

Evacuation Slide Test

Comparison Tests of Power Inputs between Two Power Controllers for The Slide Tests

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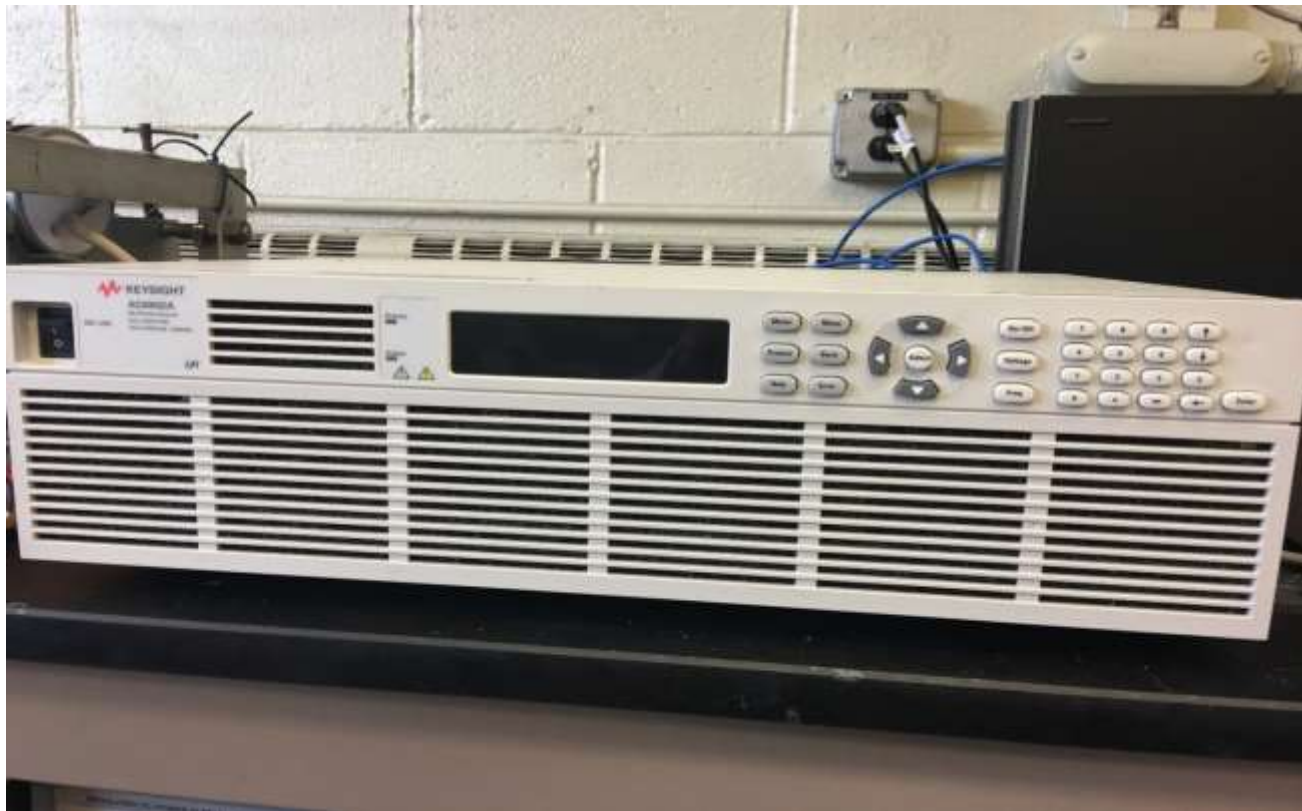
Tests were run to calibrate 2 Heaters and to evaluate the Powerstat Variable Autotransformer (VR) and The Keysight AC 6802A Power Controller (ACP) as Power Control Methods to the heaters for the Evacuation Slide Test Method

2 heaters were used for the Calibration Tests and tests on evac slide materials

- *H1 = Part # 38000 . H2 = Part # 40400*
- *3 materials were tested , 3 Tests of each material.*

