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IN THICK WELDED COPPER

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## SUMMARY

The report describes a feasibility study of detecting defects in welded material using focussed ultrasonic beams. The ultrasonic testing has been applied to both electron beam welded thick walled copper containers and copper containers sealed by hot isostatic pressing.

The study shows that focussed ultrasonic technique is capable of detecting small defects in thick welded copper. This is illustrated on test blocks as well as on simulated full scale welds and joints using hot isostatic pressing.

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Tekniska Röntgencentralen AB has by order from Svensk Kärnbränsle Försörjning AB (SKBF) developed a technique for ultrasonic testing of thick welded copper containers.

This copper containers are going to be used for deposit of used fuel rods.

The aim is to detect and size defects in the welded material already at the manufacturing stage, when the fuel rods are inserted and welded into the copper containers.

### Description of testing method

A non-destructive testing method, with ultrasonic focused beams is used to detect defects in the welded material.

The beam from the probe is focused by a lens which is shaped due to factors as distance in material, distance in water, type of defects etc.

The probe is aimed perpendicular to the assumed defect and if a discontinuity is detected by the soundbeam, this will give a reflection that is shown on a cathode-ray-tube screen as an echo.

The distance to the defect is measured on a scale, calibrated according to sound velocity in copper.

Material that should be tested is gated with a corresponding time gate, so that all defects within the gate appear as indications on the XY-recorder which is used for recording of the defects.

Recording of defects is performed with the C-scan method. Indications within the time gate appear as white areas at the recorder-sheet.

Sensitivity for testing can be alternated by reference from different reference-defects.

Description of the project

Testing of different welded copper specimens has been carried out at the following different steps.

1. Testing on Electronic Beam Welded (EBW) copperblock from Sciaky-France, with focused immersion ultrasonic technique. Report dated 1982-09-02.

Enclosed as appendix 1.

2. Testing on copper container Robertsfors 1 with manual ultrasonic technique. Report dated 1982-12-06.

Enclosed as appendix 2.

3. Testing on cutout of copper container Robertsfors 1, with focused immersion technique.

Result enclosed as appendix 3.

4. Testing on copper container Robertsfors 2 with manual ultrasonic technique. Report dated 1983-05-11.

Enclosed as appendix 4.

5. Testing on EBW copperblock from welding Institute GB with focused immersion ultrasonic technique.

Result enclosed as appendix 5.

Equipment used in the test

In all the tests a puls-echo flaw-detector Krautkrämer USIP 11 or similar has been used. For the immersion tests two different lenses have been calculated and manufactured. The first lens is designed for soundpath in material of 100 mm, and the second for 35 - 50 mm soundpath. Focus distance can be modified by changing the water distance. A XY-recorder synchronized with scanning movement along and across the specimen, has been used.

For positioning of the probe at a certain distance and for performing the test a TRC fabricated manipulator has been used.

Testblocks have been immersed in a watertank and positioned along the scanning direction of a TRC-manipulator. The sensitivity level in all mechanised tests is at least comparable with flat-bottom hole  $\varnothing$  2 mm.

### Manufacturing of testblocks

To be able to compare indications found during testing reference defects with different shapes and different depths have been placed in the test specimens.

Reference defects as flatbottom holes  $\varnothing$  2 and  $\varnothing$  4 mm and also side drilled holes  $\varnothing$  2 mm have been used.

For detailed information see appendix 1 drawing SP 30186, appendix 3 drawing SP 30200 and appendix 5 drawing SP 30201.

### Results and comments on results

1. Testing according to earlier described step 1 showed that focused ultrasonic technique is capable of detecting small defects in thick welded copper.

On C-scan registration sheet, appendix 1, one clearly see indications from flatbottom holes  $\varnothing$  2 mm. Lower to the right on "Registrering 2:2" one can also see indications from defects which later at a destructive examination where verified. The report from the destructive examination is enclosed as appendix 6.

2. At the test performed on copper container Robertsfors 1, several indications were found. This was a test to see if manufacturing conditions were satisfied. Manual testing is not so accurate as mechanised examination and is also difficult to register with good reliability.
3. Later when mechanised examination was performed it was verified that this sample showed big discrepancies. As can be seen in appendix 3 zone 1 is indicated as a large defect. In zone 2 one indication of major size was found.
4. A new test was carried out a new copper container no 2 at Robertsfors. In this test no indications was found exceeding the reference level, see appendix 4.
5. In the test specimen from Welding Institute - Great Britain a clear indication from the hole for the lifting lug can be seen. Also a major defect close to the side of the specimen can be seen. This is shown at the lower part to the right of registration sheet in appendix 5. Further more some small indications where registered.



Proposal for testing method and equipment for further tests on copper containers

With experience from the tests one can clearly see that ultrasonic testing immersion technique with focused probes is capable of detecting small defects in thick welded copper.

The copper containers should also, for good coupling with the probe, be placed in a watertank. An automatic system for scanning and recording could with great advantage be used. This will make inspection easier. Similar systems is used frequently by TRC when performing inspections at the nuclear power plants.

- Appendix 1: Testing on electronic beam welded (EBW) copperblock from Sciaky-France, with focused immersion ultrasonic technique
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TESTING ON ELECTRONIC BEAM WELDED  
(EBW) COPPERBLOCK FROM SCIACY-  
FRANCE, WITH FOCUSED IMMERSION  
ULTRASONIC TECHNIQUE

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## Introduction

Tekniska Röntgencentralen AB has by order from Svensk Kärnbränsleförsörjning AB (SKBF) developed a technique for testing using ultrasonic focussed beams aiming at localizing, registering, and sizing defects in electron-beam welded copper.

The purpose has been to localize and register defects, already at a manufacturing stage, in copper material, intended to be used as containers for final disposal of spent nuclear fuel.

## Construction and manufacture of reference block

To be able to measure the sound field of the focussing ultrasonic probe, a representative reference block has been made. The block, which is of an identical copper material with weld, has been supplied by SKBF.

Representative defects for sensitivity calibration and sizing in the form of cylinder boreholes and flat bottom holes have been made in a copper block at actual sound paths. See drawing SP No 30186, enclosure 1.

## Construction and manufacture of lens for testing with focussed ultrasonic beams

After having studied previously performed testings, i a with ultrasonic, it was decided to manufacture a lens for a larger planar ultrasonic probe in order to gain a narrow focussed sound field with which it is possible to penetrate the welded zone.

Due to the form of the block the lens was manufactured to produce a symmetric, point-focussed sound field at a distance of 100 mm in copper.

A holder for placing the lens on the ultrasonic probe was also manufactured.

#### Testing of probe

The testing of the reference block was performed as immersion testing with the block lying, alternatively standing on the end and with the ultrasonic probe directed perpendicular to the entrance surface. The testing was performed from three directions in subsequent longitudinal scans separated by 1 mm.

#### Equipment used

Ultrasonic Flaw-detector USIP 11  
Frequency range 0,5 - 2.5 MHz  
Impuls strength 1  
Resolution 2  
Measurement range 200 mm  
Ultrasonic probe Panametrics  $\emptyset$  50 mm, 3 MHz

Focussed ultrasonic field measured with 6 dB-drop to  $\emptyset$  4,4 mm.

Holder for ultrasonic probe  
TRC Immersion test equipment  
XY-recorder Hewlett-Packard  
Polaroid-camera

#### Examples of registration

The registration, which is made using an XY-recorder calibrated in scale 1:1, has been chosen to be presented in C-scan. This means that the picture on the registration sheet represents a perpendicular section of the tested area.

Blank areas are reference defects and registered indications. At the bottom of registration sheet 1, enclosure 2, one can see a registration aiming at a sensitivity calibration of the equipment against reference defects.

The two upper registrations are scans of the welded zone with registered indications.

On registration sheet 2 one can see in addition to the sensitivity calibration a registration aiming at assessing the differences in sensitivity for two equally sized reference defects placed above, respectively below, the welded zone. The relative difference was measured to be 6dB.

### Results

On the registration sheets 1:2 and 2:2 an area can be seen that repeatedly exhibits similar defect patterns. This area has on request from SKBF been cut out of the test block for destructive testing. <sup>\*)</sup>

Complementary measurements using conventional immersion technique have confirmed the result from the testing with focussed ultrasonic beams using long sound paths.

The cut-out piece is enclosed the report in form of a rod with the measures approximately 20 x 20 x 40 .mm, where the largest defects are marked with center punch marks.

Enclosures: 1) Reference block drawing SP No 30186  
 2) Registration sheet C-scan no 1:2  
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\*) The results are presented in Appendix 6.

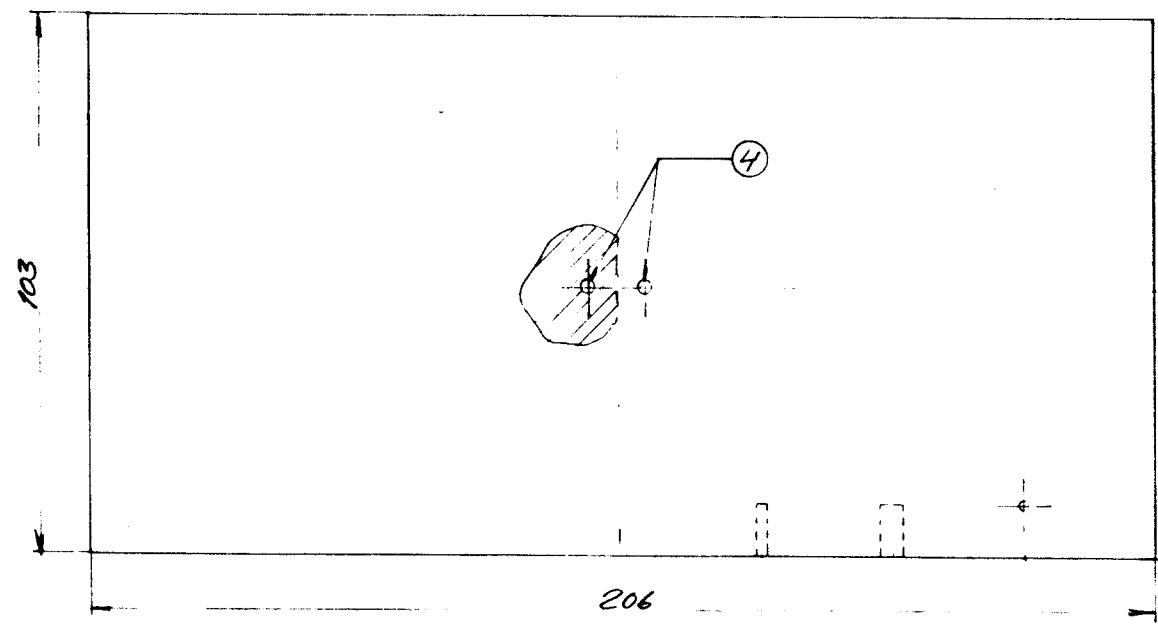
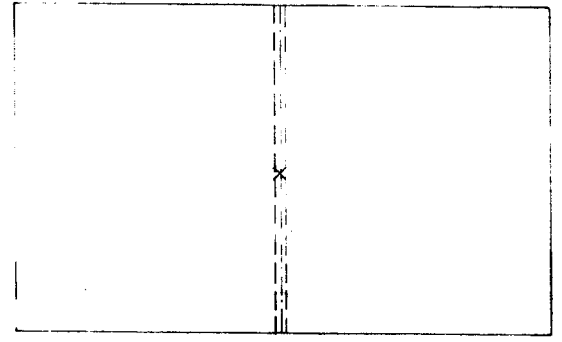
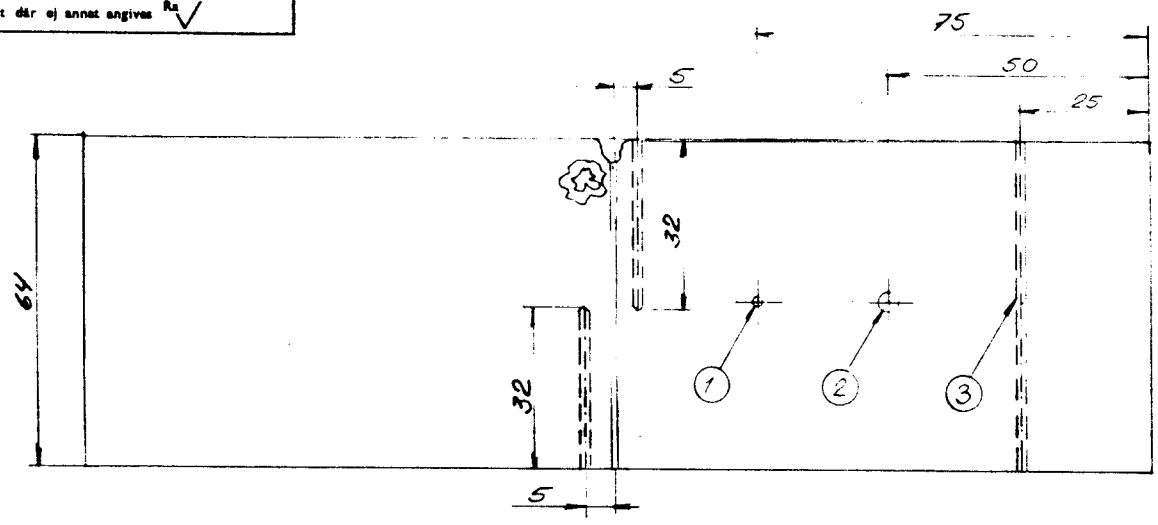
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Defect No	Type of Defect	Diam	Length
1	Flat bottomed hole	Ø2	10
2	"-	Ø4	10
3	Cylinder borehole	Ø2	64
4	"-	Ø2	32

