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4-DOOR SEDAN

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Compliance tests were conducted on the subject 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid 4-door sedan in accordance with the specifications of the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance Test Procedure No. TP-301-03 for the determination of FMVSS 301 compliance. For the purpose of acquiring information for applied research, two instrumented Anthropomorphic Test Devices (ATDs) were placed in the front occupant seating positions and various instrumentation was added to the test vehicle. Test failures identified were as follows:

The test vehicle appeared to comply with all requirements of FMVSS 301 "Fuel System Integrity."

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PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

This 30 mph rear moving barrier impact test is part of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 301 Compliance Test Program conducted for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) by Veridian Engineering under Contract No. DTNH22-01-C-01025. The purpose of this test was to determine if the subject vehicle, a 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid 4-door sedan, meets the performance requirements of FMVSS No. 301, "Fuel System Integrity." This compliance test was conducted using the requirements found in the OVSC Laboratory Test Procedure No. TP-301-03, dated February 28, 2003.

SECTION 2

COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

A 1391.0 kg 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid 4-door sedan was impacted from the rear by an 1797 kg moving barrier at a velocity of 47.6 kph (29.6 mph). The test was performed by Veridian Engineering on August 8, 2003.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 51.1 liter fuel tank which was filled to 93.8 percent capacity with stoddard fluid prior to impact. For the purpose of acquiring information for applied research, one instrumented Part 572 E 50th percentile male Anthropomorphic Test Device (ATD) and one instrumented Part 572 O 5th percentile female ATD were placed in right front passenger and driver seating positions respectively and various instruments were added to the test vehicle. Research data is presented in a separate report.

The crash event was recorded by ten high-speed cameras and one real-time camera. Camera locations and other pertinent camera information are found on pages 3-9 and 3-10 of this report. Pre- and post-test photographs of the vehicle can be found in Appendix A.

There was no fuel system fluid spillage following the impact or during any portion of the static rollover test. The average vehicle longitudinal crush was 270 millimeters. The vehicle appeared to comply with all the requirements of FMVSS No. 301 "Fuel System Integrity."

SECTION 3

COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

DATA SHEET 1

TEST VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Year/Make/Model/Body Style: 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid 4-door sedan

NHTSA No.: C35305 ; Color: Tan

Engine Data: 4 Cylinders: - CID; 1.3 Liters; - cc

Placement: - Longitudinal or In-Line; X Transverse or Lateral

Transmission Data: 5 Speeds; X Manual; - Automatic; X Overdrive

Final Drive: - Rear Wheel Drive; X Front Wheel Drive; - Four Wheel Drive

Major Options: X A/C; X Power Steering; X Power Brakes

X Power Windows; X Power Door Locks; X Tilt Wheel

Date Received: April 10, 2003 ; Odometer Reading 47 km

Selling Dealer: Don Davis Honda

& Address: 2277 Niagara Falls Boulevard Amherst, NY 14228

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATION LABEL:

Vehicle Manufactured by: Honda Motor Company, Ltd.

Date of Manufacture: 12/02

VIN: JHMES95663S018012

GVWR: 1642 kg; GAWR-FRONT: 841 kg; GAWR-REAR: 837 kg

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S TIRE LABEL:

Location of Placard on Vehicle: Left B-Pillar

Recommended Tire Size: P185/70R14 87S

* Recommended Cold Tire Pressure: FRONT: 210 kPa; REAR: 210 kPa

DATA FROM TIRE SIDEWALL:

Size of Tires on Test Vehicle: P185/70R14 87S Manufacturer: Bridgestone

Tire Pressure with Maximum Capacity Vehicle Load: FRONT: 300 kPa; REAR 300 kPa

Type of Spare Tire: T125/70D15 95M

VEHICLE CAPACITY DATA:

Type of Front Seats: - Bench; X Bucket; - Split Bench

Number of Occupants: 2 Front; 3 Rear; 5 Total

Vehicle Capacity Weight (VCW) = 385.5 kg

No. of Occupants x 68.04 kg = 340.2 kg

Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) = 45.3 kg

*Tire pressure used for test

DATA SHEET 2

PRE-TEST DATA

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE AS RECEIVED FROM DEALER (with maximum fluids)= UDW:

Right Front =	336.0 kg	Right Rear =	258.5 kg
Left Front =	348.0 kg.	Left Rear =	259.0 kg
TOTAL FRONT =	684 kg	TOTAL REAR =	517.5 kg

TOTAL DELIVERED WEIGHT = 1201.5 kg

% of Total Front of Vehicle Weight = 56.9% of Total Rear Weight = 43.1%

CALCULATION OF VEHICLE'S TARGET TEST WEIGHT:

Total Delivered Weight	=	1201.5 kg
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW)	=	45.3 kg
Weight of 2 p.572 Dummies, 74.4 kg	=	148.8 kg
TARGET TEST WEIGHT	=	1395.6 kg

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE WITH TWO DUMMIES AND 40.7 KG OF CARGO WEIGHT:

Right Front =	407.0 kg	Right Rear =	292.0 kg
Left Front =	407.0 kg	Left Rear =	285.0 kg
TOTAL FRONT =	814 kg	TOTAL REAR =	577 kg

TOTAL TEST WEIGHT = 1391 kg

% of Total Front of Vehicle Weight = 58.5% of Total Rear Weight = 41.5%

* Weight of Ballast Secured in Vehicle Trunk Area = 0 kg

Type of Ballast: None

Method of Securing Ballast: Not applicable

Vehicle Components Removed for Weight Reduction: Radiator, Front Bumper, Headlamps, rear interior door panels and side window glass, side mirrors

VEHICLE ATTITUDE (all dimension in millimeters):

AS DELIVERED:	RF	661	LF	657	RR	670	LR 667
AS TESTED:	RF	634	LF	633	RR	658	LR 657

Vehicle's Wheel Base: 2629 mm

Location of Vehicle's C.G.: 1091 millimeters rearward of front wheel center.

