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SECTION 1.0

PURPOSE AND TEST PROCEDURE

PURPOSE

This 30 mph moving barrier rear impact test was conducted for Vehicle Research and Test Center by Transportation Research Center Inc. (TRC). The purpose of this test was to investigate and demonstrate the practicality of the proposed FMVSS 303 test procedure for evaluating the fuel system integrity of a CNG fueled vehicle. The subject vehicle for this test was a Dodge Ram 250 Model B van.

TEST PROCEDURE

This test was conducted in accordance with the applicable portions of NHTSA's Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Laboratory Test Procedure No. TP-301-00, with the addition of vehicle accelerometers. Data was obtained relative to fuel system integrity.

The test vehicle was instrumented with six (6) accelerometers to measure and vertical accelerations, longitudinal, lateral, axis three (3)thermocouples to measure tank, tube, and ambient temperatures, and a pressure transducer to measure fuel system pressure. The moving barrier was instrumented with three (3) accelerometers to measure longitudinal, lateral, and vertical axis accelerations. The moving barrier impacted the test vehicle's rear in the specified impact velocity range of 28.9 to 29.9

The test vehicle contained two (2) uninstrumented Part 572 B 50th percentile adult anthropomorphic test devices (dummies) positioned in the front outboard designated seating positions. The fuel system was filled with nitrogen gas at 3000 psi at 70° F.

The eight (8) acceleration data channels were multiplexed and recorded on a 14-track tape drive. The acceleration data was digitally sampled at 8000 samples per second and processed according to SAE J211 OCT88. The pressure and temperature data was recorded by a Fluke 2625A Data Logger. The data logger sampled the data at 2.7 sec/sample.

The crash event was recorded by one (1) real-time panning motion picture camera and seven (7) high-speed motion picture cameras. The pre-test and post-test conditions were recorded by one (1) real-time motion picture camera.

The rear impact data are presented in Section 2.0. The camera information is presented in Section 3.0. Appendix A contains the still photographic prints. Appendix B contains the vehicle and moving barrier data plots.

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SECTION 2.0

REAR IMPACT TEST SUMMARY

TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

This rear impact moving barrier test was conducted at TRC on September 25, 1993.

The test vehicle, a 1992 Dodge Ram B250 van, appeared to comply with the proposed performance requirements of FMVSS 303 in the rear moving barrier impact mode. No gas appeared to leak from the vehicle's fuel system following the impact.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 5.2-liter inline engine, automatic transmission, power steering, and power brakes. The vehicle's test weight was 5711 pounds. The vehicle's maximum static crush was 7.2 inches. The moving barrier's test weight was 3989 pounds. The moving barrier's impact speed was 29.3 mph.

DATA ACQUISITION EXPLANATIONS

The vehicle center of gravity X-axis acceleration, VCGXG1, recorded anomalous data after 54 milliseconds.

The vehicle center of gravity Y-axis acceleration, VCGYG1, recorded a questionable data spike at 7 milliseconds.

The vehicle center of gravity Z-axis acceleration, VCGZG1, recorded a questionable data spike at 7 milliseconds.

The vehicle center of gravity resultant acceleration, VCGRG1, calculation was affected by the above anomalies.

The fuel tank pressure recorded an anomalous step down in the data at 34 minutes after impact.

All of the temperature channels recorded anomalous spikes at 5 minutes and at 8 minutes after impact.

TABLE 1 CRASH TEST SUMMARY

TEST TYPE: Rear Moving Bar	rier Impact	
TEST DATE: 09/25/93	TEST TIME: 1230	AMBIENT TEMP. (°F): 60
VEHICLE: 1992 Dodge Ram B25	0 van	
VEHICLE TEST WEIGHT (LBS.):	5711	
MOVING BARRIER TEST WEIGHT	(LBS.): 3989	
IMPACT ANGLE ¹ (DEG): 180		
IMPACT VELOCITY ² (MPH):	PRIMARY = 29.3	SECONDARY = 28.7
MAXIMUM STATIC CRUSH (IN):	7.3	
DUMMIES:	Driver	Passenger
TYPE:	Part 572 B	Part 572 B
LOCATION:	Left front	Right front
RESTRAINT:	Three-point unibelt	Three-point unibelt
NUMBER OF DATA CHANNELS:	16	

NUMBER	OF	CAMERAS:	HIGH-SPEED	7	REAL-TIME	1

¹With respect to tow track centerline. ²Speed trap measurement (± .05 mph accuracy)

TABLE 2 TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

VEHICLE MANUFACTUR	ER: Chrysler Corp	oration		
MAKE/MODEL: Dodge	/Ram B250	VIN:	2B4HB25TXNK13550	3
BODY STYLE: VAN		MODEL	YEAR: 1992	
COLOR: Blue				
ENGINE DATA: TYPE	: Inline CYL	INDERS: 8	DISPLACEMENT:	5.2 liters
TRANSMISSION DATA:	<u> </u>	al, <u>x</u> autom	ATIC,FWD, _X	_RWD,4WD
DATE VEHICLE RECEI	VED: NA	ODOME	TER READING: 18	70
DEALER'S NAME AND	ADDRESS: NA			
ACCESSORIES:				
POWER STEERING Ye	S	AUTOMATIC T	RANSMISSION	Yes
POWER BRAKES Ye	S	AUTOMATIC S	PEED CONTROL	No
POWER SEATS No		TILTING STE	ERING WHEEL	Yes
POWER WINDOWS Ye	S	TELESCOPING	STEERING WHEEL	No
TINTED GLASS Ye	s		ONING	
RADIO Ye	S		RAKE	
CLOCK Ye		REAR WINDOW	DEFROSTER	Yes
OTHER NO	ne			

REMARKS:

1.	IS	THE	VEHICLE	STOCK	THROUGHOUT?	No ¹

- 2. DOES VEHICLE SHOW EVIDENCE OF PRIOR ACCIDENT HISTORY? No
- 3. DOES VEHICLE SHOW ANY SIGNIFICANT CORROSION? NO
- 4. CONDITION OF THE FRONT/REAR BUMPER AND FRAME: Good

CERTIFICATION DATA FROM VEHICLE'S LABEL:

VEHICLE MANUFACTURED BY: Chrysler Corporation

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 03/92

VIN: 2B4HB25TXNK135503

GVWR: 6400 LBS.

GAWR: FRONT: 3300 LBS. REAR: 3700 LBS.

'The vehicle was modified to operate on compressed natural gas.

TABLE 2 TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION, CONT'D.

TIRES ON VEHICLE (MFR., LINE, SIZE): Michelin, XW4, P235/75R15 XW4 TIRE PRESSURE WITH MAXIMUM CAPACITY VEHICLE LOAD: FRONT: 44 PSI REAR: 44 PSI

SPARE TIRE (MFR., LINE, SIZE): NA

TYPE OF SEATS: FRONT: Bucket REAR: Bench

TYPE OF FRONT SEAT BACKS: Manually adjustable

WHEELBASE: 127.5 INCHES

LOCATION OF LABEL STATING TIRE & CAPACITY DATA:

The label was located on the driver's B-pillar.

TIRE & CAPACITY DATA FROM VEHICLE'S LABEL:

RECOMMENDED TIRE SIZE: P235/7515XL

RECOMMENDED COLD TIRE PRESSURE: FRONT: 35 PSI; REAR: 41 PSI

DESIGNATED SEATING CAPACITY: --- FRONT --- REAR --- TOTAL

VEHICLE CAPACITY WEIGHT: _-- LBS.

TEST VEHICLE ATTITUDE (ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE IN INCHES):

 DELIVERED ATTITUDE:
 LF
 31.0;
 RF
 31.6;
 LR
 30.8;
 RR
 31.1

 FULLY LOADED ATTITUDE:
 LF
 30.4;
 RF
 31.3;
 LR
 30.0;
 RR
 30.5

 PRE-TEST ATTITUDE:
 LF
 30.4;
 RF
 30.8;
 LR
 30.8;
 RR
 30.8

 POST-TEST ATTITUDE:
 LF
 30.2;
 RF
 31.0;
 LR
 31.1;
 RR
 31.3

TABLE 2 TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION, CONT'D.

