder.

The temperature varies linearly along the radius, going from 0 degrees on the

ID to 200 degrees on the OD of the cylinder. d. The material properties of this cylinder are

E =
$$30 \times 10^6$$
 psi,
v = 0.26,
 $\alpha = 10.8 \times 10^{-6}$ inch/inch/degree.

The complete initial stress state in the body under the above condition can be determined with a closed form solution.* Once the stress state of the body was determined, the thermal nature of the problem was ignored. In other words, the thermally derived stress state was viewed as a residual stress condition existing within the infinitely long cylinder, the manner in which the body got to be in this condition of equilibrium being unimportant to the test case requirements.

The internally stressed cylinder was then "dissected" using various conventional two- and three-dimensional finite element computer codes. The dissection simulated the steps of the mechanical procedure used in the Battelle slicing technique.

One three-dimensional finite element model used in the dissection analysis is shown in Figure A-4. The pie-shaped segment of the cylinder (shown with each element as shrunken 20 percent) represents the Yasojima-Machii slice in the procedure. The appropriate strain components resulting from the dissection simulation were then applied in the accurate analyses and approximate analyses and the original stress state of the cylinder was predicted by each procedure.

Since the accurate technique involves a reversal of some of the finite element techniques used in the dissection analyses, it is not surprising that the accurate technique did faithfully reproduce the original stress state. (This calculation merely provided a debugging check for the linking software used in the accurate solution.)

The results of applying the approximate technique in the test case are shown in Figure A-5. As shown, the stresses are in close agreement for the longitudinal (axial) direction; the approximate stresses are 16 percent lower than the true stress for the circumferential (hoop) direction. The radial stresses are generally lower when the approximate solution is used. The irregularity at the 11-1/2-inch radial dimension in the radial stress curve for the approximate solution is due to finite element modeling problems, and not due to the solution technique.

^{*}Timoshenko, S.P., and Goodier, J.N., Theory of Elasticity, McGraw-Hill, NY, 3rd Edition p. 448.

