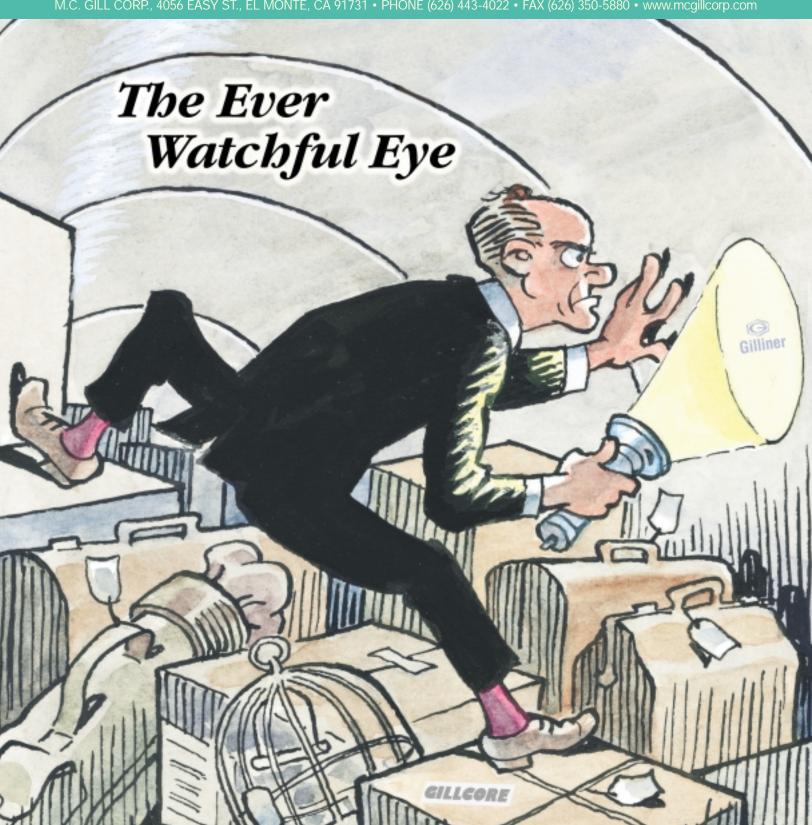
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Today many more eyes are watching for Q.C.



University of Southern California in 1937, M.C. Gill went to work for the U.S. Rubber Company in their Quality Control department. During his five-year stint with U.S. Rubber he worked in virtually every department there but always as a QC engineer. With that rather auspicious indoctrination in Quality Control it is no wonder that since Day One, i.e., September 11, 1945, the M.C. Gill Corporation has stressed

quality of product and service. It has always been M.C.'s basic philosophy to make a product with the degree of quality such that he could be proud to have it bear his name.

He also believed in "enlightened quality", i.e., "QC" meant Control of Quality which would not be so low that it barely passes the specifications required by the customer, NOR would it be so high as to be overkill and unaffordable. Most of our products are semi-structural load

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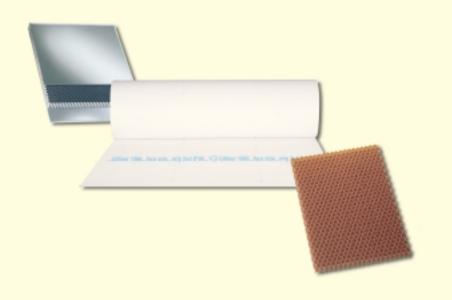


bearing and could be made so that they would never fail. However, they would be so heavy and expensive that few, if any, customers would be willing to pay the price for that degree of quality. In other words, we can exceed the customers' specifications or we can cut a lot of corners in the manufacture of the product. But, as Goldilocks once said, we'd rather make it "just right". That is what "enlightened quality" means to us.

We unashamedly use the word "quality" a lot and have for some time. We often talk about it in the Doorway. Given our aforementioned reputation, we believe that we have a legitimate right to tout the quality of both our products and customer service.