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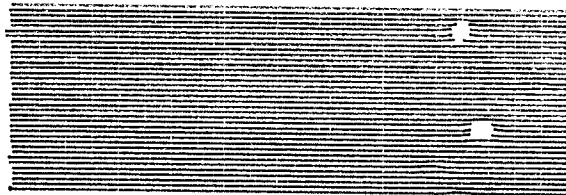
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	CGO					///	
<b>TRC</b>						SKBF MANTELPROV BRÄNSLEFÖRVARING	
						Dat. 1982-06-02	
						Rita.-nr SP 30186	

Ultra sonic flaw-detector:  
USIP 11  
frequency 0.5-2.5 MHz  
impuls 1  
resolution 2  
range 200 mm

ultrasonic probe:

panametrics  
Ø 50 3 MHz  
focussed  
sound beam  
focussed 100 mm in Cu  
focussed Ø 6dB-drop  
≈ 4.4 mm

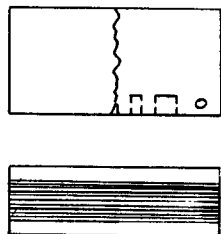


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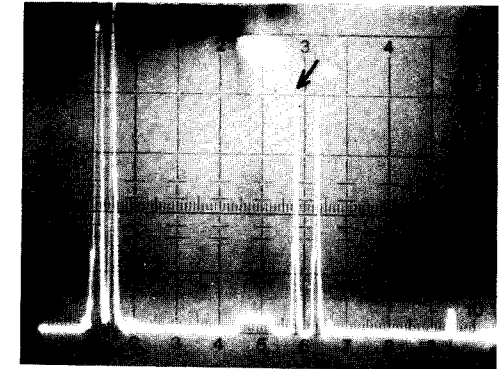
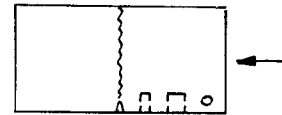
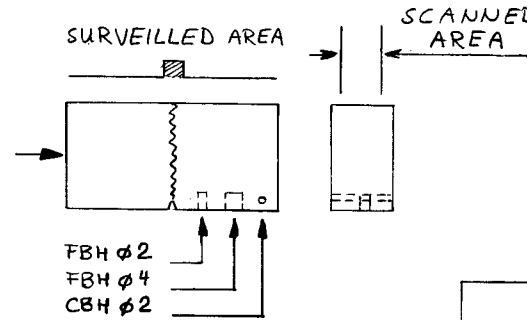
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registration level =flat bottomed hole Ø2 + 6dB

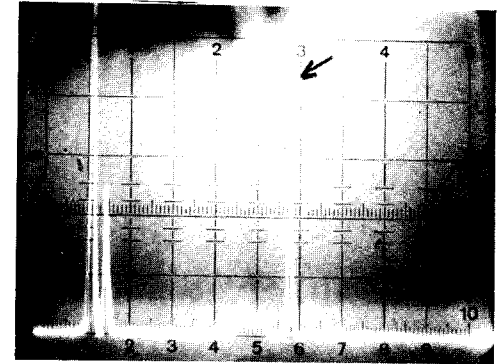
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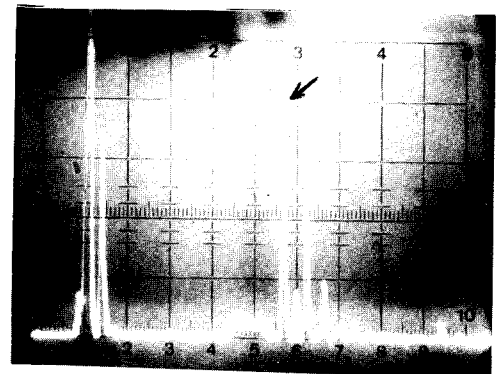
Registration level = Flat bottomed hole Ø2 mm



flat bottomed hole Ø2 mm 50dB

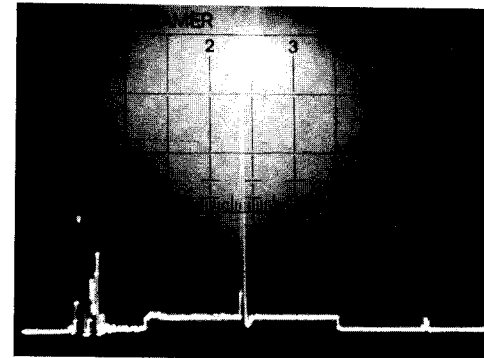


flat bottomed hole Ø4mm 40dB

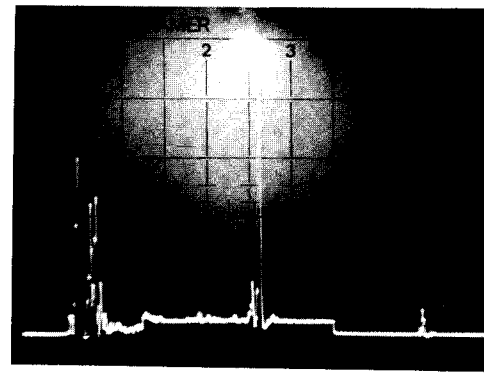


cylinder borehole Ø 2mm 44dB





Ø2 cylinder borehole  
"above" weld



Ø2 cylinder borehole  
"below" weld

The relative  
sensitivity  
is 6dB lower



Registration level = Flat bottomed hole Ø2+6dB



Block standing on one end

Registration 2:2

TESTING ON COPPER CONTAINER  
ROBERTSFORS 1 WITH MANUAL ULTRA-  
SONIC TECHNIQUE

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## Introduction

Tekniska Röntgencentralen AB has by the order from Svensk Kärnbränsleförsörjning AB (SKBF) performed manual ultrasonic testing of a copper container manufactured by ASEA, Robertsfors.

## Pre-investigation

Testing of the probe has been performed against a reference block manufactured in an equivalent copper material. In the reference block, reference reflectors have been made in the form of flat-bottomed holes with different diameters at different depths. Different normal beam probes have been tested against these reflectors. One of the flat-bottomed holes has also been used as a cylinder borehole, against which angle beam probes have been tested.

## Equipment used

### Ultrasonic flaw-detector USIP 11

Frequency range: 0.5 - 2.5 MHz  
 Impuls strength: 3  
 Resolution: 3  
 Measurement range: 100 mm long/trans

### Ultrasonic probe

Panametric  $\emptyset$  12.5 - 2.25 MHz, normal beam  
 " " " , angle beam probe,  $45^{\circ}$  in steel  
 RTD 2-crystal, 2 MHz, angular probe,  $50^{\circ}$  in steel with focussed sound beam.

Reference block in copper with flat-bottomed holes  $\emptyset$  2.5 and 3.5 mm with different depths from 40-76 mm.

Polaroid camera

### Test object

Testing has been performed against a copper container according to drawing ASEA-9397 626-7 (Kx3) clad with a 2.5 mm thick copper sheet.

The container was filled with simulated fuel elements and fine-grained copper powder which was sintered to a homogeneous body under high pressure and temperature.

### Scope of testing

The purpose of the test was to establish if the joint between lid and cylinder was homogeneous, and also to establish if the copper sheet was joined to a cylinder.

Testing was performed from the outer surfaces of the lids and from the outer surfaces of the cylinder, see drawing "Directions of probing".

The test area was chosen randomly on an assigned half of the cylinder and lid.

### Results

Local lack of bonding between copper sheet and cylinder and between sheet and lid could be established, see photograph no 13.

With normal beam probe in position 1, indications were obtained throughout the whole tested area, see photographs nos 1 and 7.

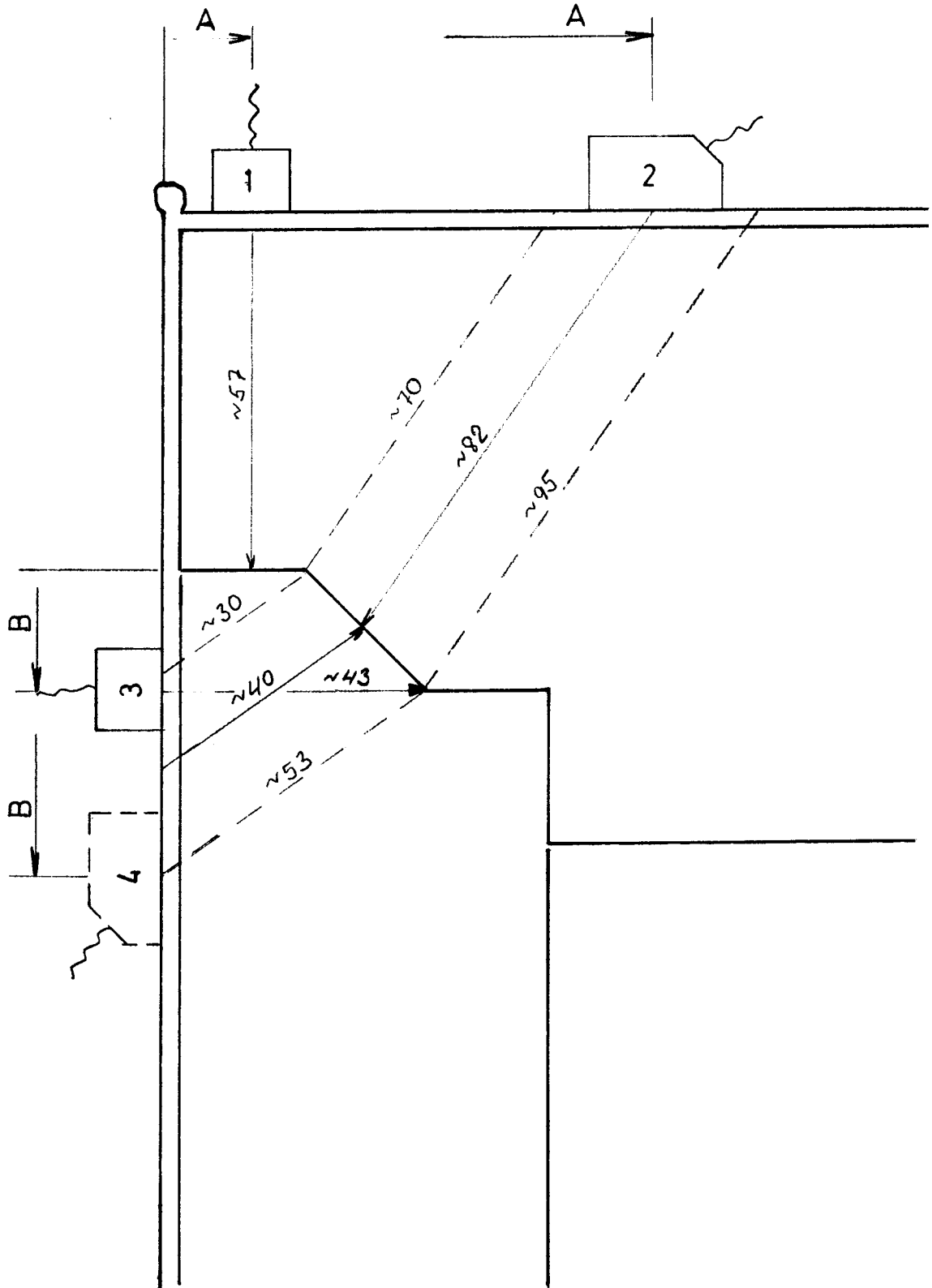
With normal beam probe in position 3, indications were obtained in randomly chosen areas, see photographs nos 3 and 9.

