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16. Abstract

Compliance tests were conducted on the subject 2004 Volkswagen Touareg MPV 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 Advanced Information Engineering Services under Contract No. DTNH22-01-C-01025. The purpose of this test was to determine if the subject vehicle, a 2004 Volkswagen Touareg MPV, 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 2590 kg 2004 Volkswagen Touareg MPV was impacted from the rear by an 1797 kg moving barrier at a velocity of 47.47 kph (29.5 mph). The test was performed by Advanced Information Engineering Services on July 2, 2004.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 100 liter fuel tank which was filled to 92.4 percent capacity with stoddard fluid prior to impact. Additional ballast (57 kg) was secured in the vehicle cargo area. 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 E 50th percentile male ATD were placed in the Left Front and Right Rear occupant seating positions and various instruments were added to the test vehicle. Research data is presented in a separate report.

The crash event was recorded by eleven 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 128 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: 2004 Volkswagen Touareg MPV

NHTSA No.: C45800 ; Color: Beige

Engine Data: 6 Cylinders; - CID; 3.2 Liters; - cc

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

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

Final Drive: - Rear Wheel Drive; - Front Wheel Drive; X 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: 10/29/2003 ; Odometer Reading 354 km

Selling Dealer: McLoughlin Motors Inc.

& Address: Elmer Hill Road Rome, NY 13440

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATION LABEL:

Vehicle Manufactured by: Volkswagen AG Germany

Date of Manufacture: 05/03

VIN: WVGBC67L64D003224

GVWR: 2945 kg; GAWR-FRONT: 1415 kg; GAWR-REAR: 1610 kg

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S TIRE LABEL:

Location of Placard on Vehicle: Left B-Pillar

Recommended Tire Size: P255/60R17 106 H

* Recommended Cold Tire Pressure: FRONT: 250 kPa; REAR: 300 kPa

DATA FROM TIRE SIDEWALL:

Size of Tires on Test Vehicle: P255/60R17 106 H Manufacturer: Dunlop

Tire Pressure with Maximum Capacity Vehicle Load: FRONT: 350 kPa; REAR: 350 kPa

Type of Spare Tire: 195/80-17 106P

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) = 631 kg

No. of Occupants x 68.04 kg = 340.2 kg

Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) = 290.8 kg (136.1 kg maximum)

*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 = 605.0 kg Right Rear = 557.0 kg

Left Front = 595.0 kg. Left Rear = 557.0 kg

TOTAL FRONT = 1200.0 kg TOTAL REAR = 1114.0 kg

TOTAL DELIVERED WEIGHT = 2314.0 kg

% of Total Front of Vehicle Weight = 51.9% of Total Rear Weight = 48.1%

CALCULATION OF VEHICLE'S TARGET TEST WEIGHT:

Total Delivered Weight = 2314.0 kg

Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) = 136.1 kg (136.1 kg maximum)

Weight of 2 p.572 Dummies, 74.4 kg = 148.8 kg

TARGET TEST WEIGHT = 2598.9 kg

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE WITH TWO DUMMIES AND 127.2 KG OF CARGO WEIGHT:

Right Front = 674.0 kg Right Rear = 612.0 kg

Left Front = 673.0 kg Left Rear = 631.0 kg

TOTAL FRONT = 1347.0 kg TOTAL REAR = 1243.0 kg

TOTAL TEST WEIGHT = 2590.0 kg

% of Total Front of Vehicle Weight = 52.0% of Total Rear Weight = 48.0%

* Weight of Ballast Secured in Vehicle = 57 kg

Type of Ballast: Lead shot

Method of Securing Ballast: Secured to floor

Vehicle Components Removed for Weight Reduction: Right front passenger seat

VEHICLE ATTITUDE (all dimension in millimeters):

AS DELIVERED: RF 882 LF 888 RR 900 LR 893

AS TESTED: RF 866 LF 862 RR 880 LR 879

Vehicle's Wheel Base: 2850 mm

Location of Vehicle's C.G.: 1368 millimeters rearward of front wheel center.

FUEL SYSTEM DATA:

Fuel System Capacity From Owner's Manual = 100 liters

Usable Capacity Figure Furnished by COTR = 100 liters

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

ACTUAL TEST VOLUME= 92.4 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 filler neck is located on the right side of the vehicle above the rear axle; The fuel tank is centered ahead of the rear axle saddled over the vehicle drive shaft and exhaust; The fuel lines are located along the right side of the center drive shaft tunnel.

Comments: The rear hatch glass shattered during the event. The vehicle outboard safety belt pretensioners deployed during the event.

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: Dunlop

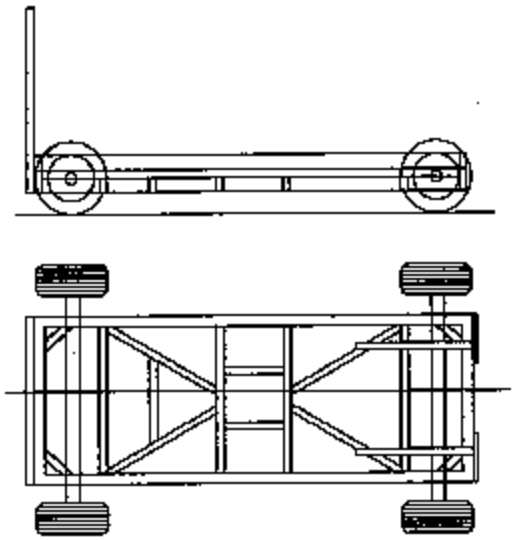
Model: AT Radial Rover

Size: P205/75R15

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: July 2, 2004 Time:: 11:30 Temperature: 21.7 °C

