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**REQUEST NO. 7**

**BOX 9**

**PART A - R**

**PART I**

**Currey, Pat**

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**Agenda**

<b>8:00- 8:30</b>	<b>Introduction to TI</b>	<b>Douglas</b>
<b>8:30- 9:15</b>	<b>Supplier Delivery Rating Management</b>	<b>Perry/Spencer</b>
<b>9:15- 9:30</b>	<b>77PS Design Overview</b>	<b>Dague</b>
<b>9:30- 9:45</b>	<b>77PS Process Overview</b>	<b>Proia</b>
<b>9:45-10:15</b>	<b>QOS Overview</b>	<b>Watt</b>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>77PS Line tour</b>	<b>Proia</b>
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Travel to Bldg. 4</b>	
<b>11:15-11:45</b>	<b>Thermal Valve Design/ Process Overview</b>	<b>Kelsall</b>
<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>Thermal Valve Line tour</b>	<b>Kelsall</b>
<b>12:00-1:15</b>	<b>Travel to Mansfield and Lunch</b>	<b>Spencer</b>
<b>1:15-1:30</b>	<b>Transmission &amp; Inertial Sensor Overview</b>	<b>Spencer</b>
<b>1:30-2:00</b>	<b>TRS Design Overview</b>	<b>Perkins</b>
<b>2:00-2:15</b>	<b>TRS Process Overview</b>	<b>Martin</b>



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**Agenda**

<b>2:15-2:45</b>	<b>TRS Line Tour</b>	<b>Martin</b>
<b>2:45-3:00</b>	<b>TRS QOS Overview</b>	<b>A. Johnson?</b>
<b>3:00- 3:30</b>	<b>CAS/VD Design/Process Overview</b>	<b>Johnson</b>
<b>3:30- 3:45</b>	<b>CAS/VD Line Tour</b>	<b>Johnson</b>
<b>3:45- 4:00</b>	<b>Wrap Up and exit review</b>	<b>Spencer</b>



## NA Hydraulic Switch History

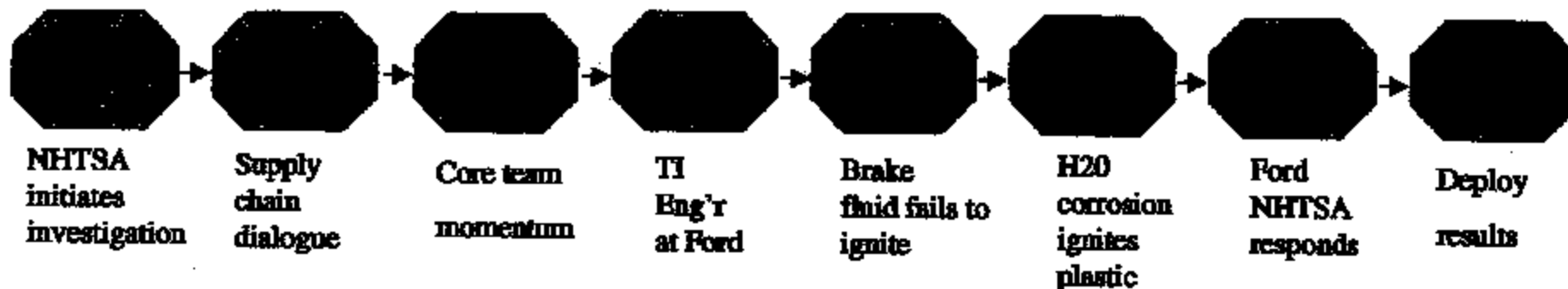
Time Period:	'83	'87	'90	'91	'98	'99
Application:	Power Steering	Power Steering Suspension	Power Steering Suspension Transmission	Power Steering Suspension Transmission Cruise	Power Steering Suspension Transmission Cruise Clutch	Power Steering Suspension Transmission Cruise Clutch
Fluid:	[Redacted]					

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- TI has some 16 years and 130 million units accumulated experience in hydraulic applications using multiple fluids
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**OVERVIEW OF  
CONCERN TIME LINE**



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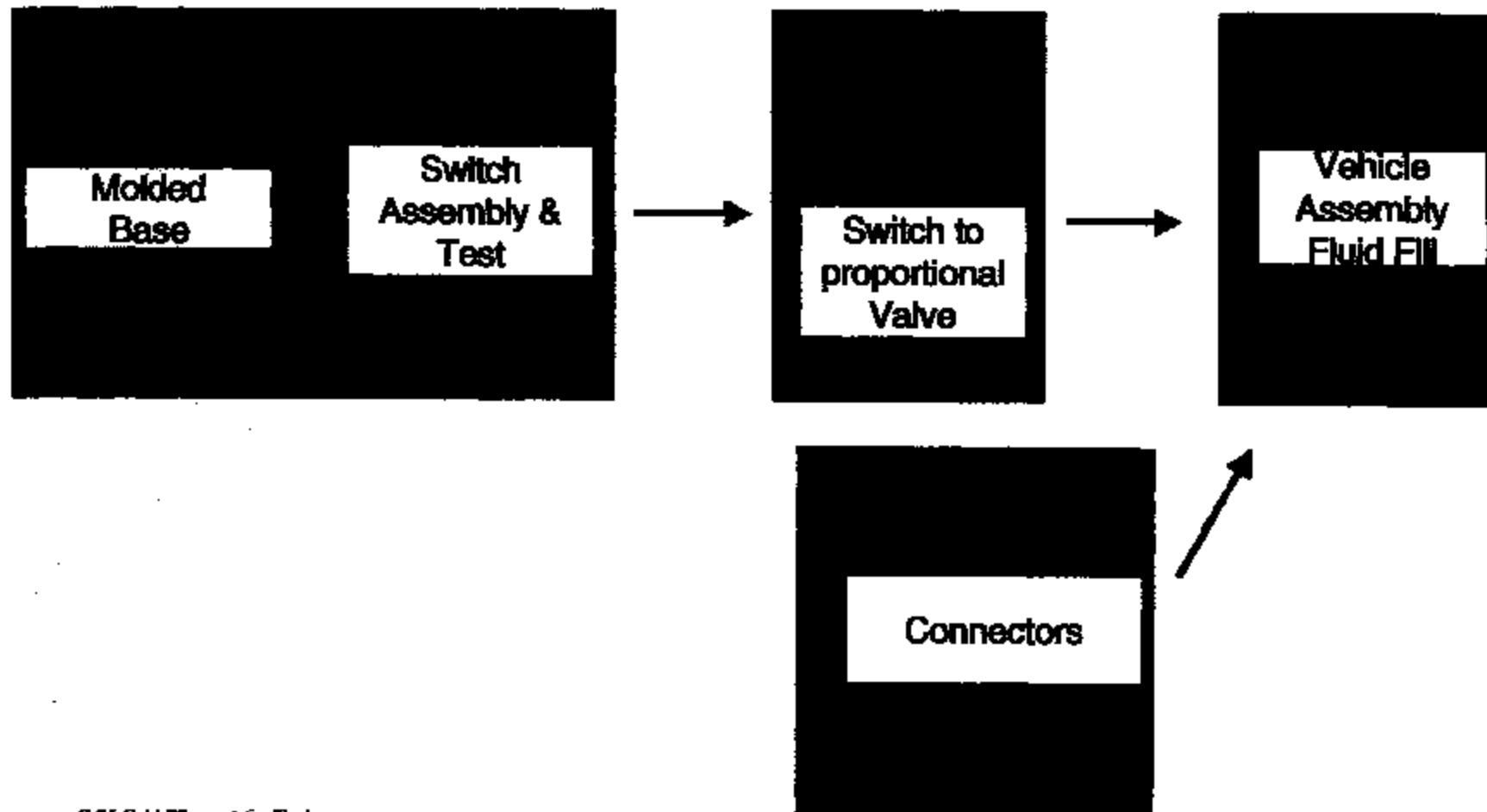


## **Brake Switch Overview**

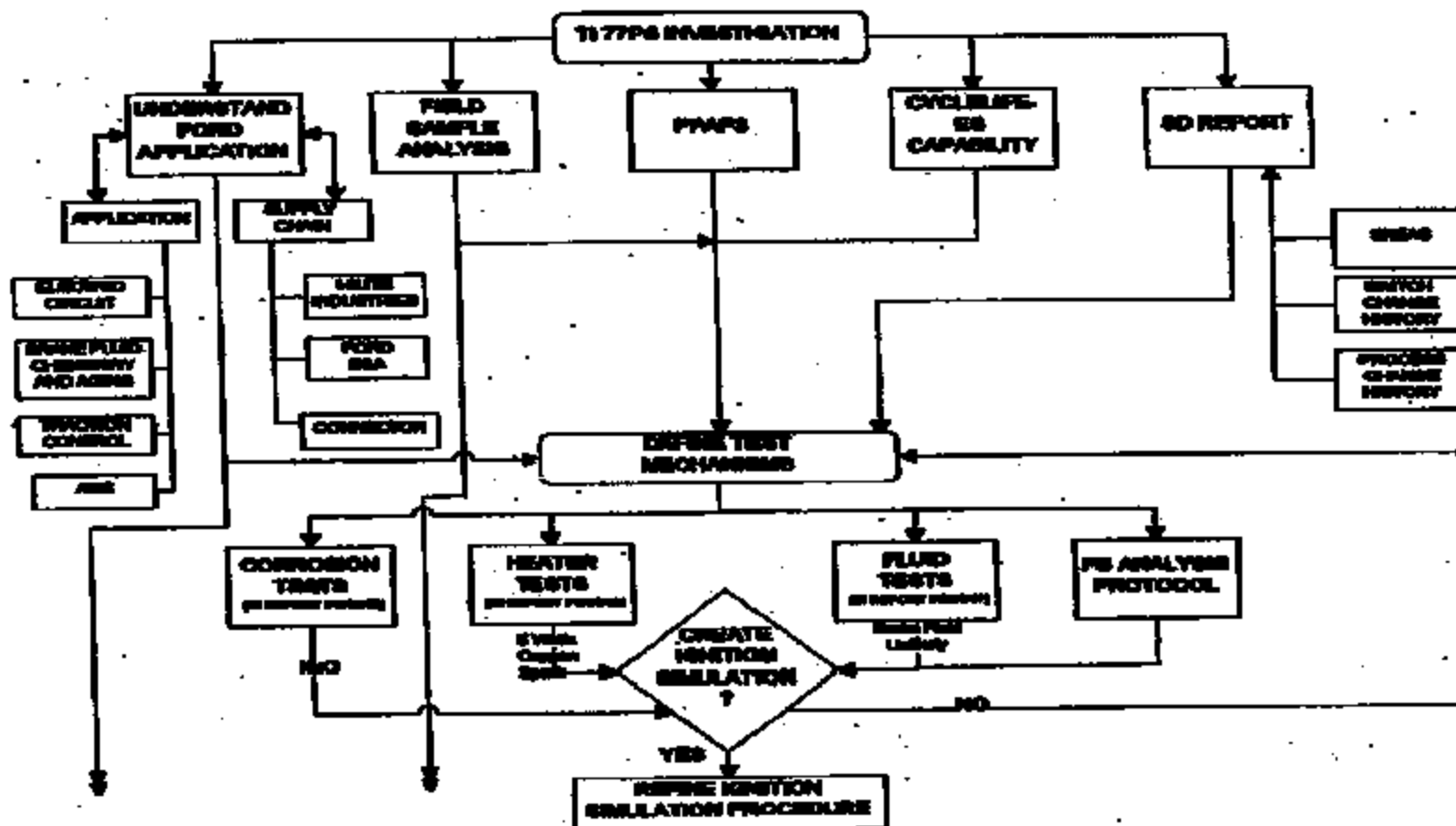
- **Mounted under hood... 14 inches under master cylinder**
- **Mounted on proportional valve at frame of vehicle**
- **Switch oriented approximately 25 degrees off vertical (connector up)**
- **Switch controls speed control... normally closed, opens at 130 psi**
- **Continuously powered by battery 15 amp connection**



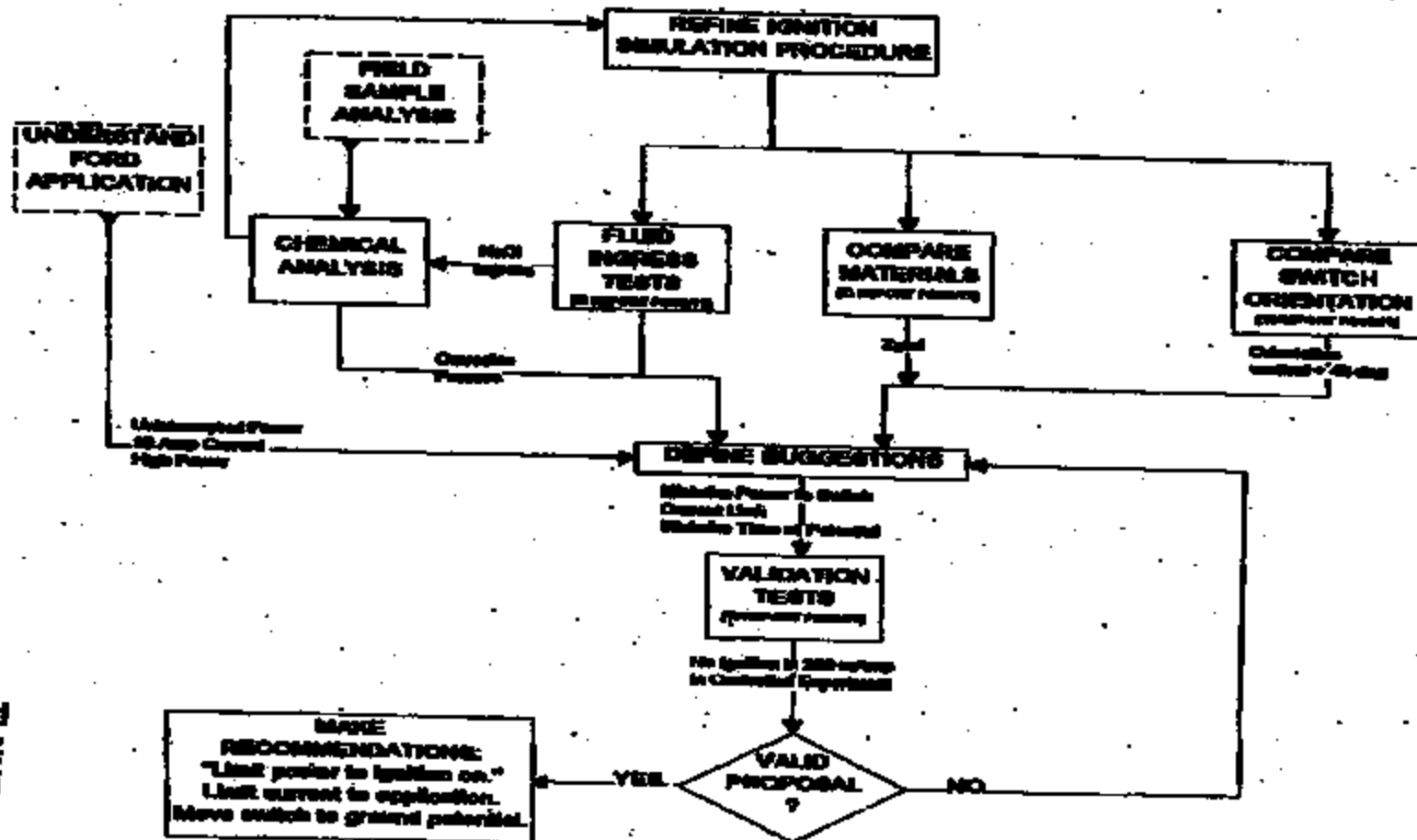
## PRESSURE SWITCH "FLOW DIAGRAM" ( '92, '93, TOWN CAR)







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**Ford recalls 279,000 cars because of risk of cruise-control fires**

**05/19/1999**

**Associated Press Newswires**

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**DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) - Ford Motor Co. has recalled 279,000 full-size cars because of a cruise-control switch that could short-circuit and cause a fire.**

**The recall affects the 1992 and '93 Lincoln Town Car, Mercury Grand Marquis and Ford Crown Victoria. About 10,900 of the recalled cars are in Canada.**

**There have been 147 reports of fires and two injuries attributed to the defect, Ford spokeswoman Karen Shaughnessy said Tuesday.**

**The automaker said it is still obtaining replacement switches. Until the switch can be fixed, customers should take their cars to their dealer and have the cruise control disabled, Ford said.**

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## **AGENDA**

- **CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND ROBUST DESIGN DIALOGUE**
- **OVERVIEW TIME LINE**
- **SYSTEM OVERVIEW**
  - **SWITCH AND CONNECTOR**
- **IS / IS NOT TABLE**
- **CAUSE AND EFFECT DIAGRAMS**
- **THEORIES**
  - **BRAKE FLUID IGNITION**
  - **PLASTIC IGNITION**
- **TEST RESULTS**
- **CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND ROBUST DESIGN DIALOGUE**
- **ROBUST DESIGN ALTERNATIVES**

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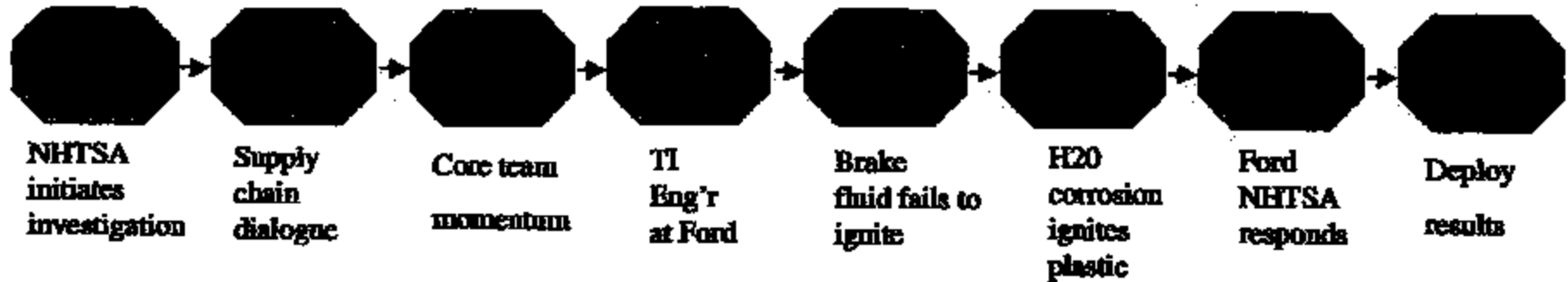


1. Connector Seal to P/S
2. Power continuously available
  - A. Operator notifications
3. Switch orientation/location
4. Current limit / fuse
5. Hexport isolation
6. Plastic ignition robustness
  - A. Nearby fuels
7. Kapton seal of P/S
8. Environmental seal of P/S

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**OVERVIEW OF  
CONCERN TIME LINE**

