

Munitions Safety Information Analysis Center

Supporting Member Nations in the Enhancement of their Munitions Life Cycle Safety



STANAG 4382 Slow Heating Survey and Historical Review

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- Background
- Process / Questionnaire
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- In 2015, MSIAC initiated a survey of STANAG 4240 (Fast Cook-off Test) that led to a list of recommendations to update the document.
- NATO AC/326 SG/B has tasked MSIAC to initiate the same type of survey for STANAG 4382 (Slow Heating Test).
- MSIAC was subsequently tasked to review actual events heating rates and durations.

Baker, E.L., "An International Review of the Slow Heating Test", MSIAC Report O-177, June 2017



Stated aim of the test

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Determine the reaction of munitions to the slow application of heat which is in contrast to that occurring during fast cookoff tests. Although not necessarily intended as such, this slow heating may result from indirect exposure to fire.







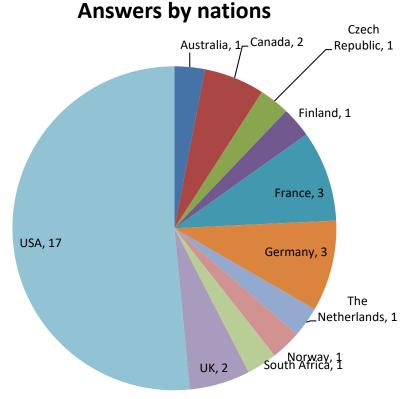
- MSIAC has written a survey related to the Slow Cook-off Test
- The survey was reviewed by the custodian of STANAG 4382 (USA)
- The survey was sent to the nations
- After reception & analysis of the answers and other related documents, MSIAC is summarizing the results in a report.



Origin of the answers

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- 34 responses from 11 nations.
- 62/38 government / private

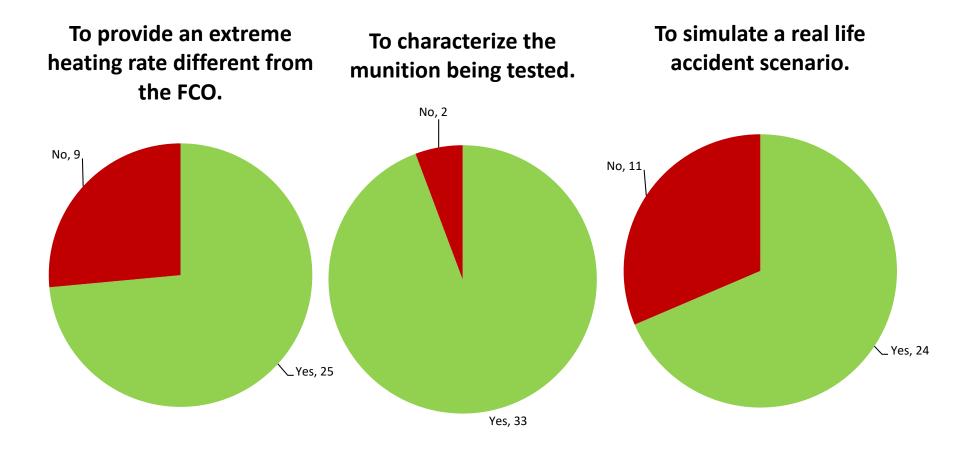


THANK YOU for the number and the quality of your answers

Country	Organisation	Status
DOS	Australia	gov
DRDC Valcartier	Canada	gov
GD-OTS Canada	Canada	private
AC/326	Czech Republic	gov
Test Firing Center	Finland	gov
AC/326 - DGA	France	gov
NEXTER Munitions	France	private
Airbus Safran Launchers	France	private
WTD91	Germany	gov
MBDA Systems	Germany	private
MBDA Systems	Germany	private
Centre of Excellence		
Weapons and	Netherlands	
Ammunition		gov
AC/326	Norway	gov
AC/326	South Africa	gov
Bofors Test Center	Sweden	private
QinetiQ	United Kingdom	private
BAE Systems	United Kingdom	private
US Army AIMB	United States of America	gov
NSWC Dahlgren D	United States of America	gov
Redstone (Army)	United States of America	gov
Eglin Air Force	United States of America	gov
Eglin Air Force	United States of America	gov
AFLCMC/EBDP	United States of America	gov
NAWC China Lake	United States of America	gov
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Test Purpose