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE AS RECEIVED (WITH MAXIMUM FLUIDS):

RIGHT FRONT	1339 LBS.	RIGHT REAR 1141 LBS.
LEFT FRONT	1409 LBS.	LEFT REAR 1202 LBS.
TOTAL FRONT WEIGHT	2748 LBS.	(54.0% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT)
TOTAL REAR WEIGHT	2343 LBS.	(46.0% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT)

TOTAL DELIVERED WEIGHT 5091 LBS.

CALCULATION OF TEST VEHICLE'S TARGET TEST WEIGHT:

RCLW¹ = RATED CARGO AND LUGGAGE WEIGHT

- UDW = UNLOADED DELIVERED WEIGHT (5091 LBS.)
- VCW¹ = VEHICLE CAPACITY WEIGHT (LBS.)
- DSC^1 = DESIGNATED SEATING CAPACITY ()
- $RCLW^{1} = VCW 150 (DSC) = 300$
- TARGET TEST WEIGHT = UDW + RCLW¹+ (NO. OF HYBRID II DUMMIES X 164 LBS./DUMMY) TARGET TEST WEIGHT = 5719 LBS.

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE WITH REQUIRED DUMMIES AND 292 LBS. OF CARGO WEIGHT:

1580 LBS. RIGHT FRONT RIGHT REAR 1249 LBS. LEFT FRONT 1305 LBS. LEFT REAR 1577 LBS. TOTAL FRONT WEIGHT 2885 LBS. (50.5% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT) TOTAL REAR WEIGHT 2826 LBS. (49.5% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT) TOTAL TEST WEIGHT 5711 LBS. (0.1% UNDER TARGET TEST WEIGHT)

WEIGHT OF BALLAST SECURED IN VEHICLE: 150 LBS.

COMPONENTS REMOVED TO MEET TARGET TEST WEIGHT: None

CG = 63.1 INCHES REARWARD OF FRONT WHEEL CENTERLINE

¹Cargo weight for multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses is the vehicle's rated cargo and luggage weight from the vehicle's label or 300 pounds, whichever is less.

TABLE 3 POST-IMPACT DATA

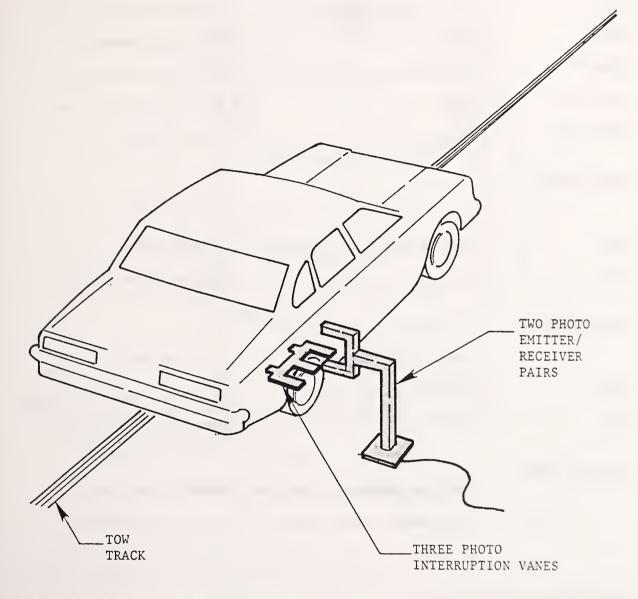
TEST NUMBER: 930925

TEST DATE: 09/25/93 TEST TIME: 1230 TEST TYPE: Rear Moving Barrier Impact IMPACT ANGLE: 180° AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AT IMPACT AREA: 60° F TEMPERATURE IN OCCUPANT COMPARTMENT: 60° F IMPACT VELOCITY: PRIMARY = 29.3 MPH SECONDARY = 28.7 MPH (SPECIFIED RANGE = 28.9 TO 29.9 MPH)

DISTANCE FROM VEHICLE TO BARRIER: ENTERING VELOCITY TRAP = 14.0 IN. EXITING VELOCITY TRAP = 2.0 IN.

TEST VEHICLE STATIC CRUSH (ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE IN INCHES):

OVERALL LENGTH OF TEST VEHICLE: PRE-TEST: L 199.5; C 199.0; R 199.2 POST-TEST: L 193.8; C 193.2; R 193.8 TOTAL CRUSH: L 5.7; C 5.8; R 5.4 AVERAGE CRUSH: 5.6

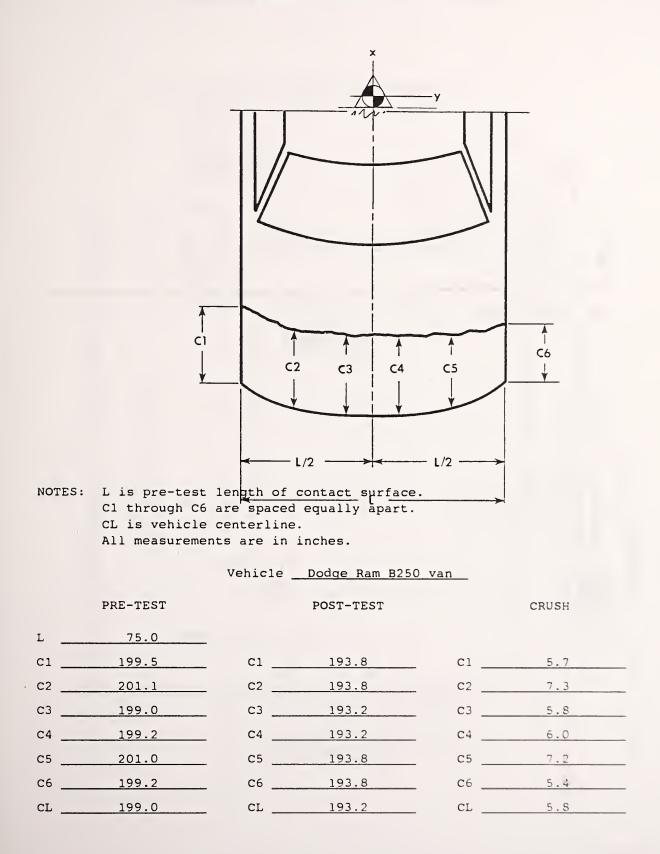


The final vane clears emitter/receiver two inches before impact. The vanes have one-foot spacing.

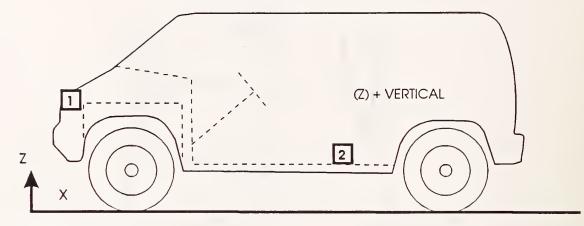
TABLE 4 POST-IMPACT DUMMY/VEHICLE DATA

VISIBLE DUMMY CONTACT POINTS:

	DRIVER	PASSENGER
HEAD	NA	NA
CHEST	NA	NA
ABDOMEN	<u>NA</u>	NA
LEFT KNEE	<u>NA</u>	NA
RIGHT KNEE	NA	NA
DOOR OPENING:	LEFT	RIGHT
FRONT	Opened easily	Opened easily
REAR	NA	Opened easily
SEAT MOVEMENT:		
	SEAT BACK FAILURE	SEAT SHIFT
FRONT	Both back seats failed	No
REAR	No	No
GLAZING DAMAGE:	The rear window and two side	windows broke during
	the crash.	
OTHER NOTABLE IMP	ACT EFFECTS:	
	None	

