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## MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** Holger Luther

**SUBJECT:** Vibe test of the first set of unmodified and modified (load shunted) Lucas flexures.

**DATE:** 08/29/97

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On Tuesday August 26th Dennis and I took the completed flexure test fixture to the National Technical Service (NTS) facility in Boxborough to shake the first set of flexures - unmodified and modified. The test fixture is seen in Figure 1. It is essentially composed of two aluminum "gimbal" arms bolted and pinned to an aluminum baseplate. The dummy mirror weighs 4.5 lbs (considerably more than the 3.6 lb HIRDLS mirror assembly) and has a rotational moment of inertia that is approximately 10 times that of the HIRDLS mirror. The latter was unintentional and due to an Auto-Cad error in the computation of the HIRDLS mirror moment.

The fixture containing the unmodified flexures was installed on the shaker and fastened by 8 1/2" bolts on an 8" dia. bolt circle. The baseplate was installed on eight matched spacers to prevent the plate from being bent. Four accelerometers were attached to the fixture. The first, labelled "top" was placed on the top edge of the dummy mirror, the second, labelled "lateral" was placed on the rotation axis in the face of the dummy mirror, the third labelled "axial" was placed on the mirror edge inside the central mirror cavity such that the accelerometer measured accelerations along the mirror rotation axis, and the fourth labelled "gimbal" was located on one of the gimbal arms with its sensitive axis parallel with that of the "lateral" accelerometer. The control accelerometer was located on the baseplate close to one of the bolts. A 0.25g sine survey was conducted to locate resonances. These are seen in the first 4 graphs marked "TEST #1". The top accelerometer response is essentially as expected. The lateral response shows a great number of very low frequencies which are quite **unexpected** and troublesome. The same is true of the axial response. The gimbal sensor essentially echoes the lateral signature.

It is useful to compare the above results with those obtained from the load shunted flexures which are seen in the series of graphs marked "TEST #3". While the top signature is essentially the same as that of the unmodified flexure, the lateral and axial responses are happily quite different in that they do not show the low frequency resonances. In fact, these vibrations appear to have shifted well above 400 Hz. Moreover, the axial response is remarkably free of strong resonant modes.

Load Shunt

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The random vibration of the unmodified flexures was marred by an unfortunate "cockpit" error which resulted in the expeditious destruction of the flexures before any data was taken. The NTS operator started the random vibration sequence using a PSD as seen in Figure 2. He did attenuate the level by 9 dB, and at the end of three minutes, he went on to the full PSD (0 dB attenuation). Within 5 seconds of the onset of the that vibration the flexures failed with a rather loud "click". Unfortunately the PC monitoring the response of the accelerometers was so slow that no data except for the control accelerometer was captured. This sensor showed that at the 0 dB shake, the servo system had essentially lost control of the shake table. This can be seen in the graph marked "TEST #2" which reveals a very high low frequency excursion of the base plate due to the fact that the 1/2" plate was buckling violently.

One random vibration run was then conducted on the load shunted flexures but at a 9 dB attenuation. The results are seen in the graphs marked "TEST #4" In these graphs it seen that the top sensor executes a very broad substantially amplified excursion quite unlike that of any high Q resonator. The other sensors more or less follow the input excitation.

On August 29th we returned to NTS with a fixture mounted on a 1" aluminum baseplate. The unit again was placed on the washers and bolted down. A sine survey revealed a very high resonance at 928 Hz. This mode turned out to be the fundamental bending mode of the baseplate. It was eliminated by removing the washers which brought the baseplate into contact with a great number of "bosses" on the shake table. The 0.25g sine survey of the fixture containing the load shunted (modified) flexures is seen in the graphs marked "TEST #5A W/O WASHERS". The top signature is the same as that of TEST #3, the axial response, however shows a 6g peak at 341 Hz which was not seen in TEST #3.

The random vibration sequence was conducted with a Sun Systems data logger which was able to record all accelerometer resonances simultaneously. Each sequence ran for one minute and started at an attenuation level of -9dB, then -6dB, -3 dB, and finished at the full PSD level. A great amount of data emerged which is not all reproduced in this report. The full level sequence is seen in the graphs marked "TEST #6". The first of these shows the control accelerometer response which recorded an input of 9.7g rms. The next graphs show the responses of the top, lateral, axial, and gimbal respectively. These all look similar to those obtained during TEST #4. The top sensor response, however shows that

| Atten.<br>dB | P'k ampl.<br>g <sup>2</sup> /Hz | Freq.<br>Hz |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| -9           | 8.59                            | 450         |
| -6           | 12.05                           | 450         |
| -3           | 27.29                           | 495         |
| 0            | 41.95                           | 535         |

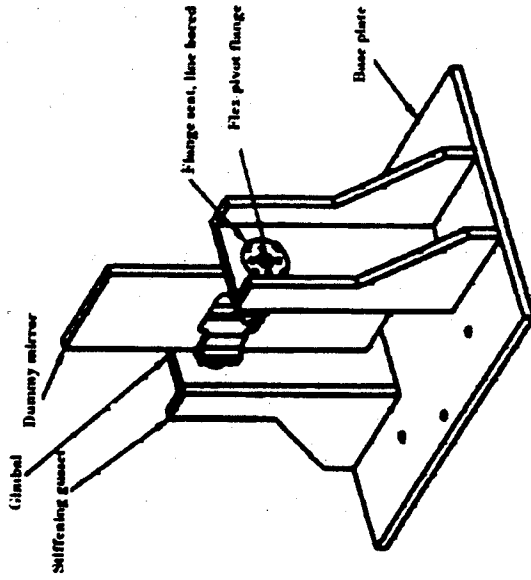
TABLE - 1 Top sensor response

broad peak seen in TEST #3 which grows in amplitude and shifts in frequency as the attenuation level is reduced as seen in TABLE 1. This behaviour is attributed to the load shunt which causes the cantilevered end of the flexure to limit cycle over the allowed radial excursion of 1 mil at frequencies which are essentially harmonics of an ever sharpening square wave that leads to the gradual upward shift of the peak.

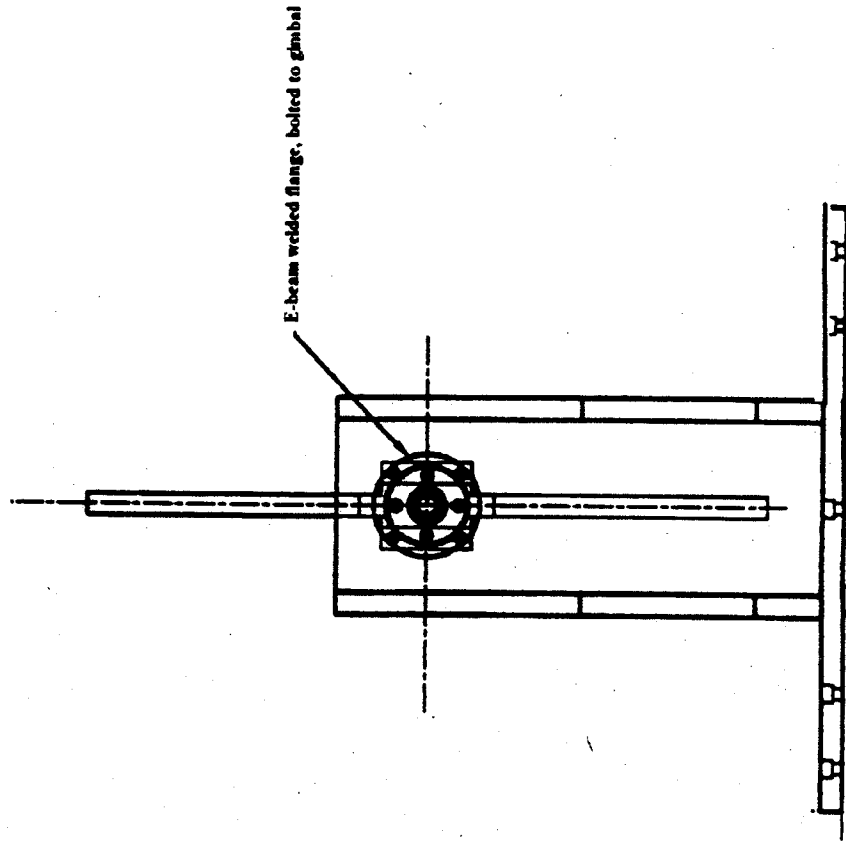
After the completion of the random vibration sequence, a 0.25g sine survey was conducted to ascertain that the flexure characteristics had not changed. The results are seen in the graphs marked "SINE SURVEY TEST #7". It is seen that these differ only very slightly from those seen in TEST #5A. This provides proof positive that the load shunted flexure is **alive and well!**

Since this is only a statistical sample of one (at most two) we expect to test the other 5 sets - modified and unmodified. These tests, however can be reduced to sine surveys before and after the random vibrate tests at -3 dB and full PSD.

**BENDIX FLEXURE TEST**



ISOMETRIC VIEW  
SCALE: 1/4



**FIGURE 1.**

# BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST PSD

Random vibration PSD (three axes)

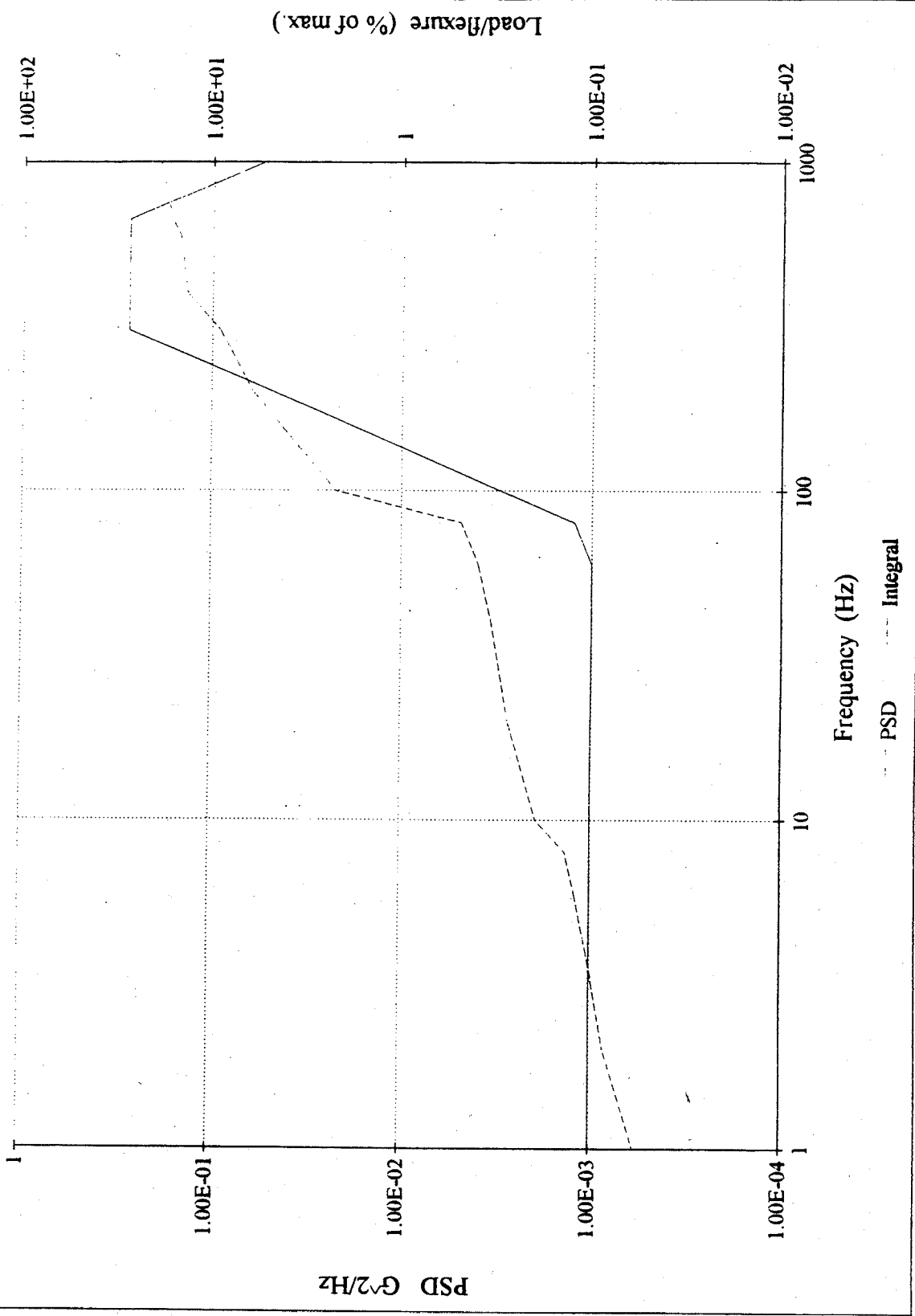
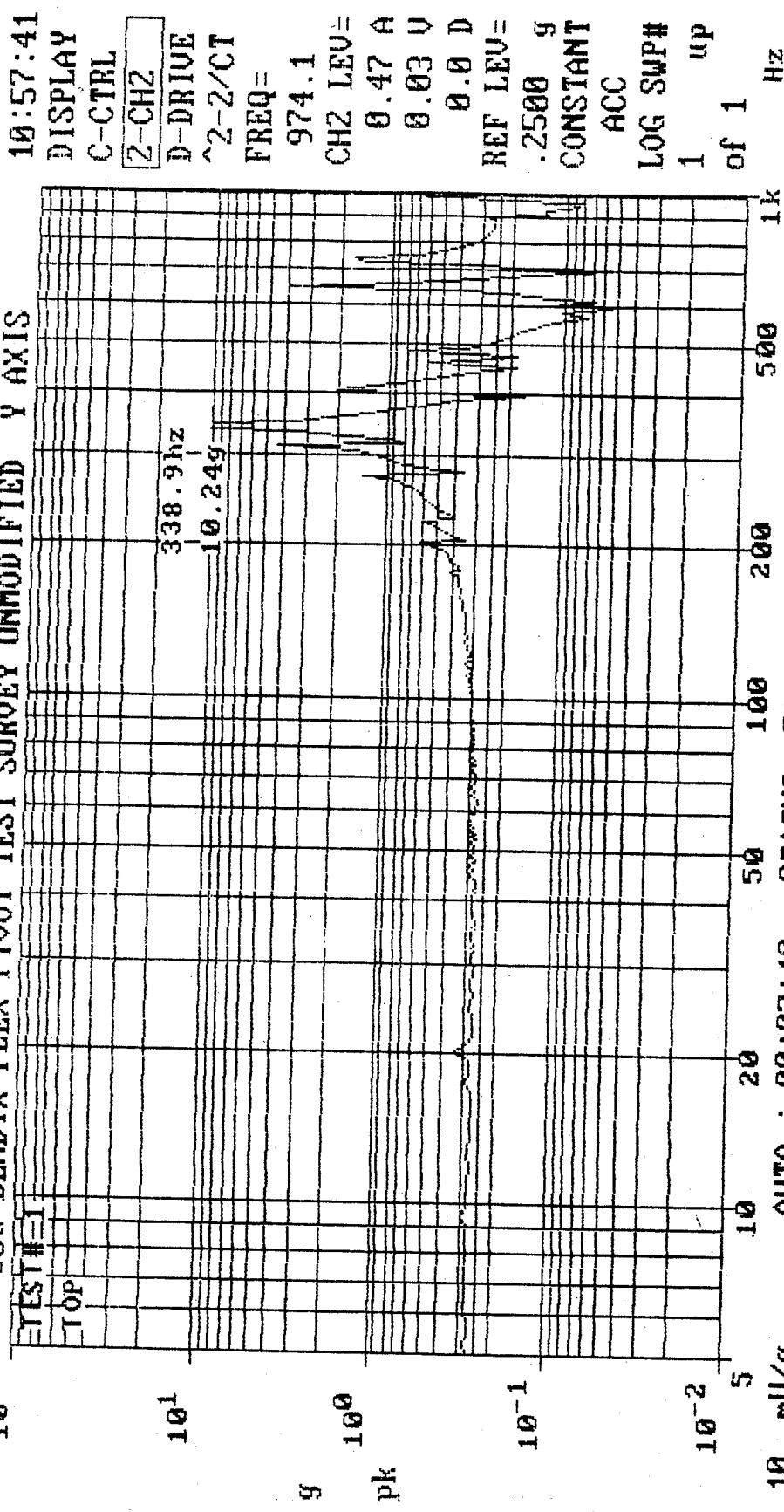


FIGURE 2.