FUEL SYSTEM DATA:

Fuel System Capacity From Owner's Manual = 50 liters

Usable Capacity Figure Furnished by COTR = 51.1 liters

Test Volume Range (91 to 94% of Usable Capacity) = 46.5 to 48.03 liters

ACTUAL TEST VOLUME= 46.9 liters (with entire fuel system filled)

* Ballast weight includes the RCLW, the weight of drained vehicle fluids and the weight of any removed vehicle components less the weight of onboard instrumentation, cameras, and hardware.

DATA SHEET 2 (continued)

PRE-TEST DATA

FUEL SYSTEM DATA (continued):

Test Fluid Type: Stoddard Solution

Test Fluid Specific Gravity: 0.764

Test Fluid Kinematic Viscosity: 0.96 centistokes

Test Fluid Color: Orange ("red" is preferred)

Type of Vehicle Fuel Pump: Electric

Electric Fuel Pump Operation with Ignition Switch ON and Engine OFF -

Fuel pump operated.

Details of Fuel System: The fuel tank is centered ahead of the rear axle with the fuel lines running along the outside of the inner left hand side frame stiffener. The fuel filler is located on the vehicle left side behind the rear axle.

Comments: This vehicle is a hybrid-electric vehicle.

DATA SHEET 3

MOVING BARRIER DATA

WEIGHT OF MOVING BARRIER:

Right Front	=	504.9 kg	Right Rear	=	393.7 kg.
Left Front	=	499.9 kg	Left Rear	=	398.3 kg
TOTAL FRONT	=	1004.8 kg	TOTAL REAR	=	792.0 kg

TOTAL BARRIER WEIGHT = 1796.8 kg

MOVING BARRIER DIMENSIONS:

Barrier Face Height: 1524 mm

Barrier Face Width: 1981 mm

Barrier Face Ground Clearance: 127 mm

Tread Width: 1511 mm

Wheel Base: 3048 mm

Location of C.G.: X: 1344 mm rearward of front wheel center.

Y: 0 mm from longitudinal-vertical plane of symmetry.

Z: 414 mm above ground.

MOVING BARRIER TIRES:

Manufacturer: Classic

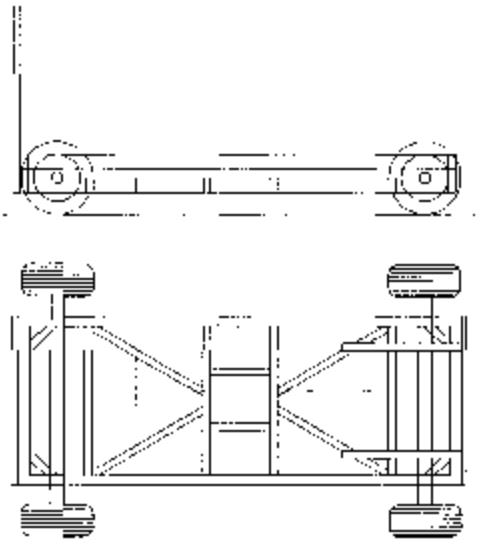
Model: Poly IV

Size: 215/75D15

Recommended Max Pressure: 240 kPa:

MOVING BARRIER ABORT SYSTEM:

Type: Trailing cable



DATA SHEET 4

POST TEST DATA

TYPE OF TEST:

Type of Test: Rear Barrier Impact Angle: 0°

Test Date: August 8, 2003 Time:: 12:06 Temperature: 24.5 °C

Vehicle NHTSA No.: C35305 VIN: JHMES95663S018012

Required Impact Velocity Range: 46.51 to 48.12 kph

BARRIER IMPACT VELOCITY: (Speed traps within 5 feet of impact plane.)

Trap No. 1 = 47.6 kph; Trap No. 2 = 47.6 kph

Average Impact Speed = 47.6 kph

VEHICLE STATIC CRUSH:

Vehicle Length:

Pre-Test	Left =	4335	; C/L =	4436	Right =	4334
Post-Test	Left =	4079	; C/L =	4170	Right =	4047
Crush	Left =	256	; C/L =	266	Right =	287

AVERAGE = 270 millimeters

DATA SHEET 4 (continued)

POST TEST DATA

TEST VEHICLE NHTSA NO.: C35305 TEST DATE: August 8, 2003

Vehicle Mfgr./Make/Model: 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid 4-door sedan

Test vehicle fuel tank filled to 91% to 94% of manufacturer's "usable" capacity and with electric fuel pump operating (if it will operate without engine operation). Part 572 test dummies located at each front designated seating position.

