



12 Variable angle of incidence experiment. (a) Set-up for the variable angle of impact; (b) a short time after the initiation of detonation.

For Trimonite No. 1 and No. 3, the value of V_D varies with thickness of explosive charge and in these cases it was found that the scatter of data was a minimum when V_P was plotted against R , as in Fig. 5, 10, and 11. These values were obtained on small plates and there is some indication for very large plates with a uniform layer of explosive that the value of V_P increases significantly with the distance from the point of initiation of the detonation. Williams *et al.*³² found it necessary to use a non-uniform thickness of charge to ensure a constant impact velocity, but no experimental data or theoretical analysis of this aspect appear to have been published.

It is also apparent from the analysis that the sonic velocities of the materials being

welded are very important. The values given in the International Critical Tables³³ are shown in Table IV.

For satisfactory welds there appear to be three essential requirements. First, it is necessary that a re-entrant jet should be formed and for this to occur the main jet velocity, $V_P \tan \beta$, must be less than or only slightly greater than the sonic velocity in the flyer plate, so that either there are no shock waves or only detached shock waves. Secondly, a hump is needed in front of the collision point, either to disrupt the oxide film or to assist in the scouring action of the re-entrant jet. This requires that $V_P/\sin \beta$ should be less than the sonic velocity in the parent plate. Thirdly, the impact pressure must be sufficiently great to produce a fluid-like behaviour necessary

for the formation of a re-entrant jet, and it is also essential that the re-entrant jet velocity should be sufficiently high to give the desired scouring action. Fourthly, the flyer plate is subject to a bending action and according to Carpenter *et al.*³⁴ it must be able to withstand a 5% strain. There is also the possibility that a reflected tension wave in either the flyer plate or the parent plate can cause a 'spalling' failure, though this has only rarely been noted. Such a failure is more likely to occur with a high-detonation-velocity explosive, which gives a higher pressure pulse and hence a greater reflected tension pulse, and with materials that contain planes of weakness parallel to the surface. If spalling of the flyer plate occurs in flight, welding of the two pieces of the flyer plate

Table III. Variation of ratio of flyer plate to detonation velocity/ratio of mass of explosive to mass of flyer plate (R) for Metabel

R	V_P/V_D	
	Experiment	Equation [8]
0.2	0.062	0.056
0.4	0.104	0.102
0.6	0.143	0.141
0.8	0.180	0.175
1.0	—	0.204
1.2	—	0.23

Table IV. Sonic velocity of metals³³

Metal	Velocity, m/s
Aluminium	5105
Copper	3560
Gold	2645
Platinum	2500
Silver	2080
Steel	5000
Tin	2490
Zinc	3680

Table V. Metal combinations bonded by explosive cladding²¹

METALS →																				
	ZINC	PALLADIUM ALLOY	TUNGSTEN	NICKEL	MAGNESIUM	COLUMBIUM	PLATINUM	SILVER AND SILVER ALLOYS	GOLD ALLOYS	HAYNES STEEL	HASTELLOY ALLOYS	TITANIUM ALLOYS	ZIRCONIUM AND ZIRCALOY	BRONZE AND BRASS	COPPER	ALUMINUM	MARAGING STEEL	HADFIELD STEEL	STAINLESS STEEL	ALLOY STEEL
LOW C STEEL AISI 1004 to 1020	X																			
MEDIUM C STEEL ASTM A-285	X																			
MEDIUM C STEEL ASTM A-201	X																			
MEDIUM C STEEL ASTM A-212	X																			
LOW ALLOY STEEL ASTM A-204	X																			
LOW ALLOY STEEL ASTM A-302	X																			
LOW ALLOY STEEL ASTM A-387	X																			
ALLOY STEEL AISI 4130	X																			
ALLOY STEEL AISI 4340	X																			
STAINLESS STEEL FERRITIC	X																			
STAINLESS STEEL 300 SERIES	X																			
STAINLESS STEEL 200 SERIES	X																			
HADFIELD STEEL	X																			
MARAGING STEEL	X																			
ALUMINUM AND AL ALLOYS	X																			
COPPER	X																			
BRASS	X																			
CUPRO-NICKEL	X																			
BRONZE	X																			
NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOYS	X																			
TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS 6Al-4V	X																			
ZIRCONIUM AND ZIRCALOY	X																			
HASTELLOY ALLOYS BCC	X																			
HASTELLOY ALLOYS FCC	X																			
HAYNES STEEL	X																			
TANTALUM	X																			
GOLD ALLOYS	X																			
SILVER AND SILVER ALLOYS	X																			
PLATINUM	X																			
COLUMBIUM AND CB ALLOYS	X																			
MOLYBDENUM	X																			
MAGNESIUM	X																			
NICKEL	X																			
TUNGSTEN	X																			
TO NICKEL	X																			
PALLADIUM ALLOY	X																			
ZINC	X																			

NOTES:—

- ① A blank space means bonding of that combination has not been attempted. It does not mean those metals cannot be explosion bonded.
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