Vehicle NHTSA No.: C45800 VIN: WVGBC67L64D003224

Required Impact Velocity Range: 46.51 to 48.12 kph

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

Trap No. 1 = 47.47 kph; Trap No. 2 = 47.47 kph

Average Impact Speed = 47.47 kph

VEHICLE STATIC CRUSH:

Vehicle Length:

Pre-Test	Left =	4610	; C/L =	4760	Right =	4610
Post-Test	Left =	4450	; C/L =	4660	Right =	4485
Crush	Left =	160	; C/L =	100	Right =	125

AVERAGE = 128 millimeters

DATA SHEET 4 (continued)

POST TEST DATA

TEST VEHICLE NHTSA NO.: C45800 TEST DATE: July 2, 2004

Vehicle Mfgr./Make/Model: 2004 Volkswagen Touareg MPV

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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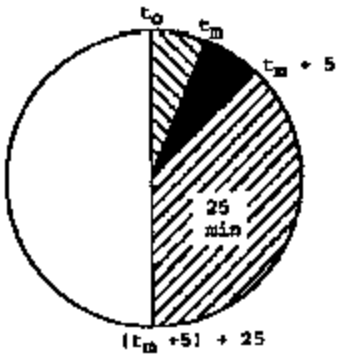
TEST VEHICLE IMPACT TYPE:

- 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: 2004 Volkswagen Touareg MPV NHTSA No.: C45800

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	07	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	7	seconds	7	minutes
90° - 180°	1	minutes	09	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	9	seconds	7	minutes
180°-270°	1	minutes	03	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	3	seconds	7	minutes
270°-360°	1	minutes	09	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	9	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

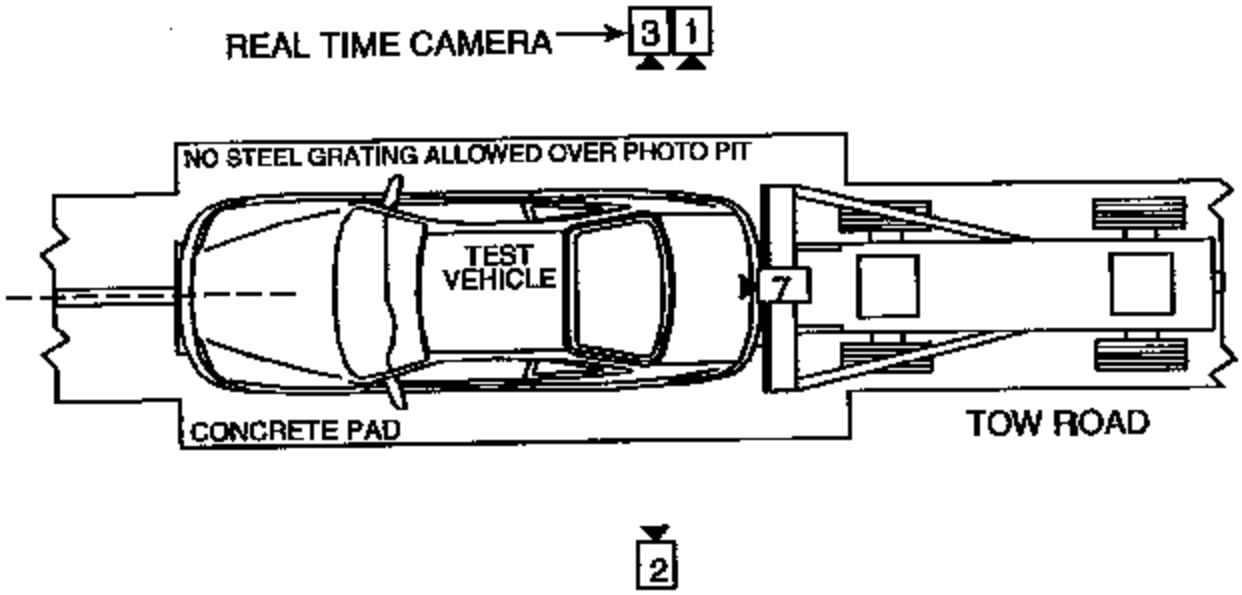
Note: Record spillage for whole minute intervals only as determined above.

IV. SOLVENT SPILLAGE LOCATION(S):

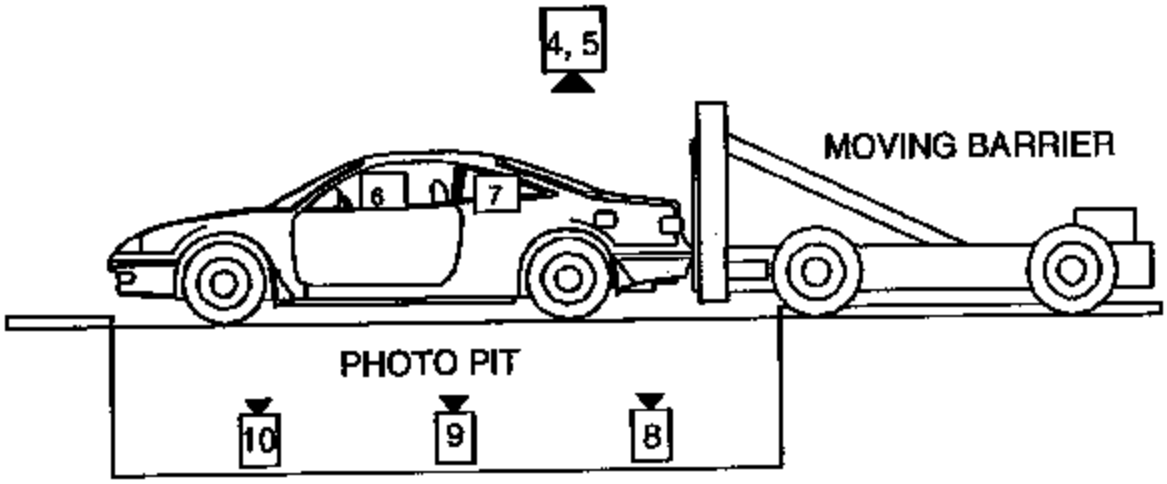
Rollover Stage	Spillage Location
0° - 90°	None
90° - 180°	None
180°-270°	None
270°-360°	None