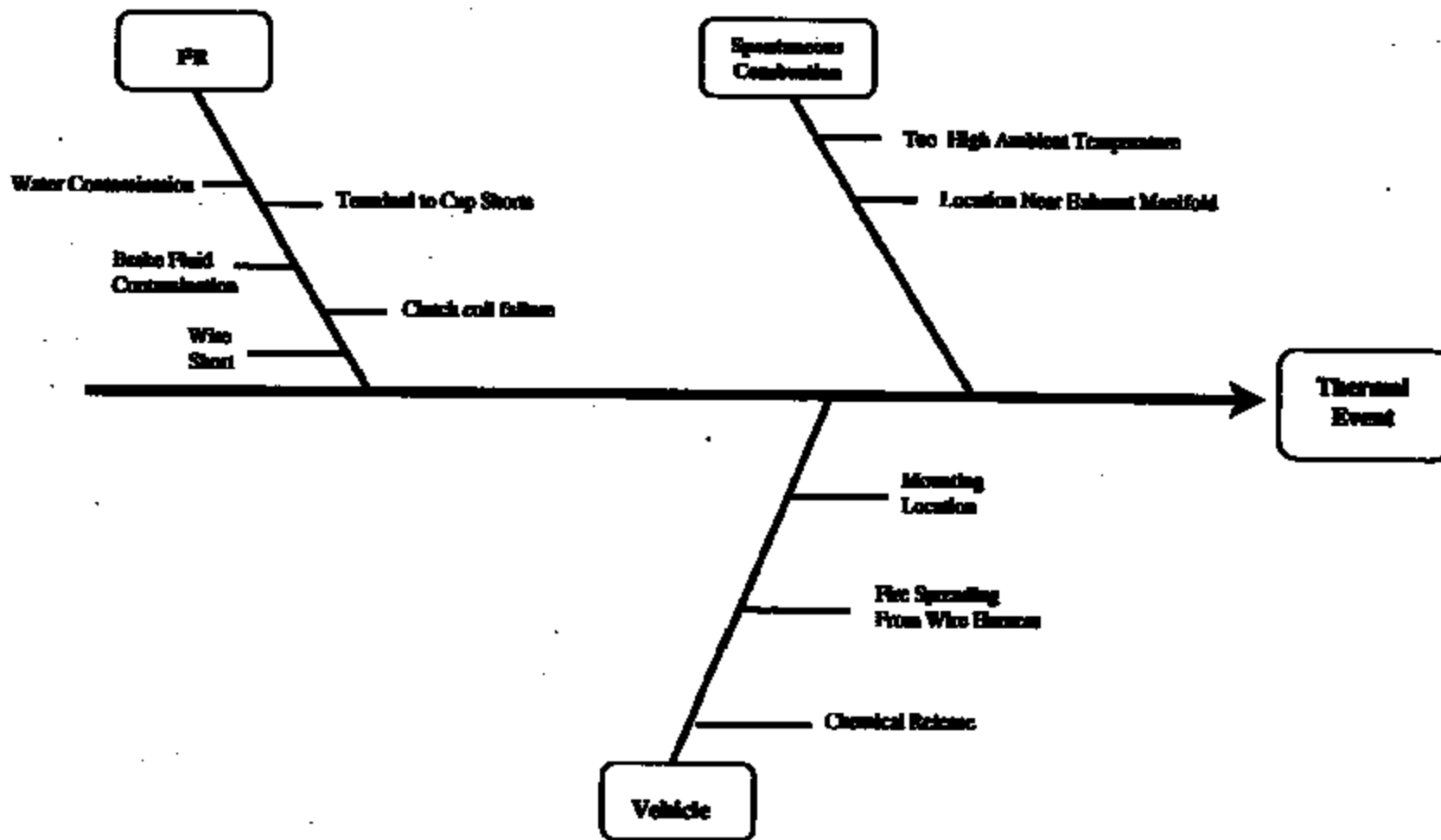


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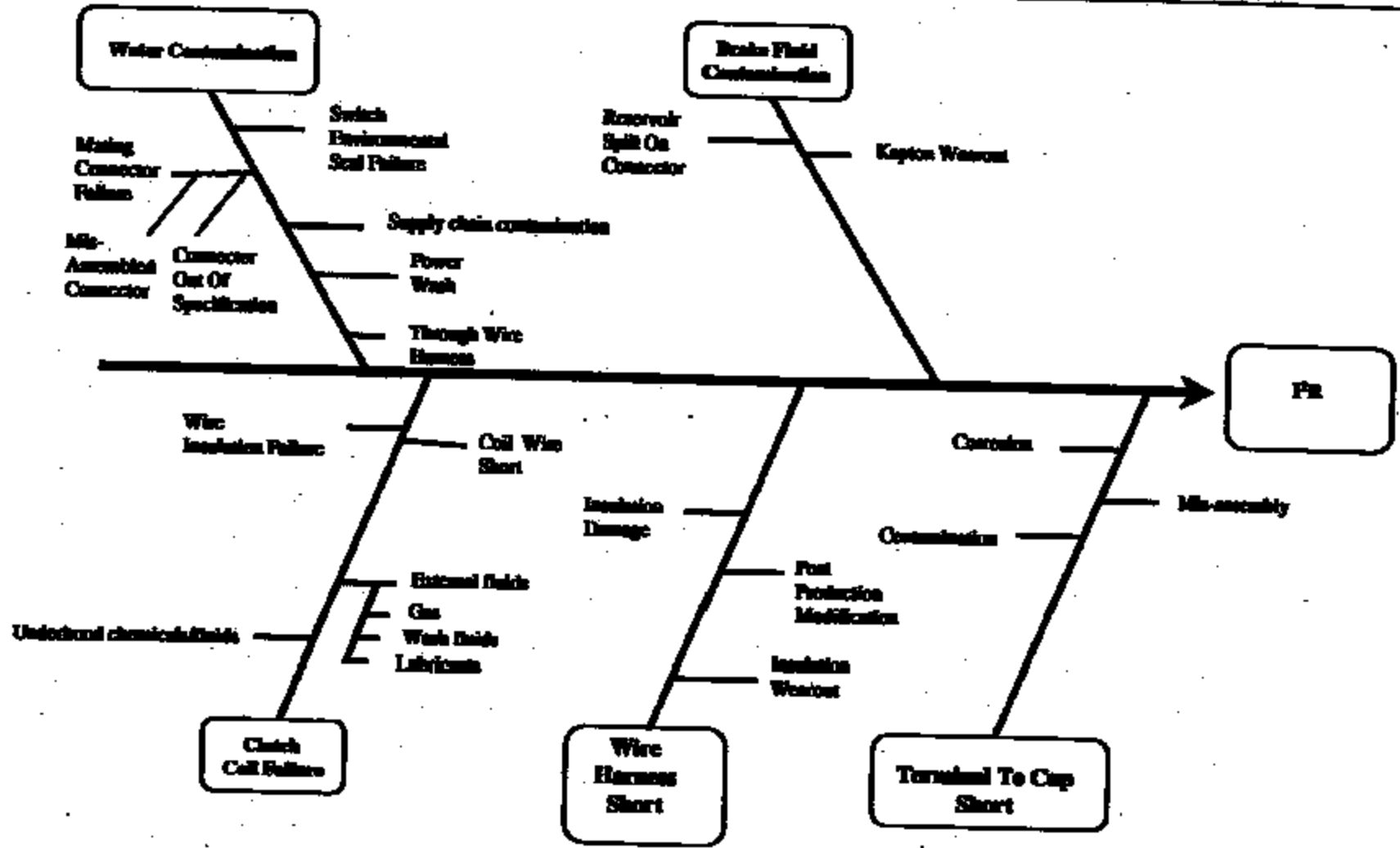
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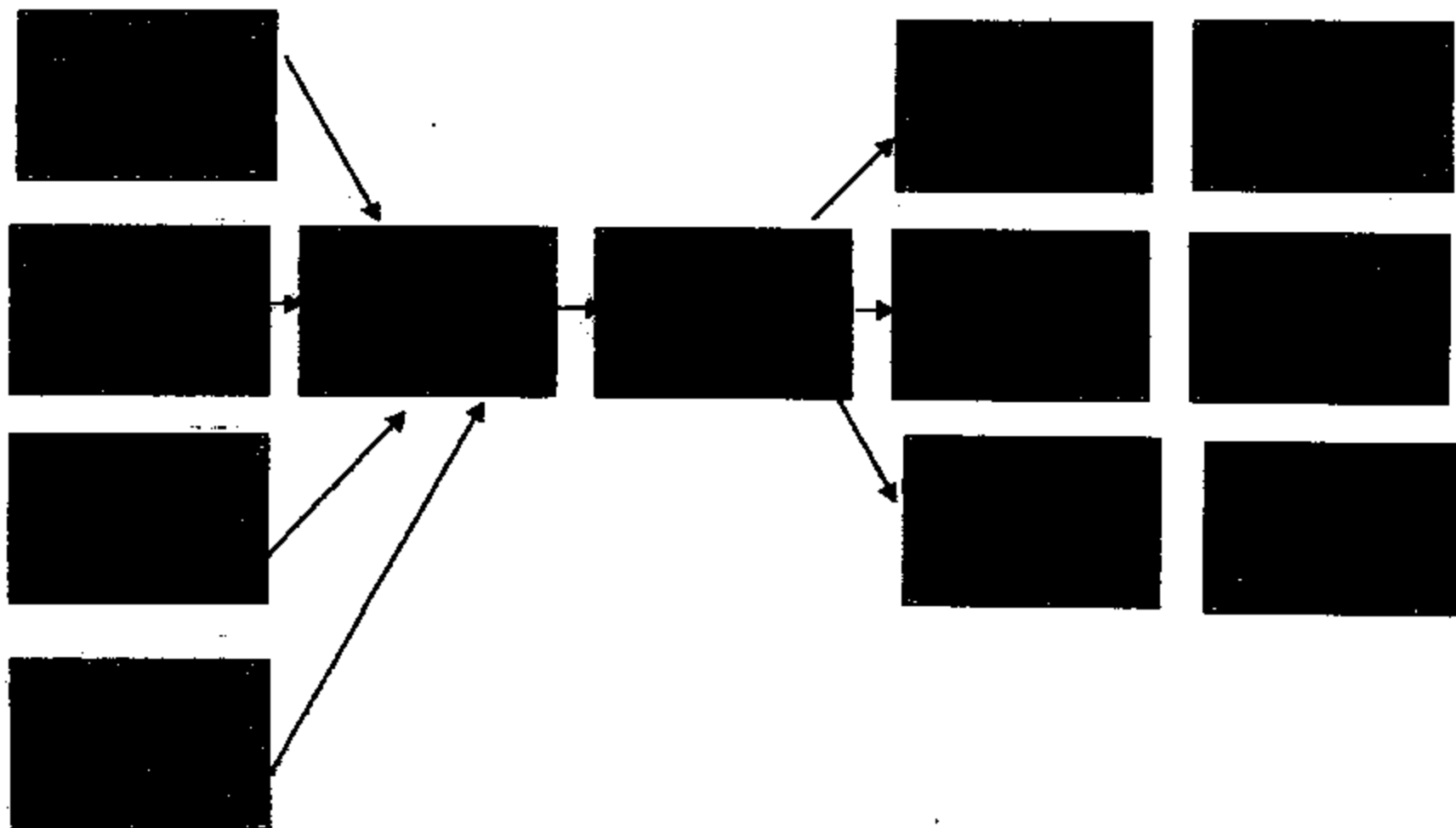
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**REFINED BRAKE FLUID IGNITION THEORY**  
**POSSIBLE CAUSE THEORIES**  
**"FEB '99 FOCUS"**



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**Brake Pressure Switch  
Potential Thermal Event Theory Profile 5/20/99**

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**Excel spreadsheet**

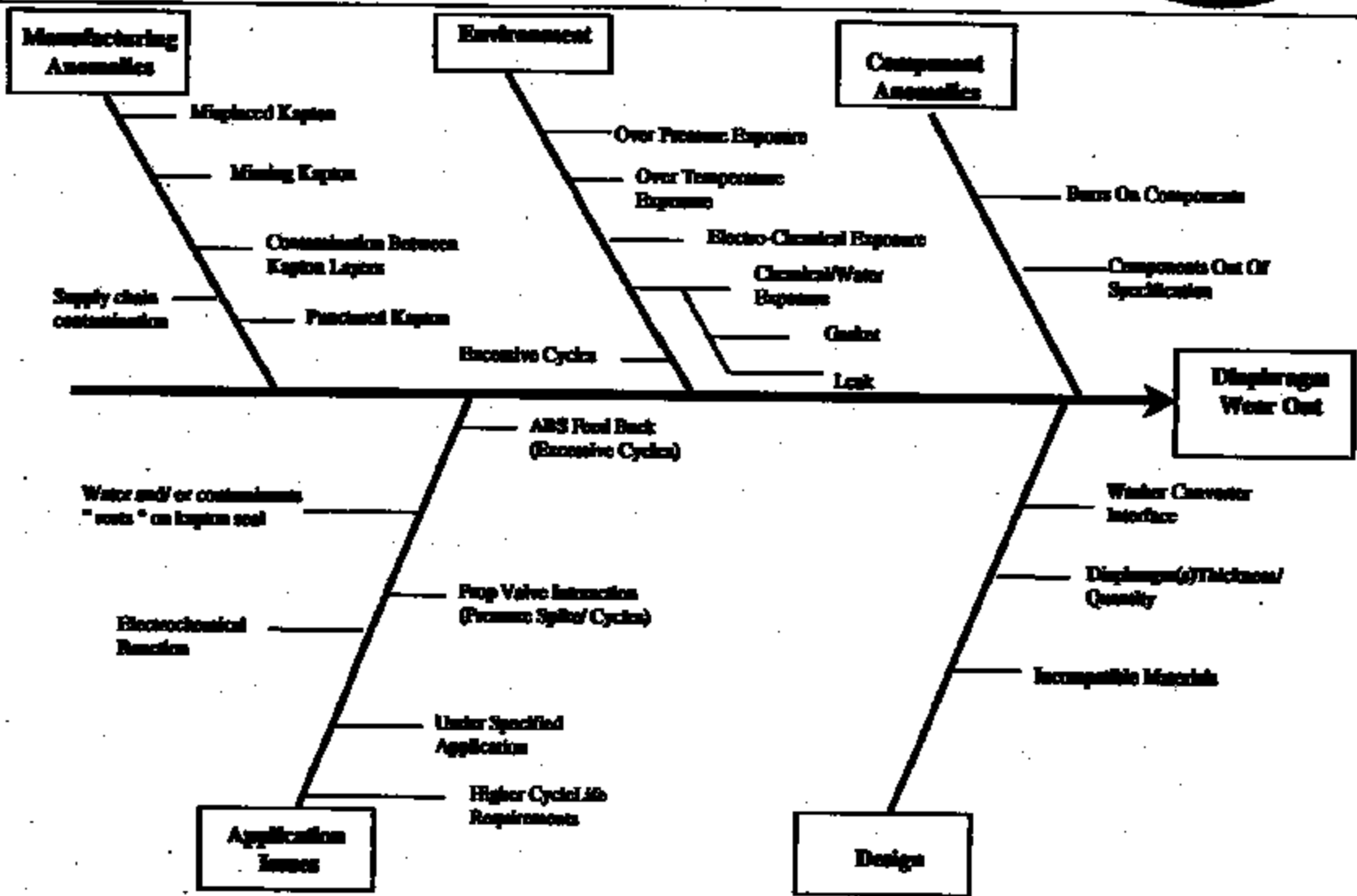
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Case 99-10000-0000

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- TI and Ford not successful in creating ignition with "new" brake fluids

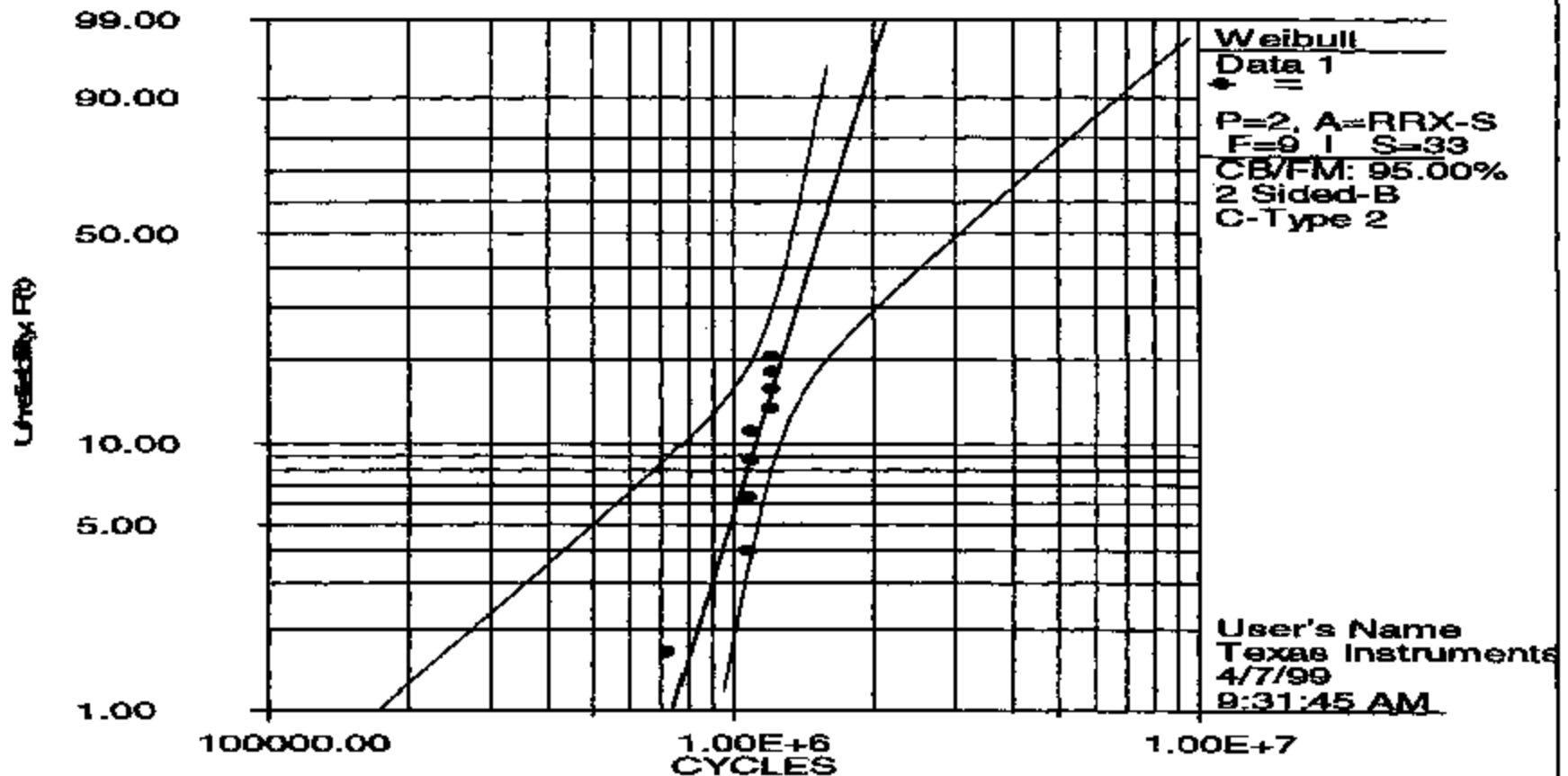


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**77PSL2-1 COMBINED DATA**



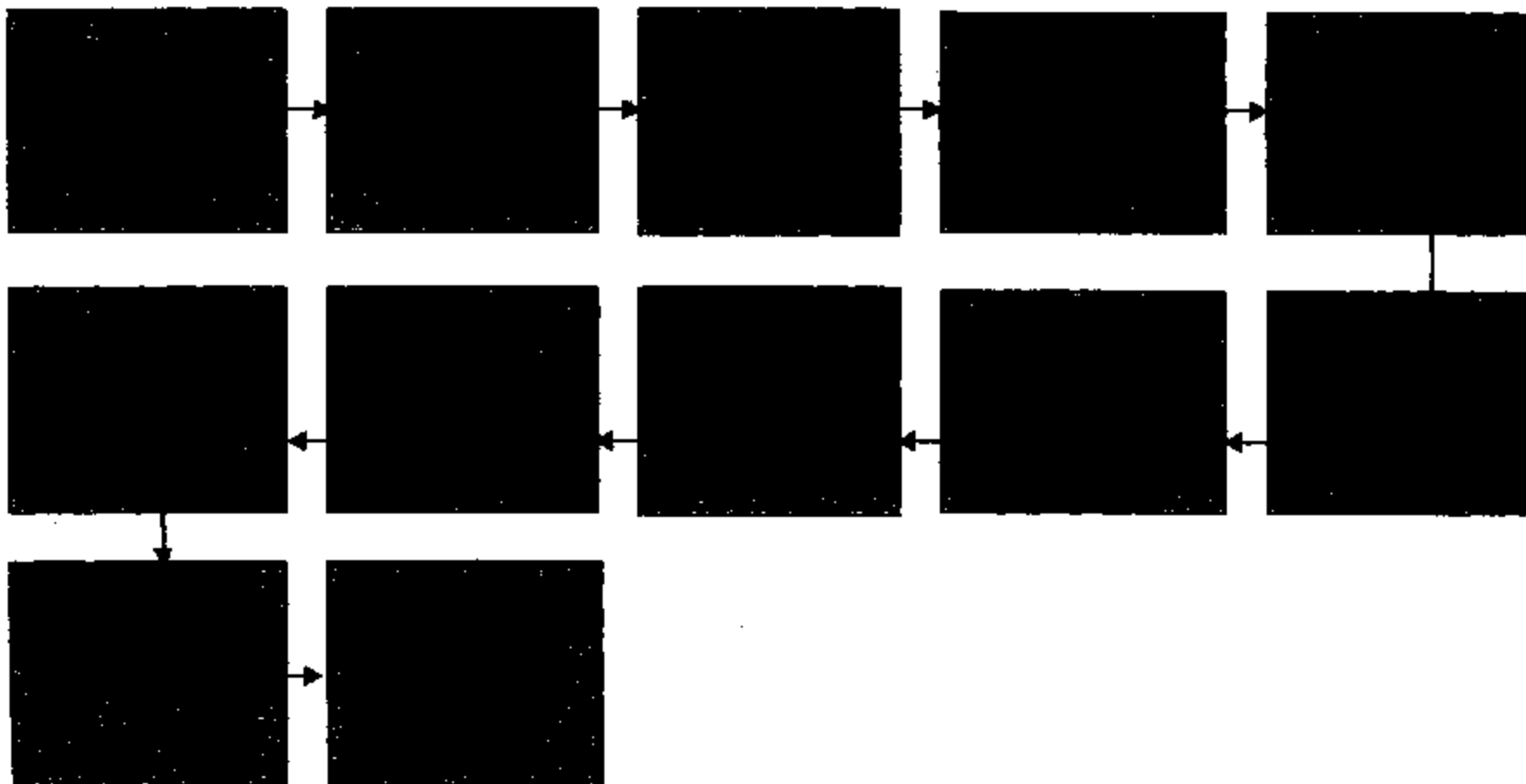
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- "Town Car" switch meets accelerated/simulated life cycle specification shown by "success" and "end-of-life" testing



**PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM**  
**"CORROSION" POTENTIAL CAUSE FLOW ANALYSIS**



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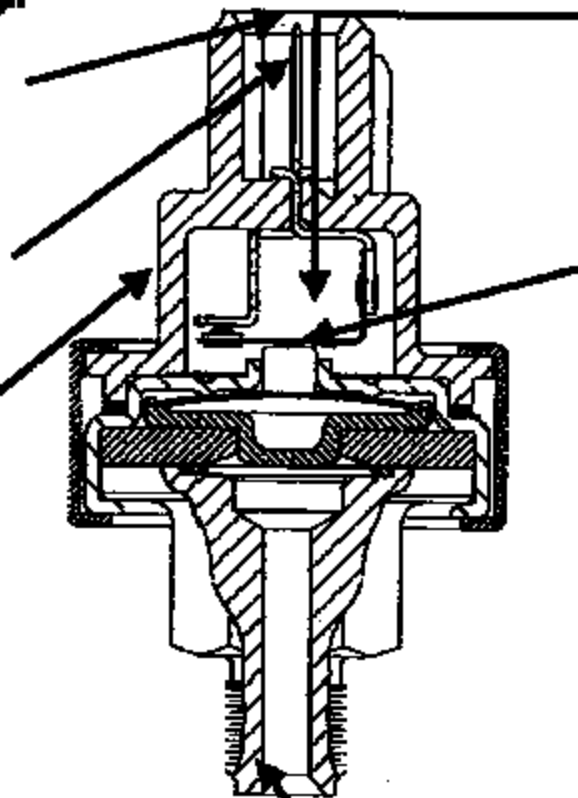




5. High current flow to case through water and ionic contamination

2. 12V Battery source to drive corrosion and provide energy

6. Plastic connector melts. Once it opens, oxygen enters the switch cavity. Arm terminal/corrosion becomes "RED HOT" igniting the plastic



1. Water and "Ionic" contamination (e.g. NaCl or cleaner) enters the switch cavity

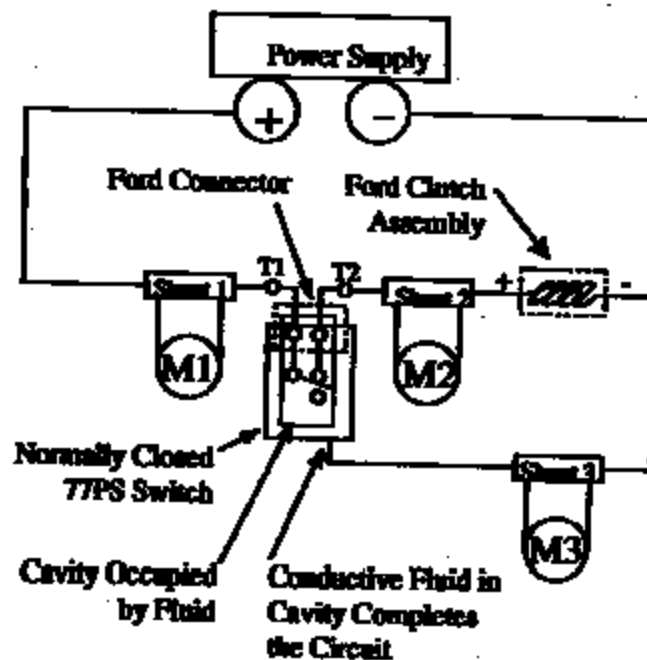
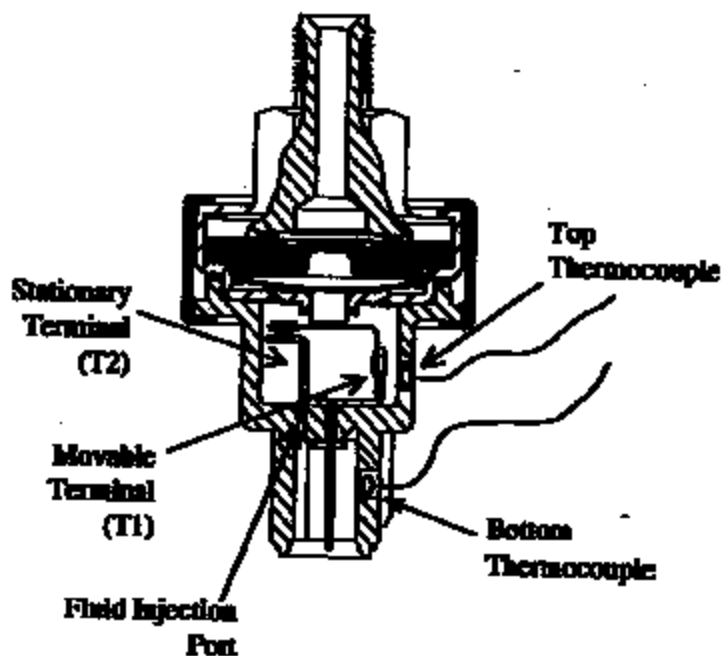
4. Contact arm & terminal corrosion increases resistance (acts like heater wire).

3. Hexport grounded accelerates corrosion

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**5% Salt Water Ingress Experiment  
Test 1**



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Test 1: Figure 1 and Figure 2.