SSG SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN1 autosave 08/26/97  
 102 SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY UNMODIFIED Y AXIS 10:57:41



10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:40 STATUS: Finished  
 MAX SERV SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:52 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1

DISPLAY  
 C-CTRL  
 Z-CHZ  
 D-DRIVE  
 ^2-2/CT  
 FREQ=  
 974.1  
 CH2 LEV=  
 0.47 A  
 0.03 V  
 0.0 D  
 REF LEV=  
 .2500 g  
 CONSTANT  
 ACC  
 LOG SWP#  
 1 up  
 of 1

SSG SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN1 autosave 08/26/97

10<sup>1</sup> SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY UNMODIFIED Y AXIS 10:55:01

TEST#-1  
LATERAL  
C-CTRL

3-CH3

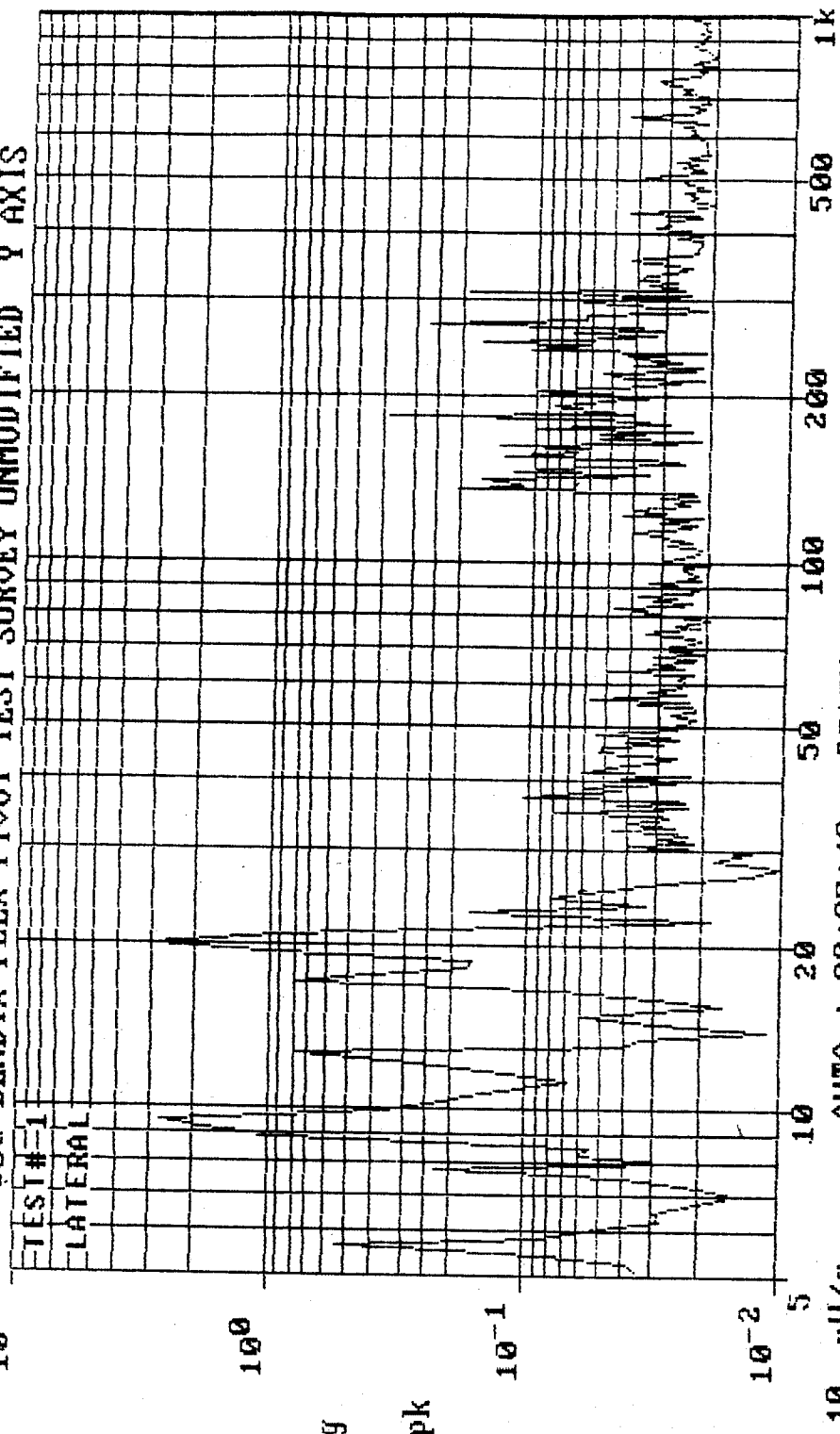
D-DRIVE  
^3-3/CT  
FREQ=

976.3

CH3 LEV=  
0.03 A  
0.00 V  
0.0 D

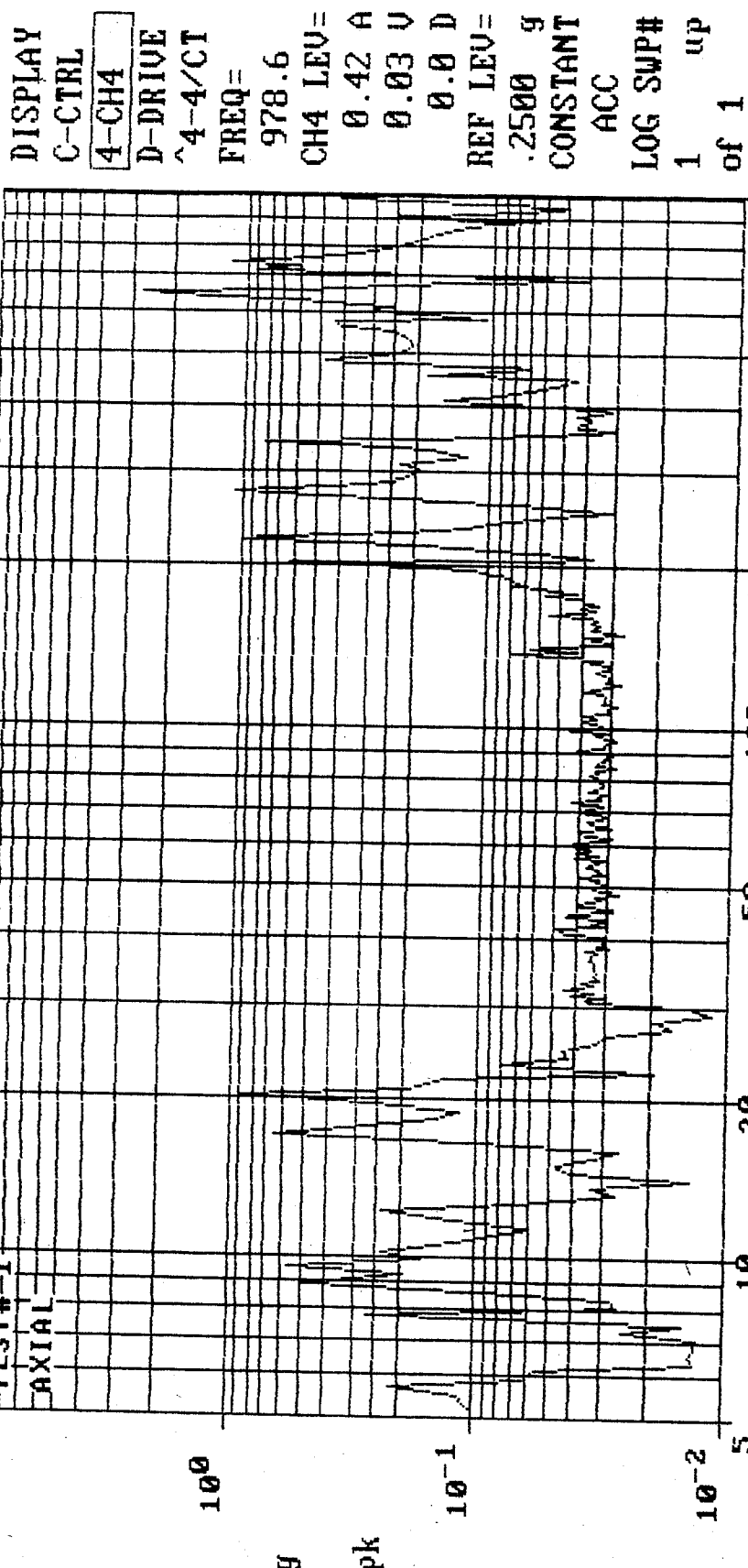
REF LEV=  
.2500 g  
CONSTANT  
ACC

LOG SMP#  
1 up  
of 1



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MAX SERU SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:52 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1

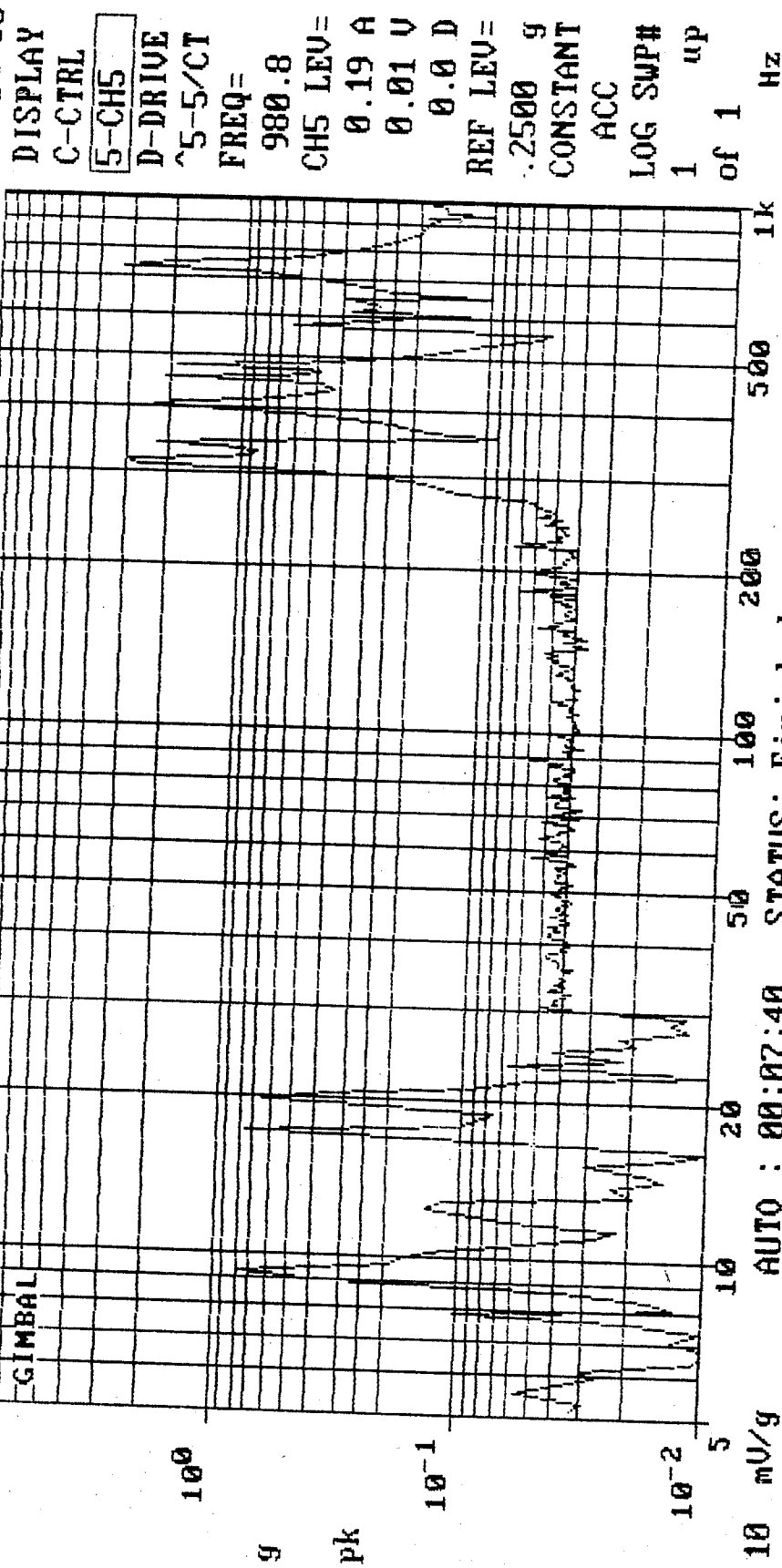
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 10<sup>1</sup> SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY UNMODIFIED Y AXIS 10:54:34  
 TEST# 1  
 AXIAL



10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:40 STATUS: Finished  
 MAX SERU SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:52 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1  
 4-CH4  
 D-DRIVE  
 ^4-4/CT  
 C-CTRL  
 978.6  
 CH4 LEV= 0.42 A  
 0.03 U  
 0.0 D  
 REF LEV= .2500 g  
 CONSTANT  
 ACC  
 LOG SWP# 1 up  
 of 1



SSS1 SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN1 autosave 08/26/97  
 101 SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY UNMODIFIED Y AXIS  
 TEST# 1  
 GIMBAL



10 mU/g  
 MAX SERU SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:52 SWEET TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1  
 AUTO : 00:07:40 STATUS: Finished  
 LOG SWPH# 1 of 1 up  
 ACC  
 CONSTANT  
 REF LEV= .2500 g  
 CH5 LEV= 0.19 A  
 0.01 V  
 0.0 D  
 FREQ= 980.8  
 ^5-5/CT  
 D-DRIVE  
 5-CH5  
 C-CTRL  
 DISPLAY  
 10:54:06

