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| UNIT OF MEASURE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| deg | degree | lb | pound |
| ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | degree Fahrenheit | $\mu \mathrm{m}$ | micrometer |
| ft | foot | $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | milligram per cubic meter |
| $\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ | foot pound (force) | min | minute |
| $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ | foot per square second | pct | percent |
| h | hour | scfh | standard cubic foot per hour |
| in | inch | wt pct | weight percent |

# EFFECT OF ENERGY AND IMPACT DIRECTION ON COAL FRAGMENTATION 

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#### Abstract

The U.S. Bureau of Mines has conducted fundamental coal fragmentation studies to evaluate the effects of impact cnergy and direction of bedding planes on dust generation, size distribution, and impact-output energy relationships. Product size distributions were obtained for the fragmented samples by screening to minus 150 mesh. The minus 150 -mesh fines were analyzed with a light scattering photometer with a measurement range of 176 to $1.9 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. Increased input energy produced a significant increase in the weight of plus $3 / 8$-in material for impact perpendicular to the bedding planes. No significant trend was observed for parallel impact. Impact direction had little influence on dust size distribution, and input versus output energy relationships. As expected, total airborne dust measured at time of impact and percent particulates below $11 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ in size generally increased with increased input energy for both directions of impact. Energy used for sample fragmentation increased with increased energy input.


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## INTRODUCTION

The objective of this work was to establish the relationship of impact energy applied parallel and perpendicular to the bedding planes to fragment size distribution, airborne dust generation, and energy absorbed by fragmentation. To be able to design mechanized mining techniques to recover coal with minimum fine particle and airborne dust generation, the design engineer must first understand the fragmentation process of the material being mined.

In 1975, Kurth, Sundae, and Shultz published a report ${ }^{2}$ on coal size distributions as a result of fragmentation by drop, impact, compression, and shear tests. They used six energy levels and measured coarse fragments, nonairborne and airborne fines, and respirable airborne fractions. The impact tests were done using a pendulum mass system with input energies of $95,164,223,293,365$, and $455 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$. The impact fragmentation results nominally showed an equal distribution percentage across the size ranges, but the total particle count for fines and dust increased with increased impact energy. However, a comparison of experimental forces applied with actual cutting forces
suggested that the impact energies used were far too high for coal. Additionally, the 2 - by 2 - by 4 -in samples used in the previous work were all prepared with bedding planes perpendicular to the direction of impact along the 4 -in axis.

A new pendulum impact tester was designed and built with the impact point at the center of percussion instead of the center of gravity as done in the previous experiment. The center of percussion impact point does not lose energy to the pendulum frame as a center of gravity impact does. Additionally, the new device was fully instrumented for on-line data analysis by computer to minimize operator error.

The new system required approximately one-third the input energy of the old system to produce the same fragment size distribution.

This difference was attributed to sample impact location and pivot center friction. The new pendulum machine reduced pivot friction to $1 \pm 0.2$ pct of input force with a ballbearing mount. The current test series used center of percussion instead of center of gravity for impact center point.

## EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

A 2 by 5 test matrix was used for the experiment, with eight replications for each test. The independent variables in the tests were impact energy and impact orientation. Five energy levels were used, $10,25,40,55$, and $70 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$, with two directions of impact, perpendicular and parallel to the bedding plane of the test samples. The samples used were 2 -in cubes of Illinois No. 6 coal. Static compressive tests were not run.

After the samples were cut to the size desired for testing, they were placed in plastic boxes containing some water and sealed. The samples were then stored in a refrigerator at a temperature of $33^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ until needed for testing. This storage technique was intended to minimize both oxidation and moisture loss from the samples.

The sample was removed from storage and taken out of the box approximately 2 h prior to the test, allowing ample time for it to dry and reach room temperature. For the test, the sample was resealed in a dry plastic bag, to contain all dust and particles generated by impacting, and placed between the platens of the test system (fig. 1).

[^1]The dependent energy variables measured for each test were (1) energy retained in the striking bob, (2) energy lost through the test sample to the backing bob, (3) energy lost to friction, and, (4) sample fragmentation energy. The ratio of the energy absorbed in fracturing the sample to the input energy, the fragmenting-input energy ratio, measures the efficiency of fracture for a given sample orientation. Other dependent variables were total airborne dust produced on impact, size distribution of the fragment products from $1 / 2$-in to 150 mesh ( $106 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), and percent fines from the minus $150-$ mesh screening bottoms cumulative to $11 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, expressed as a fraction of the original sample weight. Friction in the pendulum system of $1 \pm 0.2$ pct of input force was so low it was ignored in the analysis.

The Tyler screens used were $1 / 2$ and $3 / 8 \mathrm{in}, 3,5,9,20$, $35,60,100$, and 150 mesh. The coal fragments were hand sifted through 8 -in-diameter screens of $1 / 2-\mathrm{in}, 3 / 8-\mathrm{in}$, and 3 -mesh openings. The particles passing 3 mesh were sifted through a stack of 3 -in-diameter screens of 5-, 9-, 20-, 35-, $60-, 100-$, and $150-$ mesh openings. An air vibrator agitated the stack without passing air through the screens. The screen agitator was run for 1 min for each run using $\approx 100$ scfh air feed.


