

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

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In Nominal Test Position

- Baseplate tilt ~ 66mrad
- Elevation matches CAD models



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Operational Testing



Lifting jacks and lateral position adjustment mechanisms tested



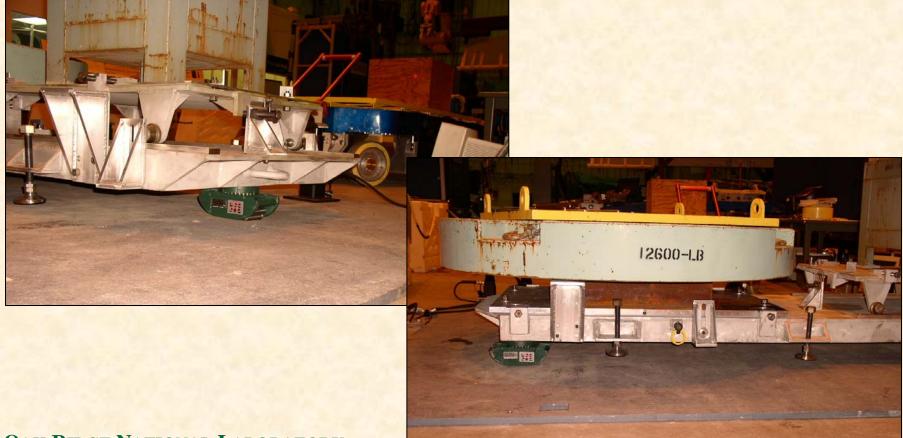


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Roller Testing



 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