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Synopsis

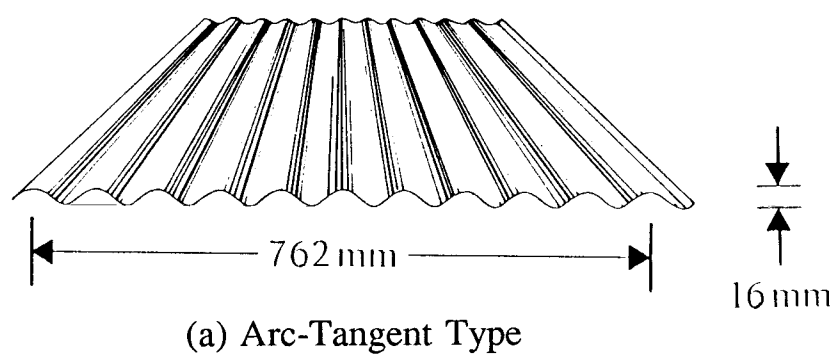
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1 INTRODUCTION

Profiled steel sheets play an important role in light gauge metal building construction, particularly as a roof cladding in houses, low rise commercial and industrial buildings. Numerous types of cold-formed roofing

fastener reaction force was independent on roofing spans and could be



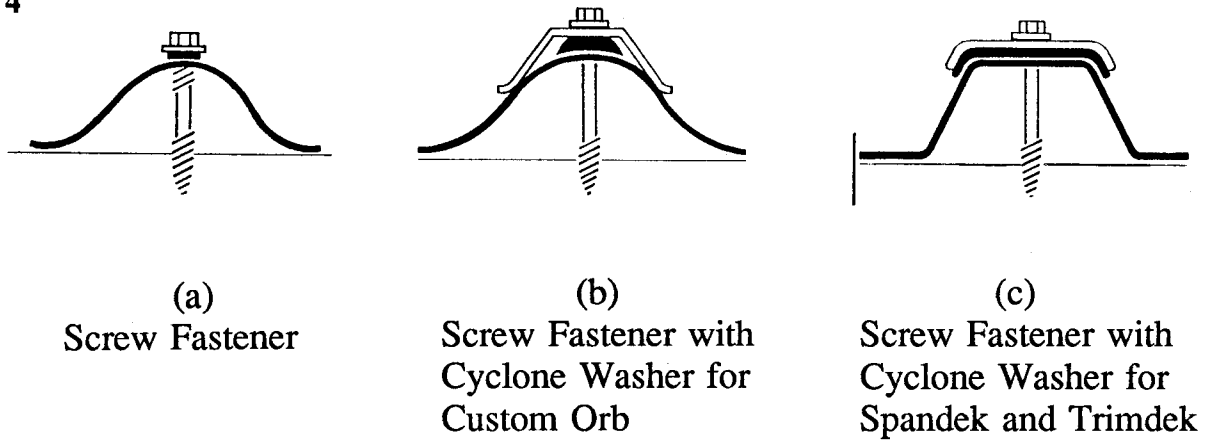
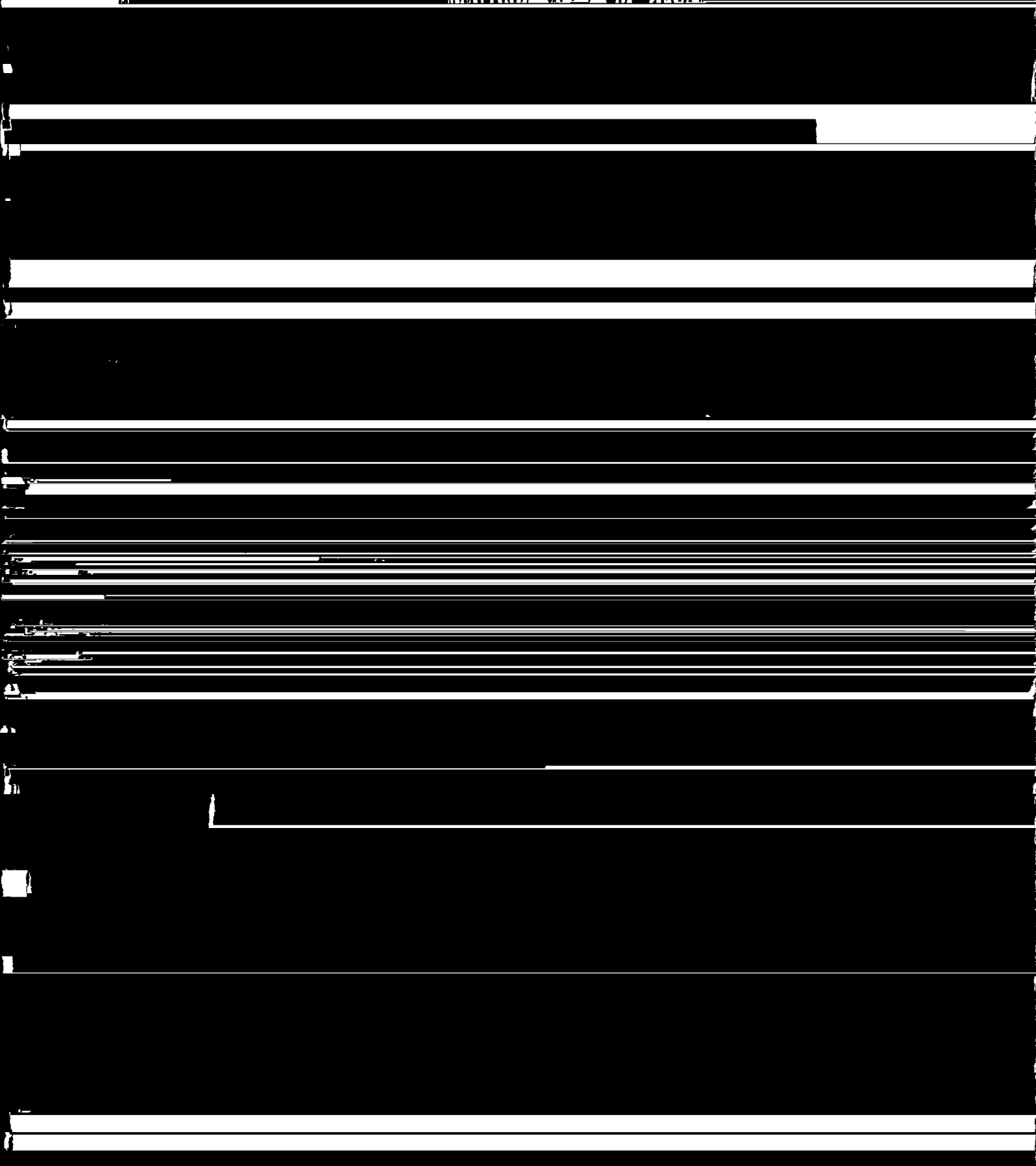
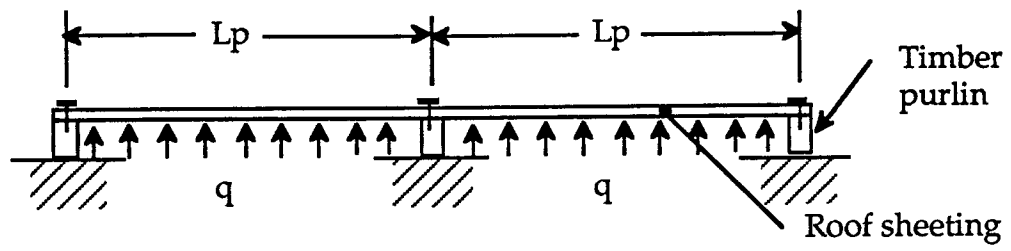


FIG.2.2 SCREW FASTENER AND CYCLONE WASHERS

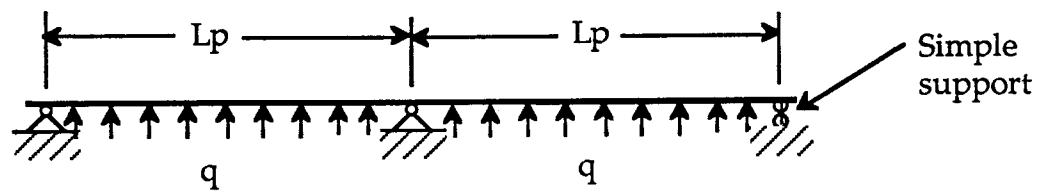
2.2 Modelling of Prototype Roof Assembly

expensive and time-consuming due to the manufacture of the vacuum chamber system. The air bag method has the apparent advantage of both distributed load simulation and economy but there may be some doubt as to





(a) Prototype



(b) Mechanical Model of Prototype

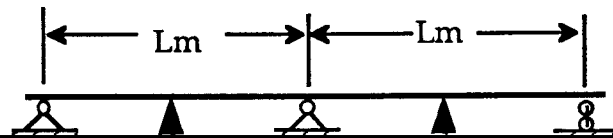
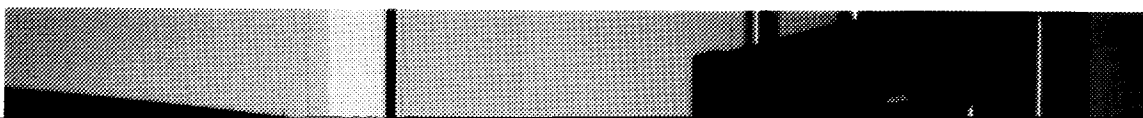
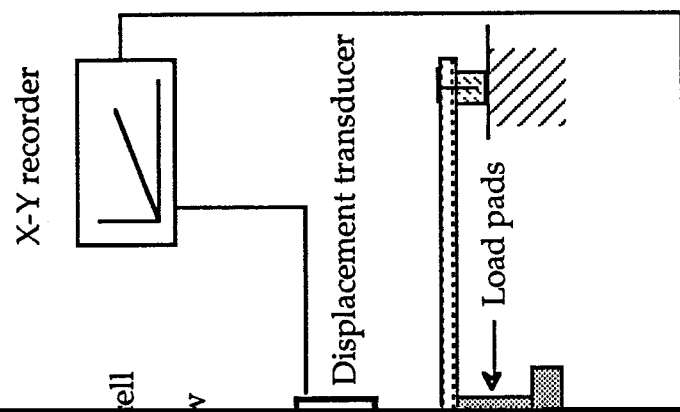


