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The purpose of this study is to provide a continuous evaluation of the quality and runability of corrugating medium produced by members of the Fourdrinier Kraft Board Institute. The study, as it progresses, will accumulate a backlog of data and experience which will provide two important benefits. First, it will enable each participant to evaluate his position in relation to the rest of the industry. Second, it will provide information essential for the interpretation of any proposed specifications on corrugating medium (on either a company or industry basis).

The procedure for participating in this study involves the submission of two rolls of corrugating medium per week from each machine to The Institute of Paper Chemistry. These rolls are taken from regular production runs on different days. Each roll is 10 to 12 inches wide and contains approximately 2,500 lineal feet of medium (approximately 20 inches in diameter). Each roll as it is received by the Institute is assigned a code letter and number. The rolls are numbered in the sequence in which they are received. Code letters are assigned on the basis of machines and a given machine is assigned a different code letter each month in order to mask the identity of the mills. For purposes of reference, a copy of the outline of the program together with the necessary instructions for sampling was appended to Progress Report One in this series.

During the month of October, fifty different sample lots of corrugating medium were submitted from the production of nine machines to The Institute of Paper Chemistry for evaluation. A tabulation of the samples classified according to machines may be seen in Table I.

TABLE I  
DISTRIBUTION OF CORRUGATING MEDIUM SAMPLES

Machine Code	Number of Samples
A	5
B	0
C	5
D	7
E	6
F	9
G	4
H	3
I	9
J	0
K	2
L	0
M	0
Total	50

Each sample of corrugating medium was evaluated for basis weight, caliper, Concora flat crush, H<sub>o</sub> and D<sub>o</sub> flat crush (single-faced board), and runability. Runability was measured by corrugating each roll under standardized conditions on the Institute's corrugator into A-flute board at 600 feet per minute. If unsatisfactory runability occurred at this speed, the corrugator was slowed down in increments of .25 f.p.m. until satisfactory runability was obtained (no ruptured flutes). As indicated above, flat crush was determined on the combined board, thereby providing data which may be useful in studying the relationship between Concora flat crush and combined board flat crush for each participant's medium.

As requested by members of the F.K.B.I., the Concora medium test results are calculated on the basis of pounds of load per unit area rather than on the basis of the formula suggested by the Concora manufacturer and are reported as Concora flat crush test results. In Progress Report One and Two, the Concora medium test results were reported on the basis of the formula suggested by the Concora manufacturer.

The average test results obtained on the samples of corrugating medium submitted by each participant during October are shown in Table II and graphically presented in Figures 1 to 4. In addition to a comparison of the test data obtained for the various machines, Table II also presents the current F.K.I. averages, cumulative F.K.I. averages, and the F.K.I. indexes. The current F.K.I. average is the average test result for all machines participating in the study during a given month. The cumulative F.K.I. average is based on the results for the previous months excluding the result for the current period. The F.K.I. index is obtained as follows:

$$\frac{\text{current F.K.I. average}}{\text{cumulative F.K.I. average}} \times 100 = \text{F.K.I. index (\%)}$$

The F.K.I. index provides a ready means of comparing the current quality with previous results. An index greater than 100% indicates that current quality is higher than the average result for the previous periods; an index below 100% indicates that current quality is lower than the average result for the previous periods.

