# SHOP AWARENESS BRIEFING

### WHY AN AWARENES "IEFING?

O TO EXPLAIN PROBLEMS (WHAT AND WHY) THAT OCCUR WHEN PARTS ARE IMPROPERLY TRIMMED, SHIMMED, CLAMPED, ETC.

O PROVIDE SHOP PERSONNEL BACKGROUND FOR TRIM REWORK THAT AFFECTS AIRCRAFT STRENGTH AND DURABILITY (LIFE)

#### GROUND RULES

- \* PRESENTATION HAS 5 SECTIONS
  - \* INTRODUCTION
  - \* GAPS & SHIMMING
  - \* TRIMMING
  - \* FASTENERS
  - \* TRIM EMPOWERMENT
- \* HOLD QUESTIONS UNTIL THE END OF EACH SECTION (IF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT YOUR QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED, CONTACT PERSONS LISTED IN HANDOUT OR YOUR LIAISON ENGINEER)
- \* 5 MIN BREAK HALFWAY THROUGH BRIEFING
- \* MANUFACTURING PERSONNEL WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE NORMAL 10 MIN BREAK AFTER THE BRIEFING

#### GROUND RULES

- \* THIS BRIEFING DOES NOT GIVE ANY AUTHORITY TO PERFORM REWORK.
- \* THE ENGINEERING DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS & ENGINEERING DISPOSITIONS ARE STILL THE AUTHORIZING DOCUMENTS.

# WHY AN AWARENE! RIEFING?

\* VISITS TO CUSTOMER BASES AND FIELD SERVICE REPORTS INDICATE STRUCTURAL FAILURES OCCUR FREQUENTLY.

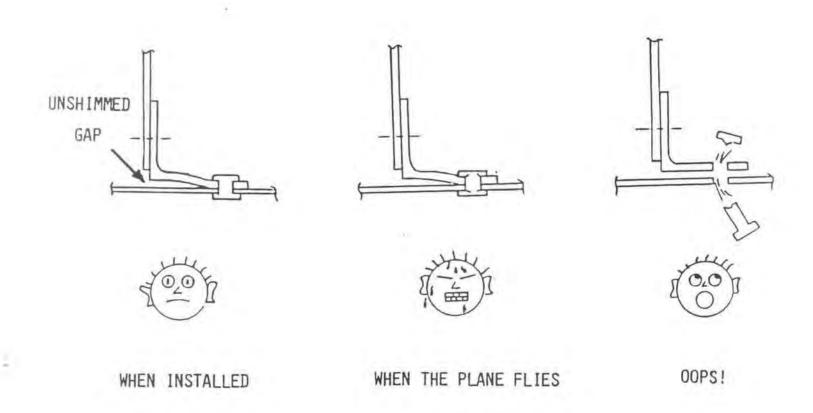
\* THESE FAILURES REQUIRE REWORK AND GROUND TIME TO RETURN THE AIRCRAFT TO FLIGHT STATUS.

\* THESE FAILURES CAN BE PRIMARILY ATTRIBUTED TO PROBLEMS ENGINEERED AND MANUFACTURED INTO THE AIRPLANE.

### WHY A BRIEFING?

TO PROVIDE YOU (MANUFACTURING) AN AWARENESS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE AIRPLANE PERFORMING AS ADVERTISED FOR YEARS TO COME.

# MOST PROBLEMS TAKE TIME TO SHOW UP. IT MAY NOT BE APPARENT IN THE SHOP, BUT ONCE THE PLANE STARTS FLYING - WATCH OUT!

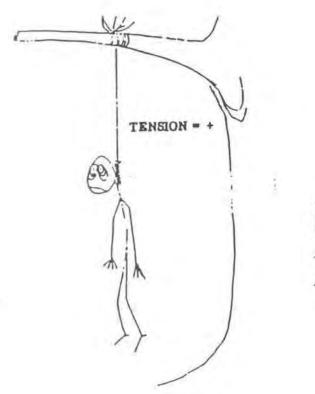


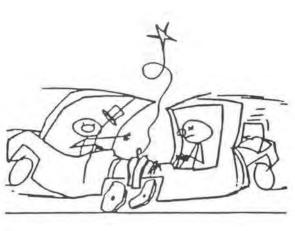
### **DEFINITIONS**

SEVERAL TERMS WILL BE UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THESE BRIEFINGS AND NEED TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

- o LOAD (TENSION, COMPRESSION)
- o STRESS
- o FATIGUE
- o STRESS RISER

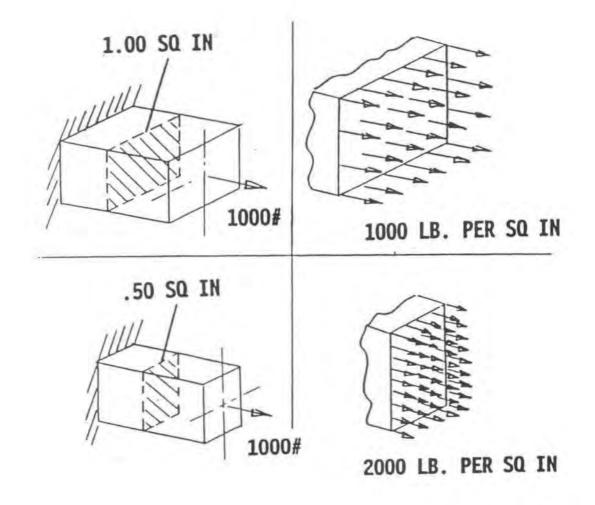
# BASIC TYPES OF LOADING



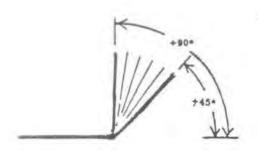


COMPRESSION = -

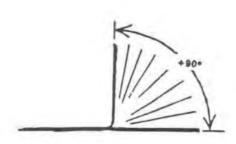
# STKESS



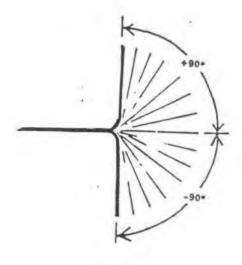
# FATIGUE







15 CYCLES 0 to 90-DEGREE BENDING



5 CYCLES 90-DEGREE REVERSE BENDING

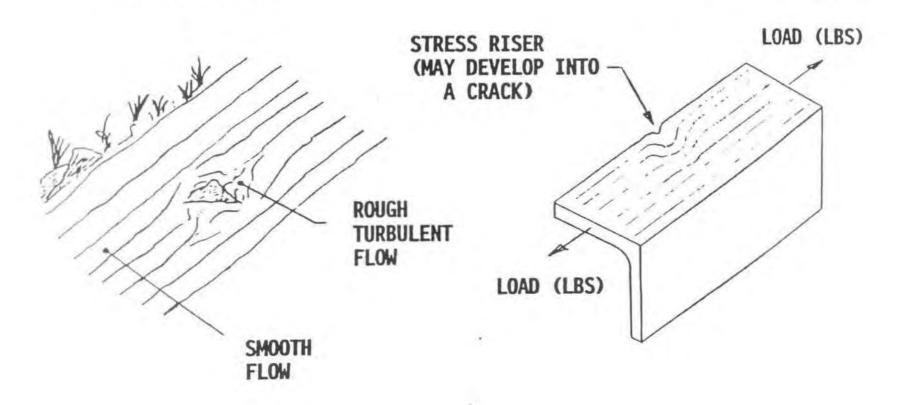
# A galvanized 14-gage wire

### STRESS RISERS

NICKS, GOUGES, UNDERCUTS, HOLES, SHARP EDGES, ETC.
SIMILAR TO AN OBSTRUCTION IN A STREAM

### ROCK IN A STREAM

# STRUCTURAL PART WITH AN UNDERCUT



# **GAPS**

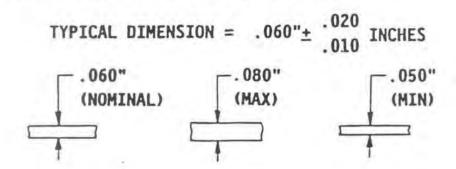
- o CLAMPING
- o SHIMMING

### AN IDEAL AIRPLANE HAS NO GAPS

(ALL COMPONENTS ARE NOMINAL AND FIT TOGETHER AS INTENDED)

### IN THE REAL WORLD:

TOLERANCE BUILD-UP ON STRUCTURAL PARTS, PARTS NOT MADE TO B/P, AND B/P ERRORS ALL LEAD TO GAPS.