- A. GLCBAL
 B. ERASE--REDRAU
 C. ERASE--NO REDRAU

SELECT MODE BY WHICH PICTURE WILL BE CHANGED

- D. ZOOM E. SPLIT SCREEN F. SHRIMK ELEMENTS BY 2 G. CHANGE PLOT LIMITS

- I. PERSPECTIVE VIEW
 J. AXES
 K. ROTATE
 L. RESTORE ORIGINAL PIC
 M. RETURN
 N. QUICK RETURN

SELECT ELEMENTS ON SCREEN OR ALL

- D. ALI. E. CHOOSE ELEMENTS F. RETURN

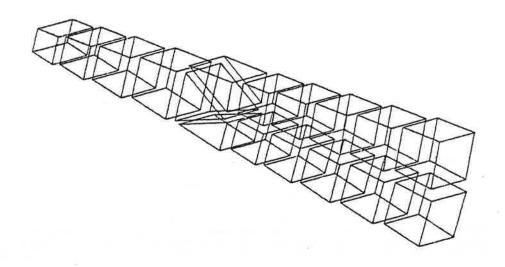


FIGURE A-4. THREE-DIMENSIONAL SECTION OF TEST CASE CYLINDER

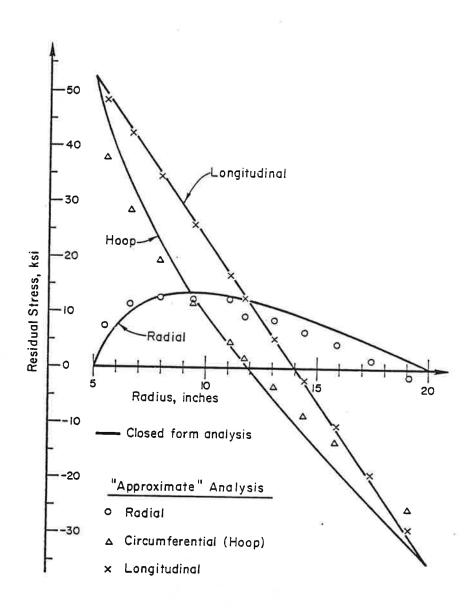


FIGURE A-5. TEST CASE, THICK-WALLED CYLINDER, RESULTS

With respect to maximum stresses, there is a reasonable amount of agreement between the two techniques when smoothly varying residual stresses are encountered. It It was thought that the actual rail residual stress conditions might introduce problems with both techniques. This reservation was not realized when the techniques were applied to the data from specimen 1. In this case both techniques yielded reasonable results (see Sections 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 in the text of the report). Figure A-6 shows the finite element modeling of the Yasojima-Machii slice from specimen 1 that was part of the accurate analysis.