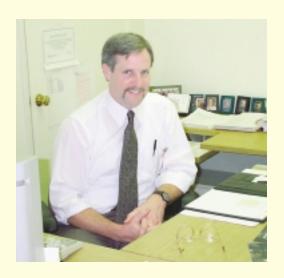
As Hall of Fame pitcher Dizzy Dean once said when he was chided for boasting of his accomplishments, "It ain't braggin' if you can do it." He could and did, and so do we.





As the aircraft so did

The critical demands of the commercial aircraft industry accelerated the growth within our Quality Department. In 1971, we had two QC inspectors, both of whom reported to Phil Gill, then R&D and Quality Manager. Nine years later we had three inspectors and they still reported to Phil. But in 1985 we hired our first full-time QC Manager. Because sales have increased so dramatically, and products and their specifications have become more sophisticated, our Quality staff has grown accordingly.



Phil Giffin is our Director of Quality. His Department is organized with Managers for Quality Control, Assurance, and Technical Support.





industry grew and matured, our Quality Control and Quality Assurance Awareness



Quality Assurance Manager, Vern Shappell, concentrates on systems, i.e., document preparation and control, and resolution of customer problems.



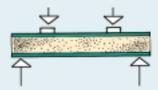
Technical Support Manager
Dean Lundberg, with nine
years of service reviews customer specifications and
implementation of same in the
production process.



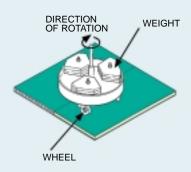
Quality Control Manager Rudy Rodriguez, with 31 years of service with the M.C.Gill Corp. is concerned with material and fabrication issues, e.g., receiving, work in progress, and finished goods.

Our Quality staff responds to every important requirement. Currently the department—with one Director, three Managers, a Manufacturing Engineer, 13 Inspectors and a Document Control Clerk—keeps pace with demands.

Some material



Long Beam Flex tests the facings (which should fail before the core). It is the standard test for determining the load bearing capability of a sandwich panel. It tells you how much weight the panel will support and how much deflection you will experience.



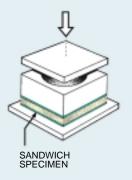




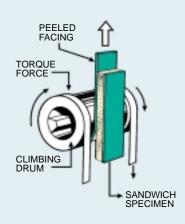
EXAMPLES OF CORE FAILURE IN AN ALUMINUM HONEYCOMB CORE PANEL (LEFT) AND A NOMEX HONEYCOMB CORE PANEL (RIGHT).

Roller Cart test determines the fatigue resistance of the core in an aircraft flooring panel. The test is a meaningful approximation of how flooring will stand up in-service in the aisles of commercial passenger aircraft. It simulates the wear and tear created by food and beverage carts in the aisleways and galleys of these aircraft.

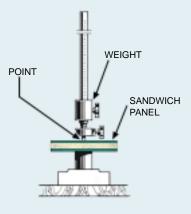
Core Shear tests the core (which should fail first). It reduces the span on a flex test to 15-30 times the panel thickness to see where the core will fail before the facings. Tells you, using a different test method for another component of the panel, essentially the same thing long beam flex does.



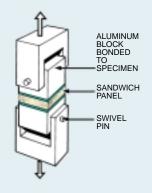
Flatwise Compressive measures the strength of the core in resisting compressive loads, such as women's spiked heels where loads might reach 4,100 psi.



Climbing Drum Peel measures the torque to peel the facing from the core. You don't want the facings pulling away from the core because it reduces the strength of the panel. However, experience has taught us that panels with quite low peel will serve quite well as flooring if the edges are not exposed to peel forces. For example, some of our 5007A panels with low peel values have lasted 20,000 hours in the aisles of jet aircraft. Delaminated flooring is spongy and tends to upset passengers.

