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FOREWORD

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SUMMARY

A number of new glass compositions have been prepared in the last twelve months with increased emphasis on compositions without beryllia. In direct contrast to our recent research under Contract NASW-2209 that preceded this contract and which concentrated on cordierite-rare earth glass systems and the invert analog systems of glass preparations, the work under this contract has been much more broadly based and has included as well the eutectic glass fields and the mullite-rare earth glass systems. Of these new glasses, the best non-toxic composition is UARL 472 with a bulk modulus of only 18.20 million psi but with a specific modulus of 157 million inches. UARL k99, also a nontoxic composition, has a somewhat higher modulus of 19.50 million psi but with a lower specific modulus of 150 million inches. The best beryllia containing glass originated during this period, however, UARL 422, is still better than either of the non-toxic compositions mentioned and has a bulk modulus of 20.6 million psi with a specific modulus of 171 million inches. It is evident, therefore, that the gap between the best non-toxic glasses and those containing beryllia continues to narrow but has not yet disappeared.

Early in the contractual year, a second experimental glass, UARL 417 , was chosen for research in making large quantities of fiber in monofilament form. The twelve million and more feet of this monofilament have been largely used to form glass fiber-epoxy resin composites. Tests of these UARL 417 epoxy resin samples in comparison to similar composites made with the DuPont experimental organic fiber, PRD-49-1, show that the UARL composites have a compressive strength $\frac{1}{2}$ 1/2 times higher and a specific compressive strength at least 2 1/2 times greater. The UARL 417 glass fiber-epoxy resin composites are also better than similar composites prepared with the DuPont organic fiber, $PRD-49-1$, in flexural strength, short-beam shear strength, tensile strength, impact strength and have superior bending stress-strain and tensile stress-strain curves. The UARL 417 glass has a bulk modulus of 19.4 million psi, a specific modulus of 173 million inches, a fiber modulus of 18.8 million psi, and a density of 3.09 gms/cm^3 . In preparing the UARL 417 it was necessary to develop a sizing applicator for the experimental sizing employed as well as to improve the type of compression strength test commonly made in order to accommodate the very high compressive strengths of this and similar fiber composites.

Much of the research effort during the year attempted to answer the question of why a given glass should have an impact strength superior to other glasses. No definitive answer to this question was found. However, tests carried out using unnotched Charpy impact samples of bulk glass gave an extremely preliminary indication that glasses containing both appreciable amounts of zinc oxide and aluminum oxide tend to have higher impact resistances than other glasses. Glasses to which only aluminum oxide is added do not have any increased impact resistance and the same is true for glasses which have only zinc oxide.

A critical reexamination of the UARL extensions to the C . J. Phillips method (Ref. l) of predicting Young's modulus for a glass from the molar contributions of its constituents showed the need for a recalculation in the UARL computer program used to calculate Young's modulus from laboratory data. The data when corrected and examined as input material for the calculation resulted in new values for the contribution per mol of several of the oxides. The new value found for the zinc oxide molal factor is especially significant because it is slightly greater than the factor for beryllia for the types of glasses UARL prepared experimentally. This discovery provides a new tool of great value in the search for non-toxic, i.e. without beryllia, high modulus glasses and is doubly significant in view of the contribution of zinc oxide to impact strength already noted.

INTRODUCTION

This report is the final report for the UARL-NASA Headquarters contract NASW-2209, Determining and Analyzing the Strength and Impact Resistance of High Modulus Glass. This contract is the successor to the prior UARL contracts NASW-1301, Investigation of the Kinetics of Crystallization of Molten Binary and Ternary Oxide Systems and NASW-2013, Investigation of the Kinetics of Crystallization of Several High Temperature Glass Systems. The time period covered by the present report is February 1, 1971 through January 31, 1972.

For the earlier NASA contracts, UARL studied the rate of crystallization of several unusual molten oxide systems not normally used for glass production. The two most directly applicable of these systems were the cordierite-rare earth oxide and the invert analog-rare earth oxide fields with both of these systems including at times beryllia additions. In each of these systems a number of high modulus, high strength glass compositions were found and some of these compositions could be fiberized by the usual technique of pulling the fiber through a platinum-rhodium bushing. The fibers thus produced were used to form glass fiber-epoxy resin composites and these were characterized as fully as possible. The strength and impact characteristics of these high modulus glasses in bulk form were not investigated, however.

The present contract did not exclude the continuation of these types of research but did emphasize a more systematic investigation of the properties of those high modulus glasses previously developed and added the preparation of glasses from the mullite-rare earth oxide glass systems and eutectic glass fibers as well. Attempts were made to correlate the bulk glass properties with composition and microstructure, to find out why a given glass is superior to other glasses in impact resistance or in tensile strength, and to develop glasses with superior impact resistance or tensile properties. This type of research investigation should, in a small way, fulfill the need for more information about glass in massive form that the National Materials Advisory Board of the National Research Council has indicated (Refs. 2,3) to be a prerequisite for the successful use of glass as an engineering material.