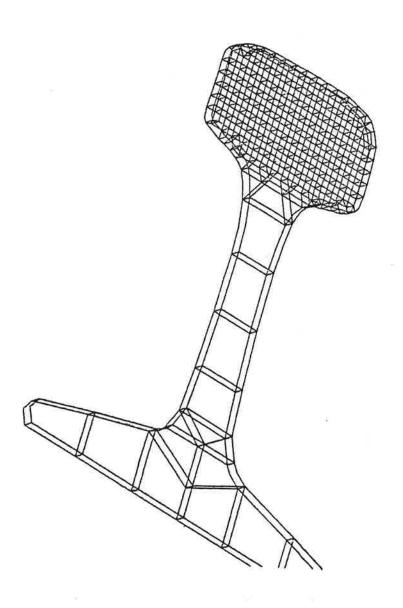


FIGURE A-6. FINITE ELEMENT MODEL OF SLICE FROM SPECIMEN 1

APPENDIX B

MEASURED RESIDUAL STRESSES IN SPECIMENS 1, 2, 5, AND 6

The residual stresses, determined by measurements and calculations, for the tangent track specimens 1, 2, 5, and 6 are presented in this appendix. The location of each measurement point in the rail's x-y cross section is shown on a cross section profile and as a set of x-y coordinates in the tables. The principal stresses σ_1 and σ_2 which lie in the x-y plane, their orientation (θ_1) with the horizontal x axis, and the axial stress (σ_2) , are listed in the accompanying tables. The stresses listed for specimen 1 are the result of the accurate analysis technique, although the approximate analysis technique produced similar results (see Section 4, Discussion). Six figures and five tables follow in this appendix.

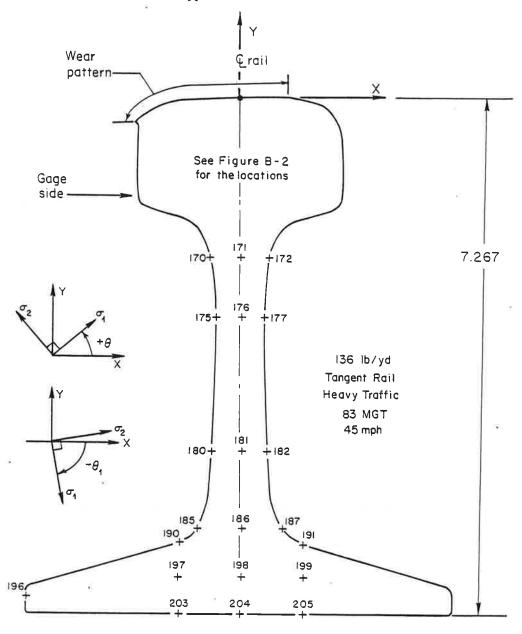


FIGURE B-1. SPECIMEN 1, DATA POINT LOCATIONS (RAIL WEB AND BASE)

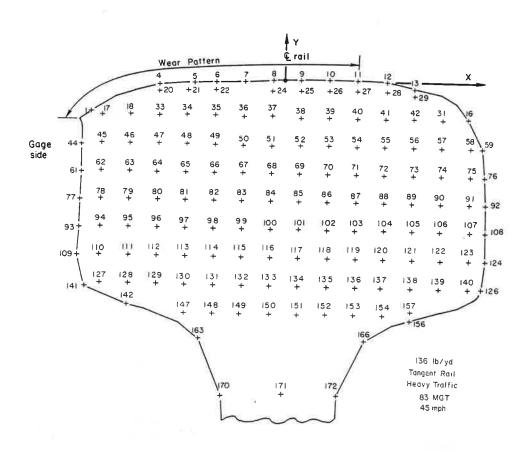


FIGURE B-2. SPECIMEN 1, DATA POINT LOCATIONS (PAIL HEAD)