TABLE 2.1 ROOFING ASSEMBLY DETAILS IN THE TEST



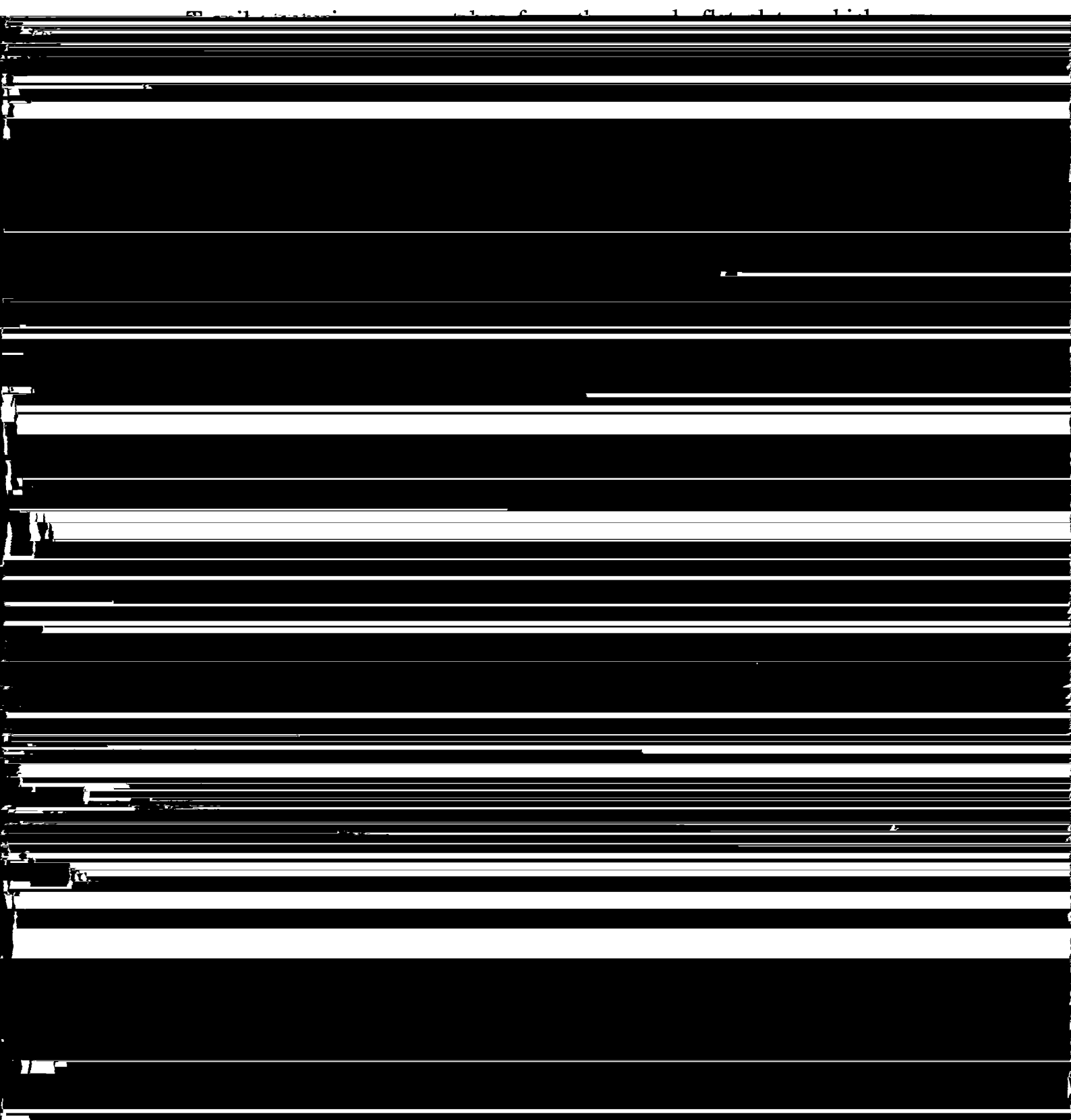
total reaction force by the number of fasteners at the central support. The

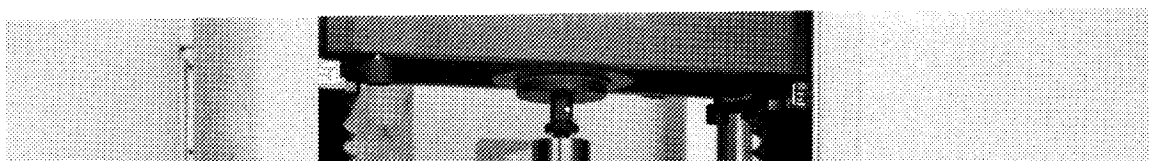


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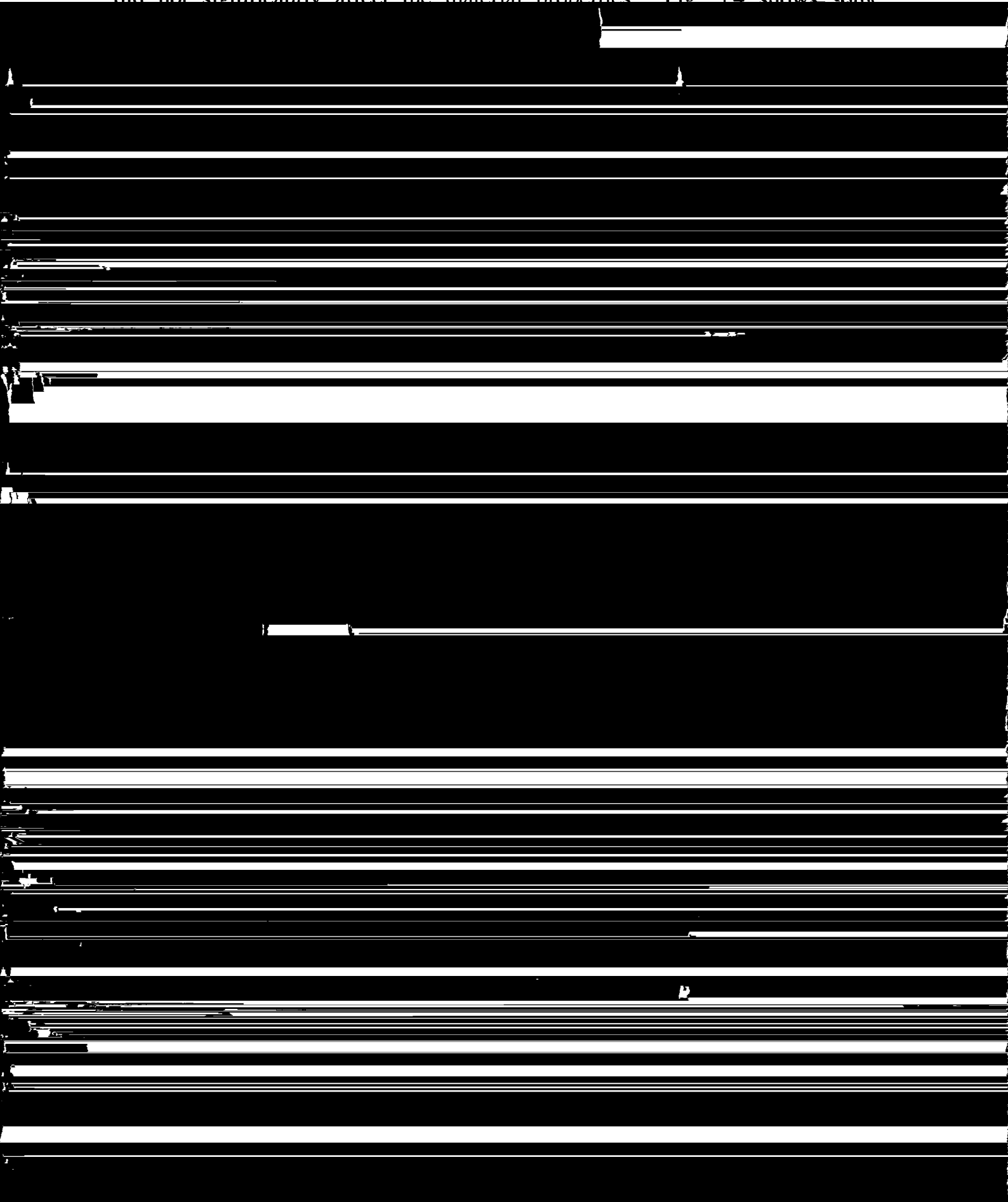
All tests were conducted by controlling the displacement of the movable ram of the Instron machine in order to follow the entire loading path through any unstable localized failure stages. The calibration results of the

