

## EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS ON AIRCRAFT

### 1. NOTATION AND UNITS

		<i>SI</i>	<i>British</i>
$a$	speed of sound	m/s	ft/s
$b$	span	m	ft
$C_F$	mean skin friction coefficient		
$C_f$	local skin friction coefficient		
$D$	drag	N	lbf
$f_{H_p, M}$	factor to account for variation of excrescence drag with $H_p$ and $M$ , see Section 6 and Appendix B		
$H_p$	pressure height	m	ft
$h_{fin}$	fin height, measured from root chord	m	ft
$k$	sand roughness height	m	ft
$M$	Mach number, $V/a$		
$m$	aircraft mass	kg	slug
$q$	kinetic pressure, $\rho V^2/2$	N/m <sup>2</sup>	lbf/ft <sup>2</sup>
$S$	wing reference area	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>
$S_{wet}$	aircraft wetted area	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>
$s$	fraction of semi span (or fin height) occupied by movable aerodynamic surfaces (controls, flaps, slats, spoilers)		
$V$	true airspeed	m/s	ft/s
$W$	aircraft weight	N	lbf
$\Delta[D/q]_e$	increment in (parasite) "drag area" due to excrescences	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>
$\rho$	density of air	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	slug/ft <sup>3</sup>

#### Subscripts

<i>datum</i>	denotes datum condition, i.e. $H_p = 36\,089$ ft (11 000 m) and $M = 0.8$
<i>e</i>	denotes excrescence
<i>fin</i>	denotes fin
<i>le</i>	denotes leading edge
<i>tail</i>	denotes tail
<i>te</i>	denotes trailing edge
<i>wing</i>	denotes wing

## 2. INTRODUCTION

This Data Item gives excrescence drag data based on values for a large number of aircraft and so provides a guide to standards that have been achieved and a first approximation for estimation purposes. The term “excrescence” is defined in **Section 3**.

Most of the data are presented as values of the parameter  $\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}$  for the datum flight condition:  $H_p = 36\,089$  ft (11 000 m) and  $M = 0.8$ . Adjustments to other values of  $H_p$  and  $M$  are made using the method of **Section 6** which provides values of the factor  $f_{H_p, M}$  so that

$$\Delta\left[\frac{D}{q}\right]_e = \Delta\left[\frac{D}{q}\right]_{e, datum} \times f_{H_p, M} \quad (2.1)$$

**Section 4** presents values of  $\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}$  for complete aircraft; **Section 5** provides an estimation method based on the breakdown of excrescence drag into various contributions. **Section 7** provides data on the extent to which excrescence drag “clean up” has proved possible on several aircraft.

The data used in compiling **Sections 4, 5 and 7** are manufacturers’ estimated values for the aircraft as manufactured (and, in **Section 7**, as subsequently modified); **Section 8** gives background information regarding these data. The use of estimated data is unavoidable because in most cases the drag due to an individual excrescence is not identifiable from flight-test measurements. However, **Reference 8** shows how the combined effect on aircraft performance of several small airframe changes may be identified by the application of statistical principles to a set of flight-test measurements. Effects of airframe deterioration in service or of non-standard build are not considered. The effects on performance of airframe variability are considered on a statistical basis in **Reference 7**.

This Data Item deals only with airframe drag, but small surface features can affect both lift and moment characteristics – particularly if they influence shock wave development or boundary layer separation. In addition to influencing handling characteristics, these features can also result in noise and vibration – with implications for crew fatigue and passenger comfort. Excrescences can also affect significantly the radar cross section of an aircraft – particular examples are the presence of access panels, auxiliary intakes and drain holes or masts on surfaces liable to be “illuminated” by radar.

## 3. DEFINITION OF “EXCRESCENCE” FOR THIS DATA ITEM

The term excrescence *could* be used to signify “all deviations from a smooth, sealed external surface” of an aircraft. For practical reasons this definition is modified to, “anything that appears on the aircraft but is not represented on the wind-tunnel model”. However, if uniformly distributed roughness (corresponding to painted, metallic or other surface finishes) is dealt with as indicated in **Section 8.1.3**, the definition of “excrescence” becomes, “*anything other than distributed (or “sand grain”) roughness that appears on the aircraft but is not represented on a wind-tunnel model or equivalent theoretical model*”. The data given in this Item are consistent with this definition. The categories of excrescences in **Section 5** provide amplification of this definition while **Appendix A** lists individual excrescences.

The following items are **EXCLUDED** from the estimation methods of this Data Item:

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| Vortex generators, fences          | – but see <b>Section 5.4</b> ,                           |
| Flap tracks, engine, stores pylons | – treat as separate items,                               |
| Thrust reversers                   | – if turning vanes are exposed, treat as separate items, |
| Refuelling probe                   | – treat as separate item.                                |

## 4. OVERALL LEVELS OF EXCRESCENCE DRAG ON COMPLETE AIRCRAFT

Figure 1 gives an approximate guide to overall excrescence drag levels for a wide range of aircraft. The characteristics of the aircraft for which data were available are summarised in Table 8.1. Where possible, the data have been adjusted to accord with the definition of Section 3, for example by the deletion of components that are excluded there. No further attempt has been made to allow for differences between what constitute excrescences for the various manufacturers concerned. Greater certainty as to *what* excrescences are included can be obtained by using the method of Section 5.

## 5. CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXCRESCENCE DRAG ON AIRCRAFT

Figures 2 to 7 give values of contributions to  $\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}$  for the following categories of excrescence.

Category of excrescence		see Section	see Figure	see Appendix A Section
Basic airframe	1. Airframe-build surface imperfections.	5.1	2	A1
	2. Imperfections associated with movable aerodynamic surfaces.	5.1	3	A2
Fixed external components of aircraft systems	3. Air data sensors.	5.2	4(a)	A3
	4. Lights and beacons.	5.2	4(b)	A4.
	5. Antennae.	5.2	4(c)	A5
	6. Static discharge wicks.	5.2	4(d)	A6
	7. Rain dispersal: screen wipers/blowing/fluid; gutters over doors.	5.2	4(e)	A7
	8. Drains.	5.2	4(f)	A8
	9. Fuel system.	5.2	4(g)	A9
Internal Airflow Systems	10. Ventilation/cooling.	5.3	5	A10.
	11. Air conditioning/pressurisation.	5.3	6	A11
	12. Auxiliary power unit.	5.3	7	A12
	13. Miscellaneous airframe features.	5.4	–	–

Appendix A gives a detailed listing of excrescences included in the categories identified in the above Table. The categories are close to those used for several aircraft for which data were available but are chosen to take maximum advantage of data for a wider range of aircraft where no common set of categories has been used. The inclusion in the list of several very small items is justified by the possibility that for some classes of aircraft one or more of such items may not be present.

Table 8.2 describes the aircraft for which detailed excrescence drag data were available.

## 5.1 Excrescence Drag Associated with Basic Airframe (Categories 1, 2)

Figures 2 and 3 give data, respectively, for airframe-build surface imperfections and for imperfections associated with movable aerodynamic surfaces. These are the most numerous sources of excrescence drag and are directly related to the standards of airframe design and construction. Drag improvements in these categories can be very significant but are likely to take much time, effort and expense to achieve. The quantity of data available was greatest in these Categories but the standards of construction represented are correspondingly wide.

In Figure 3 the independent variable is the parameter

$$b_{wing}[s_{le} + s_{te}]_{wing} + b_{tail} s_{te_{tail}} + h_{fin} s_{te_{fin}}$$

The spanwise fractions,  $s$ , are evaluated for all slots, steps and gaps for each relevant surface, *e.g.* control, slat, flap, spoiler.

## 5.2 Excrescence Drag Due to Fixed External Components of Aircraft Systems (Categories 3 to 9)

These Categories cover the bulk of external features not associated with the basic airframe. Some are relatively large – at least as compared with typical boundary layer thicknesses.

**Air Data Sensors, Figure 4(a):** The data apply to typical installations of pitot, pitot-static, static pressure sensors, outside air temperature sensors and flow direction sensors.

**Lights and Beacons, Figure 4(b):** Anti-collision beacons predominate on current aircraft; navigation lights are generally flush and give little drag. Landing lights are not considered; they are usually flush mounted in a forward facing surface or mounted on the undercarriage.

**Antennae, Figure 4(c):** The following trends are illustrated:

- (i) improved antenna design can reduce drag dramatically,
- (ii) higher maximum speeds necessitate lower-drag installations,
- (iii) an empirical, but fairly consistent, increase in drag with range.

**Static Discharge Wicks, Figure 4(d):** The data apply to modern, rigid static discharge wicks; older, flexible types tend to be larger but no data are available. Static wicks are located on the relatively-sharp tip and trailing surfaces of the airframe, primarily to avoid intermittent and sudden electric discharges which can interfere with electronic and communications equipment. Advantages in terms of safety (*e.g.* at refuelling) and comfort (*e.g.* at unloading) are recognised but many aircraft have no static wicks. The mechanism of static electricity generation is friction and so airframe wetted area might seem a relevant parameter. The use of frontal area in the figure was suggested by a manufacturer and found advantageous.

**Rain Dispersal, Figure 4(e):** A wide range of drag values is quoted for screen wipers. The “low drag dispersal systems” in the Figure include both low drag and/or faired wipers and cases where dispersal is accomplished by air blast from nozzles (contributions due to screen washers are included in the quoted values). The installation of screen wipers or air blast systems is part of a larger (certification) issue of pilot clear vision which includes the effects of rain, snow, ice and other contaminants and debris, *e.g.* following a bird strike. Other factors include the provision of clear-view (openable) panels, screen washers, water repellent coatings and screen geometry, especially sweep angles. Most large transport-category aircraft are equipped with screen wipers; air-blast systems can be used but equivalent performance is required. On some smaller transport types, certification may be possible without either wipers or air blast systems. Most combat aircraft have some form of screen clearance system; air-blast systems are often used.

**Drains, Figure 4(f):** This encompasses all forms of masts and holes for rain, fuel, oil and other fluids. The relevant components from the systems considered in Section 5.3 are included. The use of aircraft maximum weight as the independent variable in Figure 4(f) implies only that no other relevant parameter has been identified.

**Fuel System, Figure 4(g):** This category does not include drag due to fuel tank access panels – which often occur in large numbers on the wing lower surface (and occasionally on upper surfaces). It was convenient to include the drag due to such panels in Category 1 because this involved the least adjustment of the available data.

### 5.3 Excrescence Drag Associated with Internal Airflow Systems (Categories 10, 11, 12)

Ventilation/cooling, air conditioning and auxiliary power unit systems involve inlets and outlets/exhausts in the airframe surface – not all of which will be in use during all (or even any) flight phases. These categories have proved to be the most difficult to generalise. The values quoted apply to the en-route or cruise configuration and include, where appropriate, system internal momentum losses. Much depends on the location and forms of the inlets and outlets and on whether either (particularly inlets) can be sealed when not in use.

The following paragraphs treat Categories 10, 11, 12 separately. However, the distinction between ventilation/cooling and air conditioning is by no means the same on all aircraft. Whatever the precise sub-division of these functions may be in a particular aircraft, it is suggested that contributions from categories 10 and 11 should be included in any overall estimate.

**Ventilation/Cooling, Figure 5:** These terms imply the exposure of airframe, engine and systems components to atmosphere air conditions. This may be achieved passively using ventilation holes, grills *etc.*, or by the use of dedicated scoop or flush inlets (with or without power assistance) or as part of larger systems such as the (boundary layer) bleeds and (engine) bypass or spill airflows on many high performance aircraft.

Cooling Airflows for piston engines are *not* included – whether the engine is “air” or “liquid” cooled. This is a major drag component in its own right and should be treated as such. No data are included in Figure 5 for aircraft with turbo-prop engines.

**Air Conditioning/Pressurisation, Figure 6:** The term implies a system providing large quantities of air at conditions of temperature, pressure and humidity which may be far removed from ambient. In most modern systems this air is bled initially from one or more stages of the engine compressor and subsequently “conditioned” by passage through heat exchanger and water separator and injector stages.

The primary effect of compressor air bleed on performance is taken into account as a loss of engine thrust (or power). Subsequent thrust recovery from the exhausting of cabin air is considered here as a negative contribution to excrescence drag. Maximum achieved values of thrust recovery are quoted but these imply the provision of suitable exhaust vents and a well-sealed fuselage. The other major direct effect of the air conditioning system is the drag ascribed to leakage where the fuselage is not sealed. Figure 6 quotes only maximum values.

The remaining effects on excrescence drag arise from pressure relief valves and the inlets and outlets for the cooling air used in the system heat exchangers and similar comments apply to those mentioned under “Ventilation/cooling”.

**Auxiliary Power Unit, Figure 7:** The main functions are, typically, to provide

- compressed air for the air conditioning system when on the ground,
- compressed air for main engine start up,
- shaft power for ground or emergency in-flight electrical power generation.

In many cases all three functions apply but for the purpose of this Data Item it has been found useful to consider only the air bleed capabilities of the unit.

Excrescence drag arises primarily due to the inlet and exhaust systems. On some installations the inlet(s) can be blanked off or retracted so that only the exhaust contributes to drag. If the exhaust is located in a rearward facing surface – usually the fuselage tailcone – its presence will not change whatever base drag has already been allowed. If a unit is to be used in flight it may be necessary to remove (divert) the airframe boundary layer ahead of the inlet – with an attendant drag penalty. This is particularly important if a unit is certificated to provide in-flight electrical power and/or bleed air when one of the main engines is inoperative.

## 5.4 Miscellaneous Drag Producing Features

Many aircraft carry features that do not fit easily into Categories 1 to 12. Alternatively, while a feature might fit into one of the categories, its occurrence might be so infrequent as to make its inclusion in that category of no practical value. This final Category presents some of the limited available data while adhering as closely as possible to the definition in Section 3.

**Vortex generators:** The flight conditions at which aircraft can operate are frequently constrained by the effects of boundary layer separation. Vortex generators provide an effective means of alleviating these effects while entailing only minor changes to the airframe.

