



## *Manufacturer's Information*

### **Serial Number Restoration Test No. 10-525**

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Each sample set consisted of a piece of barstock that contained an obliterated serial number (Item 1) and a piece of aluminum barstock. Participants were requested to restore the obliterated serial number utilizing their laboratory recovery methodologies and report the recovered serial number. The serial number to be restored consisted of 6 digits (960156).

#### SAMPLE PREPARATION-

Each sample set contained a piece of 1" x 1/4" x 3" 304 stainless steel barstock that was stamped using a punch press. The stamp consisted of 6 digits (960156) that are 1/8" in height. The serial number was then obliterated by removing material from the barstock using a vertical milling machine. A consistent amount of material was removed from each piece of barstock.

A piece of aluminum barstock was also included in the sample set to provide an example of the shape and size of the stamped digits as well as the positioning of the original serial number.

SAMPLE PACK ASSEMBLY: An Item 1 and aluminum standard were wrapped with chip board and placed in their respective pre-labeled envelopes. Each sample pack was packaged with an Item 1 and aluminum standard. This process was repeated until all of the sample packs were prepared. Once verification was completed, all sample packs were further sealed with a piece of evidence tape and initialed with "CTS".

#### VERIFICATION-

Predistribution laboratories recovered the obliterated 6 digit serial number and reported "9 6 0 1 5 6".