3.1 Test Pieces and Methods



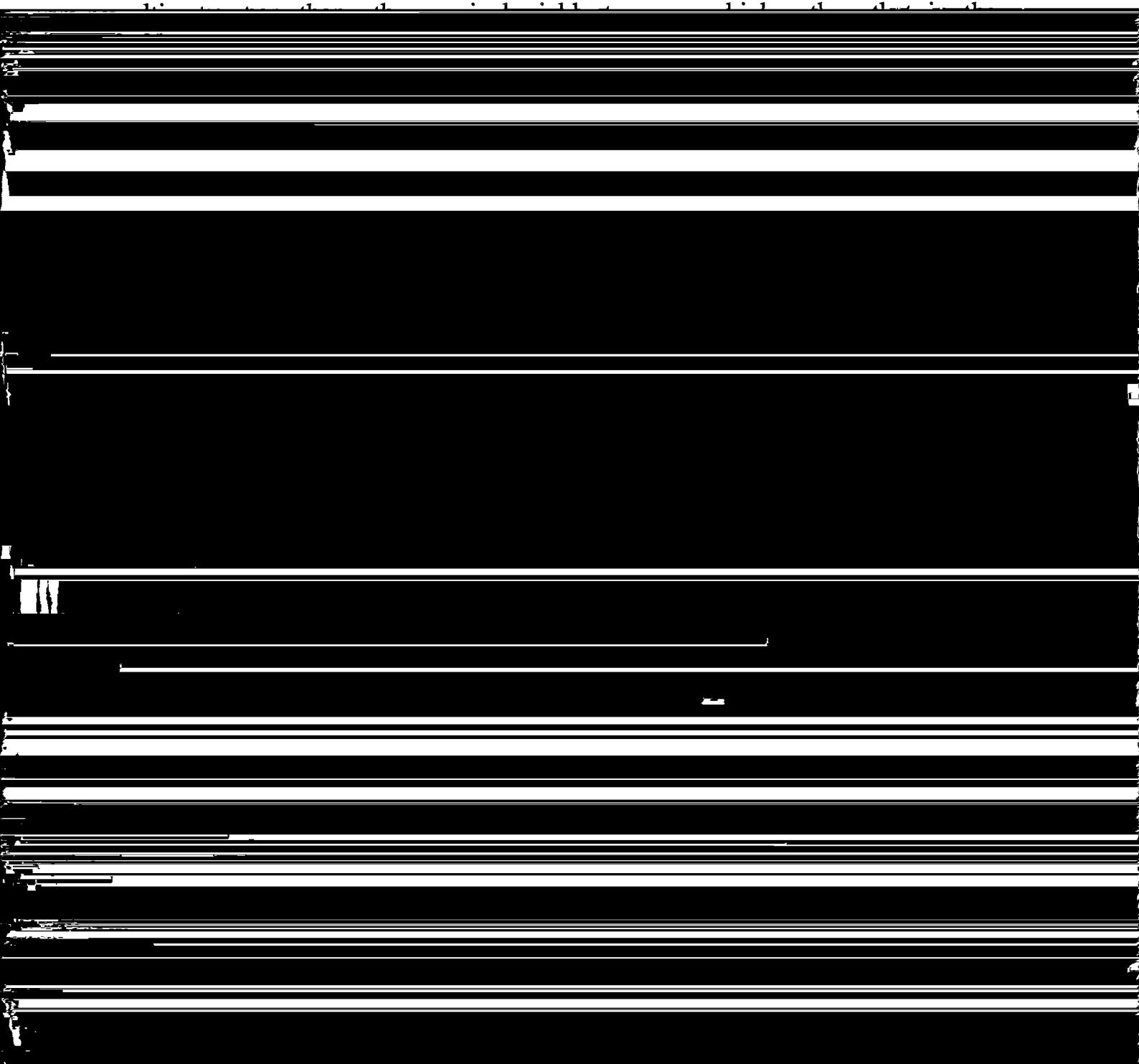


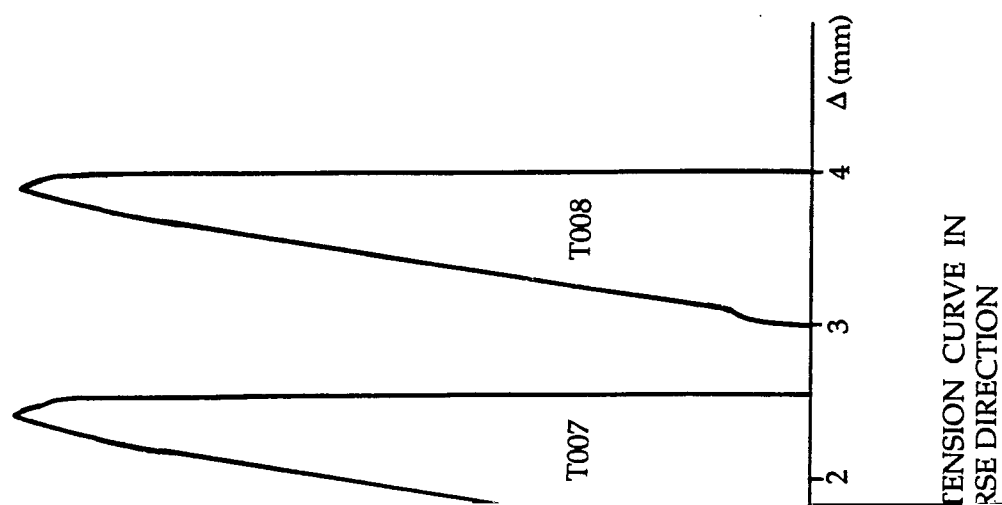
variation of the measured yield stress was small, but the total elongation was possibly larger than 2%. It also found that a larger strain rate of 9.5×10^{-4} did not significantly affect the material properties. Fig. 3.4 shows some

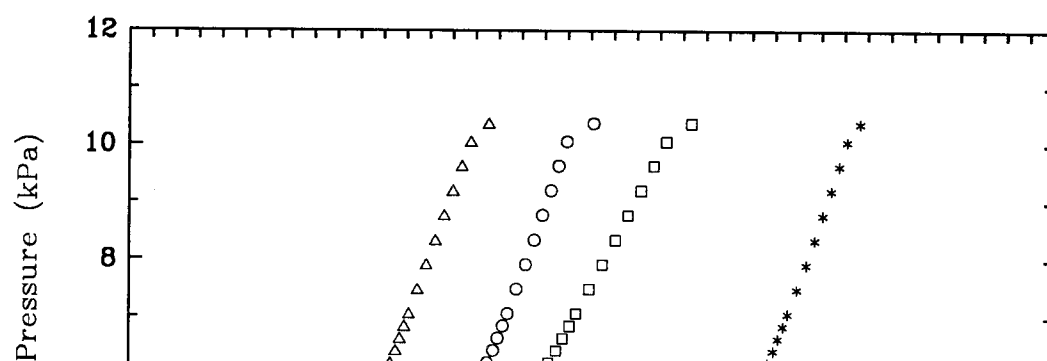


3.3 Properties in Transverse Direction.

Some properties of the sheeting material in the transverse direction were found to be different from those in the longitudinal direction. The



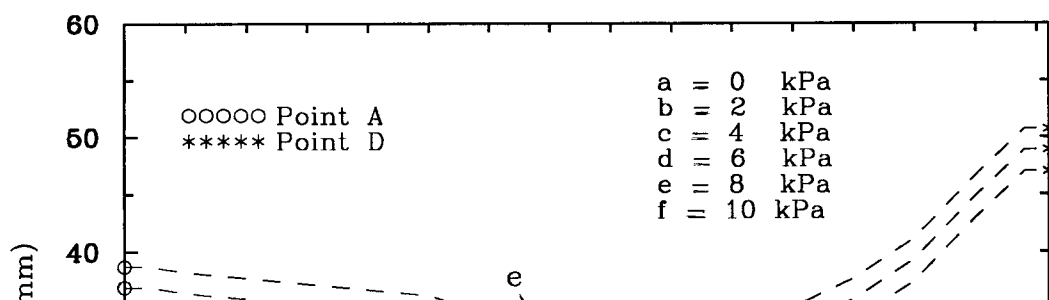




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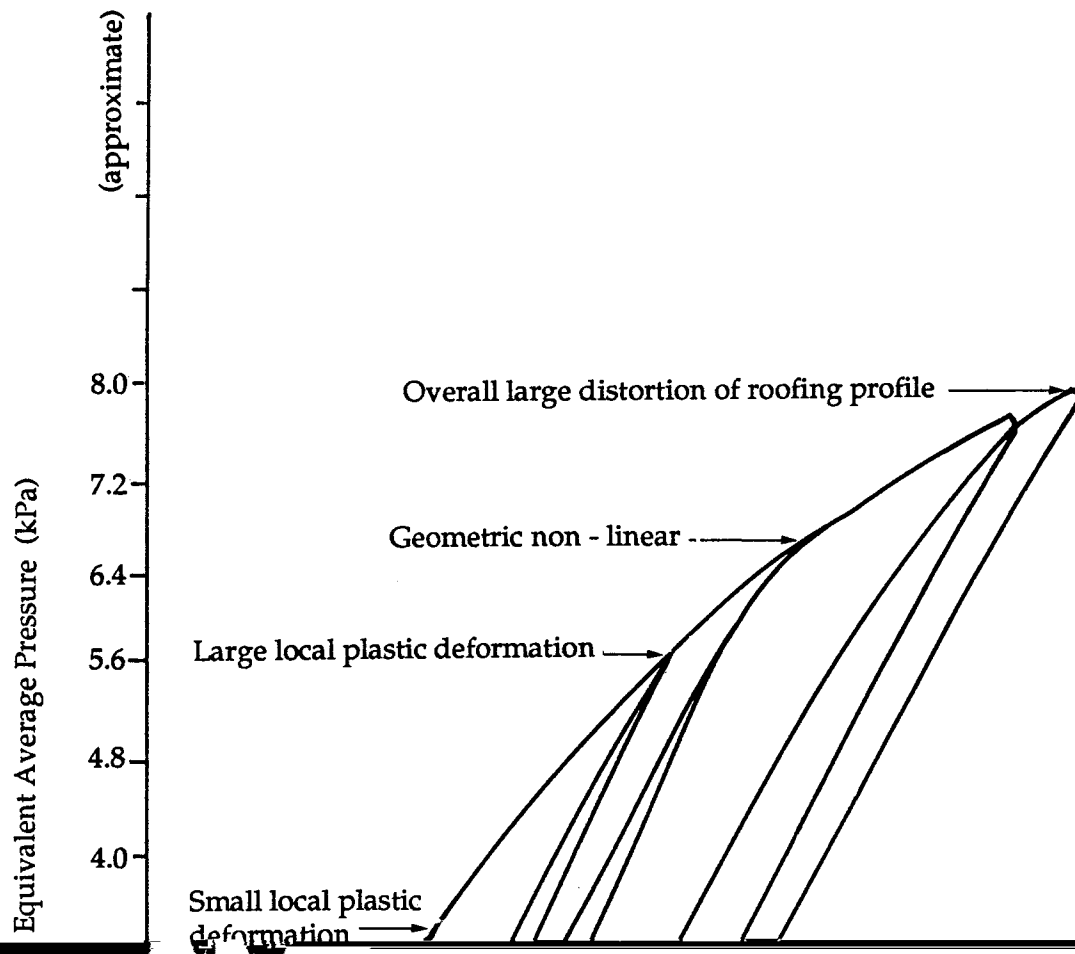
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between the load and deflection appeared. Obviously, this deflection hardening behaviour was not related to strain hardening in material behaviour

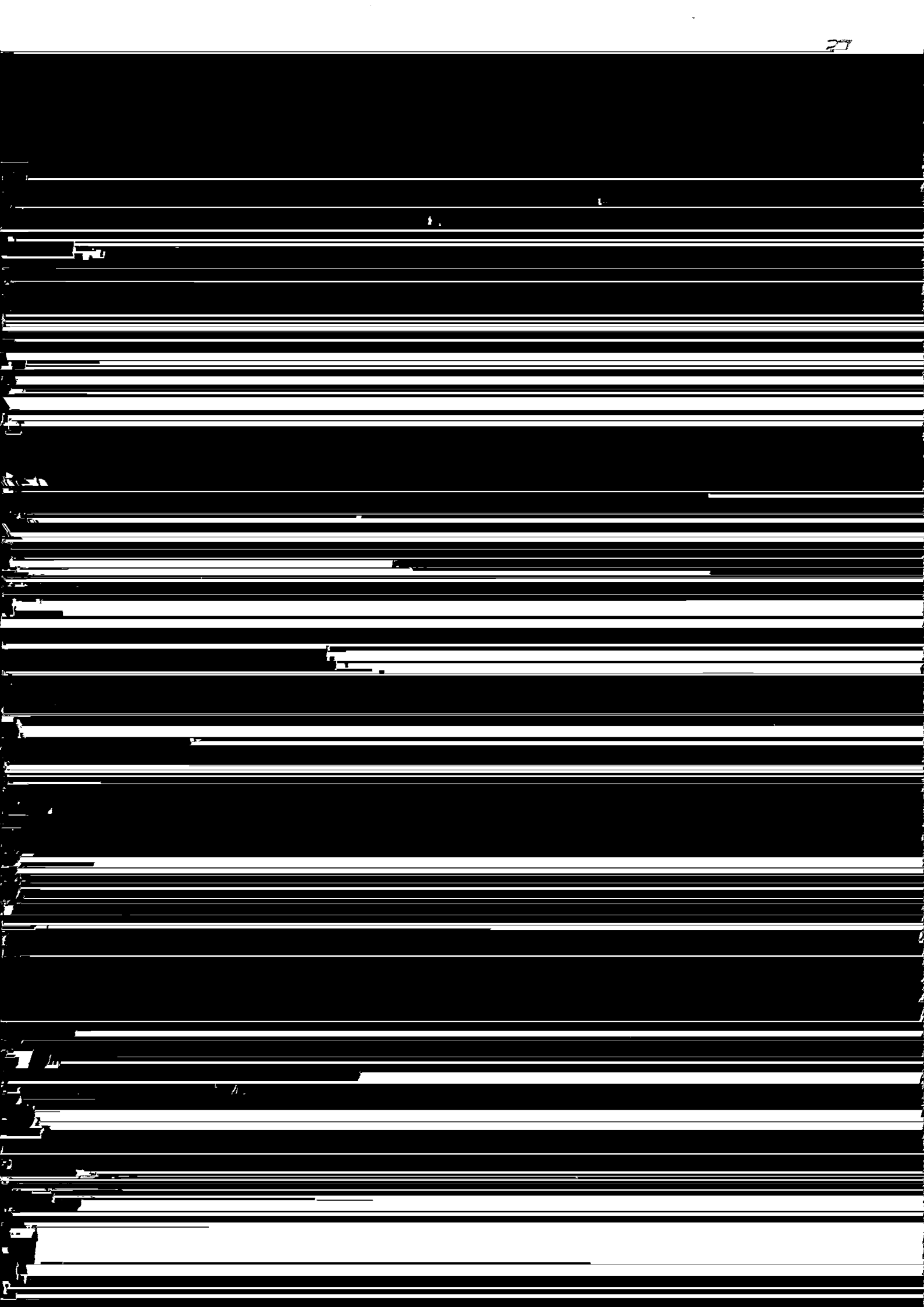
roofing behaviour. The space between the first curve and the second curve



