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INDICANT TEST

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2005 ACURA RL, PASSENGER CAR
NHTSA NO. C55300

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A 2005 Acura RL 4-door passenger car was subjected to the following tests to determine the effects of the newly developed FMVSS 207/210 force application devices (FAD) (a.k.a. Tommy (FAD 1) and Tommy Jr (FAD 2) as compared to the current FMVSS 207/210 seat belt body blocks.

1.1 TEST VEHICLE

The test vehicle was a 2005 Acura RL 4-door passenger car. Nomenclature applicable to the test vehicle are:

A. Vehicle Identification Number: JH4KB16505C011287

B. NHTSA No.: C55300

C. Manufacturer: JAPAN BY HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD.

D. Manufacture Date: 01/05

1.2 TEST DATE

The test vehicle was subjected to testing on June 21, 2005.

SECTION 2
TEST PROCEDURE AND SUMMARY OF RESULTS

2.0 GENERAL

The 2005 Acura RL 4-door passenger car, NHTSA No. C55300, was subjected to testing on June 21, 2005.

2.1 TEST PROCEDURE

FAD Positioning Procedure:

1. Place seat in full rearward and full downward position.
2. Set seatback angle per manufacturers recommendation.
3. Identify and mark the centerline of the seat and seat back for each seating position.
4. Place the FAD so the midsagittal plane of the FAD contains the centerline for both the seat and back support of the seat. (Centerline of Body aligns with the centerline of the seat)
5. Rotate torso forward.
6. Push on pelvis parallel to surface of seating surface so the back of the pelvis is solidly against the seat back.
7. Rotate the torso up against the seatback while holding the pelvis in place.
8. Push on torso at center of gravity, perpendicular to the seat back with a force of 40 pounds.
9. Attach seatbelt and position the seatbelt so lap belt is over the FAD's hips and the shoulder strap over the torso (chest).
10. If seatbelts need to be replaced with wire rope, install ratchet-type-belt tensioner on B-pillar between D-Ring and retractor and remove excess belt from the retractor. If a second retractor is installed on the lap belt, install a second ratchet type-belt tensioner between the FAD and the lap belt retractor.
11. Attach one actuator to the torso pull yoke and one to the pelvis eyelet.

Pull Test Procedure:

1. Connect load cells and actuators to the FAD's so they pull in a plane that is inclined 10° ± 4° above the horizontal. The applied load shall be parallel to the vehicle's centerline ± 3°. Also connect the standard test blocks in accordance with FMVSS 207/210 compliance testing.
2. Take pre-test photographs.
3. Ramp to holding load within 30 seconds.
4. Take photographs
5. Hold the maximum force for a period of not less than ten seconds.
6. Take post test photographs.

SECTION 2 Continued

Test Configuration for Toyota Avalon 5 Passenger Sedan:

1. LF FAD1
2. RF Standard Blocks
3. LR Standard Blocks
4. CR FAD2
5. RR FAD1

2.2 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The test results are provided in Section 3, Test Data.

SECTION 3
TEST DATA

3.0 DATA

The following items were noted during the conduct of these tests.

1. The new FMVSS 207/210 FAD (Tommy Blocks) are much easier to position and set for lap and shoulder belts than the current FMVSS 207/210 body blocks.

2. The current FMVSS 207/210 shoulder belt body block wants to slide down and rest on top of the lower body block. This is no longer a problem with the new FMVSS 207/210 FAD (Tommy Blocks).

3. The new FMVSS 207/210 FAD (Tommy Blocks) appear to be more "seat belt friendly" than the current FMVSS 207/210 body blocks. ie: A remote chance of breakage of the lap belt buckle due to bending around the corner of the current FMVSS 207/210 lap belt body block and less pay-out of shoulder belt during the test due to the torso being connected to the lap on the new FMVSS 207/210 FAD (Tommy Blocks).

4. Using existing body block, pay-out of seat belt webbing due to load limiters causes hydraulic test load application cylinders to bottom-out and test cannot be completed without resetting and starting the test over again. The resetting of the hydraulic test load application cylinders was not necessary using the new proposed FMVSS 207/210 FAD (Tommy Blocks).

5. This vehicle appears to meet the requirements of FVMSS 210 when tested with current FMVSS 207/210 body blocks and the proposed FMVSS 207/210 FAD force application device (a.k.a.) Tommy (FAD 1) and Tommy Jr. (FAD 2).

DATA SHEET 1
LAP AND SHOULDER BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGE LOADING

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2005 ACURA RL PASSENGER CAR
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.: C55300 ; VIN: JH4KB16505C011287
LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABORATORIES
TEST DATE: 06/21/05
OBSERVERS: G. Farrand, J. Latane, E. Chan, A. Brown

SEAT	BELT ASSEMBLY TESTED	MAXIMUM LOAD REQUIREMENT	APPLIED LOAD
FRONT GTL TEST #5316	Left Lap	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2980
	Left Shoulder	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2986
	Right Lap	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2973
	Right Shoulder	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2977
REAR GTL TEST #5317	Left Lap	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2972
	Left Shoulder	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2991
	Right Lap	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2973
	Right Shoulder	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2983
	Center Lap	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2985
	Center Shoulder	3000 lbs, -10, -50	2982

REMARKS:

RECORDED BY: J. Farrand DATE: 06/21/05

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DATA SHEET 2
SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY LOAD ANGLE MEASUREMENT

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2005 ACURA RL PASSENGER CAR
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.: C55300 ; VIN: JH4KB16505C011287
LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABORATORIES
TEST DATE: 06/21/05
OBSERVERS: G. Farrand, J. Latane, E. Chan, A. Brown

TYPE	ANGLE MEASURED	ANGLE REFERENCE	ANGLE AT 10% LOAD (degrees)					
			LEFT DSP		CENTER D&P		RIGHT DSP	
			FRT	RR	FRT	RR	FRT	RR
LAP BELT	Load Application Angle (degrees)	From Side View Horizontal 10 ± 4	11°	8°	N/A	8°	11°	8°
		From Plan View Vehicle Centerline 0 ± 3	0°	0°	N/A	0°	0°	0°
SHOULDER BELT	Load Application Angle (degrees)	From Side View Horizontal 10 ± 4	12°	9°	N/A	9°	12°	9°
		From Plan View Vehicle Centerline 0 ± 3	0°	0°	N/A	0°	0°	0°

REMARKS:

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SECTION 4
INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

TABLE 1 - INSTRUMENTATION & EQUIPMENT LIST

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	MODEL/ SERIAL NO.	CAL. DATE	NEXT CAL. DATE
COMPUTER	AT&T	486DX266	N/A	N/A
TEST FIXTURE	GTL	N/A	BEFORE USE	BEFORE USE
SIGNAL CONDITIONER	METRABYTE	EXP-RES	BEFORE USE	BEFORE USE
LOAD CELL	REVERE	46021	01/05	01/06
LOAD CELL	REVERE	46022	01/05	01/06
LOAD CELL	REVERE	46023	01/05	01/06
LOAD CELL	REVERE	46024	01/05	01/06
LOAD CELL	REVERE	46025	01/05	01/06
LOAD CELL	REVERE	44243	01/05	01/06

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FIGURE 5.1
¾ FRONTAL LEFT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE

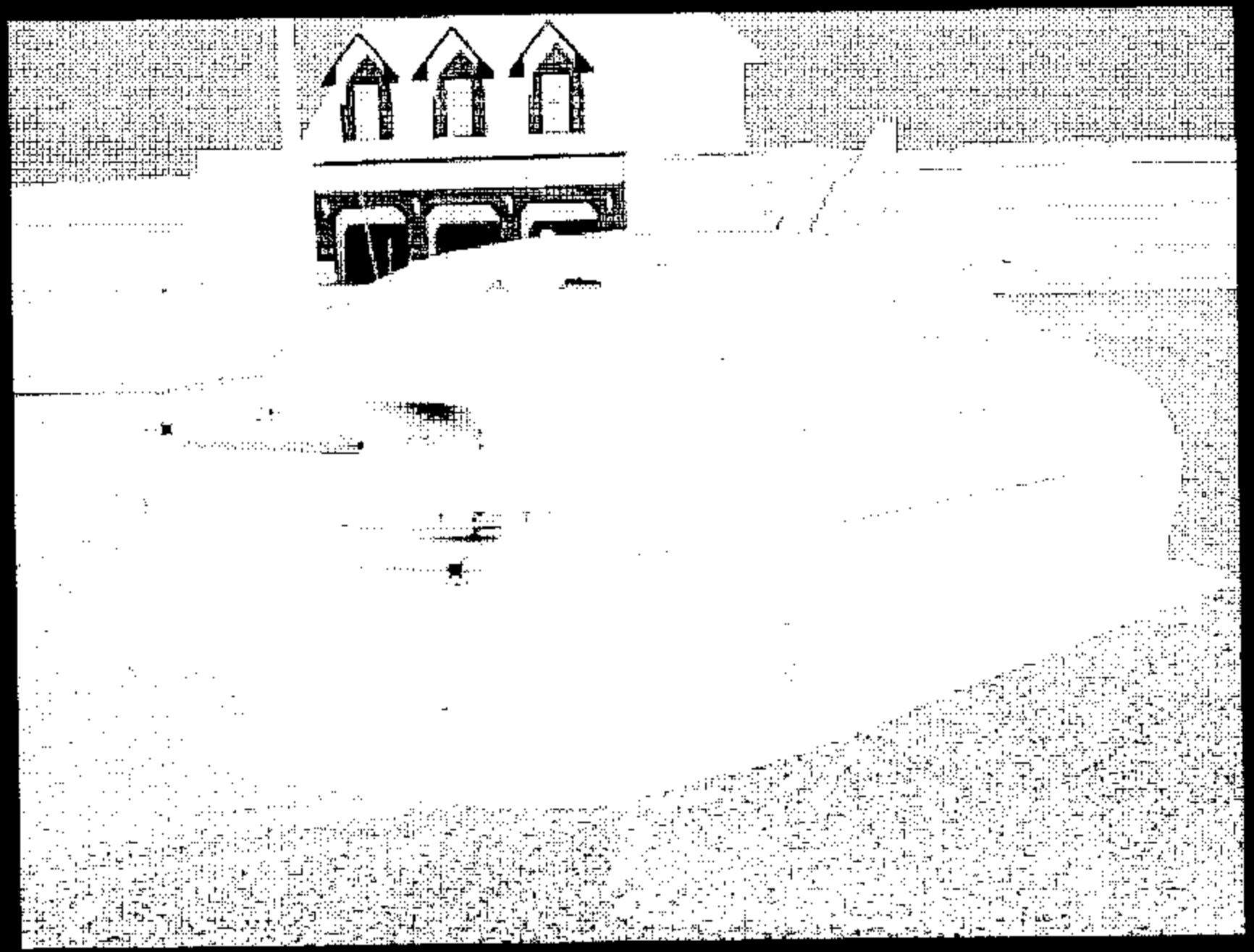

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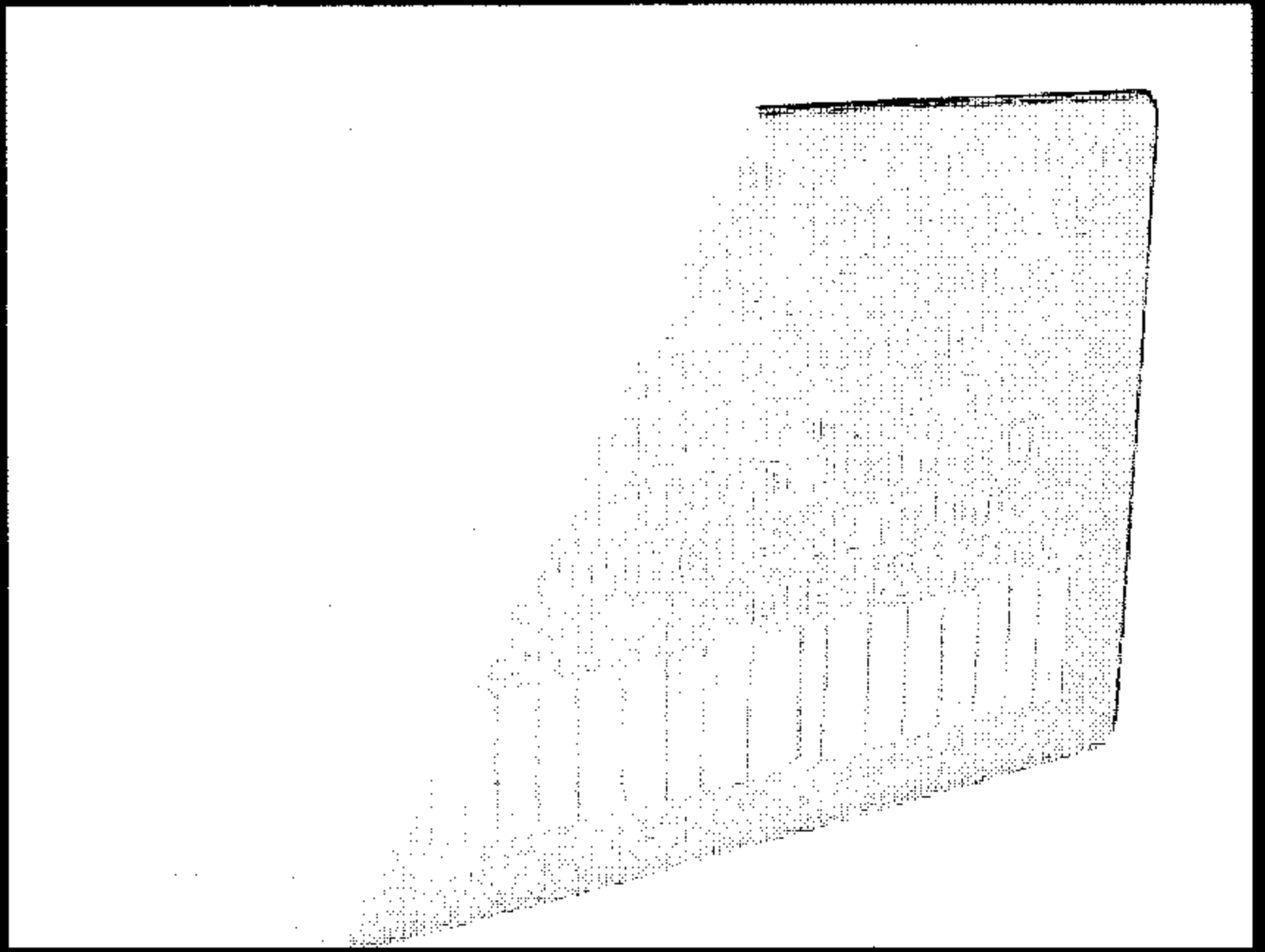
FIGURE 5.2
¾ REAR RIGHT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE



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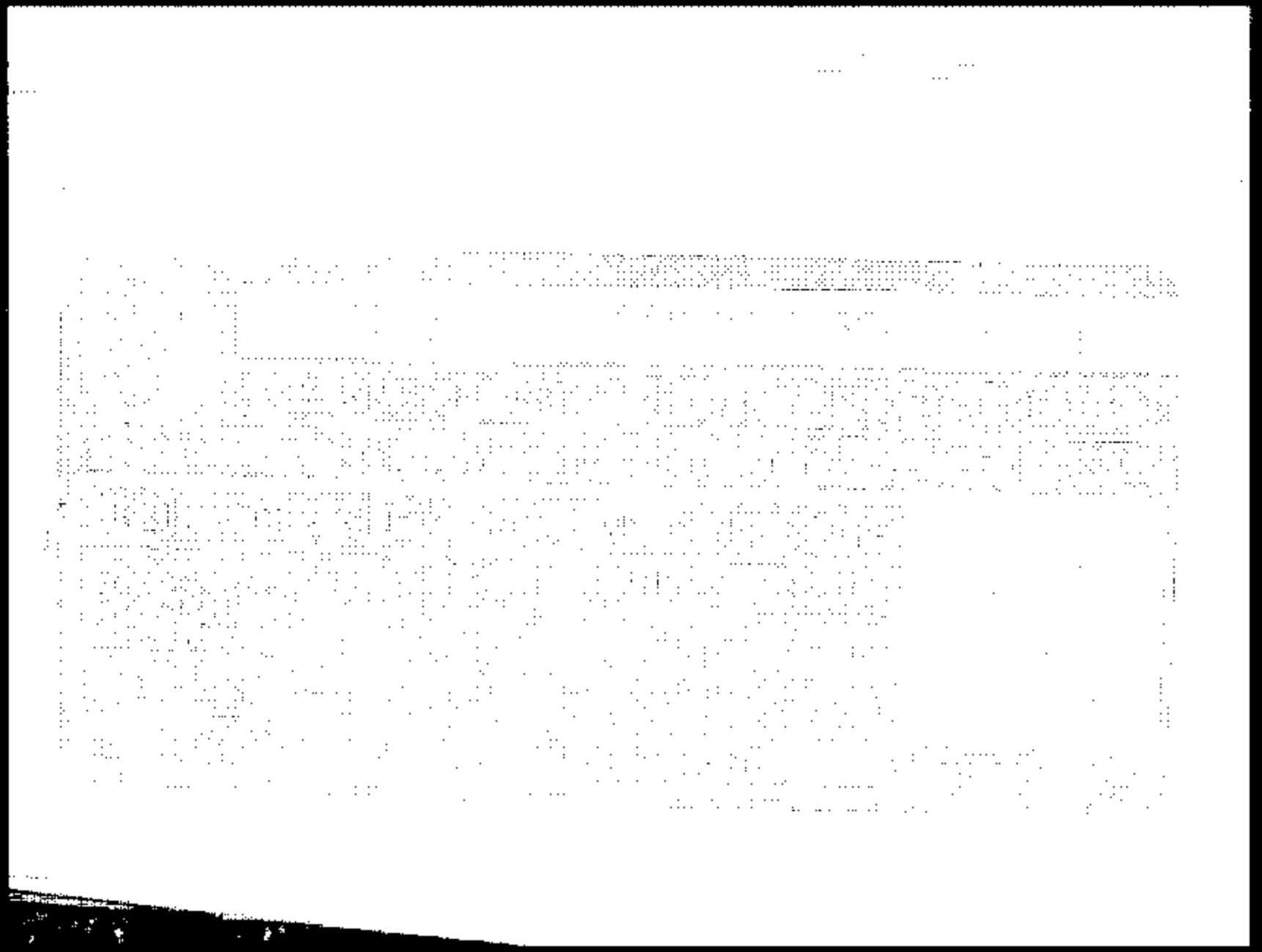
VEHICLE CERTIFICATION LABEL



