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# SECTION 1.0

# PURPOSE AND TEST PROCEDURE

#### **PURPOSE**

This 48 kph 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 evaluate the suitability of National Fire Protection Association Procedure Number 52 (NFPA 52) for ensuring adequate safety in vehicles converted to CNG after first sale. The subject vehicle for this test was a 1991 Plymouth Acclaim 4-door sedan.

### 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 seven (7) accelerometers to measure longitudinal, lateral, and vertical axis accelerations, two (2) thermocouples to measure tank 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 47.5 to 49.1 kph.

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 20,648 kPa at 21° C.

The ten (10) acceleration data channels were multiplexed and recorded on a 14-track tape drive. The acceleration data was digitally sampled at 12500 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. Appendix C contains miscellaneous test information.



# SECTION 2.0

# REAR IMPACT TEST SUMMARY

#### TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

This rear impact moving barrier test was conducted at TRC on July 6, 1994.

The test vehicle, a 1991 Plymouth Acclaim 4-door sedan, appeared to comply with the proposed performance requirements of FMVSS 303 in the rear moving barrier impact mode. The pressure transducer recorded a pressure drop of 132 kPa during the one-hour period immediately following the impact.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 2.5-liter transverse engine, automatic transmission, power steering, and power brakes. The vehicle's test weight was 1633 kilograms. The vehicle's maximum static crush was 460 millimeters. The moving barrier's test weight was 1822 kilograms. The moving barrier's impact speed was 49.2 kph.

#### TABLE 1 CRASH TEST SUMMARY

TEST TYPE: Rear Moving Barrier Impact

TEST DATE: 07/06/94 TEST TIME: 1409 AMBIENT TEMP. (°C): 35

VEHICLE: 1991 Plymouth Acclaim 4-door sedan

VEHICLE TEST WEIGHT (KGS.): 1634

MOVING BARRIER TEST WEIGHT (KGS.): 1822

IMPACT ANGLE1 (DEG): 180

IMPACT VELOCITY<sup>2</sup> (KPH): PRIMARY = 49.2 SECONDARY = 49.2

MAXIMUM STATIC CRUSH (MM): 460

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: 10

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

<sup>&#</sup>x27;With respect to tow track centerline.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Speed trap measurement (± .05 mph accuracy)

#### TABLE 2 TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

VEHICLE MANUFACTURER: Chrysler Corporation

MAKE/MODEL: Plymouth/Acclaim VIN: 1P3XA46K7MF666206

BODY STYLE: 4-door sedan MODEL YEAR: 1991

COLOR: Tan

ENGINE DATA: TYPE: Transverse CYLINDERS: 4 DISPLACEMENT: 2.5 liters

TRANSMISSION DATA: 3 SPEED, \_\_MANUAL, \_X\_AUTOMATIC, \_X\_FWD, \_\_RWD,\_\_4WD

DATE VEHICLE RECEIVED: 06/30/94 ODOMETER READING: 67,442

DEALER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: NA

#### ACCESSORIES:

POWER STEERING Yes AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION POWER BRAKES Yes AUTOMATIC SPEED CONTROL Yes No POWER SEATS TILTING STEERING WHEEL Yes POWER WINDOWS No TELESCOPING STEERING WHEEL NO TINTED GLASS Yes RADIO Yes AIR CONDITIONING Yes ANTI-SKID BRAKE No CLOCK Yes REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER Yes OTHER None

#### REMARKS:

- 1. IS THE VEHICLE STOCK THROUGHOUT? No1
- 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: 04/91

VIN: 1P3XA46K7MF666206

GVWR: 1845 KGS.

GAWR: FRONT: 1009 KGS. REAR: 858 KGS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The vehicle was modified to operate on compressed natural gas.

#### TABLE 2 TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION, CONT'D.

TIRES ON VEHICLE (MFR., LINE, SIZE): MasterCraft, P185/70R14

TIRE PRESSURE WITH MAXIMUM CAPACITY VEHICLE LOAD: FRONT: 240 kPa

REAR: 240 kPa

SPARE TIRE (MFR., LINE, SIZE): Temp Goodyear, T125/70D14

TYPE OF SEATS: FRONT: Bucket

REAR: Bench

TYPE OF FRONT SEAT BACKS: Manually adjustable

WHEELBASE: 2629 millimeters

LOCATION OF LABEL STATING TIRE & CAPACITY DATA:

The label was located on the driver's door.

#### TIRE & CAPACITY DATA FROM VEHICLE'S LABEL:

RECOMMENDED TIRE SIZE: P185/70R14

RECOMMENDED COLD TIRE PRESSURE: FRONT: 240 KPa; REAR: 240 KPa

DESIGNATED SEATING CAPACITY: 2 FRONT 3 REAR 5 TOTAL

VEHICLE CAPACITY WEIGHT: 392 KGS.

# TEST VEHICLE ATTITUDE (ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE IN MILLIMETERS):

DELIVERED ATTITUDE: LF 691; RF 695; LR 656; RR 651

PRE-TEST ATTITUDE: LF 643; RF 640; LR 632; RR 638

POST-TEST ATTITUDE: LF 689; RF 660; LR 824; RR 768

#### TABLE 2 TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION, CONT'D.

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

RIGHT FRONT 404 KGS. RIGHT REAR 300 KGS.

LEFT FRONT 426 KGS. LEFT REAR 300 KGS.

TOTAL FRONT WEIGHT 830 KGS. (58.0% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT)

TOTAL REAR WEIGHT 600 KGS. (42.0% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT)

TOTAL DELIVERED WEIGHT 1430 KGS.

#### CALCULATION OF TEST VEHICLE'S TARGET TEST WEIGHT:

RCLW1 = RATED CARGO AND LUGGAGE WEIGHT

UDW = UNLOADED DELIVERED WEIGHT (1431 KGS.)

VCW<sup>1</sup> = VEHICLE CAPACITY WEIGHT (392 KGS.)

DSC1 = DESIGNATED SEATING CAPACITY (5)

 $RCLW^1 = VCW - 68 (DSC) = 52 KGS.$ 

TARGET TEST WEIGHT = UDW + RCLW1+ (NO. OF HYBRID II DUMMIES X 74 KGS./DUMMY)

TARGET TEST WEIGHT = 1430 + 52 + 148 = 1630 KGS.

# WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE WITH REQUIRED DUMMIES AND 55 KGS. OF CARGO WEIGHT:

RIGHT FRONT	452 KGS.	RIGHT REAR 347 KGS.
LEFT FRONT	509 KGS.	LEFT REAR 325 KGS.
TOTAL FRONT WEIGHT	961 KGS.	(58.8% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT)
TOTAL REAR WEIGHT	672 KGS.	(41.2% OF TOTAL VEHICLE WEIGHT)
TOTAL TEST WEIGHT	1633 KGS.	(0.2% OVER TARGET TEST WEIGHT)

WEIGHT OF BALLAST SECURED IN VEHICLE: O KGS.

COMPONENTS REMOVED TO MEET TARGET TEST WEIGHT: None

#### CG = 1082 MILLIMETERS REARWARD OF FRONT WHEEL CENTERLINE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cargo weight for multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses is the vehicle's rated cargo and luggage weight from the vehicle's label or 136 kilograms, whichever is less.

#### TABLE 3 POST-IMPACT DATA

TEST NUMBER: 940706

TEST DATE: 07/06/94 TEST TIME: 1409

TEST TYPE: Rear Moving Barrier Impact IMPACT ANGLE: 180°

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AT IMPACT AREA: 35° C

IMPACT VELOCITY: PRIMARY = 49.2 KPH SECONDARY = 49.2 KPH

(SPECIFIED RANGE = 47.5 TO 49.1 KPH)

DISTANCE FROM VEHICLE TO BARRIER: ENTERING VELOCITY TRAP = 356 MM.

EXITING VELOCITY TRAP = 51 MM.

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

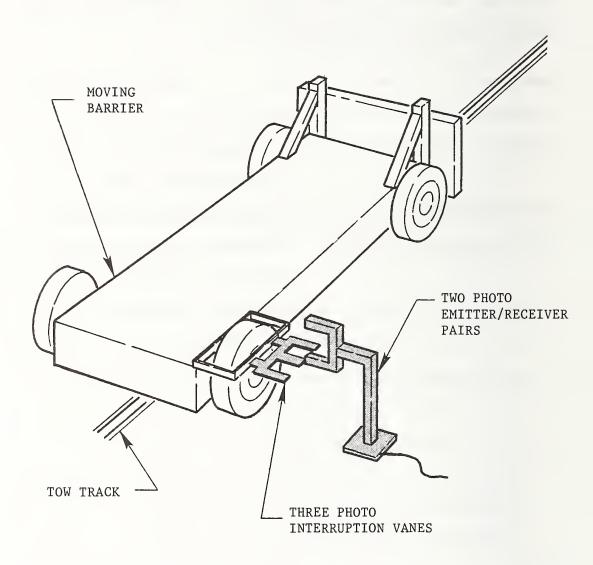
OVERALL LENGTH OF TEST VEHICLE: PRE-TEST: L 4613; C 4625; R 4602

POST-TEST: L 4232; C 4270; R 4239

TOTAL CRUSH: L 381; C 355; R 363

AVERAGE CRUSH: 366

### FIGURE 1 IMPACT VELOCITY MEASUREMENT SYSTEM



The final vane clears emitter/receiver 51 millimeters before impact.

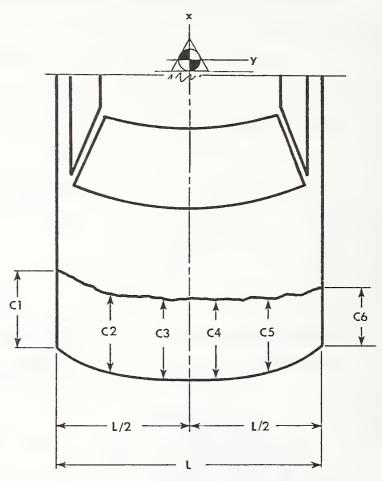
The vanes have 356-millimeter spacing.

# TABLE 4 POST-IMPACT DUMMY/VEHICLE DATA

# VISIBLE DUMMY CONTACT POINTS:

	DRIVER	PASSENGER
HEAD	NA	NA
CHEST	NA	NA
ABDOMEN	NA	NA
LEFT KNEE	NA	NA
RIGHT KNEE	NA	NA
DOOR OPENING:		
	LEFT	RIGHT
FRONT	Opened easily	Opened easily
REAR	Difficult	Difficult
SEAT MOVEMENT:		
	SEAT BACK FAILURE	SEAT SHIFT
FRONT	Both back seats failed	No
REAR	No	No
GLAZING DAMAGE:	The rear window shattered dur	ing the crash
OTHER NOTABLE IMPA	CT EFFECTS:	

FIGURE 2 VEHICLE CRUSH

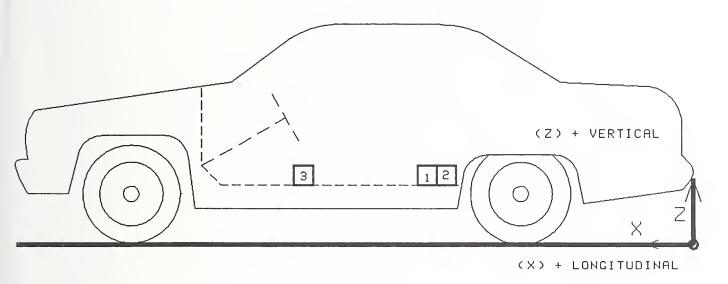


NOTES: L is pre-test length of contact surface.
C1 through C6 are spaced equally apart.
CL is vehicle centerline.
All measurements are in millimeters.