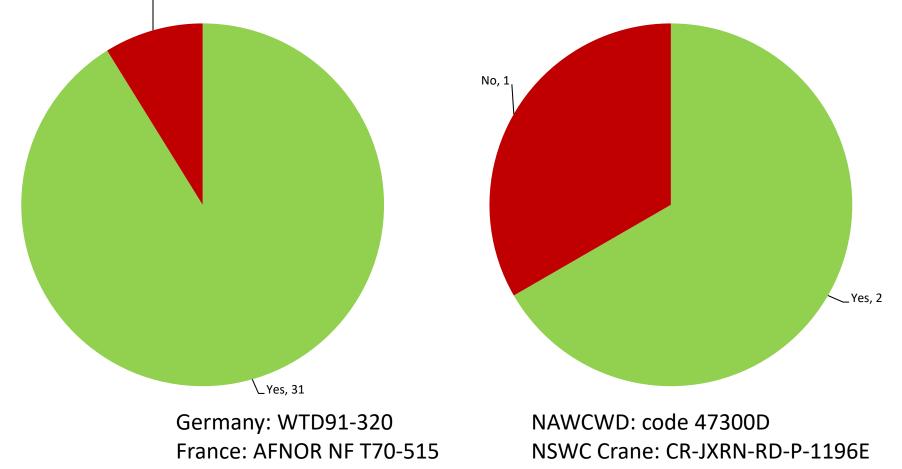


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Test Procedure

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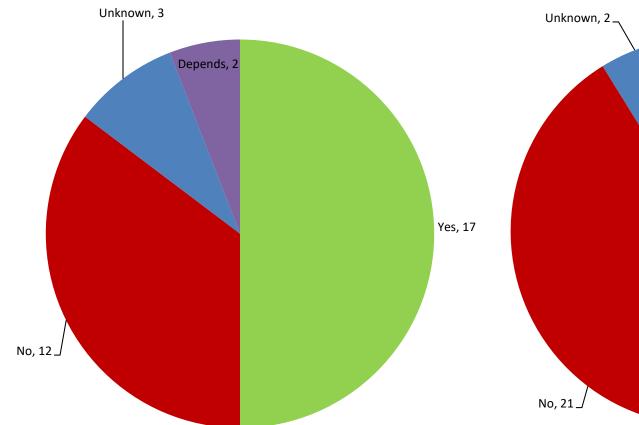
Do you conduct your SCO tests as required by the STANAG 4382 primary test procedure? Do you have a nationally approved test procedure to carry out the slow heating test?



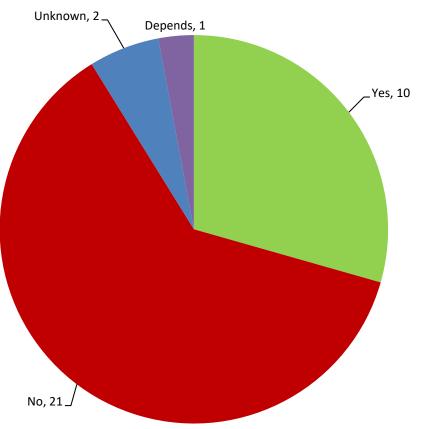


Heating Rate

Should the slow heating rate be changed?



Should item size be a consideration in defining a slow heating rate?

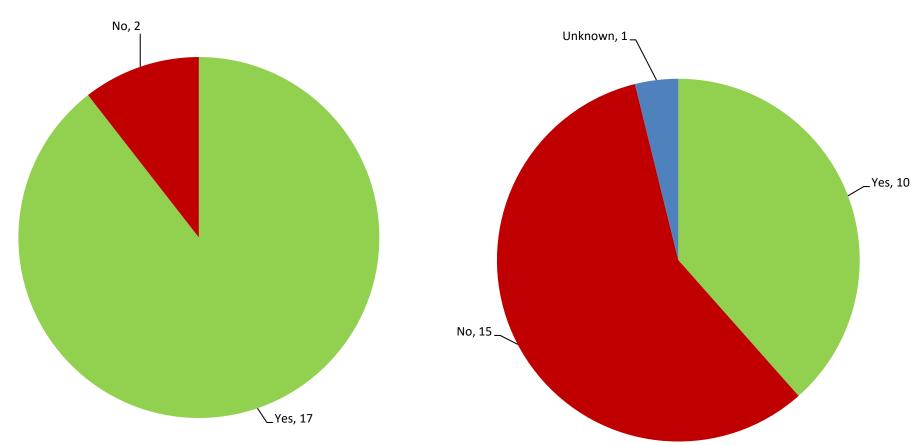




Oven Design

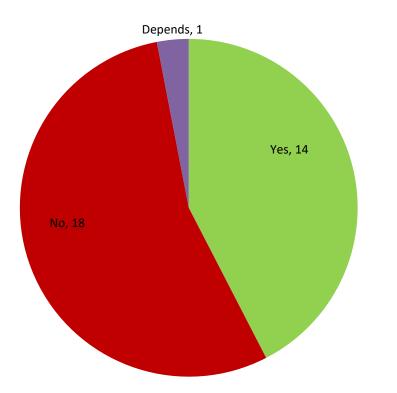
Do you have equipment to force the airflow?

