FAA Workshop on Adhesive Bonding

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SUMMARY

- Company and Products presentation
- Presentation of typical sandwich structures
- Design criteria
- Materials used in bonded structures
- Materials qualification
- Justification of bondded structures
 - Bonding validation
 - Damage tolerance (manufacturing and in-service defects)
- Stress substantiation
- Manufacturing process control





Hurel-Hispano Company overview

- HH masters the expertise for design, development and manufacture of a wide range of engine nacelles that are used by leading aircraft manufacturers and airlines worlwide.
- Annual turnover 615M€in year 2003







Hurel-Hispano products presentation

Examples of thrust reverser technology



Cascade Trent 500



Pivoting Door Trent 700



Pivoting Door CFM 56



2 Door Target BR710



PERT_® AS907



'Natural' Cascade CF34-8



Papillon_® PW6000





Large aircraft division products

Airbus programmes



A380 with RR Trent 900 and GP7200 - Nacelles A340-500/600 with RR Trent - Nacelle A340-200/300 with CFM56 - Thrust Reverser A330 with RR Trent 700 - Thrust Reverser A320 with CFM56 - Thrust Reverser A318 with PW6000 - Nacelle

Boeing programmes



Boeing 747 with RR RB211 - Thrust Reverser Boeing 767 with RR RB211 - Thrust Reverser





The nacelle components form the fan air cowling of the engine.

In that respect, they must ensure the required aerodynamic shape of the fan duct an outer surface.

The cowling surface is made of sandwich panels that must fulfill structural requirements as well as other requirements such as acoustic attenuation and fire protection.

The design of these sandwich panels must take into account the above requirements together with a strong incentive to minimise weight.

Hurel-Hispano make extensive use of adhesive bonding technology in the design and fabrication of honeycomb sandwich panels.



Presentation of sandwich structures

2 types of sandwich structures :

- metallic sandwich structures



Examples of sandwich structures



Composite sandwich with aluminium honeycomb



Composite acoustic sandwich with aluminium honeycomb



Composite sandwich with Nomex honeycomb







SDOF : Single Degree of Freedom 2DOF : 2 Degrees of Freedom LINEAR : With Wire Mesh POA : Percentage of Open Area FAR25 : Airworthiness Standards FAR36 : Noise Standards

Design constraint and environmental conditions : Structural capability (static, fatigue, vibration) Minimum weight Aerodynamic shape and smoothness Limited size Fluids drainage (moisture, fuel)

Damage tolerance Engine environment (temperature) Life hours and cycles Noise level requirements



DESIGN CRITERIA

Metallic sandwich

- Aluminium skin : CAA treated with bonding primer
- Structural adhesive film (reticulated on air washed skin)
- Aluminium honeycomb : cell size from 1/8" (non acoustic) to 3/8" (acoustic), density : from 3.0 to 22.1 pcf)

Composite sandwich

- Epoxy or BMI carbon prepregs
- Epoxy or BMI glass prepregs (for galvanic corrosion protection)
- Epoxy or BMI structural adhesive films
- Aluminium or Nomex honeycomb (cell size and density identical to metallic sandwich)

Material selection

- Service temperature is the driving factor for material selection : Epoxy for service temperature below 120°C and BMI for temperature below 170°C.



Materials qualification : static.

- In accordance with the requirements of the JAR 25.603 and 25.613
- Each material validated on several batches : 3 to 5 batches and B value determination according to the MIL-HANDBOOK 17
- Taking into account of environmental conditions
 - Tests in temperature (from -55°C to in max service temperature)
 - Tests after ageing : wet ageing, thermal ageing, wet + thermal ageing
 - Tests after thermal cycling
 - Tests after immersion in hydraulic fluids
 - Tests after salt spray
- Standard test : physico-chemical and mechanical tests
 - → Determination of design values (B-values) for each material





• Typical standard tests

- Flatwise tensile tests
- Climbing drum peel
- Shear strength by 3-points bending test
- Hot wet testing
- Typicaly one batch of material tested. Some programmes have required 3 batches of adhesive film.
- Cut out of component for manufacturing process validation.





Design justification : Damage tolerance

• JAR 25-603 and ACJ 25-603

• Manufacturing defects and in-service damages

- Fatigue tests on impacted specimens and specimen with typical manufacturing defects to demonstrate the no-growth under fatigue loading
- Specimen loading : <u>compression</u> or tension in the skins
- Determination of the residual strength

• Damage tolerance design allowables

- 3 batches tested (typical)
- B value determination using MLHDBK17.

Fatigue conditions

- from 20 000 cycles to 80 000 cycles depending on the A/C design life.
- criteria of fatigue cycling of composite specimen :
 - Design fatigue loads with a load enhancement factor of 1.15, associated with 1.5 aircraft life or :
 - Design fatigue loads with a load enhancement factor of 1.17, associated with 1 aircraft life.



Stress substantiation

Component Modelling

- Use of a correlated (loads and loads paths defined) finite element model

• Comparison between the FEM datas and the design allowables

- For ultimate loads
 - microstrains in the skins are compared to material damage tolerance allowable microstrains
 - shear stress at interface between skin and honeycomb are compared to shear stress allowables
- Check that fatigue loads from FEM are covered by fatigue tests on damage tolerance material allowables.

Determination of safety margins

Sub component testing

- Used for damage tolerance substantiation of specific areas like advanced design areas or certain load introduction areas
- Component testing
 - Used mainly for FEM correlation
 - Instrumentation during engine test



• Non destructive inspection on parts (C-Scan, A-Scan)

• Manufacturing followers tests

- Standard tests : flatwise tension, climbing drum peel, single lap shear
- Same configuration as the component (material, manufacturing process)
- Specimen definition : Use of standard test specimen to be able to correlate with qualification data base and to define consistent pass/fail criteria.





Thank you for your attention