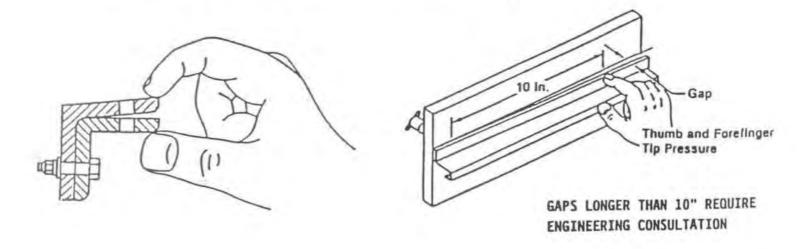
### CLAMPING OUT A GAP

- THUMB/FOREFINGER RULE (REF. PROCESS SPEC. 19000)

CAN A GAP (LOCALLY OR OVER 10" MAXIMUM) BE CLOSED USING ONLY THUMB AND FOREFINGER TIP PRESSURE?

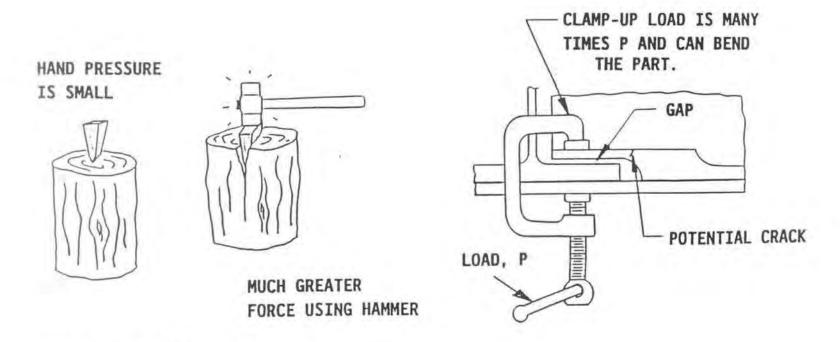
IF YES - A SHIM IS PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY

IF NO - A SHIM OR REWORK IS REQUIRED

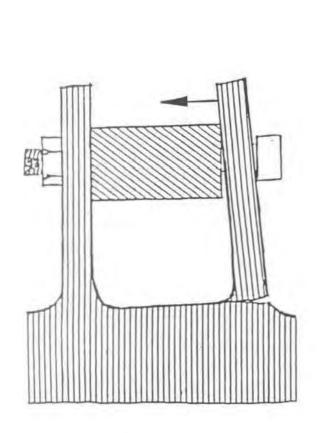


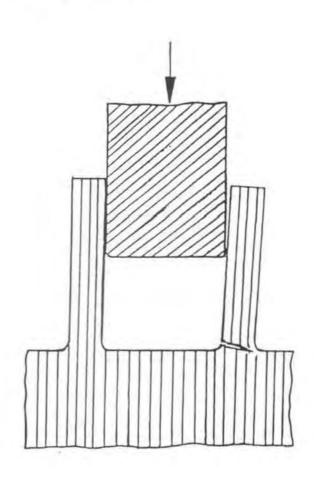
- FORCING PARTS INTO PLACE BY CLAMPING, HAMMERING, PRYING, ETC, IS UNDESIRABLE (CAUSES CRACKS).
- LOAD OR FORCE IS GREATLY INCREASED WHEN TOOLS ARE USED TO MAKE PARTS FIT.

RESULT: DAMAGED PARTS OR FUTURE CRACKS DEVELOP IN THE AREA.



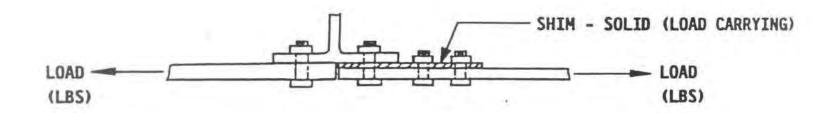
# IF IT DOESN'T FIT, DON'T FORCE IT



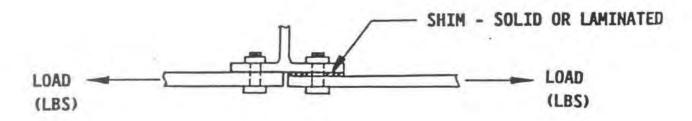


### PROPERLY DESIGNED SHIMS CAN MAKE ASSEMBLY OF PARTS EASIER.

# A. STRUCTURAL SHIM (ATTEMPTS TO RESTORE B/P STRENGTH CAPABILITY AND IMPROVES FASTENER BENDING)



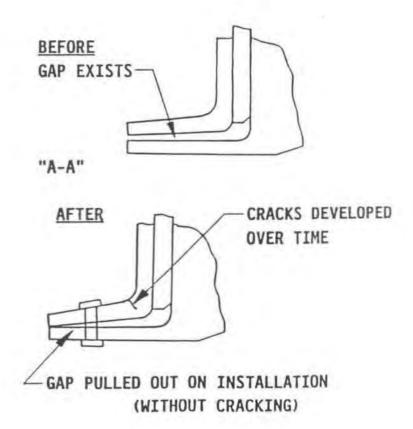
### B. NON-STRUCTURAL SHIM; GAP FILLERS ONLY (1 FASTENER)



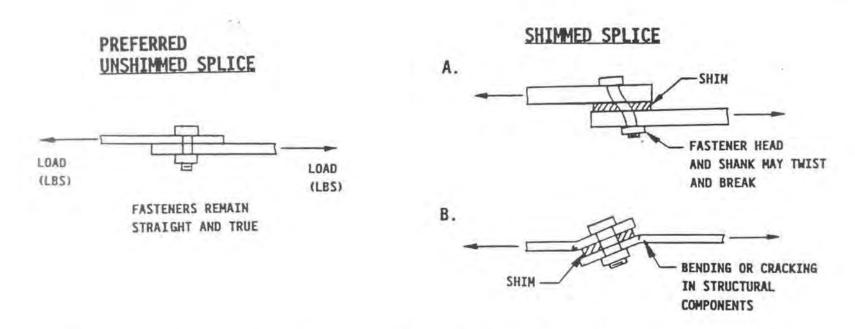
- O HIGH LOADS/FORCES REMAIN IN A PART AFTER PULLING OUT A GAP
- O CRACKS MAY NOT OCCUR ON INSTALLATION, BUT CAN DEVELOP AND GROW OVER TIME.

### FLAP SCREW SUPPORT FITTING





### DISADVANTAGES OF SHIMMED GAPS OR SPLICES



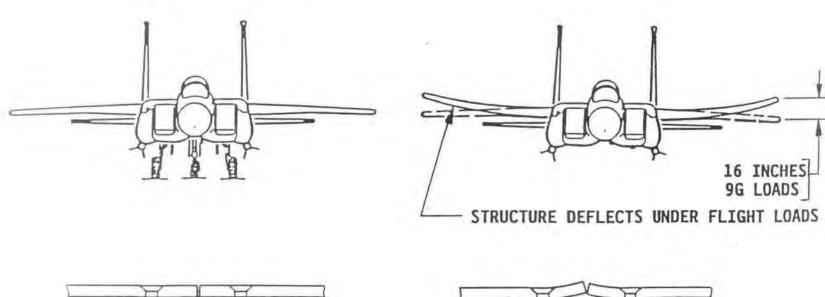
- THE GENERAL EFFECT OF A SHIM IS TO REDUCE THE STRENGTH OF A JOINT.
- THE CHANCE OF DEVELOPING PROBLEMS FROM SHIMS INCREASES AS SHIM THICKNESSES INCREASE.
- SHIM THICKNESSES GREATER THAN THOSE ALLOWED ON B/P'S MUST NOT BE INSTALLED WITHOUT LIAISON ENGINEERING DISPOSITION

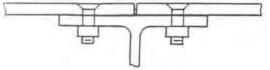
### SHIMMING GUIDELINES (FOR REFERENCE ONLY)