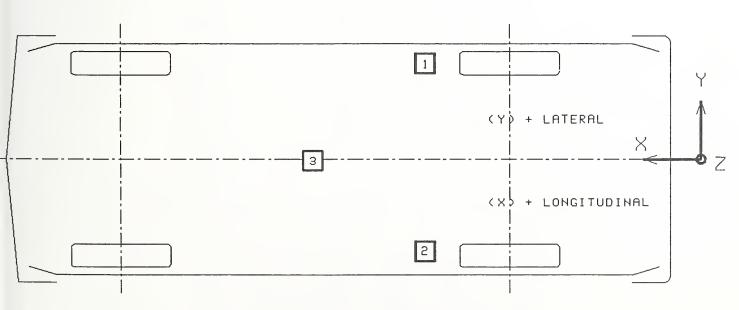
Vehicle Plymouth Acclaim 4-door sedan

	PRE-TEST		POST-TEST		CRUSH	
L _	1422					
C1 _	4613	C1	4232	C1	381	
C2 _	4623	C2	4214	C2	409	
C3 _	4623	C3	4163	C3	460	
C4 _	4623	C4	4194	. C4	429	
C5 _	4618	C5	4211		407	
C6 _	4602	с6	4239	C6	363	
CL _	4625	CL	4270	CL	355	

# FIGURE 3 VEHICLE ACCELEROMETER PLACEMENT



SIDE VIEW



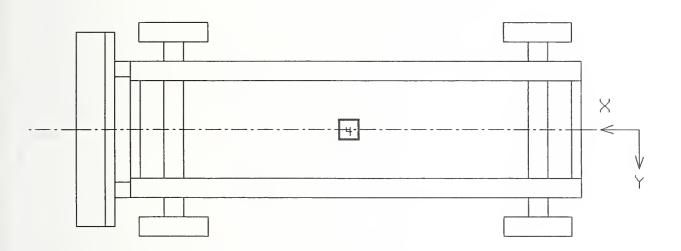
BOTTOM VIEW

TABLE 5 VEHICLE ACCELEROMETERS LOCATIONS AND DATA SUMMARY

TEST NUMBER: 940706 No. LOCATION	×	Y	2	FUS	FOSTILVE DIRECTION		DI	NEGALIVE DIRECTION
1 LEFT REAR SILL LONGITUDINAL VERTICAL	1698 mm	724 mm	352 mm	15.1 g 8.7 g	@ 45.2 @ 46.6	45.2 ms 46.6 ms	1.9 g 9.2 g	@ 140.6 ms
2 RIGHT REAR SILL LONGITUDINAL VERICAL	1698 mm	-724 mm	352 mm	13.9 g 8.9 g	@ 45.C	45.0 ms 32.2 ms	2.8 g 7.3 g	@ 20.6 ms
3 VEHICLE CENTER OF GRAVITY LONGITUDINAL LATERAL VERTICAL RESULTANT	2643 mm	0 سس	384 mm	14.2 g 4.1 g 9.7 g 14.3 g	(a) 43.3 (a) 61.7 (a) 31.0 (a) 43.2	3 ms 7 ms 0 ms 2 ms	1.6 g 1.2 g 6.5 g	@ 138.1 ms @ 32.2 ms @ 111.8 ms

X: + FORWARD FROM REAR BUMPER
Y: + LEFTWARD FROM VEHICLE CENTERLINE
Z: + UPWARD FROM GROUND LEVEL REFERENCE:

# FIGURE 4 MOVING BARRIER ACCELEROMETER PLACEMENT



TOP VIEW

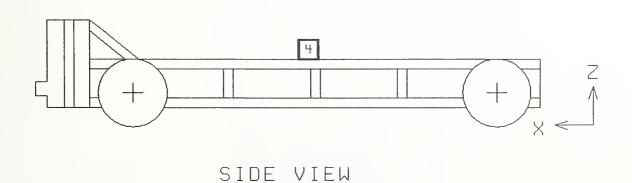


TABLE 6 MOVING BARRIER ACCELEROMETER LOCATIONS AND DATA SUMMARY

TEST NUMBER: 940706 No. LOCATION	×	¥	2	POS DIR	POSITIVE DIRECTION	NEG DIR	NEGATIVE DIRECTION	$\Box$
4 BARRIER CENTER OF GRAVITY LONGITUDINAL LATERAL VERTICAL RESULTANT	2830 mm	0 mm	265 mm	0.8 16.3 8 22.8 8 23.9 8	@ 19.7 ms @ 19.4 ms @ 17.0 ms	11.7 g 4.3 g 14.4 g	@ @ @	12.3 ms 23.5 ms 33.7 ms

REFERENCE: X: + FORWARD FROM REAR BUMPER
Y: + LEFTWARD FROM VEHICLE CENTERLINE
Z: + UPWARD FROM GROUND LEVEL

### TABLE 7 FUEL SYSTEM DATA

MAKE/MODEL: Plymouth/Acclaim

FUEL SYSTEM CAPACITY: 62.1 LITERS

RATED SERVICE PRESSURE: 20,684 kPa AT 21° C

Actual Test Pressures and Temperatures:

Time following	Tank pressure (kPa)	Temperaturees (° C)		
impact (sec)		Inside trunk	Outside Ambient	
0	20,643	39.9	33.4	
900	20,628	35.1	35.2	
1800	20,600	35.4	35.1	
2700	20,555	34.8	35.2	
3600	20,511	35.5	35.2	

TEST GAS TYPE: NITROGEN

DETAILS OF FUEL SYSTEM: The fuel tank was located in the trunk. The fuel

filler neck was located at the left front corner of the engine compartment.

The fuel lines ran along the right underbody to the engine compartment.

FUEL INJECTION: Yes

DOES ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP OPERATE WITH IGNITION SWITCH "ON" AND THE ENGINE NOT OPERATING? NO



# SECTION 3.0

CAMERA INFORMATION

### FIGURE 5 CAMERA POSITIONS

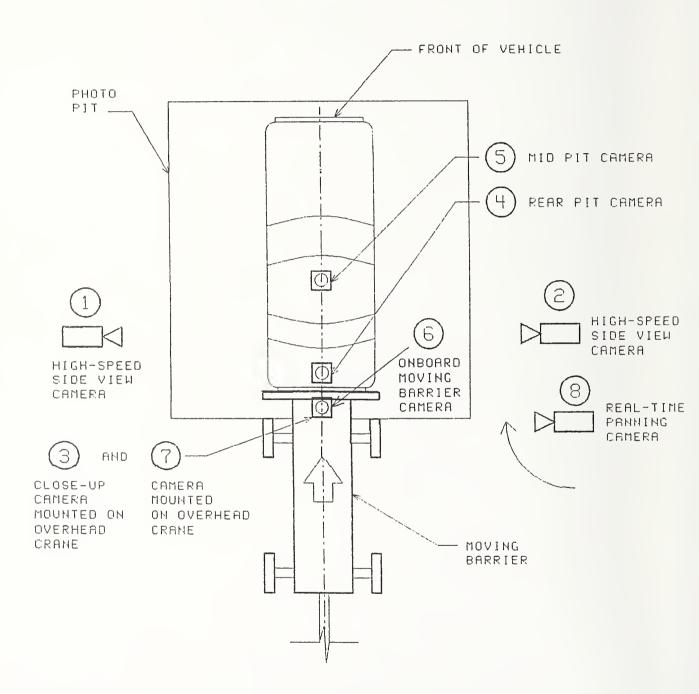


TABLE 8 MOTION PICTURE CAMERA INFORMATION

CAMERA NUMBER		TYPE	LENS (MM)	SPEED (FPS)	PURPOSE OF CAMERA DATA
1	Left wide	Photosonic	13	995	Vehicle crush
2	Right wide	Photosonic	13	1000	Vehicle crush
3	Overhead tight	Photosonic	25	1000	Vehicle crush
4	Pit - rear	Photosonic	17	820	Vehicle crush
5	Pit - tight	Photosonic	35	800	Vehicle crush
6	Onboard Mvg. Bar.	Photosonic	13	998	Vehicle crush
7	Overhead wide	Photosonic	8.5	992	Vehicle crush
8	Right panning	Beaulieu	12-120	24	Real-time panning



# APPENDIX A

# PHOTOGRAPHS





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-6. PRE-TEST RIGHT SIDE VIEW