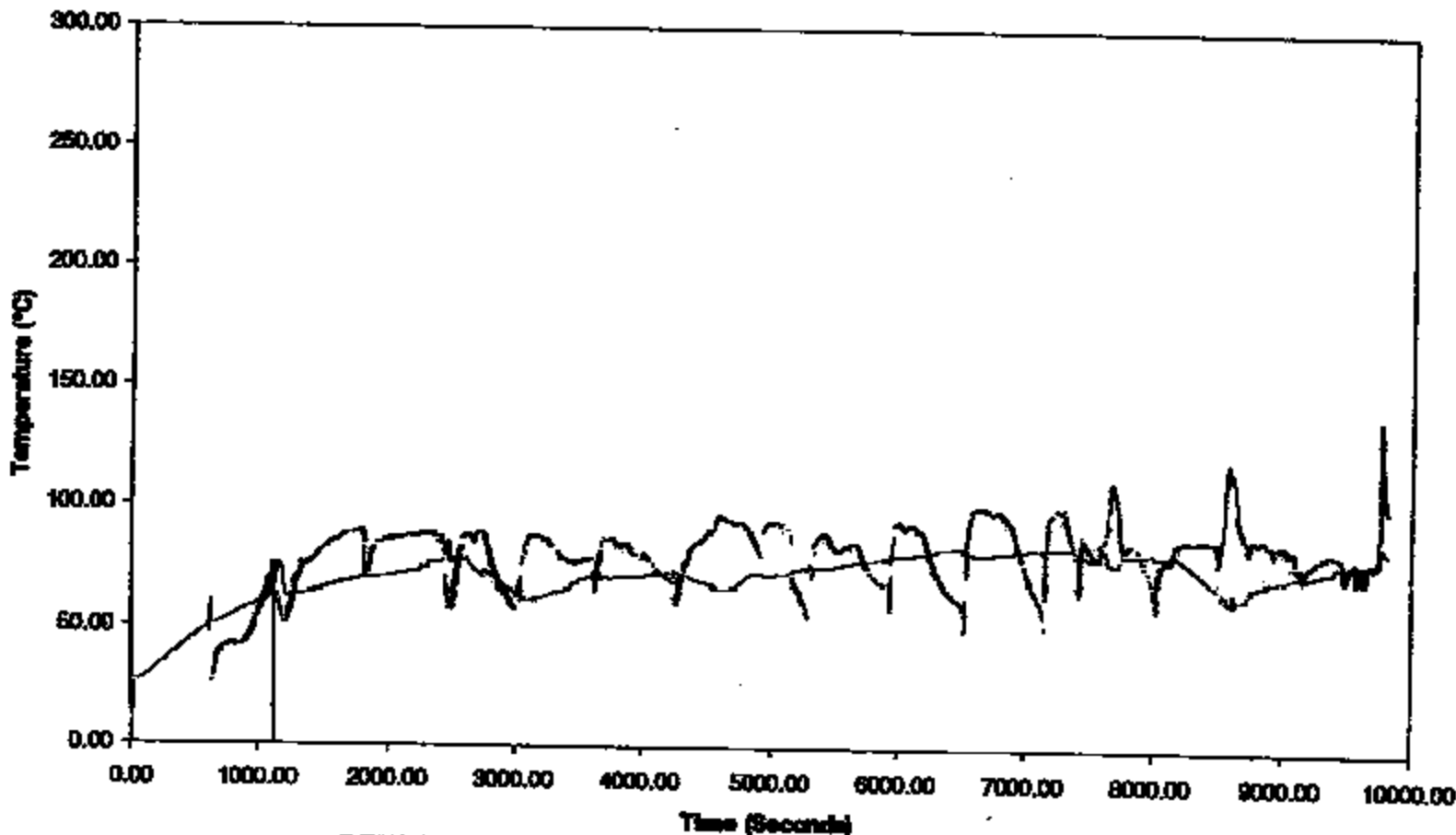


# Brake Pressure Switch Potential Thermal Event Theory Profile 5/20/99



## 5% Salt Water Ingress Experiment Temperature vs. Time

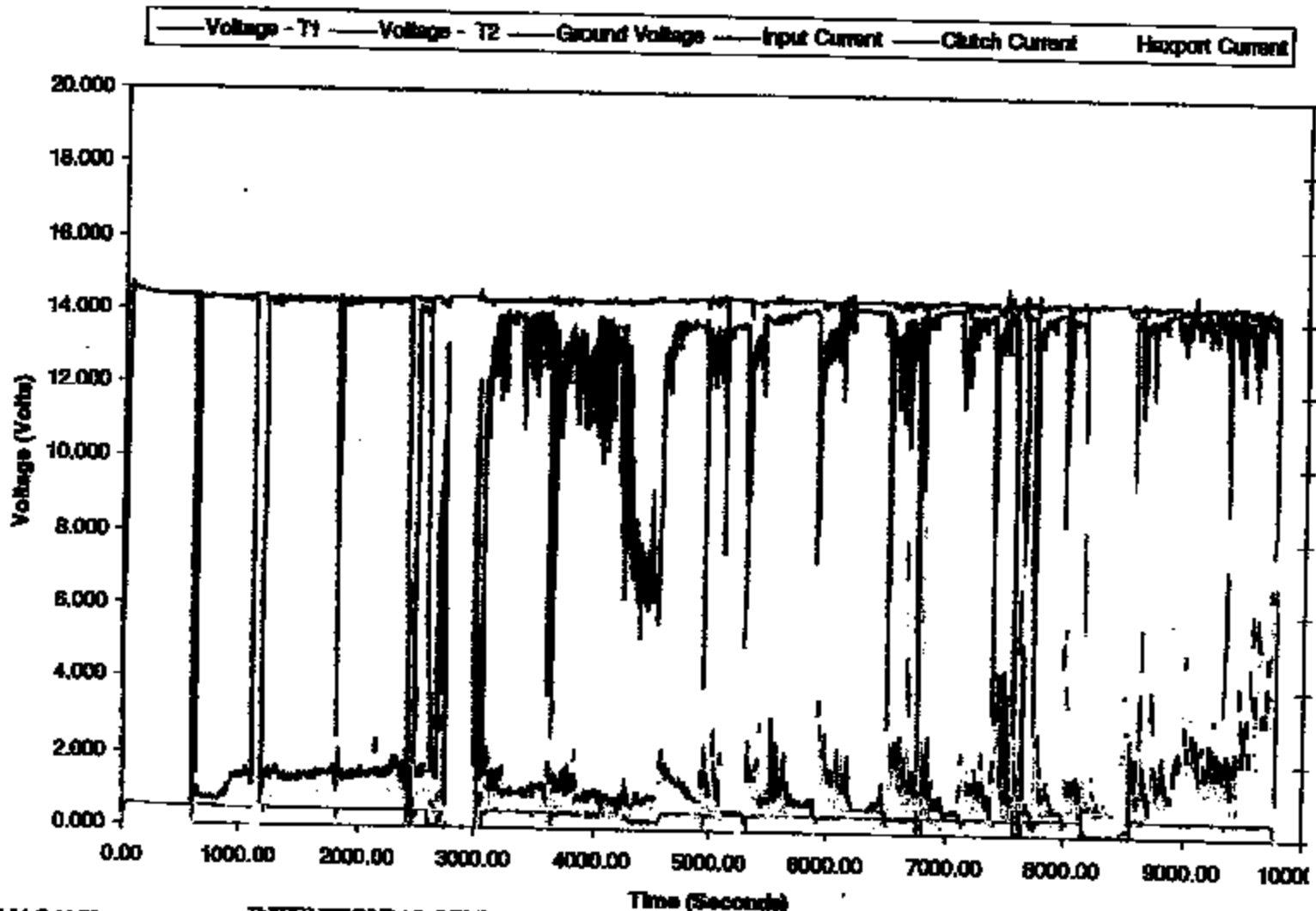
— Top Temp — Clutch Temp — Bottom Temp



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**5% Salt Water Ingress Experiment**



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**77PS  
45° Orientation in 15 Amp Circuit  
5% Salt Water Ingress**

**Cellanex 4300 Base**



**Cellanex 3316 Base**



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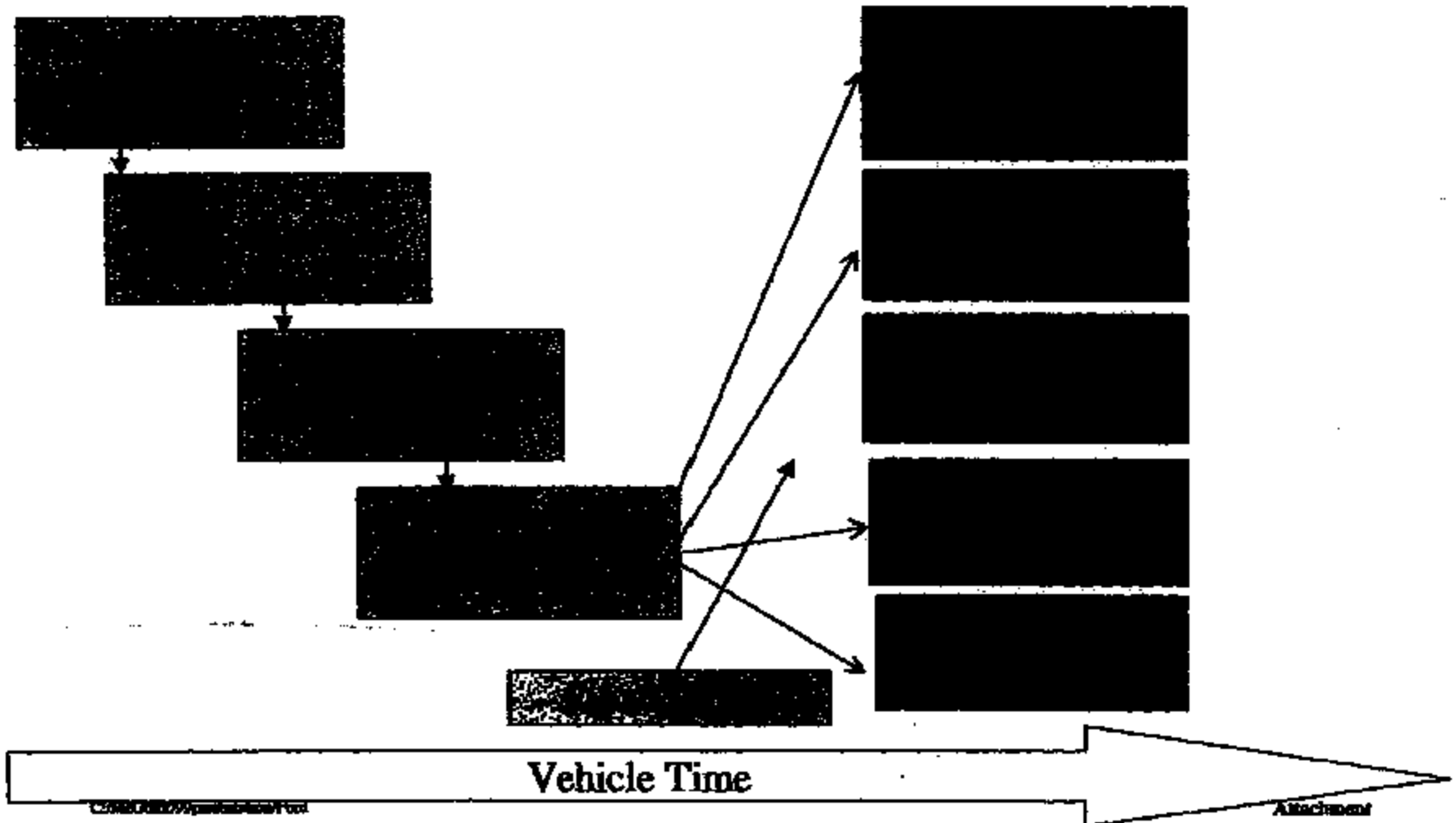
**INTENTIONAL IGNITION CREATED THRU TI FLUID INGRESS LAB TEST PS/99/13'**

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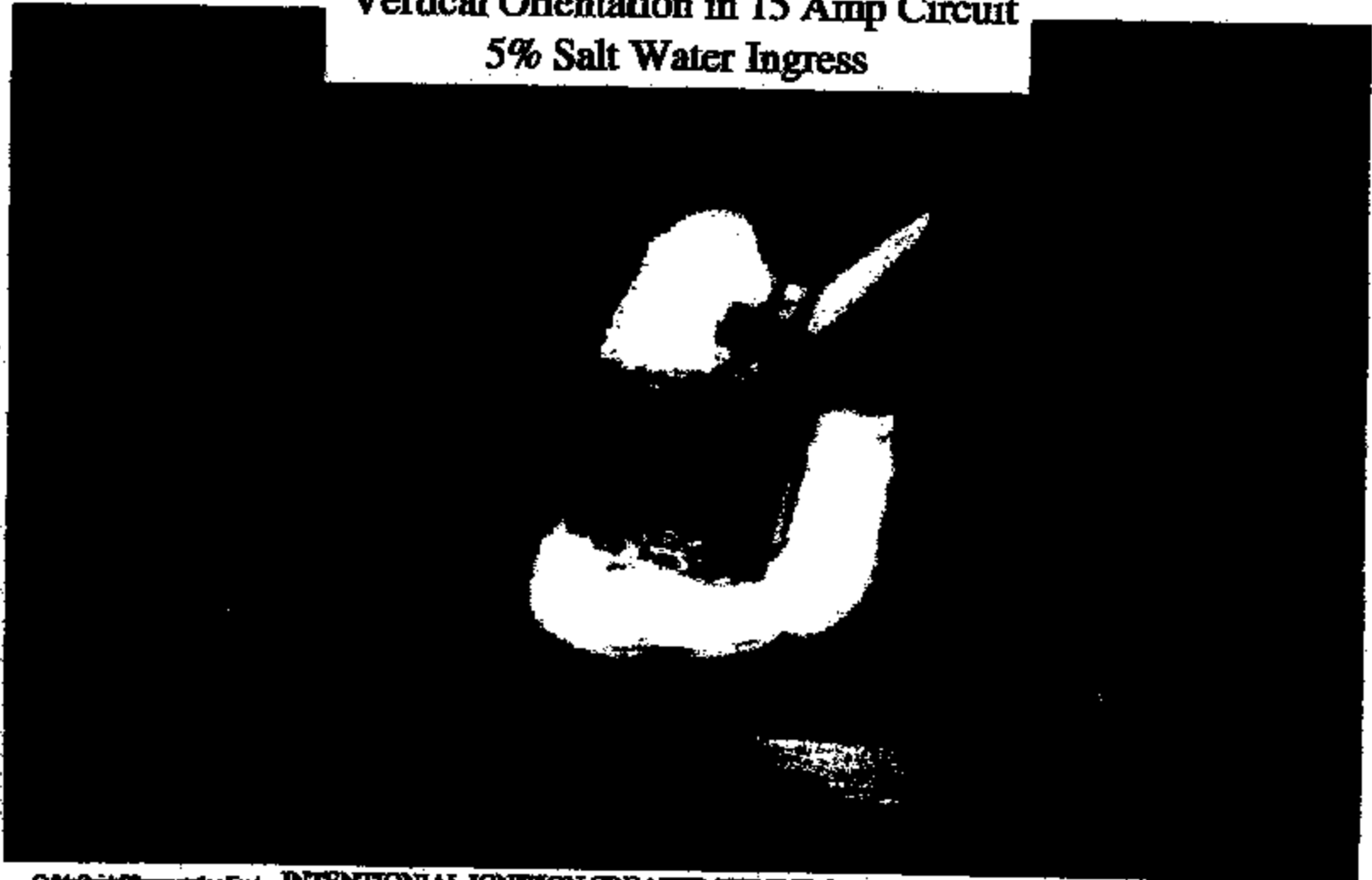


**“Corrosion” potential cause time line  
Theory Time Line**





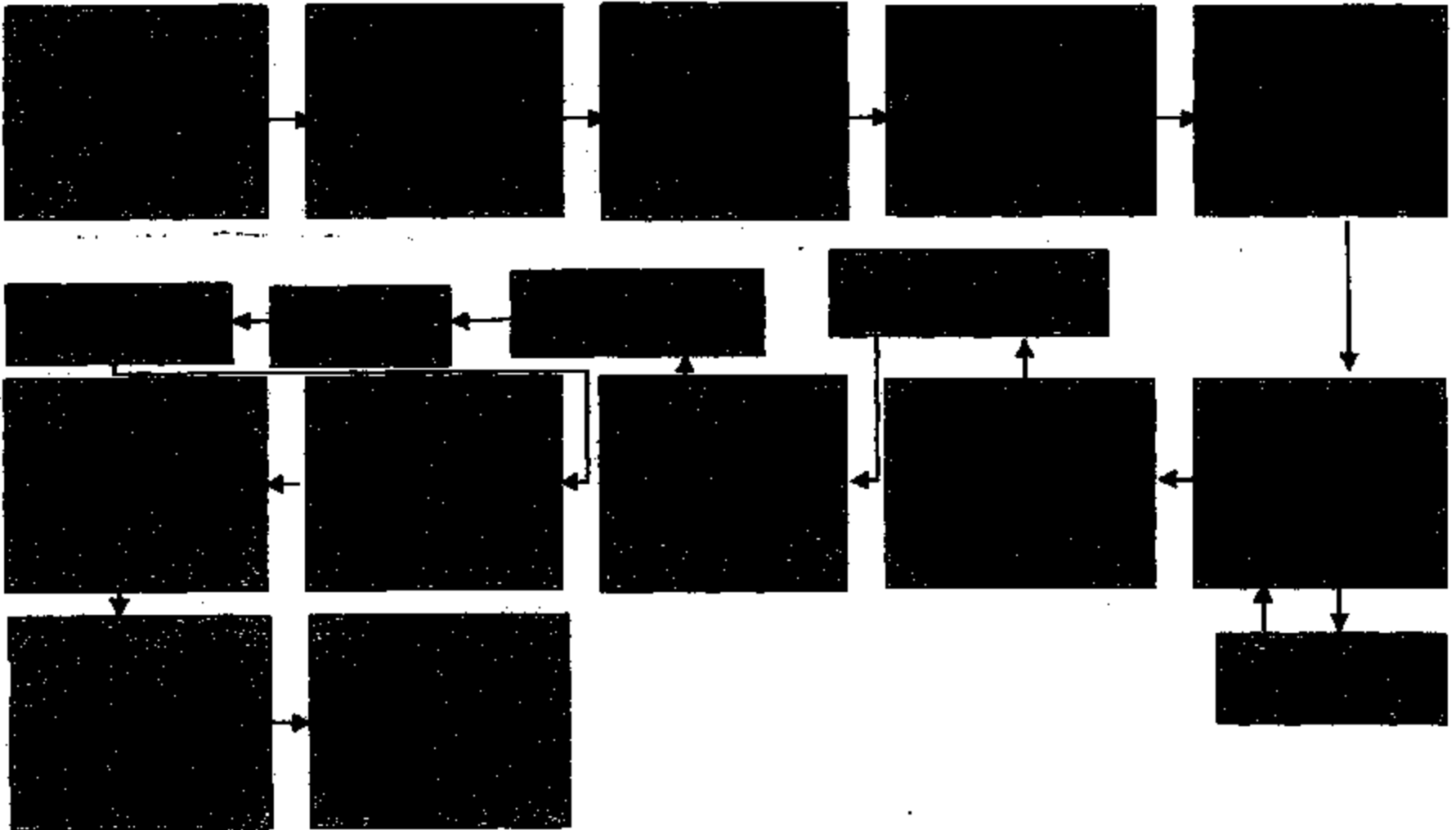
**77PS Cellanex 4300 Base**  
**Vertical Orientation in 15 Amp Circuit**  
**5% Salt Water Ingress**



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**PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM  
"CORROSION" POTENTIAL CAUSE FLOW ANALYSIS**



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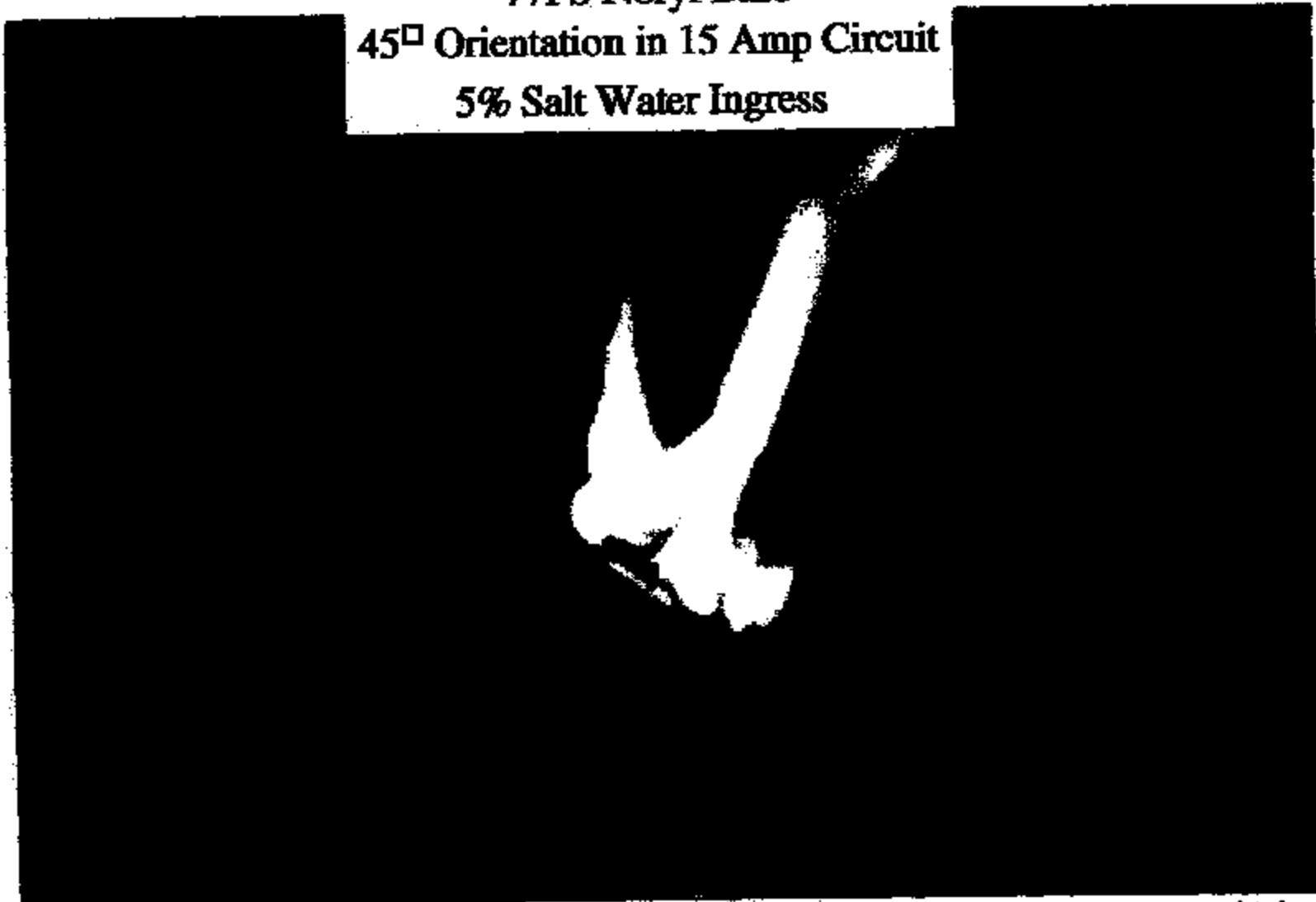
## Potential Thermal Event Theory Profile 5/20/99



77PS Noryl Base

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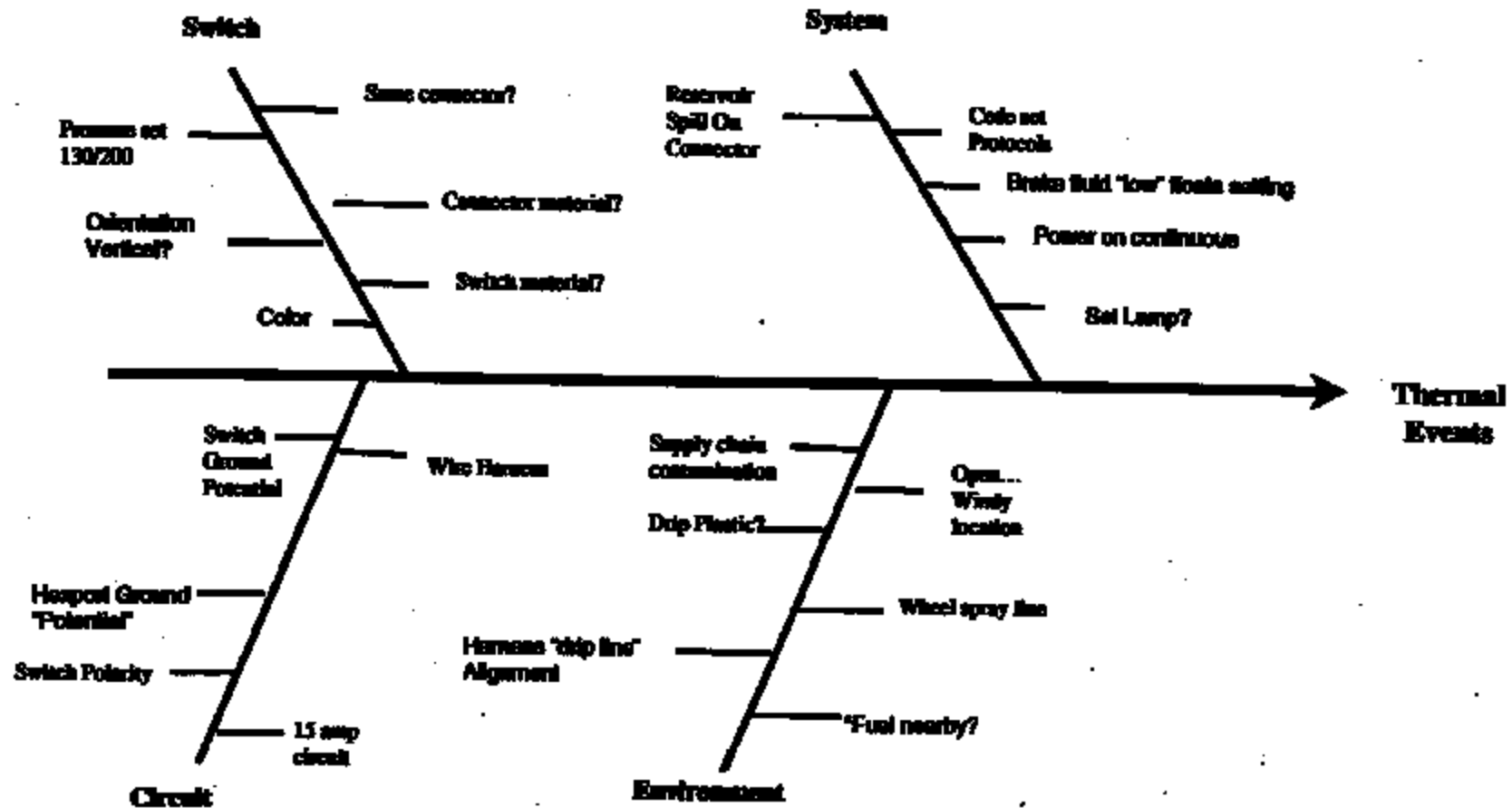
5% Salt Water Ingress