With angle beam probe in positions 2 and 4 indications were obtained in randomly chosen areas. See photographs nos 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 12.

See compilation of tests for further information.

SKBF - Manual ultrasonic testing of copper canister.  
Directions of probing

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COMPILATION OF TESTS

Photo-graph no	Position	Pos.	A	B	Sound path	Amplification	Comment
1	Top end	1	20		57	36	Normal beam probe
2	"	2	85		84	28	Angle beam probe (RTD)
3	Long side	3		20	36	40	Normal beam probe
4	"	3		27	34	52	Angle beam probe (Pan)
5	"	4		46	48	48	" " " "
6	"	4		40	42	24	" " " (RTD)
7	Bottom end	1	20		57	36	Normal beam probe
8	"	2	85		83	24	Angle beam probe (RTD)
9	Long side	3		20	32	46	Normal beam probe
10		3		20	30	46	Angle beam probe (Pan)
11		4		38	42	52	" " " "
12		4		32	40	24	" " " (RTD)

Photograph no 13 shows a position where the sheet-metal 2.5 mm has not been bonded to the container.



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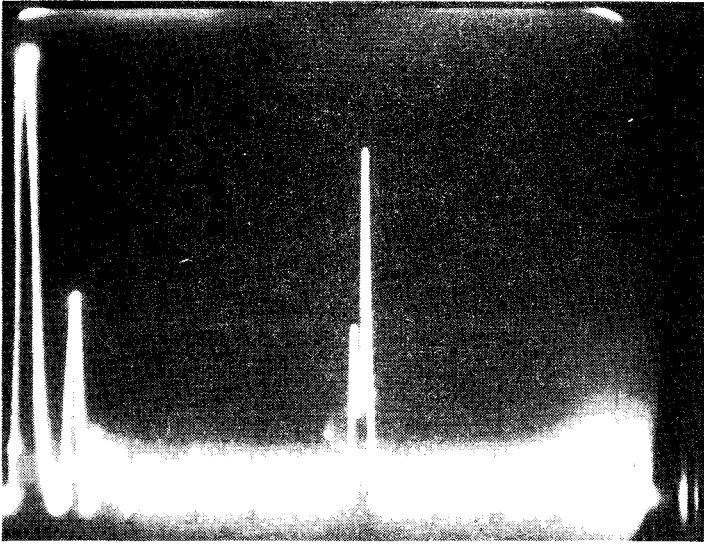


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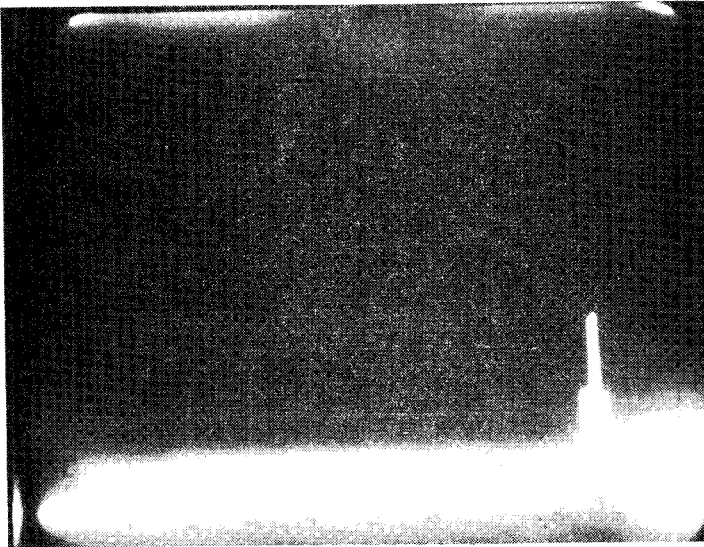


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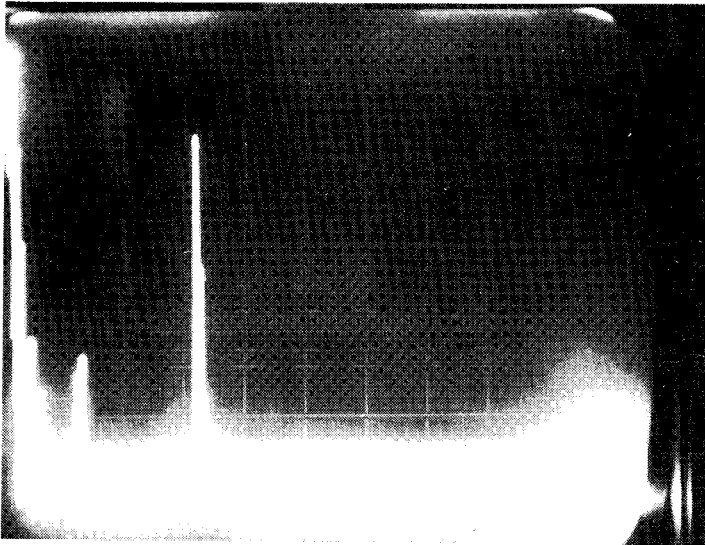


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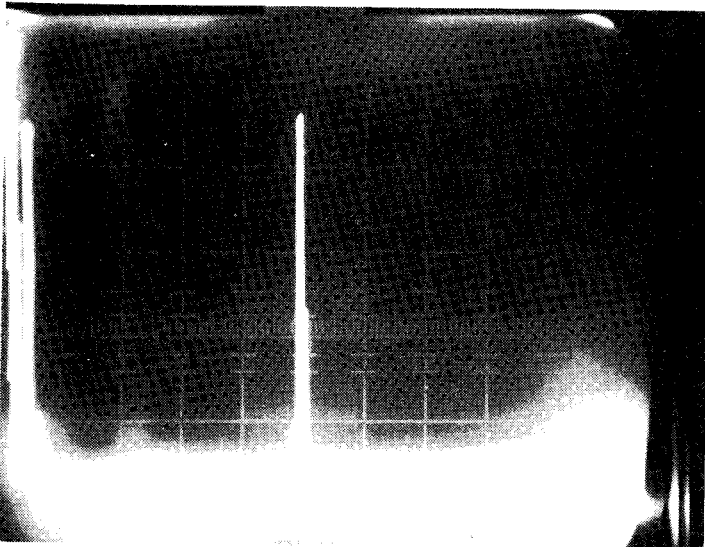


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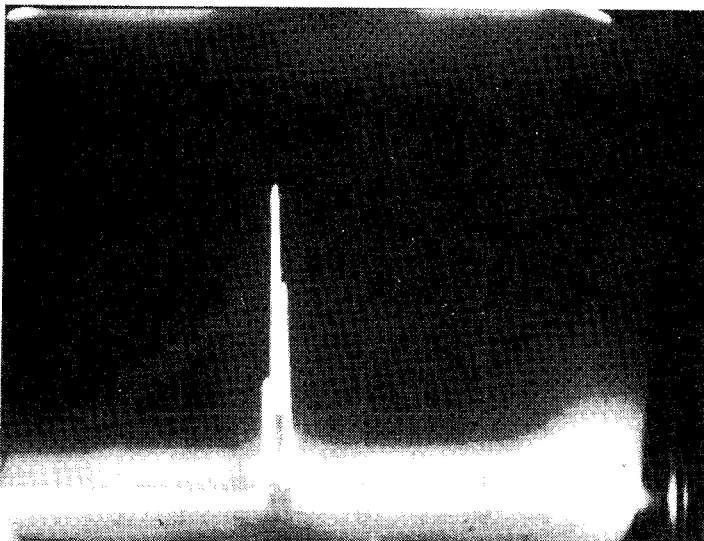


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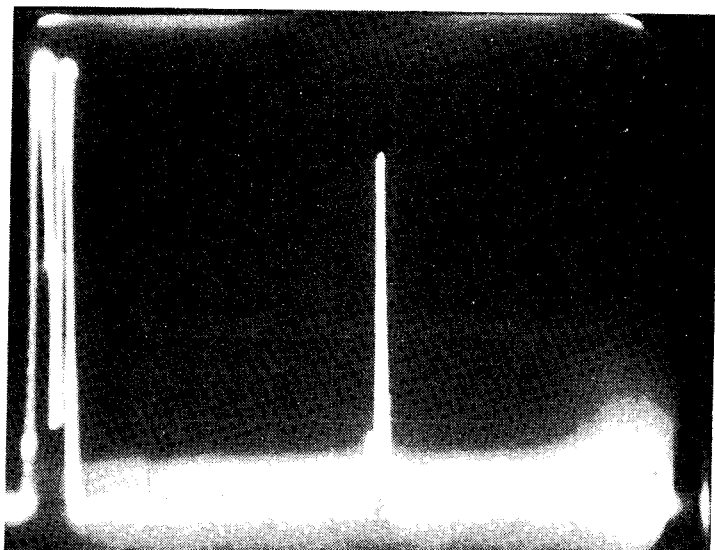


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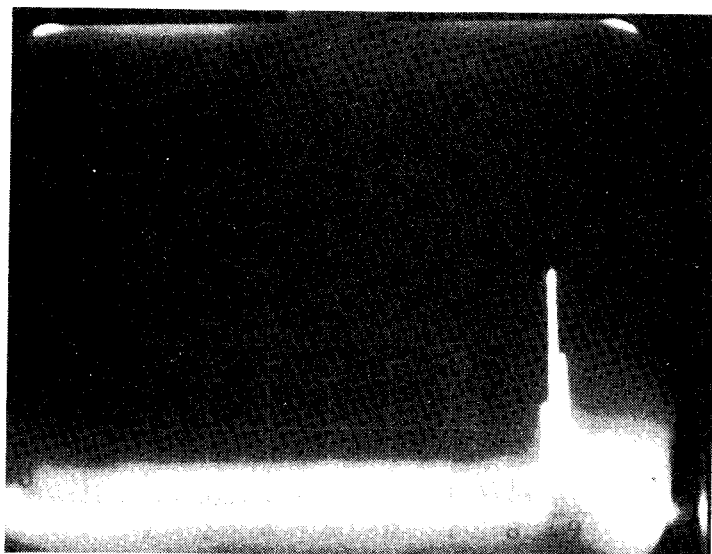