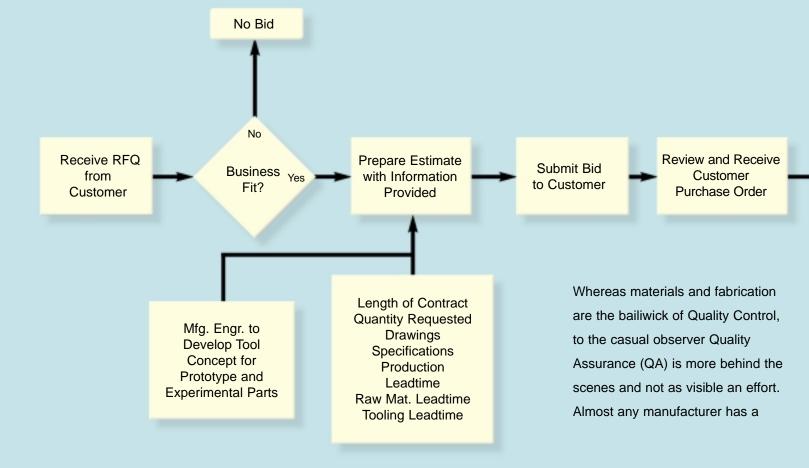


Impact measures the panel's resistance to damage from impact or puncture i.e., weights such as mechanics' tools dropping on an unprotected panel, as well as women's stiletto heels.



Flatwise Tensile measures the strength of the adhesive—a good indication of structural strength of core and adhesive, two very important contributors to the overall strength of the panel.

M.C. Gill Flow Chart



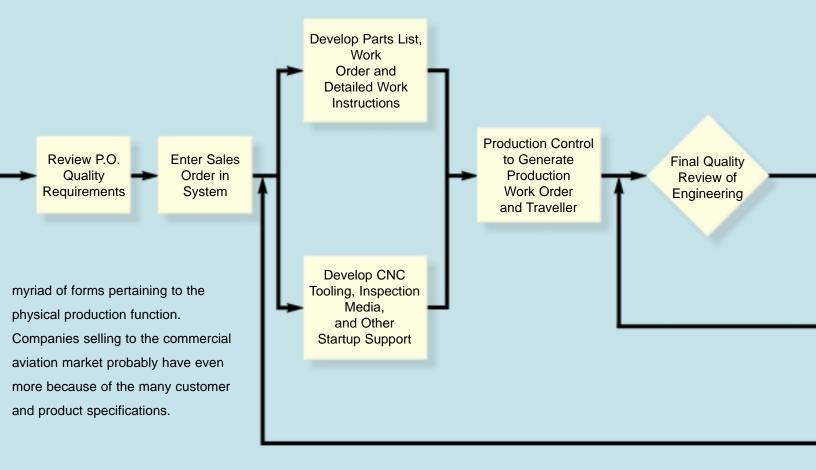
One of QA's primary goals is eliminating copies of various documents. The proposed alternative for making and distributing revisions involves a few computer key strokes to the master and hitting "send". We are not quite there yet but our goal is to have the new system in place by the end of 2001. We will retain, offsite, copies in a master file to obviate a system catastrophe.

Another of QA's major functions is performance audits.

Every procedure that requires a Gill document is reviewed at least annually. This is a hands-on review and is conducted to ensure that all employees are following procedures properly and, if not, taking immediate corrective action.



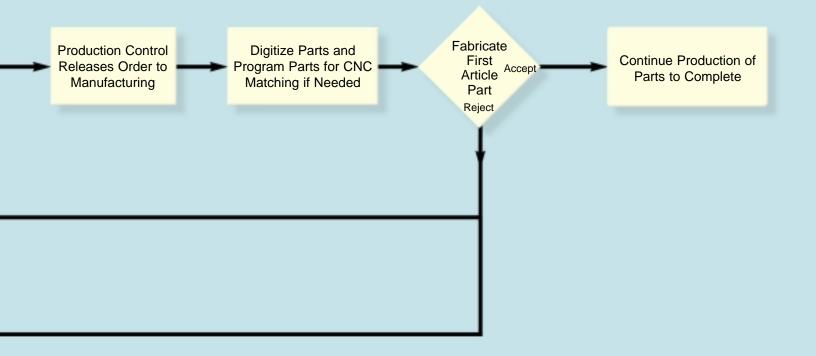
For Quality Assurance...