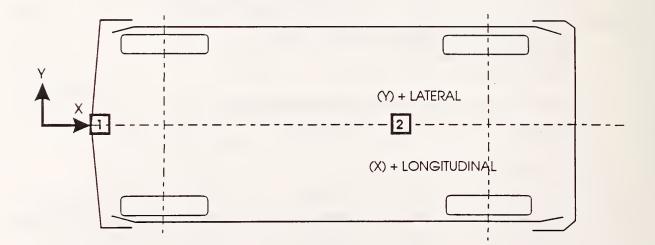






(X) + (LONGITUDINAL)





BOTTOM VIEW

TABLE 5

VEHICLE ACCELEROMETER LOCATIONS AND DATA SUMMARY

TEST NUMBER 930925

NEGATIVE DIRECTION MAX G MSEC	57.0 75.0 34.1	 6.9 92.3
NEGAT DIREC MAX (23.4 5.3 17.5	112.6
POSITIVE DIRECTION MAX G MSEC	34.8 32.8 26.6 34.5	1.0
POSI DIRE Z * MAX	39.0 41.2 4.9 22.9 44.5	23.9 4.8 214.7
*Х	0.0	0.0
* X	190.6	136.0
No. LOCATION	1 FRONT FRAME CROSSMEMBER LONGITUDINAL LATERAL VERTICAL RESULTANT	2 VEHICLE CENTER OF GRAVITY LONGITUDINAL ¹ LATERAL ¹ VERTICAL ¹ RESULTANT ¹

* ALL MEASUREMENTS OF ACCELEROMETER LOCATIONS ARE IN INCHES.

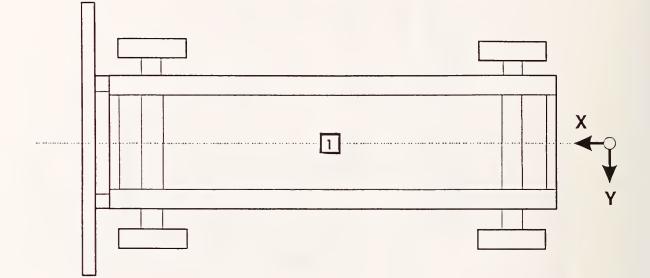
X: + FORWARD FROM REAR BUMPER REFERENCE:

Y: + LEFTWARD FROM VEHICLE CENTERLINE Z: + UPWARD FROM GROUND LEVEL

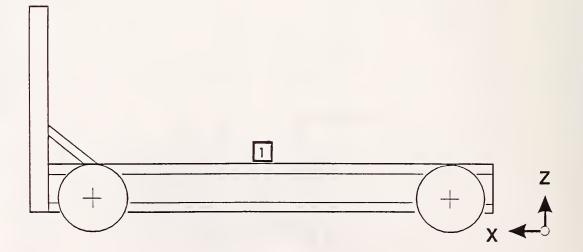
¹ See DATA ACQUISITION EXPLANATIONS

FIGURE 4 MOVING BARRIER ACCELEROMETER PLACEMENT

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TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW

TABLE 6

MOVING BARRIER ACCELEROMETER LOCATIONS AND DATA SUMMARY

TEST NUMBER 930925

No. LOCATION	* X	* Х	* 2	POSITIVE DIRECTION MAX G MSE	POSITIVE DIRECTION MAX G MSEC	NEGATIVE DIRECTION MAX G MSE	NEGATIVE DIRECTION MAX G MSEC	
1 CENTER OF GRAVITY LONGITUDINAL LATERAL VERTICAL RESULTANT	74.8	74.8 0.0 12.6	12.6 3	1.4 3.0 36.1	66.4 111.3 21.1 20.9	32.2 5.8 20.1	20.6 32.9 15.4	

* ALL MEASUREMENTS OF ACCELEROMETER LOCATIONS ARE IN INCHES.

X: + FORWARD FROM REAR POINT OF FRAME + LEFTWARD FROM BARRIER CENTERLINE REFERENCE:

+ UPWARD FROM GROUND LEVEL

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TABLE 7 FUEL SYSTEM DATA

MAKE/MODEL:	Dodge/Ram B250						
FUEL SYSTEM CAPACITY:	150.7 LITERS (FROM OWNER'S MANUAL)						
RATED SERVICE PRESSURE:	3000 PSI AT 70° F						
ACTUAL TEST PRESSURE:	2980 PSI AT 64° F						
TEST GAS TYPE:	NITROGEN						
DETAILS OF FUEL SYSTEM:	Two fuel tanks were located behind the rear axle						
and one fuel tank was l	ocated outside of the left frame rail. The fuel						
filler neck was located on the left side of the vehicle. The fuel							
lines followed the right frame rail to the engine compartment.							
ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP: NA							
FUEL INJECTION: Yes							

DOES ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP OPERATE WITH IGNITION SWITCH "ON" AND THE ENGINE NOT OPERATING? NA

SECTION 3.0

CAMERA INFORMATION

FIGURE 5

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CAMERA POSITIONS

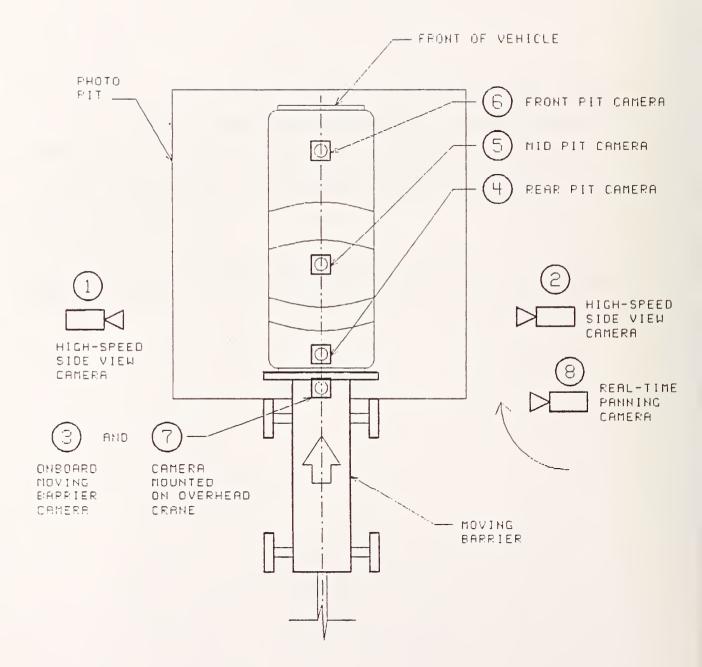


TABLE 8 MOTION PICTURE CAMERA INFORMATION

CAMERA <u>NUMBER</u>		TYPE	LENS (MM)	SPEED (FPS)	PURPOSE OF CAMERA DATA
1	Left wide	Photosonic	13	500	Vehicle crush
2	Right wide	Photosonic	13	513	Vehicle crush
3	Onboard Mvg. Bar.	Photosonic	13	500	Vehicle crush
4	Pit - rear	Photosonic	8.5	948	Vehicle crush
5	Pit - mid	Photosonic	17	800	Vehicle crush
6	Pit - front	Photosonic	25	800	Vehicle crush
7	Overhead wide	Photosonic	17	800	Vehicle crush
8	Right panning	Beaulieu	12-120	24	Real-time panning

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APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS

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Figure A-1. PRE-TEST FRONT VIEW