Figure A-7. POST-TEST RIGHT SIDE VIEW



Figure A-8. PRE-TEST RIGHT FRONT THREE-QUARTER VIEW



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



Figure A-10. PRE-TEST LEFT REAR THREE-QUARTER VIEW

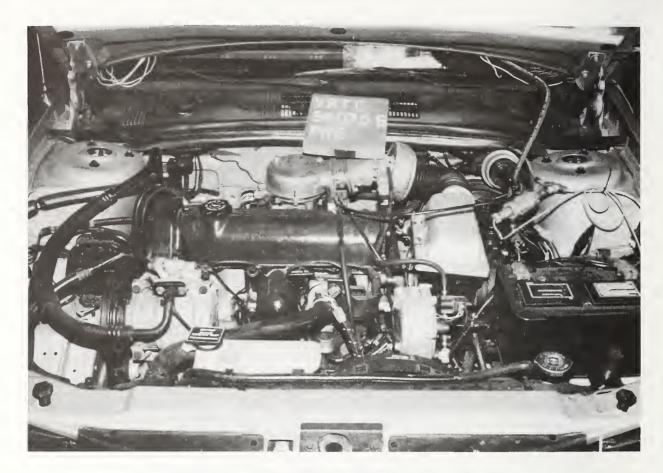


Figure A-11. PRE-TEST ENGINE COMPARTMENT VIEW



Figure A-12. PRE-TEST FUEL PRESSURE REGULATOR VIEW



Figure A-13. PRE-TEST FUEL FILLER VIEW



Figure A-14. PRE-TEST FUEL LINES - VIEW 1

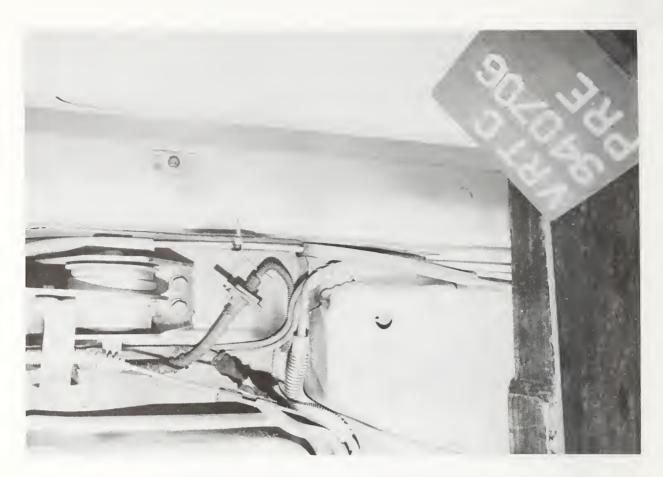


Figure A-15. PRE-TEST FUEL LINES - VIEW 2



Figure A-16. PRE-TEST FUEL LINES - VIEW 3



Figure A-17. PRE-TEST FUEL LINES - VIEW 4



Figure A-18. PRE-TEST FUEL TANK VIEW

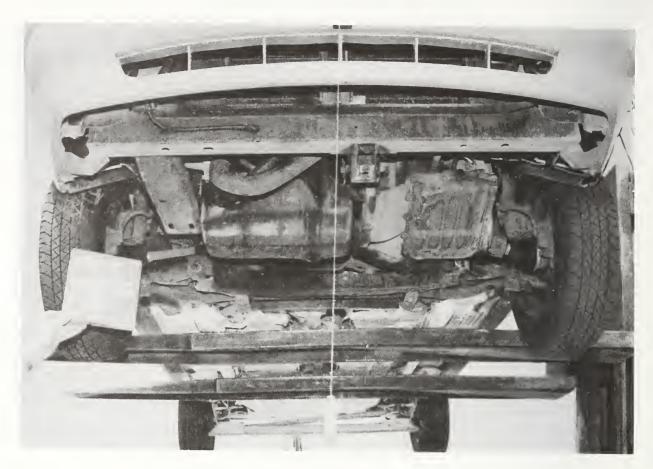


Figure A-19. PRE-TEST FRONT UNDERBODY VIEW

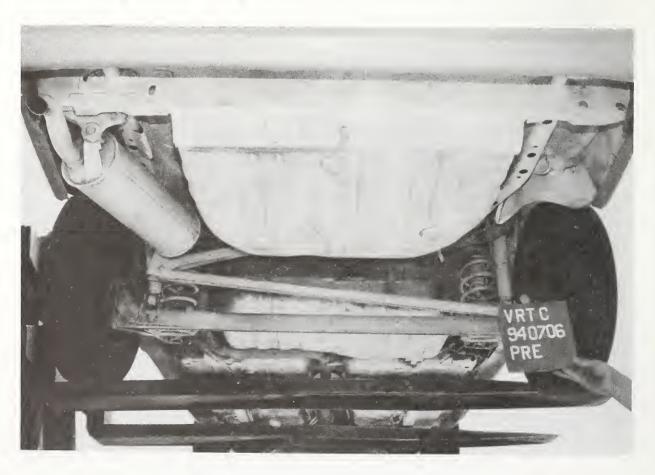
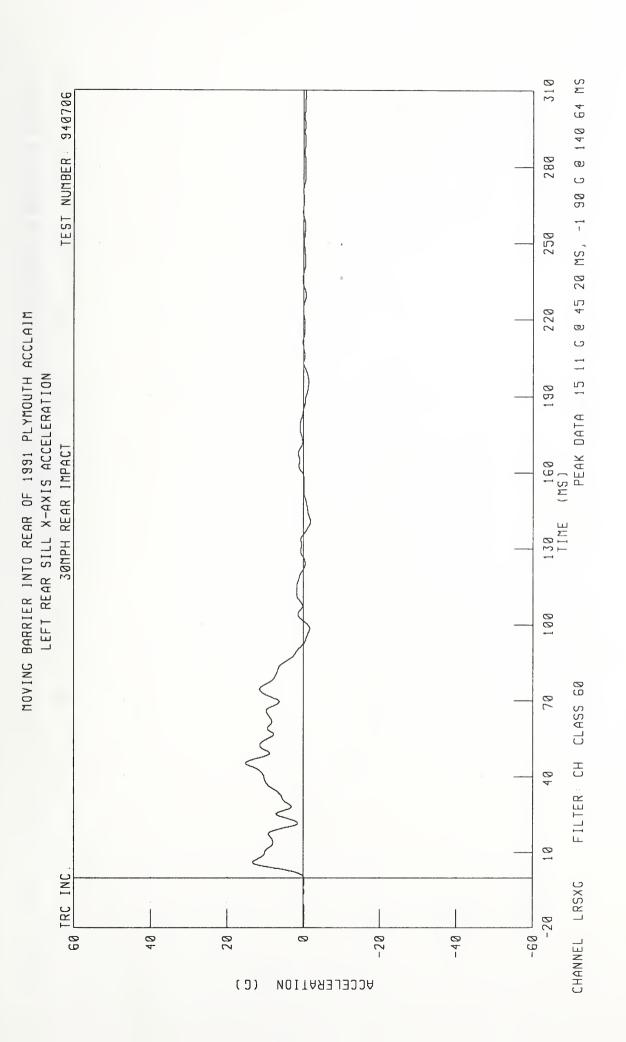


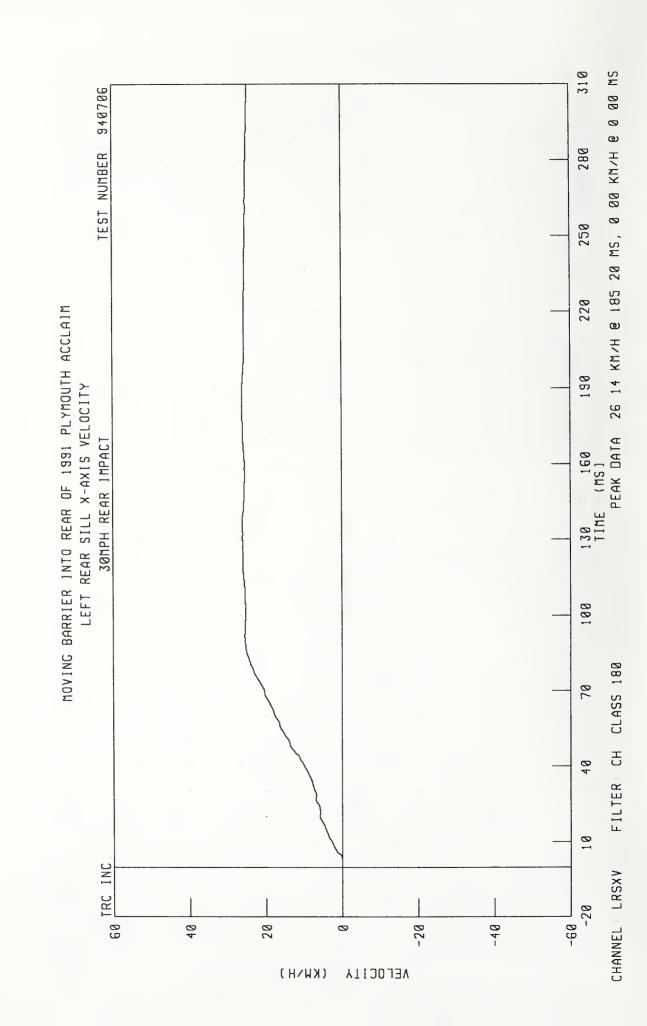
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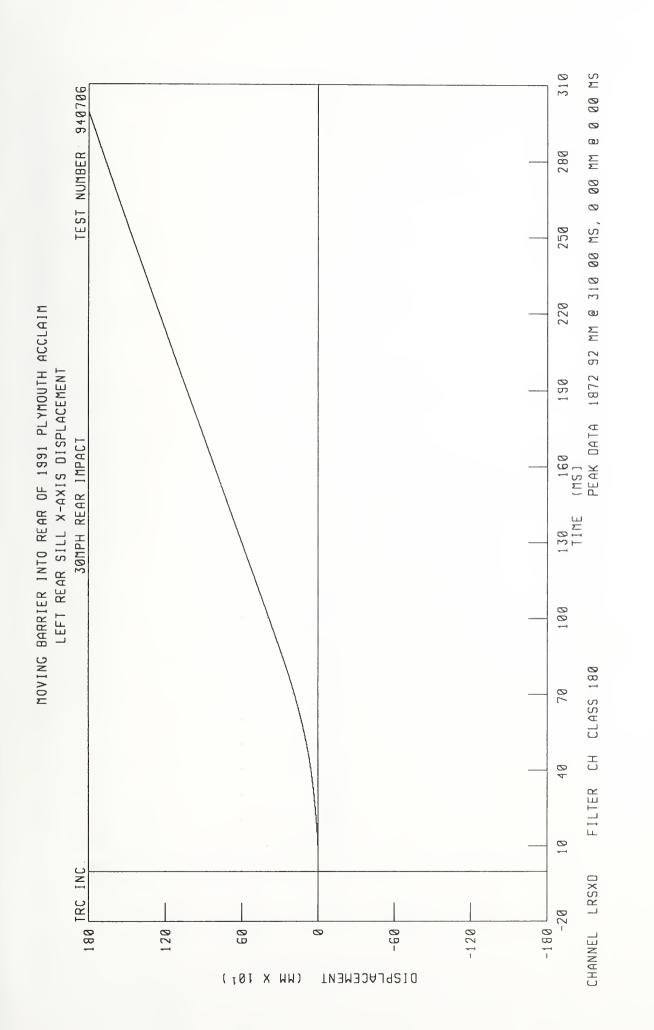
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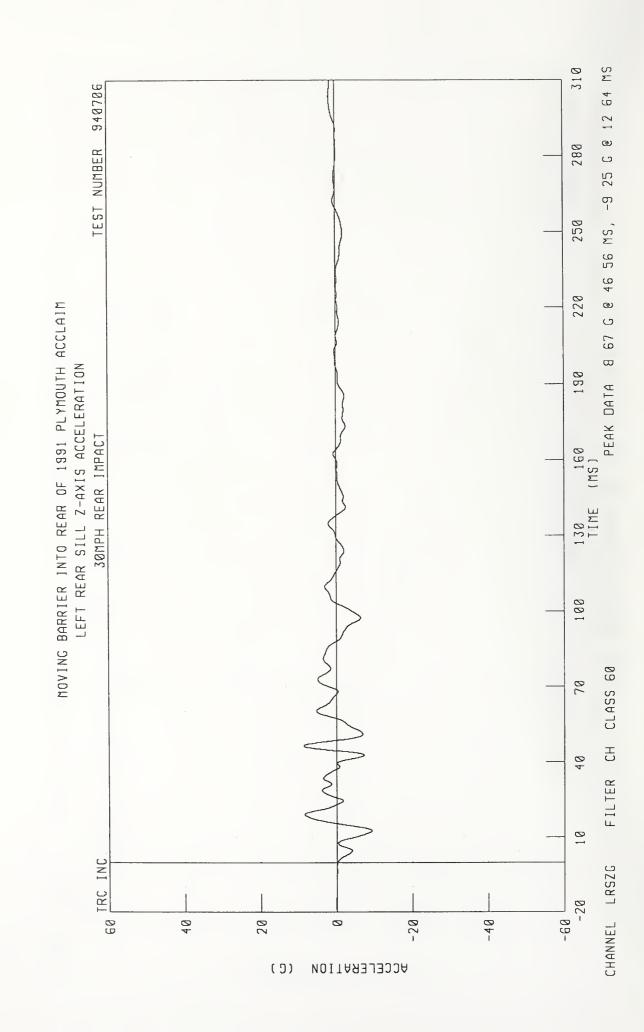
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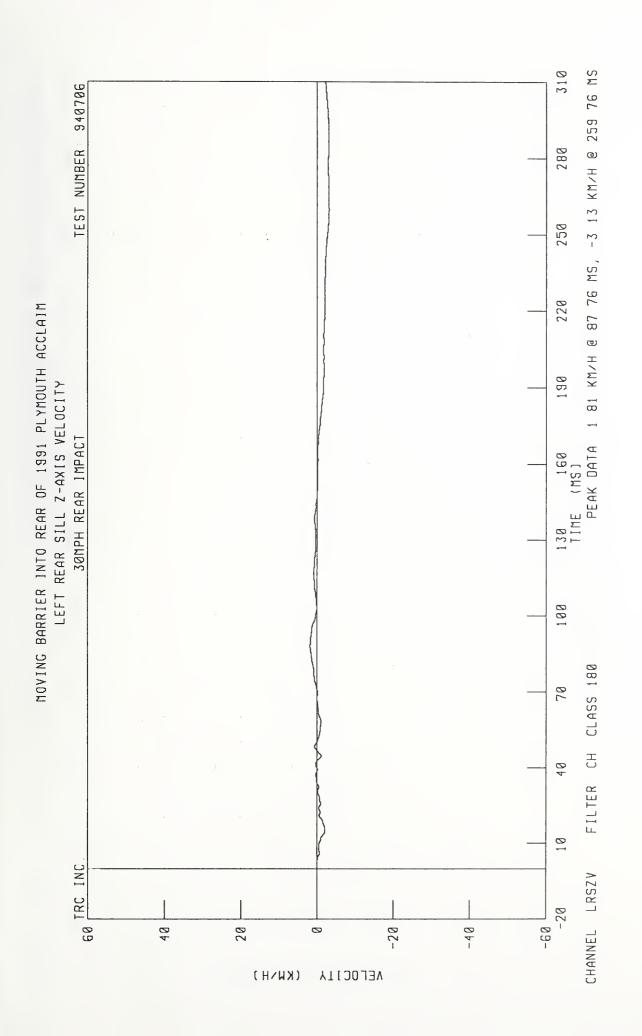


