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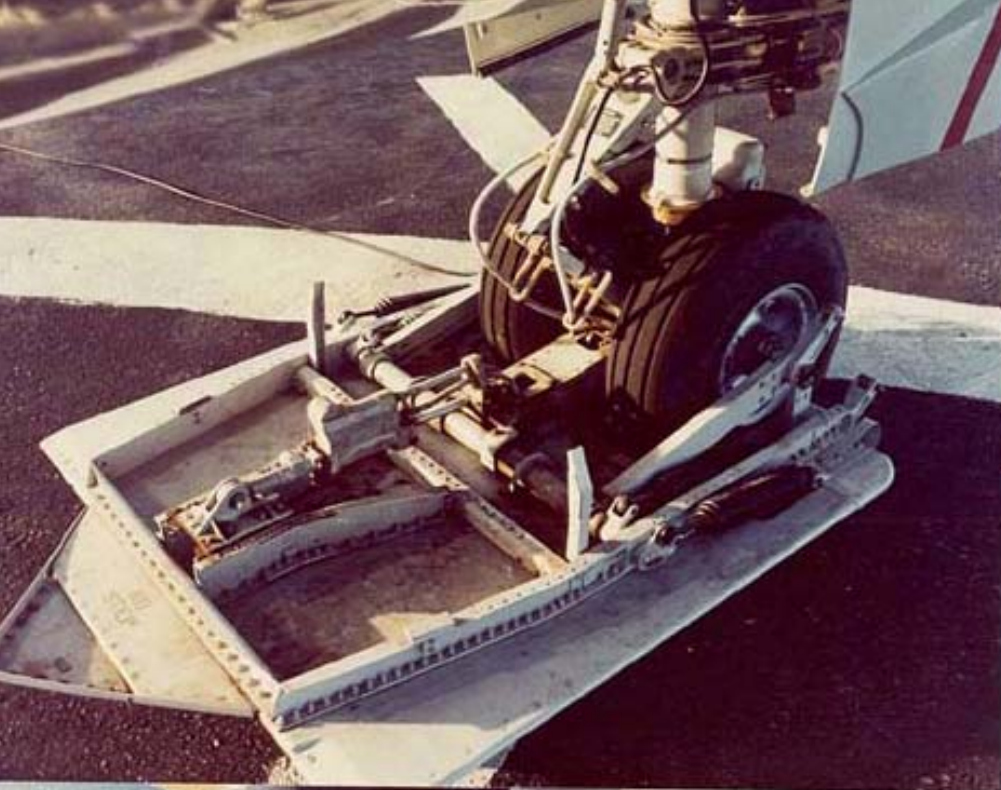
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Transport Canada/Boeing Gravel Runway Penetrometer Seminar

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High Load Penetrometer Document

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INTRODUCTION

Paragraph 3:

.....Its advantages are: accuracy, convenience, versatility, speed of use, ~~and it can be operated by untrained personnel.~~

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Penetrometer Seminar Agenda

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- **Location - Yellowknife**
- **Date - October 14, 2010**
- **Class agenda**
 - 1-2 hours indoors classroom
 - 6-8 hours outdoors hands on experience
- **Video recorded for future users**
- **Certificate of participation**