Although the load-deflection curves shown in both figures seem to be linear until an equivalent pressure of about 5 kPa, small plastic dimples at the

deflection was approximately linear again. When the load reached an equivalent pressure of 9.2 kPa, buckling of wrinkle type appeared in sheeting valleys around the midspan load pads. Shortly, crippling collapse occurred

pressure increased to 3.6 kPa, a small plastic dimple appeared under the head of the screw fasteners at the central support, but caused a little influence on overall sheeting deformation as shown in Figs. 4.11 and 4.12. The area of the corresponding hysteresis loop was also very small, which indicated that there was no strong interaction between local and overall behaviour of the ribbed type roofing sheet. With the further increase of loading, the geometric deformation of roofing became obvious and the plastic dimples under the head of the screw fasteners became larger and larger, as shown in Fig. 4.13. The local plastic deformation of two sides of the crest, however, was not as



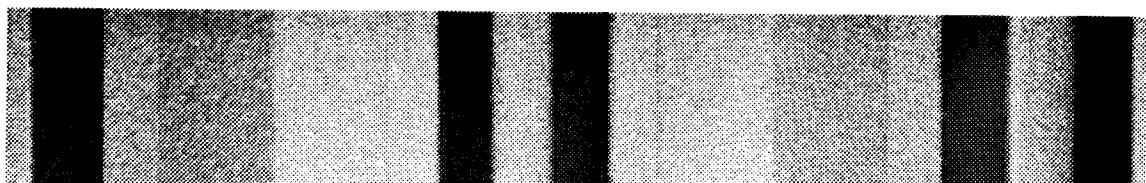
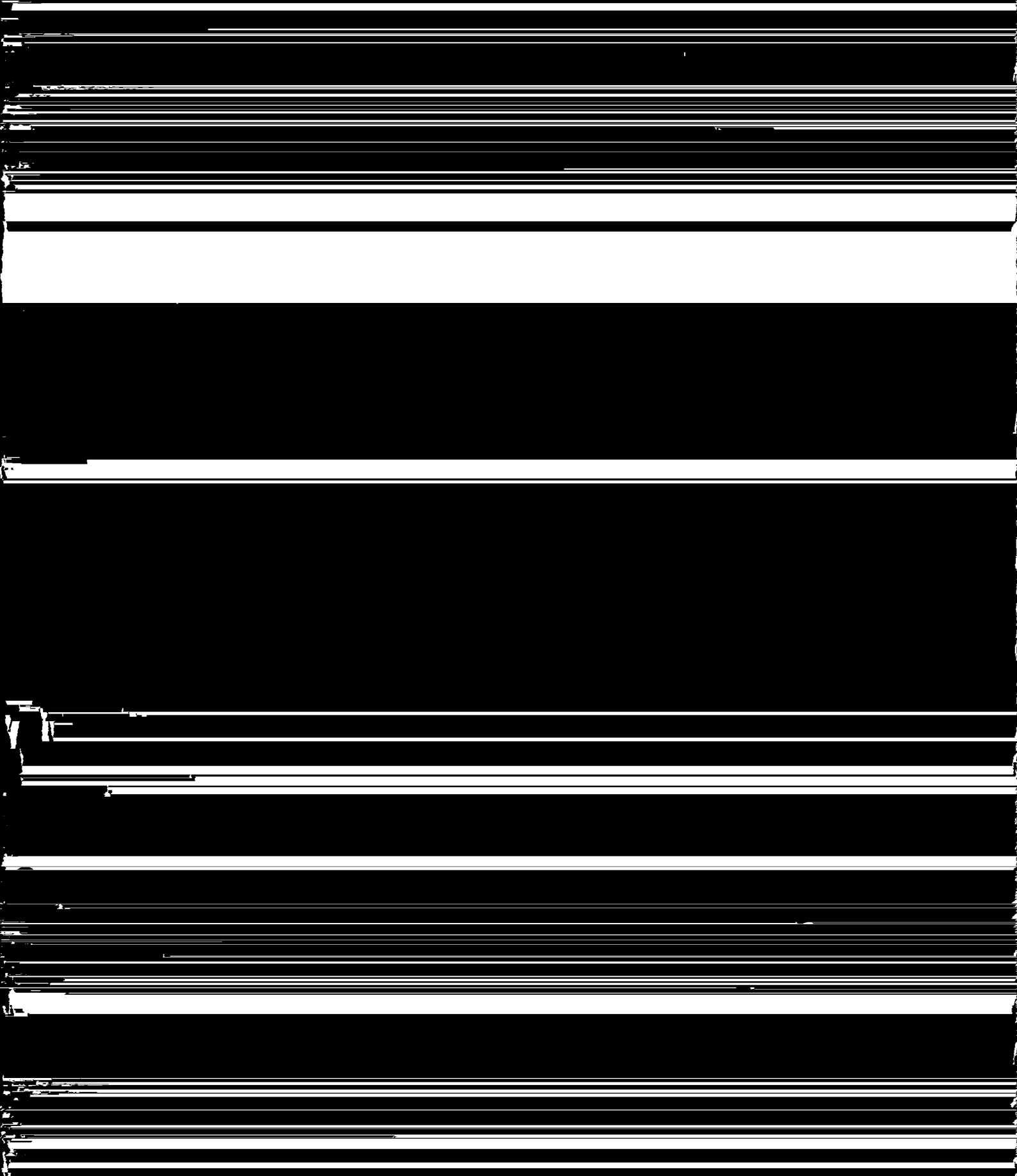
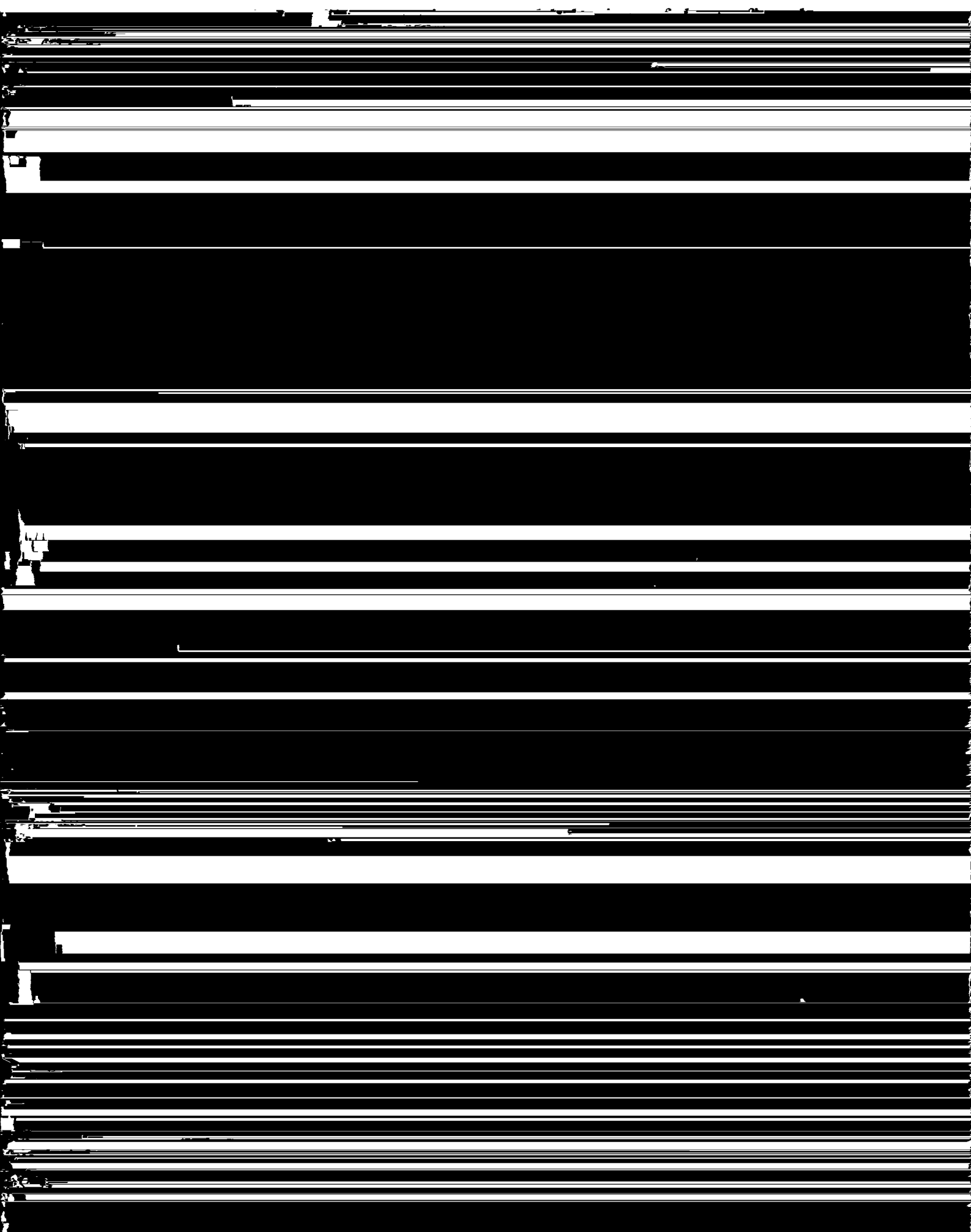