- A. ALWAYS CONSULT LIAISON ENGINEERING WHEN SHIMS ARE NOT CALLED OUT ON THE BLUEPRINT.
- B. USE ONLY METAL SHIMS IN STRUCTURAL JOINTS.
- C. AVOID EXCESSIVE THICKNESS OF LAMINATED SHIMS. USE PART SOLID SHIMS WHEN THICKNESSES EXCEED .032".
- D. LIQUID SHIMS SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN LOW LOAD AREAS AND ARE ACCEPTABLE ONLY BY ENGINEERING DISPOSITION

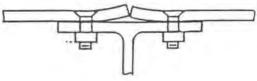
### MOLDLINE BUTT GAPS: BLUEPRINT GAPS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED

- STRUCTURAL FLEXING DUE TO FLIGHT LOADS
- HIGH TEMPERATURE EXPANSION
  (HIGH SPEED FLIGHT CAUSES HIGH SURFACE TEMPERATURES)
- PARTS RUBBING TOGETHER REMOVES PROTECTIVE COATINGS



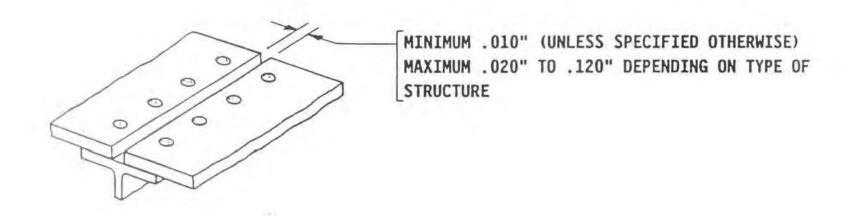


UNDEFLECTED CONDITION



SKINS BUCKLE AND RUB TOGETHER IF MOLDLINE GAPS ARE NOT MAINTAINED

### MOLDLINE BUTT GAPS



REF. DWG 68A900001 FOR ALLOWABLE GAPS (68A327000 FOR THE INLET AIR DUCT)

# TRIMMING

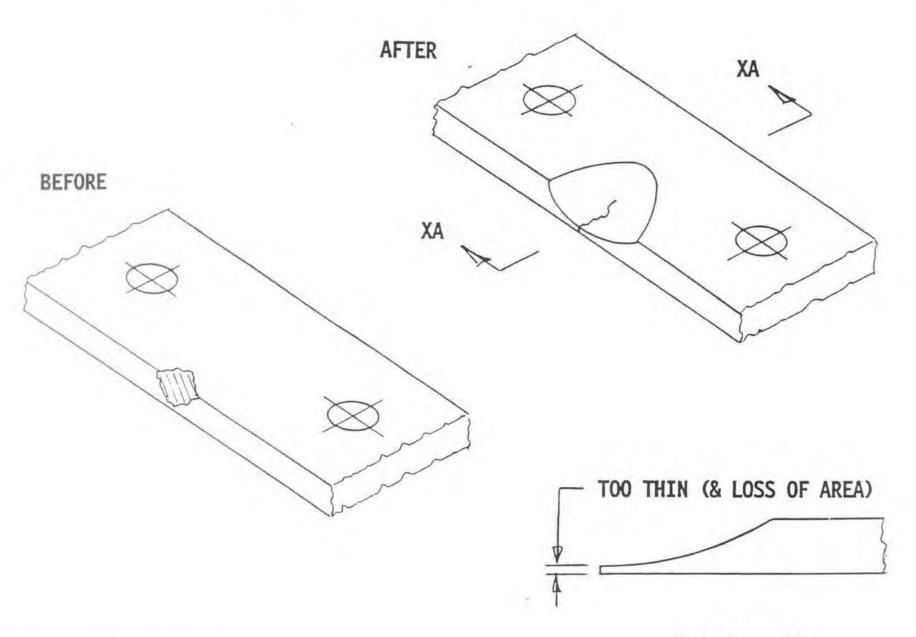
### REASONS FOR TRIMMING

- \* POOR FIT WITH MATING PARTS
- \* NICKS, GOUGES, CRACKS, DRILL MARKS
- \* HOLES FALLING IN OR NEAR STEPS, FLANGES OR ADJACENT PARTS

### PRECAUTIONS WHEN TRIMMING

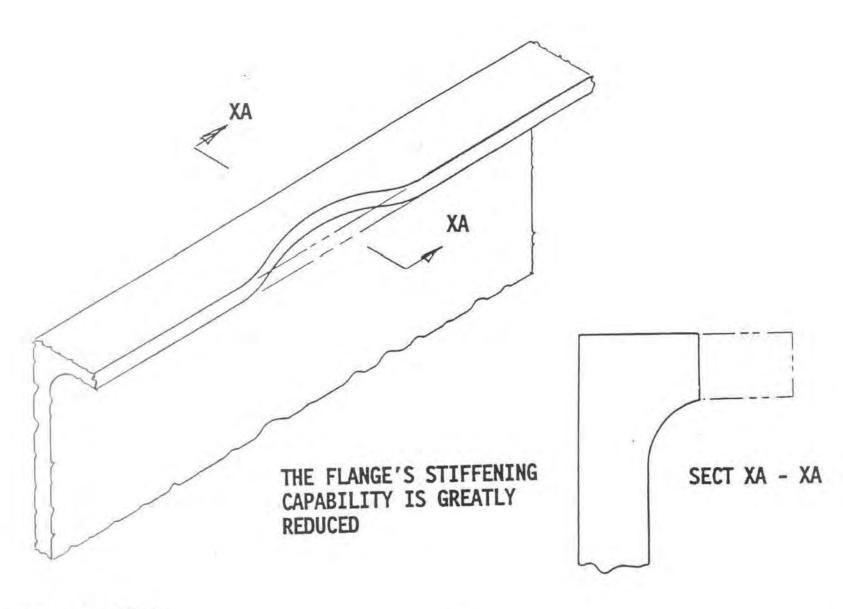
- \* REMOVING TOO MUCH THICKNESS
- \* REDUCTION OF FLANGE WIDTH ESPECIALLY AREADY SHORT STIFFENING ("RETURN") FLANGES
- \* MACHINED STEPS (TRANSITIONS) TOO SHORT
- \* TRIM TOO CLOSE TO HOLES
- \* TOO SMALL CORNER/FILLET RADII
- \* POOR SURFACE FINISH
- \* MAKING SHARP EDGES
- \* TRIM PROFILE TOO SHARP NOT GRADUAL