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VEHICLE TIRE INFORMATION LABEL

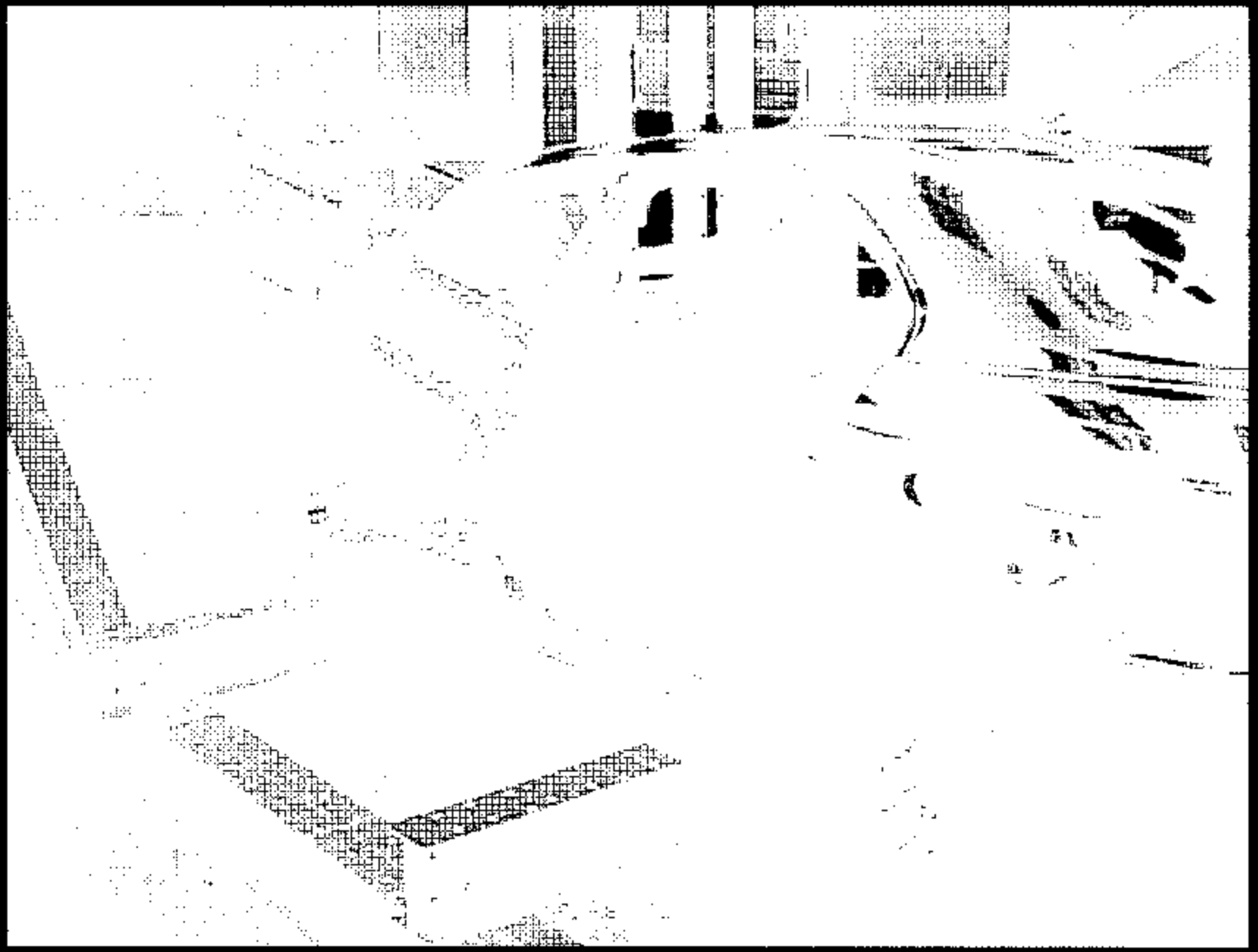

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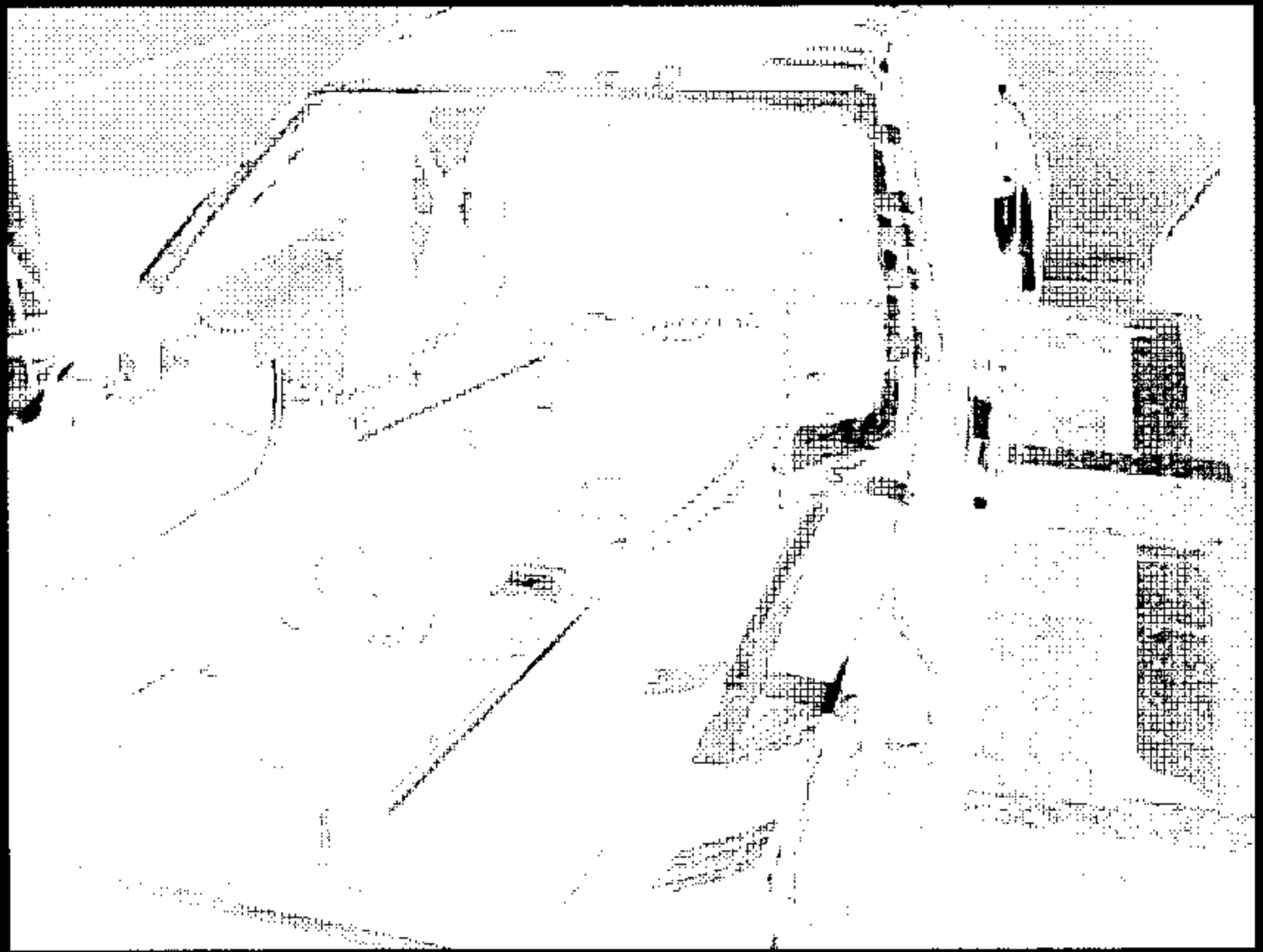
FIGURE 5.5
¾ LEFT REAR VIEW OF VEHICLE IN TEST RIG



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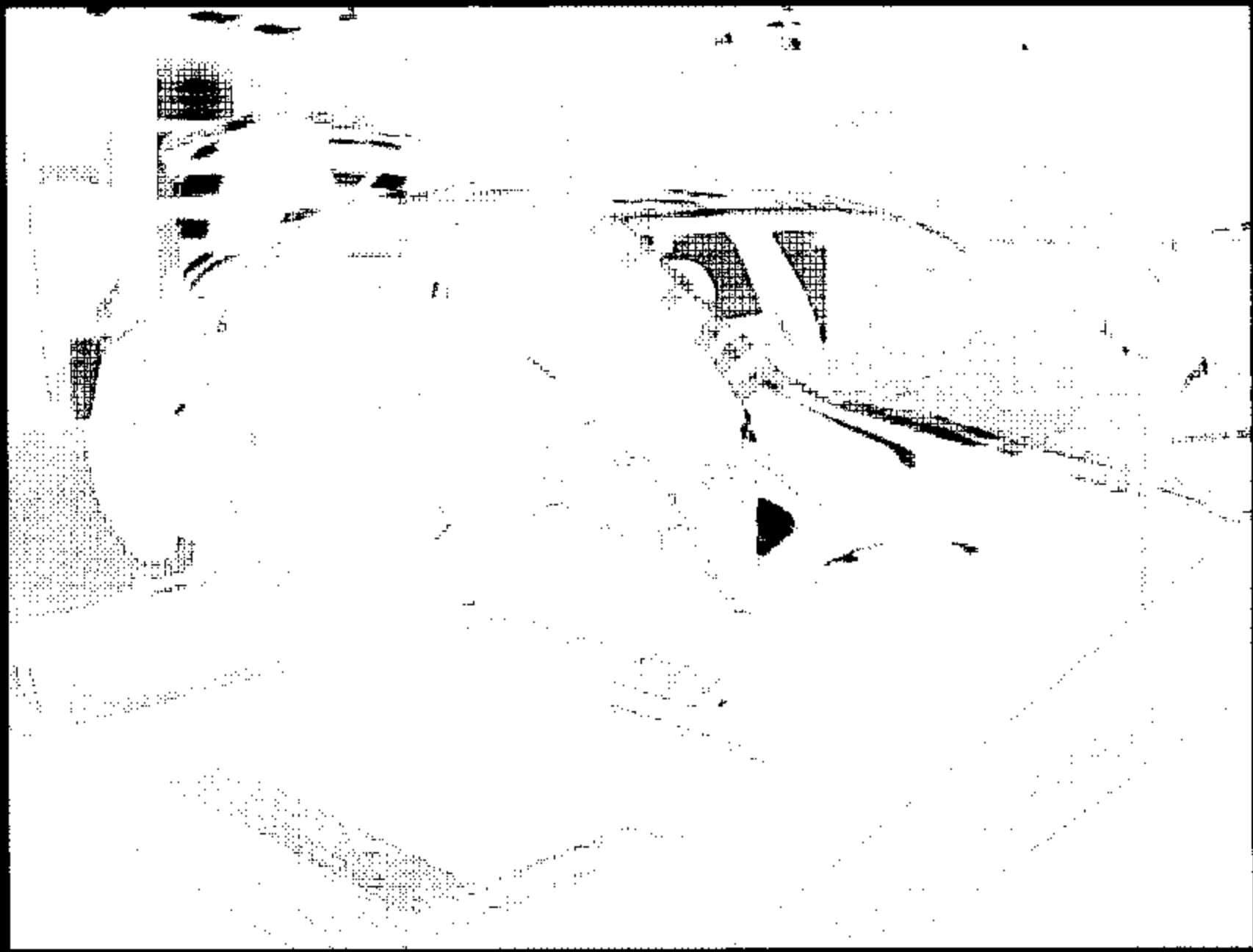
¾ LEFT FRONT VIEW OF VEHICLE IN TEST RIG



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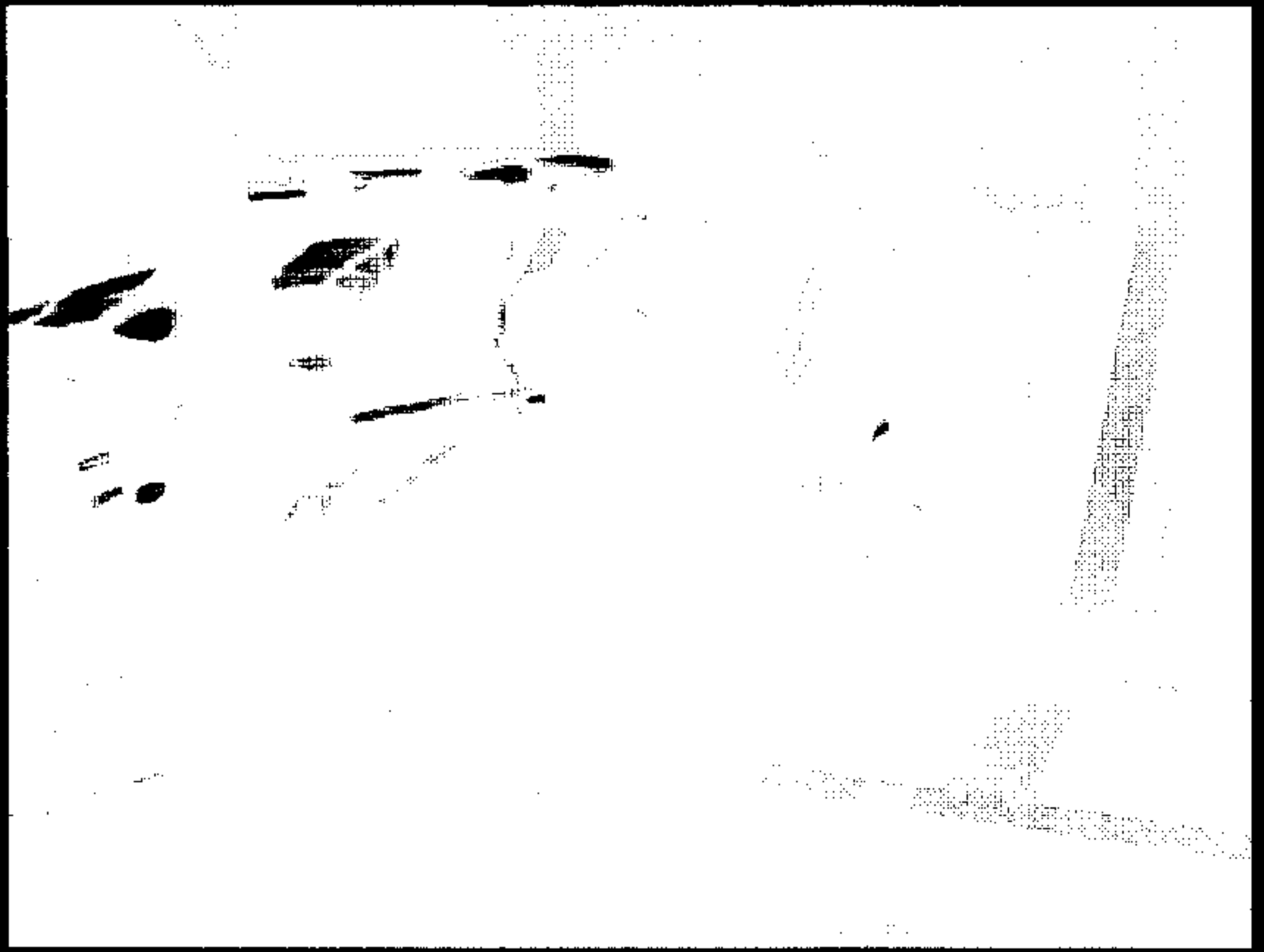
¾ RIGHT FRONT VIEW OF VEHICLE IN TEST RIG



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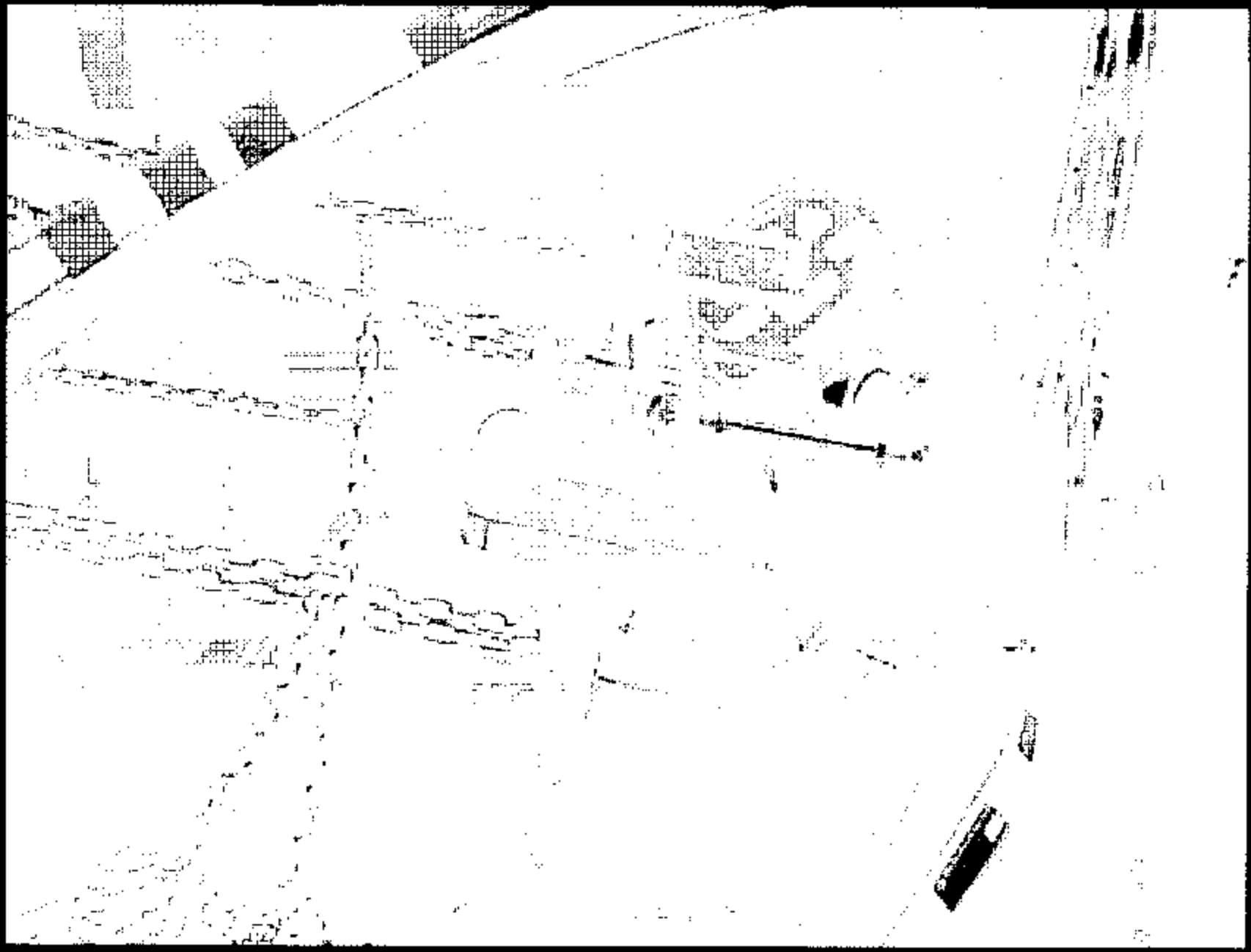