Figure A-2. POST-TEST FRONT VIEW



Figure A-3. PRE-TEST LEFT SIDE VIEW



Figure A-4. POST-TEST LEFT SIDE VIEW



Figure A-5. PRE-TEST REAR VIEW





Figure A-7. PRE-TEST RIGHT SIDE VIEW

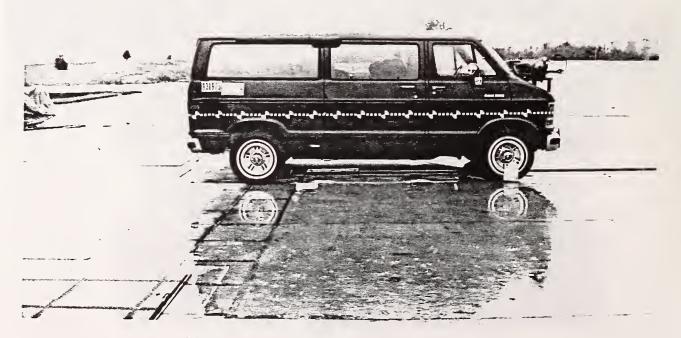




Figure A-9. PRE-TEST RIGHT FRONT THREE-QUARTER VIEW



Figure A-10. POST-TEST RIGHT FRONT THREE-QUARTER VIEW



Figure A-11. PRE-TEST RIGHT REAR THREE-QUARTER VIEW



Figure A-12. POST-TEST RIGHT REAR THREE-QUARTER VIEW



Figure A-13. PRE-TEST LEFT FRONT THREE-QUARTER VIEW



Figure A-14. POST-TEST LEFT FRONT THREE-QUARTER VIEW



Figure A-15. PRE-TEST LEFT REAR THREE-QUARTER VIEW



Figure A-16. POST-TEST LEFT REAR THREE-QUARTER VIEW

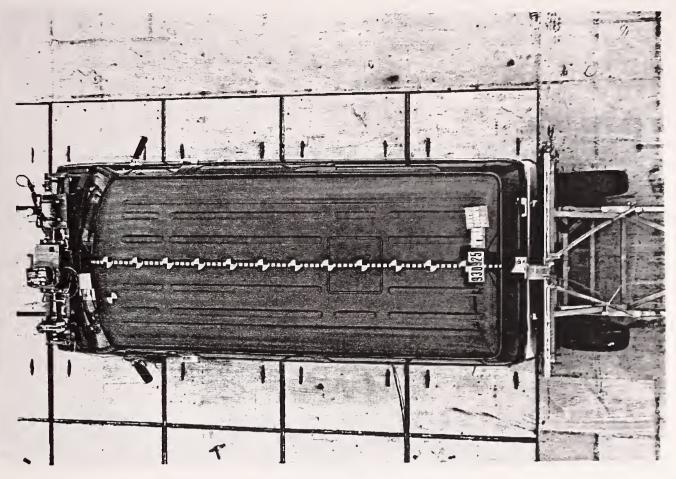
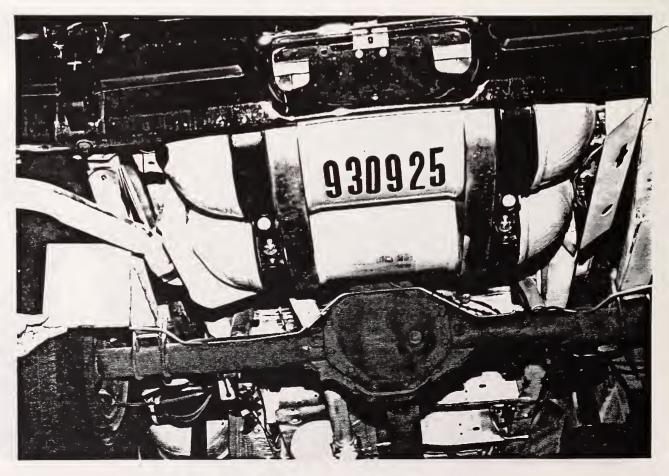


Figure A-17. PRE-TEST OVERHEAD VIEW





Figure A-19. PRE-TEST FUEL TANK - VIEW 2



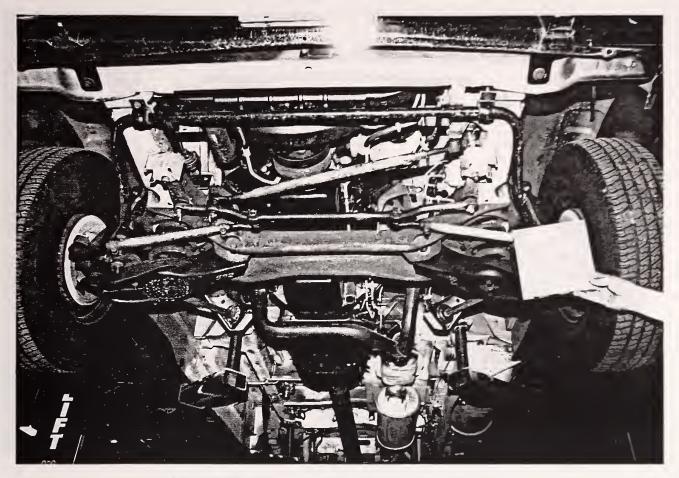


Figure A-21. PRE-TEST FRONT UNDERBODY VIEW

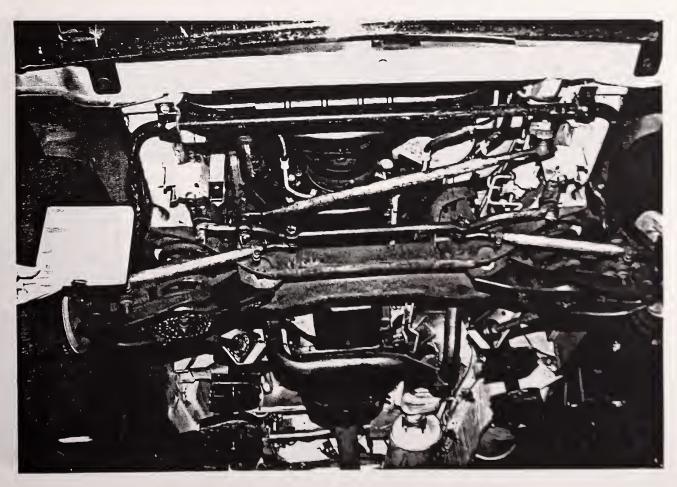


Figure A-22. POST-TEST FRONT UNDERBODY VIEW

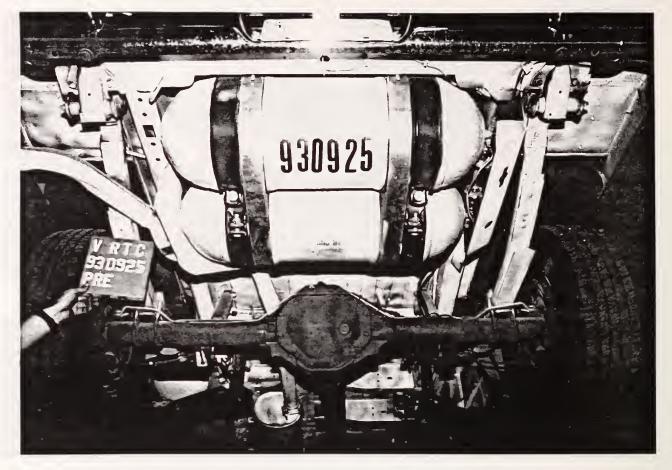
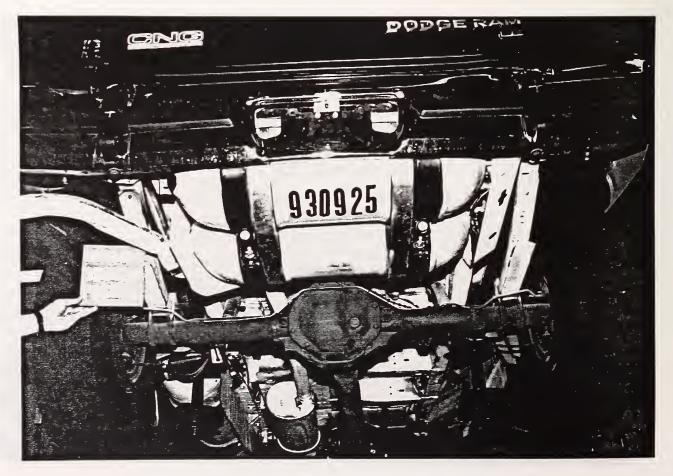