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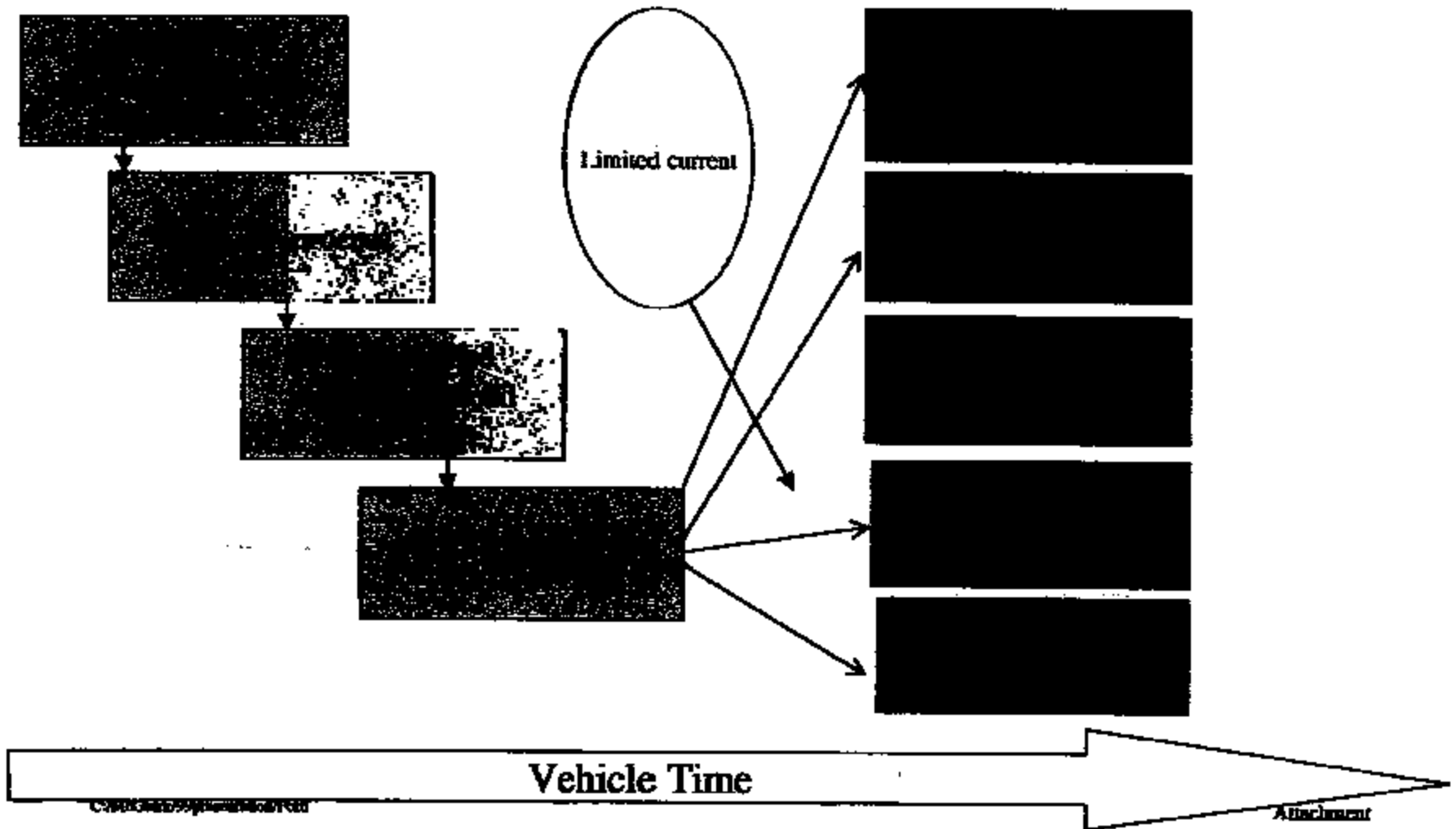
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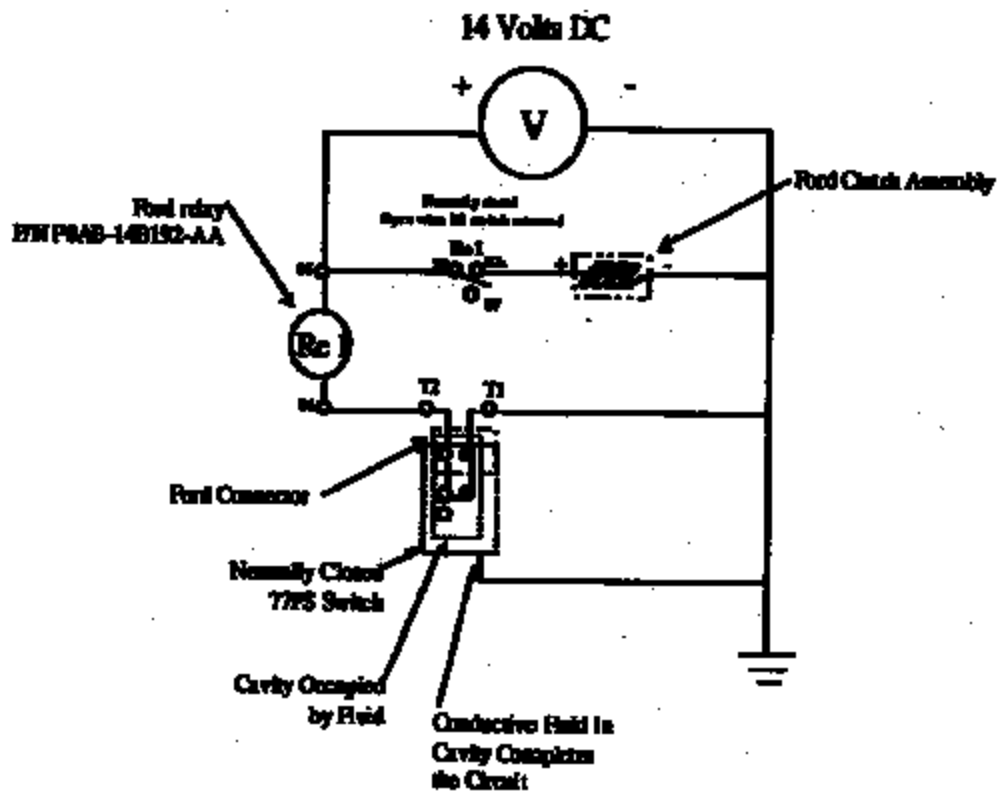
“Corrosion” potential cause time line  
Theory Time Line



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**77FS Proposed Wiring Schematic**

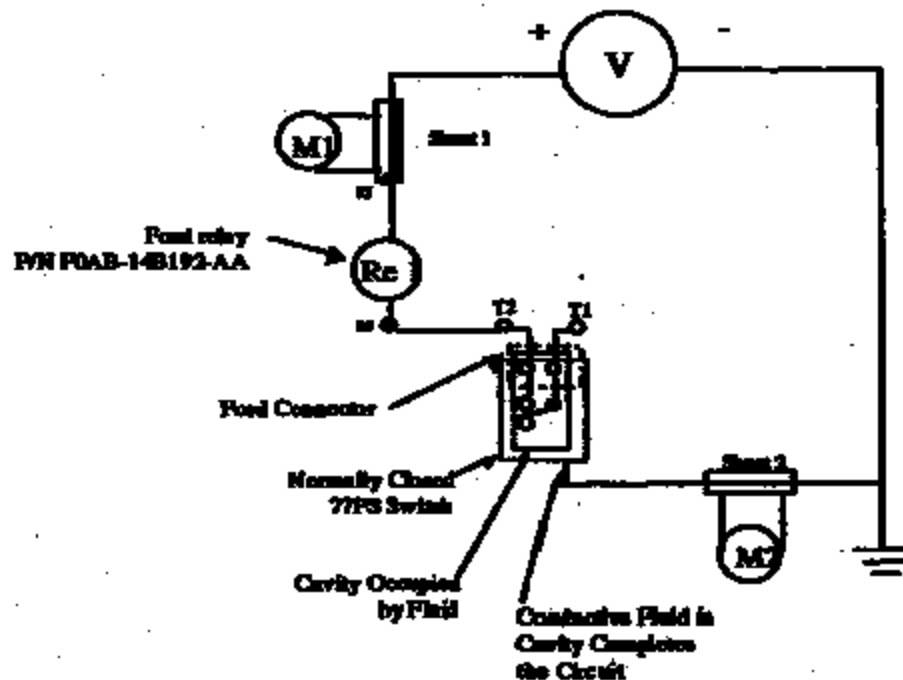


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200 mAmp Current Limit Circuit  
Test Setup

14.5 Volts DC

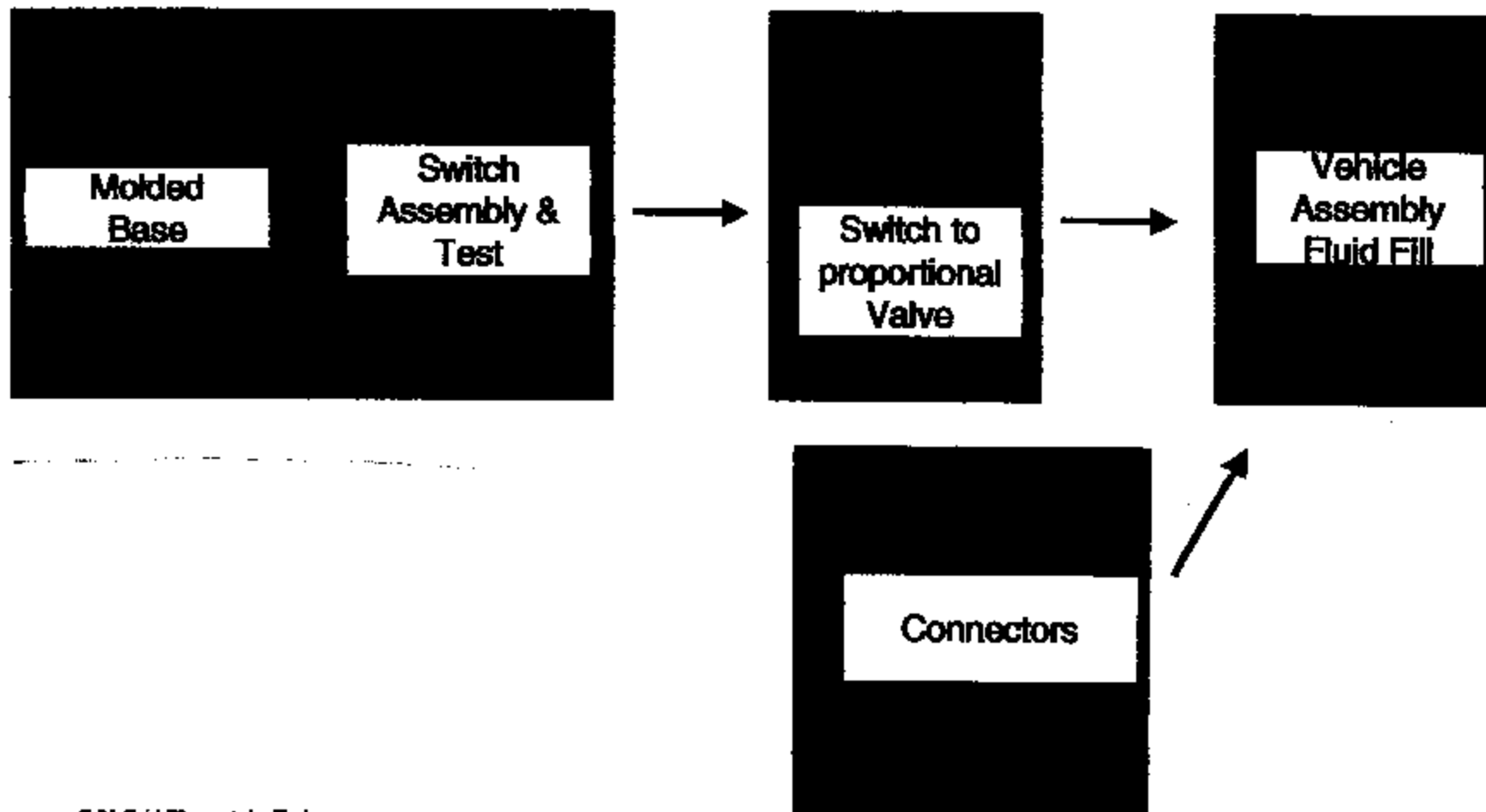


Worst case scenario is when the switch is actuated, which puts T2 at full voltage. To facilitate testing, T1 is floating which keeps T1 and T2 at full voltage but limits current draw to .2 Amps (This test is harsher than worst case scenario).





**PRESSURE SWITCH "FLOW DIAGRAM"**  
**('92, '93, TOWN CAR)**



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## NA Hydraulic Switch History

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Today's Date: UPDATED 04/21/99

Scope or Effect Description

Attachment

1. Operational Definition (Problem Statement): TOWY CAR UNDESIRABLE FIRES			
2. Description	IS	IS NOT	Get Information
WHAT	Tow Car MY '92, '93, '94	Crown Vic? Gold Mercury? IS Super Coupe? 2CY '91, '92, '93? '92, '93 Restricted?	COMPARE PLATFORMS
	FIRES... - Electrical pressure switch - Camshaft - Servo system - Electrical Distribution	Not only pressure switches	COLLECT/TEST OTHER SYSTEM COMPONENTS FOR "ENERGY"
	SYSTEM ISSUES... - Cruise Inoperative - Locked in park - Horn Inoperative - Brake Light Inoperative - Discharged battery - Door lock? - Head lamp?	Other checks	COMPARE VEHICLE OPTIONS FOR SYNERGY  COMPARE WARRANTY
WHERE	Driver side head  Washer light in engine room?	Passenger side head Dash - gear compartment Not high in engine compartment	EVALUATE HEAT SOURCES
WHEN	1-44 hours after parking Ignition off  After 4-6 years After 100K miles  After AAA switch cycle	Not low in engine compartment Not while driving Not while ignition on  Not before 3 years? Not before 100K miles  Not before 100K cycles	EVALUATE POWER AND HEAT AND WIND SOURCES REVIEW MILES
HOW BIG	149 cars / 213K units  "small size" class	Not all cars?  Not "expensive"	COMPARE PLATFORMS READ FIRE RPTS
	Several pressure switches	Not all restricted fire Not all pressure switches	FURTHER DISCUSSION

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**TEXAS INSTRUMENTS** Brake Pressure Switch Potential Thermal Event Theory Profile 5/20/99



**Texas Instruments**  
**Automotive Sensors & Controls**  
**SD Report**

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<b>Current Title:</b> 77 PB Thermal Events		<b>Open Item:</b> 3989	
<b>TI CAR Report Number:</b> CAR 88-25		<b>Updated:</b> 4/23/99	
<b>State Date:</b>	<b>Vehicle:</b> Lincoln  <b>Model:</b> Town Car  <b>Year:</b> Various	<b>Part Name:</b> Electric Speed Control Deactivation Pressure Switch	<b>Part No:</b> 7705 B-1
<b>1. Team:</b> J. Berghman B. Duggs A. McCall C. Miller		<b>2. Problem Description:</b> Understand on fire	
<b>3. Containment Action(s):</b>  Under review, including disabling speed control system		<b>% Effectiveness:</b>	<b>Implementation Date:</b>
<b>4. Root Cause:</b> See attachment 1, 3 - in RPT Table. (Timeline of 1/15/99) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wire shorted ground with the connector</li> <li>- Continuous power direct connection</li> <li>- Connector overheats high resistance</li> <li>- High current creates local heating</li> <li>- Several exposures over time (?)</li> <li>- Local heating by the pressure switch and connector plastic</li> <li>- Oxygen produced degradation</li> </ul>		<b>% Containment:</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>3. Change Potential Corrective Action:</b> See attachment 2,3,4  Under Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inspect harness</li> <li>- Check connector</li> <li>- Check ground fault protector</li> <li>- Improve connector seal</li> <li>- Replace electrical power</li> <li>- Change PB circuit</li> <li>- Provide power fuse/over current protection</li> <li>- Modify plastic components</li> <li>- Optimize polarity</li> <li>- Minimize ground potential</li> </ul>		<b>Verification:</b> TBD by lab experiments	<b>% Effectiveness:</b> Unknown
<b>4. Supplemental Potential Corrective Action:</b>		<b>Implementation:</b>	
<b>7. Action(s) to Prevent Recurrence:</b>  Eliminate constant power, reduce power to function used, set under the "High" electrical function		<b>Implementation:</b>	
<b>6. Copyrightable Item</b>	<b>Class Date:</b>	<b>Reported By:</b> A. McCall <b>Dept. Name:</b> QSA Manager <b>Telephone No.:</b> (972) 234-3399	

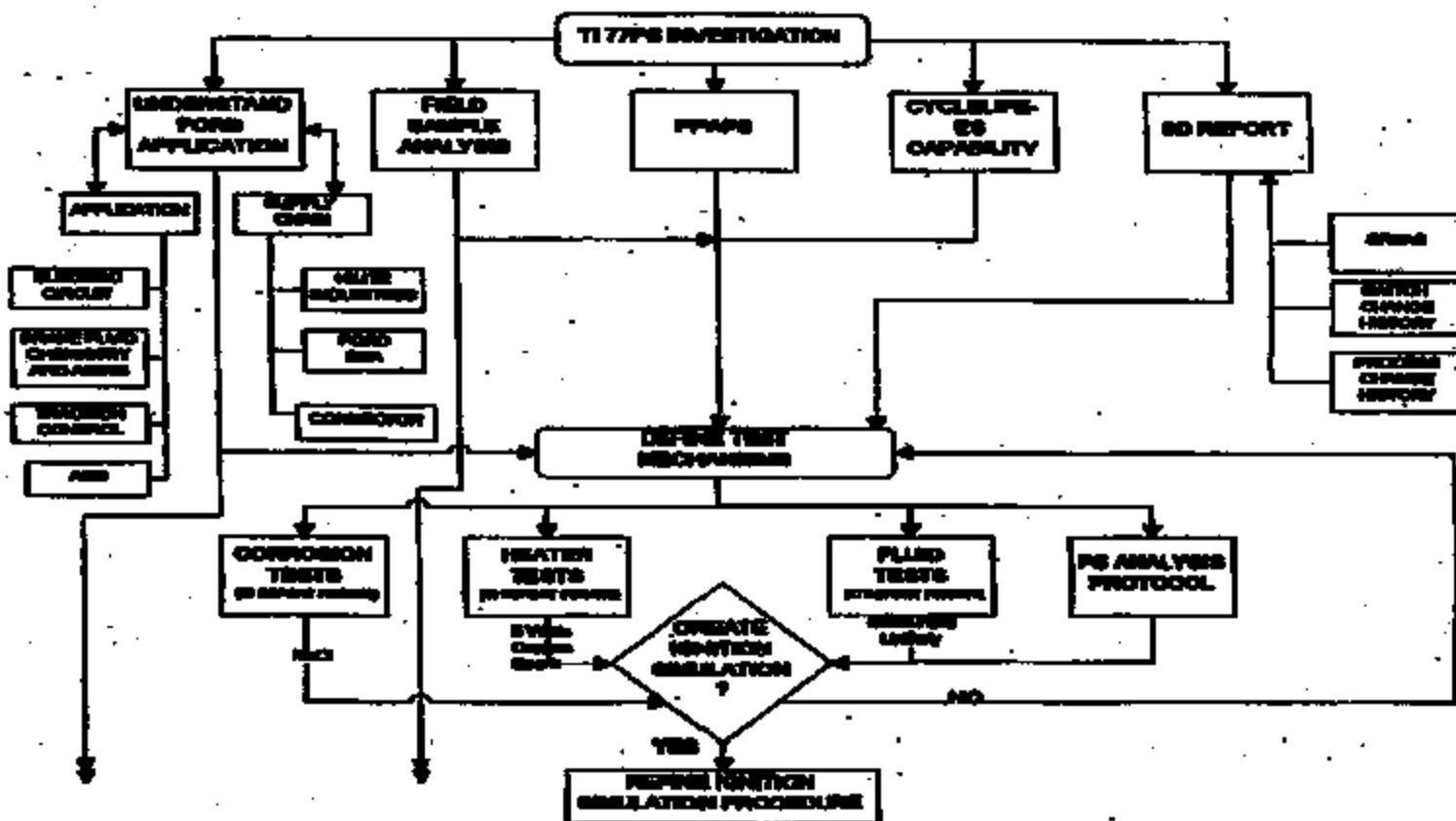
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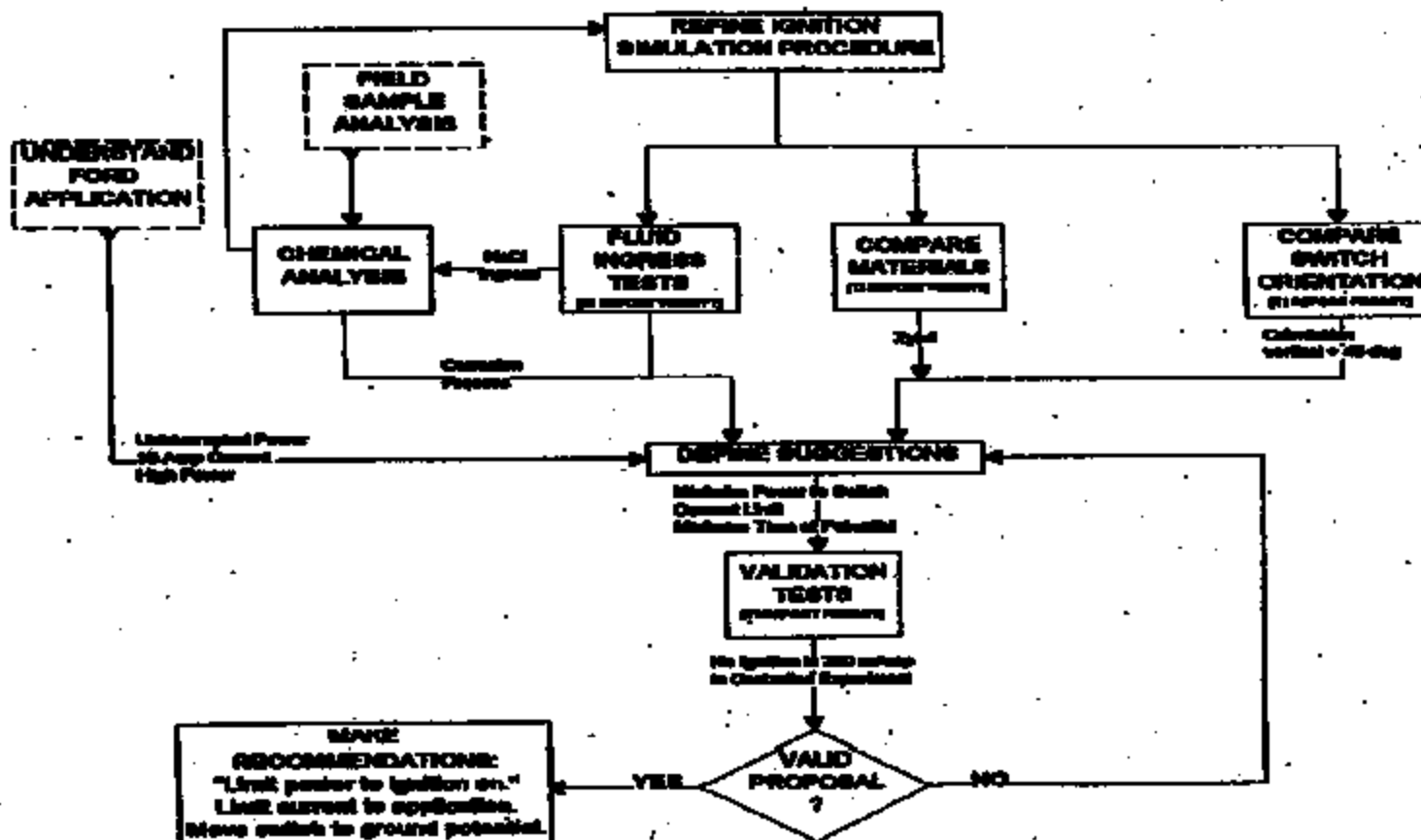


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COMPONES	DESCRIPTIO	REQUIRED	SUPPLIER	1WK	2WK	PARTIAL	TO TI	
27405-1	CONVERTER	2,040,000	KF BASSLE	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ADD OVERTIME MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
27639-1	WASHER / A	2,040,000	DEMISTER	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
27713-1	CLIP 77FS	2,040,000	VALENTINE	8 WKS	10 WKS	1 WK	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
38658-27	57FS	2,040,000	DISC DEPT	12+ WKS	24 WKS	3 WKS	TOOL \$?	POSSIBLE CAPACITY ISSUE
38900-1	HEX FORG 7	2,040,000	ELCO	10 WKS	25 WKS	3 WKS	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
74224-1	KAPTON	204	EDUFONT	2 WKS	2 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	
27225-1	KAPTON ST	1,102	EDUFONT	3 WKS	3 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	
74353-1	GASKET	2,040,000	JEL PARKER	8 WKS	16 WKS	3 WKS	NONE	ELIMINATE CORES WILL INCREASE DEL. BY 10%
38888-1	STATIONARY	2,040,000	KF BASSLE	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ADD OVERTIME MATERIAL AVAILABILITY/FEELS
28744-1	CONTACT-S	2,040,000	DEFFINGER	4 WKS	8 WKS	1 WK	NONE	MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
38887-1	MOVABLE T	2,040,000	KF BASSLE	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ADD OVERTIME MATERIAL AVAILABILITY/FEELS
27718-1	BECLISSU	440	BRUSHWEL	1 WK	2 WKS	1 WK	NONE	NONE
74818-1	RIVET	2,040,000	JOHN HASS	8 WKS	11 WKS	4 WKS	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
48515-2	PRESSURE S	2,040,000	IND MOLDING	16 WKS	32 WKS	4 WKS	NONE	RAW MATERIAL CHANGE OVER PRESS CAPACITY
74078-143	CERAMIC P	2,040,000	PAPA TECH	7 WKS	15 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	
74247-4	BLUE O-RING	2,040,000	JEL PARKER	8 WKS	10 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ELIMINATE CORES WILL INCREASE DEL. BY 10%
74787-1	CRIMP RING	2,040,000	VALENTINE	8 WKS	10 WKS	1 WK	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
74889-1	RED THREAD	2,040,000	MARK IV CA	3 WKS	8 WKS	1 WK	NONE	
77FS	SWITCH		TI	7/15, 8/1, 2/16	260K/MONTH			7 day weeks, thru summer vacations, 'til plastic mold

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# Brake Pressure Switch Potential Thermal Event Theory Profile 5/20/99



Category	Test	Location	Test Parameters	Results Update
Lab Simulation of Potential Ignition in the Ick	1	TI	Very w ater concentrations in "new" Brake Fluid 14Vdc to one terminal, harness grounded Water Content: 4%, 6%, 10%, 20%	220+ hours. Current draw in the 0.6mA to 8mA range Flame test successful. No significant temperature rise. Test suspended. Internal Analysis completed.
	2	TI	Shop Brake Fluid 1 Amp through one Ick terminal 14Vdc to one terminal, harness grounded	200+ hours. Current temperature. No significant temperature rise with time Test Suspended
	3	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Harness Grounded	> 200 hours into test, max current 7mA No significant change with time. Test ongoing
	4	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Harness Grounded, Ambient at 100 C	10 hours into test run, current 6mA No significant temperature rise with time. Test suspended.
	5	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch, 40 Amps through one Ick terminal	Temperature rise of 20 C above ambient Delta T reached steady state of 80 C. Test suspended.
	5a	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch approx. 50 Amps through one Ick terminal	Temperature rise to approx. 270 F. No smoke. No ignition Test suspended.
	6	TI	Shield heater elements into one Ick. Heat III failure, include springs. With Fluid & Dry	2 tested. Smoke observed, ignition observed on post welder See attachment Test complete Smoke field in cavity shown above test build-up Smoke observed at 675 F, flame note and test off at 800 F
	6a	TI	Create heater by connecting spring arm fill w ater solution, 14V into one spring and harness	One out of 15 springs increased resistance to 5 ohms. Others either very low resistance or no current. It took about 140 hours to reach the 5 ohm stage. The 5 ohm spring failed under conditions similar to test it.
	6b	TI	Pre-run ignition test to understand repeatability and current path.	One Ick ignition with suggested 5% w ater solution into switch Current path is through harness. See photo and video. Additional test include tap w ater, old BF, run BF and other.