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FIGURE 5.9
PRE-TEST ROW 1, LEFT SIDE VIEW

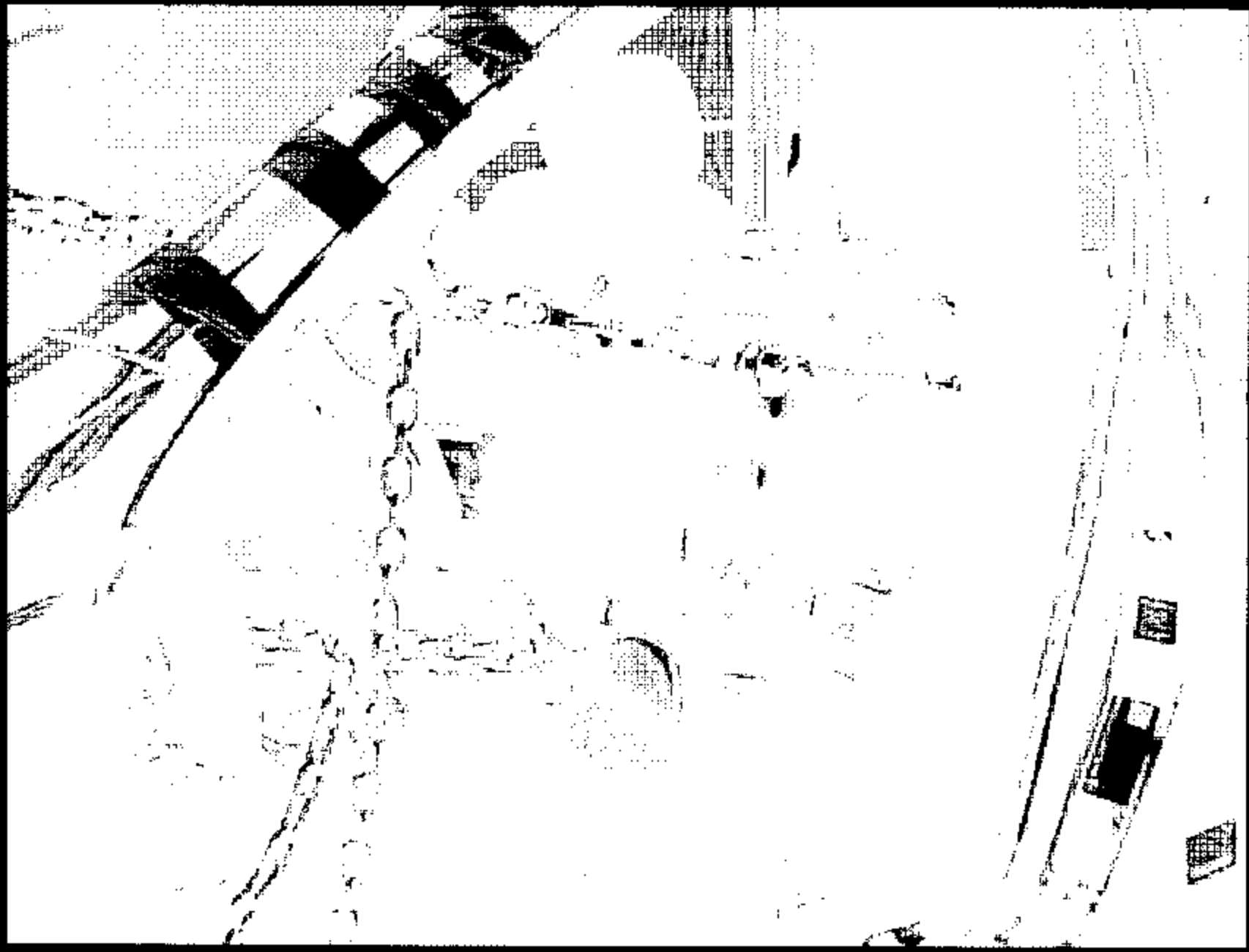

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FIGURE 5.10
PRE-TEST ROW 1, ¾ LEFT FRONT VIEW

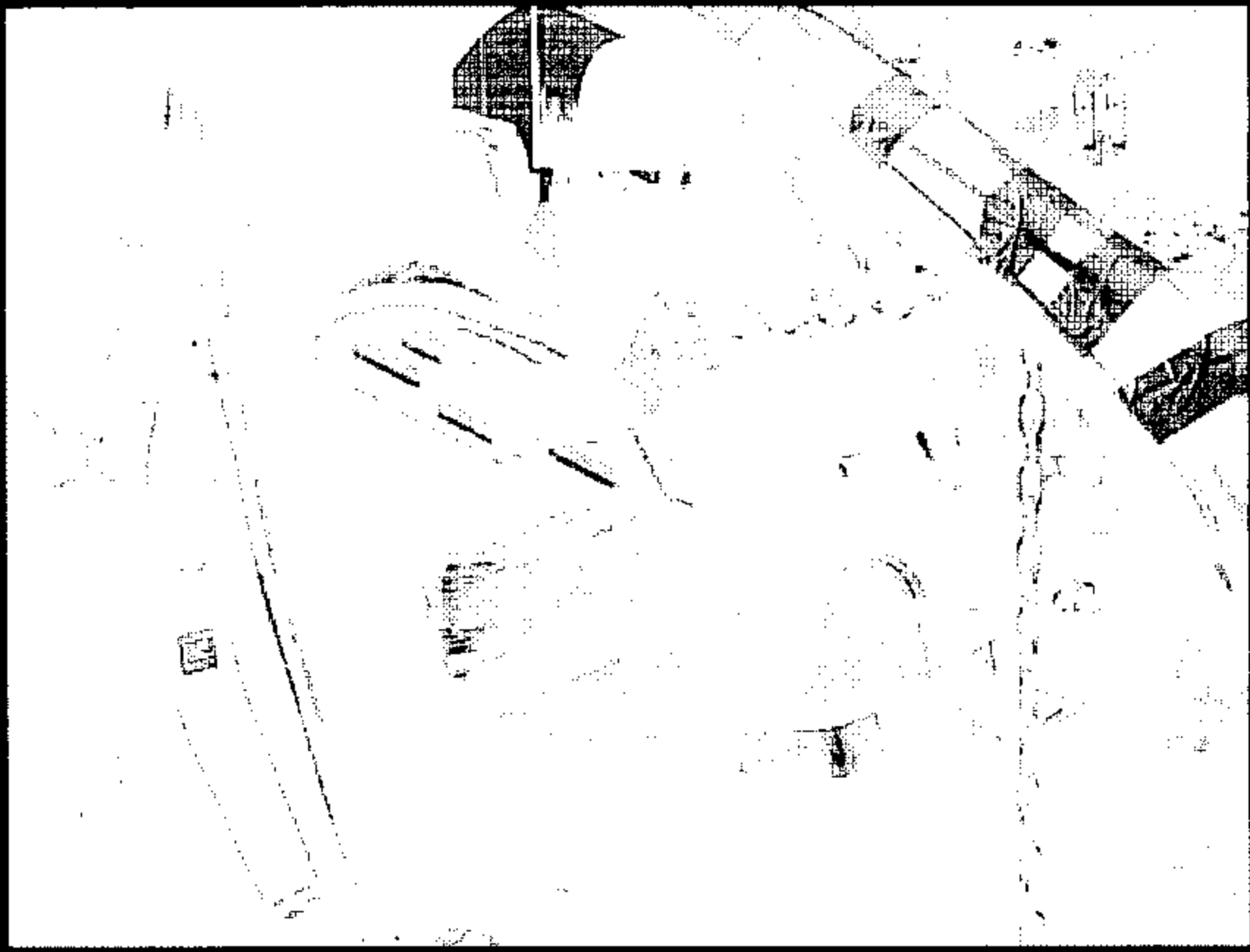

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FIGURE 5.11
PRE-TEST ROW 1, ¾ RIGHT FRONT VIEW

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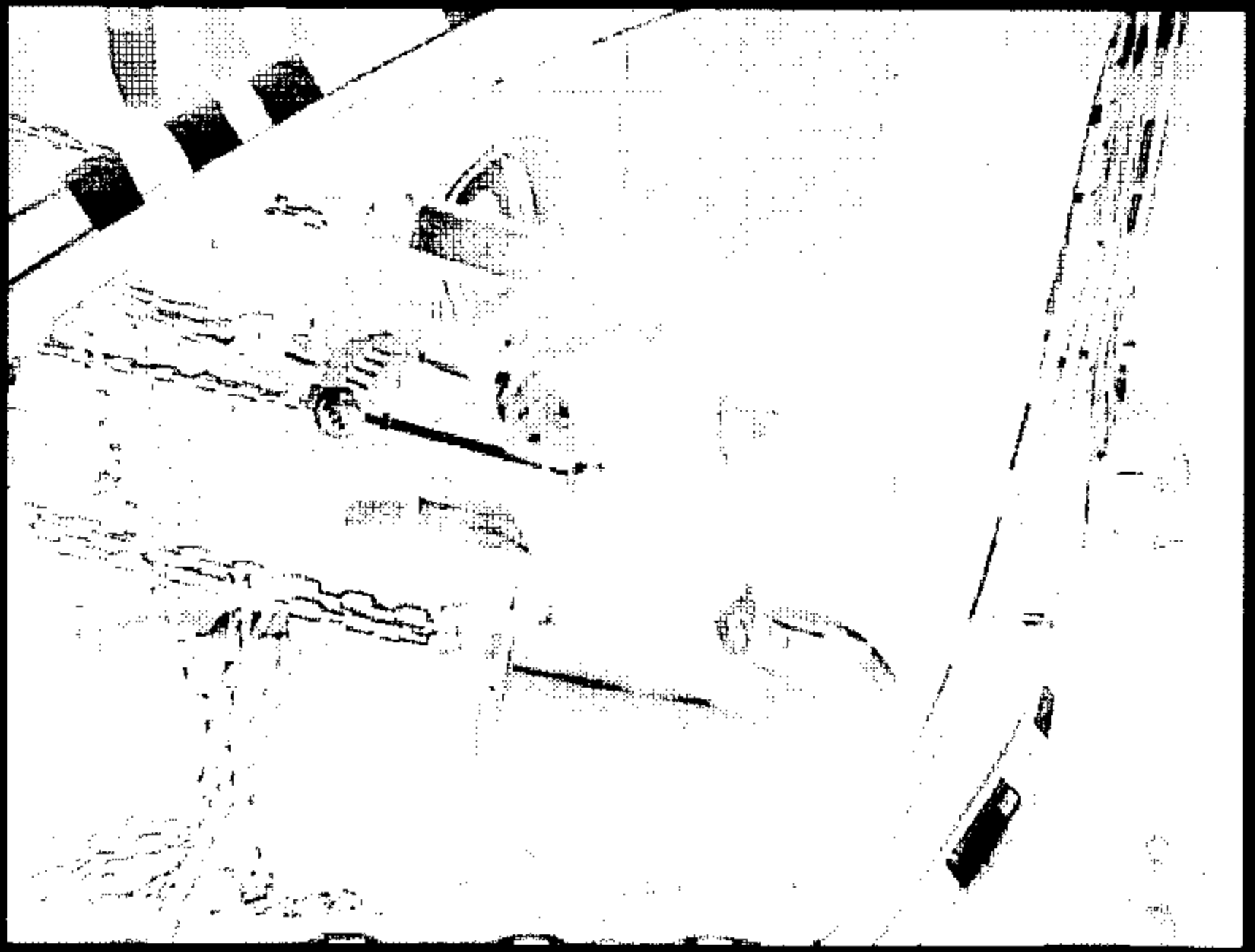
FIGURE 5.12
PRE-TEST ROW 1, RIGHT SIDE VIEW



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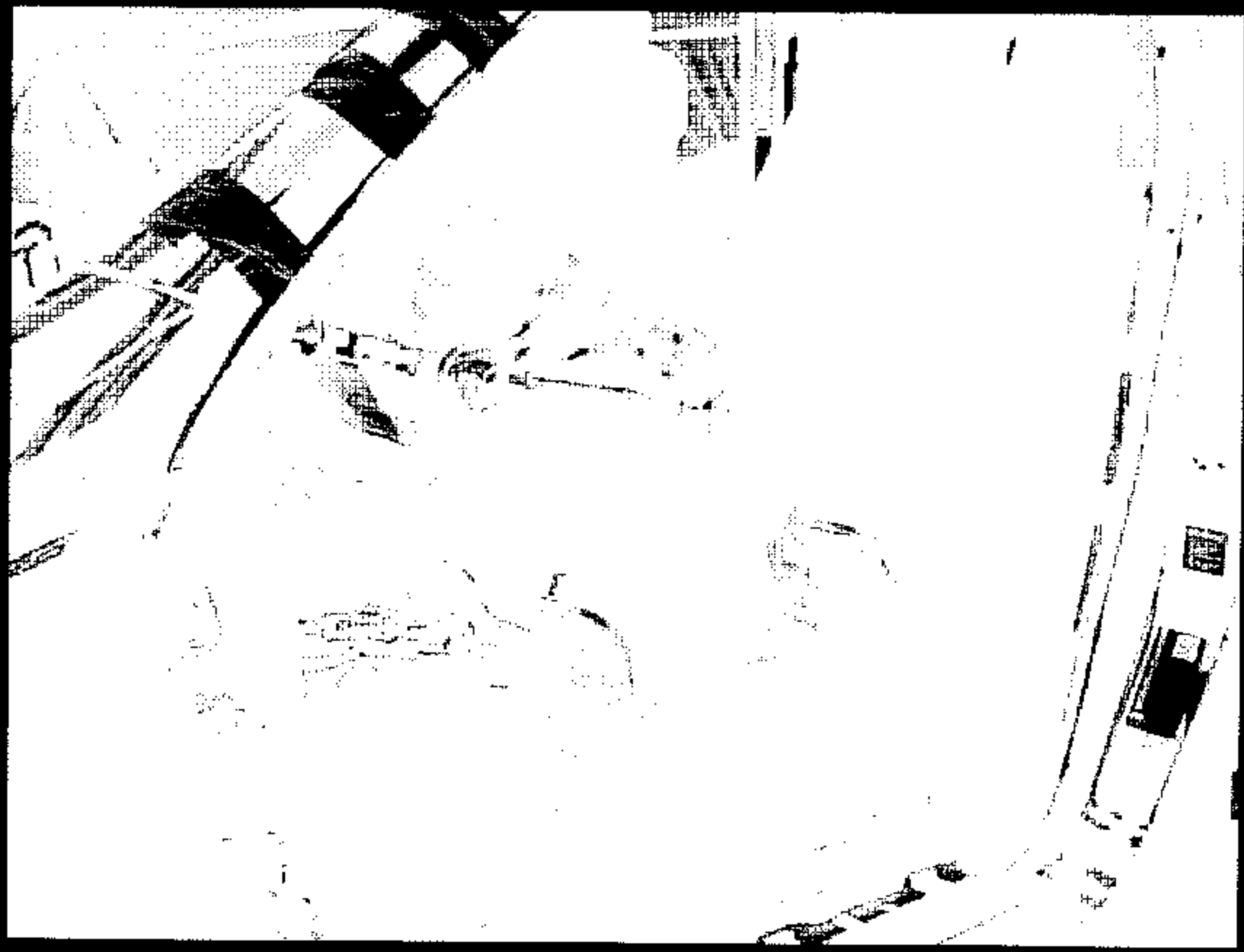
FULL LOAD ROW 1, LEFT SIDE VIEW



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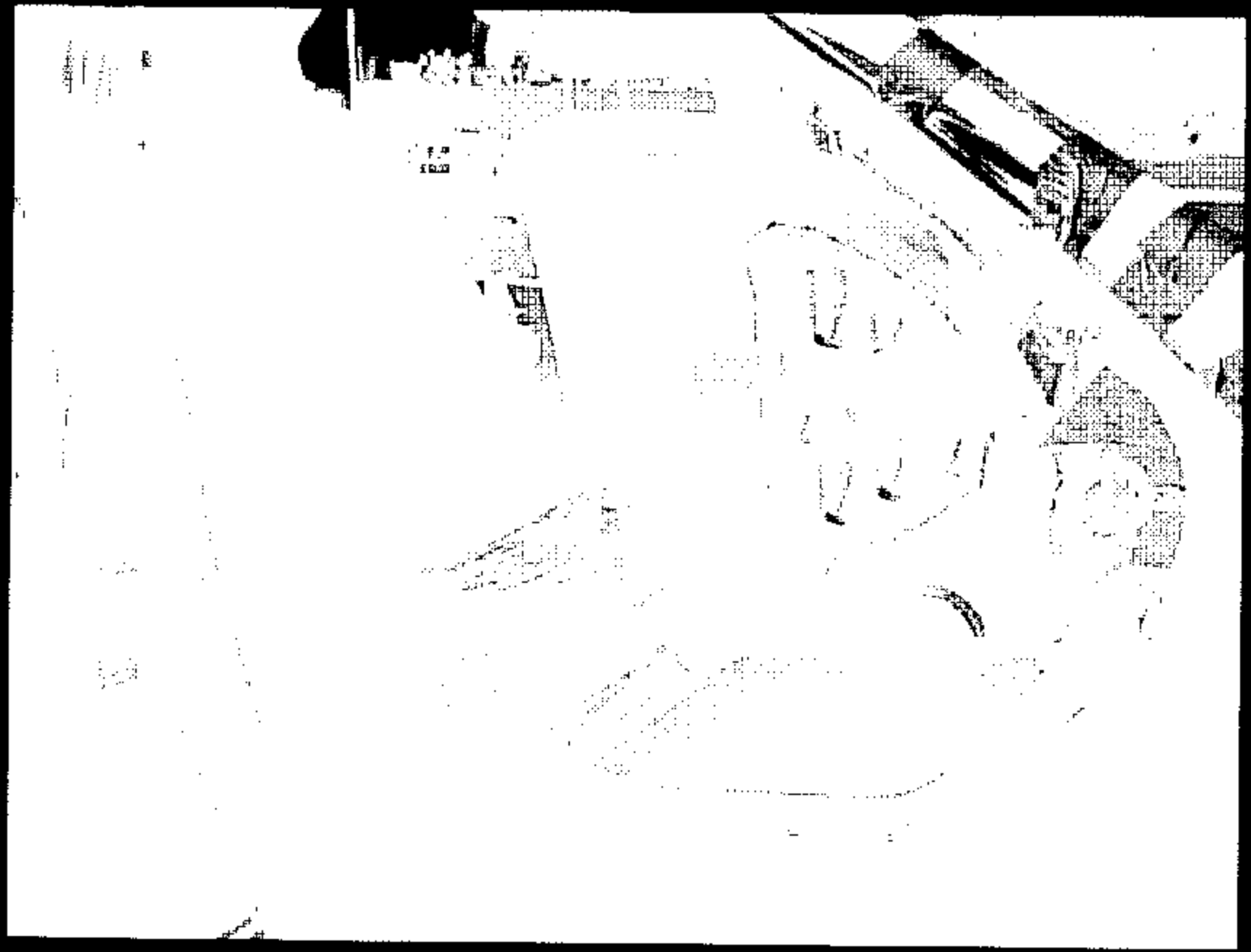

