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**TRUCK DESIGN OPTIMIZATION PROJECT  
PHASE II**

**FINAL PROJECT REVIEW**

**WYLE LABORATORIES**

SCIENTIFIC SERVICES AND SYSTEMS GROUP  
COLORADO OPERATIONS

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BENEFIT/COST TRADE-OFF

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FIELD TESTING

ECONOMICS

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**ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION**

**BENEFIT/COST TRADE-OFF**



# FIELD TESTING

# **WEAR DATA COLLECTION**

**DETERMINE WEAR DATA REQUIREMENTS**

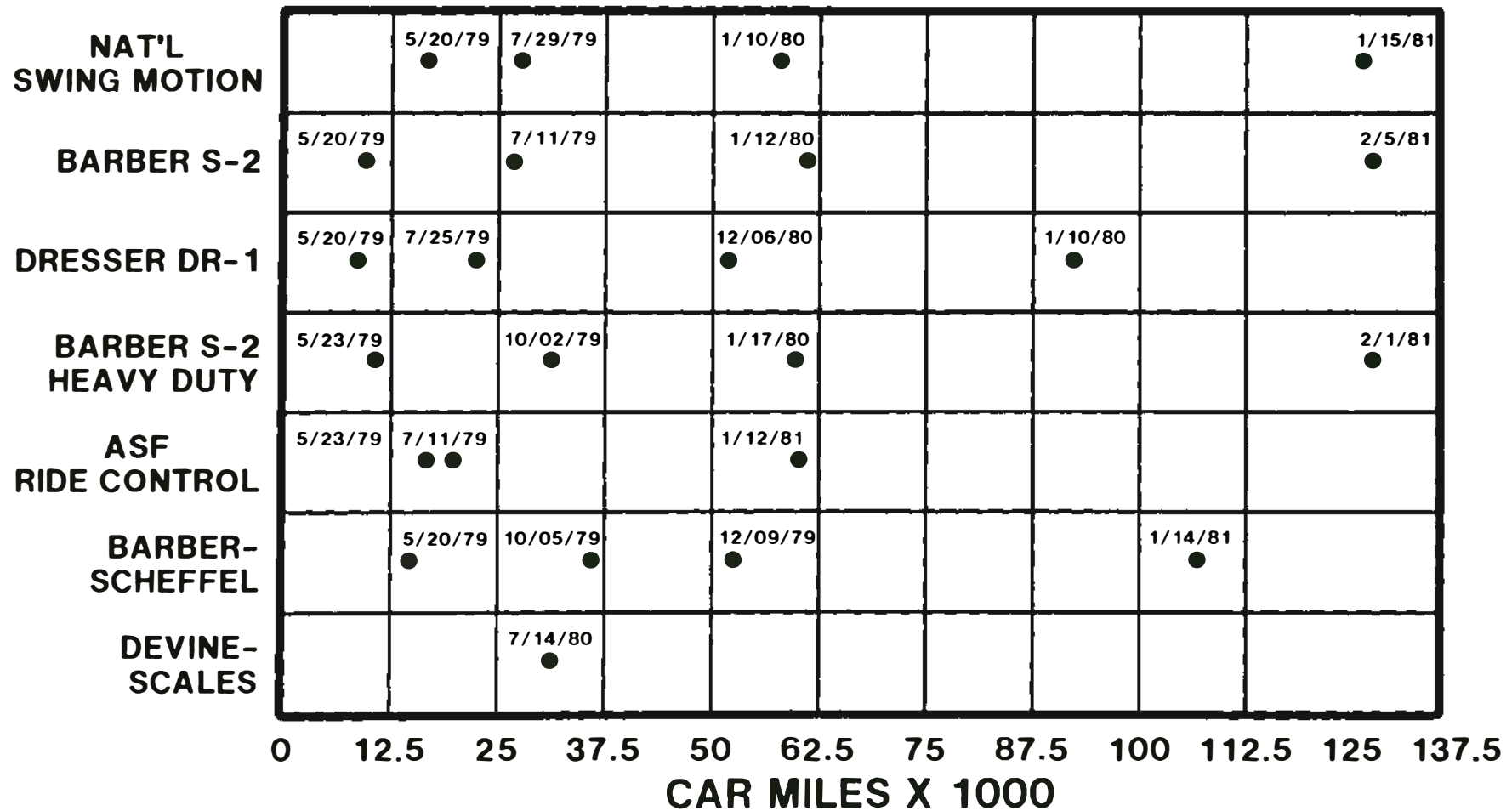
**EVALUATE AND SELECT MEASUREMENT METHODS**

**DEVELOP WEAR DATA BASE**

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**PROVIDE DATA FOR ECONOMIC EVALUATION**

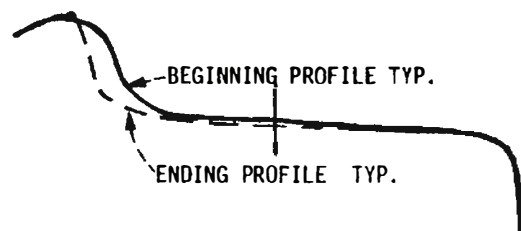
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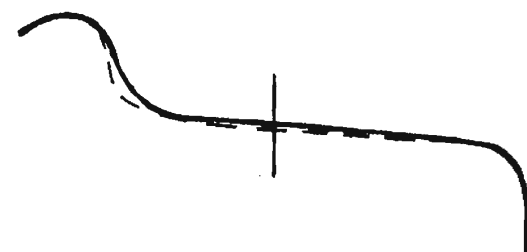
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WEAR DATA MEASUREMENTS/TOOLS	
BRAKE SHOES; SIDEFRAME COLUMN WIDTHS, GIBS & STOPS; PEDESTAL JAW WIDTHS & SPACINGS; BOLSTER GIBS, STOPS & SPACINGS; BOLSTER DIAMETERS & SIDEBEARINGS	MICROMETERS
BEARING ADAPTERS; FRICTION CASTINGS; PEDESTAL JAW ROOF AREAS	MICROMETERS WITH SPECIAL INDEX FIXTURES
HARDENED WEAR PLATES , CARBODY SIDEBEARING PLATES AND SIDEBEARING CAGE BASE	ULTRASONIC THICKNESS GAUGE
WHEELS	AAR FINGER GAUGE, WHEEL TAPE AND PROFILOMETER

## REPRESENTATIVE WHEEL PROFILE HISTORIES



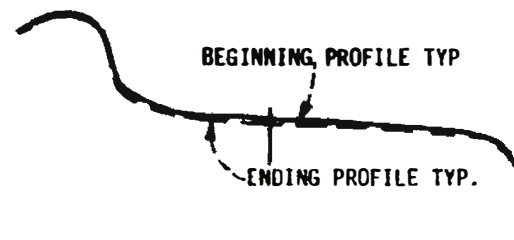
NAT'L SWING MOTION - 125,700 MILES



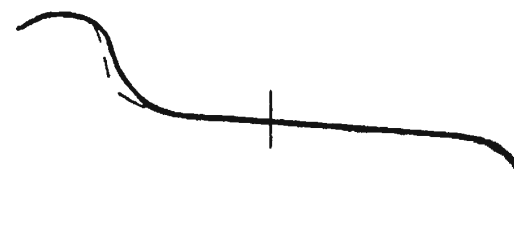
BARBER S-2-C - 100,094 MILES



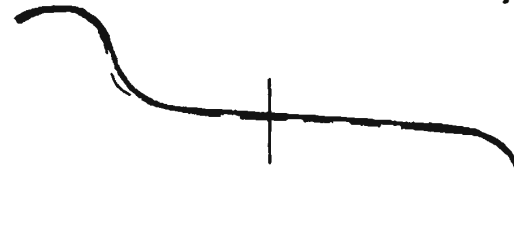
BARBER S-2-HD - 131,493 MILES



DRESSER DR-1 - 90,116 MILES



ASF RIDE CONTROL - 59,813 MILES



BARBER-SCHEFFEL - 92,709 MILES

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# PHASE II TRUCK TESTING

## OBJECTIVES

ACQUIRE PERFORMANCE DATA FOR TYPE I & II TRUCKS  
IN PERFORMANCE REGIMES OF:

LATERAL STABILITY

TRACKABILITY

CURVE NEGOTIATION

RIDE QUALITY

ACQUIRE ROLLING RESISTANCE DATA FOR  
FUEL CONSUMPTION STUDY

# **FIELD TEST PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION**

## **DEFINE DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR**

- Performance Characterization**
- Fuel Consumption Studies**

## **DEVELOP TEST PLANS & PROCEDURES**

## **DEVELOP & DEPLOY INSTRUMENTATION AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS**

- Design, Develop, Implement, & Calibrate Instrumentation Packages**
- Deploy Data Acquisition Systems**

## **TEST CONDUCT**

- Coordination of Test Operations on Revenue Service Track**

## **DATA ACQUISITION & QUALITY CONTROL**

## TDOP PHASE II TEST MATRIX

Truck	Carbody	Wheel Profile	Lading	Lateral Stability & Ride Quality		Trackability		Curve Negotiation
						Harmonic Roll	Track Twist	Class 4 BJR
				Class 4 BJR	Class 5 CWR	Class 2 BJR	Yard BJR	
Dresser DR-1	100-Ton Open Hopper Car	CN	Empty	●	●	●	●	●
			Loaded	●		●	●	●
Barber-Scheffel	100-Ton Open Hopper Car	CN	Empty & Loaded	●		●	●	●
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			Loaded	●		●	●	●
ACF Fabricated	100-Ton Open Hopper Car	CN	Empty & Loaded	●		●		*
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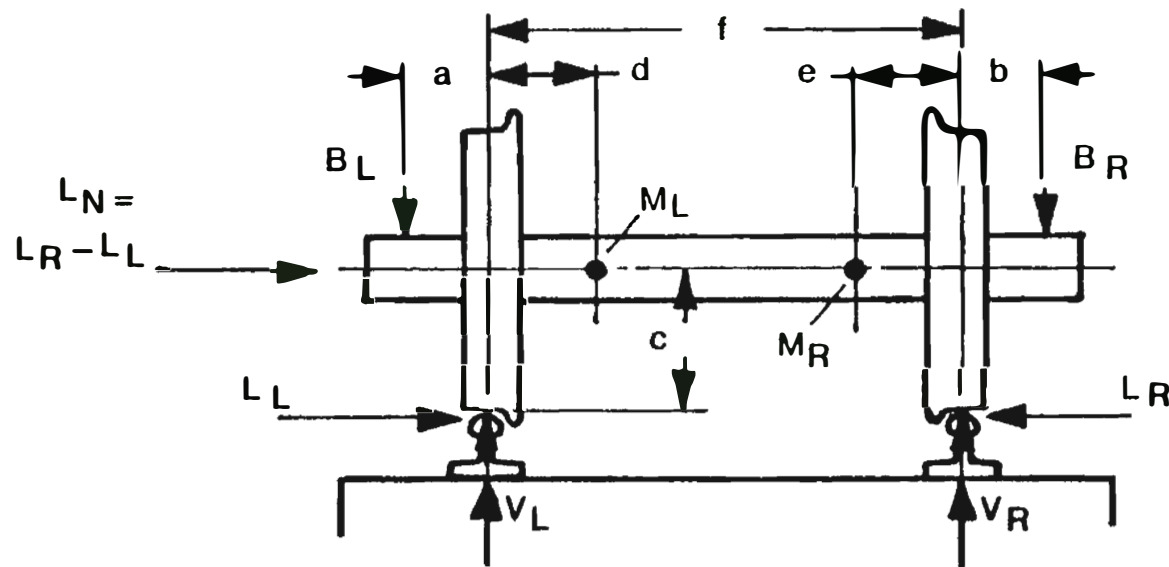


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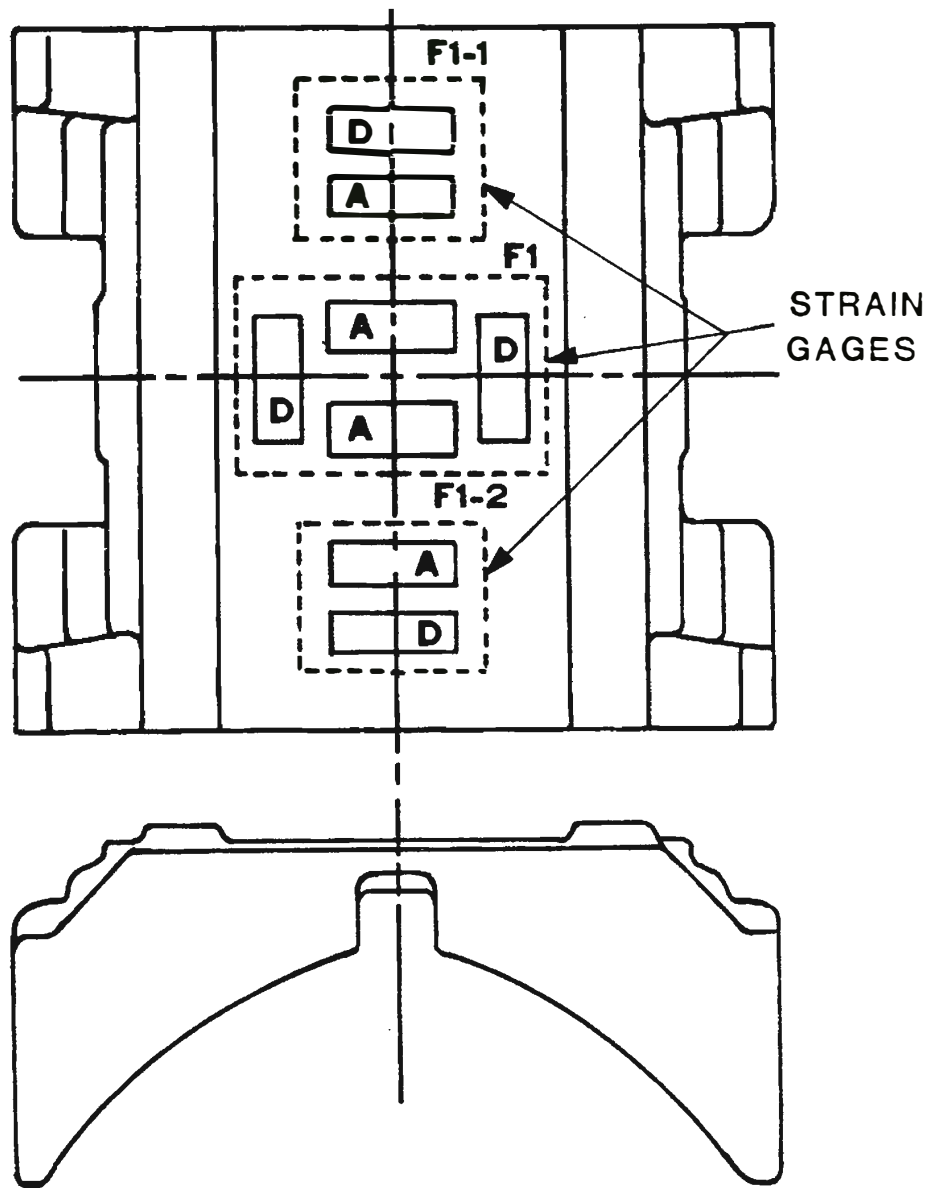


# TDOP/Phase II Instrumentation for Measuring Wheel/Rail Forces



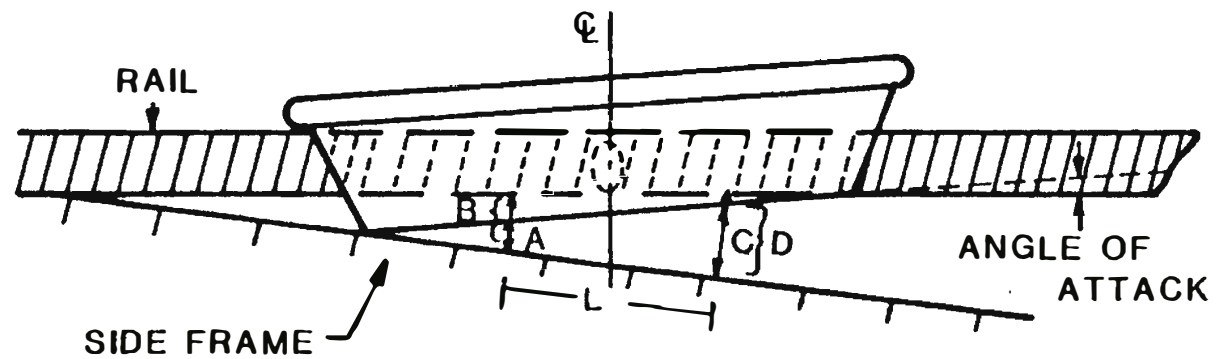
- $M_L, M_R$  : Strain gage locations for measuring axle bending
- $B_L, B_R$  : Vertical loads measured through strain gaged bearing adapters
- $V_L, V_R$  : Vertical forces at wheel/rail interface
- $L_L, L_R$  : Lateral forces at wheel/rail interface

# Instrumented Bearing Adapter For Vertical Load Measurement



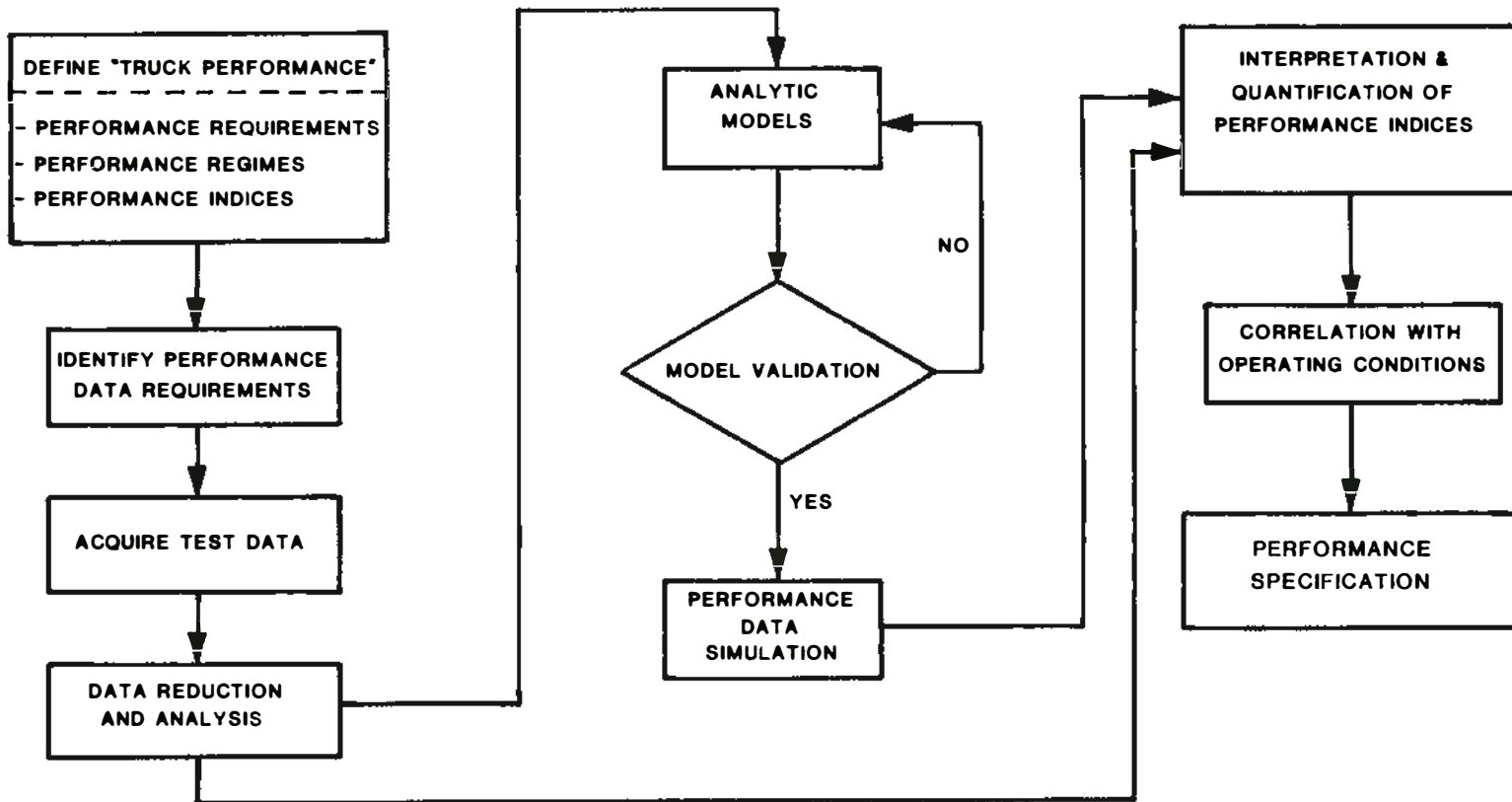
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## Wheel/Rail Position Measurement for Angle of Attack