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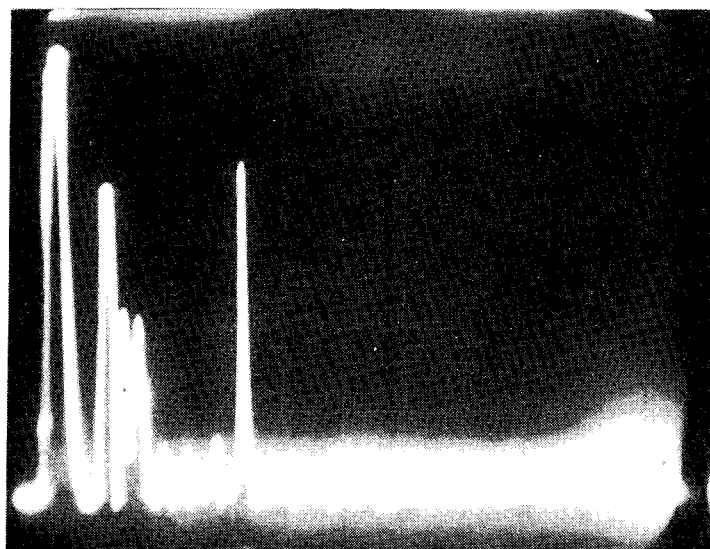


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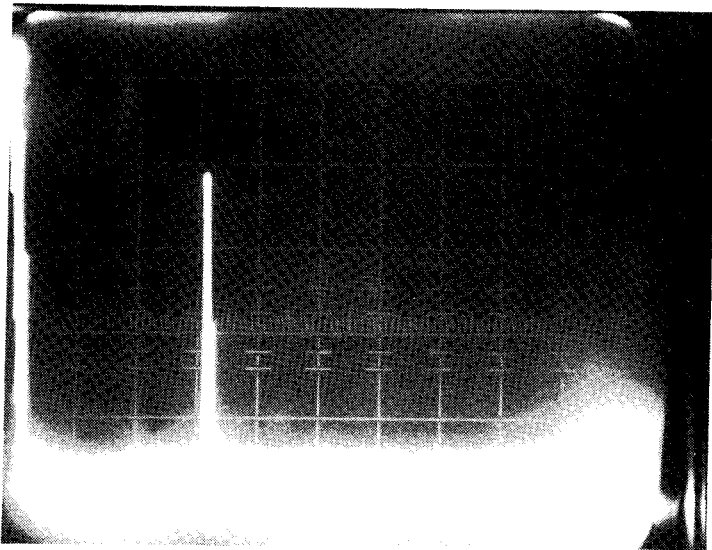


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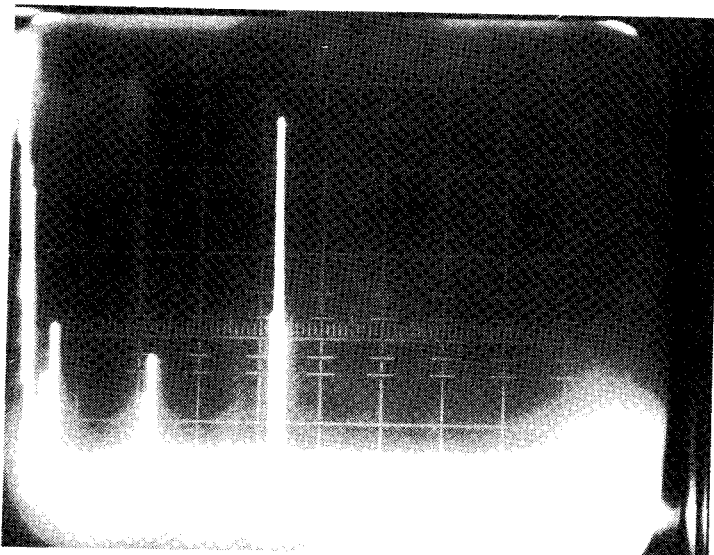


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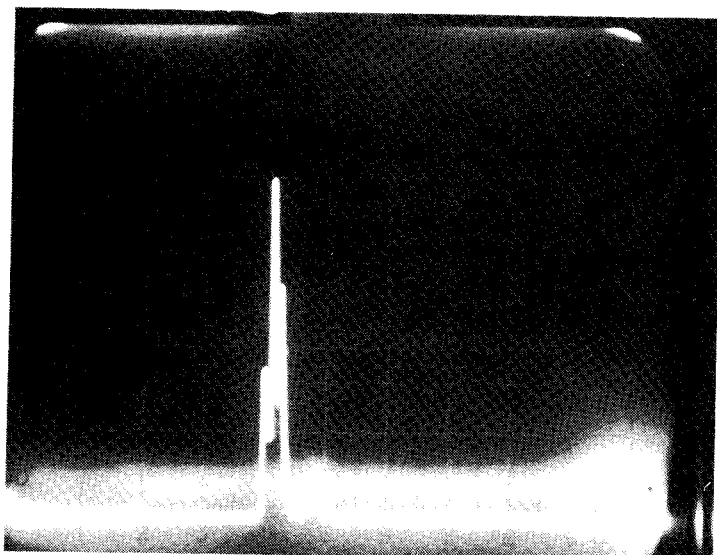


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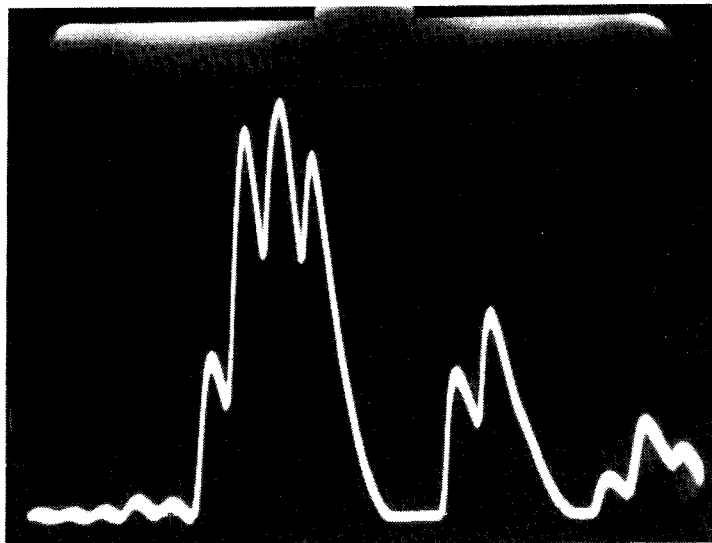


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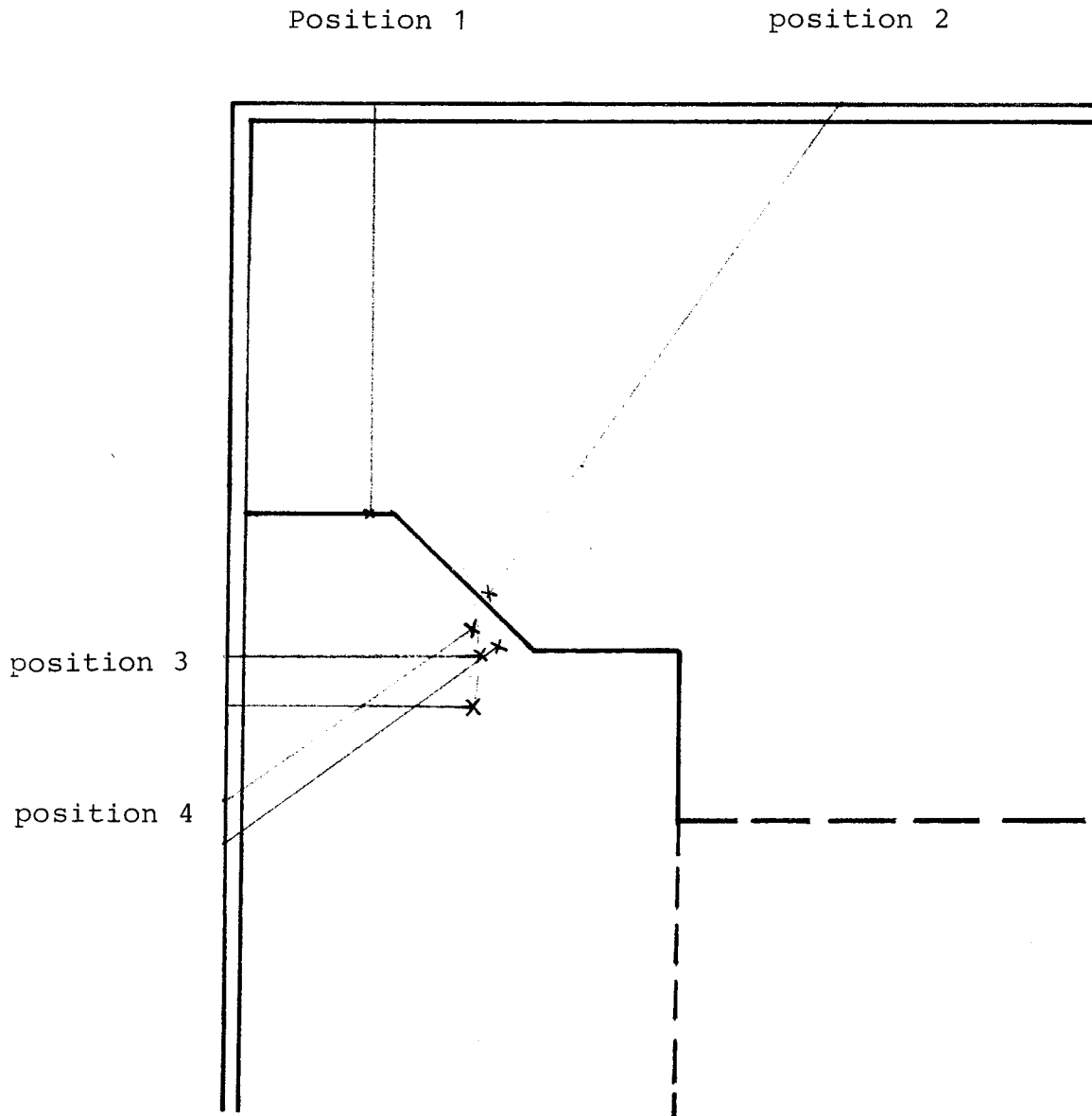
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Top end