SSG SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN2 autosave 08/26/97

102 SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY MODIFIED Y AXIS 11:39:41

DISPLAY  
C-CTRL

2-CHZ

D-DRIVE  
^Z-Z/CT

FREQ=  
969.4

CHZ LEV=  
2.00 A

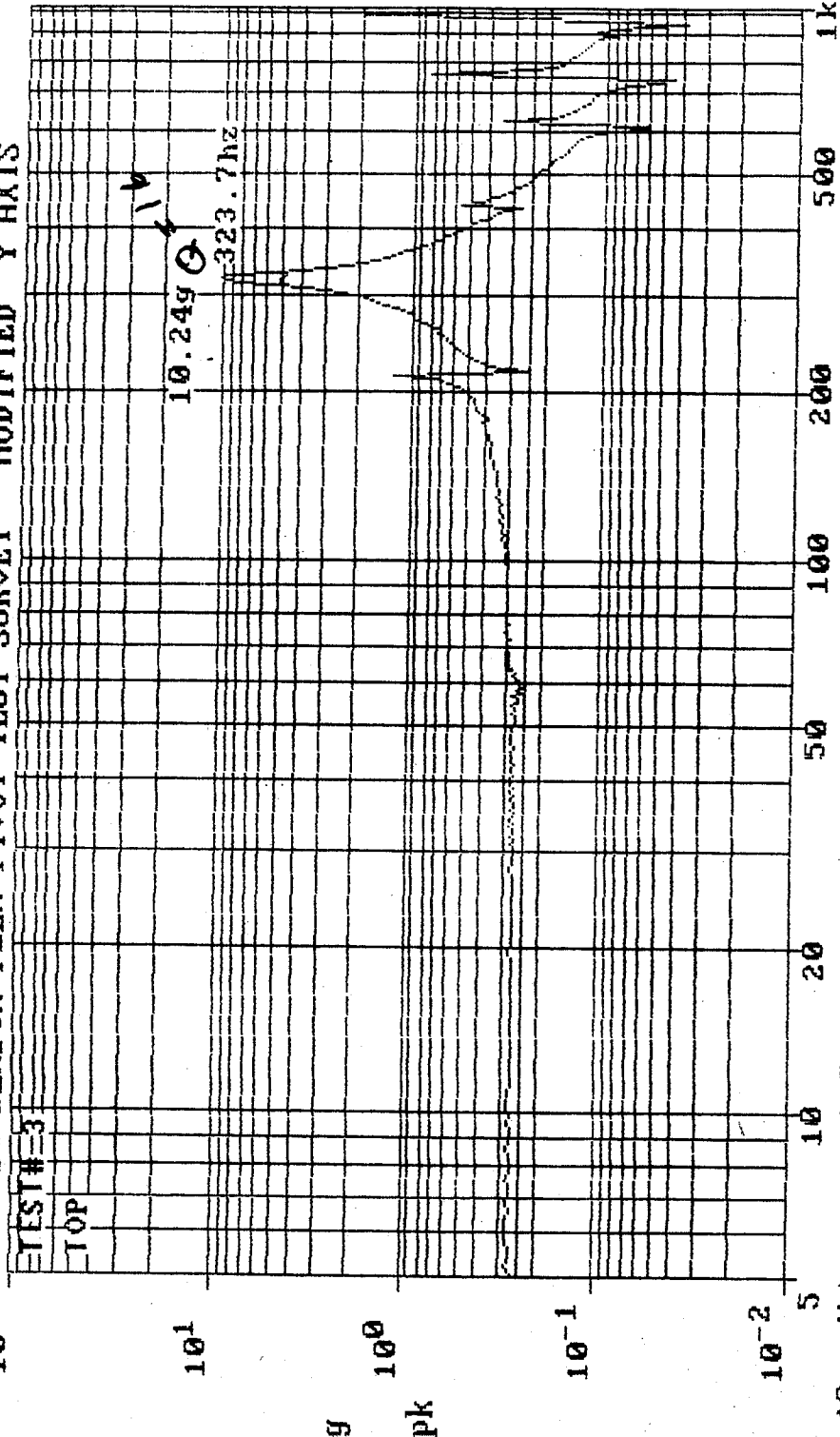
0.13 V  
0.0 D

REF LEV=  
.2500 g

CONSTANT  
ACC

LOG SUPP#  
1 up

of 1



10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:40 STATUS: Finished  
MAX SERU SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:51 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1

SYSTEM SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN2 autosave 08/26/97

102 SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY MODIFIED Y AXIS 11:41:14

TEST# 3  
LATERAL  
C-CTRL

3-CH3

D-DRIVE

^3-3/CT

FREQ= 977.1

CH3 LEV= 3.00 A

0.19 U

0.1 D

REF LEV= .2500 g

CONSTANT

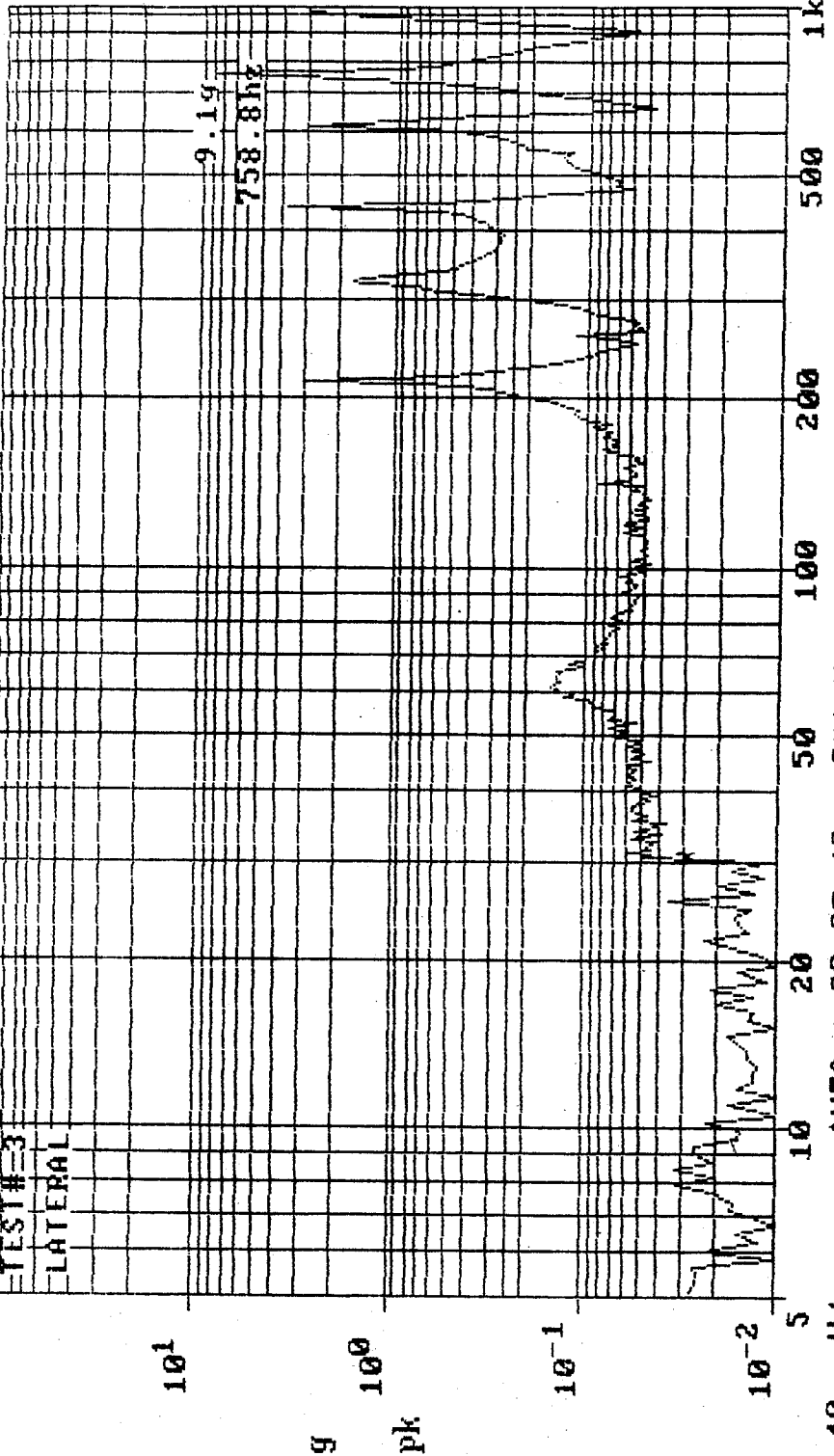
ACC

LOG SWPH

1 up

of 1

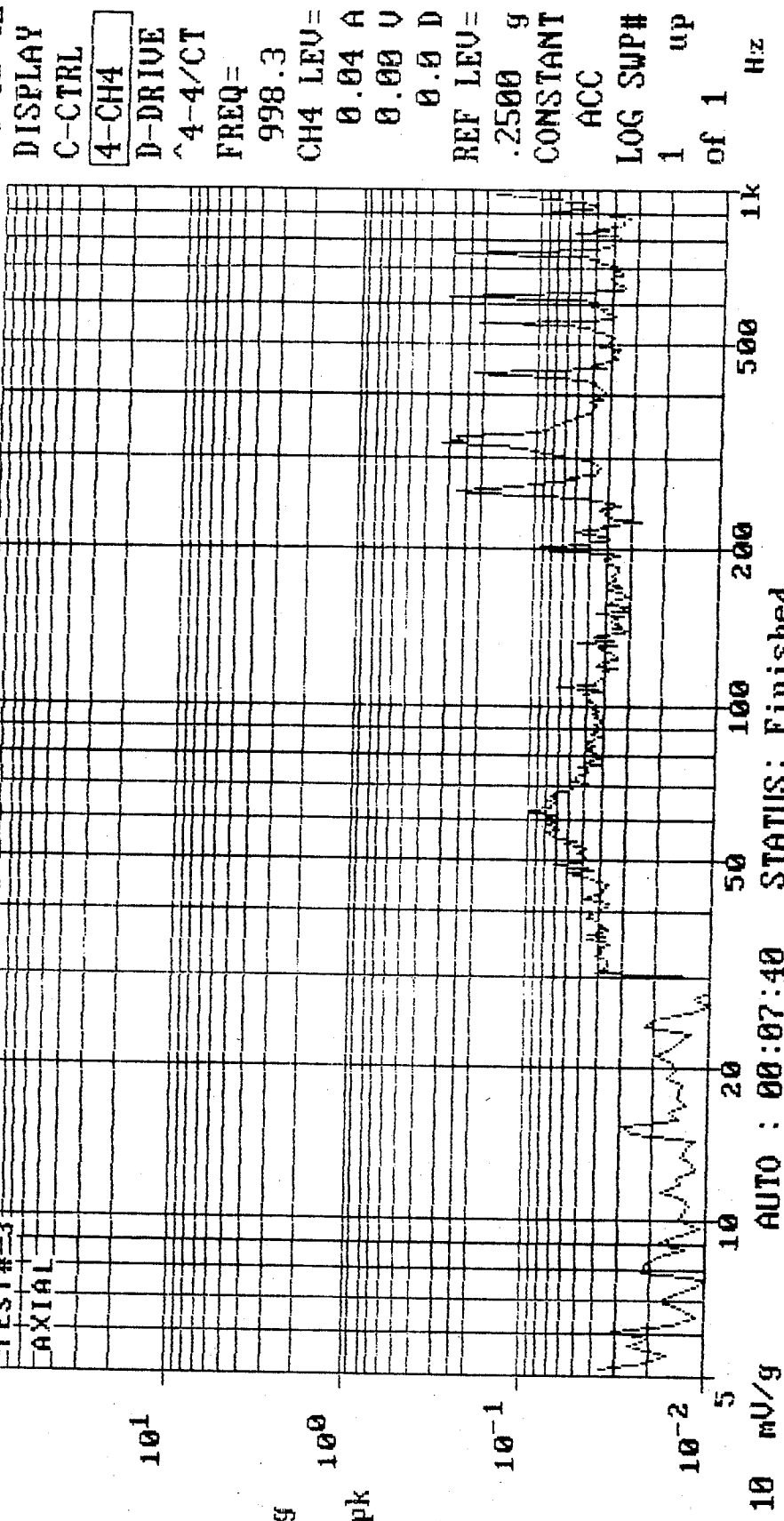
Hz



10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:40 STATUS: Finished

MAX SERVO SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:51 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1

SSG SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN2 autosave 08/26/97  
 SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY MODIFIED Y AXIS 11:41:42  
 TEST# 3  
 AXIAL



10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:40 STATUS: Finished  
 MAX SERU SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:51 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1  
 C-CTRL 4-CH4  
 D-DRIVE ^4-4/CT  
 FREQ= 998.3  
 CH4 LEV= 0.04 A  
 0.00 U  
 0.0 D  
 REF LEV= .2500 g  
 CONSTANT ACC  
 LOG SWP# 1 up  
 of 1

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102 SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY MODIFIED Y AXIS 11:42:39

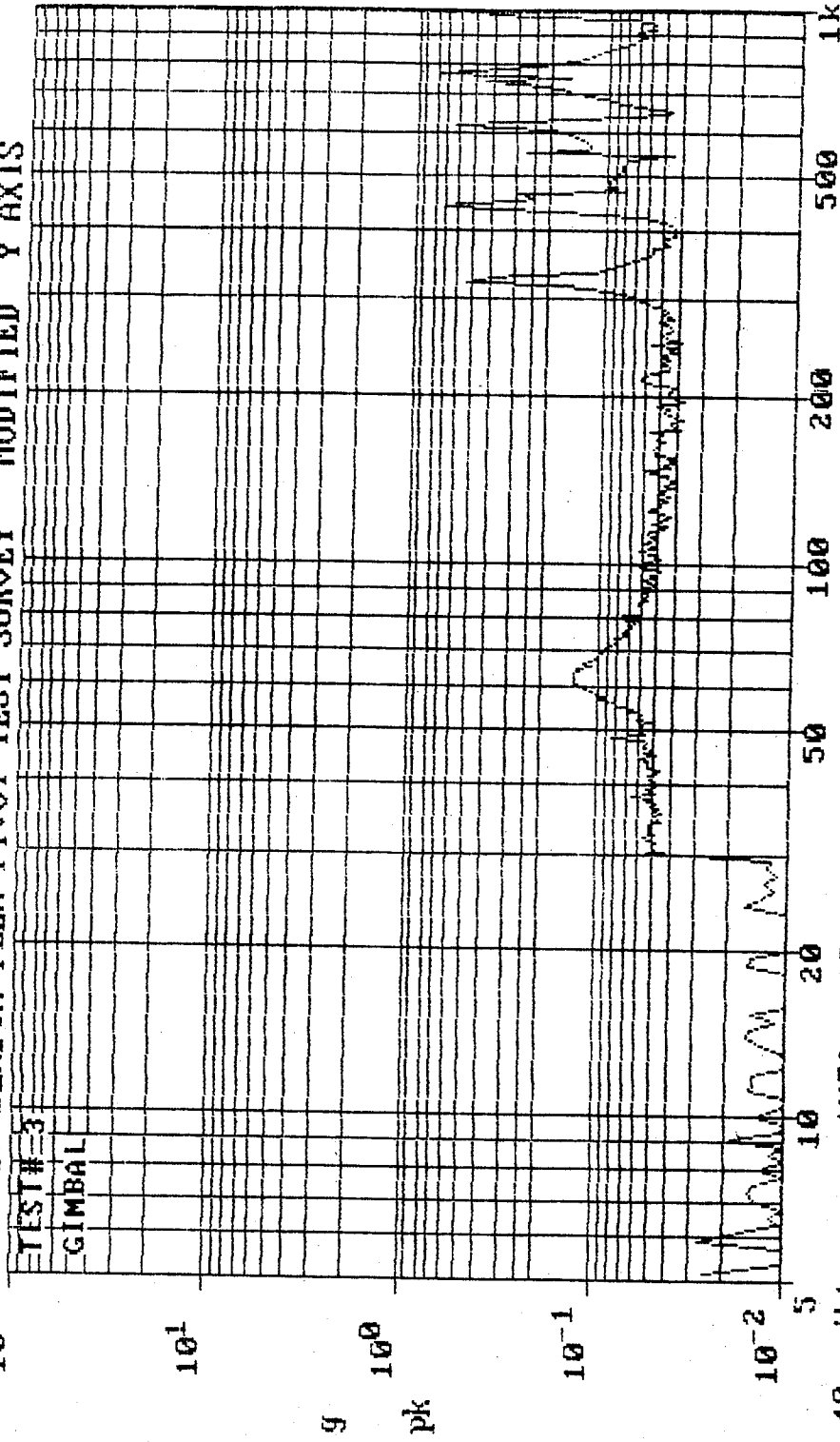
TEST# 3 GIMBAL C-CTRL 5-CH5 DISPLAY

10<sup>1</sup> D-DRIVE ^5-5/CT FREQ= 981.6

10<sup>0</sup> CH5 LEV= 0.53 A 0.03 V 0.0 D

10<sup>-1</sup> REF LEV= .2500 g CONSTANT ACC

10<sup>-2</sup> LOG SWPH# 1 up of 1 Hz



10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:40 STATUS: Finished  
 MAX SERV SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:51 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1