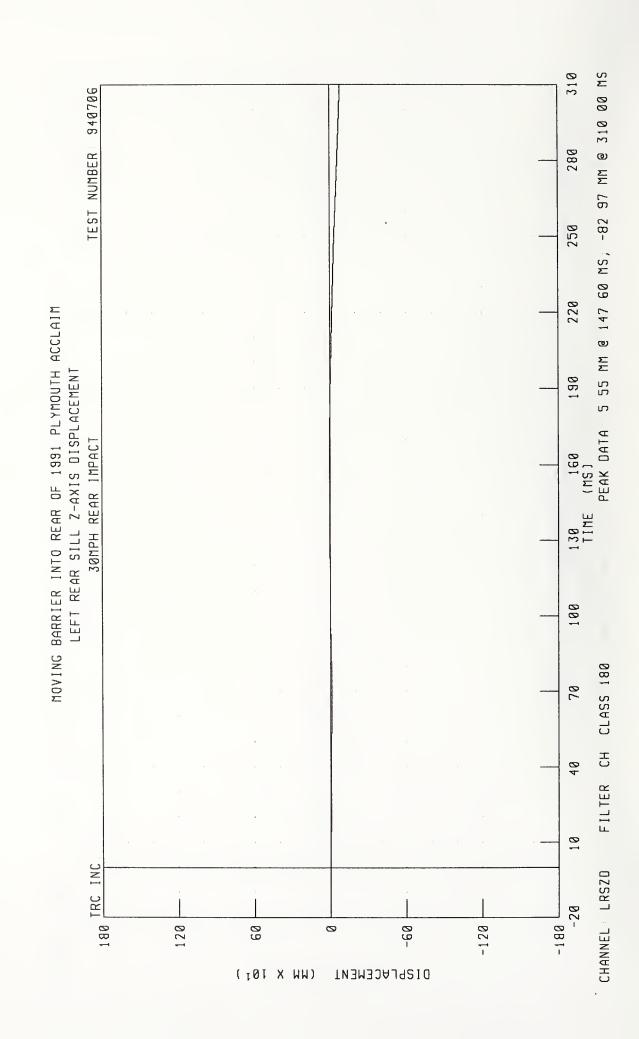


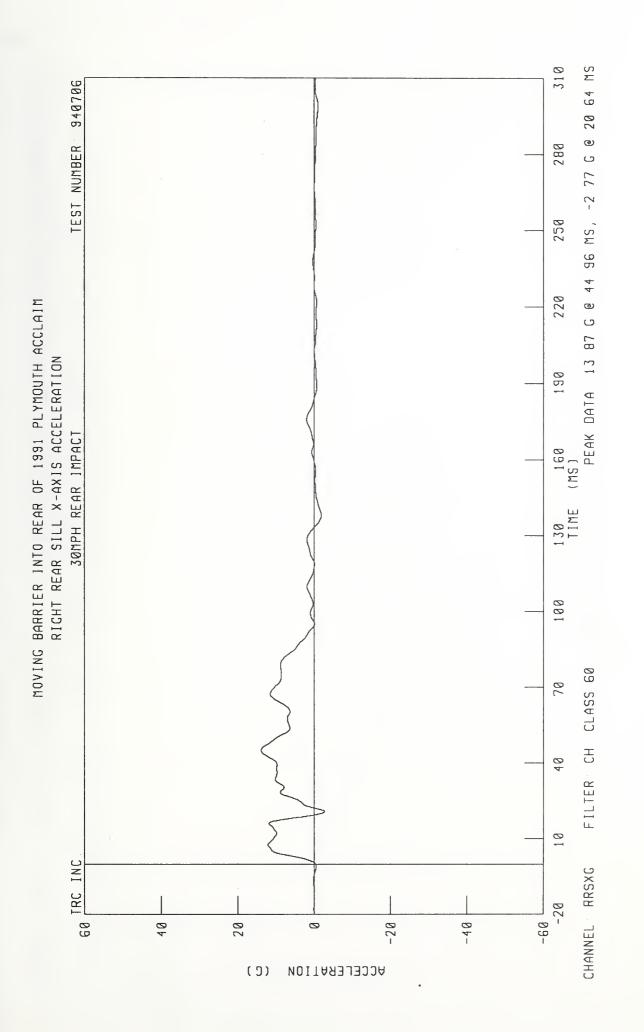


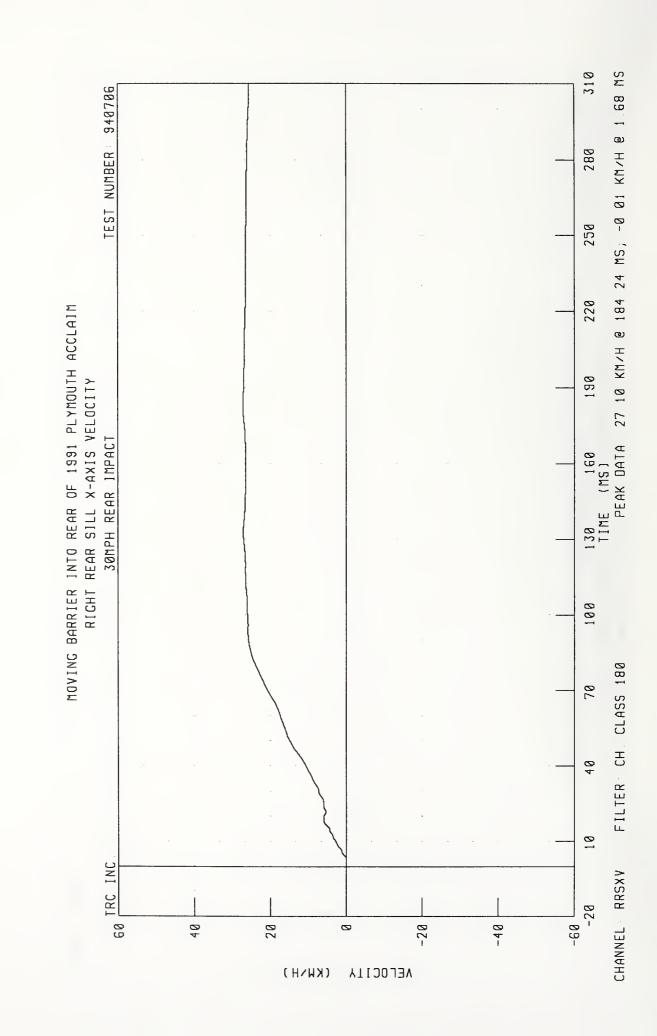


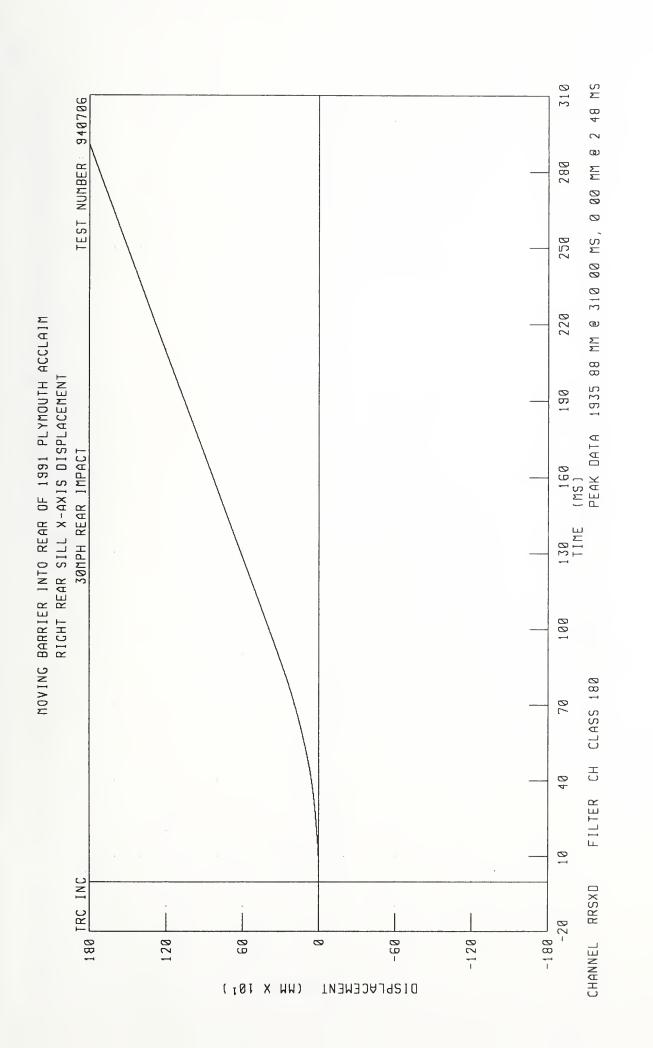


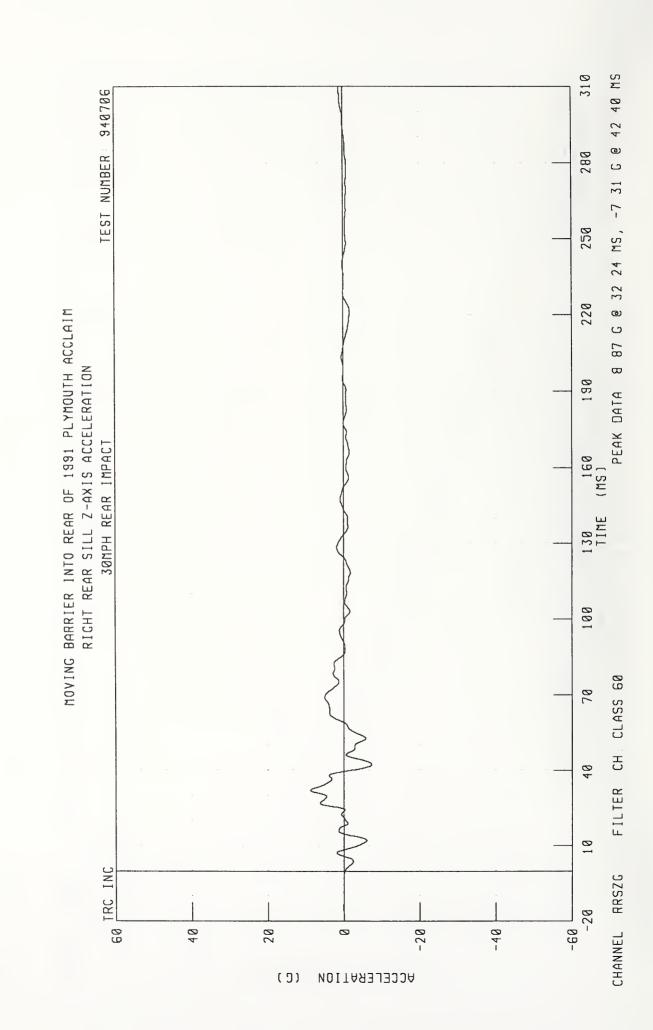


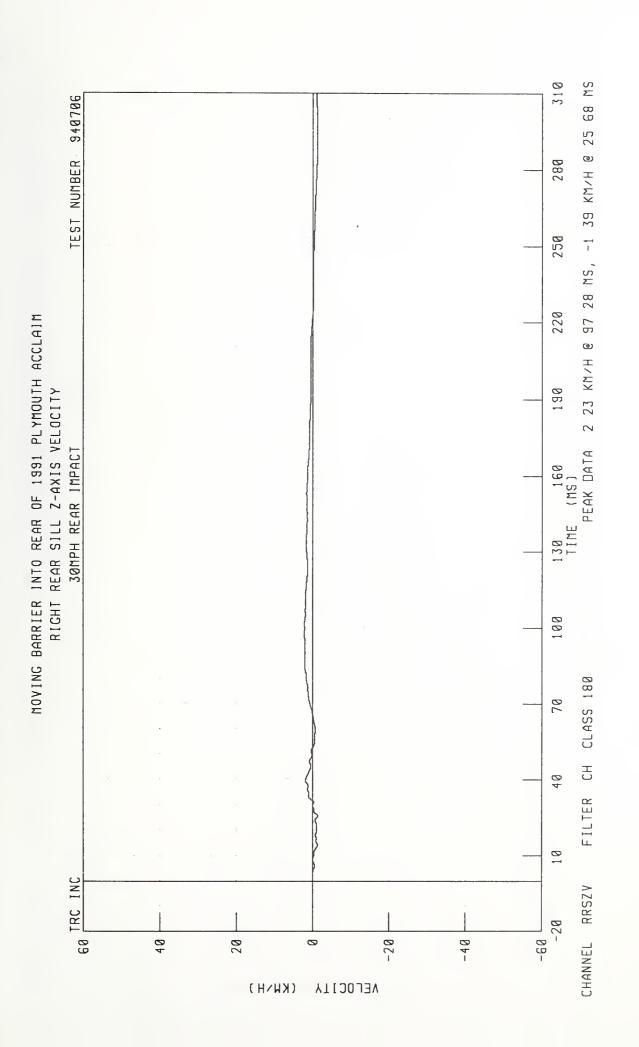


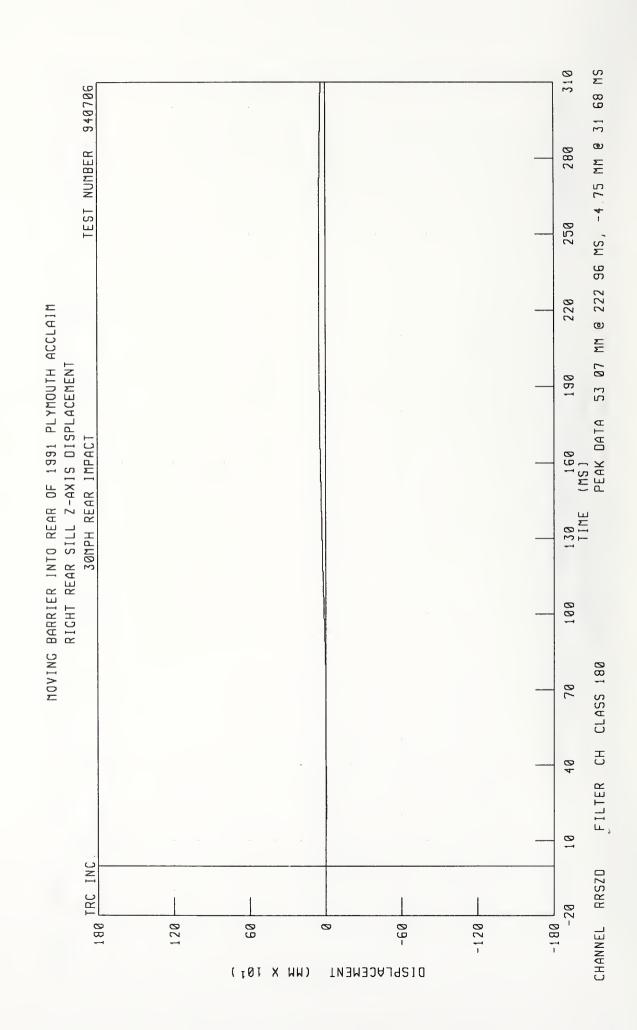


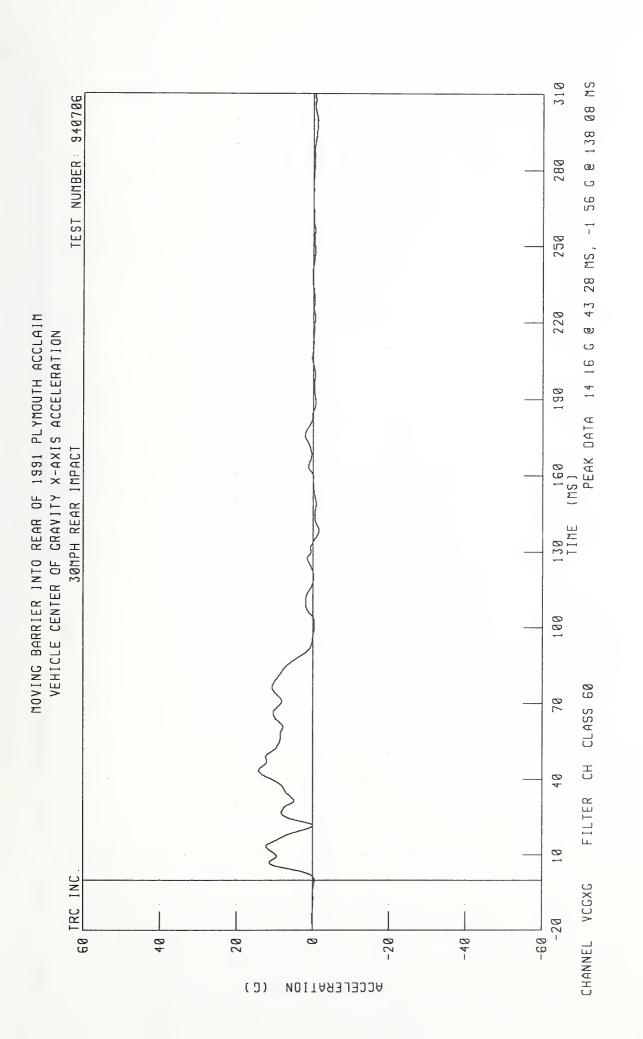


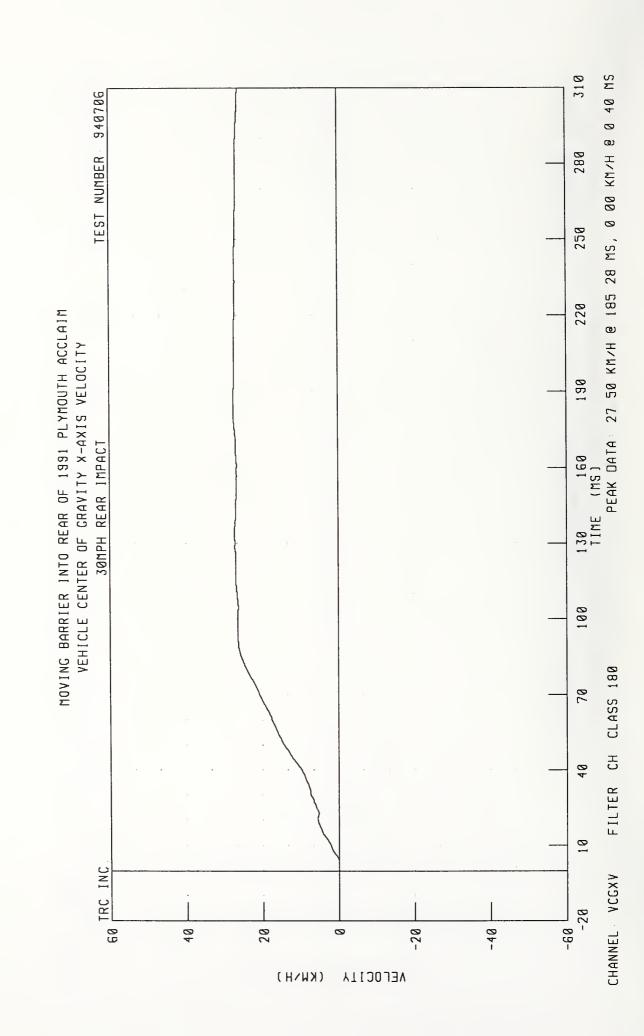