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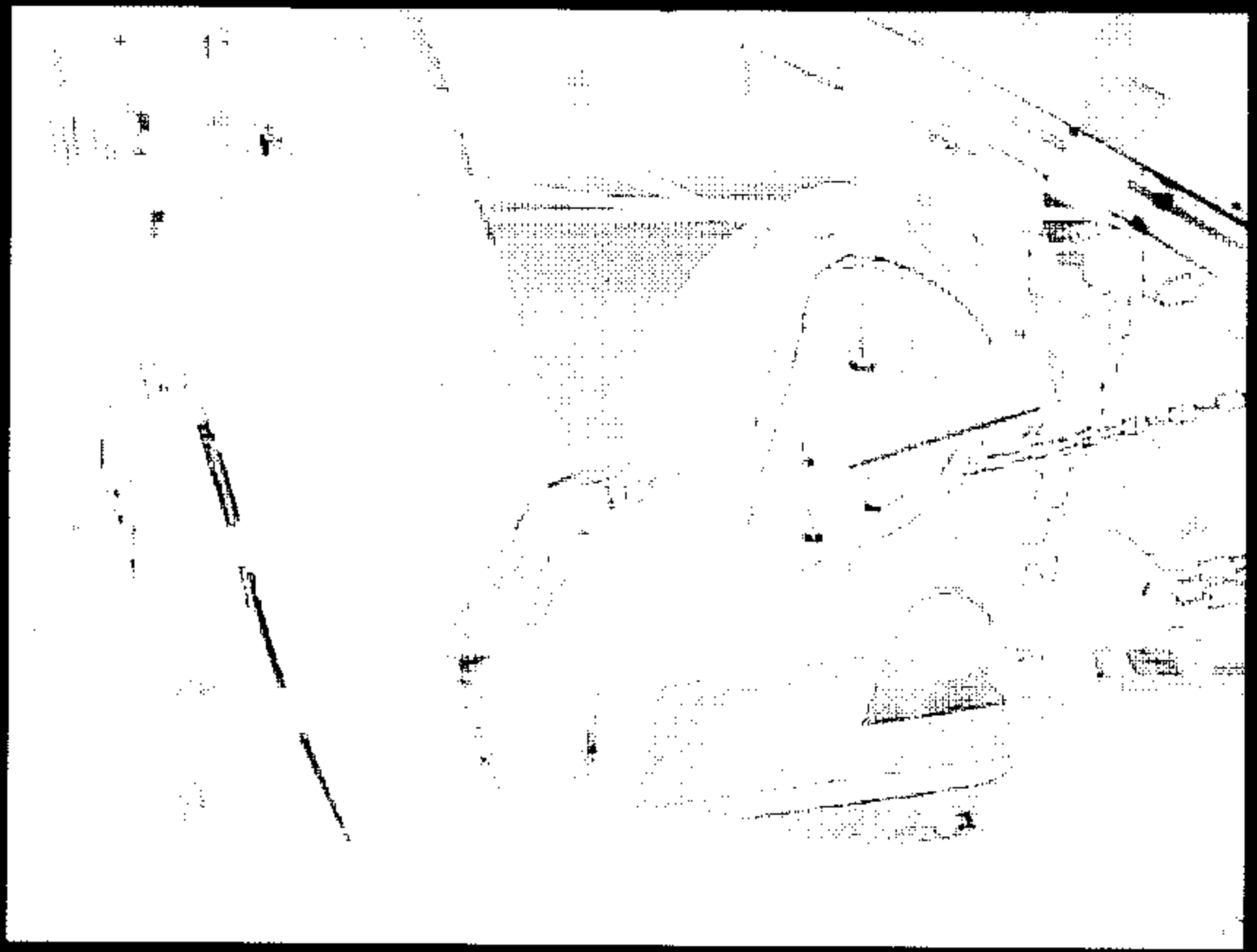

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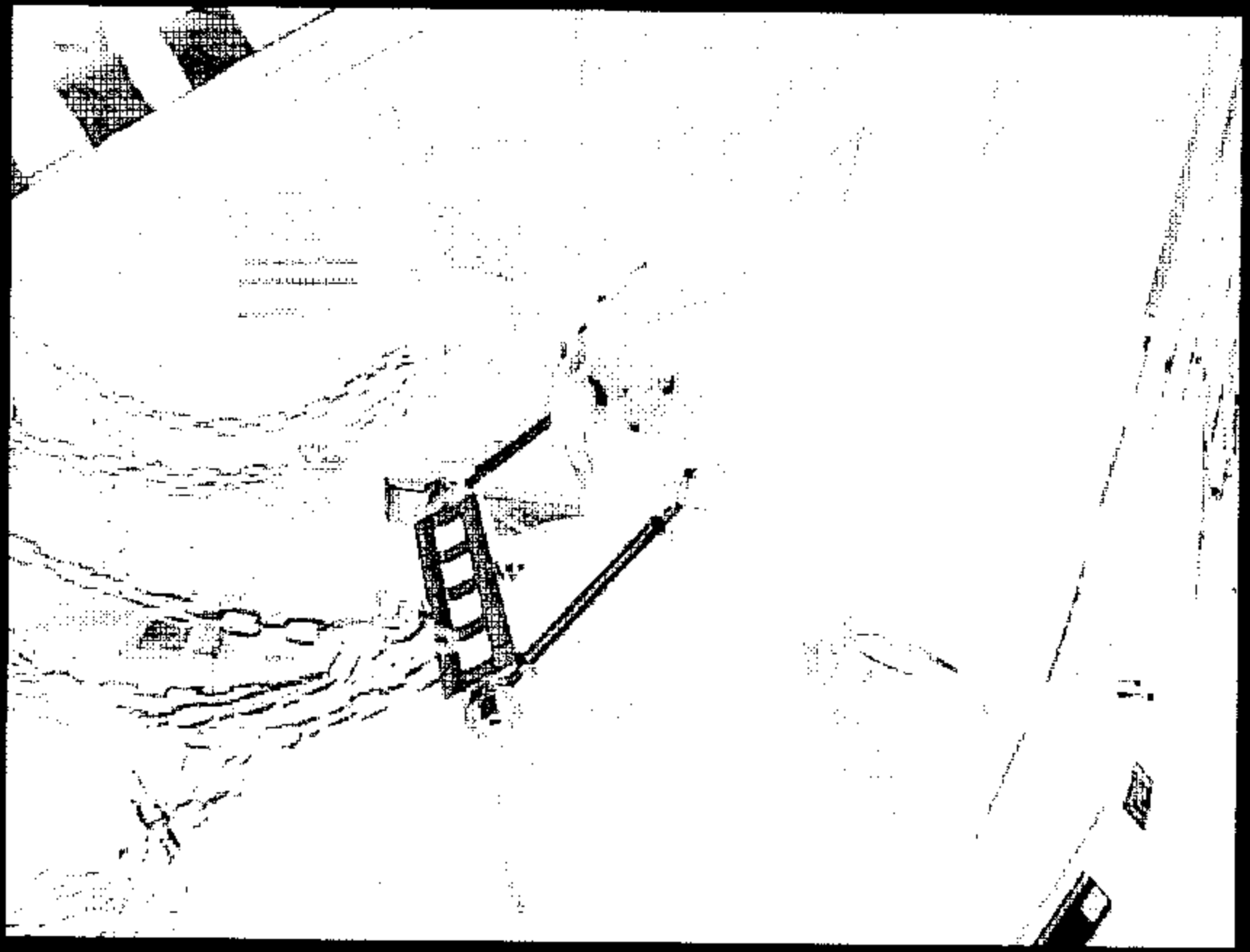

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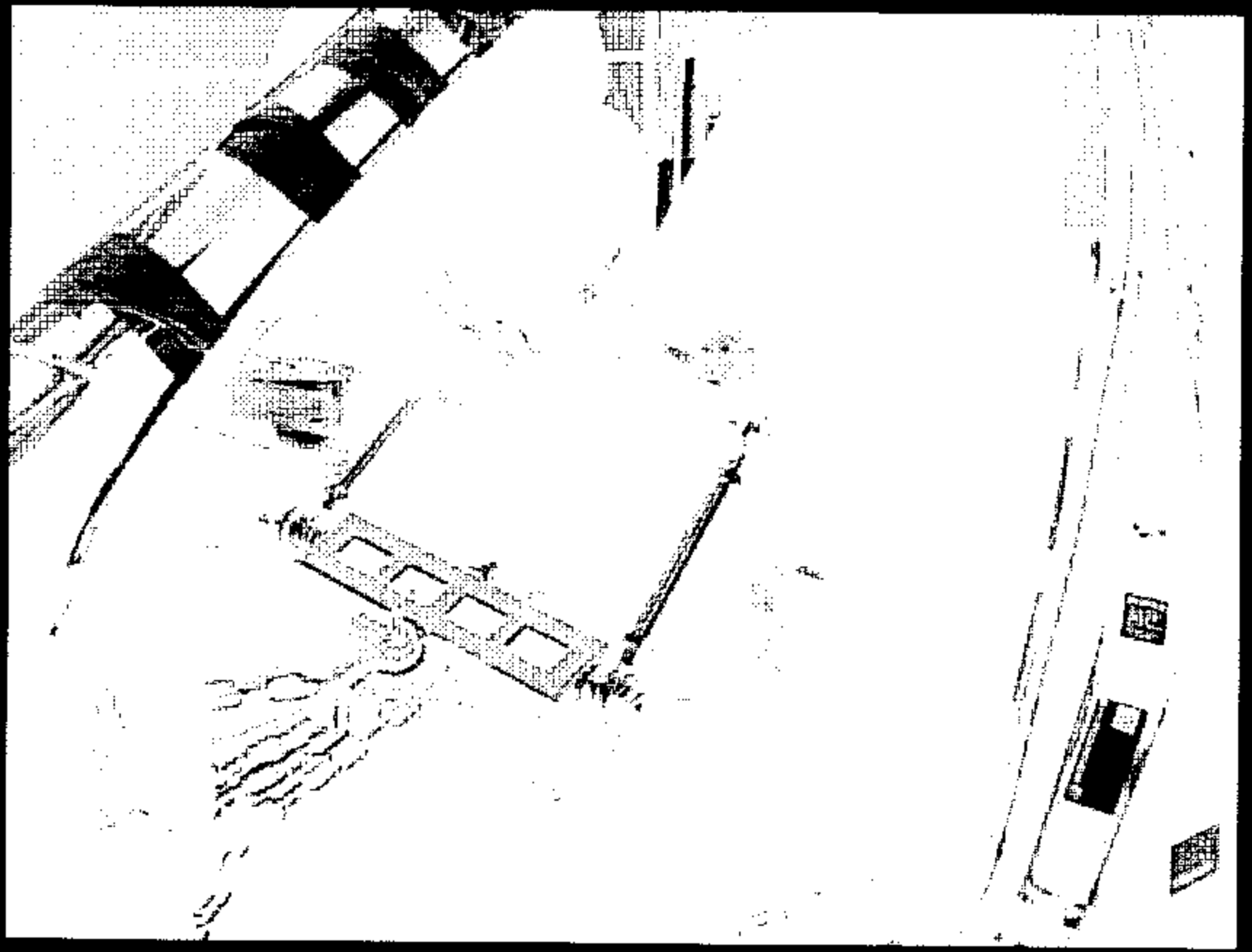
FIGURE 5.17
POST TEST ROW 1, LEFT SIDE VIEW



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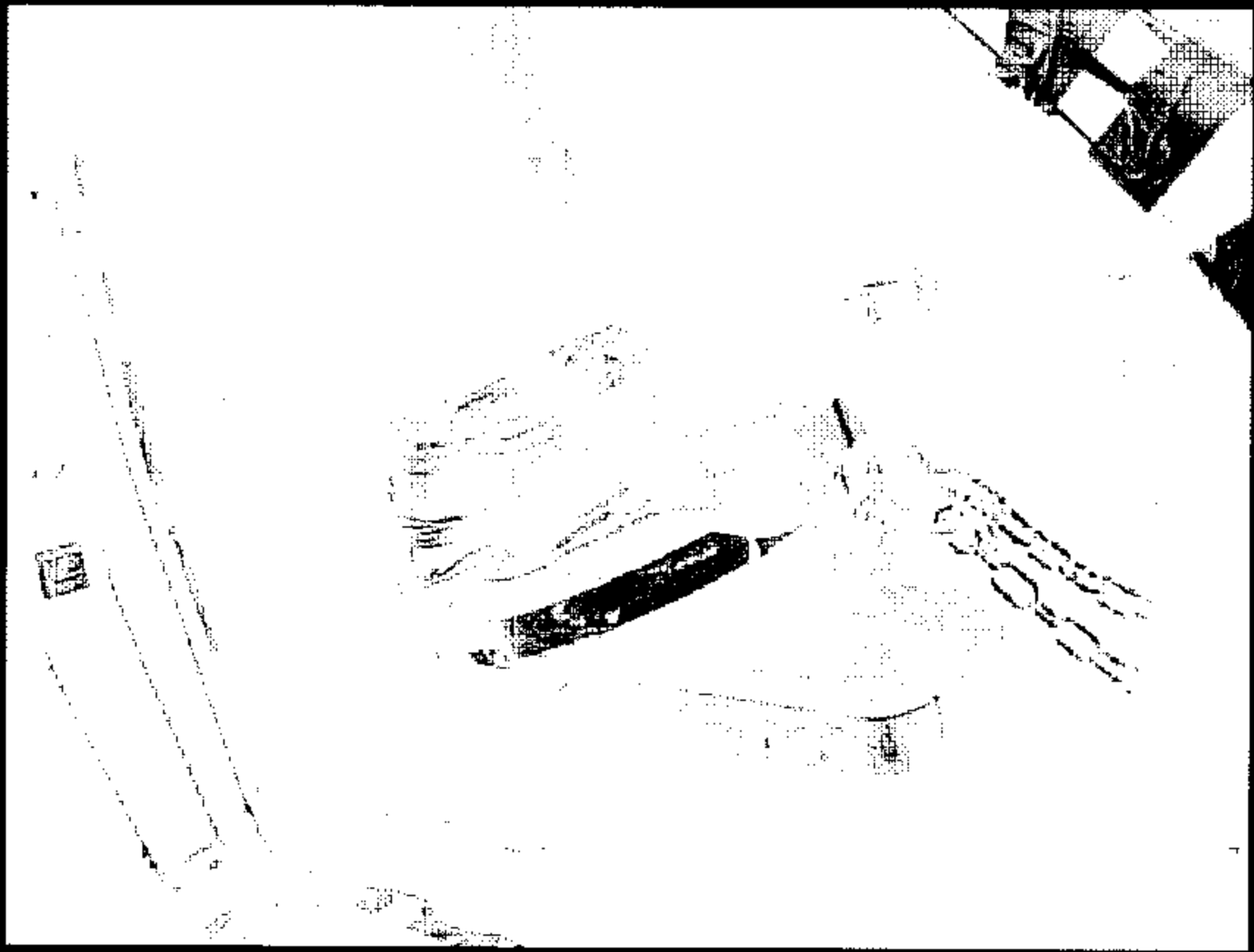

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FIGURE 5.19
POST TEST ROW 1, ¾ RIGHT FRONT VIEW

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FIGURE 5.20
POST TEST ROW 1, RIGHT SIDE VIEW

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FIGURE 6.21
PRE-TEST ROW 2, LEFT SIDE VIEW