Flgure 1.-Sample enclosure method for particulates and dust retrieval.


Figure 2.-Impact test pendulum machine.

## EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT

The impact test equipment was designed with a pair of free swinging adjacent pendulums mounted on bearings held in a support frame. Design and operating data for the pendulum impactor are contained in appendix E. A hemispherical impactor was affixed to the center of percussion $^{3}$ of the striking pendulum on the bob face. A space was allowed between the two adjacent cylinder bob faces to accommodate the impactor and the suspended, bagged 2 -in-coal cube, which was mounted between a pair of suspended, hardened plates (fig. 2). The hardened plates were used to distribute the impact energy uniformly through the sample instead of as a point load.

The suspended assembly of bagged sample and plates was secured to the receiving pendulum with elastic bands.

[^2]The plastic bag holding the sample was connected to an exhaust tube leading to a GCA ${ }^{4}$ model RAM-1 real-time aerosol monitor (RAM) that was used to measure the airborne respirable dust (ARD) generated by the impact. The monitor sample transport system passes aerosol $9 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ and smaller.

A series of 10 Tyler screens from $1 / 2$ in to 150 mesh were used to analyze the large postimpact particles. A commercially available laser beam, light scattering, particle sizing system was used for size analysis of postimpact minus 150 -mesh fines.
${ }^{4}$ Reference to specific equipment does not imply endorsement by the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

## DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Postimpact coal particles were evaluated to obtain the size distribution (table 1, fig. 3), minus 150 -mesh and airborne respirable dust (ARD) generation (table 2), and energy distribution (table 3, fig. 4). Size distribution, dust
generation, and energy distribution were compared to determine the effects of input energy levels and impact direction-parallel and perpendicular to the sample bedding plane.

Table 1.-Average particle size distribution for parallel and perpendicular Impacts, ${ }^{1}$ weight fraction passing ${ }^{2}$

| Tyler screen | $10 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  | $25 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  | $40 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  | $55 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  | $70 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Par | Perp | Par | Perp | Par | Perp | Par | Perp | Par | Perp |
| 1/2 inch | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.28 | 0.19 | 0.35 | 0.31 | 0.45 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.42 |
| 3/8 inch | . 05 | . 018 | . 18 | . 13 | . 26 | . 22 | . 31 | . 24 | . 21 | . 31 |
| 3 mesh | . 03 | . 014 | . 12 | . 096 | . 17 | . 16 | . 21 | . 17 | . 14 | . 22 |
| 5 mesh | . 02 | . 032 | . 05 | . 046 | . 05 | . 067 | . 08 | . 08 | . 07 | . 09 |
| 9 mesh | . 009 | . 004 | . 028 | . 025 | . 029 | . 037 | . 039 | . 035 | . 028 | . 034 |
| 20 mesh | . 003 | . 0016 | . 011 | . 009 | . 011 | . 014 | . 015 | . 013 | . 011 | . 012 |
| 35 mesh | . 002 | . 0008 | . 006 | . 005 | . 007 | . 008 | . 009 | . 007 | . 006 | . 007 |
| 60 mesh | . 001 | . 0004 | . 0033 | . 0026 | . 004 | . 0042 | . 0047 | . 0037 | . 0035 | . 0033 |
| 100 mesh | . 0005 | . 0002 | . 0016 | . 0013 | . 0017 | . 0022 | . 0022 | . 0017 | . 0017 | . 0016 |
| 150 mesh. | . 0003 | . 0001 | . 0008 | . 0007 | . 001 | . 0012 | . 0014 | . 0011 | . 0010 | . 0009 |

Par Parallel.
Perp Perpendicular.
${ }_{2}^{1}$ Complete data set given in appendix B .
${ }^{2}$ Sample weight entering given screen minus sample weight retained by that screen divided by starting sample weight (sum of fractions).
Table 2.-Generation of minus 150 -mesh dust and ARD by parallel and perpendicular impacts

| Direction and impact energy, $\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{l}$ bf | Minus 150-mesh, $10^{-3}$ wt pct ${ }^{1}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{ARD}{ }_{3} \\ \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | SD | Average | SD |
| Parallel: |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 4.5 | NA | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| 25 | 6.4 | 0.8 | 9.2 | 5.8 |
| 40 | 7.9 | 3.6 | 8.6 | 7.7 |
| 55 | 9.2 | 2.5 | 14 | 10 |
| 70 | 5.8 | 2.3 | 21 | 11 |
| Perpendicular: |  |  |  |  |
| 10 .. | 2.7 | NA | 1.9 | 2.8 |
| 25 | 6.6 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 3.4 |
| 40 | 9.3 | 1.9 | 15 | 10 |
| 55 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 17 | 12 |
| 70 . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4.7 | 2.0 | 32 | 12 |

