



Insensitive Munition Solutions for Anti-Structure Munition Grenade

by

Carl J. Campagnuolo, Vincent Gonsalves, Gerard Eilert,
William Cardenas and
William J. Andrews

USSOCOM

53rd Annual Fuze Conference
May 19-21, 2009



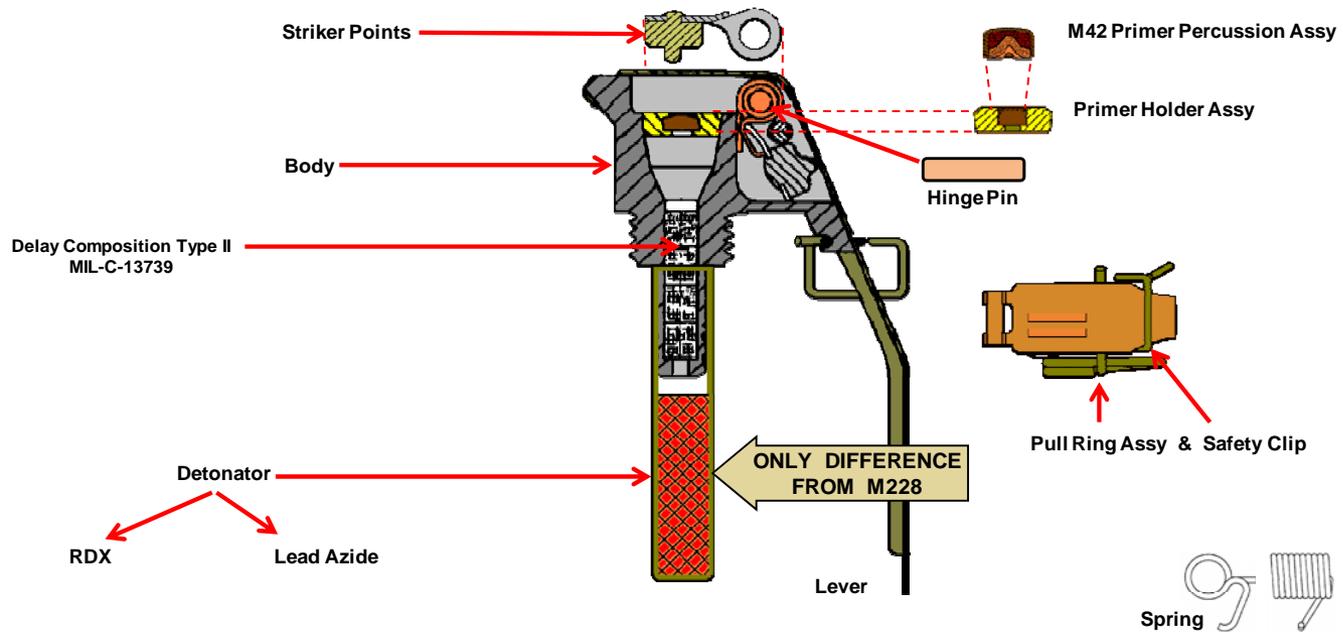
Grenades



M67 and ASM Grenades



M213 HE Hand Grenade Fuze





IM Test Results



- ❑ The current design fails all IM tests. This is primarily due to the sensitive energetics in the M213 Fuze (C70 Detonator).

IM Test Summary For M67 Hand Grenade							
Component	H/C	FCO	SCO	BI	FI	SD	SCJ
M67	1.1	I	I	I	I	I	(F)

* Reactions shown in Parenthesis () are assessed, not based on actual test scores

- Type VI: No Reaction
- Type V: Burn
- Type IV: Deflagration
- Type III: Explosion
- Type II: Partial Detonation
- Type I: Detonation

- FCO: Fast Cook-off
- SCO: Slow Cook-off
- BI: Bullet Impact
- FI: Fragment Impact
- SD: Sympathetic Detonation
- SCJ: Shaped Charge Jet