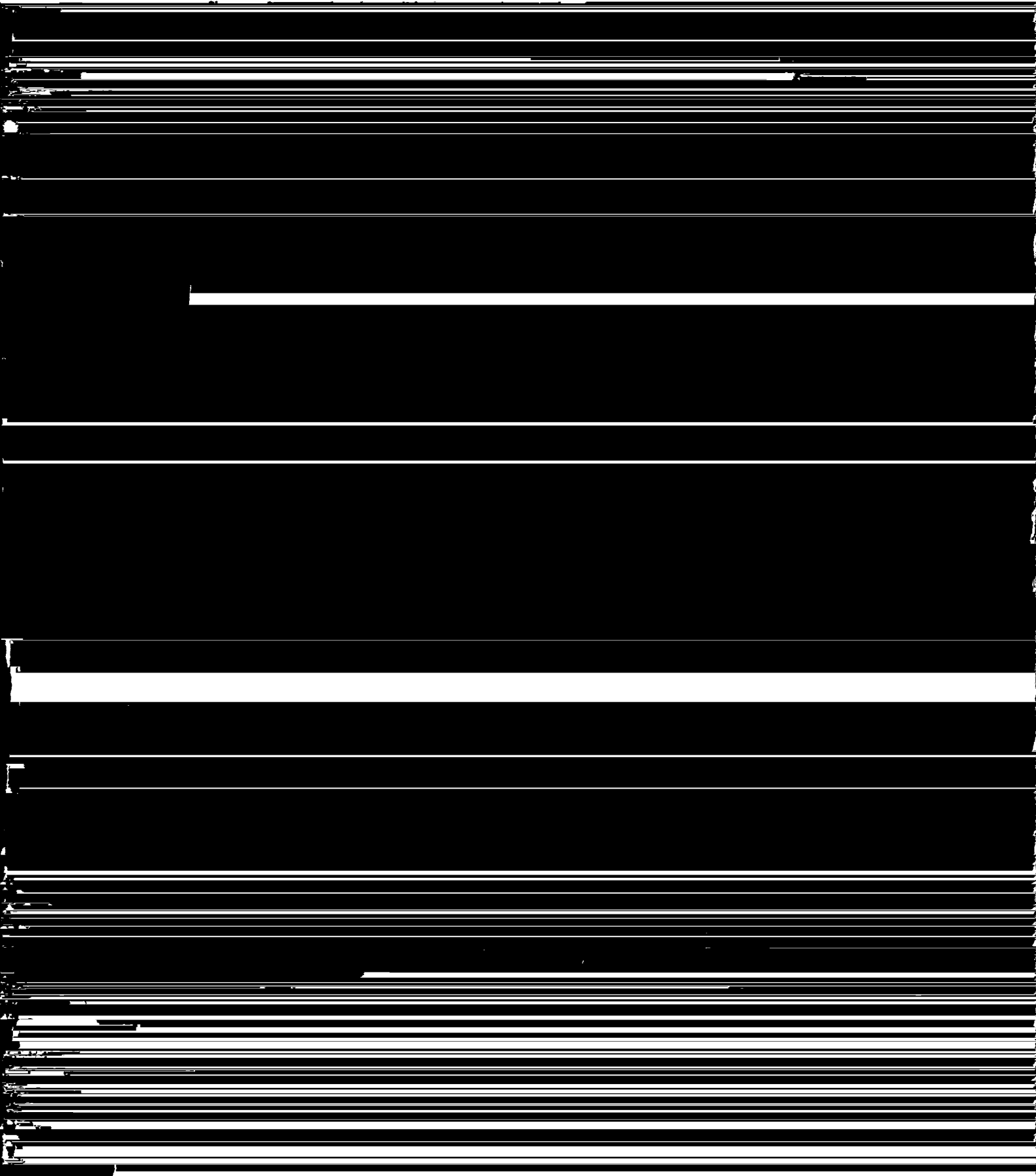
Fig. 4.15 shows the fastener force-deflection response of the arc-



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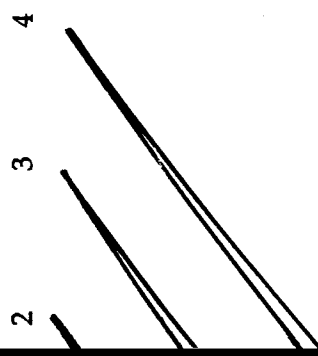


The experimental results also showed that both ribbed and trapezoidal



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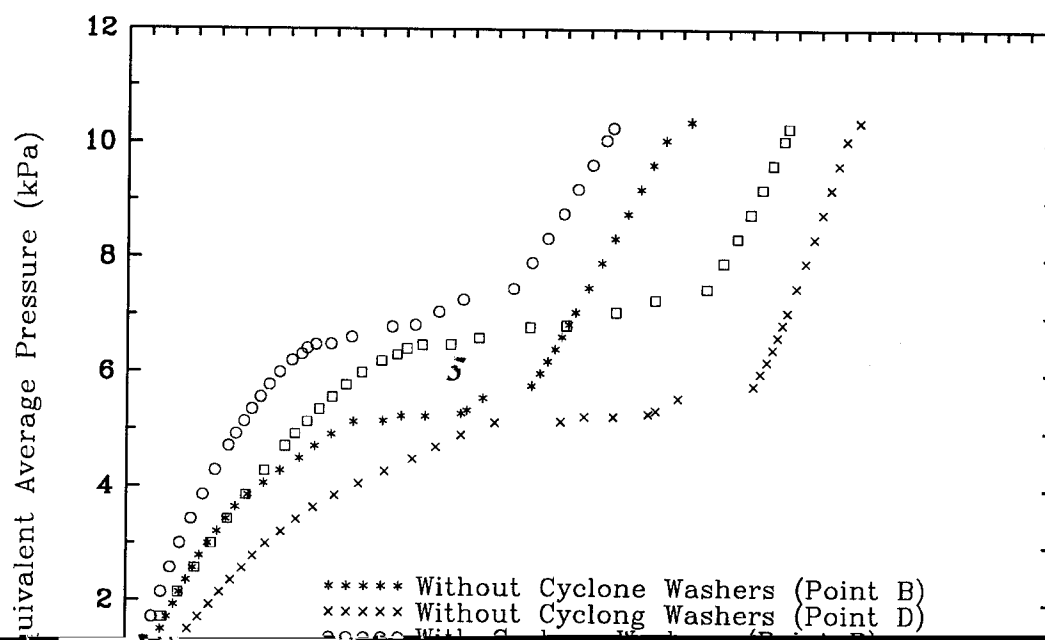
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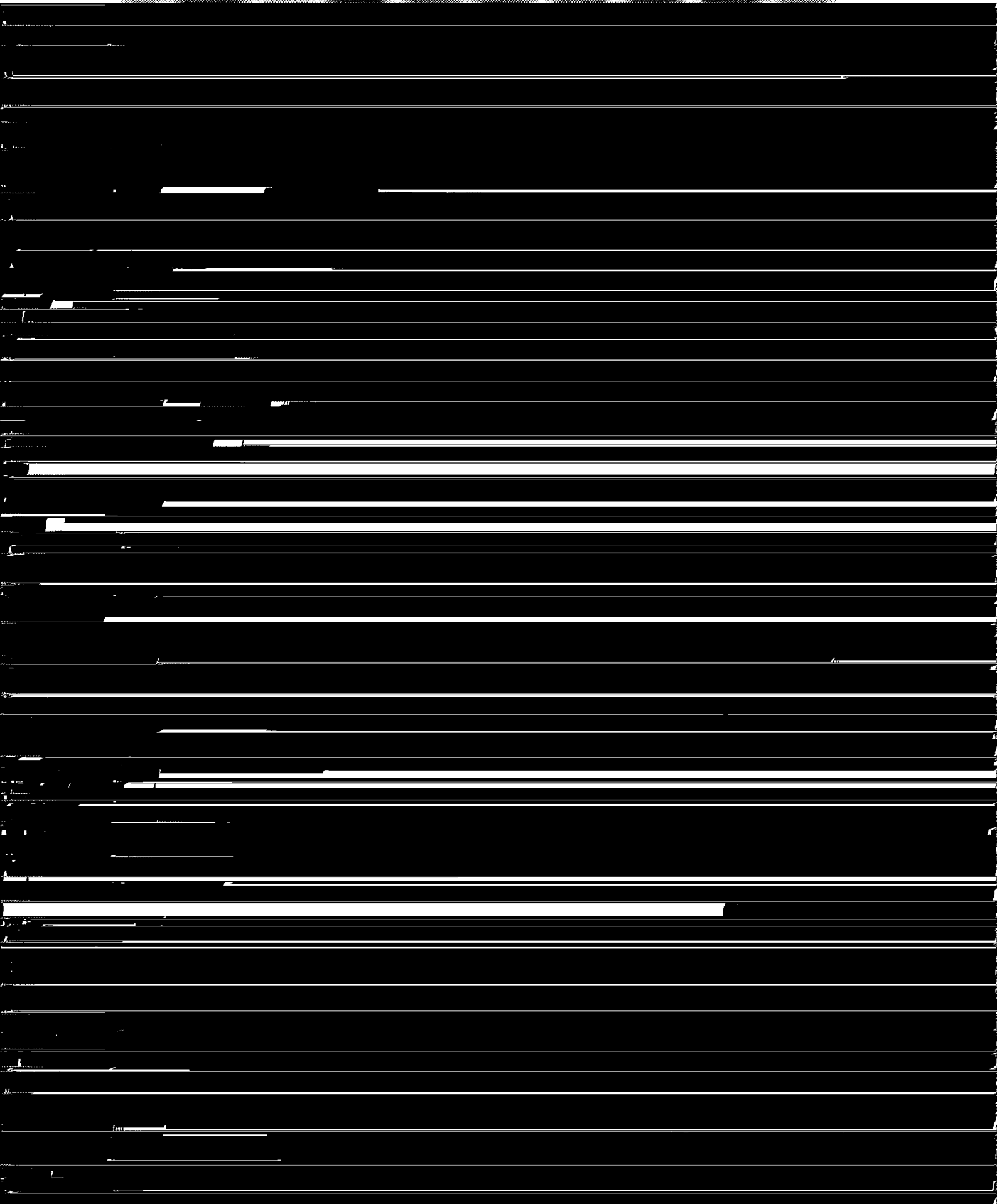