**ENGINEERING EVALUATION  
AND  
CHARACTERIZATION  
OF TYPE II TRUCK PERFORMANCE**

# Methodology



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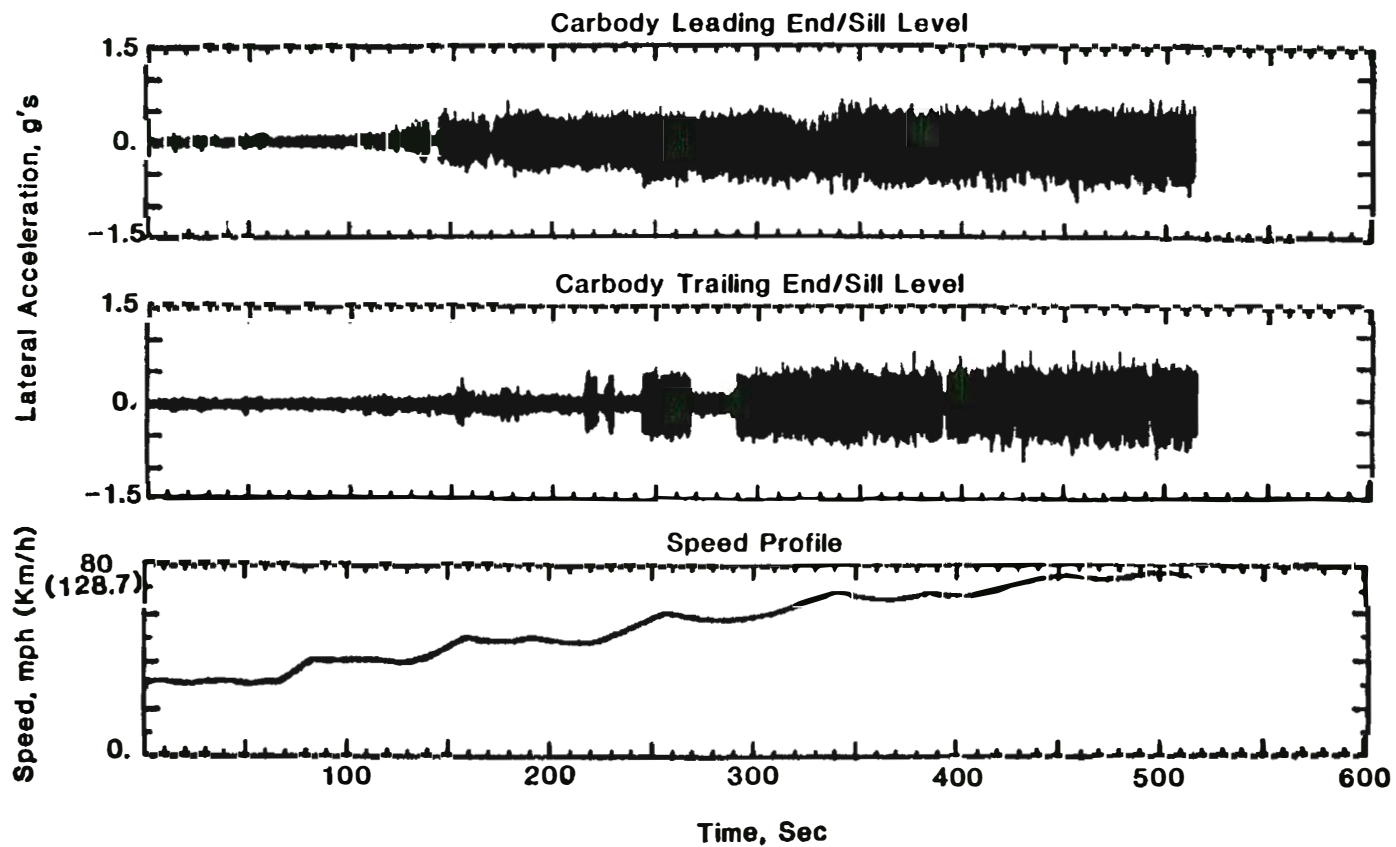
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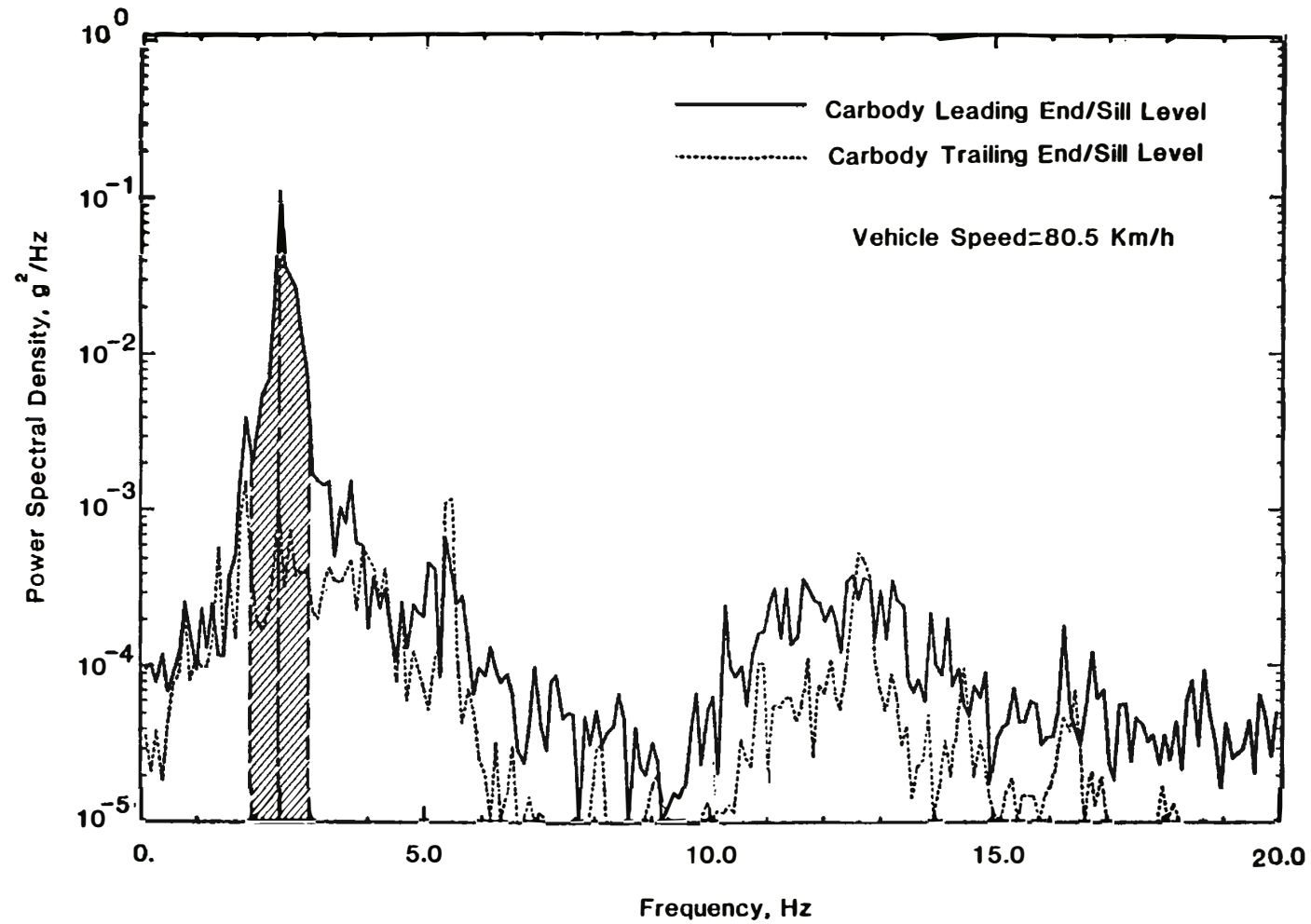
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## Lateral Stability

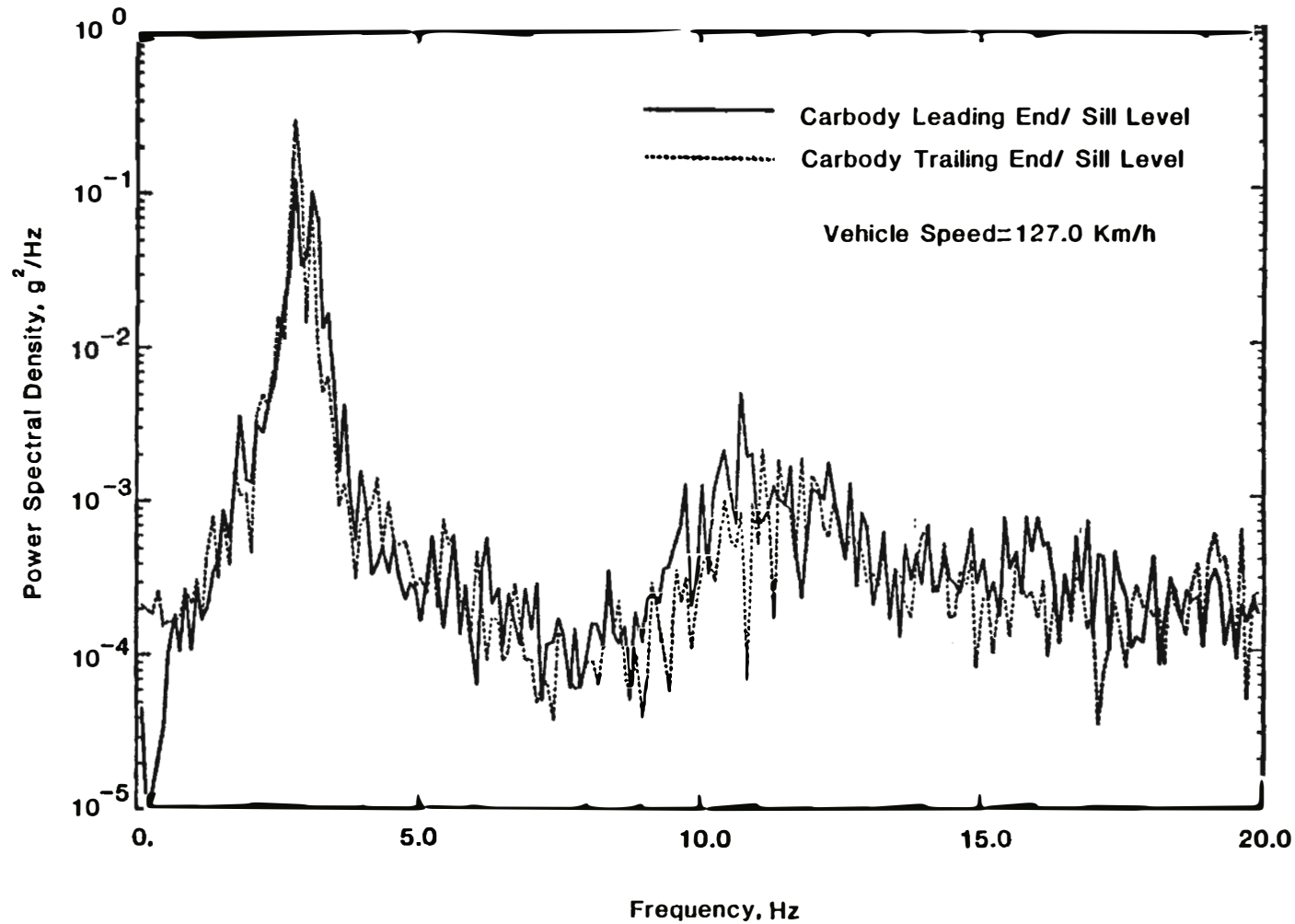


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Lateral Stability





PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF TYPE II TRUCKS  
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# LEGEND



Radial  
Trucks

Rigid  
Trucks

Unconventional  
Truck



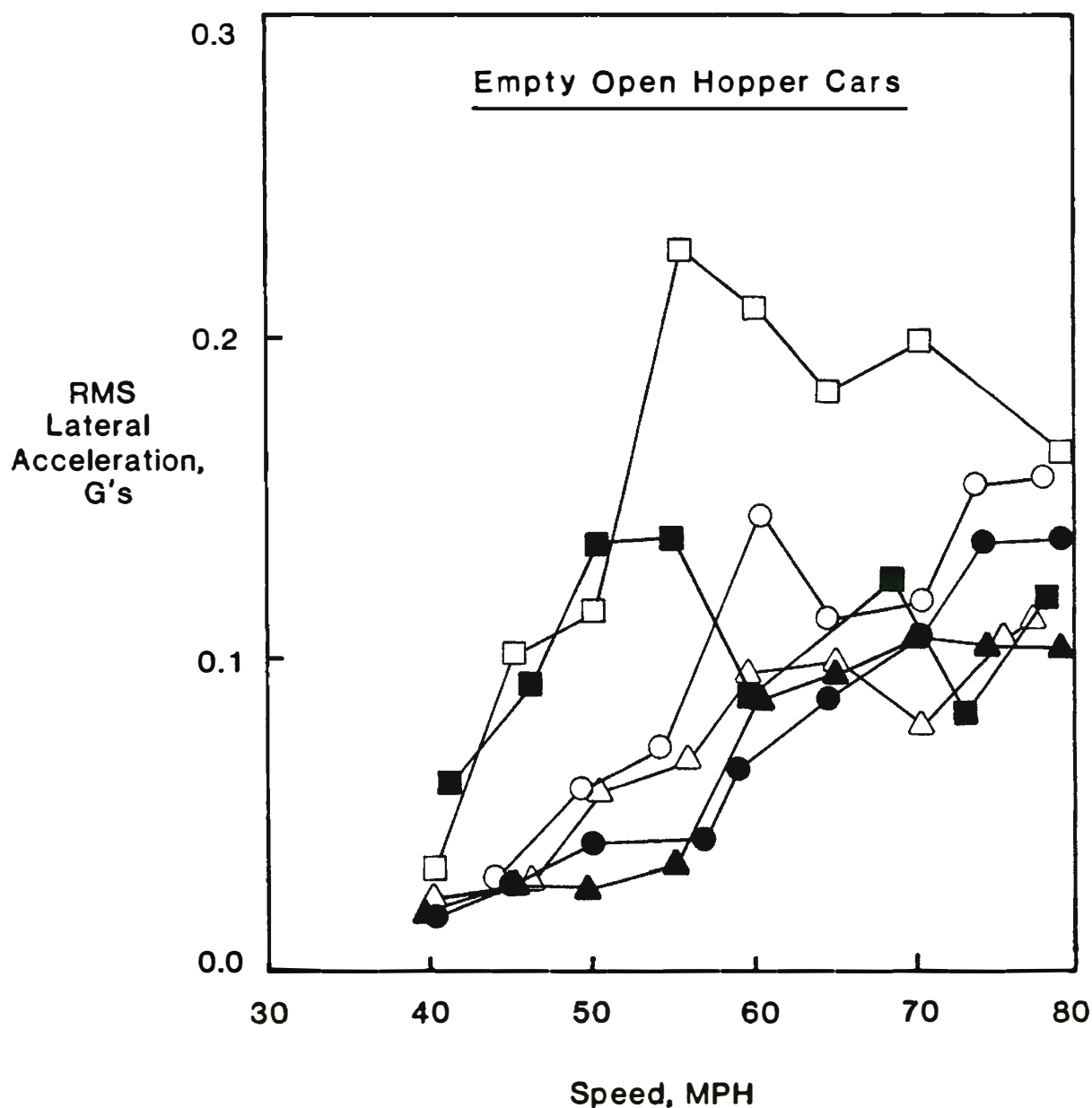
Primary  
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Truck

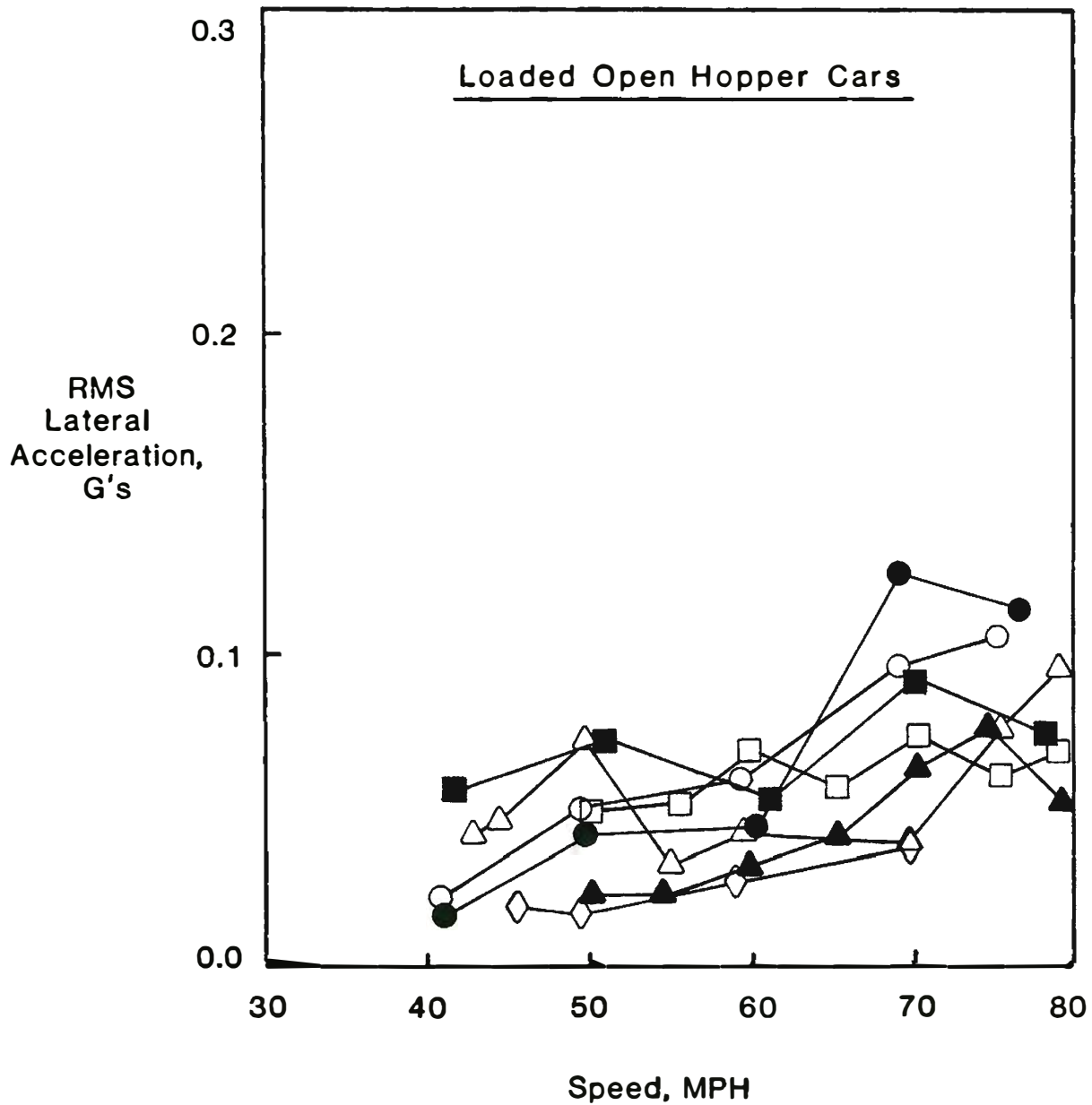
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Lateral Stability  
RMS Lateral Acceleration



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PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF TYPE II TRUCKS - LATERAL STABILITY  
EMPTY CARS - RADIAL TRUCKS

Radial Trucks	Phenomenological Behavior	Average Amplitude of Lateral Acceleration (g's)	Range of Critical Speed(mph)	Percentage of Time of Occurrence of Observed Phenomenon
△	Moderate Amplitude Intermittent Hunting	.50-.55	60-65	60-65
□	Moderate Amplitude Intermittent Hunting	.60-.70	45	65-70
	Sustained Hunting	1.0-1.3	55-60	100
○	Moderate Amplitude Intermittent Hunting	.60-.70	60	60-65
	Sustained Hunting	.80-.90	79	100

