

WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15400	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number S-076	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LH2 TANK THIN WEB FRAME				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 3
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE EXTERNAL TANK	PART# 80914801982-XXX	SER/LOT# NA	MANUFACTURER MCI
Test/Operation M - MFG	Prevailing Condition N - INSPECTION	F / U UC	Fail Mode MS - STRUCT	Cause D - DESIGN
System STRUCTURAL	Defect MD - M SIZE	Material S - STRUCT	Work Contact M. BANKESTER	Fail Date 03/19/1993
Received at MSFC 05/12/1993	Date Isolated 03/19/1993	FMEA Reference N/A	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom MU - MECH TOLRNCE		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date 03/18/1994	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 03/19/1993	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 02/18/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 02/22/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 04/18/1994	Defer Date --	Add Date 05/12/1993	R/C Codes 1 - DES -- --
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Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
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Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description THE 80914801980-050 (ET-72), -009 (ET-73) AND -009 (ET-75) FRAME SEGMENT ASSEMBLIES HAVE THICKNESS VIOLATIONS IN THE ASSOCIATED 80914801982-XXX WEB DETAILS. WORST CASE THICKNESS VIOLATIONS ARE 0.0401", 0.0452" AND 0.0447" RESPECTIVELY (REQUIREMENT = 0.050" +/- .004) ET-60 THRU 68, 70 AND 71 ARE SUSPECT OF HAVING 80914801982-XXX WEBS WHICH MAY BE BELOW DRAWING REQUIREMENTS FOR THICKNESS NOTE 1: THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY CAPS (REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 1.6.2.3C OF MMC-ET-RAO3) REQUESTED BY THE ET PROJECT OFFICE. THE WEB DETAILS ARE STRUCTURAL PARTS WHICH WERE GROUND RULED OUT OF THE FMEA/CIL. ASSIGNMENT OF CRITICALITY 3 WAS DETERMINED TO BE APPLICABLE, BY MMMSS ENGINEERING/PRODUCT ASSURANCE AND NASA (MSFC) NOTE 2: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SI-93-S011 HAS BEEN OPENED AND PROVIDES DETAILED INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ALL WEB DISCREPANCIES REPORTED. COPIES OF SI-93-S011 ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST NOTE 3: THIS CAPS REVISION DELETES ALL REFERENCES TO THE MATERIAL PROPERTIES PROBLEM REPORTED IN S-076. CAPS S-077 HAS BEEN INITIATED TO ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM NOTE 4: DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, A CONCERN WAS IDENTIFIED THAT IN SOME CASES SUPPLIERS HAD THE OPTION TO USE SHEET STOCK SIZES WHICH POTENTIALLY WOULD NOT SATISFY THE FACTOR-OF-SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. ALSO, THAT SUPPLIERS WERE NOT					

INTERPRETING THE ENGINEERING DRAWING TO USE THE ANSI DOCUMENT
RELATIVE TO SHEET STOCK THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS, BUT WERE
DEFERRING TO THE ENGINEERING DRAWING "BLOCK" TOLERANCES
(REV. "F": ADDS "NOTE 4" AND REVISES, "GENERAL", "CAUSE", TASK I,
TASK II, TASK III, TASK IV AND CLOSES THIS CAPS--SEE ASTERISKS)

Contractor Investigation/Resolution

***GENERAL**

IN AUGUST 1992 MAF PRODUCTION PERSONNEL NOTICED SURFACE TEXTURE WAS
DIFFERENT IN WEB DETAIL OF AN LH2 FRAME SEGMENT ASSEMBLY ALLOCATED TO
ET-73 AND CHECKED THICKNESS (MEASURED .039 - REQUIREMENT IS .050 +/-
.004 INCH)

- ENGINEERING DISPOSITIONED UNACCEPTABLE FOR FLIGHT
- PRODUCT ASSURANCE SCRAPPED PART
- SEVEN PARTS ISSUED TO THE FLOOR WERE CHECKED AND FOUND ACCEPTABLE
- SCAD-92-126 WAS ISSUED TO MACHINE CRAFT INCORPORATED (MCI); STOCK
INSPECTED AND CLEARED - ISOLATED CASE
 - EIGHTY (80) FRAME SEGMENT ASSEMBLIES THAT COMPLETED FINAL
PROCESSING WERE INSPECTED AT MCI - NO DISCREPANT PARTS FOUND

MCI ALSO INSPECTED 120 WEB DETAILS WHICH HAD BEEN FORMED BUT
NOT ETCHED - NO DISCREPANT PARTS FOUND

IN MARCH 1993, AN UNDER THICKNESS CONDITION WAS DISCOVERED ON THE
WEB DETAIL OF AN LH2 FRAME SEGMENT ASSEMBLY ALLOCATED TO ET-75 AND
FURTHER INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED

***TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION**

- 1) QUALITY CONTROL WILL INSPECT 241 LH2 FRAME SEGMENT ASSEMBLIES FOR
WEB THICKNESS VIOLATIONS. THESE INCLUDE 199 PARTS IN INVENTORY
STORES AND 42 PARTS ISSUED TO, OR INSTALLED ON ETS 69, 72, 73, 74
AND 75

RESPONSIBILITY: P. POWELL

COMPLETE: 4/15/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

- SEVENTEEN (17) PARTS WERE FOUND THAT VIOLATED THE WEB THICKNESS
REQUIREMENTS
- ALL PARTS (241) WERE RECEIVED FROM MCI
- NO THICKNESS VIOLATIONS WERE FOUND ON ET-69 AND ET-74

- 2) PERFORM STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF 241 WEB PANELS IN ORDER TO
DETERMINE THE WORST CASE PREDICTED CONDITIONS AT A 99% PROBABILITY
/95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL USING MINIMUM PANEL THICKNESS PER PANEL

RESPONSIBILITY: D. KINCHEN/G. WHEELER

COMPLETE: 4/30/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT:

WORST CASE PREDICTED CONDITION (MINIMUM VALUE PER PANEL) IS
0.0395" (99% PROBABILITY AND A 95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL) AND 0.036"
(99.9% PROBABILITY AND A 95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL)

- 3) ENGINEERING TO EVALUATE WORST CASE PREDICTED CONDITIONS FOR
THICKNESS AND PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR FLEET CLEARANCE

RESPONSIBILITY: J. DYE/G. COPELAND

COMPLETE: 5/14/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ENGINEERING DETERMINED THAT ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY (REVISED
TO REFLECT SEMI-TENSION FIELD CAPABILITY), VERIFIED BY TEST, ALLOWS
WEBS WITH THICKNESS .039 INCH TO BE DISPOSITIONED "USE AS IS"
(FS = 1.58 VS 1.26 REQUIRED)

- 4) A TOTAL OF 534 OTHER PART NUMBERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING
MANUFACTURED BY MCI AND DELIVERED TO MMMSS
 - FORTY SIX (46) OF THE 534 MCI PART NUMBERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED
AS CRITICAL CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE MINIMUM FACTOR-OF-SAFETY
AND SAMPLE INSPECTED FOR THICKNESS ALONG WITH OTHER SELECTED
PARTS (TOTAL OF 1,677 PARTS INSPECTED)
 - THREE ADDITIONAL PART NUMBERS (80914991997-009/-010,
80914091996-019 LH2 FRAME STABILIZERS) HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS

HAVING MINOR UNDER THICKNESS DISCREPANCIES
- SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SI-93-S013 HAS BEEN INITIATED TO
ADDRESS THE THICKNESS DISCREPANCIES ON THE LH2 FRAME STABILIZERS
THESE ARE NOT CRITICAL PARTS PER STRESS ENGINEERING (ADEQUATE
STRENGTH EXISTS FOR WORST CASE THICKNESS)

SHEET STOCK TOLERANCE ISSUE:

- *1) ENGINEERING IDENTIFIED 854 PARTS WITH SHEET STOCK TOLERANCES. AN
ENGINEERING ANALYSIS WILL BE PERFORMED ON ALL 854 PARTS TO ASSURE
THAT FACTOR-OF-SAFETY REQUIREMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN IMPACTED. MATERIEL
OPERATIONS WILL PROVIDE ACTUAL SHEET/PLATE STOCK SIZE INFORMATION
FROM VENDORS ON MANUFACTURED PARTS, AS NECESSARY, TO SUPPORT THE
ENGINEERING ANALYSIS
RESPONSIBILITY: M.R. SIMMS/G. COPELAND/N. JAMES
COMPLETED: 03/18/94
CLOSURE STATEMENT:
ENGINEERING HAS COMPLETED THE ANALYSIS OF ALL 854 IDENTIFIED PARTS
USING WORST CASE MINIMUM THICKNESS OR ACTUAL SHEET/PLATE STOCK SIZE
AND THICKNESS TOLERANCE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MATERIEL OPERATIONS,
AND HAS DETERMINED THAT ALL PARTS MEET EIS REQUIREMENTS
ENGINEERING WILL MAKE CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS FOR ALL PARTS MADE
FROM SHEET STOCK BY INSERTING A NOTE CALLING OUT THE NOMINAL SHEET
THICKNESS AND TOLERANCE ALLOWED ON THE FINISHED PRODUCT. (REFERENCE
CLASS 2 CHANGE SUMMARY J31148)
AN INTERIM MEMO (AP-0893-RJE-074) HAS BEEN ISSUED TO ALL AFFECTED
SUPPLIERS FROM MAF MATERIEL OPERATIONS. THIS LETTER STATED THAT,
"SHEET AND PLATE RAW MATERIAL THICKNESS TOLERANCES SHALL NOT EXCEED
THOSE ANSI TOLERANCES SPECIFIED FOR MATERIALS 78.74 INCHES OR LESS
IN WIDTH. STOCK MAY BE PROCURED IN WIDTHS GREATER THAN 78.74 INCHES
BUT MUST MEET THE MINIMUM ANSI SPECIFIED THICKNESS TOLERANCES FOR
THE NARROWER STOCK. THIS MEMO WILL BE PROVIDED TO ANY NEW
SUPPLIERS UNTIL THE DRAWING UPDATES ARE RELEASED

* TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

WEB THICKNESS ISSUE:

- 1) PI-3001-2 (CHEMICAL FILM APPLICATION/AUXILIARY LINE) HAS BEEN
REVISED FOR THE TEMPORARY TANKS AT MCI, AND THE MANUFACTURING
TRAVELERS HAVE BEEN REVISED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE BUY-OFFS
- 2) PROCESSES THAT ARE NOT A PART OF THE TRAVELER, SUCH AS BELT
SANDING AND MULTIPLE ETCHING, WILL BE CONSIDERED REWORK AND WILL
BE DOCUMENTED ON APPROPRIATE PAPER AND INCLUDE REVERIFICATION
OF DIMENSIONS
- * 3) THE TEMPORARY TANKS WILL BE REWORKED NOW THAT PI-3001-2 HAS
BEEN APPROVED AND WILL BE USED TO PROCESS Z-FRAMES IN DECEMBER
1993
-ECD:12/6/93
-ECD:1/14/94: PENDING RECEIPT OF MATERIAL NEEDED TO COMPLETE
THE REWORK (POOL LINERS). SCHEDULED FOR RECEIPT AROUND JANUARY
1, 1994
-COMPLETE: 2/18/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

RELIABILITY ASSURANCE AND PROCUREMENT QUALITY ALONG WITH TWO NASA
REPRESENTATIVES WITNESSED THE REVALIDATION PROCEDURES ON THE
TEMPORARY ETCH TANKS AT MCI ON FEBRUARY 18, 1994. ONE Z-FRAME WAS
PROCESSED AND MCI DEMONSTRATED THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROCESS
WILL BE ENSURED WITH THE ADDED IMPROVEMENTS:

- ELECTRIC TIMER WITH ALARM TO SIGNAL THE COMPLETION OF EACH
STEP IN THE PROCESS
- STAINLESS STEEL SUPPORTS TO HOLD DOWN THE POOL LINERS AND
THE PVC TUBING FOR AIR AGITATION
- RECORDED TEMPERATURE CHECKS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE ETCH TANK
- PLASTIC PERFORATED BOX TO ENCLOSE THE HEATER
- THICKNESS VERIFICATION ON FINISHED PRODUCTS

- * 4) SCAR-93-046 WAS ISSUED TO THE SUPPLIER (MACHINE CRAFT

INCORPORATED)

SHEET STOCK TOLERANCE ISSUE:

ENGINEERING WILL MAKE A CLASS 2 CHANGE TO THE ENGINEERING DRAWING FOR ALL IDENTIFIED PARTS CALLING OUT NOMINAL SHEET THICKNESS AND TOLERANCE FOR THE FINISHED PRODUCT. ENGINEERING WILL ALSO REVISE PROCEDURES MANUALS TO REQUIRE THAT DESIGN THICKNESS AND TOLERANCE ARE CALLED OUT ON ALL FUTURE DRAWINGS (REF. CLASS 2 CHANGE #J11348) AN INTERIM MEMO (REF MEMO AP-0893-RJE-074) HAS BEEN ISSUED BY MATERIEL OPERATIONS TO THE PRESENT SUPPLIERS AND WILL BE ISSUED TO THE FUTURE SUPPLIERS OF THE 854 AFFECTED PARTS. THIS MEMO STATES THAT THE SUPPLIERS SHALL NOT EXCEED ANSI TOLERANCES SPECIFIED FOR MATERIAL 78.74 INCHES OR LESS IN WIDTH. PROCUREMENT QUALITY WILL ASSURE THAT THE RESPONSIBLE SUPPLIER OPERATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS MEMO UNTIL THE DRAWING REQUIREMENTS ARE CHANGED

*TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE

WEB THICKNESS ISSUE:

ETS THROUGH ET-59 HAVE BEEN CLEARED SINCE THEY WERE ISSUED 80914801980-XXX PARTS FROM A PREVIOUS VENDOR (TELEDYNE AERO-CAL) BEFORE RECEIPT OF MCI PARTS IN JANUARY 1989

- DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO VERIFY THAT THICKNESS MEASUREMENTS WERE TAKEN OF WEB DETAILS PRIOR TO ETCHING AND CHEM FILMING WITH RECORDED READINGS OF .050" +/- .004". THE WEBS WERE THEN SENT TO A SUBCONTRACTOR (DVI) FOR A CONTROLLED ETCHING PROCESS (DATA PROVIDED). UPON RETURN OF THE PARTS TO TELEDYNE AERO-CAL, THICKNESS MEASUREMENTS WERE TAKEN AGAIN AND ACCEPTED BY MMMSS PROCUREMENT QUALITY REPRESENTATIVE

ETS 60 THRU 68, 70 AND 71 HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY MULTI-EFFECTIVITY MARS T-125467, BASED ON ENGINEERING RATIONALE (FACTOR-OF-SAFETY = 1.58 VS 1.26 REQUIRED)

ETS 69 AND 74 HAVE BEEN INSPECTED PER DC&R S-93-006B AND PA157381 RESPECTIVELY AND NO WEB THICKNESS DISCREPANCIES WERE FOUND

ETS 72, 73 AND 75 WERE FOUND TO HAVE THICKNESS DISCREPANCIES ON ONE PANEL PER EACH EFFECTIVITY. THESE DISCREPANCIES HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY ENGINEERING RATIONALE BASED ON WORST CASE THICKNESS OF .039" (REF TASK I, ITEM 3)

MARS:

- ET-72; MARS T-129062, MIN. THICKNESS = .0401"
- ET-73; MARS T-125737, MIN. THICKNESS = .0452"
- ET-75; MARS T-121893, MIN. THICKNESS = .0446"

ET-76 AND UP HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY INSPECTION OF MAF STOCK AND FUTURE FINISHED PRODUCT THICKNESS CHECKS AT THE SUPPLIER

SHEET STOCK TOLERANCE ISSUE:

ENGINEERING EVALUATE 854 PARTS FOR WORST CASE THICKNESS TOLERANCES USING EITHER THE ANSI OR "BLOCK" TOLERANCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARED 685 PARTS, AS MEETING THE EIS FACTOR-OF-SAFETY REQUIREMENT ENGINEERING THEN EVALUATED THE 169 REMAINING PARTS WHICH COULD NOT BE CLEARED USING THE WORST CASE THICKNESS TOLERANCES. UTILIZING THE ACTUAL SHEET STOCK SIZES USED BY AND REPORTED BY THE SUPPLIERS, ENGINEERING DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO FACTOR-OF-SAFETY VIOLATIONS WITH THE 169 IDENTIFIED PARTS

THE RESULTS OF ENGINEERING'S EVALUATION OF ALL 854 PARTS IS ADDRESSED IN DETAIL IN MEMOS #4130-93-073, #4130-94-003 AND #4430-94-004 ("SHEET STOCK TOLERANCE ISSUE")

CAUSE:

- 1) INVESTIGATION OF SUBCONTRACTOR (MCI) BUILD PROCESS REVEALED LACK OF ADEQUATE CONTROLS ON THE ETCHING PROCESS AND NO THICKNESS VERIFICATION AFTER ETCHING
- 2) MCI REPORTED THAT 10-15 SHEETS OF MATERIAL WERE SANDED USING AN AUTOMATED GRINDING MACHINE TO REMOVE SCRATCHES FROM RAW STOCK DURING THE FIRST SHIPSET QUANTITIES

NOTE: THE CAUSE FOR THE PROBLEM ADDRESSED IN "NOTE 4" IS ATTRIBUTED TO AN ENGINEERING OVERSIGHT OF SHEET STOCK THICKNESS TOLERANCE

<p>REQUIREMENTS, AND TO CERTAIN VENDORS MISINTERPRETING THE ENGINEERING DRAWING REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>*TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY</p> <p>WEB THICKNESS ISSUE:</p> <p>RELATIVE TO ANSI THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEET STOCK THICKNESS TOLERANCES, VARIOUS DISCREPANCIES WERE FOUND IN THE WEB DETAILS OF LH2 FRAME SEGMENT ASSEMBLIES RECEIVED FROM MACHINE CRAFT INCORPORATED (MCI). BASED ON A WORST CASE PREDICTED CONDITION OF .039" (99% PROBABILITY AND A 95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL) ALL WEB DETAILS WERE DISPOSITIONED "USE AS IS". AN INVESTIGATION INTO MCI BUILD PROCESSES REVEALED A LACK OF CONTROLS ON THE ETCHING PROCESS AND REPORTS OF UNAUTHORIZED SANDING ON 10 - 15 SHEETS OF MATERIAL. MCI ADDRESSED CORRECTIVE ACTION BY REVISING PI-3001-2 (CHEMICAL FILM APPLICATION/AUXILIARY LINE) FOR THE TEMPORARY TANKS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE BUY-OFFS, AND HAS ALSO ENSURED THAT NO UNAUTHORIZED REWORK (EXAMPLE: SANDING) WILL BE PERFORMED WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION. THE TEMPORARY TANKS HAVE ALSO BEEN UPGRADED AND THE ETCH PROCESS REVALIDATED</p> <p>SHEET STOCK TOLERANCE ISSUE:</p> <p>DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, A CONCERN WAS IDENTIFIED THAT IN SOME CASES SUPPLIERS HAD THE OPTION TO USE SHEET STOCK SIZES WHICH POTENTIALLY WOULD NOT SATISFY THE FACTOR-OF-SAFETY REQUIREMENT IT WAS ALSO DISCOVERED THAT CERTAIN SUPPLIERS MISINTERPRETED THE DRAWINGS AND USED "BLOCK" TOLERANCES INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED ANSI TOLERANCES FOR THEIR THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE MARGIN EXISTED WHETHER THE SUPPLIER USED EITHER THE "BLOCK" TOLERANCES OR WORST CASE ANSI TOLERANCES, A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS WAS PERFORMED ON ALL 854 IDENTIFIED SHEET STOCK PARTS. ALL BUT 169 OF THESE PARTS WERE DETERMINED BY ENGINEERING TO MEET END ITEM SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS WITH THE WORST CASE ASSUMPTION. MATERIEL OPERATIONS CONTACTED THE SUPPLIERS OF THE REMAINING 169 PARTS AND OBTAINED THE ACTUAL SHEET SIZE AND TOLERANCES USED. UTILIZING THIS DATA, ENGINEERING CLEARED THE REMAINING 169 PARTS. TO ENSURE THAT THE SHEET THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT OPEN TO INTERPRETATION, ENGINEERING WILL:</p> <p>A) REVISE THE EXISTING DRAWINGS FOR ALL 854 PARTS TO ADD A FIRM THICKNESS AND TOLERANCE CALL OUT</p> <p>B) REVISE ITS PROCEDURE MANUALS TO REQUIRE A FIRM THICKNESS AND TOLERANCE CALL OUT ON THE FACE OF ALL FUTURE DRAWINGS</p> <p>CHANGE SUMMARY J11348 IMPLEMENTS THE ABOVE CHANGES PER MEMO #AP-0893-RJE-074, MATERIAL OPERATIONS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE SUPPLIERS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED 854 PARTS DO NOT EXCEED ANSI TOLERANCES SPECIFIED FOR MATERIALS 78.74 INCHES OF LESS IN WIDTH. PROCUREMENT QUALITY WILL ASSURE THAT THE APPLICABLE SUPPLIER OPERATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS MEMO UNTIL THE DRAWING REQUIREMENTS ARE CHANGED</p> <p>THIS CAPS IS CLOSED, NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED</p>					
MSFC Response/Concurrence					

ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15400	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# S-076	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 80914801982-XXX	Asmnt Part Name LH2 TANK WEB FRAME	Asmnt Serial/Lot# N/A			
HCRIT CD	FCRIT CD	CAUSE CD	FAIL MODE		

--	1	D - DESIGN	MS - STRUCT
Asmnt FMEA N/A	Asmnt FM N/A	FMEA CSE N/A	FMEA SCSE N/A
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15408	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-151	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR FAILED A DIELECTRIC WITHSTAND VOLTAGE TEST AT MAF				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl --	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR	PART# NB SERIES (18- 32 INS	SER/LOT# N/A	MANUFACTURER ITT CANNON
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EL - SHORT	Cause MA - MFG-ASY
System ELECTRICAL	Defect CN - CONTAM	Material F - INSUL	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 02/19/1993
Received at MSFC 05/19/1993	Date Isolated 02/19/1993	FMEA Reference 3.1.4.1 & 3.1.5.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
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Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 09/03/1993	CN RSLV SBMT 08/12/1993	Defer Date 06/11/1993	Add Date 05/19/1993	R/C Codes 2 - MFG -- --
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Approval					
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PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 08/25/1993	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion --	
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FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
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Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description AN NB SERIES ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR FAILED A DIELECTRIC WITHSTAND VOLTAGE TEST (DWV) AT MAF. FAILURE ANALYSIS OF THE CONNECTOR FOUND THE CAUSE TO BE A FOREIGN PARTICLE, QUARTZ, IN THE CONNECTOR INSERT. THE VENDOR OF THE CONNECTOR REVIEWED THE FAILURES REPORTED TO THEM BY OTHER USERS AND FOUND A NEARLY IDENTICAL FAILURE. THIS SECOND FAILURE OCCURED IN A CONNECTOR PRODUCED USING AN INSERT FROM THE SAME PRODUCTION RUN AS THAT WHICH FAILED AT MAF. NOTIFICATION OF THE SECOND FAILURE WAS RECEIVED FROM ITT CANNON ON MAY 13, 1993. AT THAT TIME THE FAILURE WAS DETERMINED TO MEET THE PROBLEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS CRITICALITY: THE ORIGINAL FAILURE WAS A DWV FAILURE BETWEEN PINS "Y" AND "Z" OF CONNECTOR 314W02J2. THESE CONTACTS ARE PART OF LOX LEVEL SENSOR CIRCUITS FOR 326A09 AND 326A11. THESE CIRCUITS ARE CRIT. 3, FMEA ITEM CODES 3.1.4.1 AND 3.1.5.1, "FAILS WITH FALSE WET SIGNAL." HOWEVER, THE 18-32 INSERTS ARE USED IN OTHER APPLICATIONS ON THE ET WHICH ARE CRIT. 1 *REVISION "B"--UPDATES AND CLOSES ALL TASKS. (SEE ASTERISKS)					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution GENERAL: WIRE HARNESS 314W02 ON ET-68 FAILED A DIELECTRIC WITHSTAND VOLTAGE TEST (DWV) DURING WORK IN THE FINAL ASSEMBLY AREA. THE HARNESS HAD					

A RESISTANCE LESS THAN THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE VALUE OF 3 MEGOHMS AT 1500 VOLTS REQUIRED BY TEST PROCEDURE-6R101-FA. THE FAILURE OCCURRED BETWEEN CONTACTS "Y" AND "Z" OF CONNECTOR JACK 2 (J2). TROUBLESHOOTING OF THE HARNESS ISOLATED THE FAILURE TO THE CONNECTOR INSERT OF J2. THE TEST PROCEDURE WAS BEING PERFORMED IN FINAL ASSEMBLY DUE TO TEST ERRORS DURING THE ORIGINAL ACCEPTANCE TESTS IN THE HARNESS FABRICATION SHOP. THE TEST ERRORS WERE ADDRESSED IN CAPS E-148. THE DEFECTIVE CONNECTOR WAS AN NB7E18-32PWR ASSEMBLED BY TIME ELECTRONICS FROM COMPONENTS MANUFACTURED BY ITT CANNON. THE CONNECTOR HAD THE TIME ELECTRONICS LOT CODE 8517-71. THE LOT CODE INDICATES THAT THE CONNECTOR WAS ASSEMBLED IN THE SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF 1985 AND WAS THE SEVENTY-FIRST LOT OF THAT WEEK. FAILURE ANALYSIS T-127033 TRACED THE CAUSE OF THE DWV FAILURE TO A QUARTZ PARTICLE INCLUSION IN THE MOLDED PHENOLIC INSULATION MANUFACTURED BY CANNON. ITT CANNON HAD A VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL FAILURE REPORTED TO THEM IN MAY OF 1990 BY ANOTHER CUSTOMER. THE OTHER FAILURE OCCURRED IN AN NB6GE18-32PNT3 CONNECTOR ASSEMBLED BY TIME ELECTRONICS. THAT CONNECTOR HAD A LOT CODE 8513-84. BOTH CONNECTORS HAD INSERTS FROM THE SAME ITT CANNON PRODUCTION RUN.

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

*A. ITT CANNON IS INVESTIGATING THE PRODUCTION HISTORY OF THE TWO FAILED CONNECTORS. THE GOAL IS TO IDENTIFY ALL CONNECTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSERT PRODUCTION RUN USED IN THE TWO FAILED CONNECTORS.

RESPONSIBILITY: D. HUDSON/3830 -- M.COMBS/3830
J. ADAMS/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE: JULY 26, 1993

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ITT CANNON WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC CONNECTOR PART NUMBERS AND LOT CODES THAT MAY BE AFFECTED. PROBLEMS AROSE DUE TO THE LENGTH OF TIME WHICH ELAPSED SINCE MANUFACTURE OF THE CONNECTORS AND THE COORDINATION WITH THE ASSEMBLY FIRM, TIME ELECTRONICS. THE RELATED PARTS MAY BE ANY NON-HERMETIC CONNECTOR OF THE 18-32 INSERT CONFIGURATION, PIN OR SOCKET CONTACT TYPE, MADE BETWEEN JANUARY 1984 AND DECEMBER 1985.

*B. RELIABILITY ASSURANCE IS RECOVERING THE TRACEABILITY RECORDS FOR ALL TIME ELECTRONICS AND ITT CANNON CONNECTORS, OF THE 18-32 CONFIGURATION, USED ON THE ET. THE SEARCH IS LIMITED TO THE 1984 THROUGH 1986 TIME FRAME.

RESPONSIBILITY: J. ADAMS/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE: JULY 1, 1993

CLOSURE STATEMENT

OVER 170 CONNECTORS WERE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM ITT CANNON OR TIME. THE FAILED CONNECTOR WAS THE ONE RECEIVED WITH THAT PART NUMBER AND LOT CODE.

TASK CLOSED

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

*A. GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM (GIDEP) ALERT 9Q-A-93-02 ISSUED AGAINST ITT CANNON CONNECTORS WITH THE 18-32 INSERT CONFIGURATION AND WITH LOT CODES 8401-## THROUGH 8552-##.

RESPONSIBILITY: B. CORNAY/3742 D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE: JULY 26, 1993

*B. SUPPLIER CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUEST (SCAR) 93-076 WAS ISSUED TO ITT CANNON FOR THE FAILED CONNECTOR. IN RESPONSE, CANNON CITED IMPROVED MANUFACTURING CONTROLS, IMPLEMENTED IN THE EIGHT YEARS SINCE THE FAILED PART WAS PRODUCED, WHICH REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A RECURRENCE.

RESPONSIBILITY: T. PASTORET/3742--D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE: JULY 13, 1993

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

ALL ET'S CLEARED. THE CONNECTOR FAILED DURING ACCEPTANCE TESTING AND

ALL DELIVERED ETS HAVE PASSED THE ACCEPTANCE TESTS. THE FAILURE OCCURRED AT 1500 VOLTS; NO SERVICE VOLTAGE ON THE ET EXCEEDS 100 VOLTS. NO CRITICALITY 1 CIRCUIT HAS A SERVICE VOLTAGE EXCEEDING 32 VOLTS DC

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK CLOSED

CAUSE:

VENDOR ERROR; THE CONNECTOR FAILED AS THE RESULT OF CONTAMINATION IN THE PHENOLIC INSULATION

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

A SINGLE CONNECTOR FAILED A 1500 VOLTS TEST. NO SERVICE VOLTAGE OF A CRITICALITY 1 CIRCUIT ON THE ET EXCEEDS 32 VOLTS DC. ITT CANNON HAS IMPROVED THE MANUFACTURING CONTROLS FOR THE CONNECTORS. THE EXISTING PERFORMANCE TESTS IN THE ET BUILD CYCLE ARE SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE PERFORMANCE

TASK CLOSED

THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

6/2/93 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

BASED ON THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES"(ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126 REV. E PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TEST."