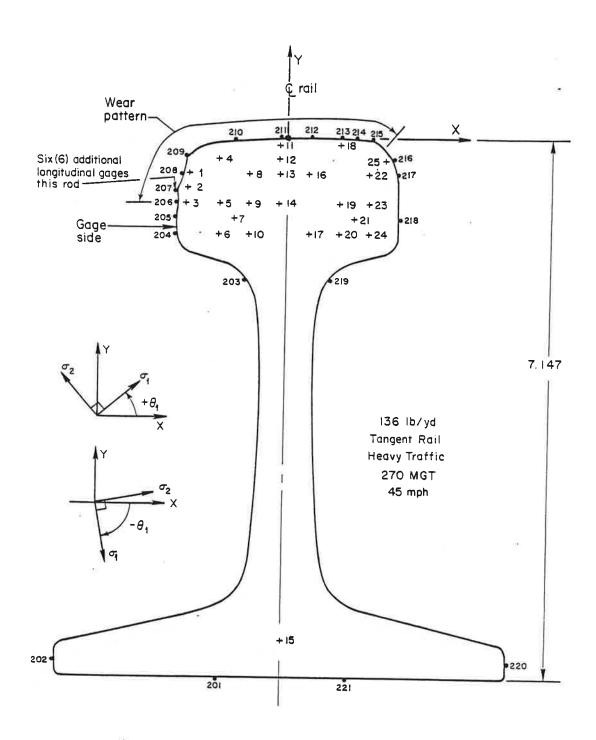


FIGURE B-3. SPECIMEN 2, SLICE 1, DATA POINT LOCATIONS

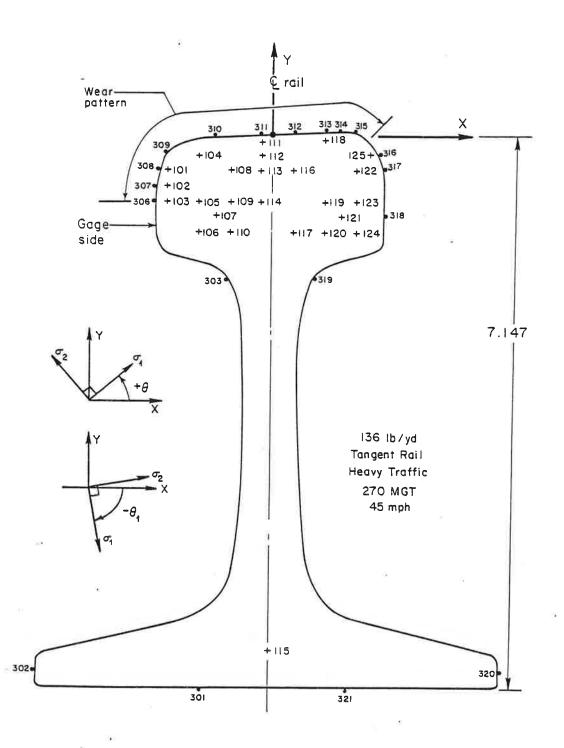


FIGURE B-4. SPECIMEN 2, SLICE 2, DATA POINT LOCATIONS

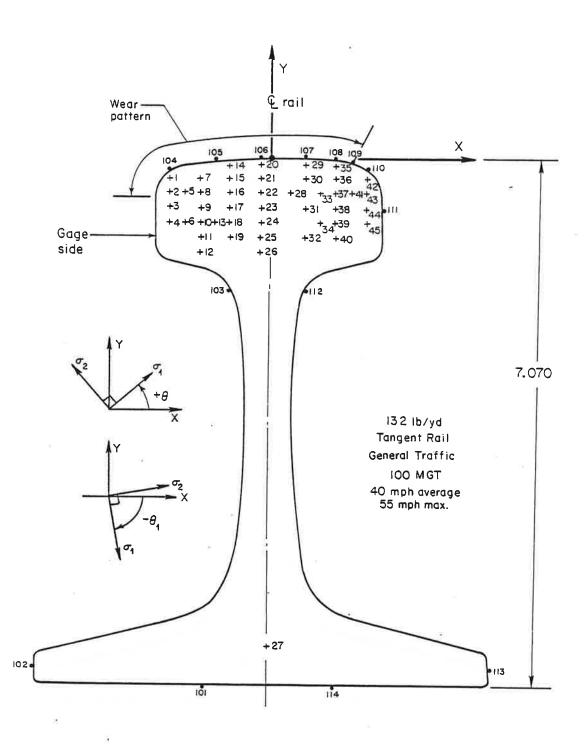


FIGURE B-5. SPECIMEN 5, DATA POINT LOCATIONS

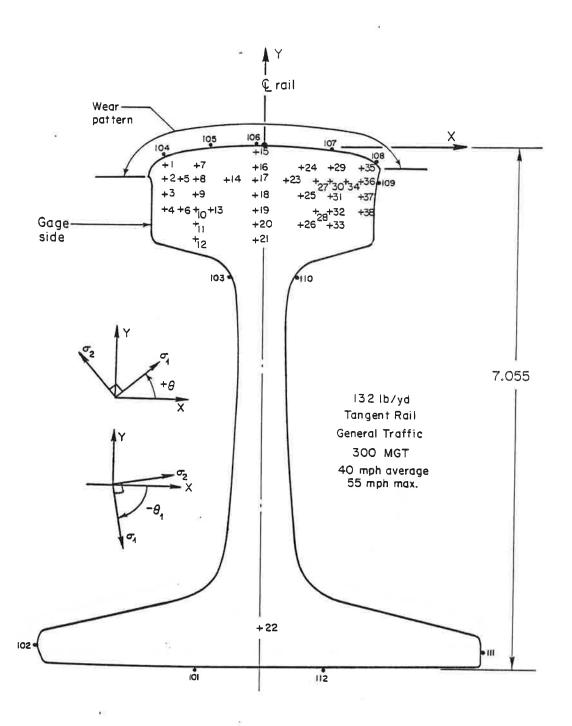


FIGURE B-6. SPECIMEN 6, DATA POINT LOCATIONS

TABLE B-1. SPECIMEN 1 STRESSES (See Figures B-1 and B-2 for gage locations)

