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1.6 1.6 1.9 1.10 1.13	"Angles" replaced by "Angular Measurement".  One "circle" now reads 6.283 radians, not 6,283.  Torque and Mass Moment of Inertia Conversion Factors moved out of Curvilinear Motion section.  "Acceleration of Gravity" replaced by "Acceleration due to Gravity".  Corrected decimal equivalent of 1/32 from .0133 to .0313.
2.8	Volume of a sphere equation was wrong at $2/3 \pi r^3$ and now reads $4/3 \pi r^3$
2.12 3.5	Corrected Solid Ogive surface area equation from $A=2\pi$ <b>R</b> (h-D sin <sup>-1</sup> h/R) to $A=2\pi$ <b>r</b> (h-D sin <sup>-1</sup> h/R) Removed the last two lines on this page
3.10	Revised "Strength Properties of Commercial Woods" to "Material Properties of Commercial Woods" for consistency.
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3.27-3.29	New data added from Mil Handbook 17
4.10-4.14	Added component properties which had been left out of May 2002 revision.
5.46-5.48	Added a new page that replaces page 19.8 in the 1986 handbook. The original page had an incorrect designation for the units (lb/in/sec squared rather than lb-in-sec squared), the illustration was muddled with one wheel contacting the wrong place, and the equation was unnecessarily complicated and confusing.
6.18	Added "4.3" to the paragraph that starts, "Multiple Point Weighing Method."
6.31	Revised "Minimum MOI which can be measured" to "Minimum MOI that can be measured."
7.1	Revised entire page
10.1	Typo 31.1741 changed to 32.1741
10.5	this page revised – the typos and errors corrected were: In the formula for Aspect Ratio, the character before "b²/Sw" should be an equal sign, not a dash.
	In the formula for $b_{st}$ , $\cos \lambda/4$ should be $\cos \Lambda_{1/4}$ .
	In the formula for $b_{st}/2t_r$ , $\cos \lambda c/4$ should be $\cos \Lambda_{1/4}$ .
	The minus signs in the formulas for $C_{Di}$ , $C_{Do}$ , and $C_{Dtot}$ should be replaced with equal signs. The " $1/S_w$ " in the formula for $C_{Do}$ should say, " $f/S_w$ ", and the upper case "F" for Equivalent flat plate drag area should be a lower case "f".
	The "\varepsilon" in the formula for (L/D) max should be an "e".
	In the formula for Range, the division symbol needs to be not subscripted.
	The symbol for Air density ratio should be "σ" not "ρ".
	The symbol for taper ratio should be " $\lambda$ " not " $\Lambda$ ".
	μ is the symbol for the coefficient of absolute viscosity, not absolute velocity.  In many formulas it is not clear what symbols are all in the denominator, e.g. "D <sub>i</sub> /S <sub>w</sub> q" should say,
13.3	"D <sub>i</sub> /(S <sub>w</sub> q)" or "D <sub>i</sub> /S <sub>w</sub> /q" so it is not confused to be "D <sub>i</sub> q/S <sub>w</sub> ".  Revised "200 N.MI." to "200 nmi" to be consistent with the common abbreviation on page 1.1 of this same handbook in the lower chart.
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2.	Cork, compressed	density was .087 lb/in <sup>3</sup>	$100 \text{ now} \cdot 100 \text{ lb/in}^3$
3.	Slate	density was .1010 lb/in <sup>3</sup>	$now.1013 lb/in^3$
4.	Talc	density was .1010 lb/in <sup>3</sup>	$1007 \text{ lb/in}^3$
17.24-3	1 Editorial Changes to Sta	ndard Pipe Weights table.	
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