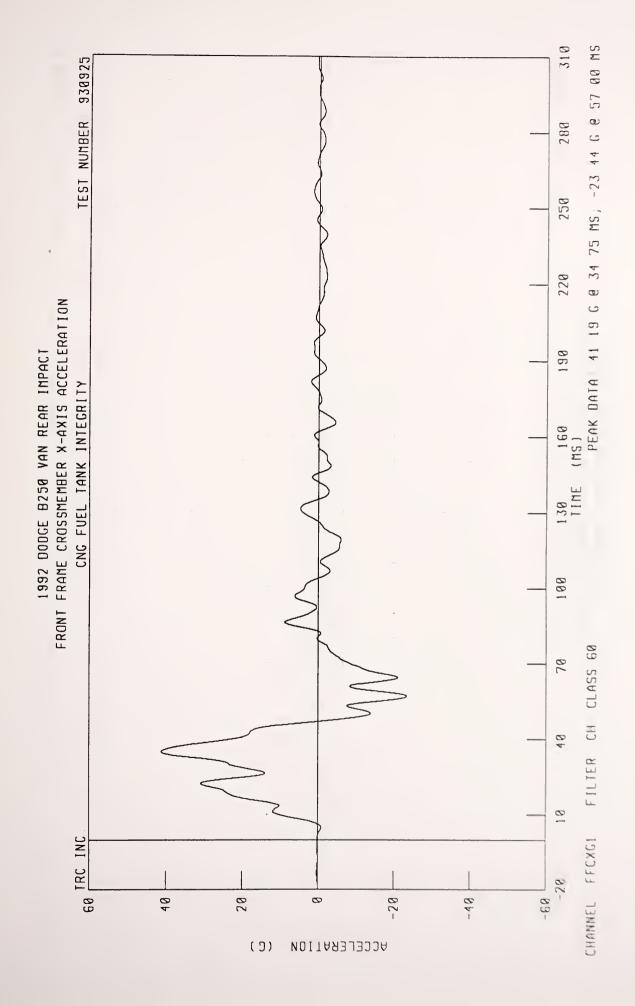
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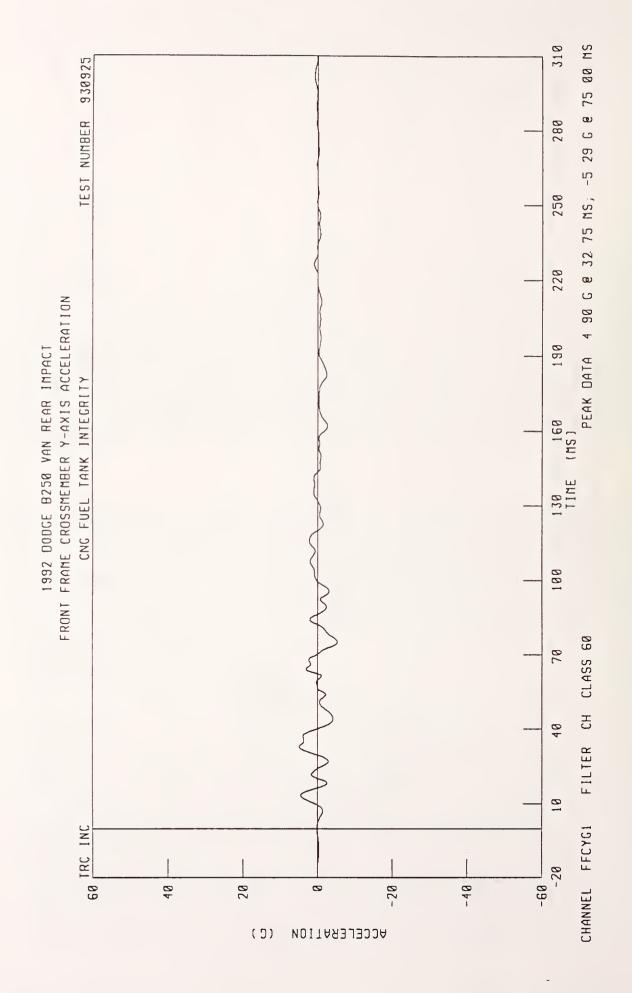


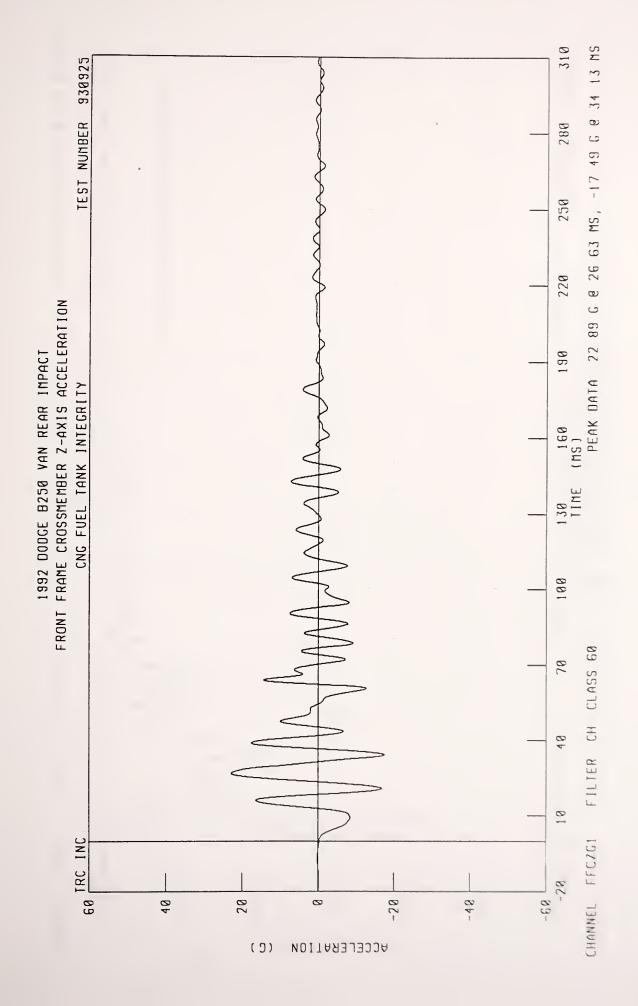
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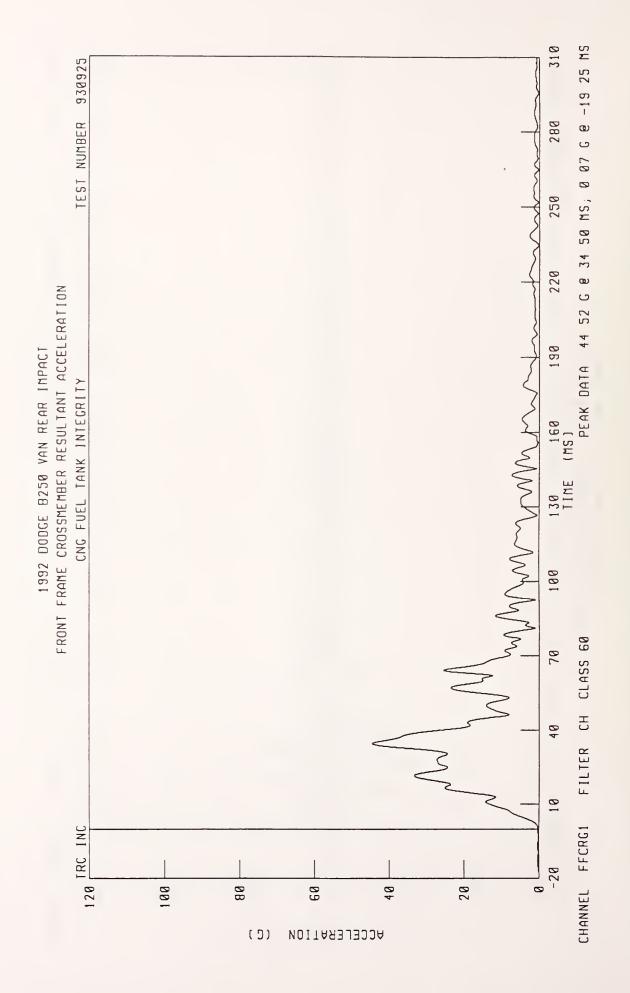
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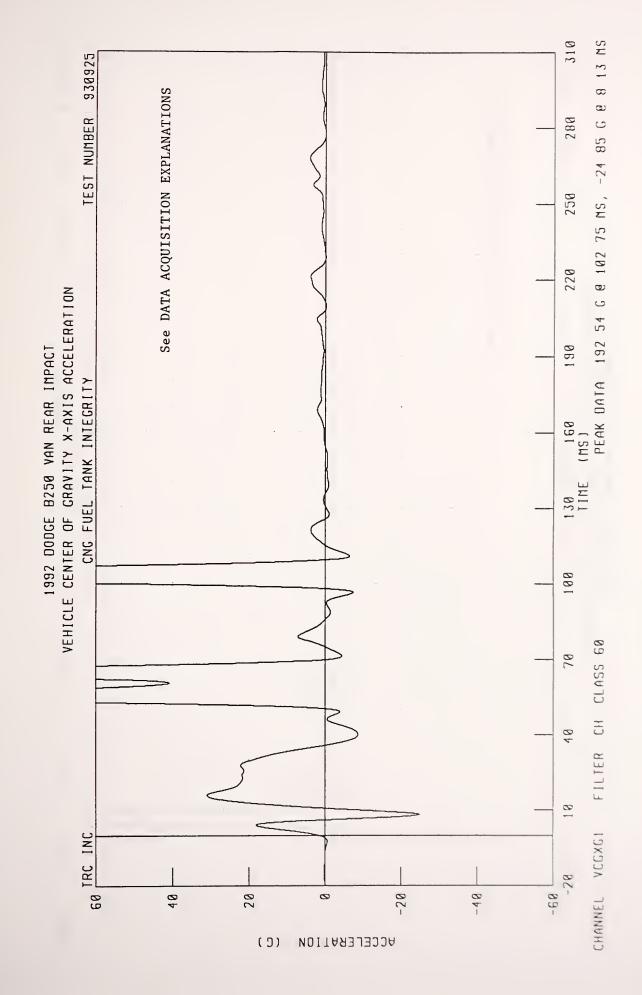