THE DEFERRAL STATUS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXTERNAL TANK PROJECT MANAGER, MR. PARKER V. COUNTS

PARKER V. COUNTS (SIGNED), 6/11/93_____

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15408	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-151	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# NB 18-32 INSERT	Asmnt Part Name ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR	Asmnt Serial/Lot# N/A			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD MA - MFG-ASY	FAIL MODE EL - SHORT		
Asmnt FMEA 3.1.4.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE N/A	FMEA SCSE N/A		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15427	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number S-077	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title ET WEB SUSPECTED OF LOW MATERIAL PROPERTIES				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 3
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE EXTERNAL TANK	PART# 80914801982-XXX	SER/LOT# NA	MANUFACTURER MCI
Test/Operation M - MFG	Prevailing Condition N - INSPECTION	F / U UC	Fail Mode MS - STRUCT	Cause MAW - MFG-ASY-WORK
System STRUCTURAL	Defect MT - TYPE W	Material S - STRUCT	Work Contact M. BANKESTER	Fail Date 03/19/1993
Received at MSFC 05/25/1993	Date Isolated 03/19/1993	FMEA Reference N/A	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom UC - UNSAT		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date --	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action --	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 02/22/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 07/28/1993	Defer Date --	Add Date 05/25/1993	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL -- --
Assignee				
Design O. MOON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS
Approval				

Design O. MOON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 08/03/1993	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion --	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
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Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description ET-60 AND UP 80914801982-XXX WEB DETAILS ARE SUSPECT OF HAVING LOW MATERIAL PROPERTIES. (REQUIREMENT: YIELD = MIN 50 KSI; ULTIMATE = 64 KSI) NOTE 1: THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY CAPS (REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 1.6.2.3C OF MMC-ET-RAO3) REQUESTED BY THE ET PROJECT OFFICE AND DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY RELATE TO ANY CIL ITEM NOTE 2: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SI-93-S011 HAS BEEN OPENED AND PROVIDES DETAILED INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ALL WEB DISCREPANCIES REPORTED. COPIES OF SI-93-S011 ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST NOTE 3: THIS CAPS DOCUMENTS THE MATERIAL PROPERTIES PROBLEM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON CAPS S-076 (REV. "B": REVISED TO INCLUDE RESPONSE TO SCAR 93-049 (TASK II) AND CLOSED CAPS---SEE ASTERISKS					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution GENERAL: MAY 1993 AS A PART OF THE MATERIAL THICKNESS INVESTIGATION, A PANEL WAS SELECTED FROM INVENTORY STORES AND TESTED TO DETERMINE ACTUAL TENSILE STRENGTH VALUES. THIS PANEL FAILED WITH WORST CASE RECORDED VALUES OF YIELD = 48.6 KSI AND ULTIMATE = 60.6 KSI (REQUIREMENT:					

YIELD = 50.0 KSI; ULTIMATE = MIN 64 KSI)

- AN ADDITIONAL PANEL WAS TESTED AND BOTH YIELD AND ULTIMATE VALUES PASSED
- MCI DELIVERED AN ETCHED AND UNETCHED PANEL FOR MECHANICAL PROPERTIES TESTING, BOTH PASSED

TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION

1) ENGINEERING TO DEVELOP WORST CASE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES SCENARIO

RESPONSIBILITY: L. JOHNSTON/P. HINKELDEY

COMPLETE: 5/14/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

BASED ON TESTS FOR MECHANICAL PROPERTIES PERFORMED AT MAF, MATERIALS ENGINEERING'S BEST ESTIMATE FOR LOWER BOUND YIELD AND ULTIMATE VALUES IS FTY = 47 KSI; FTU = 59 KSI

2) ENGINEERING TO EVALUATE WORST CASE PREDICTED CONDITIONS FOR MATERIAL PROPERTIES AND PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR FLEET CLEARANCE

RESPONSIBILITY: J. DYE/G. COPELAND

COMPLETE: 5/14/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ENGINEERING DETERMINED BY ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY (REVISED TO REFLECT SEMI-TENSION FIELD CAPABILITY), VERIFIED BY TEST, THAT WEBS WITH LOW MECHANICAL PROPERTIES (FTY = 47.0 KSI AND FTU = 59.0 KSI) ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR FLIGHT

* TASK II. ENHANCEMENTS

MCI HAS RESPONDED TO SCAR 93-049 BY STATING THAT THEY INSTRUCTED ASTRO ALUMINUM HEAT TREATING (SUBCONTRACTOR) TO MONITOR QUENCH OPERATIONS MORE CLOSELY TO ENSURE THE CORRECT TIME REQUIREMENT IS MAINTAINED AND TO ASSURE PROPER AGITATION IS PERFORMED TO ELIMINATE STEAM POCKETS THESE PARTS WERE PROCESSED FIVE YEARS AGO. ASTRO ALUMINUM HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS DURING THAT TIME. THESE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- MECHANIZATION AND TYPING OF ALL JOB FOLDERS
- COMPUTERIZED TYPING OF ALL JOBS
- CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR BOTH HEAT TREAT SHOP PERSONNEL AND INSPECTORS WHO DO HARDNESS TESTING
- RECORDING OF ACTUAL QUENCH TIMES (FURNACE TO SUBMERSION)
- IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVEMENT TEAMS

RELIABILITY ASSURANCE FEELS THAT NO FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY

TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE

ETS THROUGH ET-59 HAVE BEEN CLEARED SINCE THEY WERE ISSUED 80914801980-XXX PARTS FROM A PREVIOUS VENDOR (TELEDYNE AERO-CAL) BEFORE RECEIPT OF MCI PARTS IN JANUARY 1989

ETS 60 THROUGH 75 HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY USE AS IS DISPOSITION FROM ENGINEERING ON MULTI-EFFECTIVITY MARS T-125467

ETS 76 AND UP HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY USE AS IS DISPOSITION FROM ENGINEERING ON MARS T-123598 (ADDRESSING ALL WEB FRAMES IN INVENTORY STORES) AND MARS T-119710 (ADDRESSING 160 FORMED BUT NOT ETCHED PARTS AT MCI)

NOTE: THE INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE PROBABLE CAUSE:

- 1) SLACK QUENCH - TIME FROM FURNACE TO QUENCH WATER > 15 SECONDS, OR STEAM POCKETS FORMED DECREASING COOLING RATE
- 2) OVER AGED - APPROXIMATELY 18 HOURS COULD GIVE SIMILAR PROPERTIES (DOUBLE NORMAL AGE TIME)

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

AS A RESULT OF THE WEB MATERIAL THICKNESS INVESTIGATION, A PANEL WAS TESTED FOR TENSILE STRENGTH AND WORST CASE RECORDED VALUES OF YIELD= 48.6 KSI AND ULTIMATE =60.6 KSI WAS OBTAINED (REQUIREMENT: YIELD=MIN 50 KSI; ULTIMATE=MIN 64 KSI). THREE ADDITIONAL PANELS WERE TESTED AND ALL PASSED BOTH ULTIMATE AND YIELD. ENGINEERING THEN DETERMINED BY ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY THAT WEBS WITH LOW MECHANICAL PROPERTIES (FTY= 47.0 KSI AND FTU=59.0 KSI) ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR FLIGHT. PROBABLE CAUSE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO SLACK QUENCH OR OVER AGING OF THE PART. MCI INSTRUCTED ASTRO ALUMINUM HEAT TREATING TO MONITOR THEIR QUENCH

OPERATIONS MORE CLOSELY TO ENSURE THE CORRECT TIME REQUIREMENT IS MAINTAINED AND TO ASSURE PROPER AGITATION IS PERFORMED TO ELIMINATE STEAM POCKETS. THESE PARTS WERE PROCESSED FIVE YEARS AGO AND ASTRO ALUMINUM HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS DURING THAT TIME. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED
THIS CAPS IS CLOSED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15427	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# S-077	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 8091401982-XXX	Asmnt Part Name EXTERNAL TANK	Asmnt Serial/Lot# N/A			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD MAW - MFG-ASY-WORK	FAIL MODE MS - STRUCT		
Asmnt FMEA N/A	Asmnt FM N/A	FMEA CSE N/A	FMEA SCSE N/A		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15483	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-152	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED OUTPUT VOLTAGE TEST AT MAF				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 3
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LOX PRESS TRANSDUCER	PART# 80931003731-009	SER/LOT# 0000028	MANUFACTURER TAVIS CORP
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condition F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EG - SIG HI OR LO	Cause MAW - MFG-ASY- WORK
System ELECTRICAL	Defect MW - MISWIR	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 08/17/1992
Received at MSFC 06/24/1993	Date Isolated 08/17/1992	FMEA Reference 3.2.1.1C & 3.2.1.2C	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom EG - SIG HI OR LO		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date 01/17/1994	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 02/08/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 02/08/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 02/09/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 02/09/1994	Defer Date --	Add Date 06/24/1993	R/C Codes 2 - MFG -- --
Assignee				
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS

Approval					
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 02/23/1994	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion 06/15/1993	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID T-123647				
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Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description A LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED A TEST OF OUTPUT VOLTAGE VERSUS APPLIED PRESSURE DURING ACCEPTANCE TESTING OF ET-65/LWT-58 FAILURE ANALYSIS OF THE TRANSDUCER, COMPLETED JUNE 15, 1993, IDENTIFIED THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURE AS A DEFECTIVE TRANSISTOR THE NATURE OF THE TRANSISTOR DEFECT INDICATES A LOT RELATED PROBLEM THE TRACING OF ALL USES OF THE DEFECTIVE LOT OF TRANSISTORS WAS RECEIVED ON JUNE 17, 1993 CRITICALITY: THE PD7400239-009 TRANSDUCERS ARE USED ON ET-64/ SUBSEQUENT AND ARE CRIT. 3; FMEA ITEM CODE 3.2.1.1C, "FAILS WITH HIGH READING;" AND FMEA ITEM CODE 3.2.1.2C, "FAILS WITH LOW READING." NOTE: THE TRANSDUCERS ARE LIMITED LIFE CONTROLLED PREVIOUS CAPS: CAPS E-132, E-133, AND E-141 ADDRESSED UNRELATED PROBLEMS WITH PD7400239 TRANSDUCERS REVISION "E" CLOSSES ALL TASKS. SEE ASTERISKS FOR CHANGES					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution GENERAL: A LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER INSTALLED ON ET-65/LWT-58 FAILED A TEST OF THE ACCURACY OF THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE PRESSURE VERSUS THE APPLIED PRESSURE. THE TEST, TP7C201-AT, WAS BEING PERFORMED IN THE MAF BUILDING 420, FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND TEST WORK AREA					

THE TRANSDUCER WAS A PART NUMBER 80931003731-009, SERIAL NUMBER 28, INSTALLED ON THE ET IN THE REFERENCE DESIGNATOR 327A04 POSITION. AT AN APPLIED PRESSURE OF 21.006 PSIG, THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE WAS 3.581 VDC THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE AT THAT PRESSURE IS 3.560 VDC THE 0.021 VDC OUT-OF-TOLERANCE CONDITION IS EQUIVALENT TO AN ERROR OF 0.4% OF FULL SCALE. THE 80931003731-009 TRANSDUCER IS AN ASSEMBLY OF A PD4800280-019 METAL SCREEN FILTER INSTALLED ON THE REFERENCE PORT OF A PD7400239-009 PRESSURE TRANSDUCER. THE PD7400239 TRANSDUCER, SERIAL NUMBER 85, USED IN THIS ASSEMBLY HAD AN OUTPUT VOLTAGE THAT WAS LOWER BY 0.9% AT 21 PSIG DURING THE ORIGINAL SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TEST THE TRANSDUCER WAS RETURNED TO THE SUPPLIER, TAVIS CORPORATION, FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS. THE TRANSDUCER IS A HERMETICALLY SEALED DESIGN WITH A TUBULAR STAINLESS STEEL CASE. ANALYSIS PROVED DIFFICULT AS THE FAILURE WAS INTERMITTENT AND VARIABLE IN NATURE. THE ANALYSIS AT TAVIS CONCLUDED IN APRIL 1993, BY IDENTIFYING A DEFECTIVE TRANSISTOR. THE DEFECTIVE TRANSISTOR WAS SENT TO THE MARTIN MARIETTA ASTRONAUTICS GROUP IN DENVER, COLORADO, FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS

THE DEFECTIVE TRANSISTOR WAS A 2N2946A JANTXV, PRODUCED BY TELEDYNE CRYSTALONICS, LOT CODE 8619. IT WAS FOUND TO HAVE EXCESSIVE ELECTRICAL LEAKAGE AT ALL TEMPERATURES; THE GREATEST OUT OF TOLERANCE CONDITION OCCURRED AT 75 DEGREE F. TESTING FOUND THE TRANSISTOR CASE HERMETICITY WAS WITHIN SPECIFICATION. RESIDUAL GAS ANALYSIS (RGA) OF THE CONTENTS OF THE HERMETICALLY SEALED CASE FOUND THE MOISTURE CONTENT WAS 6.79%; THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE VALUE IS 0.5%. FOLLOWING RGA, WITH THE MOISTURE HAVING BEEN REMOVED, THE TRANSISTOR NO LONGER HAD EXCESSIVE ELECTRICAL LEAKAGE. EXCESSIVE INTERNAL MOISTURE INDICATES LOSS OF CONTROL DURING THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND BRINGS INTO QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION LOT

TAVIS CORPORATION IDENTIFIED ALL PARTS PRODUCED FOR MARTIN MARIETTA MANNED SPACE SYSTEMS WHICH USED THE SAME LOT OF TELEDYNE CRYSTALONICS TRANSISTORS AS THAT IN THE ORIGINAL FAILURE; LOT CODE 8619. A TOTAL OF TWENTY-SEVEN PD7400239-009/80931003731-009 LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS ARE AFFECTED. A TOTAL OF THIRTY PD7400239-019 LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS ARE AFFECTED. THE LH2 TRANSDUCERS WERE DEVELOPED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING PD7400098-089 PARTS BUT HAVE NEVER BEEN QUALIFIED FOR FLIGHT

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

- A ENGINEERING IS REVIEWING THE LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER TEST DATA TAKEN IN MAF BLDG. 420 ON THE ETS WHICH HAVE THE 80931003731-009 TRANSDUCERS. THE DATA WILL BE COMPARED WITH THE LAST SUPPLIER CALIBRATION TESTS TO DETERMINE IF THE TRANSDUCERS HAVE CHANGED

RESPONSIBILITY: L. COLON/4120--J. COOL/4120

COMPLETE: JUNE 28, 1993

CLOSURE STATEMENT

SEVERAL OF THE EIGHTEEN INSTALLED AND TESTED TRANSDUCERS HAD MINOR CHANGES IN THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE AS COMPARED TO THE SUPPLIER ATP. ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY WILL BE ADDRESSED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE OTHER FAILURE INVESTIGATION TASKS

- B PURCHASING IS OBTAINING FROM TAVIS CORPORATION THE TRACEABILITY DATA ON THE 2N2946A TRANSISTORS USED IN ALL TRANSDUCERS OTHER THAN THOSE INVOLVED WITH THE SUSPECT LOT

RESPONSIBILITY: G. PICHON/3830 M. COMBS/3830

COMPLETE: JUNE 28, 1993

CLOSURE STATEMENT

TWENTY-FOUR PD7400239-009/80931003731-009 LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS AND TWENTY-TWO PD7400239-019 LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS WERE IDENTIFIED WITH THE LOT CODES OF TRANSISTORS

- C ALL PD7400239 LOX AND LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS IN MAF STORES WERE DOCUMENTED ON MARS AS BEING SUSPECT OF BEING

INACCURATE AND WILL BE RETURNED TO TAVIS FOR TESTING. THIRTY LOX
TRANSDUCERS WERE DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-127791. FIFTY-TWO LH2
TRANSDUCERS WERE DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-127790
RESPONSIBILITY: J. ADAMS/3741--D. WESTPHAL/3740
COMPLETE: JUNE 28, 1993

- D TESTING OF THE PD7400239 LOX AND LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS
AT TAVIS WILL CONSIST OF THE POST-VIBRATION PORTION OF THE
SUPPLIER ATP
RESPONSIBILITY: G. PICHON/3830--M. COMBS/3830
L. COLON/4120--J. COOL/4120
COMPLETE: NOVEMBER 30, 1993

CLOSURE STATEMENT

1. THIRTY LOX PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS WERE TESTED AT TAVIS
CORPORATION:
 - A. TEN TRANSDUCERS WERE FOUND TO HAVE SMALL ERRORS IN OUTPUT
VOLTAGE AND WERE DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-121303 AND T- 121304
THE TRANSDUCERS HAVE BEEN DISPOSITIONED TO BE READJUSTED
AND RETURNED TO MAF
 - B. ONE TRANSDUCER HAD GALLED THREADS ON THE REFERENCE PORT
FITTING, AS A RESULT OF FILTER REMOVAL FOR TESTING, AND
WAS DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-121306. THE TRANSDUCER WAS
DISPOSITIONED "USE-AS-IS."
 - C. ONE TRANSDUCER HAD AN OUTPUT VOLTAGE ERROR SIMILAR TO THAT
OF THE ORIGINAL FAILURE WHICH OPENED THIS CAPS. THE
TRANSDUCER WAS DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-121302 AND
DISPOSITIONED FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS TO BE PERFORMED; SEE
TASK I.G. BELOW
2. FIFTY TWO LH2 PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS WERE TESTED AT TAVIS
CORPORATION:
 - A. TWO TRANSDUCERS WERE FOUND TO HAVE SMALL ERRORS IN OUTPUT
VOLTAGE AND WERE DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-121305. THE
TRANSDUCERS WILL BE READJUSTED AND RETURNED TO MAF
 - B. ONE TRANSDUCER HAD AN OUTPUT VOLTAGE ERROR AND WAS
DOCUMENTED ON MARS T121307. THE MARS WAS DISPOSITIONED
FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS; SEE TASK I.I BELOW

