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SUMMARY

SSV base convective heating environments during the recirculated flow time segment of first stage ascent have been determined for the Generic OFT trajectory and performance conditions. These environments are presented in the attachments as cold wall convective heat transfer coefficients for individual or groups of design points for all affected SSV base surfaces. Two gas recovery temperatures applicable to upper and lower base region surfaces are also included. The environments were based upon magnitudes and trends from analysis of data taken during Base Heating Tests IH-39, IH-75, and IH-83. The plume heating trajectory and performance data were supplied by Rockwell International for both the OFT-1 Generic Mission A and Mission C.

ANALYSIS

A description of the methodology used to generate first stage ascent base convective heating environments for the Space Shuttle is contained in Reference 1. These methods were used to determine the Generic OFT environments. The principal difference in the OFT environment prediction and previous design environments was the availability of additional Base Heating Test Data from Tests IH-75 and IH-83. These tests which were performed in the fall of 1977 and winter of 1978 provided specific data simulating first stage at higher altitudes, SRB thrust mismatch and thrust tail-off with gimbaling, and vehicle pitch and sideslip which corresponded closely to the OFT-1 flight conditions.

As has been done in previous design predictions, two trajectories were used in the OFT convective heating predictions: a trajectory which stages at the lowest altitude (under OFT performance conditions) is necessary for the orbiter base region, while a trajectory which maximizes the staging altitude is needed for the external tank and SRB base regions. For this study, the
Plume Heating Trajectory: Generic OFT Mission C Winter Launch was used for the Orbiter base environments. This trajectory stages at approximately 147,000 feet and is characterized by relatively large envelopes of SSME and SRB pitch and yaw gimbal from 103 to 125 seconds (90,000 to 140,000 feet altitude). Details of this trajectory along with vehicle pitch and yaw (sideslip) envelopes are included in the Appendix.

The Plume Heating Trajectory: Generic OFT Mission A which stages at approximately 167,000 feet was used for all base components below the body flap. Details of the Mission A trajectory and SSME and SRB pitch and yaw gimbal envelopes used in the environment assessment are also included in the Appendix.

Detailed analyses of Base Heating Tests IH-39, IH-75, and IH-83 were reported in References 2 through 4 respectively. Data from Test IH-39 were used to establish the nominal trends with altitude, SRB thrust tailoff, pitch gimbal, and vehicle angle of attack. The IH-75 data were used to extend these nominal trends to higher altitudes at reduced SRB thrust and larger angle of attack. The IH-83 data provided extensive information on the effect of vehicle sideslip and SRB thrust mismatch on the base environments. Collectively these three tests closely simulated the range of predicted OFT flight conditions above 60,000 feet to staging, and also provided ample second stage data to verify compatibility with vacuum tank test data used in second stage predictions. The later two tests had additional instrumentation not available on IH-39 to more closely measure environments on the SRB cylinder and body flap. Several lower SSME nozzle orientations were also tested to better define the circumferential variation in the environment. Gas temperature probe data from the latest tests generally verified previous predictions although local high temperatures were recorded at specific locations for certain vehicle and SSME/SRB yaw and pitch combinations. The gas probe data are reported in References 5 and 6.

The OFT convective heating predictions are shown in Figures 1 through 44 and were grouped according to general base location as described in the List of Figures. The effect of the specific OFT conditions such as vehicle angle of attack and sideslip angle varied greatly over the base surfaces. In general, base convective heating increased with negative angle of attack at the lower test altitudes, 60 to 90 Kft, and increased with negative yaw at the middle test altitudes from 90 to 110 Kft. Certain combinations of vehicle yaw, negative engine pitch, and SRB thrust tailoff produced localized high heating above 110 Kft.

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GENERIC OFT MISSION C
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2) LAST DIGIT IN BODY POINT DEFINITION DENOTES APPROXIMATE X/L LOCATION (O IS AFT LOCATION)

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NOTE: 1) X DENOTES SMOOTH WALL
2) LAST DIGIT IN BODY POINT DEFINITION
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**NOTE:**
1) F denotes forward surface
2) Protuberance Factor = 1.0 for all other body points
NOTE: 1) X Denotes Smooth Wall

2) Last Digit In Body Point Definition Denotes Approximate X/L Location

(0 is AFT Location)
Figure 18. First Stage Ascent Convective Heat Transfer Coefficient
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**Note:**
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2. Protuberance Factor = 1.0 for all other body points
3. Factors for H₂ Manifolds are applicable to all times.

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GENERAL OFT MISSION A
EXTERNAL TANK LH₂ DOME

CONVECTIVE HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT - BTU/FT² SEC

GENERIC OFT MISSION A FLIGHT TIME ~ SECONDS

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ANGLE OF ATTACK, $\alpha \sim$ DEGREES

TIME FROM SRB IGNITION ~ SECONDS

SRB SEPARATION
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SRB THRUST TAILOFF

* NORMALIZED TO 100% @ 2.2 x 10^6 lbs

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NO ENGINE FAILURE

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NO ENGINE FAILURE

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