# BLENDING MAY REMOV 700 MUCH THICKNESS

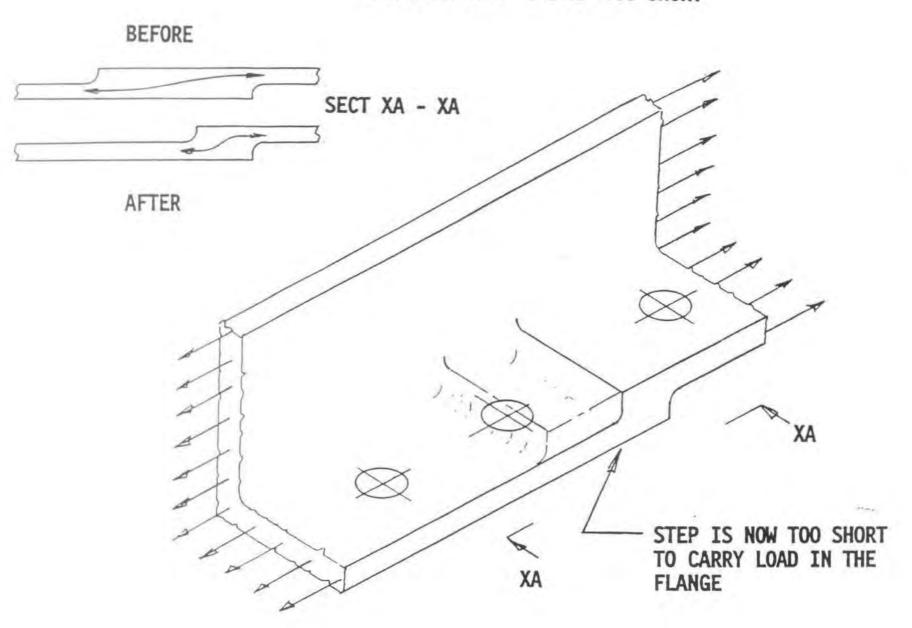


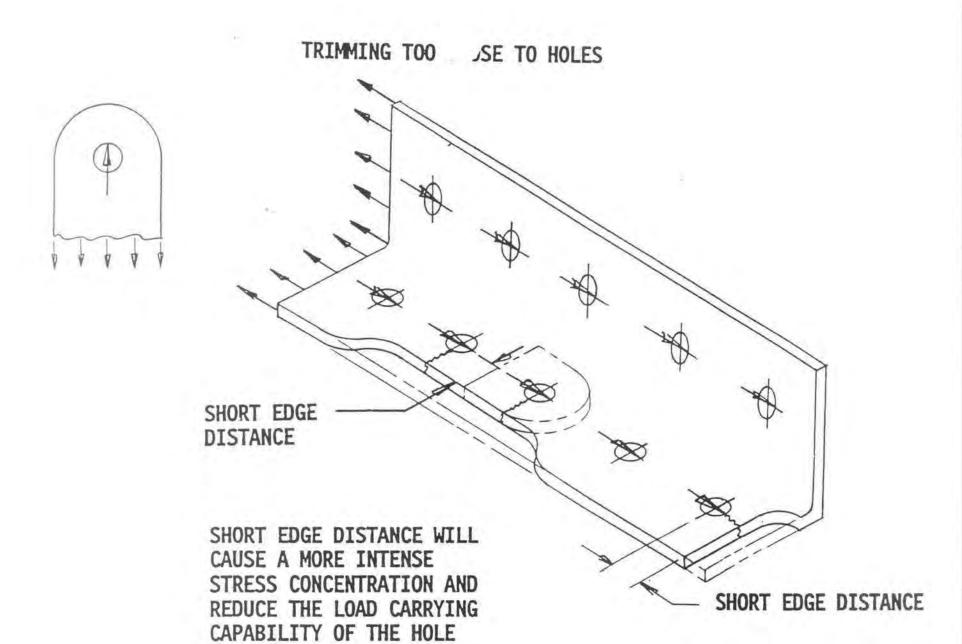
SECT XA - XA

# TRIMMED RETURN 1 LANGES CAN HURT

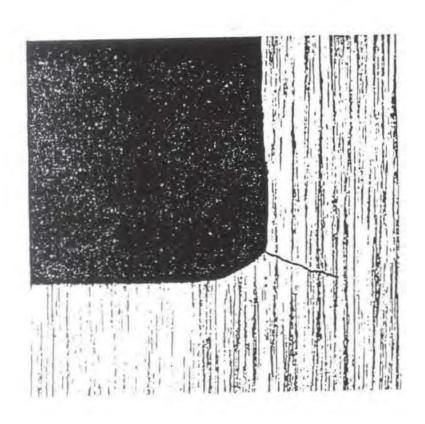


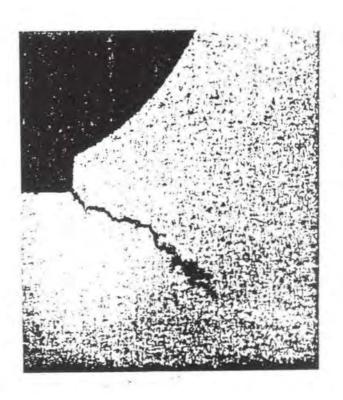
# REWORKING A N. \_ STEP TOO SHORT



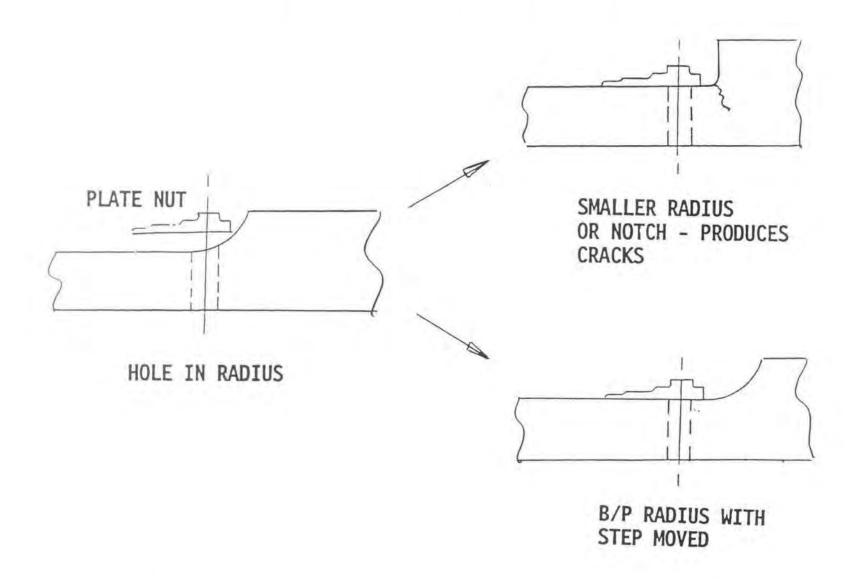


# CR :KS STARTING @ S .RP CORNER RADIU:

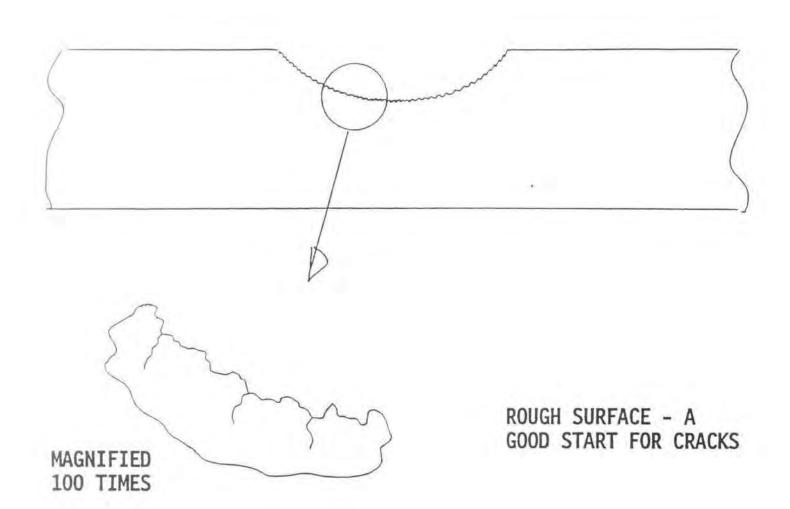




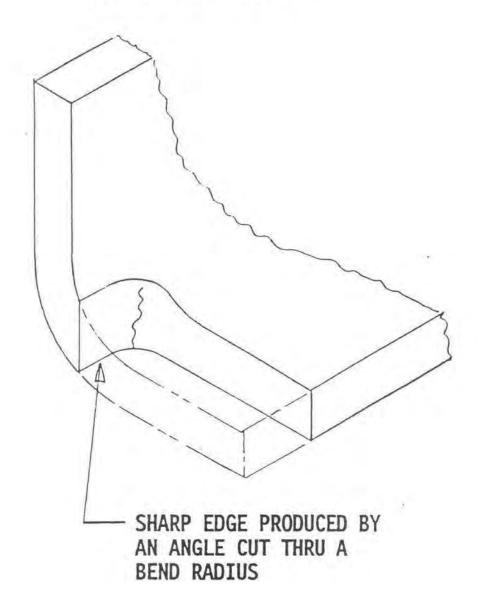
# FILLET RADIUS REWORK



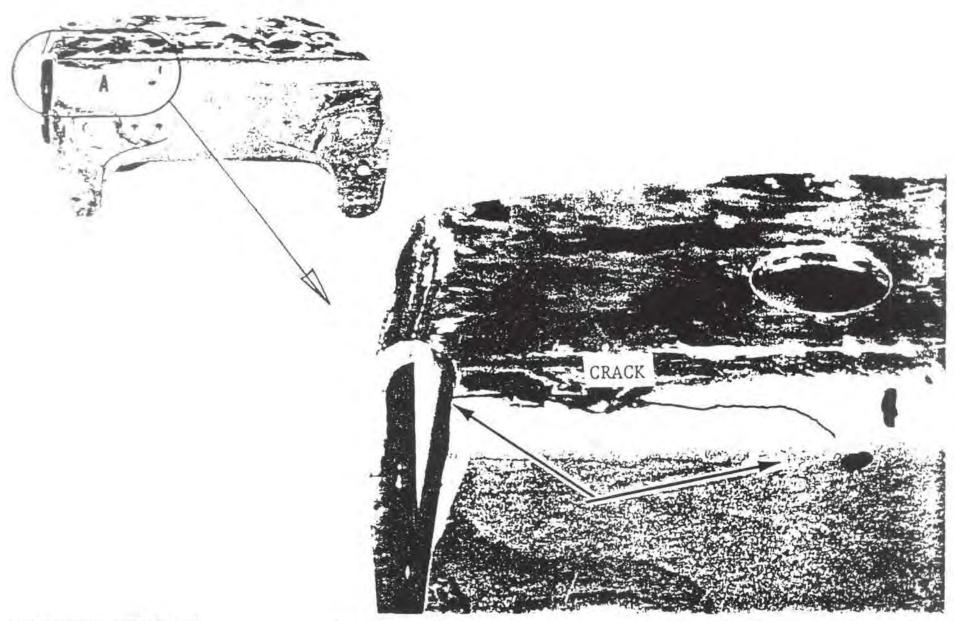
# ROUGH SURFACE FINISH



### MAKING SHA. EDGES

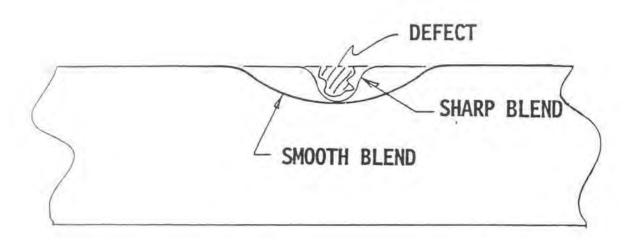


# CRACK EXTENDING FROM FEATHERED EDGE



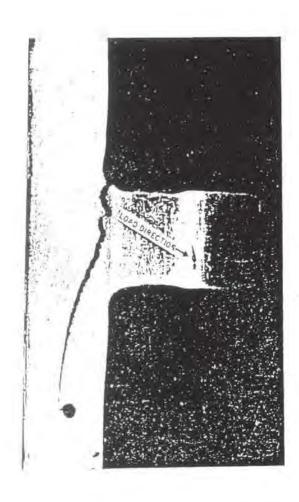
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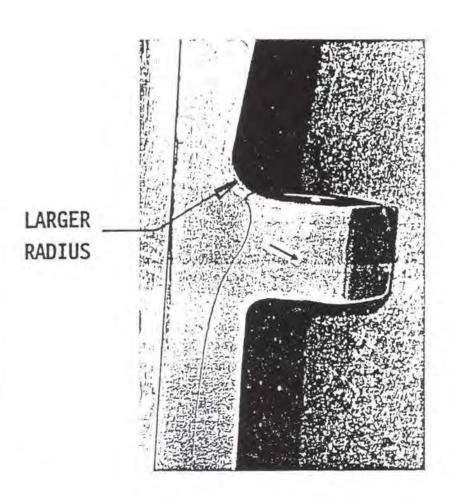
### GRADUAL VS SHARP BLENDING



BOTH BLENDS REMOVE DEFECT