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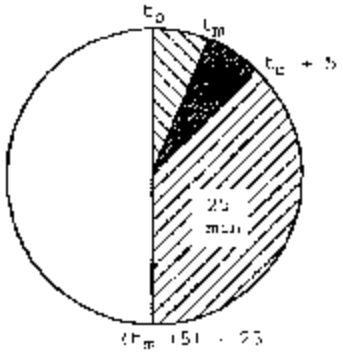
TEST VEHICLE IMPACT TYPE:

- Frontal (42.28 kph target velocity)
- Oblique (42.28 kph target velocity) with - °barrier face first contacting - (driver/passenger) side

X Rear Moving Barrier (42.28 kph target velocity)

- Lateral Moving Barrier (32.19 kph target velocity)

FUEL SPILLAGE MEASUREMENT:



		ACTUAL	MAX ALLOWED
1.	From impact until vehicle motion ceases	0	28 g
2.	For five minute period after vehicle motion ceases	0	28 g.
3.	For next 25 minutes	0	28 g/min.

SOLVENT SPILLAGE DETAILS:

None

DATA SHEET 5

STATIC ROLLOVER TEST DATA

Table 7 FMVSS NO. 301 - STATIC ROLLOVER DATA SHEET

Vehicle: 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid 4-door sedan NHTSA No.: C35305

I. DETERMINATION OF SOLVENT COLLECTION TIME PERIOD:

Rollover Stage	Rotation Time (spec. 1 -3 min)				FMVSS 301 Hold Time		Total Time				Next Whole Minute Interval	
0° - 90°	1	minutes	12	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	12	seconds	7	minutes
90° - 180°	1	minutes	01	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	1	seconds	7	minutes
180°-270°	1	minutes	06	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	6	seconds	7	minutes
270°-360°	1	minutes	11	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	11	seconds	7	minutes

II. FMVSS 301 REQUIREMENTS: (Maximum allowable solvent spillage):

First 5 minutes from onset of rotation	6th min.	7th min.	8th min. (if required)
142 g	28 g	28 g	28 g

III. ACTUAL TEST VEHICLE SOLVENT SPILLAGE:

Rollover Stage	First 5 minutes from onset of rotation (g)	6th min. (g)	7th min (g)	8th min. (if required) (g)
0° - 90°	0	0	0	N/A
90° - 180°	0	0	0	N/A
180°-270°	0	0	0	N/A
270°-360°	0	0	0	N/A

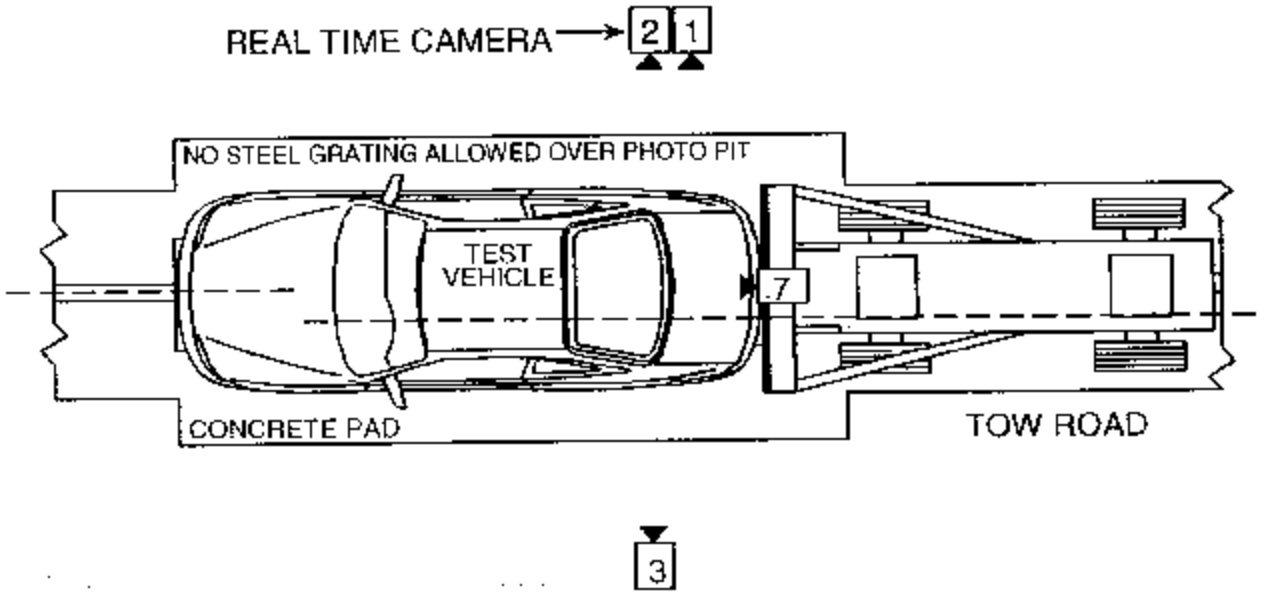
Note: Record spillage for whole minute intervals only as determined above.