Sound paths by recorded indications

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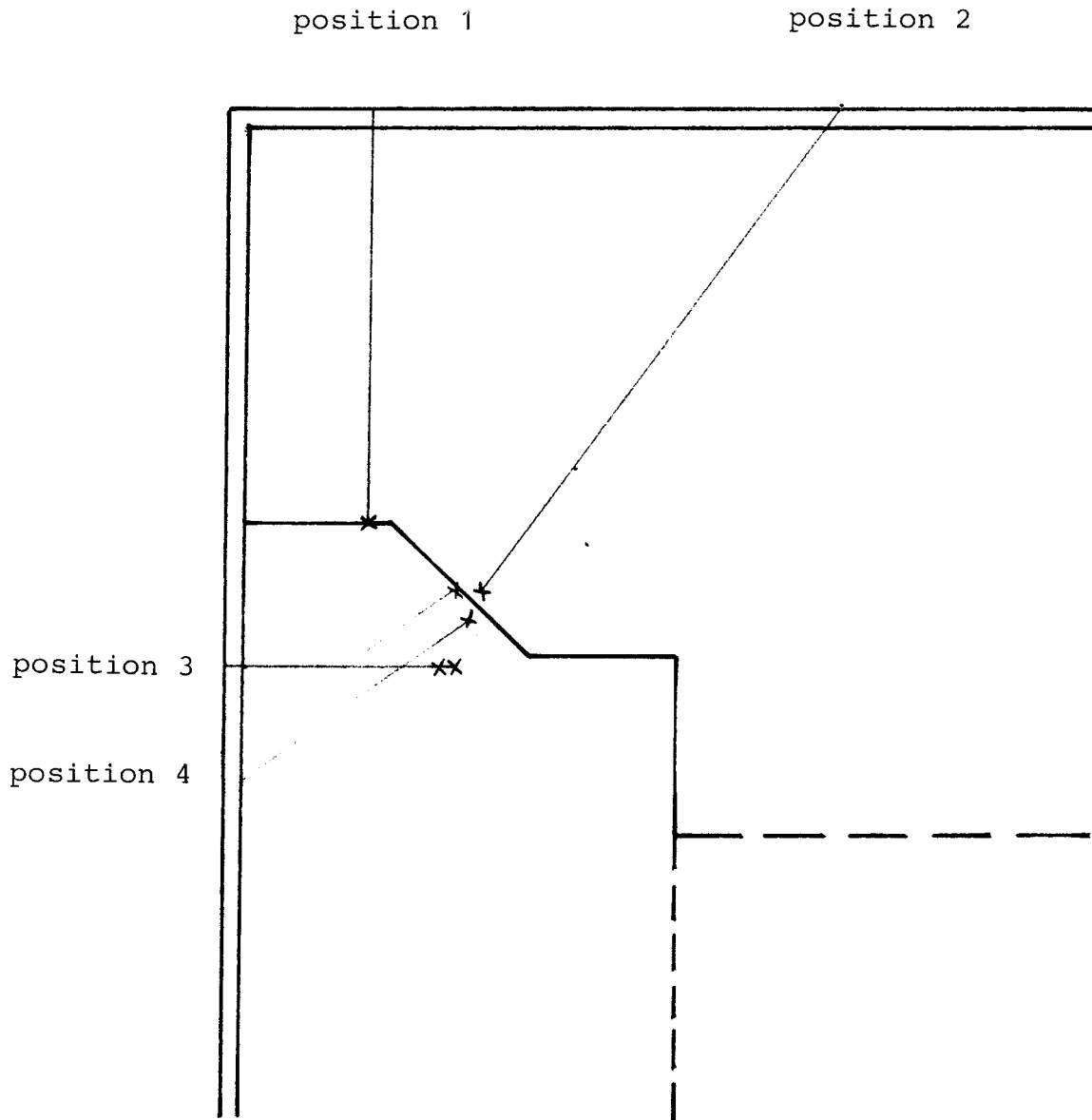
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Bottom end

Sound paths by recorded indications

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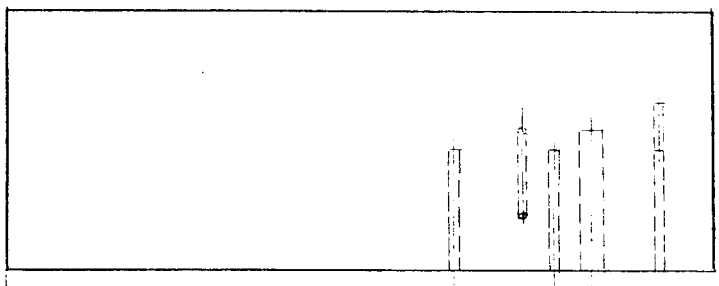
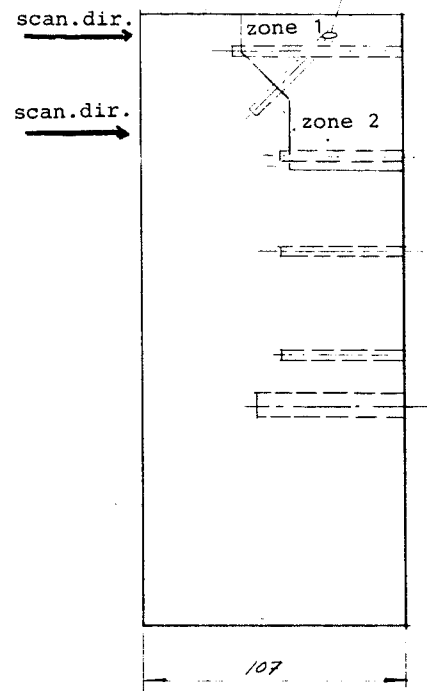
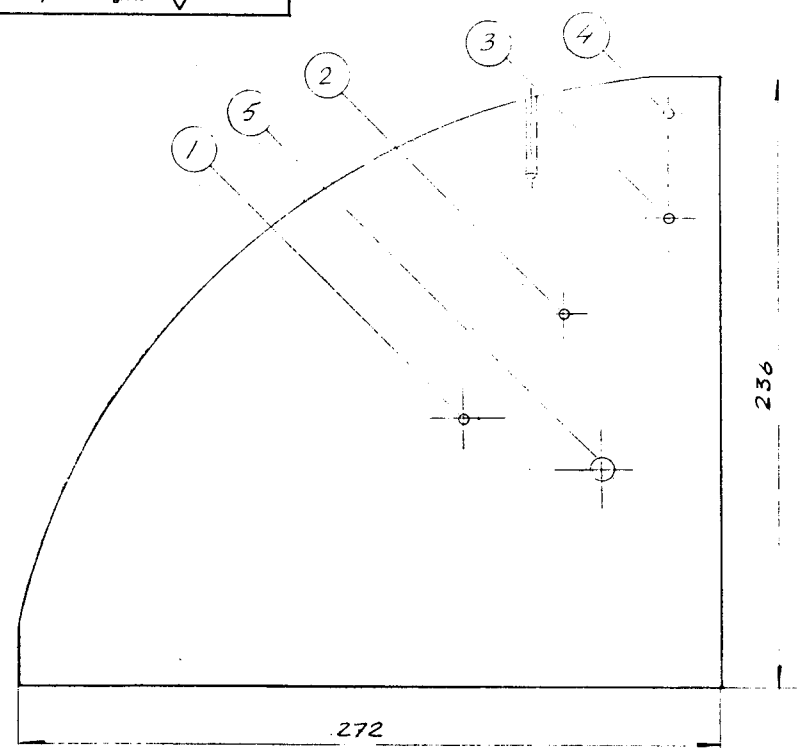
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CONTAINER ROBERTSFORS 1, WITH  
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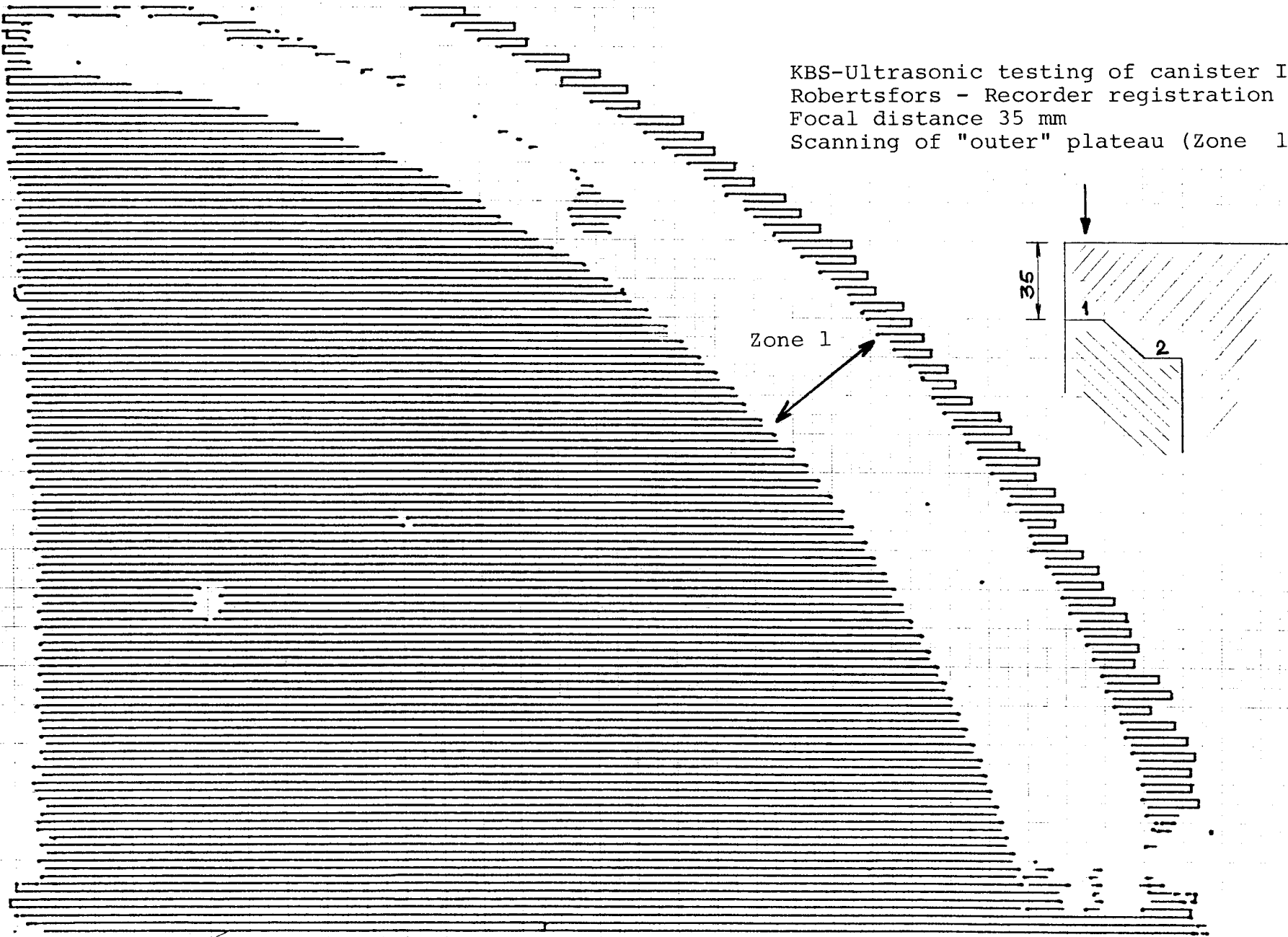


Pos.	Designation	Diam.	Depth	Comment
1	Flat bottomed hole	3.0 mm	35 mm	From scanned end
2	"-	3.0 mm	53 mm	"-
3	"-	3.0 mm	53 mm	"-
4	"-	3.0 mm	35 mm	"-
5	"-	10.0 mm	45 mm	"-
6	"-	3.0 mm	62 mm	"-

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Det.-nr		Ant.	Benämning			Material	Mod.-nr Ämne Dimension	Anm.	
Konstr.	Ritad	Kop.	Konstr.	Stand.	Godk.	Skala	Erstärer	Erstär av	
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KBS-Ultrasonic testing of canister I  
Robertsfors - Recorder registration  
Focal distance 35 mm  
Scanning of "outer" plateau (Zone 1)