Acknowledgements

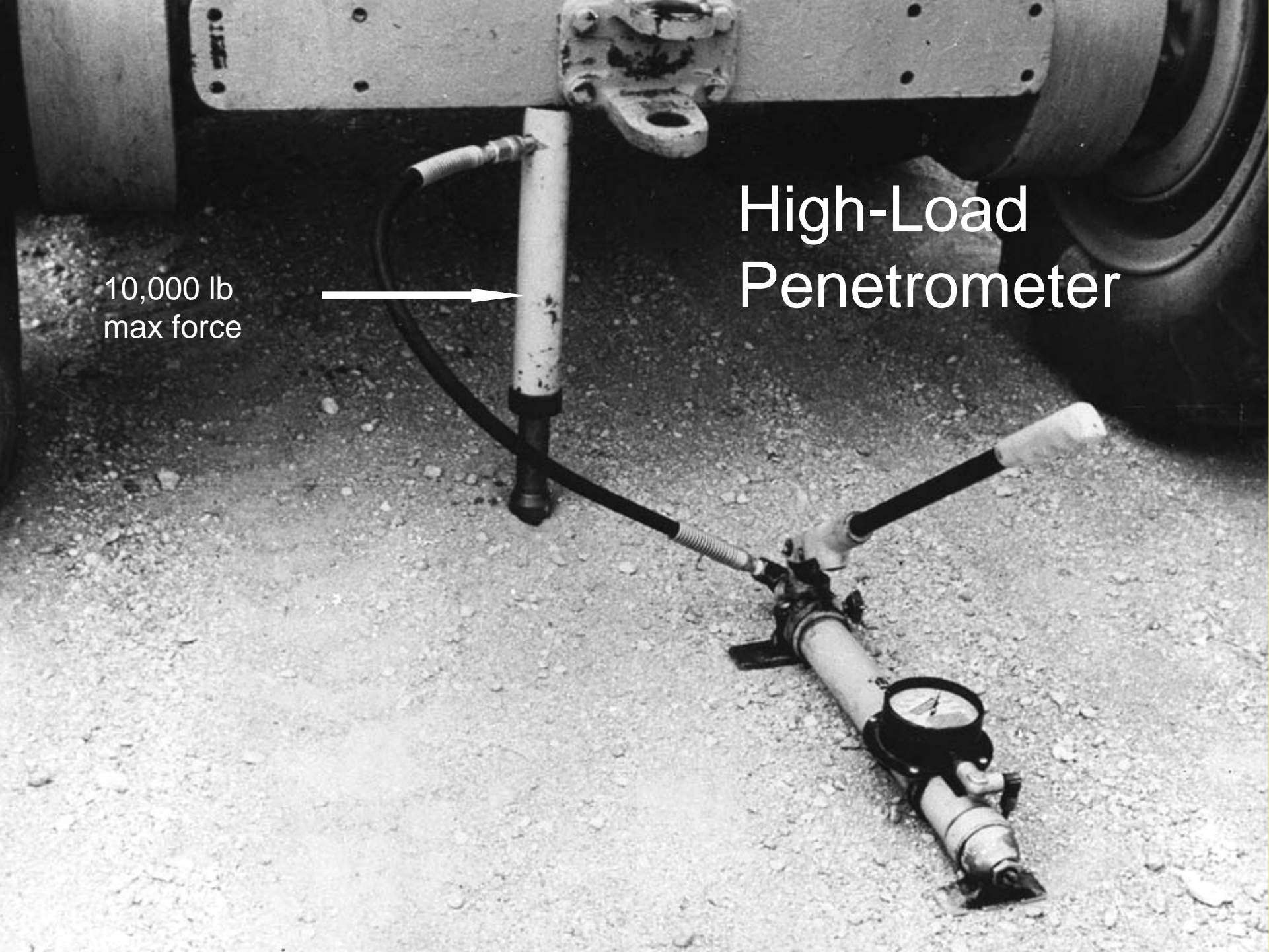
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