In flow conditions where vortex generators are required to be effective, there may be an overall reduction in the drag of the airframe component on which they are installed – due to the separation control they provide. In such cases they should not be regarded as excrescences but as part of the basic wing, *etc.* For flow conditions where the vortex generators are not required to control separation (and these could include normal cruise conditions), information given in References 21 and 22 may be used to predict the “direct” drag of vane vortex generators. Section 8.1.1 of Reference 21 describes the estimation procedure in detail but the data of Reference 22 alone can be used to estimate the drag contribution due to a single vane, of height  $h_v$ , as

$$\left[ \frac{\Delta D}{q} \right]_e = \frac{1}{2} \rho_v \frac{U_v^2}{q} h_v^2 [k_D \cos \sigma \pm k_v \sin \sigma] \quad (5.1)$$

$k_D, k_v$ : vane drag and vortex strength (lift) parameters, relative to local flow direction; Figure 2 of Reference 22 gives values as function of planform and incidence.

$U_v, \rho_v$ : velocity and density at edge of boundary layer at vane location.

$\sigma$ : angle between freestream and flow at vane; Figure 4 of Reference 22 gives values.

**Gun installation:** For a single barrel gun (20 mm or 30 mm) installed within the fuselage

$$\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum} = 0.03 \text{ to } 0.04 \text{ ft}^2. \quad (5.2)$$

This includes the drag due to the “break out” in the fuselage surface and an allowance for inlet/outlet of purging air and holes for the ejection of spent cartridges.

**Arrester hook:** Depending on the hook size and installation, values lie in the range

$$\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum} = 0.025 \text{ to } 0.1 \text{ ft}^2. \quad (5.3)$$

**Open holes with transverse vanes (or cascades):** Some exhausts (including some older-style thrust-reverser outlets) take this form and the limited data available suggest that

$$\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum} = 0.075 + 0.25 \times 10^{-3} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{design airflow through} \\ \text{hole, in lbf/s} \end{array} \right] \text{ft}^2. \quad (5.4)$$

## 6. EFFECT OF CHANGES IN $H_p$ AND $M$ ON EXCRESCENCE DRAG

Figure 8 gives an approximate method for adjusting the summation of the values of  $\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}$  obtained from Figures 1 to 7, (and applicable to  $H_p = 36\,089$  ft (11 000 m) and  $M = 0.8$ ) to other combinations of  $H_p$  and  $M$ . These data are deduced from the typical variation with Mach and Reynolds numbers of drag data for excrescences where the mean height is of the order 0.1 of the boundary layer thickness. While this approach is clearly incorrect for relatively large excrescences such as antennae or air data sensors, it is acceptable when applied to the overall level of excrescence drag on an aircraft because of the relatively small average height of excrescences. In Figure 8 values are given of the parameter  $f_{H_p, M}$ , where

$$f_{H_p, M} = \frac{\Delta[D/q]_e}{\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}}, \quad (6.1)$$

and  $\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}$  is the datum value, estimated using Sections 4 or 5, for  $H_p = 36\,089$  ft and  $M = 0.8$ . The Figure includes data for three forms of excrescence, as follows

- (a) aft facing steps,
- (b) forward facing steps,
- (c) grooves transverse to flow.

A value of  $f_{H_p, M}$  can be assessed as some combination of the values given in Figures 8(a) to 8(c). It is recommended that,

- for conservative results, use Figure 8(a) (aft facing steps),
- for typical airframe, use average of values from Figures 8(a) and 8(b),
- use Figure 8(c) only in circumstances where it is obviously relevant.

Appendix B gives a derivation of the relationships presented in Figure 8.

## 7. EXCRESCENCE DRAG CLEAN-UP

The level of excrescence drag on an airframe is, at least in principle, optional – although much detail-design effort is required if a low excrescence drag is to be achieved. Figure 9 shows examples of the extent to which airframe “clean-up” has reduced the level of excrescence drag between different versions of particular aircraft types. The examples include

- changes between prototype and initial production standard,
- changes between early production standard and improved standard,
- changes between “basic” aircraft and a derivative thereof.

Information regarding time, cost and effort required to bring about these improvements is not available although the times range between one and ten years for the extreme cases.

## 8. NOTES ON DATA USED IN PREPARING THIS DATA ITEM

In preparing this Data Item a large number of diverse topics has been considered and many of these are addressed in Section 5 and Appendices A and B. This Section deals with two areas that remain. Section 8.1 summarises the methods used to treat several aerodynamic phenomena so as to distinguish them (by implication, at least) from “excrescence drag” as treated here. Section 8.2 summarises the methods likely to have been used in generating the aircraft excrescence drag data upon which Figures 1 to 9 are based. It also provides a guide to the types of aircraft for which data were available.

### 8.1 Distinctions Between Treatments of Skin Friction, Surface Roughness and Excrescences

#### 8.1.1 Skin friction on smooth flat plate

In viscous flow over a smooth flat plate, skin friction arises from the shear stress at the fluid/surface interface and is represented as either a local skin friction coefficient,  $C_f$ , or a mean skin friction coefficient,  $C_F$ . The latter of these represents an integration of values of the former over the relevant streamwise distance. References 3 and 4 give data for laminar and turbulent boundary layers. Appendix B gives equations for  $C_f$  and  $C_F$  for a turbulent boundary layer.

#### 8.1.2 Effect of surface roughness and waviness on transition

Boundary layer transition from laminar to turbulent flow is affected by the presence of surface roughness. References 1 and 2 give estimates of roughness height (uniformly distributed or discrete), and of surface waviness, below which laminar flow boundary layer development, transition position (and hence drag) are unaffected.

#### 8.1.3 Skin friction on uniformly rough flat plate

Values of skin friction coefficient for a turbulent boundary layer on a uniformly rough flat plate can be estimated using Reference 5 which follows the widely-used practice of characterising a uniform surface roughness by an *equivalent sand roughness height*,  $k$ , – defined as the value of  $k$  required to produce the same mean skin friction coefficient as the actual roughness.

#### 8.1.4 Non-uniformly distributed roughness

Non-uniformly distributed roughness may also be represented by an equivalent sand roughness height – *i.e* as the value of  $k$  required, for uniform surface roughness, to produce the same mean skin friction as the actual, non-uniform, roughness. This concept has been used to characterise excrescence drag levels on some aircraft. **Excrescence drag is not represented in this way in this Data Item.**

#### 8.1.5 Drag due to individual excrescences

For a laminar boundary layer, if an excrescence is so small as to have no effect on transition, it can have only negligible effect on drag. If an excrescence is of sufficient height to influence transition of a laminar boundary layer (see Reference 2), increased drag will result due to higher skin friction levels associated with a turbulent boundary layer (References 4 and 5).

References 9 to 16 give drag values for particular types of excrescence, mounted on a flat plate (zero streamwise pressure gradient) and immersed in a turbulent boundary layer. These drag values are converted to values appropriate to airframe components in the presence of finite pressure gradients by use of an excrescence drag magnification factor, see References 17 and 18.

## 8.2 Excrescence Drag Data for Complete Aircraft

A full estimate of excrescence drag for a complete aircraft requires a survey of the airframe and individual estimates for each excrescence (or a representative selection) using techniques such as those described in Section 8.1.5, including the use of appropriate magnification factors to account for the effects of surface pressure gradients. Examples of part of this process are given in Reference 20. Figures 1 to 7 and 9 are based on the results of detailed estimates made by aircraft manufacturers or others. It is likely that those estimates have been made with the assumption that boundary layer transition occurs well forward on each major airframe component. Figure 1 is based on overall excrescence drag values for a wide range of aircraft types and the relevant characteristics are summarised in Table 8.1. The aircraft for which detailed breakdowns of the excrescence drag values were available for Figures 2 to 7 and 9 are described in Table 8.2.

In most of these instances the data have been generated as part of thrust and drag accounting. This implies that, whatever the degree of sophistication of the methods used to estimate the excrescence drag, the results were acceptable within the overall context of reconciling flight-test measured drag with predicted values (including use of wind tunnel data, where available). The quality of the estimation of excrescence drag doubtless varies widely and it is likely to be greatest for the more modern classes of aircraft – particularly those, such as large jet transports, where the operational penalties of excessive drag can be severe.

**TABLE 8.1**

Class of aircraft	Number of aircraft types	Ranges of values of	
		$S_{wet}$ ft <sup>2</sup>	$S$ ft <sup>2</sup>
Jet- or fan-engined transports/bombers	36	3340 to 33000	550 to 6200
Small jet- or fan-engined transports	3	1350 to 1700	230 to 350
Propeller-driven transports	5	3500 to 13800	370 to 2500
Propeller-driven light/trainer types	2	620 and 830	150 and 210
Jet-engined combat types	51	120 to 3300	12 to 600
Piston-engined combat aircraft	55	750 to 7300	200 to 1700

**TABLE 8.2**

Class of aircraft	Number of aircraft types	Ranges of values of	
		$S_{wet}$ ft <sup>2</sup>	$S$ ft <sup>2</sup>
Jet- or fan-engined transports/bombers	15 (6)*	6850 to 33000 (3340 to 8000)*	1300 to 6200 (550 to 2400)*
Small jet- or fan-engined transports	1	1700	350
Propeller-driven transports	(3)*	(4250 and 7200)*	(880 to 1460)*
Propeller-driven light/trainer types	2	620 and 830	150 and 210
Jet-engined combat types	11 (16)*	900 to 2200 (540 to 1900)*	200 to 510 (120 to 780)*
Piston-engined combat aircraft	4 (51)*	790 to 5200 (750 to 7300)*	240 to 1260 (200 to 1700)*

\* Older aircraft with data for only a few categories of excrescence.