2 AC Power Controllers were used for The Power Input of Heaters

**Keysight AC 6802A
Power Controller**



**Powerstat Variable
Autotransformer**



2 Radiant Heaters were used for the Tests, either using one of two for Testing



2 Radiant Heaters were identified as:

- One with solid coil, part # 68086038000, 1.5-inch coil-to-face distance.*
- One with solid coil, part # 68086040400, 1.625-inch coil-to-face distance.*

Calibration Tests of 2 Heaters : The Power Input between The Voltage Regulator and The AC Power controllers

Calibration Test Results of 2 Heaters

| Power Controller Sources | Calorimeter # | Heater # 1 (38000) Distance from the coil to the opening of the heater is 1.50 inches | | Heater # 2 (40400) Distance from the coil to the opening of the heater is 1.625 inches | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| | | Power Input | Heat Flux (Btuft ² sec) | Power | Heat Flux (Btuft ² sec) |
| Powerstat Variable Autotransformer | Calorimeter # 1 | 427 to 438 | 1.48 to 1.53 | 428 to 440 | 1.49 to 1.52 |
| | Calorimeter # 2 | 426 to 438 | 1.47 to 1.52 | 429 to 440 | 1.47 to 1.52 |
| Keysight AC 6802A Power Controller | Calorimeter # 1 | 426 to 440 | 1.49 to 1.53 | 430 to 439 | 1.47 to 1.49 |
| | Calorimeter # 2 | 428 to 440 | 1.47 to 1.52 | 429 to 440 | 1.48 to 1.51 |

The Power Input of the Heater will be 435 +/- 3 Watts that will be chosen for the slide test

