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nis value was obtained by making extensive assumptions and corrections to the wind-tunnel data. The procedures used are open to considerable doubt, particularly asconcerns momentum and base drags. This will be discussed in more detail under the internal flow comments.

Trim drag for this design at supersonic speeds should be low compared to conventional arrangements since the aerodynamic center nearly coincides with the center of gravity at the geometrical center of the airplane. Values of trimmed L/D-max for current supersonic designs at the same Mach number (M = 2) are in the order, of 3.5 to 4.5. Assuming that the zero lift drag measurements were as much as 100% in error because of questionable assumptions and data reduction procedures, the max L/D for the AVRO design would still be 4.5. It is concluded, herefore, that the max L/D max of the 1794 configuration should be at least equal to that of the best conventional xing ximus designs. Apparently, although the circular wing itself is not as good as the conventional wing alone, the additional drag items such as fuselage, tail surfaces, etc. are sufficiently detrimental to conventional designs to reduce the L/D max to less than 1/2 of the wing lone values whereas the 1794 design does not suffer as badly with the addition of only the inlet islands. It should be noted that because of the low wing loading inherent with this type of design that the high L/D can be obtained only at very high altitudes.

Subsonic L/D has not been evaluated but would undoubtedly be very poor f(x) compared to conventional arrangements due to the low aspect ratio f(x).

ft sto values of approximately 2.5 at 35,000/and M = 2.0 have been estimated for this design. These values are slightly higher than current afterburning engines and offer no potential in this area. The higher values are due mainly to lower tailpipe temperatures and should be roughly comparable to conventional engines at the same exhaust temperature.





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The manner in which the engine is arranged in this vehicle is such that a large percentage of the internal volume is used for the engine. With the horizontal fan arrangement, large engine mass flows can be handled for less frontal area than required for conventional ducted fan engines. The structural unit wing weight is estimated to be some 20% lower than conventional wings because of the circular arrangement and distributed weight. The result is that thrust/weight ratio should be very high compared to normal arrangements. It is felt that this factor is the one outstanding advantage that this design has as a supersonic vehicle and should permit much better altitude capability than is possible with normal designs. Contractor's erformance estimates (unvalidated) indicate ceilings of over 85,000 ft, at M = 2.0. With the crude nature of data available, a quantitative performance evaluation is not possible. The altitude capability, however, appears to be in right order of magnitude.

D. VICE Capability

The large thrust/weight ratio permits VTOL capability. The ground cushion effect wherin lift is actually greater than thrust has been demonstrated on a model basis and is considered realistic.

In summary, this type of design is considered comparable to contemperary arrangements as concerns supersonic L/D ratio and specific fuel consumption and superior in thrust/weight ratio. as an aircraft, then, it should have comparable range potential, higher altitude and speed capability plus the horizontal VFOL feature. overall, it is considered to represent, potentially, a sizeable step forward in state of the art.

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The AVRO design, although sound in concept from a mechanics standpoint, poses some rather severe development problems and requires that certain currently accepted





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design principles be revised. The two major development problems (aside from the propulsion unit which is not treated here) are expected to be the artificial stability and control and the internal flow systems.

Conventional design practice to date has not accepted the complete artificial stability concept for man carrying vehicles. Assuming, however, that this change in philosophy is acceptable, it is envisioned that a major effort will be required on stability to satisfy the entire flight regime. It must be recognized that detail problems may evolve during development that cannot be solved in a practical manner page 8. See packed yellow these for FbK and a major factor in the performance capability of this design is the efficiency of the internal flow system - inlet, diffuser, jet exit and the external drag considerations associated with these items. Although AVRO Report 22 indicates a fairly optimistic picture of the internal flow considerations, detail examination of the data raises several questions.

- (1) The determination of the inlet ram drag is in question because of the rather severe pressure distributions at the measuring station during some of the runs. Reverse flow in one of the inlets is also a possibility for some of the runs. Errors in inlet mass flow cause errors in the aircraft drag..
- (2.) Although no data are presented to show the inlet capture area ratio.

 it appears that the maximum capture area ratio of the tests is considerably below

 the estimated value. The accuracy of the inlet spillage drag is therefore in question.

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without external airflow. This method might yield considerable error.

Whether or not the internal flow problems can be solved in a reasonable manner cannot be definitely ascertained at this time. Considerable detail testing will be required particularly as regards inlet pressure recovery and losses in the labynrinth type diffuser. Here again, as in the case for stability and control, detail problems may arise that cannot be solved in a practical manner even though the fundamental concept is sound.

The success of the 1794 configuration is dependent to a large extent upon its relative aerodynamic cleanliness. Addition of any protuberance or external stores would be expected to have large detrimental effects on the supersonic L/D. To consideration has been given to arrangent, equipment or external fuel capacity as yet. If these items must be carried externally because of the limited available internal volume, performance potential would suffer. Downward visibility, with the present arrangement, is post and a perison will robebly be recessary.

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B. The major questionable development areas are stability and control and internal flow. The feasibility of the 1794 at roach will hinge, to a large extent, on the successful resolution of the problems in these areas.

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should be carried on during the early planning stages to eliminate costly changes later				
If the noise level in the aircraft is high enough it may cause structural failure,				
equipment malfunction, and be injurious to the occupants. It is therefore recommended				
that noise estimates be made and steps be taken to qualify the structure and equipment				
for reliable operation. Also steps should be taken to insure that the cockpit noise				
level is within the requirements set forth in Part A, Chapter 5, Section 7.1 of HIAD,				
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