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#### **PREFACE**

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#### Section 1

#### INTERIOR NOISE

#### 1.1 SUMMARY

#### Test Sequence

Table 1-1 is a log of Interior Noise Test Run Numbers and basic test configuration.

TABLE	1-1.	INTERIOR	NOISE	SURVEY	TES!	r RUN	LOG
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		Test Run Lo	g Numbers
SOAC	Weight (1b)	Steel	Resilient
Car No.		Wheels	Wheels
l	90,000	87, 89, 111	134
2	90,000	88, 108, 109	136
1	105,000	112	135
Train	90,000	92	137

#### Test Procedures

Detailed test procedures are as contained in SOAC ENGINEERING TEST PROGRAM TEST PROCEDURES (Reference 1\*).

#### Objective

The objective of the noise testing was to measure the interior noise levels in the SOAC cars operating at the HSGTC under various conditions by sampling car locations representative of patrons and operating crew and probing possible sources. These data are then used to describe the acoustical characteristics of the SOAC vehicles, as well as for comparison with subsequent noise tests performed at the demonstration properties. A secondary objective is to develop and verify procedures for performing such tests.

<sup>\*</sup>Reference 1. SOAC ENGINEERING PROGRAM TEST PROCEDURES, D174-10023-1, Boeing Vertol Company, Philadelphia, Pa., July 1973.

#### Status

Interior noise was surveyed for single SOAC cars and two-car trains at car weights of 90,000 and 105,000 pounds. The base-line measurements were for cars equipped with steel wheels; selected data points were repeated with Acouta Flex wheels. Test procedures were developed and verified.

## 1.2 TEST DESCRIPTION

A portable microphone/recorder data system was used to survey a large number of locations throughout the car. The types of surveys performed were as follows:

- a. Equipment noise
- b. Speed effect
- c. Repeat runs
- d. Track construction effect
- e. Interior survey
- f. Weight effect
- g. Absorption test
- h. Power condition effect
- i. Resilient wheels

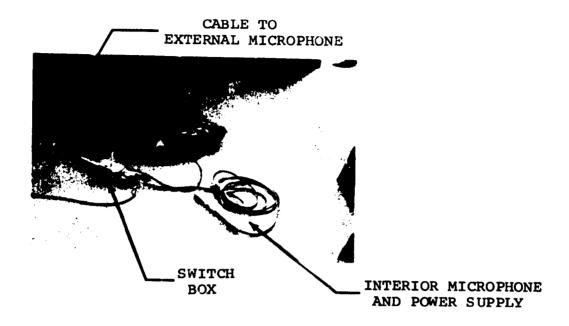
Sound measurements were made in a manner which allowed a complete time history of each measured sound signal to be retained on magnetic tape. Subsequent data reduction included standard "A" weighted noise levels, 1/3-octave band analysis, and narrow band spectrum analysis for selected data points (Figures 1-1 and 1-2).

### 1.3 INSTRUMENTATION

# 1.3.1 Field Measurement Equipment

The instrumentation used for measurement of noise levels consisted of a 1-inch condenser microphone with battery operated cathode-follower and a 1/4-inch, single-channel tape recorder. Table 1-2 lists the specific items of equipment by manufacturer, model and serial number. For interior measurements, the tape recorder/microphone pair was operated as a portable unit. An accelerometer was used for structure-borne noise measurements. The recorder was operated at a tape speed of 7-1/2 ips to achieve a good frequency response characteristic. A gain/attentuation system consisting of 10 dB incremental steps was incorporated into the recorder to maintain accuracy of the system (Figure 1-3).

# INTERIOR/EXTERIOR NOISE RECORDING EQUIPMENT



# STRUCTURE-BORNE NOISE RECORDING EQUIPMENT

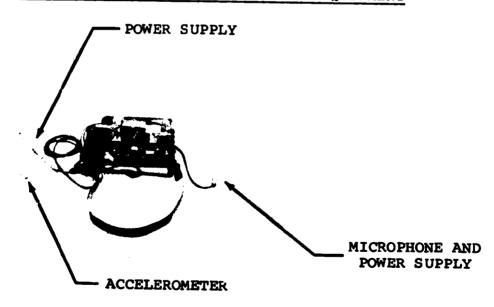
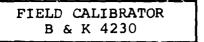
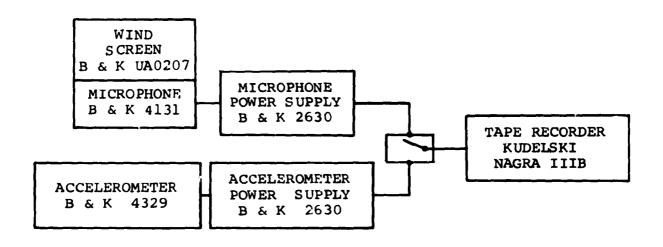


Figure 1-1. Instrumentation for Interior Noise Measurement

#### DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM





#### DATA REDUCTION SYSTEM

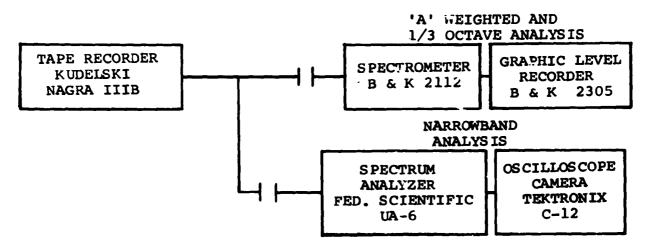


Figure 1-2. Block Diagrams for Noise Measurement Data Acquisition and Reduction Systems

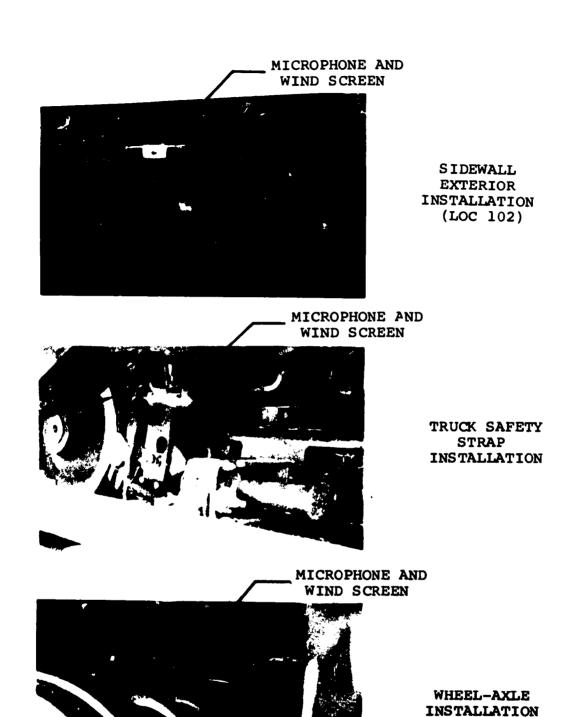


Figure 1-3. On-Car Microphone Installations

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TABLE 1-2. ON-CAR NOISE MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENTATION

	Item	Manufacturer	Model	Serial No.
4. 5. 6. 7.	Tape Recorder Tape Recorder Microphone, 1-inch Power Supply Microphone Power Supply Calibrator Accelerometer	Kudelski Kudelski B&K B&K B&K B&K B&K B&K	NAGRA III NAGRA III 4131 2630 4131 2630 4230 4329	PHO 67-10290 PHC 67-10441 73624 168943 205686 87607 396443 86112

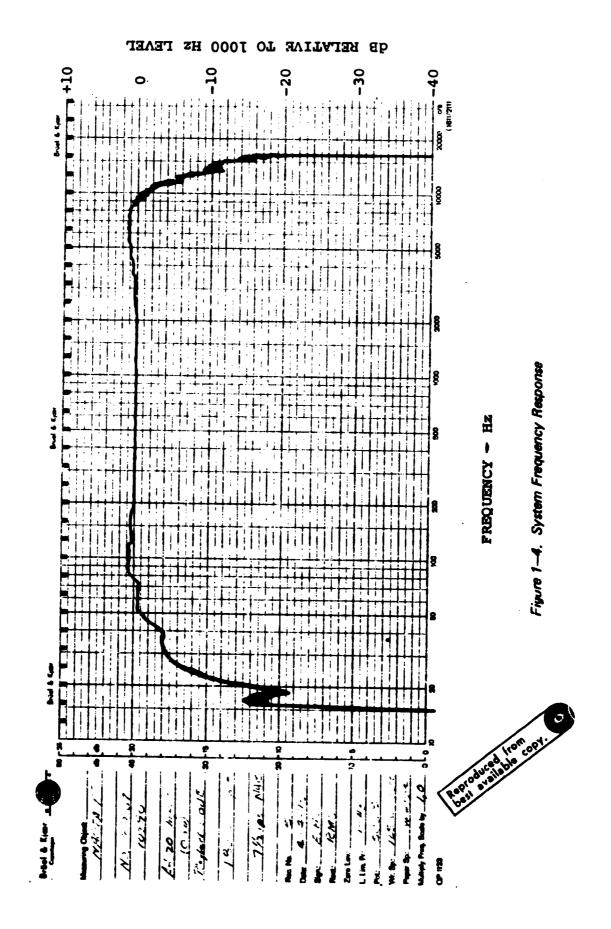
#### 1.3.2 Calibration

The recorder was calibrated prior to testing using a swept-frequency sinusoidal insert voltage over the range 20 Hz to 20 kHz at a level of 100 mv. The input signal was applied at the cathode follower and recorded on magnetic tape and played back on the same recorder to produce the frequency response curve shown in Figure 1-4. Microphone response, does not change system accuracy over the frequency range of 2 to 15 kHz.

During the test period, a known signal (94 dB at 1000  $\rm Hz$ ) was recorded on each tape to establish system sensitivity and establish a reference level.

### 1.3.3 System Accuracy

- a. The frequency response of each microphone to a sinusoidal wave of constant amplitude lies within the limits of 10 Hz to 14 kHz linear, ±1 dB for sound pressure levels in the range from 50 to 120 dB.
- b. Each complete assembly of noise measurement and recording equipment (including cables) had an electrical frequency response linearity of withing ±2 dB from 50 Hz to 10 kHz for a range of signal voltage levels corresponding to input sound levels of 50 dB to 120 dB at the microphone sensor.
- c. The total harmonic distortion of the scund sensing microphone equipment did not exceed 1 percent over the measurement dynamic range.
- d. The total harmonic distortion of the assembled noise measurement and recording equipment did not exceed 4 percent over the measurement dynamic range.



## 1.4 TEST PROCEDURES

Tests were conducted under ambient conditions during which winds of 10 to 15 mph occurred. Temperatures were between 55 to 75°F, and a clear and dry atmosphere existed. For interior measurements, no distinction was made between the directions cf car operation after a preliminary investigation revealed there was no change in noise level for dBA weighting. Data obtained when nearby objects were passed (e.g., the locomotive and diesel generators used for the power source, or special trackwork such as turnouts) were not reported. The microphone was positioned so that it was not shielded from the source by the person taking the data or any other person or object. The car was occupied by only those persons required for the test, generally less than four. For the baseline survey the microphone was positioned at the height of a seated passenger. Other heights were surveyed at specific locations within the car.

Measurement positions for the interior noise survey are shown in Figure 1-5. Detailed testing procedures employed are as follows:

#### Pre-test

- a. Ballast car to required weight (AW ).
- b. Set-up, calibrate instruments.
- c. Proceed to test zone.

# 1.4.1 Equipment Noise Survey, Interior

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine interior noise level effects of cycling various items of car equipment.

- a. Position one SOAC car on the transit loop near station location 170, with all equipment turned off.
- Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- c. Position the microphone at ear level at car location 49 (see Figure 1-5).
- d. Start the recorder, identify the test point and record gain level by voice.
- e. Record approximatley 15 seconds of noise data for this record.
- f. Stop recorder and enter recorder number on a log sheet.

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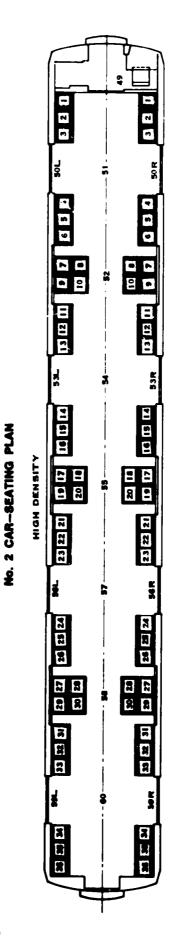


Figure 1-5. Interior Noise Measurement Positions

- 9. Repeat steps c through f for the three remaining car locations: 51, 55 and 60.
- h. Turn on car lighting system and repeat steps  $\mathbf c$  through  $\mathbf g$ .
- Turn on air conditioning system and repeat steps c through g.
- j. Cycle doors open and closed while recording data, repeating steps c through g.
- k. With doors open, and while recording data, vent the brakeline, repeating steps c through g.

# 1.4.2 Effect of Track Section

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect of track sections on interior noise.

- a. Operate the car around the transit loop at 50 mph.
  The car will be at 90,000 pounds or the empty weight;
  the air conditioning system will be on.
- b. The car operator will announce the entrance into and departure from all track sections.
- c. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- d. For each of the track sections and required car location, identify the test point and record gain level on the recorder by voice. Obtain a continuous record of noise around the test loop and enter record number on a log sheet. The microphone should be positioned at ear level of a seated passenger for these test points.

# 1.4.3 Speed Effect

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect of speed on interior noise. This sequence will be performed on each of the SOAC cars at two different weights (90,000 and 105,000 pounds).

- a. Operate the SOAC car through track Section I at a steady speed. The air conditioning system will be on.
- b. The car operator will announce the entering and leaving of this section.

c. For each speed and car location required, identify the test point and record gain level on the recorder by voice. Obtain 15 seconds of data, and enter the record number on a log sheet. The microphone should be positioned at the ear level of a seated passenger for these test points.

#### 1.4.4 Survey of Interior Noise

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the noise levels throughout the car by a detail survey of passenger locations. This sequence will be performed on each of the SOAC cars, at the light weight (90,000 pounds) only.

- a. Operate the SOAC through Track Section I at the required speed. The air conditioning system will be on.
- b. The car operator will announce the entering and leaving of Track Section I.
- c. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- d. For each speed and car location required, identify the test point and record amplifier gain level on the recorder by voice, obtain 15 seconds of data, and enter the record number and record gain level on a log sheet. The microphone should be positioned at the car level of a seated passenger for these test points.

#### 1.4.5 Structure Borne Noise

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the distribution of the noise of the car body structure. This sequence will be performed on Car No. 2 at one car weight (90,000 pounds).

- a. Operate the SOAC car through Track Section I at required speeds. The air conditioning system will be on.
- b. The car operator will announce the entering and leaving of this track section.
- c. Set up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- d. For each speed and car location required, identify the test point and record gain level on the recorder by voice, obtain 15 seconds of accelerometer data, and enter the record number in a log sheet. The accelerometer should be positioned on double-backed pressures sensitive tape.

# 1.4.6 Coasting Car Noise Levels

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the contribution of wheel/rail noise to the interior acoustic environment of the car. This sequence will be performed on Car No. 1 at one car weight (90,000 pounds).

- a. Operate the SOAC car through Track Section IV at the required speed, in a coasting mode. All car systems not required for car operation will be off.
- b. The car operator will announce the entering and leaving of this track section.
- c. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- d. For each speed and car location required, identify the test point and record gain level on the recorder by voice, obtain a minimum of 15 seconds of data, and enter the record number and record gain level in a log sheet.

## 1.4.7 Absorption Test

The purpose of this sequence is to determine the acoustic absorption in the interiors of both SOAC cars (in an empty configuration). Devices which produce impulse type sounds (similar to the sound of exploding balloons, for example) will be used for this test.

- a. Position the car in an area which has a low ambient noise level.
- b. Explode at least three balloons at each required location, identify the test point, record gain level on the recorder, and enter on a log sheet. The microphone should be approximately three feet from the balloon for each record, and should be midway between floor and ceiling.

# 1.4.8 Resilient Wheels - Interior Noise Survey

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect of resilient wheels on the interior noise of the SOAC car. This sequence will be performed on each of the SOAC cars at 90,000 and 105,000 pounds. The car configuration for the resilient wheel tests will be identical with that for the noise survey with the steel wheels.

a. Operate the SOAC car through each track section and speed as required. The air conditioning system will be on.

- b. For the data taken at steady speed around the test loop, the car operator will announce the entering and leaving of this track section.
- c. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- d. For each speed and car location required, identify the test point and record gain level on the recorder by voice, obtain at least 15 seconds of data, and enter the record number in a log sheet. The microphone should be positioned at the ear level of a seated passenger for these test points.

# 1.5 DATA

The basic analysis of all data recorded during the program consists of a frequency analysis using an "A" weighting network and is presented in Table 1-3. Selected data points have also been analyzed using 1/3-octave band filters (preferred frequencies) and these are presented in Figures 1-6 through 1-29. All data reported has been converted to sound pressure levels referenced to  $2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/M}^2$ . Analysis of the structure borne noise has been made using "A" weighting and the levels reported are in dBA relative to  $10^{-5} \text{ N/m}^2$ .

Where narrow band components required identification, data was analyzed with a digital analyzer (Federal Scientific UA-6 Spectrum Analyzer). Data from this analysis is presented in the form of oscilloscope photographs in Figures 1-30 through 1-41.

During the testing all systems were operating. Some equipment normally cycles as part of its operating mode, such as the brake air compressor and the air conditioner compressor. When these systems cycled to their 'off' mode, a small variation in interior noise level occurred. No correction has been applied to the data to account for this.

TABLE 1-3. ON-CAR NOISE DATA

FIGURE NUMBER	1-32				
WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	68 69 69.5 68.5 67.5	67 67 67	65 65 65 65 62.5	61.5 62.5 63.5 63.5	62.5 64.5 64.5 64.5
TEST PT.	35 41 40 38 37 36	317 318 319	567 566 565 565 563 563	618 617 616 615 614	638 639 640 641 642 643
TAPE NO.	13-B-1,2	13-B-9	13-B-18	13-B-20	13-B-21
LOC.	55 55 55 55	555		555 555 555 555	55 55 55 55
VELOCITY (MPH)	50 50 50 50	50 50 50	50 50 50 50	500 500 500 500 500	500 500 500 500 500
TRACK SEC.	I III V V	II III	I III IV V	I III IV VI	HIII AAA
WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats	Trued	Resilient	Resilient	Resilient
WEIGHT (LB)	000 06			105,000	105,000
CONDITION	Effect of Track Constr.			•	Effect of Track Constr.
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TABLE 1-3. Continued

FIGURE	1-6, 1-30	1-7, 1-30	1-8, 1-30	1-9, 1-30	1-10, 1-30	1-26, 1-31
WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	41.5 41.5 42 41.5	44.5 46.5 57 48.5	46 47 58 51	51 56 60 64.5	46.5 48.5 59 56.5	63 63 64.5
TEST PT.	0 w 4 v	7 8 9 10	11 12 13 14	15 16 17 18	19 20 21 22 23	24 25 26 27
TAPE NO.	13-B-1	13-B-1	13-B-1	13-B-1	13-B-1	13-B-1
LOC.	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60 60R	49 51 55 60
VELOCITY (MPH)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRACK SEC.	I	I	I	Ħ	Ι	н
WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel Flats
WEIGHT (LB)	000 406	000'06	000'06	000'06	000'06	000,000
CONDITION	Equip. Noise, All Systems Off	M/A Set Only	M/A Set and Lighting System	M/A Set and Traction Motor Blowers	M/A Set and Brake Air Comp.	M/A Set, Air Comp. Blowers & A/C Comp.
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	CONDITION	All Systems On	Door Cycle	All Systems Off	M/A Set Only	M/A Set and Lighting System	M/A Set and Brake Air Comp.
	WEIGHT (LB)	000*06	90,000	000 06	90,000	90,000	90,000
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats
TABLE 1.	TRACK SEC.	I	I	I	I	н	н
1-3. Continued	VELOCITY (MPH)	0	0	0	0	0	0
nued	LOC.	49 51 55 60	51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60 60R	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60
	TAPE NO.	13-B-1	13-B-1	13-в-3	13-B-3	13-в3	13-B-3
	TEST PT.	31 32 33 34	28 29 30	94 95 96 97	98 99 100 101 102	103 104 105 106	107 108 109 110
	W.IGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	63 63.5 64.5 67	66/65 66/62 67/63	47 46 46 46.5	48 54.5 56.5 52.5	49.5 54 57 53	52 54.5 57.5 55.5
	FIGURE NUMBER OR NOTES	1-31	Open/Close				