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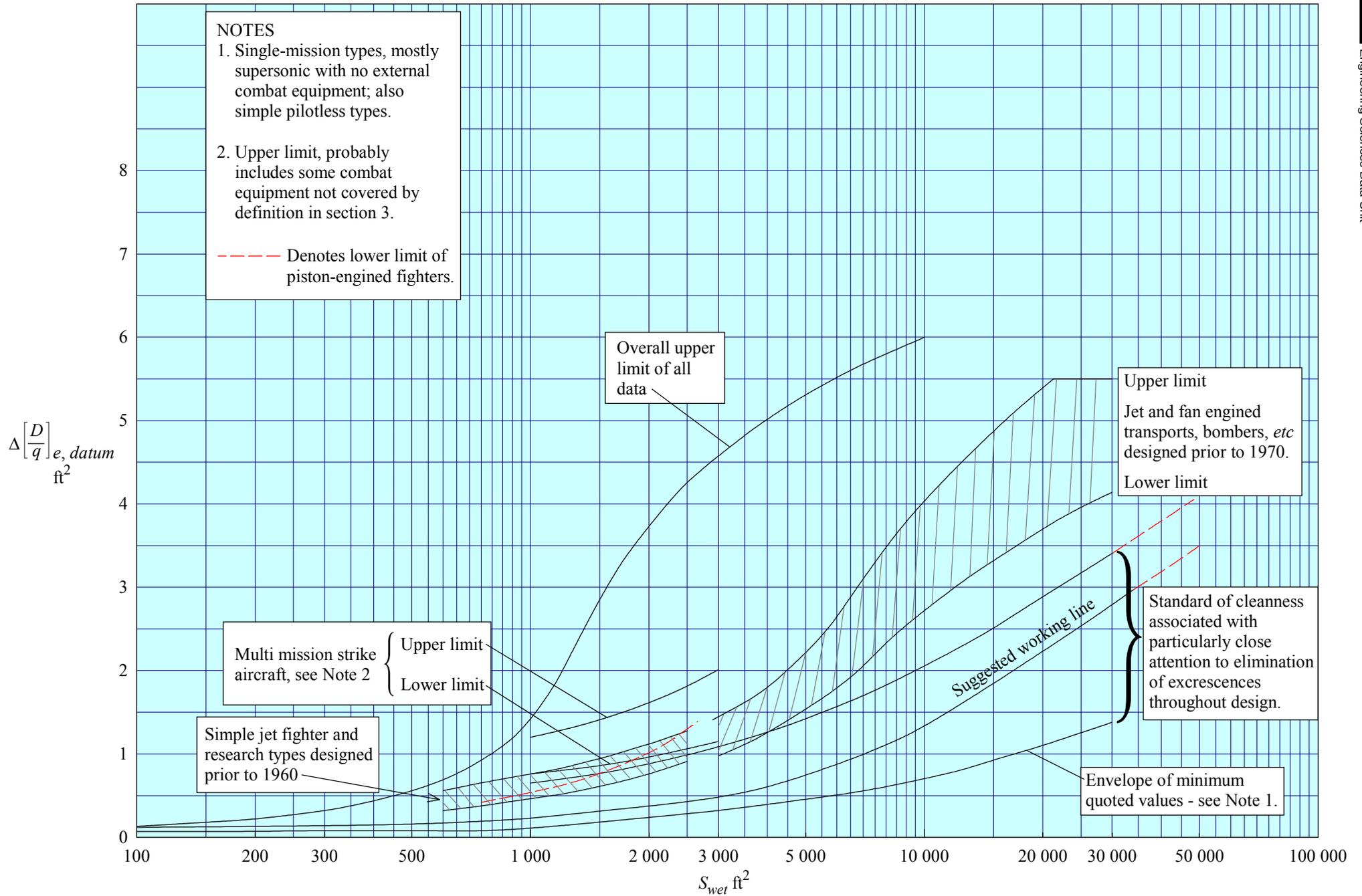
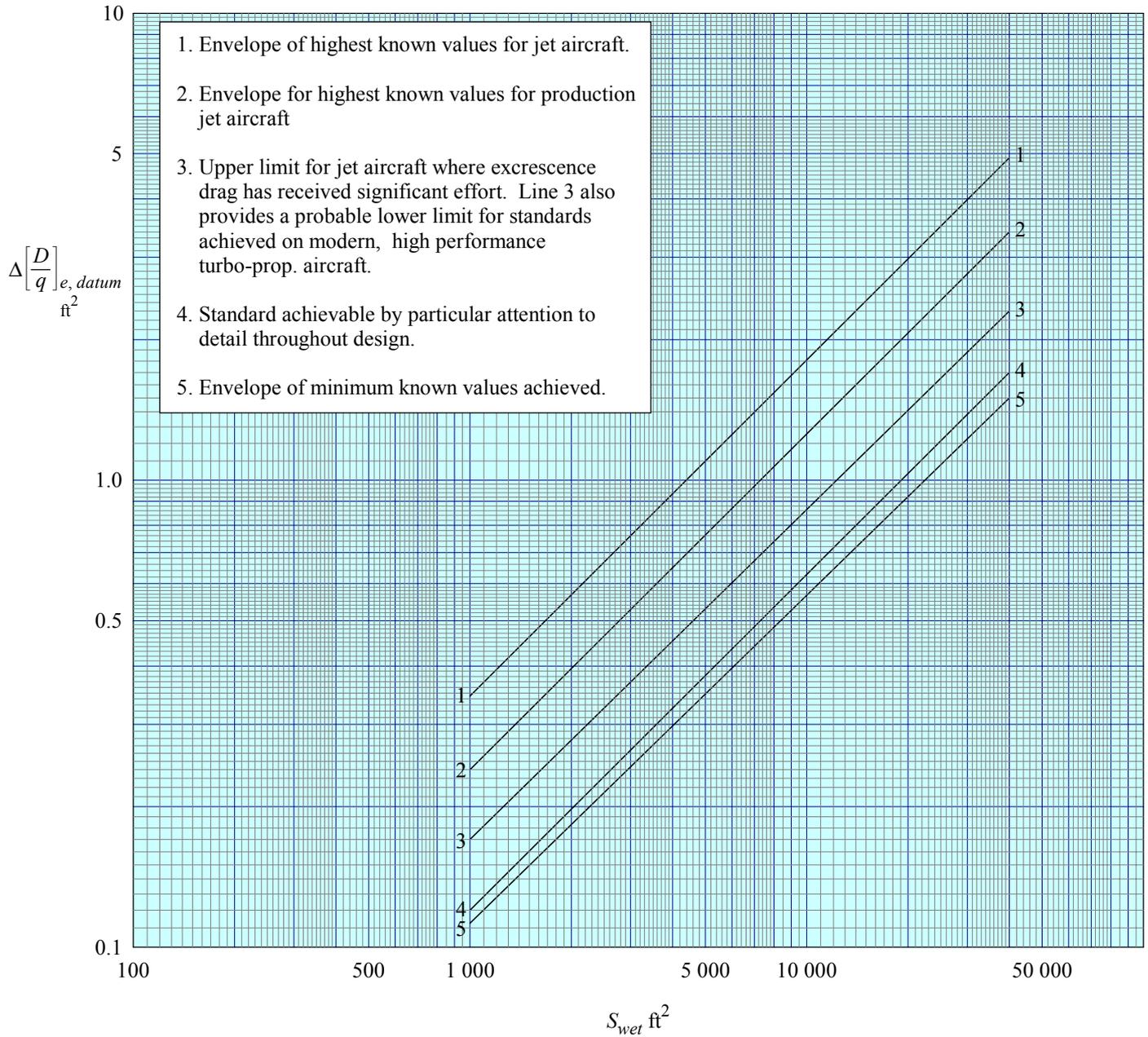
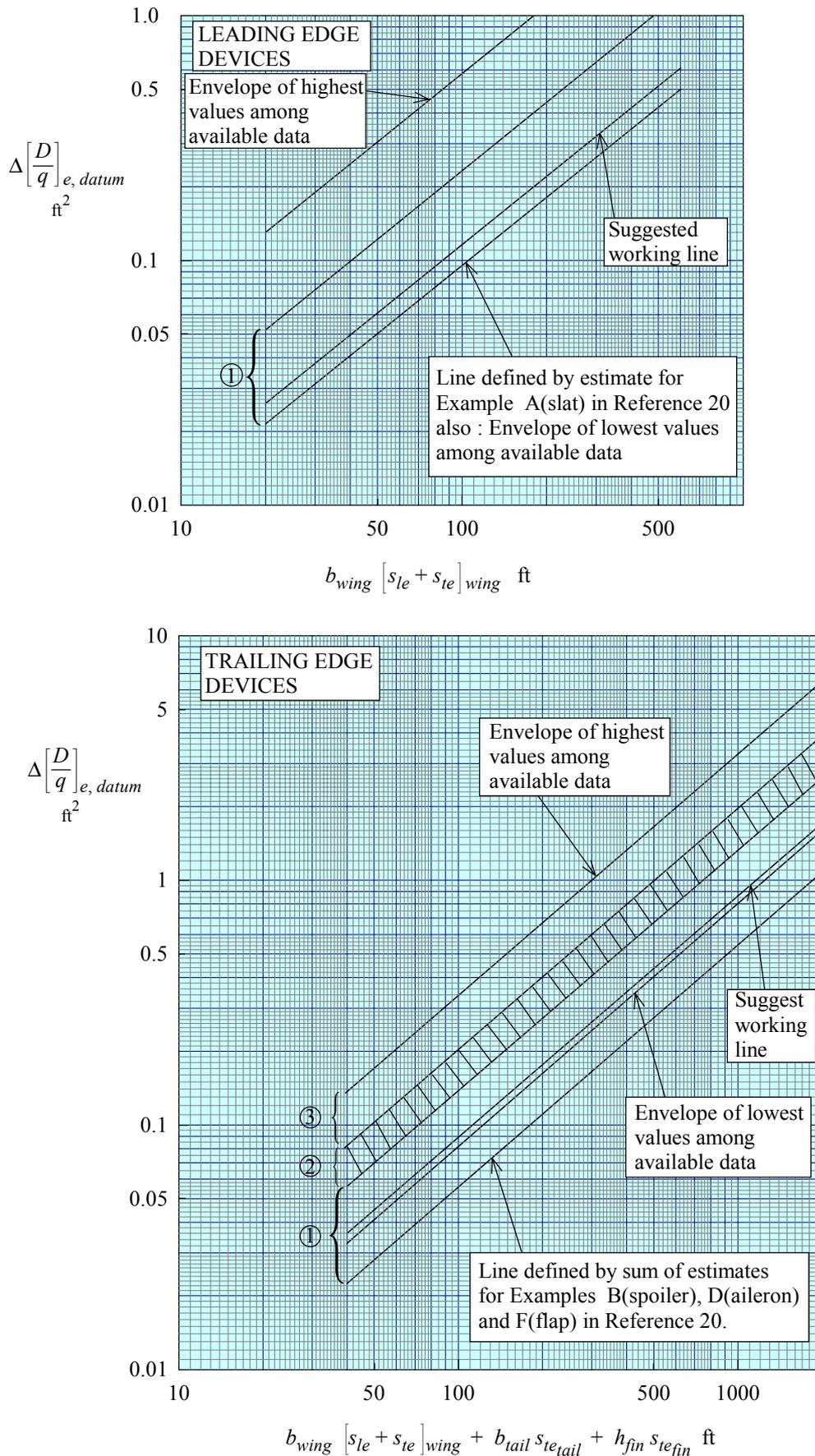


FIGURE 1 OVERALL EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS ON AIRCRAFT (AT DATUM CONDITIONS OF  $H_p$  AND  $M$ )



**FIGURE 2 EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS DUE TO AIRFRAME-BUILD SURFACE IMPERFECTIONS (AT DATUM CONDITIONS OF  $H_p$  AND  $M$ )**



1. Standard of cleanness associated with particularly close attention to elimination of excrescences throughout design.
2. Jet and fan-engined transports and combat types designed prior to 1970
3. Older, propeller-driven transports with manual controls, plus a few early jet types.

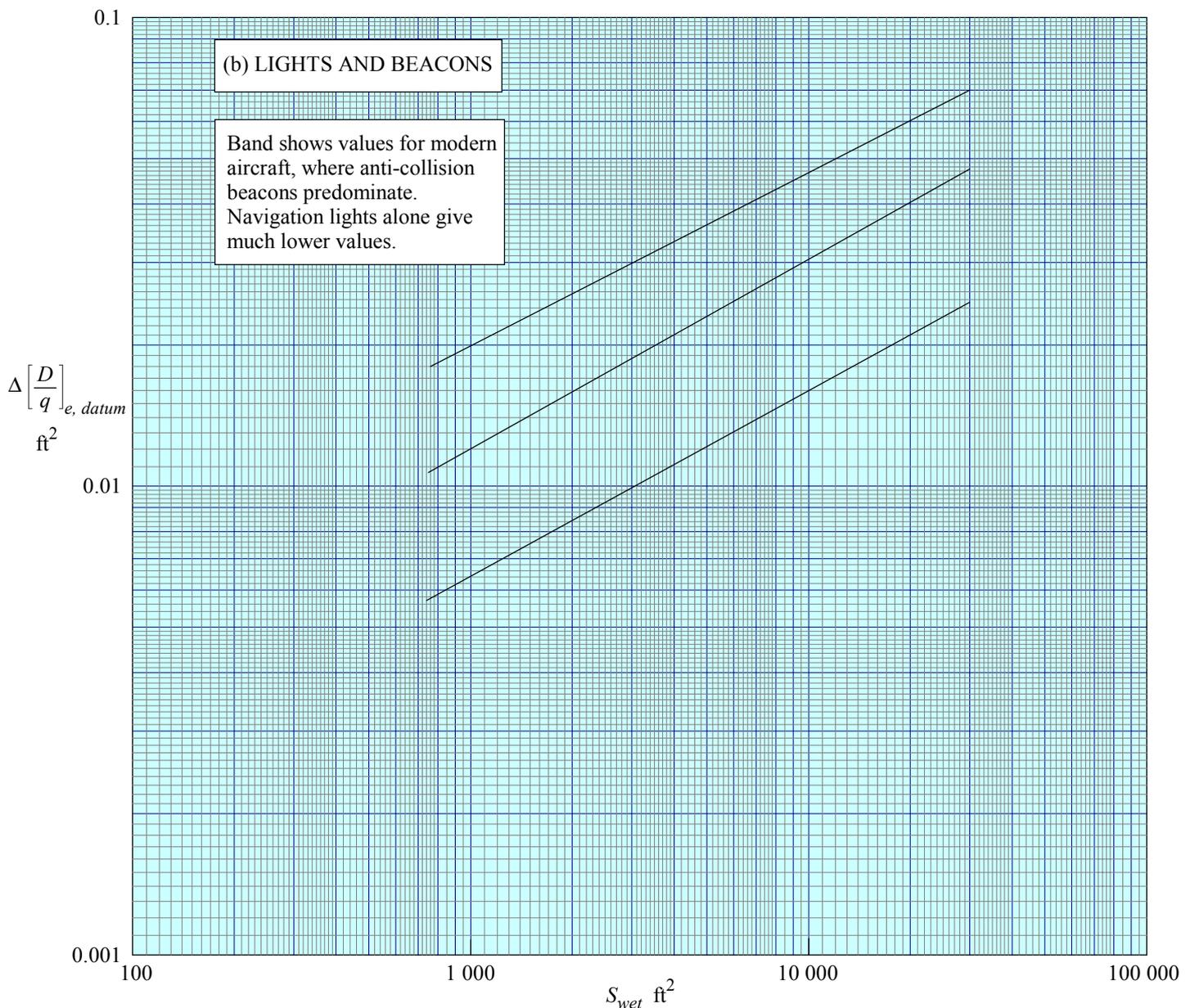
**FIGURE 3 EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS DUE TO IMPERFECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH MOVABLE AERODYNAMIC SURFACES (AT DATUM CONDITIONS OF  $H_p$  AND  $M$ )**

**(a) AIR DATA SYSTEMS (NON-FLUSH SENSORS)**

For most applications

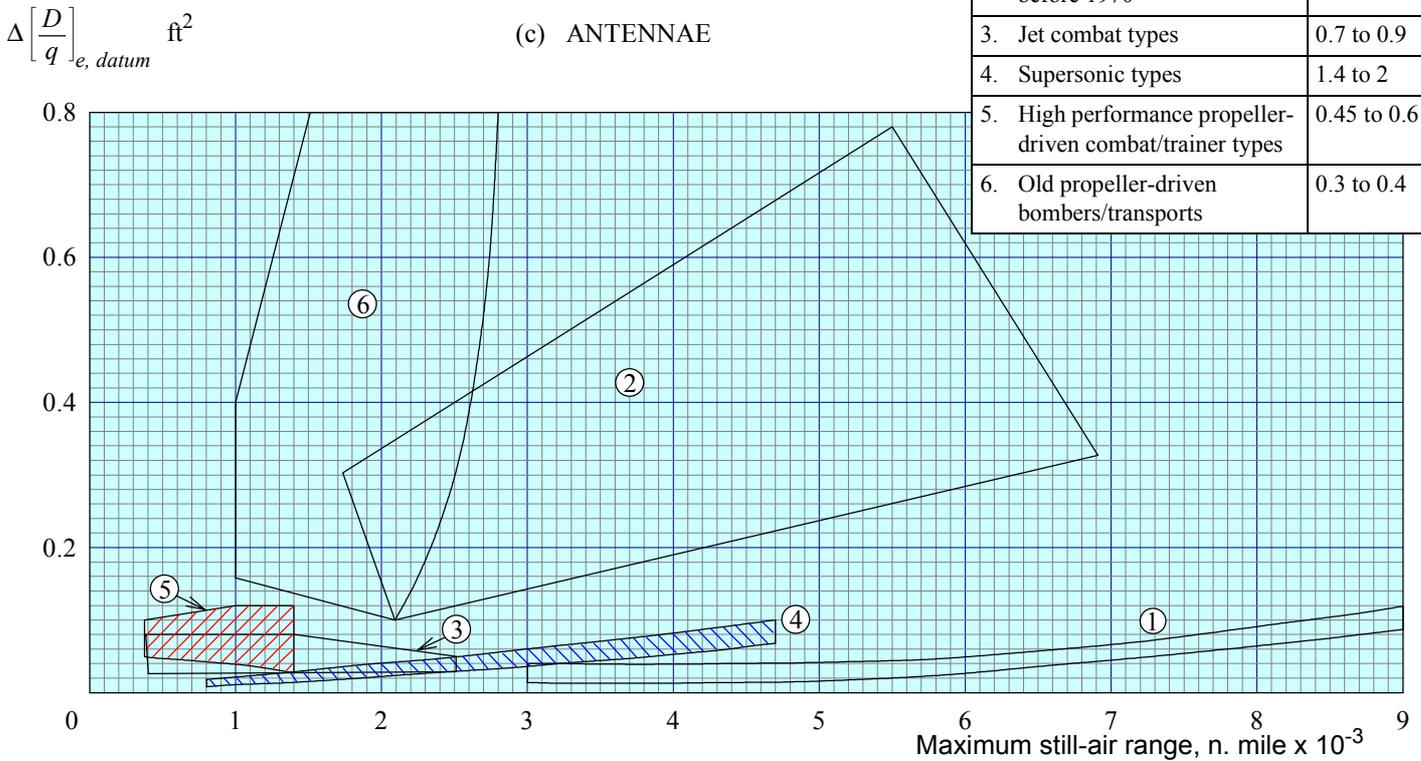
$$\Delta \left[ \frac{D}{q} \right]_{e, datum} = 0.02 \text{ to } 0.05 \text{ ft}^2$$

but values as high as 0.08 possible where flow direction sensors are a particular feature.