BUT SHARP BLEND MAY STILL BE
AN UNACCEPTABLE STRESS RISER THE STRESS INTENSITY MAY BE
TWICE AS GREAT FOR THE SHARP
BLEND AS OPPOSED TO A
SMOOTH, GRADUAL BLEND.

### LUG ON F4 WII. FOLD RIB





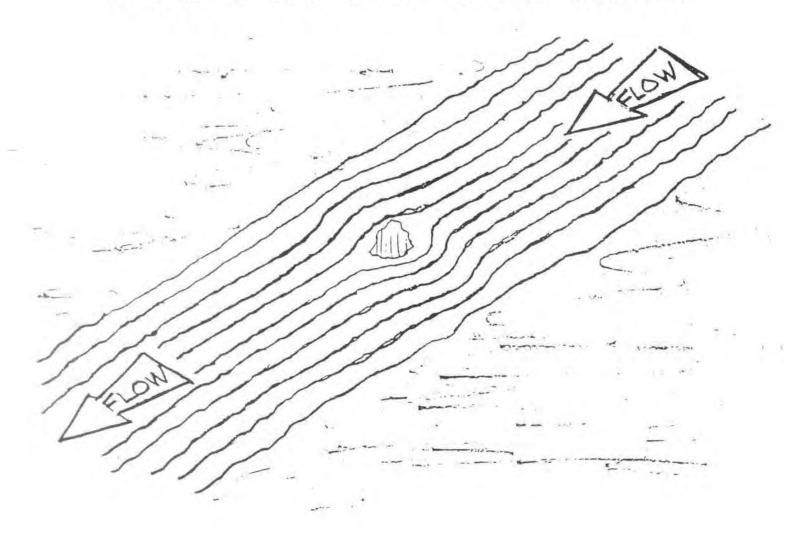
ORIGINAL LIFE = X CYCLES

REDESIGNED LIFE = 8X CYCLES

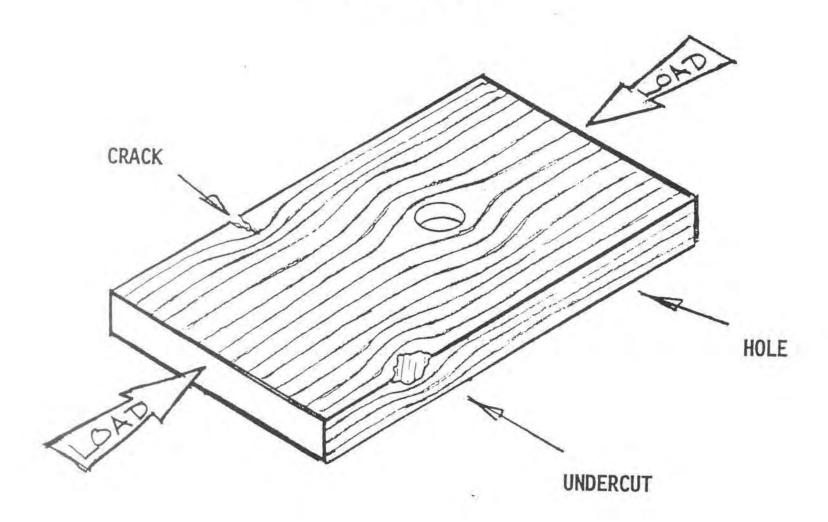
### SMOOTH, GRADUAL TRANSITIONS

- \* LOAD FLOWS EASIER
- \* AVOIDS THE STRESS RISERS THAT CAUSE CRACKS

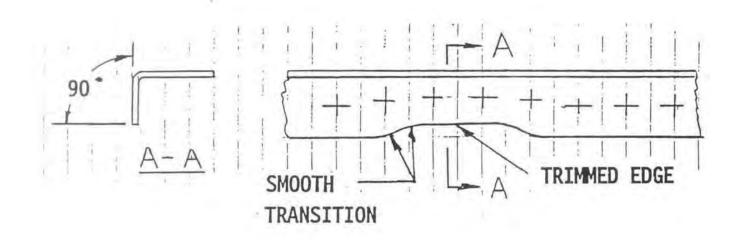
### REMEMBER THE ROCK IN THE STREAM



## LOAD MUST FLOW AROUND OBSTACLES

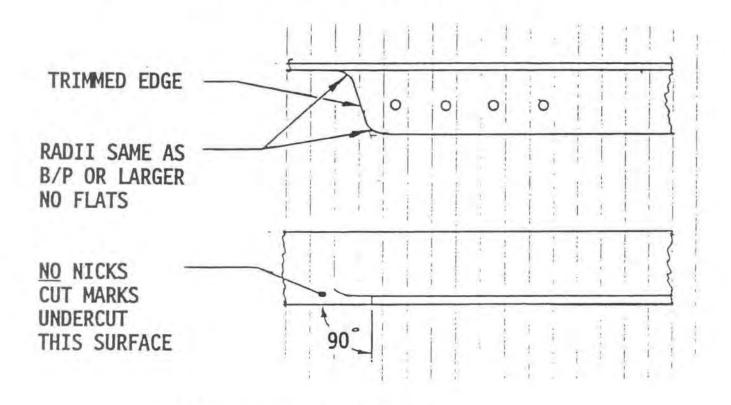


# TYPICAL TRIM OF SHEET METAL OR EXTRUDED FLANGES TO PERMIT FIT UP OF PARTS



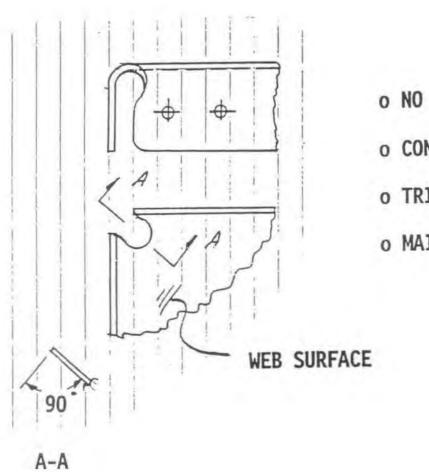
- O TRIMMED EDGE TO BE SMOOTH
  - o NO NICKS OR NOTCHES
  - o NO CUT MARKS
  - o MAINTAIN B/P EDGE DISTANCE

