LARGE SCALE TESTING OF SHIPBOARD HALON ALTERNATIVES

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The U.S. Navy has made a policy decision that the next major ship acquisition (LPD-17) will be HALON-free. To identify promising alternative technologies, small scale testing of gaseous agents and water mist have been conducted during the past two years at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), Chesapeake Beach Division. Based on the small scale findings, specific alternatives have been selected for full scale testing in a shipboard environment.

Testing will be conducted in a simulated machinery space aboard the Navy's fire research ship the EX-SHADWELL in Mobile, Alabama. The fire test area, approximately 30,000 ft³, will consist of full scale mock-ups of ship propulsion machinery: diesel engines, reduction gear, gas turbine modules, and supply/exhaust ducting. Fires scenarios will include flammable liquid spray and pool fires, as well as cable fires. Fire sizes will range from 1 - 10 MW. HALON 1301 will be used as a baseline for assessing performance of alternatives. Gaseous alternatives to be tested are HFC-227 ea (FM-200) and HFC-23 (FZ-13). Three water mist concepts will also be evaluated. For gaseous agents the design concentrations, the fire scenarios, and the agent discharge times will be varied.

The tests are expected to conclude by September 1994. Future testing in the same test compartment may include CF_3I and pyrotechnic generated dry chemical aerosol.

The attached slides provide pertinent summaries of the test program.

HALON 1301 ON US NAVY SHIPS

- 2000 SYSTEMS ON 300 SHIPS
- 1.5 MILLION POUNDS IN THE FLEET
- INVENTORY BY APPLICATION:

PROPULSION MACHINERY SPACES	592 SYSTEMS
AUXILIARY MACHINERY SPACES	409 ''
DIESEL GENERATOR ROOMS	320 "
FUEL PUMP ROOMS	176 "
GAS TURBINE MODULES	102 "
FLAMMABLE LIQUID STOREROOMS	200 ''
MISC SPACES	206 "

- OBJECTIVE: NEXT MAJOR SHIP ACQUISITION (LPD-17) WILL BE HALON-FREE

LARGE SCALE FIRE TESTS ABOARD EX-USS SHADWELL

GASEOUS AGENTS (APPROX. 20 TESTS)

HALON 1301 (BASELINE) HFC - 227 ea (FM-200) HFC - 23 (FE-13)

- WATER MIST (APPROX. 32 TESTS)

3 NOZZLE/MIST CONCEPTS

- EVALUATE PERFORMANCE AGAINST MACHINERY SPACE FIRE SCENARIOS

POOL FIRES SPRAY FIRES CLASS A (CABLES)

TEST COMPARTMENT (APPROX. 56' X 27' X 20')

29,800 FT³ GROSS VOLUME 26,800 FT³ NET VOLUME

MACHINERY MOCK UPS

DIESEL ENGINES
REDUCTION GEAR
GAS TURBINE MODULE
SUPPLY/EXHAUST DUCTS

- 9 NOZZLE ARRAY FOR GASEOUS AGENTS (PER TEST)
- 18 NOZZLE ARRAY FOR WATER MIST (PER TEST)

TEST VARIABLES GASEOUS ALTERNATIVES

- DESIGN CONCENTRATIONS

FM-200 (7.9 - 10%)

FE-13 (16-18%)

1301 (4.6 - 5.7%)

