PACKAGING DYNAMICS #2 of 5
Defining and Quantifying the Distribution Environment
Through Which All Products Must Travel

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Agenda

- Review of Webinar #1
- Introduction to the Five Step Method
- Step 1: Define the Environment
- Predefined Distribution Environment
- Obtaining and Collecting Data
Review of Webinar #1

- History and background of packaging dynamics
- Background terminology
  - Time domain Vs frequency domain
  - Single degree of freedom spring mass system
Review of Webinar #1

- Common packaging dynamic hazards
  - Vibration
  - Impact (shocks and drops)
  - Compression (static and dynamic)
Review of Webinar #1 : Shock Input and Response
Review of Webinar #1: Vibration Input and Response

1:1 Coupling
- Response = Input
- Q = 1

Amplification
- Response > Input
- Q > 1
- Damage occurs

Attenuation
- Response < Input
- Q < 1
- Vibration protection
Introduction to the Five Step Method

Step 1: Define the Environment

Step 2: Define Product Fragility

Step 3: Cushion Material Performance Evaluation

Step 4: Package Design

Step 5: Test the Product/Package System
Define the Environment

- To be covered in this webinar
- Characterization of a package’s distribution environment
Define Product Fragility

• Identify exactly where and how your product breaks
  – Vibration
  – Drops
  – Compression
  – Temperature
  – Relative Humidity
  – Altitude (Pressure)
Step 3

Cushion Material Performance

• Evaluate different cushioning materials for shock and vibration performance
Design a package system to properly protect against its distribution environment
Step 5

Test the Product/Package System

• Validate your designed package system by testing it
QUESTIONS??
Step 1

• Define the Environment
Definition

• Characterization of a package’s distribution environment and hazards
  – Vibration
  – Drops
  – Compression
  – Temperature
  – Relative Humidity
  – Altitude (Low Pressure)
Why is this Important?

• Protect products to exactly what is experienced during the distribution environment
  – Eliminates the guesswork
• Prevents over and under packaging
• Saves packaging material and supply chain distribution costs
Four Product and Packaging Cases

- Case 1: Adequate Packaging
- Case 2: Under Packaging
- Case 3: Over Packaging
- Case 4: Product Improvements
  - Less Packaging
What Data is Obtained?

• Vibration
  – Intensities
  – Frequencies
  – Durations

• Drops
  – Heights
  – Numbers
  – Orientations
What Data is Obtained?

- **Temperature**
  - Hot and cold extremes
- **Relative Humidity**
  - Moisture extremes
- **Altitude**
  - Pressure extremes
Predefined Distribution Environment (Study #1)

• Forest Products Laboratory (FPL22) Studies (1979)
  – US Study A: 43-pound cleated plywood box
    • 49 trips using 13 packages
  – US Study B: 25-pound corrugated fiberboard box
    • 80 trips using 15 packages
RESULTS of FPL22 Studies (1979)

– US Study A: 43-pound cleated plywood box
  • Approximately 800 freefall drops recorded
  • Approximately 50% of the drops were recorded on the base down orientation
  • Less than 1% of packages dropped from over 36 inches
  • Approximately 18% of drops over 14 inches
  • Most drops from 6 inches

– US Study B: 25-pound corrugated fiberboard box
  • Approximately 600 freefall drops recorded
  • Approximately 50% of the drops were recorded on the base down orientation
  • Approximately 6% of packages dropped from over 36 inches
  • Approximately 20% of drops over 14 inches
  • Most drops from 6 to 8 inches
Probability Distribution of Study

- 43 lb Plywood Box 19" x 19" x 19"
  - 1872 Drops Above 3" (8)

- 25 lb Fiberboard Box 16" x 12" x 20"
  - 352 Drops Over 6" (4)

Drop Height (inches) vs Percent of Drops over Indicated Height

- 43 lb box
- 25 lb box
Number of Drops per Height

Figure 3. --Drop height versus number of drops (43-lb. container).

Figure 4. --Drop height versus number of drops (25-lb. container).

25-lb box

43-lb box
Predefined Distribution Environment (Study #2)

  - Collaboration between 74 companies and members led by Hewlett Packard (HP)
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• Results of M.A.D.E. Study (1996 – 1999)
  – 25-pound box to simulate a computer
• The Results
  – Highest drop found in all 40 round trips was 58 inches (one occurrence)
  – Approximately 1,500 freefall drops recorded
  – Approximately 50% of the drops were recorded on the base down orientation
  – Approximately less than 1.5% of drops over 36 inches
  – Approximately less than 5.0% of drops over 14 inches
  – Most Drops from 4 inches
Number of Drops per Height

Figure 3.2.5
Number of Impacts vs. Drop Height for FedEx & UPS

Number of Impacts

Inches
### FPL and MADE Comparison

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<th>Package Weight</th>
<th>Freefall Drops Recorded</th>
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<td>600</td>
<td>≈ 18%</td>
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<td>Base Down (50%)</td>
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<td>FPL (1979)</td>
<td>43 lbs</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>≈ 20%</td>
<td>&lt; 1%</td>
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<td>MADE (1996)</td>
<td>25 lbs</td>
<td>1500</td>
<td>≈ 5%</td>
<td>&lt; 2%</td>
<td>Base Down (50%)</td>
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QUESTIONS??

Second Break
How is data collected?

- Observation
- Damage Reports
- Direct Measurement
Typically, the distribution environment is measured with field data recorders that record every potentially hazardous event that occurs during distribution.
• These tools also will time stamp each occurrence so therefore each specific event can be mapped to a certain time during distribution.
Direct Measurement Data Collection

- Drop data obtained
  - Drop number
  - Drop time
  - Drop orientation
  - Deceleration
    - G levels
  - Pulse duration
  - Velocity change ($\Delta V$) / Drop height
Direct Measurement Data Collection

• Vibration data obtained
  – Overall vibration intensity
  – Intensity at each frequency
  – Active vibration and idle times
  – G levels

Directly Mounted to Truck Bed – NO CUSHIONING
Direct Measurement Data Collection

TIME DOMAIN
Direct Measurement Data Collection

FREQUENCY DOMAIN (SPECTRUM)
Direct Measurement Data Collection

- Temperature and humidity data obtained
  - Max temperature
  - Min temperature
  - Max relative humidity
  - Min relative humidity
## Measured Data Vs Test Standards Utilizing a 25-lb box

### Study

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### Standard

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<td>ASTM D4169 AL I</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100% (12 of 12)</td>
<td>8.33% (1 of 12)</td>
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<td>5.56% (1 of 18)</td>
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<td>ISTA 2A</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>100% (10 of 10)</td>
<td>0% (All 32 Inch Drops)</td>
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<td>ISTA 3A</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>5.88% (1 of 17)</td>
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**Why So Different!??**

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### Measured Data Vs Test Standards

#### What About Vibration?!

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<td>1.49 G rms (Air)</td>
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Conclusions

• Define your distribution environment to properly package your product!!
QUESTIONS??
Next Webinar: Packaging Dynamics Series

#1: Overview and Definition of Terms – Jan 2015  DONE!

#2: Defining & Quantifying the Distribution Environment Through Which All Products Must Travel – March 2015  DONE!

#3: Determining the Vibration Sensitivity & Shock Fragility of Products; Test Methods, End Results, and Significant Insights – May 2015


#5: Design and Testing of the Protective Package System; How We Know When the Job Was Done Correctly– Oct 2015
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