Documentation Is Its Game

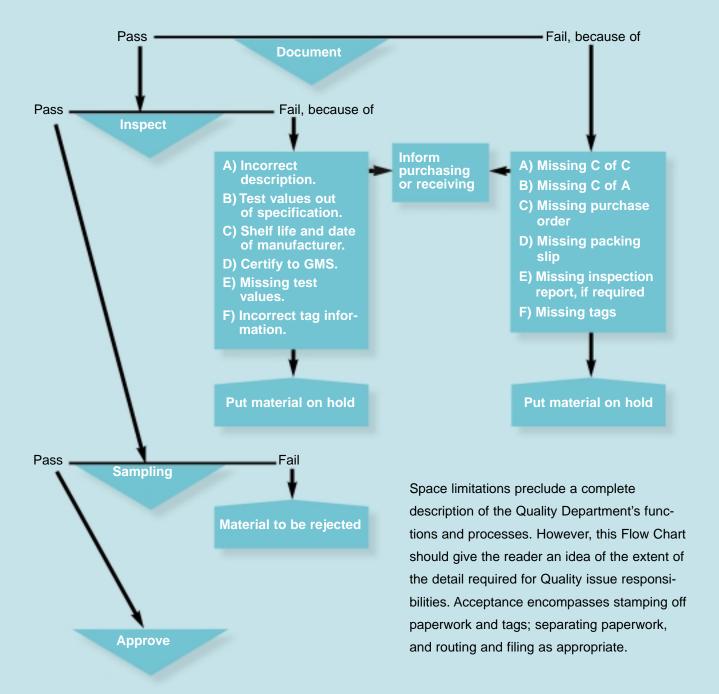




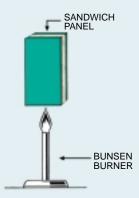


Flow Chart for Receiving Materials

Quality's involvement does not stop when production begins. Quality Control, in particular, remains involved in the production process from receipt of raw materials until the product is shipped to the customer. And, in those rare instances where the customer is dissatisfied with the product, for whatever reason, Quality is an important part of the process that resolves these issues.



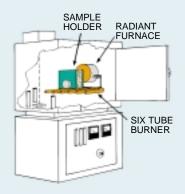
tests we use...



Smoke, Toxic Emissions and Heat Release. Of all a sandwich panel's properties, low smoke and toxic emissions, and low heat release are arguably the most important from a safety standpoint. One result of the tragic aircraft crashes that occurred during the 1980's and early 1990's is increasing concern on the part of the FAA, airframe manufacturers, airlines, and the M.C. Gill Corporation related to passenger hazards caused by post crash conditions, namely fire, smoke and heat.

New standards were established by the FAA in 1988 for heat release rates of certain aircraft components. Heat release values for samples tested are reported in terms of kilowatts of heat per square meter for the peak heat release in terms of kilowatt-minutes per square meter for a two minute integrated heat release. In 1990, the FAA assigned maximum values of 65 and 65 for peak and total heat release (reduced from the original 100/100 in 1986).

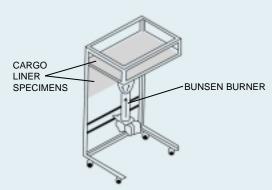
The measurement gains perspective when one considers that a one-square foot piece of red oak flooring approximately one-half inch thick will yield readings of 130/130 under identical test conditions—twice the maximum values currently allowed by the FAA.