- E NINETEEN TELEDYNE CRYSTALONICS TRANSISTORS FROM TAVIS STOCK ARE
BEING TESTED TO DETERMINE THEIR CONDITION. THE TRANSISTORS ARE
NEW UNITS WHICH HAVE BEEN UPGRADED BY TEST TO LEVEL "S" FOR
USE IN THE PD7400239 TRANSDUCERS. EIGHTEEN OF THE TRANSISTORS
ARE FROM THE SAME LOT CODE AS THE ORIGINAL FAILURE. THE TESTING
IS BEING PERFORMED AT THE MARTIN MARIETTA ASTRONAUTICS GROUP IN
DENVER, COLORADO

RESPONSIBILITY: G. PICHON/3830--M. COMBS/3830
L. COLON/4120-- J. COOL/4120

COMPLETE: AUGUST 12. 1993

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ALL NINETEEN TRANSISTORS PASSED THE ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE
TESTS. RESIDUAL GAS ANALYSIS OF FOURTEEN TRANSISTORS FOUND ONE
UNIT THAT WAS NOT HERMETICALLY SEALED AND TWO WHICH HAD
EXCESSIVE LEVELS OF MOISTURE. ONE OF THE TWO TRANSISTORS WITH
EXCESSIVE MOISTURE WAS THE LOT CODE 8611 PART. THE GIDEP ALERT
WAS REVISED TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND LOT CODE;
SEE TASK II.A

- F ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPT. 4120, WILL RECOMMEND A COURSE OF
ACTION FOR THE TRANSDUCER PROBLEMS BASED ON AN EVALUATION OF THE
DATA FROM THE TRANSDUCERS IN TASK I.D., THE TRANSISTORS IN
TASK I.E., AND THE RESULTS OF THE FAILURE ANALYSES IN TASK I.G
AND TASK I.I

RESPONSIBILITY: G. PICHON/3830--M. COMBS/3830
L. COLON/4120-- J. COOL/4120

* COMPLETED: JANUARY 17, 1994

CLOSURE STATEMENT

1. REVIEW OF THE TRANSDUCER TEST DATA FROM THIRTY LOX AND FIFTY-TWO LH2 PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS, OBTAINED AS PART OF I.D., FOUND NO INDICATION OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL LOT OF TRANSISTORS
- *2. REVIEW OF THE TEST DATA FROM TASK I.D., FOUND THAT THE TRANSDUCERS HAD SMALL, BUT UNEXPECTED, CHANGES IN THE CALIBRATION DATA WHEN COMPARED WITH THE ORIGINAL ATP DATA. AS A RESULT, TEN LH2 PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS WERE SELECTED BY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TO BE TESTED FOR LONG TERM (LIFE) STABILITY OF THE PD7400239 DESIGN. SEE TASK I.H
- *3. THE FAILURES COVERED BY TASK I.G. AND TASK I.I. WERE THE RESULT OF WORKMANSHIP/QUALITY ESCAPES AND WERE JUDGED TO HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSDUCERS

G. FAILURE ANALYSIS T-121302 IS IN PROGRESS AT TAVIS CORPORATION THE FAILED PART IS A LOX TRANSDUCER, P/N 80931003731-009, S/N 0000020, AND UTILIZES TRANSISTORS WITH THE SAME LOT CODE THAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORIGINAL FAILURE
RESPONSIBILITY: G. PICHON/3830--M. COMBS/3830
J. ADAMS/3741--D. WESTPHAL/3740
COMPLETE: NOVEMBER 9, 1993

CLOSURE STATEMENT
ANALYSIS FOUND THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE TO BE A DEFECTIVE SOLDER JOINT BETWEEN A CIRCUIT BOARD TERMINAL AND ONE OF THE LEADS TO A DIAPHRAGM POSITION SENSING INDUCTOR. THE WIRE HAD BEEN WRAPPED ONTO THE TERMINAL BUT HAD NOT BEEN SOLDERED. THE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES INSPECT THE SOLDER JOINTS. THE DEFECT IS THE RESULT OF A QUALITY CONTROL ESCAPE AT TAVIS CORP

H. AN ENGINEERING TEST PROGRAM TO DETERMINE THE LONG TERM STABILITY OF THE TRANSDUCERS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. TEN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS, PART NUMBER PD7400239-019, WERE SELECTED BY ENGINEERING FROM AMONG THE FIFTY-TWO PARTS NOW EXISTING. THE TRANSDUCERS ARE TO BE TESTED FOR ACCURACY AT 90 DAY INTERVALS UNTIL THE FIRST FLIGHT OF AN ET WITH PD7400239-009 TRANSDUCERS THEREAFTER, THE TEN TRANSDUCERS WILL BE TESTED AT 180 DAY INTERVALS UNTIL THE PARTS ARE FIVE YEARS OLD (I.E. DECEMBER 1996) THE TESTING IS CONTROLLED BY OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE 93-OD-0643

I. A PD7400239-019 LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER, SERIAL NUMBER 0000065, FAILED THE TESTS AT TAVIS CORP DOCUMENTED IN TASK I.D THE TRANSDUCER OUTPUT WAS 676MV REGARDLESS OF APPLIED PRESSURE, AT AN OPERATING TEMPERATURE OF 150 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. THE TRANSDUCER WILL BE DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-121307 AND DISPOSITIONED FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS
RESPONSIBILITY: G. PICHON/3830--M. COMBS/3830
J. ADAMS/3741--D. WESTPHAL/3740
* COMPLETE: JANUARY 17, 1994

* CLOSURE STATEMENT
ANALYSIS FOUND THAT THE INSULATION ON A WIRE HAD BEEN DAMAGED AND WAS CAUSING A SHORT CIRCUIT BETWEEN TRANSDUCER COMPONENTS. THE DAMAGE WAS THE RESULT OF A WORKMANSHIP/QUALITY ESCAPE WHICH IMPROPERLY POSITIONED THE WIRE IN THE ASSEMBLY
TASK CLOSED

CAUSE
ORIGINAL FAILURE - THE TRANSISTOR WAS DEFECTIVE AS SUPPLIED FROM THE MANUFACTURER
PROBLEMS DISCOVERED DURING THE TASK I INVESTIGATION - SEE TASK II
CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR DETAILS

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION
A. THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR THE DEFECTIVE TRANSISTORS ARE LISTED BELOW. REVIEW BY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, TASK I,F.1., DID NOT RECOMMEND FURTHER ACTIONS
1. GIDEP ALERT 9Q-A-93-03 WAS ORIGINALLY RELEASED BY THE GIDEP SYSTEM AND WAS BASED ON THE SINGLE ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

TRANSISTOR. THE ALERT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REVISED TO 9Q-A-93-03A TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON OTHER FAILURES DISCOVERED AS PART OF TASK I.E

RESPONSIBILITY: B. CORNAY/3742 D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE: SEPTEMBER 9, 1993

2. SCAD 92-132 WAS ISSUED TO TAVIS CORP

RESPONSIBILITY: T. PASTORET/3742--D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE: JULY 29, 1993

- *B. CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THE CHANGES IN THE TRANSDUCER CALIBRATIONS, IDENTIFIED DURING ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING REVIEW OF TEST DATA IN TASK I.F.2., WAS ADDRESSED BY INSTITUTING A LONG TERM TEST OF TRANSDUCER PERFORMANCE. REFERENCE: TASK I.H AND OPERATION DIRECTIVE 93-OD-0643. SHOULD THE TEST RESULTS INDICATE THAT FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY, IT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY ENGINEERING CHANGES
- *C. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR THE FAILURE CAUSED BY A WIRE CONNECTION WHICH HAD NOT BEEN SOLDERED WERE TO REVISE THE SOLDER INSPECTION CRITERIA OF THE MANUFACTURING TRAVELERS AT THE APPLICABLE STAGE OF ASSEMBLY. REFERENCE: TAVIS CORPORATION TEST TRAVELER 10345-1, STEP 340, FOR THE PD7400239-009; AND TAVIS CORPORATION PRODUCTION TEST TRAVELER 10346-1, STEP 330, FOR THE PD7400239-019
- *D. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR THE FAILURE CAUSED BY DAMAGED WIRE INSULATION WERE TO REVISE THE MANUFACTURING TRAVELERS, ENGINEERING DRAWINGS, AND TO CREATE A TOOL TO CONTROL THE ASSEMBLY AND PREVENT NICKED WIRES
 - 1. PD7400239-009 LOX TRANSDUCER; TAVIS CORPORATION PRODUCTION TEST TRAVELER 10345-1, STEP 240, ALIGNMENT TOOL #T0215; TAVIS CORPORATION PRODUCTION TEST TRAVELER 10345-1, STEP 350, WIRE ROUTING; AND TAVIS CORPORATION ENGINEERING DRAWING 18131, REVISION C., DOCUMENTATION ACCOUNTABILITY SHEET (DAS) BBE-061
 - 2. PD7400239-019 LH2 TRANSDUCER: TAVIS CORPORATION PRODUCTION TEST TRAVELER 10346-1, STEP 230, ALIGNMENT TOO #T0215; TAVIS CORPORATION PRODUCTION TEST TRAVELER 10346-1, STEP 340, WIRE ROUTING; AND TAVIS CORPORATION ENGINEERING DRAWING 18913, REVISION B., DOCUMENTATION ACCOUNTABILITY SHEET (DAS) BBG-056

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

ALL ETS CLEARED. TESTING OF THE EIGHTY-TWO PD7400239 TRANSDUCERS, NOT INSTALLED ON ETS, FOUND NO INDICATION OF A TRANSISTOR LOT RELATED PROBLEM. REVIEW OF THE TEST DATA FROM TRANSDUCERS INSTALLED ON ETS FOUND NO INDICATION OF A TRANSISTOR LOT RELATED PROBLEM. REVIEW OF THE TEST DATA FROM TRANSDUCERS INSTALLED ON ETS FOUND NO INDICATION OF A TRANSISTOR LOT RELATED PROBLEM. THERE ARE SUFFICIENT TESTS OF TRANSDUCER PERFORMANCE AT THE SUPPLIER, MAF, AND KSC TO ASSURE PERFORMANCE DURING PROPELLANT LOADING AND FLIGHT

ETS 64 AND SUBSEQUENT HAVE THREE ACTIVE PD7400239-009 LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS CONNECTED TO THE ORBITER AT A TIME. THE LAUNCH COMMIT CRITERIA (LSS) REQUIRES THAT TWO OF THE THREE BE FUNCTIONING THROUGH THE PRE-PRESS EVENT OF PROPELLANT LOADING. NONE ARE REQUIRED FOR FLIGHT

TASK CLOSED

*TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

A FAILURE OF A PD7400239 LOX ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER WAS TRACED TO A DEFECTIVE TRANSISTOR. A GIDEP ALERT WAS ISSUED AGAINST THE TRANSISTOR LOT AND WAS BACKED BY TESTS OF OTHER TRANSISTORS FROM THE SAME LOT. THE MAF TEST DATA FOR ALL INSTALLED TRANSDUCERS WAS REVIEWED ALONG WITH TEST DATA OBTAINED BY RETURNING ALL UNINSTALLED PARTS TO THE SUPPLIER FOR CALIBRATION TESTING. NO DEFINITE LINK COULD BE FOUND BETWEEN THE TRANSISTOR LOTS AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMPLETED TRANSDUCERS

DURING THE INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRST FAILURE, THREE OTHER PROBLEMS OCCURRED. THE FIRST WAS CALIBRATION SHIFTS NOTED IN THE TRANSDUCERS RETURNED TO THE SUPPLIER. AS A RESULT OF SHIFTS, A LONG TERM TEST HAS BEEN INITIATED TO VERIFY TRANSDUCER STABILITY. THE SECOND AND THIRD PROBLEMS WERE TWO SEPARATE TRANSDUCER FAILURES RESULTING FROM WORKMANSHIP ESCAPES DURING TRANSDUCER MANUFACTURE THESE FAILURES WERE ADDRESSED BY PLACING ADDITIONAL CONTROLS IN THE SUPPLIERS MANUFACTURING TRAVELERS AND DRAWINGS
 TASK CLOSED
 THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
 ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15483	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-152	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 80931003731-009	Asmnt Part Name LOX PRES TRANSDUCER	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 0000028			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 3	CAUSE CD MAW - MFG-ASY-WORK	FAIL MODE EG - SIG HI OR LO		
Asmnt FMEA 3.2.1.1C	Asmnt FM 1C	FMEA CSE E	FMEA SCSE 4		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15506	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-153	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED VIBRATION TEST (ATP) AT SUPPLIER				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1R
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE	PART# PD7400098-089	SER/LOT# 0001657	MANUFACTURER GULTON-STATH
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EG - SIG HI OR LO	Cause MM - MFG-MOV
System ELECTRICAL	Defect DC - BROKEN	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 07/07/1993
Received at MSFC 07/09/1993	Date Isolated 07/07/1993	FMEA Reference 3.4.1.1, 3.4.1.2	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location GULTON		Symptom EG - SIG HI OR LO		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date --	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action --	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 02/09/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 08/16/1993	Defer Date 07/13/1993	Add Date 07/09/1993	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL -- --
Assignee				

Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer R. MOYE	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
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Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 08/25/1993	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion 07/07/1993	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
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Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description					
<p>A TRANSDUCER FAILED THE VIBRATION TEST SEGMENT OF THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN (ATP)</p> <p>CRITICALITY: THE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER IS LISTED AS CRIT.1R: FMEA ITEM CODE 3.4.1.1, "FAILS WITH HIGH READING;" AND FMEA CODE 3.4.1.2, "FAILS WITH LOW READING."</p> <p>PREVIOUS CAPS: THERE HAVE BEEN NO VIBRATION TEST FAILURES DURING THE SUPPLIER ATP SINCE THE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES FOR ALL PD7400098-XXX TRANSDUCERS WERE REVISED AS PART OF CAPS E-082. UNRELATED FAILURES OF PD7400098-XXX TRANSDUCERS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED ON CAPS E-150, 145, 143, 137, 125, 123, 122, 121, 120, 119, 118, 117, 115, 112, 111, 110, 106, 101, 092, 091, 087 AND 082</p> <p>NOTE: THE TRANSDUCERS ARE LIMITED LIFE CONTROLLED</p> <p>*REVISION "A"--CLOSES ALL TASKS. SEE ASTERISKS FOR CHANGES</p>					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution					
<p>GENERAL:</p> <p>A LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER WAS BEING TESTED AT THE SUPPLIER, GULTON-STATHAM TRANSDUCERS, PER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN (ATP) 3031-13803 DURING THE VIBRATION TEST, PER ATP PARAGRAPH 5.4, THE TRANSDUCER</p>					

EXCEEDED THE PEAK-TO-PEAK (P-P) NOISE REQUIREMENT IN THE 50 TO 80 HERTZ BAND. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NOISE IS 0.16 VOLTS P-P; THE ACTUAL VALUE WAS 0.20V P-P

