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MIDLAND ENERGY CENTER PROJECT  
DOCKET NOS 50-329 AND 50-330  
POTENTIAL DEFECTS IN MECHANICAL SHOCK ARRESTORS  
FILE: 0.4.9.83 SERIAL: 30268

Reference: J W Cook letter to J G Keppler, same subject:

- 1) Serial 26651, dated January 6, 1984
- 2) Serial 28041, dated March 16, 1984

This letter, as were the referenced letters, is an interim 10CFR50.55(e) report concerning defective capstan springs in Pacific Scientific mechanical shock arrestors. The attachment to this letter describes the investigation of this concern and the corrective action taking place.

All suspected capstan springs are being inspected to determine whether cracks exist. A final decision on 10CFR50.55(e) reportability will be made when inspections have been completed.

Another report, either interim or final, will be sent on or before July 27, 1984.

*James W. Cook*

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Attachments: 1) MCAR 75, Interim Report 3, dated April 17, 1984

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Attachment 1  
Serial 30268  
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SUBJECT: MCAR 75

Potential Defects in Mechanical Shock Arrestor Models PSA-1 and  
PSA-3

INTERIM REPORT 3

DATE: April 17, 1984

PROJECT: Consumers Power Company  
Midland Plant Units 1 and 2  
Bechtel Job 7220

Introduction

This report addresses potentially defective capstan springs in Pacific Scientific Company (PSA) shock arrestors supplied to the Midland project. This has been identified as a 10 CFR 21 condition by Pacific Scientific.

Description of Concern

Attachment 1 identifies certain Pacific Scientific Company mechanical shock arrestor Models PSA-1 and PSA-3 furnished to the Midland project by ITT Grinnell Corporation that may have cracked capstan springs. The suspect capstan springs were supplied to Pacific Scientific by one of two spring manufacturers. ITT Grinnell has identified 283 shock arrestors furnished to Midland that contain suspect springs.

Summary of Investigation and Historical Background

Pacific Scientific Company has investigated the subject deficiency and concluded that springs with possible cracks are limited to those supplied by one spring manufacturer. ITT Grinnell has identified those snubbers furnished to the Midland project that contain the suspect springs. Subsequently, PSA and ITT Grinnell have recommended that additional inspection/testing of suspect snubbers be performed. This is further addressed under the Corrective Action section of this report.

Analysis of Safety Implication

The possibility exists that cracks in the capstan springs could result in spring failure during dynamic loading, thereby potentially affecting the ability of the component to perform its intended safety function.

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## Root Cause

As discussed in Attachment 2, the root cause of this problem has been traced to one of Pacific's subsuppliers and the manufacturing process the subsupplier used. The suspect process was as follows:

- a. Cold draw round bar into rectangular form
- b. Age harden the rectangular wire
- c. Coil wire into a spring shape
- d. Stress relieve
- e. Nondestructive examination
- f. Silver plate

A metallurgical evaluation concluded that the microcracks were caused by formation of spring tang after age hardening at 900F followed by silver plating.

## Corrective Action

1. Field engineering has identified suspect piping shock arrestors on Nonconformance Report (NCR) C-00949 issued December 13, 1983. ITT Grinnell was the sole supplier for Midland of snubbers (for piping) containing suspect capstan springs. A review is being performed to determine that no other disciplines/areas on the Midland project have similar concerns. Any deficiencies found will be documented on a NCR. This review will be completed by June 25, 1984.
2. All suspect shock arrestor capstan springs will be inspected for cracks; all defective capstan springs will be replaced. This activity will be completed before fuel load, and will be tracked via NCR C-00949 (or any additional NCRs resulting from Item 1 above).
3. Corrective actions taken by Pacific to preclude recurrence were to revise the manufacturing process and add further inspection requirements. The process now followed is:
  - a. Cold draw round bar into rectangular form
  - b. Normalize the material



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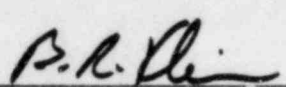
- c. Coil wire into a spring shape
- d. Age harden
- e. Stress relieve
- f. Nondestructive examination
- g. Silver plate
- h. Nondestructive examination

## Reportability

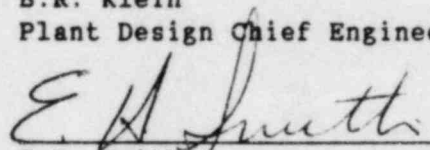
Based on the safety implications, this deficiency was reported to the NRC as potentially reportable in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50.55(e) on December 7, 1983.