X	GAGE NO.	GAGE COO	RDINATE, HES		CIPAL STRESS N x-y PLANE		ANGLE, DEGREES	GAGE
4 -0.887 -0.051 0 -16800 -9300 -83.3 4 5 -0.695 -0.031 0 -17200 -11000 -85.5 5 6 -0.497 -0.024 0 -18300 -8200 -88.2 6 7 -0.297 -0.003 0 -23200 -12500 -88.3 7 8 -0.097 -0.003 0 -23200 -12500 -88.3 8 9 0.104 0.005 0 -22400 -12500 -88.3 8 10 0.303 0.008 0 -16700 -9900 88.8 10 11 0.499 0.008 0 -26900 -18600 86.8 11 12 0.711 0.004 0 -59000 -38600 81.8 12 13 0.903 -0.248 0 -31300 -8000 78.5 13 16 1.289 -0.248 0 -31300 -8000 53.3 16 17 -1.297 -0.277 2400 -25300 -25000 -600 -257.7 18 20 -0.896 -0.298 -0.088 -0.098 -600 -17500 -13200		Х	Υ	σ٦	[♂] 2	$\sigma_{\mathbf{z}}$	91	No.
66 -0.495 -0.674 34200 7400 13400 -4.2 66 67 -0.293 -0.668 22500 4100 8900 5.9 67 68 -0.092 -0.667 25400 - 3200 6800 2.2 68	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 2 13 16 17 18 20 1 22 24 5 26 27 28 9 3 3 3 4 5 5 5 3 3 4 4 2 4 4 4 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 6 6 6 6 7 8 9 5 1 2 2 3 5 5 4 5 5 6 6 6 6 7 5 5 5 6 6 6 6 7 6 6 6 6 7 6 6 6 6	-0.897 -0.695 -0.497 -0.297 -0.097 -0.104 0.303 0.499 0.711 0.903 1.289 -1.096 -0.896 -0.695 -0.499 -0.105 0.302 0.499 0.710 0.905 -1.106 -0.893 -0.296 -0.108 0.305 0.703 0.905 -1.432 -1.293 -1.095 -0.493 -0.293 -0.106 0.308 0.706 0.108 0.308 0.706 0.108 0.305 -1.432 -1.293 -1.095 -0.493 -0.293 -0.293	-0.051 -0.031 -0.024 -0.015 -0.003 0.005 0.008 0.008 0.004 -0.040 -0.248 -0.277 -0.272 -0.098 -0.088 -0.083 -0.081 -0.079 -0.074 -0.071 -0.068 -0.088 -0.261 -0.275 -0.267 -0.269 -0.271 -0.262 -0.270 -0.264 -0.269 -0.271 -0.262 -0.270 -0.264 -0.269 -0.271 -0.262 -0.270 -0.473 -0.474 -0.477 -0.476 -0.477 -0.473 -0.466 -0.463 -0.461 -0.463 -0.461 -0.463 -0.465 -0.676 -0.688 -0.679 -0.676 -0.688	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	-16800 -17200 -18300 -29200 -23200 -28400 -16700 -26900 -69000 -51500 -31300 -25300 -24300 -17500 -14700 -20800 -25000 -24600 -32300 -45600 -48600 -28000 -22800 -24600 -22800 -21600 -21600 -17400	- 9300 -11000 - 8200 -10100 -12500 -14000 - 9900 -18000 -35800 -26400 - 8000 -20000 -14900 -13200 -12100 -13700 -16000 -17500 -23000 -26500 -22200 - 5100 -15900 -20200 -21800 -20200 -21800 -20200 -21800 -20200 -17500 -3300 -20600 -21200 -21800 -20700 -91000 -17800 -3300 -20600 -21200 -21	-83.3 -85.5 -88.2 -88.3 -88.3 -89.4 88.8 86.8 81.8 -57.7 -80.3 -78.8 -81.3 -85.4 -89.3 -85.4 -89.3 -85.7 -83.1 -72.7 -83.1 -72.7 -83.1 -72.7 -83.1 -72.7 -83.1 -72.7 -83.1 -85.7 89.6 -86.4 88.0 87.9 75.9 55.2 -9.5 -31.3 -41.4 -45.6 -53.7 -54.0 -87.1 2.5 41.1 15.3 39.4 44.3 42.2 28.0 16.1 12.3 -2.3 -35.8 -35.3 -29.3 -18.2 -4.2 5.9	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 2 13 6 7 18 9 10 11 22 22 4 5 22 22 23 33 4 35 37 38 9 40 41 42 44 5 55 55 55 56 62 63 64 5 66 67 55 55 56 67 8 59 61 62 63 64 66 67

TABLE B-1. SPECIMEN 1 STRESSES (CONT.) (See Figures B-1 and B-2 for gage locations)