DATA SHEET 6

HIGH SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS



TOP VIEW



LEFT SIDE VIEW

DATA SHEET 6 (continued)

HIGH SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS

NHTSA No.: C45800 Vehicle: 2004 Volkswagen Touareg MPV

CAMERA NO.	VIEW	CAMERA POSITIONS (mm)*			ANGLE** (degrees)	LENS (mm)	SPEED (fps)
		X	Y	Z			
1	Real-Time Camera	-	-	-	-	-	24
2	Left Side View	17953	2695	1130	-1	35	1000
3	Right Side View	17355	1273	1122	0	35	1005
4	Overhead Overall View	-508	0	9804	-90	13	1005
5	Overhead Close View	-508	0	9804	-105	13	1000
6†	Onboard Driver View	1027	2457	1232	-3	8	1010
7†	Onboard Passenger View	965	1590	1275	-8	8	1000
8	Vehicle Rear Underbody View	0	1223	-1956	90	13	1000
9	Vehicle Mid-Section Underbody View	0	2545	-1956	90	13	1000
10	Vehicle Front Underbody View	0	3759	-1956	90	13	1015

* 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 – X distance is measured to the reference target plane.

Appendix A

PHOTOGRAPHS

LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

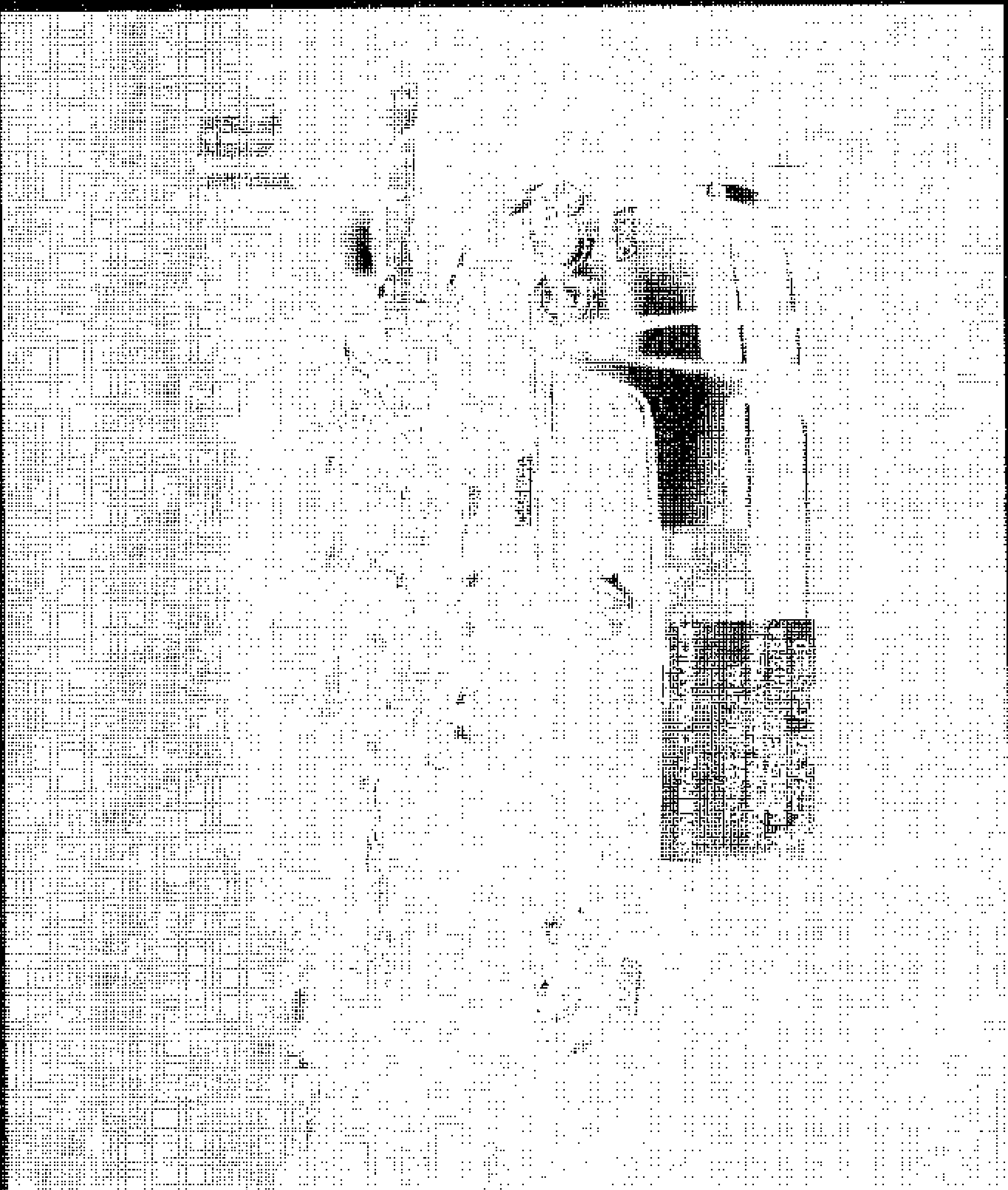


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Figure A-2 POST-TEST FRONT VIEW