# Brake Pressure Switch Potential Thermal Event Theory Profile 5/20/99



	60	TI	Plan Item 1 brake fluid with metal shavings	Metal shavings do not contribute significantly to brake fluid conductivity
Life Cycle Fatigue of Pressure Switch	7	TI	2-3400 psi pressure pulses at 1500 Hz	First leak observed at 700,000 cycles. Test Completed. See attached Weibull Chart.
Chemical Wear	8	TI	2-3400 psi pressure pulses at 1500 Hz	Parts withdrawn every 5000 cycles, decontaminated for water
Field on Lab Correlation	9	Control Labs	Field returns, brass dust, etc. polypropylene	Parts in Control Labs, see Field spreadsheet
Design Of Experiments (1)	10	TI	Very water concentrations in new Brake Fluid	Test Report being written from investigation spreadsheet
Electrolytic Factors			12 amp - 12 volt ac brines w/ 0.5% water in 0.1"	Completed at 1.5 million cycles with no leak observed
Electrolytic Chemicals Wear			12 amp - 12 volt ac brines w/ 0.5% water in 0.1"	Drop samples suspended at 1.5 million cycles with 2 leaks observed at 1.5M. Other samples suspended at 2M cycles in current testing sequence.
On Vehicle Characterization of Pressure & Temperature Profile in Truck Car	11	AVT	Brake Pressure and Temperature at the Inlet Location for ABS and non-ABS landing events.	Test at AVT... see Field charts... 2000 is OK
Brake Fluid analysis Used fluid at master cylinder.	11a	TI	Analyse used brake fluid at the master cylinder (MCA), used brake fluid at the caliper (CA) and new brake fluid (NBF) for metal and water content.	Test complete. MCA: Cu = 445 ppb, Fe = 54 ppb, Cr = 500 ppb, 1.1 Wt% CA: Cu = 792 ppb, Fe = 5.8 ppb, Cr = 1.9 ppb, 1.1 Wt% NBF: Cu = 401 ppb, Fe = 0.82 ppb, Cr = 401 ppb, 0.3 Wt%
Brake Air Study	12	Control Labs	Examine / analyze forms in air brk using which brk and high speed video. Use dry nitrogen as well as air brk with various brake fluid water drops.	Equipment set-up in progress at Control Labs. W/ development of 2000 "Microfilm" speeds observed
Characterization of particles removed from fluid Lubricant & other sources	13	Control Labs	Characterize chemical, mechanical and elemental aspects of removed particles	Data beyond analysis spreadsheet set up complete. Analysis of particles in progress.
Field Impact Tests	14a	TI	Impact on the switching valve element (MCA). 500 hour brk 5% NaCl in tap water tap water 500 hour brk tap water used brake fluid used brake fluid w/ 0.5% H <sub>2</sub> O new brake fluid new brake fluid w/ 0.5% H <sub>2</sub> O	Test complete. 5% NaCl sample needed in an (initial). MCA brake fluid samples show less than 3 leaks. No correlation with an brake fluid change. Rinse water and tap water samples show <10 nAmps and showed some signs of corrosion. Chemical analysis in progress.

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Compatibility of Kapton with Oxalic Acid	14	Deposit	Characterize change in properties of Kapton with various % oxalic acid in brake fluid.	Compatibility of Kapton with Oxalic Acid	14	Deposit	Characterize change in properties of Kapton with various % oxalic acid in brake fluid.
Evaluation of Plastics Materials with Improved Parameters	15	TI	Assess properties and suitability of different grades of plastic resin with additives to improve plastic part performance	Evaluation of Plastics Materials with Improved Parameters	15	TI	Assess properties and suitability of different grades of plastic resin with additives to improve plastic part performance
Long duration brake fluid bypass test.	15a	TI	(4) samples with new brake fluid (2) samples with used brake fluid	Long duration brake fluid bypass test.	15a	TI	(4) samples with new brake fluid (2) samples with used brake fluid
Evaluation of Switch Orientation	18b	TI	Assess ignition sensitivity to switch orientation. Test vertical versus 45 degrees. Test rotational sensitivity in 45 deg. orientation.	Evaluation of Switch Orientation	18b	TI	Assess ignition sensitivity to switch orientation. Test vertical versus 45 degrees. Test rotational sensitivity in 45 deg. orientation.
Relay Circuit Test	18	TI	Repeat test 12a in Ford relay circuit for (48) hrs. Bring switch to impending ignition in (15) Amp circuit then place in relay circuit for (18) hrs. Input max. circuit power into heater on sw lch.	Relay Circuit Test	18	TI	Repeat test 12a in Ford relay circuit for (48) hrs. Bring sw lch to impending ignition in (15) Amp circuit then place in relay circuit for (18) hrs. Input max. circuit power into heater on sw lch.





## NA Hydraulic Switch History

Time Period:	'83	'87	'90	'91	'98	'99
Application:	Power Steering	Power Steering	Power Steering	Power Steering	Power Steering	Power Steering
		Suspension	Suspension	Suspension	Suspension	Suspension
			Transmission	Transmission	Transmission	Transmission
				Cruise	Cruise	Cruise
					Clutch	Clutch
Fluid:						

- TI has some 16 years and 130 million units accumulated experience in hydraulic applications using multiple fluids
- TI has some 12 years of brake system application experience working with brake fluids



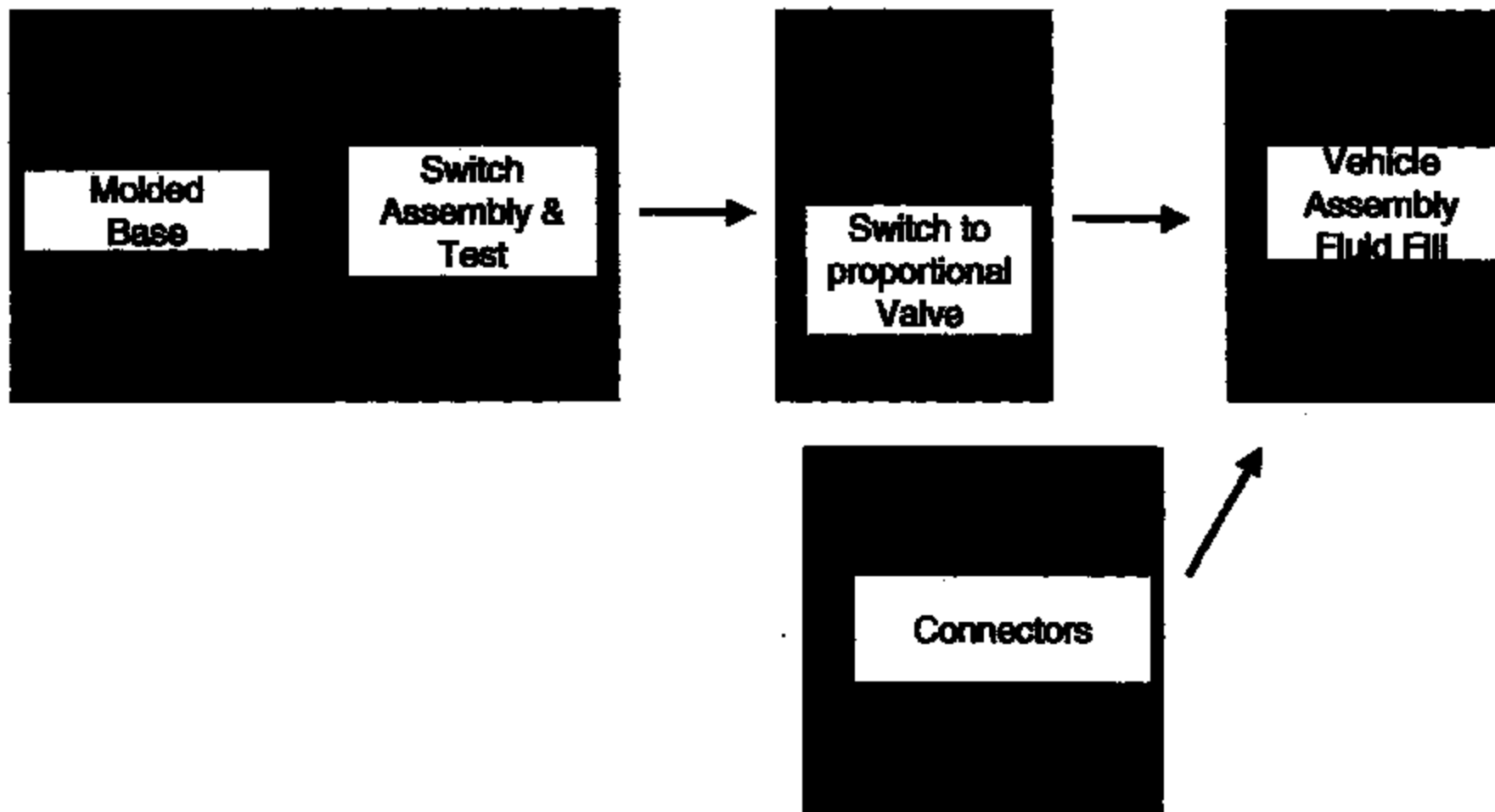
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**PRESSURE SWITCH "FLOW DIAGRAM"  
('92, '93, TOWN CAR)**



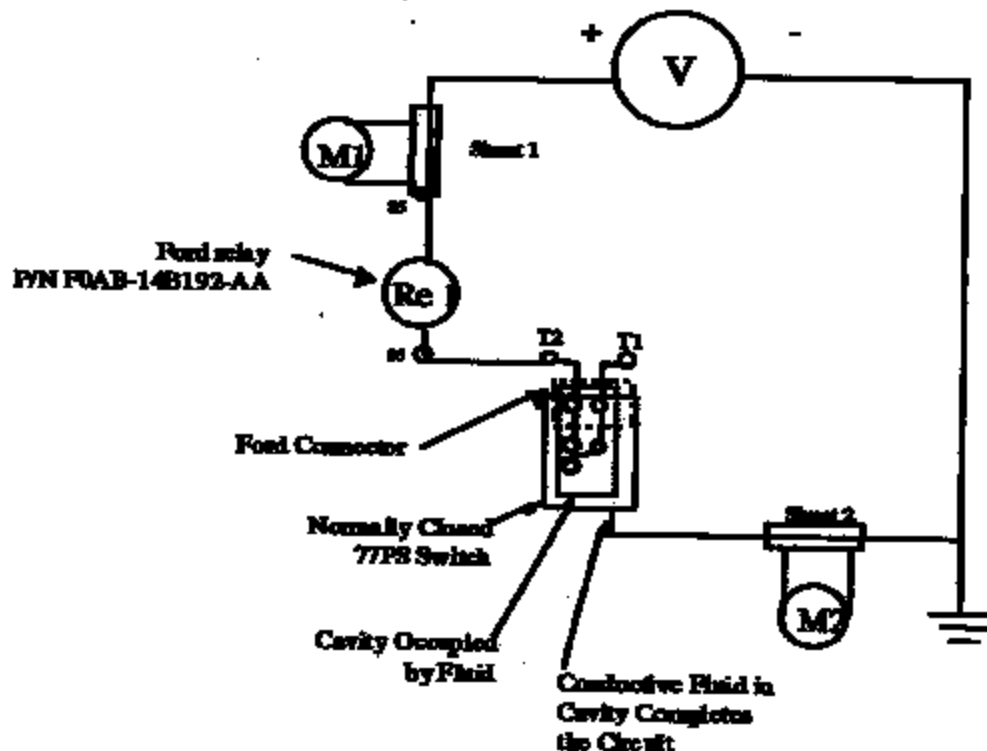


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**200 mAmp Current Limit Circuit  
Test Setup**

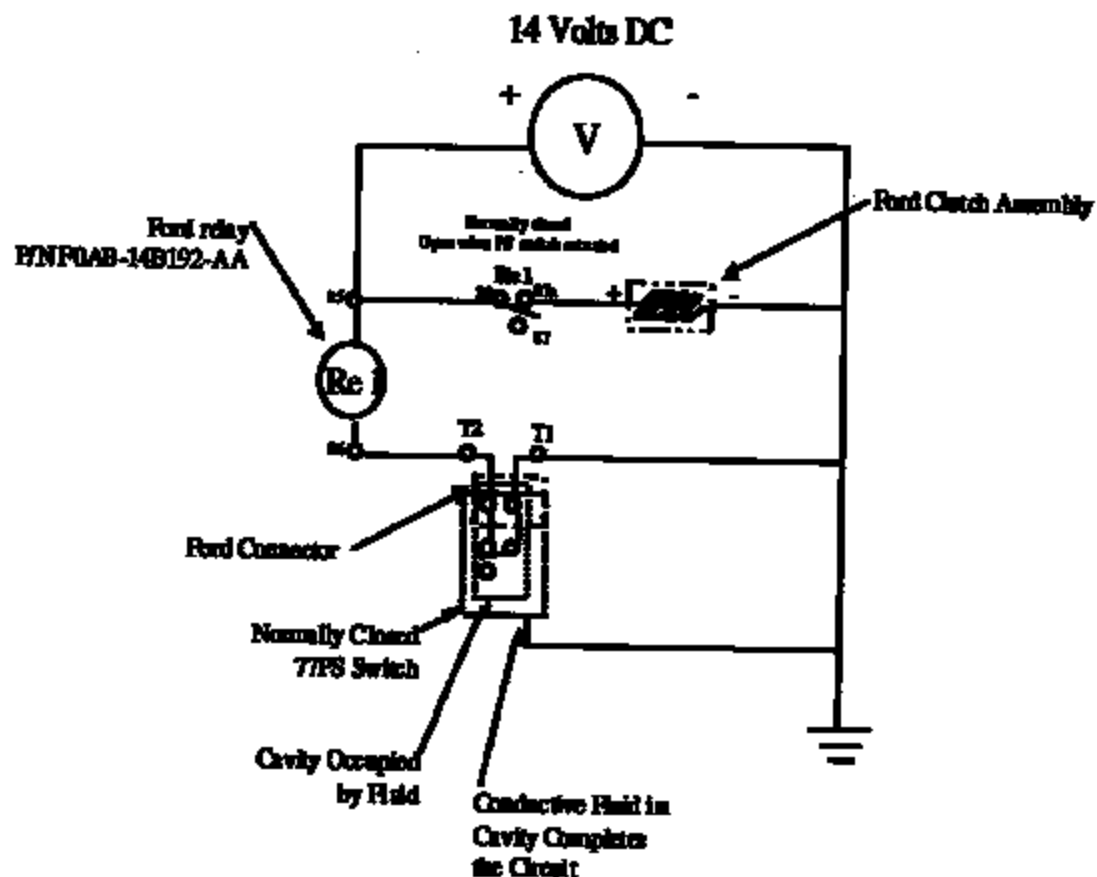
14.5 Volts DC



Worst case scenario is when the switch is actuated, which puts T2 at full voltage. To facilitate testing, T1 is floating which keeps T1 and T2 at full voltage but limits current draw to .2 Amps (This test is harsher than worst case scenario).

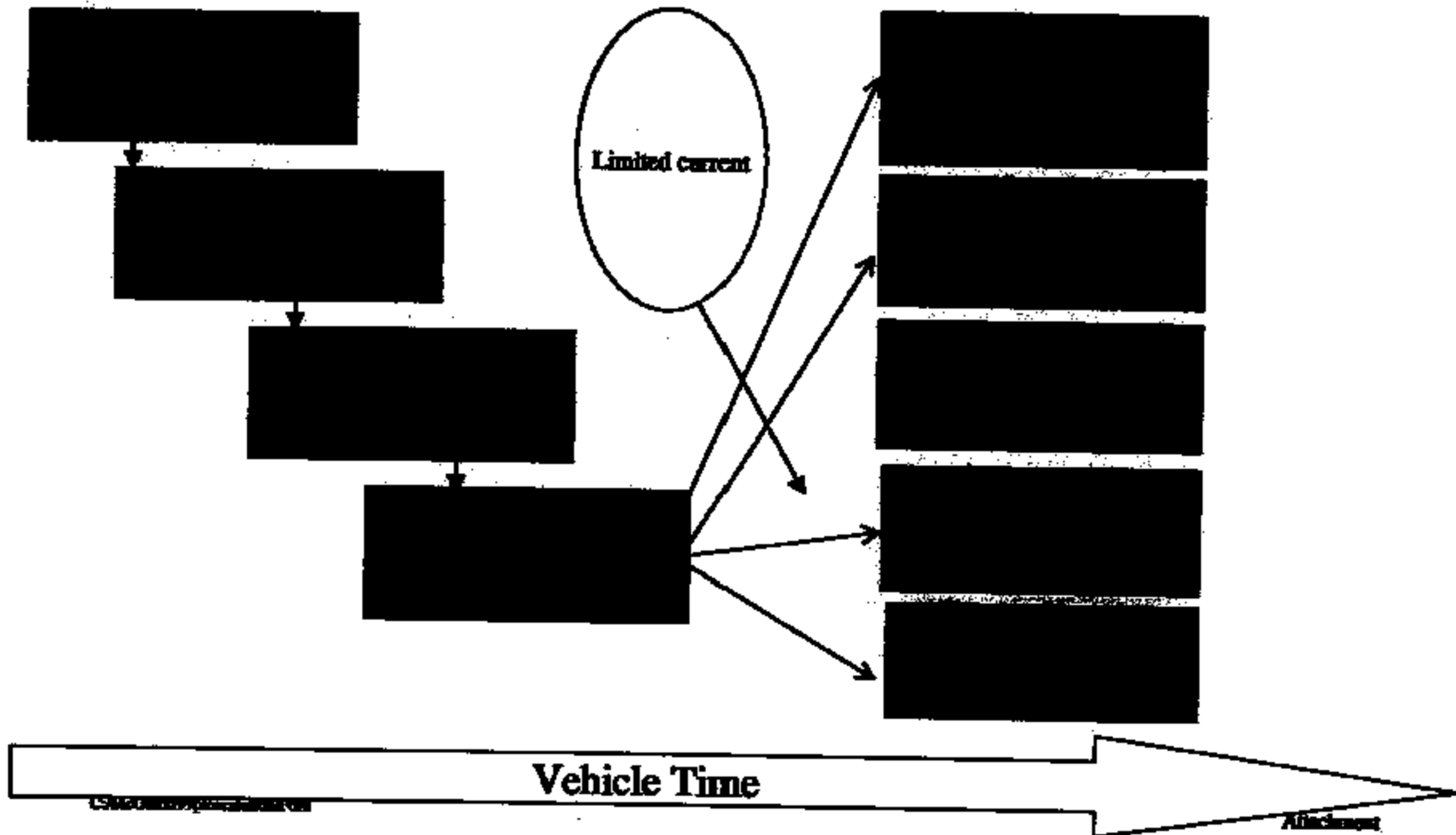


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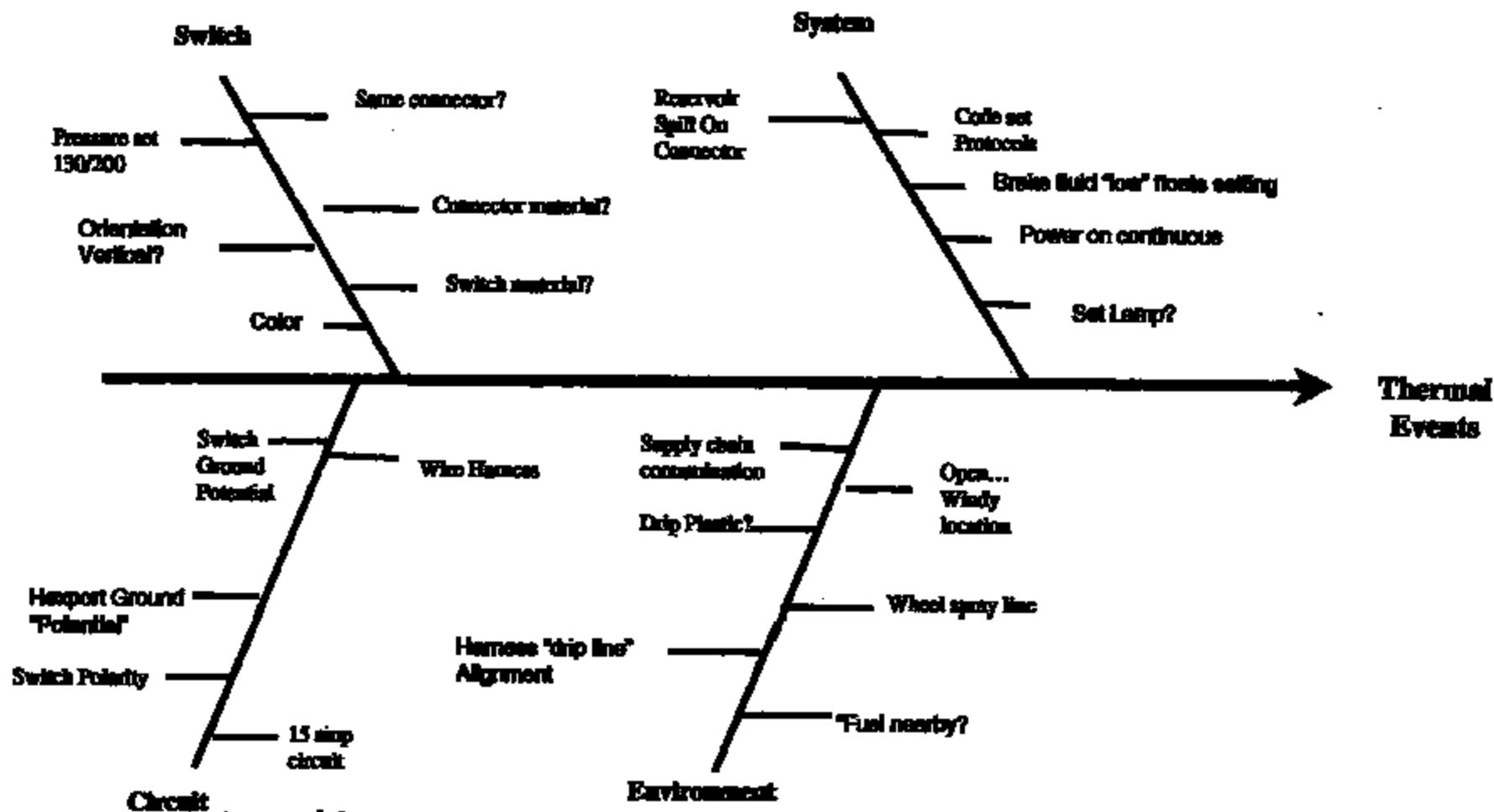