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NEW GLASS COMPOSITIONS

The new glass compositions prepared in the year contractual period together with some of the more recent compositions prepared under the prior contract, WASW-2013, but not fully characterized at that time are shown in Table I (compositions in weight $\frac{y}{x}$) and Table II (compositions in mol $\frac{y}{x}$). Many of the glass systems studied can be readily recognized by examining Table II. For example, compositions UARL 416 through UARL 423 are slightly altered or variant compositions of UARL 344 to see what improvement in properties of this glass can readily be obtained. As is shown in Table III in a later section all of these glasses have a higher specific modulus and UARL $421, 422, 423$ have a higher absolute modulus as well. The glass of this series with the best working characteristics is UARL 417 and for this reason this glass was selected when large quantities of a second experimental glass were to be produced. All the glasses of this series are based on the cordierite-rare earth oxide-beryllia glass field.

Other groups of glasses that can be readily recognized in Table II are glasses 460 through 472 which are additional extensions of the UARL invert analog series of glasses and glasses 442 through 446 which are also UARL invert analog glasses but with the addition of beryllia. Glasses 473 , 474 , and 475 are base glasses from which McMillan (Ref. 4) was able to prepare glass-ceramics of high moduli. These glasses were studied to see if the action of pulling fibers would furnish a sufficient heat treatment to develop crystals in such phosphate catalyzed glass-ceramics. Unfortunately at the maximum furnace temperature, 1700°C, which was felt to be safe for the aged heating elements in our platform furnace, these glasses were much too stiff to allow either fiber formation or the aspiration of rods for modulus evaluation. At this temperature, these glasses had the consistency of an extremely heavy grease. We were unable, therefore, to use these glasses to answer our question concerning the contribution made by a relatively small number of crystals to the resultant modulus and strength of a glass fiber.

Composition UARL 476 is derived from Bastian, U. S. Patent $2.978,341$ by taking maximum amounts of the more important ingredients mentioned and is intended to supply a comparison of one of the most readily fiberizable high beryllia content glasses previously developed with the current UARL experimental glasses. While this glass does not yield as high a value for Young's modulus as do our glasses, its specific modulus is truly outstanding because of the very low value of density claimed. UARL 425 and 425B are the same as the most high modulus glass developed by the National Bureau of Standards in an earlier investigation (Ref. 5) and contain approximately three parts of beryllia and three parts of magnesia for every five parts of silica and 1 part of alumina. It is a very high temperature extremely fluid glass and our study like that of the Bureau of Standards shows it to be very hard to fiberize.

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The glass series UARL 455 through 470 are invert analogs with an extensive replacement of part of the silica by boric oxide to lover the density of such glasses and to increase their specific moduli. None of these glasses showed a sufficient decrease in density to offset the loss in absolute value of Young's modulus when boric oxide is substituted for silica. Finally, Young's modulus was calculated in advance of preparation using the Phillips method (Ref. 1) for glasses UARL 495 , 499 , 500 , and 503 . Agreement of predicted value with experimental value was excellent for two of these glasses (UARL 495 and 500) but only fair for UARL 499 and 503 which are multi-oxide systems with nine and eight components, respectively.

REVISED PROGRAM FOR CALCULATION OF YOUNG'S MODULUS OF BULK GLASS SAMPLES

In our summary report (Ref. 6) a computer program was written for the determination of the elastic modulus of a material in the form of a cylinder using the formulae developed by Pickett (Ref. 7).

The determination of the elastic modulus simply requires the evaluation of the following expression:

 $E = (C)$ (weight) (resonant frequency)².

The constant C is evaluated according to the expression

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C = 0.0041632 (L/D)^{3} T
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with the parameter T evaluated for the diameter and length of the specimen according to

(A)
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T = 1.0 + 81.79(D/2L)^2 - (1314(D/2L)^4)/(1 + 81.09(D/2L)^2)
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- 125(D/2L)⁴.

For this calculation, Poisson's ratio has been taken as 1/6, and the factors T and C are those which yield an approximate solution to the differential equations for transverse vibrations as determined by Goens.

In addition to the straightforward calculation, a feature of the program used is a subroutine which can be used to sort the output data in terms of any desired parameter, such as sample diameter. With this feature, checks for systematic variations in calculated modulus values with a chosen parameter can easily be made. The program itself is written in FORTRAN IV for use with a time-shared computing system. The Research Laboratories provides this capability by either an in-house PDP-6 (Digital Equipment Corp.) computer, or by subscription to the General Electric time-shared computing system.