ARD Airborne respirable dust.
NA Not available.
SD Standard deviation.
${ }^{1}$ Cumulative I.9- to $11-\mu \mathrm{m}$ particulates.
Table 3.-Average energy ${ }^{1}$ distribution for parallel and perpendicular impacts ${ }^{2}$

| Impact, ft•\|bf, and direction | Energy, ft-lbf |  |  | Ratio ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Absorbed } \\ \text { energy, ft•lbf } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Input | Retained | Fragmenting |  |  |
| 10: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parallel | 10.09 | 0.72 | 5.3 | 0.52 | 4.1 |
| Perpendicular | 10.07 | . 07 | 4.3 | . 42 | 5.8 |
| 25: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parallel | 25.01 | 3.6 | 15.9 | . 64 | 5.5 |
| Perpendicular | 25.02 | 2.4 | 15.6 | . 63 | 7.0 |
| 40: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parallel | 40.16 | 7.1 | 24.7 | . 61 | 8.4 |
| Perpendicular | 40.00 | 5.7 | 24.3 | . 61 | 10.0 |
| 55: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parallel | 55.00 | 10.3 | 36.0 | . 65 | 8.8 |
| Perpendicular | 54.95 | 9.8 | 29.6 | . 56 | 14.3 |
| 70: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parallel | 69.98 | 14.1 | 39.6 | . 57 | 16.5 |
| Perpendicular | 69.87 | 14.9 | 40.0 | . 57 | 15.0 |

${ }^{1}$ Complete data set given in appendix $A$.
${ }^{2}$ Fragmenting energy-energy used in sample breakage; absorbed energy-backup bob response; retained energy-energy not spent in sample breakage or in backup bob response.
${ }^{3}$ Fragmenting energy to input energy.


Figure 3.-Screening results for all Input energles parallel (top) and perpendicular (bottom) to bedding plane.


Figure 4.-Relationship between fragmentation-input energy ratio and nominal Input energy.

As the input energy increased, energy absorbed during the fragmentation process increased (table 3). (The complete data set is shown in appendix A.) This was true for both directions of impact. An increase of input energy, from the lowest $10-\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ input level to the highest 70 $\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ input level, produced a change of approximately 0.4 to 0.6 in the fragmenting-input energy ratio (fig. 4). The rise was followed by a slight decline above the $40-\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ input energy level for impacts perpendicular and parallel to the bedding plane (table 3, fig. 4). Ratios for both impact directions remain approximately constant for input energies greater than $30 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$, taking into account the large standard deviations involved.

A statistically significant increase for particles passing $3 / 8$-in mesh with increased energy input was indicated for the perpendicular impact (table 4, appendix G). Particulates passing 100 mesh followed the same trend, but there was consistency only for the lowest two input energy levels. Direction of impact did not show any statistically
significant effect on the general increase of particulates passing 150 -mesh openings, (table 2 ) with increased input energy (table 2). ARD on impact showed an increase with statistical significance for increased energy input (table 2, appendix H) for both directions of impact. There was no difference due to direction of impact. This suggests increasing fragmentation energy will increase respirable dust generation, but it also indicates that the generation is independent of the impact direction.

Table 4.-Parallel and perpendicular impact particles passing $3 / 8-\mathrm{in}$ mesh, weight percent

| Input energy, <br> ft•lbf | Parallel |  |  | Perpendicular |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | SD |  | Average | SD |
| $10 \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.018 | 0.005 |  |
| $25 \ldots \ldots$ | .18 | .07 | .13 | .05 |  |
| $40 \ldots \ldots$ | .26 | .11 | .22 | .06 |  |
| $55 \ldots \ldots$ | .31 | .05 | .24 | .12 |  |
| $70 \ldots \ldots$ | .21 | .06 | .31 | .06 |  |
| SD $\ldots \ldots$ |  |  |  |  |  |

The screened intermediate size fractions of $3,5,9,20$, 35 , and 60 mesh were not analyzed for input energy leveldirection effects because they have only minimal commercial significance. A summary of the raw data for these sizes is given in appendix B. The Weibull distributions for the sieved coal formed straight lines of similar slope on log-log plots for all energy levels and both bedding plane orientations. Summary plots of these data are shown in figure 3. These plots are useful in forecasting the particle size distribution for a given input energy. The plus $1 / 2$-in size was ignored because of insignificant quantities involved.

Direction of impact did not contribute significantly to the ARD increase as input energy increased. The weight fraction from the minus 150 -mesh fines showed a statistically significant increase with increased input energy regardless of impact direction except for an anomalous decline at the $70 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ input level (table 2). This percent of particulates below $11 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ was calculated on the basis of
original sample weight and not on the basis of the minus 150 -mesh fines weight. There was no statistically significant difference in fragments or dust formed due to direction of impact for all input energy levels. The analysis of variance (ANOVA) summary and the program for the dependent variables used to evaluate their overall trend significance are given in appendixes C and D , respectively.