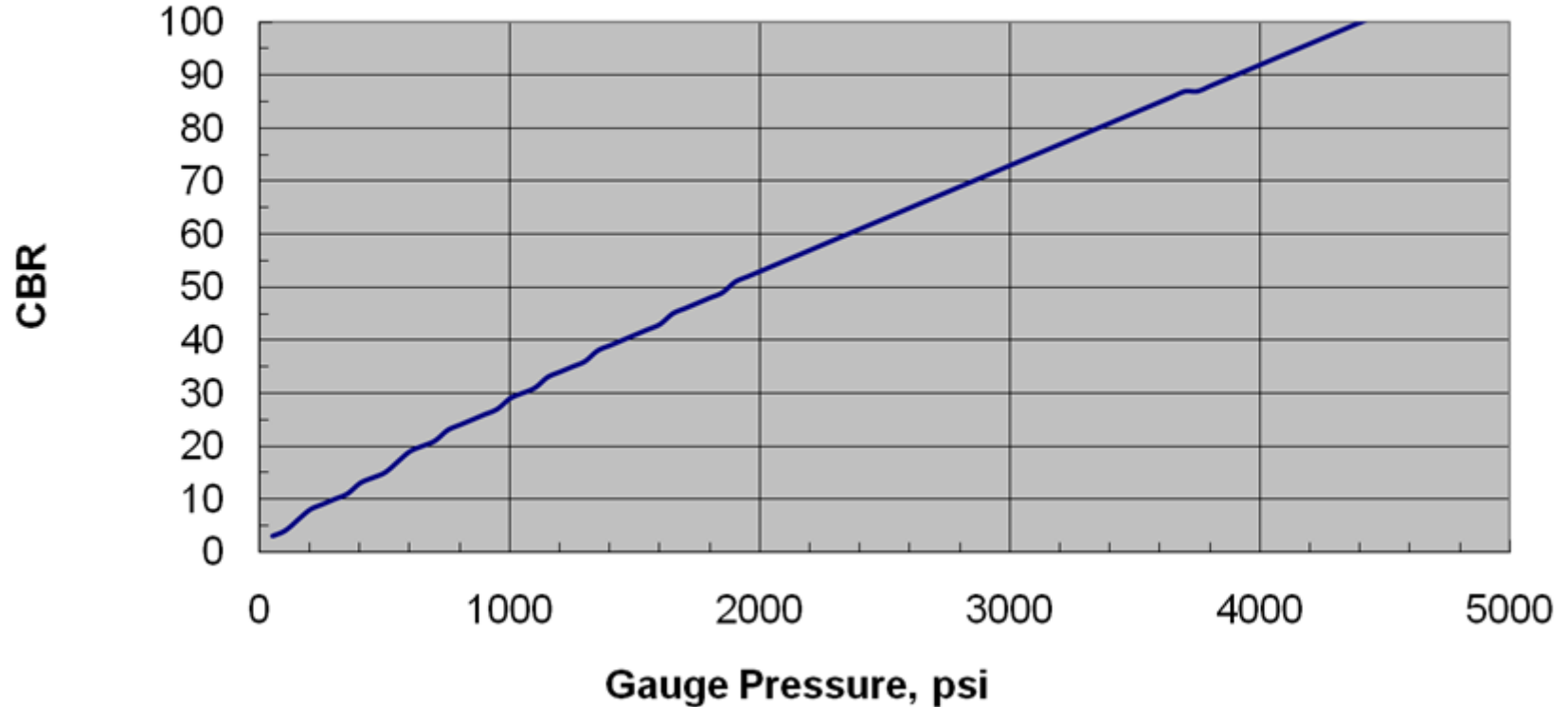
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Gauge Pressure vs. CBR