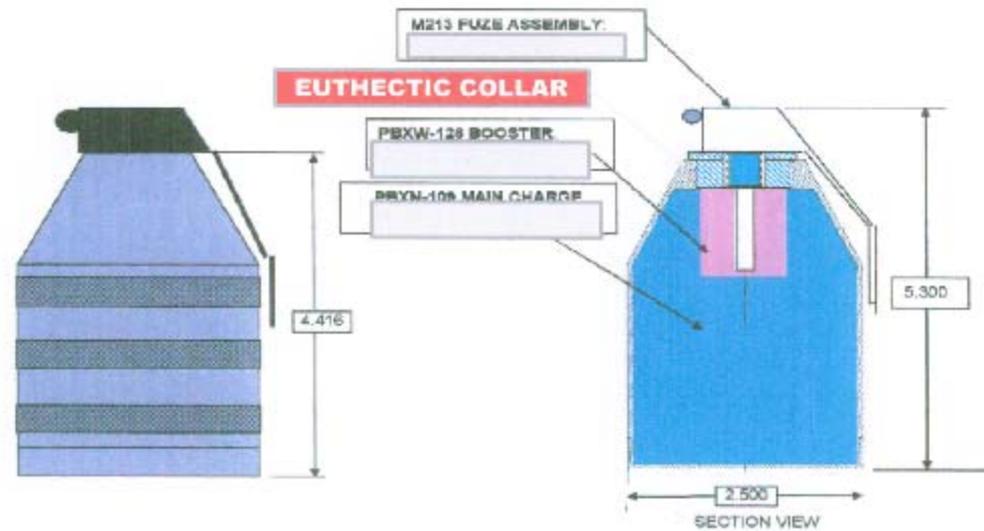


How to Solve the Problem

- Remove the fuze during SCO and FCO by replacing the fuze adapter with a eutectic metal that melts at about 240° F. Let the pressure from the burning PBXN-109 push the fuze out.
- This technique can be used for both the M67 and the ASM Grenade.
- The Comp B fill for the M67 Grenade must be replaced by an insensitive explosive such as PBXN-109, which burns rather than explode (as the ASM Grenade).
- Replace C70 Detonator in the fuze with a secondary explosive, i.e., PBXN-5. Secondary explosives burn rather than explode.