Yellow/Gray Test Results Using 2 Power Control Methods

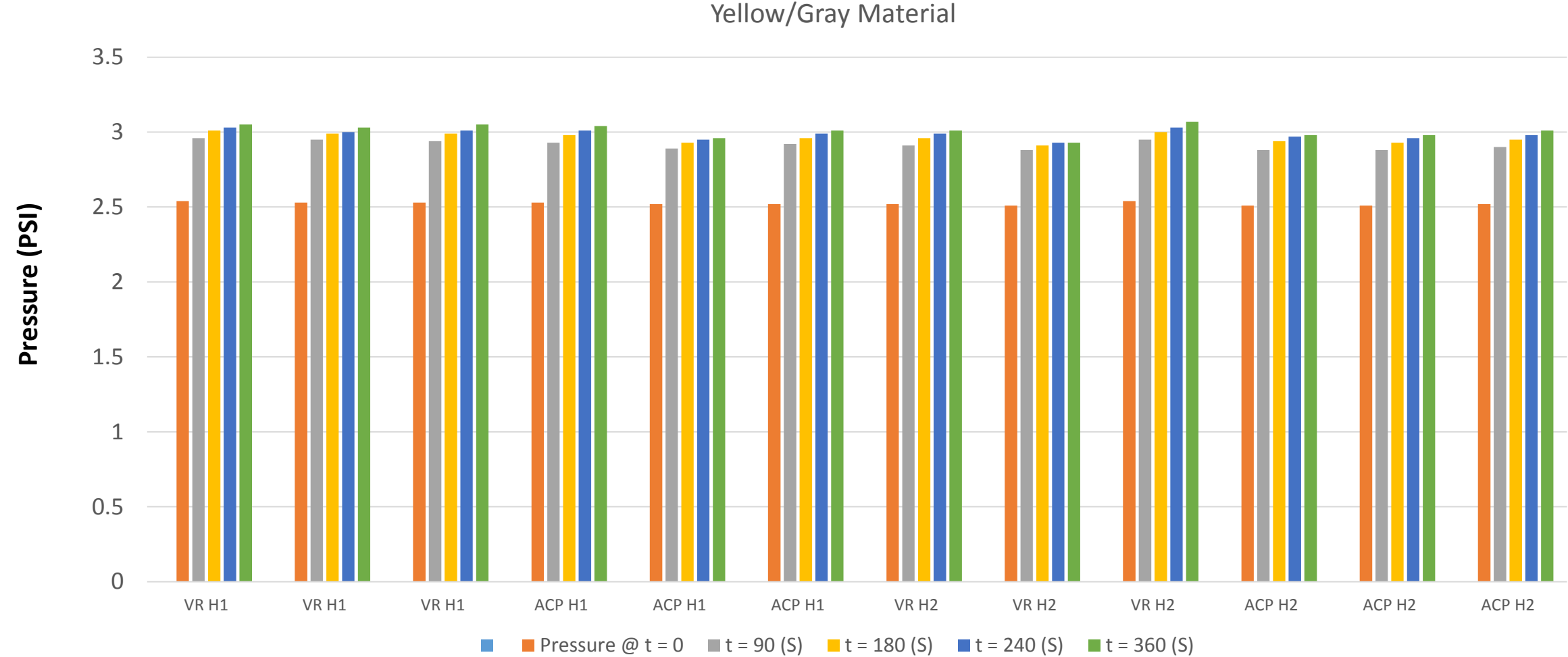


Table 1: Test Results of The Yellow/Gray Material

| Test # | Heater | Power controller | Material | Starting pressure (PSI) | Pressure at 90 seconds (PSI) | Pressure at 180 seconds (PSI) | Pressure at 240 seconds (PSI) | Pressure at 300 seconds (PSI) | Pass / Fail |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Variable Autotransformer | Yellow/Gray | 2.54 | 2.96 | 3.01 | 3.03 | 3.05 | Pass |
| 2 | 1 | Variable Autotransformer | Yellow/Gray | 2.53 | 2.95 | 2.99 | 3 | 3.03 | Pass |
| 3 | 1 | Variable Autotransformer | Yellow/Gray | 2.53 | 2.94 | 2.99 | 3.01 | 3.05 | Pass |
| 4 | 1 | AC Power Controller | Yellow/Gray | 2.53 | 2.93 | 2.98 | 3.01 | 3.04 | Pass |
| 5 | 1 | AC Power Controller | Yellow/Gray | 2.52 | 2.89 | 2.93 | 2.95 | 2.96 | Pass |
| 6 | 1 | AC Power Controller | Yellow/Gray | 2.52 | 2.92 | 2.96 | 2.99 | 3.01 | Pass |
| 7 | 2 | Variable Autotransformer | Yellow/Gray | 2.52 | 2.91 | 2.96 | 2.99 | 3.01 | Pass |
| 8 | 2 | Variable Autotransformer | Yellow/Gray | 2.51 | 2.88 | 2.91 | 2.93 | 2.93 | Pass |
| 9 | 2 | Variable Autotransformer | Yellow/Gray | 2.54 | 2.95 | 3 | 3.03 | 3.07 | Pass |
| 10 | 2 | AC Power Controller | Yellow/Gray | 2.51 | 2.88 | 2.94 | 2.97 | 2.98 | Pass |
| 11 | 2 | AC Power Controller | Yellow/Gray | 2.51 | 2.88 | 2.93 | 2.96 | 2.98 | Pass |
| 12 | 2 | AC Power Controller | Yellow/Gray | 2.52 | 2.9 | 2.95 | 2.98 | 3.01 | Pass |