	FIGURE NUMBER CP.					Open/Close	l Sys. On
	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL	52.5 59 63.5 65.5	64 64.5 64 64	63.5 65 66 66.5	73 73 73 69 68	74/69	63 Al 63.5 64.5 67
	TEST	111 112 113 114	115 116 117 118	119 120 121 122	124 125 123 126 126	188 189	31 32 33 34
	TAPE	13-B-3	13-B-3	13-B-3	13-B-3	13-B-3	13-B-1
Continued	LOC	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	52	51 53	49 51 55 60
1-3. Cont	VELOCITY (MPH)	0	0	0	ser iser iser	0	0
TABLE 1	TRACK SEC.	I	H	I	L/H Diffuser L/H Diffuser L/H Diffuser Prline R/H Diffuser	I	н
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	6" to Left of L/H Diffuser Directly Below L/H Diffuse 6" to Right of L/H Diffuse Below Car Centerline Directly Below R/H Diffuse	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats
	WEIGHT (LB)	000,06	000'06	000'06	6" to L Directl 6" to R Below C Directl	90,000	90,000
	CONDITION	M/A Set and Traction Motor Blowers	M/A Set and Air Conditioner Blowers (A/C Comp. Not Operative)	All Systems On	Air Comfort Diffuser Survey 6" Below Ceiling	Door Cycle	Effect of Car Velocity
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Γ			1-33	1-33	1-33		1-33	
	PIGURE NUMBER		1-27, 1-	1-28, 1	1-11, 1		1-12, 1	1-29
	CE CE	LEVEL (dbA)	66.5 68 66.5 70	71.5 72.5 68 72	74 76 71 75	82	83.5 78.5 80	63.5 65 66 66.5
		TEST PT.	43 44 45 47	48 49 50 51	52 53 54 55	237	89 90 91	119 120 121 122
		TAPE NO.	13-B-2	13-B-2	13-B-2	13-B-6	13-B-2	13-B-3
Continued		LOC.	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49	51 55 60	49 51 55 60
1-3. Con		VELOCITY (MPH)	25	35	50	70	80	0
TABLE		TRACK SEC.	Ħ					н
		WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats					Steel- Flats
		WEIGHT (LB)	000*06					90,000
		CONDITION	Effect of Car Velocity					Effect of Car Velocity
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TABLE 1-3. Continued

CAR	CONDITION	WEIGHT (LB)	WHEEL CONFIG.	TRACK SEC.	VELOCITY (MPH)	LOC.	TAPE NO.	TEST PT.	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	FIGURE NUMBER
N	Effect of Car Velocity	000,000	Steel- Flats	н	25	49 51 55 60	13-B-4	129 130 131 132	67 67.5 65.5 68	1-13, 1-34
					35	49 51 55 60	13-B-4	137 136 135 133	68 68.5 67 70	1-14, 1-34
					50	49 53 55 60	13-B-4	138 141 151 170	69.5 71 68 73.5	1-15, 1-34
					70	49 51 55 60	13-B-4	72? 173 174 175?	70 71.5 69 74	1-34
					80	49 51 55 60	13-B-5	190 191 192 193	73.5 74.5 73	
	Acceleration/90,000Ste	00'06/u		н	0-20-0	55	13-B-5	187	64-69-64	
	Deceretation		Flacs		0-80-0	55	13-B-5	186	64-72-64	

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	FIGURE NUMBER OR NOTES	Blowers	Blowers			1-35	A/C Comp. O
	WEIGHTED FIGURE SOUND NUMBER LEVEL OR (dbA) NOTES	67 69.5 66.5 74.5	56 57 58.5 59	59 59.5 59	63 62.5 61.5	64.5 64.5 63.5 65	65.7 65.7 64.5 66.5
	TEST PT.	324 325 326 326	333 334 335 336	337 338 339 340	341 342 345	449 450 451 452	453 454 455 457 457
<b>6</b> -1	TAPE NO.	13-B-9	13-B-10	13-B-10	13-B-10	13-B-10	13-B-10
Continued	LOC.	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 57 55 60	49 51 55	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 55 60
1-3. Con	VELOCITY (MPH)	25	25	35	50	25	35
TABLE	TRACK SEC.	II	н			Н	
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Trued				Steel- Trued	
	WEIGHT (LB)	000 06				105,000	
2	CONDITION	Effect of Car Velocity				Effect of Car Velocity	
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OR DEF. BLWR. FIGURE NUMBER OFF off On On On Off 1-35 1-35 6000 on CAB DOOR POSI-TION Open Closed Closed Closed Open Closed Closed Closed Open Closed Closed Closed closedClosed closedClosed WEIGHTED SOUND (dBA) 66.5 54.5 65.5 65 65 65 5 S 55 66.5 64.5 67 S S 67.5 68. 69 66 67.1 69. 68. 68 66 66 66 64 TEST PT. 458 459 460 462 486 487 488 489 490 480 481 482 483 491 493 494 495 499 498 497 496 524 501 13-B-10 13-B-10 13-B-15 13-B-15 13-B-15 13-B-15 TAPE NO Continued 51 51 55 60 LOC 51 55 60 49 49 51 55 60 49 49 51 55 60 51 55 55 60 52 VELOCITY (MPH) TABLE 1-3. 25 50 2 35 50 50 TRACK SEC. H Н CONFIG. Steel-Trued Steel-WHEEL Trued WEIGHT 105,000 105,000 (LB) CONDITION Effect of Car Velocity of Car Velocity Effect CAR ~

	FIGURE NUMBER / DEF. BLWR.		1-36	1-36	1-36	1-36	1-36
	CAB DOOR POSI-	Closed Closed Open Closed Closed					
	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	64 67 70 69.5 69.5	65 63 63	65 65 68	67 67 66 68	69 67 66 68	70 70 68 65
	TEST PT.	528 529 530 531 532 533	558 559 560 561	562 563 564 565	575 574 573 572	576 577 578 578 579	584 583 582 581
panı	TAPE NO.	13-B-15	13-B-18	13-B-18	13-B-18	13-B-18	13-B-18
Continued	LOC.	944 94 05 06 08	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60
TABLE 1-3.	VELOCITY (MPH)	70	0	25	35	50	70
TA	TRACK SEC.	I     Flat)	н	<b>-</b>			
	WHEEL CONFIG.		Resil-				
	WEIGHT (LB)	105,000 Steel- Trued (Possible Wheel	000.06				
	CONDITION	Effect of Car Velocity	Effect of Car Velocity				
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	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	64 62 62.5 63	64.5 63.5 61.5 62.5	62 6 <b>2</b> 61 69	63 62.5 61.5	64 63 61.5	66.5 66.5 64 69	69 72 67.5
	TEST PT.	612 611 610 609	621 620 618 619	637 636 635 634	648 649 650 651	655 654 653 652	644 645 646 647	657 658 657 656
	TAPE NO.	13-B-20	1?-8-20	13-B-21	13-B-21	13-B-21	13-8-21	13-в-21
ned	LOC.	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	<b>49</b> 51 55 60	49 51 55 60	45 51 55 60
3. Continued	VELOCITY (MPH)	0	50	0	25	35	50	70
TABLE 1-3.	TRACK SEC.	н		I				
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Resil- ient		Resil- ient				
	WEIGHT (LB)	105,000		000 06			-	
	CONDITION	Effect of Car Velocity		Effect of Car Velocity				
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Return Air Inlet 1 Ft. from Roof Mid Floor Roof Mid Floor Roof Mid WEIGHTED NOTES SOUND 74 71 71 71 71 71 72 73 73 74 74 74 74 74 74 74 74 74 76 LEVEL (dBA) TEST PT. 13-B-2 TAPE NO. Continued 56-R | 22-L | 25/26-L 49 51 55 60 22-L 50 52 10-L 117-L 117-L 116-R 16-R 16-R 16-R 56-L 56-L 57 56-R 56-R 58 28-L 31-L 59-L LOCI VELOCITY TABLE 1-3. (MPH) 90 TRACK SEC. н CONFIG. Steel-Flats WHEEL 000,06 WEIGHT (LB) CONDITION Survey Detail Car

	NOTES	Roof Mid Floor Roof Mid Floor Floor
	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	69.5 71 71 71 68 68.5 68.5 69.5 71.5 71.5 71.5 71.5 72.5 73.5
	TEST PT.	138 140 1440 1441 1445 1446 1446 1446 1447 1448 1448 1540 1540 1540 1641 1651 1660 1660 1670 1691 1691 170
	TAPE NO.	13-в-4
Continued	roc.	29 2-L 50 50 10-L 10-L 12-L 13-L 13-L 13-L 13-L 13-L 13-L 13-L 13
-3.	VELOCITY (MPH)	20
TABLE 1	TRACK SEC.	H
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Flats
	WFIGHT (LB)	000.06
	CONDITION	Detail Car Survey
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	NOTES	Floor Mid Window Roof Roof Roof Roof Roof Roof Roof Ro
	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	63.5 64.5 62.5 62.5 63.5 64.5 66.5 66.5 66.5
	TEST PT.	341 342 3442 3444 3444 3444 3444 3444 34
	TAPE NO.	13-B-10
Continued	LOCA- TION	49 52-R 54-R 56-R 56-R 59-R 61 16-R 16-R 16-R 17-R 17-L 16-L 16-L 16-L 16-L 16-L 16-L 16-L 16
TABLE 1-3. Cont	VELOCITY LOCA- (MPH) TION	50
	TRACK SEC.	H
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Trued
	WEIGHT (LB)	000,000
	CONDITION	Detail Car Survey
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	NOTES		Reverse Dir.
	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dbA)	69.5 67.5 67.5 67.5	68.5 69.5 65.5 R 67.5 67.5 66.5 66.5 66.5 66.5 66.5 66.5
	TEST PT.	379 380 381 382 383	44444444444444444444444444444444444444
-	TAPE NO.	13-B-10	13-B-14
Continued	Y LOC.	31-R 16-L 17-L 17-R 16-R	49 51 55 60 60 31-R 28/29-R 22/23-R 26-R 20-R 16/17-R 16/17-R 16/17-R 16/17-R 10/11-R 6/7-R
E 1-3.	VELOCITY (MPH)		0.5
TABLE	TRACK SEC.	н	Ħ
	WHEEL	Steel- Trued	Steel- Trued
	WEIGHT (LB)	000*06	105,000
	CONDITION	Detail Car Survey	Detail Car Survey
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	ACCEL.	UlK. Vertical										Verticai
	STRUCTURE BORNE NOISE (dBA) re	-44	-34.5	-44	-44	-44	-44.5	-44	-31	-38	-29	-32.5 -36.5 V
	TEST	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	238 239
	TAPE	13-B-5	13-B-5	13-B-5	13-B-5	13-B-5	13-B-5	13-B-5	13-B-6	13-B-6	13-B-6	13-B-6
Continued	<b>.</b>	49 Floor	49 Floor	49 Floor	53-L Sill	53-L Sill	53-L Sill	56-L Sill	56-L Uppr	56-L Upper	49 Floor	49 Floor
£ 1-3.	VELOCITY (MPH))	0				<u> </u>		<u>.l.</u>	<u> </u>		20	25 25
TABLE	TRACK SEC.	I									н	
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats									Steel- Flats	
	WEIGHT (LB)	000,06									000'06	
	CONDITION	All Syst Off	M/A Set Start	M/A Set	All Syst Off	M/A set Start Up	A/R Comp. Start Up	M/A Set & Air Comp.	M/S Set Mtr Blwrs, Air Comp.	Above plus Lighting System	Coasting,	
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									STRUCTURE BORNE NOISE	
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1 Powered	wered Car,	000,06	Steel-	н	20	49-51 13	13-B-6	240	-41	Vertical
	Ceiling					51		241	-34	Vertical
<b>ဗ</b>	54					50/51-R	1	242	-37.5	Vertical
3 —	Mid					51-K Door,	Top	243 244	-37	Lateral Lateral
	LOW						Low	245	-28	Lateral
3 v	Lower Door					51-L Sill		247	-35	Vertical
 . g	Ceiling					50/51-L		248	-36	Vertical
	Upper Door Sill					20-L		249	-33	Vertical
8	Door, Top					50-L		250	-39	Lateral
	Mid					50-L		251	-29	Lateral
S;	Sidewall.Mid	d Car				7-0c		707	- 38	Lateral
) 	LOW			· · ·		50-L	<del></del>	253	-38	Lateral
	Mid					20-L		254	-39	Lateral
-	Top					50-L		255	-38 73	Lateral
Di	Diffuser			_		17-1	•	257	•	Vertical
S	Ceiling					16-R		258	-44	Vertical
Si	Sidewall, p	Jpper				16-R		259	-37	Lateral
	Σ, ι	Mid				16-R		260	-38	Lateral
						16-R		261		Lateral
မွ် ,		-				57		262	-42.5	Vertical
9 6	00r	SILL				26		263		Vertical
9 G	Ceiling					09		264	-38.5	Vertical
	Celling					19		265	-42	Vertical
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	ACCEL. DIR.	Vertical	Vertical	Vertical	Vertical	
	STRUCTURE BORNE NOISE (dBA) re lg rms	-32	-38	-42	-32	
	TEST PT.	266	267	268	269	
led	TAPE NO.	13-B-6				
Continu	roc.	59-L	09	61	29-L	
TABLE 1-3. Continued	VELOCITY (MPH)	20				
TAB	TRACK SEC.	н				
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats				
	WEIGHT (LB)	90,000		Return		
	CAR CONDITION	Powered Car Door Sill	Ceiling, Diffuser	Ceiling, Roy	Door Sill	
	CAR	н				

				00 Hz	10000	• • • • •	-39	-39	-41	-	<u>'</u>																				
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	NOTES		(4.0)		C 4:02	220	Exterior Interior	Interior Exterior	Exterior Exterior Interior	Exterior Interior	Exterior Exterior	Interior																			
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	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	63.5 64.5 58. 49.5 89 86 84 73	COEFFI	500 Hz	0.30		80 62	60.5 87	88 92 71.5	101	81/106 $106$	78.5																			
	TEST PT.	226 2227 2228 2330 2332 2334 234 234	ABSORPTION	Test Pt.	203 204 205 206	207 208 209 210	285 286	287 289	290 291 292	293	295 296	298																			
þ	TAPE NO.	3-B-6	A		9-	9-	-B-8		-B-8	<del>-</del>	-	-	1																		
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TABLE 1-3.	VELOCITY (M <sup>T</sup> H)	22 11 11 5 25 25 15 9-10		0		0	25	5		20	2, 02	20	<u> </u>																		
TA	TRACK SEC.	ΝI					н		н																						
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats	6+001	90,000 Steel- Flats		Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats Lights on)	Lights Off)	Steel- Flats				ion																		
	WEIGHT (LB)	000'06	000			000,06				90,000		000,06		90,000		0000				000						000,06	90,000	-	000		
	CONDITION	ting - All ems	Absorption	10114		Absorption Test				···			*Norris-Eyring																		
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	CAR	н		1		7	г	-	4				•																		

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	FIGURE NUMBER	or or 1-40 or 1-40	1-20, 1-38	1-25 1-25 1-23 1-24, 1-38
	ACCEL DIR	Exterior Interior Exterior Interior Exterior		
	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	60 63 82 62 98	81 100 101 104 107 81-105	87 98 100 104 107 78/95
	TEST PT.	299 300 301 302 303	435 436 437 438 439 440	441 443 444 444 446
Continued	TAPE NO.	13-B-8	13-B-8	13-B-8
Cont	LOC.			
TABLE 1-3.	VELOCITY (MPH)	0 0 25 70	25 35 50 70 0 - 50	0 25 35 50 70 0 - 50
Ŧ	TRACK SEC.	н	H	н
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats	Steel- Flats
	WEIGHT (LB)	000 *06	۷90,000	000,06
	CONDITION	End	Body,Safety90,000 Strap,Near Power Pick- Up Shoe	MIC on Truck 1 (#2 Axle)
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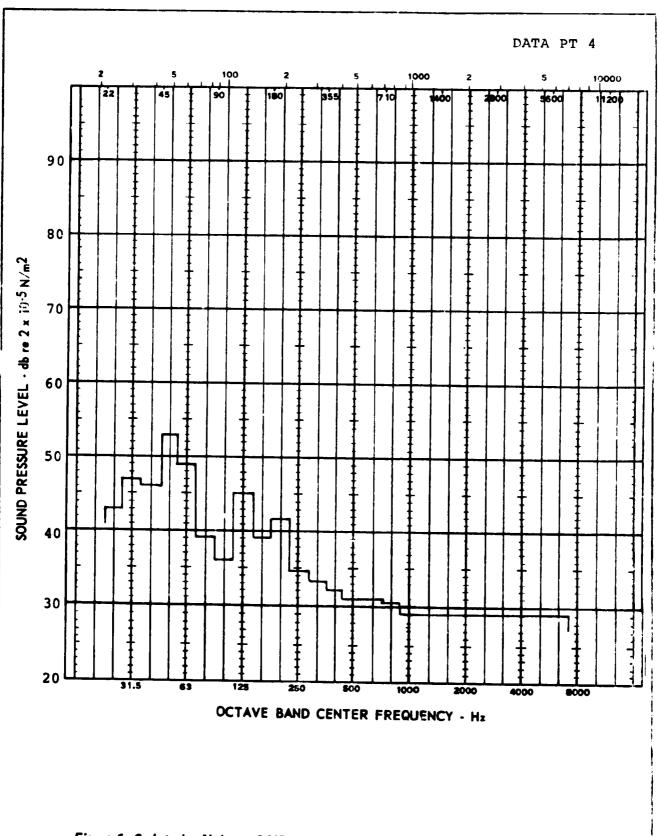


Figure 1-6. Interior Noise at 0 MPH with All System. Off (Car No. 1; Position 55)

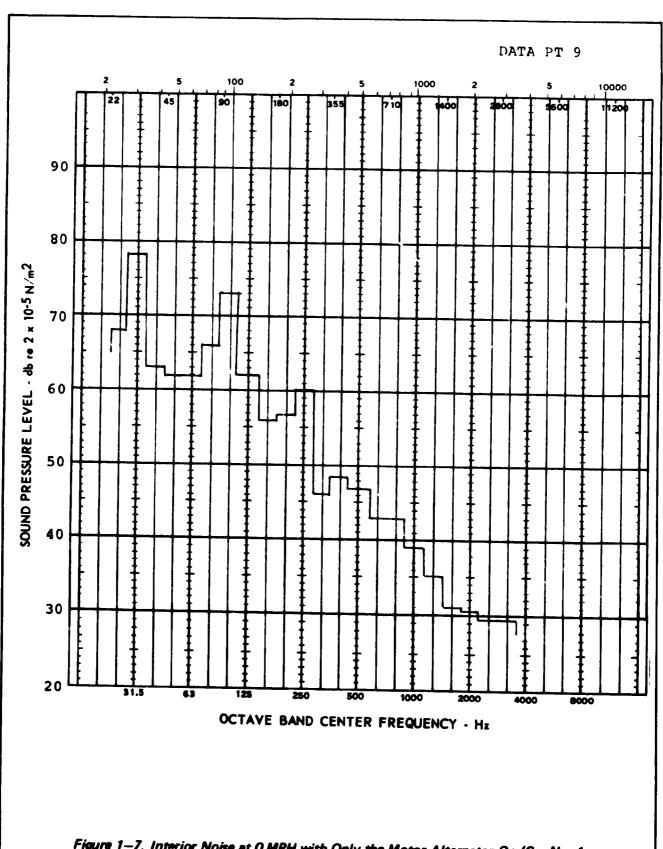


Figure 1—7. Interior Noise at 0 MPH with Only the Motor Alternator On (Car No. 1; Position 55)

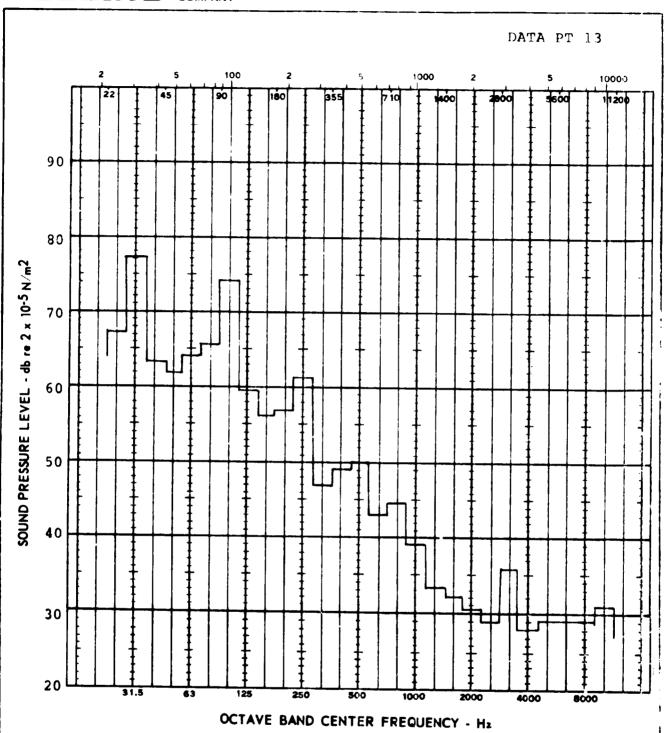
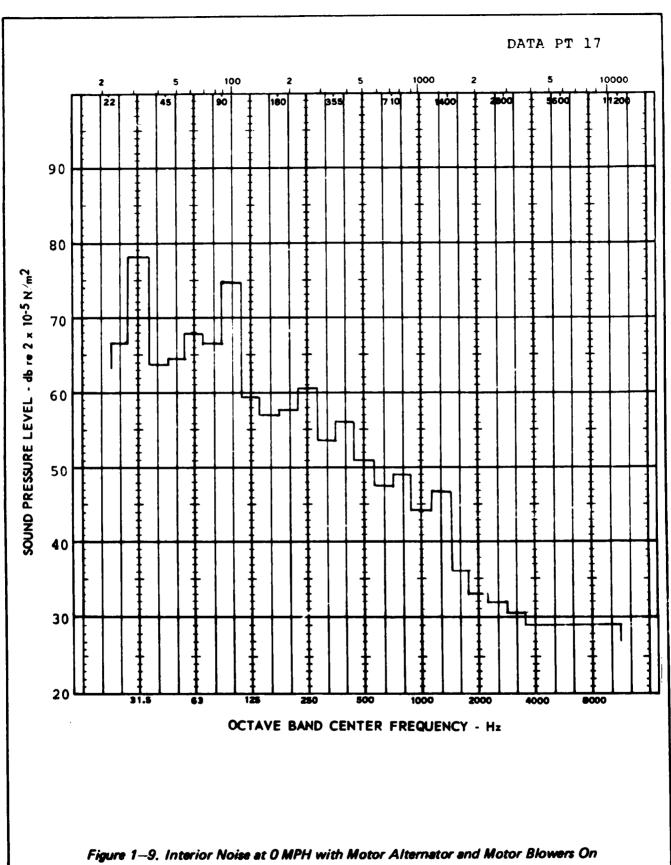