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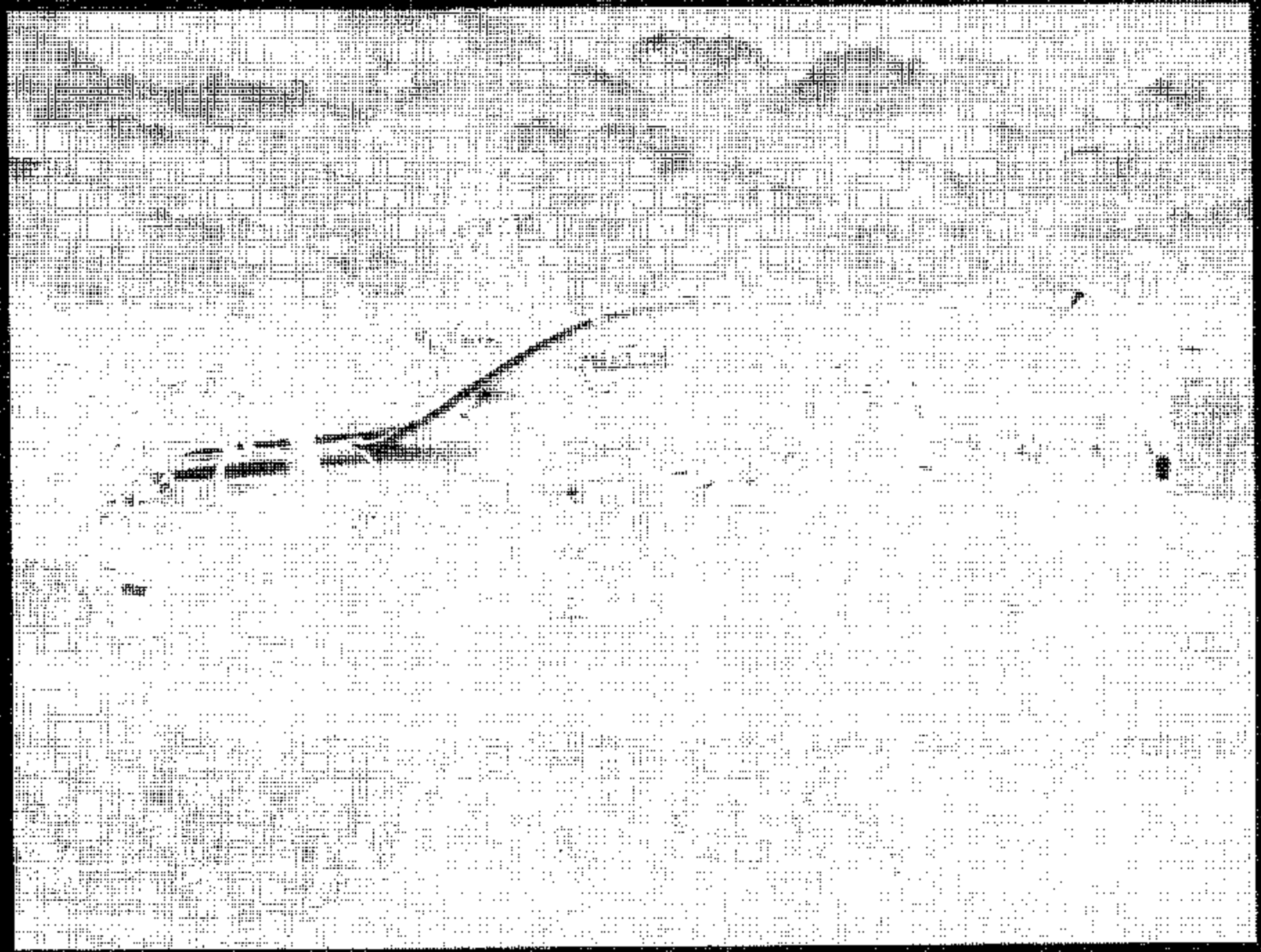

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Figure A-5 PRE-TEST RIGHT SIDE VIEW