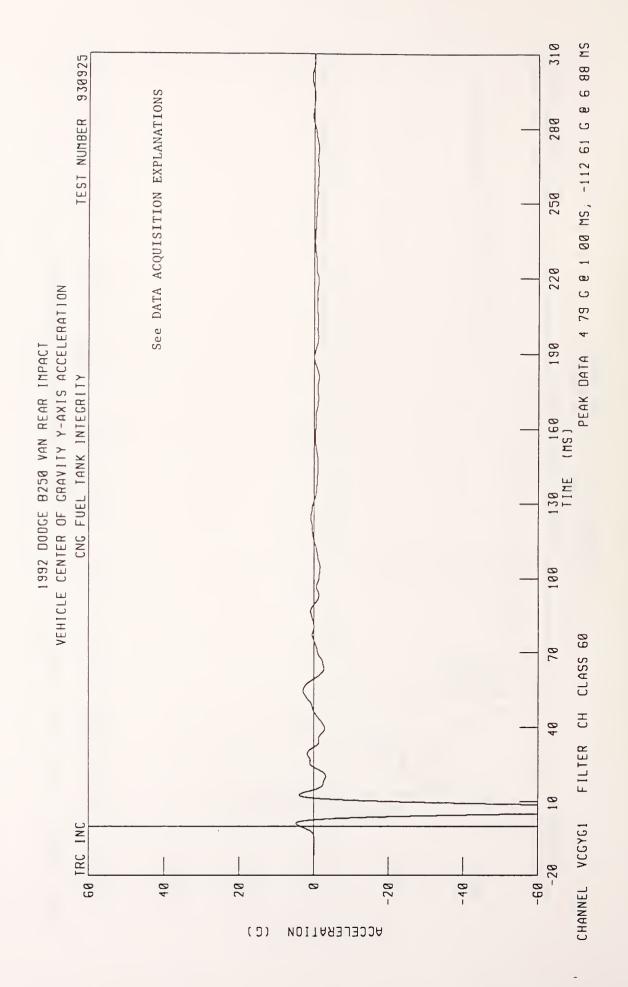


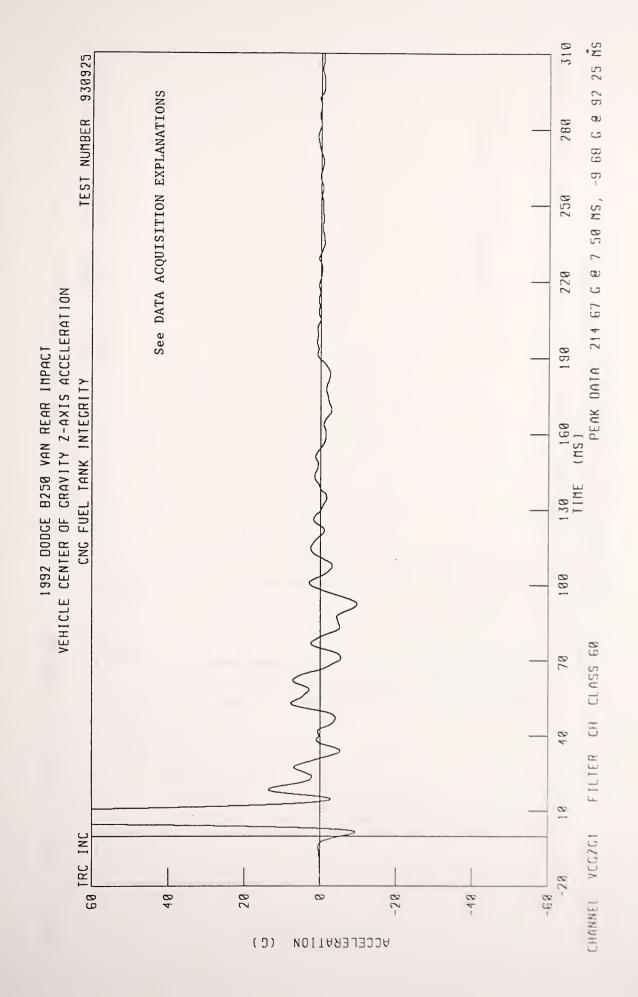


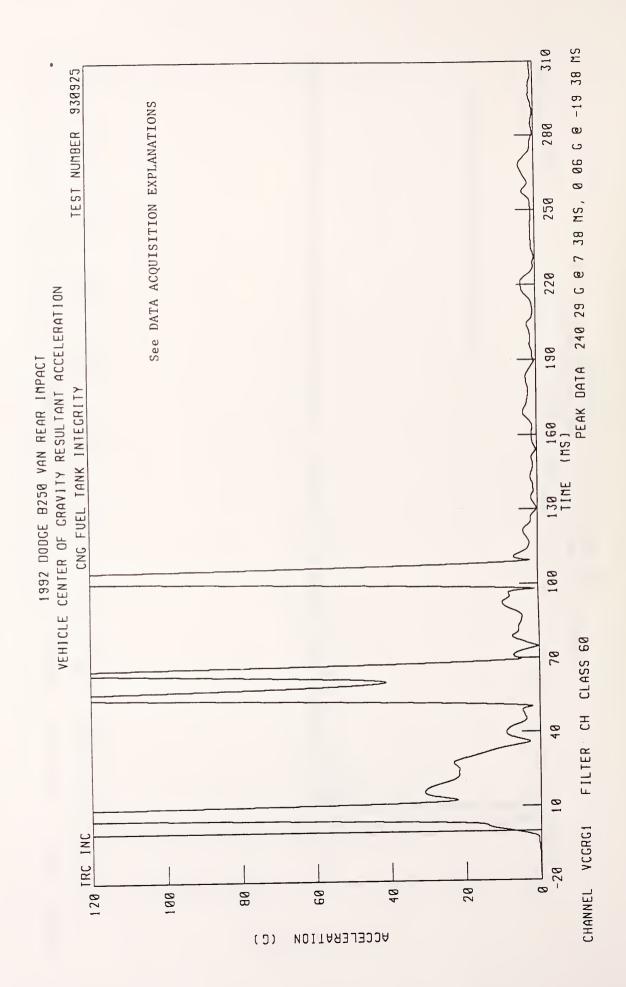


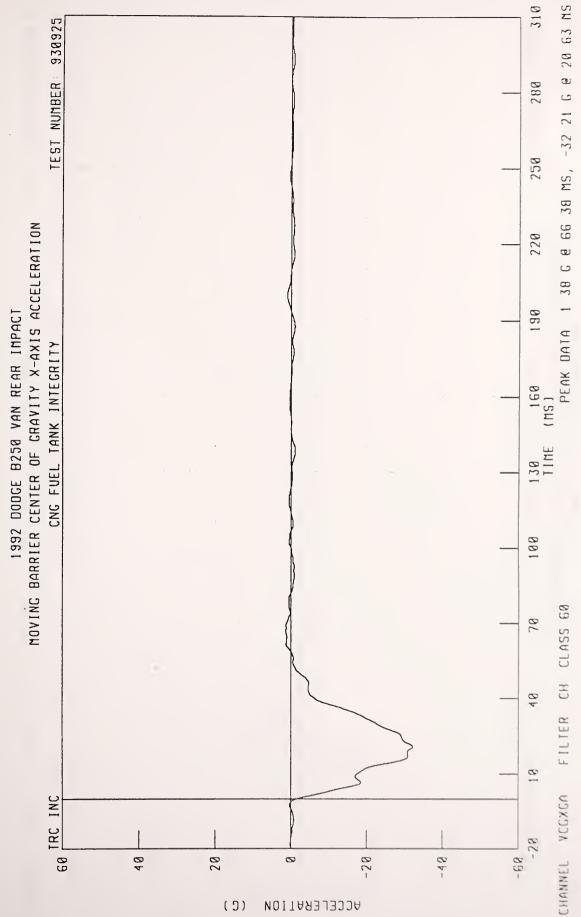