Contrary to expectations, a comparison of the effects of impact direction failed to show significant difference in output energy distributions, size classifications, or dust generation properties. The Student's t -analysis described in appendix $F$ was used to verify the significance of paired values. The results of the Student's $t$-analysis are contained in appendix G . The $10-\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ tests produced little or no fragments and were excluded from the summary of Student's t-confidence level for $3 / 8$-in screen size, $150-$ mesh screen size, and respirable dust on impact in appendixes G and H. Seven of these low-energy tests did not result in sample breakage.

## SUMMARY

Perpendicular versus parallel direction of impact relative to a coal sample bedding plane at a given input energy had no significant effect upon dust, size distribution, and input versus output energy relationships. This observation held true for screened weight fractions, total dust, airborne respirable dust measured as a weight percent of the starting sample, and energy in terms of fragmentation energy or fragmentation energy to input energy ratios.

Energy consumed by the coal sample for fragmentation increased with an increase of input energy for both impact directions. The ratio of fragmentation energy to input energy remained constant for both sample orientations.

Respirable airborne dust increased with increased fragmenting energy. Direction of fragmenting energy in relation to the bedding plane had no significant effect upon useful coal size, amount of coal broken, or reduction of objectionable fines and dust.

The results of this laboratory study indicate that mine operators may disregard direction of cutting relative to the coal bedding plane as it relates to product size and dust. The mine operator should use the least cutting energy to produce the most plus $3 / 8$-in-size coal. The lower energy favors minimum undesirable dust.

## APPENDIX A.-ENERGY ${ }^{1}$ DISTRIBUTION FOR PARALLEL AND PERPENDICULAR IMPACTS



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## APPENDIX A.-ENERGY ${ }^{1}$ DISTRIBUTION FOR PARALLEL AND PERPENDICULAR IMPACTS-CONTINUED

| Impact direction and pendulum arc, deg | Energy, $\mathrm{t} \cdot \mathrm{lb}$ |  |  | Ratio ${ }^{2}$ | Absorbed energy, ft.lbf |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Input | Retained | Fragmenting |  |  |
|  | $55 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{l}$ bf NOMINAL INPUT ENERGY |  |  |  |  |
| Parallel: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23.4 | 55.06 | 10.33 | 44.05 | 0.800 | 0.68 |
| 23.4 | 55.04 | 12.79 | 31.51 | . 573 | 10.75 |
| 23.4 | 54.95 | 12.71 | 31.59 | . 575 | 10.65 |
| 23.4 | 54.84 | 8.24 | 33.03 | . 602 | 13.57 |
| 23.4 | 54.85 | 7.33 | 33.90 | . 618 | 13.62 |
| 23.4 | 55.24 | 9.33 | 45.75 | . 828 | . 15 |
| 23.5 | 55.26 | 9.68 | 35.07 | . 635 | 10.51 |
| 23.4 | 54.79 | 11.68 | 32.98 | . 602 | 10.13 |
| Average | 55.0 | 10.3 | 36.0 | . 65 | 8.8 |
| SD ... | NAp | NAp | 5.6 | . 10 | NAp |
| Perpendicular: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23.4 | 54.82 | 18.55 | 26.69 | . 4869 | 9.58 |
| 23.4 | 54.92 | 11.02 | 33.27 | . 6058 | 10.64 |
| 23.4 | 55.09 | 12.73 | 22.90 | . 5972 | 9.47 |
| 23.3 | 54.52 | 10.96 | 33.60 | . 6163 | 9.96 |
| 23.5 | 55.65 | 5.51 | 35.02 | . 6293 | 15.11 |
| 23.4 | 54.86 | . 03 | 24.02 | . 4378 | 30.82 |
| 23.4 | 54.93 | 13.45 | 31.92 | . 5811 | 9.55 |
| 23.4 | 54.80 | 5.93 | 29.52 | . 5387 | 19.35 |
| Average | 54.95 | 9.8 | 29.6 | . 56 | 14.3 |
| SD ..... | NAp | NAp | 4.6 | . 07 | NAp |
| $70 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ NOMINAL INPUT ENERGY |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parallel: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26.4 | 69.75 | 18.30 | 35.66 | 0.511 | 15.79 |
| 26.5 | 70.13 | 18.11 | 40.09 | . 572 | 11.92 |
| 26.5 | 70.12 | 17.34 | 37.45 | . 534 | 17.34 |
| 26.4 | 69.74 | 10.95 | 42.01 | . 602 | 16.78 |
| 26.4 | 69.97 | 14.91 | 38.20 | . 546 | 16.86 |
| 26.5 | 70.06 | 12.18 | 42.79 | . 611 | 15.09 |
| 26.4 | 69.95 | 12.10 | 41.19 | . 589 | 16.66 |
| 26.5 | 70.12 | 8.69 | 39.52 | . 564 | 21.90 |
| Average | 68.98 | 14.1 | 39.6 | . 57 | 16.5 |
| SD | NAp | NAp | 2.4 | . 03 | NAp |
| Perpendicular: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26.4 | 69.64 | 19.88 | 39.04 | . 561 | 10.72 |
| 26.5 | 70.05 | 15.41 | 42.75 | . 610 | 11.89 |
| 26.4 | 69.73 | 18.29 | 38.07 | . 546 | 13.37 |
| 26.4 . . . . . . . . . . . | 69.89 | 13.87 | 40.31 | . 577 | 15.71 |
| 26.4 | 69.75 | 16.02 | 38.87 | . 557 | 14.87 |
| 26.5 | 70.08 | 11.06 | 39.94 | . 570 | 19.08 |
| 26.4 | 69.71 | 12.24 | 42.35 | . 608 | 15.12 |
| 26.5 . . . . . . . . . . . | 70.11 | 12.14 | 38.94 | . 555 | 19.03 |
| Average | 69.87 | 14.9 | 40.0 | . 57 | 15.0 |
| SD ... | NAp | NAp | 1.7 | . 02 | NAp |

