

"A BOOSTER PRIMER"

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ABSTRACT

With the increased use of AN/FO type blasting agents and the introduction and development of non cap sensitive slurries, water gels and other types of blasting agents, proper initiation and boosterin of these insensitive materials has become a most important aspect of every blasting operation.

The introduction of lower core load detonating cords, nonelectric "down the hole" initiation systems and delay priming units has increased the need for proper selection of primer/boosters to insure maximum efficiency and safety.

The properties and economic considerations for various type primers/boosters including dynamites, gelatins, detonating cords, cast boosters and specialty products are discussed.