Blue/Gray Material Test Results Using 2 Power Control Methods

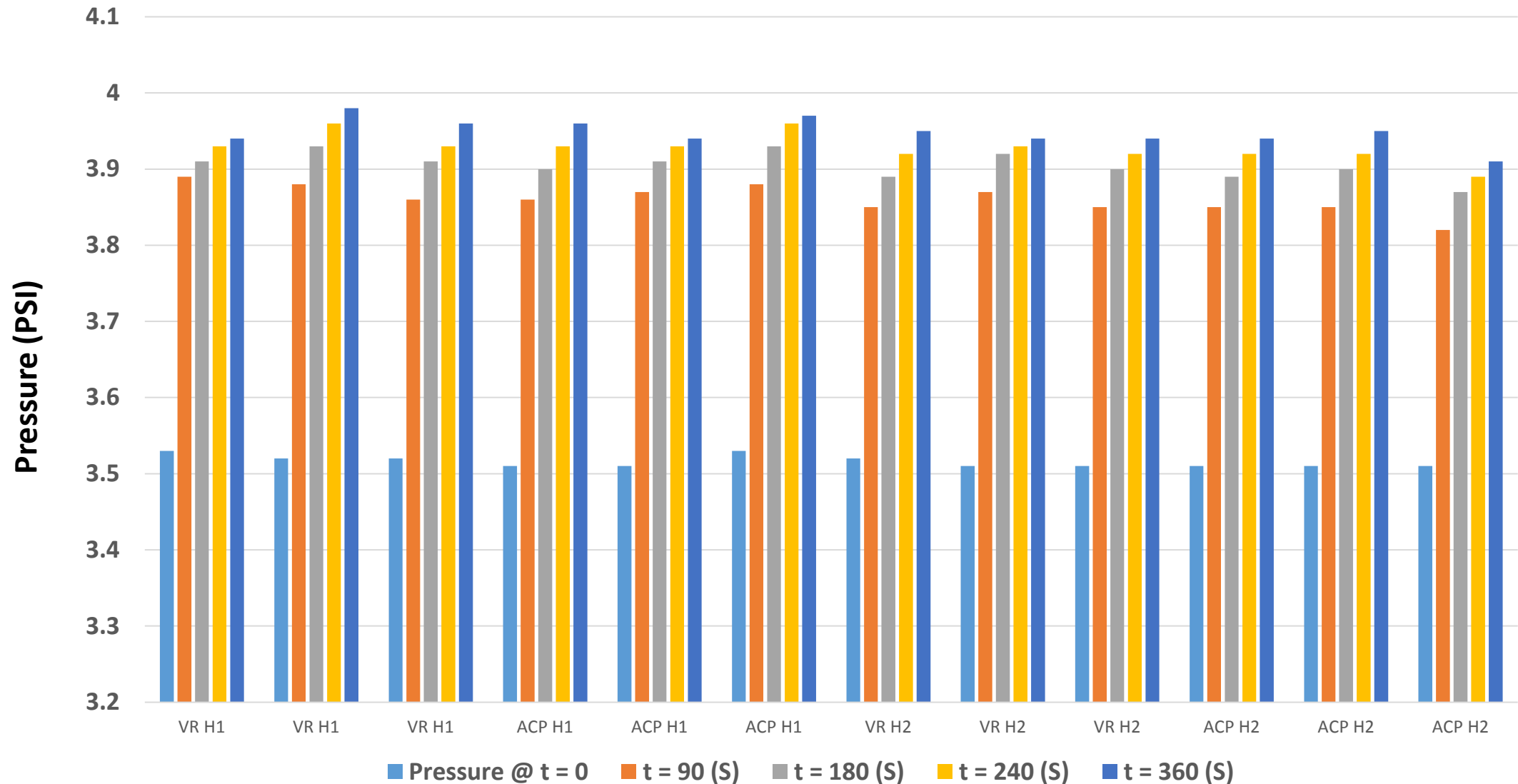


Table 2: Test Results of The Blue/Gray Material

| <i>Test #</i> | <i>Heater</i> | <i>Power controller</i> | <i>Material</i> | <i>Starting pressure (PSI)</i> | <i>Pressure at 90 seconds (PSI)</i> | <i>Pressure at 180 seconds (PSI)</i> | <i>Pressure at 240 seconds (PSI)</i> | <i>Pressure at 300 seconds (PSI)</i> | <i>Pass / Fail</i> |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Variable Autotransformer | Blue/Gray | 3.53 | 3.89 | 3.91 | 3.93 | 3.94 | Pass |
| 2 | 1 | Variable Autotransformer | Blue/Gray | 3.52 | 3.88 | 3.93 | 3.96 | 3.98 | Pass |
| 3 | 1 | Variable Autotransformer | Blue/Gray | 3.52 | 3.86 | 3.91 | 3.93 | 3.96 | Pass |
| 4 | 1 | AC Power Controller | Blue/Gray | 3.51 | 3.86 | 3.9 | 3.93 | 3.96 | Pass |
| 5 | 1 | AC Power Controller | Blue/Gray | 3.51 | 3.87 | 3.91 | 3.93 | 3.94 | Pass |
| 6 | 1 | AC Power Controller | Blue/Gray | 3.53 | 3.88 | 3.93 | 3.96 | 3.97 | Pass |
| 7 | 2 | Variable Autotransformer | Blue/Gray | 3.52 | 3.85 | 3.89 | 3.92 | 3.95 | Pass |
| 8 | 2 | Variable Autotransformer | Blue/Gray | 3.51 | 3.87 | 3.92 | 3.93 | 3.94 | Pass |
| 9 | 2 | Variable Autotransformer | Blue/Gray | 3.51 | 3.85 | 3.9 | 3.92 | 3.94 | Pass |
| 10 | 2 | AC Power Controller | Blue/Gray | 3.51 | 3.85 | 3.89 | 3.92 | 3.94 | Pass |
| 11 | 2 | AC Power Controller | Blue/Gray | 3.51 | 3.85 | 3.9 | 3.92 | 3.95 | Pass |
| 12 | 2 | AC Power Controller | Blue/Gray | 3.51 | 3.82 | 3.87 | 3.89 | 3.91 | Pass |