Figure 1—8. Interior Noise at 0 MPH with Motor Alternator and Lighting System On (Car No. 1; Position 55)



(Car No. 1; Position 55)

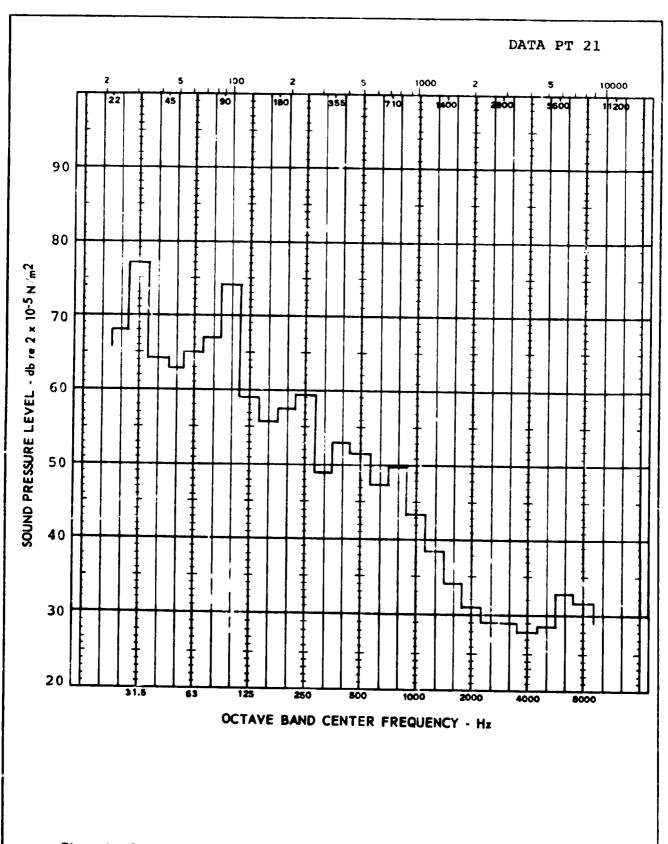
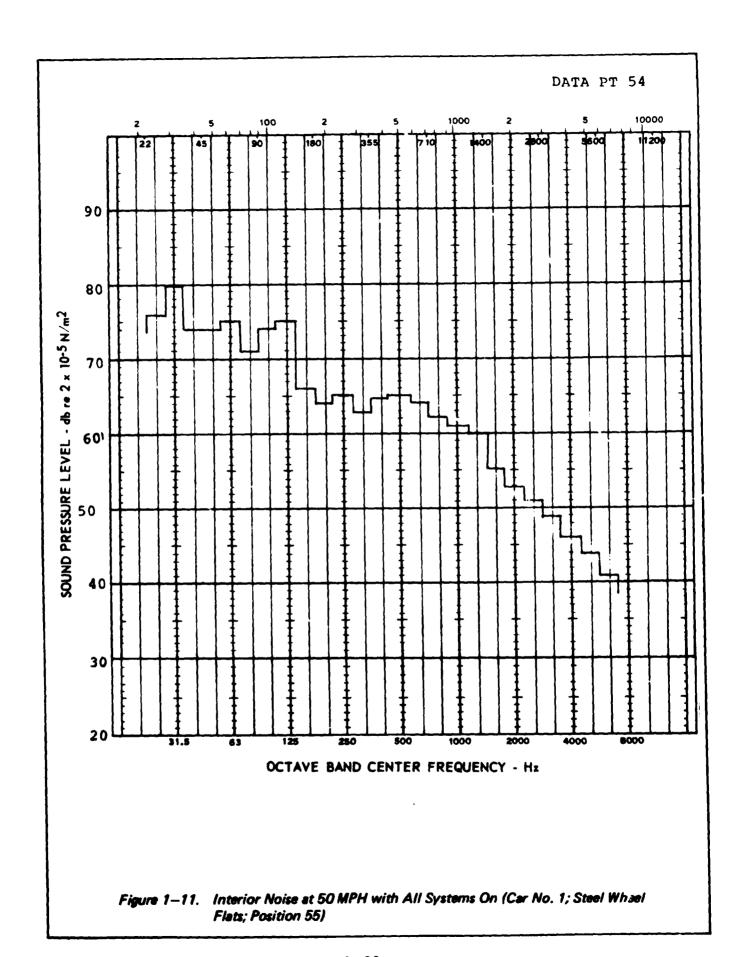


Figure 1—10. Interior Noise at 0 MPH with Motor Alternator and Brake Air Compressor On (Car No. 1; Position 55)



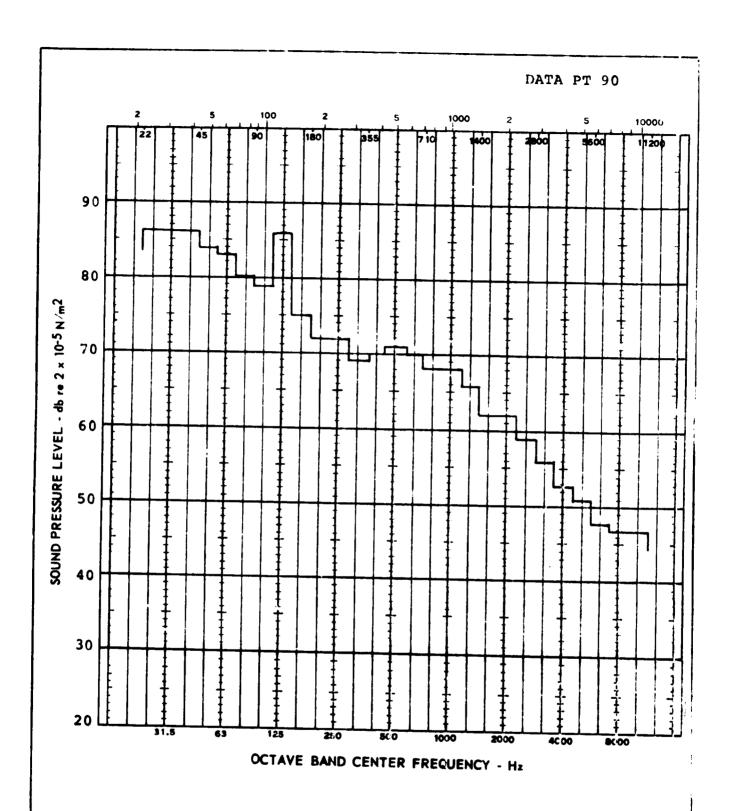
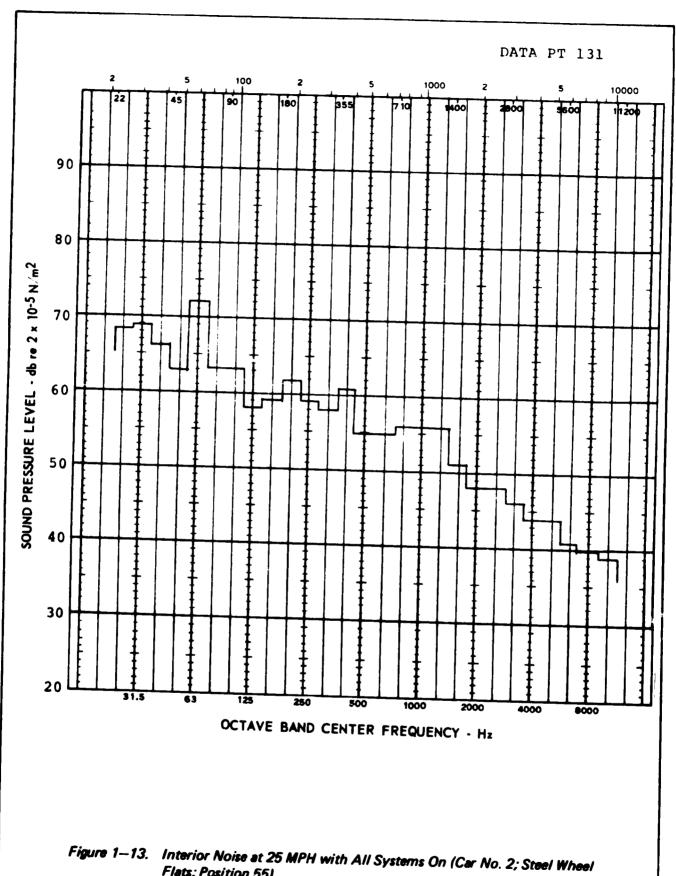


Figure 1—12. Interior Noise at 80 MPH with All Systems On (Car No. 1; Steel Whee! Flats; Position 55)



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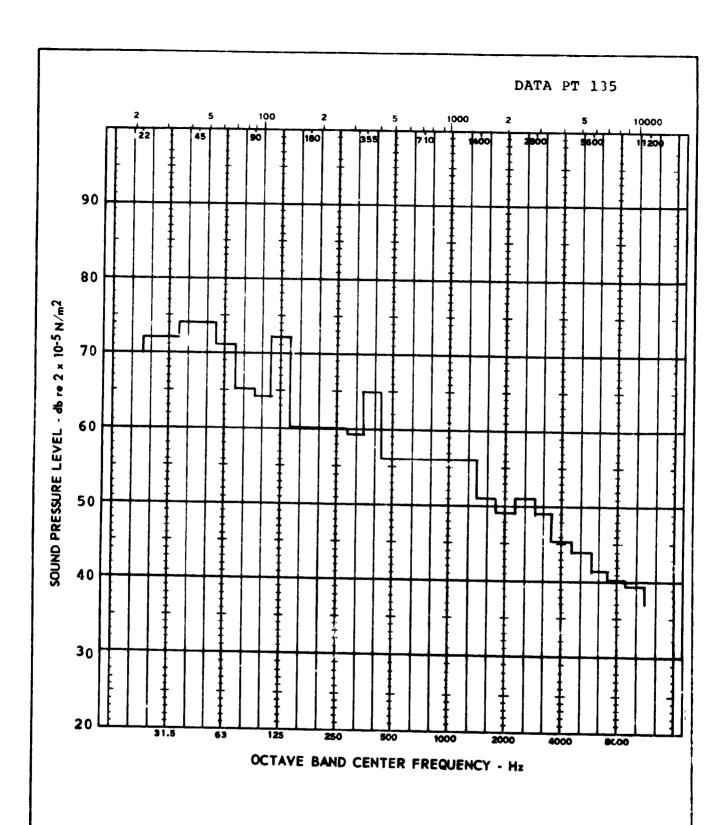


Figure 1—14. Interior Noise at 35 MPH with All Systems On (Car No. 2; Steel Wheel Flats; Position 55)

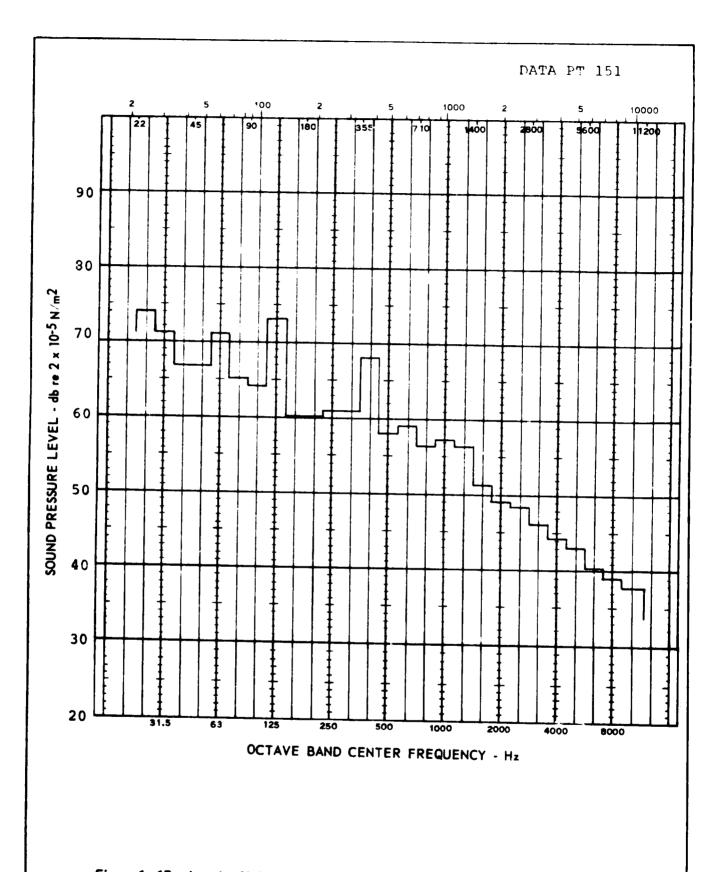


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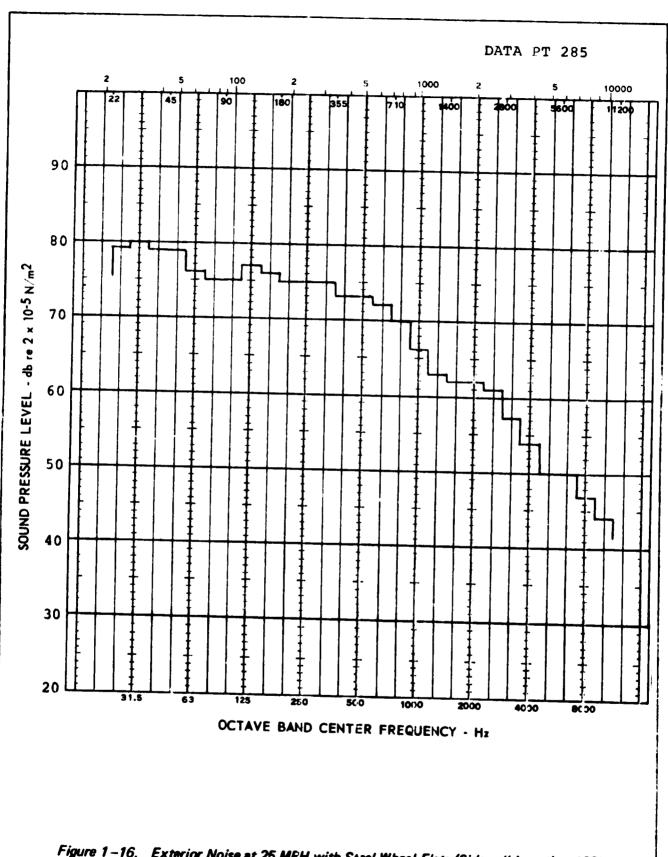
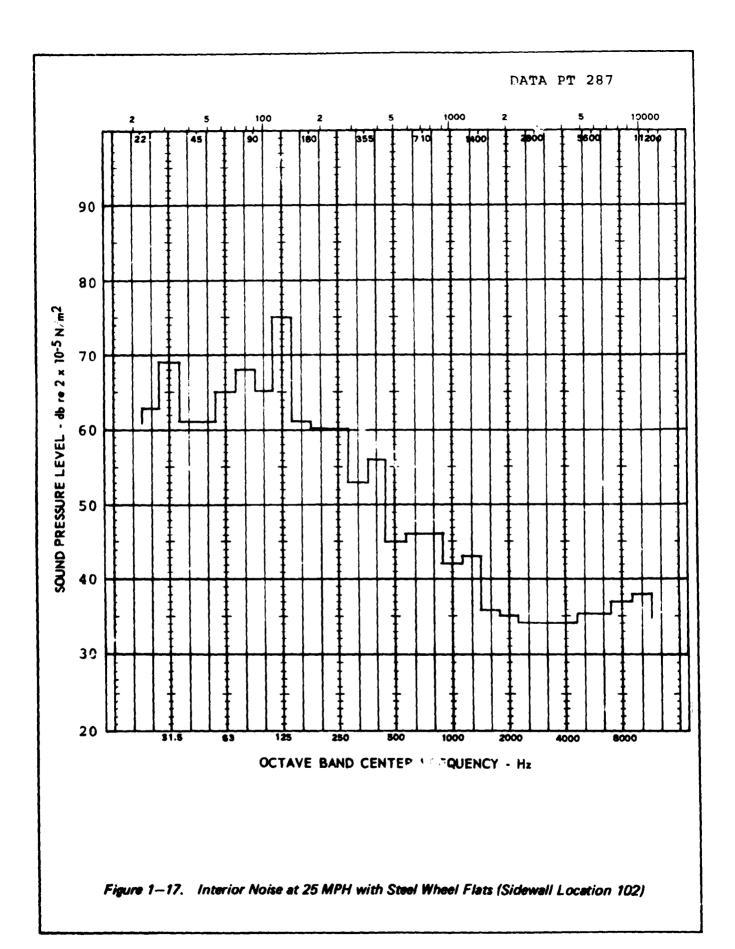
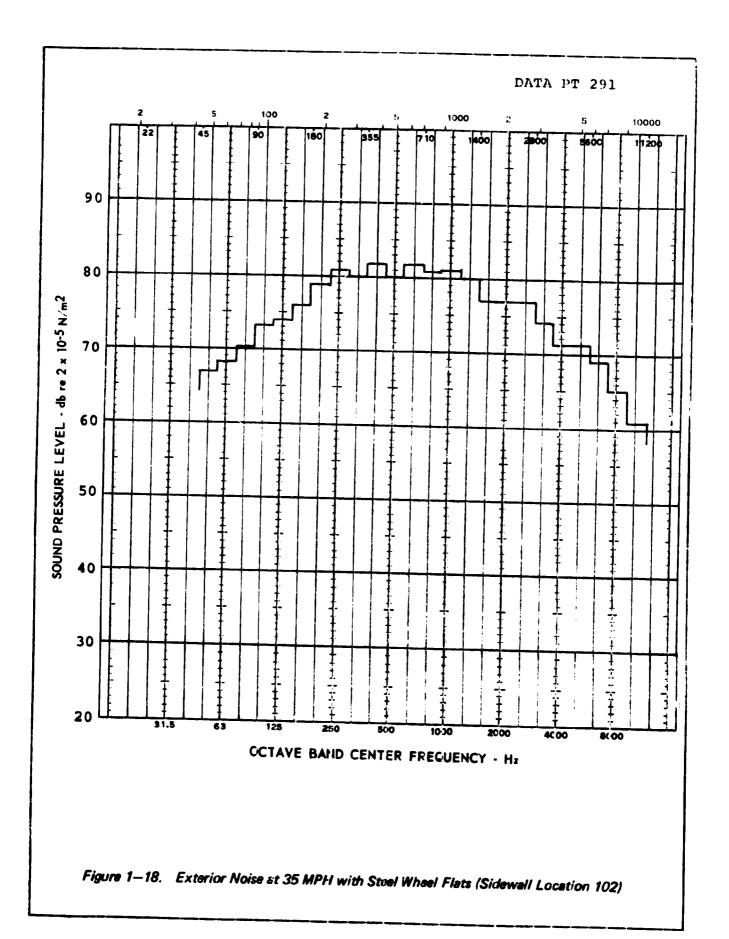


Figure 1 - 16. Exterior Noise at 25 MPH with Stael Wheel Flats (Sidewall Location 102)



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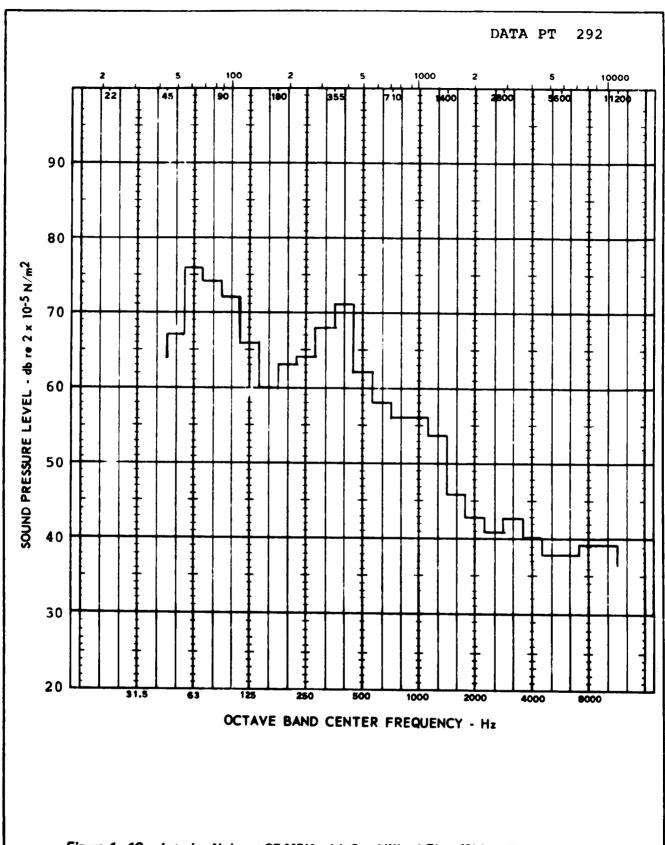


Figure 1-19. Interior Noise at 35 MPH with Steel Wheel Flats (Sidewall Location 102)