**“Corrosion” potential cause time line  
Theory Time Line**





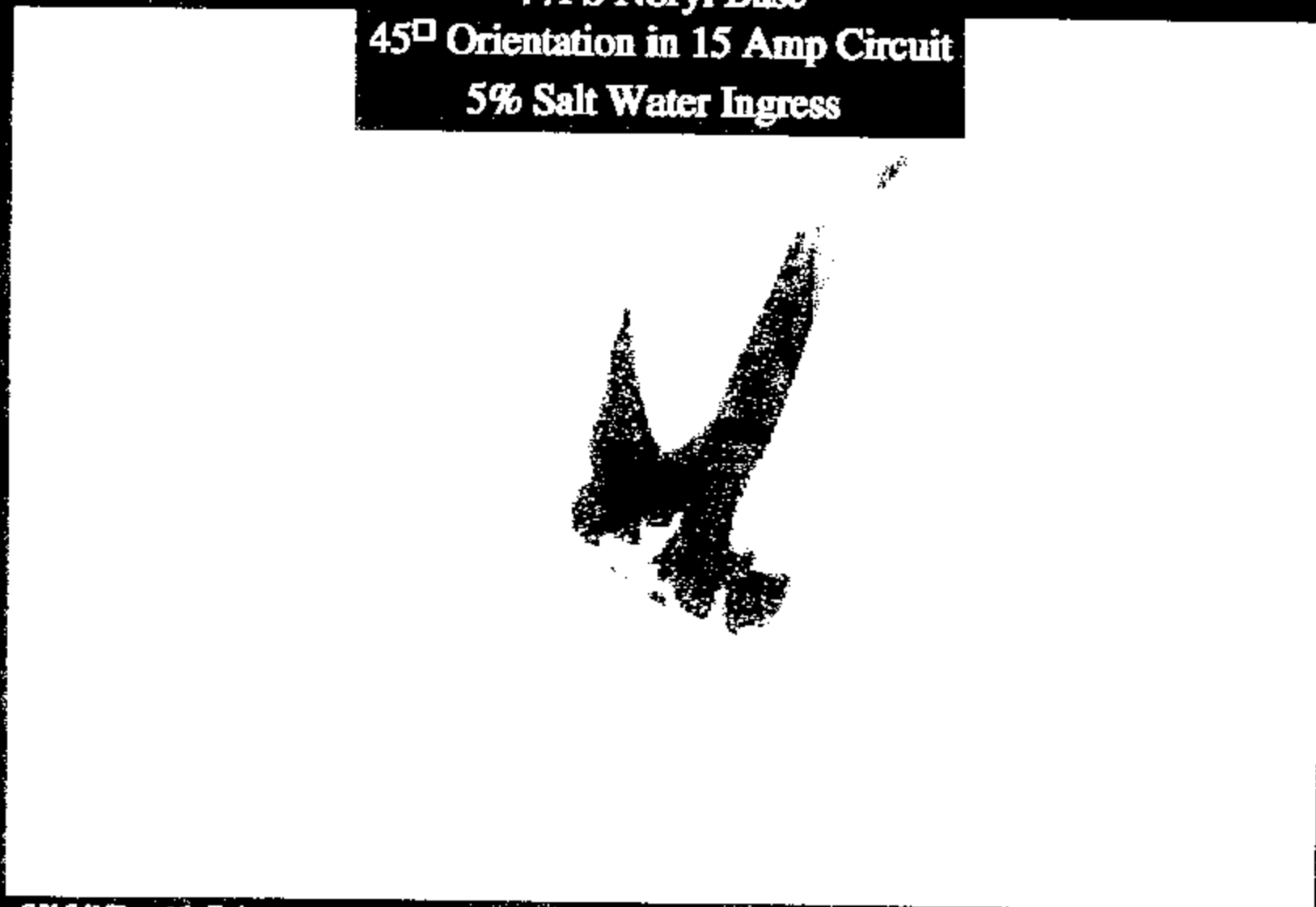
**ECONOLINE VS. TOWN CAR P/S**







**77PS Noryl Base  
45° Orientation in 15 Amp Circuit  
5% Salt Water Ingress**



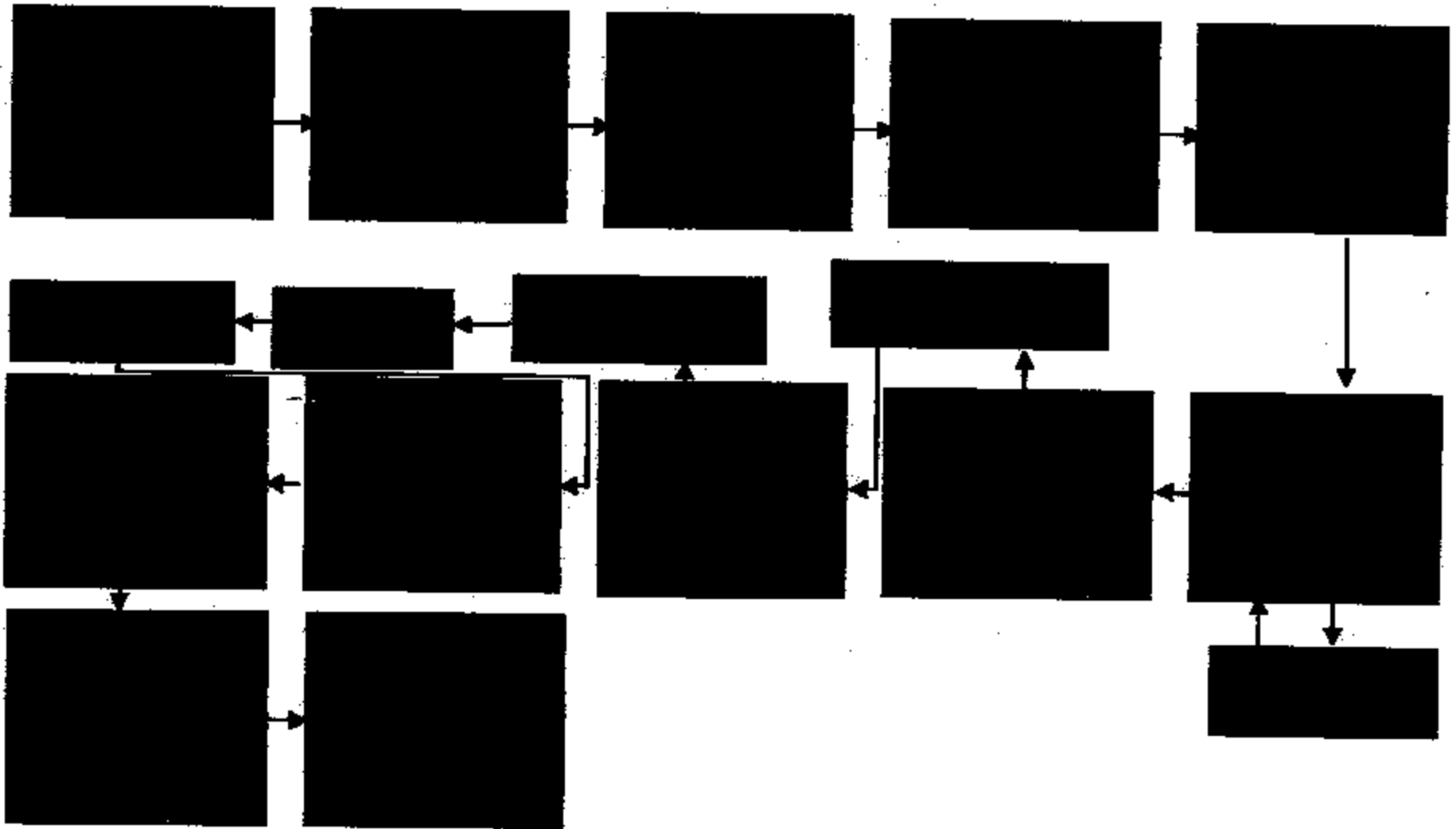
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**PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM**  
**"CORROSION" POTENTIAL CAUSE FLOW ANALYSIS**



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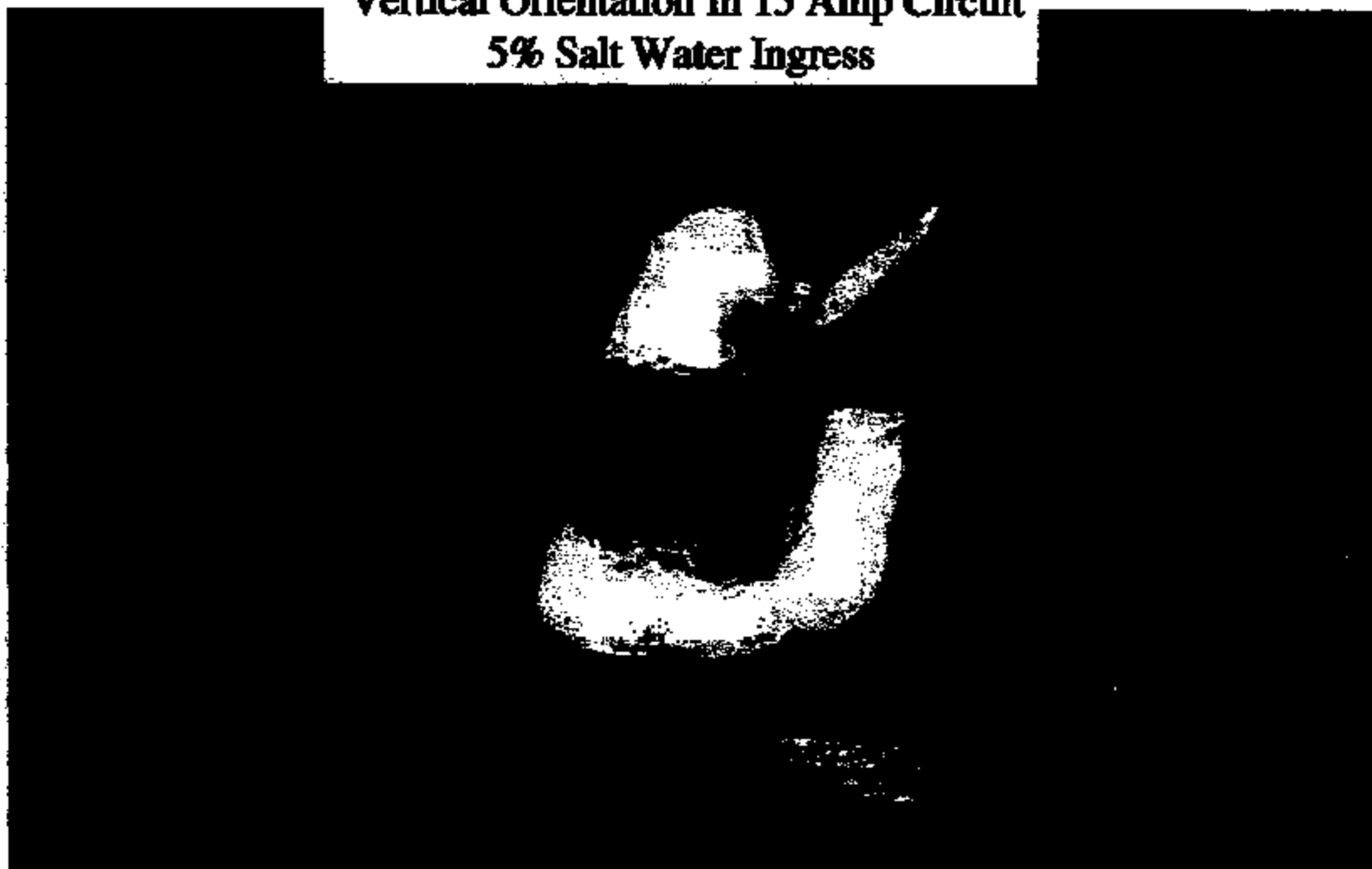
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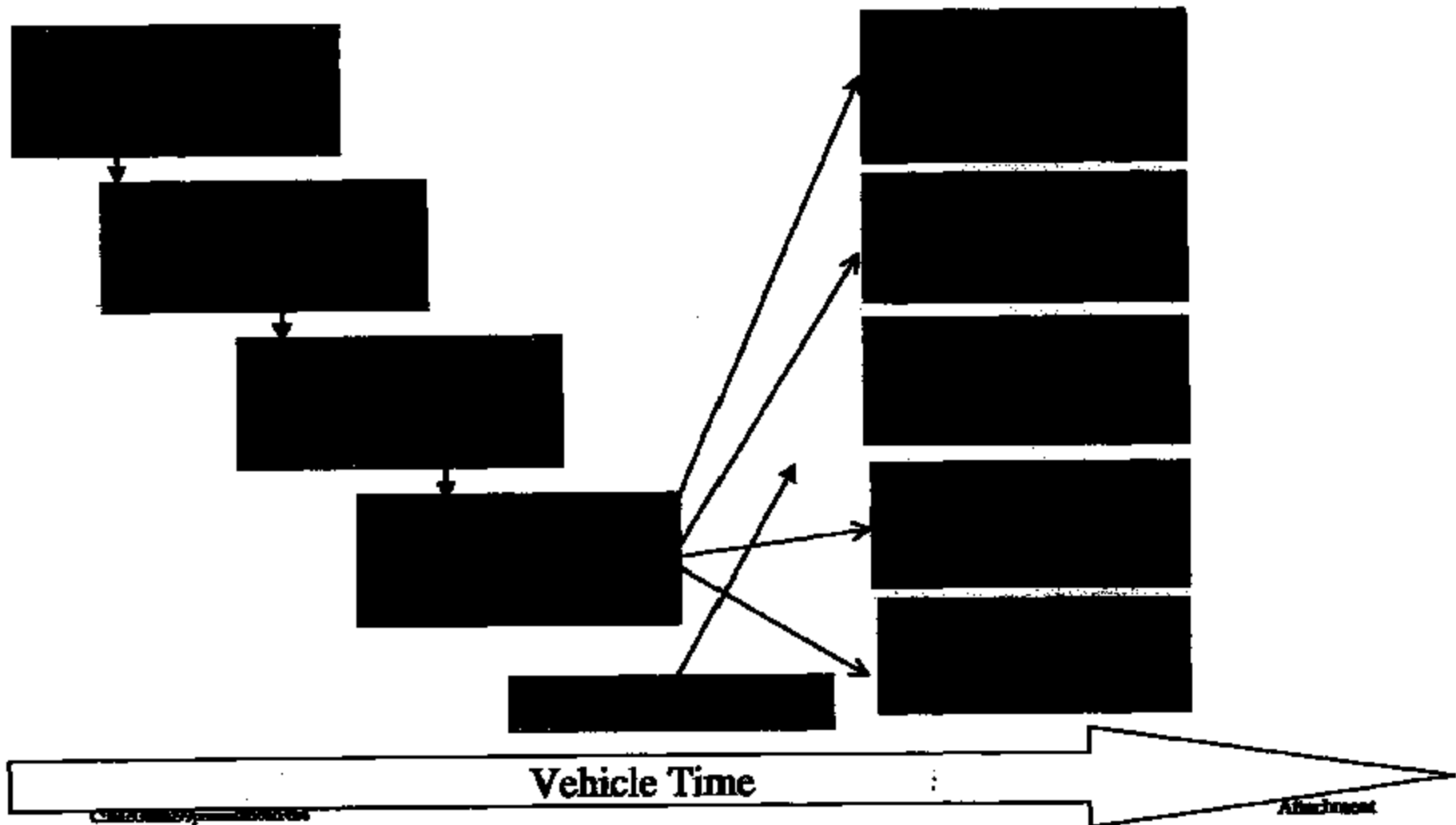
**77PS Cellanex 4300 Base**  
**Vertical Orientation in 15 Amp Circuit**  
**5% Salt Water Ingress**



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**“Corrosion” potential cause time line**  
**Theory Time Line**



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**77PS  
45° Orientation in 15 Amp Circuit  
5% Salt Water Ingress**

**Cellanex 4300 Base**



**Cellanex 3316 Base**



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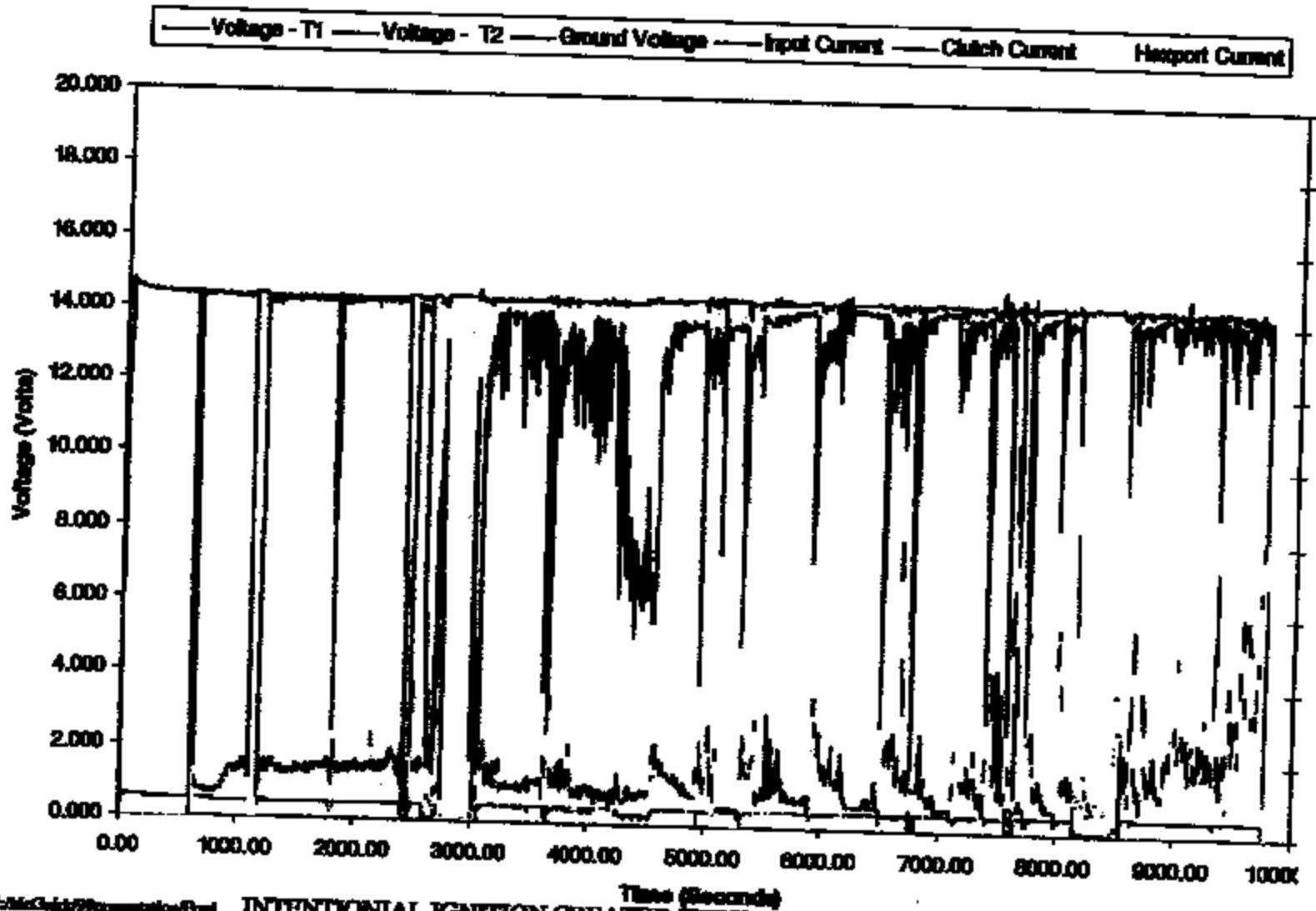
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## 5% Salt Water Ingress Experiment

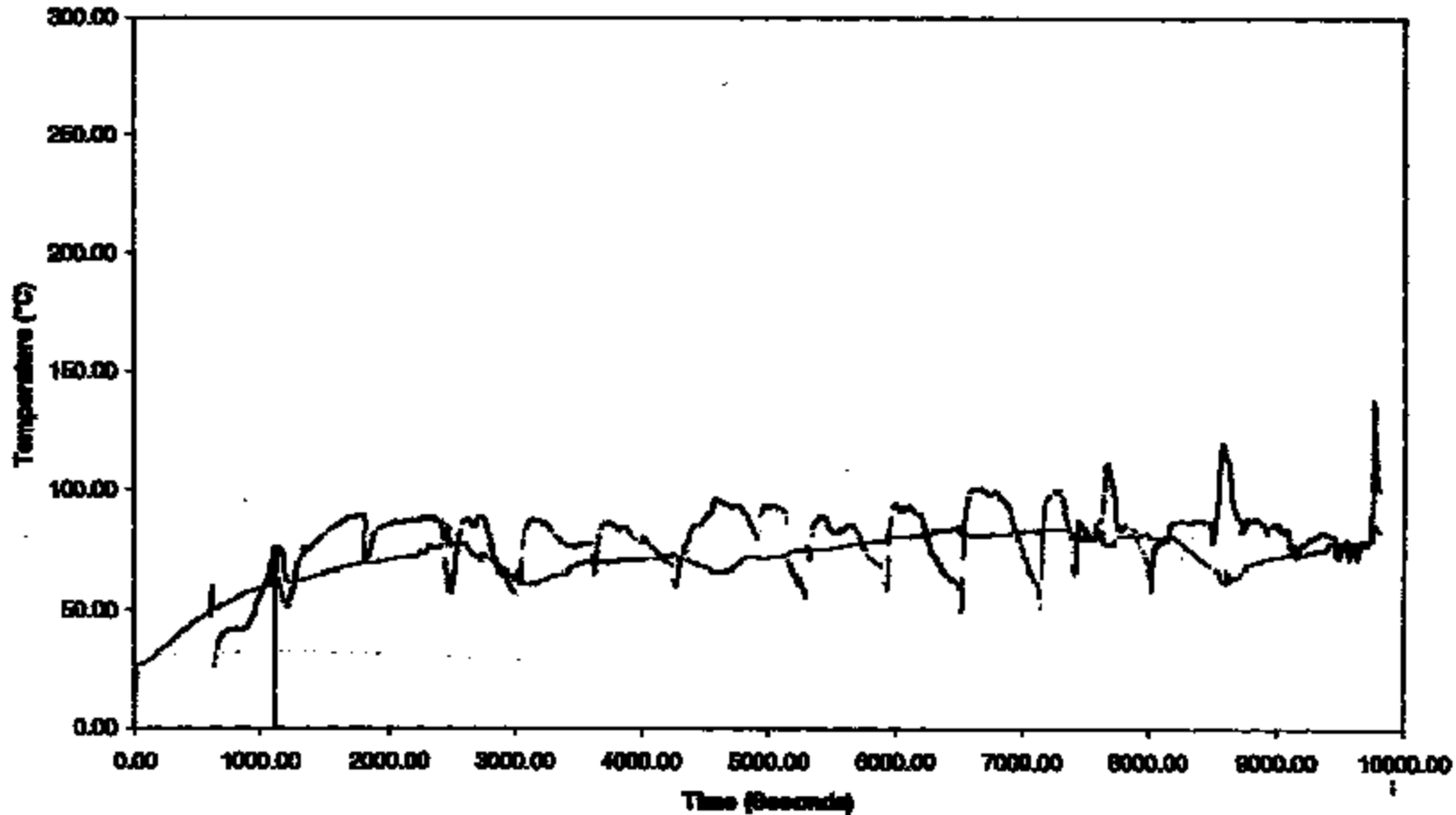


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**8% Salt Water Ingress Experiment**  
**Temperature vs. Time**

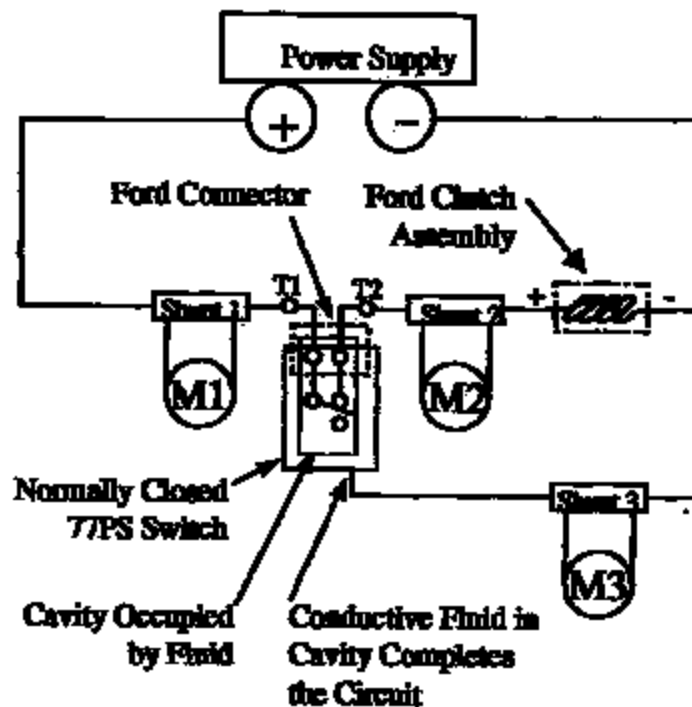
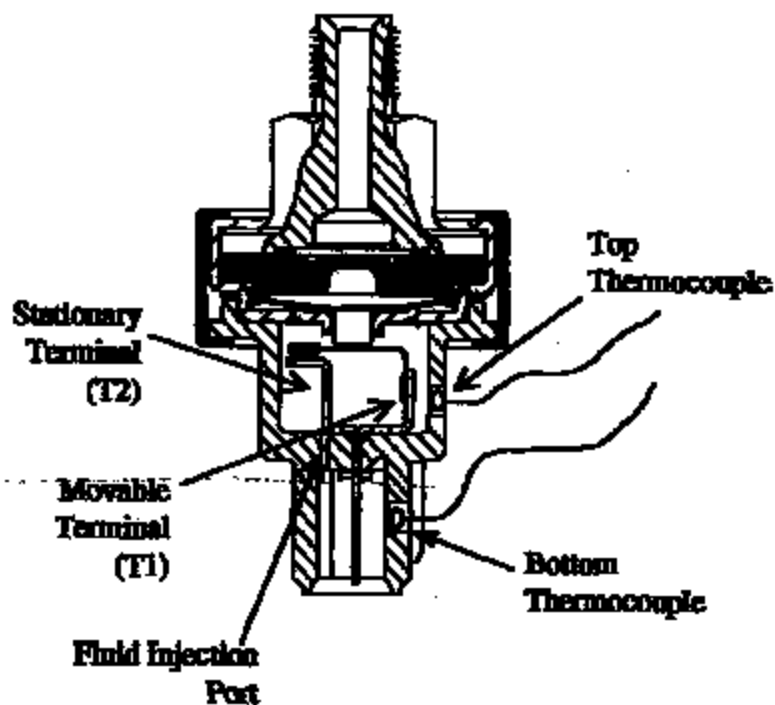
— Top Temp — Clutch Temp — Bottom Temp



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**5% Salt Water Ingress Experiment**  
**Test 1**



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Test 1: Figure 1 and Figure 2.