NAp Not applicable.
SD Standard deviation.
${ }^{1}$ Fragmenting energy-energy used in sample breakage; absorbed energy-backup bob response; retained energy-energynot spent in sample breakage or on backup bob response.
${ }^{2}$ Fragmenting energy to input energy

## APPENDIX B.-PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION FOR PARALLEL AND PERPENDICULAR IMPACTS, WEIGHT FRACTION PASSING ${ }^{1}$

| Tyler screen | Parallel |  | Perpendicular |  | Parallel |  | Perpendicular |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | SD | Average | SD | Average | SD | Average | SD |
|  | $10 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  |  |  | $25 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  |  |  |
| 1/2 in | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.015 | 0.28 | 0.12 | 0.19 | 0.05 |
| $3 / 8$ in | . 05 | . 06 | . 018 | . 005 | . 18 | . 06 | . 13 | . 05 |
| 3 mesh | . 03 | . 04 | . 014 | . 005 | . 12 | . 05 | . 096 | . 03 |
| 5 mesh | . 02 | . 02 | . 032 | . 043 | . 050 | . 016 | . 046 | . 010 |
| 9 mesh | . 009 | . 011 | . 004 | . 002 | . 028 | . 009 | . 025 | . 006 |
| 20 mesh | . 003 | . 004 | . 0016 | . 0006 | . 011 | . 004 | . 009 | . 002 |
| 35 mesh | . 002 | . 002 | . 0008 | . 0002 | . 006 | . 002 | . 005 | . 001 |
| 60 mesh | . 001 | . 001 | . 0004 | . 0001 | . 0033 | . 001 | . 0026 | . 0005 |
| 100 mesh | . 0005 | . 0007 | . 00020 | . 00006 | . 0016 | . 0005 | . 0013 | . 0003 |
| 150 mesh | . 0003 | . 0005 | . 00013 | . 00006 | . 0008 | . 0003 | . 0007 | . 0002 |
|  | $40 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  |  |  | $55 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  |  |  |
| $1 / 2$ in | 0.35 | 0.15 | 0.31 | 0.07 | 0.45 | 0.7 | 0.33 | 0.15 |
| $3 / 8 \mathrm{in}$ | . 26 | . 11 | . 22 | . 06 | . 31 | . 05 | . 24 | . 12 |
| 3 mesh | . 17 | . 07 | . 16 | . 05 | . 21 | . 04 | . 17 | . 08 |
| 5 mesh | . 05 | . 02 | . 067 | . 013 | . 08 | . 02 | . 08 | . 03 |
| 9 mesh | . 029 | . 009 | . 037 | . 006 | . 039 | . 007 | . 035 | . 009 |
| 20 mesh | . 011 | . 004 | . 014 | . 003 | . 015 | . 002 | . 013 | . 003 |
| 35 mesh | . 007 | . 002 | . 008 | . 001 | . 009 | . 002 | . 007 | . 002 |
| 60 mesh | . 004 | . 001 | . 0042 | . 0009 | . 0047 | . 0010 | . 0037 | . 0009 |
| 100 mesh | . 0017 | . 0006 | . 0022 | . 0005 | . 0022 | . 0010 | . 0017 | . 0003 |
| 150 mesh . . | . 001 | . 0004 | . 0012 | . 0004 | . 0014 | . 0004 | . 0011 | . 0002 |
|  | $70 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0.33 | 0.10 | 0.42 | 0.08 |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 8$ in | . 21 | . 06 | . 31 | . 06 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 mesh | . 14 | . 04 | . 22 | . 03 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 mesh | . 07 | . 02 | . 09 | . 02 |  |  |  |  |
| 9 mesh | . 028 | . 005 | . 034 | . 008 |  |  |  |  |
| 20 mesh | . 011 | . 003 | . 012 | . 004 |  |  |  |  |
| 35 mesh | . 006 | . 002 | . 007 | . 003 |  |  |  |  |
| 60 mesh | . 0035 | . 0012 | . 0033 | . 0015 |  |  |  |  |
| 100 mesh | . 0017 | . 0006 | . 0016 | . 00008 |  |  |  |  |
| 150 mesh | . 0010 | . 0004 | . 0009 | . 0005 |  |  |  |  |

SD Standard deviation.
${ }^{1}$ Sample weight entering given screen minus sample weight retained by that screen divided by starting sample weight (sum of fractions).