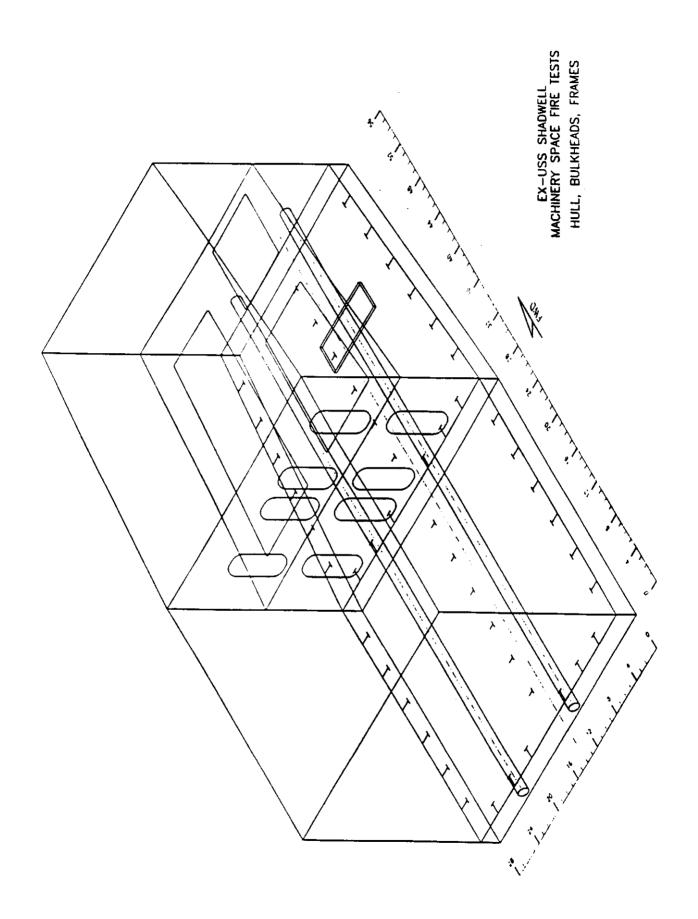
- FIRE SIZE/TYPE/LOCATION

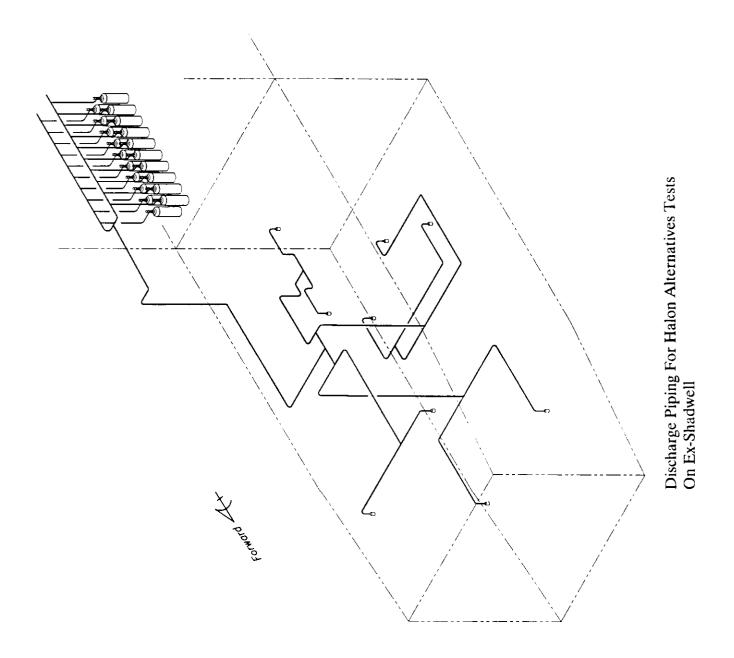
1-10 MW

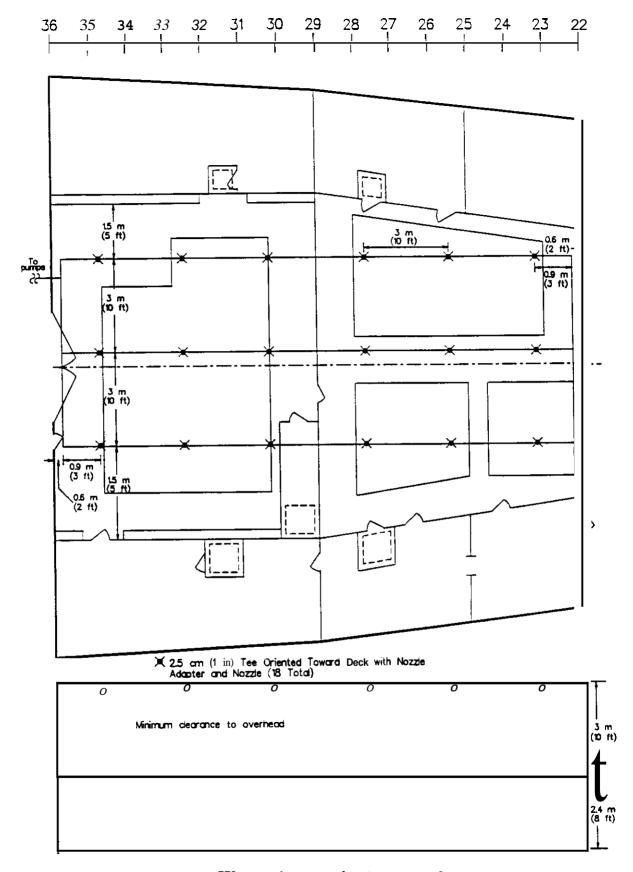
- DISCHARGE TIME (<10, 10, > 10 SECS)