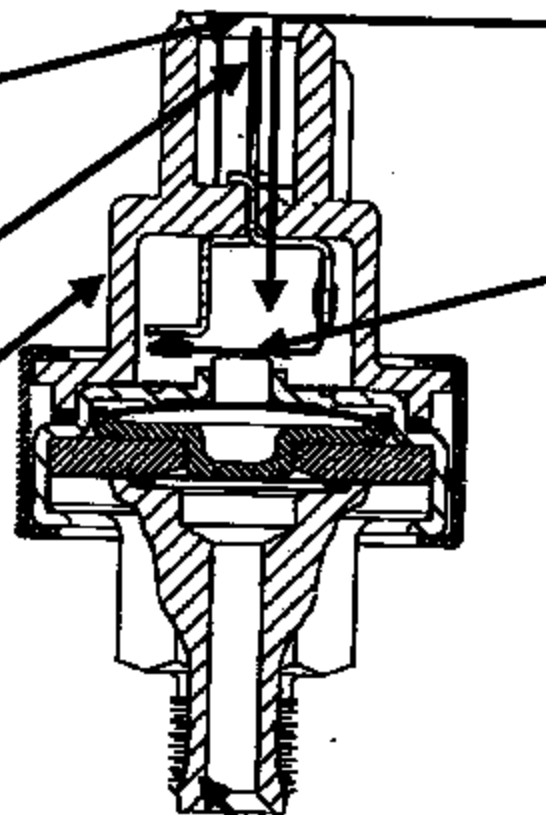




5. High current flow to case through water and ionic contamination

2. 12V Battery source to drive corrosion and provide energy

6. Plastic connector melts. Once it opens, oxygen enters the switch cavity. Arm terminal/corrosion becomes "RED HOT" igniting the plastic



1. Water and "ionic" contamination (e.g. NaCl or cleaner) enters the switch cavity

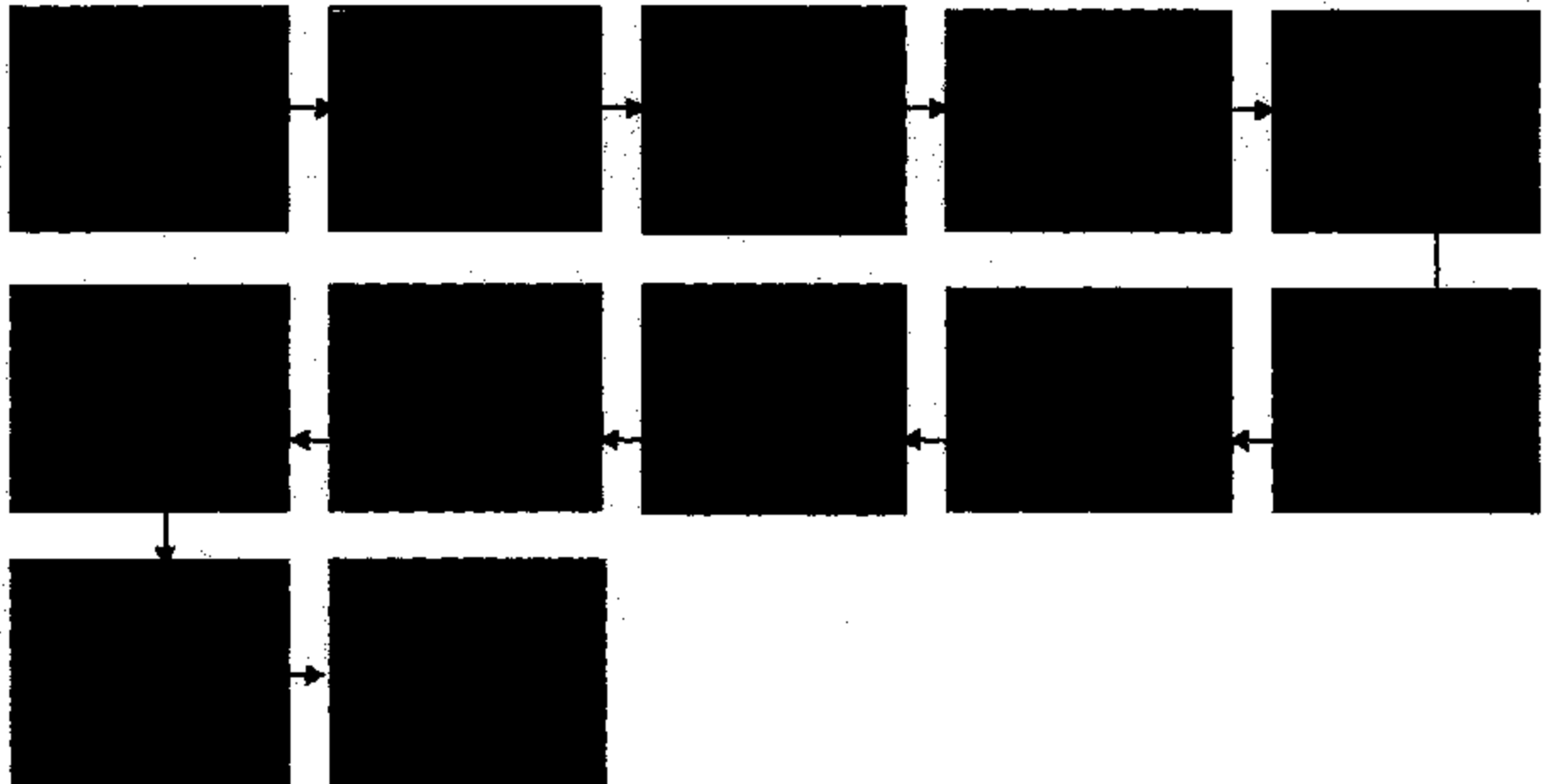
4. Contact arm & terminal corrosion increases resistance (acts like heater wire).

3. Hazard grounded accelerates corrosion

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**PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM**  
**"CORROSION" POTENTIAL CAUSE FLOW ANALYSIS**



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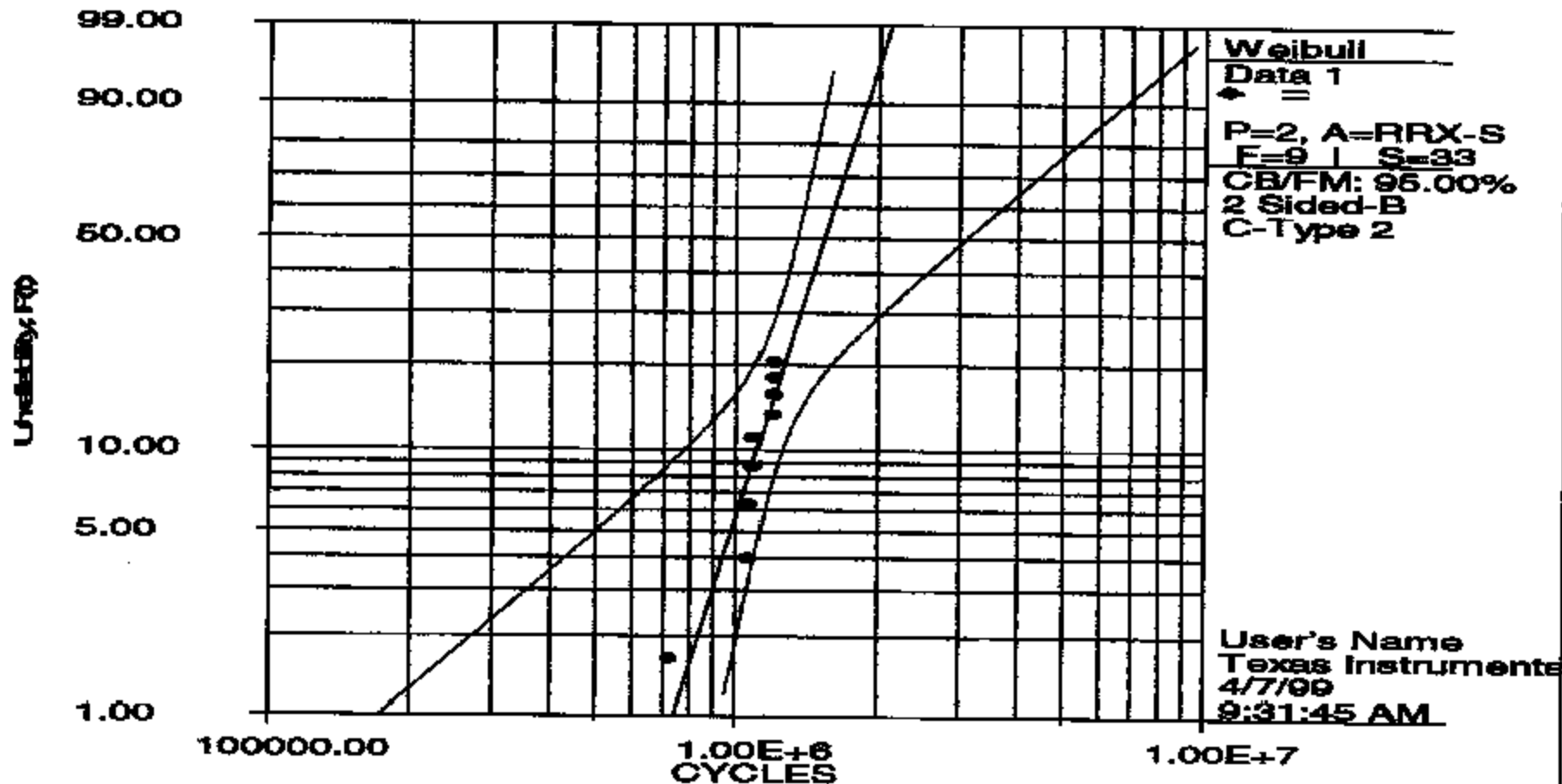


- "Town Car" switch meets accelerated/simulated life cycle specification shown by "success" and "end-of-life" testing



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**77PSL2-1 COMBINED DATA**

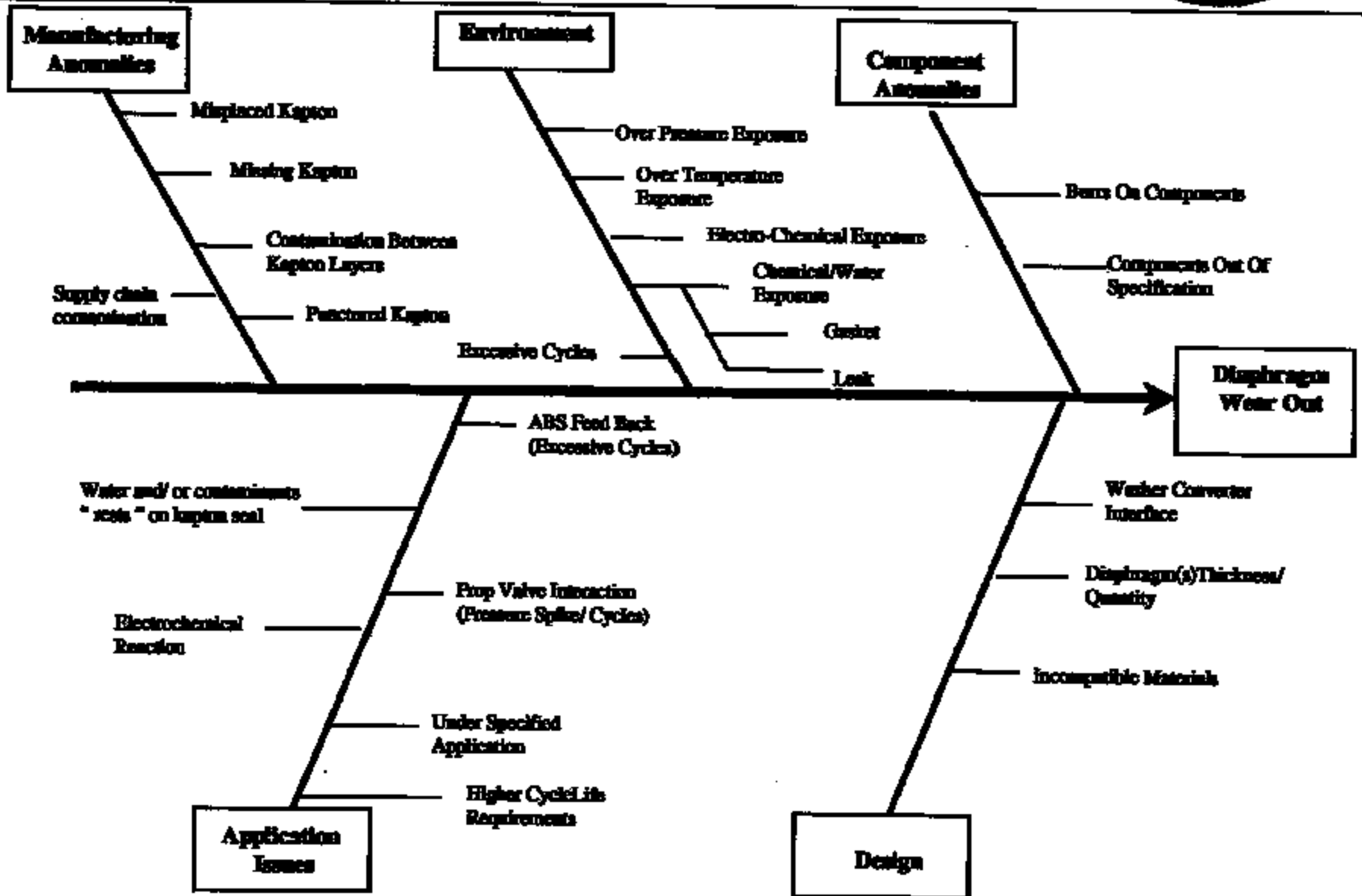


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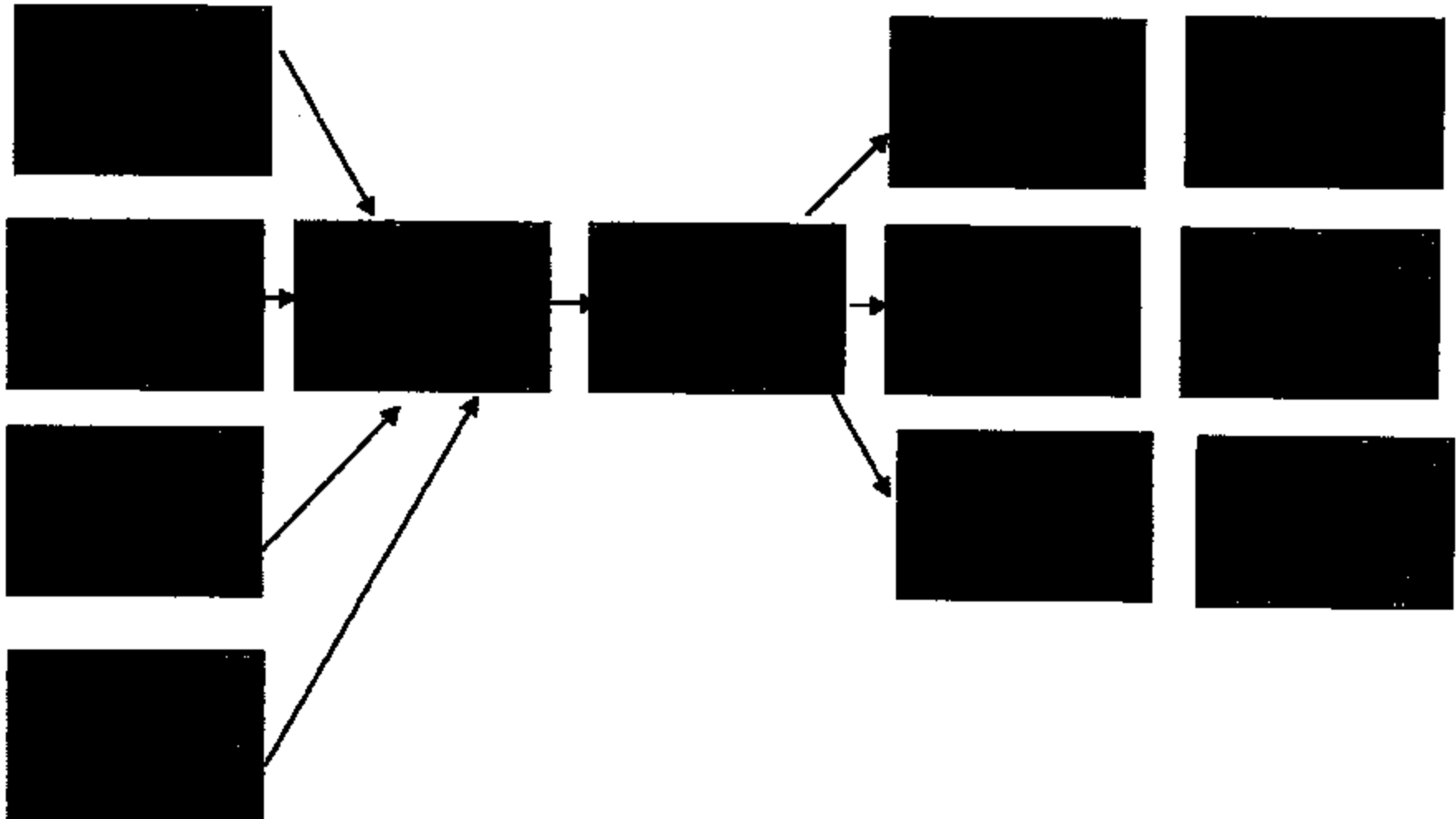
- TI and Ford not successful in creating ignition with "new"  
brake fluids