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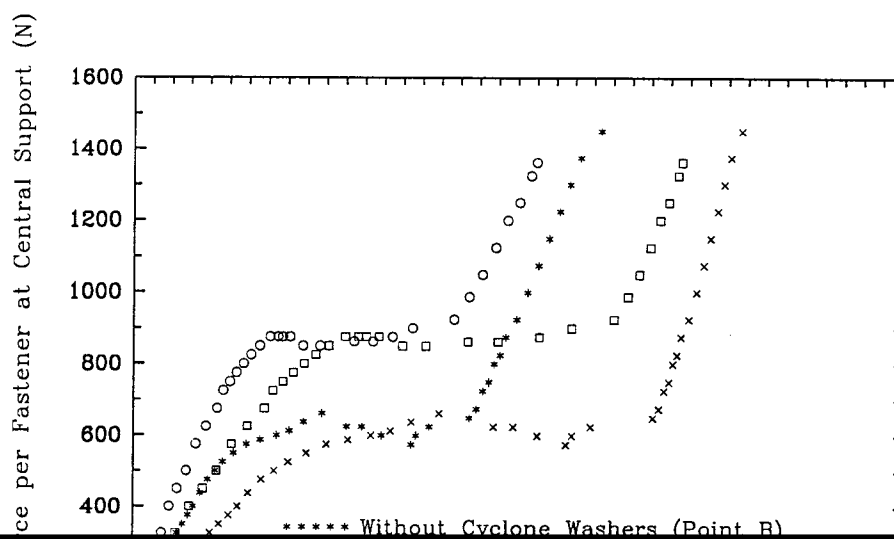
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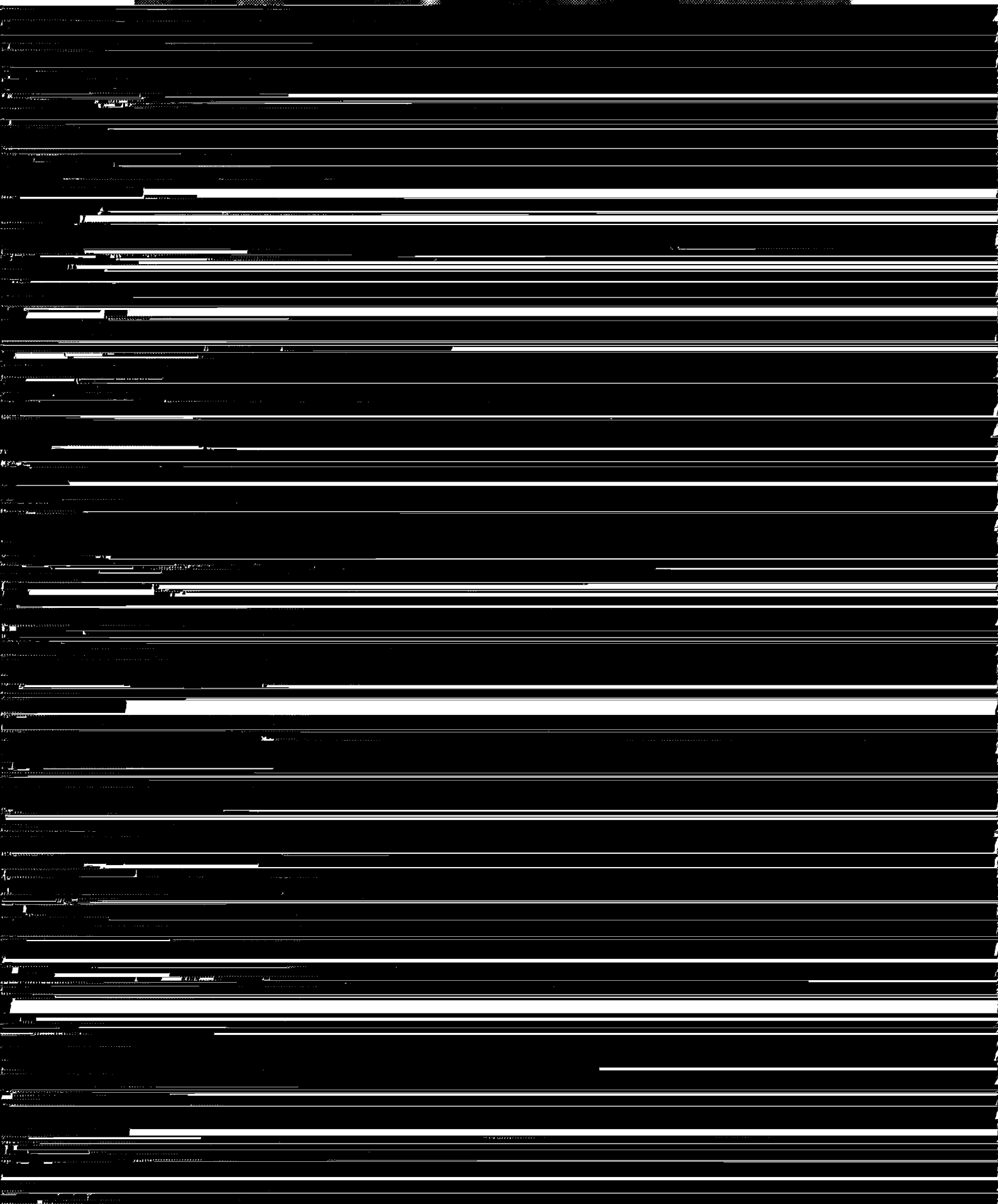
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wind uplift were closely related to the relation between the wind uplift and fastener reaction force. This is discussed in Section 6.1.

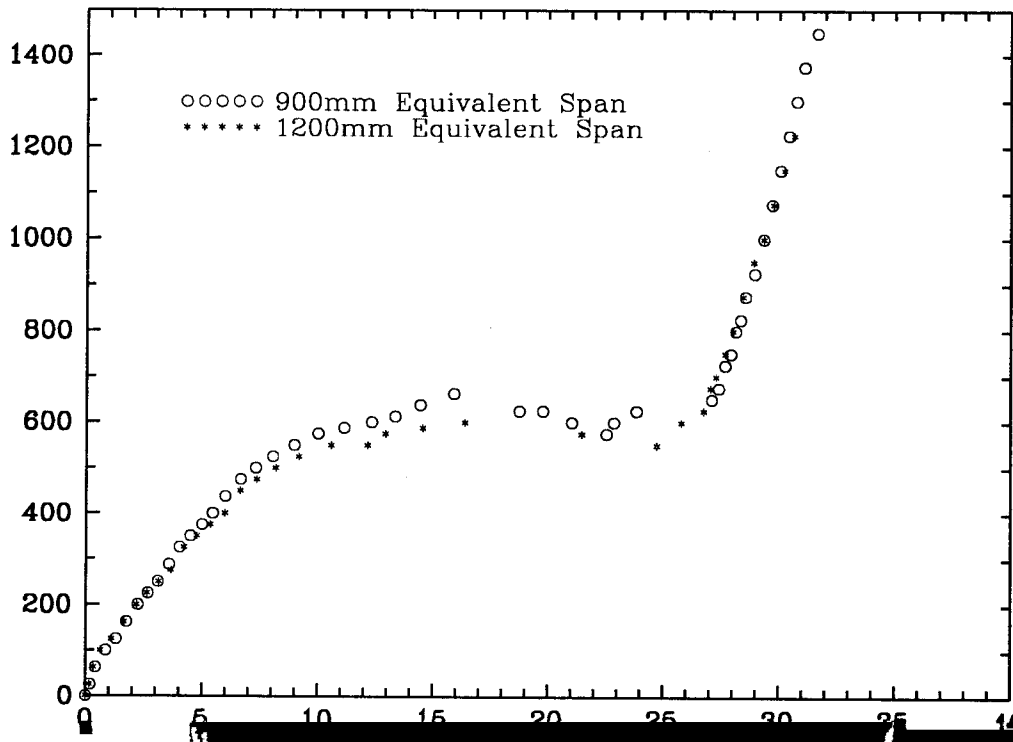




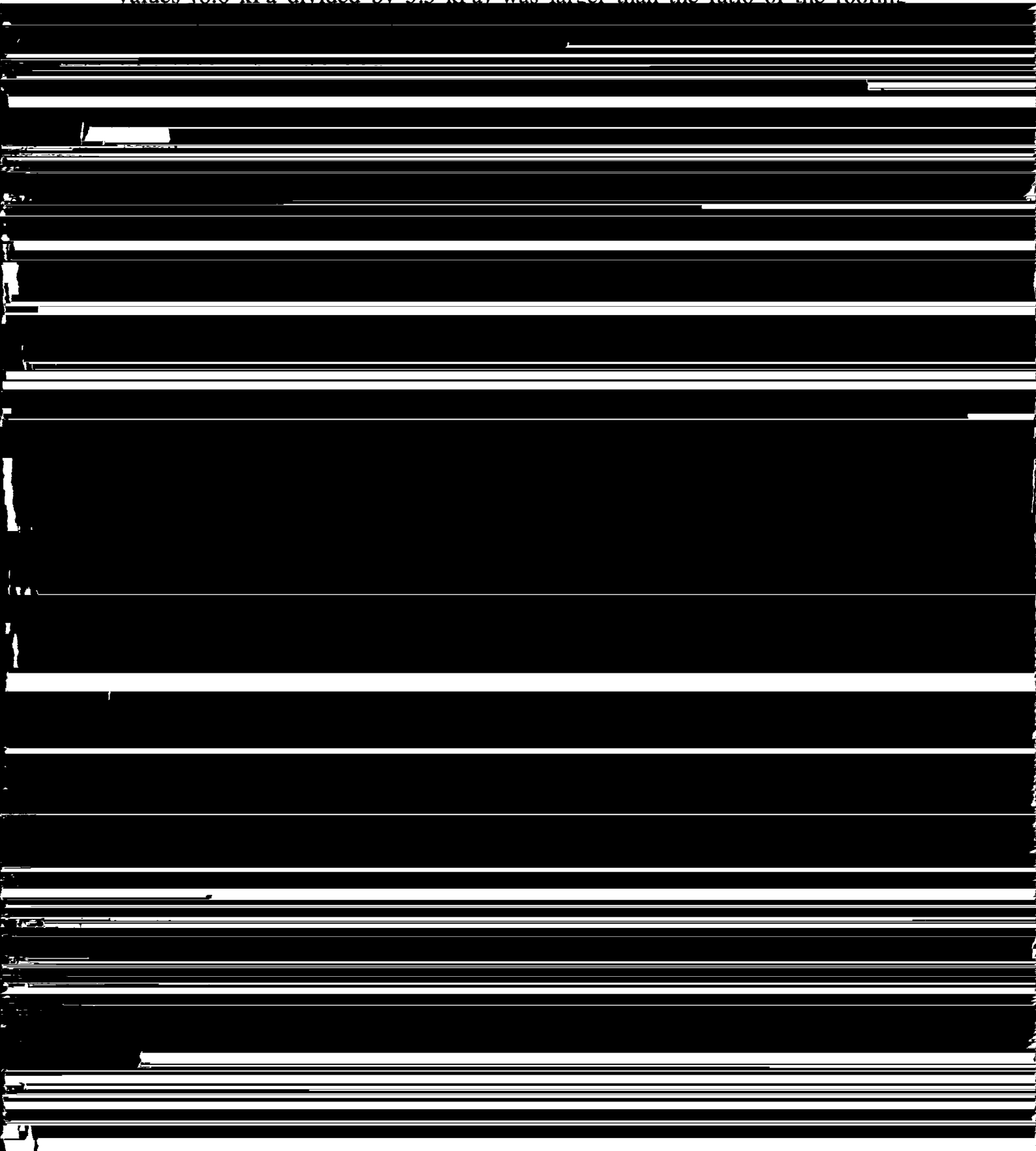
The effect of the cyclone washers on the overall structural behaviour of the ribbed type roofing sheet is showed in Fig. 5.7. The slope of the load-deflection curves was again increased, which means that overall sheeting deflection was reduced under a given wind uplift. The ultimate load was increased by a factor of 1.15. Form the fastener reaction force-deflection curves the ultimate fastener reaction force at the central support was found to be increased by a factor of 1.22. The increase of ultimate load or reaction