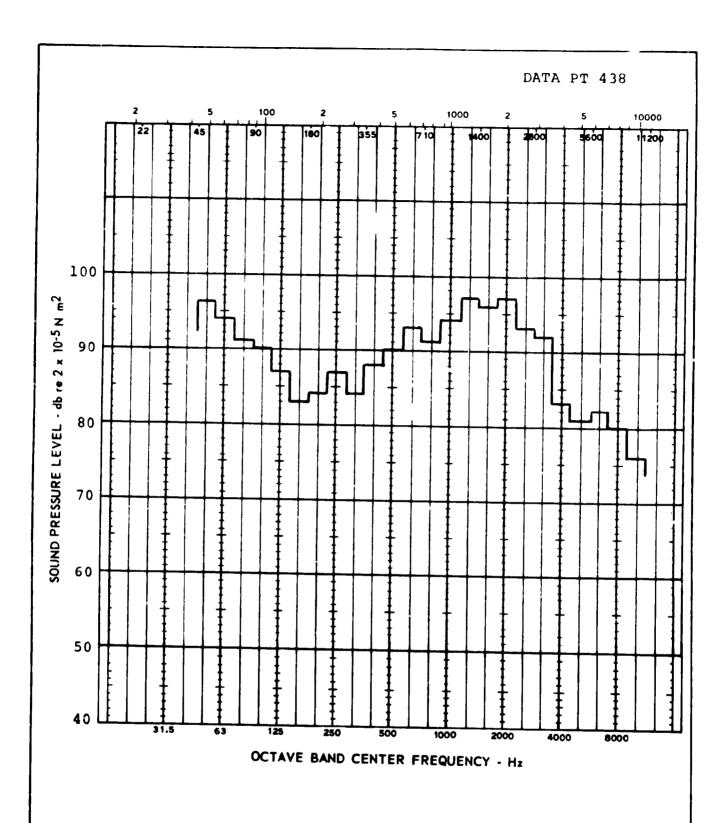


Figure 1—20. Exterior Noise at 50 MPH at Microphone on Safety Strap Near Power Pickup Shoe (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats)

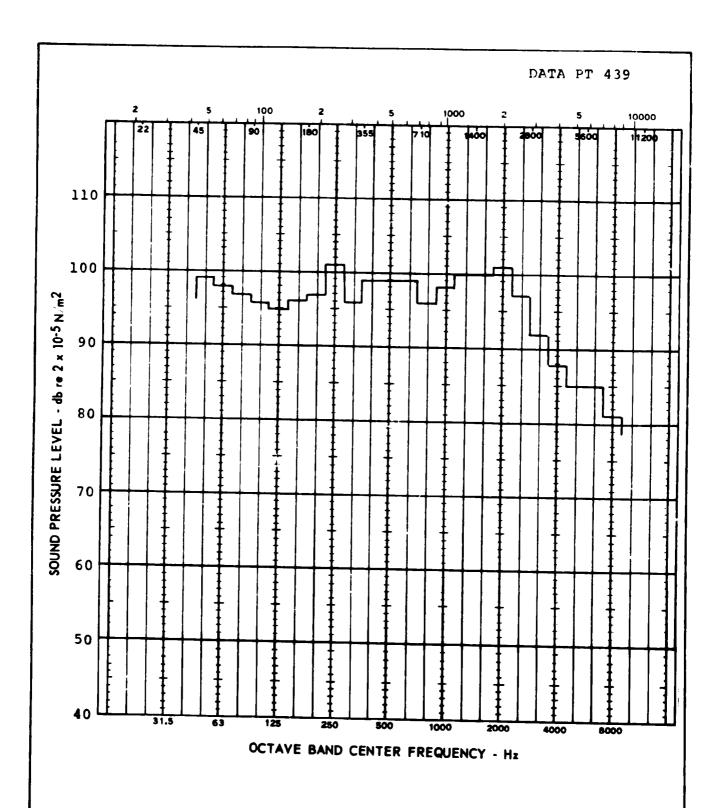
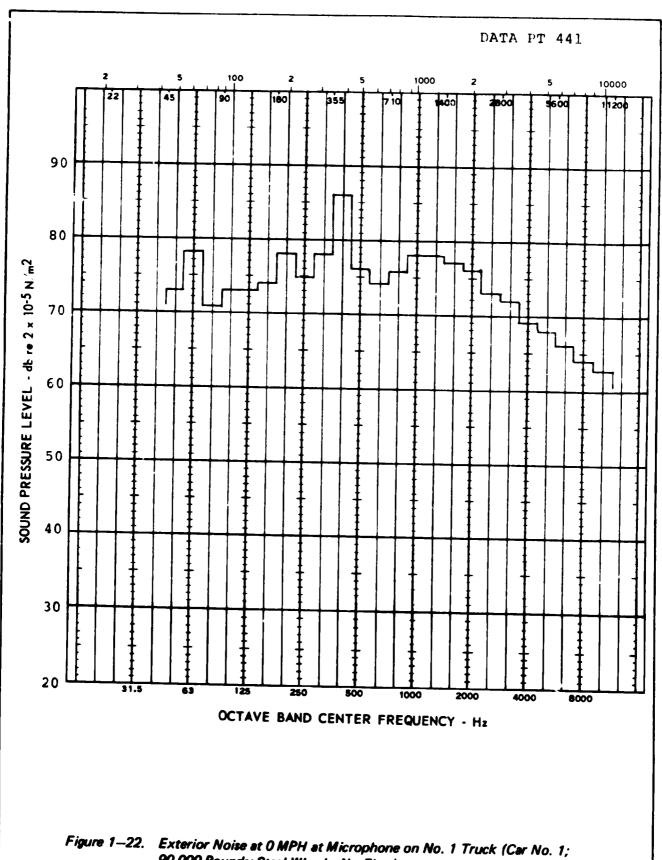


Figure 1—21. Exterior Noise at 70 MPH at Microphone on Safety Strap Near Power Pickup Shoe (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats)



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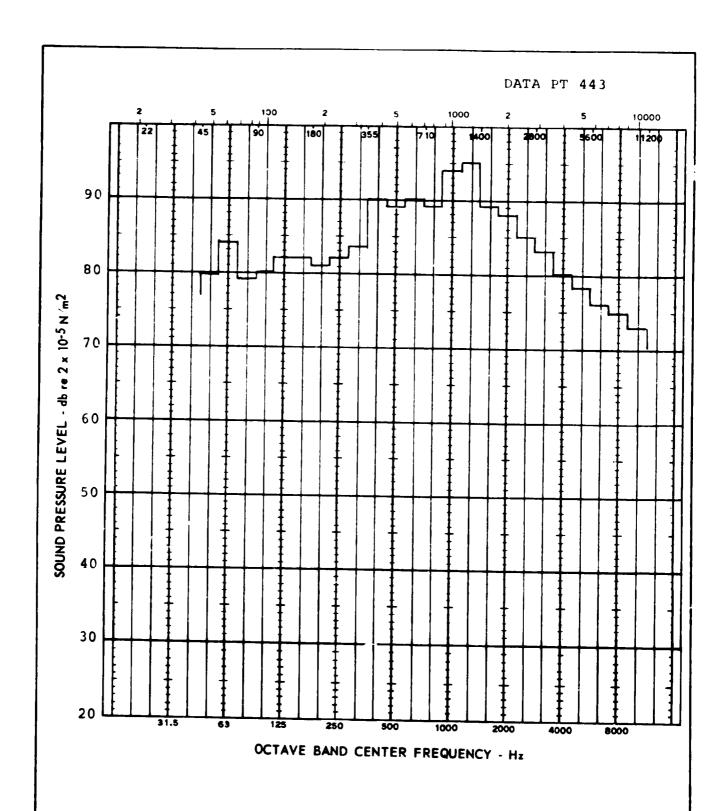
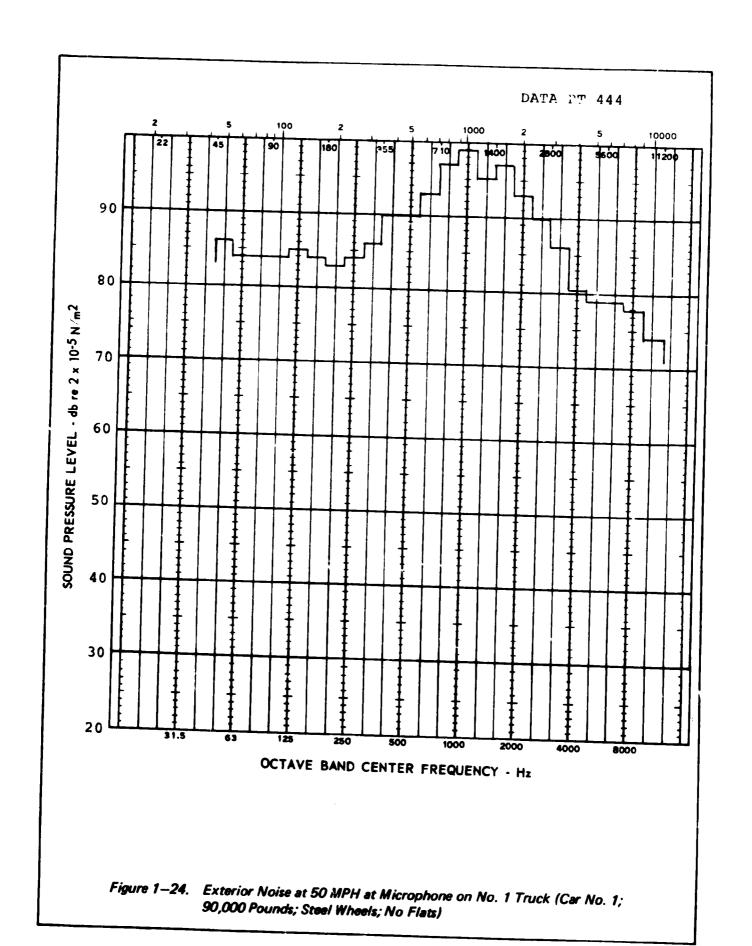


Figure 1—23. Exterior Noise at 35 MPH at Microphone on No. 1 Truck (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats)



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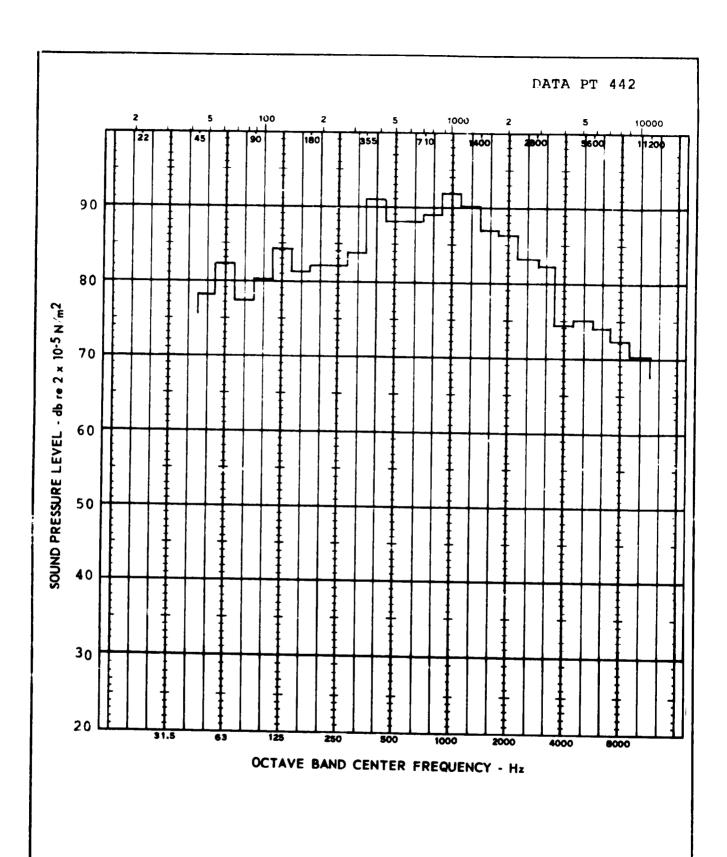
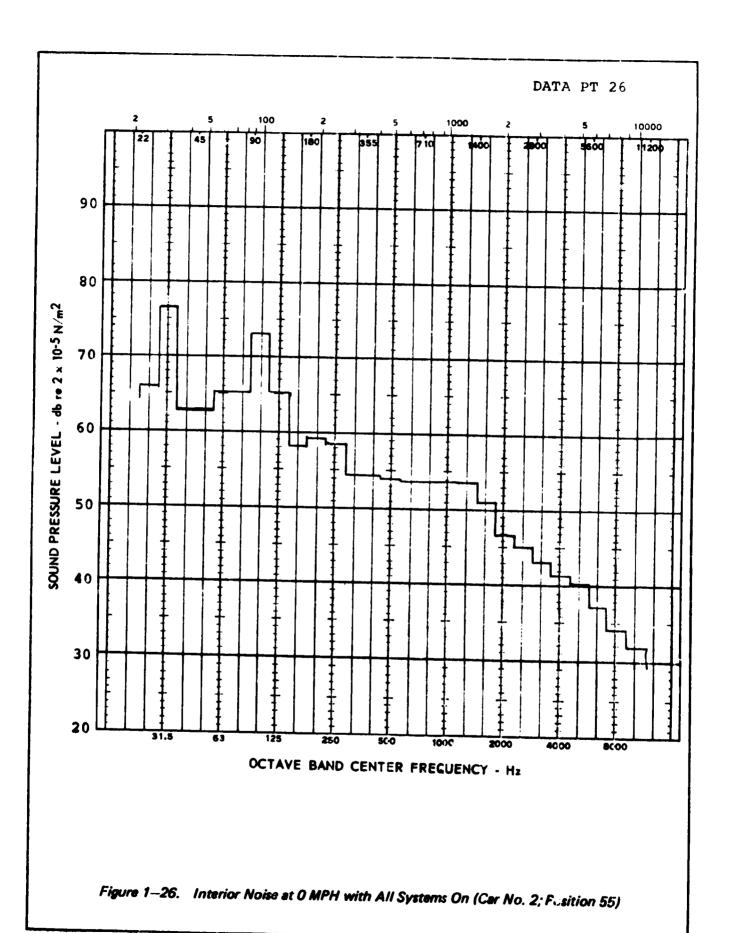


Figure 1—25. Exterior Noise at 25 MPH at Microphone on No. 2 Axle of No. 1 Truck (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats)



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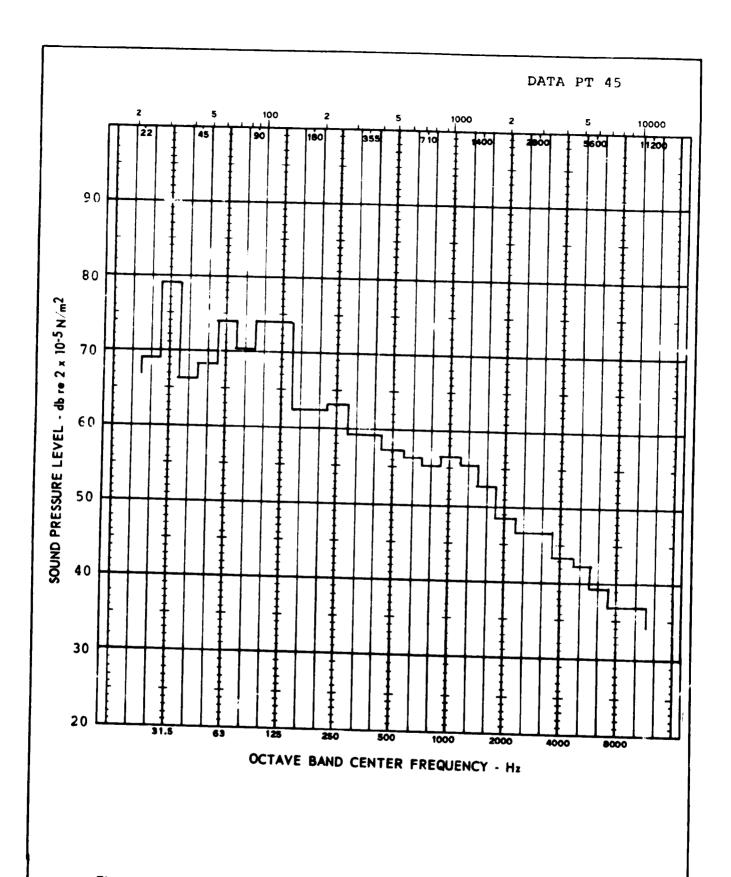


Figure 1—27. Interior Noise at 25 MPH with All Systems On (Car No. 1; Position 55; Steel Wheel Flats)

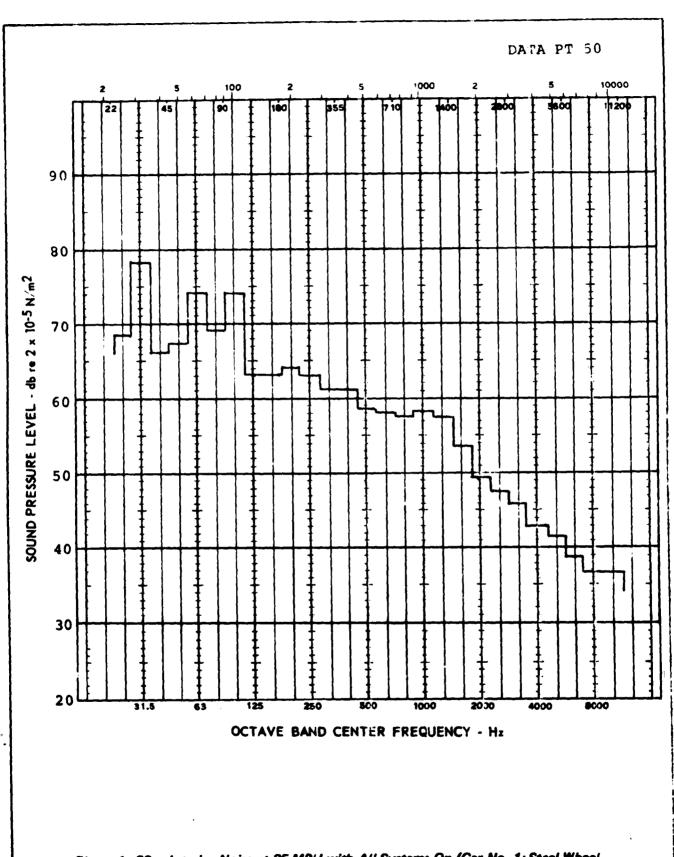


Figure 1—28. Interior Noise at 35 MP/I with All Systems On (Car No. 1; Steel Wheel Flats; Position 55)

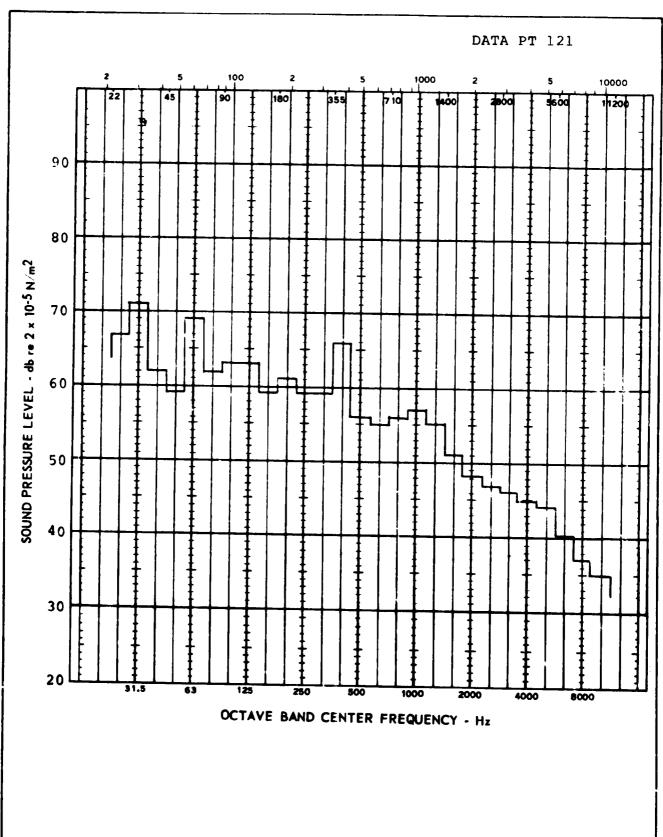


Figure 1—29. Interior Noise at 0 MPH with All Systems On (Car No. 2; Steel Wheel Flats; Position 55)

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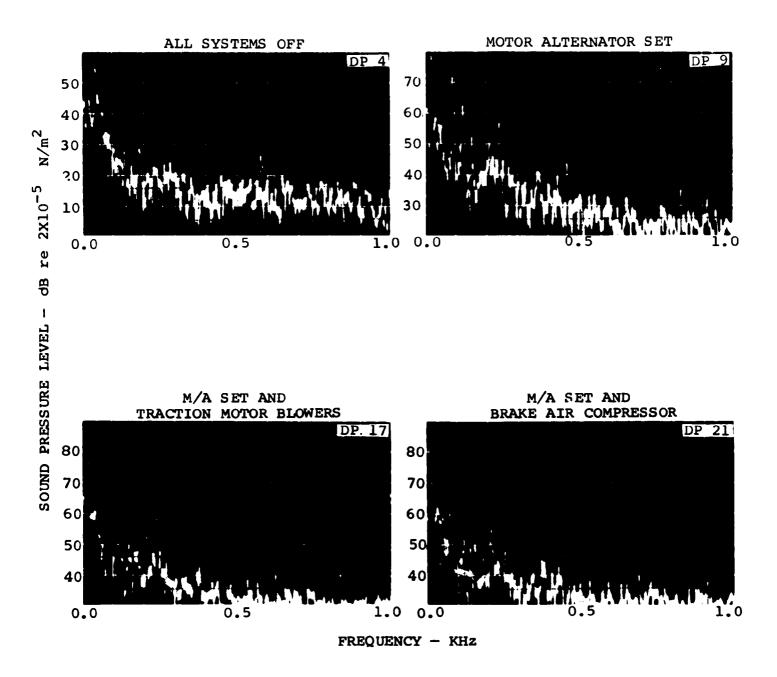


Figure 1-30. Interior Noise from Equipment, Car at Rest (Position 55)