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11:17:21

DISPLAY

C-CON

1-CHAN1

D-DRIVE

H-DR/CT

^1-1/CT

MU/g=

10.0

DOF= 240

LNS= 500

RES=2.50

LIM=3.0G

VAR BM

Hz

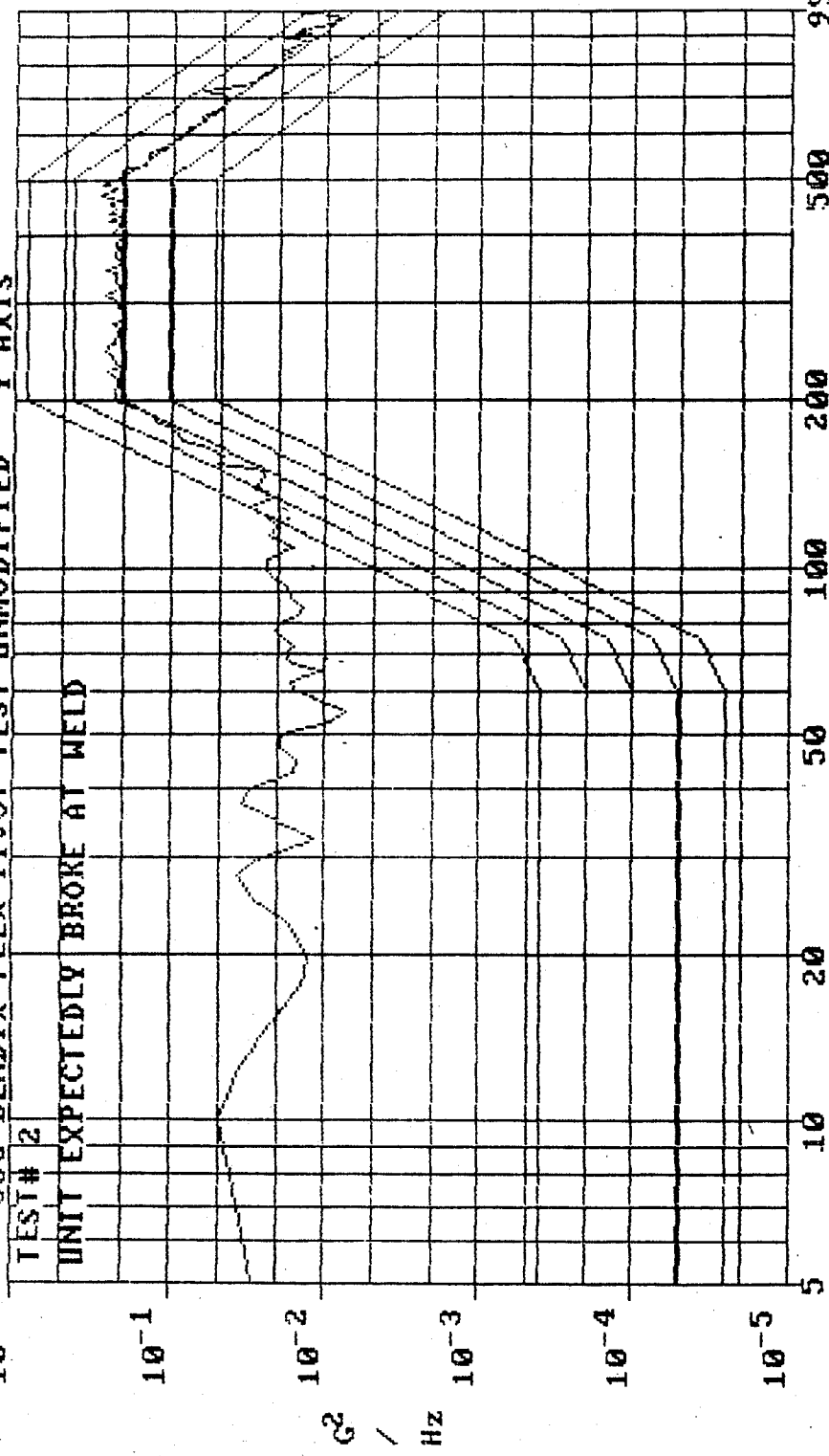
?-HELP

TEST RUN NAME: RUN569

SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST UNMODIFIED Y AXIS

TEST# 2

UNIT EXPECTEDLY BROKE AT WELD



REF RMS: 9.71 AUTO:00:00:05

CON RMS: 10.08 TOTL:00:01:02

STATUS: Abort, Number of lines exceeding limit

LEVEL : 0.0dB CHAN SEQ:1

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11:57:13

DISPLAY

C-CON

1-CHAN1

D-DRIVE

H-DR/CT

^1-1/CT

MU/g=

10.0

DOF= 240

LNS= 500

RES=2.50

LIM=3.0G

VAR BW

995 Hz

INS-TEXT

TEST RUN NAME: RUN571

SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST

TEST# 8

MODIFIED

Y AXIS

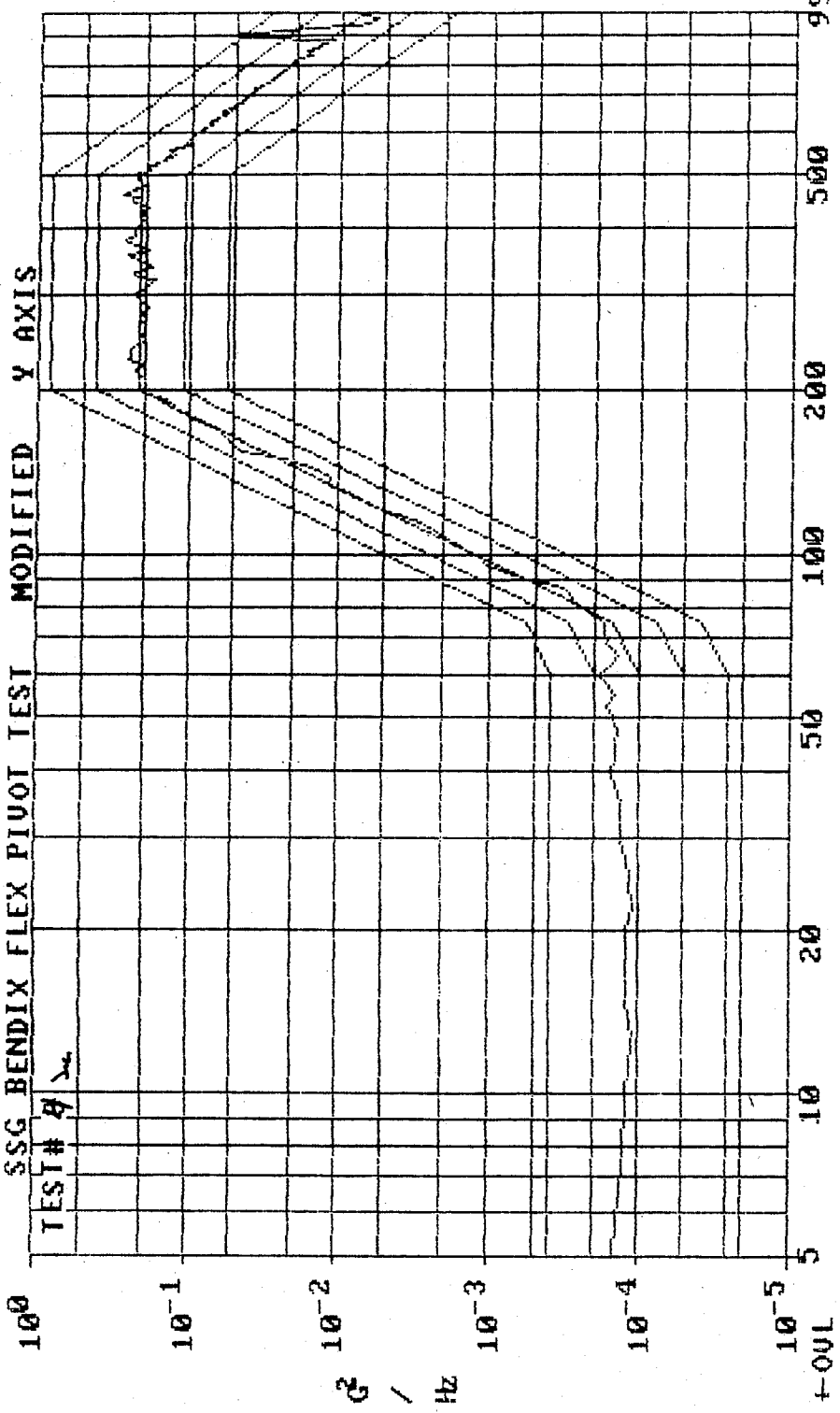
SSG SETUP ID: SSG

TEST# 8

SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST

MODIFIED

Y AXIS

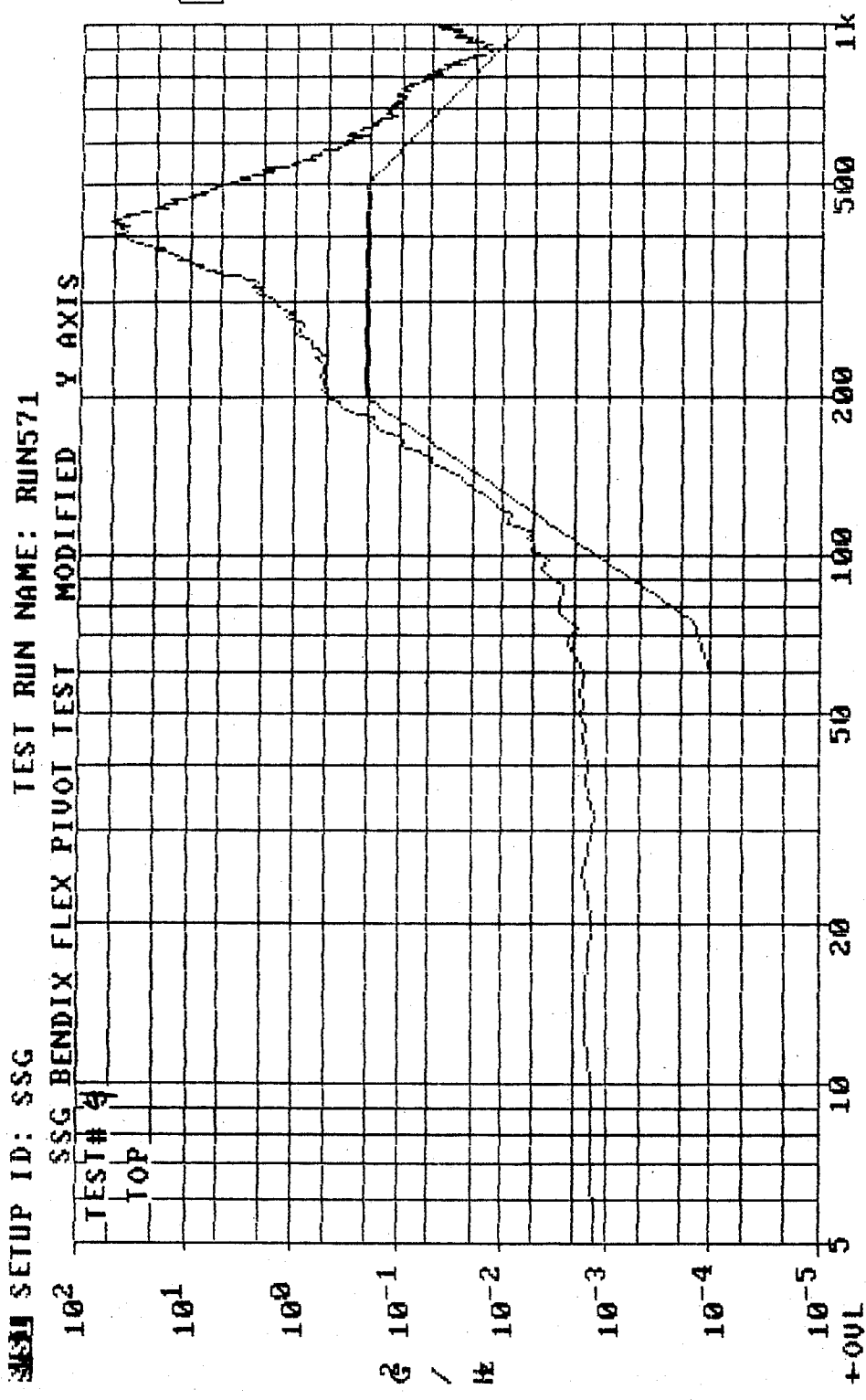


REF GRMS: 9.71 AUTO: 00:00:00 STATUS: Manual /

CON GRMS: 3.515 TOTL: 00:01:02 LEVEL: -9.0 dB CHAN SEQ:1

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 11:57:13  
 DISPLAY  
 C-CON  
 2-CHAN2  
 D-DRIVE  
 H-DR/CT  
 ^2-2/CT