GAGE NO.		ORDINATE, CHES		PAL STRESS, N x-y PLANE)		ANGLE, DEGREES	GAGE
	X	Y	ση	σ_2	$\sigma_{\mathbf{z}}$	θ ₁	NO.
70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 81 82 83 84 85 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 99 99 99 99 99 100 101 102 111 112 113 114 115 117 118 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119	0.306 0.508 0.704 0.911 1.110 1.314 1.417 -1.432 -1.290 -1.092 -0.899 0.109 0.309 0.109 0.309 0.510 0.707 0.907 1.111 1.314 1.429 -1.436 -1.290 -1.089 -0.887 -0.689 -0.491 -0.290 -0.313 0.509 0.714 0.912 1.110 1.322 1.434 -1.446 -1.290 -1.086 -0.485 -0.286 -0.087 0.112 0.316 0.516 0.714 0.915 1.117 1.319 1.319 1.437 1.417 -1.287 -1.084 -0.886	-0.665 -0.667 -0.662 -0.662 -0.663 -0.659 -0.889 -0.881 -0.877 -0.877 -0.877 -0.870 -0.868 -0.868 -0.865 -0.863 -0.865 -0.862 -0.862 -0.858 -0.862 -1.075 -1.077 -1.075 -1.075 -1.077 -1.074 -1.064 -1.058 -1.077	21000 37000 41000 9600 8000 1900 0 - 8000 18900 33700 28800 31600 33700 32200 31200 40500 18200 21400 11600 5800 0 4800 18500 22200 24000 25600 22700 28700 22500 24000 25900 20500 24200 8400 - 300 6200 3500 - 12800 - 12800 - 17900 - 7300 12200 - 17900 - 7300 12200 - 17900 - 7300 12200 - 17900 - 7300 12200 - 17900 - 7300 12200 - 17900 - 7300 - 12800 - 7300 - 17900 - 7300	- 8900 4400 11500 - 5900 -11300 -28000 -46800 -67600 -49000 12300 17600 14600 10000 6900 3500 - 3600 3900 -100 -12000 -28400 -44900 -46100 -28600 - 8500 7300 16400 12700 1900 6000 6600 7800 3700 - 5000 -24900 -24500 -24500 -33600 -2700 -19400 -24500 -33600 -2700 -19400 -24500 -33600 -24900 -24500 -3600 -24900 -24500 -18000	3700 13000 14900 - 1000 - 2400 - 7800 - 10900 - 36500 - 21900 11200 16900 15000 14300 14800 11000 - 7600 6100 - 700 - 5800 - 11000 - 12400 - 3900 4300 11000 112400 - 3900 4300 11000 12200 8100 11000 12200 8100 - 7200 - 6500 - 2200 400 3300 5400 4800 - 7400 - 2600 - 2600 - 2200 400 3300 5400 - 4600 - 2600 - 2500 - 400 - 35300 - 12900 - 35300 - 12900 - 35300 - 12900 - 35300 - 12900 - 35500 - 1000 - 9400 6600 4200	17.6 26.3 29.7 22.1 5.7 4.5 3.8 - 2.3 8.3 40.9 -26.2 -17.9 -17.0 - 3.3 1.4 3.9 13.1 7.7 10.1 -18.2 -16.5 - 5.9 16.5 - 2.9 16.3 330.4 8.5 -10.1 -14.6 - 5.2 0.1 12.0 1.5 -17.9 -30.8 -27.7 -12.7 0.6 0.4 28.2 39.1 42.3 37.5 -38.6 -53.3 -23.0 0.6 -56.6 -51.7 48.9 52.0	70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 123 124 126 127 128 129

TABLE B-1. SPECIMEN 1 STRESSES (CONT.)
(See Figures B-1 and B-2 for gage locations)