Unfortunately, when this program was stored in the computer, the first exponent in Eq. (A) was changed from 2 to 3. This fact gave us a series of wrong moduli values reported in our last two reports (Refs. 8.9). The program in the computer has now been corrected as shown below and the corrected results for Young's moduli of recent experimental glasses are given in the next section.

Corrected Computer Program

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  M = NPØINTS1 M = M/2IF ( M .EQ. 0 ) RETURN
    K = NPØINTS - MJ = 12I = J3IM = I + M<br>IF[A(I)-A(IM)]5,5,4
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RECENT DETERMINATIONS OF YOUNG'S MODULUS OF BULK GLASS SAMPLES

Using the corrected program, new values for Young's modulus were determined for all glasses previously calculated with the erroneous program and these values are listed in Table III. The magnitude of the change may be seen from the fact that the old value for UARL 468 glass was $15 \cdot \bar{48}$ x 10⁶ psi while the corrected value is 17.01×10^6 psi. Since the erroneous equation has been erased from the computer's memory bank, no further trouble is anticipated in the programmed calculation of Young's from the raw laboratory data.

It will be noted that glasses UARL 415, 419, 421, 422, 423, 426, 435, 439, 442, 443, and 446 have values for Young's modulus of twenty million psi or slightly higher. These glasses without exception contain beryllia so it is obvious that the search for a fiberizable high modulus high strength nonberyllia containing glass is not finished. The best non-beryllia glass discovered to date that can be readily fiberized is UARL 237 with a value for Young's modulus of 18.3 million psi and a specific modulus of 152 million inches, while the next best is UARL 449 with the corresponding values of 18.08 million psi and 148 million inches. High moduli non-beryllia glasses such as UARL 383 with a value for Young's modulus of 22.75 million psi and a specific modulus of 200 million inches and UARL 329 with values of 20.7 million psi and 189 million inches respectively have been made but not successfully fiberized.

Table III

Corrected Values for Young's Modulus Measured on Circular Rods Formed Directly from Melt

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19.61 19.35 loung's Modulus Density $\rm \Delta s/\rm \Delta n^3$ 0.1196 0,1350 0.1457 0.1340 0.1477 0.1402 0.1186 0.1204 0.1198 0,1220 0.1292 0.1590 0.1312 0.1393 0.1239 0.1193 0.1311 0.1121 0.1121 Density $\frac{\text{gms}}{\text{gms}}$ / cm^3 3.3728
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RECENT GUIDE LINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NON-TOXIC GLASS FIBERS

The directions in which UARL is moving toward the goal of a high modulus high strength non-toxic glass fiber can be seen by examination of Table IV. Because of the newness of our recent discovery (discussed in the next section) that zinc oxide can make a major contribution to Young's modulus, this table fails to reflect adequately the extent of our progress. The table likewise does not show that we have found recently that zirconia additions cause a marked alteration in the viscosity-temperature curves of highly fluid glasses. Finally, the fiberization characteristics of some of the glasses contained in Table IV are still under investigation. With all these reservations in mind, it would appear, however, that compositions similar to UARL 237, 402 , and 449 are most likely to provide the final answers.

NEW FACTORS AND CALCULATIONS FOR THE PREDICTION OF YOUNG'S MODULUS

The corrected values for Young's modulus from Table III together with the earlier values for UARL glasses 1 through 424 which required no correction since they were calculated by hand and not by computer were used to form the input data for an extension of the C. J. Phillips (Ref. l) method of predicting Young's modulus from the composition. This method is based on the procedure of expressing each oxide in mol percent and multiplying it by a modulus factor peculiar to that oxide. Originally, Phillips derived coefficients only for certain oxides likely to be present in the usual glasses; namely SiO_2 , Na_oO , K₂0, Li₂0, B₂0₃, Al₂0₃, CaO, MgO, PbO, BaO, ZnO and BeO. This series of ² <code>calculations</code> extends the list of coefficients available to include those for Y_2 0₃, $Zr0_2$, La₂0₃, Ta₂0₅, Ti0₂, CoO, Ce₂0₃ and makes a small correction in the value for Mgd as well as a very large correction for ZnO. Of course, the glasses prepared at UARL have been primarily either cordierite base-rare earth oxide glasses or invert analogs with major rare-earth additions so that the calculations are not necessarily universally applicable to the more common commercial glasses but would be expected to hold for all glasses used to produce glass fibers since these normally contain very little alkali.