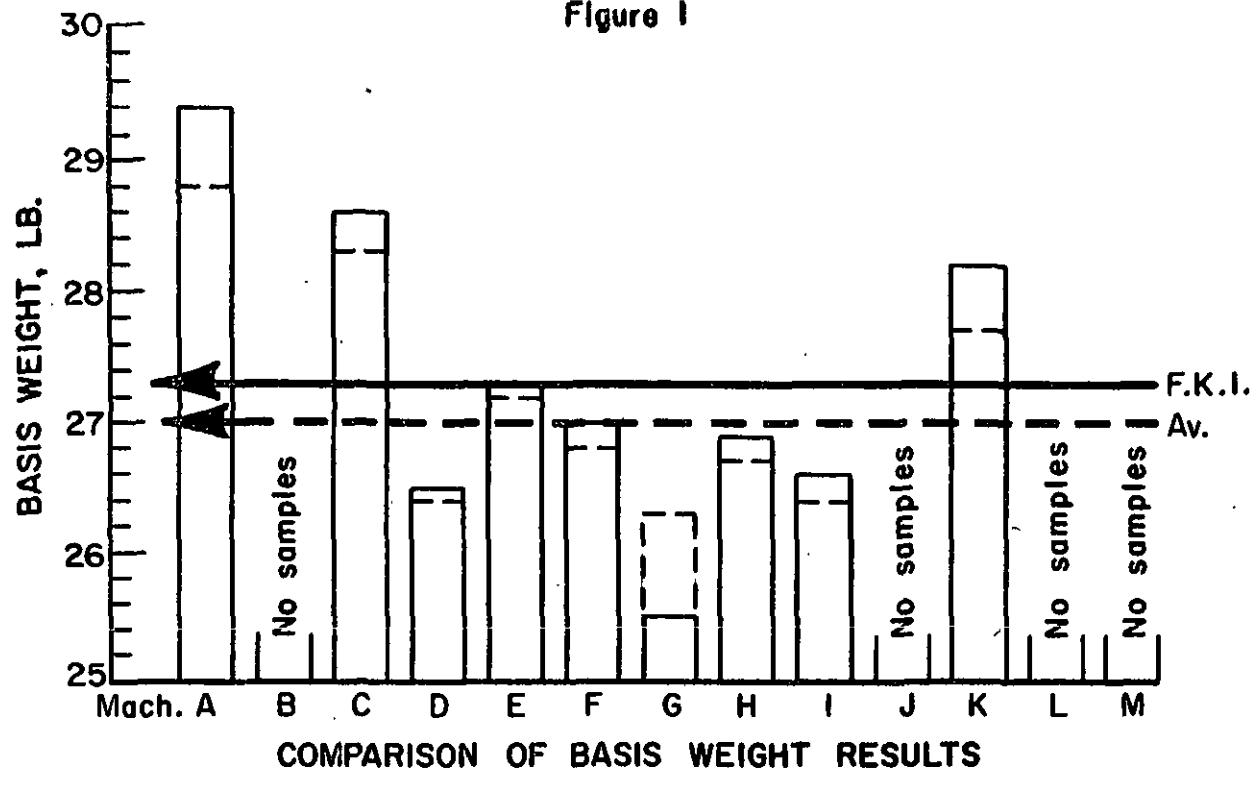
The test results obtained on the sample lots submitted from the production of each of the machines are shown in Tables III through XV for

TABLE II  
SUMMARY OF CURRENT MACHINE AVERAGES

October, 1956

Mill Code	Basis Weight, lb.	Caliper, points	Concord Flat Crush, p.s.i.	Single-Face Flat Crush, p.s.i.
A	29.4	11.6	34.3	35.6
B	No samples submitted.	9.9	36.6	
C	28.6	10.5	34.0	34.2
D	26.5	10.3	32.8	34.1
E	27.3	9.8	37.4	36.2
F	27.0	9.7	33.3	39.6
G	25.5	10.9	31.7	35.4
H	26.9	10.9	38.5	33.9
I	26.6	10.9	38.5	38.7
J	No samples submitted.	9.9	32.2	
K	28.2	9.9	32.5	
L	No samples submitted.	9.9	32.2	
M	No samples submitted.	9.9	32.2	
Current F.K.I. Average	27.3	10.4	34.2	35.5
Cumulative F.K.I. Average	27.0	10.4	33.1	34.3
F.K.I. Index, %	101.0	100.0	103.5	103.6