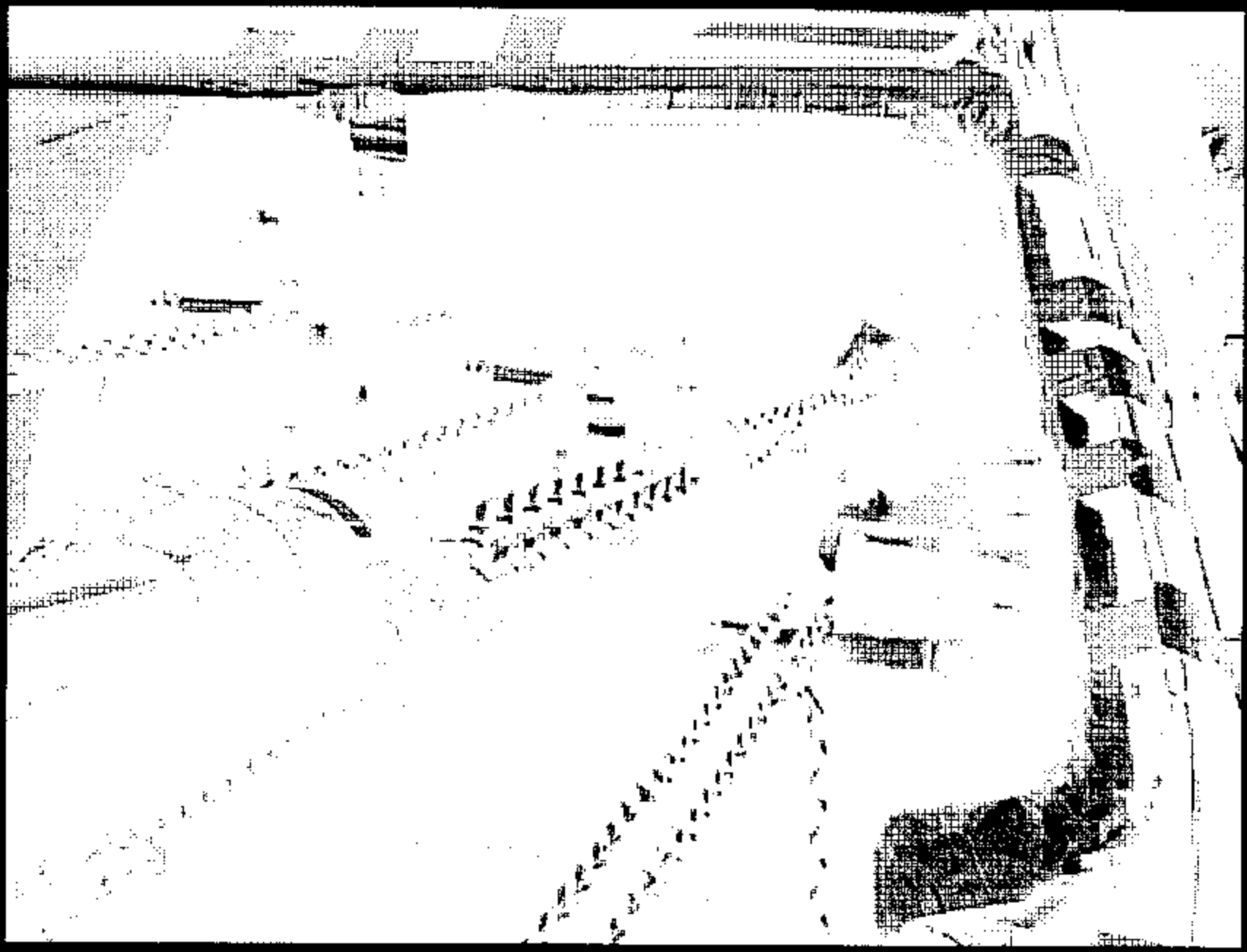

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FIGURE 5.22
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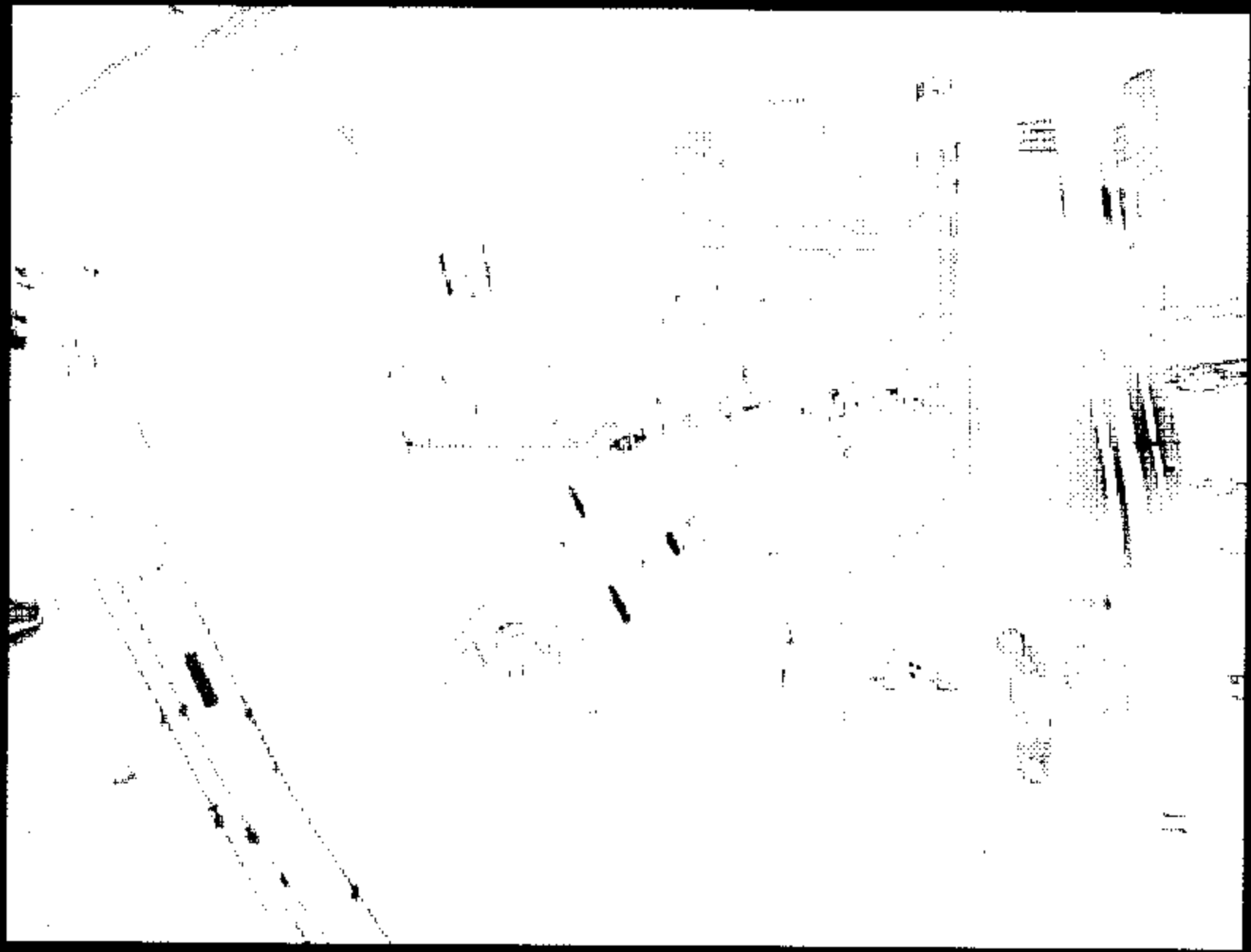

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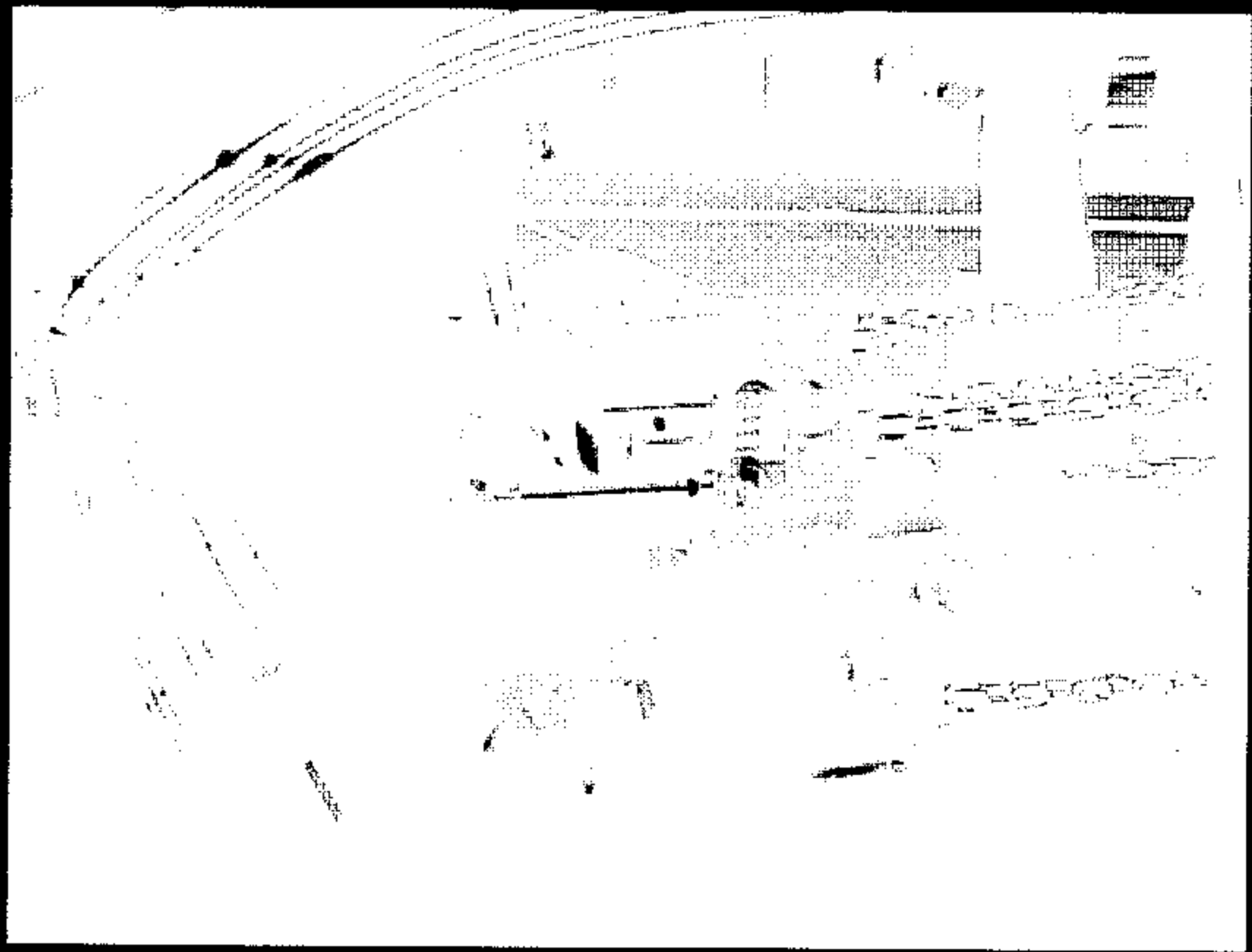

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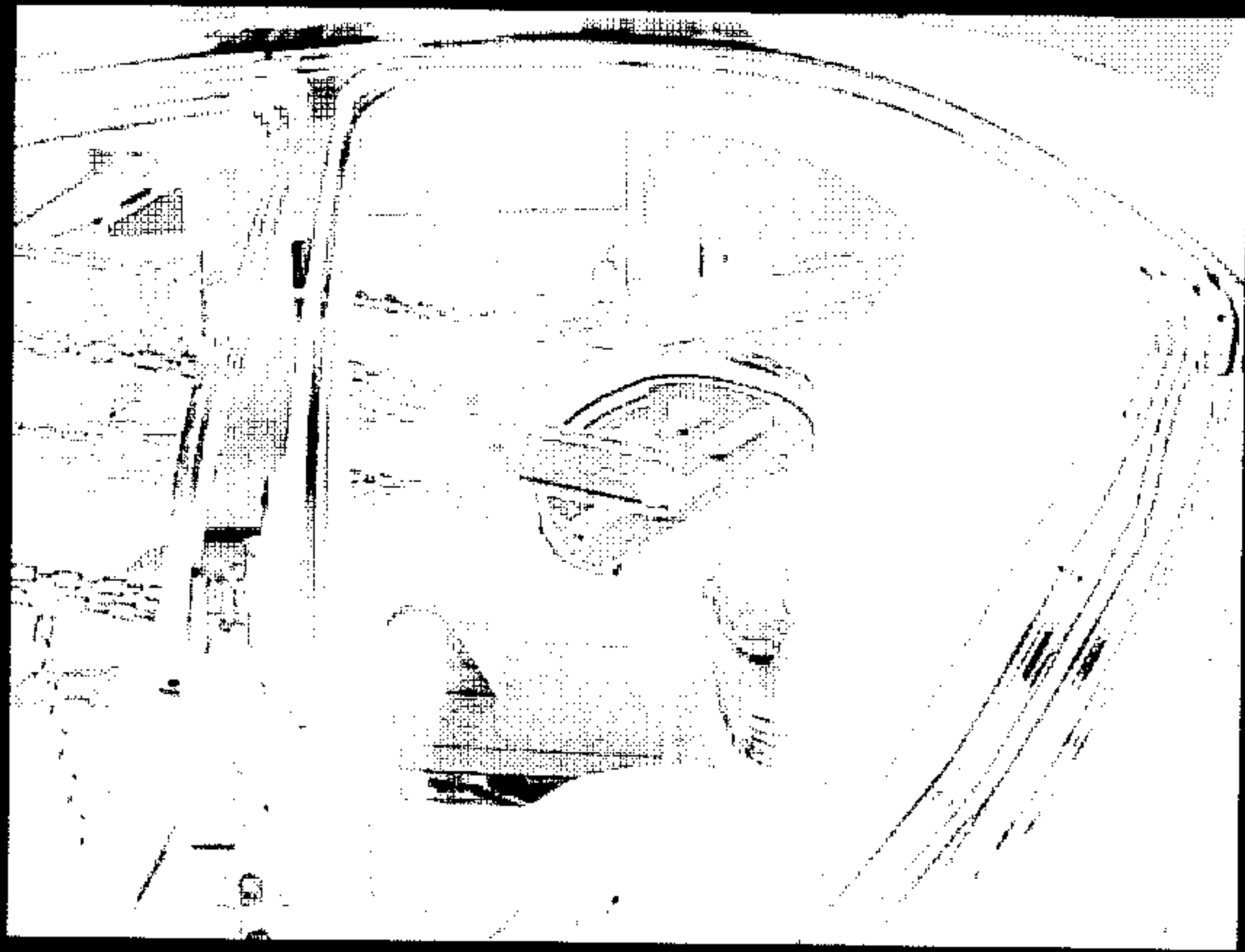

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FULL LOAD ROW 2, LEFT SIDE VIEW

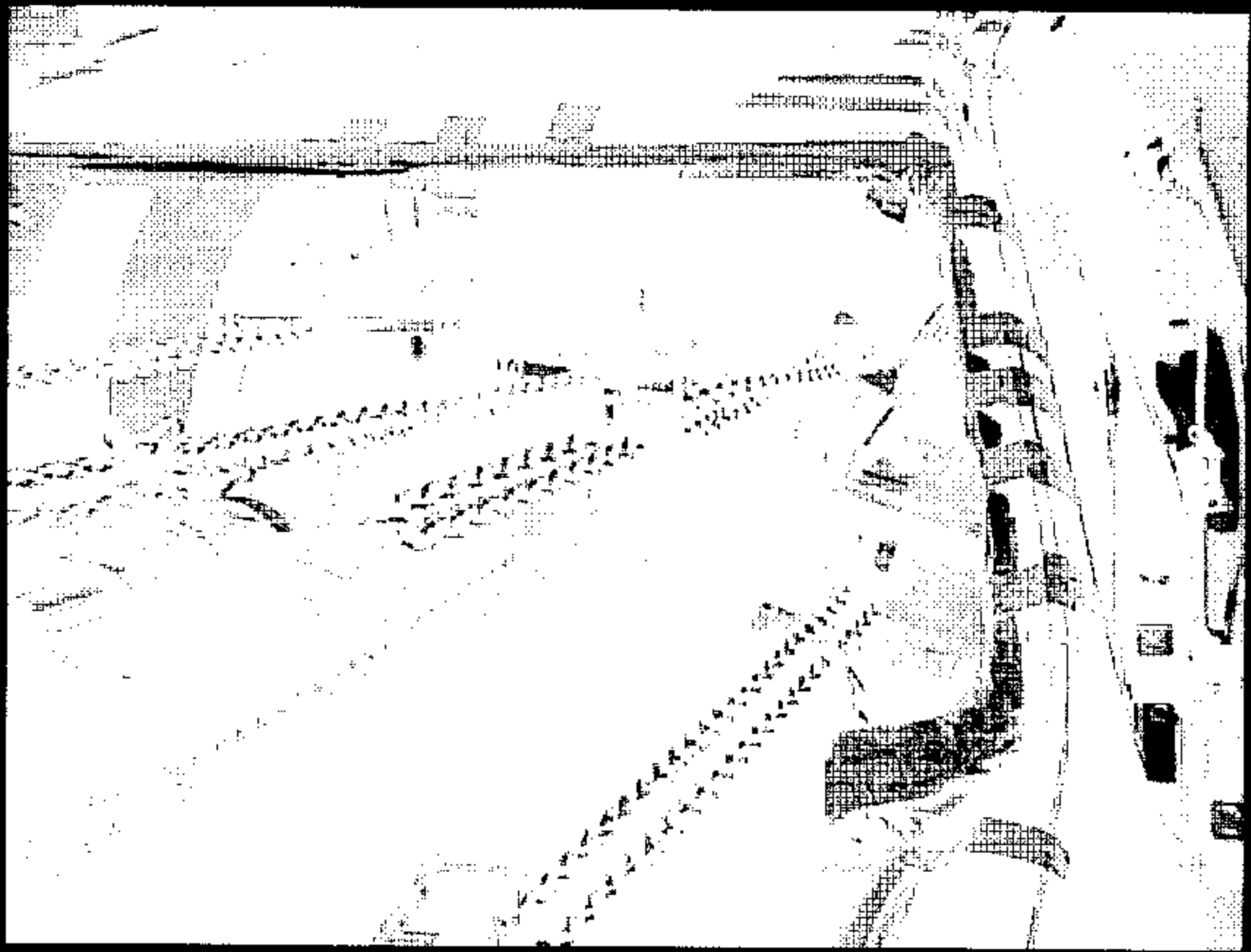

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FIGURE 5.26
FULL LOAD ROW 2, ¾ LEFT FRONT VIEW