Do you provide protection for any energetic material exuded out of the item being tested?



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Should we standardize the oven design?



- Different munition types require different considerations.
- Differing sizes of munitions required different sized ovens.
- Some items need to be restrained to prevent flight in case of a strong propulsive reaction.

At least recommendations and guide to a well designed oven to avoid blast wave absorption, fragment location into the oven and secondary fragments.



Test Setup Photos

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Bundeswehr Germany

YPG, US Army



KCW&M, Netherlands





Finnish Defence Forces, Finland



Redstone Test Center, USA



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GD-OTS, Canada

Qinetiq

UK



Redstone Test Center, USA

NEXTER France

Airbus Safran Launchers, France

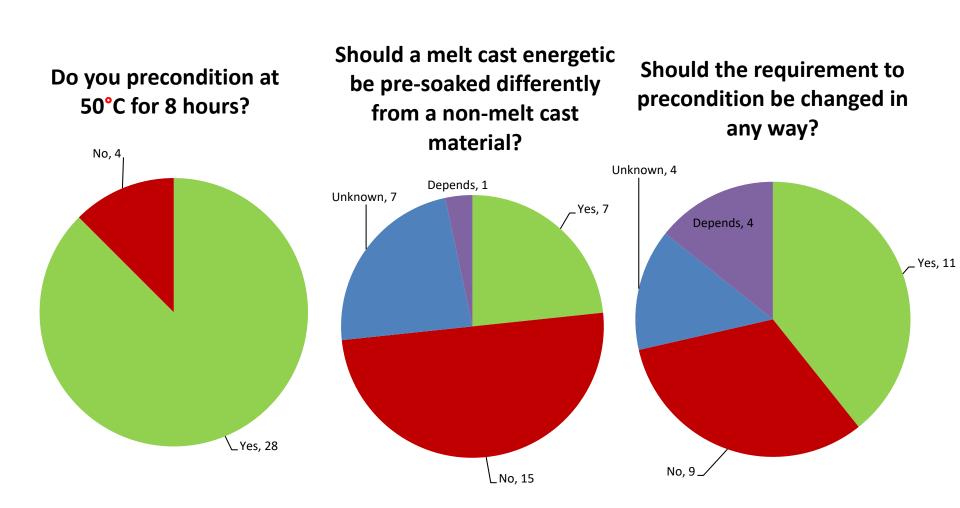
Many different designs!

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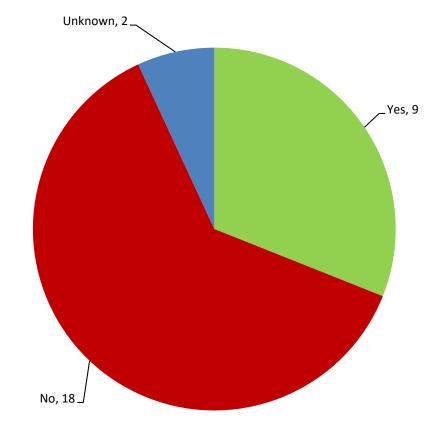


Reaction Temperature

Should we recognize the benefit of having a higher reaction temperature?

Unknown, 2 Yes, 7 Depends, 3 No, 17_

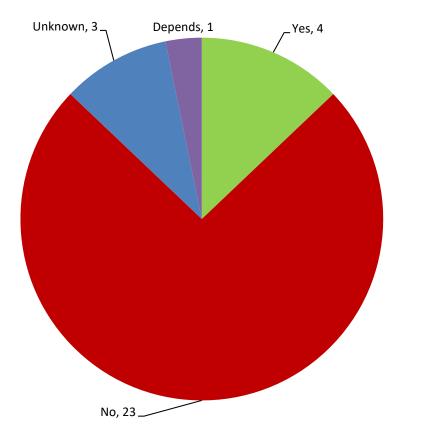
Should a maxium temperature be defined as defined by Hazard Classification Tests?