**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**

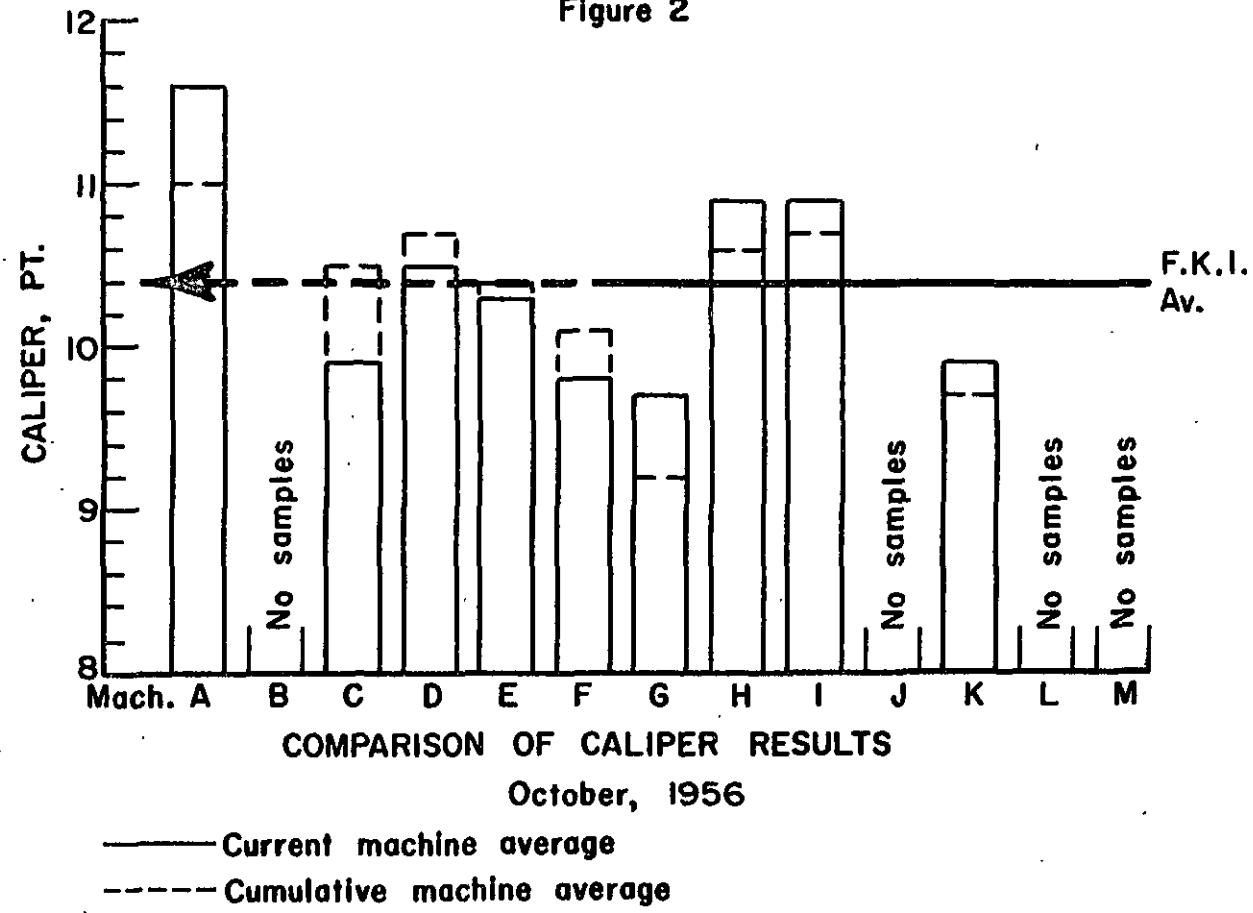