Scale 1:1

KBS - ULTRASONIC TESTING OF CONTAINER I - ROBERTSFORS - FIGURE APPENDIX

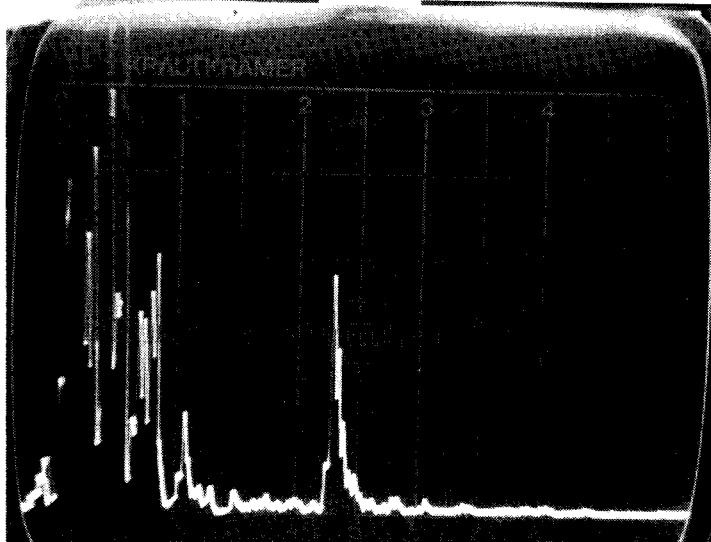


Figure 1  
Flat bottomed hole  $\varnothing$  10 mm  
Sound distance 45 mm  
Amplification 46 dB  
Water distance 105 mm

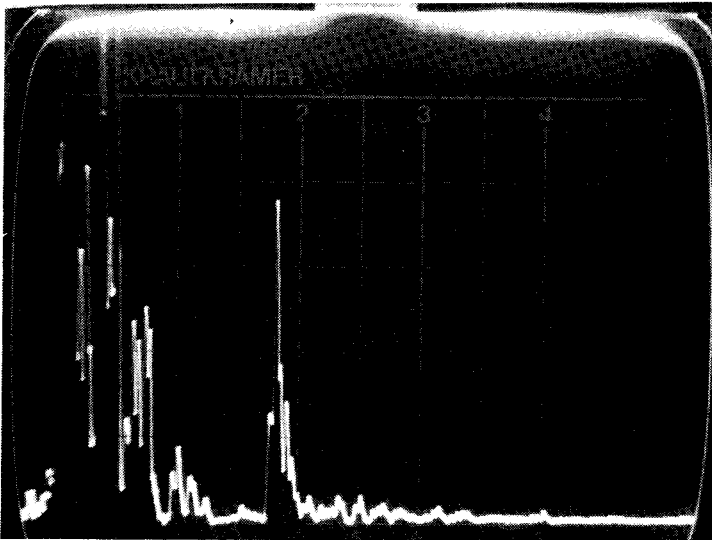


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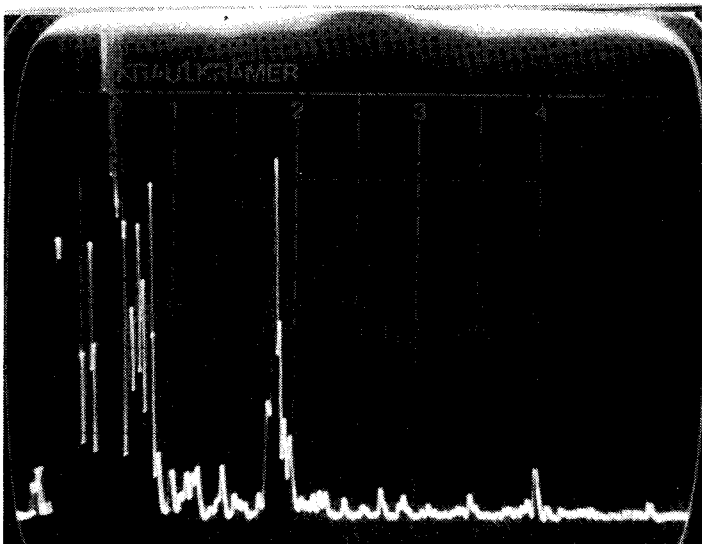
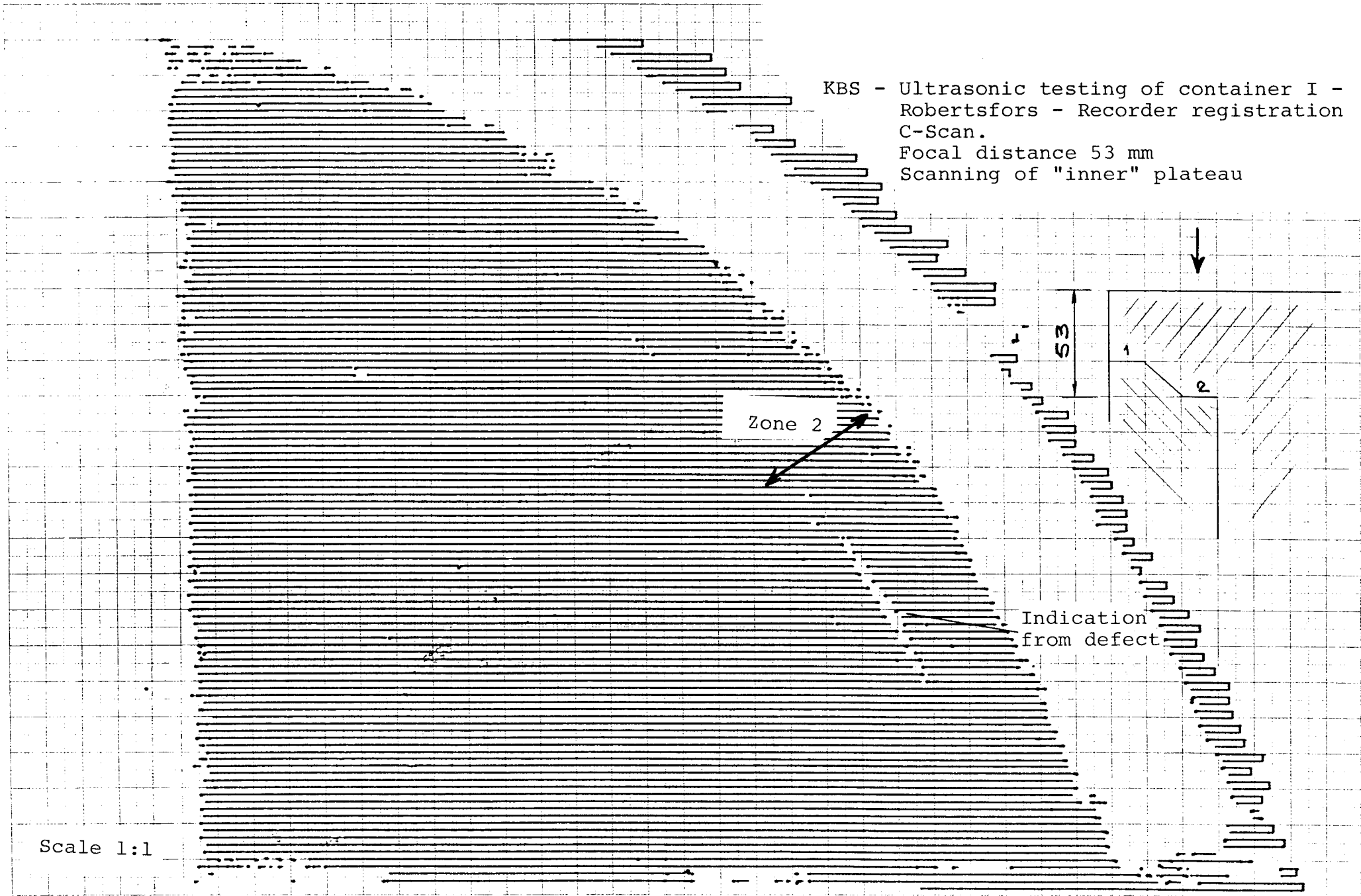


Figure 3  
Indication from welded zone  
Sound distance 35 mm  
Amplification 46 dB  
Water distance 105 mm

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Focal distance 53 mm  
Scanning of "inner" plateau



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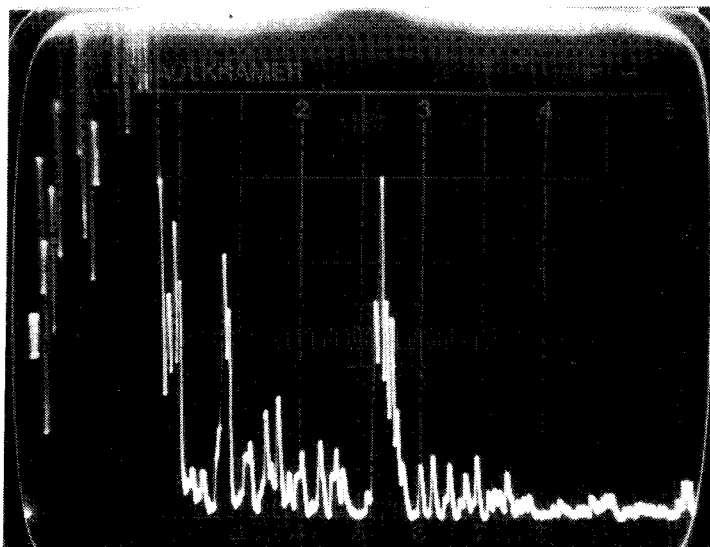


Figure 4  
Flat bottomed hole  $\varnothing$  3 mm  
Sound distance 53 mm  
Amplification 60 dB  
Water distance 45 mm

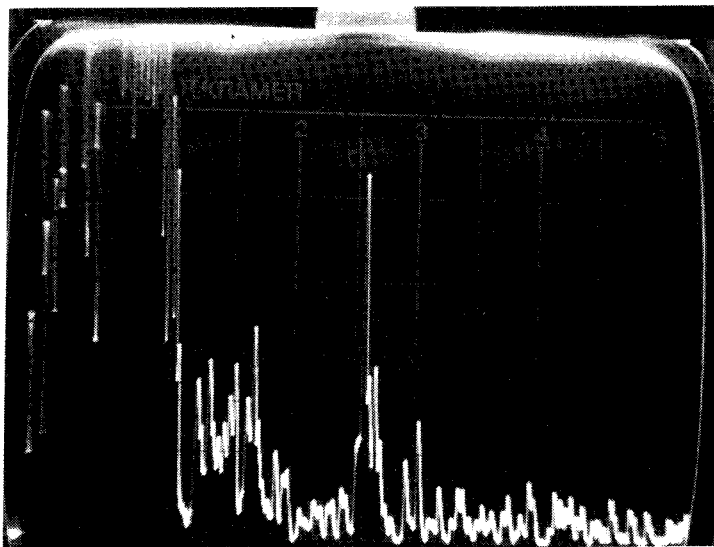


Figure 5  
Indication from welded zone  
Sound distance 53 mm  
Amplification 60 dB  
Water distance 45 mm

TESTING ON COPPER CONTAINER  
ROBERTSFORS 2 WITH MANUAL  
ULTRASONIC TECHNIQUE

Appendix 4,

ULTRASONIC TESTING OF COPPER CONTAINER INTENDED  
FOR FINAL STORAGE OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL

1. General

By the order from Svensk Kärnbränsleförsörjning AB ultrasonic testing of the binding between container and lid/bottom has been performed on a copper container (dummy), manufactured for the purpose of gaining experience in non-destructive and destructive testing.

The testing was performed 1983-04-21 at the manufacturer, ASEA, Robertsfors.

2. Test object

The copper container was identical to the previously tested container, drawing ASEA-9397 626-7.

However, this time the pressure-tight outer shell which is necessary for the manufacturing process was made of 2 mm thick stainless steel.