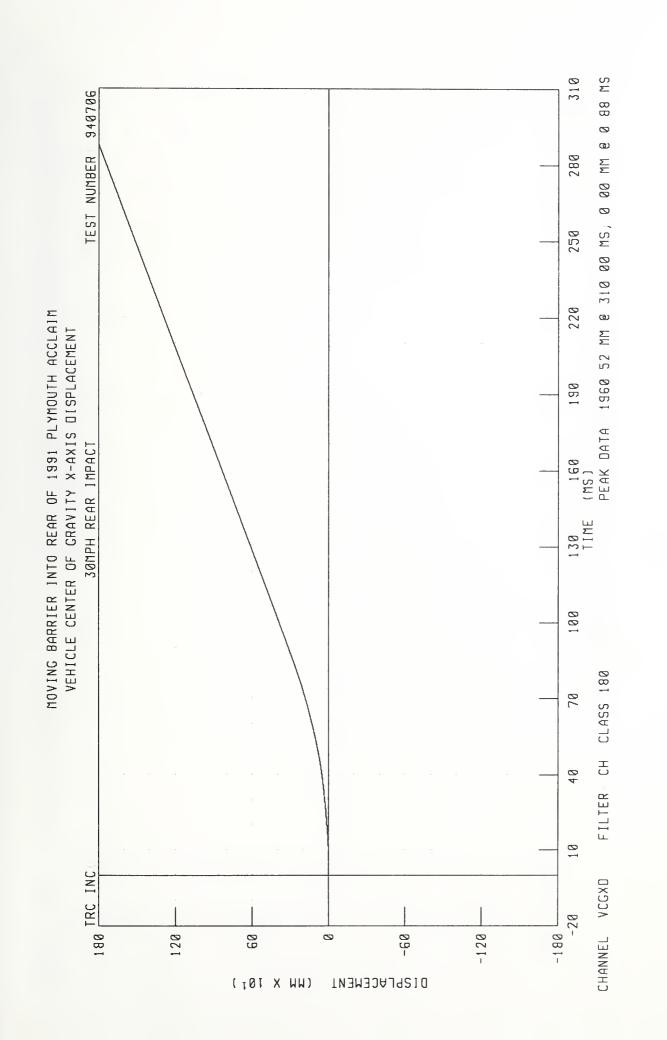


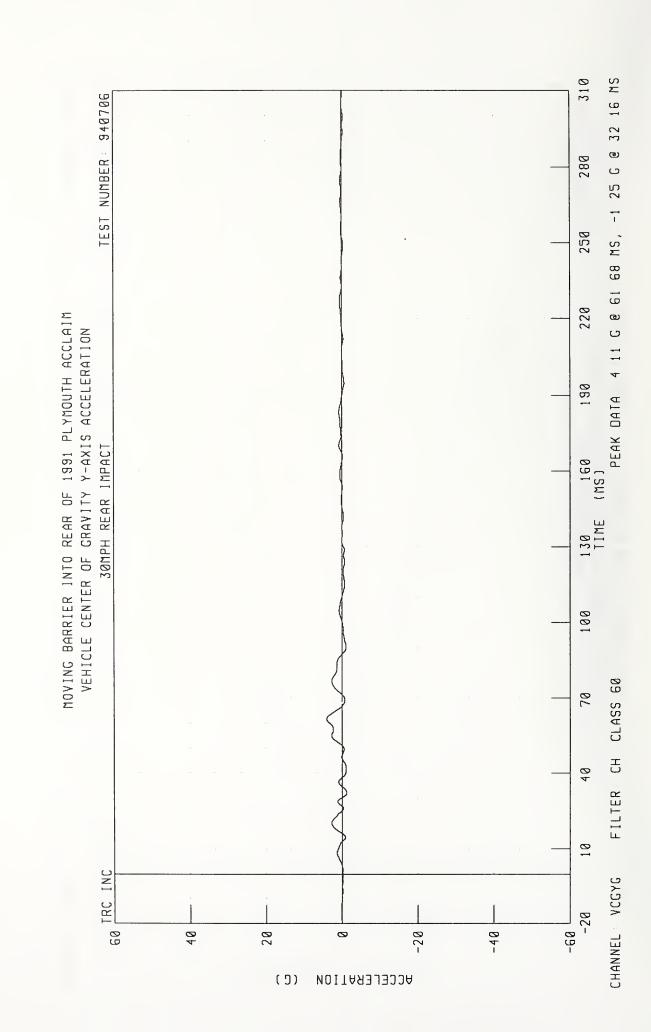


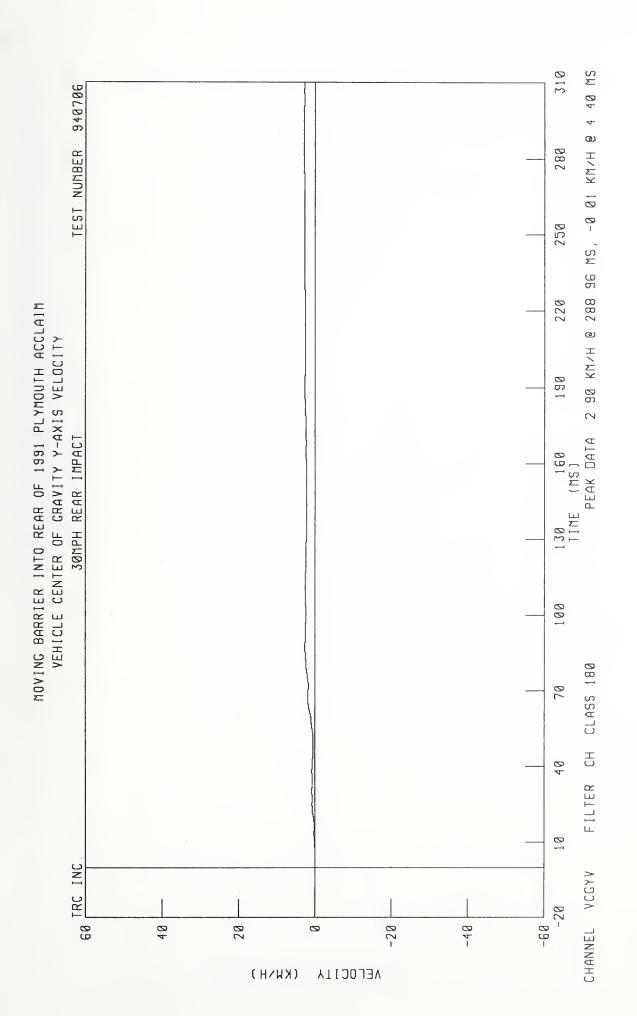


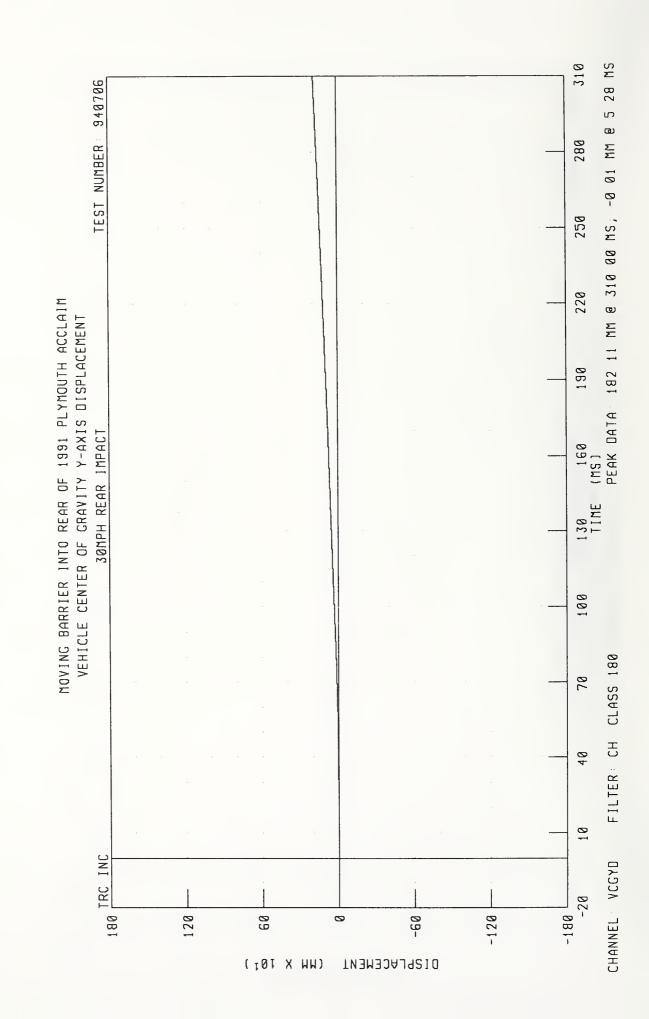


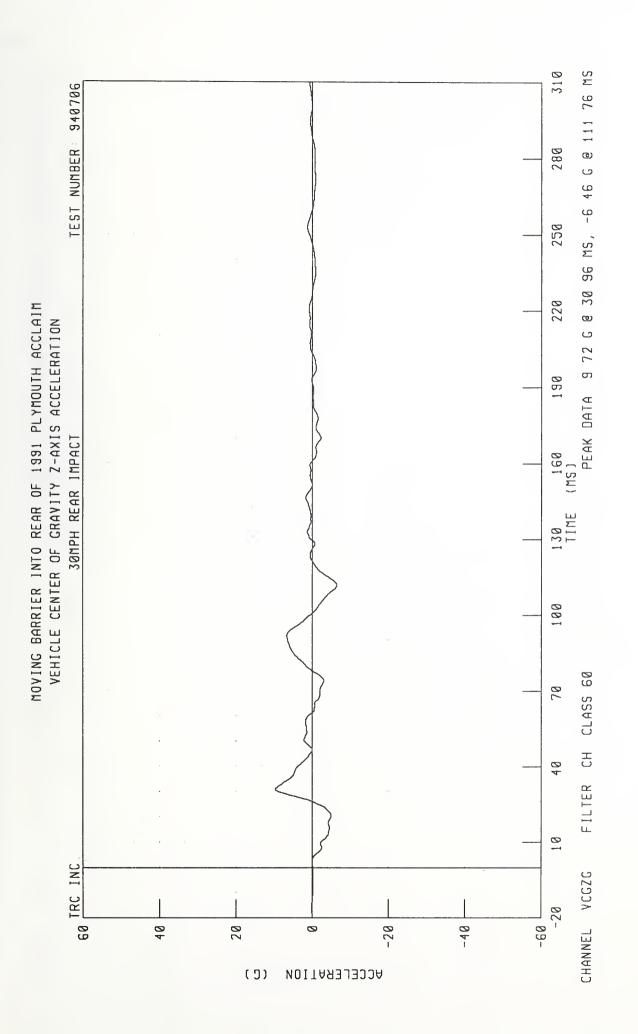


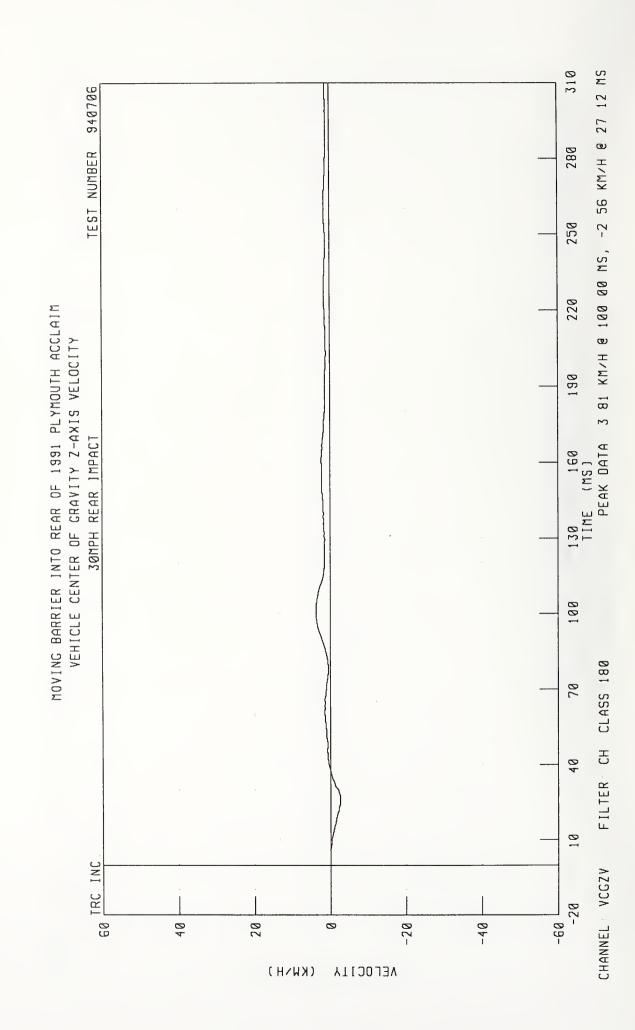


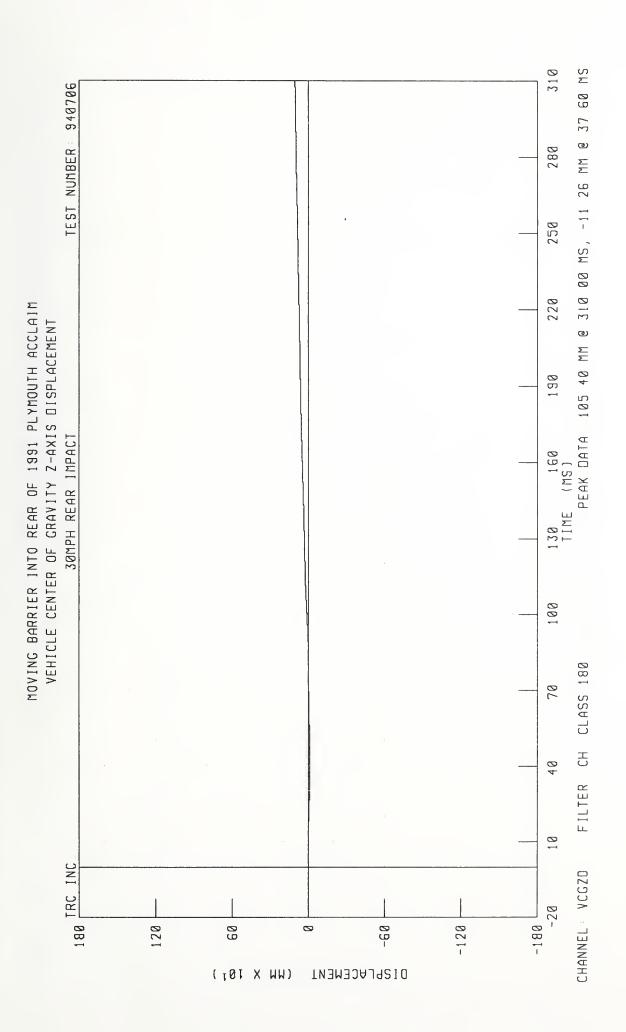


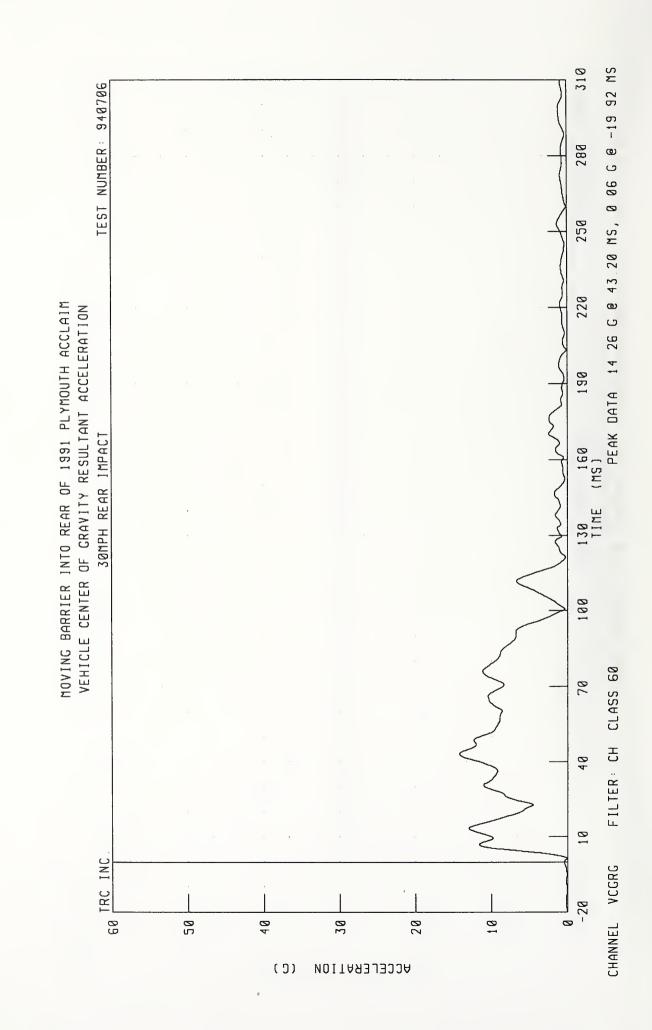