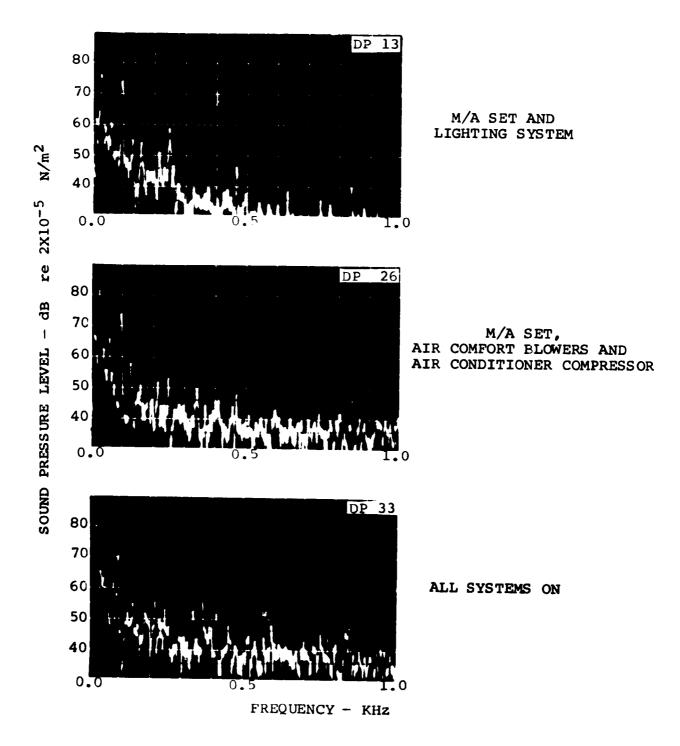


Figure 1-31. Interior Noise from Equipment, Car at Rest (Position 55)

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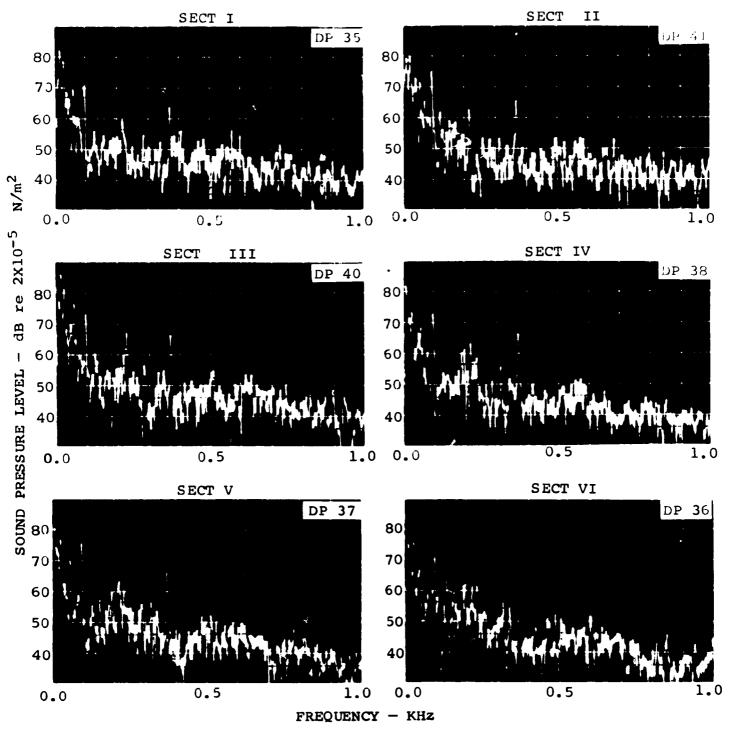


Figure 1-32. Effect of Track Construction on Interior Noise at 50 MPH (Position 55; Track Sections I to VI)

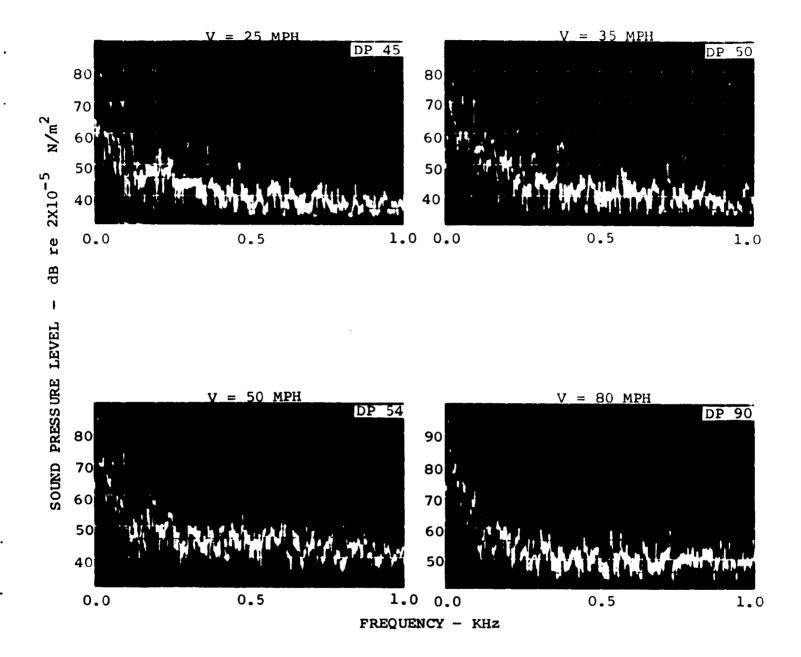


Figure 1—33. Effect of Car Speed on Interior Noise (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheel Flats; Position 55)

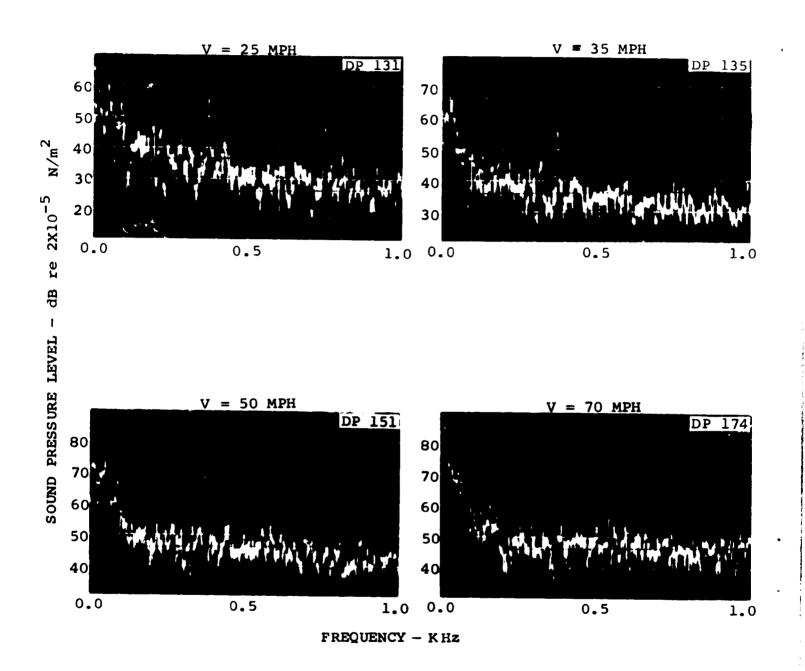


Figure 1-34. Effect of Car Speed on Interior Noise (Car No. 2; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheel Flats; Position 55)

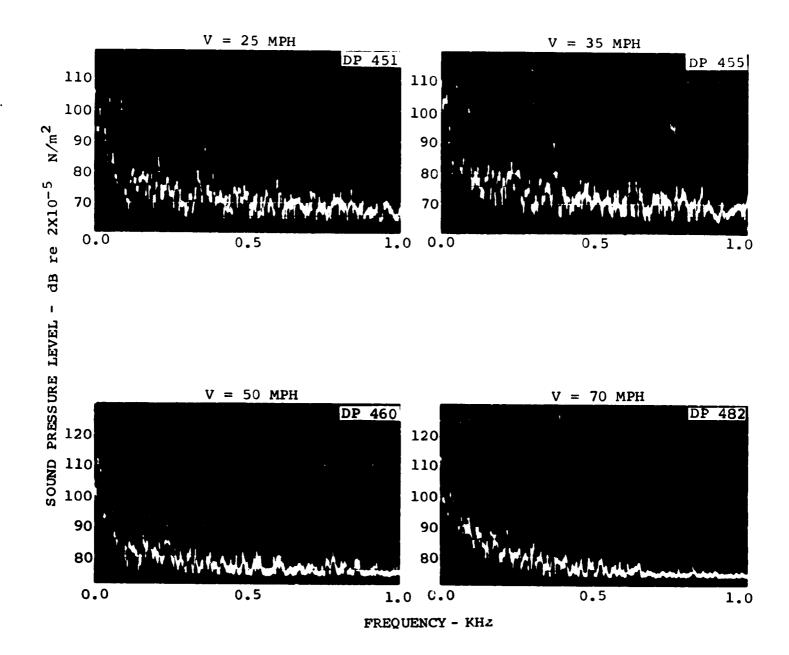


Figure 1—35. Effect of Car Speed on Interior Noise (Car No. 1; 105,000 Pounds; Trued Steel Wheels; Position 55)

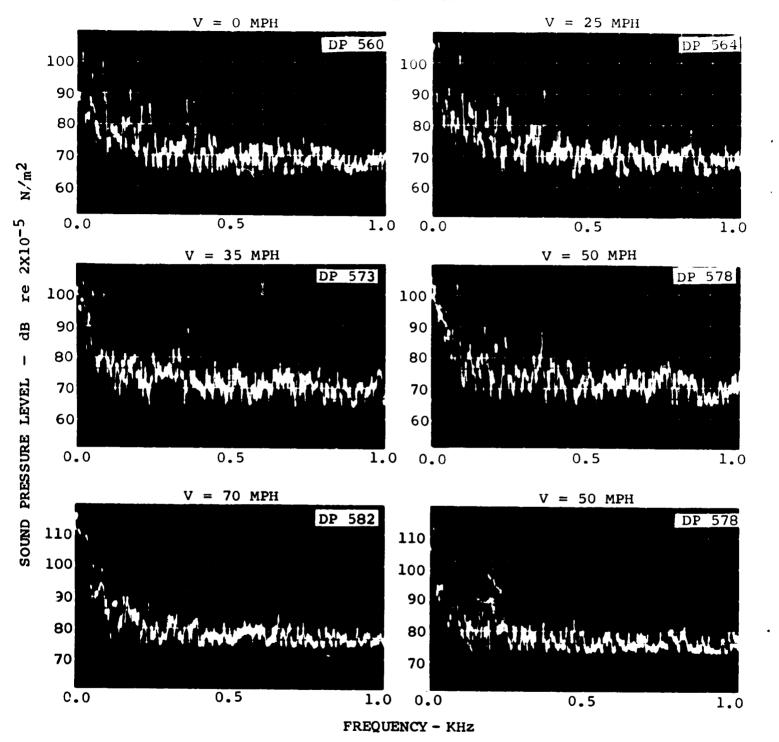


Figure 1-36. Effect of Car Speed on Interior Noise (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Resilient Wheels; Position 55)

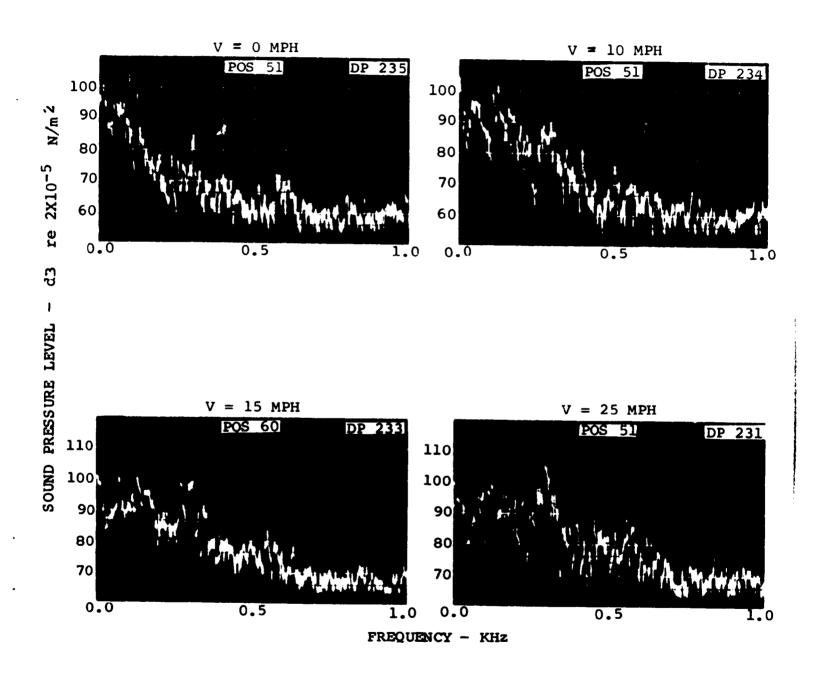


Figure 1-37. Interior Noise During Coasting with All Systems Off (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheel Flats; Track Section IV)

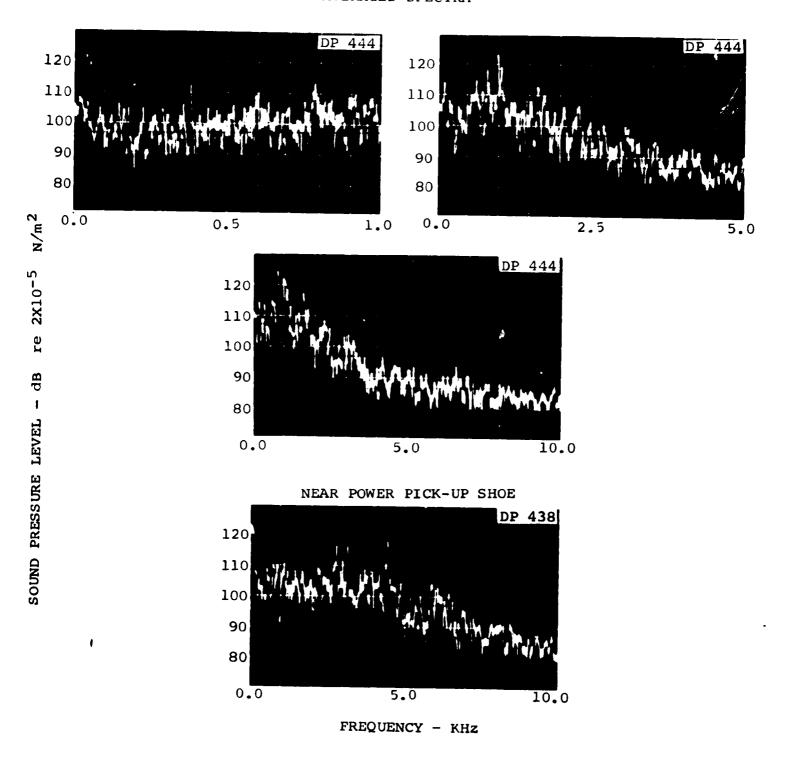


Figure 1—38. Undercar Noise at No. 1 Truck at 50 MPH (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Trued Steel Wheels)

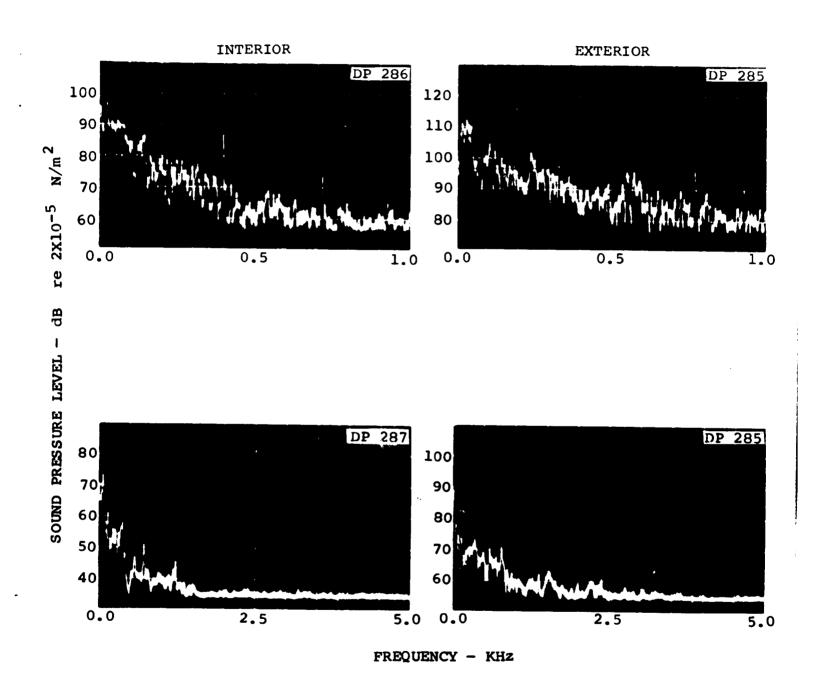


Figure 1—39. Car Body Noise Reduction at 25 MPH (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheel Flats; Wall Microphone)

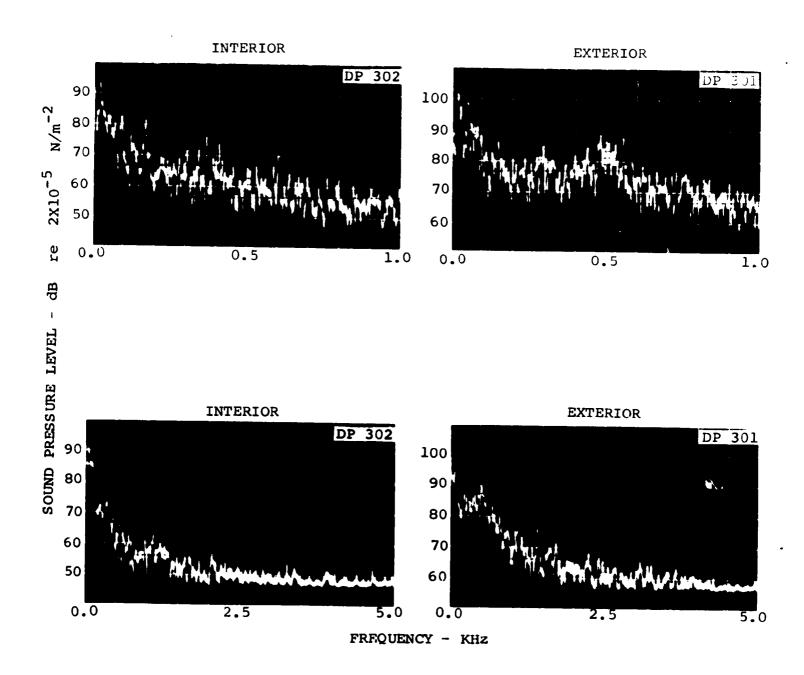


Figure 1—40. Car Body Noise Reduction at 25 MPH (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheel Flats; End Microphone)

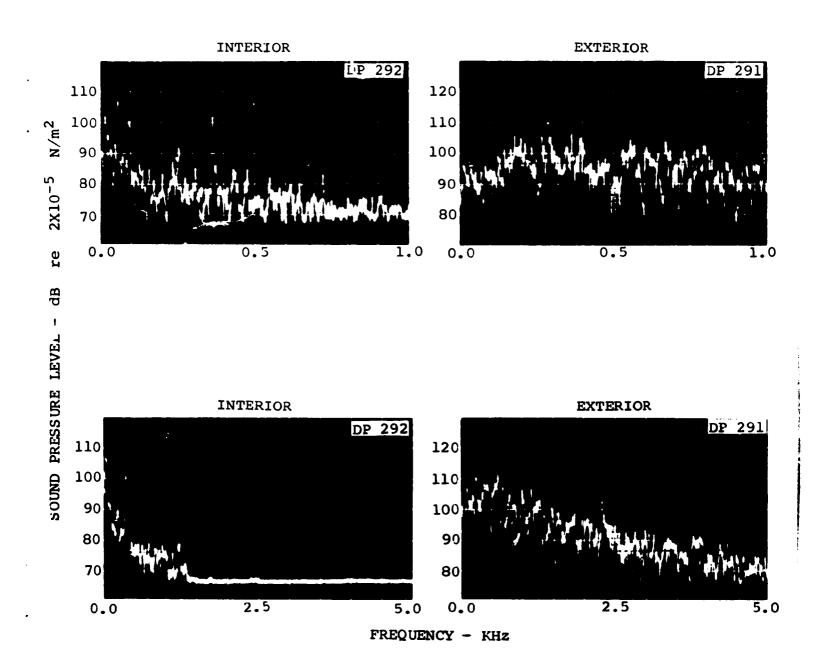


Figure 1—41. Car Body Noise Reduction at 35 MPH (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheel Flats; Truck Microphone)

### 1.6 PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

# 1.6.1 Interior Noise Control Features

Car body construction pertaining to noise control is shown in Figures 1-42 through 1-44. The upholstered seats of Car No. 1 provide absorption that is not achieved with the hard shell glass fiber seats of Car No. 2. Both cars have carpeted windscreens at each door which provide added absorption to that of the carpeted floor. In addition to the car body itself, the air spring suspension between truck and body provides substantial isolation of truck structure-borne noise. The Acousta Flex wheels achieve a reduction in noise on tangent and large radius curve track, as measured at the HSGTC, as a result of damping not present in the steel wheel (Figure 1-45).

# 1.6.2 Comparison of Measured Interior Noise with SOAC Goals

A comparison of the SOAC exterior noise levels with the goals is made in Figure 1-46. Data for the low-density car is presented as being representative. The high-density car (No. 2) displays a wider envelope of levels because of the return air splitter configurations at the ends of the car. This configuration permits reduced evaporator blower noise at the "A" end (1 to 2 dBA), and higher blower noise at the "B" end (1 to 2 dBA), than the lower density (No. 1) car. Return air silencers have been recommended for both cars to achieve more uniform levels within each car.