THE TRANSDUCER IS USED TO MEASURE THE ULLAGE PRESSURE IN THE LIQUID HYDROGEN PROPELLANT TANK DURING BOTH GROUND PROPELLANT LOADING AND IN FLIGHT. THE TRANSDUCER IS ATTACHED TO A SHOCK MOUNT ON THE FORWARD DOME OF THE HYDROGEN TANK, WITHIN THE INTERTANK. THE TRANSDUCER COVERS THE RANGE OF 12 TO 52 PSIA. THE ORBITER PROVIDES 5 VDC TO THE TRANSDUCER AND RECEIVES A VOLTAGE FROM THE TRANSDUCER PROPORTIONAL TO THE ULLAGE PRESSURE. THE PRESSURE MEASUREMENT IS USED TO CONTROL THE SPACE SHUTTLE MAIN ENGINE (SSME) GASEOUS HYDROGEN FLOW CONTROL VALVE

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

THE TRANSDUCER FAILURE WAS DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-119554. THE MARS WILL BE DISPOSITIONED FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS TO BE PERFORMED AT GULTON-STATHAM

RESPONSIBILITY: J. ADAMS/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740
L. COLON/4120 -- J. COOL/4120
G. PICHON/3830 -- M. COMBS/3830

COMPLETE: AUGUST 12, 1993

*CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE TRANSDUCER WAS ONE OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE PARTS WHICH WERE REWORKED TO REPLACE THE OUTPUT LEAD WIRES, AS DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-119553. THE FAILURE DOCUMENTED IN THIS CAPS OCCURRED DURING SUPPLIER ATP FOLLOWING RETURN OF THE PART TO GULTON-STATHAM AND THE LEAD WIRE REWORK. FAILURE ANALYSIS REPORT T-119554 FOUND THAT THE TRANSDUCER INTERNAL POTENTIOMETER WIPER PIVOT BEARINGS HAD EXCESSIVE END PLAY THE EXCESSIVE PLAY WAS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF HANDLING DAMAGE, A PHYSICAL SHOCK, AT SOME TIME DURING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM MAF OR DURING THE REWORK. DETERMINATION OF THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURE WAS NOT POSSIBLE. REVIEW AND OBSERVATION OF THE REWORK PROCESS AND THE PACKAGING OF TRANSDUCERS FOR TRANSPORTATION FAILED TO REVEAL A LIKELY CAUSE

TASK CLOSED

*CAUSE: THE ROOT CAUSE IS UNKNOWN. AMONG THE POSSIBLE CAUSES IS HANDLING DAMAGE

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

*NO CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THE FAILURE IS POSSIBLE. THE TIME, PLACE, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DAMAGE WHICH CAUSED THE FAILURE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. REVIEW OF THE ASSOCIATED MANUFACTURING AND TRANSPORTATION CONTROLS AND PROCESSES FOUND NO LIKELY CAUSE

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

*THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

ALL ETS CLEARED. THE TRANSDUCER FAILED DURING THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TESTS AND ALL DELIVERED TRANSDUCERS HAVE PASSED THE TESTS. ONLY THE SUPPLIER ATP CONTAINS A TRANSDUCER VIBRATION TEST

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK CLOSED

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

*THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

THE TRANSDUCER FAILED THE VIBRATION TEST SEGMENT OF THE SUPPLIER ATP FOLLOWING RETURN OF THE PART FROM MAF TO THE SUPPLIER AND LEAD WIRE REPLACEMENT. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURE. THE INABILITY TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE PREVENTED IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION

TASK CLOSED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

7/9/93 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

BASED ON THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES" (ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS

08126, REV. E, PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM
 CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY SPECIAL TESTS."
 THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXTERNAL TANK PROJECT
 MANAGER, MR. PARKER V. COUNTS
 SIGNED: _PARKER V. COUNTS_ DATE: ____7/13/93____

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
 ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15506	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-153	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# PD7400098-089	Asmnt Part Name LH2 ULL PRES TRNSDCR	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 0001657			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1R	CAUSE CD MM - MFG-MOV	FAIL MODE EG - SIG HI OR LO		
Asmnt FMEA 3.4.1.2	Asmnt FM 2	FMEA CSE AB	FMEA SCSE N/A		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
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APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
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Problem Title LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED CALIBRATION TEST (ATP) AT SUPPLIER				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1R
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE	PART# PD7400098-089	SER/LOT# 0001660	MANUFACTURER GULTON-STATH
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EG - SIG HI OR LO	Cause MM - MFG-MOV
System ELECTRICAL	Defect DC - BROKEN	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 07/09/1993
Received at MSFC 07/12/1993	Date Isolated 07/09/1993	FMEA Reference 3.4.1.2	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location GULTON		Symptom EG - SIG HI OR LO		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date --	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action --	
Investigation / Resolution Summary THIS PROBLEM REPORT (PR) DOCUMENTS ONE OF TWO OR MORE OCCURRENCES OF THE SAME PROBLEM. ADDITIONAL PRS WILL BE OPENED FOR EACH OCCURRENCE ALL INVESTIGATION/RESOLUTION INFORMATION FOR ALL OCCURRENCES WILL BE TRACKED ON THIS PR. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE CONSIDERED CLOSED AND TRACKED ON THIS PR: A15556				

Last MSFC Update 02/09/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 08/16/1993	Defer Date 07/14/1993	Add Date 07/12/1993	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL -- --	
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Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description A.AN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED THE HIGH RESOLUTION CALIBRATION TEST SEGMENT OF THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN. THE TRANSDUCER HAD A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE. REFERENCE: MARS T-126693; SERIAL NUMBER 0001660; FAILURE DATE JULY 9, 1993 B.AN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED AN IN-PROCESS MANUFACTURING CONFIDENCE TEST WHILE INSTALLED ON ET-69/LWT-62 AT MAF. THE TRANSDUCER HAD A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE RESISTANCE DURING AN IN-PROCESS CHANNELIZATION TEST. AFTER REMOVAL FROM THE ET, TESTING FOUND THAT THE TRANSDUCER HAD A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE. REFERENCE: MARS T-127533; SERIAL NUMBER 0001645; FAILURE DATE JULY 29, 1993 CRITICALITY: THE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER IS LISTED AS CRIT.1R: FMEA ITEM CODE 3.4.1.2, "FAILS WITH LOW READING." NOTE: THE TRANSDUCERS ARE LIMITED LIFE CONTROLLED *REVISION "B"--CLOSES ALL TASKS. (SEE ASTERISKS)					

Contractor Investigation/Resolution

GENERAL:

- A. A LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER WAS BEING TESTED AT THE SUPPLIER, GULTON-STATHAM TRANSDUCERS, PER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN (ATP) 3031-13803. THE TRANSDUCER FAILED THE HIGH RESOLUTION CALIBRATION TEST SEGMENT CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5.6 OF THE ATP. AT AN APPLIED PRESSURE OF 47 PSIA THE TRANSDUCER HAD AN ERROR OF APPROXIMATELY -102 MILLIVOLTS DC (MVDC). THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ERROR AT THAT PRESSURE IS +/-100 MVDC
- THE TRANSDUCER WAS ONE OF THIRTY-FIVE WHICH WERE RETURNED TO GULTON-STATHAM TO HAVE THE LEAD WIRES REPLACED. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WIRES IS ACCOMPLISHED BY MACHINING AWAY THE WIRES AND THE ASSOCIATED STRAIN RELIEF. AFTER TERMINATING NEW WIRES ON THE HERMETICALLY SEALED WIRE FEEDTHROUGHS A NEW STRAIN RELIEF IS INSTALLED AND POTTED. THE DATA FROM THE ATP FAILURE WAS COMPARED WITH BOTH AN IN-PROCESS CALIBRATION CHECK PERFORMED AFTER LEAD REPLACEMENT AS WELL AS WITH THE ORIGINAL ATP. THE DATA COMPARISON FOUND THAT BEGINNING WITH THE IN-PROCESS CALIBRATION TEST AND INCREASING IN THE FINAL ATP, THE TRANSDUCER WAS INDICATING A LOWER PRESSURE THAN DURING ORIGINAL ATP
- *B. AN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER, SERIAL NUMBER 0001645, WAS BEING TESTED IN THE BUILDING 103 FINAL ASSEMBLY AREA OF MAF AS INSTALLED ON ET-69/LWT-62. THE TEST, TP-7C07-FA, CONTAINS TESTS THAT ASSURES PROPER CONNECTION OF THE WIRE HARNESSSES TO THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS ON THE ET BY MEASURING THE RESISTANCE OF THE CIRCUITS. THIS TYPE OF TEST IS KNOWN AS "CHANNELIZATION." THE TEST RESULTS INDICATED A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE RESISTANCE VALUE BETWEEN THE TRANSDUCER INTERNAL POTENTIOMETER WIPER AND THE LOW END OF THE POTENTIOMETER THIS RESISTANCE IS NOT A PROPERTY COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PD7400098. HOWEVER, THE LOW RESISTANCE IS INDICATIVE OF A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE DURING PRESSURE MEASUREMENT. THE TRANSDUCER WAS REMOVED FROM THE ET AND DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-127533 TESTING OF THE TRANSDUCER PER T-127533 VERIFIED THAT THE TRANSDUCER WAS IN FACT PRODUCING A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE. AT AN APPLIED PRESSURE OF 33 PSIA THE TRANSDUCER HAD AN ERROR OF -185 MVDC. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ERROR AT THAT PRESSURE IS +/- 50 MVDC THE TRANSDUCER WAS ONE OF THE THIRTY-FIVE WHICH HAD BEEN REWORKED AS DESCRIBED IN "A" ABOVE. COMPARISON OF THE DATA FROM THE SUPPLIER ATP FOLLOWING REWORK WITH THE DATA FROM THE FAILURE FOUND THAT THE TRANSDUCER OUTPUT HAD SHIFTED LOWER BY APPROXIMATELY 150 MVDC
- C. THE PD7400098-089 TRANSDUCER IS USED TO MEASURE THE ULLAGE PRESSURE IN THE LIQUID HYDROGEN PROPELLANT TANK DURING BOTH GROUND PROPELLANT LOADING AND IN FLIGHT. THE TRANSDUCER IS ATTACHED TO A SHOCK MOUNT ON THE FORWARD DOME OF THE HYDROGEN TANK, WITHIN THE INTERTANK. THE TRANSDUCER COVERS THE RANGE OF 12 TO 52 PSIA. THE ORBITER PROVIDES 5 VDC TO THE TRANSDUCER AND RECEIVES A VOLTAGE FROM THE TRANSDUCER PROPORTIONAL TO THE ULLAGE PRESSURE. THE PRESSURE MEASUREMENT IS USED TO CONTROL THE SPACE SHUTTLE MAIN ENGINE (SSME) GASEOUS HYDROGEN FLOW CONTROL VALVE

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

- A. FAILURE ANALYSES WILL BE PERFORMED ON THE TRANSDUCERS

RESPONSIBILITY: J. ADAMS/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740
L. COLON/4120 -- J. COOL/4120
G. PICHON/3830 -- M. COMBS/3830

COMPLETE: AUGUST 13, 1993

*CLOSURE STATEMENT

1. FAILURE ANALYSIS T-126693, ON THE FAILURE DURING SUPPLIER ATP, FOUND THAT THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF FAILURE WAS A MECHANICAL SHOCK TO THE TRANSDUCER DURING THE HANDLING AND REWORK AT THE SUPPLIER THE HANDLING AND REWORK, ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEAD WIRE REPLACEMENT, CONSISTS OF MANY TESTS AND MACHINING OPERATIONS

REVIEW AND OBSERVATION OF THE REWORK PROCESSES FOUND NONE WHICH INHERENTLY RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE TRANSDUCER. SINCE THE CAUSE OF THE DAMAGE COULD NOT BE NARROWED TO A SPECIFIC AREA OR OPERATION, NO EFFECTIVE CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS POSSIBLE

2. FAILURE ANALYSIS T-127533, ON THE FAILURE AT MAF, FOUND THAT THE ANEROID CAPSULE WITHIN THE TRANSDUCER WAS LEAKING ATMOSPHERE INTO THE TRANSDUCER CASE. THE SPECIFIC DEFECT WITH ANEROID COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED. IN ADDITION TO THE DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING A LIKELY CAUSE IN THE LEAD REWORK PROCESS, THIS TRANSDUCER HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO MAF AND INSTALLED ON AN ET BEFORE THE FAILURE WAS DETECTED SINCE THE EVENTS WHICH CAUSED THE FAILURE ARE UNKNOWN, THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED AND NO EFFECTIVE CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS POSSIBLE

B. THE ACCEPTANCE TEST DATA FOR ALL THIRTY-THREE REMAINING TRANSDUCER WHICH ARE HAVING THE LEAD WIRES REPLACED WILL BE REVIEWED BY GULTON-STATHAM TO ASSURE THAT NO OTHER TRANSDUCERS ARE LEAKING
RESPONSIBILITY: G. PICHON/3830 -- M. COMBS/3830
COMPLETE: TASK CANCELED AUGUST 13, 1993

*CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE TRANSDUCER WHICH FAILED AT MAF HAD A CLEAR OUTPUT SHIFT WHEN COMPARING THE DATA FROM THE FAILURE WITH THE SUPPLIER ATP FOLLOWING LEAD WIRE REWORK. HOWEVER, GULTON-STATHAM TRANSDUCERS HAD ALREADY PERFORMED THE REVIEW OF ATP DATA FOR THIS UNIT PRIOR TO THE TIME OF THE MAF FAILURE. THE REVIEW FOUND NO INDICATIONS OF A SHIFT THEREFORE, THE DATA REVIEW IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PREDICTING THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM AND THE TASK WAS CANCELED

TASK CLOSED

CAUSE:

- *A. SUPPLIER ERROR--THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE WAS AN INADVERTENT MECHANICAL SHOCK TO THE TRANSDUCER WHILE AT THE SUPPLIER FOR LEAD WIRE REWORK. IDENTIFICATION OF ROOT CAUSE WAS NOT POSSIBLE
- *B. THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. AMONG THE MORE PROBABLE CAUSES IS HANDLING DAMAGE DURING EITHER TRANSPORTATION OR REWORK

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

- * NO CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS POSSIBLE FOR EITHER FAILURE. IN NEITHER CASE COULD THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURE BE IDENTIFIED. REVIEW OF THE WORK PROCESSES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE TRANSDUCERS DID NOT FIND AREAS OF CONCERN FOR FUTURE PRODUCTION

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

- * THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

ALL ETS CLEARED. THE INITIAL TRANSDUCER FAILED DURING THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TESTS. THE SECOND TRANSDUCER FAILURE OCCURRED DURING AN IN-PROCESS TEST OF AN ET AT MAF. IN ADDITION TO THE SUPPLIER ATP, THE TRANSDUCERS ARE TESTED FOR ACCURACY AFTER INSTALLATION ON AN ET BY TESTS CONDUCTED IN MAF BLDG. 420 FINAL ACCEPTANCE. ADDITIONAL TESTS OF ACCURACY OCCUR AT KSC AS PART OF FILE IV TESTING

THE TRANSDUCERS INSTALLED ON ET-59 WERE NOT ONES THAT HAD THE LEAD WIRES REWORKED. NEVERTHELESS, THE CALIBRATION TEST DATA FROM FILE IV AT KSC AND MAF ACCEPTANCE TESTING WERE COMPARED WITH THE SUPPLIER ATP; NONE OF THE TRANSDUCERS HAVE INDICATIONS OF SHIFTS IN THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK CLOSED

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE TWO TRANSDUCER FAILURES COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED. NO CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS POSSIBLE FOR REASON. THE EXISTING TESTS OF THE TRANSDUCERS AT THE SUPPLIER, MAF AND KSC ARE ADEQUATE TO DETECT SUCH FAILURES

TASK CLOSED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

7/13/93 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

BASED ON THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES" (ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126, REV. E, PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY SPECIAL TESTS."

THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPUTY EXTERNAL TANK PROJECT MANAGER, MR. CRAIG E. SUMNER

SIGNED: CRAIG E. SUMNER (SIGNED) DATE: 7/14/93

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System

ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15509	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-154	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# PD7400098-089	Asmnt Part Name LH2 ULL PRES TRNSDCR	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 0001660			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1R	CAUSE CD MM - MFG-MOV	FAIL MODE EG - SIG HI OR LO		
Asmnt FMEA 3.4.1.2	Asmnt FM 2	FMEA CSE AB	FMEA SCSE N/A		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15556	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-154-1	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED AN IN-PROCESS CONFIDENCE TEST AT MAF				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1R
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE	PART# PD7400098-089	SER/LOT# 0001645	MANUFACTURER GULTON-STATH
Test/Operation M - MFG	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EG - SIG HI OR LO	Cause MAW - MFG-ASY- WORK
System ELECTRICAL	Defect --	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 07/29/1993
Received at MSFC 08/05/1993	Date Isolated 08/03/1993	FMEA Reference 3.4.1.2	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom EG - SIG HI OR LO		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date --	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action --	
Investigation / Resolution Summary THIS PROBLEM REPORT (PR) DOCUMENTS AN IDENTICAL OCCURRENCE OF A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PROBLEM. THIS REPORT IS INITIATED TO RECORD THE OCCURRENCE OF THIS ANOMALY FOR TRENDING PURPOSES. ALL INVESTIGATION/ RESOLUTION INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS PR SHALL BE TRACKED ON MSFC RECORD NO. A15509. THEREFORE, THIS PR IS CONSIDERED CLOSED				

Last MSFC Update 02/09/1995	CN RSLV SBMT --	Defer Date --	Add Date 08/10/1993	R/C Codes -- -- --	
Assignee					
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
Approval					
Design N/A	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR N/A	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 08/10/1993	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion --	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- -- -- -- --	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
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Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description (NOTE: THIS PROBLEM REPORT DOCUMENTS AN IDENTICAL OCCURRENCE OF A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PROBLEM. THIS REPORT IS INITIATED TO RECORD THE OCCURRENCE OF THIS ANOMALY FOR TRENDING PURPOSES. ALL INVESTIGATION/RESOLUTION INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS PROBLEM REPORT SHALL BE TRACKED ON MSFC RECORD NUMBER A15509. THEREFORE, THIS PROBLEM REPORT IS CONSIDERED CLOSED.) AN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED AN IN-PROCESS MANUFACTURING CONFIDENCE TEST WHILE INSTALLED ON ET-69/LWT-62 AT MAF. THE TRANSDUCER HAD A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE RESISTANCE DURING AN IN-PROCESS CHANNELIZATION TEST. AFTER REMOVAL FROM THE ET, TESTING FOUND THAT THE TRANSDUCER HAD A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE. REFERENCE: MARS T-127533; SERIAL NUMBER 0001645; FAILURE DATE JULY 29, 1993 CRITICALITY: THE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER IS LISTED AS CRIT. 1R: FMEA ITEM CODE 3.4.1.2, "FAILS WITH LOW READING." NOTE: THE TRANSDUCERS ARE LIMITED LIFE CONTROLLED					

Contractor Investigation/Resolution**MSFC Response/Concurrence**

AN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER, SERIAL NUMBER 0001645, WAS BEING TESTED IN THE BUILDING 103 FINAL ASSEMBLY AREA OF MAF AS INSTALLED ON ET-69/LWT-62. THE TEST, TP-7C07-FA, CONTAINS TESTS THAT ASSURES PROPER CONNECTION OF THE WIRE HARNESSSES TO THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS ON THE ET BY MEASURING THE RESISTANCE OF THE CIRCUITS. THIS TYPE OF TEST IS KNOWN AS "CHANNELIZATION." THE TEST RESULTS INDICATED A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE RESISTANCE VALUE BETWEEN THE TRANSDUCER INTERNAL POTENTIOMETER WIPER AND THE LOW END OF THE POTENTIOMETER. THIS RESISTANCE IS NOT A PROPERTY COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PD7400098. HOWEVER, THE LOW RESISTANCE IS INDICATIVE OF A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE DURING PRESSURE MEASUREMENT. THE TRANSDUCER WAS REMOVED FROM THE ET AND DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-127533. TESTING OF THE TRANSDUCER PER T-127533 VERIFIED THAT THE TRANSDUCER WAS IN FACT PRODUCING A LOWER THAN ACCEPTABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE AT AN APPLIED PRESSURE OF 33 PSIA THE TRANSDUCER HAD AN ERROR OF -185 MVDC. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ERROR AT THAT PRESSURE IS +/- 50 MVDC THE TRANSDUCER WAS ONE OF THE THIRTY-FIVE WHICH HAD BEEN REWORKED AS DESCRIBED IN PROBLEM REPORT A15509 (PART A). COMPARISON OF THE DATA FROM THE SUPPLIER ATP FOLLOWING REWORK WITH THE DATA FROM THE FAILURE FOUND THAT THE TRANSDUCER OUTPUT HAD SHIFTED LOWER BY APPROXIMATELY 150 MVDC

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ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15556	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-154-1	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# --	Asmnt Part Name --	Asmnt Serial/Lot# --			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1R	CAUSE CD MAW - MFG-ASY-WORK	FAIL MODE EG - SIG HI OR LO		
Asmnt FMEA 3.4.1.2	Asmnt FM 2	FMEA CSE AB	FMEA SCSE N/A		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15681	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-155	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title A TRANSDUCER FAILED THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN (ATP)				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1R
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE	PART# PD7400098-089	SER/LOT# 0001736	MANUFACTURER GULTON-STATH
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EG - SIG HI OR LO	Cause MAP - MFG-ASY-INST
System ELECTRICAL	Defect MA - ME ADJ	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 11/01/1993
Received at MSFC 11/02/1993	Date Isolated 11/01/1993	FMEA Reference 3.4.1.2	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location GULTON		Symptom EG - SIG HI OR LO		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text NONE				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date 11/18/1993	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 11/01/1993	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 11/18/1993	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 02/09/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 11/19/1993	Defer Date 11/10/1993	Add Date 11/02/1993	R/C Codes 5 - TRNG -- --
Assignee				

Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
Approval					
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 11/24/1993	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion 11/18/1993	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID T-126694				
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Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description					
<p>A TRANSDUCER FAILED THE VIBRATION TEST SEGMENT OF THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN (ATP)</p> <p>CRITICALITY: THE TRANSDUCER IS LISTED AS CRIT.1R: FMEA ITEM CODE 3.4.1.1, "FAILS WITH HIGH READING;" AND FMEA ITEM CODE 3.4.1.2 "FAILS WITH LOW READING."</p> <p>NOTE: THE TRANSDUCERS ARE LIMITED LIFE CONTROLLED</p> <p>*REVISION "A"--CLOSES ALL TASKS. (SEE ASTERISKS)</p>					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution					
<p>GENERAL:</p> <p>A LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER WAS BEING TESTED AT THE SUPPLIER, GULTON-STATHAM TRANSDUCERS, PER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN (ATP) 3031-13803. DURING THE X-AXIS VIBRATION TEST, PER ATP PARAGRAPH 5.4, THE TRANSDUCER EXCEEDED THE PEAK-TO-PEAK (P-P) NOISE REQUIREMENT IN THE 100 TO 2000 HERTZ BAND. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NOISE IS 0.28 VOLTS P-P; THE ACTUAL VALUE WAS 0.40 V P-P</p> <p>THE TRANSDUCER IS USED TO MEASURE THE ULLAGE PRESSURE IN THE LIQUID HYDROGEN PROPELLANT TANK DURING BOTH GROUND PROPELLANT LOADING AND IN FLIGHT. THE TRANSDUCER IS ATTACHED TO A SHOCK MOUNT ON THE FORWARD</p>					

DOMES OF THE HYDROGEN TANK, WITHIN THE INTERTANK. THE TRANSDUCER COVERS THE RANGE OF 12 TO 52 PSIA. THE ORBITER PROVIDES 5 VDC TO THE TRANSDUCER AND RECEIVES A VOLTAGE FROM THE TRANSDUCER PROPORTIONAL TO THE ULLAGE PRESSURE. THE PRESSURE MEASUREMENT IS USED TO CONTROL THE SPACE SHUTTLE MAIN ENGINE (SSME) GASEOUS HYDROGEN FLOW CONTROL VALVE

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

THE TRANSDUCER FAILURE WAS DOCUMENTED ON MARS T-126694. THE MARS WILL BE DISPOSITIONED FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS TO BE PERFORMED AT GULTON-STATHAM

RESPONSIBILITY: J. ADAMS/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740
L. COLON/4120 -- J. COOL/4120
G. PICHON/3830 -- M. COMBS/3830

* COMPLETE: NOVEMBER 18, 1993

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

FAILURE ANALYSIS FOUND THE CAUSE OF THE VIBRATION TEST FAILURE TO BE EXCESSIVE END PLAY IN THE WIPER PIVOT BEARINGS. INVESTIGATION BY GULTON ENGINEERING FOUND THAT THE PRODUCTION WORKER PERFORMING THE BEARING END PLAY ADJUSTMENT WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE CORRECT USE OF THE TOOLING FOR ADJUSTING THE END PLAY

TASK CLOSED

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

- * A. THE PRODUCTION WORKER WAS RETRAINED IN THE USE OF THE TOOLING USED TO MEASURE/SET THE BEARING END PLAY. REFERENCE: GULTON-STATHAM TRANSDUCERS, INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM PB:93-57, DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1993
- B. THE GULTON PRODUCTION TRAVELER FOR THE LH2 TRANSDUCER WAS REVISED TO INCLUDE MORE DETAILED WORK INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BEARING ADJUSTMENT. REFERENCE: GULTON-STATHAM TRANSDUCERS, INC. SHOP TRAVELER 3031-13803, STEPS 50 AND 60

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

ALL ETS CLEARED. THE TRANSDUCER FAILED DURING THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TESTS AND ALL DELIVERED TRANSDUCERS HAVE PASSED THE TESTS

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK CLOSED

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

- * AN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FAILED THE VIBRATION TEST SEGMENT OF THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN. FAILURE ANALYSIS OF THE TRANSDUCER FOUND THAT THE CAUSE WAS EXCESSIVE END PLAY IN THE WIPER PIVOT BEARINGS. THE EXCESSIVE END PLAY WAS THE RESULT OF WORKER ERROR DURING ASSEMBLY OF THE TRANSDUCER. THE WORKER WAS RETRAINED AND THE MANUFACTURING SHOP TRAVELER WAS REVISED TO INCLUDE MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTING END PLAY

TASK CLOSED

THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

11/2/93 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

BASED ON THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES" (ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126, REV. E, PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY SPECIAL TESTS."

THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXTERNAL TANK PROJECT MANAGER, MR. PARKER V. COUNTS

SIGNED: _____ PARKER V. COUNTS _____ DATE: ____11/10/93____

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System

ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15681	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-155	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# PD7400098-089	Asmnt Part Name LH2 ULL PRES TRNSDCR	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 0001736			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1R	CAUSE CD MAP - MFG-ASY-INST	FAIL MODE EG - SIG HI OR LO		
Asmnt FMEA 3.4.1.2	Asmnt FM 2	FMEA CSE G	FMEA SCSE 2		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15695	In-Flight Anomaly Number STS-58-T-1	Contractor Report Number T-066	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title MISSING FOAM ON INTERTANK AND BIPOD JACK PAD CLOSEOUT				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G (X) H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE ET COMPLETE	PART# 80901000000-229	SER/LOT# ET-57	MANUFACTURER MMMSS
Test/Operation F - FLT	Prevailing Condition F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U UC	Fail Mode MSI - INSULATION	Cause MP - MFG-PRC
System TPS	Defect DD - DETACH	Material F - INSUL	Work Contact K. KILLIAN	Fail Date 10/18/1993
Received at MSFC 11/16/1993	Date Isolated 11/15/1993	FMEA Reference 5.6.2.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location KSC		Symptom UC - UNSAT		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text ET-60 AND SUBSEQUENT. DEFERRED THROUGH 11/18/94				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
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GENERAL:

*ISSUE 1:

EFFECTIVE ET-51 AND SUBSEQUENT, INTERTANK TPS APPLICATION USES A TWO GUN SPRAY OPERATION. THIS PROCESS FILLS THE VALLEYS BETWEEN THE STRUCTURAL STRINGERS AND COVERS THE STRINGERS IN A SINGLE SPRAY

PRIOR TO ET-51, THE INTERTANK HAD:

1) CPR 488 APPLIED OVER PRIMED SUBSTRATE

2) CPR 488 FOAM APPLIED OVER BX250 FOAM IN THE VALLEYS BETWEEN THE STRINGERS OF THE +/-Y THRUST PANELS AND AN AREA OF THE +Z PANELS. AN ADHESIVE INTERFACE OF EITHER ISOCEM OR CONOTHANE IS BETWEEN THE CPR AND BX IN THESE AREAS. VENT HOLES ARE DRILLED INTO THE CPR OVER BX AREAS AT KSC. THESE ONE-EIGHTH-OF-AN-INCH DIAMETER HOLES ARE LOCATED IN THE VALLEYS BETWEEN THE STRINGERS AND PENETRATE THROUGH THE CPR488/ADHESIVE INTERFACE TO ALLOW VENTING OF ANY LOCALIZED VOIDS THAT MAY BE PRESENT

*ISSUE 2:

ET-1 THROUGH ET-6 THE JACK PAD CLOSEOUT USED BX-250. (STANDARD WEIGHT TANKS). ET-8 THROUGH ET-10 THE JACK PAD CLOSEOUT USED BOTH BX-250 AND PDL MATERIAL. ET-11 AND SUBSEQUENT, PDL ALONE HAS BEEN USED
ET-32 AND SUBSEQUENT, ISOCEM ADHESIVE WAS REPLACED BY CONATHANE ADHESIVE

ET-42 THROUGH ET-45 AND ET-48 AND SUBSEQUENT, THE FORWARD SIDE OF THE CLOSEOUT AREA IS CHAMFERED 15 TO 30 DEGREES WITH EPOXY PRIMER

RE-APPLIED TO THE SUBSTRATE

EFFECTIVE ET-57, ET-59 AND SUBSEQUENT THE KEENSERT HOLES IN THE CLOSEOUT AREA ARE CLOSED OUT PRIOR TO THE JACK PAD CAVITY CLOSEOUT

A TEAM HAS BEEN FORMED AT MAF TO WORK ISSUE 1, THE INTERTANK FOAM LOSS ISSUE. THE TEAM LEAD IS MR. MICHAEL JAVERY

A TASK TEAM HAS BEEN FORMED AT KSC TO WORK ISSUE 2, THE JACK PAD CLOSEOUT FOAM LOSS ISSUE. MARTIN MARIETTA LAUNCH SUPPORT SERVICE PERSONNEL AND MAF PERSONNEL ARE SUPPORTING THE KSC PROCESSING TEAM
NOTE: THE TASK TEAM AT KSC UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. B. FERRELL HAS COMPLETED AND CLOSED TASK 1, FAILURE/PROBLEM INVESTIGATION FOR ISSUE 2 OF THIS CAPS. RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESOLUTION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR ISSUE 2 OF THIS CAPS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO MR. E. HORAK, TECHNICAL OPERATIONS MATERIALS ENGINEERING AT MAF

TASK 1 FAILURE/PROBLEM INVESTIGATION

ISSUE 1: MISSING INTERTANK FOAM

1A. REVIEW NONCONFORMANCE HISTORY FOR MATERIALS (CPR-488, CONATHANE, ETC) AND PROCESSING; PRIMER APPLICATION THROUGH INTERTANK SOFI ACREAGE, L02 AND LH2 INTERTANK FLANGE CLOSEOUT APPLICATION AND VEHICLE DELIVERY FOR ET-57 AND ET-60