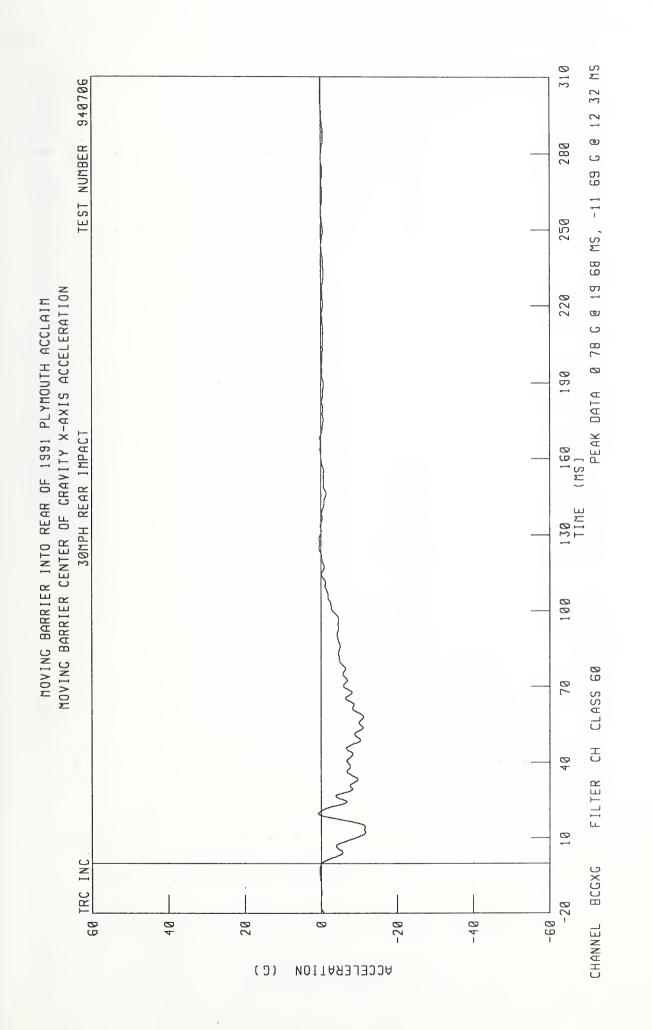


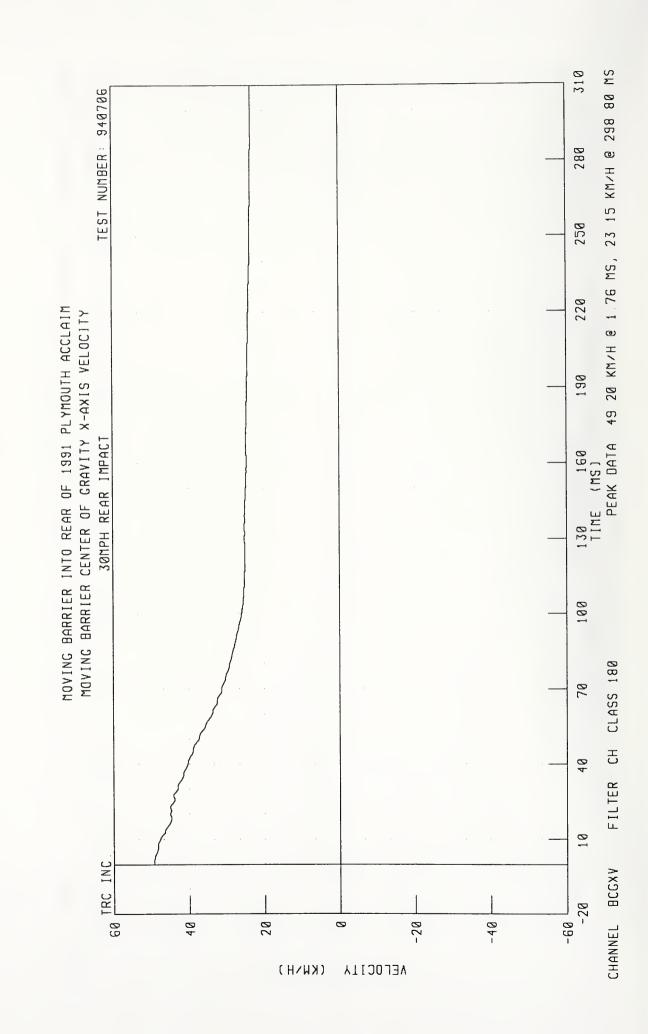


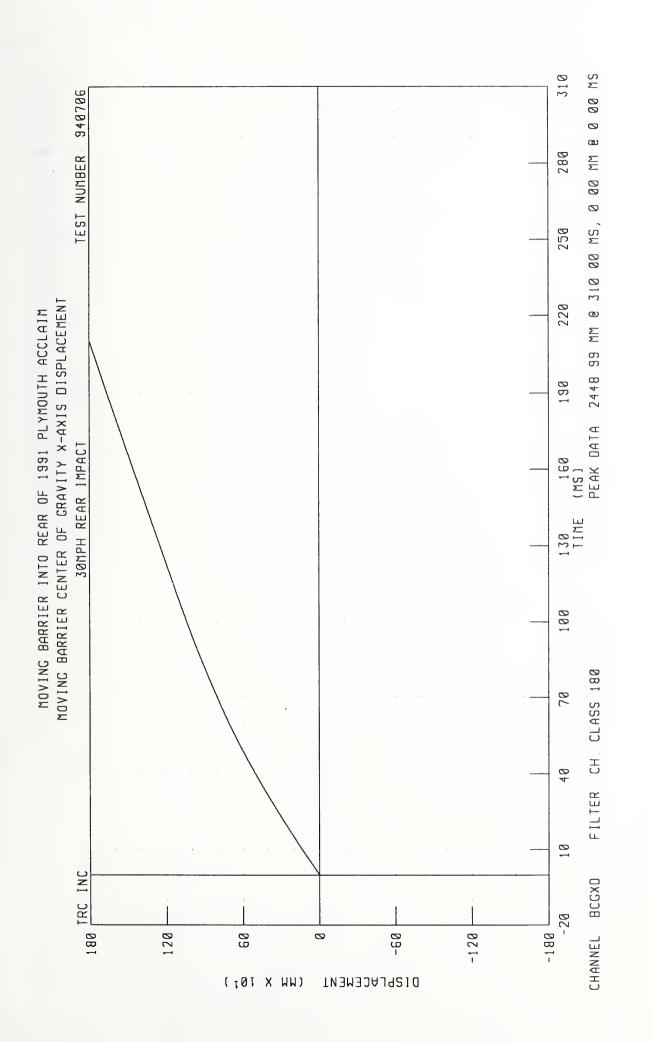


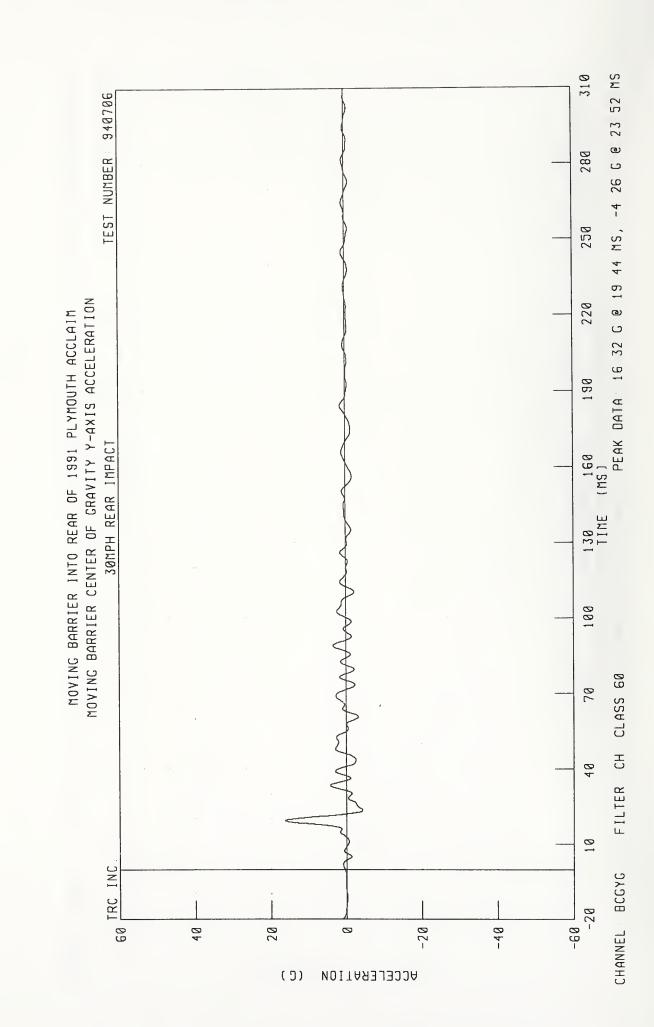


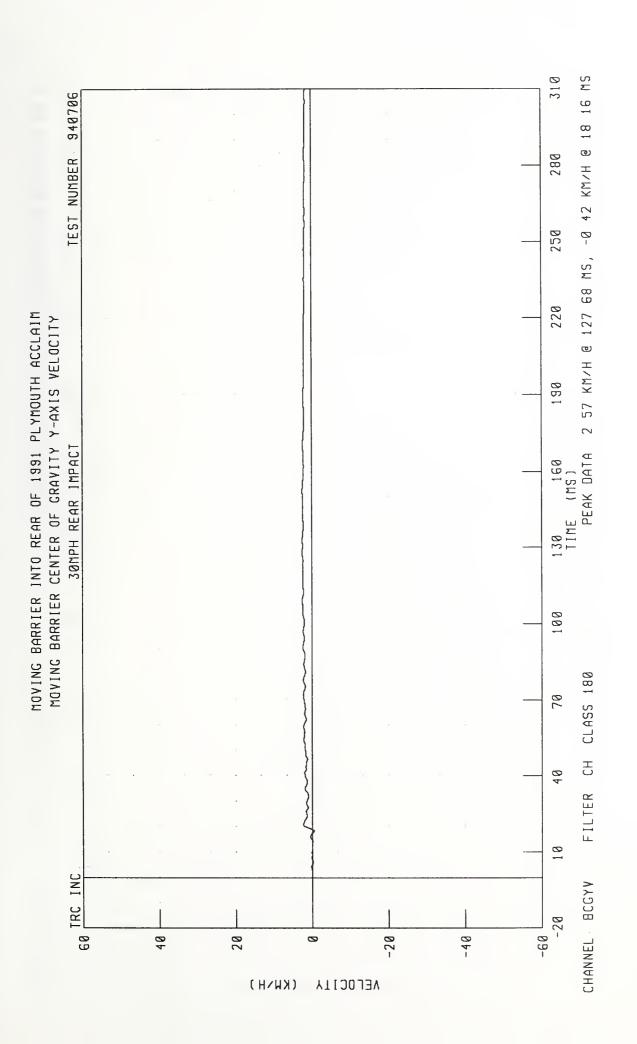


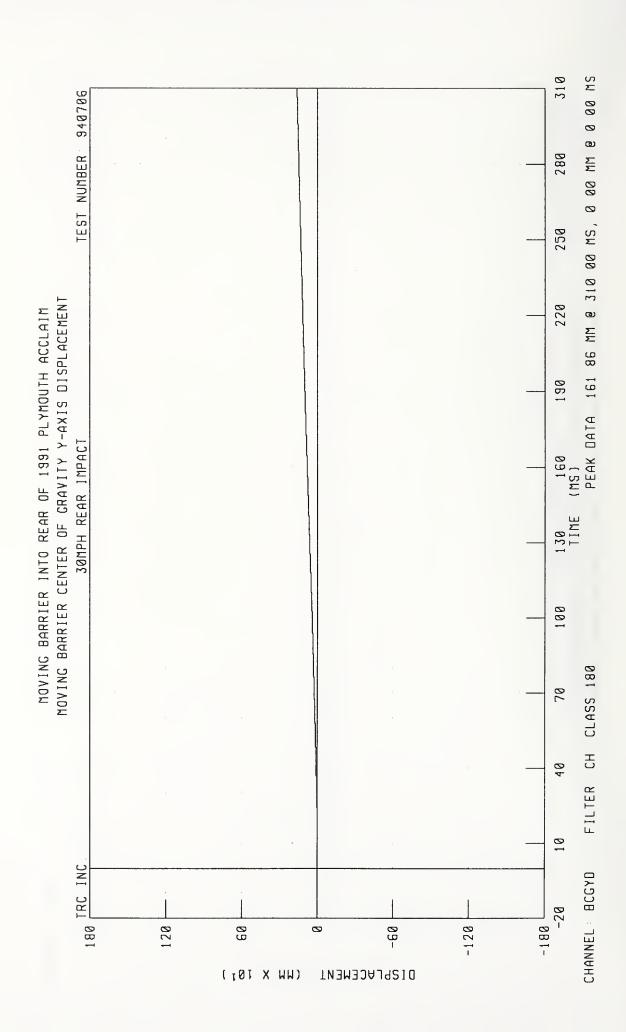


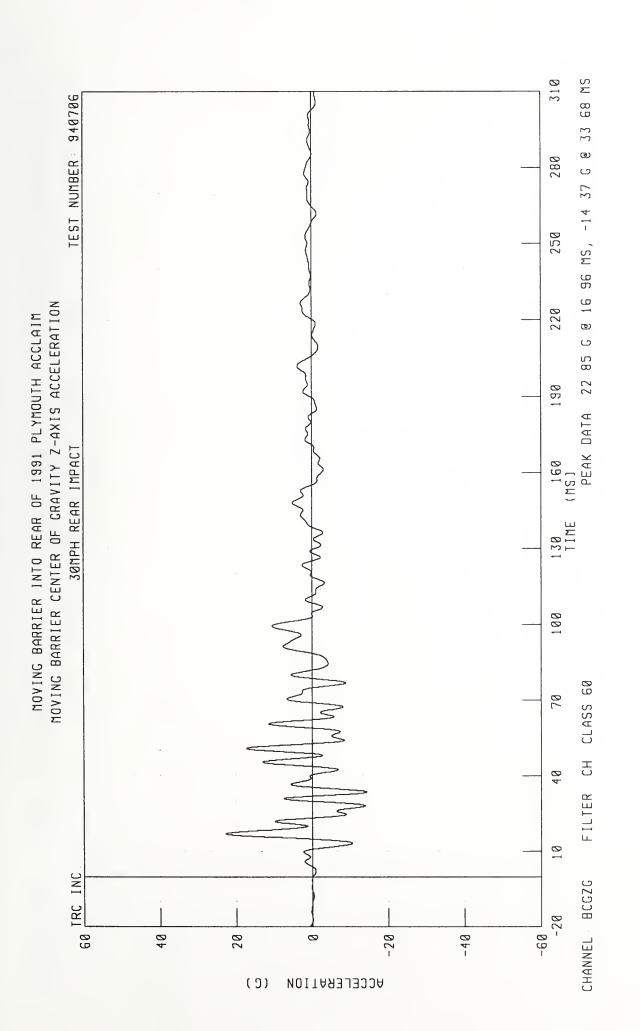


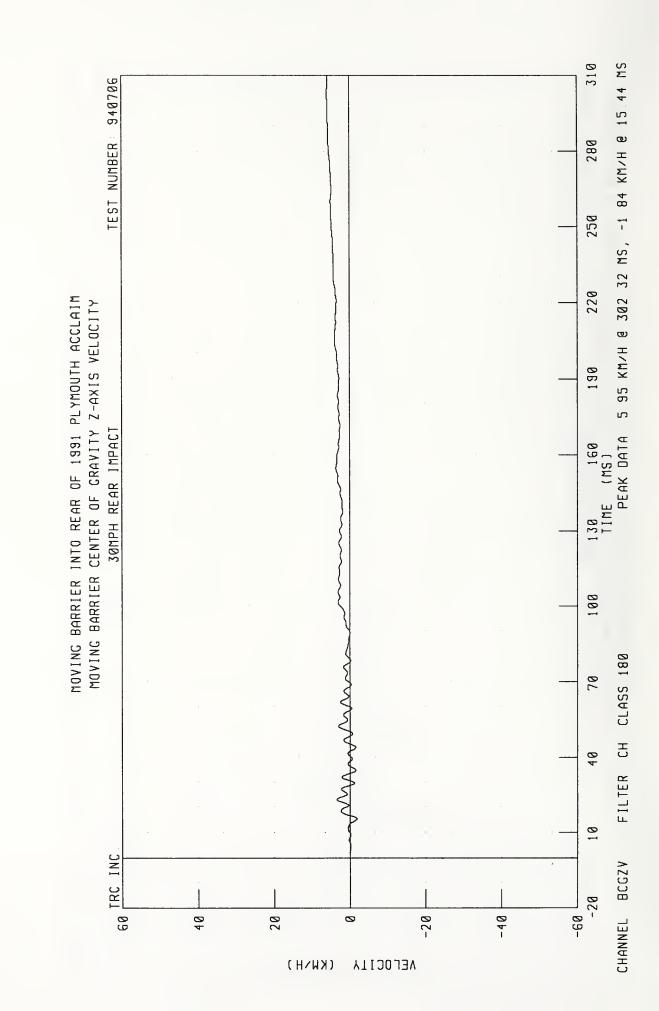


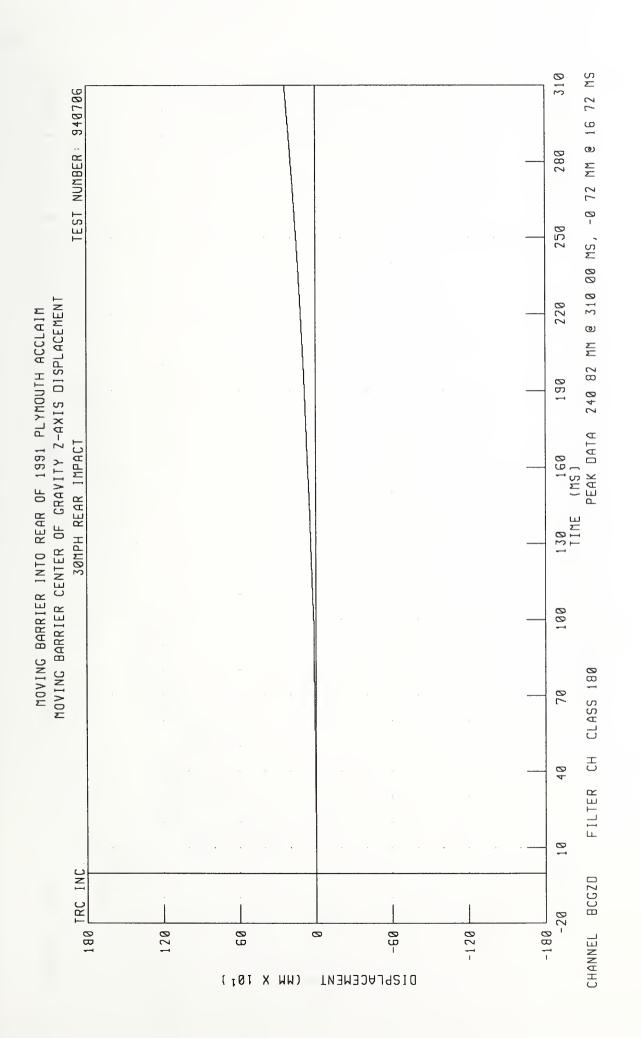