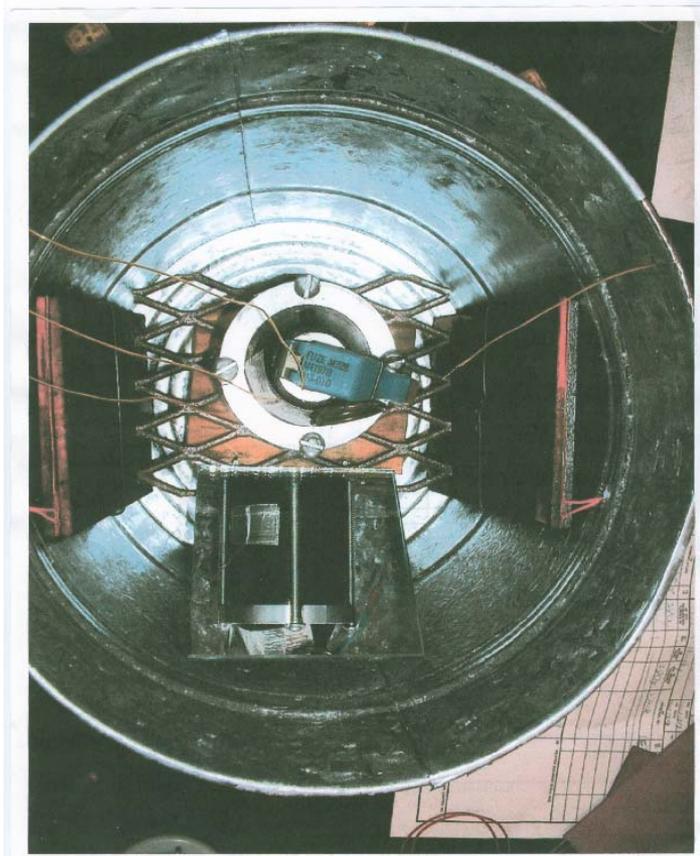


ASM Grenade

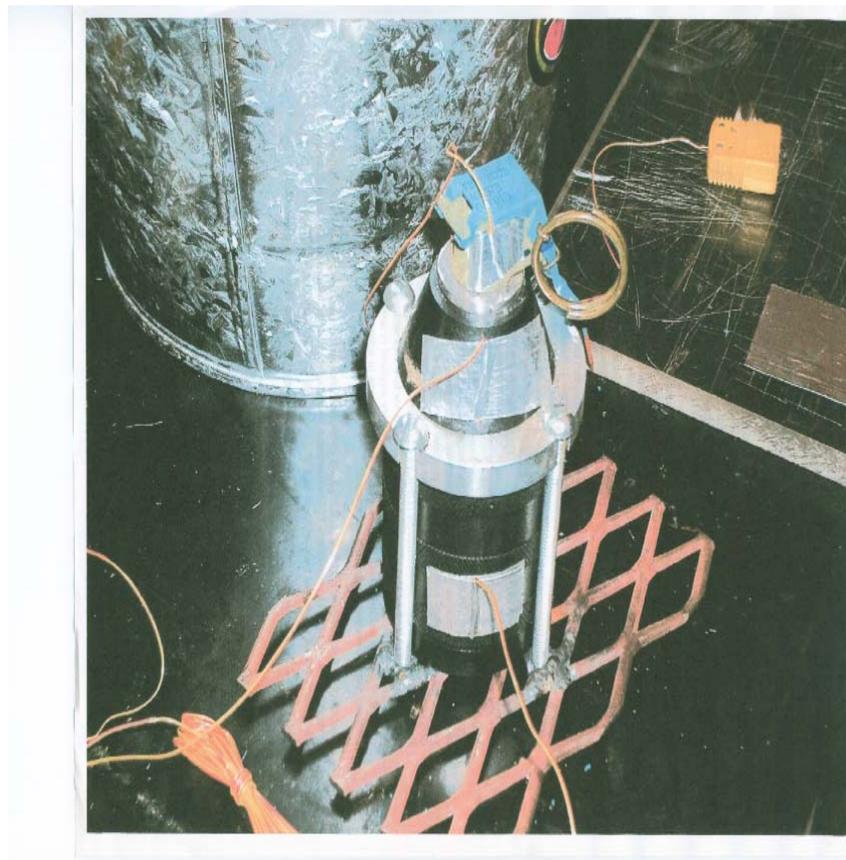




ASM Grenade, Slow Cook Off Test with M228 Fuze



ASM GRENADE SCO Test
M228 Fuze



ASM GRENADE SCO M228
Fuze Test Set Up

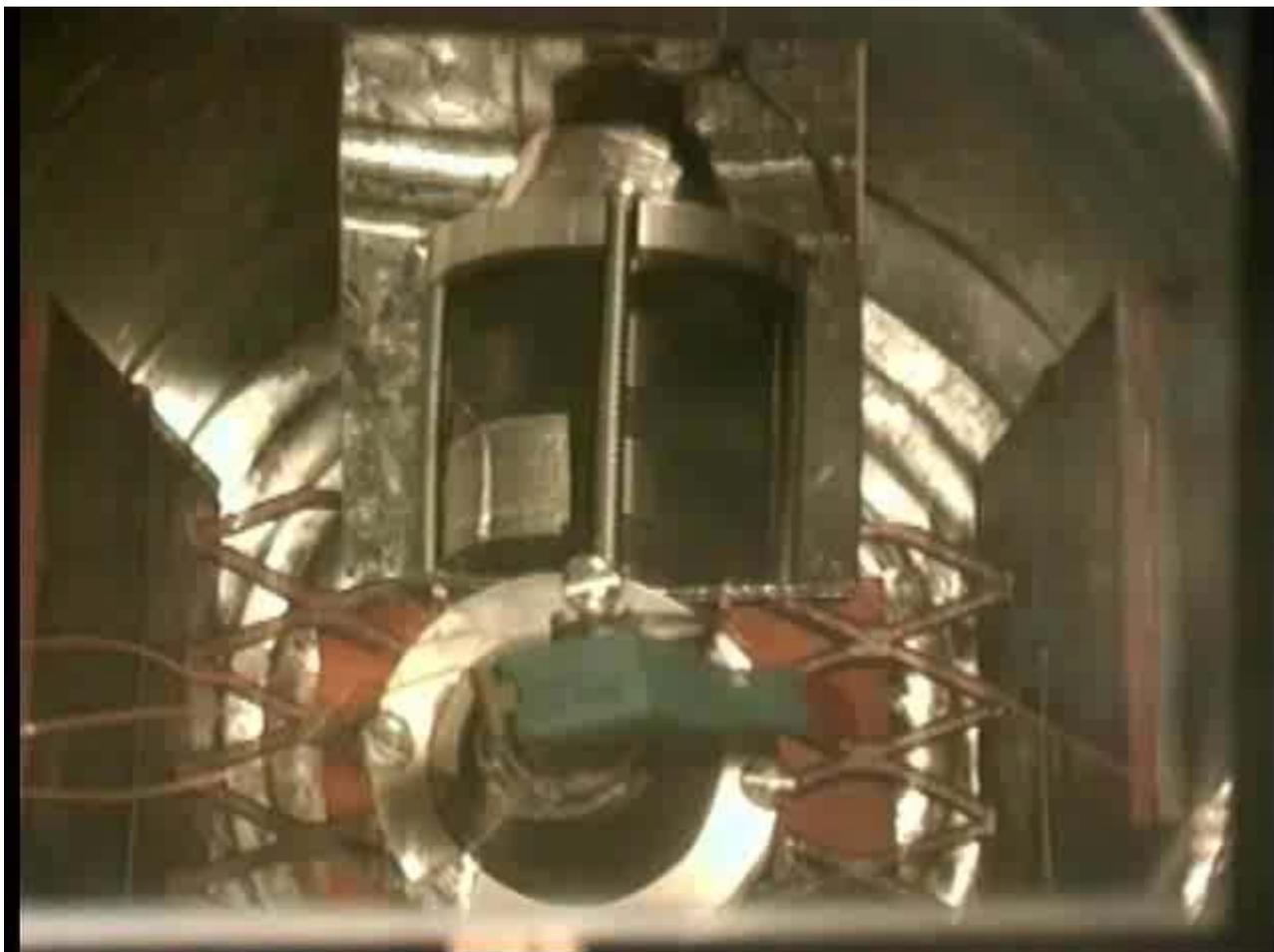


Post SCO Test, ASM Grenade M228 Fuze





Slow Cook Off ASM Grenade M228 Fuze



Event Video

M67 Hand Grenade



Introduction

- M67 Hand Grenade not IM compatible
- Contains large quantities of lead based materials (primary explosives)
- Single Point Failure





M67 Slow Cook Off Test M228 Fuze



Event Video



SCO Test ASM Grenade, M213 Fuze

Post Test Fuze



Post Test Fuze Ejected from the Grenade



Slow Cook Off M67 Grenade, M213 Fuze Post Test



Fuze Ejected from the Grenade



Fast Cook Off ASM Grenade, M228 Fuze Post Test