ORIGINAL ECD: 11/17/93 (ADDITIONS WERE MADE TO THIS ACTION ITEM)

NEXT ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

COMPLETE: 1/24/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

RELIABILITY ASSURANCE PERFORMED A REVIEW OF MPPS ENCOMPASSING THE BUILD PROCESS FLOW FROM RECEIPT OF THE INTERTANK PANELS THROUGH L02 AND LH2 INTERTANK FLANGE CLOSEOUTS. INTERTANK VENDOR (AVCO) PAPER WORK IS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO A FIRE AT THEIR FACILITY IN WHICH ALL BUILD RECORDS WERE DESTROYED. IN SUMMARY, THIS REVIEW DID NOT REVEAL ANY NONCONFORMANCE OR PRIMER TOUCH-UPS RELATIVE TO THE AREA OF MISSING FOAM ON THE INTERTANK

1B. REVIEW BUILD PAPER (MPPS) FOR INTERTANK SOFI ACREAGE APPLICATION, L02/INTERTANK FLANGE CLOSEOUT, LH2/INTERTANK FLANGE CLOSEOUT, AND L02 SOFI ACREAGE APPLICATION. REVIEW IPRAS. REVIEW WEDGE APPLICATION

OLD ECD: 11/17/93 (ADDITIONS WERE MADE TO THIS ACTION ITEM)

NEXT ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

COMPLETE: 2/4/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

RELIABILITY ASSURANCE PERFORMED A REVIEW OF MPPS ENCOMPASSING THE BUILD

PROCESS FLOW FROM INTERTANK ACREAGE APPLICATION THROUGH L02 AND LH2 INTERTANK FLANGE CLOSEOUTS. IN SUMMARY, THIS REVIEW DID NOT REVEAL ANY NONCONFORMANCE OR PRIMER TOUCH-UPS RELATIVE TO THE AREA OF MISSING FOAM ON THE INTERTANK

1C. REVIEW STS-56 AND STS-42 IFA ACTION ITEMS LIST TO DETERMINE APPLICABILITY

OLD ECD: 11/17/93 (MAF TEAM RESPONSIBILITY ADDED)

NEW ECD: 12/17/93

COMPLETE: 12/14/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ALL ISSUES FROM PRIOR IFAS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED. THOSE ITEMS CONSIDERED APPLICABLE HAVE BEEN CARRIED FORTH INTO THIS CURRENT IFA

1D. REVIEW STS-58/ET-57 KSC PROCESS FLOW AND NONCONFORMANCES FOR RELATIVITY TO MISSING INTERTANK FOAM

OLD ECD: 12/17/93

COMPLETE. 1/7/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

KSC PROCESS FLOW AND NONCONFORMANCES WERE REVIEWED WITH NO ISSUES FOUND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERTANK FOAM LOSS. THE AREA IN QUESTION IS NOT ACCESSIBLE BY PLATFORMS IN EITHER OF THE CELLS AT KSC. NO RELATIVE ANOMALIES WERE NOTED DURING REVIEW OF THE PR/DR LIST SUPPLIED BY KSC

1E. REVIEW BLDG. 114 INTERTANK PROCESS FLOW CHART. REVIEW CLEANING AND PRIMER TOUCH UP PRACTICES/METHODS. REVIEW IPRAS

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

COMPLETE: 2/4/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

IPRAS WERE NOT IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME OF THIS BUILD AND ARE NOT APPLICABLE. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CLEANING PRACTICE SUBSEQUENT TO ET-57 PROCESSING WAS ENHANCED. CLEANING PRACTICE AT THE TIME OF ET-57 PROCESSING WAS TO PERFORM A SOLVENT WIPE ON ALL 8 INTERTANK PANELS, FOLLOWED BY A FREON WIPE, THEN VISUAL INSPECTION BY SHOP AND QUALITY PERSONNEL. PRIMER TOUCH-UP IS PERFORMED AFTER VERIFICATION OF VISUAL CLEAN. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS BUILD, SHOP PERSONNEL, ALONG WITH PRODUCTION SUPERVISION ELECTED TO ALTER THE SEQUENCE BY PERFORMING THE SOLVENT WIPE, FREON WIPE AND PRIMER APPLICATION PANEL BY PANEL TO REDUCE THE TIME BETWEEN CLEANING AND PRIMER APPLICATION. IN ALL CASES, BEFORE THE CHANGE AND AFTER, THE 24 HOUR TIME LIMIT BETWEEN CLEANING AND PRIMER APPLICATION WAS EITHER NOT VIOLATED, OR IF IT WAS VIOLATED, A RECLEANING WAS PERFORMED

PRIMER APPLICATION TECHNIQUES VARY DEPENDING ON TYPE OF TOUCH UP TO BE DONE. IN SOME CASES, SMALL SPOTS OF BARE METAL ARE TOUCHED UP USING Q-TIPS OR AN AIR BRUSH. SOME TECHNICIANS ELECT TO USE A BINKS MODEL 15 OR MODEL 18 PRIMER GUN AND SPRAY A LIGHT COATING OF PRIMER OVER THE ENTIRE SURFACE. ALL THESE METHODS HAVE BEEN VALIDATED AS ACCEPTABLE AND ARE FULLY TESTED AFTER THE PRIMER HAS CURED

NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE MATERIALS USED FOR CLEANING OR PRIMING. PRINT CLOTH IS USED DURING CLEANING OF THE INTERTANK RATHER THAN "RYMPLE CLOTH" DUE TO ITS SUPERIOR "NON-SNAGGING" CHARACTERISTICS AROUND THE NUMEROUS RIVETS, BOLTS, HI-LOC FASTENERS AND PROTRUSIONS ON THE INTERTANK SURFACES

1F. REVIEW STS-58/ET-57 MISSION ENVIRONMENTS (PRE LAUNCH CONDITIONS, MISSION PROFILE, AND TRAJECTORY)

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

COMPLETE: 12/21/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

TRAJECTORY PARAMETERS REVIEWED FOR STS-58/ET-57 WERE NOMINAL AND WITHIN PRIOR FLIGHT HISTORY DATABASE. PRE-LAUNCH CONDITIONS AND MISSION PROFILE DATA DOES NOT INDICATE DISCERNIBLE DIFFERENCES OR PATTERNS RELATED TO DEBRIS DIVOT HISTORY FOR STS-58

1G. REVIEW AND PROVIDE SEPARATION PHOTOGRAPHS OF STS-58/ET-57 AND PRIOR FLIGHTS

ECD: 12/17/93

COMPLETE: 12/14/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED

1H. EVALUATE THE MISSION SPECIFIC INTERTANK ENVIRONMENTS

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

NEXT ECD: 01/18/94

COMPLETE: 1/17/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE MISSION SPECIFIC INTERTANK ENVIRONMENTS HAVE BEEN EVALUATED AND ALL APPEAR TO BE NOMINAL. THERMAL ENVIRONMENTS WERE REVIEWED AND FOUND TO BE WITHIN THE HISTORICAL AS WELL AS THE DESIGN DATABASE. IN ADDITION, AS NOTED IN ACTION ITEM "J", THE STRUCTURAL LOADS WERE APPROXIMATELY 78% OF DESIGN LOADS

1I. REVIEW WALKING LOAD LIMITS

ECD: 12/17/93

NEXT ECD: 01/18/94

COMPLETE: 01/17/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

PERSONNEL WALKING LOAD LIMITATION FOR LWTS ARE SPECIFIED IN 80900000031 REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE TO THE ET AFTER TPS APPLICATION AND WHEN IN FINAL ASSEMBLY. PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY PORTION OF TPS NOT COVERED BY PROTECTIVE PADS. THE SAME TYPE OF PROTECTIVE PADS HAVE BEEN USED ON THE ET SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM. THE WEIGHT LIMITS SPECIFIED IN 80900000031 ARE NOT STRICTLY CHECKED, HOWEVER THE TECHNICIANS DOING INSTALLATION WORK APPEAR TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT INSPECTION OF THE TPS FOR DAMAGE IS SEEN FROM A DISTANCE AS NO ACCESS FOR CLOSER INSPECTION EXISTS AFTER THE PROTECTIVE MATS ARE REMOVED THE TPS IS INSPECTED CLOSER DURING FINAL WALK DOWN, BUT NOT TO THE POINT THAT SMALL CRACKS WOULD BE NOTICED. THE CPR NET SPRAYED TPS CONFIGURATION CHANGE ON THE INTERTANK PANELS DID NOT RESULT IN ANY NEW VERIFICATION OF THE PROTECTIVE PAD CONCEPT. ETHAFOAM FILLER BLOCKS (WEDGES) HAVE APPARENTLY ALWAYS BEEN USED UNDER THE PROTECTIVE MATS TO FILL THE VALLEYS BETWEEN THE STRINGERS. HOWEVER, THE PART NUMBER SPECIFIED (TOOL # TL-1330-100) IN THE FINAL ASSEMBLY MPP AND BUILDING 420 MPP IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND HAND CUT BLOCKS OF VARYING CONFIGURATIONS ARE THEN SUBSTITUTED. THE BLOCKS ARE NOT TAPERED TO MATCH LOCAL CONTOUR, WHICH VARIES FROM LOCATION TO LOCATION AND TANK TO TANK. ETHAFOAM WEDGES ARE 3 AND 5/8" X 5" X 3" THICK BY 48 INCHES LONG

1J. REVIEW STRUCTURAL LOADING

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

NEXT ECD: 01/18/94

COMPLETE: 01/17/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT STRESS LEVELS IN THE AREA OF THE FOAM LOSS DID NOT CAUSE THE FOAM LOSS. ALSO, LOSS OF FOAM IN THAT SPECIFIC AREA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN STRUCTURALLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE ET EVEN IF THE FOAM WAS LOST AT LIFT OFF. THE STRUCTURAL LOADS AND STRESSES REVIEWED WERE WITHIN THE CAPABILITY OF THE FOAM

THE TPS FACTOR OF SAFETY (F.S.) FOR SUBSTRATE STRAIN =5.73 (REQUIRED F.S. = 1.1). THE ISSUE OF LOCAL BUCKLING OF A STRINGER LEADING TO FOAM LOSS WAS ASSESSED AND FOUND TO BE OF NO CONCERN (MINIMAL STRUCTURAL F.S.=2.16, STABILITY). A F.S. WAS CALCULATED USING TEMPERATURES GENERATED UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE TPS ON THE STRINGER TOP WAS LOST AT LIFT OFF. THIS ANALYSIS SHOWED THE FOLLOWING

F.S. (WITH TPS ON STRINGER TOP) = 2.16 (FAILURE MODE: STABILITY)

F.S. (WITHOUT TPS ON STRINGER TOP) = 1.76 (FAILURE MODE: STABILITY)

THE ABOVE FACTORS OF SAFETY ARE BASED ON GENERIC LOADING, WHICH IS CONSERVATIVE. THE PERCENTAGE OF STRUCTURAL LOADING FOR STS-58 COMPARED TO GENERIC IS APPROXIMATELY 78%

1K. REVIEW CAD STRUCTURAL OVERLAY ON TO SCANNED STS-58/ET-57 SEPARATION PHOTOGRAPHS

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

NEXT ECD: 01/18/94

COMPLETE: 01/11/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

TEAM CONSENSUS IS TO DELETE THIS ACTION AS NO VALUE IS ADDED TO THE INVESTIGATION

1L. COMPARE ACCEPTANCE DATA FROM ET-57 WITH ACCEPTANCE DATA FROM ET-55, ET-56, ET-58 AND ET-59, NO DIVOT INTERTANK FLIGHTS

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

NEXT ECD: 02/04/94

COMPLETE: 02/04/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

LEAD-IN AND LEAD-OUT TENSILE AND DENSITY, HARDWARE TENSILE DATA AND ACREAGE THICKNESS MEASUREMENTS WERE COMPARED. ET-57 WAS THE ONLY TANK TO HAVE PLUG PULL FAILURE ON THE ACREAGE, WITH RETESTS ACCEPTABLE (REFERENCE MARS T-85827). ETS 55, 57 AND 58 HAD THICKNESS DISCREPANCIES WHICH WERE ADDRESSED APPROPRIATELY ON NONCONFORMANCE PAPER. THE REVIEW DID NOT SHOW ANY OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE DATA REVIEWED

1M. CONSTRUCT A FAULT TREE

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

NEXT ECD: 01/18/94

COMPLETE: 02/04/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

TEAM CONSENSUS IS TO DELETE THIS ACTION SINCE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE HAS BEEN DETERMINED

1N. REVIEW SHOP AID FOAM WEDGES USED TO PROTECT FLIGHT HARDWARE IN WORK HORIZONTALLY. STOCK ITEMS OR SHOP MADE

ECD: 01/04/94 MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED

01/18/94 HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED

02/04/94

COMPLETE: 02/04/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

PERSONNEL WALKING LOAD LIMITATIONS (REQUIREMENTS) FOR WORKING ON THE ET ARE FOUND IN 80900000031. SUBSEQUENT TO TPS APPLICATION, ALL WORK PERFORMED ON THE INTERTANK REQUIRES USE OF ETHAFOAM WEDGES (TOOL # TL-1330-100) AND PROTECTIVE MATS (TOOL # TL-0956-010). IN FINAL ASSEMBLY AND BUILDING 420, THE GENERAL SET-UP MPP (80911001000-OP105 AND 80911001000-OP110 RESPECTIVELY) DIRECTS THAT PROTECTIVE PADS AND FOAM WEDGES ARE POSITIONED (ON TOP OF THE TANK) PER THE GENERAL FOREMAN/PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR'S DIRECTION/DISCRETION MEMBERS OF THE IFA/CAPS TEAM HAS OBSERVED INCORRECT PLACEMENT OF PROTECTIVE MATS AND WEDGES ON AN ET (NO WEDGES UNDER MATS ON THE INTERTANK). "SHOP-MADE" WEDGES WERE ALSO FOUND IN USE. THE "SHOP-MADE" WEDGES PROTECT, HOWEVER DO NOT ALWAYS MEET TL-1330-100 TOOL DRAWING DIMENSIONS

MPPS PERFORMING WORK ON TOP OF THE ET CONTAIN NO RE-VERIFICATION THAT THE WEDGES AND MATS ARE IN PLACE BEFORE THE START OF AND DURING WORK OPERATIONS. THE ETHAFOAM WEDGE TOOL DRAWING DOES NOT AUTHORIZE SUBSTITUTION OF "SHOP-MADE" WEDGES

SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF TOOL # TL-1330-100 FOAM WEDGES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO FLOOR PERSONNEL TO USE

THE 80900000031 DRAWING REFERS TO TOOL DRAWING # T12A0056 FOR PROTECTIVE PADS IN FLAG NOTES TWO(2) AND FOUR(4). TOOL DRAWING # T12A0056 WAS CANCELED AND REPLACED WITH THE CURRENT TL TOOL DRAWING NUMBERS FOR MATS AND WEDGES IN 1984

1O. GENERATE AND COMPLETE A TEST PLAN - WORK AUTHORIZATION TO SIMULATE POSSIBLE CAUSE SCENERIOS FOR INTERTANK FOAM LOSS

ECD: 01/18/94 (PENDING AVAILABILITY OF GVTA)

NEXT ECD: 02/04/94 (TEST PLAN COMPLETE, PENDING CLOSURE STATEMENT GENERATION. HIGHER PRIORITIES EXIST.)