Submitted by:   
E.B. Poser  
Project Engineering Manager

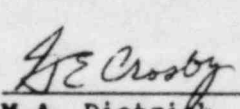
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Attachments: 1. ITT Grinnell letter to Bechtel, 10/5/83 (Com 131017)  
2. ITT Grinnell letter to Bechtel, 3/6/84 (Com 144941)

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ATTACHMENT I

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October 5, '83

Bechtel Associates Professional Corp.  
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Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Attn: Mr. E. M. Hughes - Project Engineer

Re: MIDLAND PLANT - UNITS 1 & 2  
P.O. No. 7220-M-106-AC

Subject: Pacific Scientific Mechanical Shock Arrestors  
Model PSA-1 and PSA-3  
Capstan Spring Potential Quality Problem

Gentlemen:

Attached please find a copy of Pacific Scientific's letter to us dated 9-21-83 (Attachment I) which identifies a potential quality problem with Size 1 and 3 Mechanical Shock Arrestor Capstan Springs. The scope of the problem is identified on Page 4 of 5 of the attached report, and the arrestors supplied to ITT Grinnell are summarized on Page 5 of 5.

A review of our records indicates that the mechanical shock arrestors - as listed on Attachment II - have been supplied on the subject contract by ITT Grinnell. We are confident that Attachment II represents a complete listing of the arrestors supplied to your project, since of the (2,888) arrestors supplied to ITT Grinnell, all but (70) units (19 Size #1 and 51 Size #3) have been identified to a specific customer shipment. Any additional arrestors supplied to your project will be identified to your attention as soon as possible.

As a valued customer of ours, we are bringing this information to your attention for appropriate action. We recommend that you contact the following - directly - to resolve this problem:

Mr. Paul A. Hadnagy - Director Technical Operations  
or  
Mr. Peter M. Zatezalo - Director of Marketing

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Pacific Scientific Co.  
1346 S. State College Blvd.  
Anaheim, CA 92803  
Tel. No. (714) 774-5217

It is our position that all charges for this effort are to Pacific Scientific's account.

Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

ITT GRINNELL CORPORATION

  
N. A. DeCRISTOFARO  
Project Manager

NAD/m (Att.)  
cc's w/Att.

R. Kon - Prov.  
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21 September 1983

cc: D. CHARTRAU  
D. SEWELL  
B. KELLY

ITT Grinnell  
621 Dana Street N.E.  
Warren, Ohio 44481

Attention: Mr. T. Lauka

Subject: Pacific Scientific Mechanical Shock Arrestors  
Model PSA-1 and PSA-3

Reference: Service Report No. SR83-01

Gentlemen:

The attached report discusses potential problems with certain serial number PSA-1 and PSA-3 snubbers. Our records indicate that the units shown on Attachment A are in the affected group and were delivered to you.

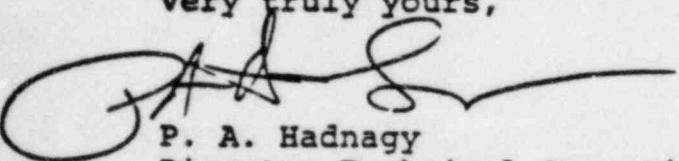
At your convenience, please return these snubbers to us for inspection and repair as necessary. If the snubbers are still in warranty (one year warranty if shipped prior to 1 April 1983 and five year warranty if shipped on or after 1 April 1983), this will be done at no charge to you--excluding freight. Should the units be beyond the warranty period, there will be a \$100.00 per unit charge, also excluding freight.

All affected snubbers will be returned to you within 30 days after we receive them.

The foregoing will apply to snubbers returned to us through 31 December 1984.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Very truly yours,

  
P. A. Hadnagy  
Director Technical Operations

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Enclosure

ATTACHMENT I

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SHOCK ARRESTOR CAPSTAN SPRING SERVICE REPORT

During testing of Pacific Scientific Company's PSA-1 Shock Arrestors, part number 1801102-05, at Union Electric Callaway Station by Daniel International personnel, 4 of 7 snubbers tested revealed a broken capstan spring tang.