## TYPICAL TRIM OF EXTRUDED ANGLE TO PERMIT FIT UP OF PARTS



- o ALL SURFACES TO BE SMOOTH
  - o NO NICKS OR NOTCHES
  - o NO CUT MARKS
- o MAINTAIN B/P EDGE DISTANCE

## TRIMMING OF BEND RELIEF TO CLEAR ADJACENT PARTS



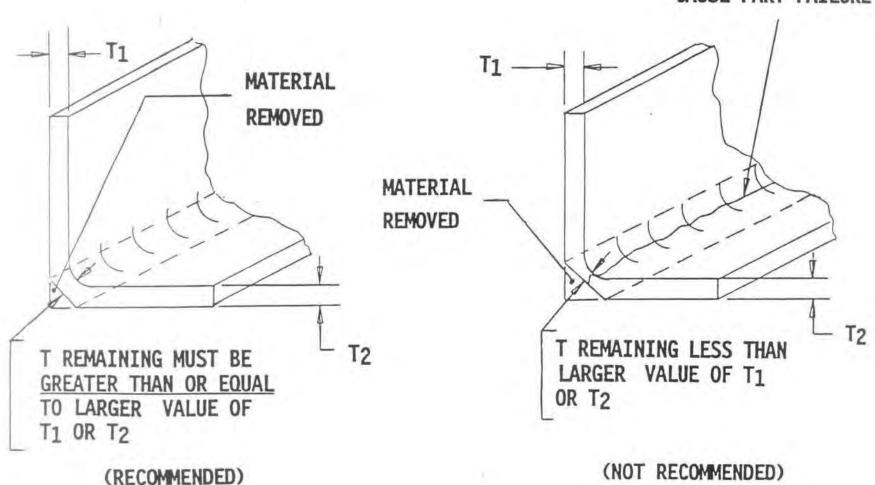
- O NO NICKS OR NOTCHES
- O CONSTANT RADIUS TRIM
- o TRIM 90° TO WEB SECT A-A
- O MAINTAIN B/P EDGE DISTANCE

### GUIDE LINES . R CHAMFERS

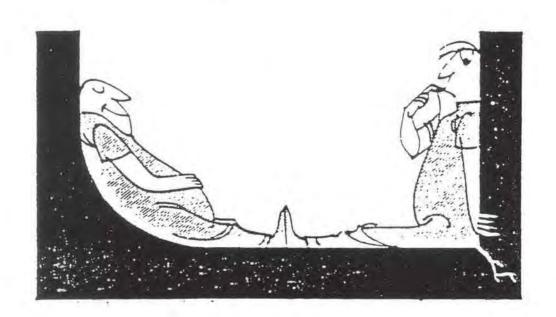
WHEN ADDING CHAMFER TO A PART, THE THICKNESS REMAINING MUST BE .020 OR GREATER OR CRACKING WILL DEVELOP AND CAUSE PARTS TO FAIL. CRACKS WILL DEVELOP AS RESULT OF KNIFE EDGE CONDITION LESS THAN .020 OR .020, CONSIDER GREATER AS KNIFE EDGE (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)

## (GUIDE LINES ON CHAMFERS) CHAMFERING OF INTERSECTION OF FLANGES

CRACK LIKELY TO DEVELOP HERE AND CAUSE PART FAILURE

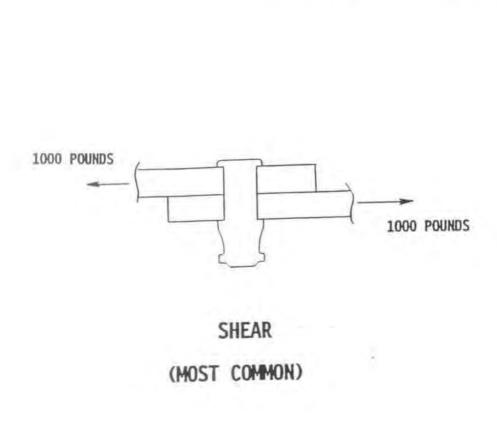


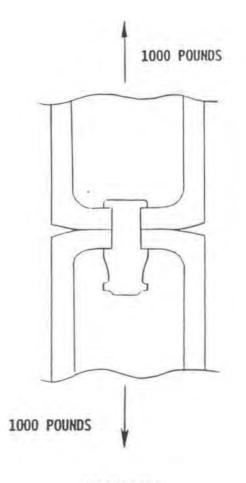
### SMOOTHER IS BETTER



### **FASTENERS**

### FASTENERS WORK IN 2 WAYS





**TENSION** 

### FASTENER MATERIAL IS IMPORTANT

- A STEEL FASTENER IS OVER 3 TIMES STRONGER THAN THE SAME FASTENER MADE FROM ALUMINUM
- A TITANIUM FASTENER IS OVER 2 TIMES STRONGER THAN THE SAME FASTENER MADE FROM ALUMINUM
- ALL TYPES OF STEEL ARE NOT THE SAME
- ALL TYPES OF ALUMINUM ARE NOT THE SAME

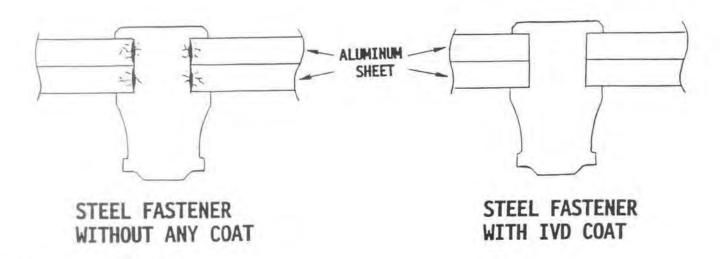
#### FASTENER COATINGS

#### WHEN CERTAIN METALS COME INTO CONTACT, CORROSION OCCURS

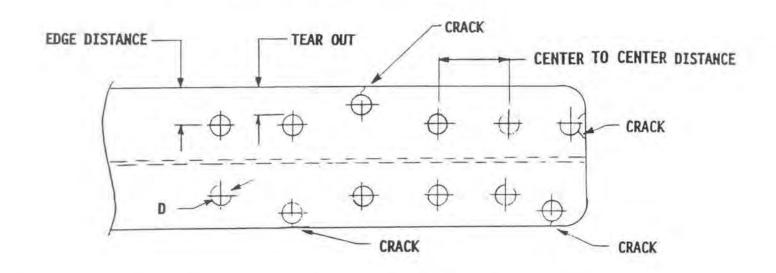
- SIMILAR TO THE WAY IRON RUSTS
- EXAMPLES: ALUMINUM VS STEEL; ALUMINUM VS TITANIUM

#### FASTENER COATINGS PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING

- EXAMPLES: IVD COAT, CAD PLATE, INSTALLING "WET"
- IF THE WRONG COATING IS USED, IT CAN ALSO CAUSE PROBLEMS
- EXAMPLE: CAD PLATED FASTENER IN TITANIUM IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