## APPENDIX C.-ANOVA SUMMARY FOR DEPENDENT VARIABLES

|  | Direction | Energy | Iteration | E.rror |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/2-in mesh: |  |  |  |  |
| Square, weight fraction passing: |  |  |  |  |
| Sum | 0.024 | 0.24 | 0.11 | 0.61 |
| Mean | 0.024 | 0.079 | 0.037 | 0.011 |
| F-values | 2.2 | 7.3 | 3.3 | NA |
| Significance | NA | 0.01 | 0.05 | NA |
| Degree of freedom | 1 | 3 | 5 | 56 |
| $3 / 8$-in mesh: |  |  |  |  |
| Square, weight fraction passing: |  |  |  |  |
| Sum | 0.0025 | 0.131 | 0.067 | 0.322 |
| Mean | 0.0025 | 0.044 | 0.022 | 0.0058 |
| F-values | 44 | 7.6 | 3.9 | NA |
| Significance | NA | 0.01 | 0.05 | NA |
| Degree of freedom | 1 | 3 | 3 | 56 |
| 100 mesh: |  |  |  |  |
| Square, weight fraction passing: |  |  |  |  |
| Sum . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $3.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | $3.1 \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.0 \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| Mean | $3.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ | $6.6 \times 10^{-7}$ | $2.9 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| F-values | 1.1 | 3.6 | 2.3 | NA |
| Significance | NA | 0.05 | 0.10 | NA |
| Degree of freedom | 1 | 3 | 3 | 56 |
| 150 mesh: |  |  |  |  |
| Square, weight fraction passing: $0.0 \times 10^{-8}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Sum . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $9.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | $1.7 \times 10^{-6}$ | $6.2 \times 10^{-7}$ | $6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| Mean | $9.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | $5.6 \times 10^{-7}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-7}$ | $1.2 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| F-values | 0.77 | 4.8 | 1.8 | NA |
| Significance | NA | 0.01 | NA | NA |
| Degree of freedom | 1 | , | 3 | 56 |
| Dust on impact: |  |  |  |  |
| 1st set, 6 replications: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Sum | 160 | 3,000 | 220 | 3,700 |
| Mean | 160 | 1,000 | 73 | 93 |
| F-values | 1.7 | 11 | 0.78 | NA |
| Significance | NA | 0.01 | NA | NA |
| Degree of freedom ....... . | 1 | 3 | 3 | 40 |
| 2d set, 10 replications: |  |  |  |  |
| Square, mg/m ${ }^{\text {3 }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Sum | 1,100 | 62 | 30 | 3,100 |
| Mean | 1,100 | 31 | 15 | 57 |
| F-values | 19 | 0.55 | 0.27 | NA |
| Significance | 0.01 | NA | NA | NA |
| Degree of freedom . . . . . . . | 1 | 2 | 2 | 54 |
| ARD, 1.9 to $11 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ : |  |  |  |  |
| Square, cumulative pct: |  |  |  |  |
| Sum | $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$ | $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.3 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| Mean | $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$ | $5.3 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.3 \times .0^{-6}$ | $5.9 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| F-values | 0.019 | 9.0 | 0.71 | NA |
| Significance | NA | 0.01 | NA | NA |
| Degree of freedom | 1 | 3 | 3 | 56 |
| Energy consumed in sample breakage: |  |  |  |  |
| Square, $\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ : |  |  |  |  |
| Sum | 43 | 5,200 | 120 | 460 |
| Mean | 43 | 1,700 | 40 | 8 |
| F-values | 5.2 | 210 | 4.9 | NA |
| Significance | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.01 | NA |
| Degree of freedom | 1 | 3 | 3 | 56 |
| Ratio: ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Square: |  |  |  |  |
| Sum | 0.010 | 0.031 | 0.025 | 0.15 |
| Mean | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.0082 | 0.0027 |
| F-values | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 0.010 |
| Significance | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.05 | NA |
| Degree of freedom .......... | 1 | 3 | 3 | 56 |

$\overline{\text { ARD Airborne respirable dust. }}$
NA Not available.
Fragmenting energy to input energy.