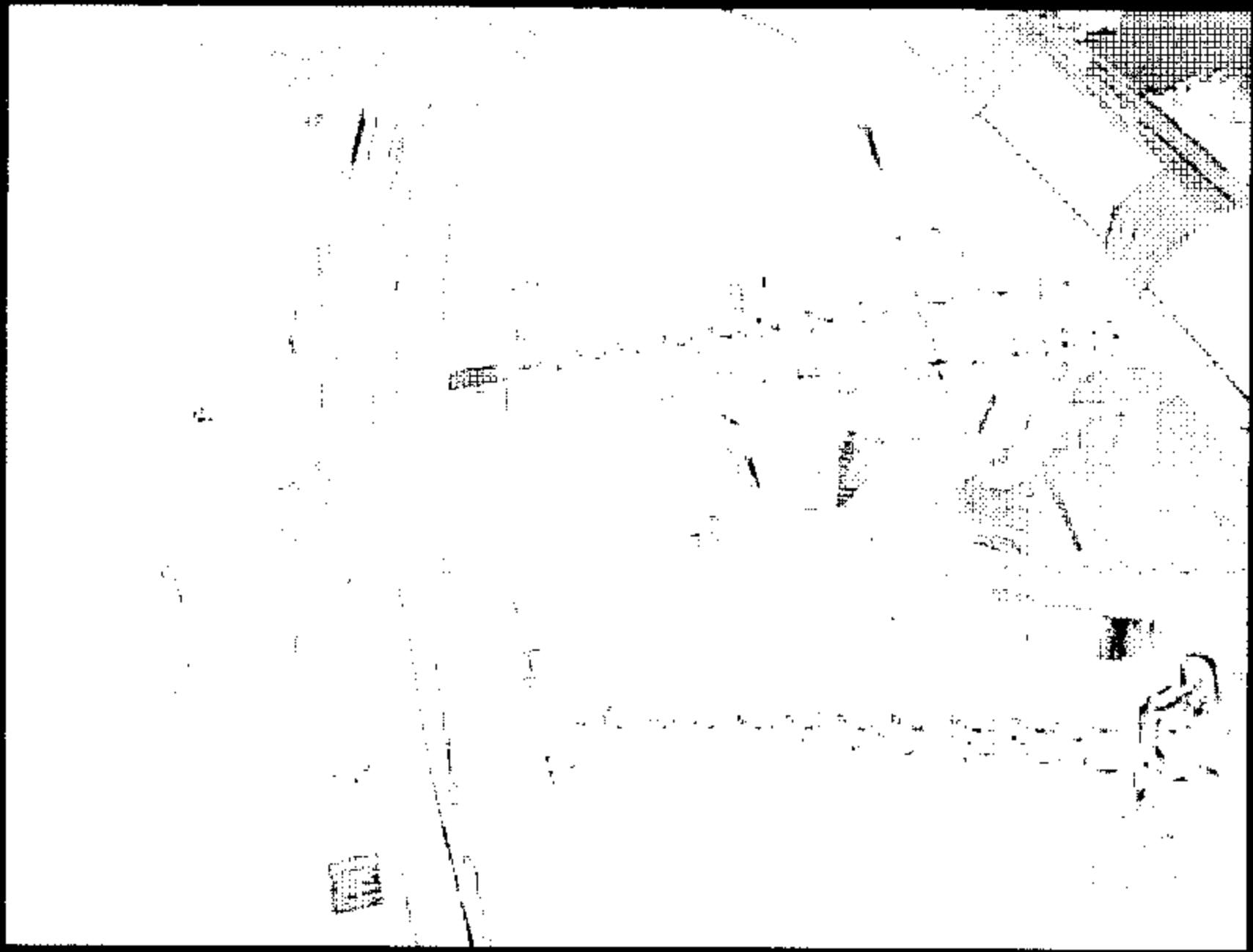

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FIGURE 5.27
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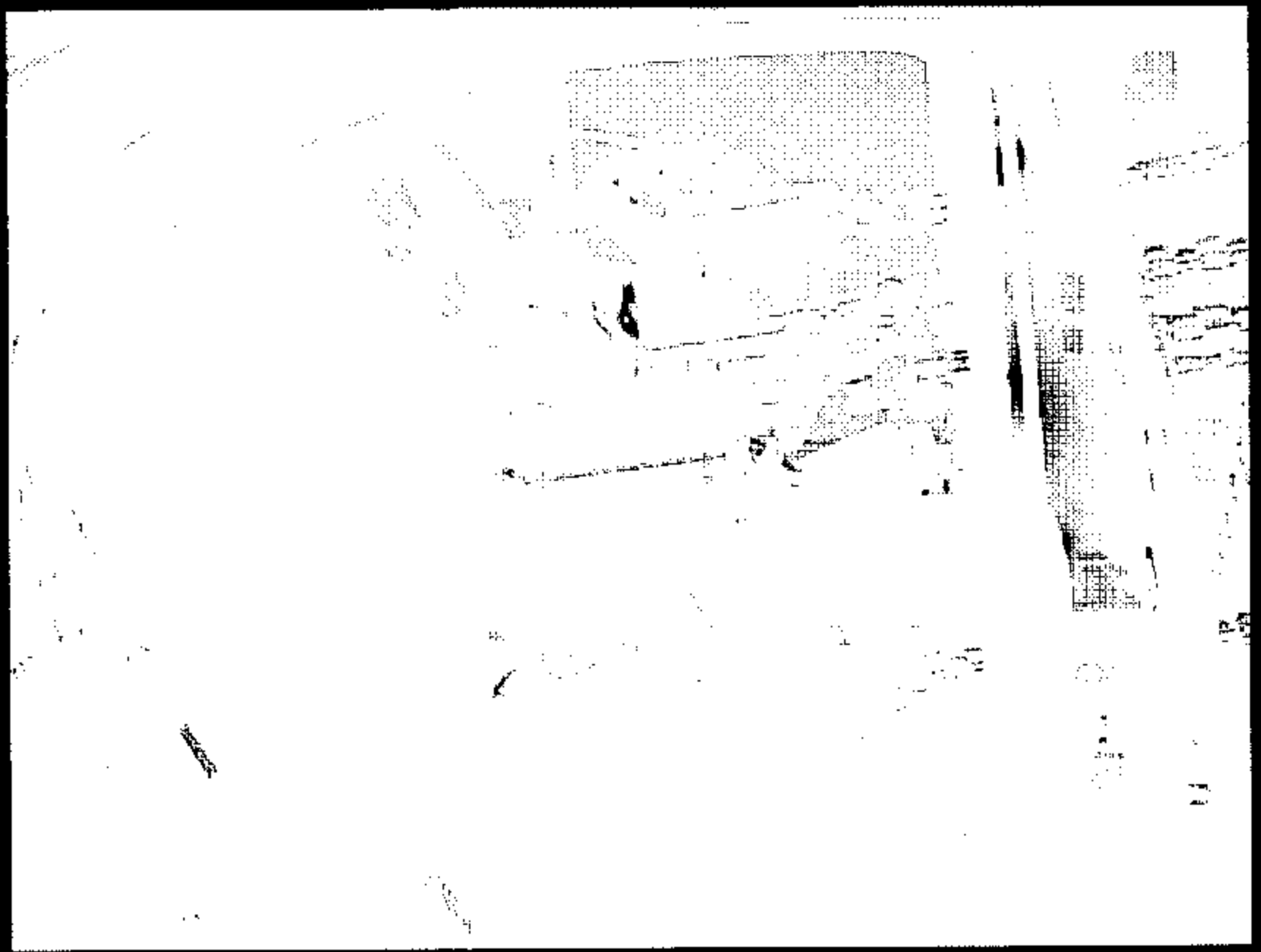

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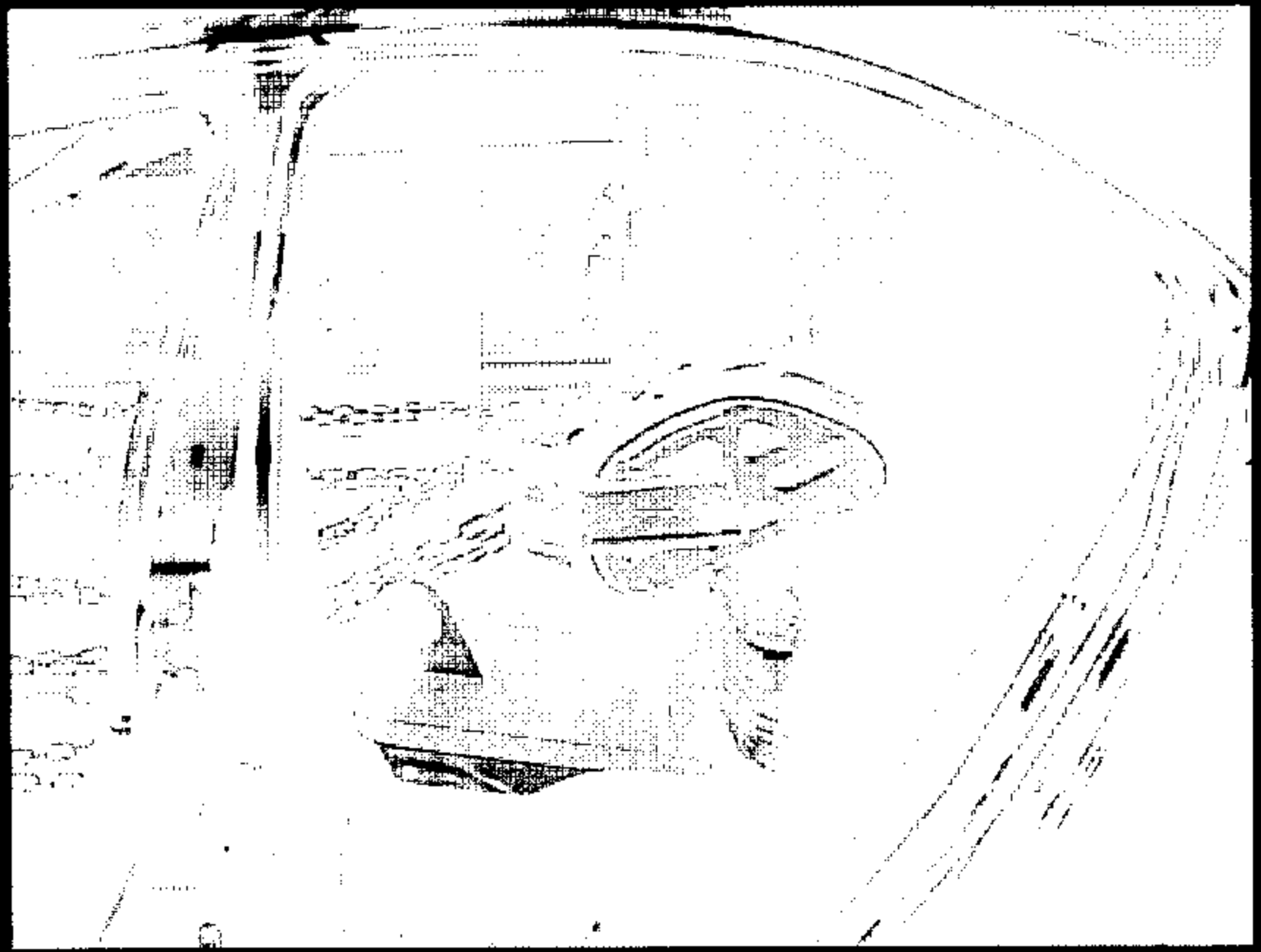

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FIGURE 5.29
POST TEST ROW 2, LEFT SIDE VIEW

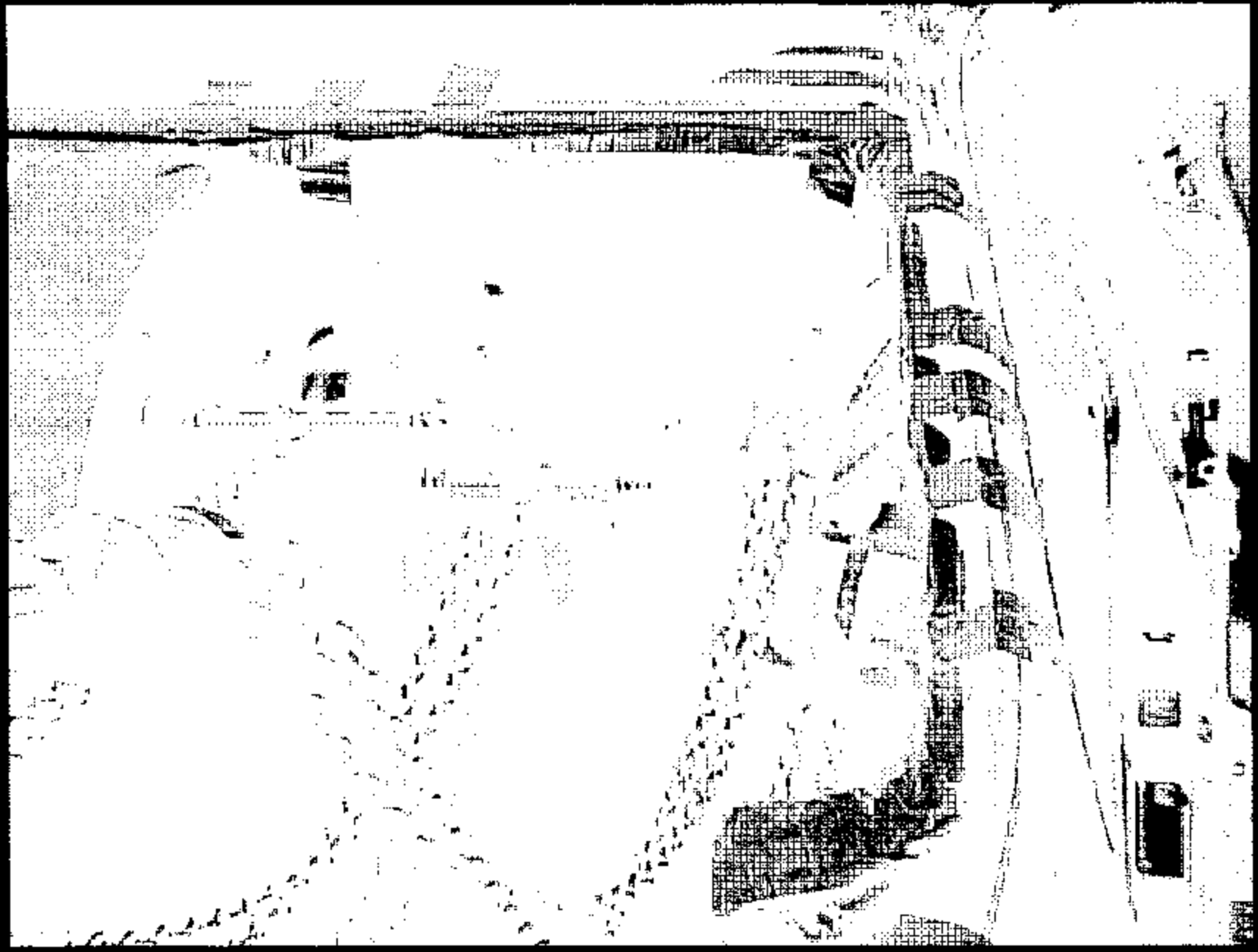

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FIGURE 5.30
POST TEST ROW 2, ¾ LEFT FRONT VIEW

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FIGURE 5.31
POST TEST ROW 2, ¾ RIGHT FRONT VIEW