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High-Load Penetrometer CBR



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PSI	CBR	PSI	CBR	PSI	CBR
50	2	1250	34	2450	61
100	3	1300	35	2500	62
150	4	1350	36	2550	63
200	6	1400	38	2600	64
250	8	1450	39	2650	65
300	9	1500	40	2700	66
400	11	1600	42	2800	68
800	23	2000	52	3200	76
2100	54	3300	78	4500	101

Example Gravel Runway

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Location: Rankin Outlet

Elevation: 450'

Apron:

Size:

Condition: good

Runway: 13/31

Length: 5000'

Width: 160' to lights

Shoulders: 75'

Lighting: edge, threshold

Roughness: short wave

Drainage: good crown

Material: silty sand some clay

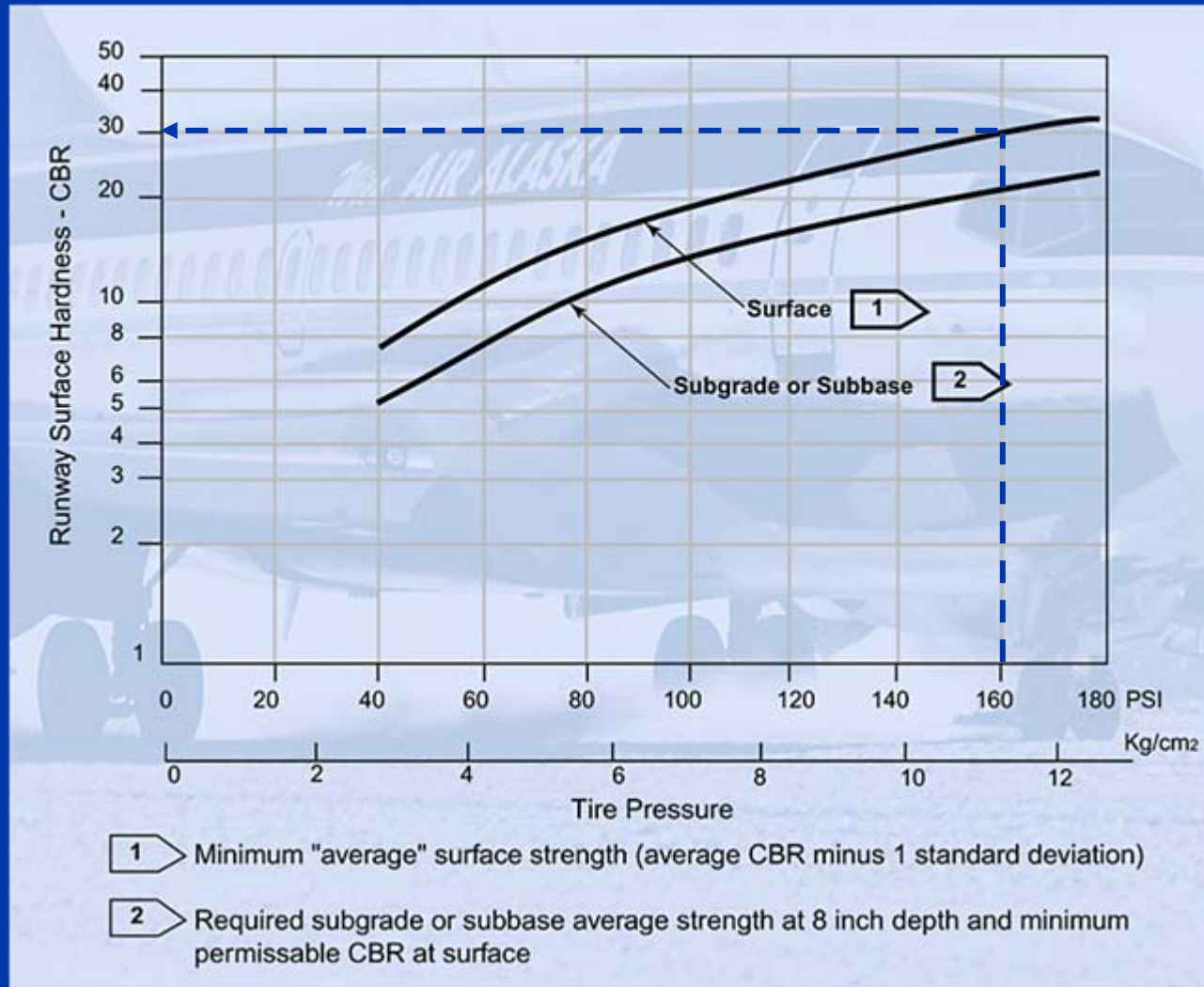
Test results

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PENETROMETER DATA			
DEPTH:	4"	7"	10"
#	psi	psi	psi
1	1050	1900	2700
2	1400	2500+	
3	1650	2500+	
4	1000	1400	slid off rock
5	1500	2100	
6	1050	1100	
7	1400	2100	
8	400	800	1150
30	1900	1850	

Unpaved Runway Hardness Requirements

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Calculation

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Surface:

Average = 1600 psi

Std Dev = 250

Avg less std dev = 1350 psi

CBR = 36

Tire pressure = 160 psi

Required CBR = 30

Base:

Average = 1600 psi

Std Dev = 350

Avg less std dev = 1250 psi

CBR = 34

Tire pressure = 160 psi

Required CBR = 20

Flight Manual Requirements

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- 1. Construction Specs**
- 2. Surface Requirements**
- 3. Surface Maintenance**
- 4. Airplane Operation**

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1. Runway Construction

- Uniform covering of gravel
 - No areas of deep, loose gravel deficient in fines
 - No surface stones greater than 2.5 inches (6 cm) in diameter
- Well compacted
- Surface material must be at least 6 inches thick

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2. Surface Requirements

- California Bearing Ratio of 30 (35 for 727) as measured with the Boeing High-load Penetrometer
- The subbase strength at a depth of 8 inches below the runway surface shall demonstrate a CBR of 20 (25 for 727)
- Field surface condition and bearing strength test examination for each gravel runway

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3. Runway Maintenance

- Kept graded smooth
- Free from ruts and standing water
- Facilitate surface water drainage (good crown)
- No areas of deep loose gravel deficient in fines