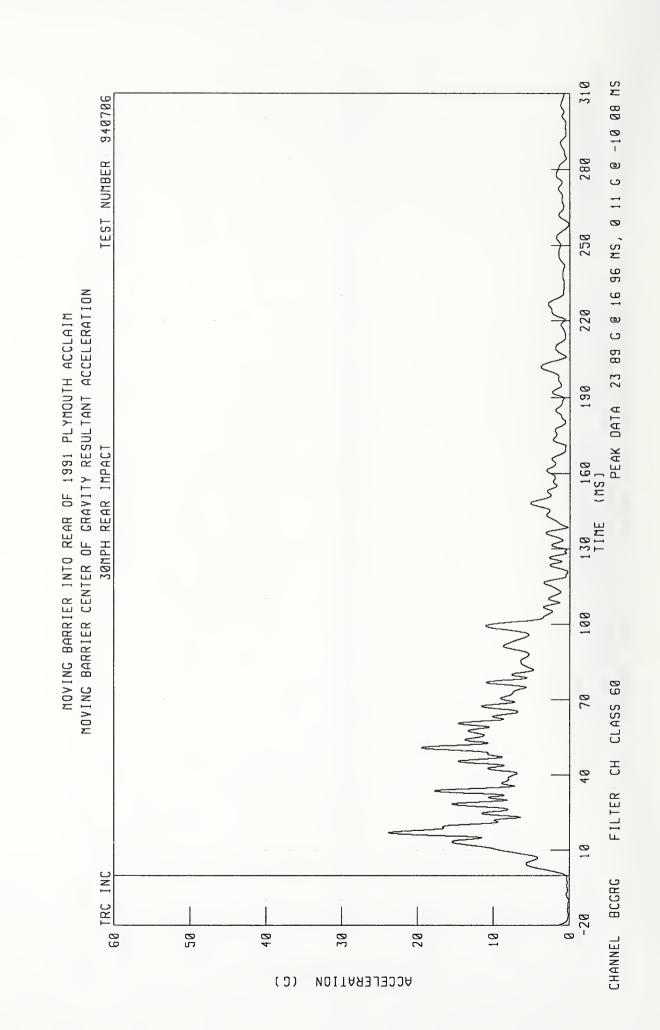












## APPENDIX C

## MISCELLANEOUS TEST INFORMATION



## VEHICLE INSTRUMENTATION INFORMATION

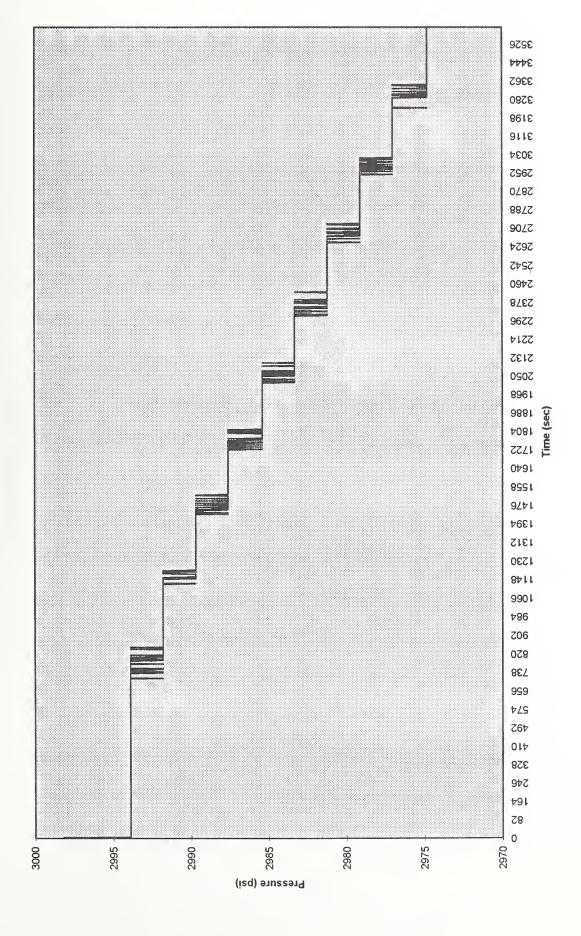
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		Y	ENDEVCO	7264	AGRF7	UP
2	RIGHT REAR SILL	Y	ENDEVCO	7264	CJ75H	FRONT
		Y	ENDEVCO	7264	AGRG8	UP