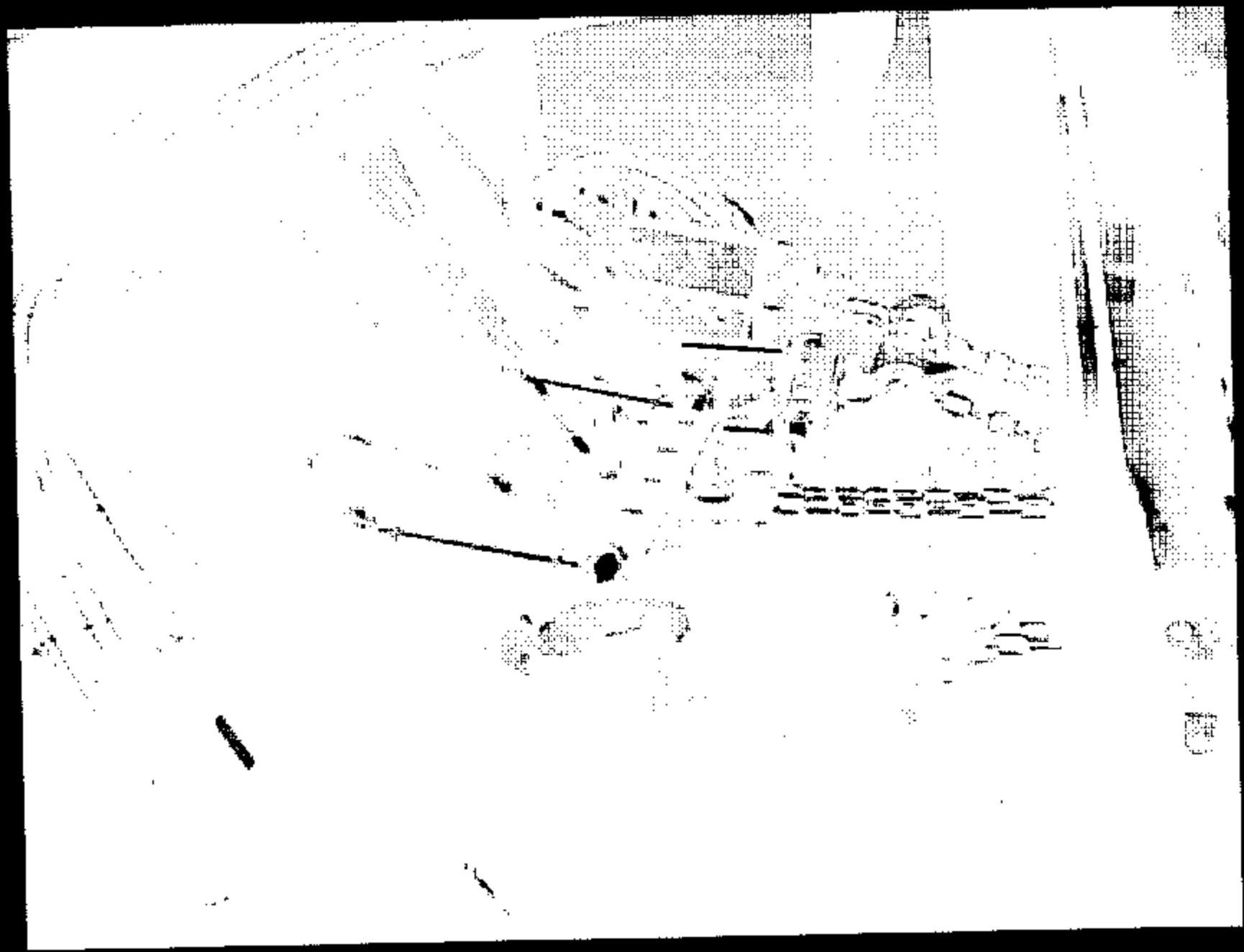

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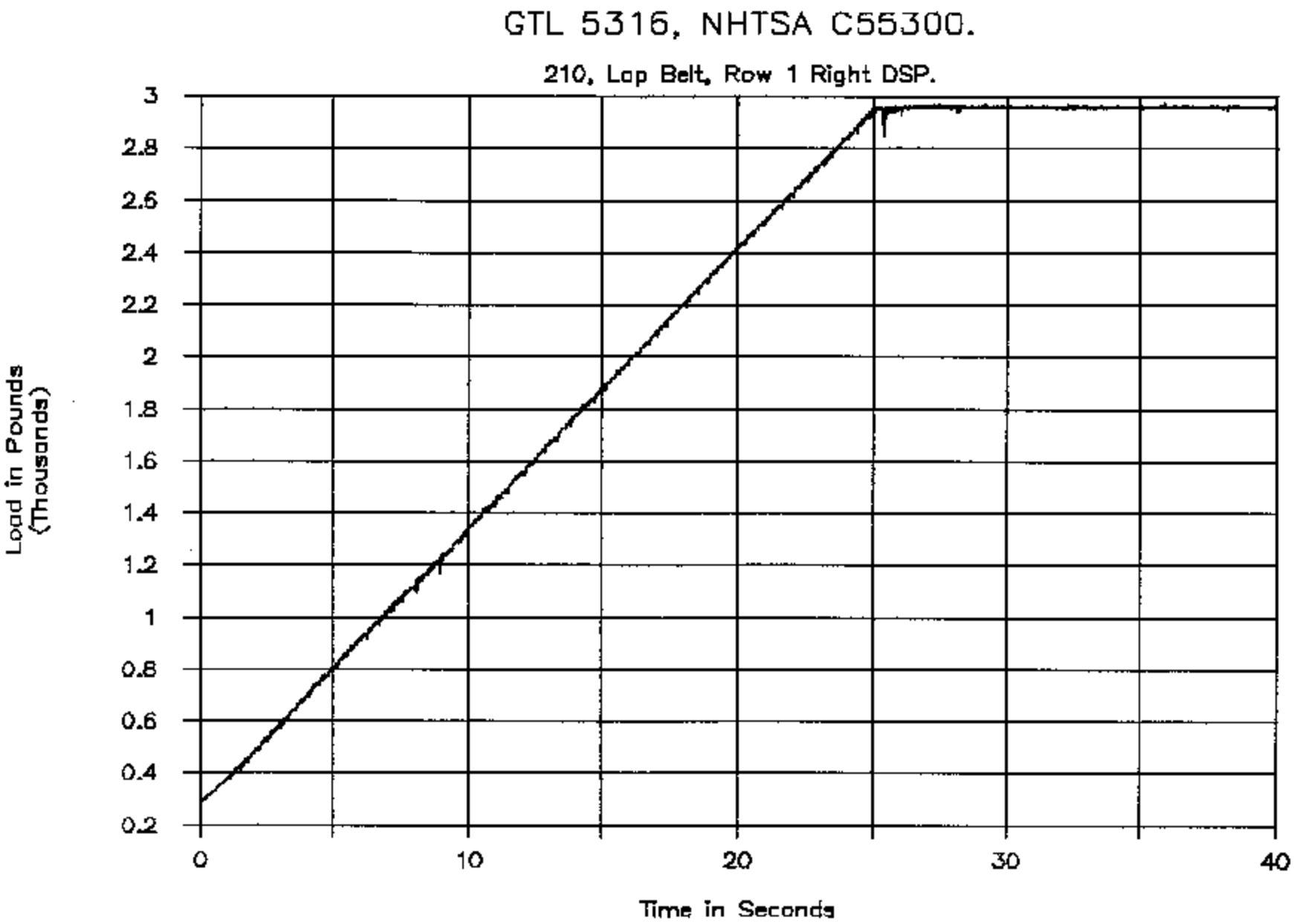
FIGURE 5.32
POST TEST ROW 2, RIGHT SIDE VIEW