GAGE NO.	GAGE COO		PRINCIF (IN	AL STRESS, x-y PLANE)	psi	ANGLE, DEGREES	GAGE NO.
	Х	Υ	σ٦	σ ₂	σ _z	θ ₁	
130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 166 170 171 172 175 176 177 180 181 182 185 186 187 199 199 203 204 205	-0.687 -0.483 -0.283 -0.087 0.115 0.319 0.520 0.705 0.913 1.117 1.319 -1.391 -1.091 -0.683 -0.484 -0.289 -0.079 0.118 0.315 0.516 0.720 0.917 0.915 -0.577 0.597 -0.406 0.021 0.029 0.351 -0.368 0.046 0.410 -0.321 -0.368 0.046 0.409 -0.565 0.053 0.630 -0.808 0.925 -2.942 -0.814 0.062 0.932 -0.800 0.067 0.941	-1.477 -1.473 -1.468 -1.471 -1.468 -1.470 -1.465 -1.465 -1.465 -1.465 -1.467 -1.677 -1.677 -1.678 -1.677 -1.674 -1.674 -1.664 -1.664 -1.664 -1.6632 -1.860 -2.240 -2.244 -3.108 -3.098 -3.096 -5.012 -5.005 -4.997 -6.102 -6.091 -6.088 -6.324 -7.087 -6.774 -6.774 -6.764 -7.303 -7.299	2500 8400 10700 11000 11600 8500 5000 2000 10100 9300 6700 0 2400 1100 8200 13200 12300 9400 1000 4100 - 1900 - 0 4300 0 0 4400 0 0 3600 0 0 5400 0 0 5400 0	-12100 - 4600 - 5500 - 5300 - 4200 - 2200 - 8300 - 18600 - 16500 - 10800 - 2200 - 9700 - 18700 - 36100 - 21900 - 12200 - 12300 - 12200 - 12300 - 12200 - 12300 - 12500 - 12600 - 1300 - 41300 - 10600 - 1300 - 4400 - 1300 - 5100 - 11600 - 800 - 3300 - 11700 - 2300 - 2000 - 5800 - 5200 - 10400 - 3800 - 700 - 11000 - 700 - 11000 - 24700	4500 8200 7100 6200 6500 6400 3900 900 3100 4200 4900 - 400 - 9800 - 2700 2100 7300 6500 6700 5900 1400 - 3000 - 11300 - 3000 - 1400 - 3400 600 - 100 2300 - 2800 - 100 2300 - 2800 - 1900 - 2800 - 1900 - 2800 - 1900 - 2800 - 19000 - 2700 - 14100 - 35300 - 2700 - 14100 - 35300	56.6 89.5 -87.6 -80.2 -86.8 -76.0 -61.7 -32.3 -49.6 -43.3 -27.0 43.7 73.2 62.0 73.5 81.9 -89.9 -85.0 -76.7 -62.6 -53.1 -71.7 -61.4 35.6 -46.7 9.5 -82.0 -12.2 0.6 -19.4 -3.8 -4.3 -7.8 3.8 -4.3 -7.8 3.8 -4.0 -72.7 78.0 -72.7 78.0 -72.7 78.0 -72.7 78.0 -72.7 78.0 -90.0 90.0 90.0 90.0	130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 156 170 171 172 175 176 177 180 181 182 185 186 187 190 191 198 199 203 204 205

TABLE B-2. SPECIMEN 2, SLICE 1 STRESSES (See Figure B-3 for gage locations)

GAGE NO.	GAGE COORDINATE, INCHES	PRINCIPAL STRESS, psi (IN x-y PLANE)	ANGLE, DEGREES	GAGE NO.
	Х У	σ ₁ σ ₂ σ _z	θ ₁	₽.
1 2 3 4 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221	-1.318	12600 -38700 -23200 5600 -40500 -24500 10400 -27700 -12400 7800 -20300 -17400 21200 12800 8400 5900 -14100 -1400 27100 10600 10400 7500 -2900 -7300 44100 11300 16000 11600 5700 5700 -3000 -21500 -19000 -3100 -25000 -25700 9700 -6500 -7500 44000 12000 15400 100 -2900 2400 15200 -100 -3200 12600 7700 4500 -3200 -31400 -24700 39900 14400 13800 8300 -4000 900 19200 -1800 3100 64300 14900 22000 14400 -24100 -4800 2	-32.4 - 6.0 - 0.9 -70.3 -20.1 43.3 -12.2 -44.6 -18.0 - 1.9 -86.0 -84.6 - 5.1 1.4 45.5 13.0 46.0 87.4 20.7 -39.6 -44.0 51.1 -32.6 -42.7 32.6 0.0 0.0 43.0 8.5 1.5 - 1.0 - 4.0 - 15.0 - 4.0 - 15.0 - 88.5 - 1.0 - 88.5 - 1.0 - 88.0 - 88.0 - 90.0 - 88.0 - 88.0 - 88.0 - 90.0 - 88.0 - 88.0 - 90.0 - 90.0 - 90.0	1 2 3 4 4 5 6 7 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221