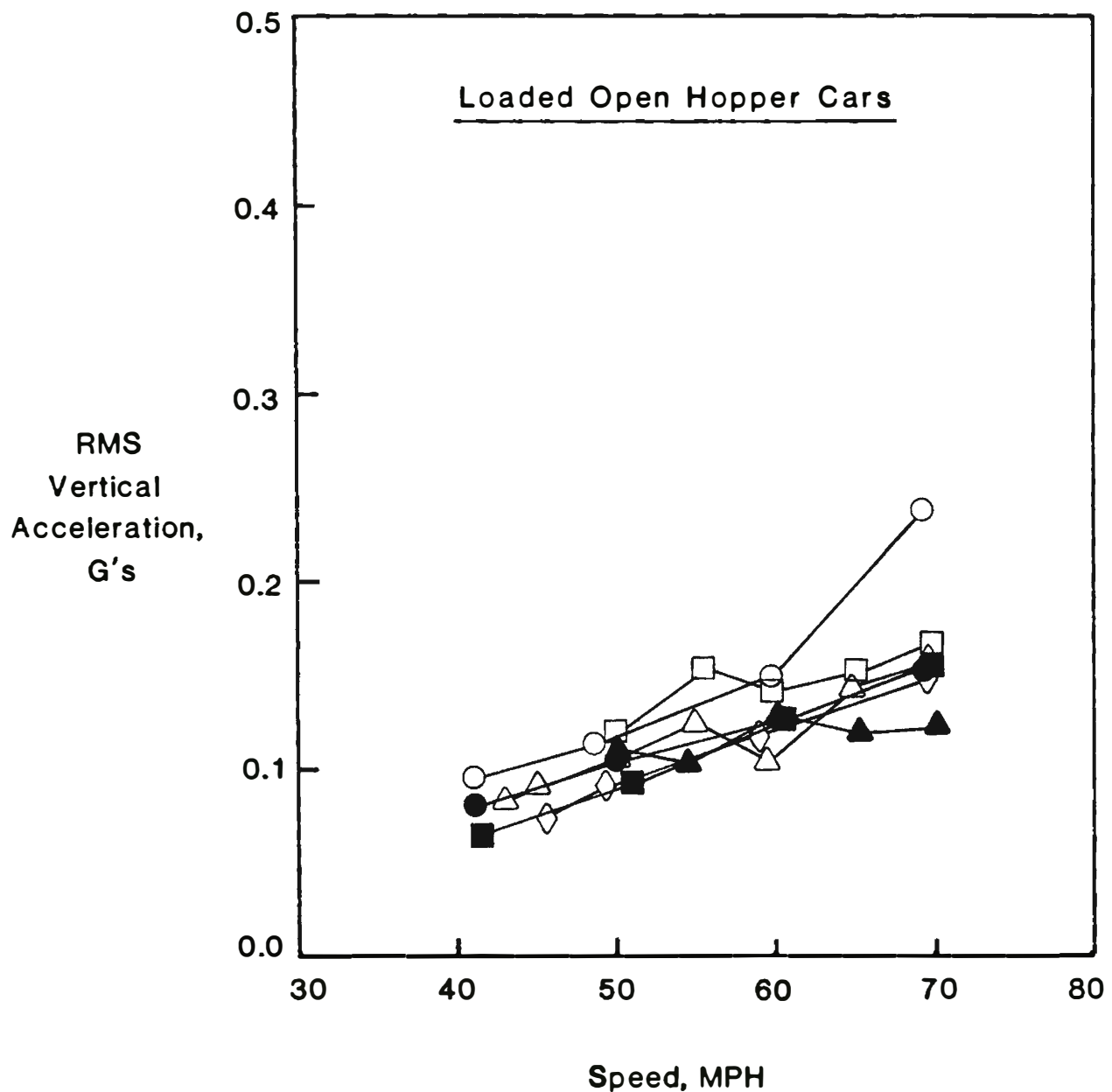
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EMPTY CARS - RIGID TRUCKS**

<b>Rigid Trucks</b>	<b>Phenomenological Behavior</b>	<b>Average Amplitude of Lateral Acceleration (g's)</b>	<b>Range of Critical Speed(mph)</b>	<b>Percentage of Time of Occurrence of Observed Phenomenon</b>
	Moderate Amplitude Intermittent Hunting	.60-.65	60-65	60-65
	Moderate Amplitude Intermittent Hunting	.75-.80	65-70	60-65
	High Amplitude Intermittent Hunting	0.90-1.0	79	75-80
	Moderate Amplitude Intermittent Hunting	.55-.65	60-65	60-65

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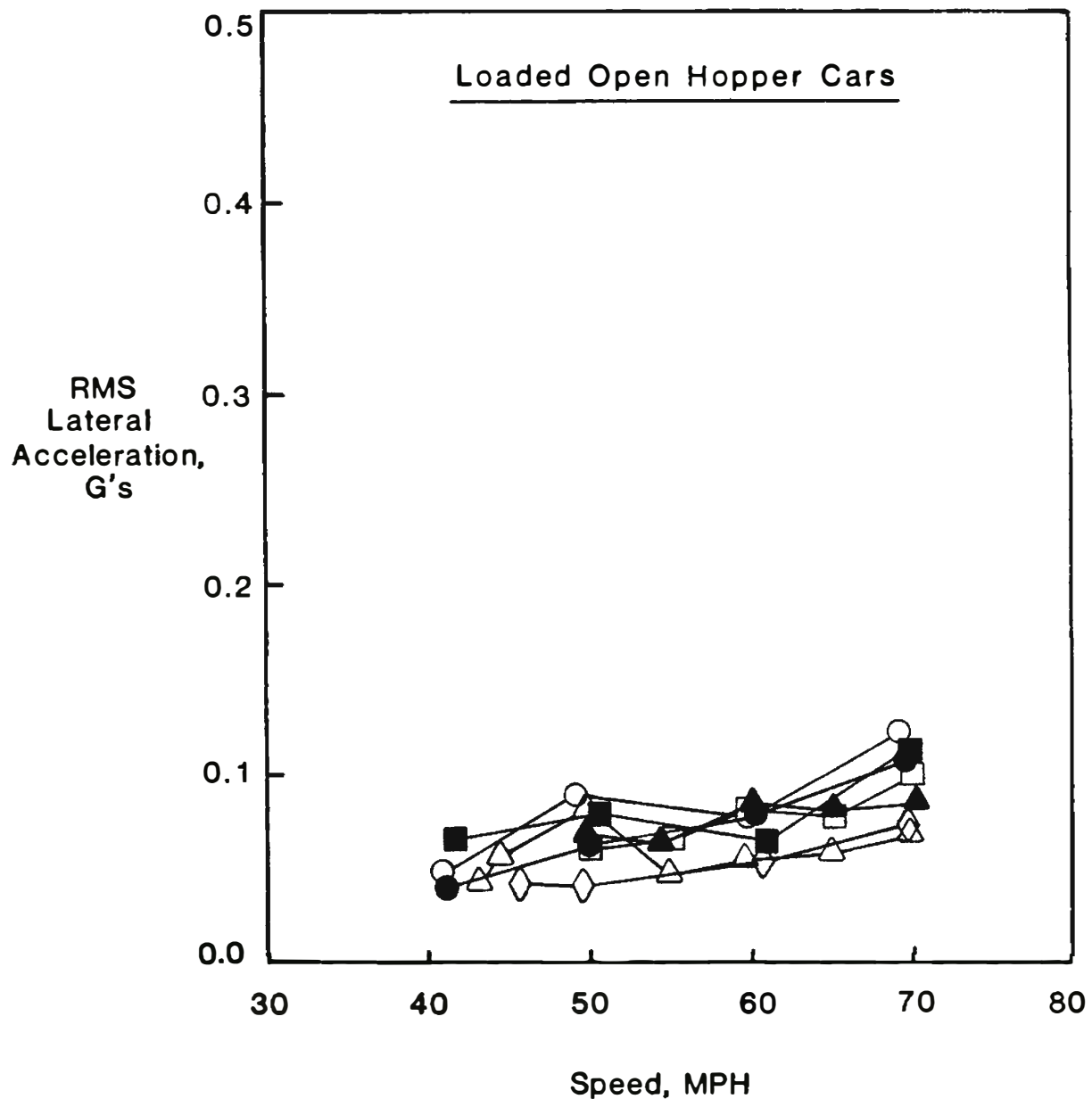
Ride Quality

RMS Vertical Acceleration (0 - 20 Hz)



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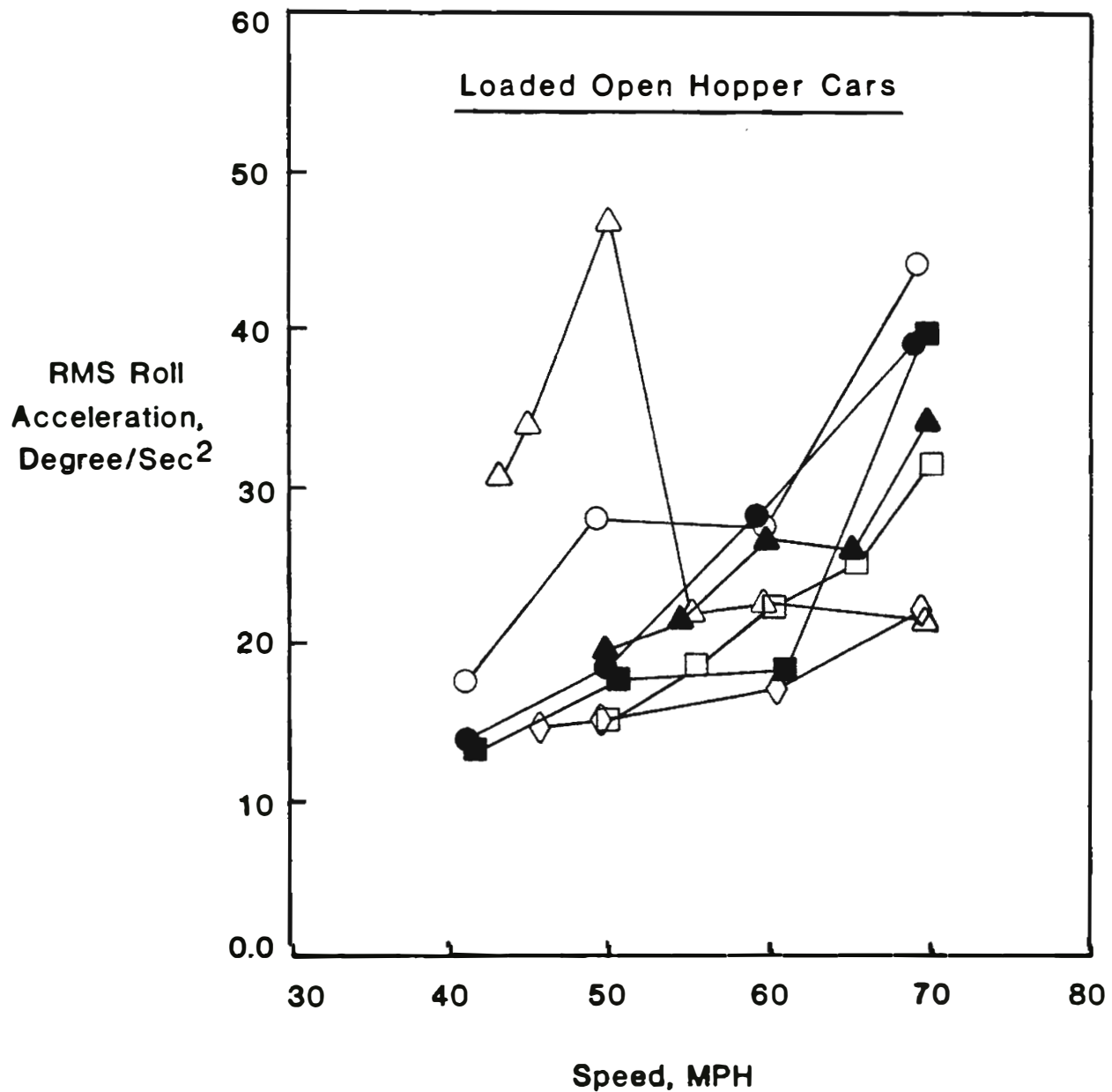
Ride Quality  
RMS Lateral Acceleration (0 - 20 Hz)





# PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF TYPE II TRUCKS

Ride Quality  
RMS Roll Acceleration (0 - 20 Hz)

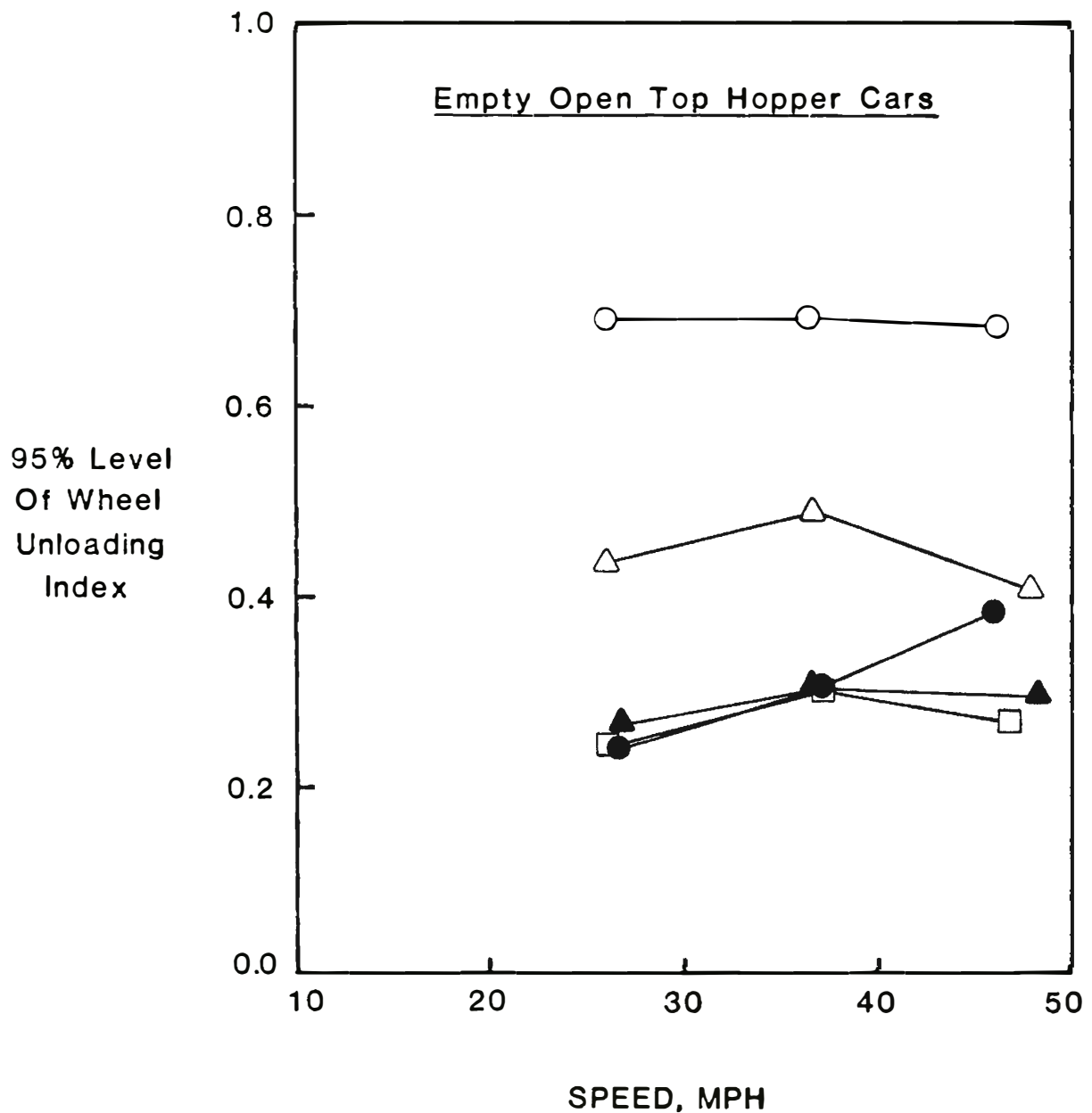


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Trackability

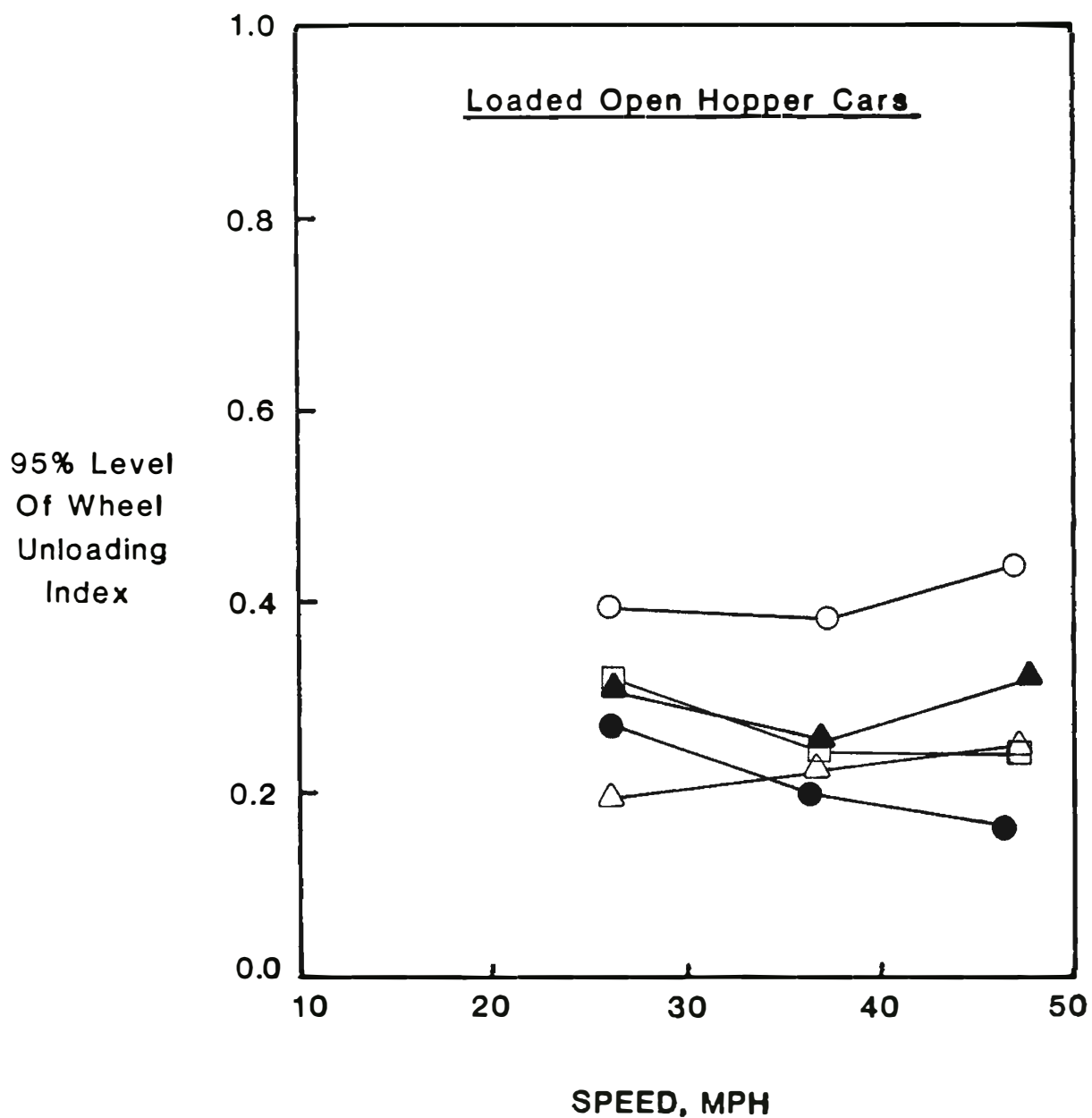
Wheel Unloading Index

Track Curvature: 2.5 Degrees



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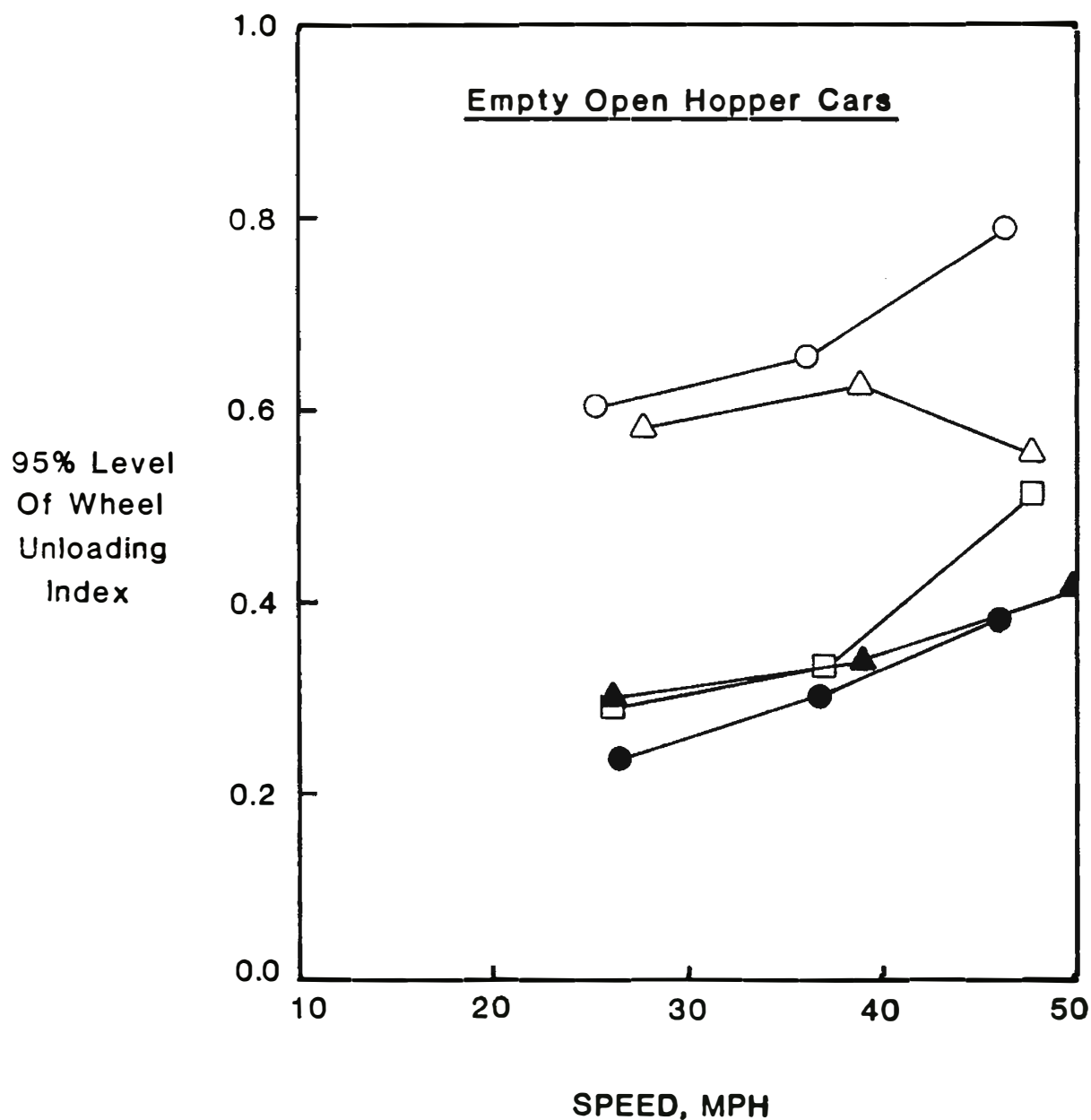


