



Baseplate Testing

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Load Testing of Common Baseplate & Target Cart



- **CERN Safety Commission voiced concerns regarding analysis performed on common baseplate design**
- **Load test performed on structures to verify strength and test adjusting mechanisms**
- **Estimated component weights**
 - Magnet: 12000 lbs (5440 kg)
 - Hg system (with 23liters Hg): 4000 lbs (1810 kg)
- **Test weights**
 - Magnet: 13600 lbs (6170 kg) = 113% estimated weight
 - Hg system: 4500 lbs (2040 kg) = 113% estimated weight

In Nominal Test Position

- Baseplate tilt $\sim 66\text{mrad}$
- Elevation matches CAD models



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Operational Testing

- Lifting jacks and lateral position adjustment mechanisms tested



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Roller Testing

- Loaded baseplate pushed with pallet jack while on three Hilman rollers



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Leveling Jack Testing

- Baseplate adequately supported by four leveling jacks



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Conclusions

- **MERIT Common Baseplate has been successfully tested with 113% expected loading**
- **All adjustment mechanisms successfully tested**
- **Structural design verified and will be presented to CERN Safety Commission at next review**