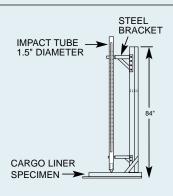
NIST (NBS) Smoke Chamber measures the smoke emitting properties of materials when exposed to heat and flame under flaming and non-flaming conditions. In other words, if there is a fire, how much smoke will come from the panel and how difficult will it be to see inside the aircraft.

Although flooring panels are not required to pass the heat release tests at this point in time, the M.C. Gill Corp. has developed, in response to customer requests, a number of panels that will pass these tests. To manufacture panels that enable airlines and airframe manufacturers to comply with these new standards, we developed new products and "reintroduced" existing ones that utilize phenolic resin systems in their construction. Our goal is not so much to decrease prices as it is to increase value and service life.

Phenolic resins are inherently non-burning and exhibit very low smoke emissions and toxicity in a fire compared to almost any other organic polymer. Most M.C. Gill sandwich panels are well within the FAA's regulations and likely would pass any near future standards that agency might adopt.



A special test fixture simultaneously exposes sample sidewall and ceiling liners to a kerosene burner. The flame temperature is 1,700°F. The ceiling sample is placed 8" above the burner cone and the sidewall sample 2" from the burner cone. The burner is placed under and next to the samples for 5 minutes. The criteria for passing is that no flame can penetrate either liner, and that the temperature measured 4" above the horizontal ceiling liner can not exceed 400°F.