3	CENTER OF GRAVITY	х	ENDEVCO	7264	DT96JT	FRONT
		Y	ENDEVCO	7264	AGRG5	LEFT
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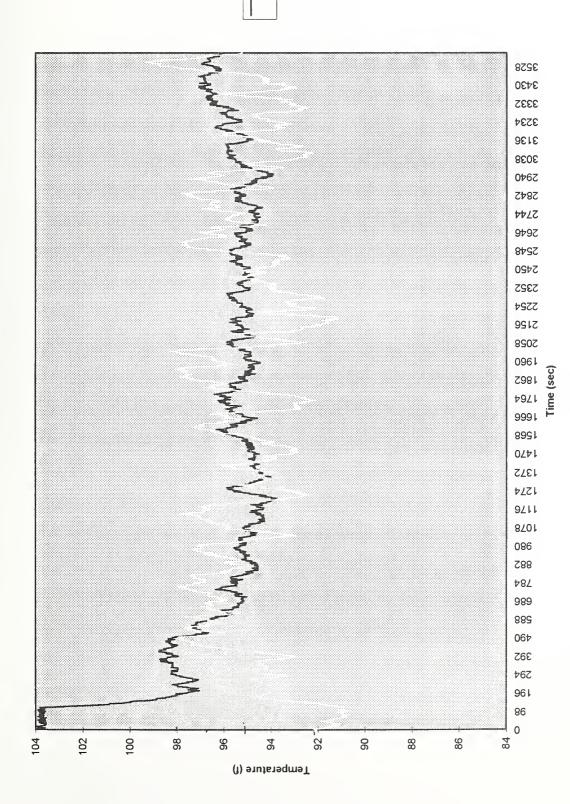
## MOVING BARRIER INSTRUMENTATION INFORMATION

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				Y	ENDEVCO	7264	CL98H	LEFT
				Z	ENDEVCO	7264	DR87J	UP









- Trunk Ambient Outside Ambient