As stated above, the numerical value for the predicted Young's modulus of a given glass is the sum of the terms

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 P₁ + C₂ P₂ + ... + C_n P_n

where C₁, C₂, ... C_n are molal coefficients and P₁, P₂, ... P_n are the molar percentages of the corresponding oxides. The agreement obtained as well as the details of the calculations are shown for 58 of the UARL experimental glasses. The calculations start with simple ternary oxide systems such as silicaalumina-magnesia and build through quarternary systems to systems involving nine or ten oxides. The results of the new determinations of all the molal

Table IV

coefficients are given in Table V. It will be noted that beryllia makes a contribution of nineteen kilobars/mol to Young's modulus and that ceria, lanthana, zinc oxide, zirconia, and yttria all make a contribution at least as large. The result for zinc oxide for the UARL glasses is especially surprising since the original work of Phillips showed a contribution of only 1.75 kilobars/mol rising with R₂0 increase while this work shows a value of 20.0 kilobars/mol. Phillips (Ref. l) original calculations for zinc were based primarily on barium silicate glasses while the present investigation is concerned largely with silica-magnesia-alumina-yttria-zinc oxide systems and it may be possible that in such systems tightens the divalent oxygen ions in exactly the same manner as beryllia (Ref. 10). The contribution of 20 kilobars/ mol of zinc oxide therefore appears much more likely than the value of 1.75 kilobars/mol. The details of these calculations are shown in Appendix I.

RECENT EXPERIMENTAL GLASS FIBERS

The results for those glass fibers produced recently by drawing through a single-hole platinum-rhodium bushing are listed in Table VI. The measured values for Young's modulus shown in this table are determined by thin-line ultrasonic techniques as described in our earlier report (Ref. 6). Glasses 402, 403, 448, 449, and 464 are non-beryllia containing glasses while the other glasses contain major amounts of beryllia. Several of the glasses, i.e. UARL 417, 418, and 464 , have densities approximately equal to 3.09 gms/cm³ and the other glasses have higher densities. UARL 417 fiber not only has one of the highest absolute values for Young's modulus, 17.5 million psi measured on the fiber, but also the highest fiber specific modulus, 157 million inches. It was normal, therefore, to select UARL 417 as the second glass from which large quantities of fiber in monofilament form would be produced and used to form fiber glass-epoxy resin composites for evaluation. The first experimental glass produced in quantity was, of course, UARL 344 and the results for composites of this glass were described in detail in an earlier report (Ref. 6).

SELECTED GLASS FIBERS PREPARED IN LARGE QUANTITY AS MONOFILAMENTS

Of the more than 500 glass compositions investigated, about one hundred could be drawn into glass fibers using the UARL single hole platinum-rhodium bushing or its predecessor the platinum crucible with reinforced bottom and hole drilled in the bottom. One of the more outstanding high modulus beryllia containing glasses developed at UARL under the earlier contracts is the glass composition UARL 344. Intensive investigation of this composition showed that it could be readily fiberized, and fibers continuously drawn at high rates of speed and restarted at will. Over a quarter billion feet of this fiber has been drawn through an orifice of 0.038 in. diameter (platinum-20% rhodium bushing) at orifice \overline{a}

Table V

Summary of All Experimentally Determined Molar Modulus Coefficients

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Table VI

Young's Modulus for Mechanically Drawn Fibers of UARL Glasses

(All measurements by thin-line ultrasonics)

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temperatures of 1260°C to 1310°C with heads of molten glass from 3/8 to 1 1/2 in., and at winding speeds of 4000 to 8000 ft/min (the top speed of our winder). The glass fibers processed under these conditions show excellent properties. Diameters vary from 0.2 to 0.4 mils with a Young's modulus of 18.6 million psi, a specific modulus of 157 million inches, and strengths which, in 22 consecutive measurements, overaged 772,000 psi and ranged from 600,000 to 1,000,000 psi with a few extreme values discarded.

In this contract, a second experimental glass, UARL 417, has now been prepared in quantity as a monofilament (about forty million feet). In contrast to the UARL 344 which has a fiber density of 3.29 gms/cm³, the UARL 417 fiber has a bulk density of 3.09 gms/cm³ with a probable fiber density of about 3.00 gms/cm³ and a Young's modulus of 17.5 million psi.

The large quantities of monofilament of UARL 344 and 417 have been used as reinforcements to form fiber glass-epoxy resin composites and have given exceptional properties to these composites as we show in a later section. In order to evaluate the composite samples it was necessary to develop an improved compressive strength test and we shall examine this procedure first before considering the results for the composites.

IMPROVED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH MEASUREMENTS

Initially, UARL tried to evaluate the compressive strength of UARL glass fiber-epoxy resin composites by using the currently accepted ASTM procedure (Ref. 11) for short cylinders whose length was equal to three times the diameter and loading these cylinders with spherically-seated bearing blocks in the usual Tinius-Olsen Universal Testing Machine. This approach resulted in too low a value for compressive strength as shown in Table II, and resulted in the mushroomed samples pictured in Fig. 1.