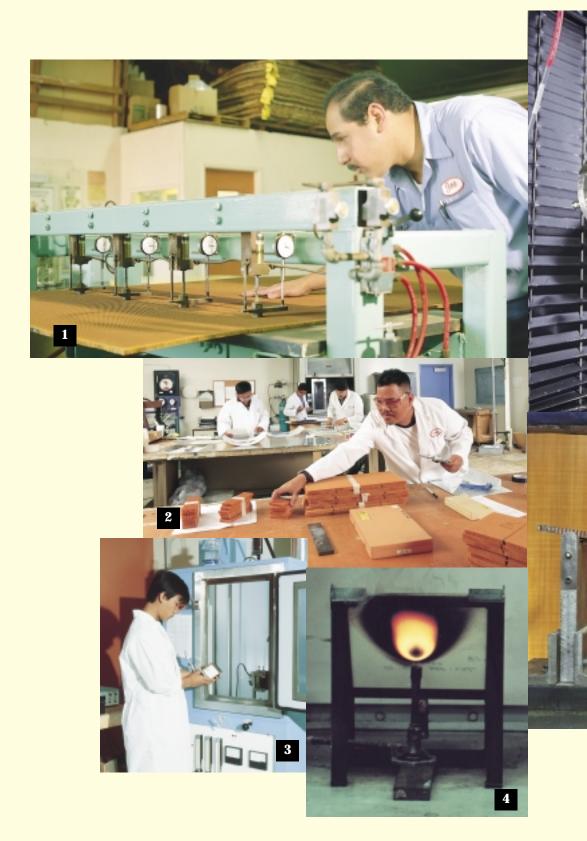


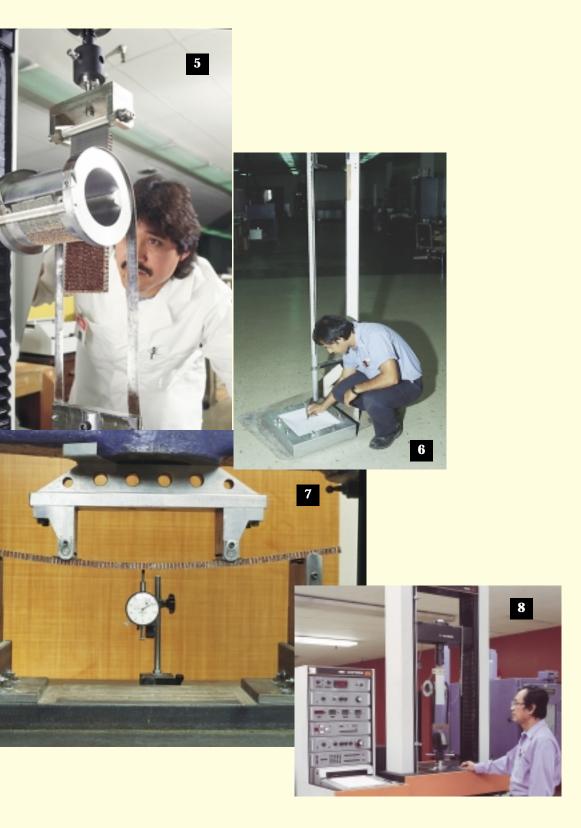
This test was developed to measure impact resistance of cargo liners. The impact device consists of a 12 lb. falling weight and the puncture point resting on the specimen. The impact head is driven into the sample by raising a 12 lb. steel rod in an upright cylinder to a measured height and released on the impact head. Penetration is determined by lightly probing the area of impact with a sharp pointed instrument, e.g., a 2H pencil. Small delamination on the surface front or back, or slight rupture of surface fibers, without complete penetration of the impact head is considered acceptable.

The Quality Watch Goes On and On

Virtually every product we manufacture is made to at least one commercial aviation, OEM or military specification which encompasses several mechanical, physical, acoustical, or electrical properties. In addition, most products must pass at least one of the FAA's Federal Airworthiness Requirements (FAR) before it can be installed. Our Quality Assurance personnel routinely test for compliance to OEM specifications and FARs. Finally, we extensively utilize SPC (Statistical Process Control) to chart key product characteristics. SPC is an integral part of our commitment to continuous product quality improvement.

- **1.** This dial indicator table monitors consistency of honeycomb thickness over its entire area. Uniformity is paramount if 100% of the core area is bonded to the skin.
- **2.** Whatever the type of test, it requires the selection of a representative sample and that it be prepared, labeled and identified for testing.





- **3.** The NIST (NBS) smoke chamber measures the smoke emissions of materials exposed to heat and flame. It allows for selection of low smoke density, and therefore safer materials.
- **4.** Testing 45° burn, per FAR 25.855, on the flame tester. Cargo liners must pass appropriate FARs prior to installation.
- **5.** The climbing drum peel test measures the force required to separate (peel) a sandwich panel facing from its core; it is a measure of the bonding strength of the adhesive.
- **6.** The Boeing dart tester is used to check baggage compartment liner resistance to puncture. Along with flame resistance and smoke emission characteristics it is probably a cargo liner's most important property.
- **7.** A sandwich panel in a test fixture designed to measure flexure, i.e., its load-bearing/deflection capabilities.
- **8.** The Instron mechanical tester is one of three universal testing units kept busy by QA and R&D.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE			
A300/A300-600/ A310/A330/A340	Passenger flooring Passenger flooring and containerized cargo	TL53/5000/79, Ty 1 TL53/5000/79, Ty 2	4105 Ty 1 4105 Ty 2
A300/A310/A300-600	Passenger flooring	TL53/5000/79, Issue 8*, Annex A, PC 3, Ty 1 and Ty 2	4405 Ty 1 4405 Ty 2
A319/A320/A321/A330/A340	Passenger flooring, aisles/galleys	5360 M1M 000600, Issue 3* Ty PC 3	4505
A319/A320/A321/A330/A340	Passenger flooring, under seat	5360 M1M 000600, Issue 3* Type PC1	4605
A319/A320/A321	Passenger flooring Cargo flooring, containerized	5360 M1B 000100 5360 M1B 000100	4205 4322
A300/A310/A300-600/ A319/A320/A321/ A330/A340	Cargo flooring, containerized	5360 M1M 000500, Issue 5*	4522
	Cargo flooring, bulk	Type CCC1 5360 M1M 000500, Issue 3* Type BCC2	4223
A300/A300-600/ A310/A319/A320/ A321/A330/A340	Cargo flooring, bulk	5360 M1B 000100	4323
A330/A310/A300-600/ A319/A320/A321/A330/A340	Cargo lining panels Cargo lining laminates	2550 M1M 0008 00 2550 M1M 0008 00	4422 1367A
A300/A310/A300-600/ A319/A320/A321	"h" profile for fabrication of decompression panel 'frame'	2550 M1M 0004 00	3072
All applicable models	Cargo flooring, main deck freighter aircraft combi/convertible	5360 M1M 000500, Issue 5* Type MDC2	4123