IV. SOLVENT SPILLAGE LOCATION(S):

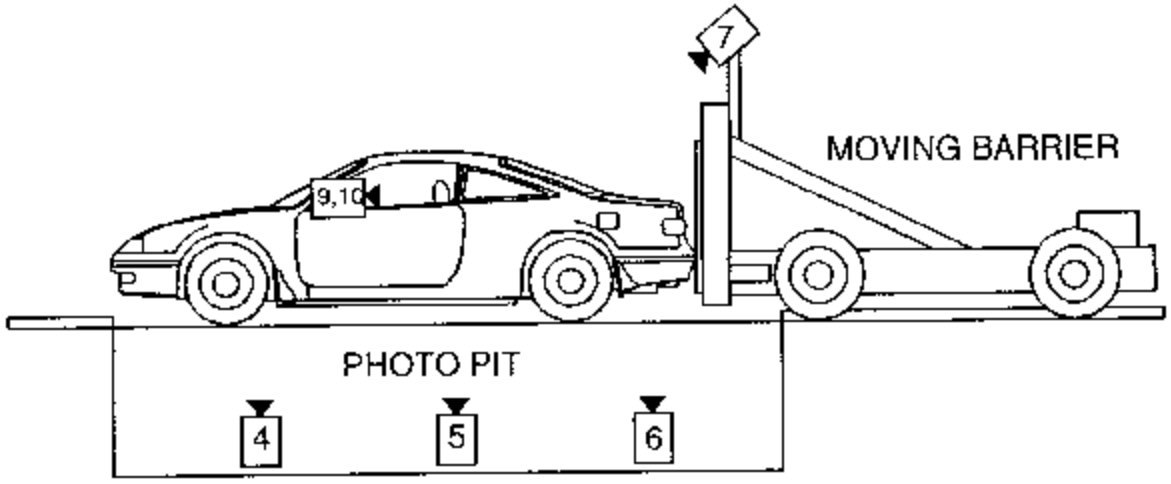
Rollover Stage	Spillage Location
0° - 90°	None
90° - 180°	None
180°-270°	None
270°-360°	None

DATA SHEET 6

HIGH SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS



TOP VIEW



LEFT SIDE VIEW

DATA SHEET 6 (continued)

HIGH SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS

NHTSA No. : C35305 Vehicle : 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid 4 door sedan

CAMERA NO.	VIEW	CAMERA POSITIONS (mm)*			ANGLE** (degrees)	LENS (mm)	SPEED (fps)
		X	Y	Z			
1	Real-Time Camera	-	-	-	-	-	24
2	Right Side View	15621	710	950	-1	35	1000
3	Left Side View	14503	602	1040	0	35	1000
4	Vehicle Front Underbody View	0	2613	-1956	90	13	1000
5	Vehicle Mid-Section Underbody View	0	1815	-1956	90	13	995
6	Vehicle Rear Underbody View	0	708	-1956	90	13	1025
7	Moving Barrier View	0	0	2515	-105	7.5	1000
8	Overhead Overall View	-508	0	9804	-90	13	1000
9†	Onboard Driver View	-	-	-	-	8	1000
10†	Onboard Passenger View	-	-	-	-	8	1000

* X = film plant to monorail centerline (+ to left of rail)
Y = film plane to impact location (+ ahead of impact location)
Z = film plane to ground (+ above ground)
** = referenced to horizontal plane

† Research cameras.

Appendix A

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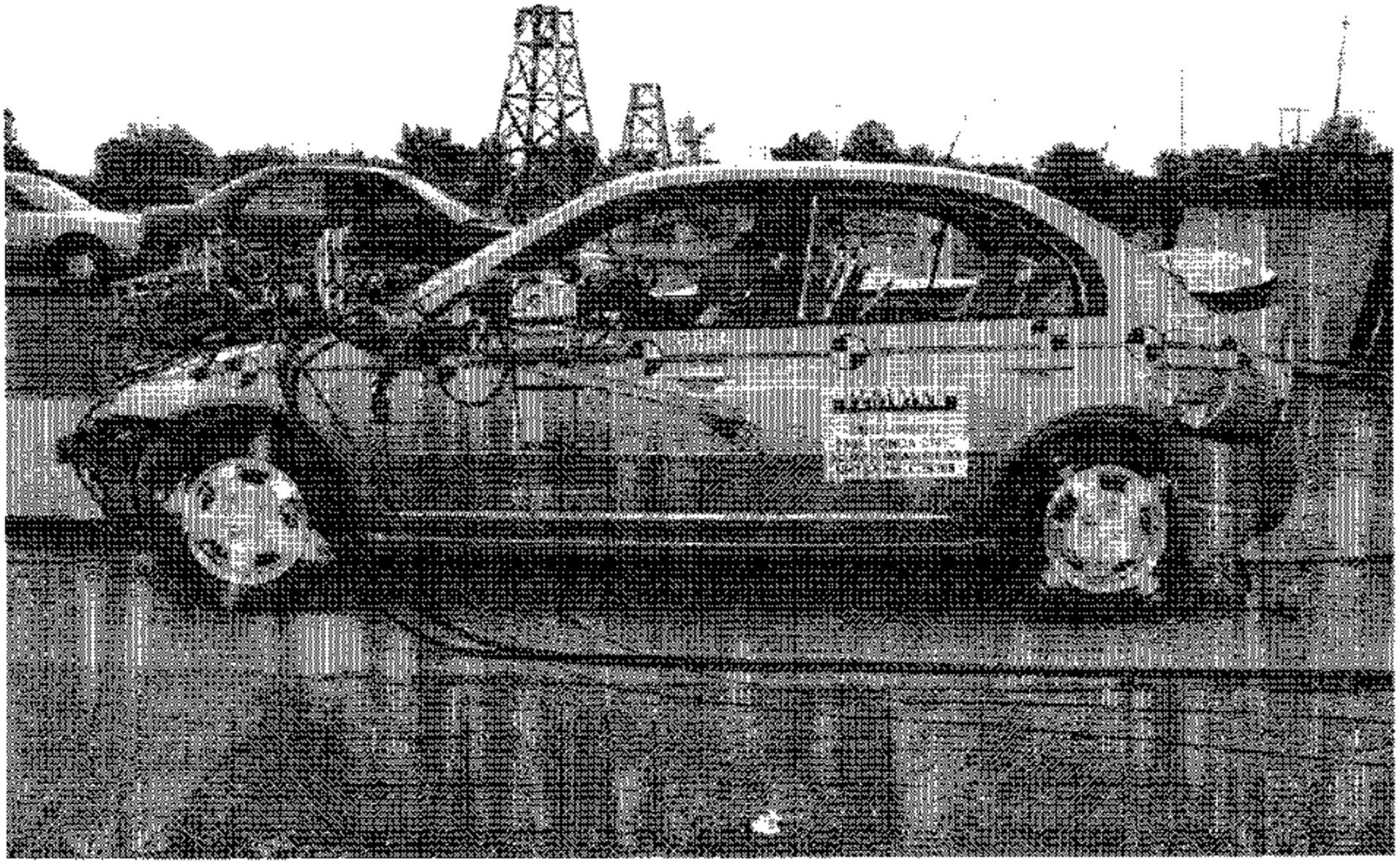