Fortunately, the Celanese Corporation had already fully faced the problem of testing filament reinforced composites (Ref. 12). To at least partially eliminate the problem they designed a compression jig which allows the compressive forces to be induced by shear stresses on bonded tabs in a collettype grip, which does not come in contact with the test specimen. The special design used is shown in Fig. 2 and the Celanese Corporation design compression jig is shown in Fig. 3. Using this equipment, we were able to completely eliminate any mushrooming effect and instead obtained gage-length failures which appear reasonable. As shown in Table VII, the average compressive strength found for the UARL 417 glass fiber-epoxy resin composite with the improved procedure is 220,000 psi. In our opinion, this still represents a lower limit for this type of test and further testing may raise this value appreciably as we learn more about the preparation of composites.

MUSHROOMING OF FIBER GLASS-EPOXY COMPOSITE IN NORMAL UARL COMPRESSION TESTING

TEST SAMPLE FOR SPECIAL CELANESE CORPORATION COMPRESSION JIG

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Table VII

Compressive Strengths of Fiber-Epoxy Resin Composites

PROPERTIES OF GLASS FIBER-EPOXY RESIN COMPOSITES MADE WITH UARL GLASS FIBERS

To produce the UARL experimental glass fibers in form suitable for reinforcement of epoxy resins, it was necessary to learn to apply the surface finish and size as the fiber is pulled. After several false starts the sizing applicator shown in Fig. 4 was developed. It worked satisfactorily but the sizing solvent proved to have too low a flash point and the initial startup of the glass fiber inevitably caused a flash fire. However, about three million feet of UARL 344 glass fiber was successfully coated after the fire was extinguished. To improve the flash point of the size solvent solution, higher molecular weight solvents were tried but using the method of mixing we had at that time, these solvents caused precipitation of the size. Since then this problem has been solved.

The properties of the UARL experimental glass fibers in epoxy-resin matrices are very promising. UARL scientists calculated for a 10% volume content of glass fiber, a glass-fiber epoxy resin composite matrix with $+45^{\circ}$ alignment would have resultant values of:

and these properties are fully realized making such matrices useful for spar and shell blades, torque tubes, and rotary machinery in general.

The properties of the UARL experimental glass fibers are more comprehensively examined in Table VIII where the properties of four epoxy resin-fiber composites are shown. The "S" glass, UARL 344, and UARL 417 glass fiber-epoxy resin composites were all made in this laboratory using identical procedures but the data for the DuPont PRD-49-1 fiber composite was taken from the DuPont brochures. The data of Table VIII show that the glass fiber-epoxy resin composites are superior in flexural strength (both absolute and specific), short-beam shear strength (both absolute and specific), compressive strength (both absolute and specific), impact strength, and in absolute tensile strength in comparison to the DuPont PRD-49-1 epoxy resin composite. This absolute strength of the UARL fiber epoxy resin composite indicates a very high strength retention for the UARL 417 fiber without sizing and after the considerable amount of handling necessary to form a glass fiber-epoxy resin composite.

The tensile stress-strain curves for the UARL 417 epoxy resin composite and the DuPont PRD-49-1 composite are shown in Fig. 5 and similar bending stress-strain curves for the composites are shown in Fig. 6. In both cases the comparison favors the UARL 417 glass fiber.

Table VIII

Comparison of Several Fiber-Resin Composites

S glass has a density of 2.49 gms/cm 3 and a Young's Modulus of 12.4 x 10 $^{\circ}$ psi. UARL 344 glass fiber has a density of 3.29 gms/cm³ and a Young's Modulus of 18.6 x 10[%] psi. UARL 417 glass fiber has a density of 3.09 gms/cm 3 and a Young's Modulus of 17.5 x 10 $^{\mathrm{6}}$ psi. DuPont PRD-49-I organic fiber has a density of 1.38 gms/cm³ and a Young's Modulus of 20×10^6 psi.

*Estimate based on fiber % and known modulus of glass. **Results obtained after an initial series of learning experiments had been carried out in making and testing UARL 344 glass fiber-epoxy resin composites.

COMPOSITE TENSILE STRESS/STRAIN CURVES

COMPOSITE BENDING STRESS/STRAIN CURVES IN DIRECTION OF FIBER ALIGNMENT λ

COMPARATIVE IMPACT RESISTANCE OF SEVERAL UARL BULK GLASSES

As indicated in the introduction to this report, one of the more important objectives of this contract was to attempt to discover why a given glass has a superior impact resistance compared to other glasses. Eleven high modulus glasses were selected for the initial study and the results obtained with fullsize notched Charpy specimens prepared by cutting from fully annealed glass discs are shown in Table IX together with a similar test for the usual commercial fiber glass "E" composition. For the "E" glass and UARL glasses 237, 304, 350, 383 , 419 , 425 , and 447 four specimens were tested while for UARL glasses 323, 336 , 344 , and $454A$ two specimens were used to obtain the average values shown in Table IX.