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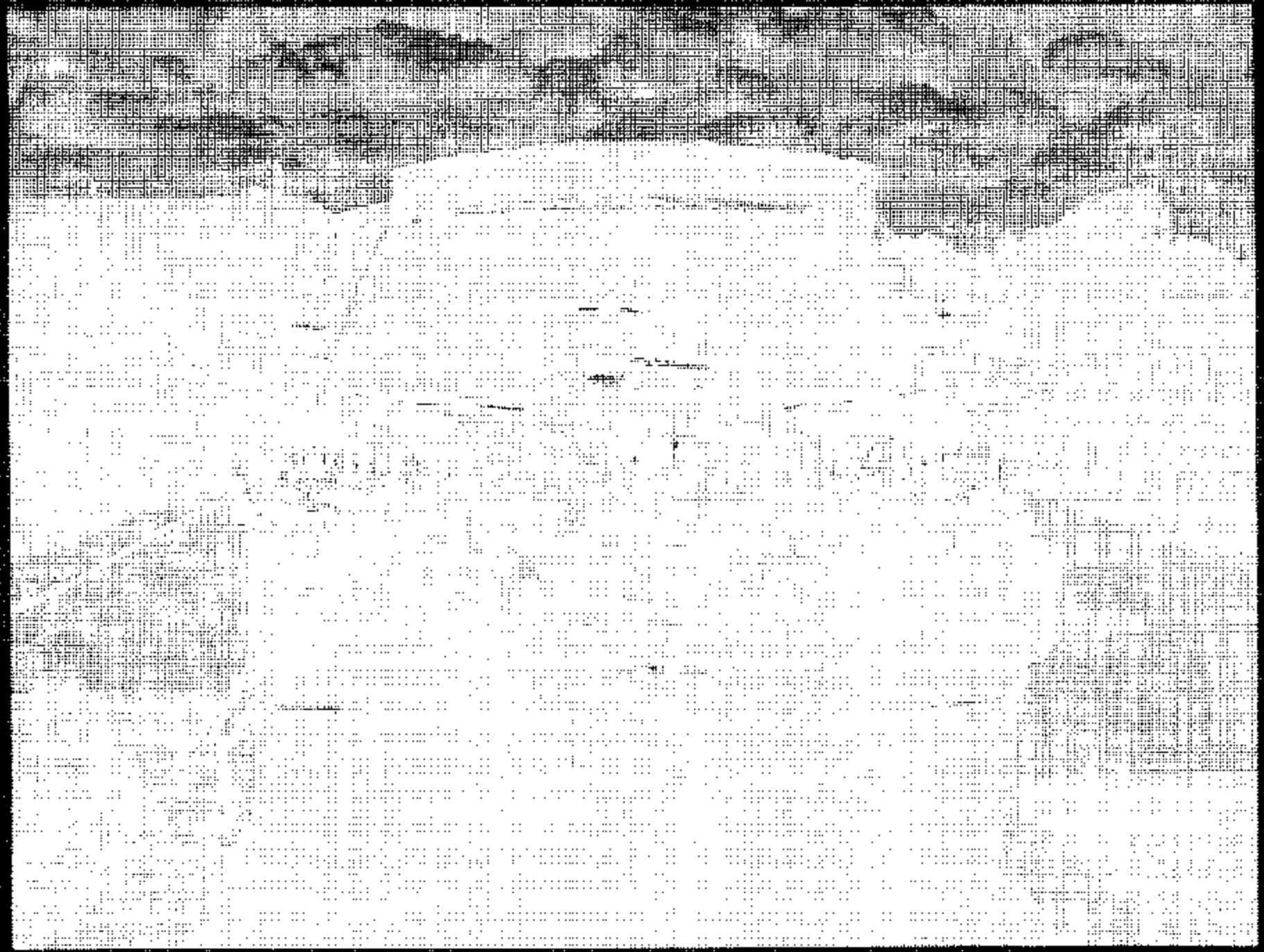

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Figure A-9 PRE-TEST LEFT FRONT THREE-QUARTER VIEW