**FIGURE 4 EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS DUE TO AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS  
(AT DATUM CONDITIONS OF  $H_p$  AND  $M$ )**

Class of aircraft	Maximum $M$ in level flight
1. Transports with modern low-drag antennae	0.78 to 0.86
2. Jet transports designed before 1970	0.75 to 0.88
3. Jet combat types	0.7 to 0.9
4. Supersonic types	1.4 to 2
5. High performance propeller-driven combat/trainer types	0.45 to 0.6
6. Old propeller-driven bombers/transports	0.3 to 0.4



(d) STATIC DISCHARGE WICKS (RIGID TYPES)

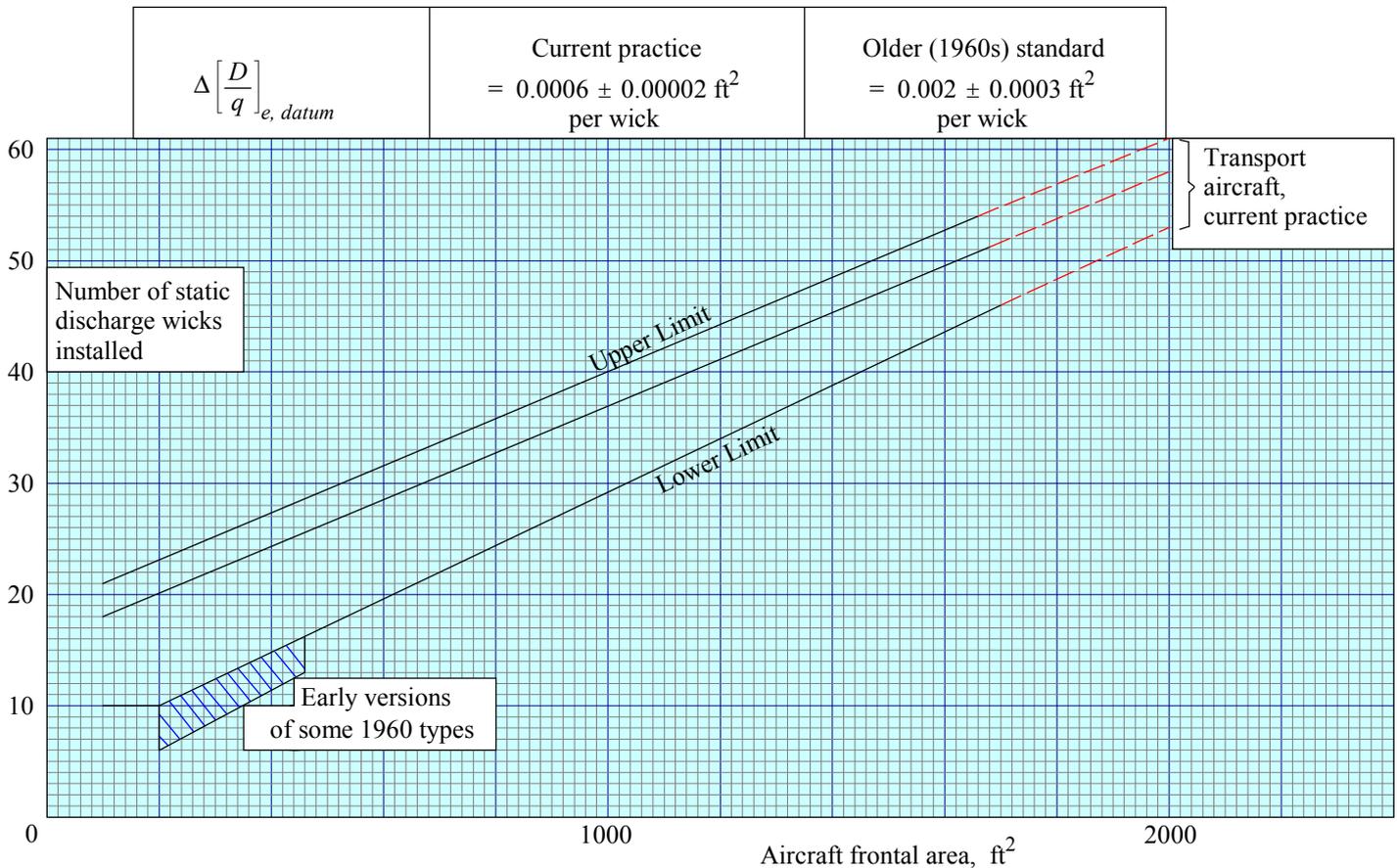
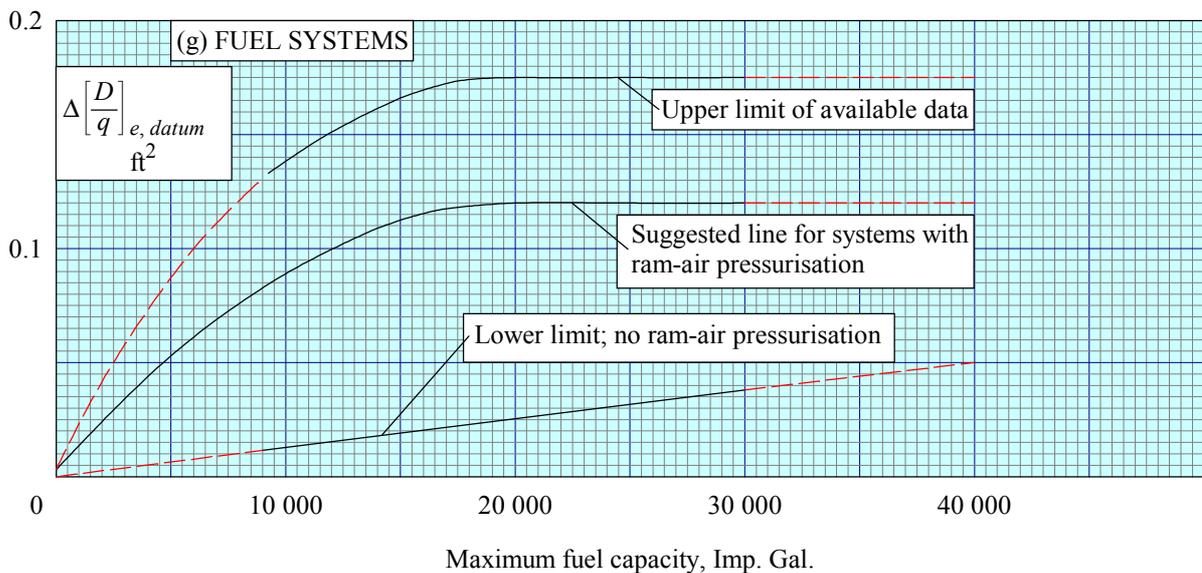
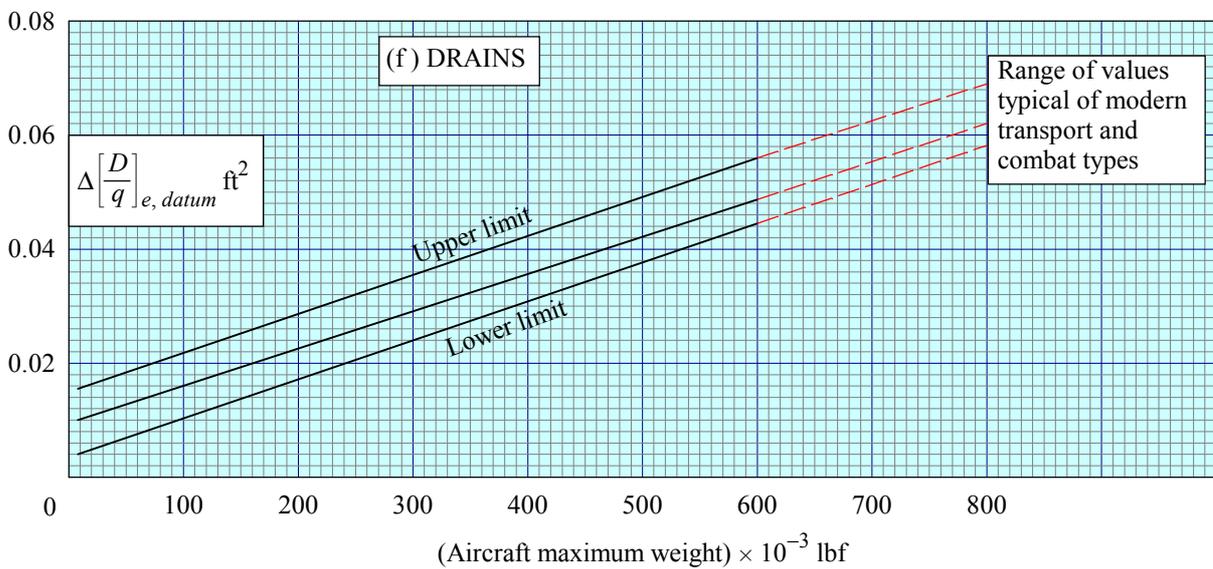


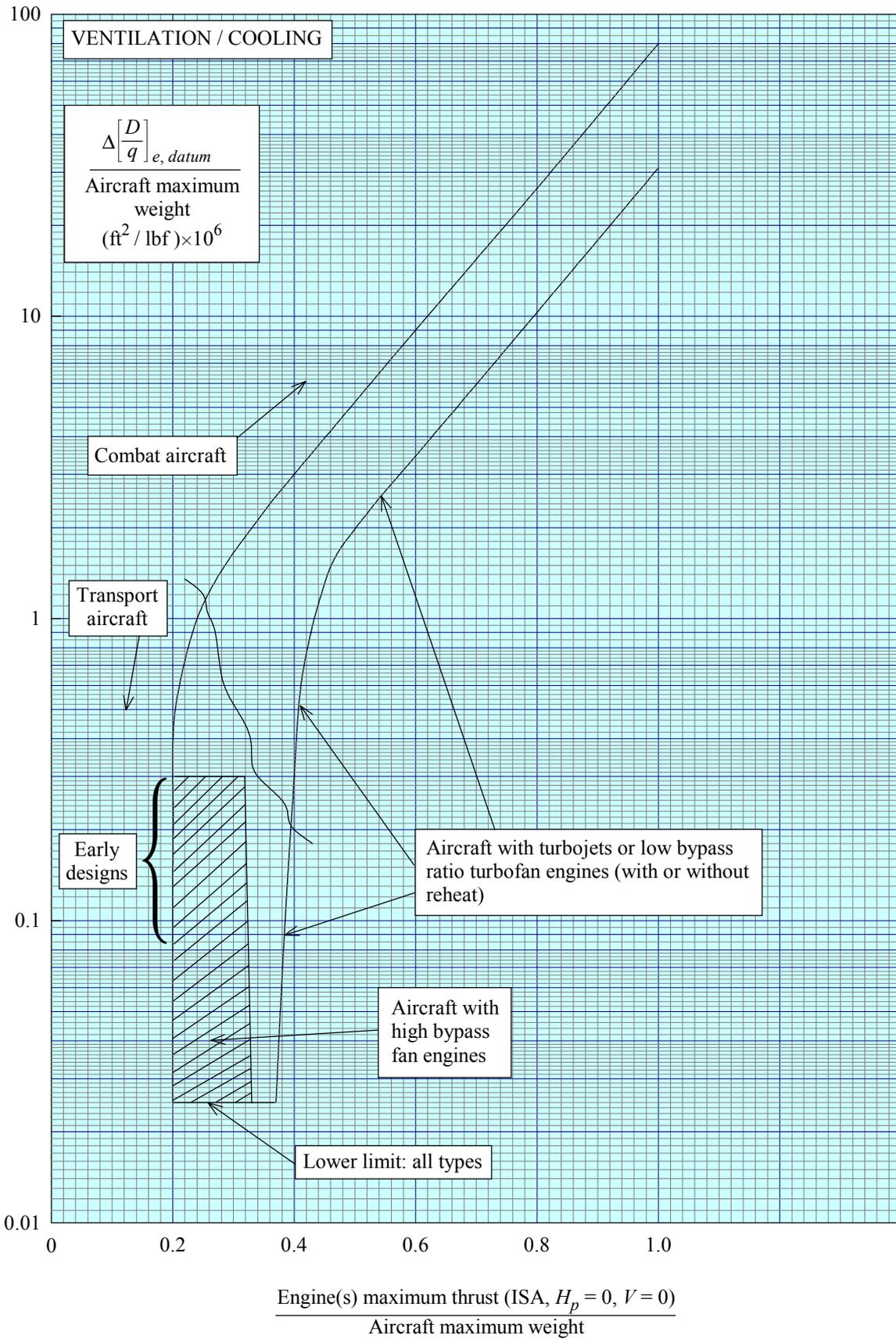
FIGURE 4 (Continued)