## APPENDIX D.-ANOVA PROGRAM ${ }^{1}$

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10 DIM VL(2,3)
20 INPUT J
30 FOR I = 0 TO J - 1
4 0 ~ R E A D ~ V L ( l , O ) , V L ( 1 , I ) , V L ( l , 2 ) , V L ( I , 3 )
50 w = w + VL(I,O)
60X = X VL(I,I)
70Y = Y + VL(1,2)
80Z = Z + VL(I,3)
85 QL = (VL(O,2)^ 2 +VL(I,2).VL(2,2) ^ 2 +VL(O,3)^ 2 +VL(1,3)
    2 +VL(2,3) ^ 2)
90 SE = SE + (VL(I,O) + VL(I,I)) ^ 2
95 QJ = (VL(O,O) Y 2 + VL(I,O)^ 2 +VL(2,O). 2 +VL(O,I)^ 2 + VL(I,I)
    2 +VL(2,I) ^ 2)
100 NEXT I
102 DATA 18.9472,12.3043,9.8718,2.0249
103 DATA 18.8503,10.2564,7.9301,4.5652
104 DATA 22.0896,11.9694,10.4543,6.6921
110 BK = 10
120 REM BK IS NO OF DATA IN BLOCK
130 BL = 6
140 REM BL IS NO OF BLOCKS IN RUN
150 DR = 3
160 REM DR IS NO OF BLOCKS FOR EACH DIR
170Q = 54
180 REM Q IS RUNS-I-OF3-OF3-DFI
190 EY = 2
200 REM EY IS BLOCKS FOR EACH ENERGY INPUT
210 FR = 2
220 REM FR IS ENERGY DEG OF FREEDOM
230 IC = 2
240 REM IC IS INTERACTION FREEDOMS
250 REM DIR DEG OF FREEDOM IS ONE
260 GT = BK ^ (W+X)
270 SX = BK ^ QJ + (BK - 1) + QL
280 REM SX IS USED AS SXX
290 SD + (BK^ (W. 2 + X^ 2) / DR) - (GT ^ 2) / (BK * BL)
300 REM SD IS SS-DIR
310 SZ = (BK ^ 2) * SE / (BK * EY) - GT ^ 2 / (BK * BL)
320 REM SZ IS USED AS SS-ENERGY
330 SI = BK * (VL(O,O)^ 2 + VL(I,O) ^ 2 + VL(2,O).VL(O,I) ^ 2 + VL
    (1,1)^2 + VL(2,I)^ 2)-(GT^ 2) / (BK * BL) - SZ - SD
340 REM SI IS USED AS SS-INTERACT
350 SR = Sx - (GT^ 2) / (BK * BL) - SD - SZ - Sl
360 REM SR IS USED AS SS-ERROR
370 ME = SR / Q
380 REM ME IS USED AS MS-ERROR
390 FD = SD / ME
400 REM FD IS DIR FOR F-TEST
410 NG = SZ / FR
420 REM NG IS USED AS MS-ENERGY
430 REM FR IS DEG OF FREEDOM FOR ENGY
440 FE = NG / ME
450 REM FE IS ENERGY F-TEST
460 MI = SI / IC
4 7 0 ~ R E M ~ M I ~ N I S ~ M S - I N T E R A C T , ~ I C ~ I S ~ I N T E R A C T I O N ~ D E G ~ O F ~ F R E E D O M ~
480 FI = MI / ME
490 REM FI IS INTERACTION F-TEST
500 REM MI IS MS-ERROR
510 PRINT FD,FE,FI,SD,SZ,SI,SR,SX,QL,QJ,SE,GT
520 END
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \(18.9469455=F D\) & . 545259489 = FE & . \(268561078=\mathrm{Fl}\) & 1071.62903 & 61.6791687 \\
\hline 30.3793411 & 3054.21105 & 19075.5781 & 339.356783 & 1602.1367 \\
\hline 2983.87172 & 944.172 & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
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FD Direction - F-Test 18.947 Significant @ 0.01

| FE Energy | - F-Test 0.545 Insignificant | ) $>$ Dust significance |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| FI Interact | F-Test 0.269 Insignificant |  |


${ }^{1}$ Prepared by B. D. Hanson, physical scientist, Twin Cities Research Center, U.S. Bureau of Mines, Minneapolis, MN.

## APPENDIX E.-INPUT ENERGY DETERMINATION FOR PENDULUM IMPACTOR¹

Mass of striking pendulum and mounting arm, 341.6 lb .
Two steel sample plates, each nominally $2-1 / 2$ by $2-1 / 2$ by $1 \mathrm{in}, 3.3 \mathrm{lb}$ total.
Mass of receiving pendulum and mounting arm, 442.2 lb .
Length of striking pendulum measured from pivot center to center of percussion, 1.9677 ft (nominal 2 ft ).
Bearing friction, $1.0 \pm 0.2$ pet of input energy.

## Example Input Energy Determination

Input energy $=[1.9677-(\cos \phi)(1.9677)]^{*} 341.6$ or,

$$
\mathrm{W}=[\mathrm{L}-(\operatorname{Cos} \phi)(\mathrm{L})] \mathrm{M},
$$

where $\mathrm{W}=$ Energy delivered, $\mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$,
$\mathrm{L}=$ exact length of striking pendulum from center of pivot to center of percussion, ft ,
$\cos \phi=$ cosine function of the striking pendulum swing in degrees arc measured from the vertical rest position, to the lifted position,
and $\quad \mathbf{M}=$ mass of striking pendulum, lb .
${ }^{1}$ Designed by R. C. Olson, mechanical engineer, Twin Cities Research Center, U.S. Bureau of Mines, Minneapolis, MN.