# 1.6.3 Effect of Velocity

Noise levels inside the car are established primarily by the undercar equipment, the air comfort system blowers in the overhead region at both ends of the car, and the noise from wheel/rail interaction. The lighting system ballasts are also audible at low speeds but are not an important contributor to the spectrum. When the car is at rest and operating at low speeds (below 25 mph) the equipment noise predominates in the "A" weighted levels and masks the wheel/rail noise. At speeds greater than 25 mph, the wheel/rail noise also contributes to the audible spectra, and its amplitude is a function of the wheel construction and tire surface quality.

Figure 1-47 shows interior noise trends as a function of speed, with wheel surface quality and the masking effects of equipment noise as parameters. Flat spots on the wheel tire significantly contribute to the acoustic signature of the car, which degrades as the number of flats increases. Note the difference in the high-speed noise of Cars 1 and 2 resulting from dissimilar "flat" patterns on the wheels of each car. The total

number of flats on the wheels of Car No. 1 at the time of documentation was 20, with 8 flats 1 inch or more in length. The No. 2 car, on the other hand, had 13 flats, of which only three were 1 inch or more in length.

Due to differences in the air conditioner evaporator blower levels, which arise from slight differences in the installation of the fresh and return air splitters in Cars No. 1 and 2, the noise levels below 25 mph display up to 5 dBA difference; consequently, a completely valid comparison of speed is not possible between cars. Above 25 mph where the wheel/rail noise contributes, the trend for the data with flats approaches 2.5 dBA for each 10 mph increment while the data with "trued" steel wheels displays less than 1 dBA per each 10 mph increase. The total change in level for the car with flats over its entire speed range (interpolated at 20 mph) was 13 dBA, while the car with no flats increased by only 3 dBA over the same speed increment. Trends documented with the resilient Acousta Flex wheels (no wheel flats) are similar to the steel wheels with no flats. Ideally, speed trends should be identified during conditions in which all car systems (other than those required for operation) are off.

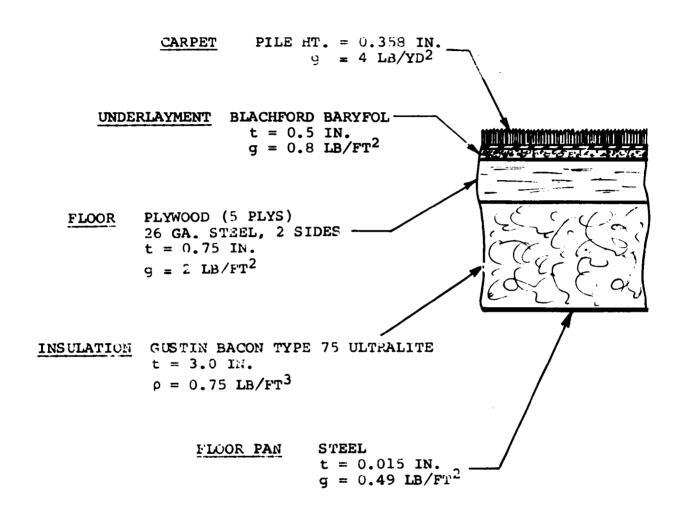


Figure 1-42. Car Body Noise Reduction Features, Floor Construction

#### WINDOW GLASS

t = 0.25 IN. $g = 3.25 \text{ lb/ft}^2$ 

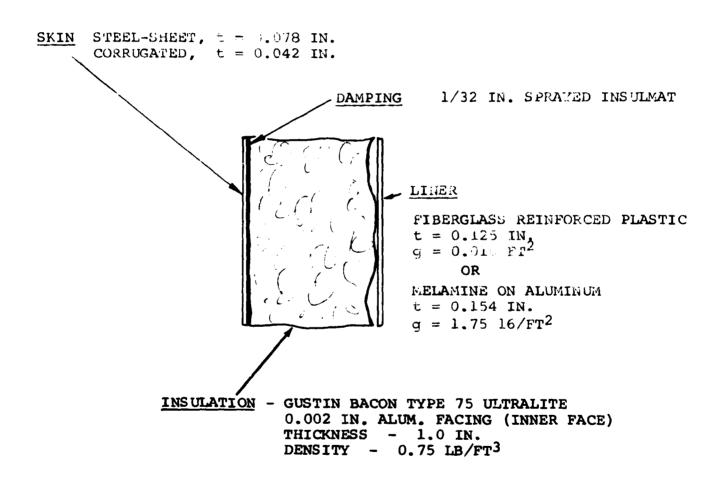


Figure 1-43. Car Body Noise Reduction Features, Sidewall Construction

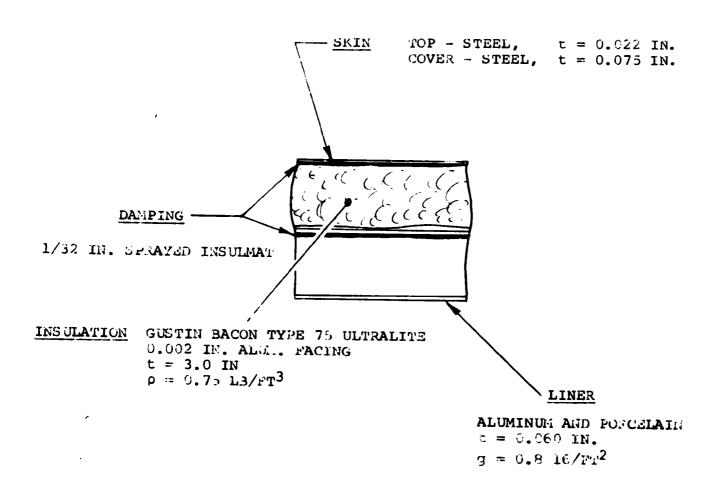
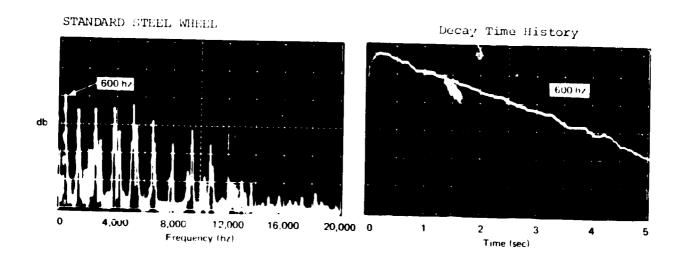


Figure 1-44. Car Body Noise Reduction Features, Ceiling Construction



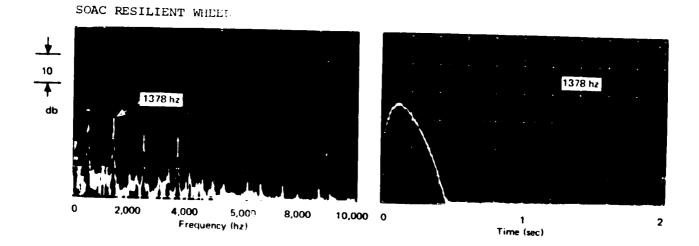


Figure 1 -45. Comparison of Wheel Frequencies and Decay Rates

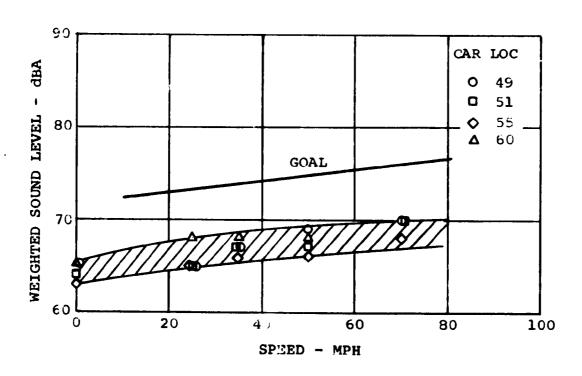


Figure 1-46. Comparison of Interior Noise Levels with Goals (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds)

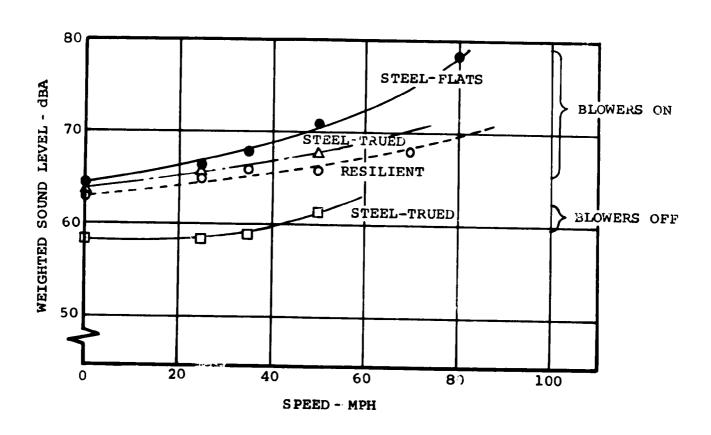


Figure 1-47. Effect of Wheel Configuration on Interior Noise (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Track Section I)

#### Section 2

#### WAYSIDE NOISE

### 2.1 SUMMARY

### Sequence

Table 2-1 gives the test run numbers for the wayside noise testing.

TABLE 2-1. WAYSIDE NOISE SURVEY TEST RUN LOG

		Test Run Log Numbers		
SOAC Car No.	Weight (lb)	Steel Wheels	Resilient Wheels	
1 2 1 2 Train	90,000 90,000 105,000 105,000	87, 89, 110 88 - 113	134 136 135	
Train	90,000 105,000	90, 91, 92	137	

#### Test Procedures

Detailed test procedures are presented in SOAC ENGINEERING TEST PROGRAM TEST PROCEDURES (Reference 1).

### <u>Objective</u>

The objective of the wayside noise testing was to measure the wayside noise levels of the SOAC cars operating at the HSGTC under various conditions. These data will be used to describe the acoustical characteristics of the SOAC vehicles and for comparison with subsequent noise tests performed at the demonstration properties. A secondary objective is to develop and verify procedures for performing such tests.

#### Status

Wayside noise was surveyed for the single SOAC cars and two-car trains at car weights of 90,000 and 105,000 pounds. The baseline measurements were made for the car with steel wheels; selected data points were repeated with resilient wheels. Test procedures were developed and verified.

### 2.2 TEST DESCRIPTION

The microphone was located at a distance of 50 feet from the track centerline for all of the data points surveyed, and a distance of 15 feet for selected runs. The types of wayside noise surveyed were as follows:

- a. Equipment noise
- b. Speed effect (include repeat runs)
- c. Track construction effect
- d. Distance effect
- e. Two-car effect
- f. Power condition effect
- g. Resilient wheels

Sound measurements were made in a manner which allowed a complete time history of each measured sound signal to be retained on a magnetic tape. Subsequent data reduction included standard "A" weighted acoustical levels, 1/3-octave band analysis and narrow band spectrum analysis for selected data points.

### 2.3 INSTRUMENTATION

# 2.3.1 Field Measurement Equipment

The instrumentation used for measurement of noise levels consisted of a 1-inch condenser microphone with battery operated cathode-follower and a 1/4-inch, single-channel tape recorder. Table 2-2 lists the specific items of equipment by manufacturer, model, and serial number. For wayside measurements, the microphone was mounted on a tripod for each of the passby measurements and a windscreen installed to reduce the interference of wind on the data. The recorder was operated at a tape speed of 7-1/2 ips to achieve a good frequency response characteristic. A gain/attenuation system consisting of 10 dB incremental steps was incorporated in the recorder to maintain accuracy of the system.

# 2.3.2 Calibration

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The recorder was calibrated prior to testing using a swept-frequency sinusoidal insert voltage over the range 20 Hz to

TABLE 2-2. WAYSIDE NOISE MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENTATION

Item	Manufacturer	Model	Serial No.
1. Tape Recorder 2. Tape Recorder 3. Microphone, 1-inch 4. Power Supply 5. Microphone 6. Power Supply 7. Calibrator	Kudelski	NAGRA III	PHO 67-10290
	Kudelski	NAGRA III	PHO 67-10441
	B&K	4131	73624
	B&K	2630	168943
	B&K	4131	205686
	B&K	2630	87507
	B&K	4230	395443

20 kHz at a level of 100 mv. The input signal was applied at the cathode follower, recorded on magnetic tape, and played back on the same recorder to produce the frequency response curve shown in Figure 1-4. Microphone response does not change system accuracy over the frequency range from 2 to 15 kHz.

During the test period, a known signal (94 dB at 1000 Hz) was recorded on each tape to establish system sensitivity as well as a reference level for analysis of the data.

### 2.3.3 System Accuracy

- a. The frequency response of each microphone to a sinusoidal wave of consistent amplitude lies within the limits of 10 Hz to 15 kHz linear ±1 dB for sound pressure levels in the range of 50 to 120 dBSPL.
- b. Each complete assembly of noise measurement and recording equipment (including cables) had an electrical frequency response linearity of within ±2 dB from 50 Hz to 10 kHz for a range of signal voltage levels corresponding to input sound levels of 50 dB to 120 dBSPL at the microphone sensor.
- c. The total harmonic distortion of the sound sensing microphone equipment did not exceed 1 percent over the measurement dynamic range.
- d. The total harmonic distortion of the assembled noise measurement and recording equipment did not exceed 4 percent over the measurement dynamic range.

### 2.4 TEST PROCEDURES

Locations selected for wayside noise surveys had relatively flat terrain on both sides of the right-of-way. Trackside locations are shown in Figure 2-1; specific sites are indicated

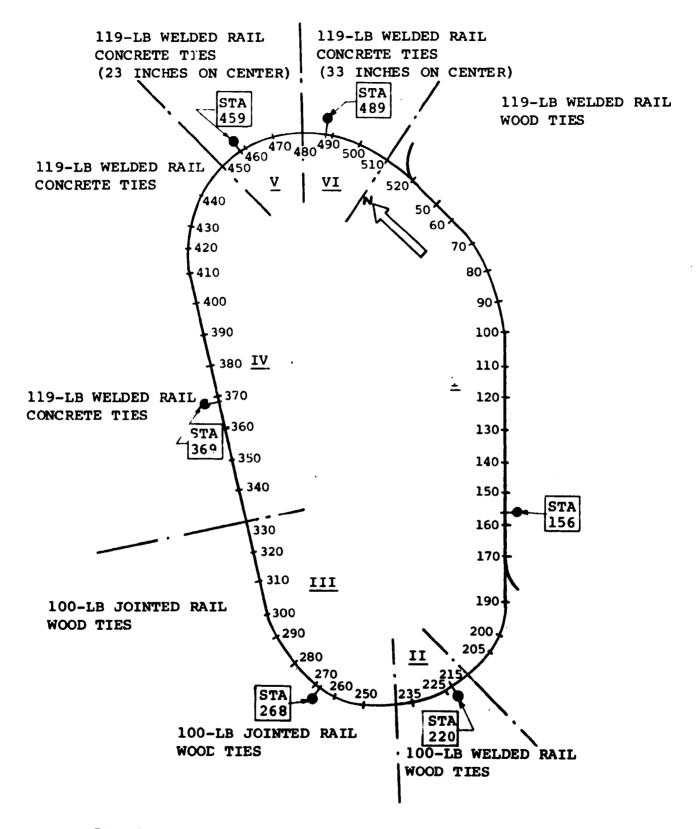


Figure 2-1. Microphona Locations for Wayside Noise Survey on UMTA Rail Transit Test Track

in Figure 2-2. Measurements of wayside noise were made at a distance of 50 feet from the track centerline on the outside of the test oval (the third rail is on the inside). Selected data points were recorded 15 feet from the track centerline, as well. Height of the microphone as mounted on the tripod was 5 feet above the local ground level and approximately 3 feet above rail height.

A brief investigation at the Track Section I location showed that there was no observable difference in passby noise with car direction for dBA weighting if car speed was held constant. Thus, to facilitate noise measurements, data were taken with the car operating in both directions.

Measurements of ambient noise showed that levels were, in all cases, substantially greater than 10 dBA below maximum passby levels and thus did not contribute to reported sound levels of the car.

Detailed testing procedures are as follows:

#### Pre-Test Procedures

- a. Ballast car to required weight (AW )
- b. Set-up and calibrate instruments at the test site.
- c. Move the car to the test zone.

### 2.4.1 Equipment Noise Survey, Wayside Noise

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect on exterior noise levels of cycling various undercar equipment items.

- a. Position the SOAC car at a boarding platform away from other noise sources with all equipment turned off.
- b. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- c. Position the microphone at the ear level of a standing passenger on the platform.
- d. Start the recorder prior to equipment cycle, identify the test point, and record gain level by voice.
- e. Start up each item of equipment noted below and record approximately 15 seconds of noise data for each record.
  - 1. All equipment off

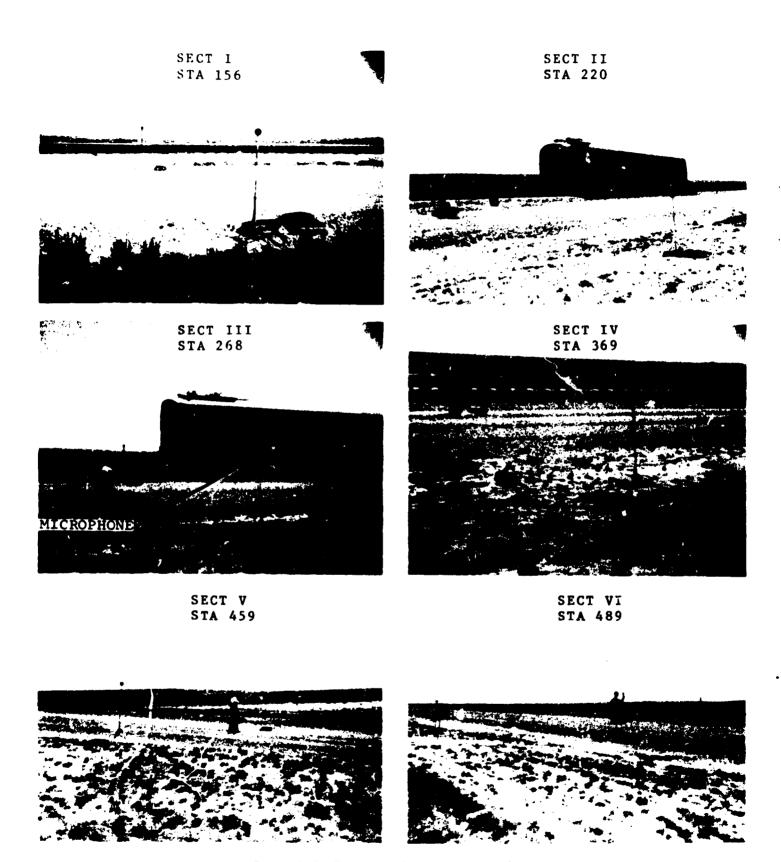


Figure 2-2. Trackside Microphone Locations

- 2. Lighting system inverter
- 3. Motor alternator start-up
- 4. Air conditioning compressor
- 5. Traction motor blowers
- 6. Brake air compressor
- 7. Passenger door cycle
- 8. Venting of brakeline
- 9. Service stop: decelerate from 50 mph; stop at platform with a passenger door at the platform; cycle doors and accelerate to 50 mph.
- f. Stop recorder and enter record number on Log Sheet.

# 2.4.2 Effect of Car Speed on Wayside Noise

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect of car speed on wayside noise of both SOAC cars at two car weights (90,000 and 105,000 pounds).

- a. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures at a level, tangent portion of Track Section I on the outside of the loop at a distance of 50 feet from track centerline.
- b. Position the microphone at a height 5 feet above the rail.
- c. Start the recorder prior to the passby of the car.
  Identify the test point, location, amplifier gain
  level, and ambient weather conditions by voice.
- d. For each passby, maintain car test speed for a minimum of 10 seconds prior to passing the microphone. Maintain test speed for the same length of time after passing the microphone.
- e. The passby direction of motion of the car will be the same for all runs unless the wind is calm, in which case either end of the car may lead. In this case, document the car end approaching the microphone.
- f. Determine the effect of data repeatability by obtaining three data points at the 50 mph test condition.

### 2.4.3 Distance Effect on Wayside Noise

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect of distance on SOAC wayside noise. Using at least two data channels, position a reference microphone 15 feet from the track centerline, and progressively position a second microphone at 50, 100, and 200 foot distances on the level, tangent portion of Track Section I. This test will be performed on one car at a single car weight (90,000 pounds).

- a. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures.
- b. Position the microphones at a height of 5 feet above the rail.
- c. Start the recorder prior to the passby of the car; identify the test point; record amplifier gain level, location, and ambient weather conditions by voice.
- d. For each passby, maintain car test speed for a minimum of 10 seconds prior to passing the microphone. Maintain test speed for the same length of time after passing the microphone.
- e. The passby direction of the motion of the car will be the same for all runs unless the wind is calm, in which case either end of the car may lead. In this case, document the car end approaching the microphone.

## 2.4.4 Effect of Track Construction on Wayside Nois:

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect of the different types of track section construction on SOAC wayside noise. The test will be evaluated on one SOAC car at the 90,000-pound weight.

- a. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures at a distance of 50 feet from the track centerline and at a height of 5 feet above the rail on the outside of the test loop.
- b. Start the recorder prior to the passby of the car. Identify the test point, location, amplifier gain level, and ambient weather conditions by voice.
- c. For each passby, maintain car test speed for a minimum time of 10 seconds prior to passing the microphone. Maintain test speed for the same length of time after passing the microphone.

d. The passby direction of motion of the car will be the same for all runs unless the wind is calm, in which case either end of the car may lead. In this case, document the car end approaching the microphone.