**(e) RAIN DISPERSAL**

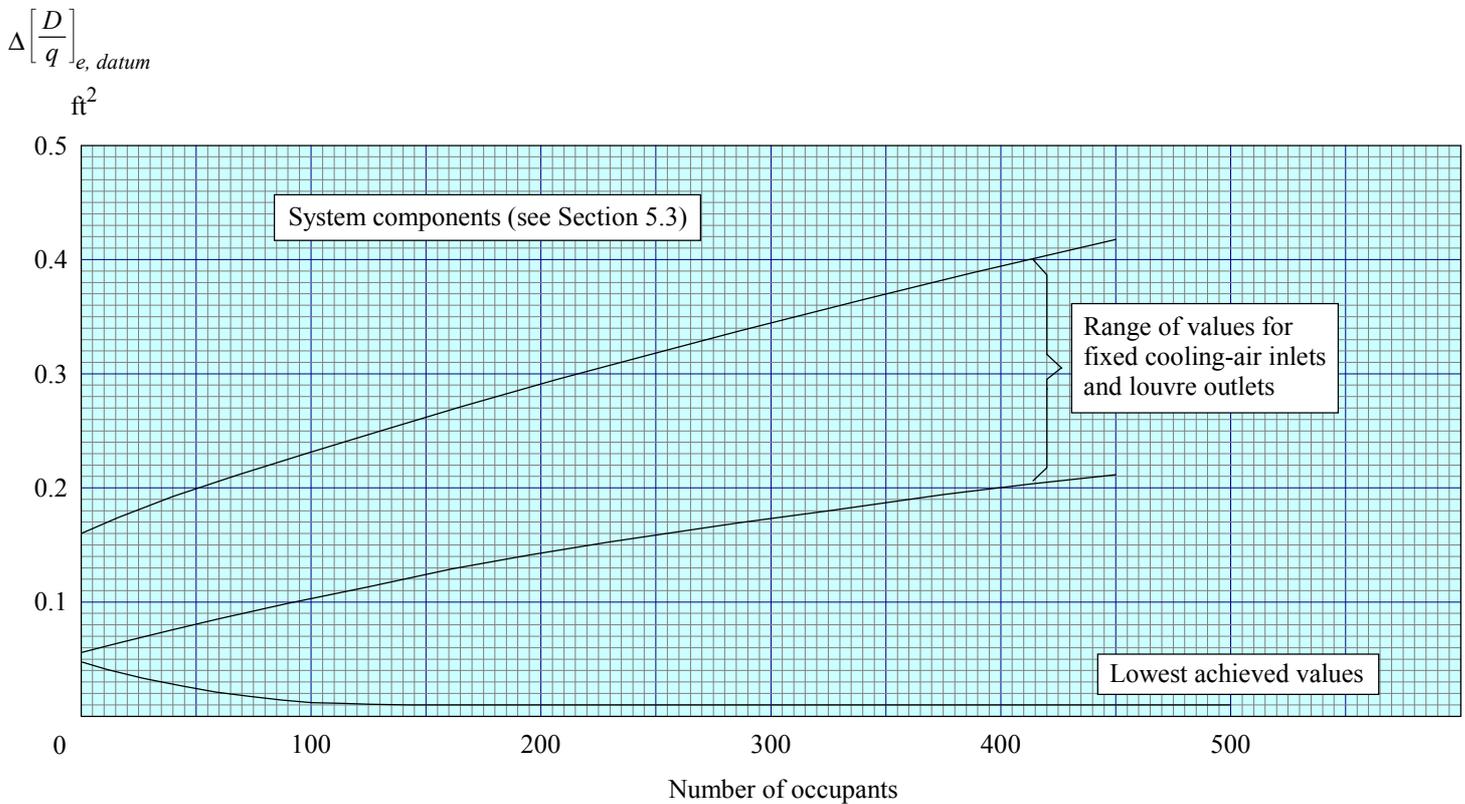
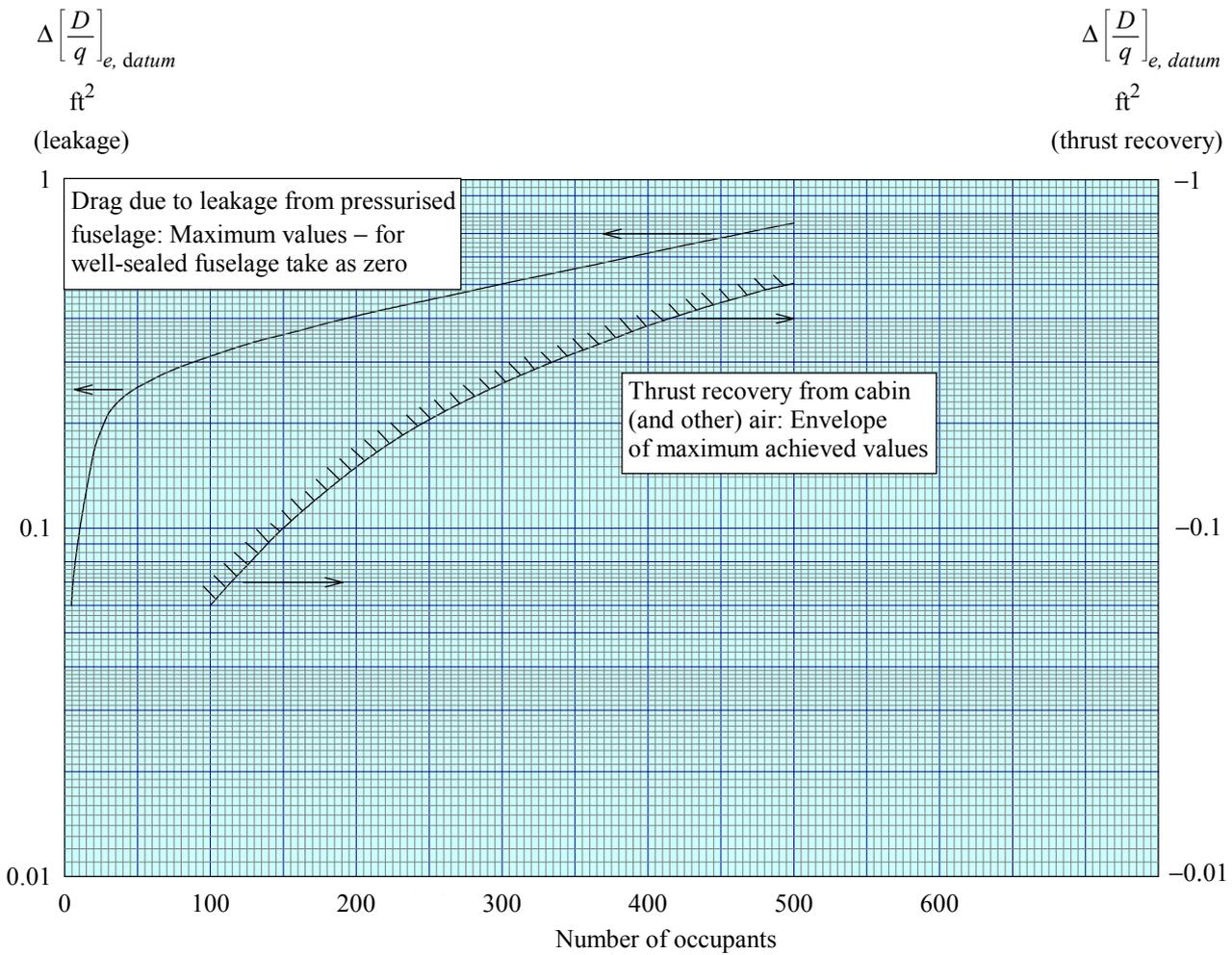
Description	$\Delta \left[ \frac{D}{q} \right]_{e, datum} \text{ ft}^2$
Low drag dispersal systems for screens	[width of pilots screen panels] $\times$ 0.004
Typical older-style (1960s) screen wipers	[width of pilots screen panels] $\times$ 0.02
Highest estimated values for screen wipers	[width of pilots screen panels] $\times$ 0.05
Gutters above doors	0.0018 per passenger door



**FIGURE 4 (Concluded)**



**FIGURE 5 EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS DUE TO VENTILATION/COOLING SYSTEMS (AT DATUM CONDITIONS OF  $H_p$  AND  $M$ )**



**FIGURE 6 EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS DUE TO AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS (AT DATUM CONDITIONS OF  $H_p$  AND  $M$ )**