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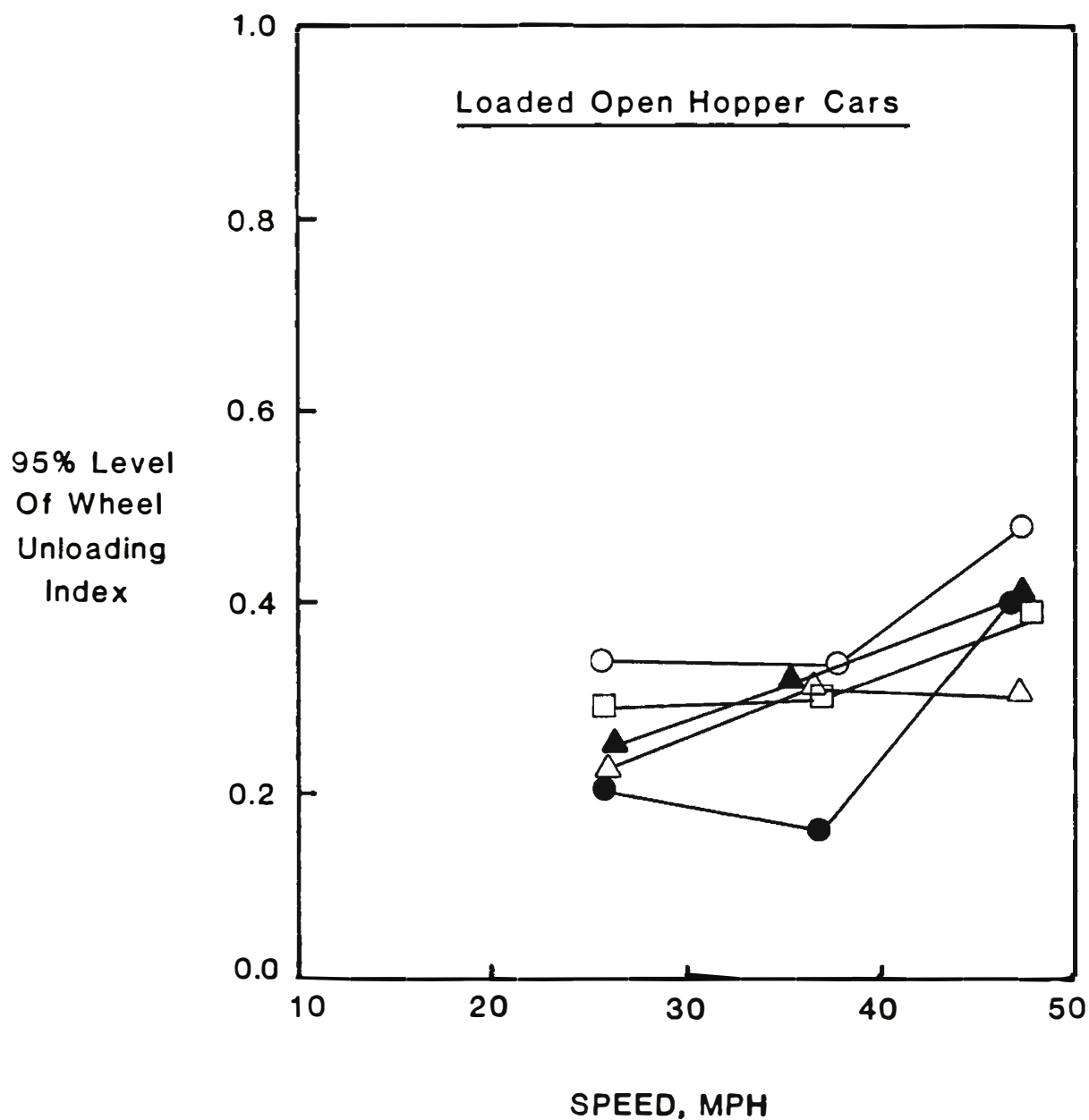
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# WHEEL UNLOADING INDEX (WUI) LEVELS

(Track Twist)

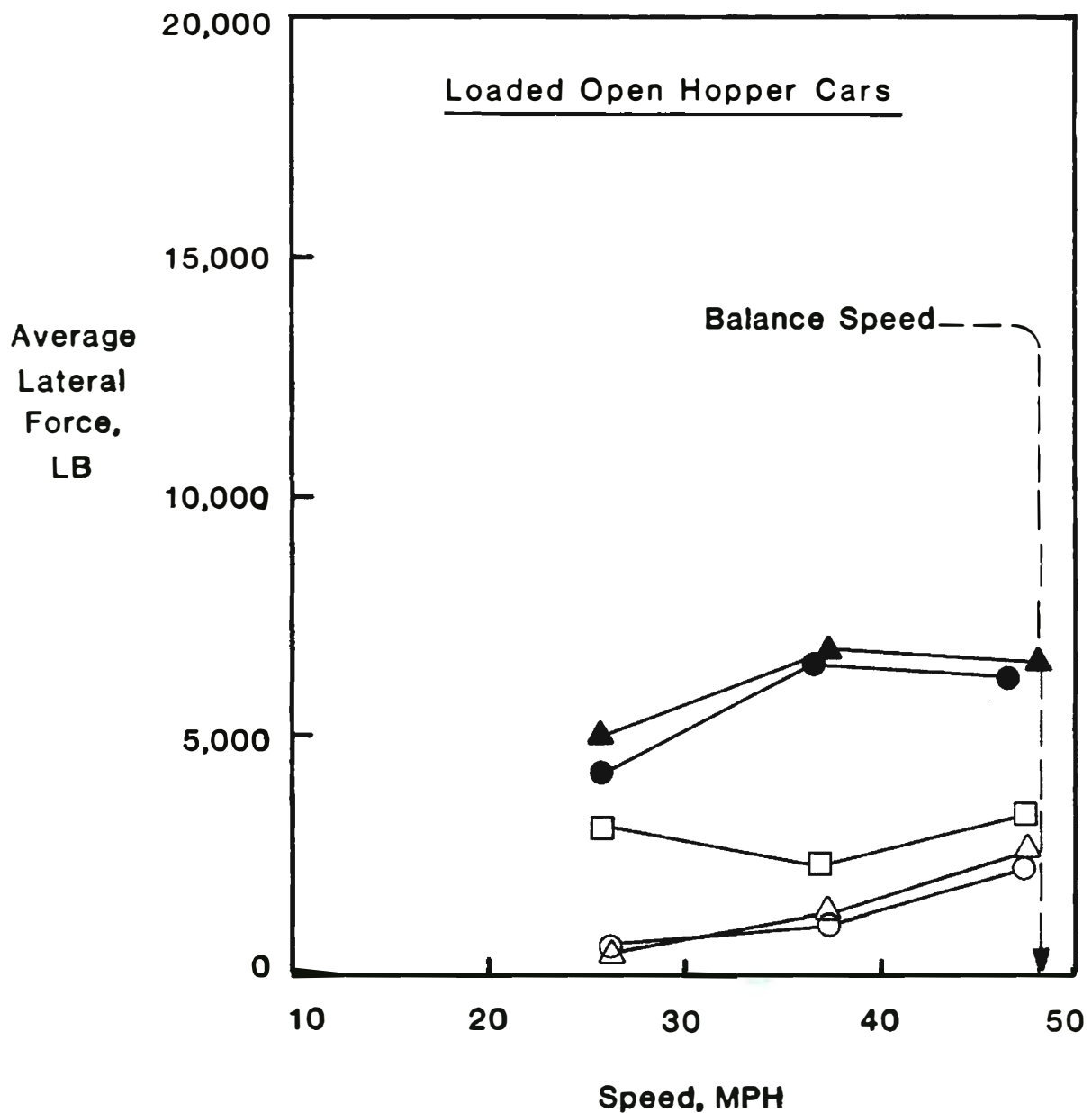
Truck	Empty Car WUI <sub>95</sub>	Loaded Car WUI <sub>95</sub>
Radial Trucks △ □ ○	0.783	0.281
	0.343	0.400
	0.744	0.512
Rigid Trucks ▲ ●	0.553	0.368
	0.297	0.307

# PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF TYPE II TRUCKS

Curve Negotiation

Lateral Force

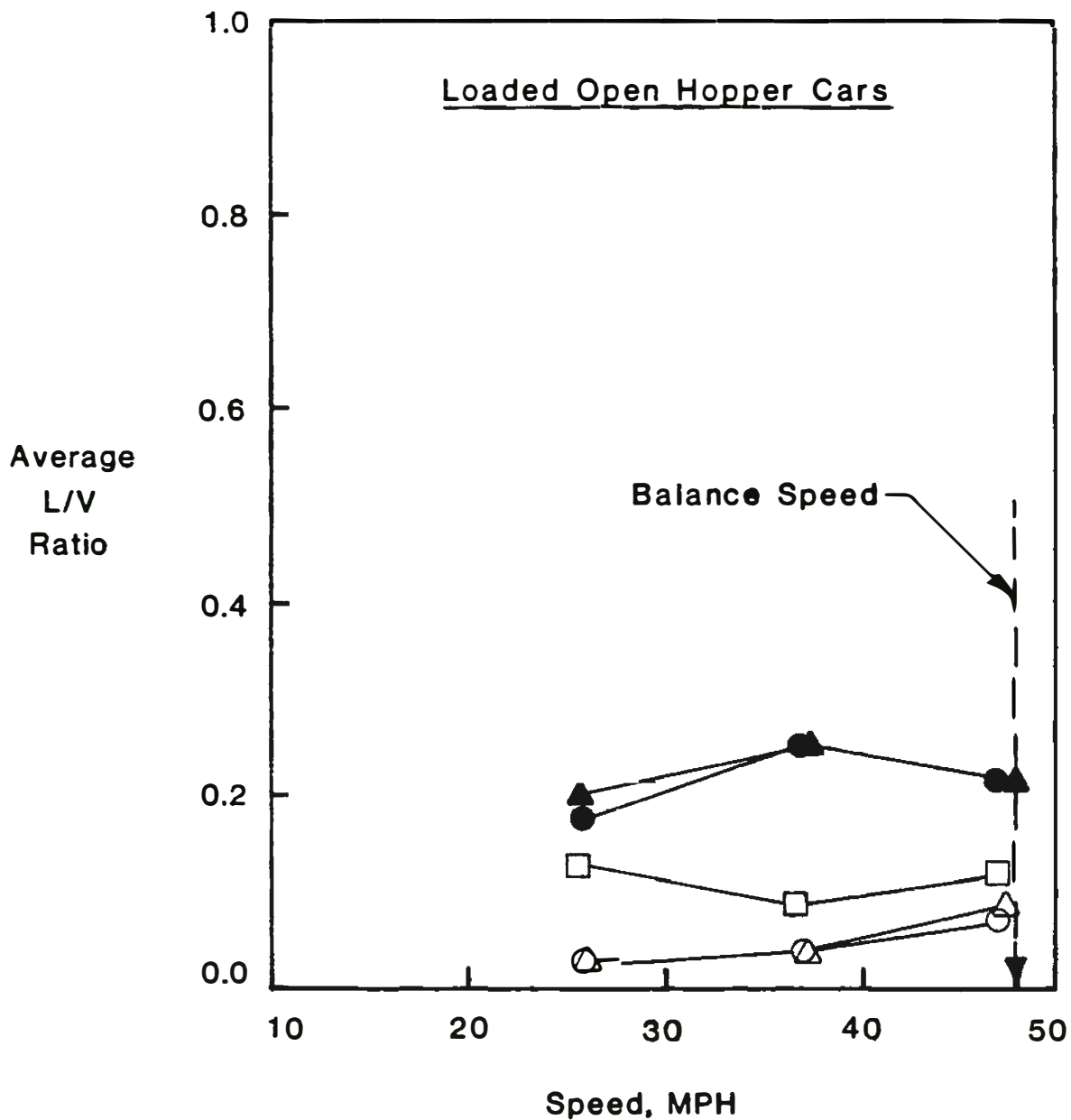
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Curve Negotiation  
L/V Ratio

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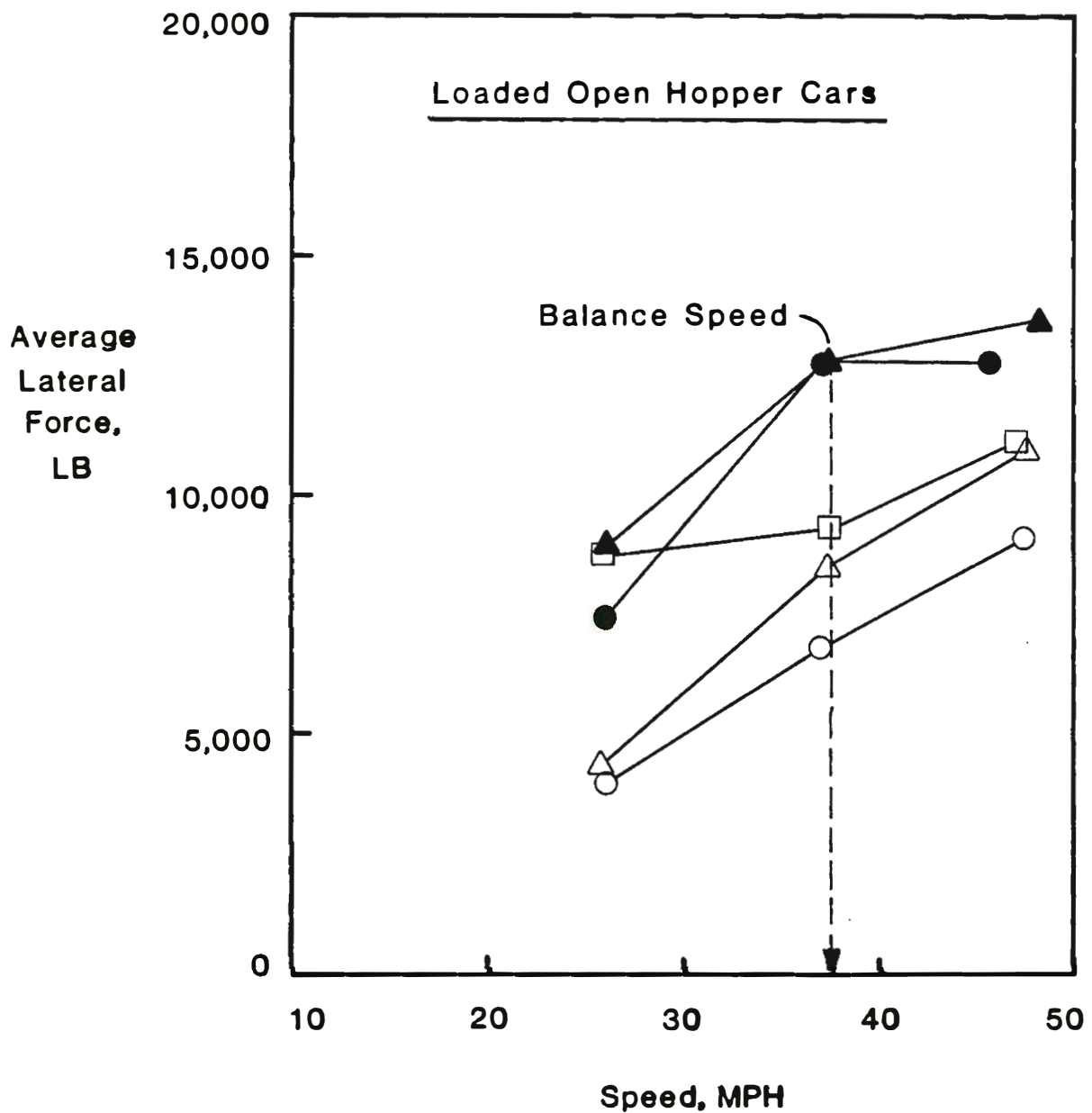




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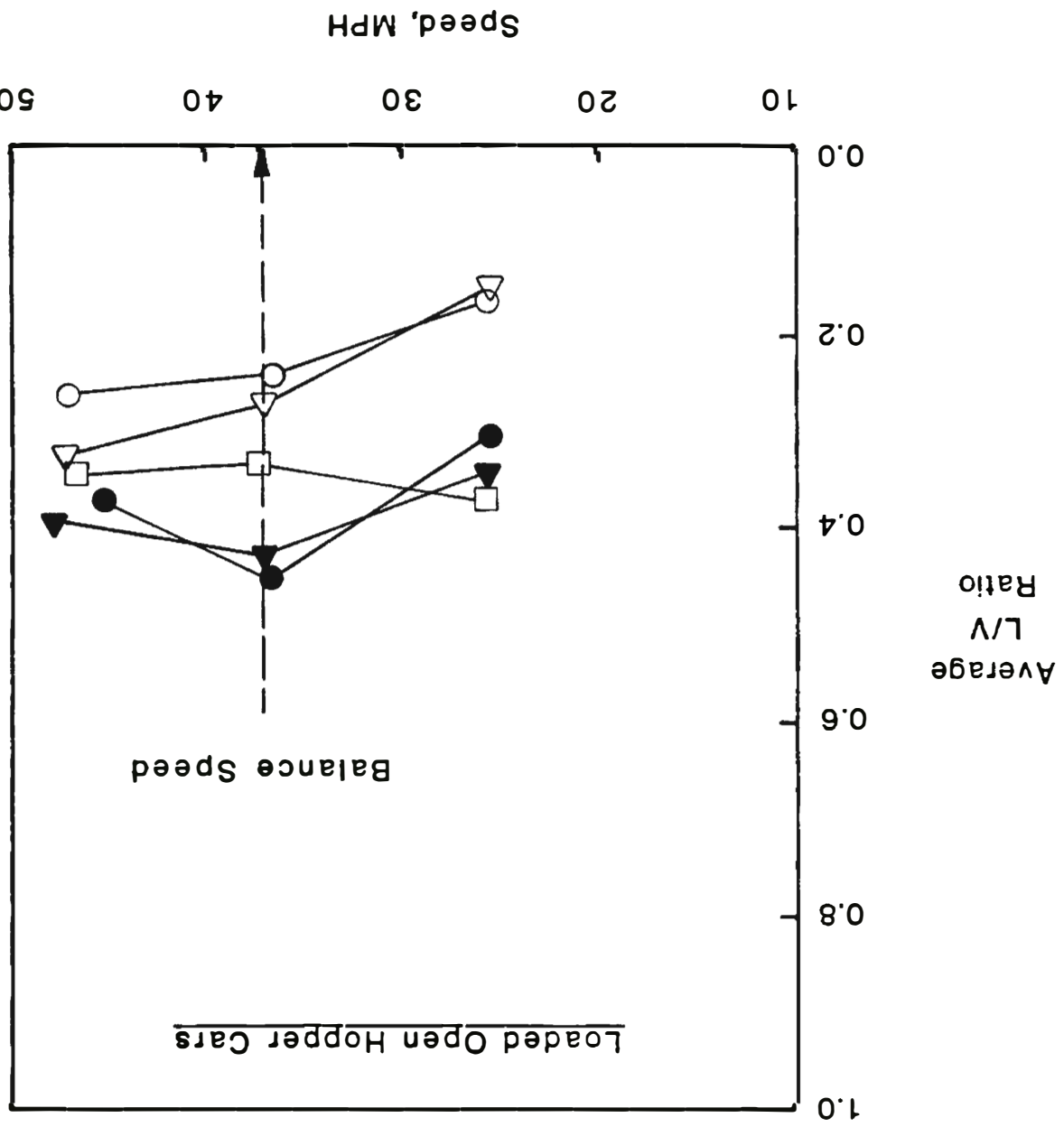
Curve Negotiation  
Lateral Force