TABLE B-3. SPECIMEN 2, SLICE 2 STRESSES (See Figure B-4 for gage locations)

GAGE NO.	GAGE (GAGE COORDINATE, PRINCIPAL STRESS, psi INCHES (IN x-y PLANE)				- ANGLE, DEGREES	GAGE NO.
	Х	Υ	^σ 1	^σ 2	σ _z	^ө 1	
101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 1301 302 303 304 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 317 318 319 320 321	-1.318 -1.320 -1.319 -0.916 -0.913 -0.913 -0.511 -0.515 -0.513 -0.118 -0.113 -0.112 -0.113 -0.015 0.287 0.288 0.691 0.689 0.689 0.689 1.086 1.091 1.089 1.289 -0.883 -3.019 -0.547 -1.459 -1.459 -1.455 -1.394 -1.306 -0.700 -0.108 0.305 0.703 0.908 1.103 1.340 1.418 1.448 0.516 2.968 0.870	-0.461 -0.663 -0.860 -0.261 -0.862 -1.264 -1.059 -0.463 -0.862 -1.264 -0.065 -0.258 -0.464 -0.860 -6.717 -0.462 -1.265 -0.061 -0.864 -1.265 -0.264 -7.248 -7.002 -1.934 -0.881 -0.669 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.464 -0.262 -0.472 -1.085 -1.944 -7.004 -7.254	10600 6900 5200 10200 29500 12800 23800 13600 55100 - 2300 - 2300 36500 2700 21300 13100 - 2000 43300 9000 20800 55300 18900 13100 22800 3500 800 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1800	-41500 -46500 -43300 -19900 13800 -13000 11900 - 2700 12000 3900 - 22500 -18000 - 9200 9100 300 - 400 7100 -30500 19600 2300 10100 16900 8100 -14700 -63100 -62300 -80500 -10700 - 7400 -62300 -10400 -14700 -14700 -10400 -14700 -10400 -12200 -31000 -88500 -89900 -36900 -25200 -19000	-24700 -25900 -18700 -16500 11200 1000 9800 -5400 18000 3300 -19100 -22700 -7300 12300 4100 -1500 -4500 -24100 16400 3000 7100 19900 3700 -1500 -24300 3800 -19700 -4500 -24300 -36600 -49600 -17300 -15500 -19800 -20500 -15100 -63800 -20500 -15100 -63800 -28500 -34300 -8500 800 -27400 1700	-31.0 - 5.8 5.5 -70.9 -12.1 34.6 7.0 -31.8 - 8.2 19.6 -86.8 -87.2 - 2.8 - 1.8 4.7 0.0 52.1 85.1 21.4 -55.9 -44.3 44.9 -42.1 -42.6 35.7 0.0 90.0 43.0 - 1.0 - 4.0 -15.0 -37.0 -84.0 -87.0 -88.5 87.0 88.0 82.0 30.0 12.0 0.0 -35.0 0.0 0.0	101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 120 121 122 123 124 125 301 302 303 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317 318 319 320 321

TABLE B-4. SPECIMEN 5 STRESSES (See Figure B-5 for gage locations)

GAGE		OURDINATE, CHES		AL STRESS,	psi	ANGLE,	
NO.				x-y PLANE)	_	DEGREES	GAGE NO
	Х	Υ	σ۱	^σ 2	σ _z	θ1	
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TABLE B-5. SPECIMEN 6 STRESSES (See Figure B-6 for gage locations)

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APPENDIX C

REPORT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

A technique for measuring the three-dimensional residual stresses in a length of rail removed from a track has been developed and applied. This destructive sectioning technique modifies, extends, and combines several existing techniques that were used previously to make partial measurements of residual stresses in rails. Various computer programs to reduce the experimental data for the presentation of residual stresses in rails have been developed and applied. These developments are improvements on existing techniques, and we believe that no inventions, discoveries, or improvements on inventions were made.

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