Pacific Scientific Company requested failed springs for independent metallurgical examination. Failed components were returned to Pacific Scientific Company who forwarded broken springs to "Mettek", 1805 E. Carnegie, Santa Ana, CA 92705, (714) 549-1083, for metallurgical and fracture analysis.

One spring exhibiting a visual crack in one tang (removed from snubber S/N 21524 which was returned by Union Electric) was installed by Pacific Scientific Co. into a snubber and subjected to a full load (1500 lbs.) acceleration test. This test was repeated 5 times (10 full load cycles) with no failures. The cracked spring was then subjected to a dynamic load cycling test. This test cycles the snubber at 3 Hertz intervals from 3 to 33 Hertz for 10 seconds at each interval at 100%, 75% and 50% rated loads, a total of 5940 cycles. The cracked spring satisfactorily passed this test.

Springs from the identical lot as those that failed were traced to snubbers located at Kansas Gas & Electric Co. Wolf Creek Station. These were returned to Pacific Scientific for testing and evaluation.

Eleven (11) each 1801102-05 PSA-1 Shock Arrestors returned to Pacific Scientific Co. by Kansas Gas & Electric Co. Wolf Creek Station were visually and functionally tested by Pacific Scientific Co. personnel in the presence of KG&E and Union Electric Co. personnel.

All eleven PSA-1 Shock Arrestors (S/Ns 21511 thru 21521) were disassembled to a level permitting verification that the capstan spring was properly installed and whole. The Shock Arrestors were reassembled and subjected to a successful acceleration test at full rated load (1500 lbs.).

Following successful acceleration test, all eleven Shock Arrestors were disassembled to facilitate visual and non-destructive examination of the capstan springs:

S/N 21511 - No apparent visual defects. Magnetic particle non-destructive examination revealed indications in both spring tangs with one tang exhibiting three separate indications. Indications were suspected to be micro cracks.

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- S/N 21512 - No apparent visual defects. Magnetic particle examination exhibited an indication of one micro crack on one tang.
- S/N 21513 - No apparent visual defects. No magnetic particle examination indications.
- S/N 21514 - No apparent visual defects. No magnetic particle examination indications.
- S/N 21515 - No apparent visual defects. Both tangs exhibited a magnetic particle micro crack indication.
- S/N 21516 - No apparent visual defects. No magnetic particle examination indications.
- S/N 21517 - No apparent visual defects. No magnetic particle examination indications.
- S/N 21518 - No apparent visual defects. Both tangs exhibited a magnetic particle micro crack indication.
- S/N 21519 - No apparent visual defects. Both tangs exhibited a magnetic particle micro crack indication.
- S/N 21520 - No apparent visual defects. One tang exhibited a magnetic particle micro crack indication.
- S/N 21521 - No apparent visual defects. One tang exhibited a magnetic particle micro crack indication.

Five (5) capstan springs exhibiting non-destructive magnetic particle examination indications were assembled into a test snubber and subjected to a dynamic load of 1500 lbs. at frequencies of 3 to 33 Hertz intervals for 10 seconds each at 100%, 75% and 50% of rated load.

The springs tested represented the "worst case" as determined by the non-destructive magnetic particle inspection. They were S/Ns 21511, 21515, 21518, 21519 and 21520.

Springs, S/Ns 21515 and 21518, survived the entire test (5940 cycles). Spring, S/N 21511, survived 533 full load cycles before both tangs failed. S/N 21518 survived 1800 full load cycles before one tang failed, and S/N 21520 survived 1850 full load cycles before one tang failed.

Metallurgical report by Mettek Material Engineering Technology Laboratories indicates spring cracking occurred because of stresses induced during spring forming which caused hydrogen cracking during subsequent silver plating.

## SHOCK ARRESTOR CAPSTAN SPRING SERVICE REPORT - (Cont'd.)

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Metallurgical report also explains that, although the spring fracture face exhibited brittleness at the crack onset, the core of the spring was ductile and spring fracture was simple dimple (ductile) rupture. This accounts for the ability of the springs to withstand the full load functional and dynamic load testing conducted and suggests that the useful life of springs which contain cracks remains to be substantial.