SHORTEN BY PRESSURIZING > 600 PSI

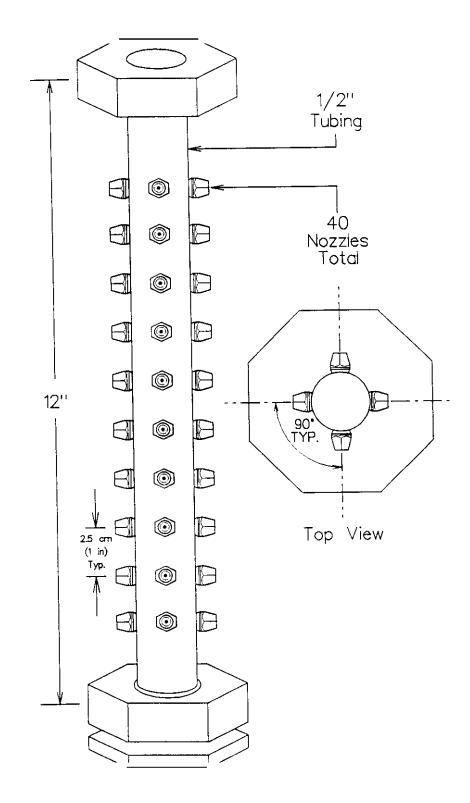
SHORTEN BY REDUCING FILL DENSITY



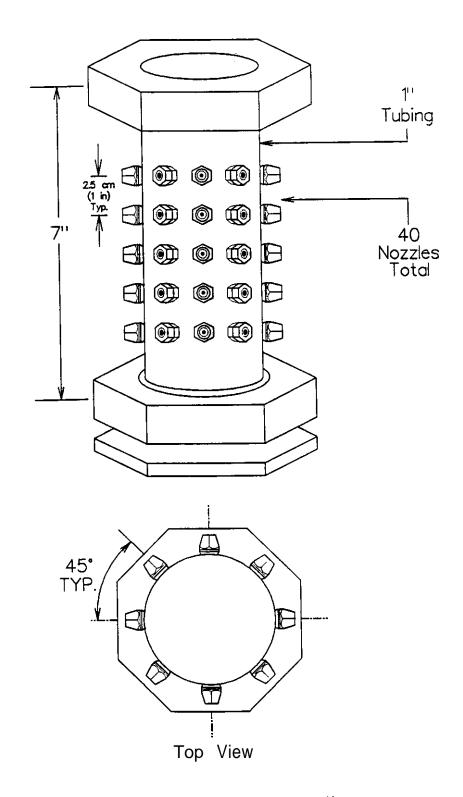




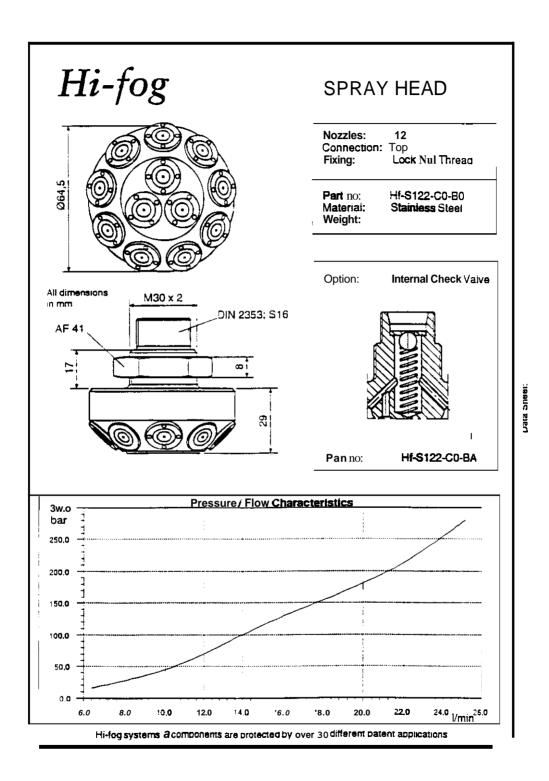
Water mist generic pipe network



Baumac nozzle (option 1)



Baumac nozzle (option 2)



Marioff nozzle (twelve orifice head)

Foglet SPRAY NOZZLES

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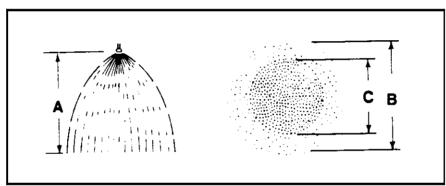
atomizing spray caps 1 NPT (F)



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FullJet spray caps 3/4"-11/2" NPT (F)





DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

Based on largest/heaviest version of each type

Nozzle No.	Pipe Conn. NPT	H Inches	D Inches	Net Weight
3/4-7G1 thru 3/4-7G3	3/4	125/32	21/16	12 oz.
3/4-7G5	3/4	113/16	21/8	12 oz.
1-7G10 and 1-7G12.5	1	23/16	211/16	1½ lbs.
1-7G25 thru 1-7G40	1	35/16	41/16	3½ lbs.
1-1/2-7G25 thru 1-1/2-7G45	11/2	3	4	3¾ lbs.
1-1/2-7G50	11/2	33/16	41/4	31/2 lbs.
All 1-7N	1	23/32	21/2	11/2 lbs.