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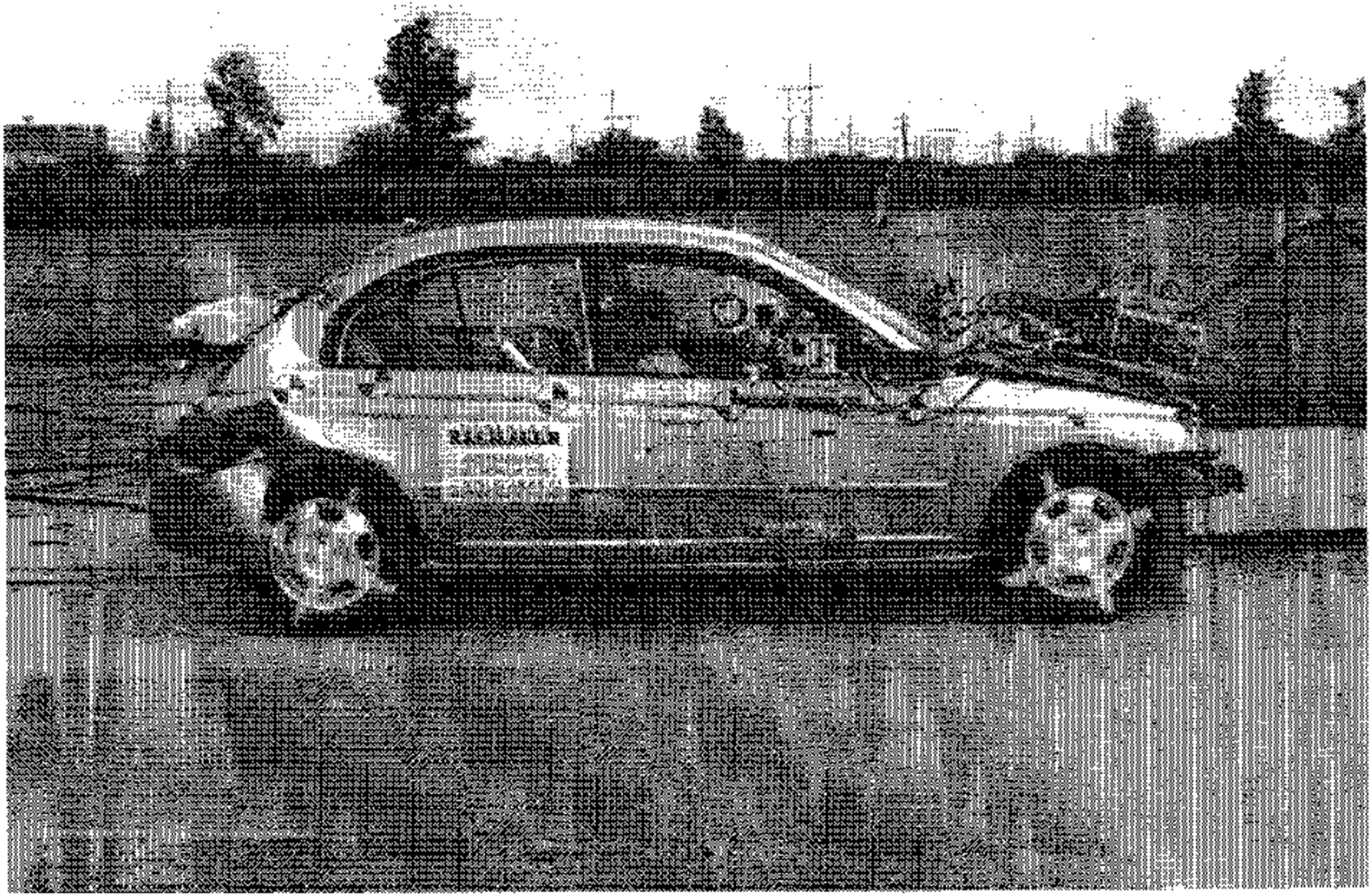