Figure A-18 POST-TEST LEFT FRONT THREE-QUARTER VIEW

Figure A-11 PRE-TEST RIGHT REAR THREE-QUARTER VIEW

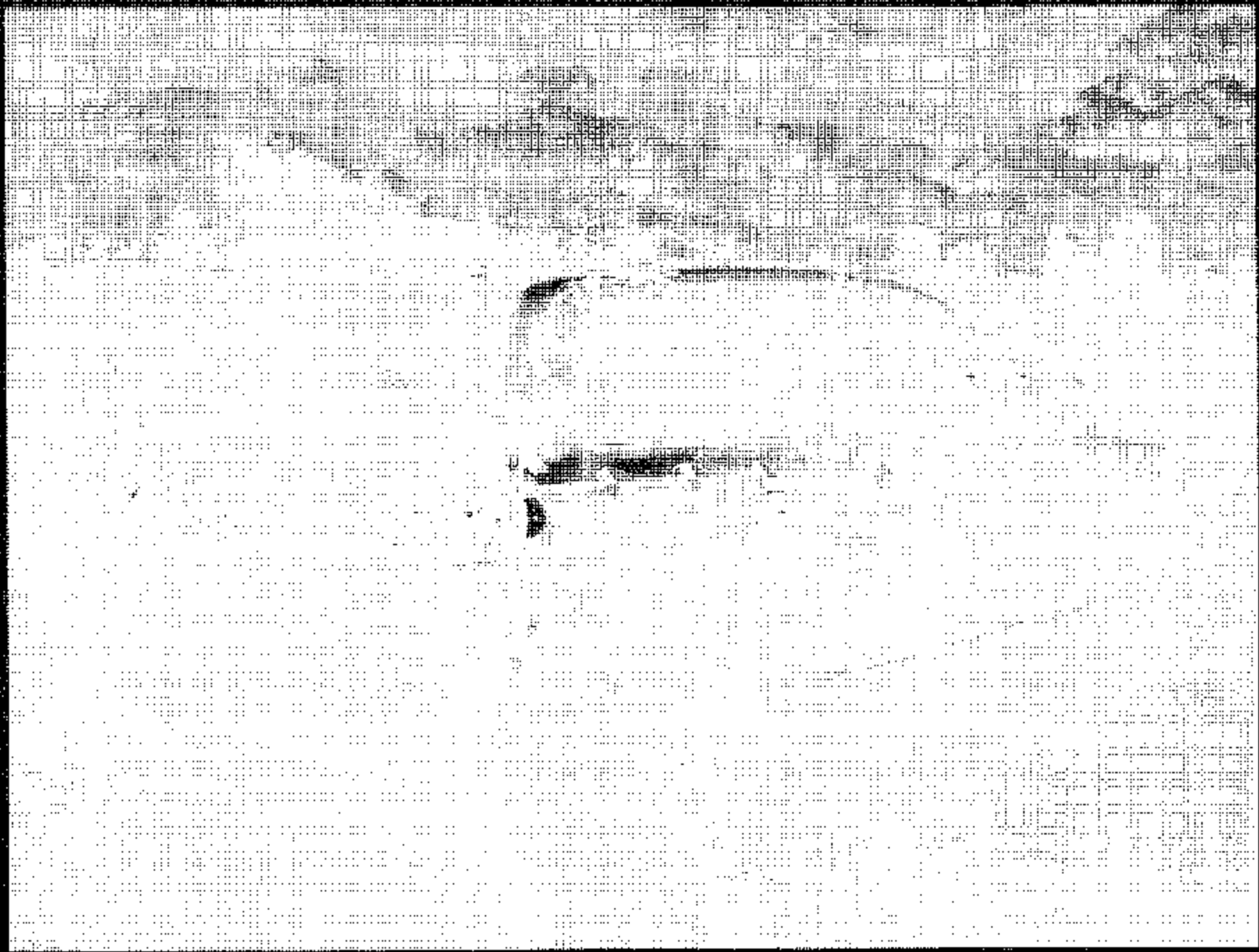

Figure A-12 POST-TEST RIGHT REAR THREE-QUARTER VIEW

Figure A-13 PRE-TEST FRONT UNDERBODY VIEW

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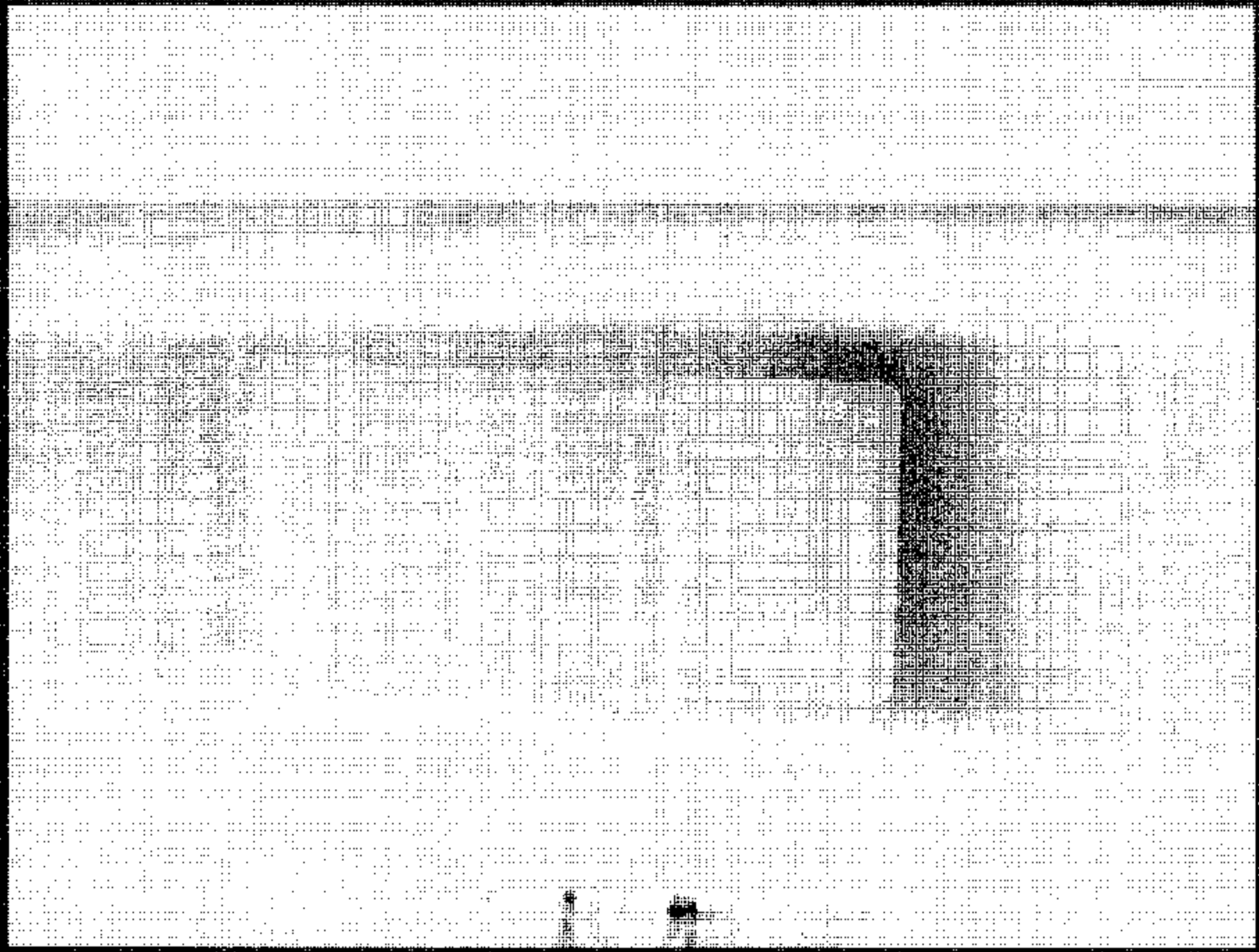
Figure A-15 PRE-TEST REAR UNDERBODY VIEW