### 2.4.5 Coupled-Car Wayside Noise Levels

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect on wayside noise of running two SOAC cars at one car weight (90,000 pounds). Track Section I will be used for the evaluation.

- a. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures at a distance of 50 feet from the track centerline and at a height of 5 feet above the rail on the outside of the test loop.
- b. Start the recorder prior to the passby of the car. Identify the test point, location, amplifier gain, and ambient weather conditions by voice.
- c. For each passby, maintain the car at test speed for a minimum of 10 seconds prior to passing the microphone. Maintain test speed for the same length of time after passing the microphone.
- d. The passby direction of motion of the car will be the same for all runs unless the wind is calm, in which case either end of the car may lead. In this case, document the car end approaching the microphone.

### 2.4.6 Car Body Noise Reduction Survey

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the noise reduction of the SOAC car body. Tests will be conducted for the sidewall, car floor, and car end. Car weight will be 90,000 pounds.

- a. Mount one microphone on the exterior wall of the car, approximately at midpoint between the sill and roof (not at a window). Install a nose cone on the forward facing microphone and route the lead wire through the nearest passenger door, minimizing all acoustical leaks.
- b. Set-up an interior microphone at a location just inside the exterior system. For a single channel tape recorder, connect the exterior and interior microphone leads to a switching box.
- c. Calibrate recording system per previously described procedures.

- d. Indentify the test point and record gain level. Record at least 15 seconds of data for both the interior and exterior microphone. Stop the recorder and enter record number and amplifier gain on a log sheet.
- e. Repeat steps (a) through (d) for a microphone mounted on the outside at the B end of the car, approximately at midpoint of the panel adjacent to the end door.
- f. Repeat steps (a) through (d) for a microphone mounted on the No. 2 truck safety strap on the third rail side of the car to measure noise of the third rail collector shoe.

### 2.4.7 Effect of Resilient Wheels on Wayside Noise

The purpose of this sequence of tests is to determine the effect of resilient wheels on the wayside noise level of each of the SOAC cars. Tests will be conducted at 90,000-pound car weights. Car configuration will be the same as for the noise survey with steel wheels, except that resilient wheels will be installed.

- a. Set-up and calibrate the recording system per previously described procedures at each required location. The microphone shall be located at distance of 50 feet from the track centerline on the outside of the loop at a height of 5 feet above the rail.
- b. Start recorder prior to the passby of the car. Identify the test point, location, record amplifier gain level, and ambient weather conditions by voice.
- c. For each passby, maintain the car at test speed for a minimum of 10 seconds prior to passing by the microphone. Maintain test speed for the same length of time after passing the microphone.
- d. The passby direction of the motion of the car will be the same for all runs unless the wind is calm, in which case either end of the car may lead. In this case, document the car end approaching the microphone.
- e. The effect of data repeatability will be determined by obtaining three data points at the 50 mph test condition.

#### 2.5 WAYSIDE DATA

Much of the data obtained at the wayside during car passby was recorded during variable conditions of temperature and wind

velocity. As a result, some data recorded on the same car with the vehicle at rest and all systems operating display differences of 3 to 6 dBA. Corrections have not been made to these data to "standard day" conditions accounting for wind, temperature and pressure, and any comparisons which are made between configurations (e.g., wheels) should account for these anomalies.

The Boeing Vertol Company operates a Calibration/Certification Laboratory to insure the maintenance of instrumentation standards traceable to the National Bureau of Standards. Analyzer characteristics such as filter bandwidths are checked twice yearly, as are microphone calibrators. Frequency response characteristics of record systems are typically run prior to each test program.

The basic analysis of all data recorded during the program consists of a frequency analysis using an "A" weighting network (see Table 2-3). Selected data points have also been analyzed using 1/3-octave band filters (preferred frequencies) as in Figures 2-3 through 2-10. All data reported has been converted to sound pressure levels referenced to 2.0 x  $10^{-5}$  n/m<sup>2</sup>.

Where narrow band components required identification, data were analyzed with a digital analyzer (Federal Scientific UA-6 Spectrum Analyzer). Data from this analysis are presented in the form of oscilloscope photographs. For passby noise, the frequency spectra was captured at the maximum level for that run. These spectral data are presented in Figures 2-11 through 2-18.

### 2.6 PRELIMINARY ANALYS'S

# 2.6.1 Comparison with SOAC Goals

A comparison of measured wayside noise levels with SOAC goals (Figure 2-19) shows that goals have been achieved above 35 mph. Below 35 mph, the noise of the traction motor blowers establishes the "A" weighted sound levels of the car.

A comparison of noise levels for each wheel configuration (Figure 2-20) indicates that the increase in wayside noise of measured steel wheel levels over the levels for resilient wheels is 2 to 3 dBA over the car operating speed range, as is expected.

# 2.6.2 Effect of Two Cars on Wayside Noise

Comparison of wayside noise levels for single and two-car trains (Figure 2-21) shows an increase of 3 dBA for the second car at speeds below 50 mph. At 70 mph, there is an increase

of 8 dBA over the single car level which may stem from small magnitude flats on the second car not present on the first car and not significant at the lower apeeds. No documentation of wheel flats exists for these test runs for either car, however. A 2 to 3 dBA increase for the second car would be predicted on the basis of doubling the number of cars (randomly phased sources) and this is confirmed at the lower speed values.

### 2.6.3 Effect of Wheel and Rail Surface Roughness

Data obtained on the SOAC with wheel flats is substantially higher than displayed by the wheels after they had been trued. The initial survey was obtained on the cars after the wheels had developed numerous flats. Later in the program, the surfaces of the wheels were smoothed by removing the flats, using grinding stones fixed to the wheel brake pads, applying a relatively light load to the brake system, and then towing the car until the flats had been removed. Noise from these two configurations are compared in Figure 2-22. Wayside noise is shown to be dependent on the number and magnitude of flats on the wheels.

Rail surface also plays a role in establishing wayside noise levels. As expected, the smoothest rail surfaces produce the lowest noise levels. An illustration of this can be seen by comparing car noise on each of the six track sections at the HSGTC. Each section of track was ground smooth, to the same standards, in Ferruary 1973, but Track Section I had more usage throughout the year. This section of track is used by heavy locomotives and equipment cars traveling between the Army Depot at Pueblo and the test site at the HSGTC. This generates a rail surface with higher roughness than the other track sections in the test oval which are used only for test purposes. In the period since grinding, these latter sections had been used for SOAC testing only.

A plot of the data obtained in May and June 1973 from each of these sections (Figure 2-23) reveals a grouping of data for the relatively unused track sections, and higher levels for Track Section I. Measurement of both rail and wheel roughness should be made in conjunction with noise levels to more accurately assess the effect of the wheel/rail interface on wayside and interior noise.

TABLE 2-3. WAYSIDE NOISE DATA

CAR					8
CONDITION	5 Ft from M/A Set	5 Ft from Air Cond. Comp.	5 Ft from Brakeline Analog Vent	Platform Level at No. M/A Startup Brake Air Compressor Air Cond. #1 Blower Fan #2 Blower Fan Fwd Door Cycle Approach to Stop	
WEIGHT (LB)				evel at No tup  C Compresso  Fan Cycle to Stop	000 06
WHEEL				No. 1 Door	Steel- Flats
TRK/ SECT MARKER				<b>1</b>	IV/373
VELOCITY (MPH)	0	0	0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	25 35 35 70 80
FROM TRACK				10 10 10 10 10	50
TAPE	13-B-5			13-B-17	13-B-4
TEST	197	198	201	550 551 552 553 553 555 555	184 178 179 180 182 183
SOUND LEVEL	91.5	87.5	95	78 83 80 80 81.5 79 60-81-60	69 76 82 84 87.5
WIN:	0				10

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WIND (MPH) 10 WEIGHTED 71 80 83 88.5 89 70.5 74 Not SOUND LEVEL (dBA) Avail. 72 17 72 75 79 82 87 87 87 89 69 72 73 76 78 TEST 272 273 274 275 275 276 305 306 307 308 309 310 384 385 386 387 389 395 390 391 392 400 396 397 398 399 393 PT. 13-B-11 13-B-7 13-B-8 TAPE <u>N</u>0 DIST. FROM TRACK 50 50 Continued 50 VELOCITY (MPH) 25 35 50 70 80 25 35 50 65 70 80 25 25 35 50 70 0 25 35 50 0 25 35 50 70 70 2-3. III/268 IV/369 MARKER TABLE IV/370 V/459 1/157 TRK/ SECT CONFIG. Steel-Flats Steel-Flats Steel-Trued WHEEL WEIGHT (LB) 90,000 90,000 90,000 CONDITION 2 Powered 16.2 Car CAR \_ \_

	(HdW)	10	10-15			
	WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA)	72.5 72.5 74.5 74	75.5 80.5 83 88 89	86 89 89 94	78 85 89 92.5	88.5
	TEST PT.	402 403 404 405 405	419 409 410 411 413 414	415 416 417 418	420 421 422 423 424	426 427
	TAPE NO.	13-B-11	13-B-12	13-B-12		
	DIST. FROM TRACK	50	15	15	15	15
	VELOCITY (MPH)	25 35 50 50 70	0 25 25 35 36 70	25 35 50 70	25 35 30 70	50 70
	TRK/ SECT MARKER	V: /489	111/268	10/369	V/459	VI/48
	WHEEL CONFIG.	Steel- Trued	Steel- Trued			
	WEIGHT (LB)	000,06	000,06			
	CONDITION					
	CAR	1	п			

(MPH) 10-15 MIND 10-15 WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dbA) 76 77 78 81 72 881 882 882 884 887 889 889 70 77 77 70 70 74 74 74 75 75 TEST PT. 536 539 540 542 544 534 543 543 543 548 430 431 432 433 13-B-13 13-B-16 13-B-19 TAPE NO. FROM TRACK E (FT) DIST. 9 50 50 Continued \$ 50 00 00 00 00 00 00 **₹** ઇ ઇક્ક VELOCITY (MPH) 25 35 50 70 255 255 335 350 70 70 80 80 55 50 50 50 50 50 50 TABLE 2-3. 1/156 1/157 11/220 III/268 IV/368 MARKER 1/156 TRK/ SECT Resil-ient Steel-Trued Steel-Trued CONFIG WHEEL WEIGHT 90,000 90,000 90,000 (LB) CONDITION CAR 162 \_

WIND (MPH) 5-15 15 WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL (dBA) 68.5 70 71 74 75 64 68 74 64 71 69 70 72 74 75 72 74 75 78 82 85 TEST PT. 601 602 603 604 605 606 622 623 624 626 627 660 661 662 663 664 665 674 673 672 671 670 669 13-B-19 13-B-20 13-B-21 13-B-22 TAPE NO. DIST. FROM TRACK E (FT) Continued 50 50 50 VELOCITY (MPH) 25 50 50 50 50 0 25 35 50 70 25 35 50 70 80 25 35 50 70 80 2-3. TABLE TRK/ SECT MARKER V/4591/156 VI/489 1/156 1/156 Resil-ient Resil-ient Resil-Resil-ient CONFIG WHEEL WEIGHT 90,000 105,000 90,000 105,000 (ILB) CONDITION SAR. 1&2 \_ ~ N

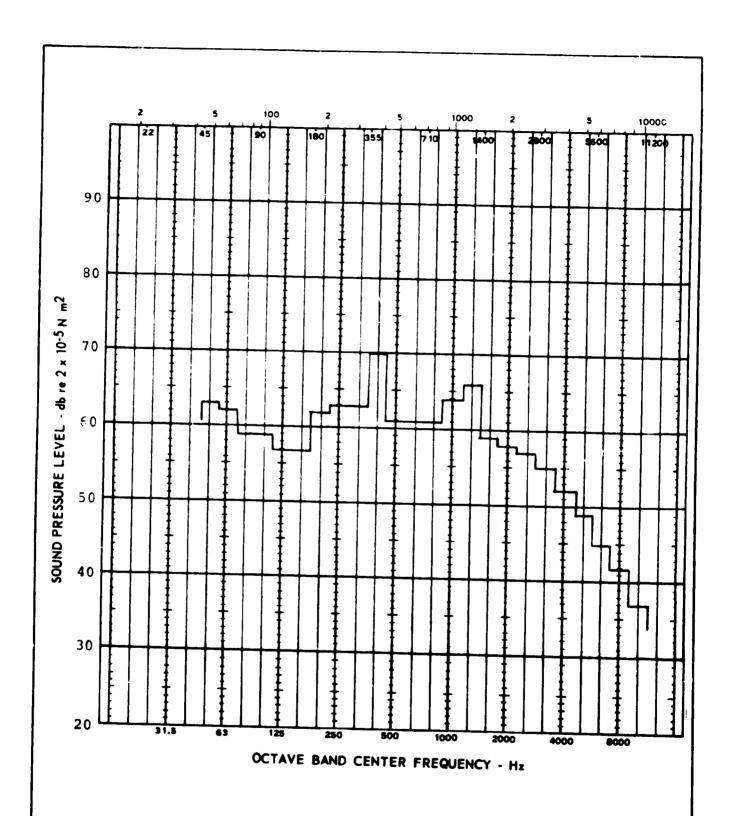


Figure 2-3. Wayside Noise at 25 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 430 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats; Track Section I)

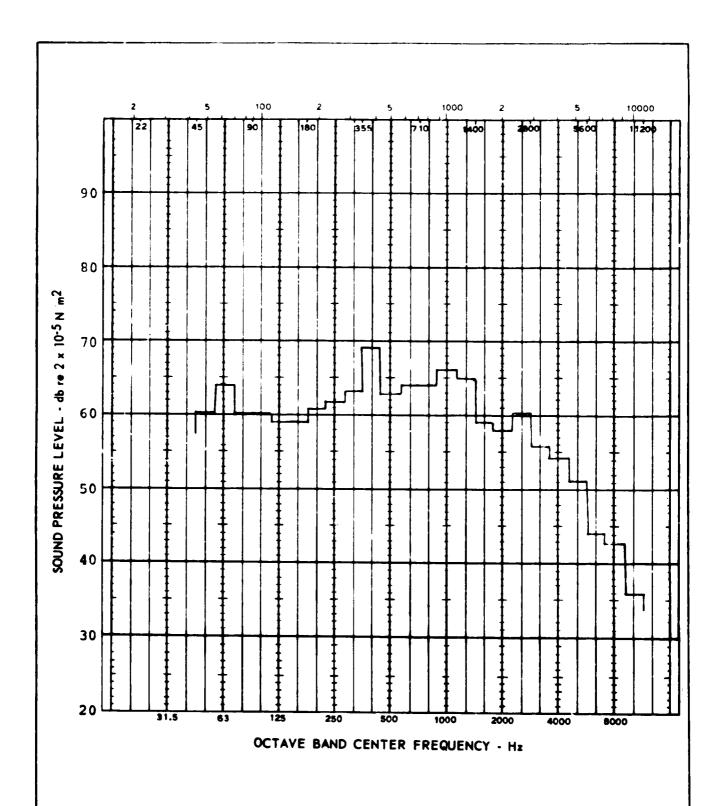


Figure 2-4. Wayside Noise at 35 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 431 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats; Track Section I)

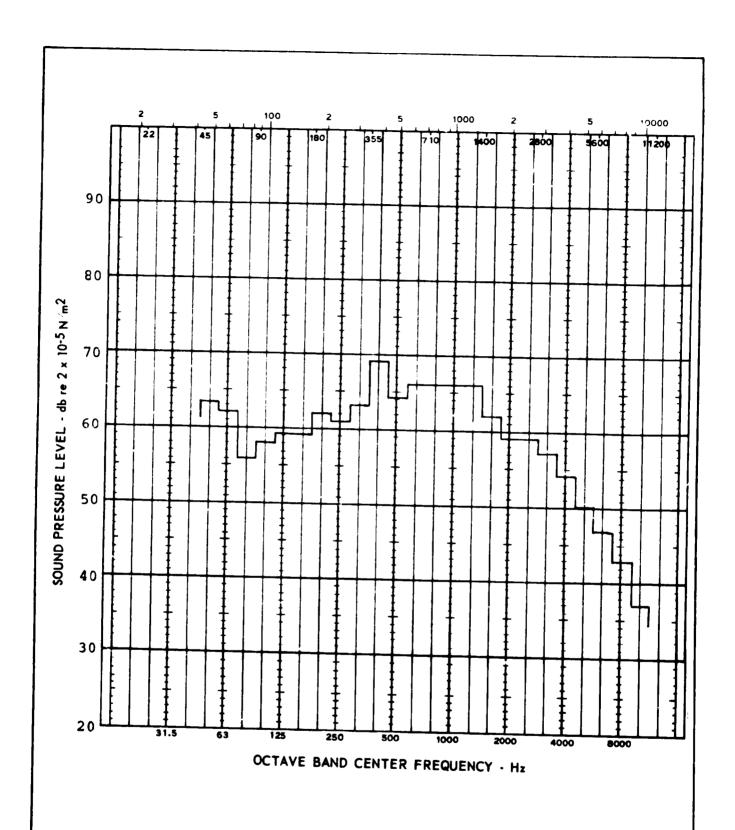


Figure 2-5. Wayside Noise at 50 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 432 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats; Track Section I)

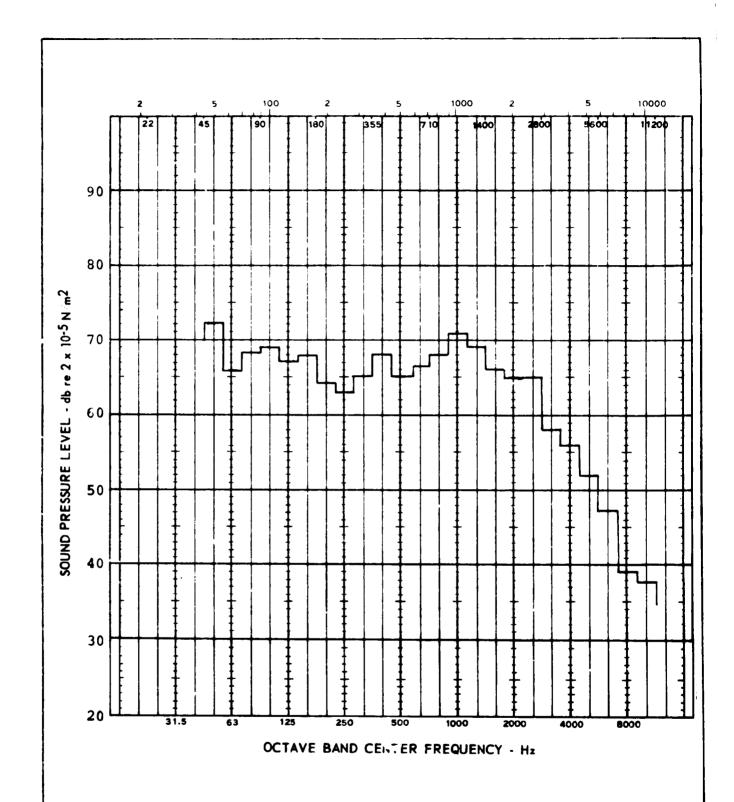


Figure 2—6. Wayside Noise at 70 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 433 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheels; No Flats; Track Section I)

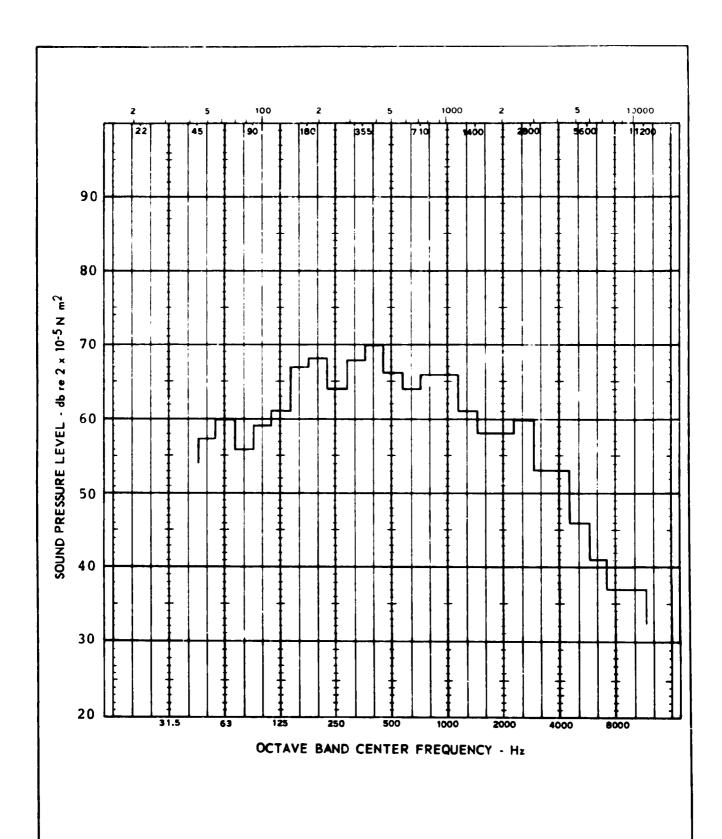


Figure 2-7. Wayside Noise at 25 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 587 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Resilient Wheels; Track Section I)