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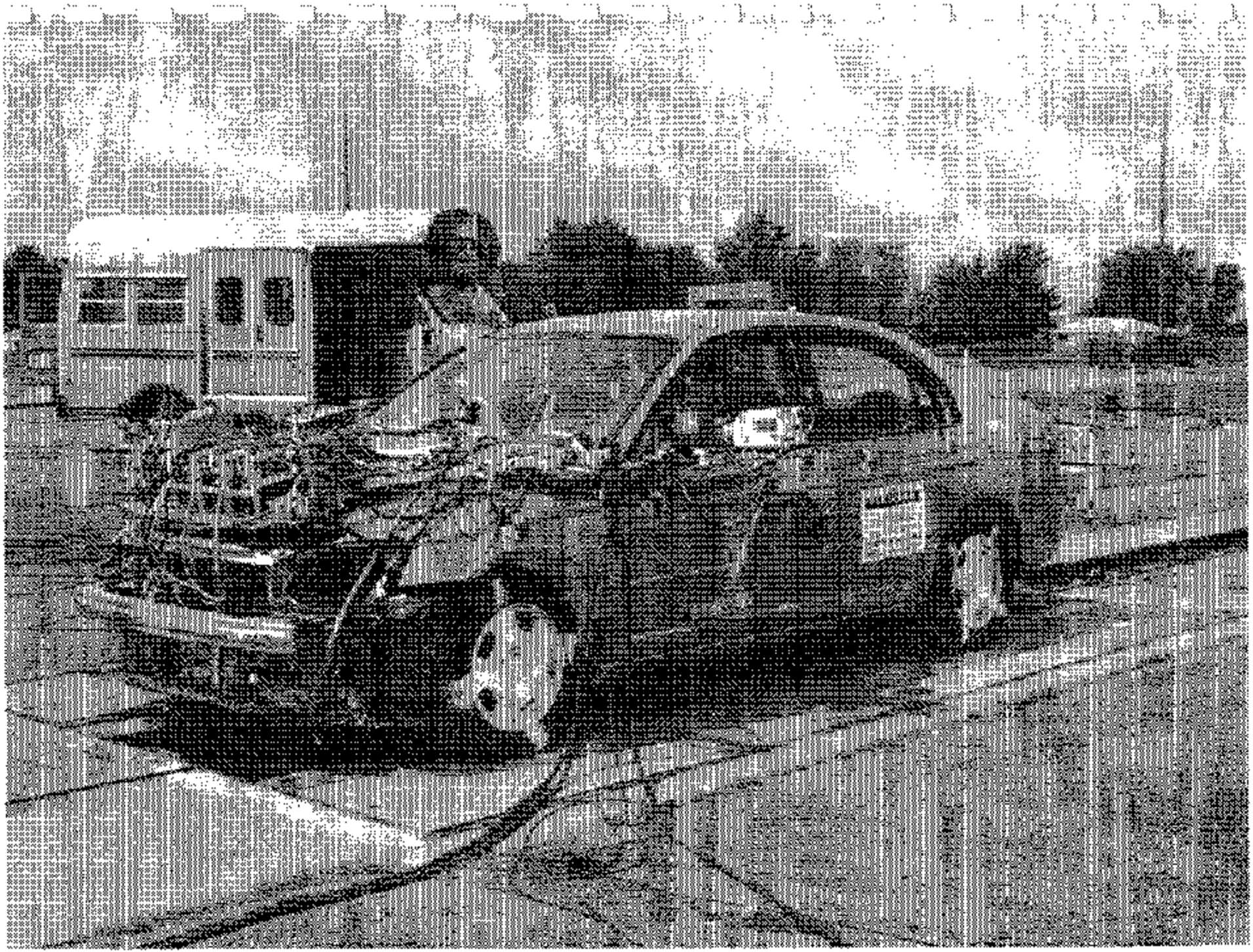
Figure A-7 PRE-TEST REAR VIEW