Mustard/Mustard Material Test Results Using 2 Power Control Methods

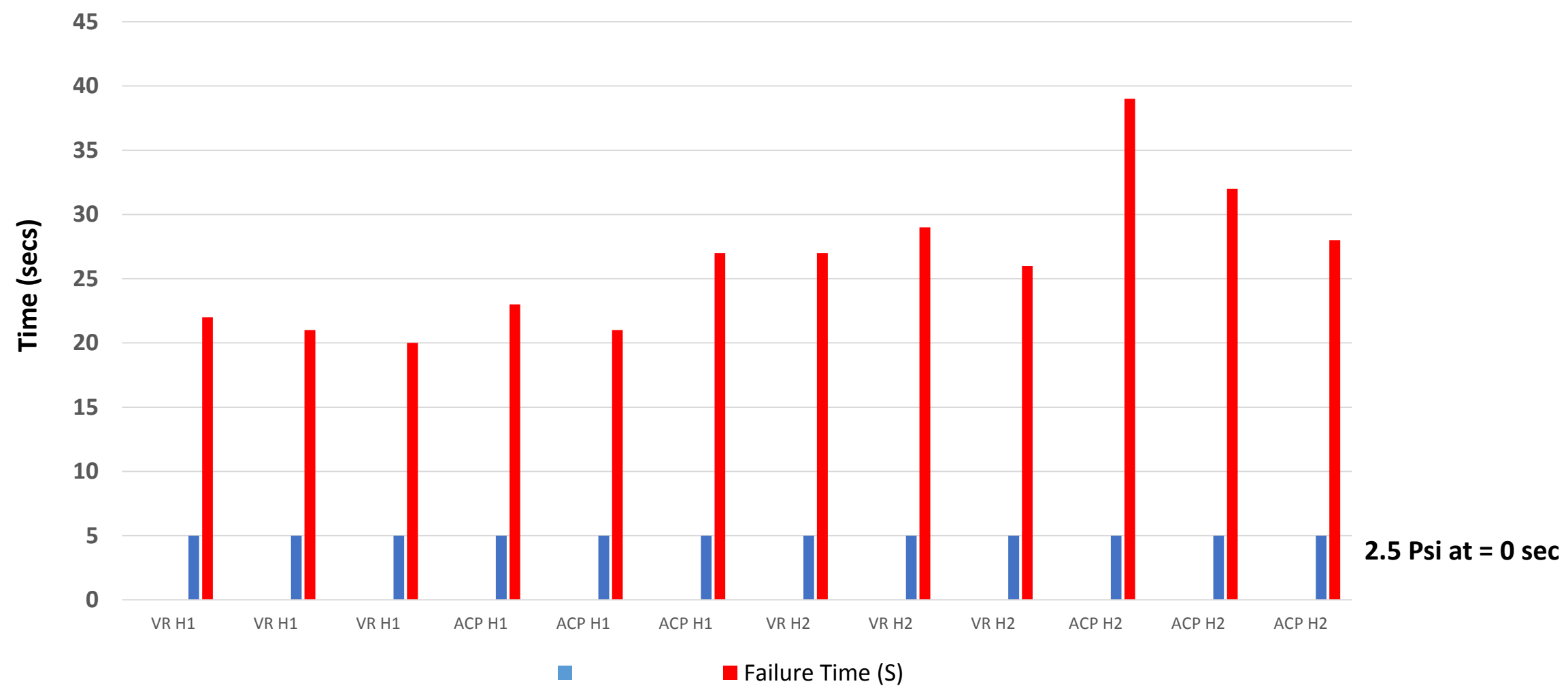


Table 3: The Test *Results* of The Mustard/Mustard Material

| <i>Test #</i> | <i>Heater</i> | <i>Power controller</i> | <i>Material</i> | <i>Starting Pressure (PSI)</i> | <i>Pressure at 90 secs (PSI)</i> | <i>Past /Fail</i> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | <i>Variable Autotransformer</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.53 | | <i>Failed at 22 secs</i> |
| 2 | 1 | <i>Variable Autotransformer</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.52 | | <i>Failed at 21 secs</i> |
| 3 | 1 | <i>Variable Autotransformer</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.52 | | <i>Failed at 20 secs</i> |
| 4 | 1 | <i>AC Power Controller</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.52 | | <i>Failed at 23 secs</i> |
| 5 | 1 | <i>AC Power Controller</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.52 | | <i>Failed at 21 secs</i> |
| 6 | 1 | <i>AC Power Controller</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.52 | | <i>Failed at 27 secs</i> |
| 7 | 2 | <i>Variable Autotransformer</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.54 | | <i>Failed at 27 secs</i> |
| 8 | 2 | <i>Variable Autotransformer</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.52 | | <i>Failed at 29 secs</i> |
| 9 | 2 | <i>Variable Autotransformer</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.54 | | <i>Failed at 26 secs</i> |
| 10 | 2 | <i>AC Power Controller</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.54 | | <i>Failed at 39 secs</i> |
| 11 | 2 | <i>AC Power Controller</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.53 | | <i>Failed at 32 secs</i> |
| 12 | 2 | <i>AC Power Controller</i> | <i>Mustard/Mustard</i> | 2.5 | | <i>Failed at 28 secs</i> |

Findings

The power input to the heater was set using The AC Power Controller (ACPC), which remained unchanged throughout the tests. The Operator doesn't need to check the power input on a monitor (automatic)

The power input to the heater may fluctuate when using the Variable Autotransformer (VR). The Operator must check the power input on the monitor during the test (manual)