MV/g=  
 10.0  
 DOF= 240  
 LNS= 500  
 RES=2.50  
 LIM=3.0G  
 UAR BW  
 Hz  
 INS-TEXT

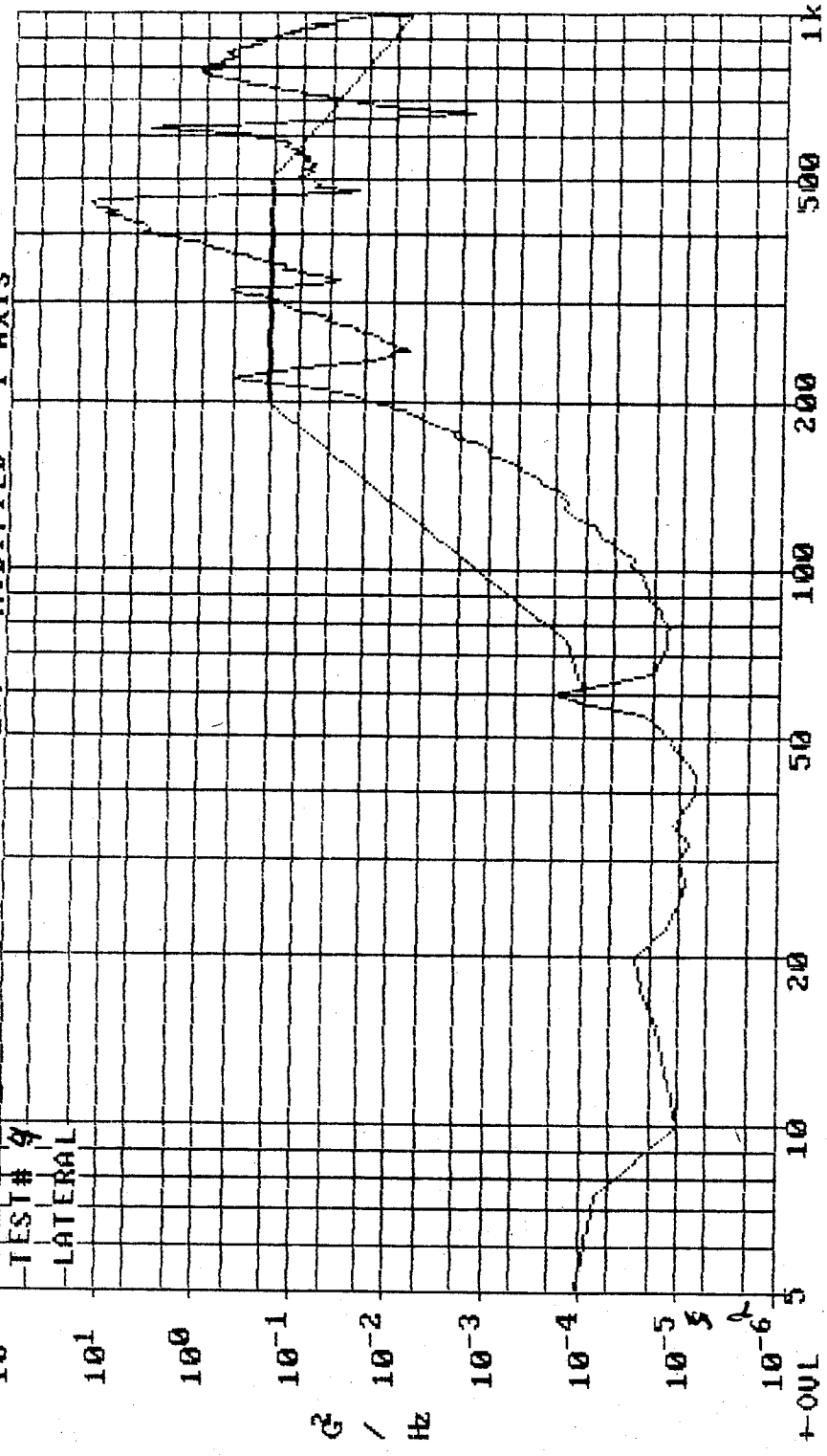


REF GRMS: 9.71 AUTO: 00:00:00 STATUS: Manual /  
 CH2 GRMS:22.234 TOTL: 00:01:02 LEVEL: -9.0 dB CHAN SEQ:1



TEST SETUP ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN571

SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST MODIFIED Y AXIS



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11:57:13

DISPLAY

C-CON

3-CHAN3

D-DRIVE

H-DR/CT

^3-3/CT

MU/g=

10.0

DOF= 240

LNS= 500

RES=2.50

LIM=3.0G

VAR BW

Hz

INS-TEXT

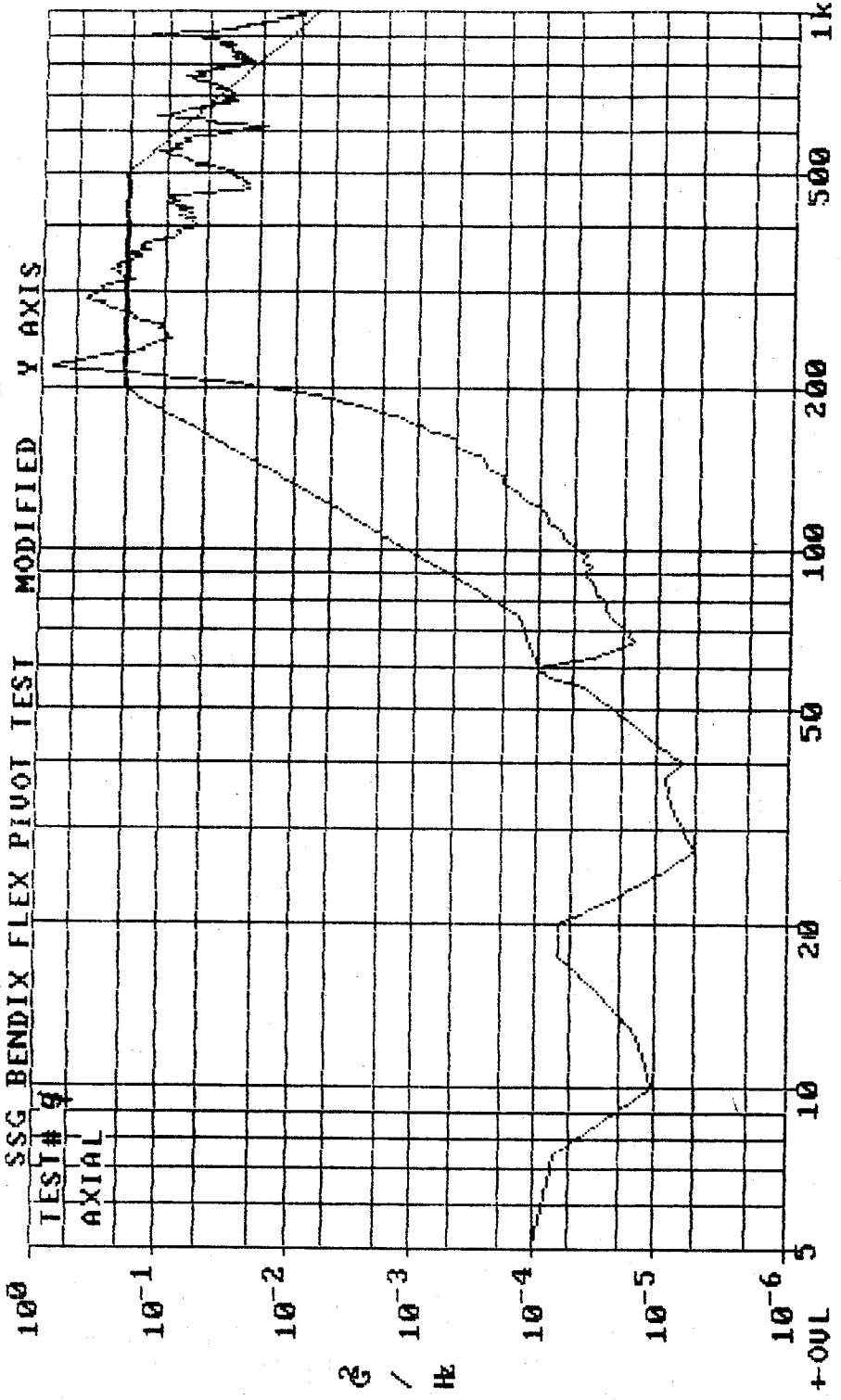
REF GRMS: 9.71 AUTO: 00:00:00 STATUS: Manual /  
CH3 GRMS: 9.993 TOTL: 00:01:02 LEVEL: -9.0 dB CHAN SEQ:1

SSG SETUP ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN571

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11:57:13  
DISPLAY  
C-CON

4-CHAN4  
D-DRIVE  
H-DR/CT  
^4-4/CT

MU/g=  
10.0  
DOF= 240  
LNS= 500  
RES=2.50  
LIM=3.0G  
VAR BW  
Hz  
INS-TEXT



REF GRMS: 9.71 AUTO: 00:00:00 STATUS: Manual /  
CH4 GRMS: 3.023 TOTL: 00:01:02 LEVEL: -9.0 dB CHAN SEQ:1

SSG SETUP ID: SSG

TEST RUN NAME: RUIN571

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SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST MODIFIED Y AXIS

DISPLAY

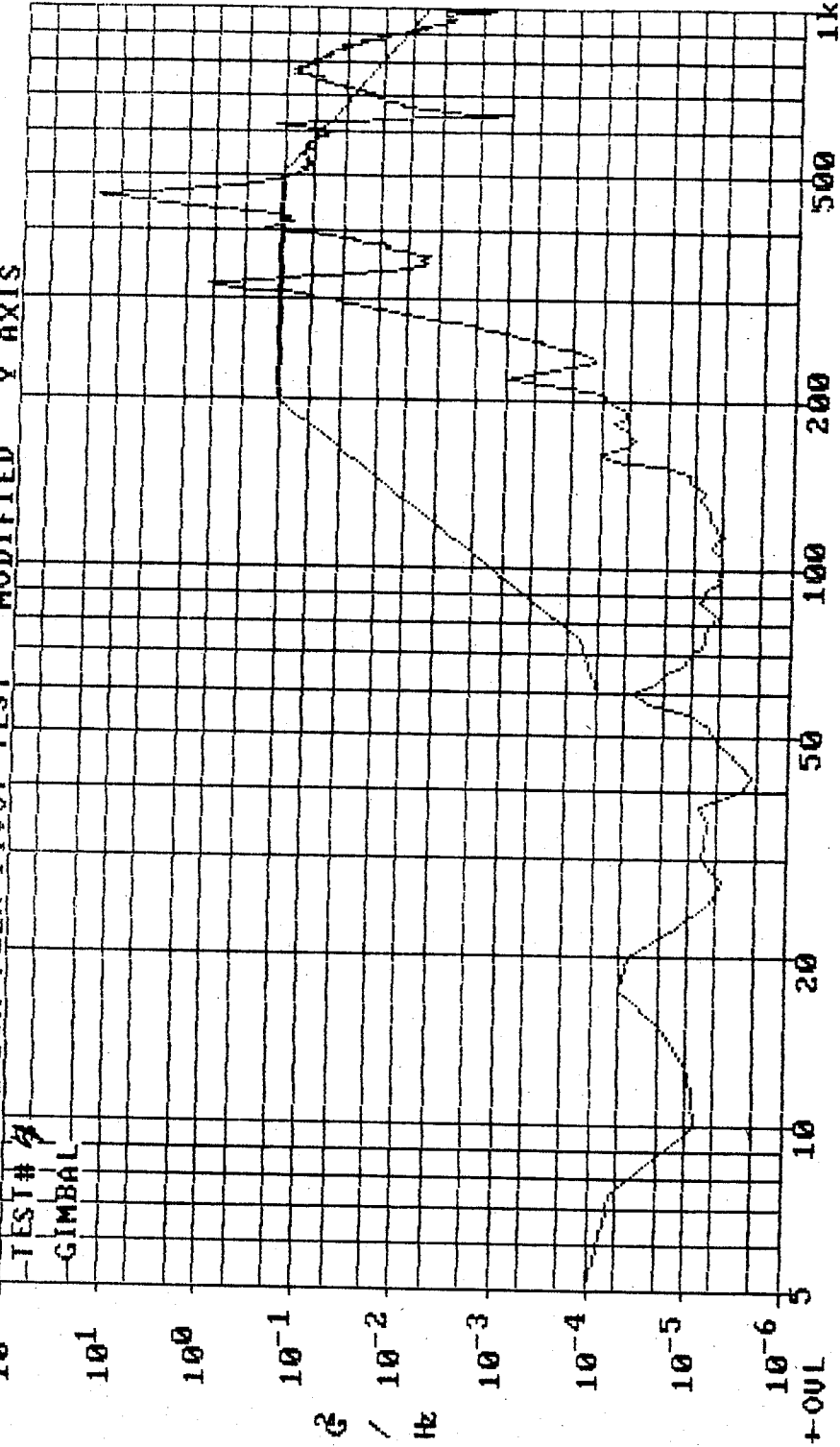
C-CON

5-CHAN5

D-DRIVE

H-DR/CT

^5-5/CT



MU/g=

10.0

DOF= 240

LNS= 500

RES=2.50

LIM=3.0G

VAR BW

Hz

INS-TEXT

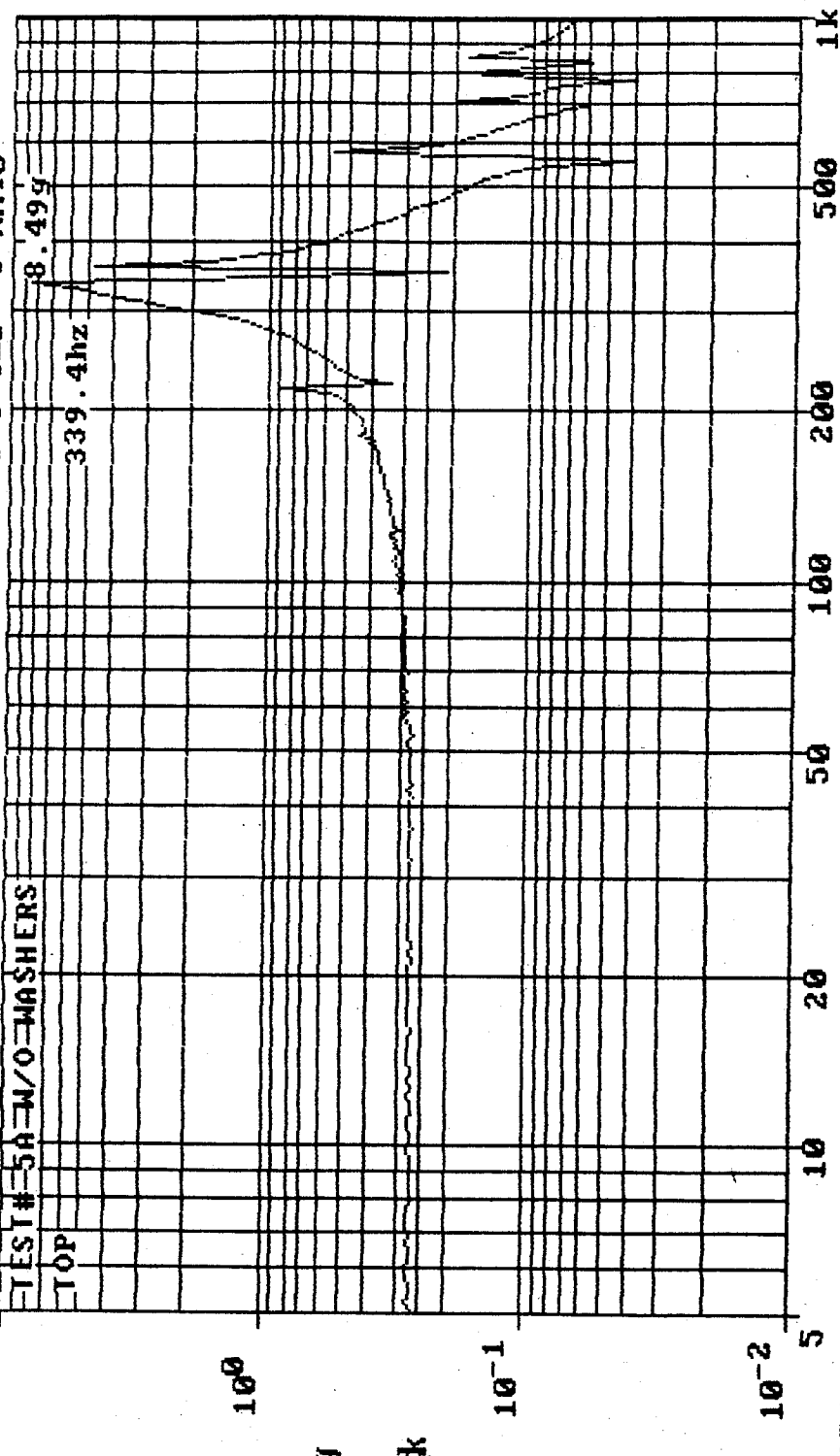
REF GRMS: 9.71 AUTO: 00:00:00 STATUS: Manual /

CH5 GRMS: 6.207 TOTL: 00:01:02 LEVEL: -9.0 dB CHAN SEQ:1

SSJ SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN4 autosave 08/28/97

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TEST# 5A W/O MASHERS  
TOP



2-CH2

D-DRIVE

^2-2/CT

FREQ=

979.7

CH2 LEV=

0.07 A

0.00 V

0.0 D

REF LEV=

.2500 g

CONSTANT

ACC

LOG SWP#

1 up

of 1

10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:39 STATUS: Finished

MAX SERV SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:50 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min