Figure A-8 POST-TEST REAR VIEW



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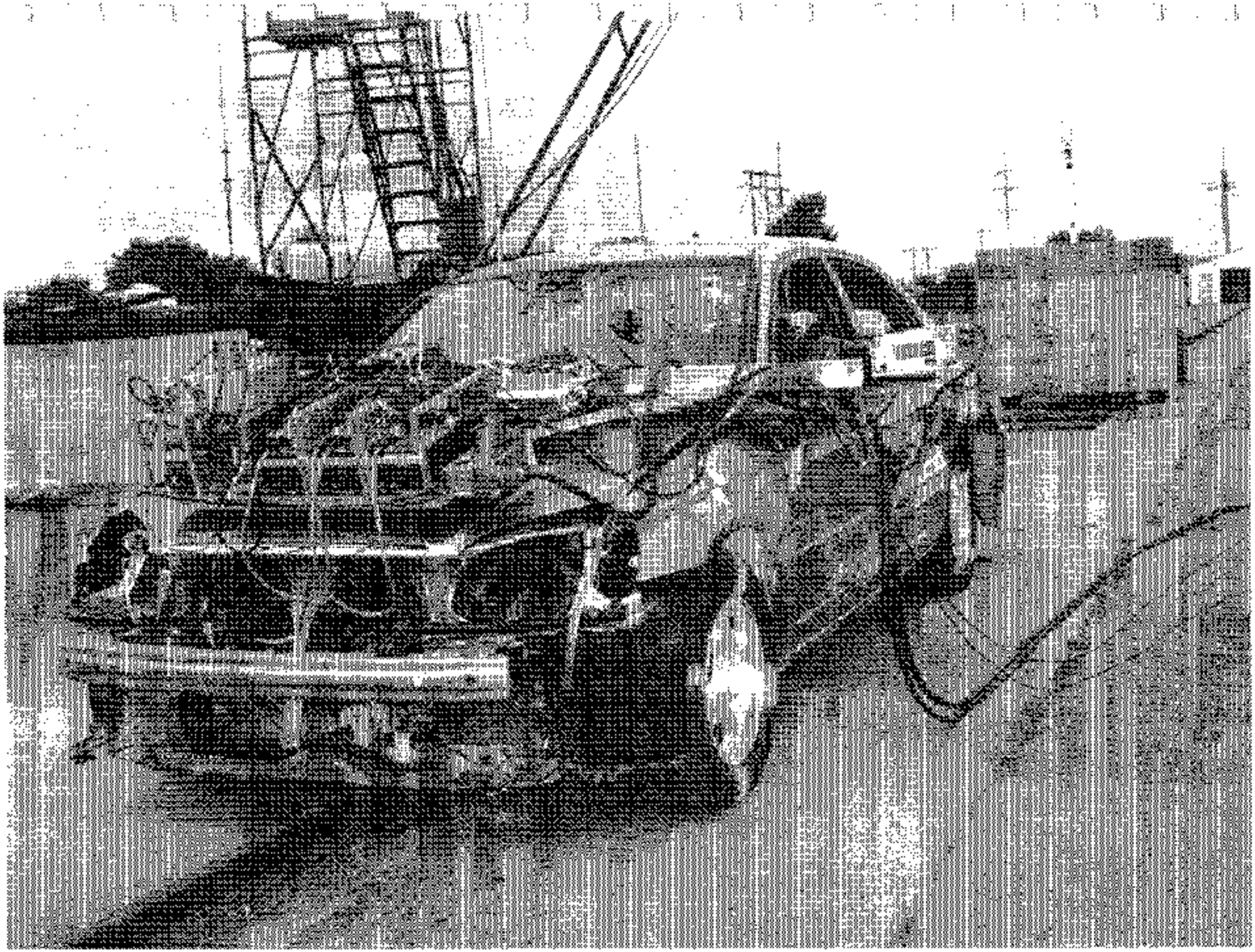

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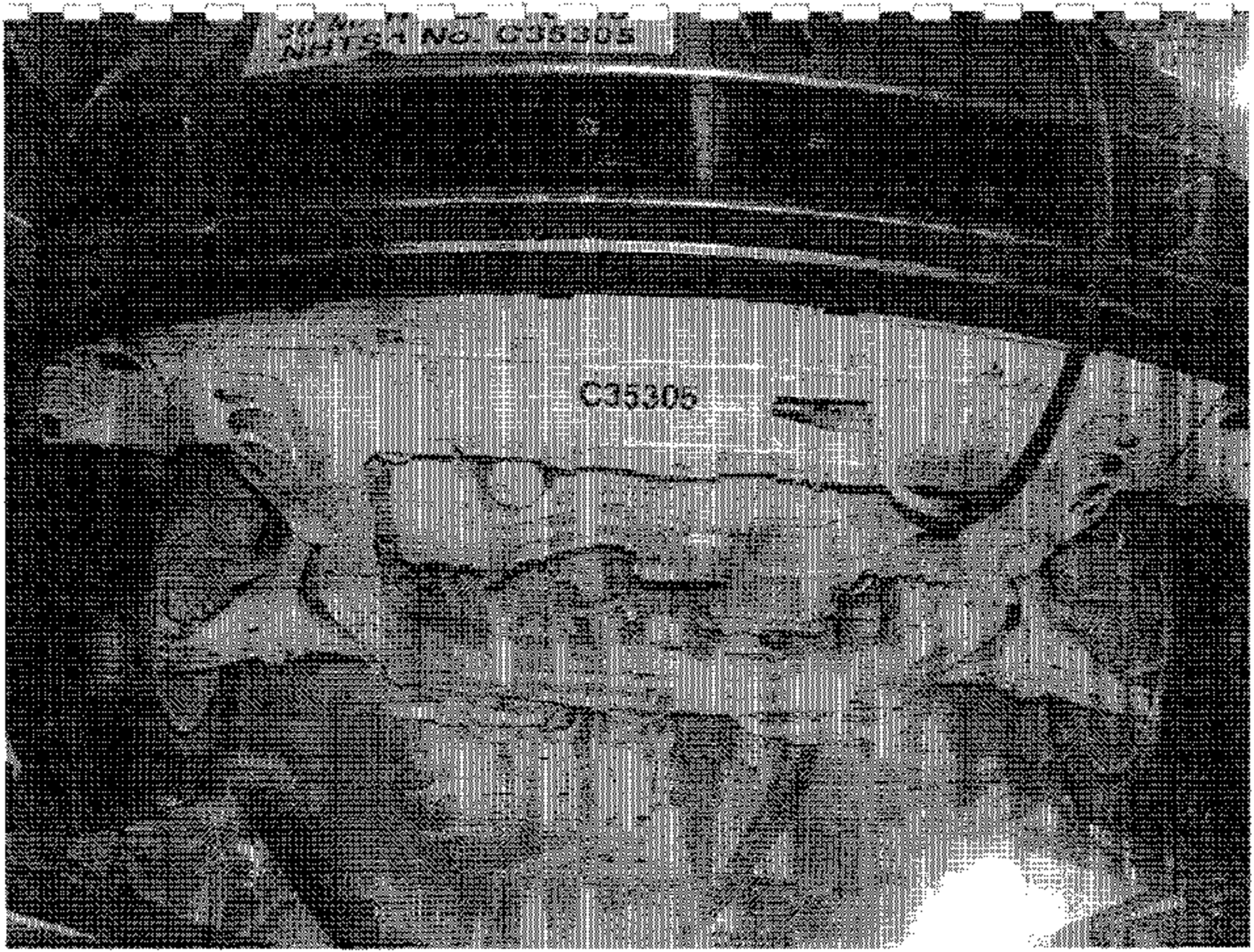

