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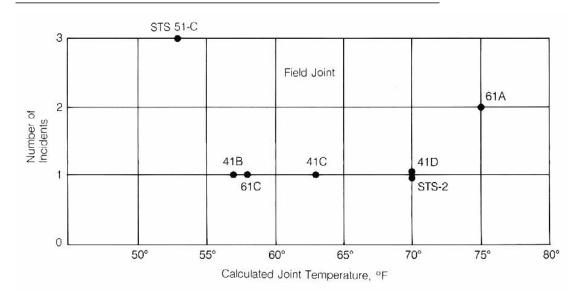
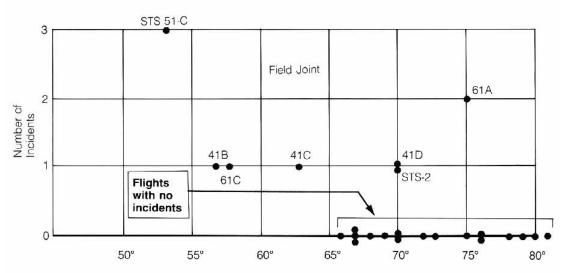


Figure 6
Plot of flights with incidents of O-ring thermal distress as function of temperature



Calculated Joint Temperature, °F

Figure 7
Plot of flights with and without incidents of O-ring thermal distress

NOTE: Thermal distress defined as O-ring erosion, blow-by, or excessive heating

[top] Figure 6. Plot of flights with incidents of O-ring thermal distress as function of temperature.

[bottom] Figure 7. Plot of flights with and without incidents of O-ring thermal distress. NOTE: Thermal distress defined as O-ring erosion, blow-by, of excessive heating.