Sketches showing the tested parts of the copper container are shown in figure 1.

3. Equipment

Ultrasonic flaw-detector: USM 2

Probe: Normal beam probe Ø 12.5 mm 2.25 MHz

Angle beam probe RTD 2 MHz separate transmitter and receiver focussing to 60 mm in austenite (corresponding to 70 mm in copper)

Crystal size: 2 15 x 25 mm each

Angle of refraction:  $60^{\circ}$  in austenite (corresponding to  $45^{\circ}$  in Cu).

To the angle beam probe an RTD E-tuned adapter for USM 2, 2 MHz was used.

Reference block: Copper block with flat-bottomed holes  $\varnothing$  3.5 mm at different depths; 40, 60 and 76 mm.

Couplant medium: Ultragel II

#### 4. Scope of testing

The binding of lid and bottom to the mantle has been tested manually using the contact technique around the full periphery.

Binding zone 1: has been tested using normal beam probe in direction 1

Binding zone 2: has been tested using angle beam probe in direction 3 for the lid and in direction 4 for the bottom.

Binding zone 3: has been tested using normal beam probe in direction 1

Binding zone 4: has been tested using normal beam probe in direction 2.



Concerning zones and directions, see figure 1.

In addition to the testing mentioned above control of the binding between lid/bottom/ mantle and the sinter mass has been performed at random.

Tests also indicated that the simulated fuel rods could easily be indicated.

#### 5. Limitations\_of\_tests

Lid part: Due to lack of binding between the outer stainless steel cladding and the copper container the outermost part (5-10 mm) of zone 1 could not be tested. For the same reason certain parts (approx. 10%) of zone 4 could not be tested.

Bottom part: Due to lack of bonding parts (approx. 40% ) of zone 4 could not be tested.

#### 6. Amplification\_setting

For normal beam probing, the 3.5 mm flat-bottomed holes in the reference block were used with 6 dB amplification for transmission through the outer stainless steel cladding, as a reference reflector.

For angle beam probing, a  $\varnothing$  3.5 mm cylinder borehole in the copper block at the depth of 40 mm was used with 6 dB amplification as reference reflector.

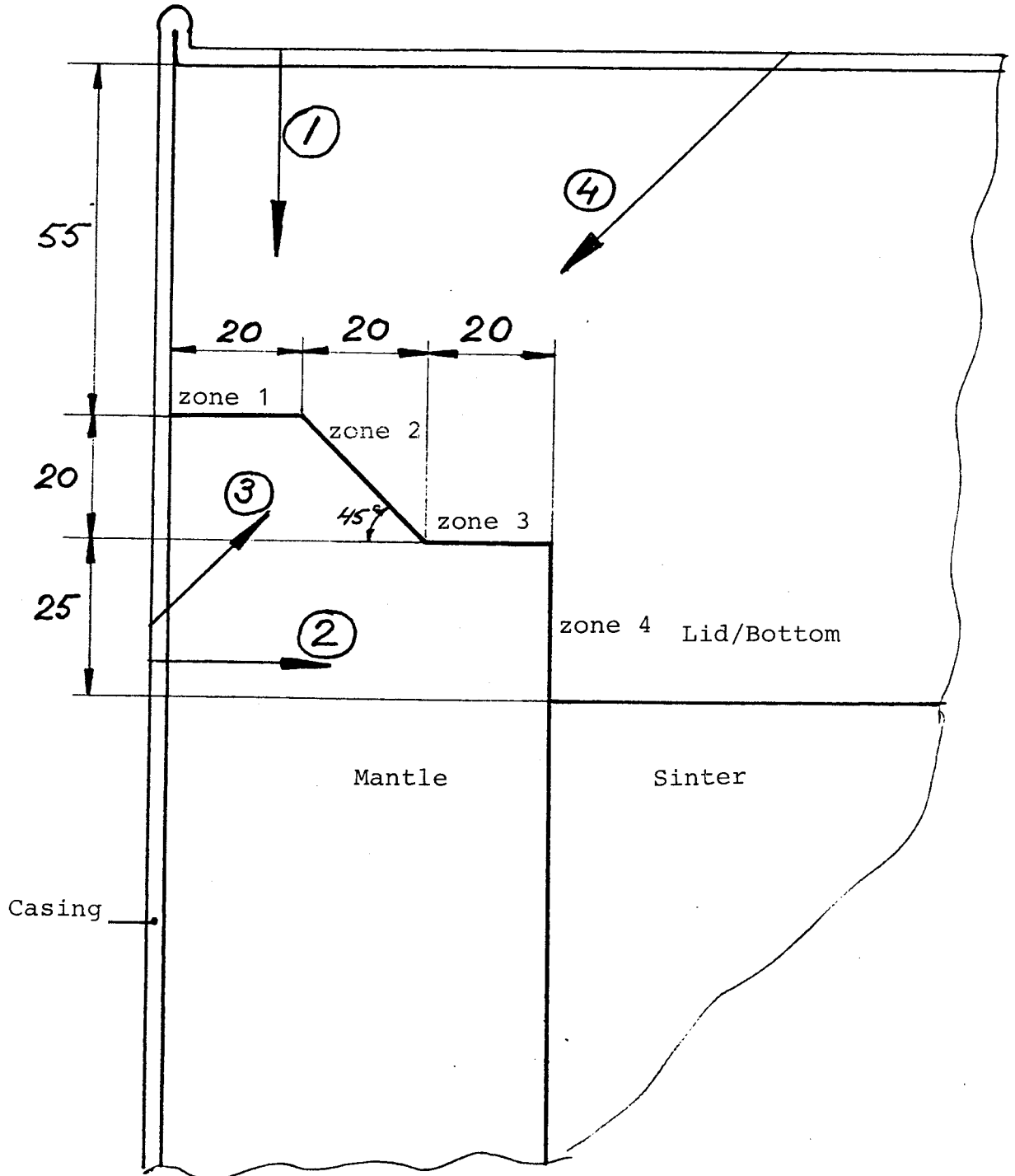
#### 7. Results

No indications have been recorded from any of the zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 nor from the transition zones between lid/bottom/mantle and sinter mass.

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Figure 1

Division into zones and directions of sound paths



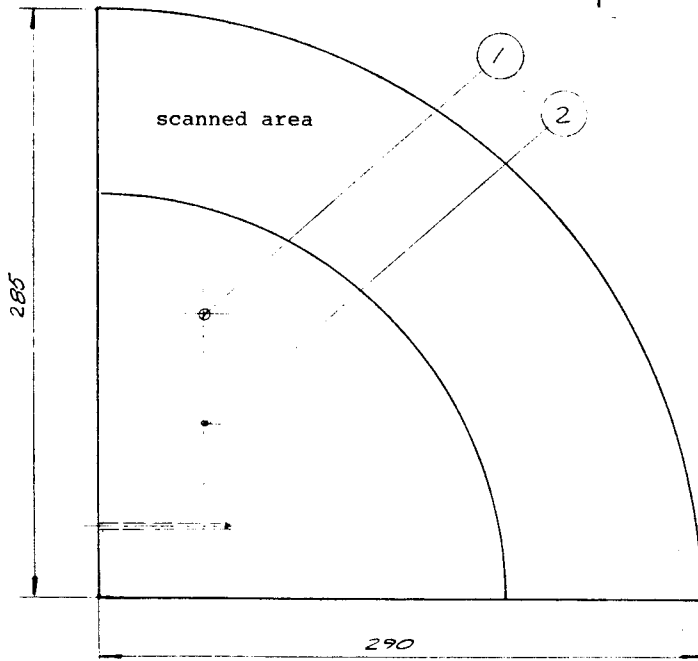
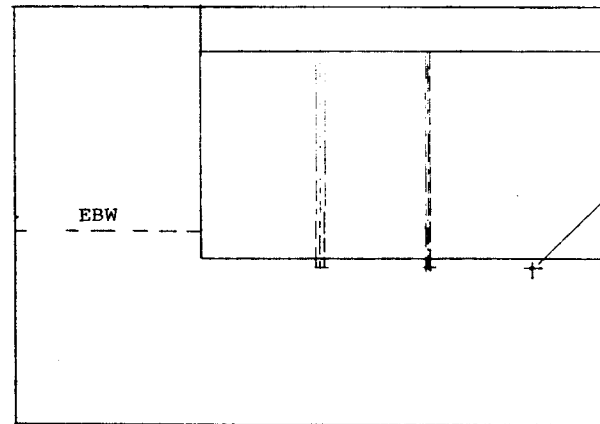
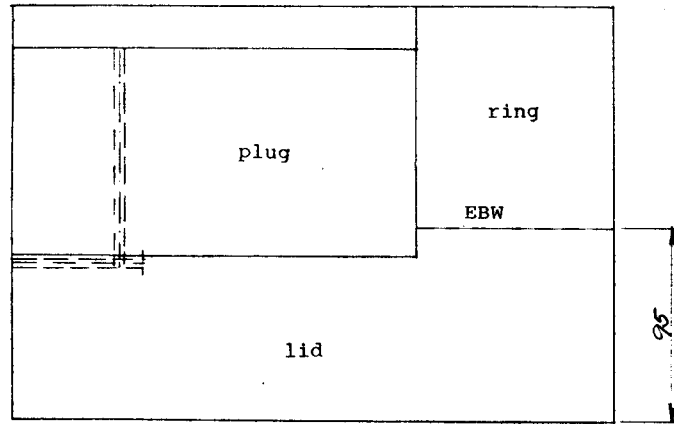
TESTING ON EBW COPPERBLOCK FROM  
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dir. of sound path

dir. of sound path

Pos.	Designation	Diam.	Depth	Note
1	Flat bottomed hole	4mm	105mm	from scanned side
2	" " "	2mm	105mm	" " "
3	Cylinder borehole	2mm	60mm	" " "

Denna handling är vår egendom och får enligt gällande lag inte kopieras, visas eller utlämnas till tredje person.

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Recorder registration  
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Focal distance ~100