Track Curvature: 5.2 Degrees



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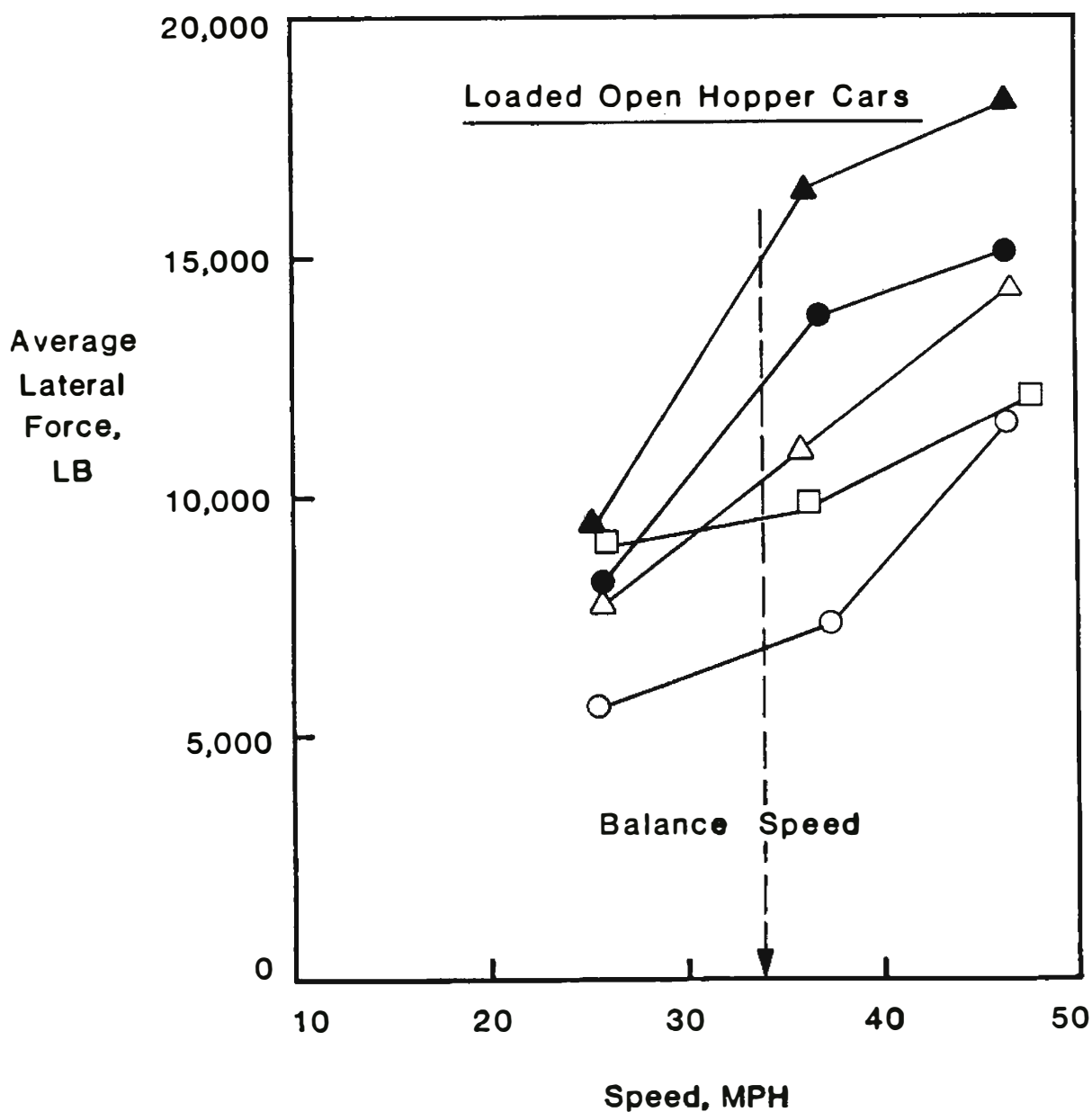


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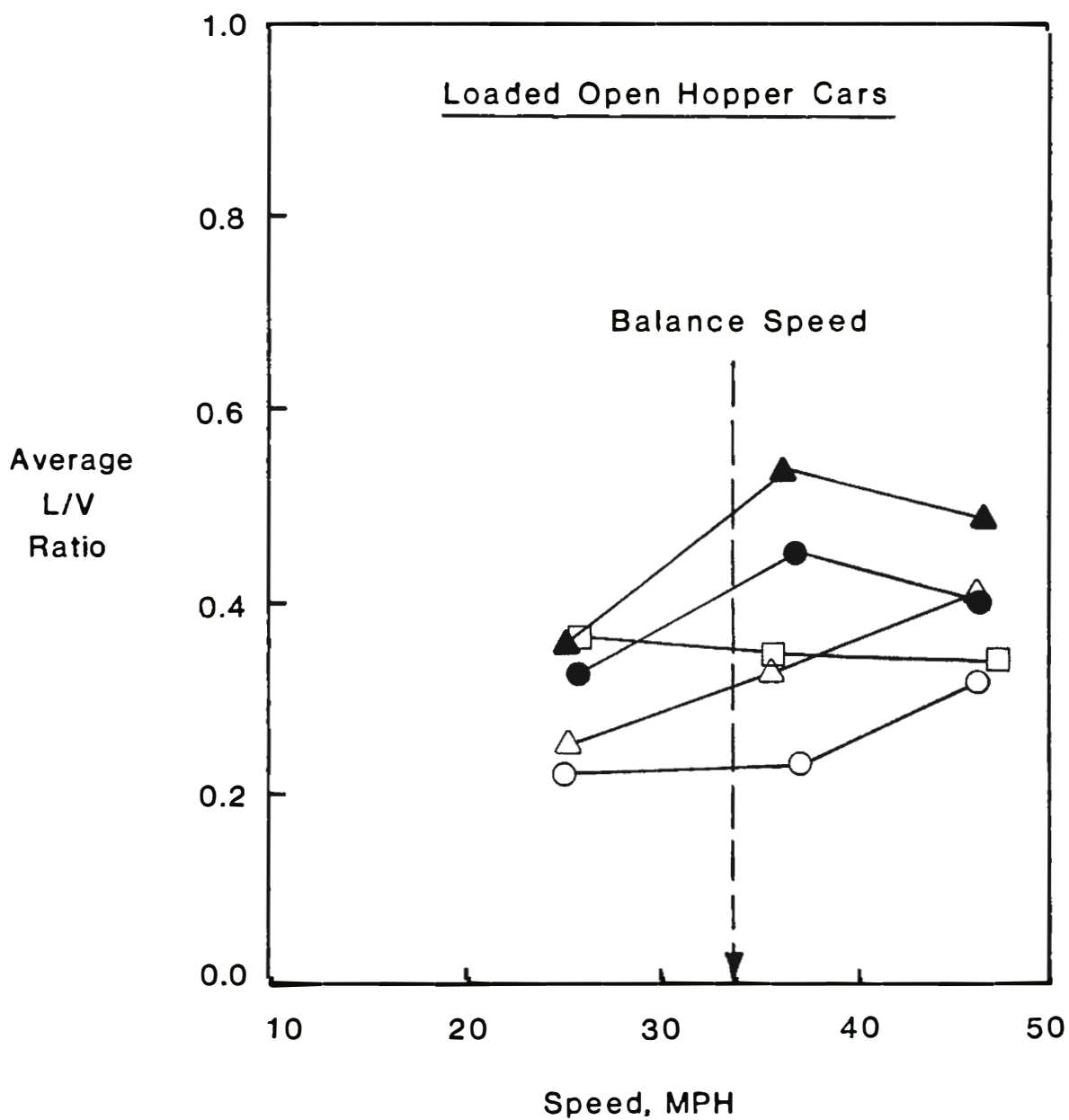


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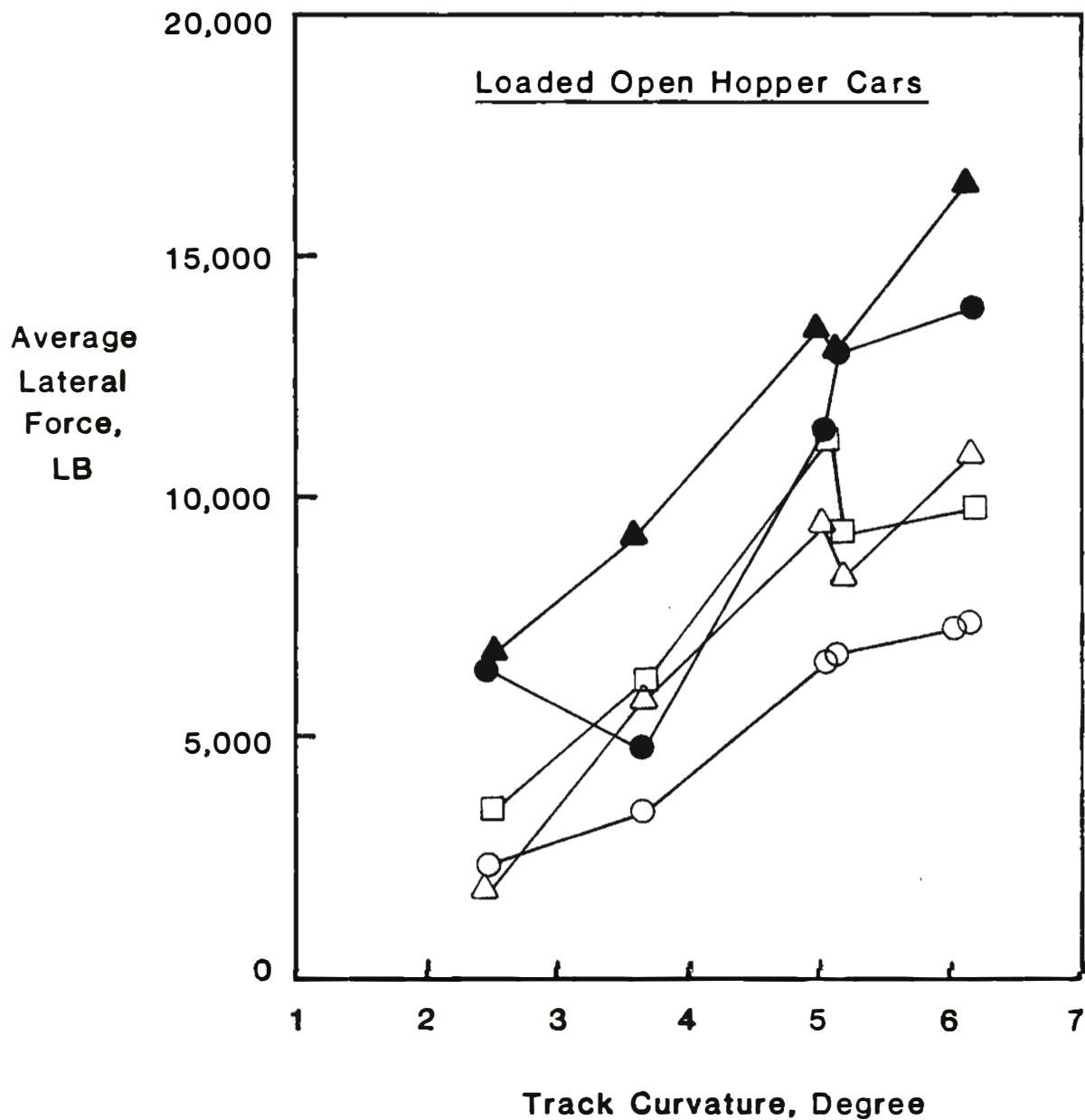
L/V Ratio

Track Curvature: 6.2 Degrees



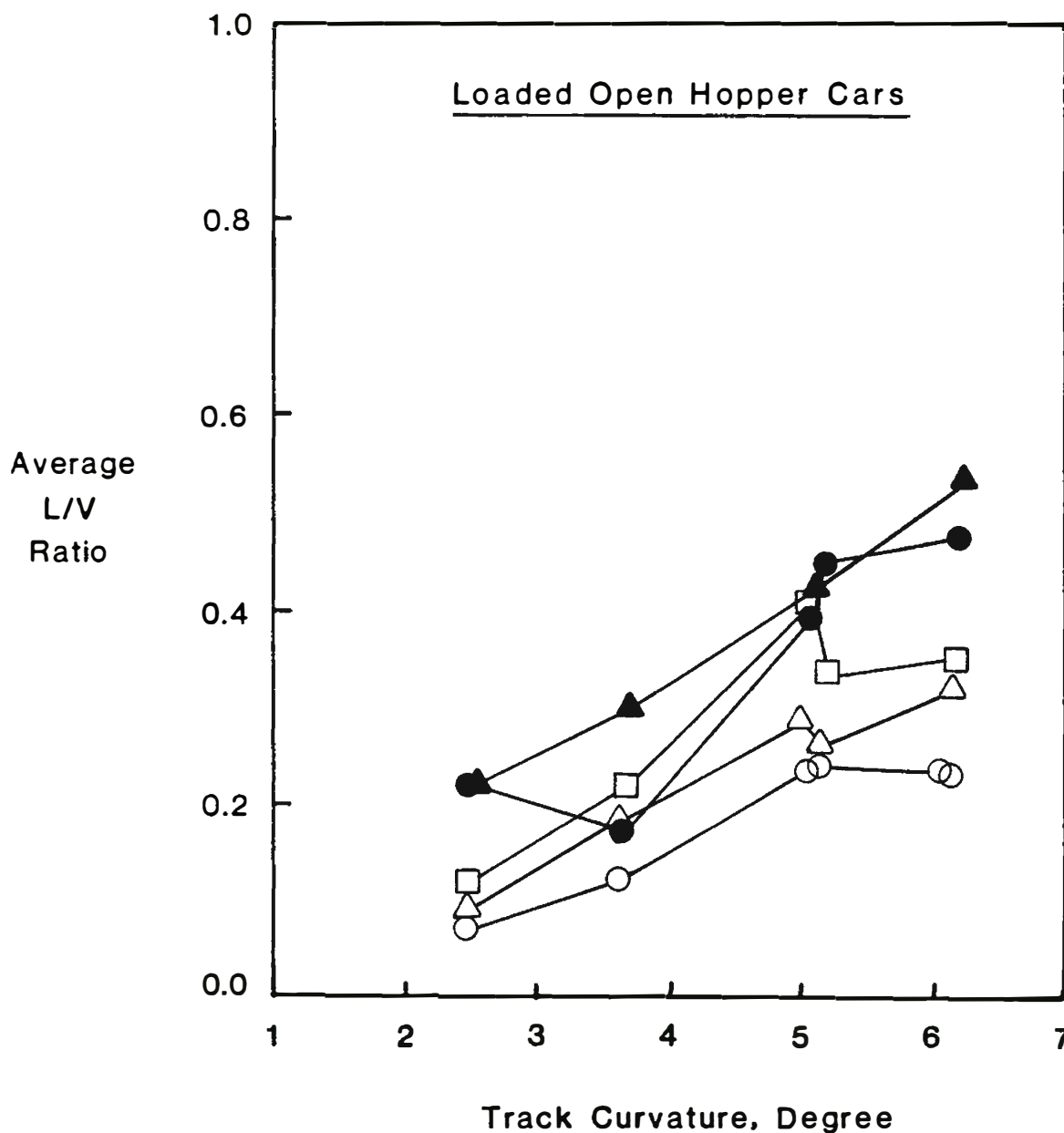
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## Curve Negotiation Lateral Force At Balance Speed



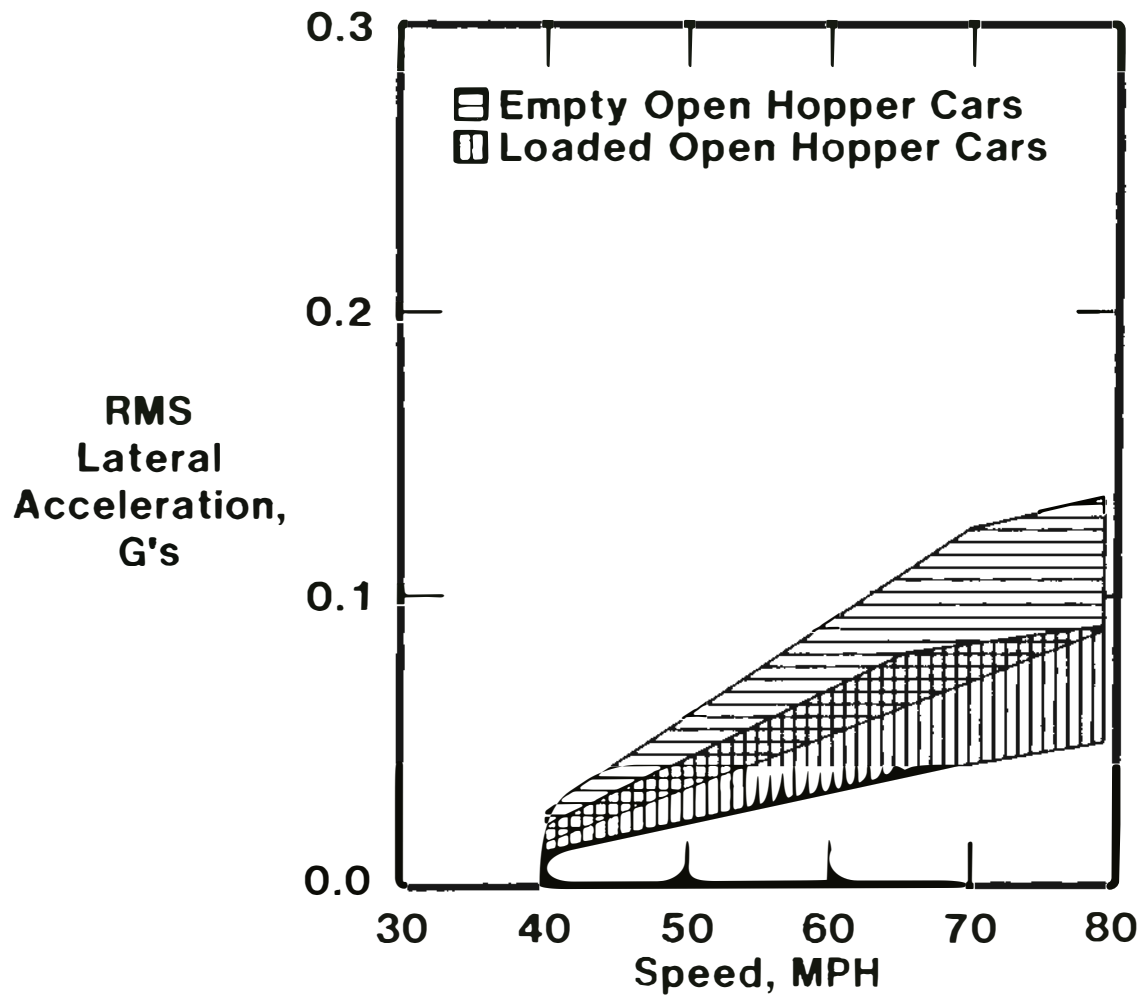
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# PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS