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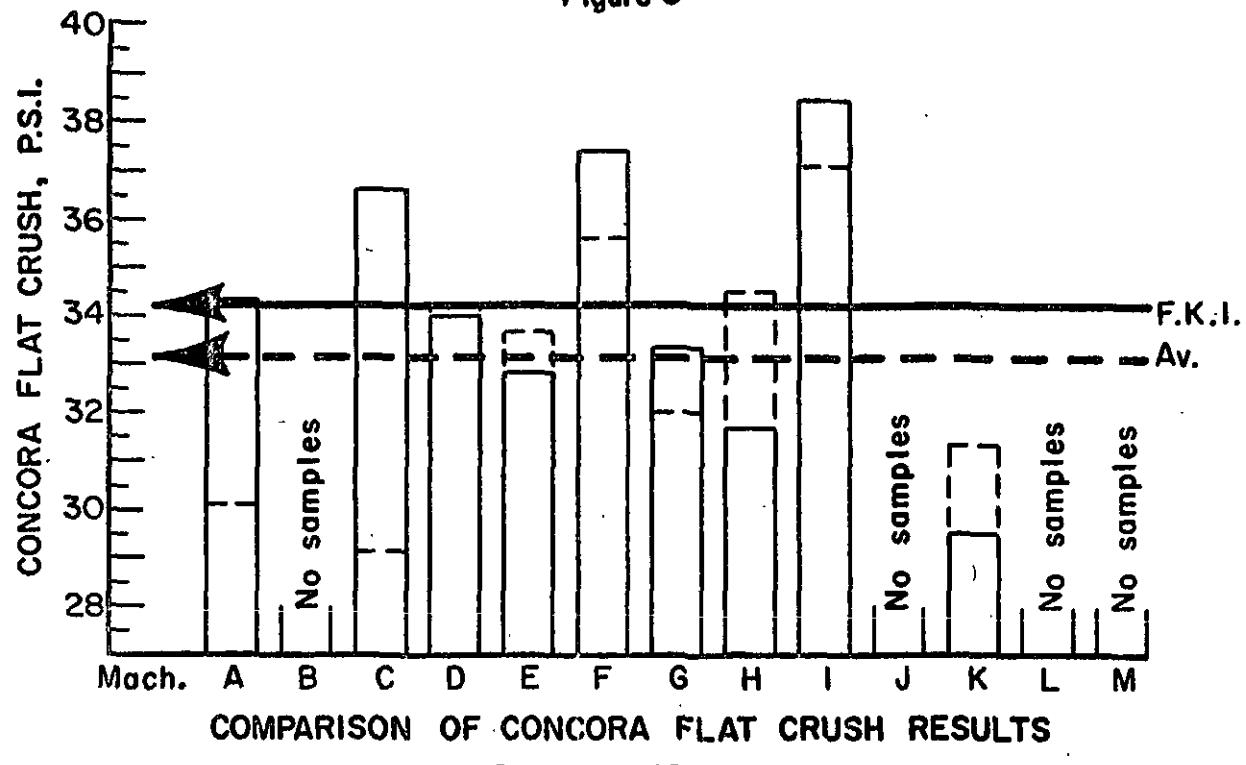
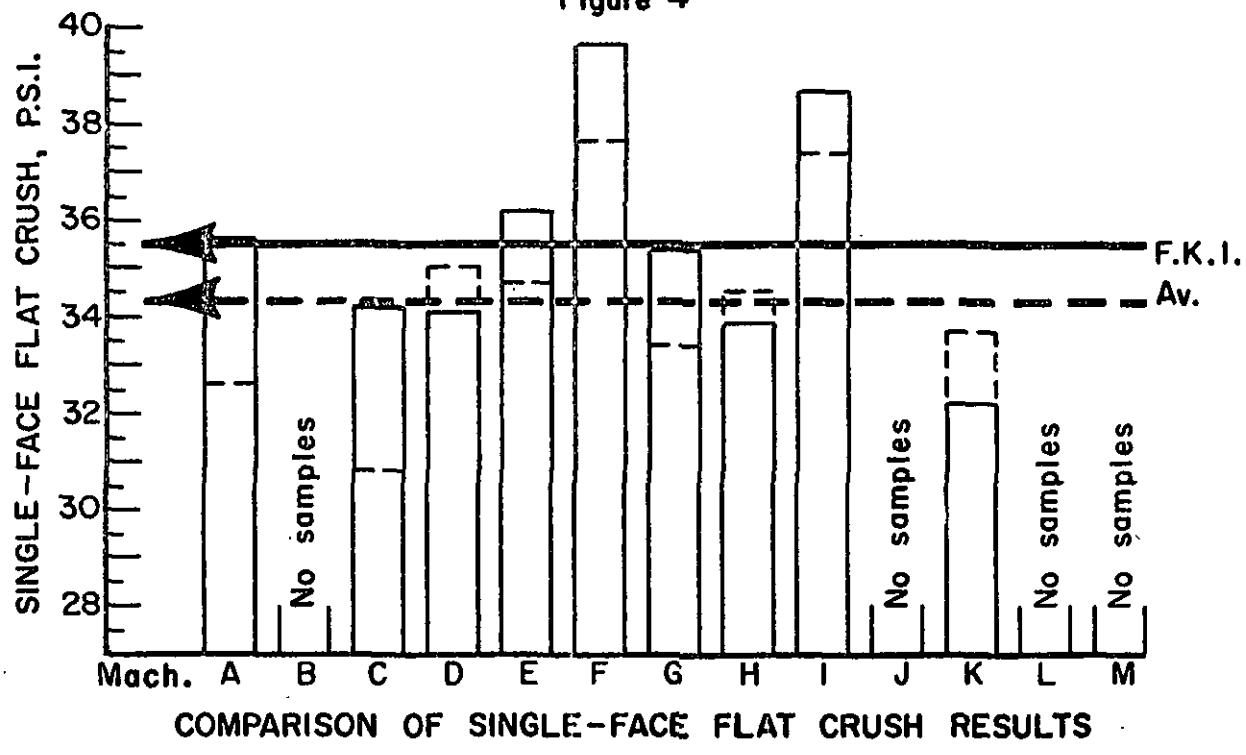