Figure A-16 POST-TEST REAR UNDERBODY VIEW



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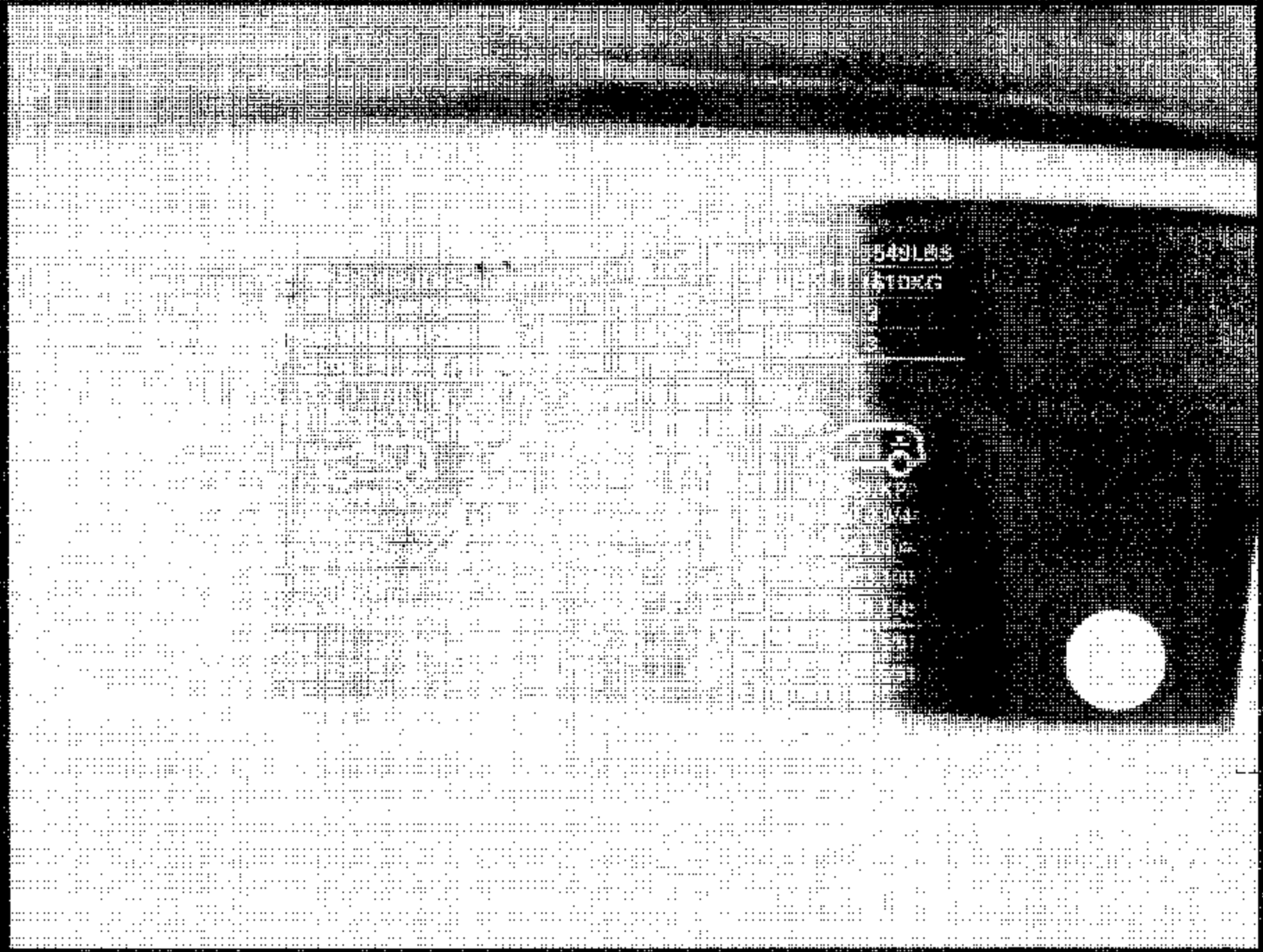

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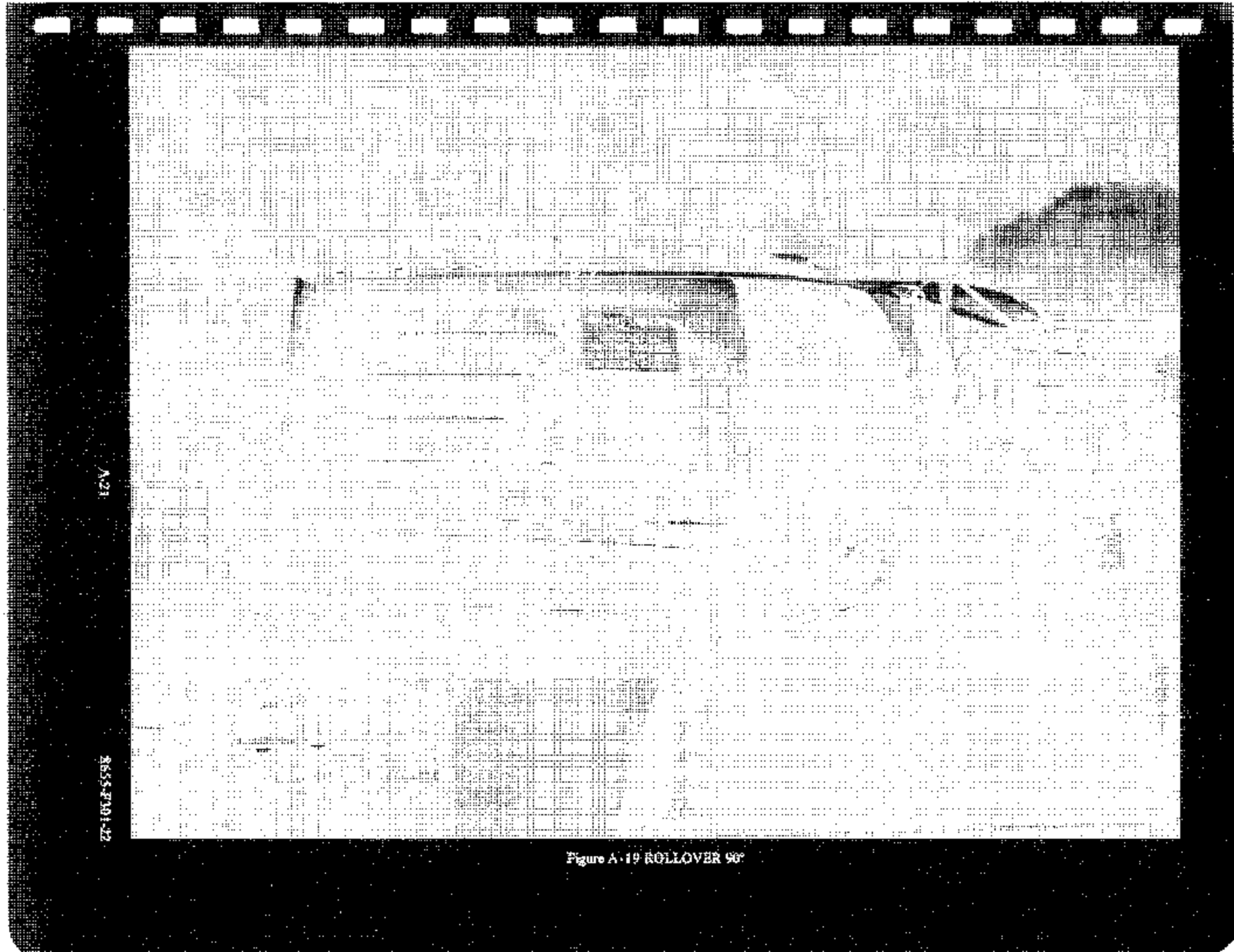