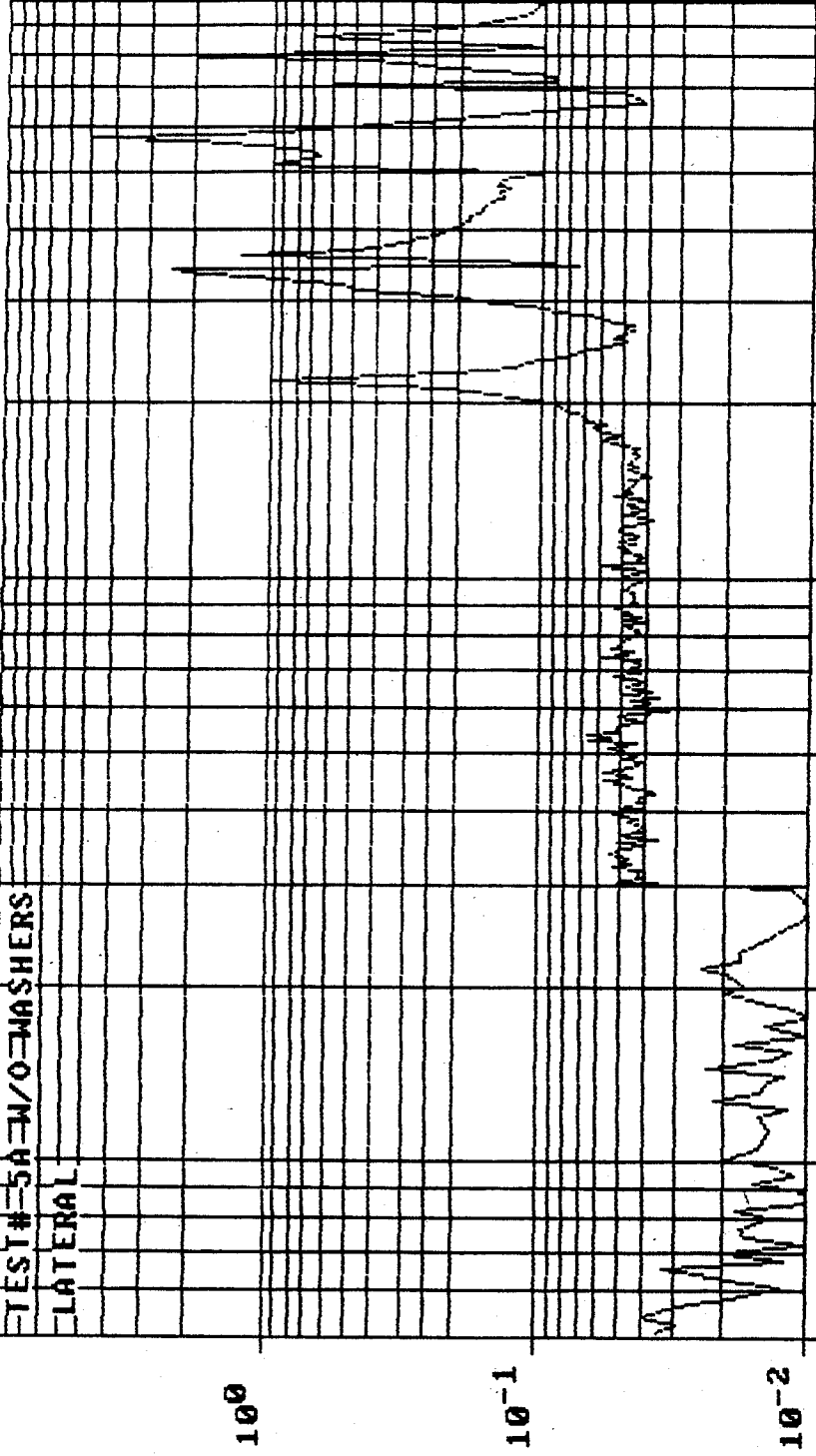
CHAN 1

SSG SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN4

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TEST# 5A-W/O WASHERS  
LATERAL



3-CH3  
D-DRIVE  
~3-3/CT  
FREQ= 981.9  
CH3 LEV= 0.10 A  
0.01 V  
0.0 D  
REF LEV= .2500 g  
CONSTANT ACC  
LOG SWPH 1 up  
of 1

10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:39 STATUS: Finished

MAX SERU SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:50 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min

CHAN 1

SSG SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN4

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10:31:53

DISPLAY

C-CTRL

4-CH4

D-DRIVE

^4-4/CT

FREQ=

996.4

CH4 LEV=

0.05 A

0.00 V

0.0 D

REF LEV=

.2500 g

CONSTANT

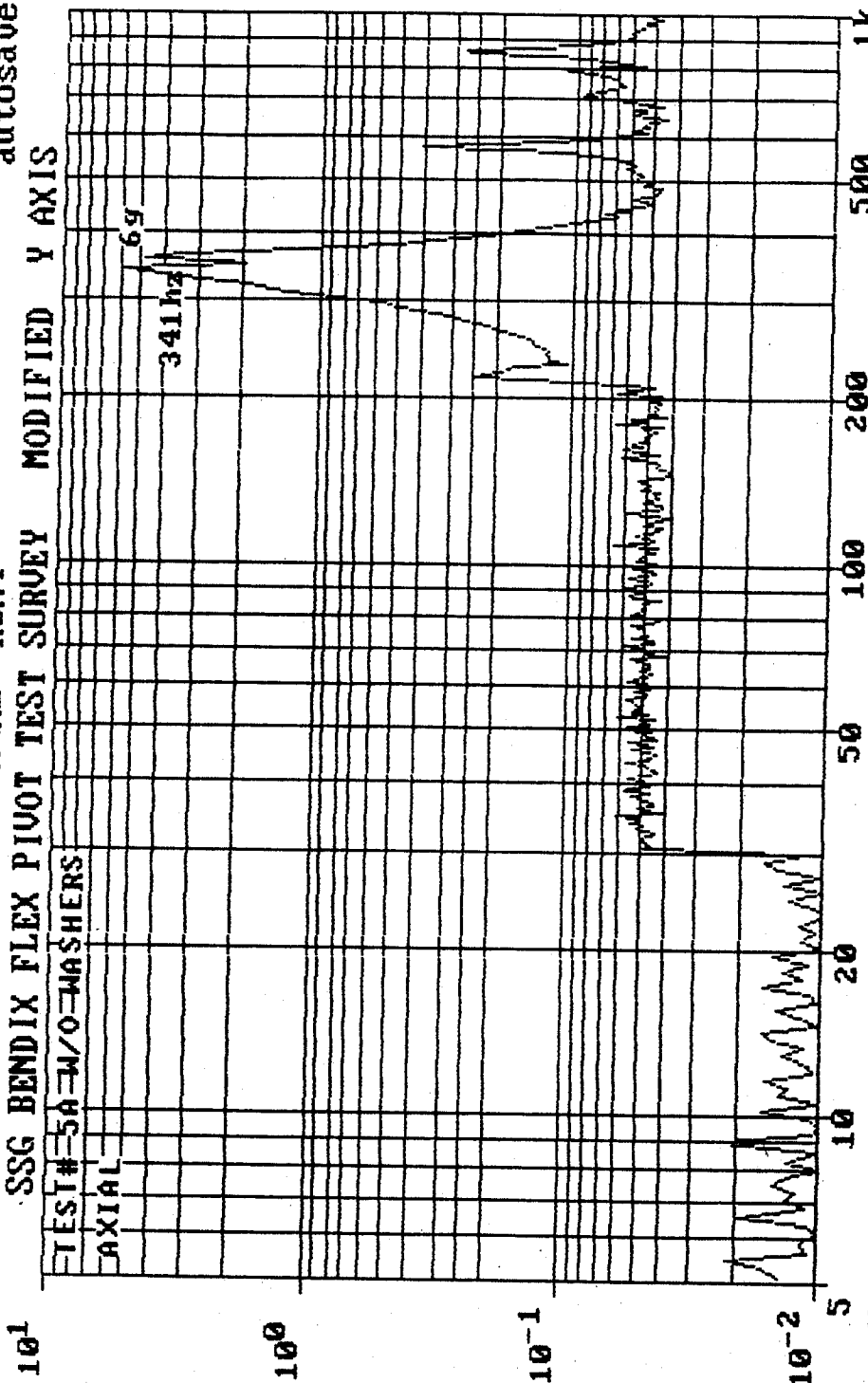
ACC

LOG SWPH

1 up

of 1

Hz



10 mV/g  
 MAX SERV SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:50 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min  
 STATUS: Finished  
 CHAN 1

SSG SETUP-ID: SSG TEST RUN NAME: RUN4 autosave

SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST SURVEY MODIFIED Y AXIS

TEST#-5A-N/O-WASHERS  
GIMBAL

5-CH5

D-DRIVE

^5-5/CT

FREQ=

975.3

CH5 LEV=

0.04 A

0.00 V

0.0 D

REF LEV=

.2500 g

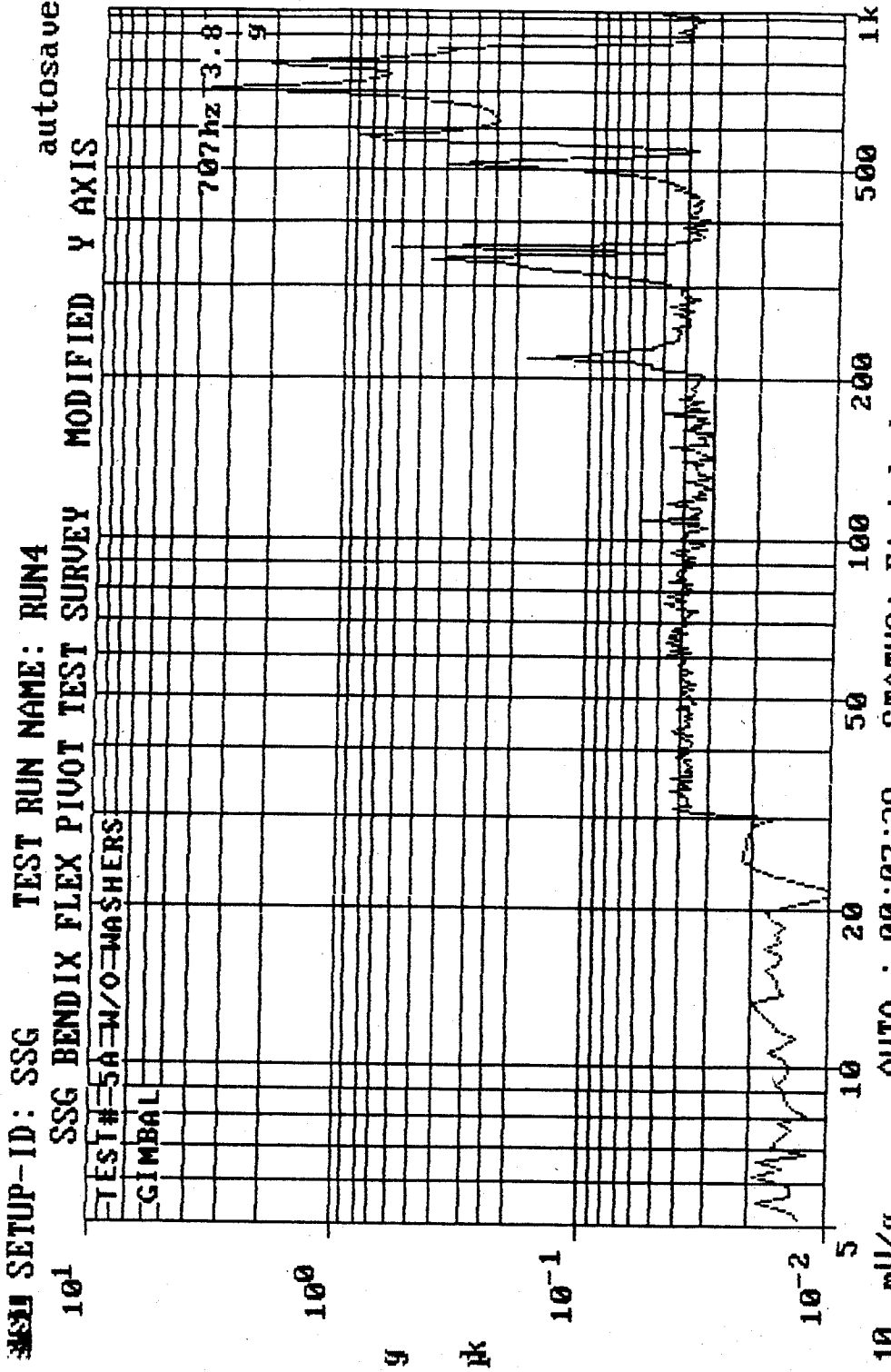
CONSTANT

ACC

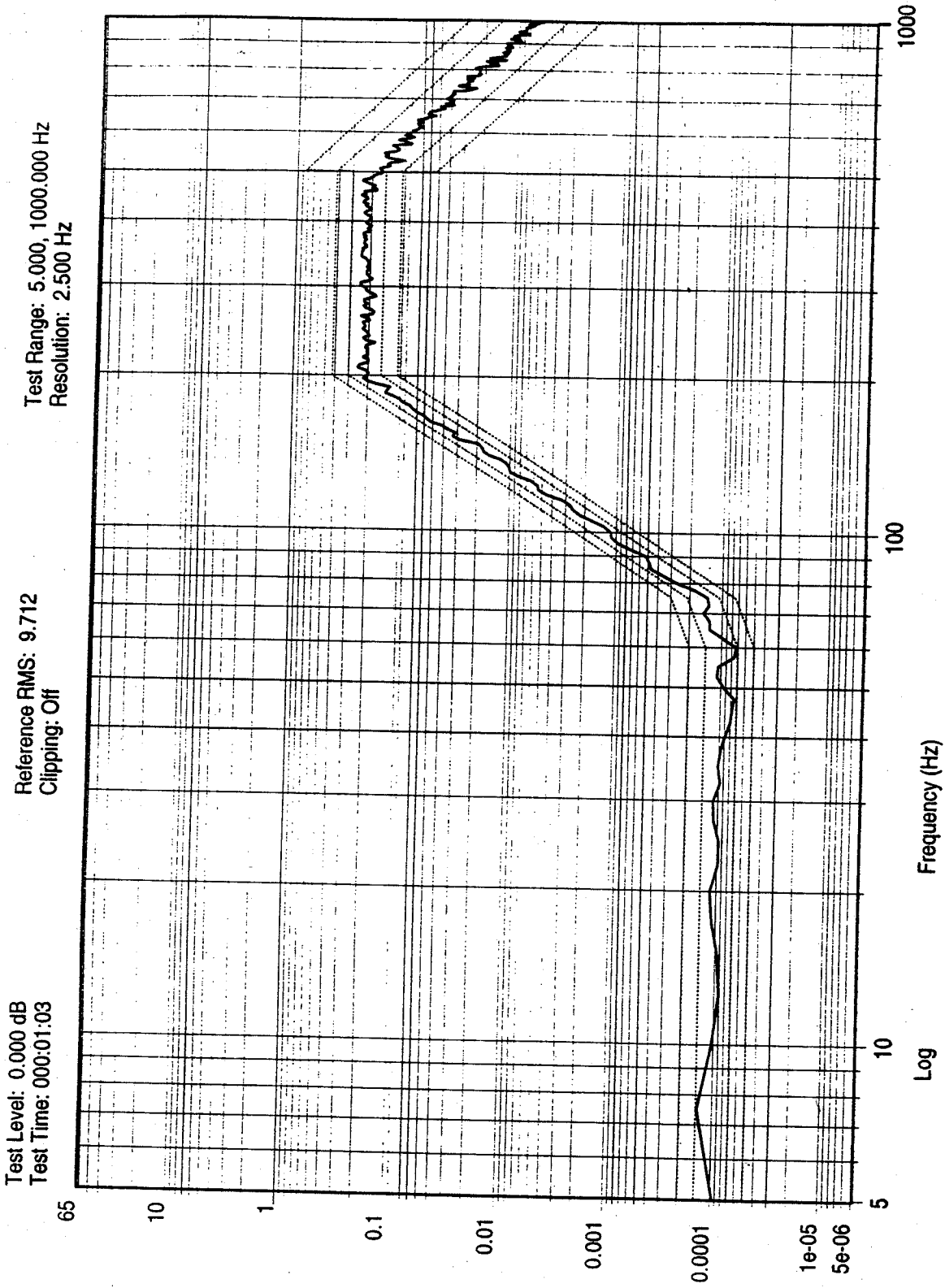
LOG SWP#

1 up

of 1



10 mV/g AUTO : 00:07:39 STATUS: Finished  
 MAX SERV SPD 1k TOTAL: 00:07:50 SWEEP TIME: 7.6 Min CHAN 1



Control

Log

g<sup>2</sup>/Hz

DOF 240

RMS:

9.701 g

10:51:41

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SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST W/O WASHERS  
TEST# 6 AXIS: Y MJO# 34080-98M