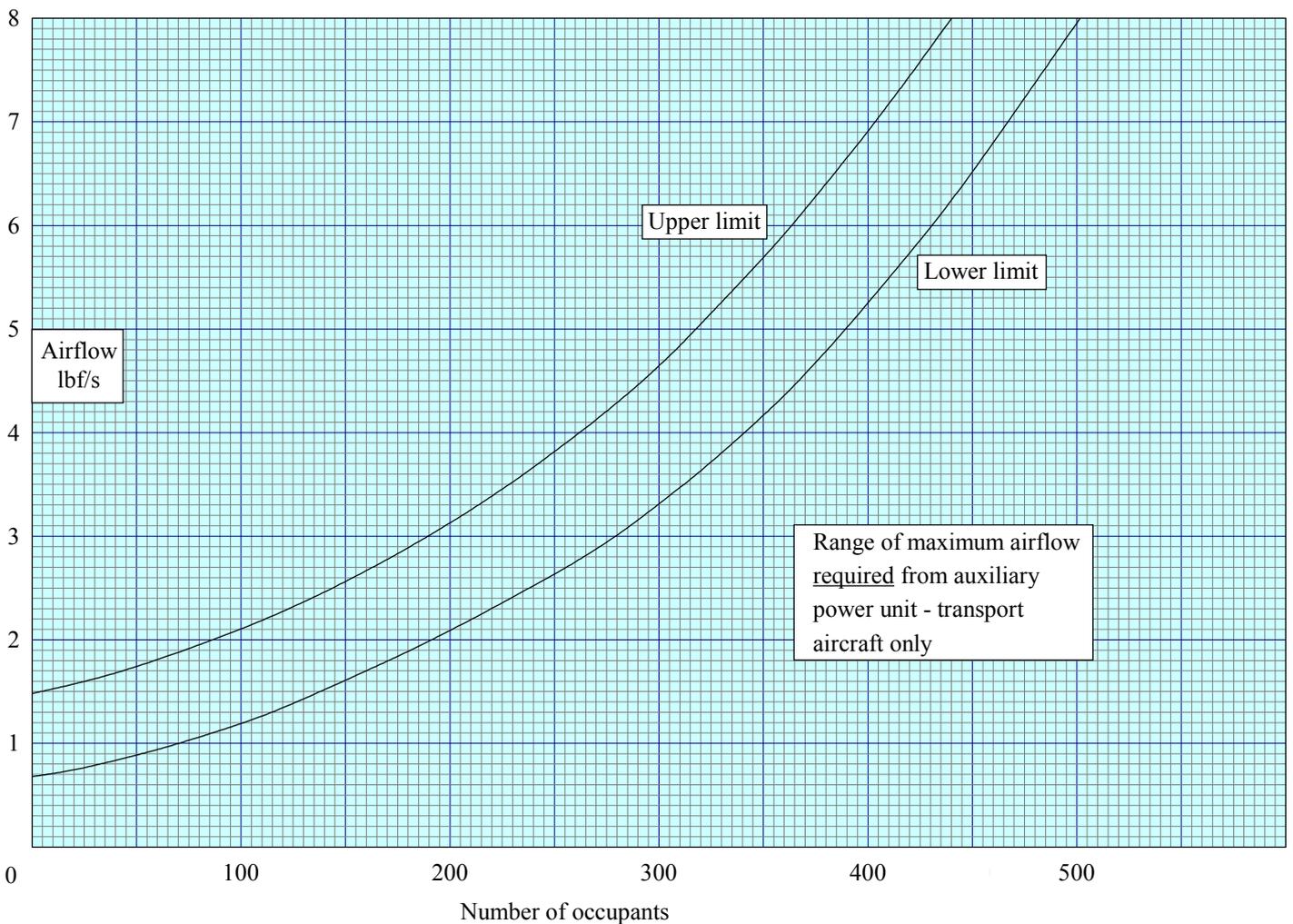
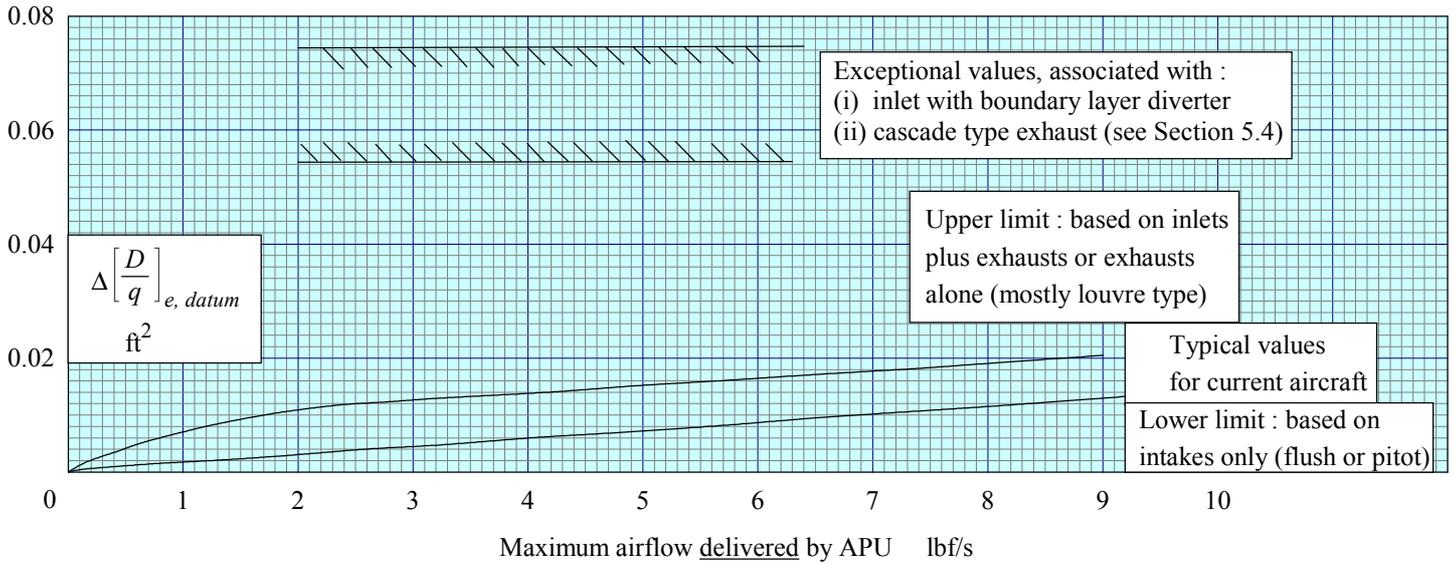
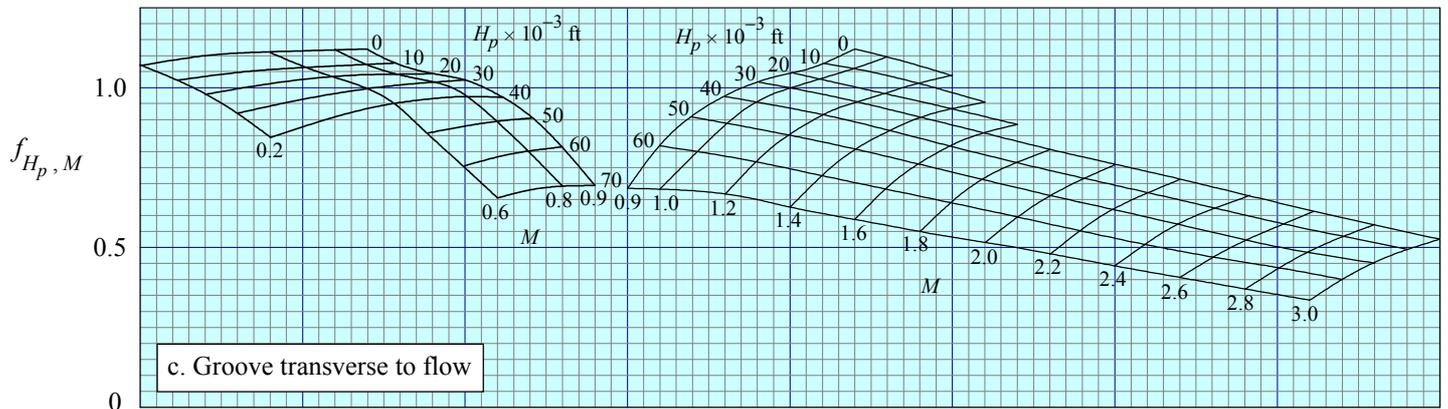
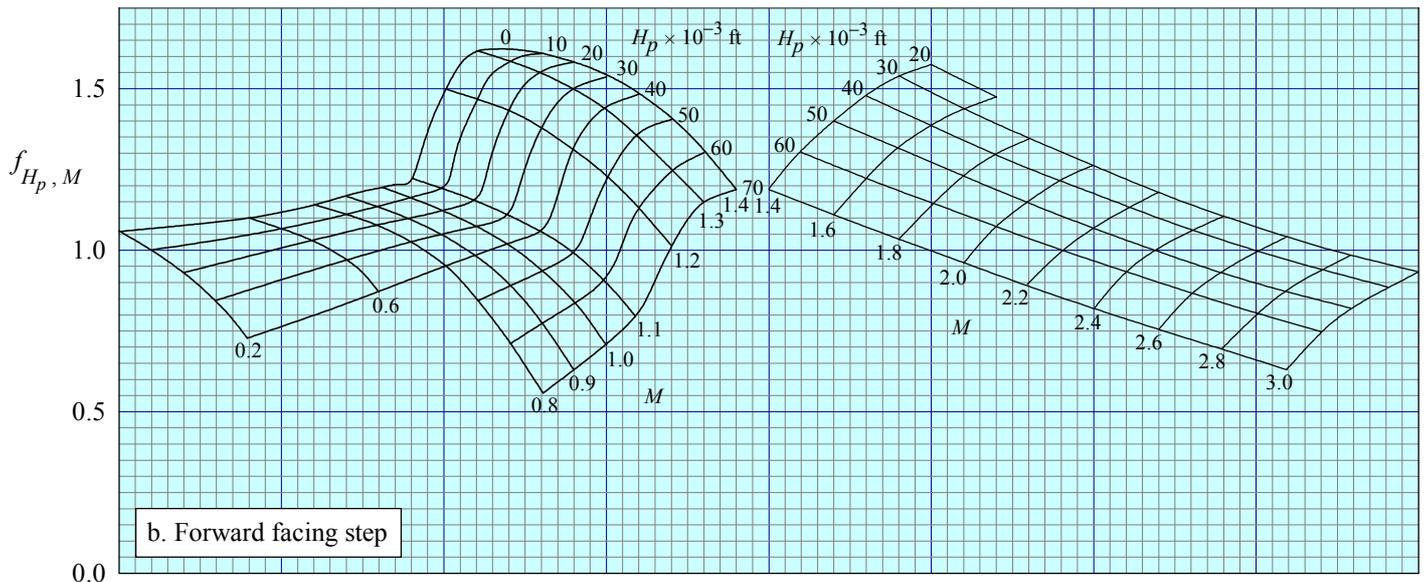
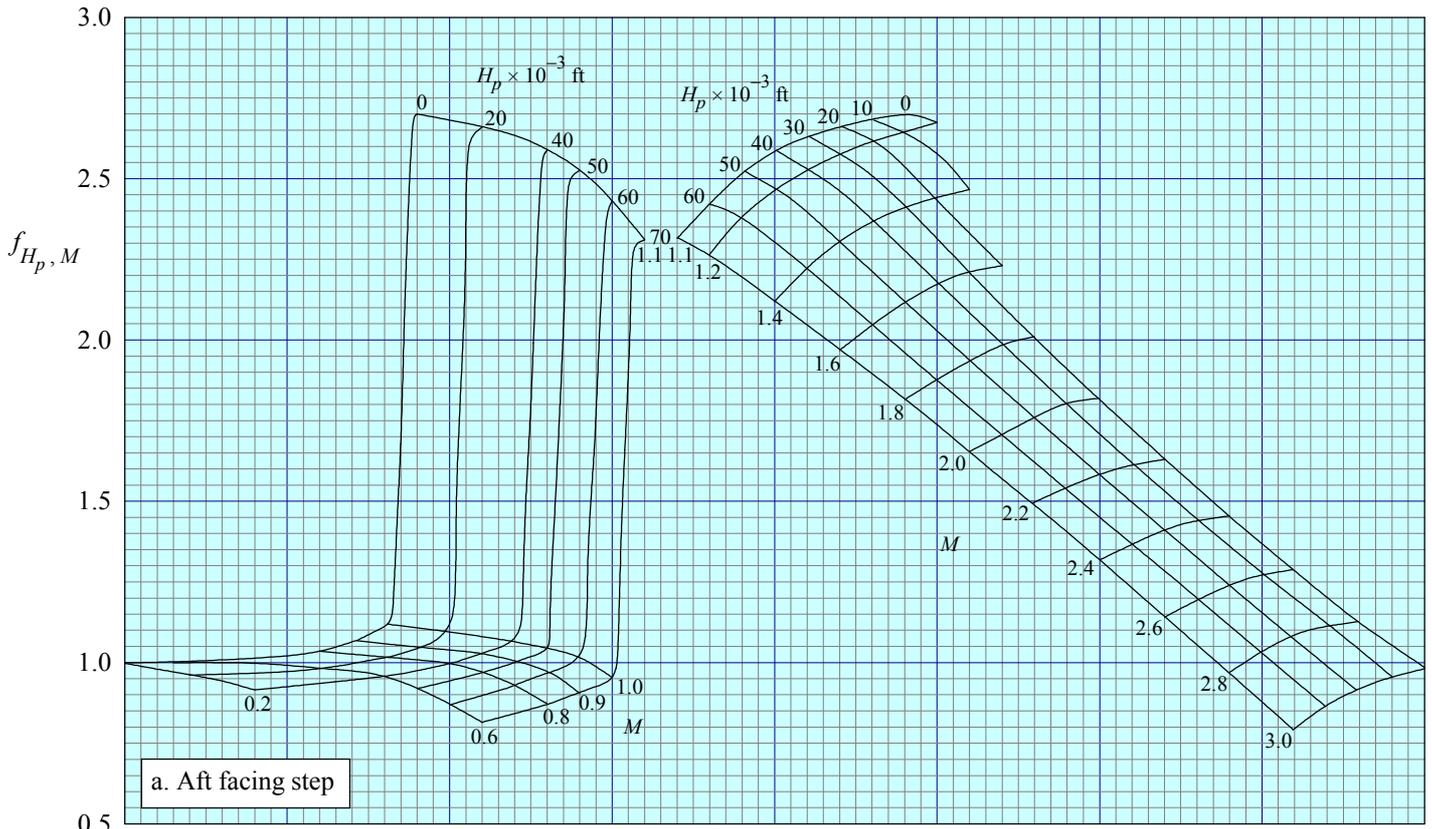
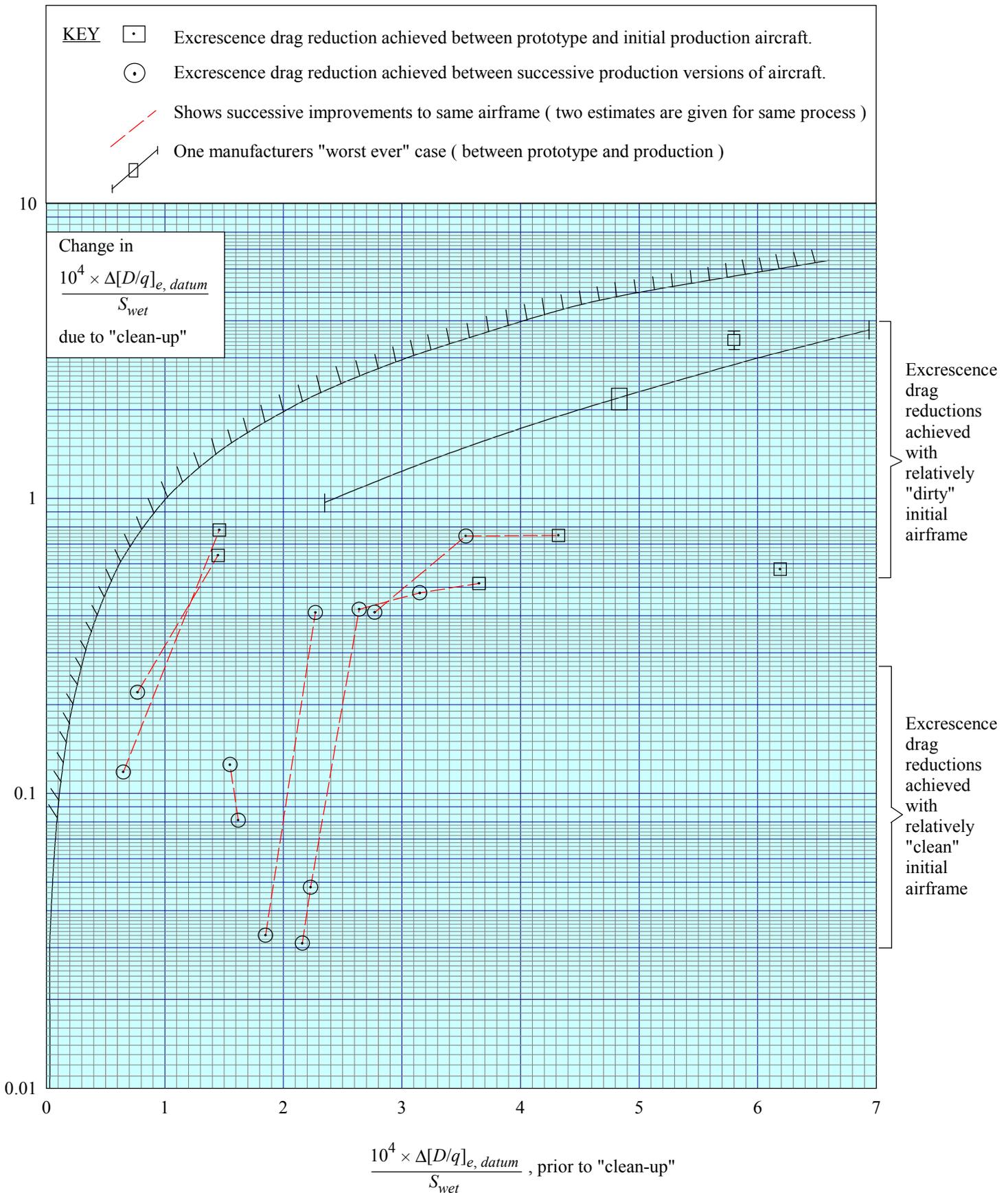


FIGURE 7 EXCRESCENCE DRAG LEVELS DUE TO AUXILIARY POWER UNIT (AT DATUM CONDITIONS OF  $H_p$  AND  $M$ )



**FIGURE 8 EFFECTS OF PRESSURE HEIGHT AND MACH NUMBER ON EXCRESCENCE DRAG**



**FIGURE 9 EXCRESCENCE DRAG REDUCTION DUE TO AIRFRAME CLEAN-UP**

## APPENDIX A LIST OF EXCRESCENCES

For a detailed estimate of excrescence drag a systematic scheme is required to account for each excrescence and eliminate duplication. It is also convenient to record the contributions to excrescence drag using several methods of subdivision – the most common of which are as follows.

Location of excrescences: wing, fuselage, tailplane, fin, pylons, nacelles.

Type of excrescences: surface imperfections, steps, ridges, holes, *etc.*

Systems giving rise to excrescences: air data system, fuel system, auxiliary power unit, *etc.*

The need for rigorous accounting is emphasised by these types of subdivision since all excrescences fall into two of the categories and many into all three. The subdivision of excrescences used in Section 5 is repeated below together with cross references to the examples given in this Appendix. The examples are a compilation of all the excrescences identified in the data used in deriving Figures 2 to 7.

Category of excrescence			see Appendix A Section
Basic airframe	1.	Airframe-build surface imperfections.	A1
	2.	Imperfections associated with movable aerodynamic surfaces.	A2
Fixed external components of aircraft systems	3.	Air data sensors.	A3
	4.	Lights and beacons.	A4.
	5.	Antennae.	A5
	6.	Static discharge wicks.	A6
	7.	Rain dispersal: screen wipers/blowing/fluid; gutters over doors.	A7
	8.	Drains.	A8
	9.	Fuel system.	A9
Internal Airflow Systems	10.	Ventilation/cooling.	A10.
	11.	Air conditioning/pressurisation.	A11
	12.	Auxiliary power unit.	A12
	13.	Miscellaneous airframe features.	5.4

**A1. AIRFRAME-BUILD SURFACE IMPERFECTIONS**

**Features common to all airframe parts**

skin joints, doublers, steps, gaps, seams  
fasteners: (rivets, bolts, screws)

waviness  
access panels: grooves, steps, fasteners

**Wing**

manholes – fuel tank access  
access panels: aileron, slat actuators  
undercarriage doors; steps, grooves  
wing-glove steps, seals (variable geometry)

leading-edge joint  
expansion joints  
external reinforcing  
trailing-edge wrap around

aileron tab spoilers	} }	hinges linkages actuators, jacks fairings
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jacking point  
lifting plug  
escape rope bracket  
tie down rings  
walkway

**Flap track fairings**

flap linkages  
exposed bearings  
gear boxes  
track closing plates  
roller fairings  
access panels

**Fin and rudder**

bullet base  
access panels  
accelerometer brackets  
fin-dorsal junction expansion joint  
heat shield  
rudder hinge connections, jacks, pins  
fairings for hinges and jacks  
rudder-wiper-plate seal  
access panels

**Tailplane/stabiliser/taileron**

hinge connections, linkages  
fairings for hinges and bearings  
wiper plate seal  
access panels