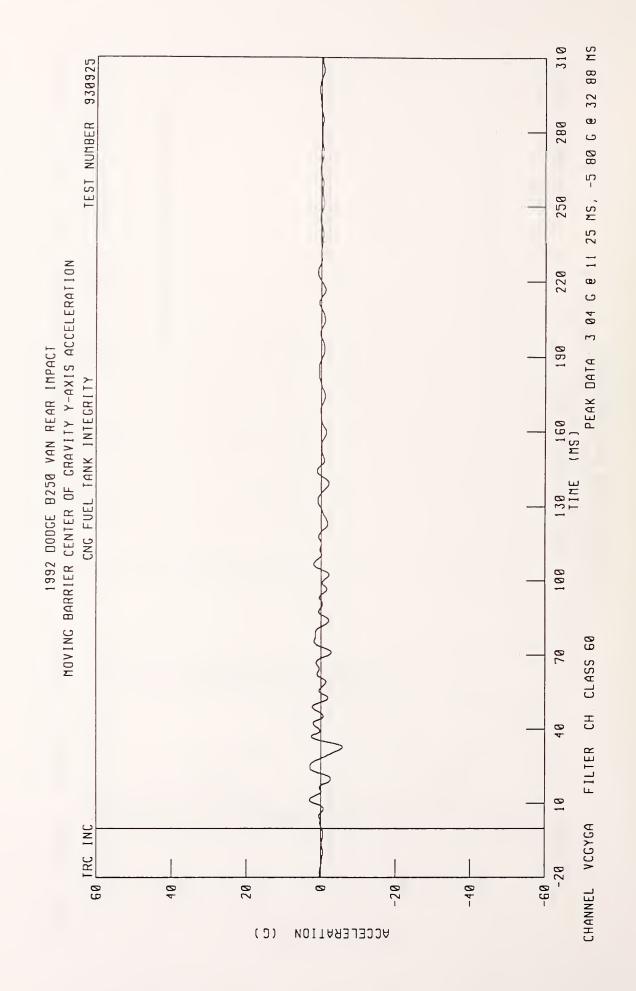


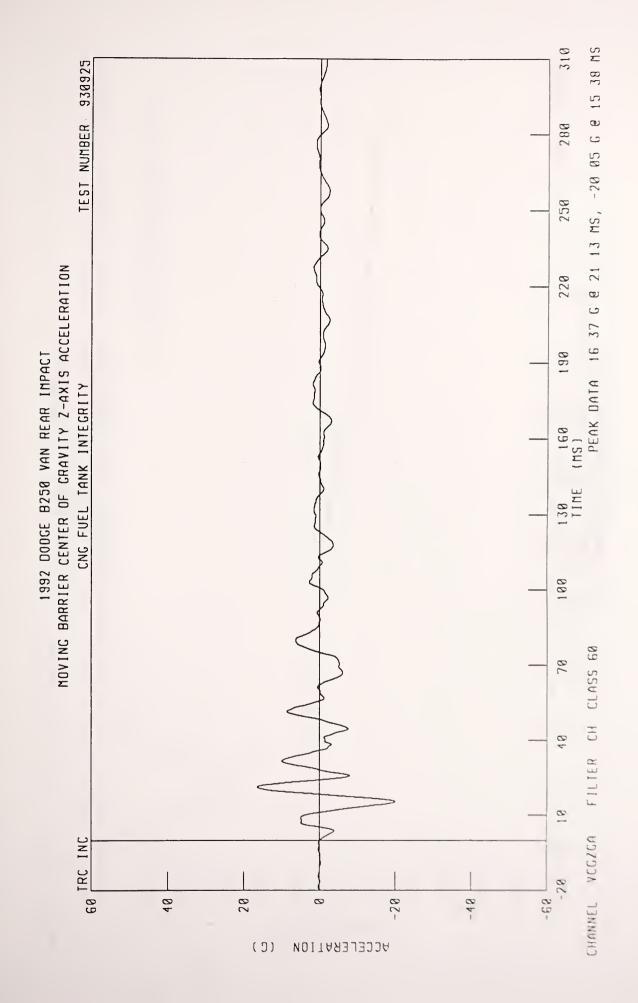


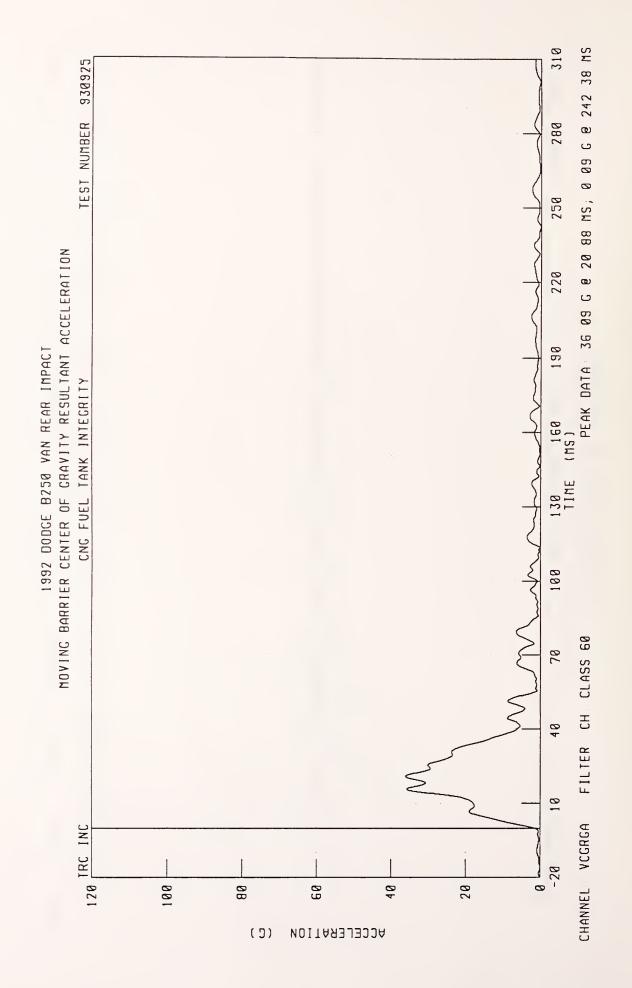


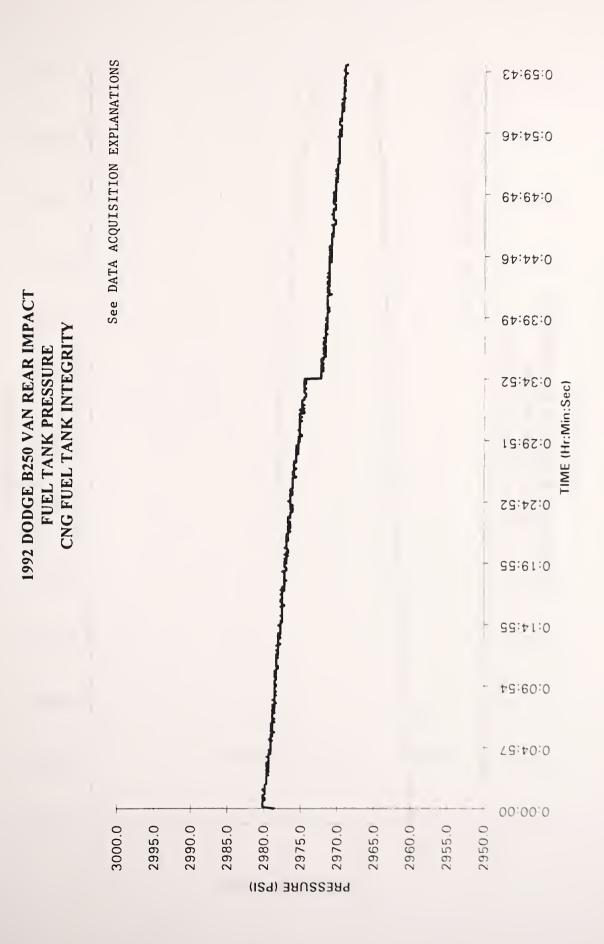