It can be seen immediately that the notched full-size Charpy impact specimen does not give a clean-cut separation of these glasses on the basis of their impact strengths. All that can actually be said on the basis of this test data is that UARL 323 has the lowest impact strength, next "E" glass, UARL 350 and 425 (N.B.S. 389), then at a slightly higher level UARL glasses 237, 304, 344 , 383 , 419 , 447 , and $455A$ and finally UARL 336 with the highest impact strength. The separation on the basis of their impact strength for this type of test is much less than that found in preliminary experiments in which an unnotched Izod specimen was used (Ref. 13). It seemed, therefore, that the formation of the notch in the specimen damages it and that we were not measuring quantities directly dependent on the impact strength of the material because of the notch sensitivity of the material. It was decided, therefore, to carry out the subsequent tests discussed next using unnotched Charpy test specimens.

The appearance of a typical full-size Charpy impact specimen after failure is shown in Fig. 7 as observed by scanning electron microscopy. The propagation of the Charpy impact across the specimen can be clearly seen.

Table X shows the results of the impact tests after we shifted to hybrid sized unnotched Charpy specimens prepared directly from aspirated circular rods of bulk glass, 0.310 in. in diameter and standard full length. It was felt that samples prepared in this way have experienced the possible amount of surface damage. Each value tabulated is the average value of eight determinations. This method of determining impact resistance was found to give extremely consistent results. However, the absolute values tabulated were not well established because the capacity of the particular impact machine at hand was so large that all readings represent extrapolated values from a difference of less than one degree in swing.

As Table X shows, the impact resistance of the experimental glasses varies with composition, UARL 304 having the highest impact resistance and UARL 459 the lowest impact resistance. of those glasses investigated. UARL 304 contains both aluminum oxide and zinc oxide and this combination apparently contributes to its increased impact resistance since UARL 447 , which contains zinc oxide but not alumina, is low in impact resistance as is UARL 419 which contains

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Table IX

Impact Resistance of Bulk Glass As Determined by Full-Size Notched Charpy Test Samples

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TYPICAL NOTCHED FULL-SIZE CHARPY TEST SPECIMEN AFTER FAILURE

Table X

alumina but not zinc oxide. Obviously, these are very preliminary clues as to the factors important in impact resistance and the dependence of impact resistance on composition needs to be much more carefully investigated.

The mechanism by which the impact resistance of UARL 304 is enhanced compared to UARL 459 is shown in Figs. 8 and 9 where optical macrographs showing typical fracture systems in these two glasses are compared. The much larger initiation zone, mist zone, and hackle zone for glass UARL 304 (Fig. 8) shows that it absorbed more energy before fracturing than did UARL 459 (Fig. 9). While these figures are from only one specimen of each glass, other specimens of the subject glasses showed exactly the same behavior, and it is felt that this behavior can be regarded as typical. With a different type of impact test it is felt that the ratio of the comparative impact resistance of these two glasses will be found to be much larger than the factor of two currently shown in Table X.

The third continuance of the study of the impact resistance of bulk glasses produced the results shown in Table XI. In this third study, eight specimens of each glass were prepared by aspirating the molten glass into a fused silica tube by means of a hypodermic syringe. The round glass rods were then cut to standard length for Charpy specimens and regarded as unnotched Charpy specimens. They were tested on a special tester belonging to P&WA, which is a Wiedeman-Baldwin Tester, an impact tester of Bell Laboratory design using a one foot pound hammer, a thirteen inch pendulum, and a two foot drop. As all who have used this type of test know, the results are somewhat variable so that the average test data listed in Table XI is designated as the "best logical average". A more precise idea of what we mean by this term can be obtained by examining the data of Table XII which shows just how much variation can occur in two typical sets of test data. For UARL 323 glass the best logical average is obtained by striking out the two extreme values found, while for UARL 417 glass the true average is employed although the data varies from 0.8159 to 1.057 ft-lbs/in.².

CONCLUSIONS

1. Glass fibers formed from the UARL experimental glasses 344 and 417 added to epoxy resins as reinforcements form composites superior in flexural strength, short-beam shear strength, compressive strength and absolute tensile strength compared to similar composites made with DuPont experimental organic fiber PRD-49-1. The curves describing the tensile stress-strain and bending stress-strain for the UARL 417 glass fiber-epoxy resin composites are superior to those for the DuPont fiber PRD-49-1 in similar composites. Finally, the impact strengths of the glass fiber-epoxy resin composites are much higher than the impact strength of the organic fiber-epoxy resin composite.