The capstan springs are manufactured for Pacific Scientific Co. by a spring manufacturer. These springs are supplied formed, stress relieved and 100% magnetic particle inspected to Pacific Scientific Co., who then subcontracts the springs for silver plating. Pacific Scientific Co. part numbers for the capstan springs are as follows:

PSA-1 (1801613)

PSA-3 (1801614)

Pacific Scientific is effecting corrective action with the spring manufacturer, the nature of which is not yet fully established.

#### Recommendations

At your earliest convenience, return the affected snubbers to Pacific Scientific for inspection.

Inspection will include removal of spring to facilitate examination for tang cracks by use of magnetic particle or liquid penetrant non-destructive examination.

Urgency of inspection is to be assessed by individual owners based on snubber system application and analysis of results of tests conducted on failed snubbers and reported herein.

#### Affected Serial Numbers

PSA-1 Pacific Scientific Part No. 1801102-05

S/Ns 15672 thru 16921

16526 " 16662

18211 thru 21160

21411 thru 22060

22311 thru 22710

22711 " 22860

PSA-3 Pacific Scientific Part No. 1801106-05

S/Ns 21311 thru 21610

24311 thru 25310

25361 thru 25960

27194 thru 28543

20302 " 20395

20551 " 20636

20398 " 20400

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20700

20851 thru 20869

20870 " 20955

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506 thru 510

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- 1) Model Number PSA-1  
Part Number 1801102-05 and -07

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**Serial Numbers**

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- 2) Model Number PSA-3  
Part Number 1801106-05 and -07

**Serial Numbers**

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22806	MD-D01	"	"
22807	MD-D01	"	"
22808	MD-D01	"	"
22810	MD-D01	"	"
22811	MD-D02	"	"

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25209	E-MD-A56-00	1-638-13-501	3
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25233	E-MD-A89-00	2-639-13-501	3
25238	E-MD-A89-00	1-638-13-504	3
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March 6, '84

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Attn: Mr. E. Poser

Subject: MIDLAND - UNITS 1 & 2  
P.O. No. 7220-M-106-AC

Gentlemen:

In response to your Telex BGH 1813 dated February 21, '84, we would like to provide the following clarifications:

Reference A concerns potential interference problems with clamps/rear brackets for ITT Grinnell Fig. 306/307 mechanical snubbers. The root cause of this problem is a tolerance stack-up problem that was not anticipated in the initial design of the attachments for these products. If the tolerances are fully evaluated in a worst case condition, a potential exists that the pivot mount or end cap of the snubber may interfere with its mating attachment. If this were to happen, there would be a reduction in the included cone of action that is provided to accommodate anticipated thermal movements. Also, this interference would result in a slightly higher drag force on the piping system - but would not cause the snubber to malfunction.

The corrective actions taken were to -

- 1) reduce the edge distances (the distance from the centerline of the load stud to the edge of the clamp stock) to slightly over the code minimums,
- 2) we redesigned the rear brackets to configurations that would be less sensitive to the large tolerances we had encountered in the past, and
- 3) we drew all combinations to scale with all tolerances considered and allowed for plus or minus 7 degrees of swing even though we only recommend that plus or minus 5 degrees be used.

Reference B addresses the capstan springs in Pacific Scientific mechanicals with potential microcracks which could affect service life. The root cause of this problem has been traced to one of Pacific's subsuppliers and the manufacturing process they used. The suspect process was to cold draw round bar into a rectangular shape, age harden the rectangular wire, coil into a spring

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shape, stress relieve, inspect, and then silver plate. A metallurgical evaluation concluded that the microcracks were caused in the plating process. The corrective actions taken by Pacific to preclude recurrence were to revise the manufacturing process and add further inspection requirements. The process now followed is - cold draw round bar into rectangular form, normalize the material, coil into spring, age harden, stress relieve, inspect, silver plate, inspect again. This process should eliminate the problem, however, if it does not, the additional inspection will identify if a problem exists.

Should you have any further comments or questions, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

ITT GRINNELL CORPORATION

  
N. A. DeCRISTOFARO  
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