## APPENDIX F.-STUDENT'S t-VALUES OF PAIRED DATA ${ }^{1}$

The calculated paired Student's t-value (T) indicates statistically significant differences between two given arithmetic average comparisons if the calculated $t$-value is not less than the handbook $t$-value for the same paired degrees of freedom at a given percent confidence level. The calculation equation is

$$
T=\frac{\left(\overline{x_{2}}-\overline{x_{1}}\right)-D_{o}}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{\left(n_{2}-1\right) X s_{2}^{2}+\left(n_{1}-1\right) X s_{1}^{2}}{\left(n_{2}+n_{1}-2\right)}\right] \times\left[\begin{array}{l}
\underline{1}+1 \\
n_{2} \\
n_{1}
\end{array}\right]}},
$$

where $\quad D_{0}=$ null hypothesis set to zero for computing Student's $t$-value under the conditions described above,
$\bar{x}=$ arithmetic average of given data set; subscripts 1 and 2 indicate the first and second data sets being compared,
$\mathbf{n}=$ number of tests (replications) used,
$\left(n_{2}+n_{1}-2\right)=$ degrees of freedom for a pair of data sets,
and
$\mathrm{s}=$ standard deviation for a given data set.

$$
\mathrm{s}=\sqrt{\frac{\sum \mathrm{xi}^{2}-\left(\sum \mathrm{xi}\right)^{2} / \mathrm{n}}{\mathrm{n}-1}}
$$

where $\quad \Sigma \mathrm{x}^{2}=$ result of squaring each test result and summing the values,
and $\quad(\Sigma \mathrm{xi})^{2}=$ result of summing a data set and squaring the sum.
${ }^{1}$ Mendenhall, W. Introduction to Linear Models and Analysis of Experiments. Wadsworth Publ., 1968, pp. 25-27.

## APPENDIX G.-SUMMARY OF STUDENT'S t-NUMBERS AND CONFIDENCE LEVELS FOR 3/8-in AND I5O-MESH SCREENS

| Impact energy . . ft•lbf .. | 3/8-in screen |  |  | 150-in screen |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 40 | 55 | 70 | 40 | 55 | 70 |
| Parallel impact: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $25 \mathrm{tt} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| t-number | 1.65 | 4.27 | 0.98 | 0.887 | 3.22 | 0.99 |
| Confidence . . . . pct . . | NS | >95 | NS | NS | >95 | NS |
| $40 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| t-numbei | NA\% | 1.19 | 0.99 | NAp | 1.94 | 0.071 |
| Confidence . . . . pct . . | NAp | NS | NS | NAp | >90 | NS |
| $55 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| t-number | NAp | NAp | 3.38 | NAp | NAp | 1.91 |
| Confidence . . . pct | NAp | NAp | >95 | NAp | NAp | >90 |
| Perpendicular impact:$25 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| t-number | 3.15 | 2.41 | 6.87 | 3.5 | 3.10 | 0.78 |
| Confidence . . . . pct | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | NS |
| $40 \mathrm{ft} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| t-number | NAp | 0.42 | 2.92 | NAp | 1.205 | 1.8 |
| Confidence .... pct . . | NAp | NS | >95 | NAp | NS | >90 |
| $55 \mathrm{tt} \cdot \mathrm{lbf}$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| t-number | NAP | NAp | 1.48 | NAp | NAp | 1.08 |
| Confidence . . . . pct . | NAP | NAp | NS | NAP | NAp | NS |

NAp Not applicable.
NS Not significant.

## APPENDIX H.-SUMMARY OF AIRBORNE RESPIRABLE DUST GENERATED ON IMPACT

| Impact energy .... ft-lb | 1 st set $^{1}$ |  |  |  | 2d set ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25 | 40 | 55 | 70 | 25 | 40 | 55 | 70 |
| Parallel impact: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average ..... mg/m ${ }^{3}$ | 7 | 9 | 14 | 22 | NA | NA | 12 | 10 |
| SD . ........ mg/m ${ }^{3}$ | 2 | 8 | 11 | 11 | NA | NA | 2 | 5 |
| Perpendicular impact: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average ..... mg/m ${ }^{3}$ | 5 | 11 | 19 | 32 | NA | NA | 19 | 2 |
| SD ......... mg/m ${ }^{3}$.. | 3 | 6 | 15 | 12 | NA | NA | 8 | 10 |

NA Not available.
SD Standard deviation.
${ }^{1} 6$ replications.
${ }^{2} 10$ replications.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ General engineer, Twin Ctites Research Center, U.S. Bureau of Mines, Minneapolis, MN.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Kurth, D. I., L. S. Sundae, and C. W. Schultz. Dust Generation and Comminution of Coal. BuMines RI 8068, 1975, 28 pp.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ The center of percussion is the distance from the pivot center that can be struck without adding a force vector to the pivot center. This distance is the product of the natural period ( $t^{2}$ ) and the gravitational constant ( $32.167 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ ) divided by $4 \pi^{2}$.

[^3]:    See explanatory notes at the end of tabulation.