The power input to the heater was programmed quickly and powered up in matter of seconds when using the AC Power Controller (ACPC)

It took some more time to achieve the power input to the heater when using the Variable Autotransformer (VR)

Conclusion

The Mustard/Mustard material failed the test when using the Variable Autotransformer (VR) and AC Power Controller (ACPC) .

The Yellow/Gray material with Gray side facing to the radiant heat passed the test when using the Variable Autotransformer (VR) and the AC Power Controller (ACPC).

The Blue/Gray material with Gray side facing to the radiant heat passed the test when using the Variable Autotransformer (VR) and the AC Power Controller (ACPC).

The Variable Autotransformer (VR) and the AC Power Controller (ACPC) were capable of being used for the tests

The radiant heater with part # 68086038000 and the radiant heater with part # 68086040400 could be accepted to be used for the slide tests.

Picture of the new AC Power Controller



Test Procedure for Variable Autotransformer and AC Power Controller

Calibration:

- *Start the radiant heater and other required instrumentation and allow 30 to 45 minutes for warm up*
- *Adjust the transformer voltage to produce an input power to the furnace in the range of 435 +/- 3 watts.*

Test Procedure:

- *Place the center expanded surface of the test specimen 2 inches in front of the center of the furnace*
- *Pressurize the cylinder with test specimen to the normal operating pressure. Rotate the pressure cylinder with the test specimen in front of the radiant heat furnace and simultaneously start the timer.*
- *Record time (in seconds) to the first observed pressure loss.*
- *Each specimen must maintain the correct pressure for a minimum of 180 seconds to pass the test.*
- *Note:* *2 solid coil Heaters are acceptable to be used as Radiant Heat that are :*
- *Heater: (part # 68086038000) , the distance from the coil to the face of furnace must be 1.50 inches*
- *Heater (part # = 68086040400), the distance from the coil to the face of furnace must be 1.625 inches*