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Table XI

Tests were carried out using a one foot pound hammer on the Wiedemann-Baldwin tester, an impact tester of the Bell Laboratory design with a thirteen inch pendulum and a two foot drop. The specimens are all round rod asperated samples and are used as unnotched Charpy specimens

Table XII

2. The data of this report indicate that it may be possible to prepare non-toxic (no beryllia) glasses equal in properties to the beryllia containing UARL 344 and 417 by the substitution of zinc oxide for the beryllia since zinc oxide mades a contribution of 20 kilobars/mol to Young's modulus compared to 19 kilobars/mol of beryllia.

3. The introduction of zinc oxide into a glass normally increases the fluidity of such glasses so that the addition of materials such as zirconia will probably be necessary to achieve glasses with satisfactory viscositytemperature curves for the production of continuous fibers.

4. Bulk samples of selected experimental UARL glasses vary in impact strength by approximately a factor of two in the latest impact test procedures. Preliminary indications are that composition affects the impact strength and that both aluminum oxide and zinc oxide are necessary for increased impact strength. However, much more work remains to be done on the test procedures and other glasses need to be examined before any definite conclusions can be reached in this area.

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APPENDIX I

Latest Modulus Calculations Based on Method of C. J. Phillips (Ref. l)

1. Using UARL glass #69 to determine MgO contribution

Actual exp. value for UARL 69 = 14.16 x 10⁶ psi = 977 kilobars

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 x = $\frac{977-595}{28}$ = 13.64 kilobars/mol for Mg0

2. Checking experimental data for glasses 1, 4 , 14 using this value for MgO

Actual average exp. value for glasses 1, 4 , $14 = 14.96$ x 10^6 psi measured on ground rods cut from a fully annealed specimen. To reconcile the differences between the "as cast" (aspirated rods) usually used and the fully annealed rods used here, we find experimentally that we must subtract 0.3×10^6 psi.

.'. corrected exp. value for UARL glasses 1, 4 , 14 = 14.66×10^6 psi = 1008 kilobars exp.

3. Checking experimental data for UARL glass #68 using this value for MgO

Using the values for the aspirated rods and those as well for the ground samples with the 0.3×10^6 million psi subtraction correction the average experimental value = 14.61×10^6 psi = 1008 kilobars exp.

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 $4.$ Using the experimental data for UARL glass 114 to derive an yttria factor

But experimentally UARL 114 has a value = 16.69×10^6 psi = 1151 kilobars exp.

> \therefore Y₂O₃ factor = 1151-865 = 286 = 10 10 28.6 kilobars /mol

5. Using the experimental data for UARL glass 321 to check the yttria factor just found

Actual exp. glass for UARL glass 321A = 18.68 x 10^6 psi = 1288 kilobars exp

6. Checking the yttria factor derived by use of data for glass 129

But experimentally UARL glass $129 = 16.57 \times 10^6$ psi - 1143 kilobars exp.

7. Checking the yttria factor derived against experimental data for UARL 127

But actual exp. value for UARL 127 = 16.13 x 10⁶ psi = 1112 kilobars exp.

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8. Checking yttria factor derived against experimental data for UARL glass #70

But experimentally #235 has an experimental value = 17.38×10^6 psi = 1200 kilobars exp.

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12. Checking yttria factor by use of data for glass 237A

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16. Checking lanthana factor by use of data for UARL #136

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20. Checking the lanthana factor by use of experimental data for UARL #319

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23. Using the data for UARL experimental glass #72 to check ceria factor found

But experimentally UARL glass 72 has a value of 15.15×10^6 psi on fully annealed ground rods and arriving at corrected factor necessary for comparison with aspirated rods = 14.85×10^6 . We have also measured aspirated rods of #72 with a result = 14.03 x 10^6 psi. Average of these values = 14.44×10^6 psi = 996 kilobars exp.

 24 . Using the data for UARL experimental glass #62 to check the ceria factor found

But experimentally UARL glass $62 = 14.18 \times 10^6$ psi = 977 kilobars exp.

25. Using the experimental data for Owens-Corning OCX-212U (Ref. 2) to obtain beryllia factor

But Owens-Corning obtained experimentally 14.4×10^6 psi = 993 kilobars for this formulation

\therefore BeO factor = $993-662 = 19.0$ kilobars/mol 17.1*

26. Using the data for UARL glass 318 to verify beryllia factor just found

But experimentally UARL 318 has value = 15.97 x 10⁶ psi = 1101 kilobars exp.