Figure 4



— Current machine average  
- - - Cumulative machine average

Machines A through M, respectively. The maximum, minimum, and average test results obtained on each sample lot are shown for all tests except basis weight for which only the average is shown; in addition, the over-all average result for all the sample lots submitted for each machine is shown for each test. The latter over-all averages are reported as "current machine averages." A cumulative machine average is also shown and is calculated by averaging the current machine averages for the previous periods (excluding the current period). Also shown for each machine in Tables III to XVI are the machine factor and machine index which are defined as follows:

$$\frac{\text{current machine average}}{\text{cumulative machine average}} \times 100 = \text{machine factor (\%)}$$

$$\frac{\text{current machine average}}{\text{cumulative F.K.I. average}} \times 100 = \text{machine index (\%)}$$

The machine factor and machine index provide a means for comparing the current machine average with either the previous results for that particular machine or with the cumulative results for all machines--i.e., the cumulative F.K.I. average.

In Table II the current machine averages for the month of October are summarized. It may be noted that basis weight varied from a low of 25.5 lb. for Machine G to a high of 29.4 lb. for Machine A. The average basis weight for the nine participating machines (current F.K.I. average) was 27.3 lb. per 1000 sq. ft., which is higher than the cumulative F.K.I. average of 27.0 lb. as indicated by the F.K.I. index of 101.0%. The average results for all machines except G satisfy the requirements of Rule 41.

Caliper results varied from a low value of 9.7 for Machine G to a high value of 11.6 for Machine A. The current F.K.I. average for caliper was 10.4 points, the same as the cumulative F.K.I. average. The average caliper results for all machines meet the Rule 41 specification.

Concora flat crush test results ranged from a minimum of 29.5 p.s.i. for Machine K to a maximum of 38.5 p.s.i. for Machine I. The current F.K.I. average was 34.2 p.s.i., slightly higher than the cumulative F.K.I. average of 33.1 p.s.i. as indicated by the F.K.I. index of 103.5%.