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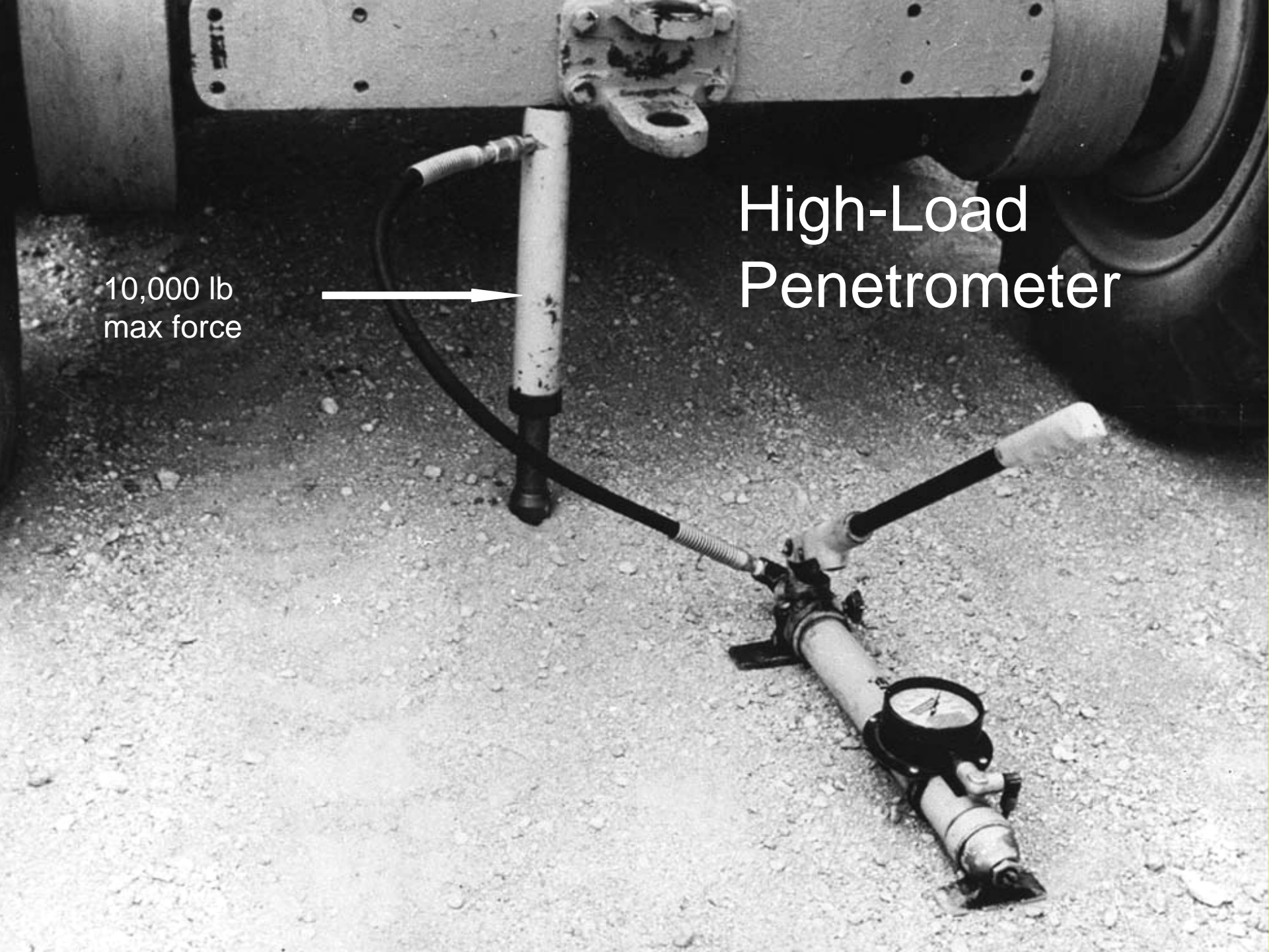
4. Airplane Operations

- Takeoff and landing length penalties apply
- No reverse thrust (737)
- Pilot must ensure that vortex dissipator outlets are clear (737)
- Avoid abrupt turns at low speeds

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Penetrometer Maintenance

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- Wipe off shaft after every use
- Use provided ejector
- Calibrate periodically
- Hydraulic fluid levels



Certificate Of Participation

Transport Canada and the Boeing Company would like to acknowledge that


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Gravel Runway Penetrometer Training

October 14, 2010 at Yellowknife, NWT, Canada

Authorized Signature



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737 Gravel Runway Requirements
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