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27. Using the data for UARL #66 to calculate the zirconia factor Mol % Kilobars/Mol Contribution Si 0_2 $A1203$ MgO ZrO₂ 53. T 15.3 28.3 2.56 T.3 12.1 13.6U X 392 185 386 2.56X 963+2. But experimentally UARL 66 has a value = 15.14×10^6 psi on fully annealed ground rods and correcting this to obtain comparative value for an unannealed aspirated rod = 14.84×10^6 psi = 1024 kilobars ... $Zr0_2$ factor = $1024-963 = 23.8$ kilobars/mol 2.56 28. Using the experimental data for UARL 320 to verify the zirconia factor $\sin \theta_2$ 15 $\sin 3$ 329 $A1_{26}$ 15 12.1 182 $Mg\overline{6}$ 30 30 13.64 13.64 $Zr0₂$ 10 23.8 238 $\frac{238}{1158}$ kilobars calc. But experimentally UARL 320B3 = 16.58×10^6 psi = 1143 kilobars exp. 29. Using the data for UARL glass 155 to derive the value for the tantala factor 361
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 36.5 $A1_2\overline{0}_3$ 7.05 12.1 85 $Mg\overline{5}$ 36.5 13.64 198 $Ta_{2}O_{5}$ 7.05 X $7.05X$ 91A+T.05X But experimentally UARL glass $155 = 15.675$ x 10^6 psi = 1081 kilobars ... Ta₂0₅ contribution = $1081-944 = 137 = 19.4$ kilobars/mol T.05 T.05 30. Using the data for UARL glass #6T to check the tantala factor just derived $SiO₂$ 54.7 7.3 399 $A1_2\overline{0}_3$ 15.3 12.1 185 $Mg\overline{0}$ 29.3 13.64 100 Ta_2O_5 0.76 19.4 15 $\frac{15}{999}$ kilobars calc.

But actual experimental value for UARL $67 = 14.43 \times 10^6$ psi = 995 kilobars exp.

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35. Check of value found experimentally for UARL h9k glass against calculated value (CaO, Y_2O_3 , CoO)

1219 kilobars calc.

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But experimentally UARL 480 = 18.12×10^6 psi = 1250 kilobars exp.

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37. Determination of zinc oxide modulus factor from experimental data for UARL 266 glass

But experimentally UARL glass $266 = 16.73 \times 10^{6}$ psi = 1154 kilobars exp

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 zinc oxide factor = $\frac{1154 - 846}{15} = \frac{308}{15} = 20$ kilobars/mol

Other calculations show 19.8 to 20.1

 $B_0 = 16.33$
 $C_0 = 1.02$

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38. Comparing experimental and calculated modulus for UARL 331* glass Mol % Kilobars/Mol Contributions $\sin \theta_2$ 35 7.3 256 $A1_2\overline{6}_3$ 15 12.1 182 $Mg\overline{O}$ 30 13.64 109 La_2O_3 10 18.6 186 $\text{Zn\bar{5}}$ 10 20.0 200 1233 kilobars calc. But experimentally UARL 334 glass has a modulus = 17.48×10^6 psi = 1206 kilobars exp. 39. Comparing experimental and calculated moduli for UARL glass 304 35
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 30 $\sin \theta_2$ 35 7.3 256 $Mg\overline{0}$ 30 13.64 13.64 ZnO 10 20.0 20.0 200 Y_2O_3 10 28.6 286 1333 kilobars calc. But experimentally UARL 304 = 19.23 x 10^6 psi = 1326 kilobars exp. 40. Calculation of modulus expected from UARL glass 495 and comparison with experimental value $Si0₂$ 57 7.3 416 MgO ⁻ 12 13.64 164 CaO 12 11.45 137 ZnO 8 20.0 160 10 28.6 286 Y_2O_3 10 28.6
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42. Check of experimental and calculated values for UARL 274

But experimentally UARL 360 has a modulus = 18.19×10^6 psi = 1255 kilobars exp.

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But experimentally UARL 331 has a modulus = 20.85×10^6 psi = 1438 kilobars exp.

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50. Comparison of calculated and experimental moduli for UARL 471 glass

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53. Calculation (in advance of preparation) of modulus to be expected from UARL 500

Experimentally UARL 449 glass = 18.08×10^6 psi = 1247 kilobars exp.

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56. Checking predicted and calculated values for Loewenstein (Ref. 9) Glass 73

 \therefore ThO₂ factor = $1312 - 1168 = 36$ kilobars/mol

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All modulus calculations and computed moduli factors are for quenched samples and not for heat treated samples such as those used in Klaus Leopold Loewenstein, U.S. Patent 3,060,041 - Example 7. Such samples have moduli approximately 2 x 10° psi higher.

APPENDIX II

Publications, Papers Presented and Selected for Presentation, Patents Issued, and Patents Applied for In Connection vith Contract

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