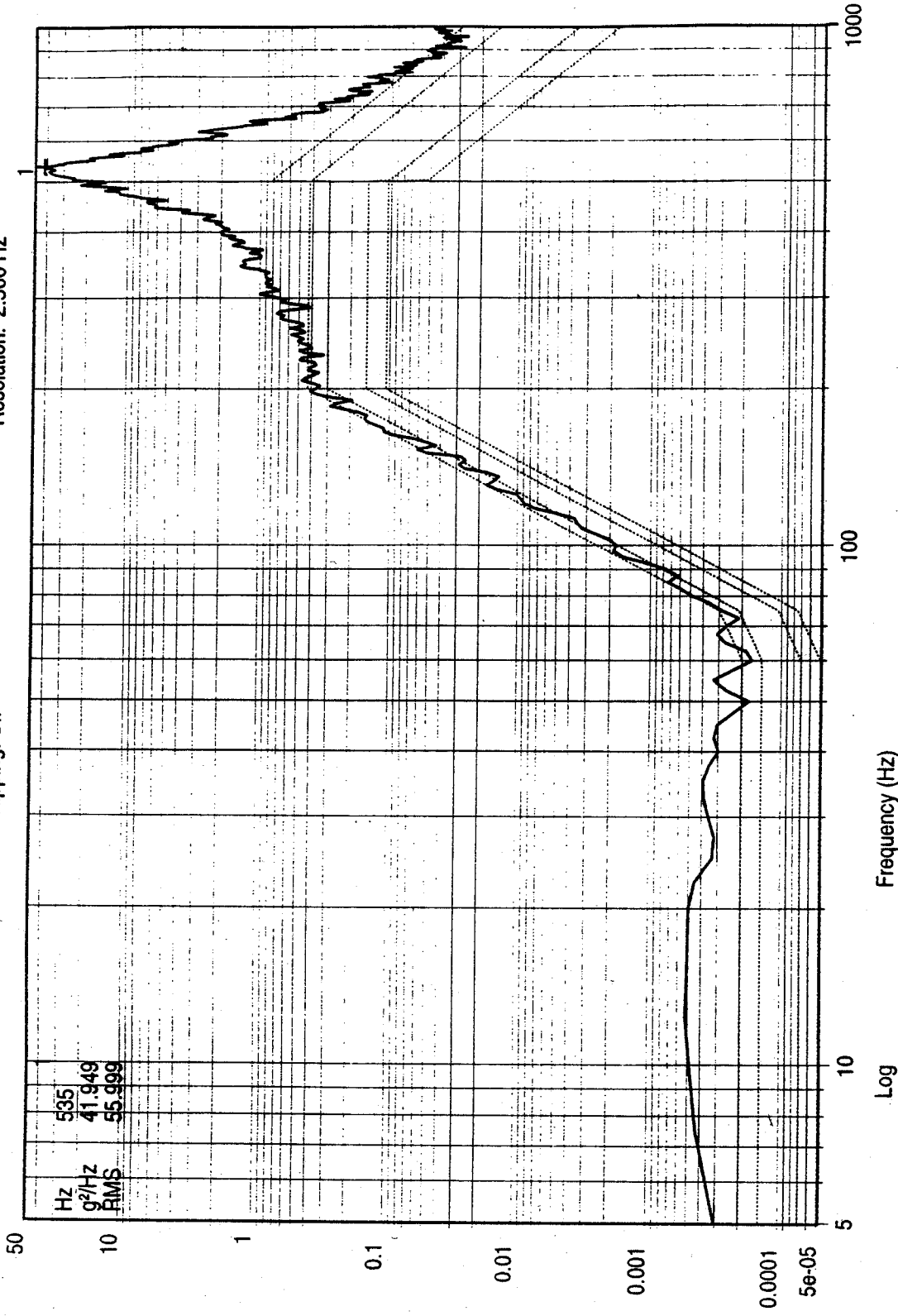
Test Name: SSG.001



Test Level: 0.000 dB  
Test Time: 000:01:03

Reference RMS: 9.712  
Clipping: Off

Test Range: 5,000, 1000,000 Hz  
Resolution: 2,500 Hz



Auxiliary  
Chan. 2

Log  
 $g^2/Hz$   
DOF 120  
RMS:  
55.999 g

10:52:07  
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SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST W/O WASHERS  
TEST# 4 AXIS: Y MJO# 34080-98M

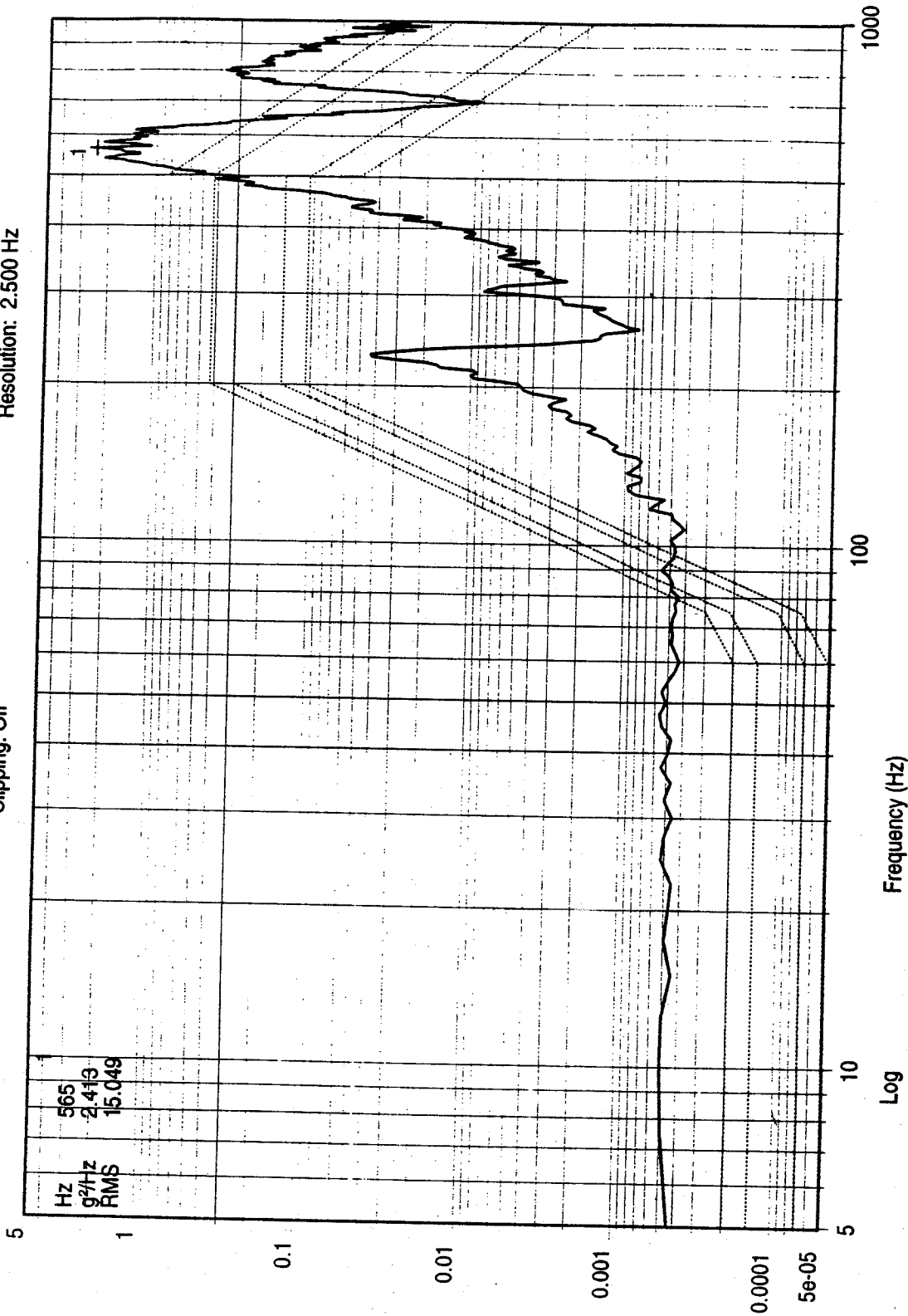
Test Name: SSG.001

TOP

Test Level: 0.000 dB  
Test Time: 000:01:03

Reference RMS: 9.712  
Clipping: Off

Test Range: 5.000, 1000.000 Hz  
Resolution: 2.500 Hz



Auxiliary  
Chan. 3

Log  
g²/Hz  
DOF 120  
RMS:  
15.049 g

10:52:35  
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SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST W/O WASHERS  
TEST# 6 AXIS: Y MJO# 34080-98M

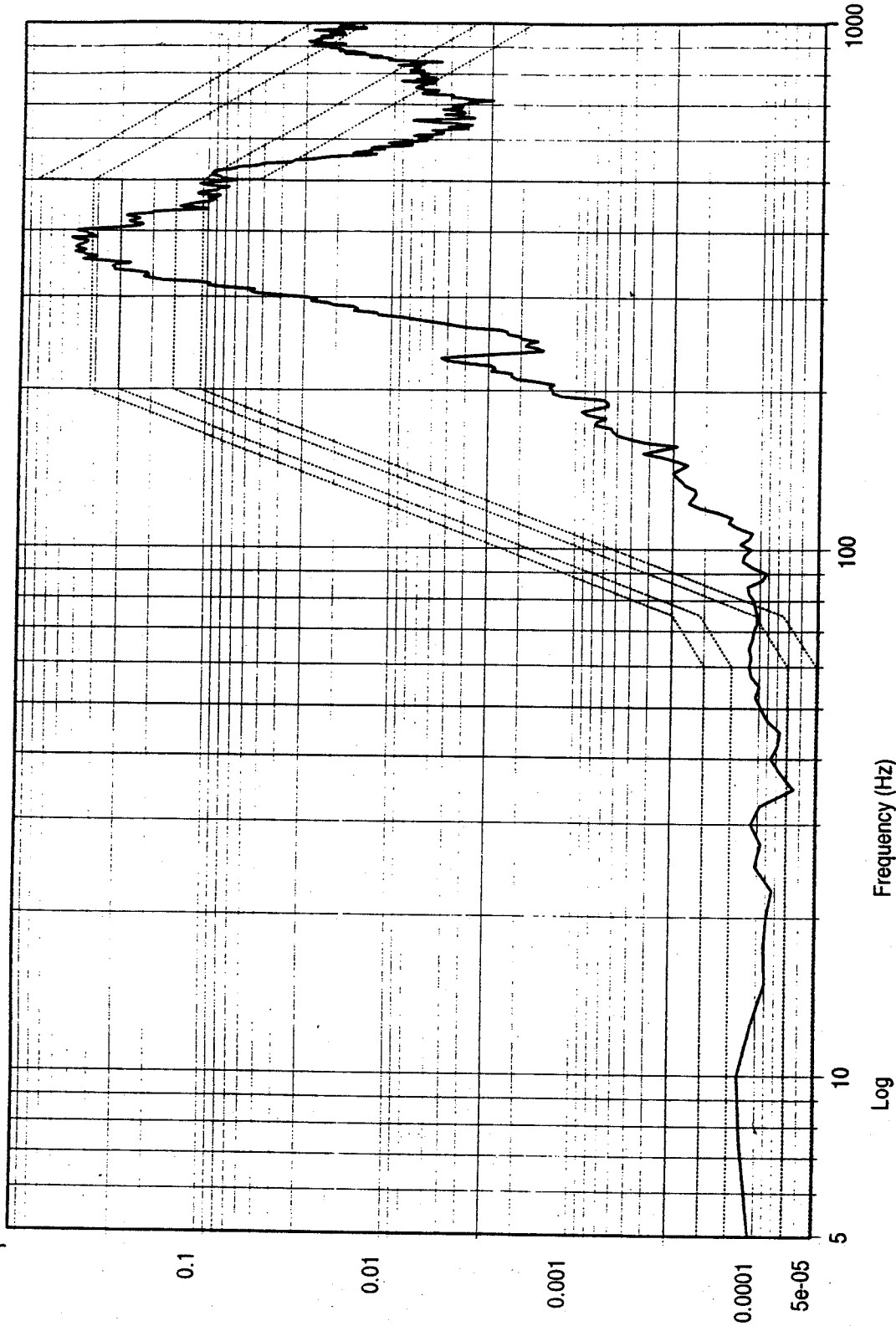
Test Name: SSG.001

LATERAL

Test Level: 0.000 dB  
Test Time: 000:01:03

Reference RMS: 9.712  
Clipping: Off

Test Range: 5.000, 1000.000 Hz  
Resolution: 2.500 Hz



Auxiliary  
Chan. 4

Log  
g²/Hz  
DOF 120  
RMS:  
7.653 g

10:52:44  
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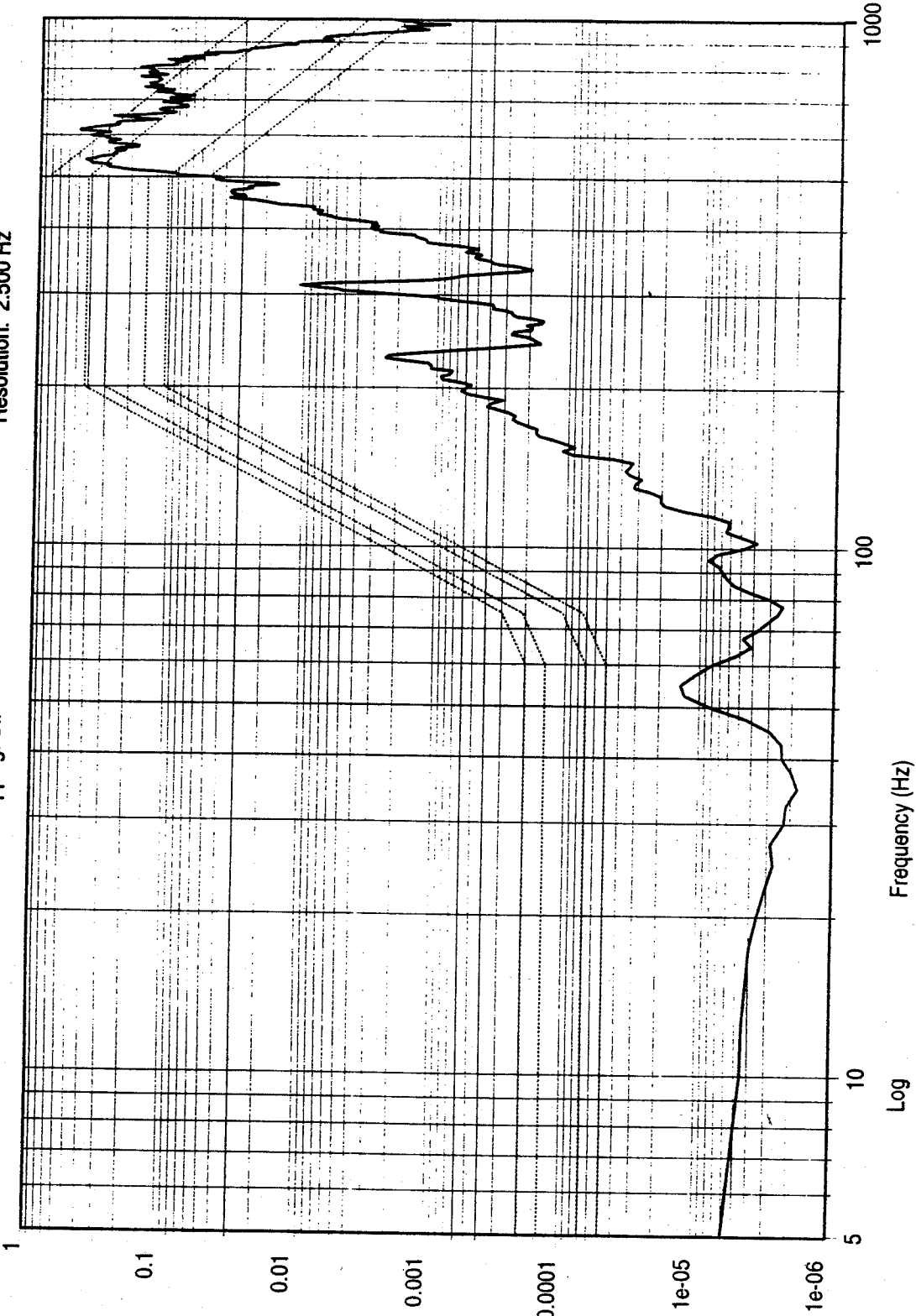
SSG BENDIX FLEX PIVOT TEST W/O WASHERS  
TEST# 4 AXIS: Y MJO# 34080-98M