^{*}Preferred 'New Generation' panel

BOEING				
All 700 Series	Cargo liner	BMS 8-2 CI 2	1366/1366T	
All 700 Series	Cargo liner	BMS 8-223 CI 2	1367/1367A	
777	Cargo liner	BMS 8-223 CI 4	1367B	
737	Cargo liner (lower sidewall)	BMS 8-2 CI 3	1076B	
747	Cargo liner	BMS 8-2 CI 1	1076A (ceiling only)	
All 700 Series	Nomex® honeycomb core	BMS 8-124 CI 4	Gillcore® HD	
	Passenger and cargo flooring	BMS 4-17	4417, Ty I-V, IX and Drawing 69B15779(Ty V)	
	Passenger flooring high traffic	BMS 4-17 Ty VI	4417A	
747-400, 767-200/-300, and 777	Passenger flooring	BMS 4-20	4709, Ty II and Ty III	
737 and 757	Passenger flooring	BMS 4-23	5424, Ty I and Ty II	
777	Aft cargo flooring	BMS 7-326	5433C	
BRITISH AEROSPACE 146-200/300, ATP, and RJ	Passenger flooring, under seat	BAeR 3231	4609 Gr L	
	Passenger flooring, aisle	BAeR 3231	4609 Gr M	
	Passenger flooring entries, galleys and lavatories	BAeR 3232	4004A	
(Note: Customer should specify core density when ordering to BAeR 3232.)				
RAYTHEON HS125-800. 1000	Passenger flooring	BAeR 3247	4109	
JETSTREAM 31/41	Bulkheads, consoles	MAT 006, Ty 1, Ty 2, Ty 3	4004B, Ty 1, Ty 2, and Ty 3	
	Passenger flooring and cargo	MAT 003	4017T	
deHAVILLAND Dash 8	Cargo liner	DHMS P1.42 CI A	1566	
	Cargo liner	DHMS P1.42 CI B	1366	
	Nomex honeycomb core	DHMS P1.26 Issue F	Gillcore HD	