Machine F had the highest average single-face flat crush of 39.6 p.s.i. and Machine K had the lowest, 32.2 p.s.i. The current F.K.I. average for flat crush was 35.5 p.s.i., whereas the cumulative F.K.I. average was 34.3 p.s.i., giving an F.K.I. index of 103.6%.

For the current period, the current F.K.I. averages for all tests--basis weight, caliper, Concora flat crush and single-face flat crush--exceeded their respective cumulative averages.

TABLE III  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE A  
October, 1956

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, 1lb. per 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points			Concora Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability
					Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	
A-1	9-26-56	10-1-56	68	29.0	12.0	11.0	11.6	37.1	31.7	33.3	36.0	32.4	34.3	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
A-2	10-2-56	10-3-56	69	29.3	11.9	11.0	11.4	37.1	34.7	35.6	38.4	35.8	36.5	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
A-3	10-4-56	10-8-56	70	28.3	11.3	10.0	10.9	34.7	33.5	34.3	36.0	32.2	34.5	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
A-4	10-16-56	10-19-56	71	30.4	12.2	11.2	12.0	36.5	31.1	33.5	38.6	37.0	37.4	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
A-5	10-18-56	10-22-56	72	29.9	12.2	11.3	12.0	38.3	33.5	35.1	36.4	34.2	35.3	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
Current Machine Average:				29.4				11.6	34.3					35.6
Cumulative Machine Average:				28.8				11.0	30.1					32.6
Machine Factor, %				101.8				105.0						109.2
Machine Index, %				108.6				111.5						103.8

TABLE IV  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE B

No samples submitted.

TABLE V  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE C  
October, 1956

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, 1lb. per 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points			Concord Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability
					Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	
C-1	9-21-56	10- 4-56	79	30.2	10.9	10.0	10.3	36.5	32.9	34.4	31.8	26.4	28.6	Satisfactory at 50 f.p.m.
C-2	10- 2-56	10- 7-56	80	28.1	10.1	9.1	9.7	39.5	37.7	38.6	36.8	32.4	34.2	Satisfactory at 75 f.p.m.
C-3	10- 5-56	10- 9-56	81	29.0	10.0	9.0	9.5	38.9	32.9	35.1	37.6	33.8	35.5	Satisfactory at 50 f.p.m.
C-4	10- 9-56	10-15-56	82	26.8	10.9	9.1	9.8	38.9	33.5	36.0	35.0	31.0	32.6	Satisfactory at 50 f.p.m.
C-5	10- 9-56	110-15-56	83	29.0	10.2	9.8	10.0	41.3	37.1	38.8	43.2	38.4	40.1	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
Current Machine Average:				28.6				9.9			36.6			34.2
Cumulative Machine Average:				28.3				10.5			29.1			30.8
Machine Factor, %				101.3				93.9			125.9			111.0
Machine Index, %				105.9				95.3			110.5			99.7

TABLE VI  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE D  
October, 1956

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, 1b. per 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points			Concord Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, p.s.i.		
					Max.	Min.	Avg.	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Max.	Min.	Avg.
D-1	9-22-56	9-27-56	189	26.8	10.9	10.0	10.2	38.3	32.3	35.4	39.8	38.4	39.1
D-2	10-2-56	10-8-56	193	26.4	10.7	10.0	10.3	38.3	35.3	37.1	38.4	33.8	36.4
D-3	10-5-56	10-11-56	196	27.1	11.0	9.8	10.4	41.3	34.1	37.0	36.0	32.6	34.2
D-4	10-9-56	10-15-56	198	26.3	11.8	10.5	11.0	31.7	29.3	30.5	34.0	28.8	30.8
D-5	10-13-56	10-18-56	200	26.0	11.4	10.0	10.7	40.7	34.7	37.8	37.8	33.6	35.4
D-6	10-16-56	10-19-56	202	26.3	11.0	10.0	10.6	29.9	25.1	28.4	29.4	26.8	27.8
D-7	10-19-56	10-23-56	204	26.5	11.1	10.0	10.4	34.1	30.5	32.0	35.4	34.0	34.7
Current Machine Average:				26.5				10.5			34.1		
Cumulative Machine Average:				26.4				10.7			34.2		
Machine Factor, %				100.4				98.1			99.6		
Machine Index, %				97.9				101.6			102.9		