Test Name: SSG.001

Test Level: 0.000 dB  
Test Time: 000:01:03

Reference RMS: 9.712  
Clipping: Off

Test Range: 5.000, 1000.000 Hz  
Resolution: 2.500 Hz



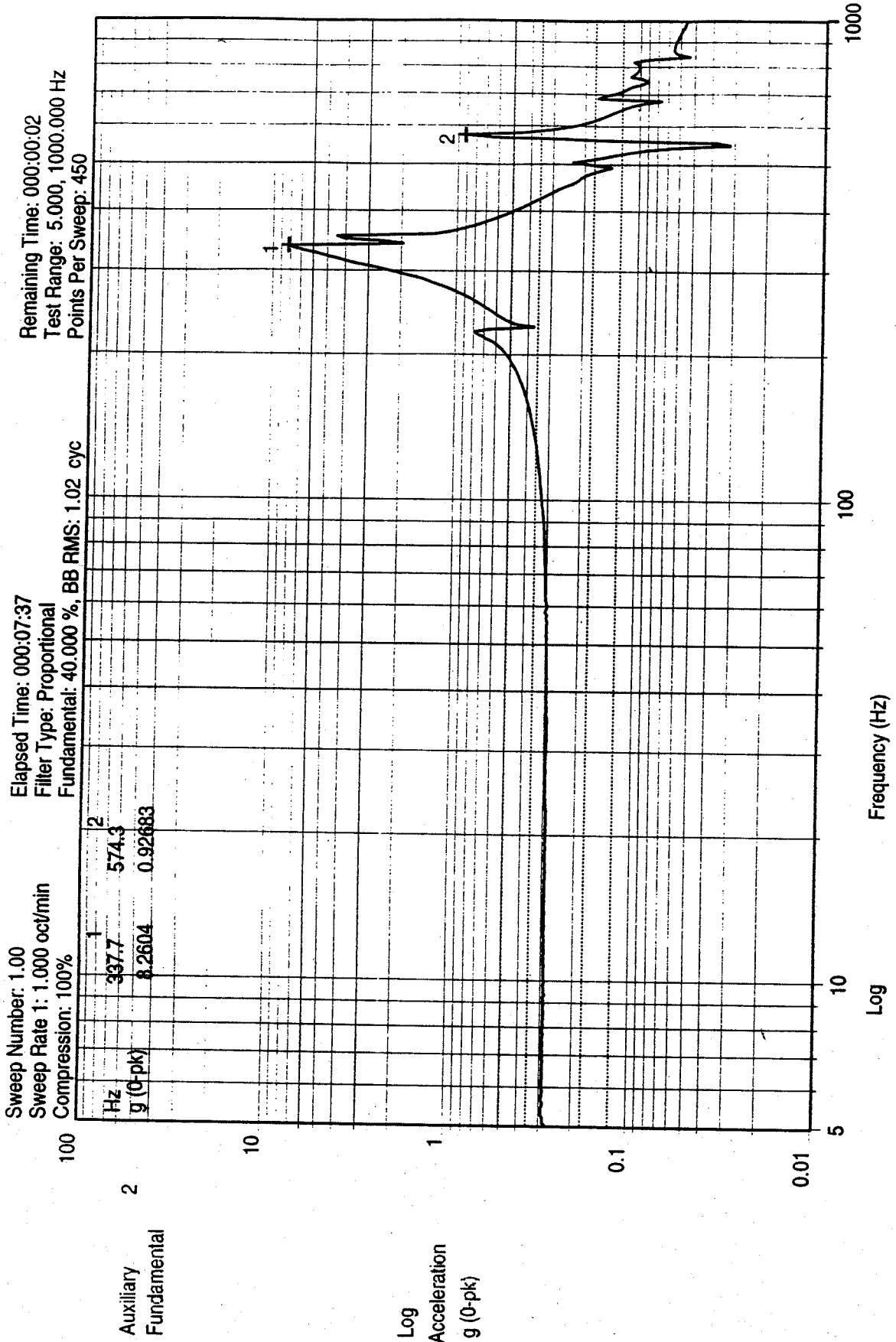
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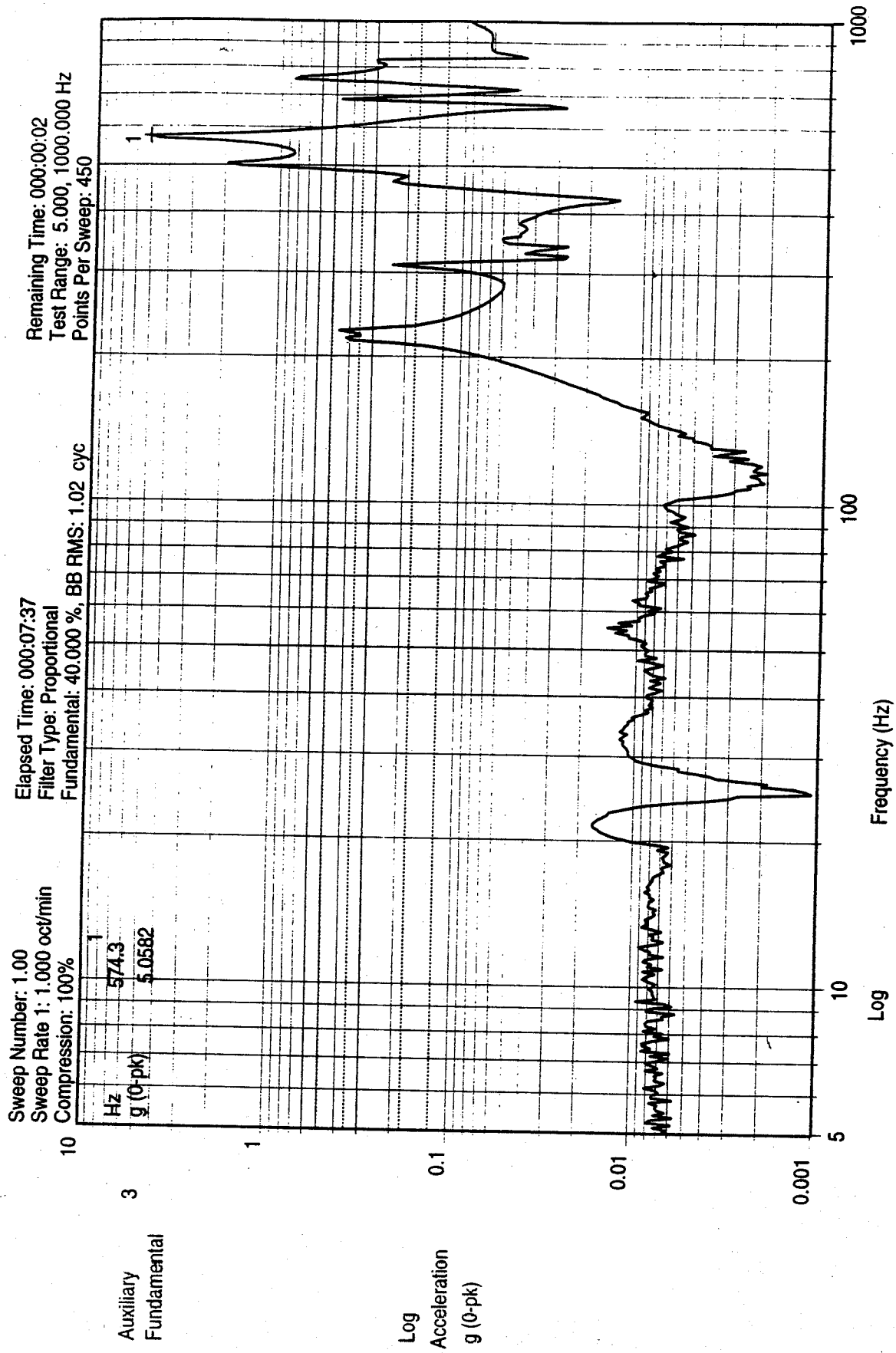


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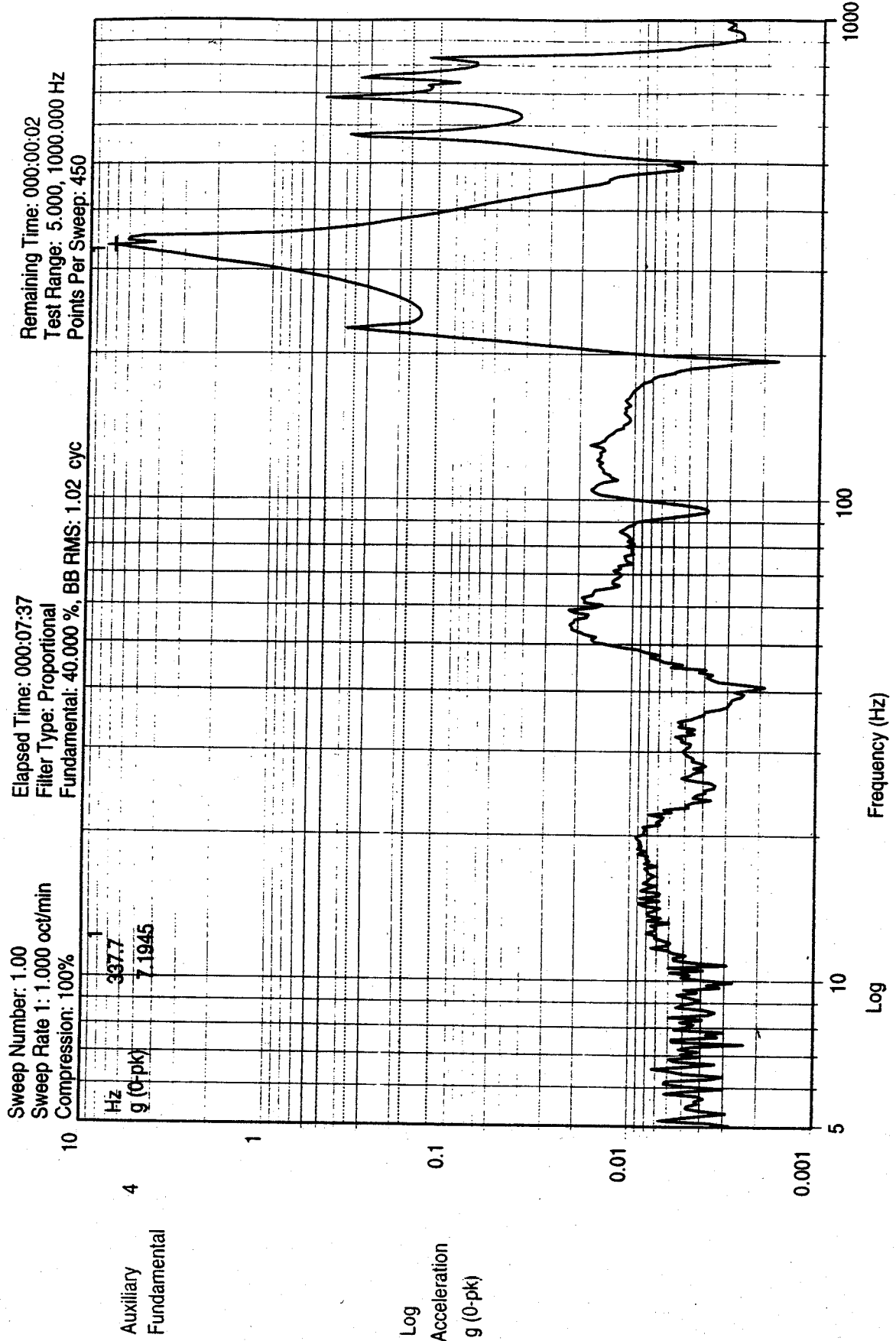
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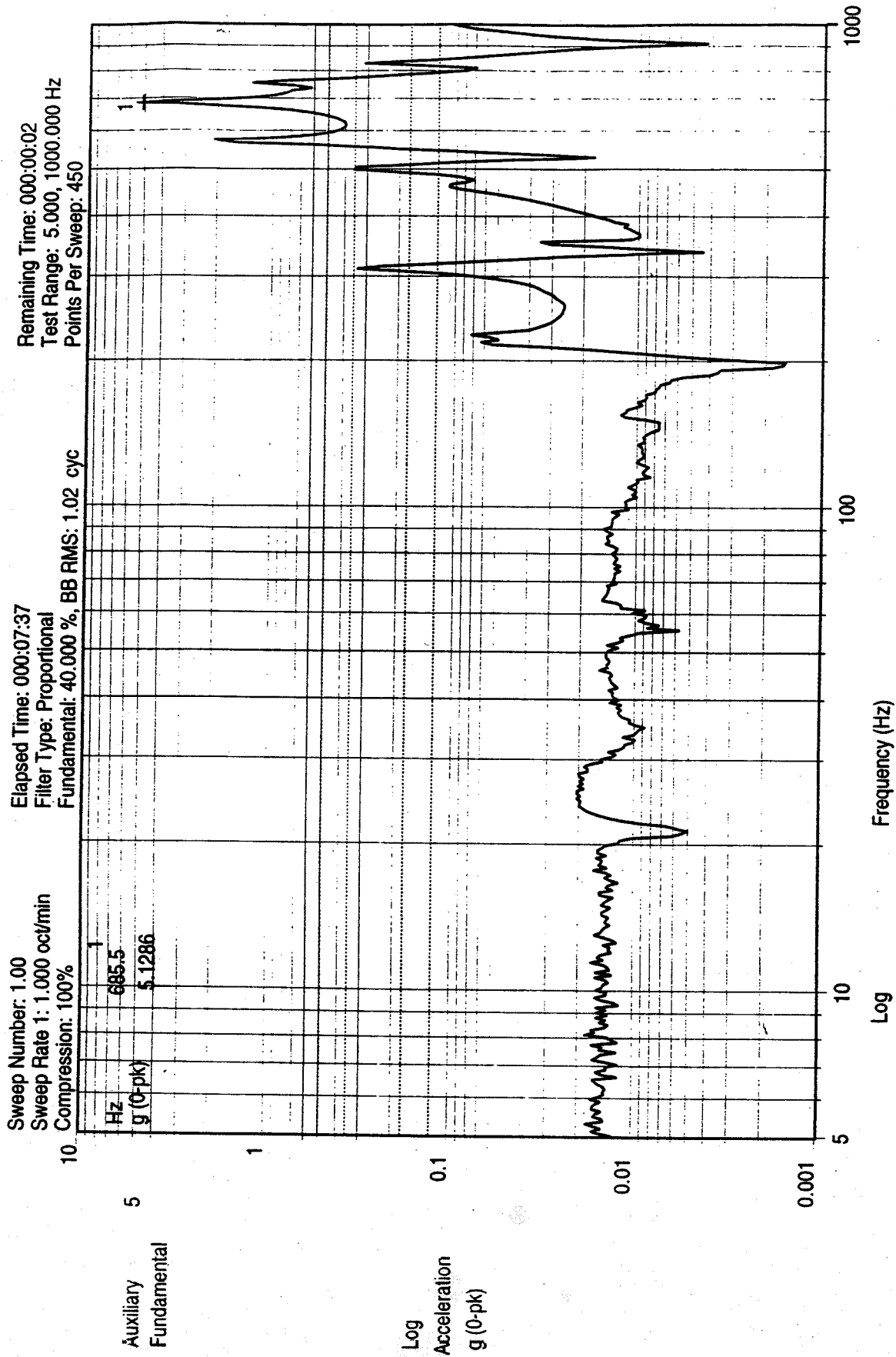


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