EMBRAER			
EMB-110, 120, and 123	Galley/bulkhead	MEP-02-011	5040
anu 123	Galley/bulkhead	MEP-15-017	4117
	Galley/bulkhead	MEP-15-029	4122A
	Passenger flooring, aisle	MEP-15-030	4009
	Passenger flooring	MEP-15-031	4017T Ty I and Ty II
FOKKER			
F100	Passenger flooring, under seat	FoN1-4350CC102, 102S, 102T	4018, 4018S, and 4018T
	Passenger flooring, aisle	FoN1-4354DD120	4019
LEARJET			
All models	Passenger flooring	LES 1149	4001
	Passenger flooring	LES 1189	5040
	Passenger flooring	LES 1227	4201
	Bulkheads	LES 1247	4101
	Bulkheads	LES 1277	5101
	Bulkheads	LES 1070	5020
LOCKHEED	Bulkheads	LES 1070	5020
L-1011	Bulkheads Bulkhead/galley/shelving	LAC-C-28-917	5020 4030L
	Bulkhead/galley/shelving	LAC-C-28-917	4030L
	Bulkhead/galley/shelving Bulkhead/galley Passenger flooring,	LAC-C-28-917 LAC-C-28-1145	4030L 4030A
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MCDONNELL DOUGLAS All models	Cargo liner	DMS 2226 Ty 1	1167/1167A
	Cargo liner	DMS 2419 CI 1	1367A *
	Nomex honeycomb core	DMS 1974 Gr A	Gillcore HD
MD-80, MD-90, DC-10, MD-11, and B717	Passenger flooring, aisle/under seat	Dwg 7954400	4509
	Passenger flooring, aisle/under seat	Dwg BZZ 7002	4017T
DC-9 and early MD-80's, DC-10	Cargo liner	DMS 1946 Ty 1/Ty 2	1100/1100G
MD-80/MD-90 series	Passenger flooring, under seat	Dwg S3932194	4106A/B
	Cargo flooring	Dwg S00096	5242
	Cargo flooring	Dwg 7954401	4004
DC-10 series MD-11	Passenger flooring, lower galley, wet areas of main deck DC-10F and MD-11F combis	Dwg S3933941	4022A/B
	Passenger flooring, lavatory/entry	Dwg S3933942	4022A/B
	Passenger flooring, under seat	Dwg. S3932194	4106A/B
	Passenger flooring, aisle	Dwg S3932193	5042B
	Cargo flooring aft, non-doorway	Dwg S3932195	5042B
	Cargo flooring (low traffic)	Dwg S4931863	5042B
	Cargo flooring lower fwd and ctr	Dwg S4929905	5142
	Cargo flooring aft, doorway	Dwg S4932048	5242A
DC-10, MD-11 Freighters	Flooring, upper and lower deck	Dwg BZZ7002 Ty III Dwg BZZ7002 Ty IV & Ty V	4017T 5065
C-17	Crew flooring	Dwg 9D0059	4022A
	Passenger flooring	Dwg 9D0207	4109 Ty 1/Ty 2

 $^{^{\}star}$ 1367A is interchangeable with all other Douglas cargo liner specifications for thicknesses up to and including .040".

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Customer: "Do you honor credit cards?"
Sales clerk: "Honor them? We worship them."

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

One of the hardest things to put up with is a good example.

Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

Some people get lost in thought because it's unchartered territory.

The toughest part of getting to the top of the ladder is fighting your way through the crowd at the bottom.

Truth is stranger than fiction-and nowhere near as plentiful.

Actually, there's no secret to success. Have you ever known a successful person who WASN'T willing to tell you about it?

Old age: Wishing you didn't have to go instead of wondering why you weren't invited.

If you miss the good old days, turn off the air conditioning.

If the husband has the last word, then that's the start of a new argument.

Teenagers express their burning desire to be different by dressing exactly the same as all other teenagers.

The handwriting on the wall means your kids have found the crayons.

Actual Quotes of Questionable Wisdom:
"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings
to be seriously considered as a
means of communication."
Western Union internal memo, 1876.



A mosquito beats its wings up to 600 times per second.

The only female deer that grows antlers is the reindeer.

India ink originated in China.

Great Danes originated in Egypt.

Jordan almonds come from Spain.

The recipe for German chocolate cake was developed by Sam German, an English baker, in the 1700's.

Moths hear 1,100 percent more than people, owls hear the same, and mallard ducks hear 50 percent less.

Female bald eagles are larger than males.

Soil is made up of rocks and minerals, humus, water, air, and living organisms.

In 1818, Massachusetts became the first state to ban the hunting of robins.

Ben Franklin was lucky with his "kite and key" experiment. The next two men that tried it were killed by lightening.

Daniel Boone died from indigestion from eating too many sweet potatoes.

Herbert Hoover was the first U.S. president to have a telephone on his desk.

Before 1929, the president had to use a phone booth outside his office.

Back in 1910, a football team was penalized 15 yards for an incomplete pass.

In terms of population, Phoenix, AZ, is the largest state capital and Pierre, SD, is the smallest.

There are 25,000 self-storage rental facilities in the U.S.; total square footage of storage space is one billion; and, an average of 90 percent is rented at any given time.