SECTION 6
TEST PLOTS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210, Lap Belt, Row 1 Right DSP.
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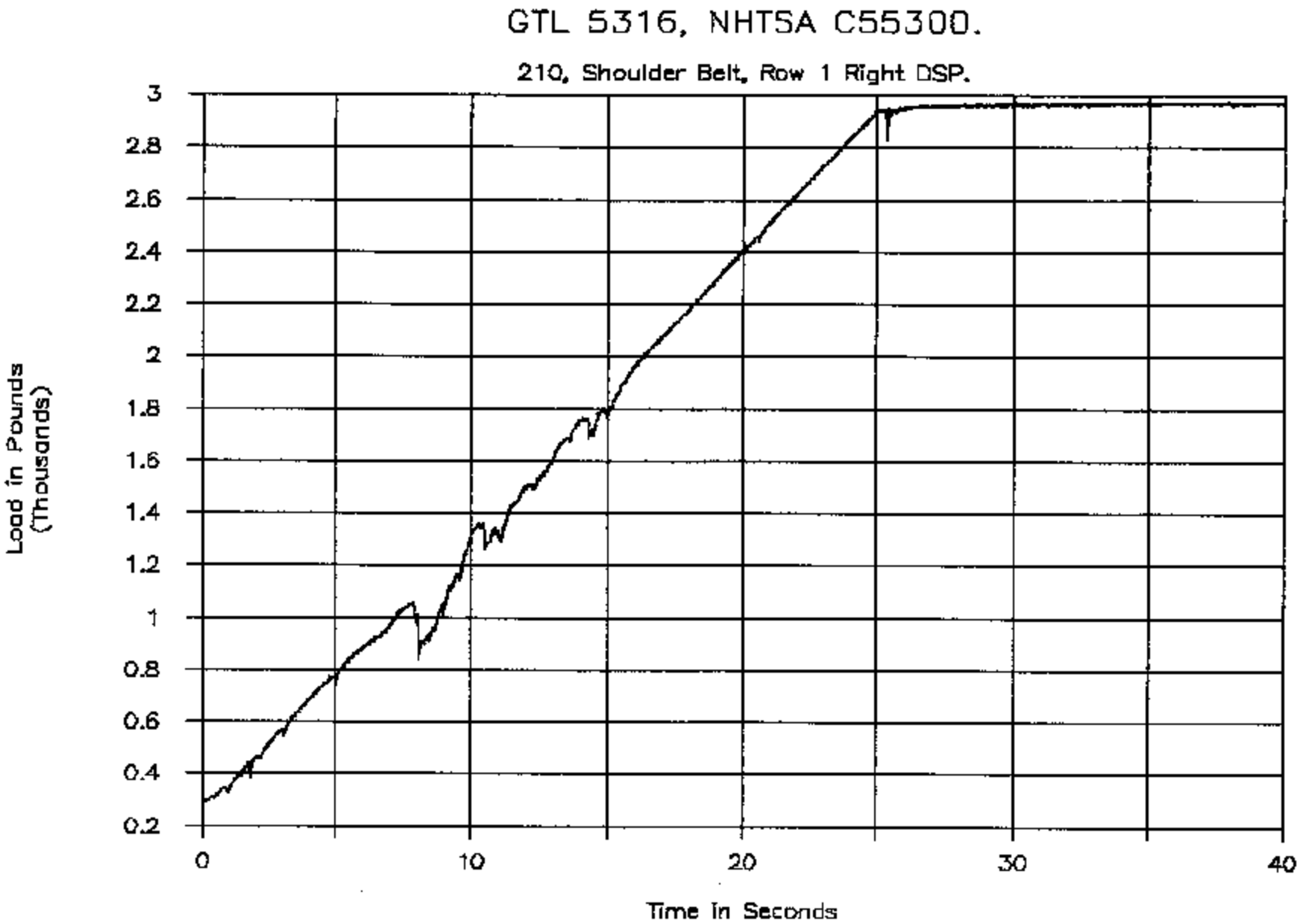
Time in Seconds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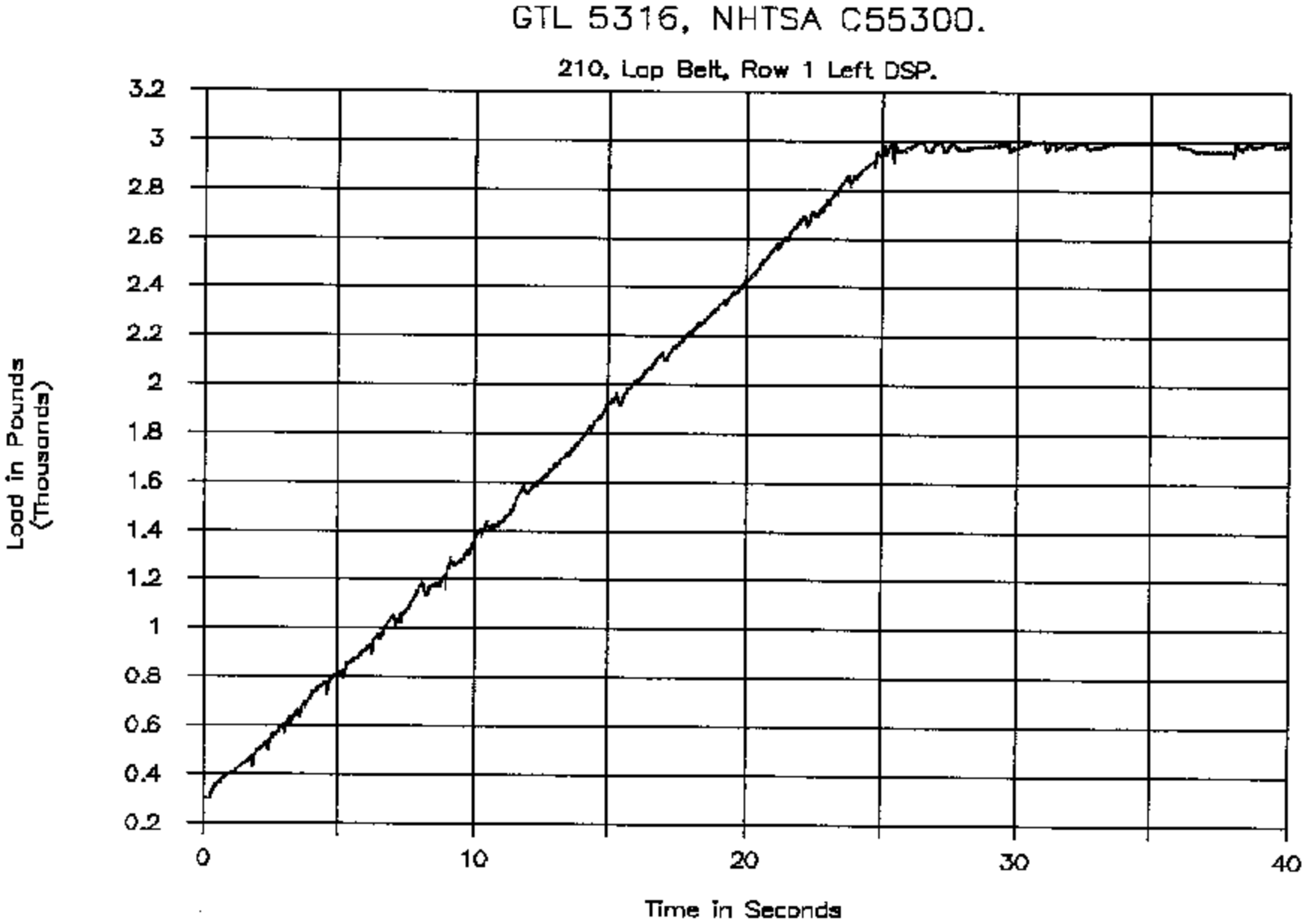
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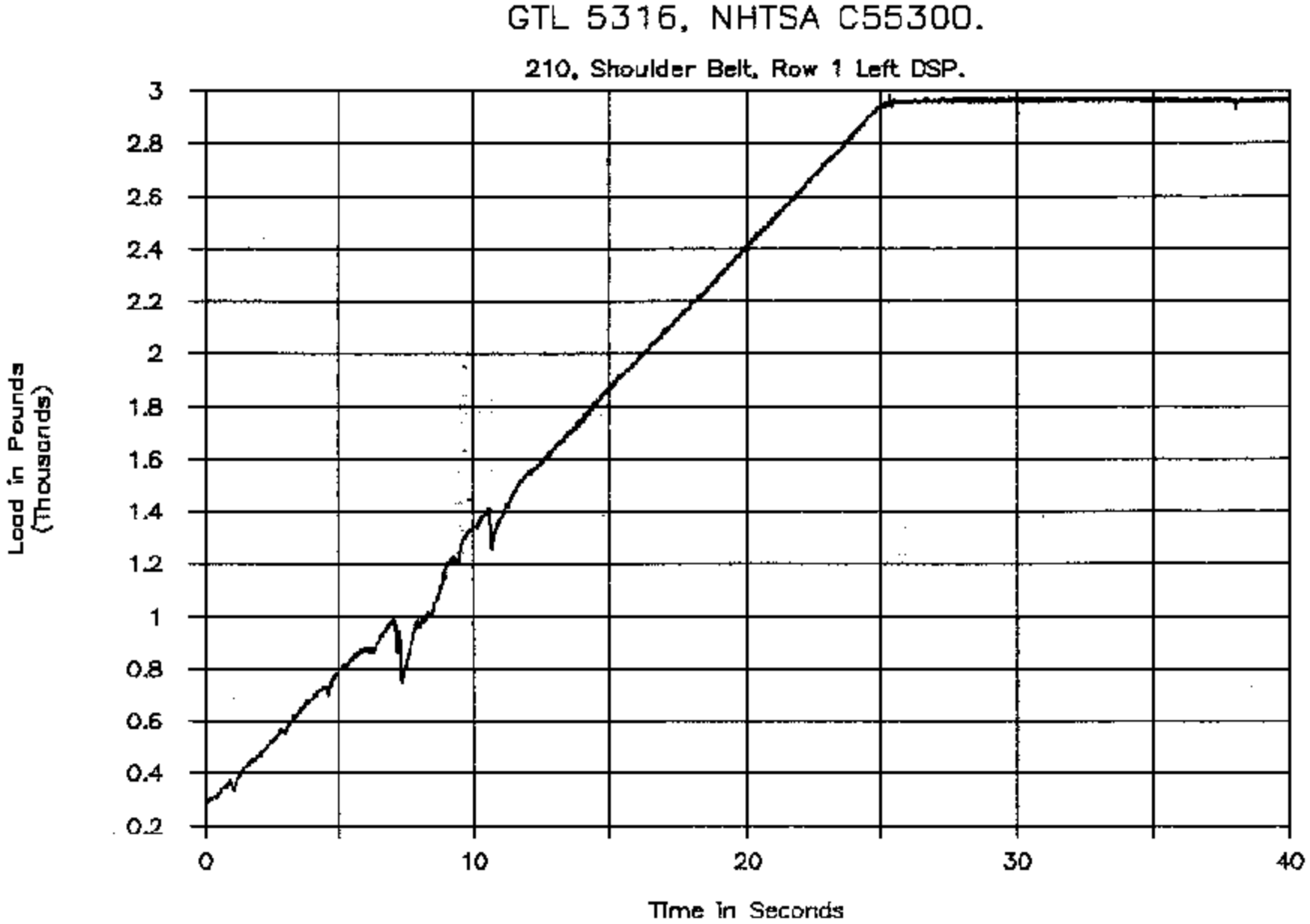
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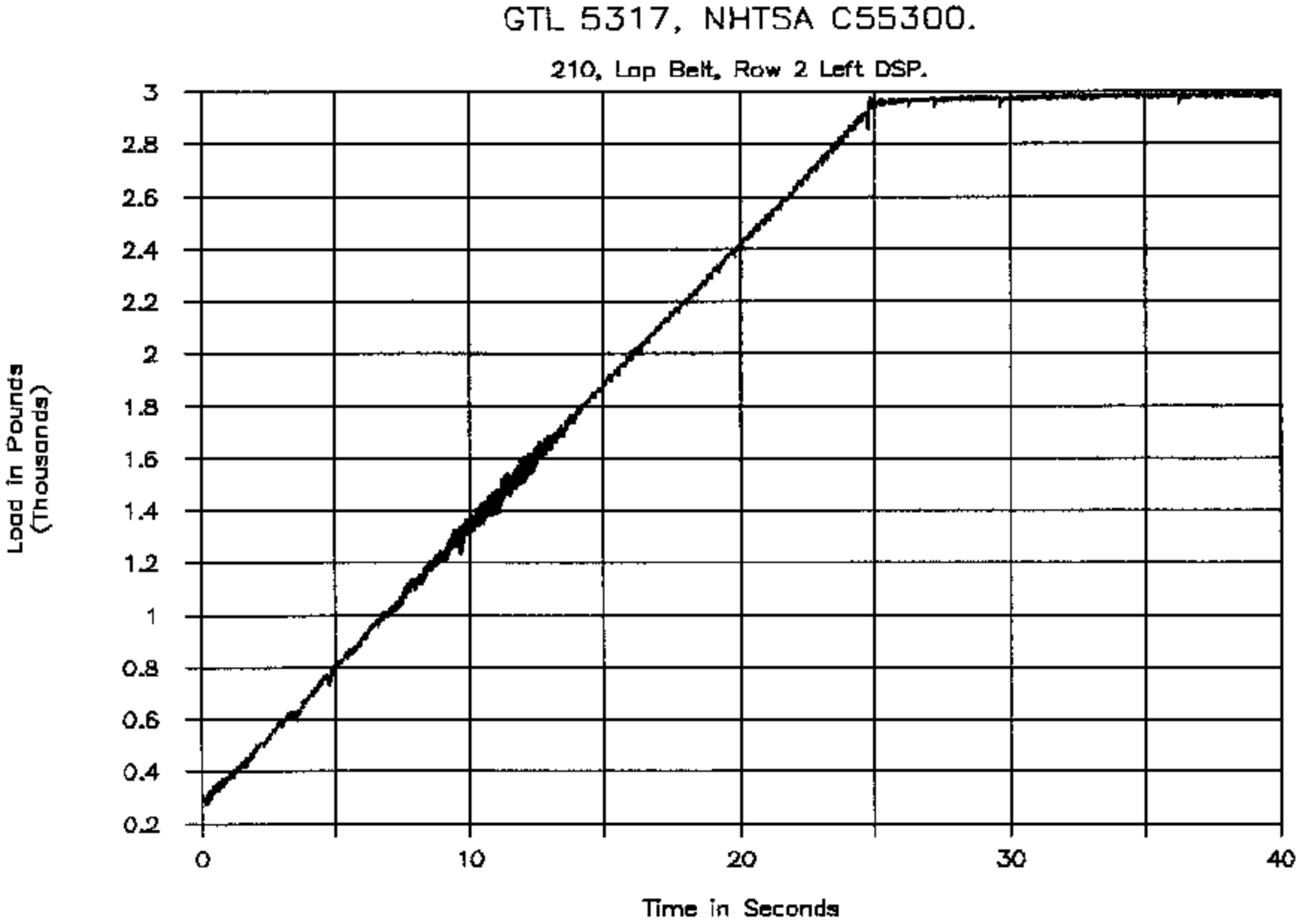
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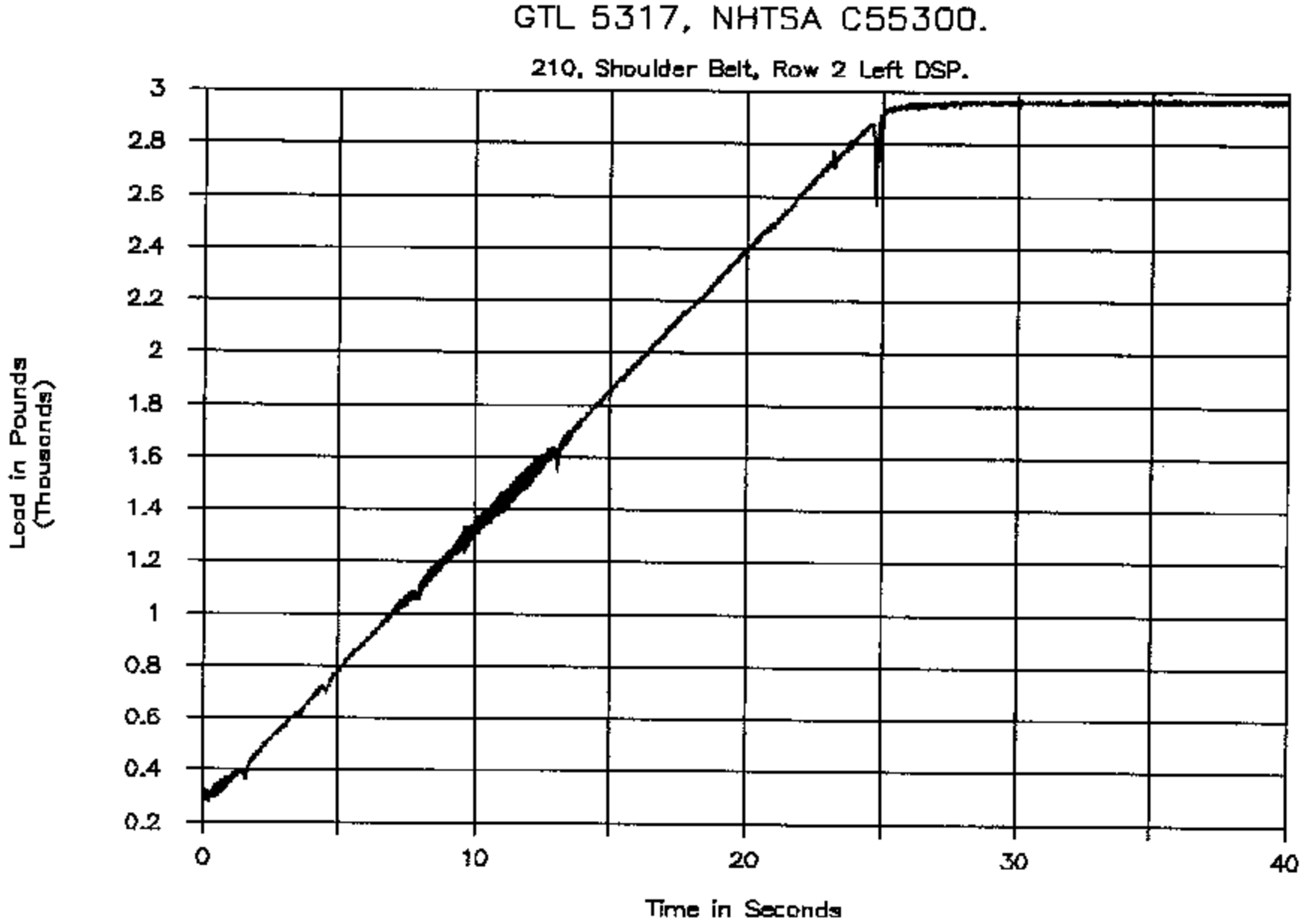
Time in Seconds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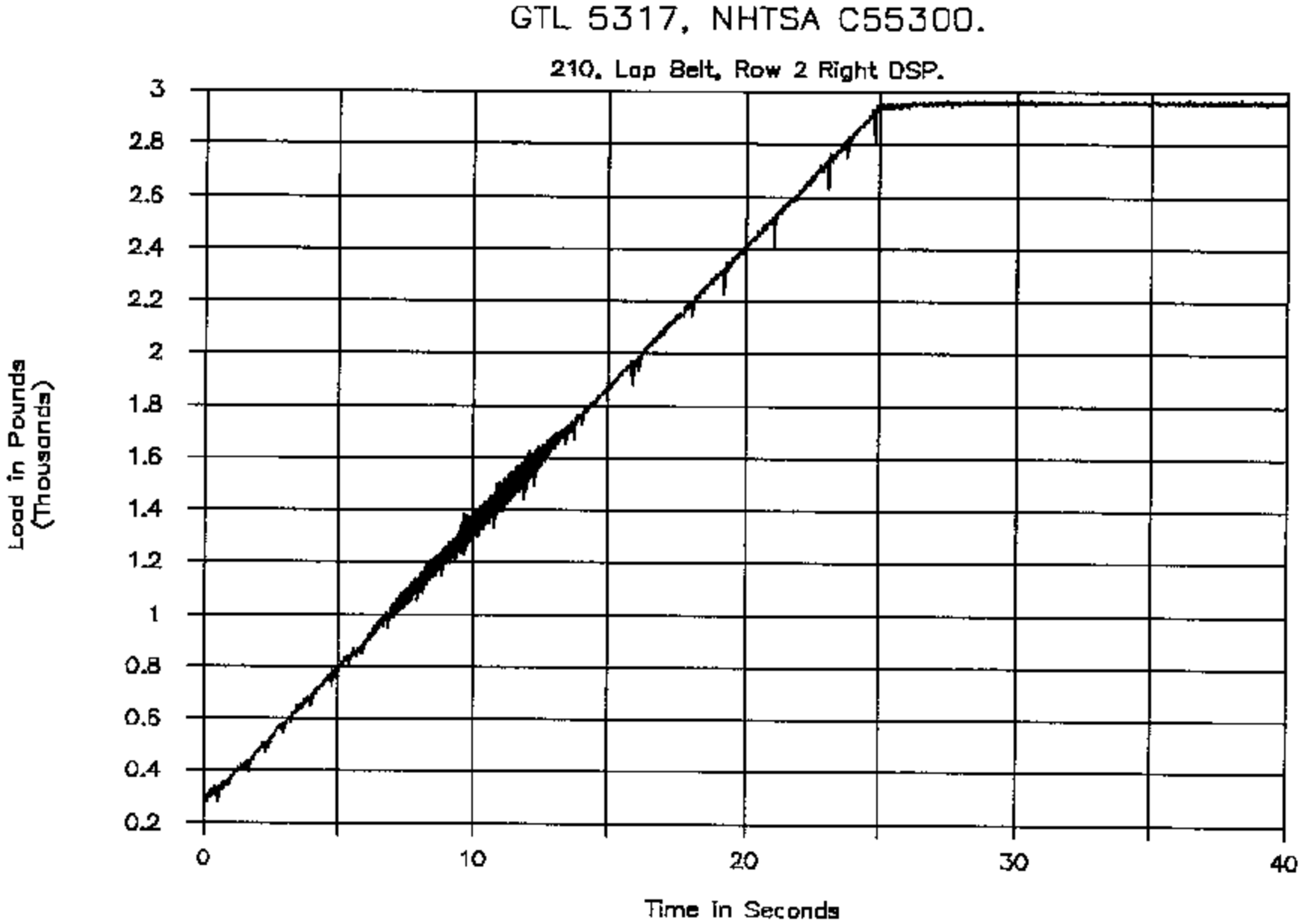
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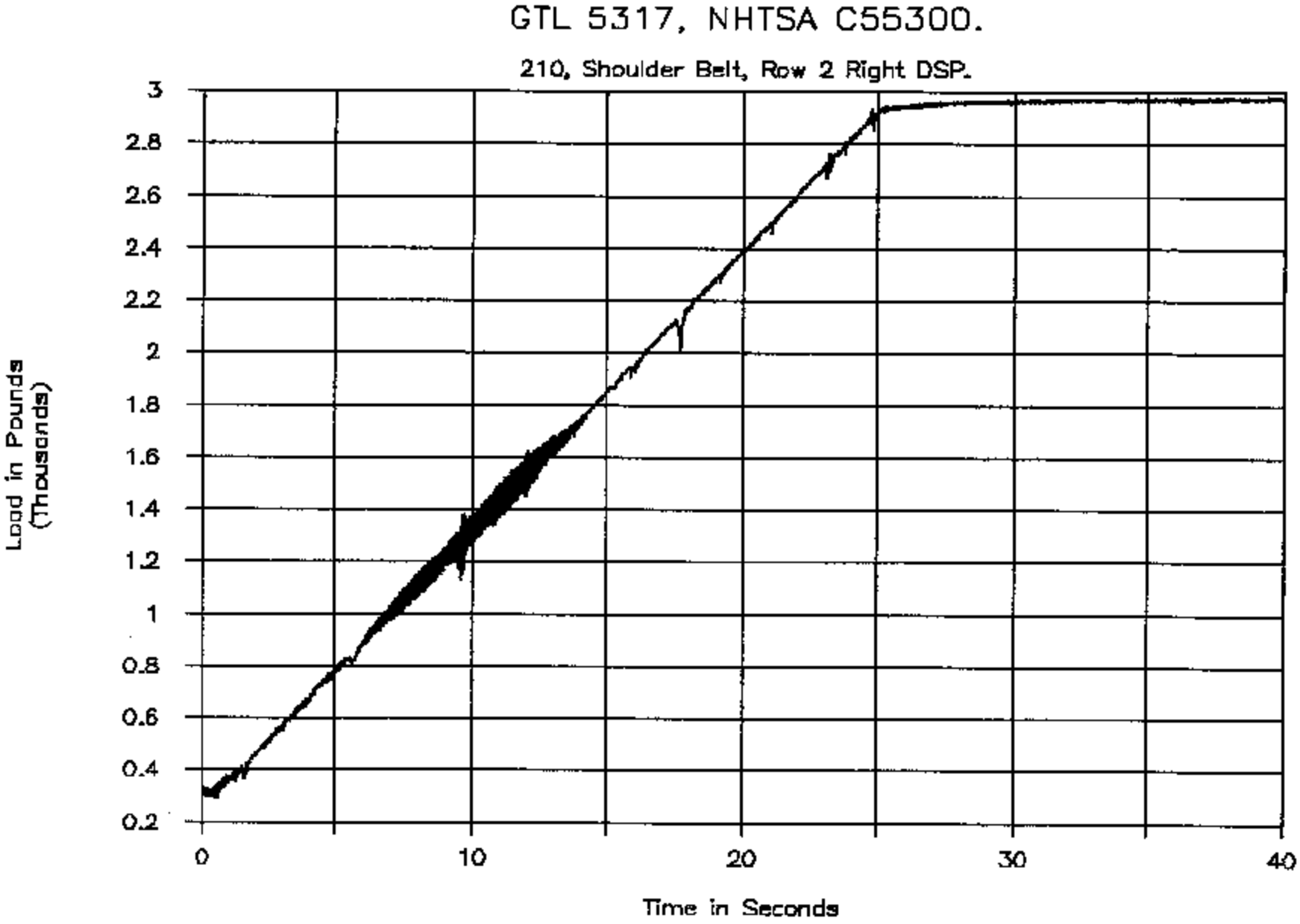
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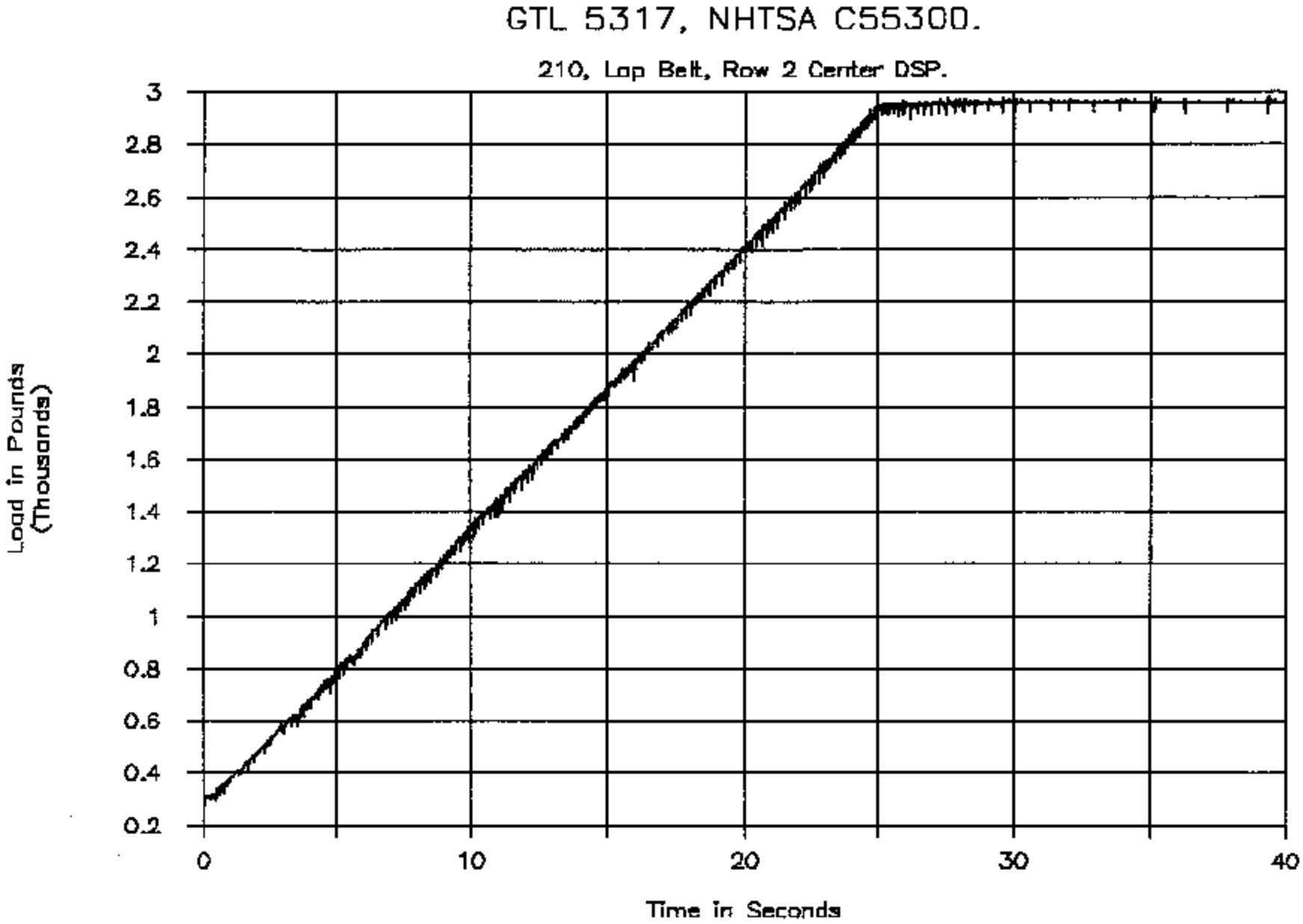
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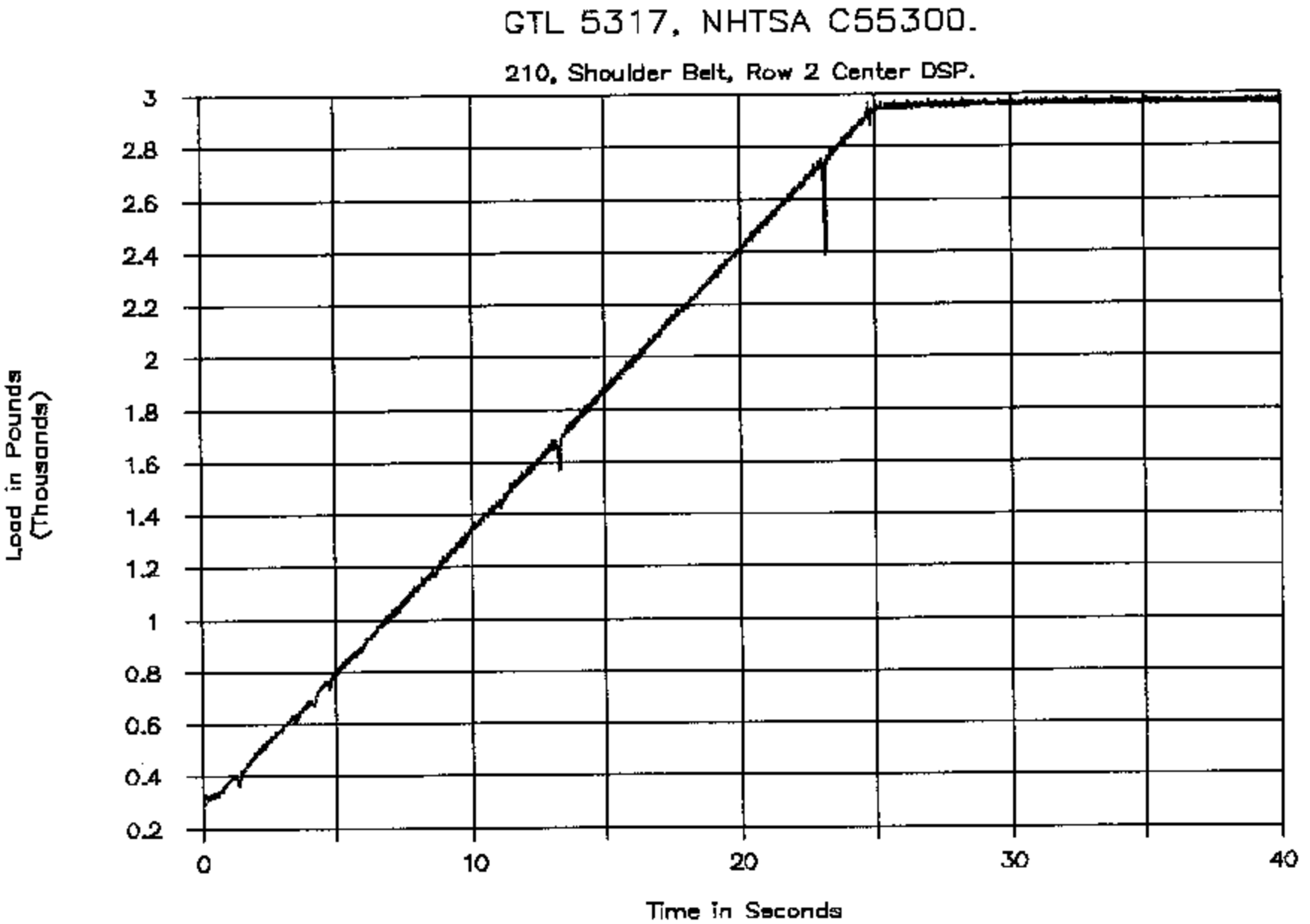
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