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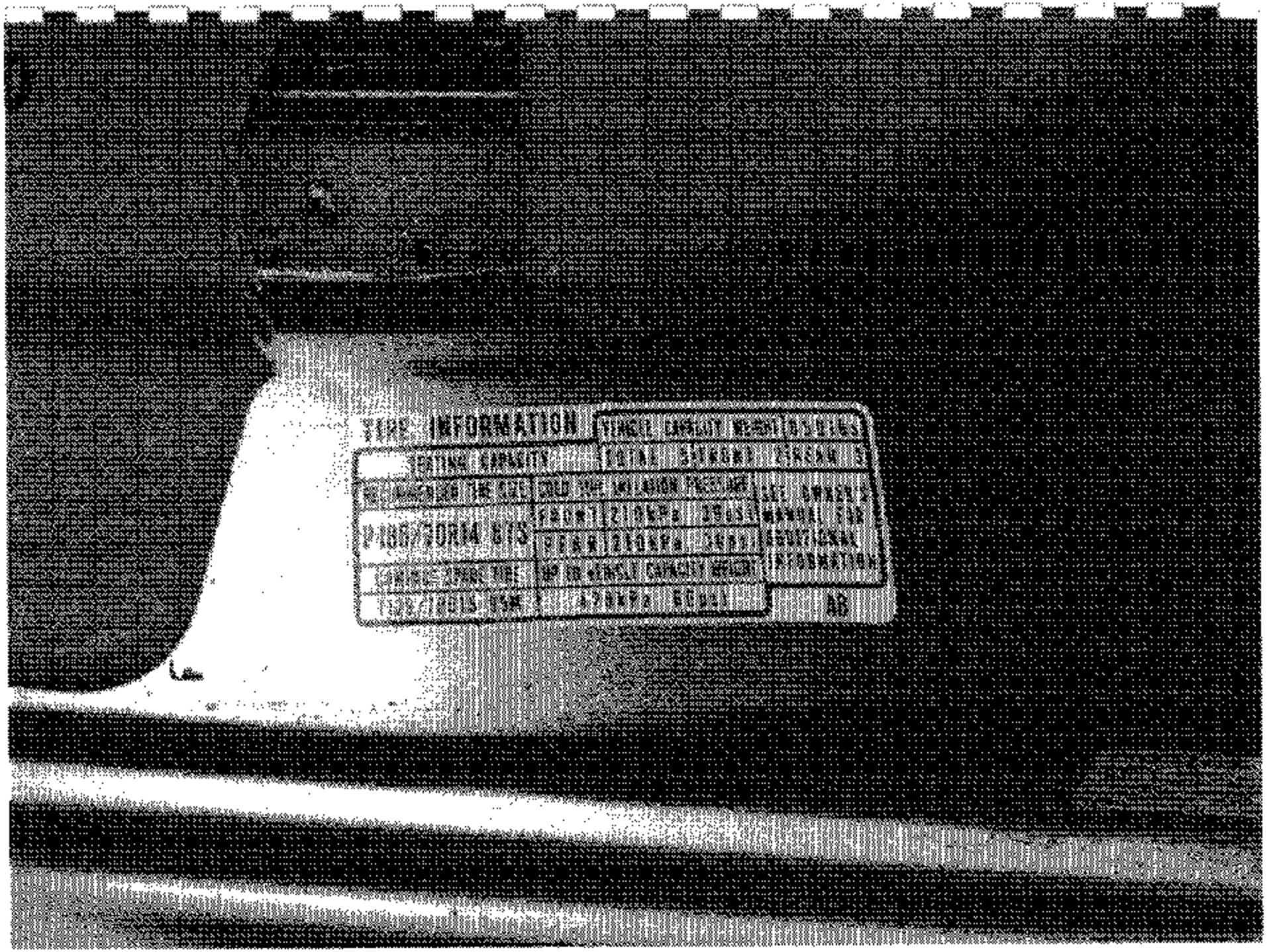

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