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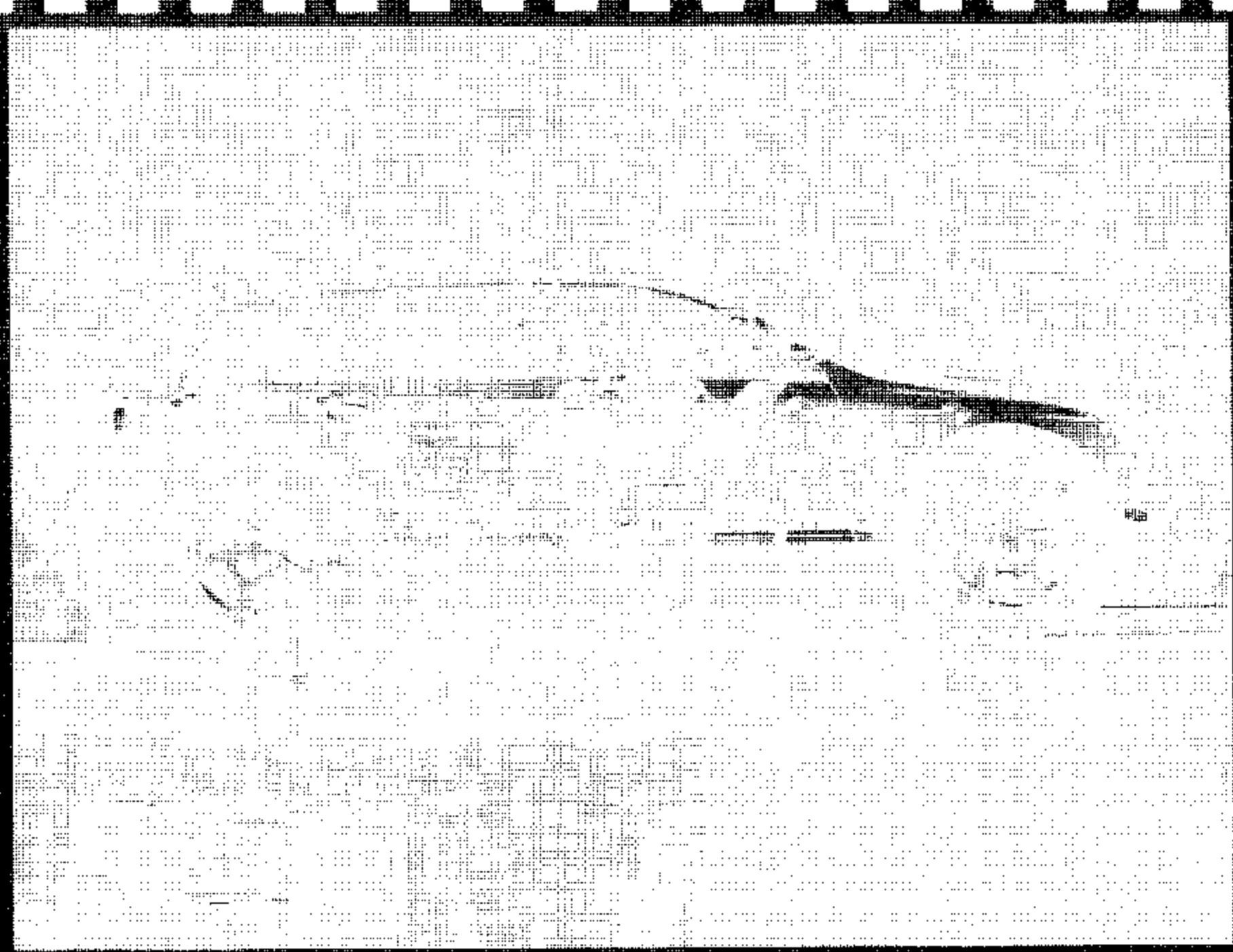

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