TABLE VII  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE E  
October, 1956

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, lb. per 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points	Concora Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability	
						Max.	Min.	Avg.	Max.	Min.	Avg.		
E-1	9-21-56	9-28-56	83	27.6	10.9	10.1	10.6	34.1	29.9	32.2	37.6	34.6	36.2
E-2	9-23-56	10- 2-56	84	27.0	10.8	10.0	10.2	38.3	29.9	35.0	39.8	35.4	37.5
E-3	9-27-56	10- 8-56	85	27.9	11.1	10.0	10.4	32.3	28.1	30.3	35.8	30.8	32.7
E-4	10- 3-56	10-15-56	86	27.7	11.0	10.0	10.5	32.9	29.9	31.4	40.0	36.4	37.9
E-5	10- 4-56	10-15-56	87	26.1	10.6	9.0	9.7	34.1	29.3	31.5	38.0	35.8	36.7
E-6	10-13-56	10-22-56	88	27.4	10.8	9.5	10.2	38.9	32.9	36.2	38.6	31.2	36.3
Current Machine Average:				27.3		10.3		32.8		36.2			
Cumulative Machine Average:				27.2		10.4		33.7		34.7			
Machine Factor, %				100.3		99.0		97.3		104.3			
Machine Index, %				100.9		99.2		99.0		105.6			

TABLE VIII  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE F

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, 1lb. per 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points			Concord Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability
					Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	
F-1	9-22-56	10- 1-56	91	27.1	10.8	10.0	10.3	37.1	35.3	36.5	43.8	34.2	39.0	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
F-2	9-25-56	10- 3-56	92	26.8	10.1	9.9	10.0	40.7	35.9	37.7	44.4	39.6	41.4	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
F-3	9-27-56	10- 5-56	93	27.4	10.1	9.5	9.9	41.3	38.9	40.2	44.2	42.6	43.3	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
F-4	10- 3-56	10- 8-56	94	27.1	10.1	9.8	9.9	38.3	33.5	35.9	39.8	36.6	37.8	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
F-5	10- 6-56	10-11-56	95	27.3	10.0	9.0	9.5	41.9	35.9	38.3	41.0	38.0	39.9	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
F-6	10- 9-56	10-15-56	96	26.8	10.8	9.8	10.1	40.1	34.7	36.8	40.8	38.2	39.7	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
F-7	10-11-56	10-19-56	97	26.6	10.0	9.0	9.4	41.9	37.1	38.8	41.8	38.4	40.3	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
F-8	10-16-56	10-22-56	98	27.1	10.8	9.2	9.9	39.5	34.1	37.4	39.2	34.6	36.9	Satisfactory at 550 f.p.m.
F-9	10-18-56	10-25-56	99	26.6	10.0	9.0	9.4	38.3	31.1	35.2	40.8	38.2	38.2	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
Current Machine Average:				27.0				9.8			37.4			39.6
Cumulative Machine Average:				26.8				10.1			35.6			37.6
Machine Factor, %				100.5				97.3			105.2			105.3
Machine Index, %				99.7				94.9			113.1			115.5

TABLE IX  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE G  
October, 1956

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points	Concord Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability
						Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	
G-1	9-28-56	10-4-56	79	24.9	10.0	9.0	9.6	37.1	31.1	33.1	37.6	30.6 34.3
G-2	9-26-56	10-4-56	80	26.3	10.5	9.0	10.0	35.3	29.3	32.2	35.2	33.8 34.4
G-3	10-3-56	10-12-56	82	25.2	10.5	9.0	9.6	37.7	32.3	35.7	37.0	35.8 36.4
G-4	10-1-56	10-15-56	81	25.8	10.1	8.5	9.4	34.7	31.1	32.3	37.4	35.4 36.6
Current Machine Average:				25.5				9.7		33.3		35.4
Cumulative Machine Average:				26.3				9.2		32.0		33.4
Machine Factor, %				96.9				105.1		104.1		106.1
Machine Index, %				94.3				93.3		100.7		103.4

