


URBAN RAIL RAPID TRANSIT: The State-of-the-Art Cars are designed to operate on urban rail rapid transit systems. These systems are characterized by: Heavy passenger volumes (up to 30,000 people per hour) - Frequent stops (stations as close as $1 / 2$ mile apart in central cities to several miles in suburbs) . Exclusive right-of-way (no grade crossings) - Steel rails (usually standard gauge) . Electric power (usually 600 volts direct current) - Multiple-unit operation (trains up to 12 cars)


Currently, six U.S. metropolitan areas have rail rapid transit systems: Boston - Chicago - Cleveland ■ New York ■ Philadelphia ■ San Francisco. In addition, Washington, D.C. is building a new rail rapid transit system, and many cities such as Atlanta, Baltimore and Buffalo are planning new systems.

The existing rail rapid transit systems carry over two billion passengers annually or $1 / 3$ of all mass transit riders in the U.S. These systems operate approximately 10,000 rapid transit cars over 500 route miles.


URBAN RAPID RAIL VEHICLE AND SYSTEMS PROGRAM
AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DIRECTED TOWARDS IMPROVING URBAN RAPID RAIL SYSTEMS
Objective:
ENHANCE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF RAIL RAPID TRANSIT BY PROVIDING EXISTING AND PROPOSED SYSTEMS WITH SERVICE THAT IS: COMFORTABLE ECONOMICAL

- RELIABLE SAFE


## Goals:

SHORT RANGE:
DEMONSTRATE THE STATE-OF-THE-ART IN RAPID RAIL VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY LONG RANGE:
DEVELOP AND DEMONSTRATE ADVANCED RAPID RAIL VEHICLES


SUMMARY OF PROGRAM TASKS
DEVELOP TEST AND EVALUATE STATE-OF-THE-ART CARS (SOAC) - BASELINE

DEVELOP TEST AND EVALUATE ADVANCED CONCEPT TRAIN (ACT I) - THE NEXT GENERATION

DEVELOP TEST AND EVALUATE ALTERNATE ADVANCED CONCEPT SUBSYSTEMS - SELECTED COMPONENT IMPROVEMENTS

REVIEW TESTING OF BART PROTOTYPE TRANSIT CARS TO INCORPORATE APPROPRIATE IMPROVEMENTS INTO SOAC, ACT I AND SUBSYSTEMS

## SOAC FEATURES



THE STATE-OF-THE-ART CAR: THE STATE-OF-THE-ART CAR (SOAC) HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO DEMONSTRATE THE OPTIMUM IN CURRENT TECHNOLOGY. IT REPRESENTS TODAY'S BEST AVAILABLE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW IN RAIL RAPID VEHICLE DEVELOPMENT. IT SERVES AS A NEW STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AND ATTRACTIVENESS IN URBAN RAIL RAPID TRANSPORTATION. THIS TECHNOLOGY IS AVAILABLE TODAY, OFFERING MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENTS IN MOVING PEOPLE.



TOP
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NUMBER 2 END OF CAR


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(FIG. 1) SOAC Interior Noise Levels

(FIG. 2) SOAC Wayside Noise Levels


Special emphasis has been placed on the control of interior and wayside noise of the SOAC vehicles. As may be seen in Figure 1 the interior SOAC noise level is considerably less than that experienced on present in-service cars and is better than the noise goal specified. The quiet interior was achieved without additional cost or weight by considering noise reduction as a factor during the design and construction of the car.
As may be seen in Figure 2 the SOAC cars also produce less wayside noise than most cars now in service.



The SOAC cars, each carrying 100 passengers are capable of reaching 80 mph in less than 60 seconds. Braking from 80 mph can be achieved with any of the three brake systems (blended-dynamic/air, dynamic only, air only) in less than 2000 feet. Yet, the acceleration/ deceleration rates are well within the limits of passenger comfort, contributing to the excellent ride quality of the cars.


SOAC Ride Quality

## RIDE QUALITY

The improved truck and suspension system design, incorporating rubber chevrons and air bags have achieved a ride quality as good or better than any other rail transit car. Values are shown above. These values are based on measurements taken on the Rail Transit Test Track which consists of variations of welded and jointed rails, concrete and wooden ties, and different tie spacing. Values are defined in terms of acceleration vs. frequency and are compared to constant vertical and lateral comfort design goals.