## Lateral Stability RMS Lateral Acceleration

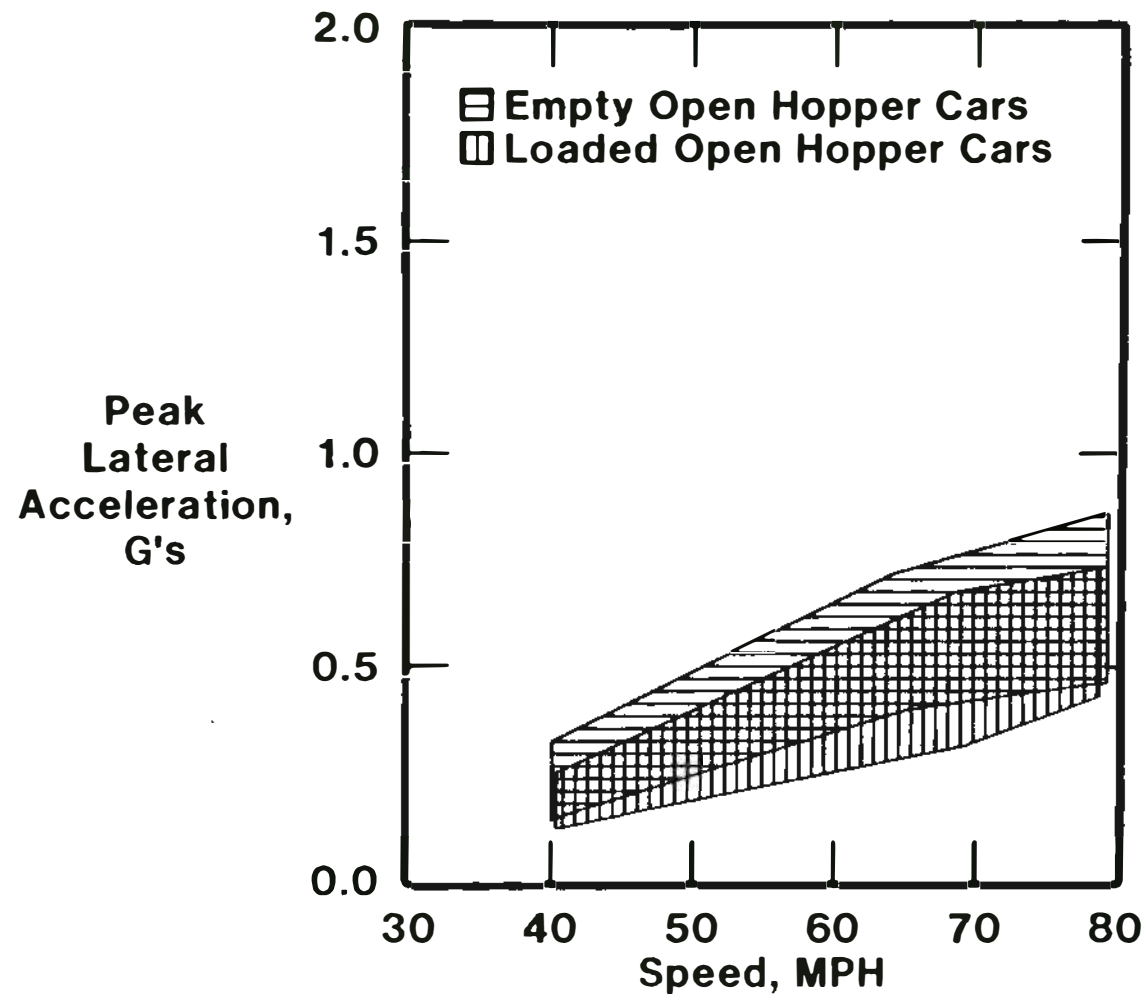


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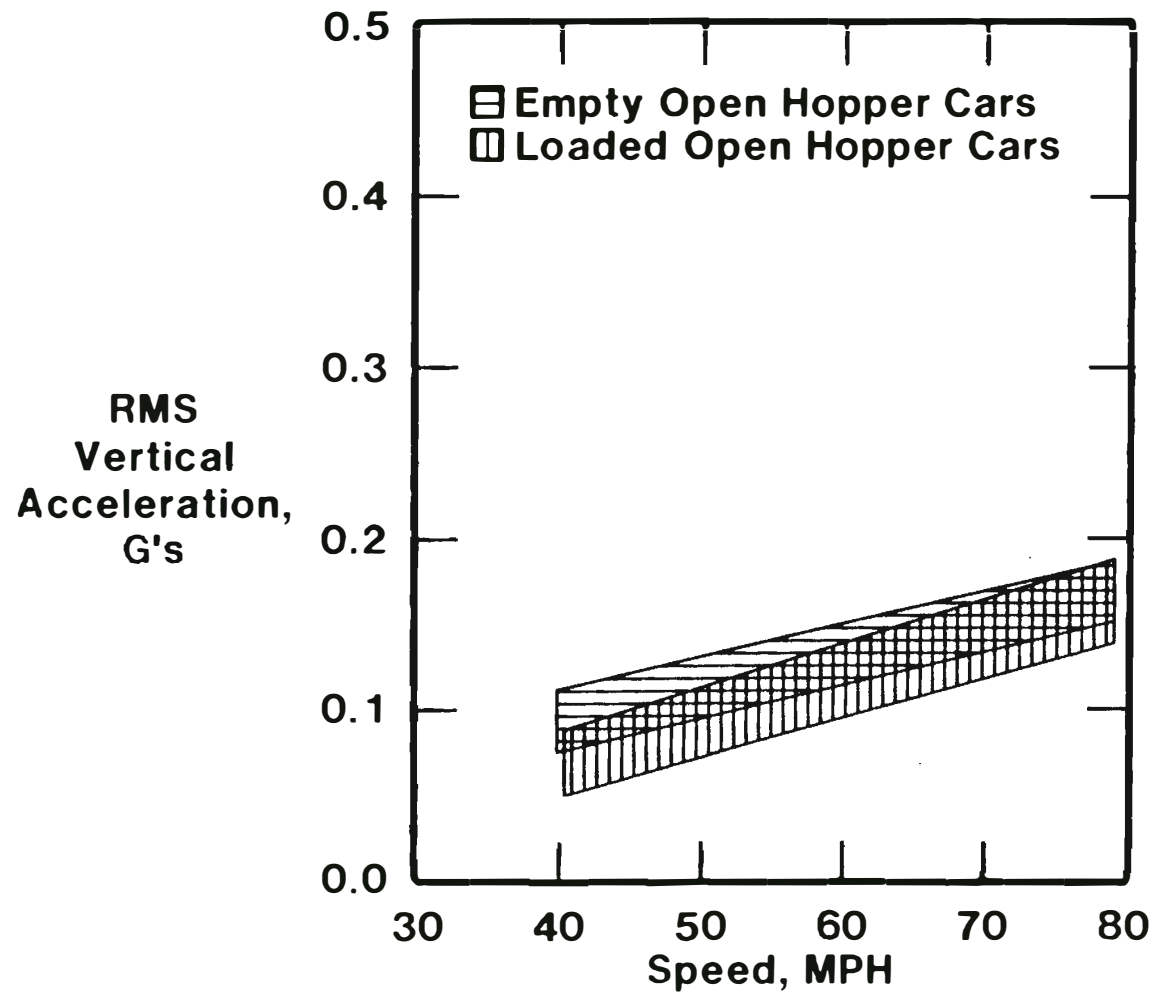
### Peak Lateral Acceleration



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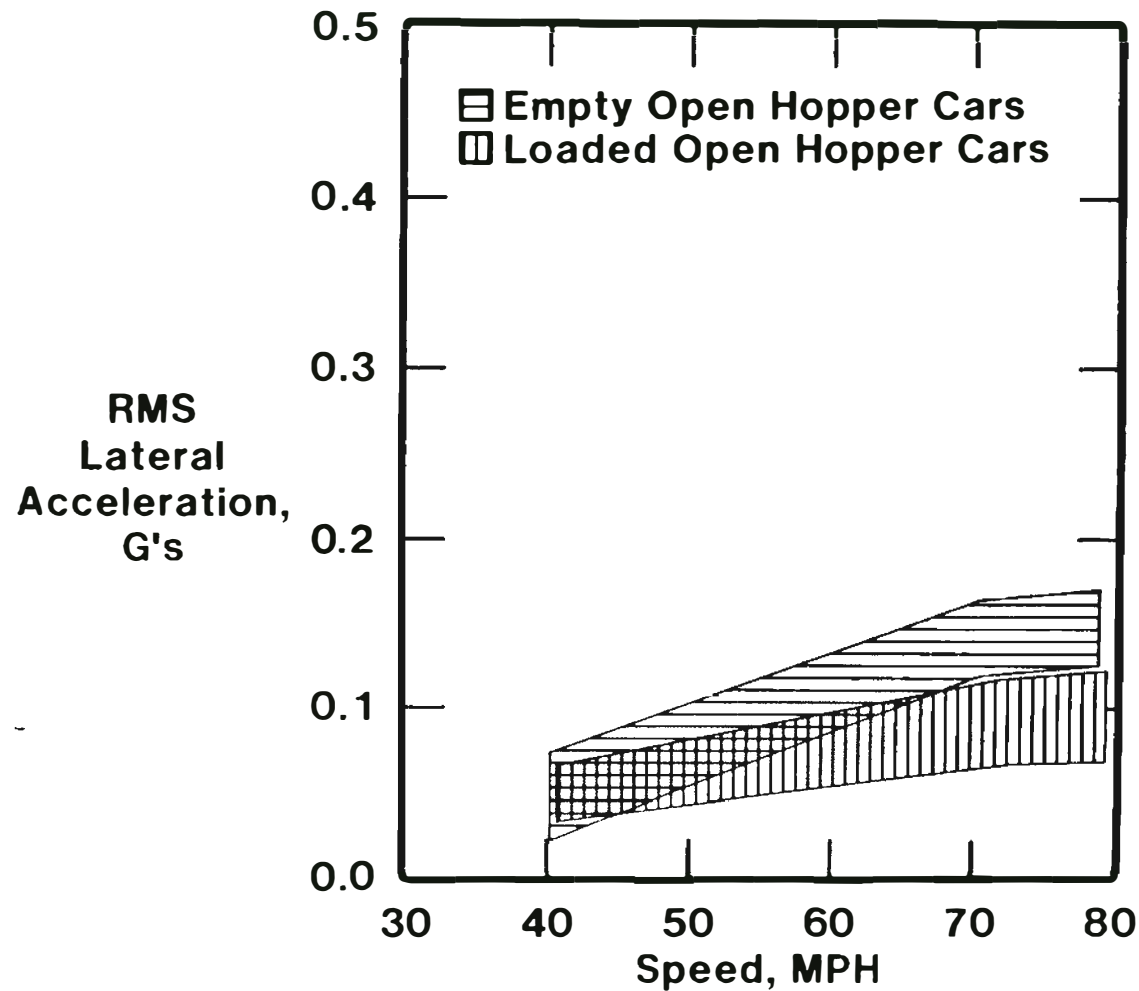


**PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS**  
**Ride Quality**  
**RMS Vertical Acceleration (0-20 Hz)**



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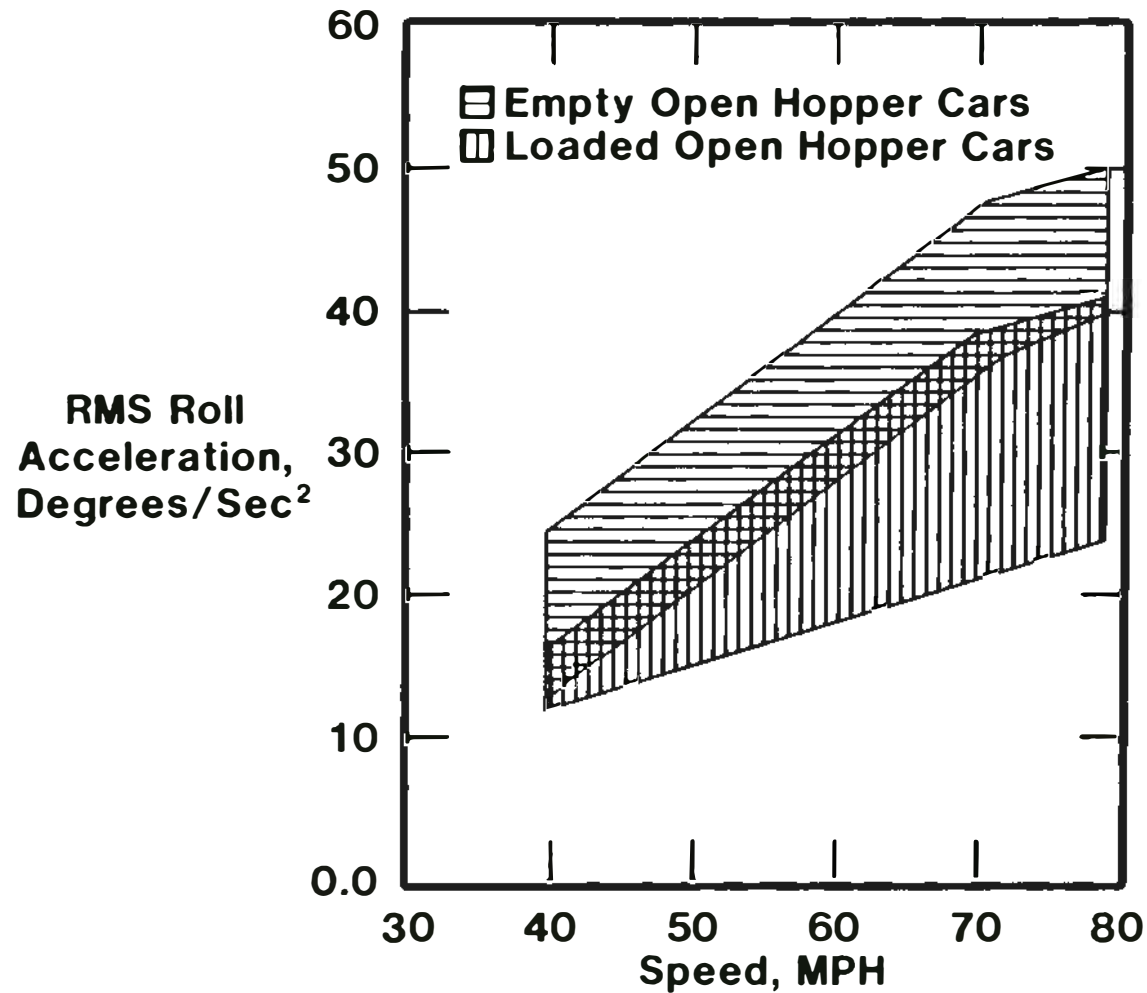


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## Ride Quality

### RMS Roll Acceleration (0-20 Hz)

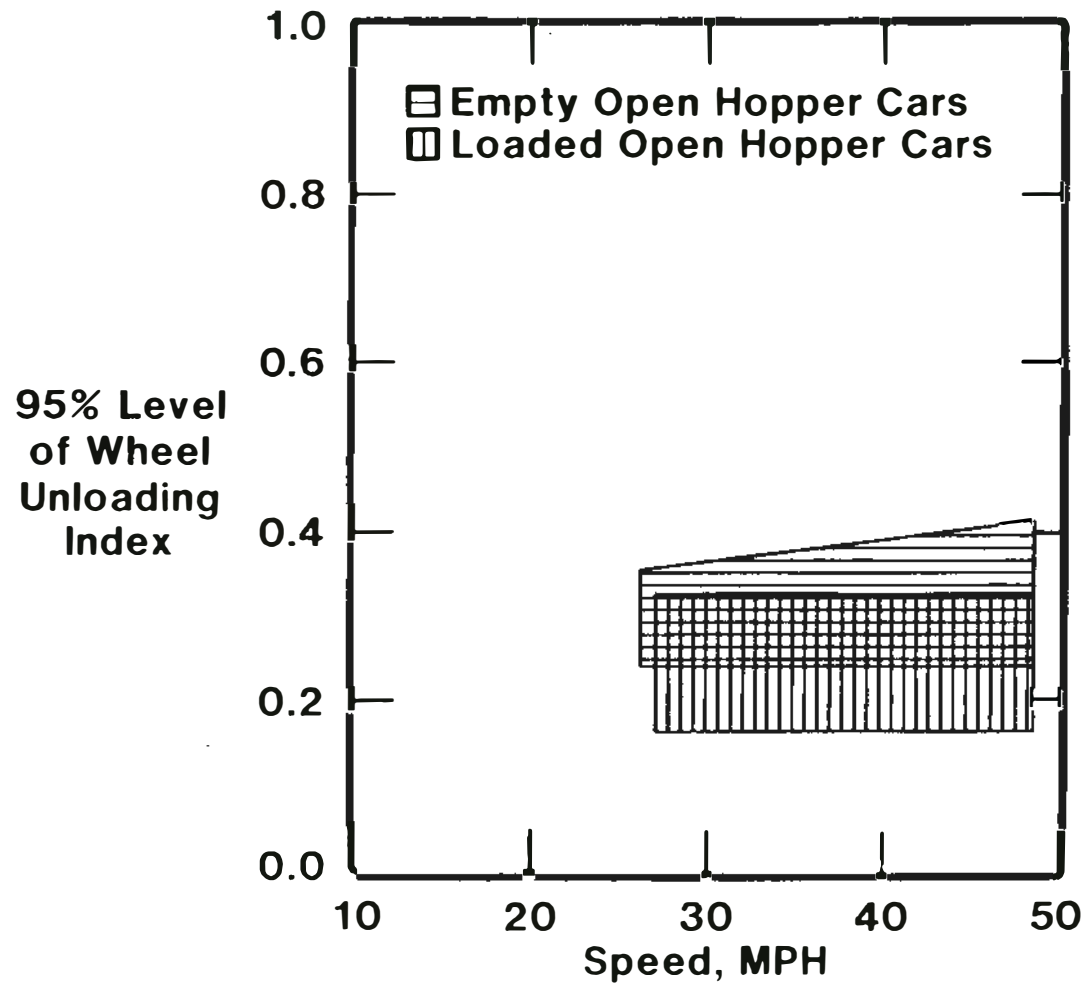


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# PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS

## Trackability

### Track Curvature: 2.5 Degrees

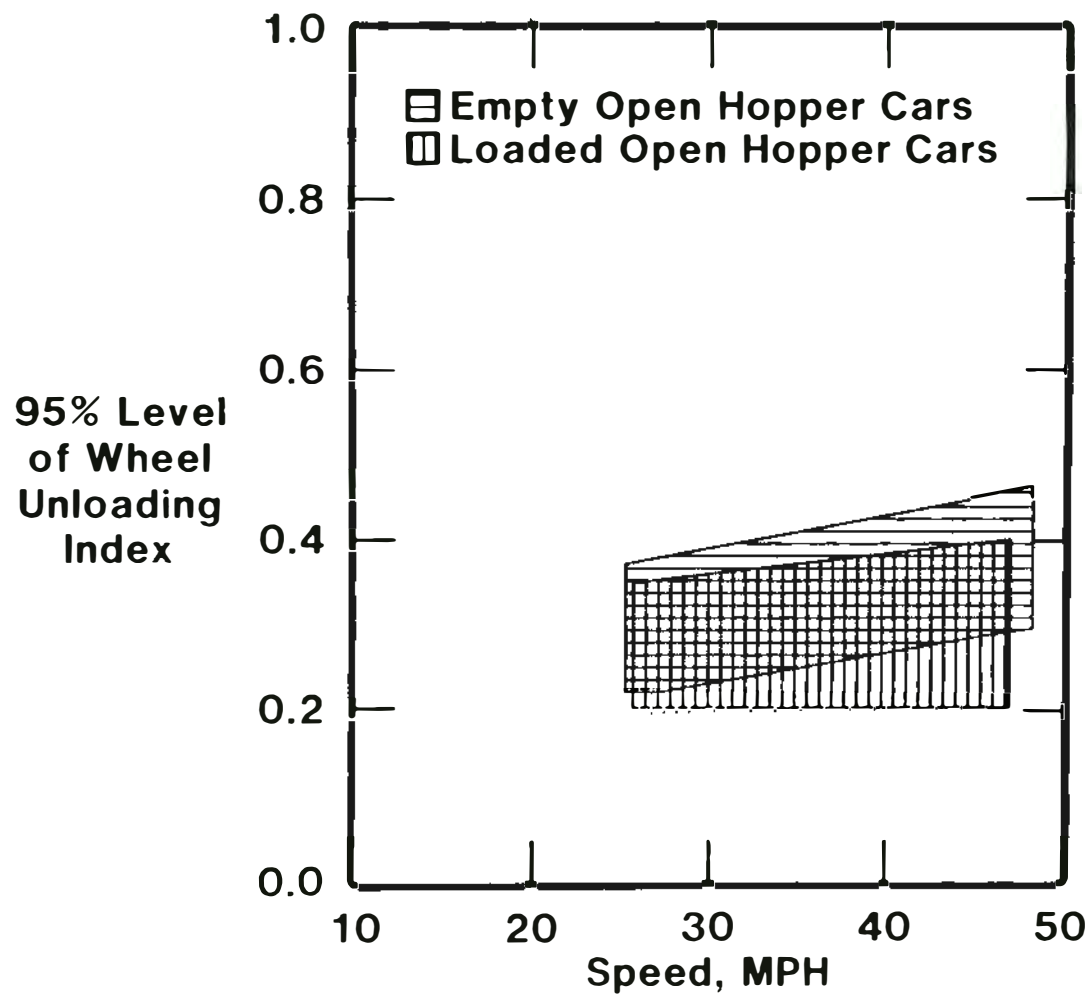


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# PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS

## Trackability

Track Curvature: 6.2 Degrees



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**WUI<sub>95</sub> Levels For  
Type II Freight Car Trucks  
(Track Twist)**