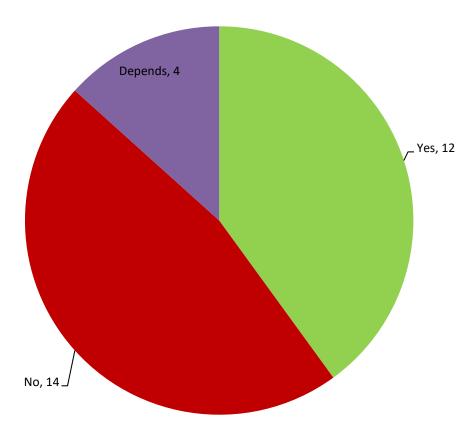


Melting and Propulsion

Should the melting of energetics during a test affect the testing requirement?



Do you restrain the test item in case of risk of propulsion?

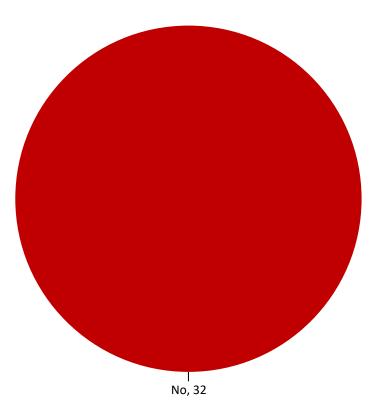




Actual Events Heating Rates

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Do you have any information on duration or rates of actual slow heating incidents?





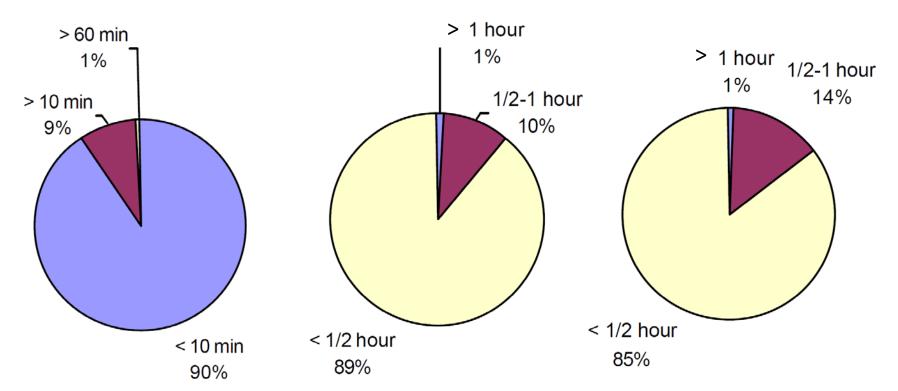
Historical Events Review

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- During the AC/326 SG/B SH CWG meeting, 10-11 April 2017, MSIAC was asked to obtain and share any available historical information from the MSIAC safety database regarding real-life slow heating events and potential thermal threats.
- F. Peugeot, "Assessing Thermal Threats" MSIAC Technical Report L-097 published in 2003.
- A search of MAD-X provided no applicable information
- A report search resulted in a large number of references
- K. Hunt from OSD provided further references
- Dr. David Hubble from NSWCDD, USA did a similar study, along with supporting fire modeling. He had very similar results and conclusions



Historical Duration Data

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UK Navy statistics related toUS truck transport statisticsUS rail transport statisticsship fire duration (1989)related to fire duration (1969)related to fire duration (1969)

Real world durations have relatively short durations -5 events identified to be longer than 1 day

"Cookoff – a UK naval perspective", I. Wallace, Proceedings of the NIMIC 1993 Workshop on Cookoff, paper TP-5 (1993) "Probability of transportation accidents", W. Brobst, Transportation Branch, US Atomic Energy Commission, F 192092 (1972)



Historical Data

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- there exist a wide variety of heating rates
- these rates depend on many factors
 - direct exposure: fire size
 - indirect exposure: adjacent compartment size

Order of magnitude of the maximum temperature and the heating rate

Heating Source	 Torching EM Burning Exhausts Pyrotechnics 	 Fuel Fire Wood fire Propane burner Building Fire 	 Hot Breach Gun Battlecarry Launcher Nuclear plant Aircraft debris Remote fire Aerodynamic Heating Adjacent compartment fire 	Solar HeatingSteam leak
Regime	Fast Cookoff (FCO)		Intermediate Cookoff (ICO)	Slow Cookoff (SCO)
Temperatures (Order of magnitude)	1000 to 2000 °C	~1000 °C	100 to 300 °C	~ 100 °C
Heating rates (Order of magnitude)	50 to 100 °C/sec	1 to 20 °C/sec	25°C/hr to 50 °C/min	< 20 °C/hr

NATO AC/326 SG/B Slow Heating Custodial Working Group is using this information as part of the process to update STANAG 4382



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Backup Information

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