## SOAC INTERIOR DESIGN

THE STATE-OF-THE-ART CARS ARE ORIENTED TOWARDS PEOPLE. THEIR DESIGN REPRESENTS THE BEST IN COMFORTABLE, QUIET, AND APPEALING PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION. THEIR STYLING MAKES USE OF PRACTICAL AND EYE-APPEALING MATERIALS AND COLORS.

THE LOW DENSITY AND HIGH DENSITY SEATING ARRANGEMENTS SELECTED FOR the two cars are typical of the variety of seating patterns avallable TO meet the demands of varying passenger preference and ridership REQUIREMENTS.


THE ONE-PIECE MOLDED FIBERGLASS SEATS ARE FITTED WITH UPHOLSTERED CUSHIONS AND ARE DESIGNED FOR MAXIMUM COMFORT. SEAT MATERIALS ARE READILY CLEANABLE AND RESISTANT TO VANDALISM. CUSHIONS ARE EASILY REPLACED IF REQUIRED.

FROM THE FULLY CARPETED FLOORS TO THE PLEASING LINES OF THE CEILING THESE CARS DEMONSTRATE THE BEST OF TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY IN MAKING MASS TRANSPORTATION A PLEASANT AND COMFORTABLE INTERLUDE FOR THE COMMUTER.



## SOAC PROPULSION SYSTEM



Designed for Increased Efficiency, Smooth Operation, Improved Reliability and Reduced Maintenance.

- Motors: Four truck-mounted 175 hp (continuous rating) separately excited field, fully-compensated DC motors. Constant flow forced air motor ventilation.
- Drive: Double reduction, helical gears partially immersed with supplemental directed flow lubrication and elastomermetal coupling.
- Control: Solid-state chopper utilizing thyristors to vary voltage from power source to the motors and incorporating speed maintaining systems.
- Dynamic Braking: Utilizing motors as generators to provide smooth retardation from maximum speeds down to zero.
- Friction Braking: Pneumatic tread brakes capable of providing full emergency braking with electro-pneumatic analog control.


SOAC TRUCKS AND SUSPENSION: Designed for improved ride quality and reduced noise.

Lightweight cast alloy steel truck. 14,000 lbs.

Truck frame isolated from axles by rubber CHEVRON primary springs.

Air bellows control car body leveling and provide car body to truck isolation.



SOAC HVAC SYSTEM: Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning: Designed for all-season passenger comfort. . Two independent 8-ton air-conditioning systems, each separately controlled by its own temperature control panel and thermostats. $75^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ maximum interior temperature maintained over an outside temperature range of $-15^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $105^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. 1800 cubic feet of fresh air circulated per minute. © Smaller size alternating current motors resulting in lighter weight and improved reliability.

## SOAC AUXILIARY POWER:

Single Shaft D.C. Motor-Alternator:

- Provides 230 volt 60 cycle 3 -phase alternating current
- Self-ventilated
- Automatic load shedding and restart

All Car Auxiliaries Powered by Alternating Current:

- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
- Air compressor
- Equipment ventilation fans
- Battery charger
- Lights
- Other miscellaneous equipment

Use of Alternating Current Results In:

- Smaller size motors
- Lower cost
- Improved reliability
- Reduced maintenance
- Lower weight



SOAC TESTING: SOAC system tests were accomplished on the Urban Mass Transportation Administration's Rail Transit Test Track at the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's High Speed Ground Test Center in Pueblo, Colorado. The Test Track consists of an electrified 9.1 mile oval with variations in curve, grade, and track characteristics. System tests included the measurement of speed, acceleration, braking, noise levels, ride quality and radio frequency interference. Functional tests were made of operating characteristics, safety and emergency systems.
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## SOAC OPERATIONAL TEST and EVALUATION:

Operation of the STATE-OF-THE-ART CARS on existing rapid transit systems allows firsthand evaluation of current technology by transit and public officials, the business community and the riding public. The chart below indicates the city, transit operator and routes where SOAC will be operated.

| City | Operator | Line |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York | New York City Transit <br> Authority (NYCTA) | 6th Ave. <br> 8th Ave. <br> (Others) |
| Boston | Massachusetts Bay <br> Transportation <br> Authority (MBTA) | Cambridge- <br> Dorchester/ <br> Quincy |
| Philadelphia | Southeastern <br> Pennsylvania <br> Transportation <br> Authority (SEPTA) | Broad street |
| Cleveland | Cleveland Transit <br> System (CTS) | Windermere- <br> Airport |
| Chicago | Chicago Transit <br> Authority (CTA) | Skokie Swift |



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