TABLE X  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE H

H-1	H-2	H-3	10-1-56	10-15-56	10-19-56	27.1	Concord Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability
							Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	
H-1	H-2	H-3	10-12-56	10-16-56	82	27.1	11.0	10.2	32.9	30.5	31.9	35.6	32.8 34.1
					83	26.5	11.2	10.3	31.0	29.3	30.4	33.6	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
							11.1	10.7	31.0	34.7	29.3	32.9	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
										37.4	33.0	33.0	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
Current Machine Average:				26.9				10.9		31.7		33.9	
Cumulative Machine Average:				26.7				10.6		34.5		34.5	
Machine Factor, %				100.6				102.4		92.0		98.0	
Machine Index, %				99.4				105.1		95.9		98.7	

TABLE XI  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE I  
October, 1956

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, lb. per 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points			Concord Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability
					Max.	Min.	Avg.	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
I-1	9-21-56	9-27-56	188	27.1	11.4	10.5	11.0	42.5	38.9	40.8	44.4	40.8	42.4	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
I-2	9-26-56	10-1-56	190	27.1	11.2	11.0	11.1	41.3	37.1	39.0	42.0	39.0	40.4	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
I-3	9-28-56	10-2-56	191	26.3	11.5	11.0	11.2	39.5	33.5	37.1	39.6	35.2	38.0	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
I-4	10-2-56	10-8-56	194	26.0	11.1	10.5	10.8	37.7	31.7	35.3	36.8	34.8	35.8	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
I-5	10-6-56	10-11-56	195	26.3	11.1	10.1	10.7	38.9	36.5	37.7	38.2	35.6	37.8	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
I-6	10-9-56	10-15-56	197	26.4	11.7	10.7	11.2	38.3	30.3	34.7	36.6	33.8	35.6	Satisfactory at 550 f.p.m.
I-7	10-13-56	10-18-56	199	26.3	11.2	10.0	10.6	42.5	39.5	40.5	42.2	38.4	40.4	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
I-8	10-16-56	10-19-56	201	27.3	11.8	10.8	11.2	40.1	36.5	38.8	38.2	35.2	36.7	Satisfactory at 500 f.p.m.
I-9	10-19-56	10-23-56	203	26.7	11.5	10.0	10.9	46.1	39.5	42.4	43.2	40.0	41.9	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
Current Machine Average				26.6				10.9			38.5			38.7
Cumulative Machine Average				26.4				10.7			37.1			37.4
Machine Factor, %				100.7				102.7			103.8			103.4
Machine Index, %				98.4				105.6			116.3			112.7

TABLE XII  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE J  
October, 1956  
No samples submitted.

TABLE XIII  
SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE K  
October, 1956

Code	Date Made	Date Recd.	Mill Roll No.	Basis Weight, lb. per 1000 sq. ft.	Caliper, points			Concora Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Single-Face Flat Crush, P.s.i.			Runability
					Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	Max.	Min.	Av.	
K-1	10-1-56		1	28.2	10.1	9.8	10.0	30.5	26.9	29.5	33.4	31.8	32.8	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
K-2	10-1-56		2	26.2	10.2	9.5	9.9	31.7	28.7	29.5	32.6	30.4	31.6	Satisfactory at 600 f.p.m.
Current Machine Average:				26.2				9.9		29.5				32.2
Cumulative Machine Average:				27.7				9.7		31.3				33.7
Machine Factor, %				102.0				102.1		94.1				95.7
Machine Index, %				104.3				95.9		89.0				93.9

TABLE XIV

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE L  
October, 1956

No samples submitted.

TABLE XV

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR MACHINE M  
October, 1956

No samples submitted.