**Excel spreadsheet**



**REFINED BRAKE FLUID IGNITION THEORY  
POSSIBLE CAUSE THEORIES  
"FEB '99 FOCUS"**

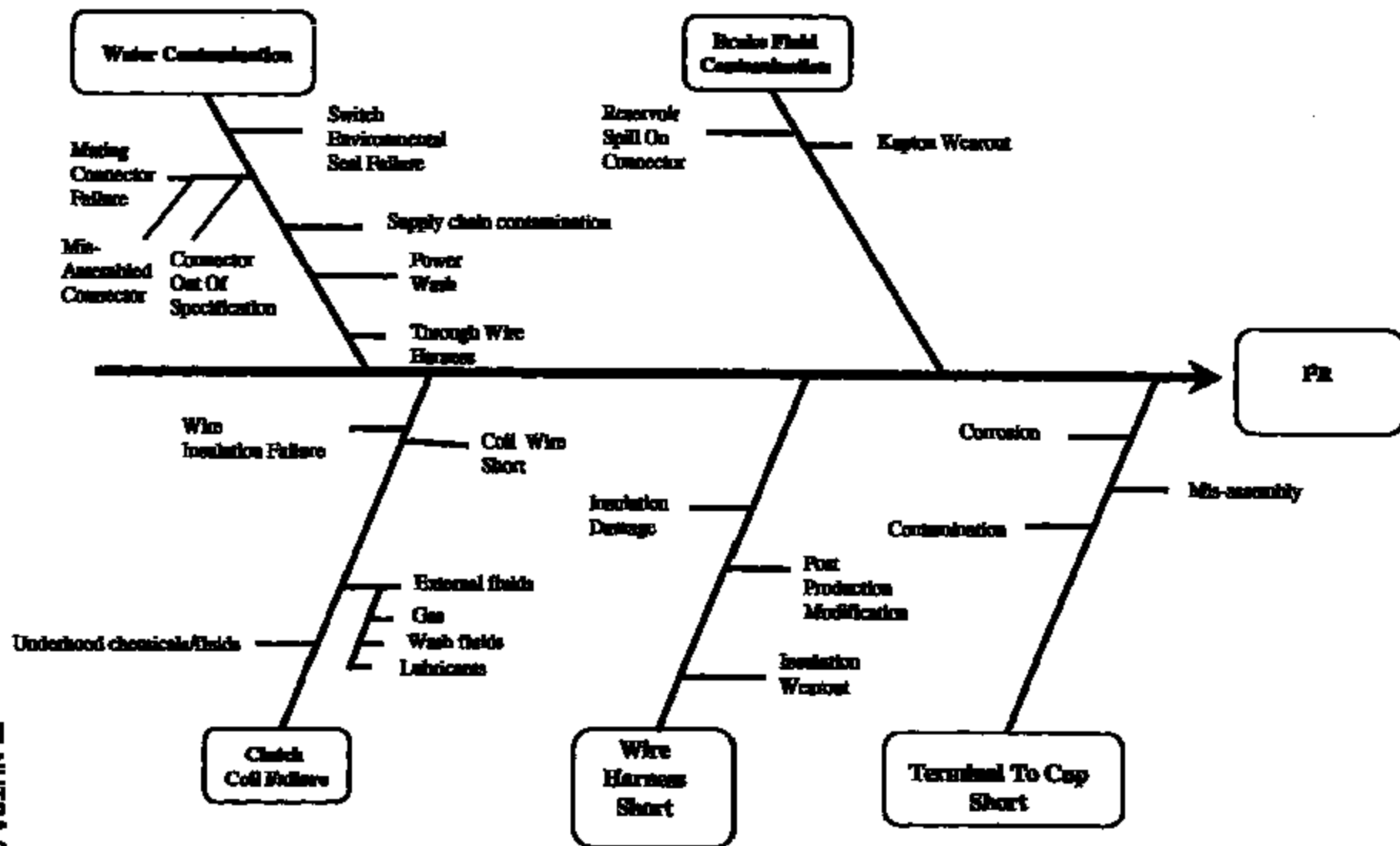


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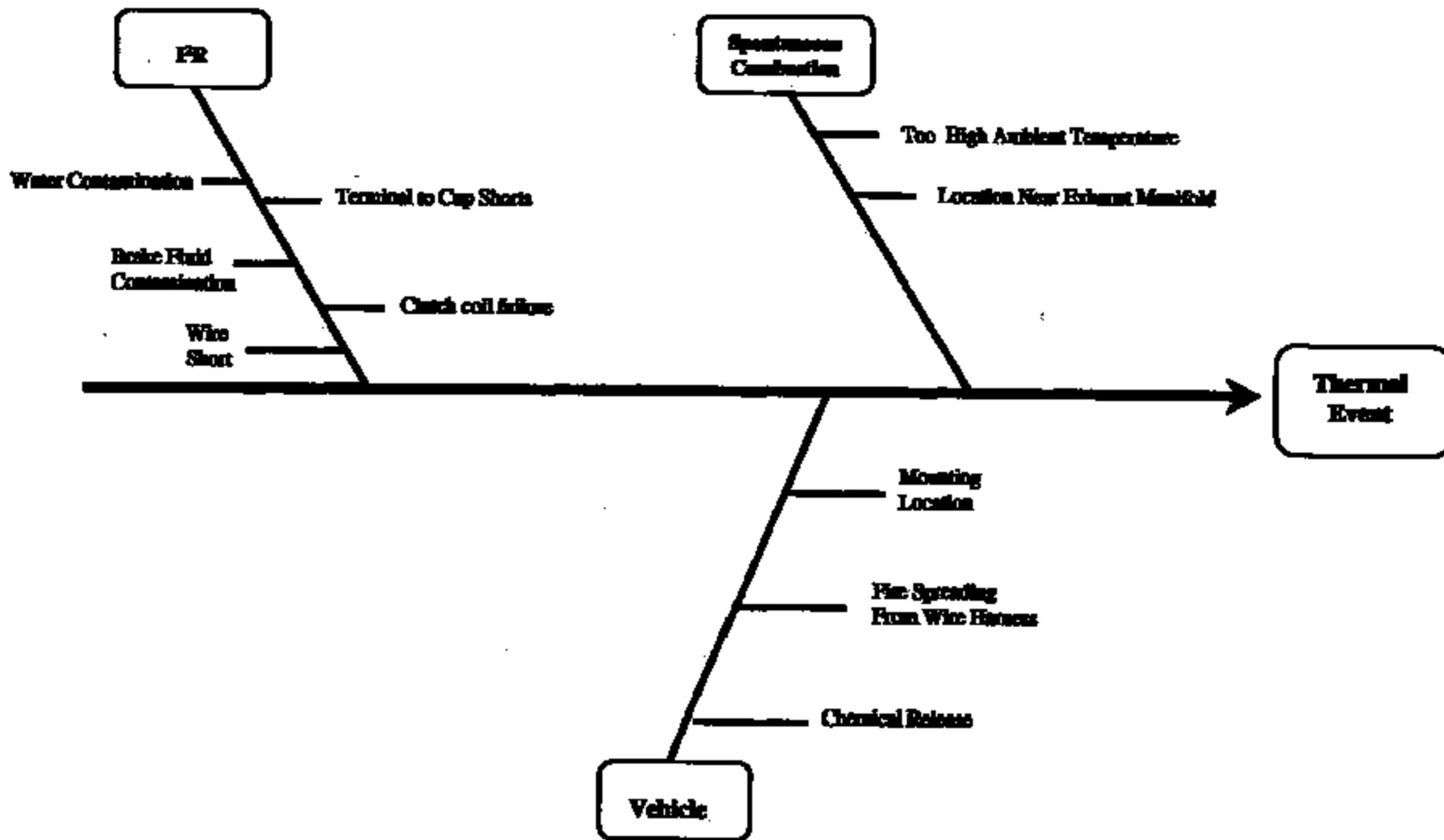
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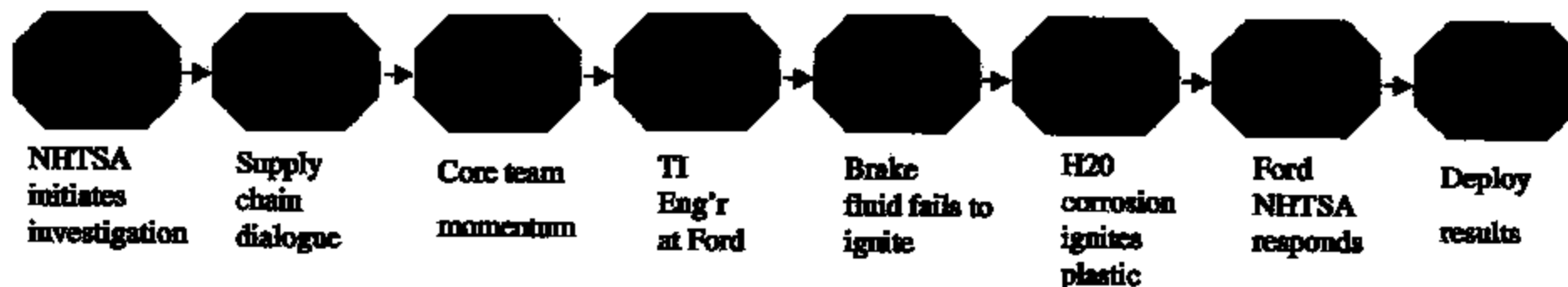


## **Brake Switch Overview**

- **Mounted under hood...14 inches under master cylinder**
- **Mounted on proportional valve at frame of vehicle**
- **Switch oriented approximately 25 degrees off vertical (connector up)**
- **Switch controls speed control...normally closed, opens at 130 psi**
- **Continuously powered by battery 15 amp connection**



**OVERVIEW OF  
CONCERN TIME LINE**



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## **AGENDA**

- **CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND ROBUST DESIGN DIALOGUE**
- **OVERVIEW TIME LINE**
- **SYSTEM OVERVIEW**
  - **SWITCH AND CONNECTOR**
- **IS / IS NOT TABLE**
- **CAUSE AND EFFECT DIAGRAMS**
- **THEORIES**
  - **BRAKE FLUID IGNITION**
  - **PLASTIC IGNITION**
- **TEST RESULTS**
- **CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND ROBUST DESIGN DIALOGUE**
- **ROBUST DESIGN ALTERNATIVES**



1. Connector Seal to P/S
2. Power continuously available
  - A. Operator notifications
3. Switch orientation/location
4. Current limit / fuse
5. Hexport isolation
6. Plastic ignition robustness
  - A. Nearby fuels
7. Kapton seal of P/S
8. Environmental seal of P/S

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## NA Hydraulic Switch History

Time Period:	'83	'87	'90	'91	'98	'99
Application:	Power Steering	Power Steering Suspension	Power Steering Suspension Transmission	Power Steering Suspension Transmission Cruise	Power Steering Suspension Transmission Cruise Clutch	Power Steering Suspension Transmission Cruise Clutch
Fluid:						

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- TI has some 16 years and 130 million units accumulated experience in hydraulic applications using multiple fluids
- TI has some 12 years of brake system application experience working with brake fluids



**Texas Instruments  
Automotive Services & Controls  
8D Report**

Attachment

<b>Customer Title:</b> 77 PB Thermal Events		<b>Open Date:</b> 3/2/99	
<b>EL CAR Report Number:</b> CAR 99-28		<b>Updated:</b> 4/21/99	
<b>State:</b> IN	<b>Vehicle:</b> Lincoln	<b>Part Name:</b> Electric Speed Control Deactivation Pressure Switch	
<b>Model:</b> Town Car	<b>Year:</b> 1999	<b>Part No:</b> 77PB B-1	
<b>1. Team:</b> B. Bostrom E. Dyer A. McGuck G. Miller		<b>2. Problem Description:</b> Under hood on fire	
<b>3. Containment Action(s):</b> Under motor, containing disabling speed control system		<b>% Effectiveness:</b>	<b>Implementation Date:</b>
<b>4. Root Cause(s) attachment 1, II - III 80X Table:</b> (Theory of 3/2/99) - Wire ends pressed into the connector - Connector never fully inserted - Connector creates high resistance - Resistance creates local heating - Several components over time (?) - Local heating ignites pressure switch and connector plastic - Operator ignored notification		<b>% Contribution:</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>5. Change Potential Corrective Actions See attachment 1,3,4</b> <b>Their Review:</b> - Isolate system - Containment - Create ground fault protector - Improve connector seal - Eliminate contact power - Change PB activation - Provide power failover solution - Modify plastic parameters - Optimize polarity - Move to ground potential		<b>Verification:</b> TED by lab experiments	<b>% Effectiveness:</b> Unknown
<b>6. Implemented Potential Corrective Actions:</b>			<b>Implementation:</b>
<b>7. Action(s) to Prevent Recurrence:</b> Eliminate contact power, reduce power to function need, set each after "Elog" electrical function			<b>Implementation:</b>
<b>8. Copyrighted Team:</b>	<b>Class Date:</b>	<b>Reported By:</b> A. McGuck	<b>QSA Manager:</b> (800) 225-0100
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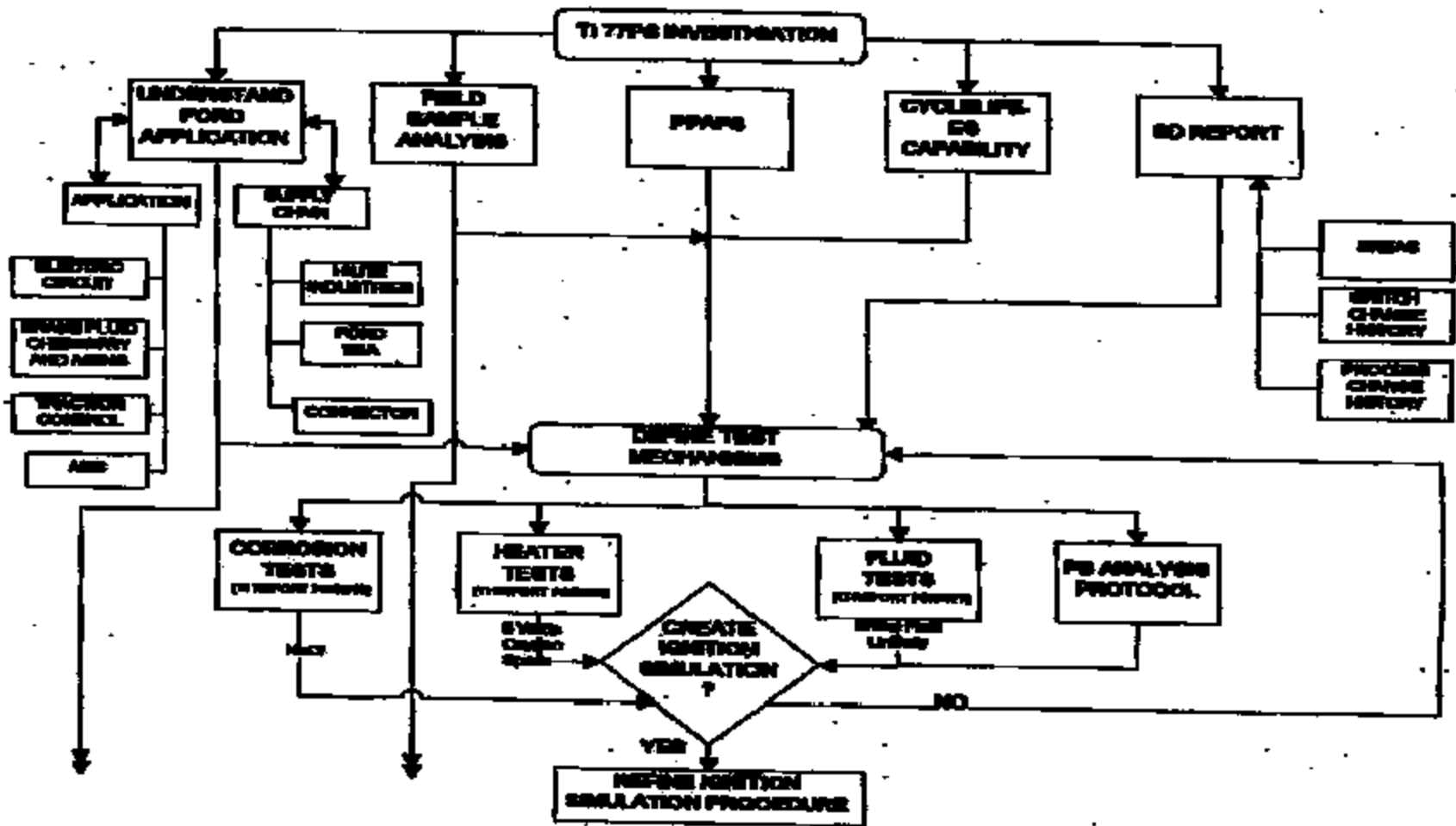
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77psB-1		GROSS QTY		COMPLETE	COMPLETE	BEGIN	IMPACT	COMMENTS/CONCERNS
COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	REQUIRED	SUPPLIER	10K	20K	PARTIAL	TO TI	
27408-1	CONVERTER	2,040,000	KFBASSLE	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ADD OVERTIME MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
27639-1	WASHER / A	2,040,000	DEMMASTER	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
27713-1	CUP 77PS	2,040,000	VALENTINE	8 WKS	10 WKS	1 WK	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
38858-27	57PS	2,040,000	DISC DEPT	12+ WKS	24 WKS	3 WKS	TOOL \$?	POSSIBLE CAPACITY ISSUE
38800-1	HEIPORT 77	2,040,000	E.LCO	10 WKS	25 WKS	3 WKS	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
74224-1	KAPTON	204	EIDUFONT	2 WKS	2 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	
27225-1	KAPTON ST	1,102	EIDUFONT	3 WKS	3 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	
74353-1	GASKET	2,040,000	JBL PARKER	8 WKS	18 WKS	3 WKS	NONE	ELIMINATE CORES WILL INCREASE DEL. BY 10%
38888-1	STATIONARY	2,040,000	KFBASSLE	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ADD OVERTIME MATERIAL AVAILABILITY/ REELS
28744-1	CONTACT-S	2,040,000	DEPFINGER	4 WKS	8 WKS	1 WK	NONE	MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
38887-1	MOVABLE T	2,040,000	KFBASSLE	10 WKS	18 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ADD OVERTIME MATERIAL AVAILABILITY/ REELS
27718-1	BEGU ISSU	448	BRUSHWEL	1 WK	2 WKS	1 WK	NONE	NONE
74918-1	RIVET	2,040,000	JOHN HASS	8 WKS	11 WKS	4 WKS	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
40515-2	PRESSURE S	2,040,000	IMPIMOLDING	18 WKS	32 WKS	4 WKS	NONE	RAW MATERIAL CHANGED OVERTIME PRESS CAPACITY
74078-143	CERAMIC FR	2,040,000	PARATECH	7 WKS	15 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	
74247-4	BLUE OTRNG	2,040,000	JBL PARKER	8 WKS	10 WKS	2 WKS	NONE	ELIMINATE CORES WILL INCREASE DEL. BY 10%
74787-1	CRIMPING	2,040,000	VALENTINE	6 WKS	10 WKS	1 WK	NONE	RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY
74888-1	RED THREAD	2,040,000	MARK IV CA	3 WKS	6 WKS	1 WK	NONE	
77PS	SWITCH		TI	7/15, 8/1, 8/15	250K/MONTH			7 day weeks, thru summer vacations, 'old' plastic mold

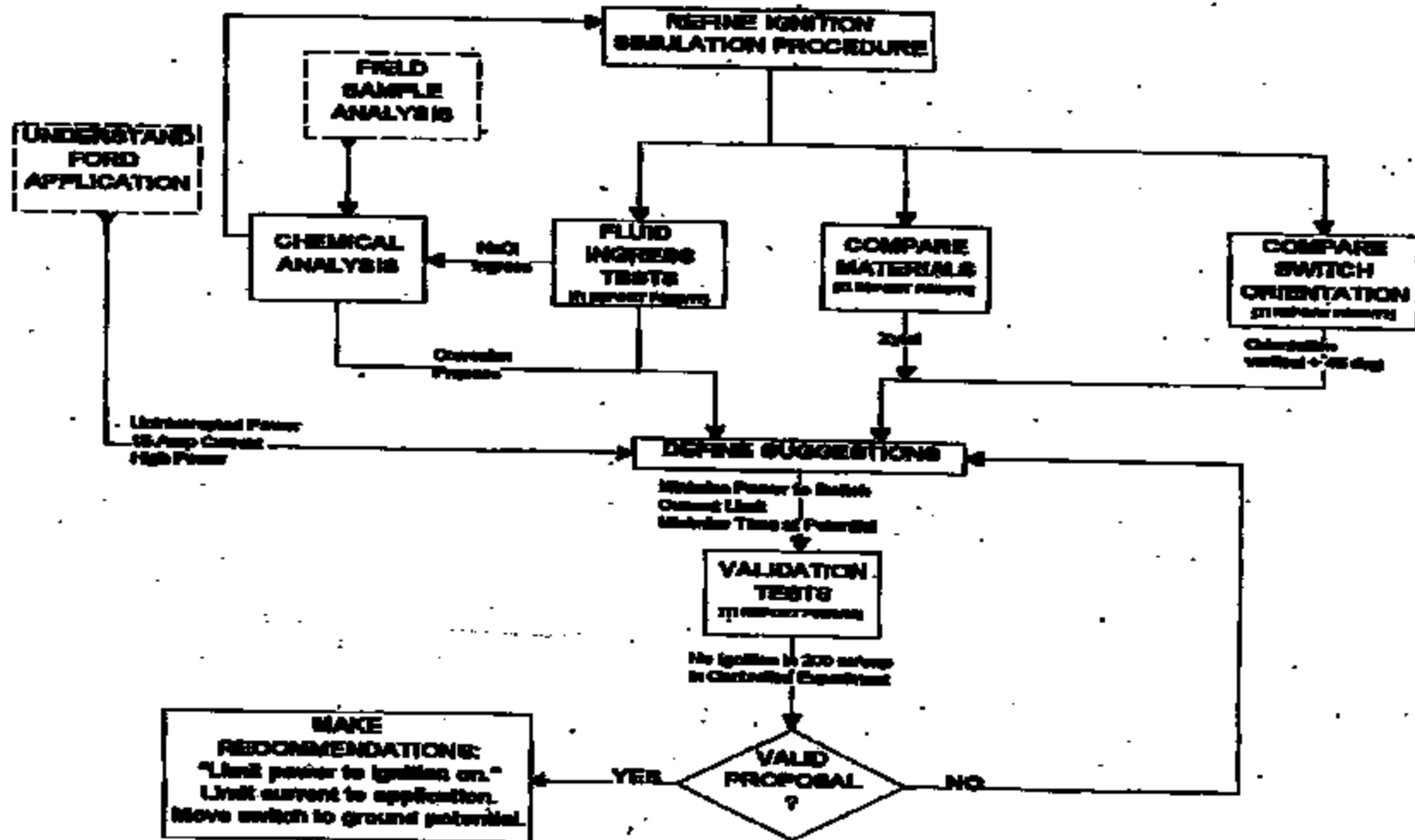
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# Brake Pressure Switch

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Category	Test	Location	Test Parameters	Results Update
Lab Simulation of Potential Ignition in Switch	1	TI	Vary water concentrations in "new" Brake Fluid 14Vdc to one terminal, hotspot grounded Water Conc: 4%, 6%, 10%, 70%	250+ hours, Current draw in the CLMA to 5mA range Fluid has discolored. No Significant Temperature Rise. Test Suspended. Internal Analysis suspended.
	2	TI	New Brake Fluid 1 Amp through switch terminals 14Vdc to one terminal, hotspot grounded	250+ hours. Constant temperature. No significant temperature rise with time Test Suspended.
	3	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Hotspot Grounded	> 300 hours into test, max current 7mA No significant change with time. Test ongoing
	4	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Hotspot Grounded, Ambient at 100 C	16 hours into test max current 8mA No significant temperature rise with time. Test suspended.
	5	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch, 16 Amps through switch terminals	Temperature rise of 20 C above room temp Delta T reached steady state at 20 C. Test suspended.
	5a	AVT	"new" Brake Fluid in Switch approx. 50 Amps through Switch Terminals	Temperature rose to approx. 290 F. No arcing. No ignition Test suspended.
	6	TI	Build heater elements into Switch. Heat III failure, include sparking. With Fluid & Dry	2 tested. Smoke observed, ignition observed on part w/ heater See attachment Test complete Brake fluid in cavity stays down heat build-up Smoke observed at 675 F, Base rails and falls off at 800 F
	6a	TI	Create heater by corroding spring arm Salt water solution, 14V bias on spring and hotspot	One out of 15 devices increased resistance to 5 ohms. Others either very low resistance or negative It took about 100 hours to reach the 5 ohm stage. The 5 ohm device ignited under conditions similar to test 6.
	6b	TI	Fire-run ignition test to understand repeatability and current path.	Switch ignition with repeated 5% water solution into switch Current path is through hotspot. See photo and video. Additional test includes tap water, old BF, new BF and other.

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	6a	TI	Flare "new" brake fluid with metal shavings	Metal shavings do not contribute significantly to brake fluid conductivity
Life Cycle Reliability of Pressure Switch	7	TI	0-1400 psi pressure pulses at 1200 per EB	First leak observed at 720,000 cycles. Test Completed. See attached Visual Chart.
Diaphragm Wear	8	TI	0-1400 psi pressure pulses at 1200	Leaks will occur every 200k cycles, characterized for wear
Field vs Lab Correlation	9	Control Labs	Field returns, transducer info, test records	Parts in Control Labs, see Field spreadsheet
Design Of Experiments (T) Evaluating Factors Effecting Diaphragm Wear	20	TI	Very water concentrations in "new" Brake Fluid 12 drops + 12 quiet swatches w/ 0% water in BP 12 drops + 12 quiet swatches w/ 5% water in BP 12 quiet test	Test Report being w/ flow investigation continues. Suspended at 1.5 million cycles w/ no leaks observed. Sump samples suspended at 1.5 million cycles w/ 2 leaks observed at 1.5M. Quiet samples suspended at 2M cycles to assess stability attributes.
On-Vehicle Characterization of Pressure & Temperature Profile in Town-Car	11	AVT	Monitor Pressure and Temperature at the Right Location for ABS and non-ABS locking events.	Test at AVT... see Field charts... -RICK in car?
Brake Fluid analysis Used fluid at master cylinder.	11a	TI	Analyze used brake fluid at the master cylinder (LHC), used brake fluid at the caliper (LCA) and rear brake fluid (RCS) for metal and water content.	Test complete. MLC: Cu = 416 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.8 (ug/ml), Cr = 0.08 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H <sub>2</sub> O. RCA: Cu = 202 (ug/ml), Fe = 8.5 (ug/ml), Cr = 1.9 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H <sub>2</sub> O. RSC: Cu = <0.01 (ug/ml), Fe = 0.88 (ug/ml), Cr = <0.01 (ug/ml), 0.3 %H <sub>2</sub> O.
Spark Arc Study	12	Control Labs	Determine if arcing forms in our lab using clutch tests and high speed video. Also dry our lab as well as swatches with various brake fluid water mixes.	Spark test set-up in progress at Control Labs. TI Experimented w/ 10 "spark" tests observed
Characterization of Air Release returned from field (swatches & other sources)	13	Control Labs	Characterize elemental, mechanical and chemical aspects of returned swatches	Only log and analysis processing set up complete. Analysis of swatches in progress.
Field Ignition Tests	13a	TI	Repeat ignition simulation with different fluids. <b>20 hour tests:</b> 5% NaCl in tap water rain water <b>240 hour tests:</b> tap water used brake fluid used brake fluid w/ 5% H <sub>2</sub> O new brake fluid new brake fluid w/ 5% H <sub>2</sub> O	Test complete. 5% NaCl samples resulted in no ignition. All brake fluid samples dry less than 5 weeks. No corrosion visible on brake fluid samples. Rain water and tap water samples show <10 swatches and showed some signs of corrosion. Chemical analysis in process.

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Scope or Effect Description

Attachment

1. Operational Definition (Problem Statement): TOWN CAR UNDERHOOD FIRES			
2. Description	IS	IS NOT	Get Information
<b>WHAT</b>	Town Car MY '92, '93, '94	Crown Victoria? Grand Marquis? TR Super Coupe? MY '91, '93, '95? '92, '93 Excursion?	COMPARE PLATFORMS
	<b>FIRES...</b> - Electrical pressure switch - Connector - Slave system - Electrical Distribution  <b>SYSTEM ISSUES...</b> - Cruise inoperative - Locked in park - Heat inoperative - Brake Light inoperative - Discharged battery - Door lock? - Head lamp?	Not only pressure switches          Other circuits	COLLECT/TEST OTHER SYSTEM COMPONENTS FOR "SYNERGY"  COMPARE VEHICLE OPTIONS FOR SYNERGY  COMPARE WARRANTY
<b>WHERE</b>	Driver side hood  Master light in cruise control	Passenger side hood Dash - fuse compartment Not light in cruise control Not low in cruise control	EVALUATE HEAT SOURCES
<b>WHEN</b>	1-24 hours after parking Ignition off  After 4-5 years After XXX miles  After AAA switch cycles	Not while driving Not while ignition on  Not before 3 years? Not before XXX miles  Not before HEG cycles	EVALUATE POWER AND HEAT AND WIND SOURCES REVIEW MILES
<b>HOW OFT</b>	1/3 cars / 22% cars  "cruise only" class	Not all cars?  Not "operator"	COMPARE PLATFORMS READ FIRE RPTS
	Several pressure switches	Not all unrelated fires Not all pressure switches	PARETO UNDERHOOD

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