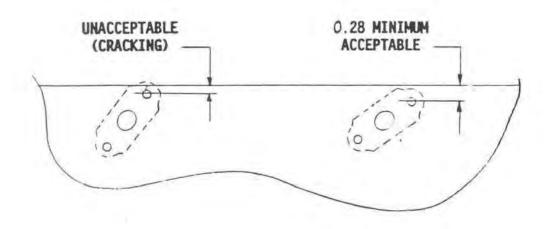


#### SHORT EDGE DISTANCE CAUSES CRACKS



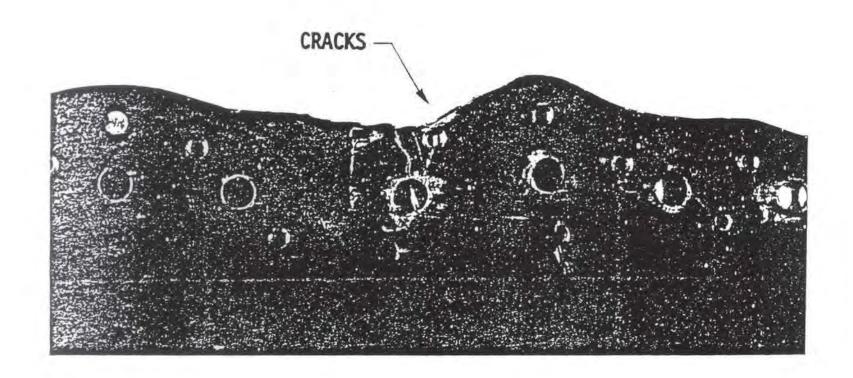
- THE SHORTER THE EDGE DISTANCE, THE HIGHER THE STRESS RISER
- THE CONSEQUENCE OF SHORT EDGE DISTANCE VARIES FROM PART TO PART
   IN HIGHLY LOADED PARTS, SHORT E.D. IS MUCH MORE CRITICAL
- ALL OF THIS WAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED TO DEVELOP THE REQUIREMENT FOR 2D PLUS .03 EDGE DISTANCE
- SHORT EDGE DISTANCE IS ACCEPTABLE ONLY BY ENGINEERING DISPOSITION

### THE LOCATION OF PLATENUT/MILSON RIVETS IS IMPORTANT

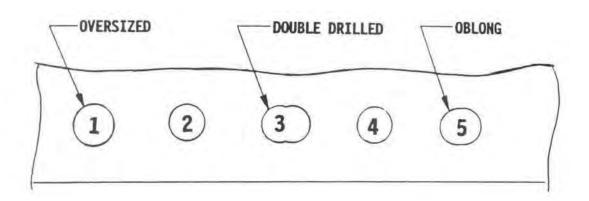


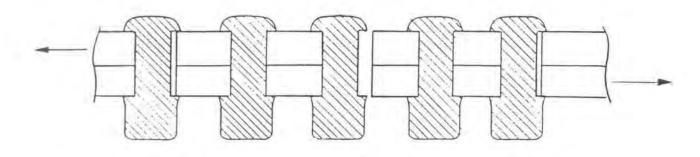
PLATENUT RIVETS ARE IMPORTANT TOO

### CRACK INITIATES WHEN RIVET HAS SHORT EDGE DISTANCE



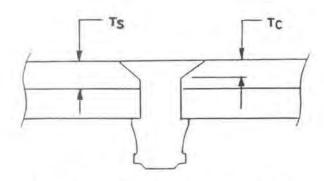
### DOUBLE DRILLED, OBLONG, AND OVERSIZED HOLES MUST BE AVOIDED



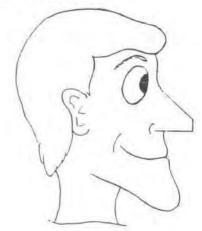


- INSTEAD OF FIVE FASTENERS HOLDING THE PARTS TOGETHER, TWO MUST DO THE JOB (#2, #4)
- THREE FASTENERS DON'T WORK (#1, #3, #5)

### COUNTERSINK DEPTH IS IMPORTANT

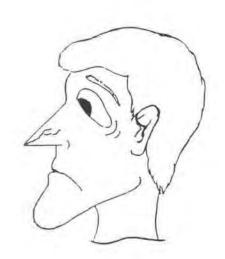


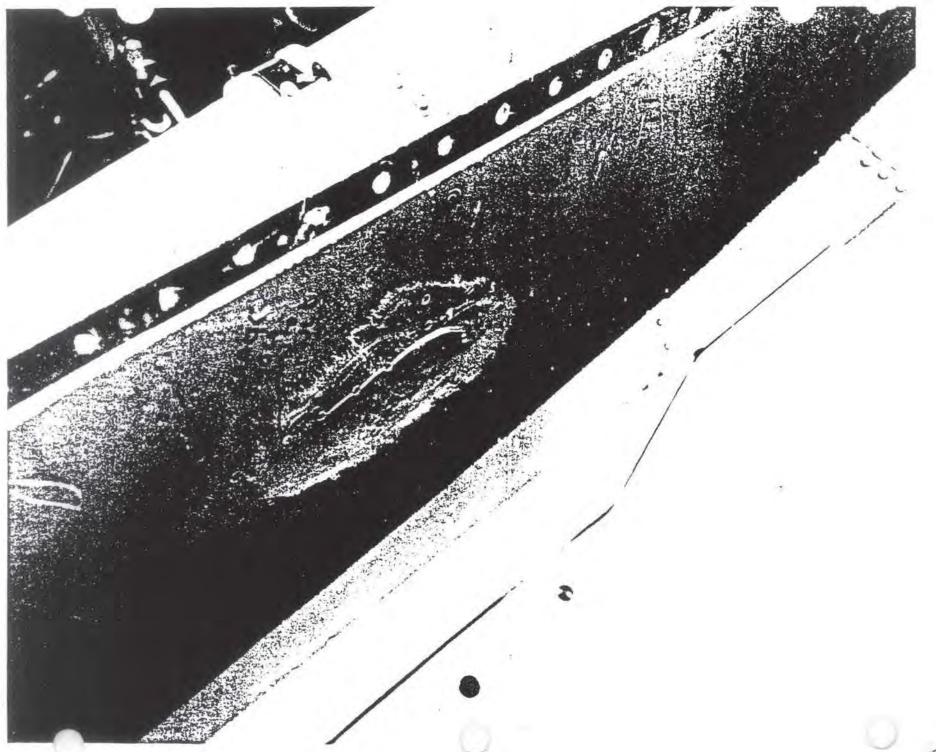
IF THE COUNTERSINK (T<sub>C</sub>)
IS LESS THAN 70% THE
SHEET THICKNESS (T<sub>S</sub>) NO PROBLEM



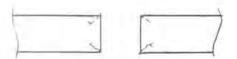
CRACKS

KNIFE EDGES CAUSE CRACKS
- SIMILAR TO FEATHER EDGE





#### DEBURRING FASTENER HOLES

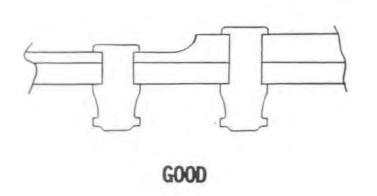


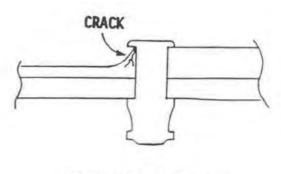
BURRS AND SHARP EDGES ARE GREAT PLACES FOR CRACKS TO START

- ROUGH, JAGGED EDGE
- ONCE A CRACK STARTS IT SPREADS INTO THE PART ITSELF.

A GOOD DEBURRING SOLVES THE PROBLEM TOO MUCH ISN'T
NECESSARILY A GOOD
THING. OVER-DEBURRING
REDUCES PART AND
FASTENER STRENGTH
BY REDUCING BEARING
SURFACE AND ALLOWABLE
FASTENER BENDING.