Fuze Ejected from the Grenade

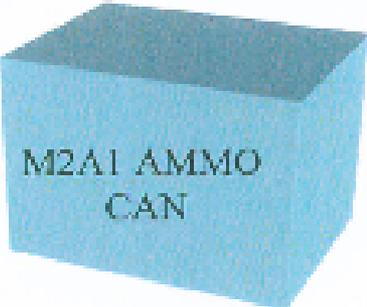
ASM Grenade Container



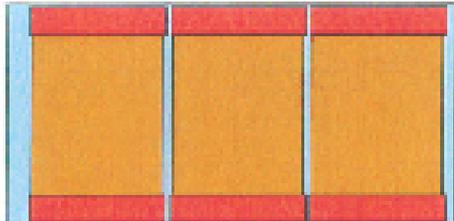
6-PACK CONFIGURATION



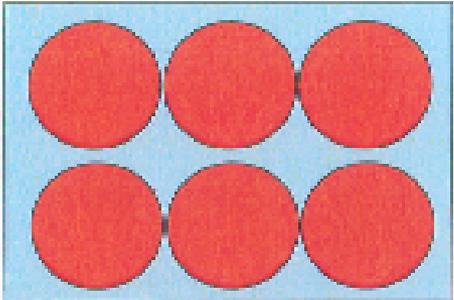
UNCLASSIFIED



M2A1 AMMO
CAN



top view



side view

Dunnage (bubble wrap, cellulose wadding and/or anti-static polyethylene foam) will fill voids around cardboard tubes and at top, bottom and sides of ammo cans. In this configuration, as shown in "top view," cap plugged ends of tubes will be in direct contact with side walls of ammo can.

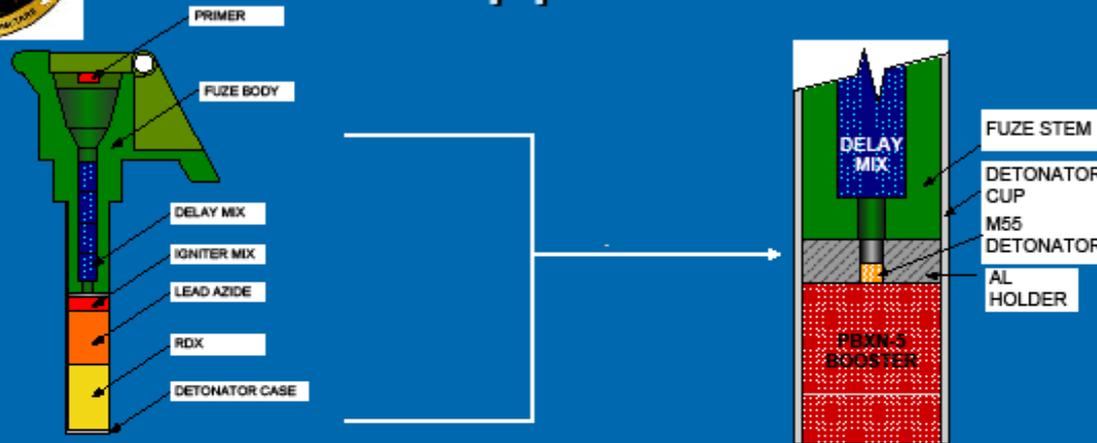
UNCLASSIFIED

5

From 2008 Fuze Conference, G. Chang



Approach



➤ M55 Detonator to Booster

- Reduced quantity of lead azide and lead styphnate
 - Improve Safety
- Single point failure issue resolved



Fuze Column Improvement