limit values of load or fastener reaction force. The fact that the use of the

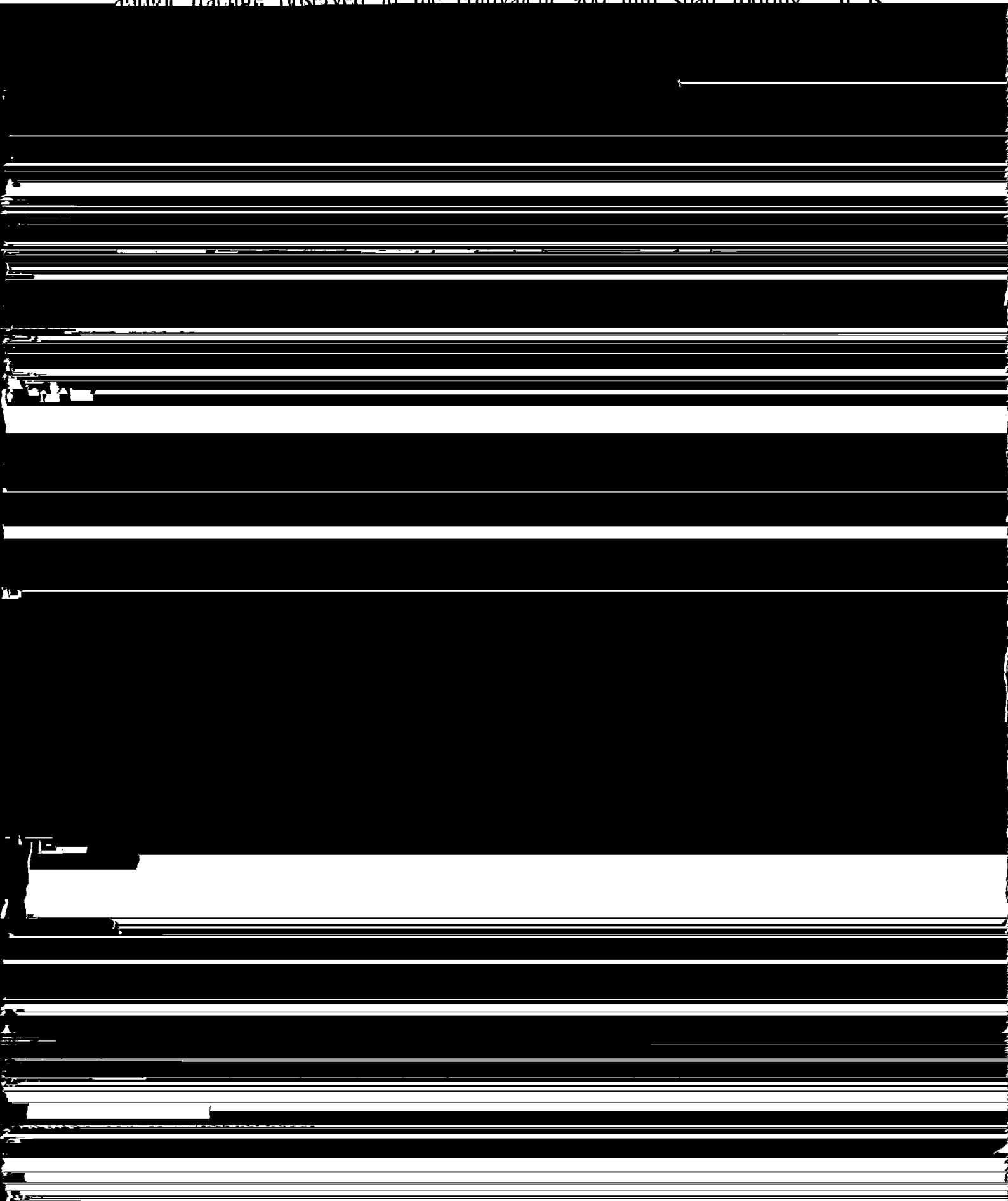
Reaction Force per Fastener at Central Support (N)



For the trapezoidal type roofing sheet, the difference of the limit pressure values between the equivalent 1200 mm and 900 mm span roofing sheets was quite large for the initial failure as shown in Fig. 5.10. The value corresponding to the long span roofing was about 5.5 kPa while the value for the shorter span was 8.6 kPa. It is noted that the ratio of the limit pressure values (8.6 kPa divided by 5.5 kPa) was larger than the ratio of the roofing



sheet was due to overall buckling around the midspan pads rather than the abrupt fracture observed in the equivalent 900 mm span roofing. It is



SPANDEK roofing sheet i.e. 0.42 mm and 0.53 mm (TCT) A static test

Another comparison as to effects of sheeting thickness was conducted between Lysaght CUSTOM BLUE ORB roofing sheet of 0.66 mm (TCT) and Lysaght CUSTOM ORB sheet of 0.47 mm (TCT). Both sheets are made from zincalume steel, but BLUE ORB sheeting material is more ductile, with a yield stress of 300 MPa.

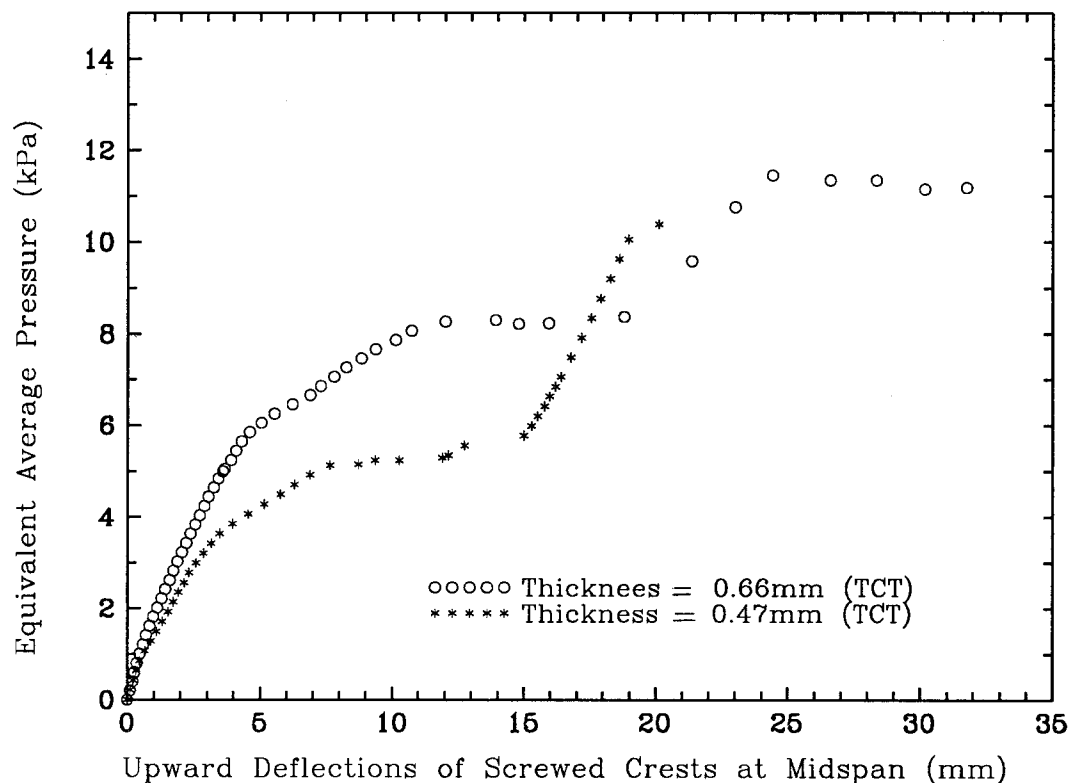
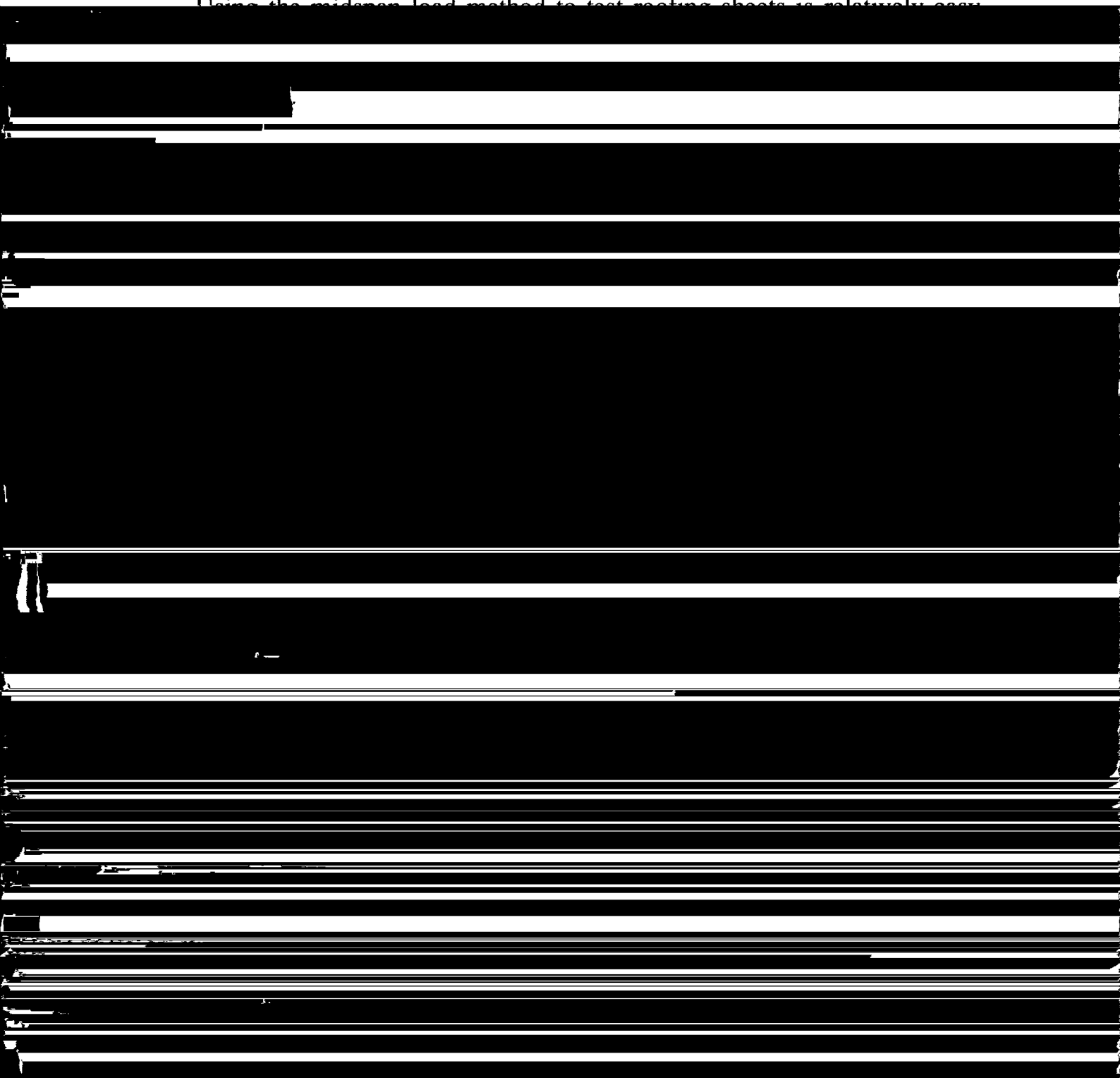


