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Spin Relaxation in Superfluid ³He¹ H. KOJIMA, R. MASUTOMI, Rutgers University, K. KIMURA, S. KOBAYASHI, A. YAMAGUCHI, H. ISHI-MOTO, ISSP, Tokyo University — The spin relaxation time in superfluid ³He A₁ phase is studied using magnetic fountain pressure techniques. Measurements have been made previously as functions of temperature and pressure. Preliminary measurements will be reported on the dependence of the relaxation time ($0.5 \sim 1.5$ s) on applied magnetic field (H_a) and ⁴He coverage. At low field range of $0.5 < H_a <$ 1 tesla, the spin relaxation time increases linearly with H_a as expected. Unexpectedly, in the 2 < $H_a < 8$ tesla range, the relaxation shows little variation. When the interior wall surfaces (including those of heat exchanger) are covered with five layers of ⁴He, surprisingly, the measured relaxation time decreases.

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