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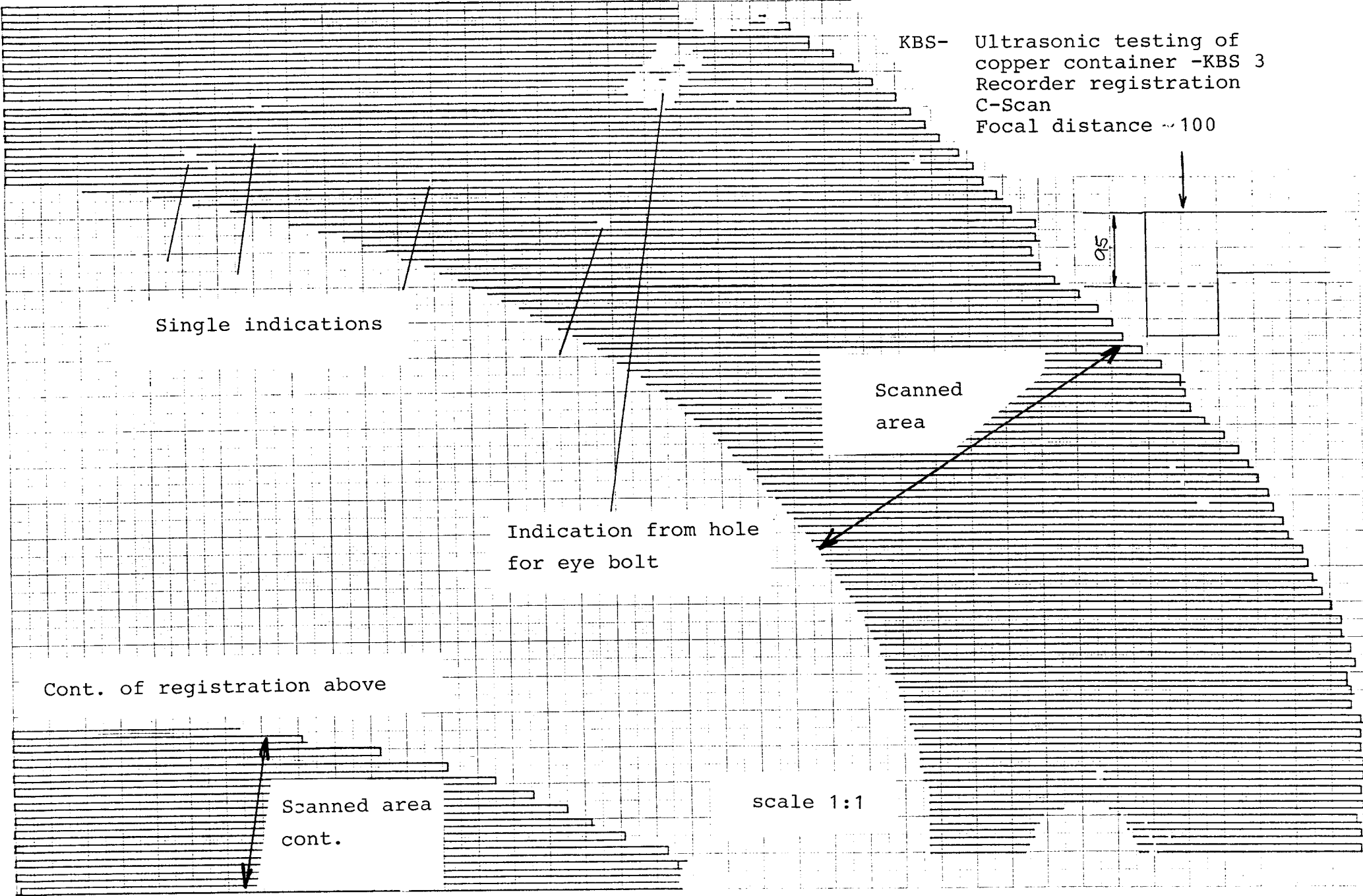
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Scanned  
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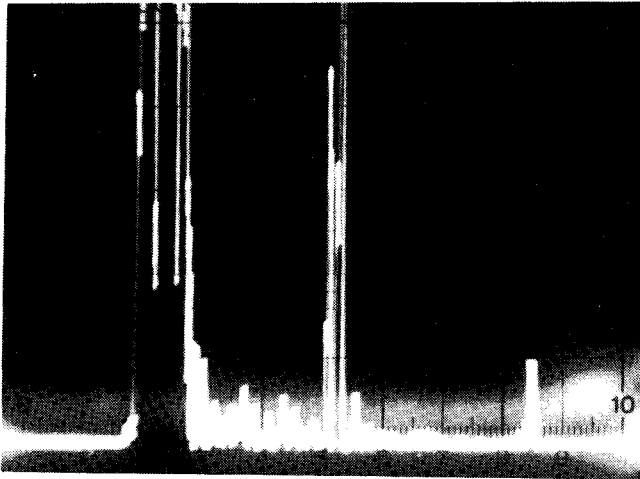


Figure 1

Flat bottomed hole  $\varnothing$  2 mm  
Sound distance 75 mm  
Amplification 62 dB  
Water distance 150 mm

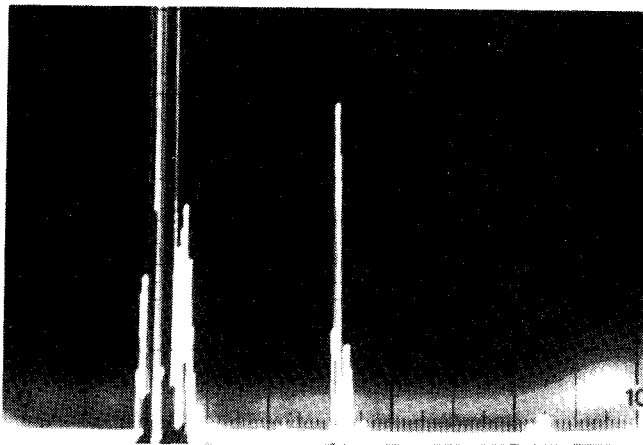


Figure 2

Flat bottomed hole  $\varnothing$  4 mm  
Sound distance 75 mm  
Amplification 48 dB  
Water distance 100 mm

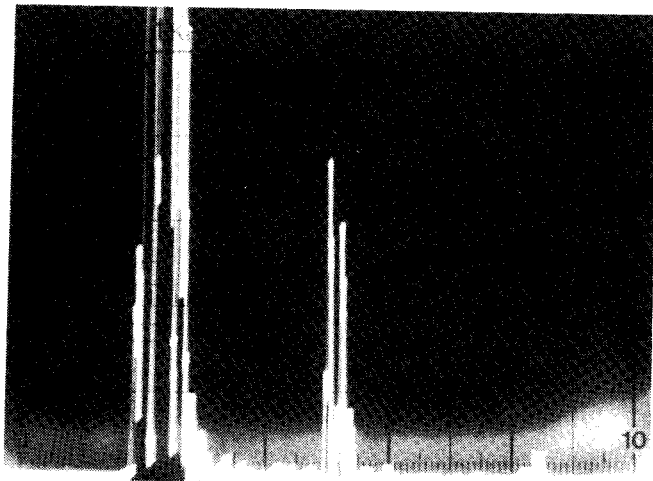


Figure 3

Cylinder bore hole  $\varnothing$  2 mm  
Sound path 75 mm  
Amplification 56 dB  
Water distance 100 mm

DESTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION ON CUTOUT  
OF ELECTRON BEAM WELDED COPPER  
FROM SCIAKY - FRANCE

In the investigation reported in Appendix 1, two defects were clearly seen during scanning from both sides. These defects are marked by A and C in Figure 2 in Appendix 1. As described in that Appendix, a small piece of the copper was cut out and sent to Gränges Metallverken for metallographic investigation. The report from Gränges Metallverken, in the form of a letter, is enclosed in this Appendix. The defects are typical for the first Sciaky weld tests. From the metallographic study it can be concluded that these defects, in one case an approx.  $\emptyset$  3 mm hole and a cylinder shall defect plus small pores estimated to correspond to an approx. 2 mm defect can be clearly detected using a focussed ultrasonic technique.



Gränges Metallverken AB

Concerning Electron Beam Welds in Cu

We have finally received the results of the in a previously submitted report deleted hydrogen analysis. The following values were obtained by analyzing four different specimens according to the smelt extraction method:

	<u>Specimen</u>	<u>H<sub>2</sub>-content, ppm</u>
a)	No 1 (see report F 2453)	0,64
b)	No 2           "	0,64
c)	Unwelded starting material for b	1,0
d)	Later received, TRC-tested material	2,2

Two figures are also enclosed, showing two section planes perpendicular to each other through ultra sonic detected and center punch marked defects in the weld in d. In the figure can be seen both some spherical gas pores, and a type of defects previously found by ASEA during their investigations, and which consist of more or less halfcylinder-shaped oxide shell porosities, (at the arrow in fig 1) and also some bigger holes (the hole in fig 1 is partly filled with a fused metal under the section plane). In the direction of the electron beam with the cylinder surface about perpendicular to the growth direction of the crystals. In the perpendicular section (fig 2) it can be seen at the edges of the fusion zone the remains of the outer parts of a defect similar to the one at the arrow in fig 1.

The width of the fusion zone is in this case considerably larger than in the previously investigated welds, 3-4 mm and 1-2 mm respectively.

Rune Carlsson

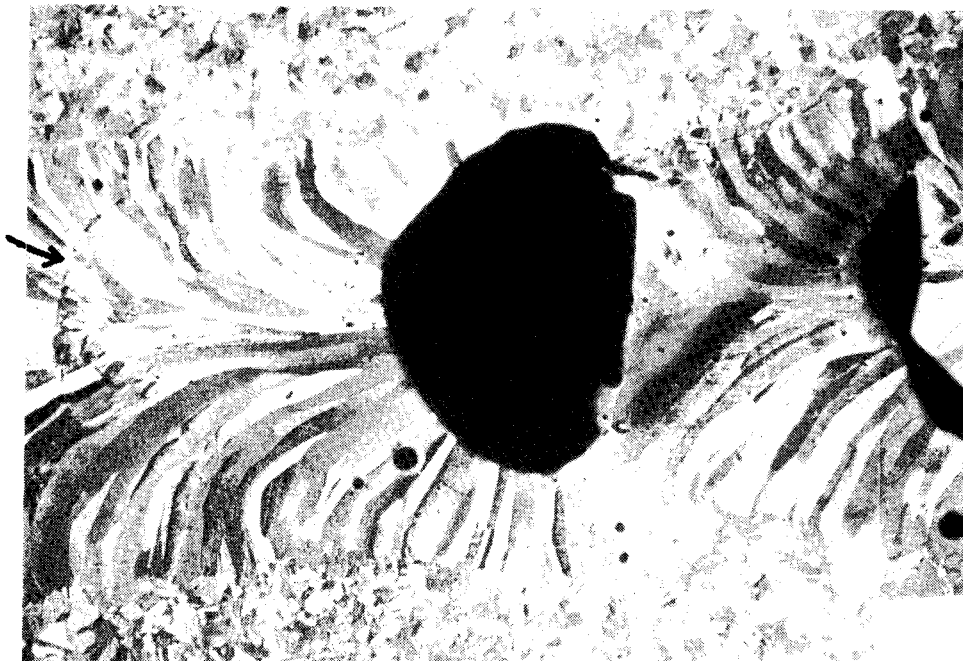


Figure 1  
Section plane  
⊥ direction  
of the electron  
beam  
15X



Center punch mark

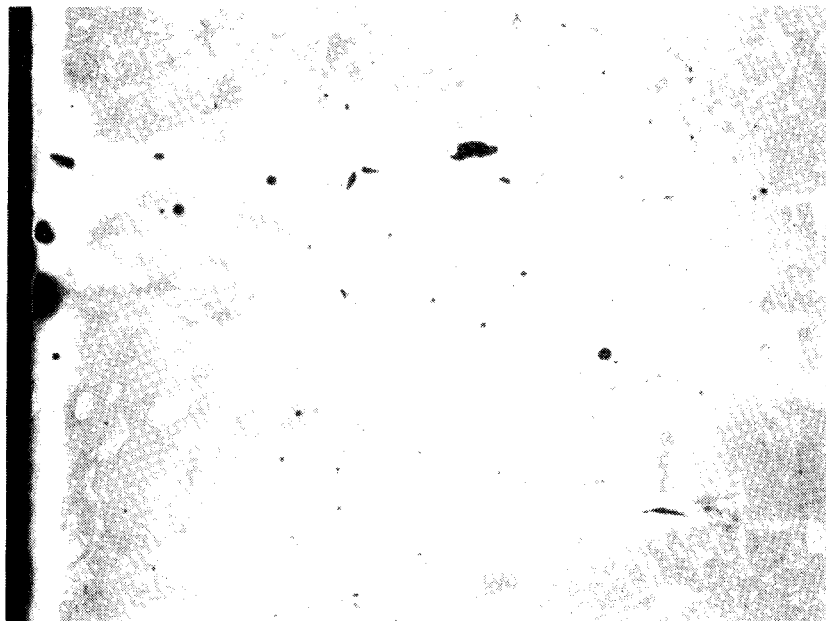


Figure 2  
Section plane  
|| direction  
of electron beam  
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Center punch mark

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