FIG 5-13 EFFECT OF SHEETING THICKNESS ON LOAD DEFLECTION

upper limit values of the reaction force per fastener were 1000 N and 1120 N, respectively, for the CUSTOM BLUE ORB sheet; 580 N and 650 N for the CUSTOM ORB sheet. However, if one only considered the first approximate linear stage, the limit value was 5.8 kPa for the equivalent pressure and 900 N for the reaction force per fastener in the case of CUSTOM BLUE ORB roofing sheet.

6. DISCUSSION OF MIDSPAN LOAD METHOD

Using the midspan load method to test roofing sheets is relatively easy



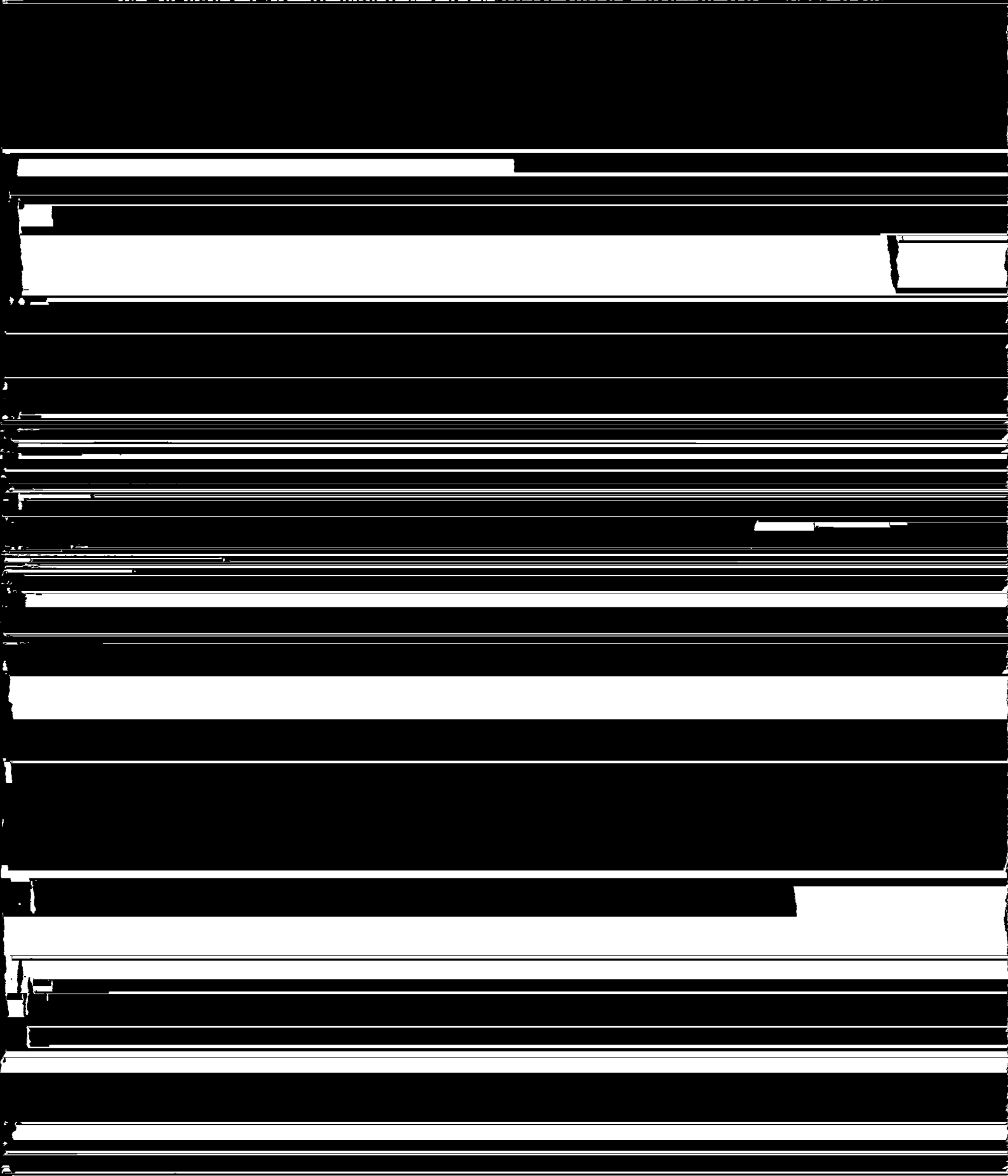
and reaction force appeared and again followed the two-span continuous simply supported beam assumption. These observations were identical to the considered three cases. Therefore, the adopted assumption seems to be reasonable for the arc-tangent type roofing, except for the large cross-sectional distortion stage. In the current design procedure for roofing sheets, the limit value of "load" per fastener was first measured through roofing tests. Then the allowable wind pressure was calculated based on two span simple beam theory. Therefore, this design procedure usually provides a conservative value for the allowable wind pressure, especially at the large cross-sectional distortion stage of roofing sheets.

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deformation in the long span case. It is also interesting to see that there was

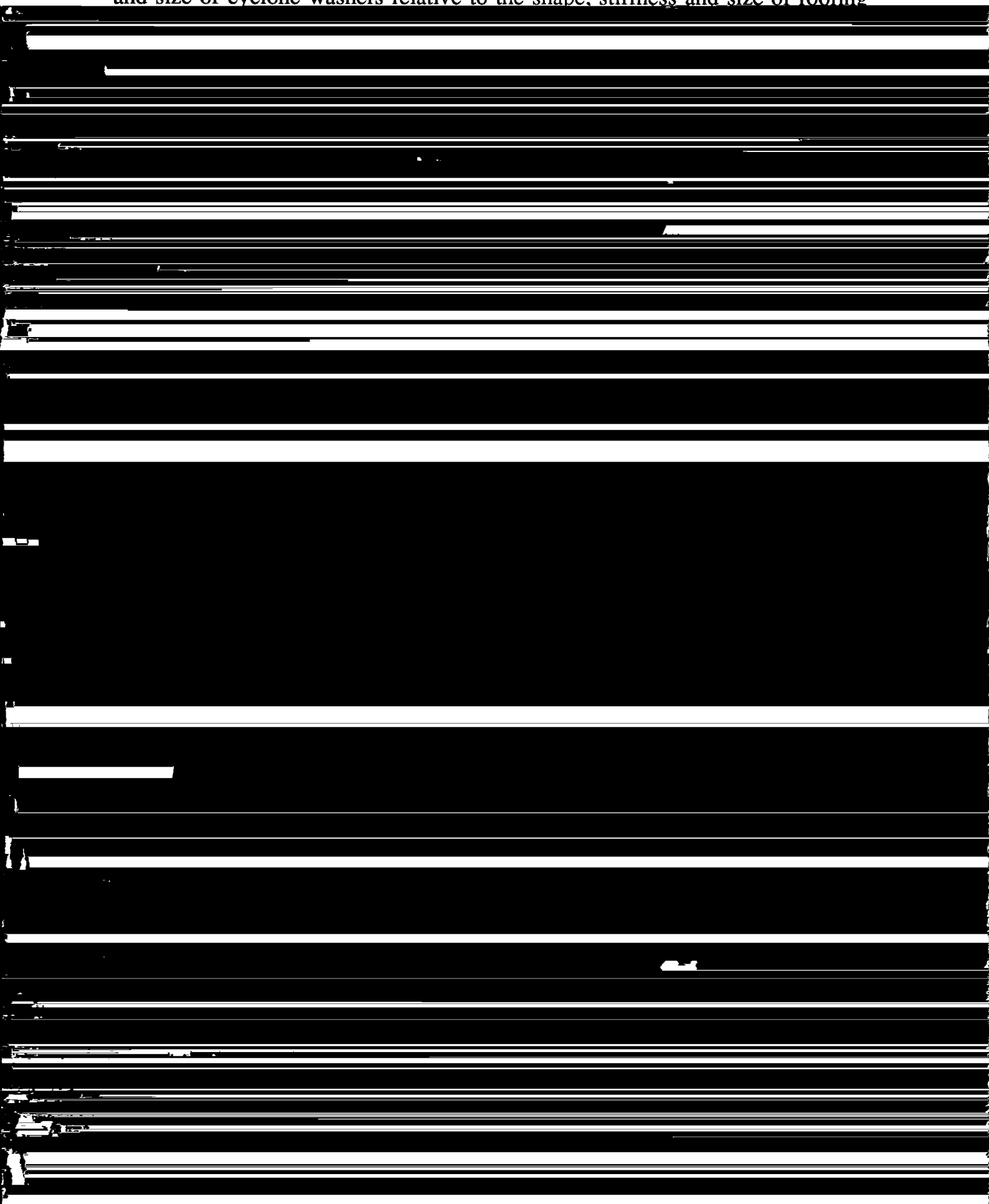
not satisfactory. The cyclone washer reduced local plastic deformation, and the long span roofing sometimes had a relatively small local plastic

type roofing sheet. In this way, the additional restraints between the roofing crests provided by loading pads were basically released. The measured wind uplift-deflection curve was plotted in Fig. 6.4 with the results obtained from the previous tests in which the trapezoidal surface loading pads were used



small. However, how to simulate distributed wind uplift on roofing in an

than the other two types indicated a necessity of studying the shape, stiffness and size of cyclone washers relative to the shape, stiffness and size of roofing



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