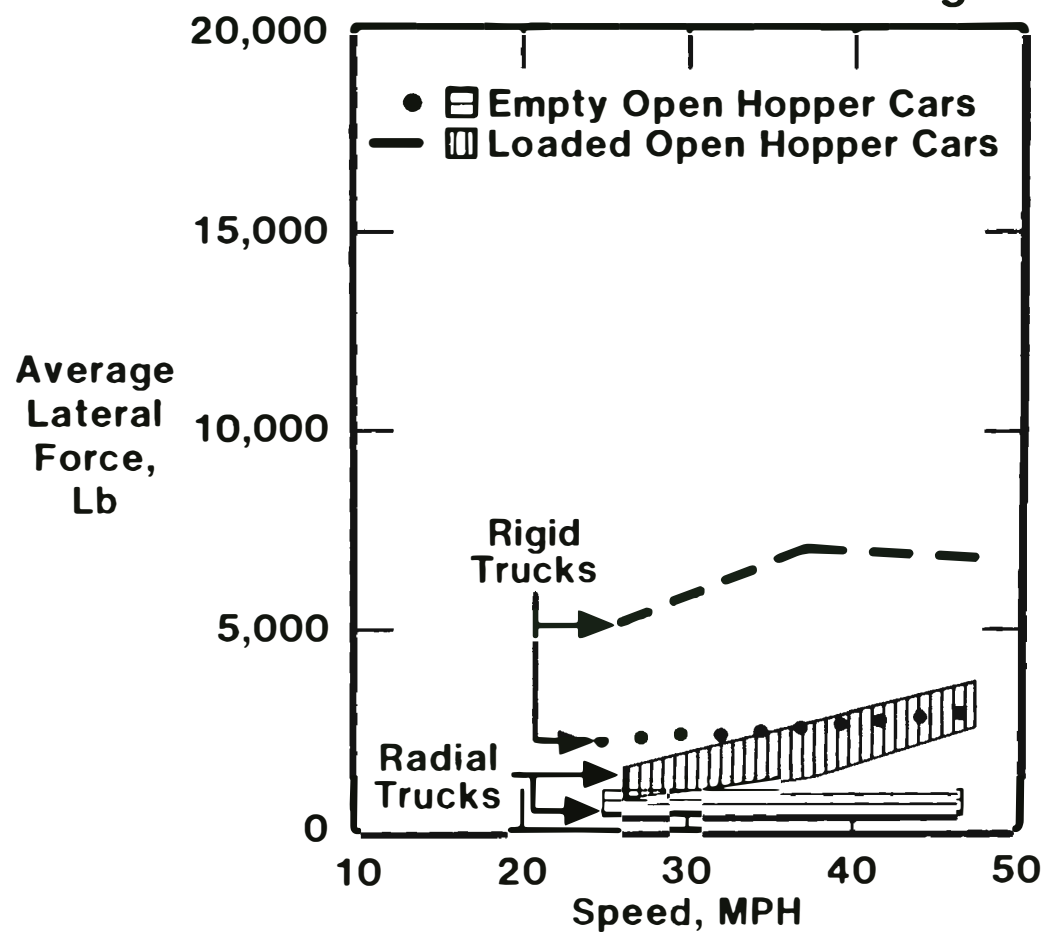
<b>Performance Index</b>	<b>Premium Trucks Empty Cars</b>	<b>Premium Trucks Loaded Cars</b>
<b>Wheel Unloading Index (95% Level)</b>	<b>0.30 – 0.55</b>	<b>0.28 – 0.37</b>

# PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS

## Curve Negotiation

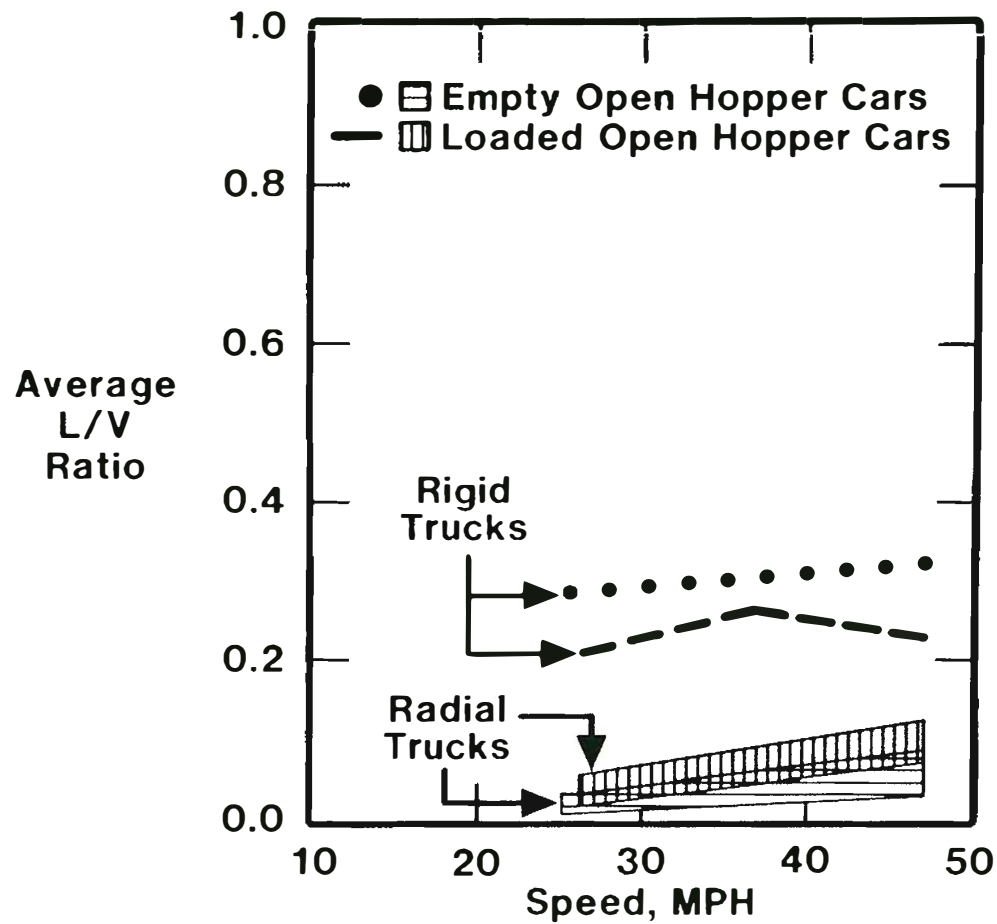
### Lateral Force

Track Curvature: 2.5 Degrees



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**PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS**  
**L/V Ratio**  
**Track Curvature: 2.5 Degrees**



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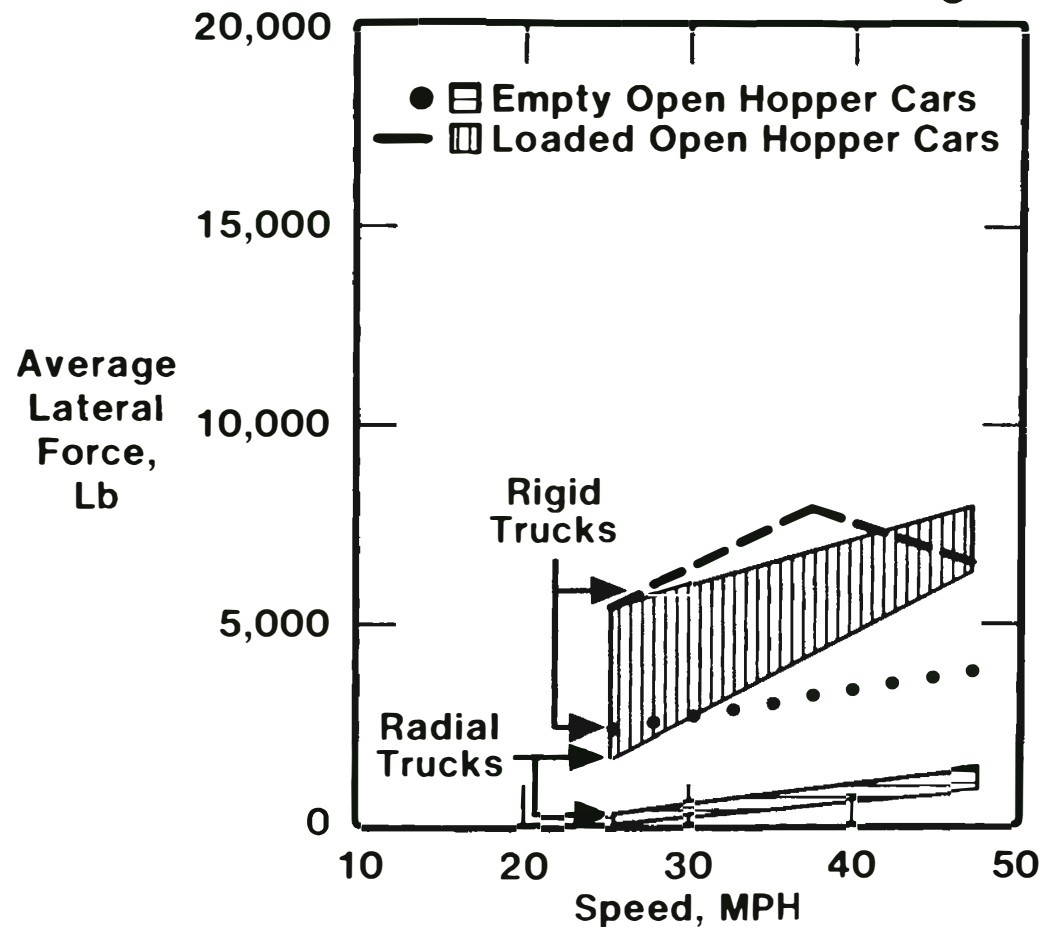


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## Curve Negotiation

### Lateral Force

Track Curvature: 3.7 Degrees



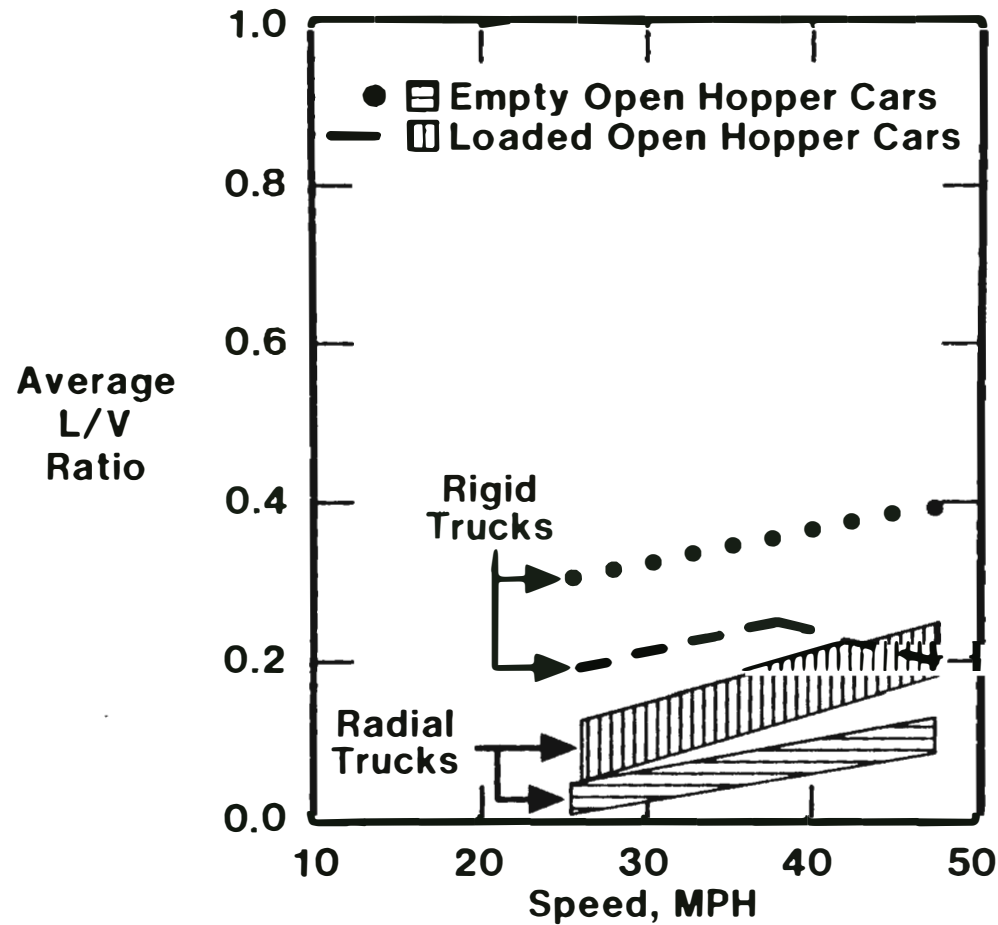
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### L/V Ratio

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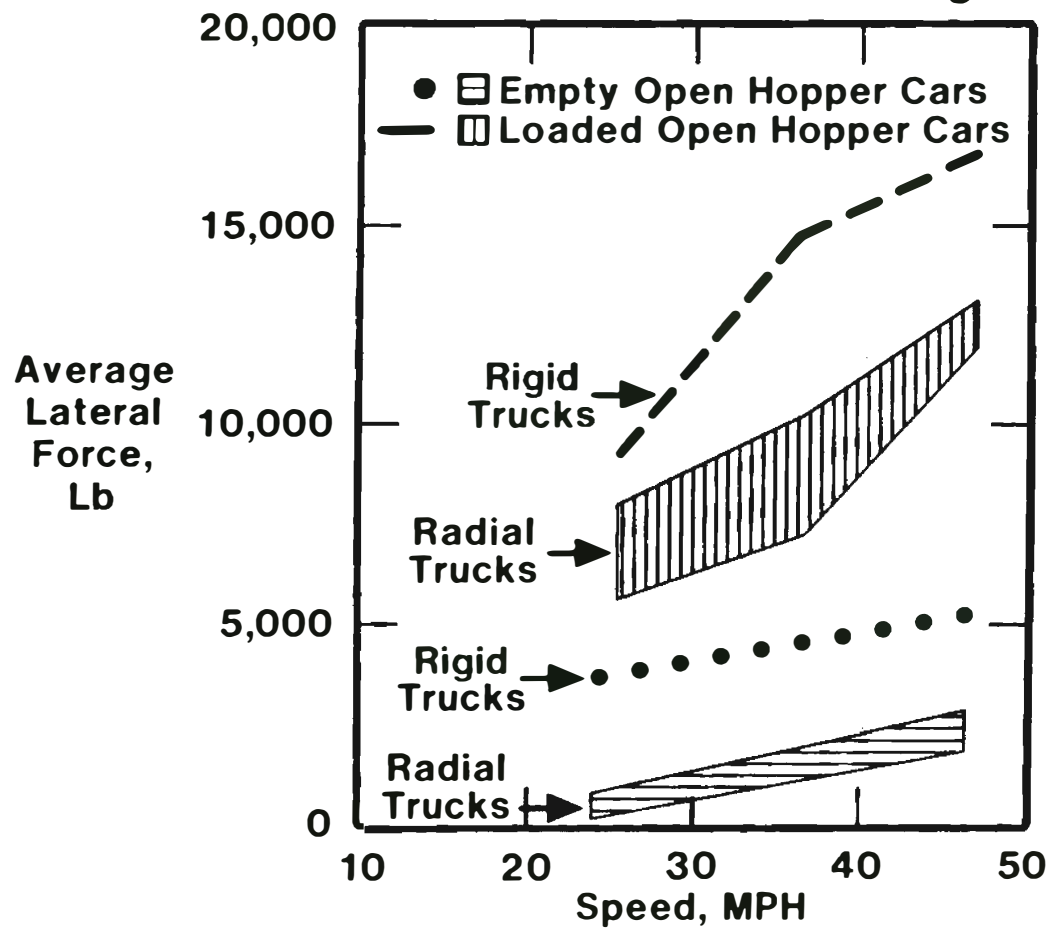
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## Curve Negotiation

### Lateral Force

Track Curvature: 6.2 Degrees



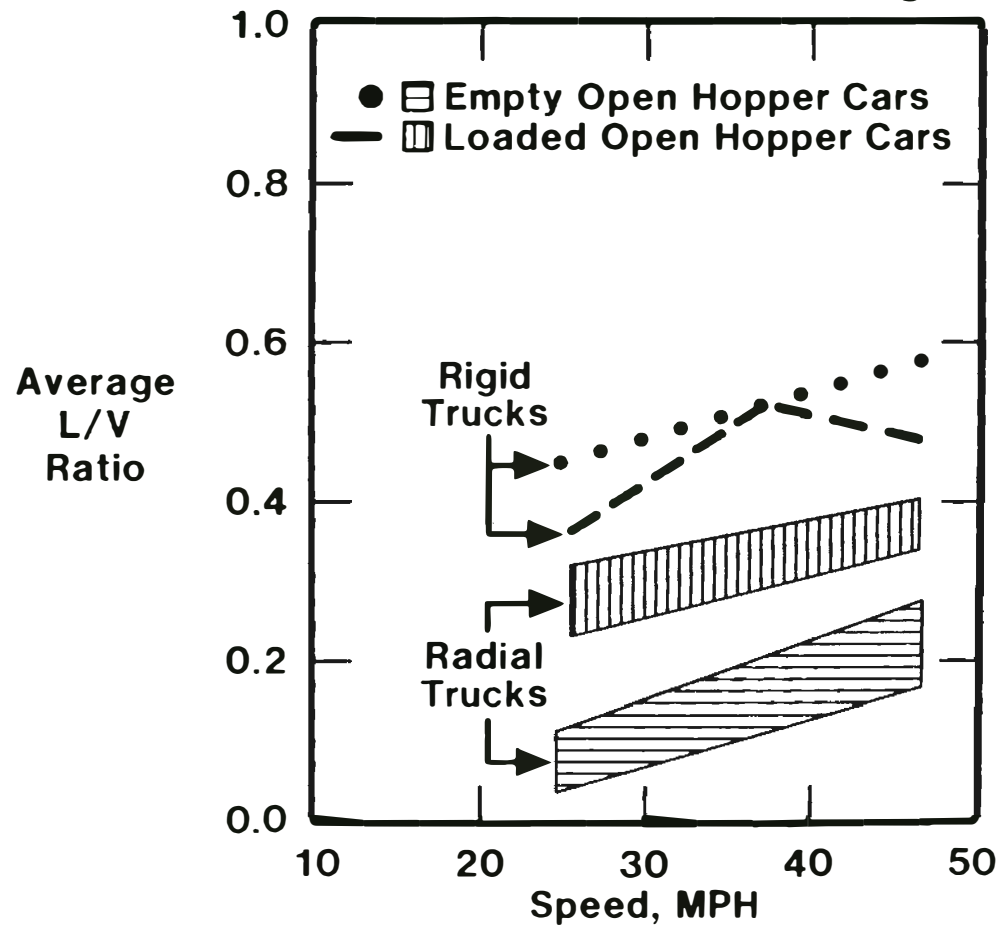
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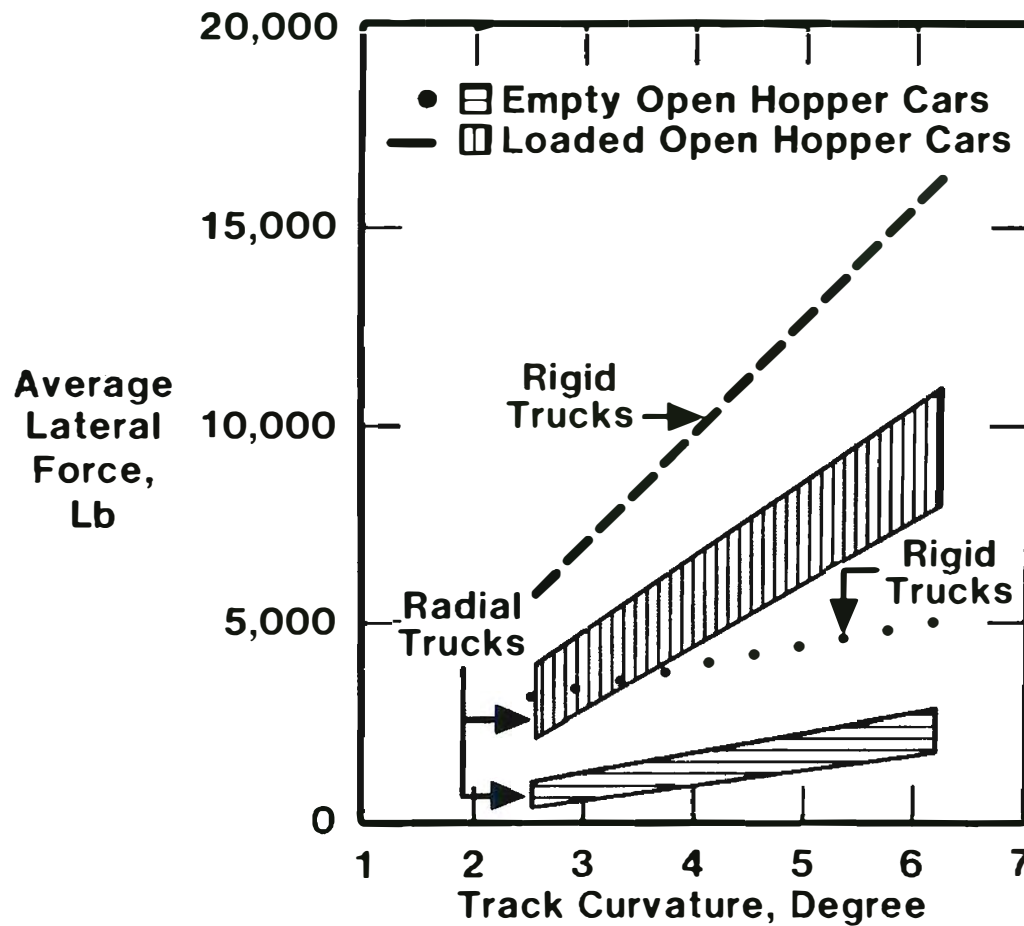
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# PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS Curve Negotiation Lateral Force at Balance Speed