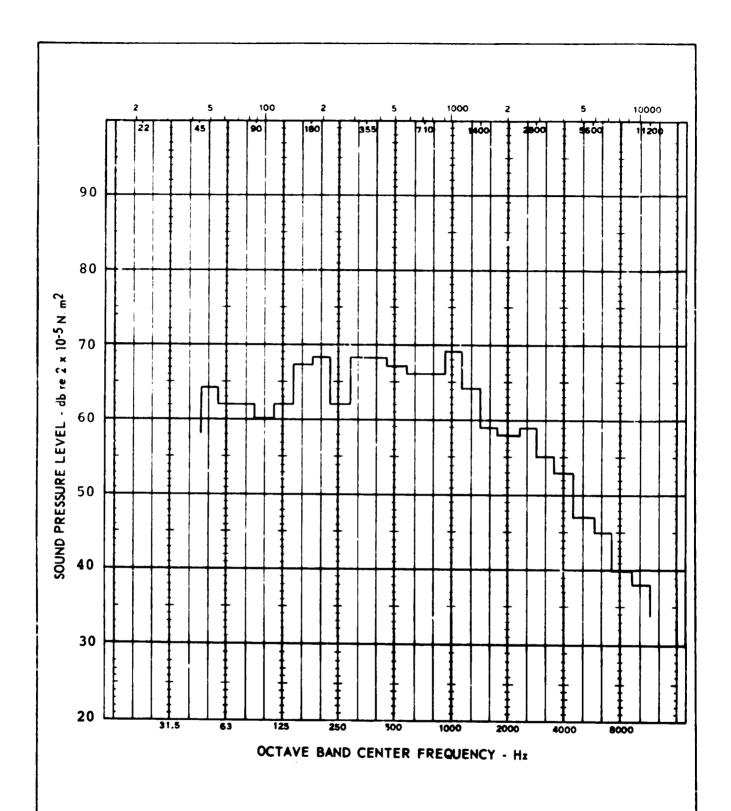


Figure 2—8. Wayside Noise at 35 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 588 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Resilient Wheels; Track Section I)

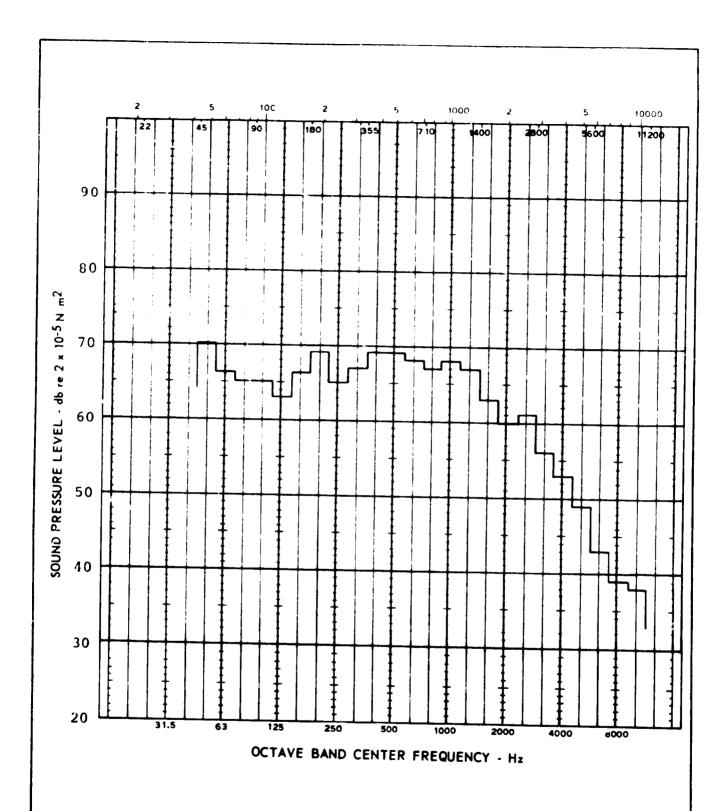


Figure 2-9. Wayside Noise 56 50 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 590 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Resilient Wheels. Track Section I)

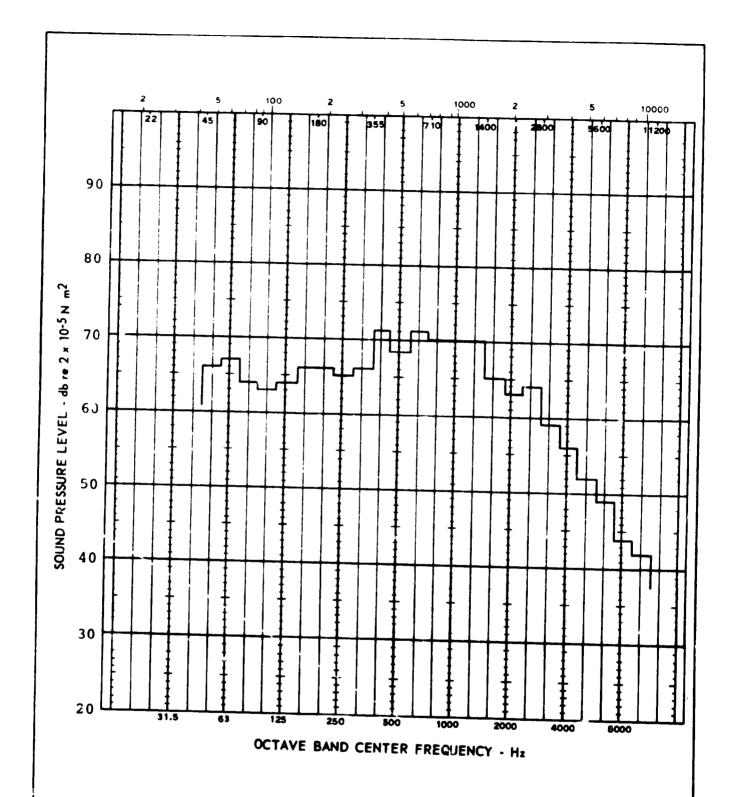


Figure 2-10. Wayside Noise at 70 MPH 50 Feet from Track Centerline Data Point 591 (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Resilient Wheels; Track Section I)

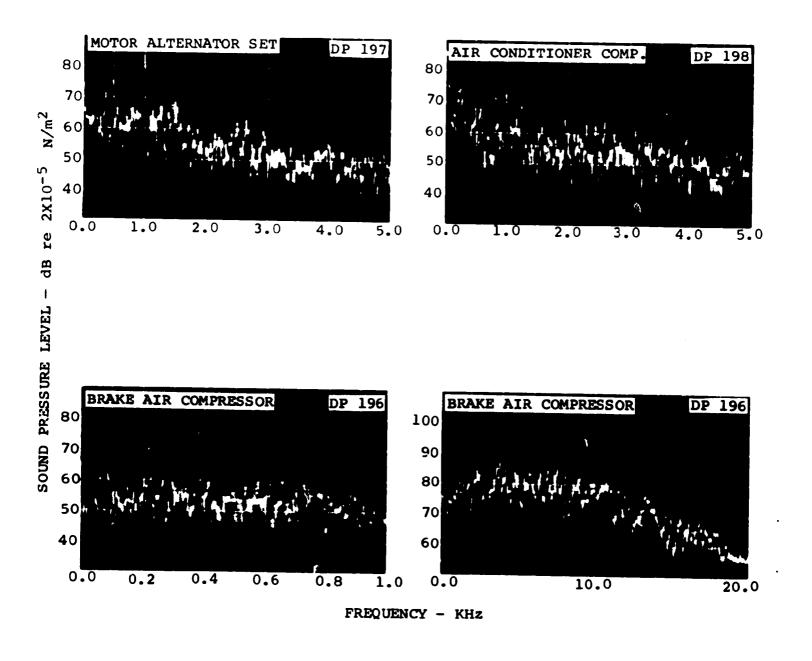


Figure 2-11. Noise from Undercar Equipment Measured at Ground Level 5 Feet from Car

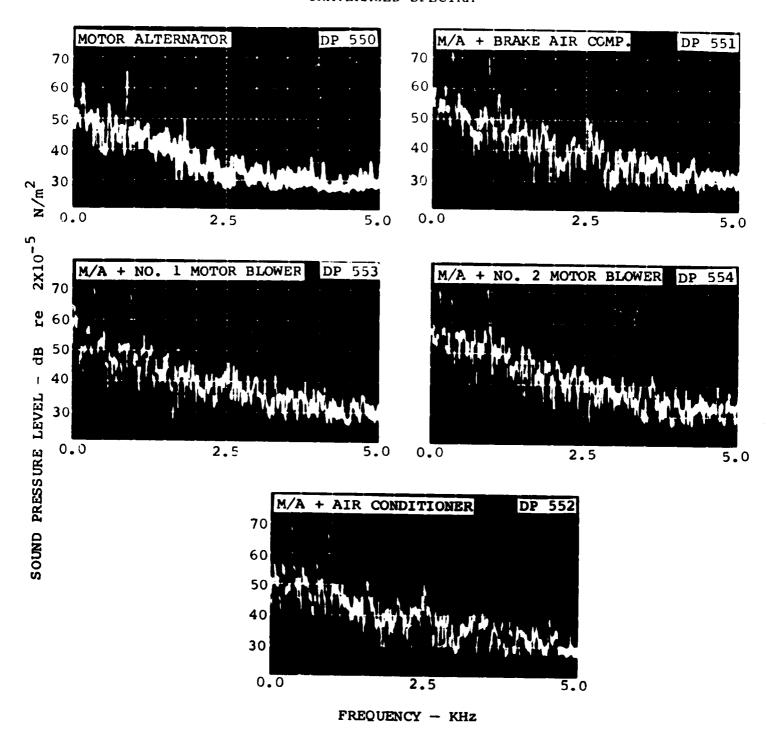


Figure 2—12. Noise from Car Equipment Measured on Boarding Platform at Passenger Ear Level 5 Feet from Car

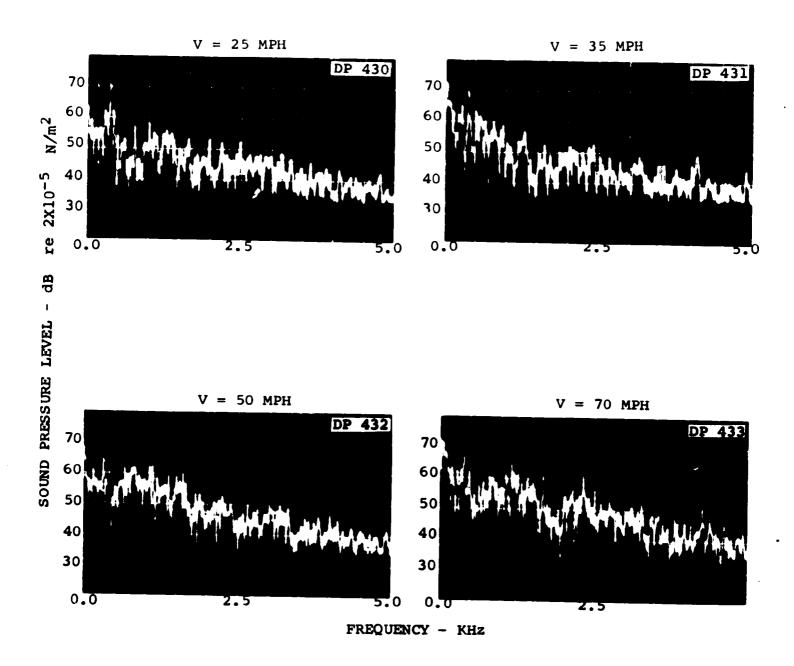


Figure 2—13. Passby Noise at Various Speeds 50 Feet from Track Centerline (Trued Steel Wheels; Track Section I)

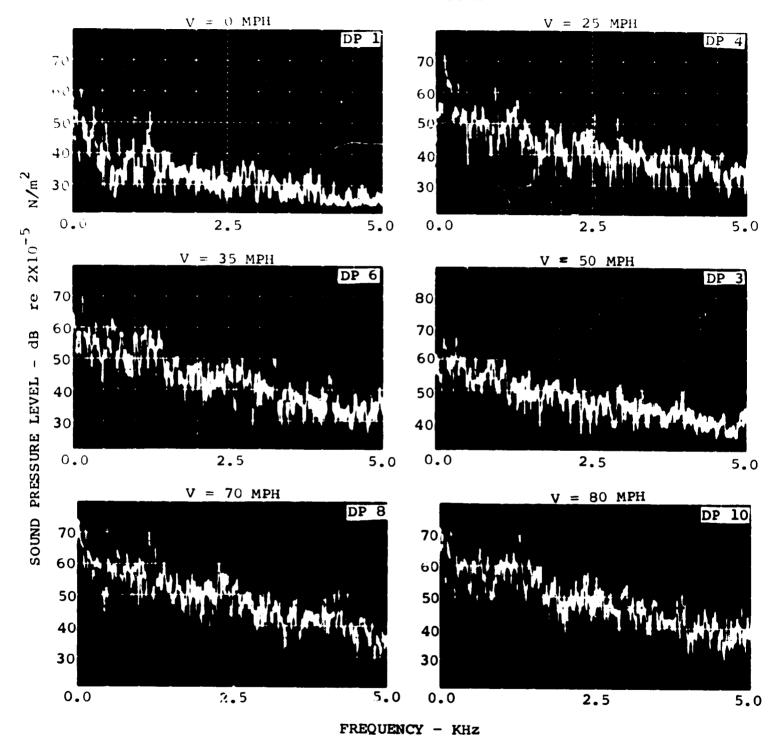


Figure 2—14. Passby Noise at Various Speeds 50 Feet from Track Centerline (Two-Car Train; Steel Wheel Flats; Track Section I; Clockwise Direction)

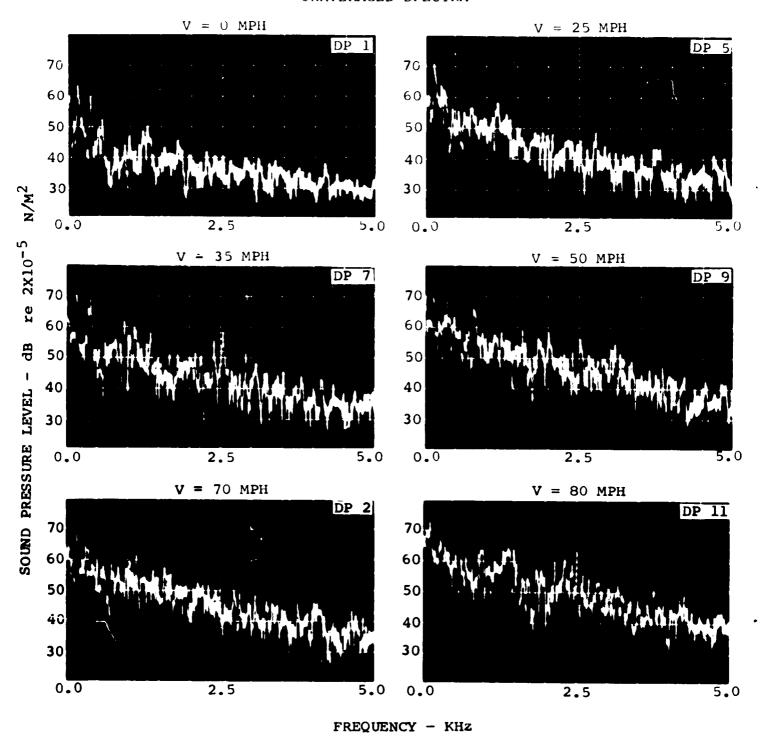


Figure 2–15. Passby Noise at Various Speeds 50 Feet from Track Centerline (Two-Car Train; Steel Wheel Flats; Track Section I; Counterclockwise Direction)

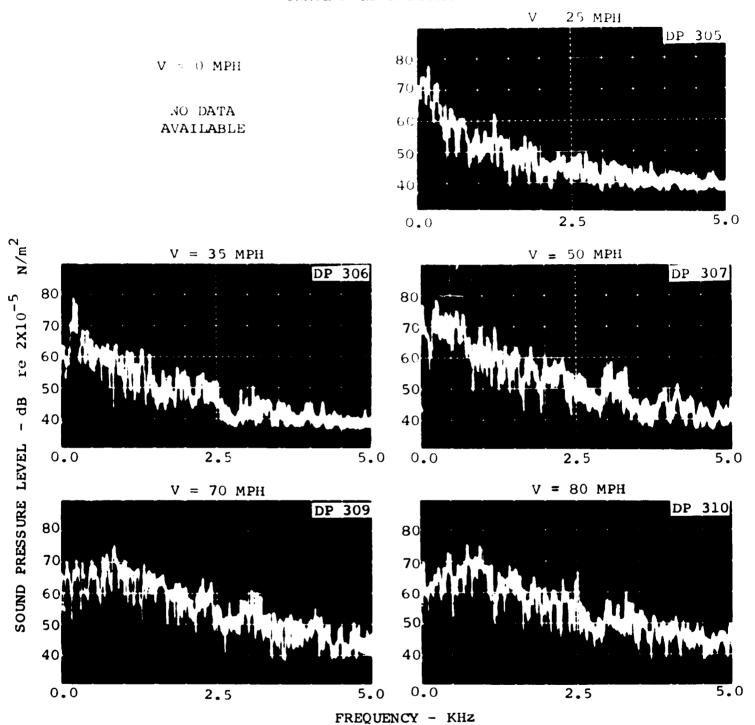


Figure 2–16. Passby Noise at Various Speeds 50 Feet from Track Centerline (Two-Car Train; One Car Powered; 90,000 Pounds; Steel Wheel Flats; Track Section I)

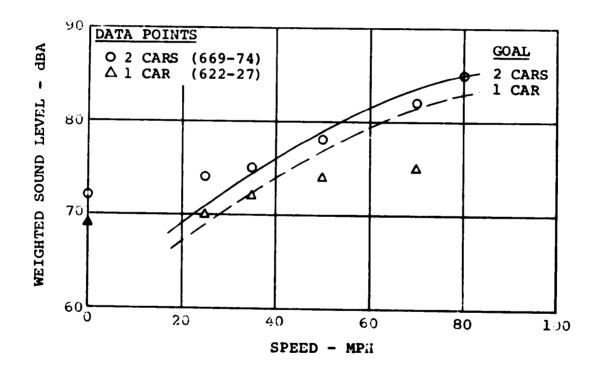


Figure 2-17. Comparison of Goals with Noise Levels 50 Feet from Track Centerline (105,000 Pounds; Resilient Wheels; Track Section I)

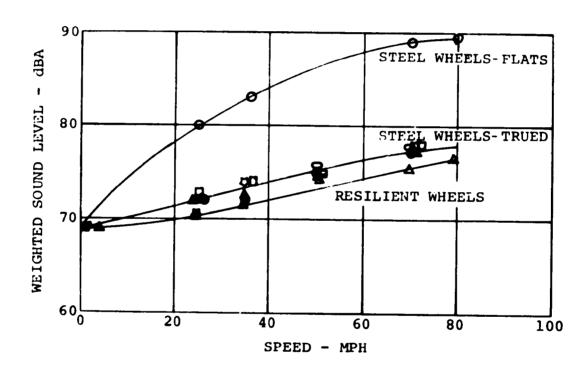


Figure 2—18. Effect of Wheel Configuration on Wayside Noise 50 Feet from Track Centerline (90,000 Pounds; Track Section I)

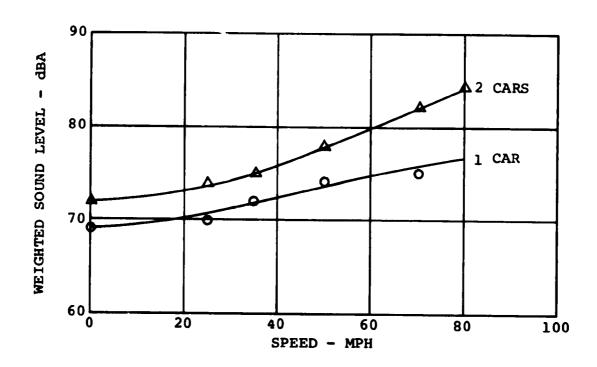


Figure 2-19. Effect of Speed on Wayside Noise 50 Feet from Track Centerline (105,000 Pounds; Resilient Wheels; Track Section I)

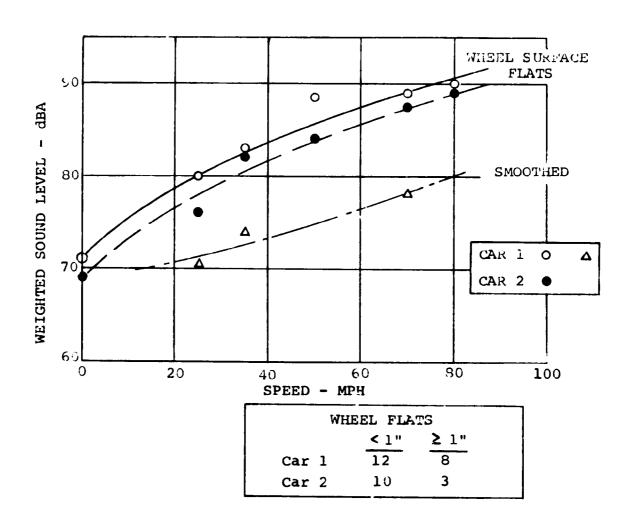


Figure 2—20. Effect of Wheel Surface Roughness on Noise 50 Feet from Track Centerline (90,000 Pounds; Track Section IV)

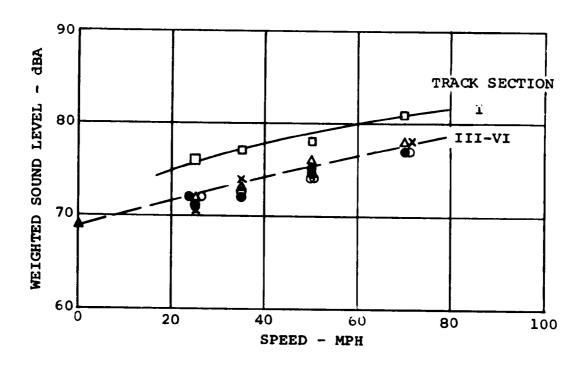


Figure 2—21. Effect of Wheel Surface Roughness on Noise 50 Feet from Track Centerline (Car No. 1; 90,000 Pounds; Trued Steel Wheels)