**Fuselage**

nose-radome joints, fasteners,  
lightning conductor strips  
cockpit window joints  
windscreen glazing bars  
windscreen rain removal access door/hinges  
windscreen/canopy fairing  
canopy hinge/fuselage spine fairing step  
canopy hinges, gaps  
canopy handle  
droop-nose joint/seal  
visor surround  
visor glazing  
passenger windows; steps, seals  
emergency exits seals

airbrakes doors and fairings  
crash-recorder access  
braking parachute door/fairing  
camera access door  
vortex generator base  
tail bumper  
horizontal-tail shield  
taileron roller rubbing strips  
crash strips  
access panels: latches, handles, hinges  
wiring ducts

door: passenger crew cargo galley	} }	seals, steps, windows, handles
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nose gear main gear tail gear kneeling blisters bomb bay	} }	seals, steps, fairings on doors
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## Powerplant

cowl latches  
 cowl hinged joints  
 reverser-cowl joints  
 sliding-cowl break  
 engine-door gaps, slides  
 access-panels/fasteners  
 gloves to pylon or vertical tail gap  
 engine-mounting fairings  
 intake/airframe junction

exhaust/airframe junction  
 nacelle/nozzle joint  
 nozzle petals  
 nacelle leakage of high pressure air  
 wing nacelle seals  
 pressure and thermal effects on nacelle/doors  
 auxiliary air intake door, hinges  
 intake-throat bleed outlets  
 ground-running airflow doors, hinges

## Powerplant pylons

pylon/wing trailing-edge fairing  
 pylon/slat junction

access panels/fasteners  
 attachment-lug fairings

## A2. IMPERFECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH MOVABLE AERODYNAMIC SURFACES

### Ailerons

leading edge gap/groove  
 chordwise spacer gap  
 vent gap  
 aileron to wing joint

### Elevons

seal step at tip  
 seal step at attachment point  
 gap between elevons  
 longitudinal and lateral joints

### Slats (upper and lower surfaces)

trailing edge step, groove  
 inboard end groove  
 grooves between slat segments  
 joints between slat segments  
 slat gaps

### Flaps

flap shroud-trailing-edge step/gap/grooves  
 flap to fixed wing joint  
 gap/groove between flaps  
 chordwise grooves at flap ends

### Spoilers/airbrakes

leading-edge step/groove  
 hinge line discontinuity/gap  
 spoiler to fixed wing joint  
 spoiler trailing-edge step/gap  
 spoiler to flap discontinuity  
 spoiler to spoiler (chordwise) gaps  
 hinge chordwise gaps/grooves  
 chordwise grooves at spoiler ends  
 leakage

### Elevator

spanwise gaps  
 chordwise gaps  
 stabiliser – elevator leakage

### Rudder

spanwise gaps/seals  
 chordwise gaps/seals  
 shroud to rudder steps

## A3. AIR DATA SENSORS

pitot probe  
 pitot-static probe  
 compensated pitot-static probe  
 total-pressure probe  
 $q$ -feel pitot probe  
 nose probe

wing-boom pitot  
 static tapping  
 static wedge  
 static probe  
 angle-of-attack sensor  
 sideslip probe

airstream direction detectors  
 yaw and incidence probe  
 ball-nose incidence probe  
 total-temperature probe/sensor  
 ice detector

## A4. LIGHTS AND BEACONS

anti-collision beacon (upper, lower fuselage, tail)	hook illumination
tail logo light	wing obstruction light
tail/fin trailing-edge light	landing light
navigation light	taxi light
rendezvous/formation light	

## A5. ANTENNAE

**Forms of antennae:** blade, triangular, dome, rod, wire

### Systems

ADF	MADGE	Doppler Decca	TACAN
ALQ XXX	Maker beacon	HF	Transponder
ATC	Radio altimeter	IFF	UHF
DME	Radio compass	ILS marker	VHF

## A6. STATIC DISCHARGE WICKS

**Locations:** wing, winglet, tailplane and fin trailing edge and tip  
engine pylons trailing edges

## A7. RAIN DISPERSAL

screen wiper arms and blades	screen washer nozzles	gutters over doors
screen rain repellent fluid nozzles	sidescreen washer fairings	
screen blowing duct/nozzle		

## A8. DRAINS (MASTS OR HOLES)

<b>water drains:</b> wing	<b>oil drains:</b> gearbox
fuselage	equipment bay
cargo bay	A.P.U.
radar bay	<b>hydraulic fluid:</b> brake reservoir
<b>fuel drains:</b> engine	hydraulic system
reheat pipe	undercarriage retraction jack
nozzle	
A.P.U.	
fuel tank bay	
refuelling sump	

## A9. FUEL SYSTEM

fuel-filler cap	ram intake for tank pressurisation
fuel overflow	fuel jettison pipe/outlet/vent
cable fairings to tanks	fuel tank drain valve/outlet
fuel probe	

## A10. VENTILATION/COOLING

### Forms

scoop intake  
NACA submerged intake  
louvres

holes  
step around intakes and exits

### Airframe ventilation

#### Wing

leading edge  
forward equipment bay  
rear equipment bay  
glove (variable geometry)  
undercarriage well – tyre/brake cooling

#### Systems

oil breather  
oil cooler  
fuel heater exhaust  
alternator cooling inlet/outlet  
fuel cell vent  
storage battery vent  
avionics/electronics/radio vent inlets/outlets  
hydraulic fluid cooler scoop, vent  
oxygen bottle vent  
oxygen cylinder rupture discharge port  
lavatory waste tank vent  
gun gas/gas purge vent  
ammunition vent

#### Fuselage

upper fairing/spine  
lower fairing  
equipment bay  
droop nose  
radome  
cockpit emergency air inlet  
engine bay  
interspace cooling  
engine heat shield  
airbrake cavity  
tailcone  
trim tank

## A11. AIR CONDITIONING/PRESSURISATION

heat-exchanger inlet  
ram-air inlet  
air-conditioning outlet  
cabin-air leakage  
cabin-air regulator outflow valves  
cockpit exhaust  
galley vent  
lavatory vent  
negative-pressure release vent  
thrust recovery nozzle

distortion due to pressurisation  
anti-icing air exhaust  
primary heat exchanger inlet  
primary heat exchanger outlet  
secondary heat exchanger inlet  
secondary heat exchanger outlet  
bleed-air heat exchanger  
cover plate over condenser

## A12. AUXILIARY POWER UNIT

inlet  
inlet and diverter  
outlet  
fire warning horn

## APPENDIX B APPROXIMATE METHOD FOR VARIATION OF EXCRESCENCE DRAG WITH $H_p$ AND $M$

### B1. ADDITIONAL NOTATION

		<i>SI</i>	<i>British</i>
$A, B$	constants in Equation (B3.1)		
$C_D$	incremental drag coefficient due to a two-dimensional excrescence, based on its height, $h$ , and kinetic pressure at edge of boundary layer		
$C_F$	mean skin friction coefficient		
$C_f$	local skin friction coefficient in absence of excrescence, based on kinetic pressure at edge of boundary layer		
$F_c$	compressibility factor on skin friction, see Equation (B4.10)		
$F_\delta$	compressibility factor on Reynolds number based on momentum thickness, see Equation (B4.11)		
$h$	height of step or ridge, depth of groove	m	ft
$M_\delta$	Mach number at edge of boundary layer		
$Re_h$	Reynolds number based on $h$ and on velocity and kinematic viscosity at edge of undisturbed boundary layer ( $= \mu_\delta h / \nu_\delta$ )		
$Re_x$	Reynolds number based on $x$ ( $= \mu_\delta x / \nu_\delta$ )		
$Re_{\delta_2}$	Reynolds number based on $\delta_2$ and velocity and kinematic viscosity at edge of undisturbed boundary layer ( $= \mu_\delta \delta_2 / \nu_\delta$ )		
$r$	temperature recovery factor		
$T$	static temperature	K	K
$u_\delta$	velocity at edge of boundary layer	m/s	ft/s
$u_\tau$	friction velocity, $(\tau_w / \rho_w)^{1/2}$	m/s	ft/s
$x$	streamwise length from start of turbulent boundary layer	m	ft
$\gamma$	ratio of specific heat capacities		
$\delta$	boundary layer thickness	m	ft
$\delta_2$	boundary layer momentum thickness	m	ft
$\mu$	dynamic viscosity	kg/m s	slug/ft s
$\nu$	kinematic viscosity, $\mu/\rho$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	ft <sup>2</sup> /s
$\tau_w$	wall shear stress	N/m <sup>2</sup>	lbf/ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Superscript</b>			
$i$	denotes equivalent-incompressible, or kinematic, value		
<b>Subscripts</b>			
$\omega$	denotes conditions at wall		
$\delta$	denotes conditions at edge of boundary layer		

## B2. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix presents the derivation of values of the factor  $f_{H_p, M}$  used to provide an approximate method for adjusting the value of  $\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}$  obtained from Figures 1 to 7 (applicable to  $H_p = 36\ 089$  ft (11 000 m) and  $M = 0.8$ ) to other combinations of  $H_p$  and  $M$ ,

$$f_{H_p, M} = \frac{\Delta[D/q]_e}{\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}}. \quad (\text{B2.1})$$

The calculations are based on typical variations with Mach and Reynolds numbers of drag data for two-dimensional excrescences (mean height of order 0.1 of the boundary layer height) in conjunction with flat plate turbulent skin friction values and appropriate atmospheric parameters. **Section B3** describes how the excrescence drag data are represented. **Section B4** defines the turbulent boundary layer skin friction method used. **Section B5** describes how the relationships given in Sections B3 and B4 are combined with atmospheric and geometric parameters to deduce the values of  $f_{H_p, M}$  shown in Figure 8.

## B3. ANALYTICAL REPRESENTATION OF MEASURED DRAG DATA FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL EXCRESCENCES

References 23 and 25 present measured drag data for various two-dimensional excrescences mounted on flat plates and these data, among others, are the basis of References 11, 12 and 24. For excrescence heights which are relatively small compared with the (turbulent) boundary layer height ( $h \leq 0.1 \delta$ ), drag data are successfully correlated on the basis of a roughness Reynolds number ( $u_\tau h / \nu_w$ ) as

$$\frac{C_D}{C_f} = A \log_{10} \left[ \frac{u_\tau h}{\nu_w} \right] - B. \quad (\text{B3.1})$$

The constants  $A$  and  $B$  are dependent on  $M_\delta$  and the type of excrescence – Figure B1 gives values.

The roughness Reynolds number, ( $u_\tau h / \nu_w$ ), in Equation (B3.1) can be expressed in the form

$$\frac{u_\tau h}{\nu_w} = \left( \frac{C_f}{2} \right)^{1/2} Re_h \left( \frac{\nu_\delta}{\nu_w} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_\delta}{\rho_w} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (\text{B3.2})$$

The last two terms in Equation (B3.2) can be expressed in terms of static temperatures by using a power law representation for viscosity, taken here as  $\mu \propto T^{0.8}$ , and assuming that static pressure is constant through the boundary layer, *i.e.*  $\rho \propto T^{-1}$ . Thus,

$$\left( \frac{\nu_\delta}{\nu_w} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_\delta}{\rho_w} \right)^{1/2} = \left( \frac{\mu_\delta}{\mu_w} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_\delta}{\rho_w} \right)^{-1/2} = \left( \frac{T_\delta}{T_w} \right)^{1.3}. \quad (\text{B3.3})$$

For zero heat transfer, the temperature ratio in Equation (B3.3) can be written as

$$\frac{T_\delta}{T_w} = \left[ 1 + r \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M_\delta^2 \right]^{-1}. \quad (\text{B3.4})$$

With the aid of Equation (B3.4) substitution of Equation (B3.3) into Equation (B3.2) gives

$$\frac{u_{\tau} h}{v_w} = \left(\frac{C_f}{2}\right)^{1/2} Re_h \left[1 + r \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M_{\delta}^2\right]^{-1.3} \quad (B3.5)$$

Therefore Equation (B3.1) becomes

$$\frac{C_D}{C_f} = A \log_{10} \left\{ \left(\frac{C_f}{2}\right)^{1/2} Re_h \left[1 + r \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M_{\delta}^2\right]^{-1.3} \right\} - B \quad (B3.6)$$

For present purposes the values for air of  $\gamma = 1.4$  and  $r = 0.89$  are used and, for consistency with the skin friction method of Section B4., it is convenient to work in terms of a Reynolds number based on the length,  $x$ , of the boundary layer from its origin. Equation (B3.6) then becomes,

$$\frac{C_D}{C_f} = A \log_{10} \left\{ \left(\frac{C_f}{2}\right)^{1/2} Re_x \frac{h}{x} \left[1 + 0.178 M_{\delta}^2\right]^{-1.3} \right\} - B \quad (B3.7)$$

## B4. SKIN FRICTION FOR TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER ON A FLAT PLATE

The turbulent boundary layer skin friction relationships used here are taken from Reference 25. The Reference provides the most recent detailed experimental evidence together with a comparison with various skin friction laws\*. The work in Reference 25 was directed particularly towards the accurate prediction of drag at high (flight) values of Reynolds number.

Within the limitations of the analysis of Reference 25 (primarily the neglect of a sublayer in the velocity profile), the formulae derived therein give a complete description of the mean properties of turbulent boundary layer in zero pressure gradients and with zero heat transfer at Mach numbers below about 5.

### Local skin friction coefficient in incompressible flow, $C_f^i$

#### (i) Reynolds number based on boundary layer momentum thickness

$$Re_{\delta_2}^i = 0.3894 \left( 1 - 4.632 (C_f^i)^{1/2} \right) \exp \left[ 0.537 (C_f^i)^{-1/2} \right]. \quad (\text{B4.1})$$

An interpolation formula† giving  $C_f^i$  within 0.04% of the values given by Equation (B4.1), for  $5 \times 10^3 \leq Re_{\delta_2}^i \leq 5 \times 10^5$ , is

$$C_f^i = \frac{0.01013}{\log_{10} Re_{\delta_2}^i - 1.02} - 0.00075. \quad (\text{B4.2})$$

#### (ii) Reynolds number based on streamwise length from start of boundary layer

$$C_f^i Re_x^i = 0.7788 \left[ 1 - 8.353 (C_f^i)^{1/2} + 24.16 (C_f^i) \right] \exp \left[ 0.537 (C_f^i)^{-1/2} \right]. \quad (\text{B4.3})$$

An interpolation formula† giving  $C_f^i$  within 0.5% of the values given by Equation (B4.3), for  $5 \times 10^5 \leq Re_x^i \leq 10^9$ , is

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\* Extracts from Reference 25, Section 6.4:

#### “Comparison with some Current Methods of Estimating Turbulent Skin Friction

In general the available methods for estimating turbulent skin friction are of a semi-empirical nature and, because of the lack of measurements at high Reynolds numbers, might be expected to be most reliable at Reynolds number up to say 10 million. One purpose of the present experiment was to assess (as far as is possible with one set of measurements which may contain systematic errors) the applicability of these methods at high Reynolds number.” .....