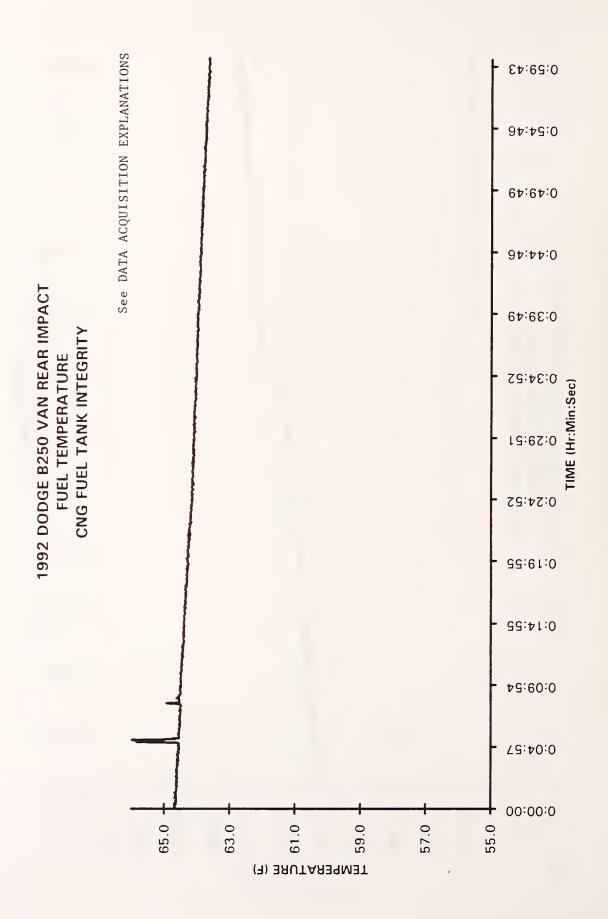


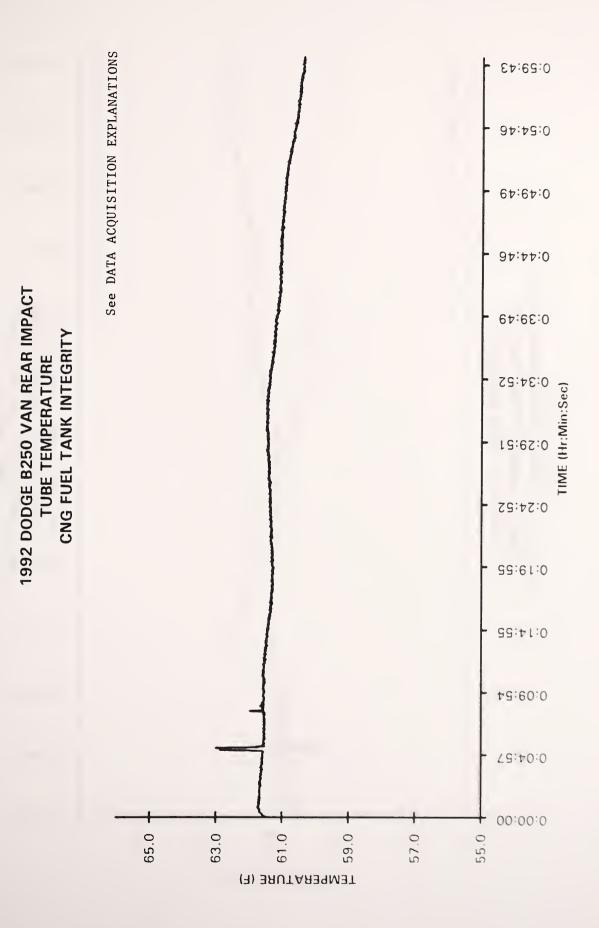


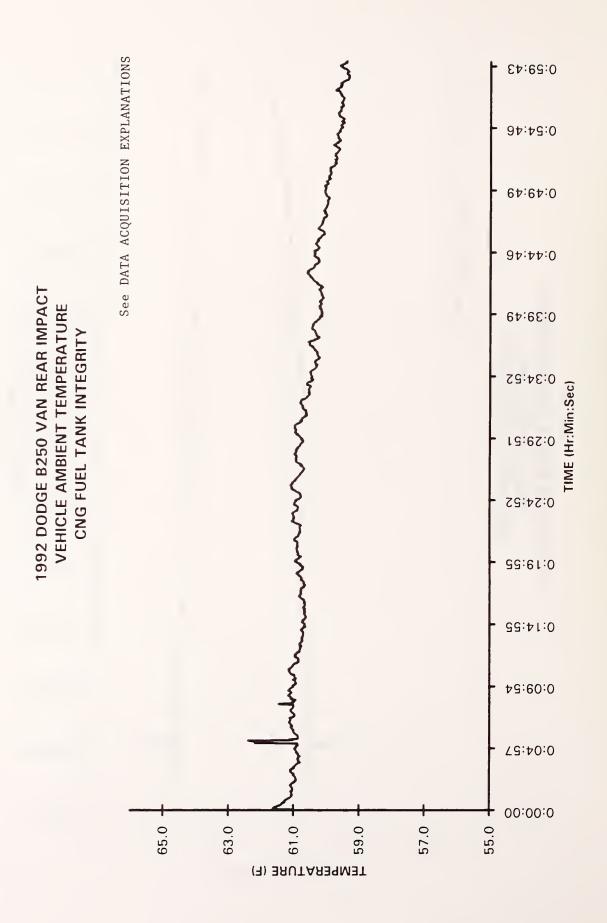












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