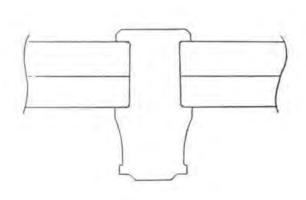
### FASTENERS SHOULDN'T BE TOO CLOSE TO CHEM MIL/MACHINE STEPS



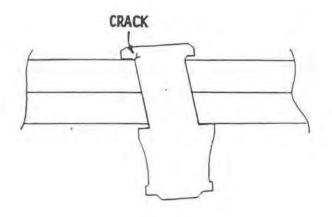


CRACKS CAN FORM

### FASTENER HOLES MUST BE NORMAL TO THE HEAD SIDE SURFACE

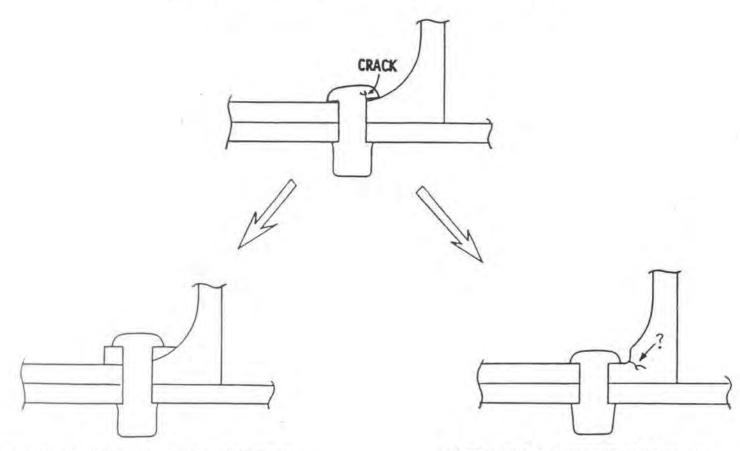


- GOOD
- NO PROBLEMS



- HEAD TILT CAN CAUSE FATIGUE CRACKING
- STANDARD NUT/COLLAR WON'T TORQUE UP PROPERLY THREADS DESTROYED

#### SPOT FACE/RADIUS BLOCK MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU MIGHT THINK



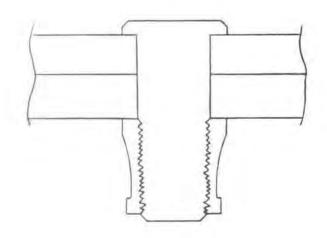
### RADIUS BLOCK SOLVES PROBLEM

- MUST HAVE NEW LENGTH
- NEEDS ENGINEERING DISPOSITION

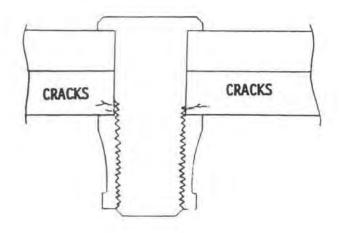
### SPOT FACE SOLVES PROBLEM

- COULD CAUSE CRACKING IN HIGHLY LOADED PARTS
- NEEDS ENGINEERING DISPOSITION

### THREADS IN STRUCTURE ARE UNACCEPTABLE



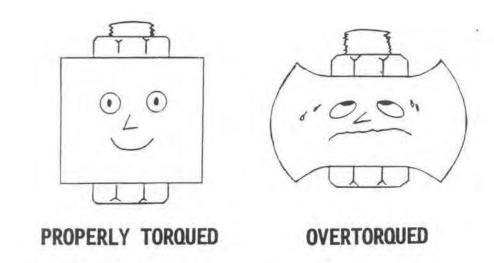
GOOD - NO THREADS IN STRUCTURE



UNACCEPTABLE -CRACKING CAN OCCUR WHERE THREAD CONTACTS STRUCTURE

#### **FASTENER TORQUE**

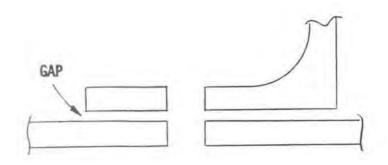
A) WHEN A FASTENER IS TORQUED TOO MUCH, AN ADDITIONAL LOAD (THAT IT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO GET) IS FORCED INTO IT. THIS ADDITIONAL LOAD CAN MAKE IT FAIL OVER TIME.

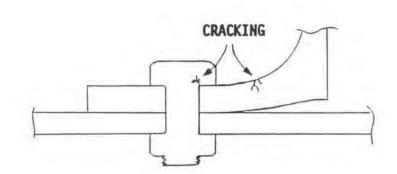


- B) AN UNDERTORQUED FASTENER CAN ALSO CAUSE TROUBLE
  - THE STRENGTH OF THE FASTENER IS SEVERELY DECREASED

## FASTENERS SHOULD NOT BE USED TO PULL OUT GAPS

### TENSION CAUSED BY PULLING OUT GAPS CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS





GAP EXIST

- PULL OUT GAP WITH FASTENER
- FATIGUE CRACKS CAN DEVELOP DUE TO TENSION IN FASTENER
- FASTENER WAS NOT INTENDED TO PULL OUT GAPS

#### DOUBLE DRIVING RIVETS IS RARELY ACCEPTABLE

- DOUBLE DRIVING (TWO RIVET GUNS, NO BUCKING BAR A REAL SHOCKER)
  - A) CAUSES CRACKING IN THE RIVETS
  - B) DAMAGES THE PARTS BEING RIVETED
  - c) MAY NOT FAIL UNTIL THE PLANE IS IN OPERATION
  - ACCEPTABLE ONLY BY ENGINEERING DISPOSITION
- STANDARD DRIVING (ONE RIVET GUN, ONE BUCKING BAR)
  - A) REDUCES THE CHANCE OF THE ABOVE PROBLEMS

## TRIM EN WERMENT PB 10-573/PS 20028

- \* THE PROCESS BULLETIN OUTLINES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRIMMING SHEET METAL AND EXTRUDED METAL DETAIL PARTS TO PROVIDE COMPATIBLE FIT ON ON ASSEMBLY FOR THE F-15 ONLY.
- \* THE SPECIFICATION IS APPLICABLE TO SECONDARY STRUCTURE ONLY SUCH AS SHEET METAL WEBS OR SKINS AND FORMED SHEET METAL OR EXTRUDED PARTS.
- \* PARTS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE SECONDARY STRUCTURE ARE WING SPARS, MACHINED RIBS, MACHINED SKINS, BULKHEADS, MACHINED FORMERS, LONGERONS, STRINGERS, MACHINED FITTINGS, LANDING GEAR AND TRUNION BEAMS, STABILATOR TORQUE RIBS, SPINDLES, ETC.
- \* THE PROCESS BULLETIN IS NOT APPLICABLE TO INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS & IT CANNOT BE USED TO OBTAIN OPERATING CLEARANCE FOR CONTROLS MECHANISMS, TUBES, WIRE BUNDLES, ETC.

## TRIM EMPOV MENT CONT'D PB 10-573/PS 20028

- \* SPECIFICATION LIMITATIONS:
  - o FASTENER PATTERNS DEFINED ON THE ENGINEERING DRAWING MUST NOT BE ALTERED.
  - MINIMUM EDGE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPECIFICATION MUST BE MAINTAINED.
  - o TRIMMING SHALL NOT REMOVE MORE THAN .060".
  - o MATERIAL THICKNESS SHALL NOT BE REDUCED (EXCEPT FOR CHAMFERING).
  - o MAINTAIN .50" MIN RADIUS ALONG TRIMMED EDGES.
  - o IF TRIM EXTENDS THROUGH AN EXISTING RADIUS, MAINTAIN THE B/P RADIUS.
  - o STIFFENING FLANGES SHALL NOT BE TRIMMED.
- \* THE SURFACE TREATMENT MUST BE TOUCHED UP AFTER TRIMMING...
  ALODINE, PRIME, PAINT, ETC.

## TRIM EMPOV MENT CONT'D PB 10-573/PS 20028

- \* ONE TIME TRIMS WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE PROCESS BULLETIN DO NOT REQUIRE ANY TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION.
- \* REPETITIVE TRIMS (3 OR MORE OCCURRENCES) ARE TO BE DOCUMENTED ON THE F-15 PLANNING CALL SHEET (MDC FORM NO. 2099).
- \* LIAISON PLANNING AND A STRUCTURES ENGINEER WILL PERFORM AN INVESTIGATION OF THE TRIM INVESTIGATION REQUESTS NOTED ON THE PLANNING CALL SHEETS AND IF NECESSARY CAN TURN THE INVESTIGATION OVER TO THE PRODUCT TEAMS.
- \* CORRECTIVE ACTION CAN CONSIST OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTINUE TRIMMING (BY NOTE IN THE PLANNING ASSEMBLY ORDER), A TOOLING CHANGE, AN ENGINEERING ORDER, ETC.