“Further comparisons with the predictions of Sommer and Short<sup>27</sup>, Spalding and Chi<sup>29</sup> and Coles<sup>28</sup> are given ..... The comparisons are made for the variations of local skin-friction coefficient with Reynolds number based on momentum thickness, both parameters being reduced to incompressible form by the compressibility factors appropriate to each method. Of the three methods, that of Sommer and Short clearly fits best the present data. The method utilises the Karman-Schoenherr relationship for incompressible flow, which is very close to that derived from the present experiments, and this is in fair agreement with the results at  $M_\delta = 0.2$ . The compressibility factors are also apparently satisfactory, though there is perhaps a tendency for skin friction to be underestimated at  $M_\delta = 1.4$  and 2.2 at the upper end of the Reynolds number range. The other two methods also give good predictions of the low speed data. The method of Spalding and Chi overestimates the skin friction at supersonic speed particularly at lower Reynolds number, whereas the method of Coles underestimates particularly at higher Reynolds number. On the evidence of the present data both these methods would therefore have a common failing in predicting too great a reduction in drag in extrapolating from wind tunnel tests at low Reynolds number and supersonic speed to the Reynolds numbers for full scale aircraft”.

† Equation (B4.2) is presented in Reference 23 while Equation (B4.4) was derived in analogous fashion in Reference 24.

$$C_f^i = \frac{0.01224}{\log_{10} Re_x^i - 3.209} - 0.00075. \quad (B4.4)$$

**Mean skin friction coefficient in incompressible flow,  $C_F^i$**

$$C_F^i Re_x^i = 0.7788 [1 - 4.632(C_f^i)^{1/2}] \exp [0.537(C_f^i)^{-1/2}]. \quad (B4.5)$$

**Compressibility factors and relationships**

$$C_f^i = F_c C_f, \quad (B4.6)$$

$$C_F^i = F_c C_F, \quad (B4.7)$$

$$Re_{\delta_2}^i = F_\delta Re_{\delta_2}, \quad (B4.8)$$

$$Re_x^i = \frac{F_\delta}{F_c} Re_x, \quad (B4.9)$$

$$F_c = (1 + 0.2M_\delta^2)^{1/2}, \quad (B4.10)$$

$$F_\delta = 1 + 0.056M_\delta^2. \quad (B4.11)$$

## B5. CALCULATION PROCEDURE FOR FACTOR $f_{Hp, M}$

This Section outlines the procedure used to calculate the values of  $f_{Hp, M}$  from which Figure 8 has been derived. The factor  $f_{Hp, M}$  is defined by the relationship

$$f_{Hp, M} = \frac{\Delta[D/q]_e}{\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}} \quad (B5.1)$$

and the aim of the following calculation procedure (steps (i) to (vii)) is to deduce values\*  $\Delta[D/q]_e$  in terms of excrescence geometry, *i. e.*  $A, B, h, x$ ; Mach number, with  $M_\delta = M$ ; and pressure height  $H_p$ .

- (i) **Definition:** the excrescence drag parameter\*  $\Delta[D/q]_e$  is related to  $C_D/C_f$  (see Equation (B3.7)) by

$$\Delta\left[\frac{D}{q}\right]_e = \left[\frac{C_D}{C_f}\right] \times C_f \times h. \quad (B5.2)$$

- (ii) **Excrescence drag representation:** Equation (B3.7) requires values of the constants  $A$  and  $B$  and these are given in Figure B1 for three types of two-dimensional excrescence.

\* The procedure for obtaining the datum value  $\Delta[D/q]_{e, datum}$  is similar to that for  $\Delta[D/q]_e$  but is simplified by its restriction to the datum conditions  $M = 0.8, H_p = 36\,089 \text{ ft (11\,000 m)}$ .

- (iii) **Excrescence geometry and location:** The calculations require values of  $h$  and  $x$ ; the following values have been used.

$x$	m	0.152	3.05	15.24	
	ft	0.5	10	50	
$h$	mm	0.3	1	1.52	3.04
	ft	0.001	0.0033	0.005	0.01

- (iv) **Local skin friction:** Values of  $C_f$  for use in Equation (B3.7) are obtained from the combined use of Equation (B4.3) (or (B4.4)) with Equations (B4.6), (B4.9), (B4.10) and (B4.11).
- (v) **Reynolds number:** The value of  $Re_x$  for use in Equation (B4.9) is obtained (by definition and the assumption that freestream conditions apply at the edge of the boundary layer) as

$$Re_x = \frac{u_\delta x}{\nu_\delta} = \frac{Ma\rho_\delta x}{\mu_\delta} \quad (\text{B5.3})$$

- (vi) **Atmospheric properties:** Values of speed of sound,  $a$ , air density,  $\rho$ , and dynamic viscosity,  $\mu$ , for use in Equation (B5.3) are calculated using the relationships given in Data Item No. 77022 (Reference 6). From Section 6 of that Reference,  $a$  and  $\rho$  are functions of temperature,  $T$ , only while Table 11.3 of Reference 6 gives relationships between  $T$ ,  $\rho$  and  $H_p$  for the International Standard Atmosphere and for associated “off-standard atmospheres”. Consequently, values of  $a$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$  can be obtained,

either, for ISA conditions, as a function of  $H_p$  only,

or, for off-ISA conditions, as a function of  $H_p$  and  $\Delta T_{H_p}$ , where  $\Delta T_{H_p}$  is a temperature increment applied at all values of  $H_p$  to create the off-standard atmosphere.

- (vii) **Results:** Sketch B5.1 shows examples of calculated values of  $f_{H_p, M}$  for an aft-facing step. Similar calculations were performed for all values of  $x$ ,  $h$  listed in (iii), above, for all the excrescence characteristics shown in Figure B1.

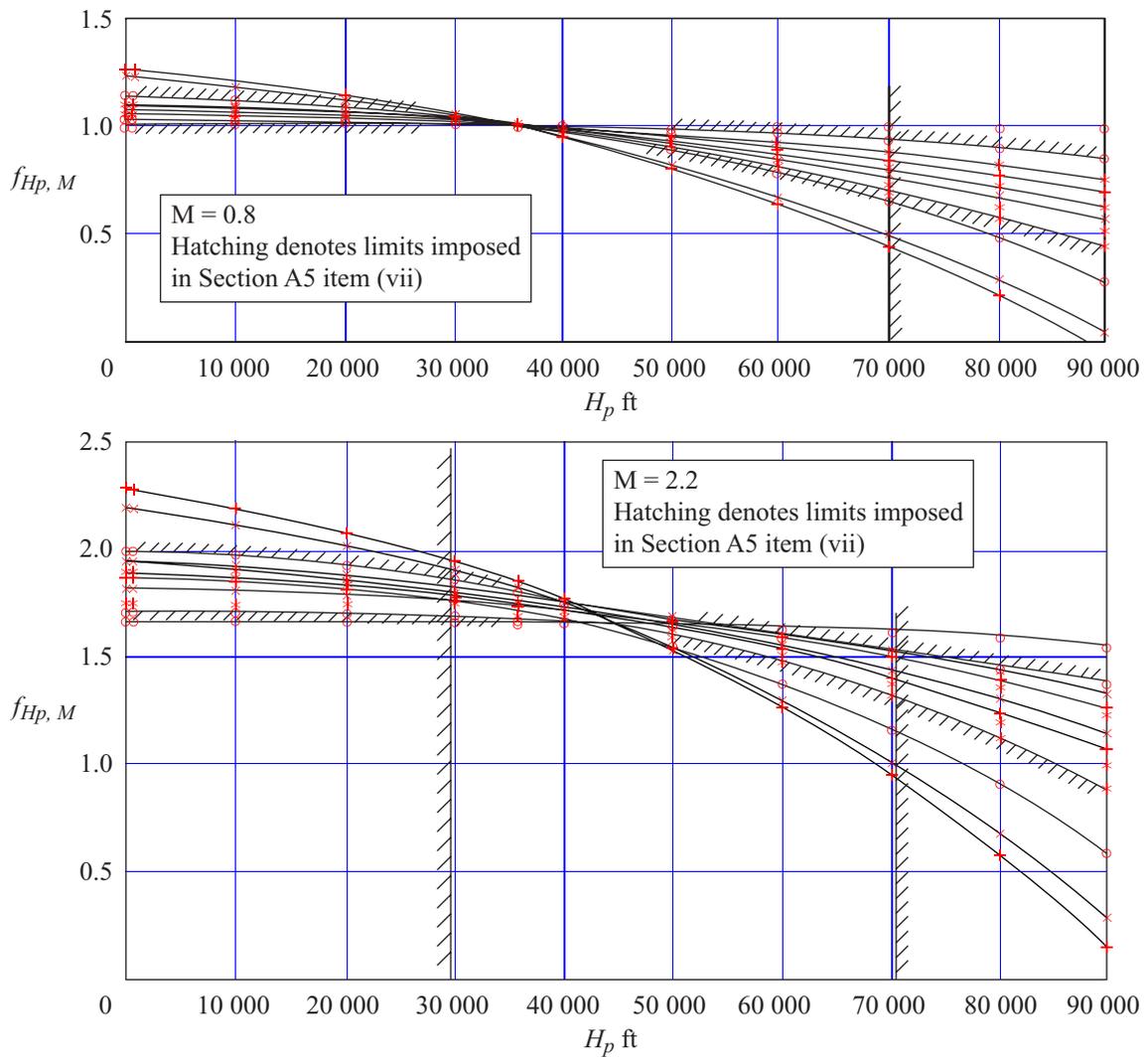
Mean lines were drawn through the results and used as the basis of Figure 8. In assessing where to place those mean lines, the following limitations were imposed.

The minimum excrescence height was taken as  $h = 1$  mm (0.0033 ft).

The combination of  $h = 3$  mm (0.01 ft) with  $x = 0.152$  m (0.5 ft) was ignored as being improbable from both the practical viewpoint and as a case where  $h$  could be of order  $0.1\delta$ .

Combinations of  $H_p$  and  $M$  corresponding to equivalent airspeeds greater than 800 knots equivalent airspeed were ignored.

At  $M = 0.2$ , values were considered only up to  $H_p = 20\,000$  ft.



**Sketch B5.1** Examples of calculated values of  $f_{H_p, M}$  for aft-facing step

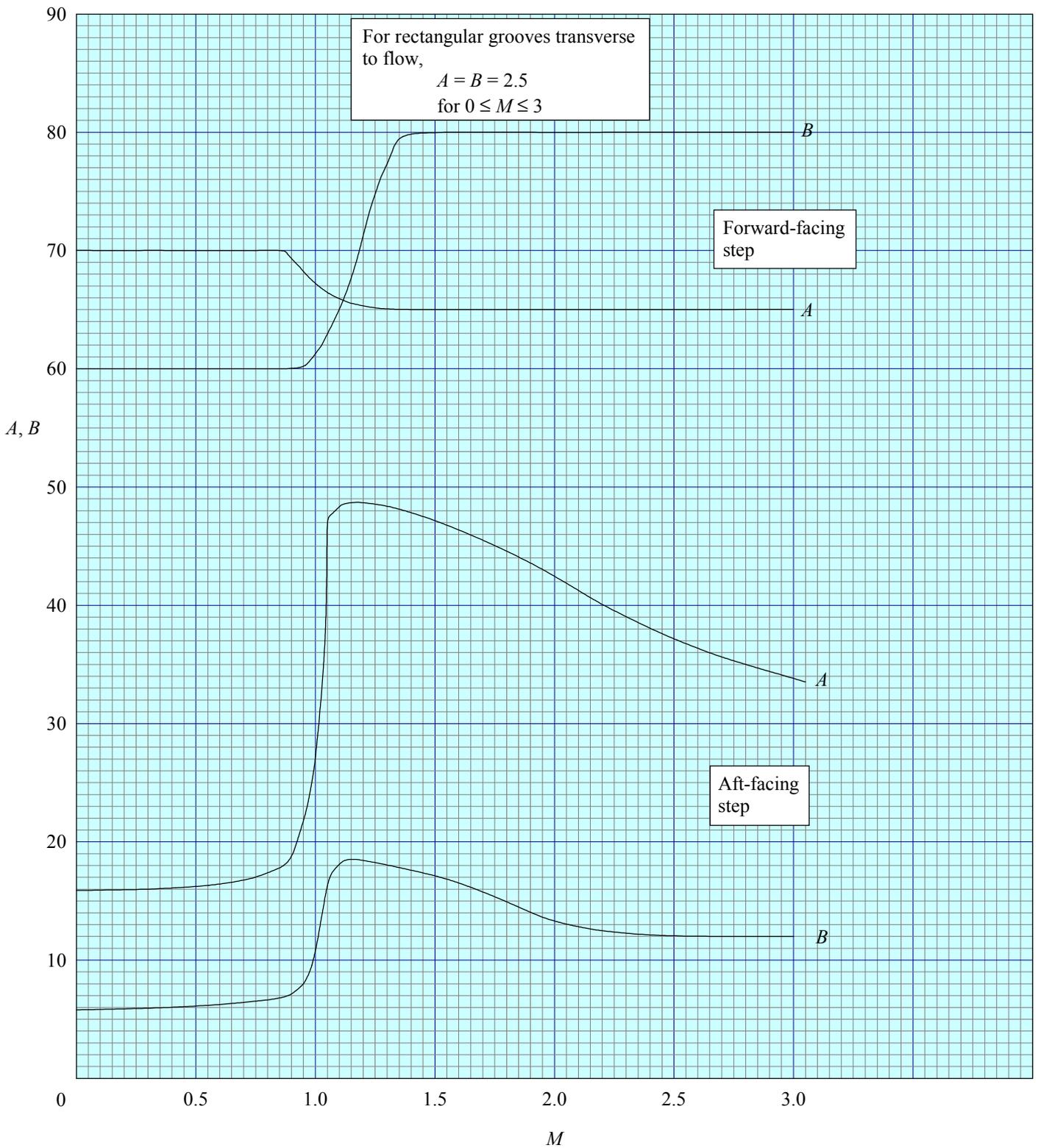


FIGURE B1 VALUES OF CONSTANTS  $A$  AND  $B$  IN EMPIRICAL REPRESENTATION OF EXCRESCENCE DRAG (EQUATION (B3.1))

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