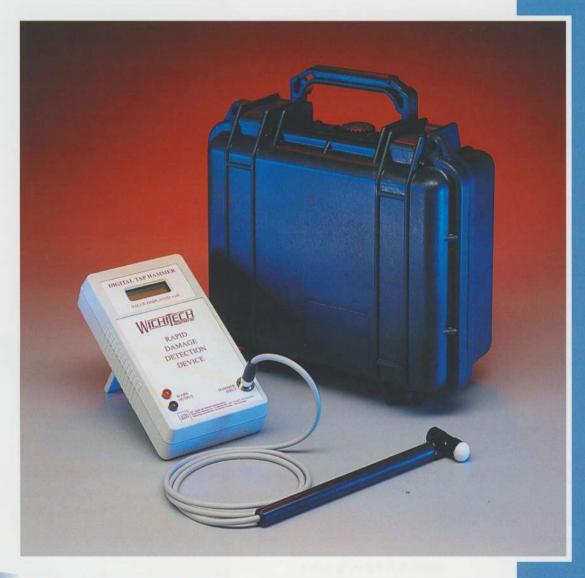
## RD<sup>3</sup> Electronic Digital Tap Hammer



## RO3 Features

- \* Portable, hand held low cost system
- \* Can detect flaws with as little as 10 percent change
- Large .350 inch display for digital value
- Automatic display reset
- **\*** Low weight detection hammer
- Scope monitor jack for hammer signal evaluation and signal storage
- \* Approximately 20 hours of continuous battery operation
- Durable impact resistant case
- \* "Low battery" light
- \* 1-year warranty

he RD<sup>3</sup> (Rapid Damage Detection Device) is a hand held, low cost non-destructive inspection instrument that can be used to detect voids, degradation, and delaminations in composite structures. No more tapping with a coin in a noisy environment for questionable results. The RD<sup>3</sup>, also known as the Electronic Digital Tap Hammer, supplements the subjective tonal discrimination of the operator with a quantitative, objective numeric readout that can be correlated to delaminations in the structure. The unit

consists of a lightweight hammer containing an accelerometer, which is connected by flexible cable to a hand held module containing digital logic components and a liquid crystal display.

With its low cost, quantitative and recordable readout and ease of use, the RD<sup>3</sup> will prove invaluable and indispensable to routine non-destructive examinations.



## NO<sup>3</sup> Electronic Digital Tap Hammer Technical Specifications

CHARACTERISTIC	SPECIFICATION
Size	7"L x 4"W x 1 5/8"D
Weight	1 Pound
	One 9 Volt Alkaline Battery
Battery Life	9 Volt-Approximately 20 Hours of
	Continuous Use
Automatic Display Reset to Sav	e Battery Power
Inputs	1. Electronic Digital Tap Hammer Jack
Outputs	1. Large .350 Inch Liquid Crystal Display
	2. Standard Oscilloscope Jacks
	3. Low Battery Indicator
Storage	Unbreakable, Watertight, Dustproof
	Equipment Case with Foam Interior
Shipping Weight	Approximately 4 lbs.

n a controlled comparison against another bondtester now on the market, the  $\mathrm{RD}^3$  produced similar results and actually showed slightly greater relative signal change (sensitivity) at 4,6, and 7 plies. (Their bondtester uses a solenoid-driven impact head to produce a controlled amplitude impact.) The  $\mathrm{RD}^3$  did not show as great a signal change as the solenoid tapper did at 2 plies, but sensitivity is not an issue at this level because the signal difference between bonded and disbonded plies is so large. In terms of actual data, the  $\mathrm{RD}^3$  compares favorably with the other much more complex and costly device.

The RD<sup>3</sup> is manufactured by WichiTech Industries, Inc. Technology licensed by The Boeing Company. Patent 6,748,791.

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- ♦ Locating/Measuring Impact Damage
- \* Repair Evaluation
- \* Monitoring:
  - Matrix degradation
  - Delaminations and disbonds

