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MILITARY SPECIFICATION

 PELLETS/GRANULES
 BORON/POTASSIUM NITRATE

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- * 1.1 Delete in its entirety and substitute the following:
 "1.1 Scope This specification covers eight types of ignitor pellets/granules for use in rocket motors, fuzes and payload ignition/expelling charges. (see 6.8)"
- * 1.2 Add the following Type IX:
 "Type IX - Oblate Spheroid Granules
 5% max retained on USS Sieve No 20
 5% max thru USS Sieve No 50"

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- * 3.1.2 Delete Table I., Formulation and replace with the following:

"TABLE I. Formulation

MATERIALS	All types except Type		Type IV	Type IX
	IV	and Type IX		
Potassium Nitrate, %	70.7 ± 2.0		72.2 ± 1.5	85.0 ± 2.0
Boron, Amorphous, %	23.7 ± 2.0		22.2 ± 1.5	15.0 ± 2.0
Binder, %	5.6 ± 0.5		5.6 ± 0.5	0 0"

(NOTE: Type VIII was deleted from the specification by Amendment 3)

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3.1.3: Delete Table II and replace with the following:

TABLE II. Binder Composition

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Polyester Resin, (see 6.4.2)	98.0
Catalyst, (see 6.4.3)	1.5
Accelerator, Advisory (see 6.4.1)	0.5

- * 3.1.4 Delete "All Types, except Type IV" and substitute "All Types, except Type IV and Type IX."

Add new Type IX as follows:

	<u>Percent Boron</u>
"Type IX	11.7 to 15.6%

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- * 3.3 Add Type IX in Table III as follows:

"IX Oblate Spheroid Granules (see Table V)"

(see note in 3.1.2 regarding Type VIII)

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Add Type IX in Table IV as follows:

<u>Properties</u>	<u>"IX</u>
Density, min. gm/cm ³	N/A
Moisture Content (percent) max.	.75
Burning Rate (inches/second)	N/A
Heat of Reaction (calories/gram) min.	1300
Crush Strength	
Axial	N/A
Radial	N/A
Time to Max. pressure milliseconds	N/A

(see note in 3.1.2 regarding Type VIII)

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- * 3.5 Delete paragraph 3.5 with Table V and substitute the following:

"3.5 Granulation. The granulation for Types VII and IX shall be as specified in Table V when determined as specified in 4.6.9.

TABLE V Size Requirements

<u>Type VII</u>	<u>5% Max. retained on USS Sieve No.</u>	<u>5% Max. thru USS Sieve No.</u>
Class 1	50	60
Class 2	60	100
Class 3	100	140
	Special granulations (see 6.1 and 6.7)	
	6	12
	12	25
	25	50
	40	140
<u>Type IX</u>	20	50

Other granulations of Type VII may be specified for special applications.

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- * 5.1.1 Add the following:

"The granular form shall be packaged, packed, marked and labeled for shipment in accordance with the requirements of CFR 173.62 and MIL-STD-129, as applicable. Proper Shipping Name: Articles, Pyrotechnic - UN No. 0430."

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