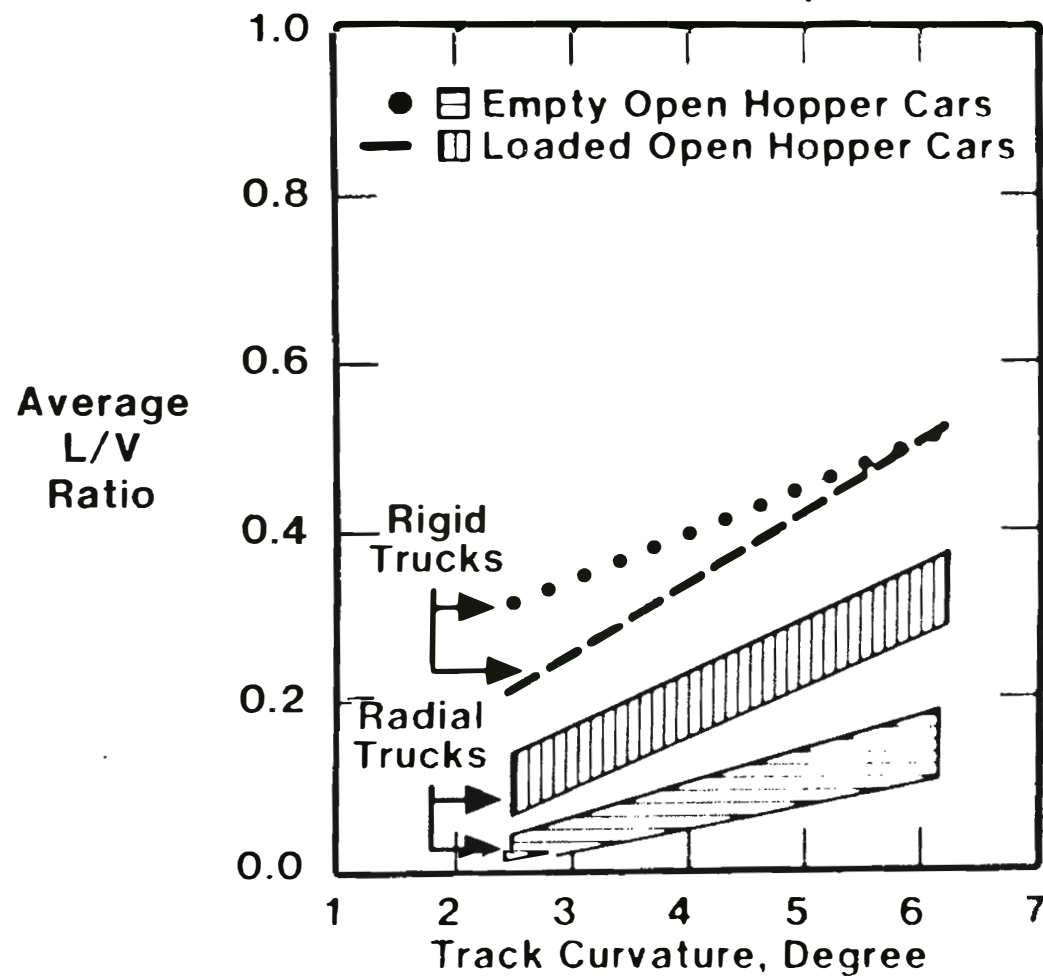
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# PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR TYPE II TRUCKS

## Curve Negotiation

### L/V Ratio

### At Balance Speed



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# ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

# **OBJECTIVES**

**Identify Major Parameters That Govern the Profitability of Type II Trucks**

**Discuss the Trade-Offs Involved in Selecting Between Type I and Type II Trucks**

**Describe the Economic Analysis and its Relationship to Other TDOP Data**



## **MAJOR PARAMETERS**

Added Cost of the Truck

Captive Versus Interchange Service

Annual Car Mileage

Curved/Tangent Ratio

Empty to Loaded Ratio

Number of Trucks Purchased

Lading Sensitivity to Damage

# GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

## Savings From Following Areas:

- Roadway Maintenance
- Fuel Consumption
- Car Maintenance
- Lading Damage
- Derailment

## Handling Line Receives the Benefit

Captive Service Cars

Rules Out Car Lines and Private Owners

Many Candidate Cars Owned  
by Car Lines/Private Owners

# GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Type I Trucks Cost 65¢/Pound

Type II Trucks Cost \$1 /Pound of Non-Standard Parts  
+ Any Charges for Truck Development

} Economies  
of Scale

Large Costs are Associated with Maintaining  
an Inventory of Non-Standard Parts

} Cost Due to Loss  
of Standardization

Benefits Greater With High Annual Mileage Cars

# UNIT COAL TRAIN SCENARIO

## Steering Truck Savings in Curving

Reduced Rail Wear

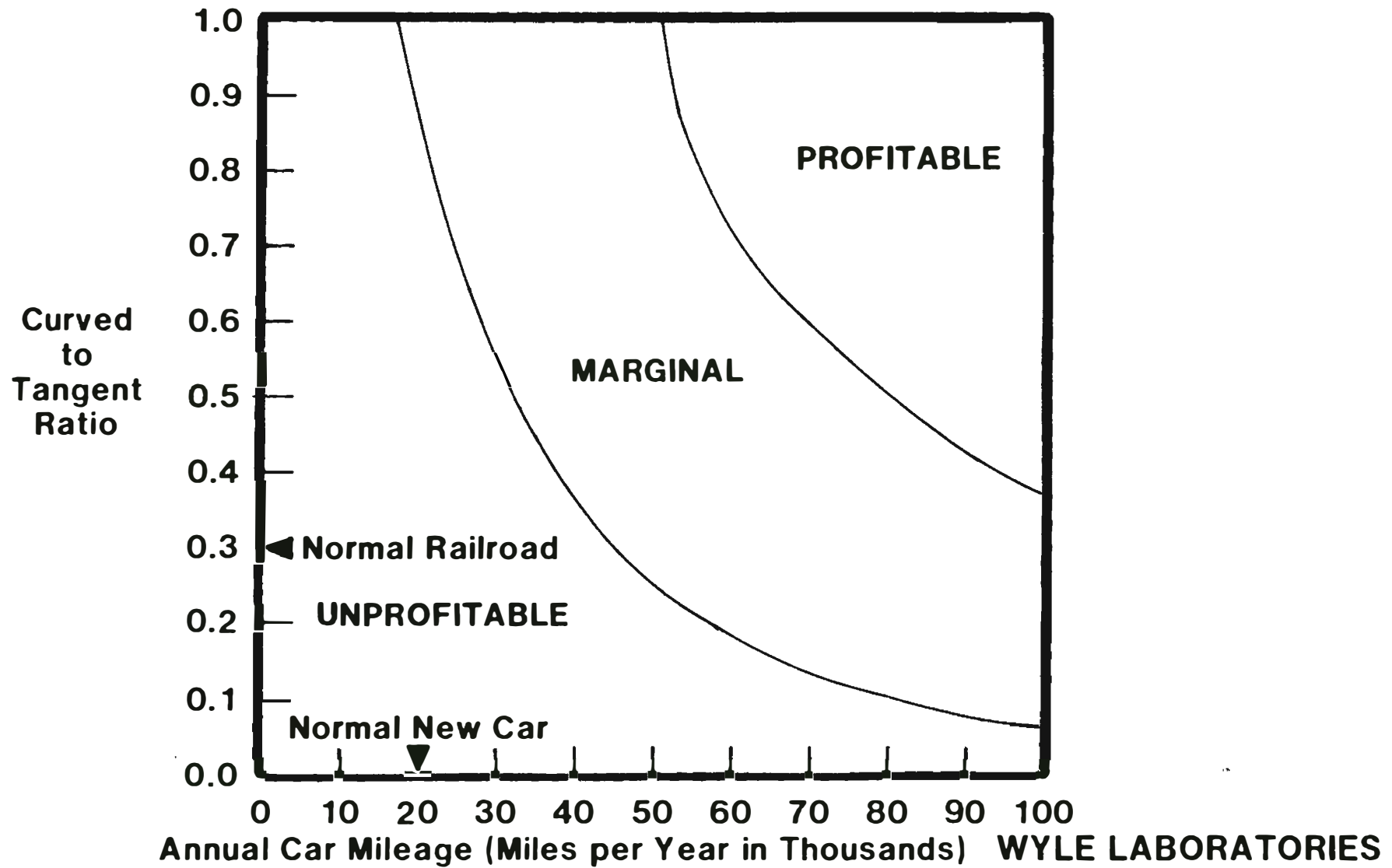
Reduced Fuel Consumption

Increased Wheelset Life

## Curved/Tangent Ratio Important

## Two Unit Trains Running With Steering Trucks

## BOUNDARIES FOR STEERING TRUCK SCENARIO



# **INTERMODAL SCENARIO**

**Primary Suspension Truck Savings From:**

**Reduced Rail Wear (Tangent & Curved )**

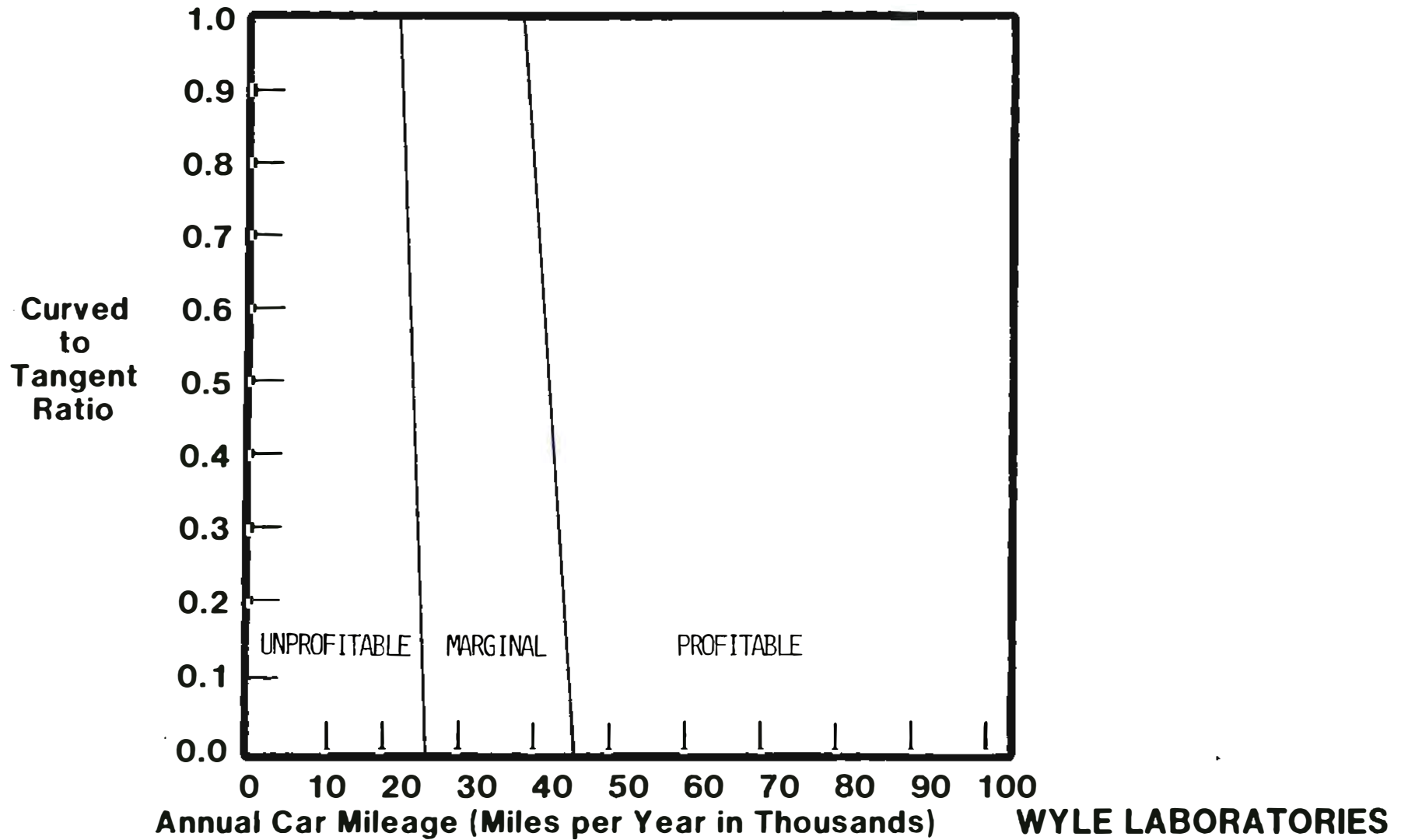
**Lading Damage due to Hunting**

**Boundary with Curved/Tangent Ratio Not Important**

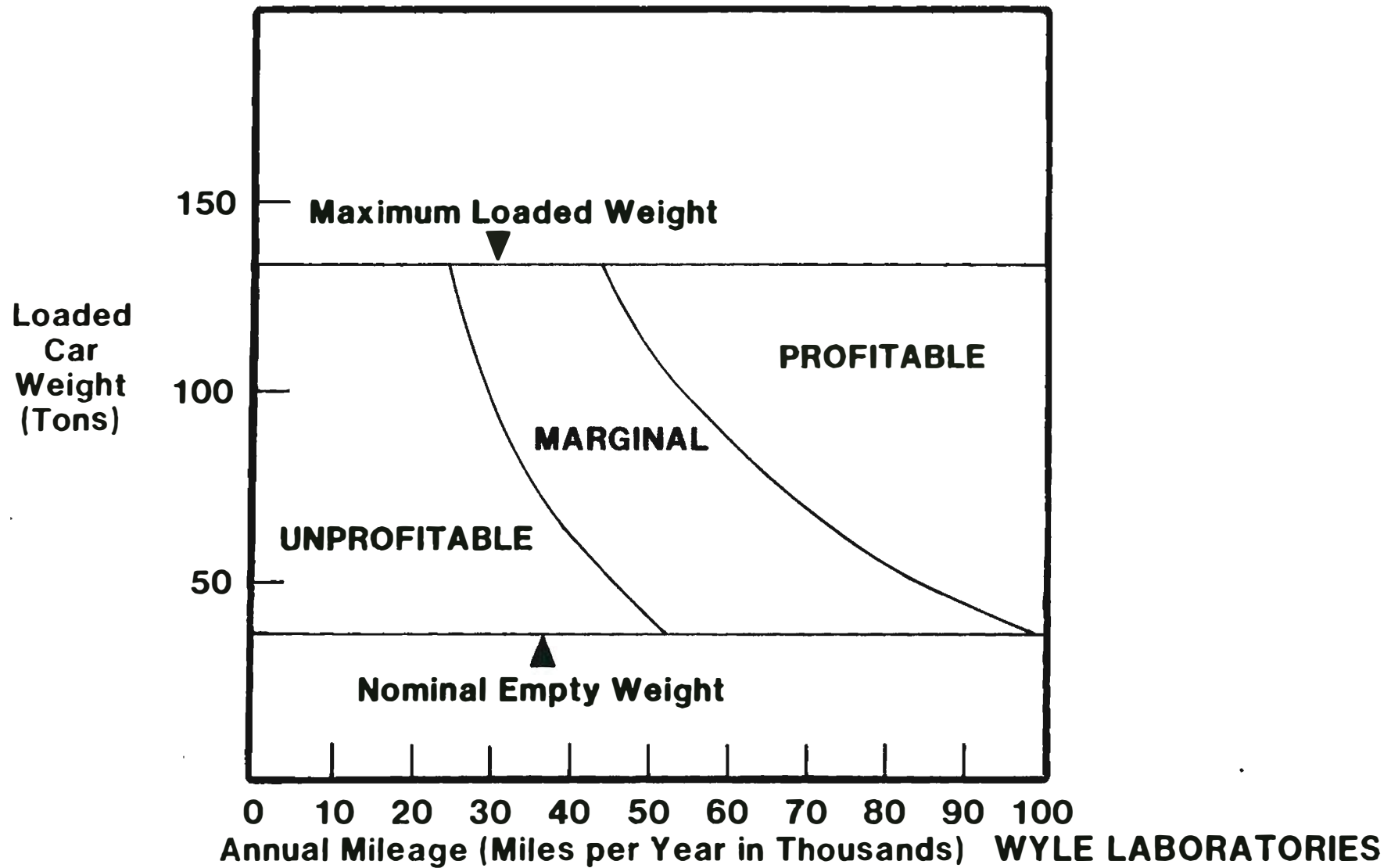
**Boundary with Loaded Car Weight Affects Lading Damage**

**No Unit Trains Match This Scenario**

## BOUNDARIES FOR PRIMARY SUSPENSION TRUCK SCENARIO



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# ILLUSTRATION OF PROCEDURE

## Assumptions

Empty Weight	32 Tons
Loaded Weight	132 Tons
Empty to Loaded Ratio	0.5
Curved to Tangent Ratio	0.667
Annual Mileage	80,000 Miles/Year

## Implicit Assumptions

Captive Service  
Lading Insensitive

## **WORST-CASE BENEFIT/COST ANALYSIS OF A STEERING TRUCK**

### **Incremental Net Cash Investment Calculation**

<b>Incremental Gross Cash Investment</b>	<b>\$3000.00</b>
<b>Less: Investment Tax Credit of 10%</b>	<b><u>300.00</u></b>
<b>Incremental Net Cash Investment</b>	<b>2700.00</b>

### **Annual Incremental Net Cash Benefits Calculation**

<b>Gross Cash Benefits Before Depreciation</b>	<b>566.71</b>
<b>Depreciation (\$3000./22.6 Years) (Noncash Item)</b>	<b><u>132.58</u></b>
<b>Gross Accounting Profit</b>	<b>434.13</b>
<b>Tax at 50%</b>	<b>217.06</b>
<b>Net Accounting Profit</b>	<b>217.06</b>

<b>Gross Cash Benefits Adjusted to Net Cash</b>	
<b>Gross Cash Benefits</b>	<b>566.71</b>
<b>Less Tax at 50%</b>	<b>217.06</b>
<b>Annual Incremental Net Cash Benefits</b>	<b>349.64</b>

### **Net Present Value Calculation**

<b>Present Value of Benefits</b>	
<b>(\$349.64 X 8.80 P.V. of \$1 at 10% for 22.6 Yr)</b>	<b>3075.67</b>
<b>Less: Incremental Net Cash Investment</b>	<b><u>2700.00</u></b>
<b>Net Present Value</b>	<b>\$ <u>375.67</u></b>

## CALCULATION OF BENEFITS

### Car Maintenance Savings

Wheel Life	\$133.71	
Steering Arm	-61.35	
Sideframe	-13.76	
Adapter	-28.35	
Inventory Adjustment	-5.00	
Total	<u>25.25</u>	25.25

### Roadway Maintenance Savings

Vertical Forces	110.30	
Curving Forces	333.90	
Total	<u>444.20</u>	444.20
Fuel Savings		<u>97.26</u>

Gross Cash Benefits before Depreciation	\$566.71
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## ESTIMATE OF WHEEL LIFE

Estimated Increased Wheelset  
Life Versus Type I Truck:

1.8 { Unit Trains  
Wear Program  
Performance  
Testing

Estimated % of Wheels  
That Fail for Wear:

41% ◁ Car Maintenance  
Study

$$.41 \times 1.8 + .59 \times 1 = 1.328 \text{ Longer Life}$$

Estimated Annual Wheelset  
Replacement Cost:

\$541.34 ◁ Car Maintenance  
Study

$$\begin{aligned} \$541.34 / 1.328 &= \$407.64 \text{ New Annual Cost} \\ \$541.34 - \$407.64 &= \$133.70 \text{ Annual Savings} \end{aligned}$$

**WYLE LABORATORIES**

## OTHER CAR MAINTENANCE

New Repair Category – Fixing & Replacing Non-Standard  
Steering Assembly

Example: Brake beam { Unit Trains  
Worst Case

\$61.35/Year ◀ Car Maintenance Study

Changes in Wear Rates – Sideframe &  
Adapter Wearing Faster { Unit Trains  
Wear Program

2 x Sideframe = \$13.76/Year

3 x Adapter = \$28.75/Year

◀ Car Maintenance  
Study

**WYLE LABORATORIES**

# INVENTORY COSTS

Example - 12 Storage Sites

\$3000 Non-Standard Part Each Site

Cost - \$36,000

Lost Return -  $10\% \times \$36,000 = \$3,600/\text{Year}$

100 Cars Involved  
\$36/Year

720 Cars Involved  
\$5/Year

Planning Can Reduce These Costs

## ROADWAY SAVINGS

Vertical Dynamics                      9% Reduced ◀ Performance Test

Annual Savings                      \$110.30 ◀ CIGGT

Curving Forces                      33% Reduced ◀ Performance Test

Annual Savings                      \$333.90 ◀ CIGGT

CIGGT Analyzing TDOP Test Data

## FUEL SAVINGS

TYPE I  $\left| 0.680 W_d + 0.081 W_d^2 + 0.00041 W_d (v^2 - v_b^2) \right|$

TEST TRUCK  $\left| 0.327 W_d + 0.077 W_d^2 + 0.00056 W_d (v^2 - v_b^2) \right|$



## PERFORMANCE TEST

FUEL SAVINGS 0.000807 Gallons/Mile

 FUEL CONSUMPTION  
SIMULATOR

DOLLAR SAVINGS \$97.26/Year