COMPLETE: 03/18/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

VARIOUS ASSUMED CONTAMINATION CONFIGURATIONS WERE APPLIED TO INTERTANK

STRINGER TOPS SUBSTRATE. TOTAL DEBOND WAS ALSO SIMULATED BY APPLYING TEFLON TAPE TO STRINGER TOP SUBSTRATE. SOFI WAS APPLIED OVER THESE AREAS (NORMAL SOFI APPLICATION). THE WALKING LOAD LIMITATION IS 250 POUNDS FOR MAN AND TOOLS. A SAFETY FACTOR OF 1.2 WAS USED FOR A RESULTANT TEST LOAD OF 300 POUNDS. THIS LOAD WAS APPLIED TO THE INTERTANK, OVER EACH CONTAMINATED AREA, IN THE VALLEY AND ON THE STRINGER TOP USING CONFIGURATIONS OF MATS AND FOAM WEDGES AND MATS WITHOUT FOAM WEDGES

DURING TESTING, A CRACK WAS INDUCED IN THE AREA WHERE TOTAL DEBOND WAS SIMULATED AND LOAD WAS APPLIED OVER A MAT WITHOUT USING FOAM WEDGES

THIS CRACK DID NOT GO TO SUBSTRATE

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ISSUE 2: MISSING BIPOD JACK PAD CLOSEOUT FOAM

2A. CONSTRUCT A FAULT TREE AND RESOLVE IDENTIFIED ISSUES/EVENTS

ECD: 12/17/93 (HIGHER PRIORITIES PREVAILED)

COMPLETE: 2/25/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

A FAULT TREE WAS GENERATED AND THE EVENTS IDENTIFIED WERE EVALUATED AND CLOSURE STATEMENTS GENERATED

2B. REVIEW ACTUAL FLIGHT DYNAMIC LOADS VERSUS DESIGN QUALIFICATION FOR THIS CONFIGURATION AND MATERIAL

DIMENSIONS

ECD: COMPLETE. 12/16/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

STS-58 ASCENT FLIGHT ENVIRONMENTS DID NOT EXCEED THE PREVIOUS FLIGHT MAX/MIN HISTORIES. THE DESIGN ASCENT ENVIRONMENTS ARE EVEN MORE SEVERE THAN PREVIOUS FLIGHT HISTORIES

LOCAL PRESSURE DISTRIBUTIONS AT THE JACK PAD REGION SHOWS EXPECTED RESULTS. NO ANOMALOUS ENVIRONMENTS WERE SEEN ON THIS CLOSEOUT

2C. REVIEW LOAD INCREASE OR RELAXATION DURING CRYOGENIC LOADING

ECD: COMPLETE. 1/13/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ANY TWIST DURING LH2/INTERTANK MATE AND OTHER MECHANICAL ACTIONS INCLUDING ET/ORBITER MATE, ARE ALL INCURRED PRIOR TO POURING THE JACK PAD CLOSEOUT. THE POUR CONFORMS TO A SHAPE THAT MAY BE DEFORMED, BUT THE POUR INTERFACE HAS NOT BEEN STRAINED, THUS THESE MECHANICAL ACTIONS ARE NOT A FACTOR. THE JACK PAD CLOSEOUT WILL NOT EXPERIENCE A RELAXATION OF LOADS DUE TO ANY TWIST OR MOVEMENT RESULTING FROM CRYOGENIC LOADING RELATED TO LH/INTERTANK MATE OR ET/ORBITER MATE

2D. REVIEW LOADING DURING ASCENT

ECD: COMPLETE. 12/16/93

CLOSURE STATEMENT

ANY TWIST DURING LH2/INTERTANK MATE AND OTHER MECHANICAL ACTIONS INCLUDING ET/ORBITER MATE, ARE ALL INCURRED PRIOR TO POURING THE JACK PAD CLOSEOUT. THE POUR CONFORMS TO A SHAPE THAT MAY BE DEFORMED, BUT THE POUR INTERFACE HAS NOT BEEN STRAINED, THUS THESE MECHANICAL ACTIONS ARE NOT A FACTOR. THE JACK PAD CLOSEOUTS ARE NOT AT ET LOCATIONS SUSCEPTIBLE TO EITHER SRB STAGING OR ORBITER/ET SEPARATION PYROTECHNIC SHOCK SPECTRA. ALSO THESE LOCATIONS ARE NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO ET STRUCTURAL REACTIONS INCURRED DUE TO THESE EVENTS. VIBRATION DURING THESE EVENTS IS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED FROM LIFT-OFF OR MAXIMUM BOOST LEVELS (

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Problem Description POST SEPARATION FILM OF THE INTERTANK FROM THE UMBILICAL CAMERAS SHOW THAT THE +Y AND -Y BIPOD JACK PAD CLOSEOUT FOAM IS MISSING. PRIMER APPEARS TO BE EXPOSED IN BOTH JACK PAD CAVITIES THIS ISSUE IS DOCUMENTED ON IFA-STS-58-T-1					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution THIS PROBLEM REPORT (PR) IS INITIATED TO RECORD THE OCCURRENCE OF THIS PROBLEM FOR TRENDING PURPOSES (IT WAS OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED ALONG WITH ANOTHER MISSING FROM PROBLEM ON CONTRACTOR CAPS T-066). ALL INVESTIGATION/RESOLUTION INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS PR SHALL BE TRACKED ON MSFC PR NO. A15695. THEREFORE, THIS PR IS CONSIDERED CLOSED					
MSFC Response/Concurrence					

ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15696	IFA# STS-58-T-1	Contractor RPT# T-066-1	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 80901000000-229	Asmnt Part Name ET COMPLETE	Asmnt Serial/Lot# ET-57			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD --	FAIL MODE MSI - INSULATION		
Asmnt FMEA 5.6.4.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15743	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number P-070	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LO2 FEEDLINE JOINT 2 LEAKAGE				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE EXTERNAL TANK	PART# 80901006000-059	SER/LOT# NA	MANUFACTURER MAF
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode MV - EXT LEAK	Cause MAW - MFG-ASY-WORK
System PROPULSION	Defect MA - ME ADJ	Material P - SEAL	Work Contact D. O'NEAL	Fail Date 12/20/1993
Received at MSFC 12/23/1993	Date Isolated 03/19/1993	FMEA Reference 2.1.14.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom MV - EXT LEAK		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date 01/04/1994	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 01/31/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 01/31/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 04/12/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 02/01/1994	Defer Date 01/13/1994	Add Date 12/23/1993	R/C Codes 5 - TRNG -- --
Assignee				
Design W. PATTERSON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS

Approval					
Design W. PATTERSON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 02/14/1994	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion --	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
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Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description THE LO2 FEEDLINE JOINT 2 LEAKED AT 90 SCCM AND EXCEEDED THE ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE RATE OF 2.7 SCCM PER TP-8C101-FA CRITICALITY: PARA. 2.1.14.1 REFLECTS SEAL LEAKAGE AS A FAILURE MODE WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MISSION REV "A", REVISES GENERAL, TASKS I, II, III, AND IV (SEE ASTERISKS) AND CLOSES CAPS					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution * GENERAL: DURING THE DUAL SEAL CAVITY LEAK CHECK OF JOINT 2 (LO2 FWD FLEX ASSY TO LO2 FWD ELBOW), A 90 SCCM LEAK WAS DETECTED. THE ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE IS 2.7 SCCM MAXIMUM AT 50.0 +/- .5 PSIG GHE, AS TESTED PER TP-8C101-FA TROUBLE SHOOTING STEPS DETECTED NO TEST EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION AND VERIFIED THAT THE LEAKAGE WAS ISOLATED TO THE PRIMARY SEAL. UPON JOINT DISASSEMBLY DAMAGE TO THE RACO SEAL (PRIMARY SEAL) WAS FOUND WHICH SHOWED THE SEAL WAS MISALIGNED DURING INSTALLATION. NO DAMAGE WAS FOUND ON EITHER FLANGE SURFACE THE FEEDLINES ARE MANUFACTURED BY ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS. THE FORWARD FLEX ASSEMBLY IS IDENTIFIED AS A PD4800175-099 AND THE FORWARD ELBOW IS IDENTIFIED AS A PD4800175-089. THE RACO SEAL WAS MANUFACTURED BY FLUOROCARBON AND IS IDENTIFIED AS A 55L2-5 SEAL					

TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION

REVIEW ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES AND FLANGE/SEAL CONFIGURATIONS FOR FACTORS WHICH WOULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SEAL MISALIGNMENT DURING INSTALLATION

RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETED 01/04/94

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE ORIENTATION OF THIS JOINT DURING ASSEMBLY IS SUCH THAT THE FLANGES ARE HORIZONTAL, THE UPPER FLANGE (LO2 FORWARD ELBOW) CONTAINING BOTH THE PRIMARY (RACO) AND SECONDARY (CREAVY) SEALS IN GROOVES, WHICH IS LOWERED ONTO THE SMOOTH FLANGE OF THE LO2 FORWARD FLEX ASSEMBLY. DUE TO THIS ORIENTATION ACLAR STRIPS ARE USED TO ENSURE RETENTION OF THE SEALS IN THEIR GROOVES UNTIL IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO FLANGE MATE WHERE THE STRIPS ARE REMOVED AND THE FLANGES ARE ALLOWED TO CONTACT. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PERSONNEL THAT PERFORMED THIS PARTICULAR ASSEMBLY NOTED THAT THIS RACO SEAL TENDED TO SLIP FROM ITS GROOVE, UNUSUAL AS NORMALLY THERE IS ENOUGH OF AN INTERFERENCE FOR TO THE GROOVE FOR THE SEAL TO RETAIN ITSELF BOTH THE RACO SEAL AND THE GROOVE OUTER DIAMETER REQUIREMENTS ARE THE SAME, 17.805 +/- .005 INCHES. NOTE THAT THE TOLERANCES WOULD ALLOW THE LOOSE SEAL CONDITION REPORTED DURING ASSEMBLY

A REVIEW OF THE DATA PACK FOR THE FORWARD ELBOW SHOWED THE DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE FLANGE SEAL GROOVE DIAMETER TO BE ACCEPTABLE PER A DISCRETE VERIFICATION DURING FINAL INSPECTION. THE SEAL DIAMETER IS VERIFIED AT THE SUPPLIER BY FIT CHECKING TO FIXED TOOLING. NO POST-REMOVAL DIMENSIONAL INSPECTION OF THE SEAL WAS POSSIBLE DUE TO ITS DAMAGED CONDITION

* CAUSE

PRIMARY SEAL DAMAGED DURING INSTALLATION

* TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

PRODUCTION OPERATIONS AND QUALITY CONTROL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE INSTALLATION ERROR AND CAUTIONED TO USE EXTREME CARE TO ASSURE PROPER SEAL ALIGNMENT PRIOR TO FLANGE MATE. REFERENCE IOM 3725-94-05

NO OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY. THIS TEST FAILURE IS ISOLATED, A DIRECT RESULT OF A DAMAGED PRIMARY SEAL CAUSED BY IMPROPER ALIGNMENT DURING JOINT ASSEMBLY

* TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE

ET-71 JOINT NUMBER 2 ASSEMBLY SUCCESSFULLY REWORKED AND RETESTED ALL OTHER JOINTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED LEAK TESTS ALL OTHER ETS CLEARED BASED ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING LEAK TESTS

* TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

THE LEAK DETECTED DURING ACCEPTANCE TESTING OF THE LO2 FEEDLINE JOINT OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A MISALIGNED SEAL WHICH HAD SLIPPED FROM ITS GROOVE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO FLANGE MATE, UNDETECTED BY; ASSEMBLY PERSONNEL. NO REASON WAS FOUND TO INDICATE THAT EITHER THE SEAL OR FLANGE GROOVE WAS AT FAULT AS THE DIAMETERS ARE CHECKED AT THE SUPPLIERS AND DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES CAN ALLOW A CLEARANCE FIT IN A WORST CASE CONDITION (MAXIMUM GROOVE DIAMETER COUPLED WITH MINIMUM SEAL DIAMETER). THIS ANOMALY IS AN ISOLATED OCCURRENCE, DETECTABLE THROUGH TEST AND AFFECTS NO OTHER ET. ASSEMBLY PERSONNEL ARE AWARE OF THEIR ERROR. NO OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY

* THIS PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY SPECIAL TESTS AND SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TESTS

THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

12/23/93 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

BASED ON THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE IN "TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE" (ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126, REV. E, PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED

BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXTERNAL TANK PROJECT MANAGER, MR. PARKER V. COUNTS

SIGNED:____PARKER V. COUNTS (SIGNED)_____ DATE:____1/13/94_____

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ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15743	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# P-070	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 80901006000-059	Asmnt Part Name ET COMPLETE	Asmnt Serial/Lot# N/A			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD MAW - MFG-ASY-WORK	FAIL MODE MV - EXT LEAK		
Asmnt FMEA 2.1.14.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE A	FMEA SCSE 1		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15773	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-156	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LIQUID LEVEL SENSOR FAILED ATP				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1R
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LOX LEVEL SENSOR	PART# 74L4-1	SER/LOT# 1649	MANUFACTURER SIMMONDS
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EN - OPEN	Cause U - UNKNOWN
System ELECTRICAL	Defect DC - BROKEN	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 01/10/1994
Received at MSFC 01/12/1994	Date Isolated 01/10/1994	FMEA Reference 3.6.1.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location SIMMONDS		Symptom EN - OPEN		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date 01/21/1994	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 01/31/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 01/31/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 04/12/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 01/31/1994	Defer Date 01/20/1994	Add Date 01/12/1994	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL -- --
Assignee				
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS

Approval					
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 02/10/1994	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion 01/10/1994	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID T-121356				
Related Document Title --					
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
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Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description A LOX LEVEL SENSOR FAILED THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TEST. THE SENSING ELEMENT DEVELOPED AN OPEN CIRCUIT UPON IMMERSION IN CRYOGENIC FLUID DURING THE FIRST THERMAL SHOCK TEST CRITICALITY: THE 74L4-1 LOX LEVEL SENSOR IS CRIT. 3 IN ALL POSITIONS ON THE ET FOR THE SENSING ELEMENT OPEN CIRCUIT. HOWEVER, THE 74L4-1 SENSOR IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THE 74L4-2 LH2 LEVEL SENSOR. THE 74L4-2 LEVEL SENSOR IS CRIT. 1R; FMEA ITEM CODE 3.6.1.1; " FAILS WITH FALSE WET SIGNAL." NOTE: THE SENSOR IS LIMITED LIFE CONTROLLED * REVISION "A" CLOSES ALL TASKS. SEE ASTERISKS FOR CHANGES					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution GENERAL: THE 74L4-1 LOX LEVEL SENSOR WAS UNDERGOING THE ACCEPTANCE TEST AT THE SUPPLIER, B.F. GOODRICH AEROSPACE, SIMMONDS PRECISION DIVISION, VERGENNES, VERMONT. THE TESTING IS CONTROLLED BY ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN 946, REVISION S. THE TRANSDUCER DEVELOPED AN OPEN CIRCUIT WHEN IMMERSSED IN LN2 FOR THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN THERMAL SHOCK CYCLES PER PARAGRAPH 6.4.10 OF THE ATP. THE SENSOR WAS REMOVED FROM THE LN2 AND EXAMINED; THE BROKEN SENSING ELEMENT COULD BE SEEN WITHIN THE SENSOR HOUSING. THE FAILURE WAS DOCUMENTED ON MARS T121356					

THE LEVEL SENSOR UTILIZES THE DECREASE IN THE ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE OF A METAL WHEN COOLED TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF A CRYOGENIC FLUID. THE SENSOR USES A GOLD FLASHED PLATINUM WIRE, .0005 INCH IN DIAMETER, AS THE SENSING ELEMENT. THE LEVEL SENSOR SIGNAL CONDITIONER, WHICH IS MOUNTED IN THE ORBITER, PROVIDES A CONSTANT CURRENT TO THE SENSING ELEMENT WHICH CAUSES IT TO RISE IN TEMPERATURE. THE TEMPERATURE AND RESISTANCE OF THE ELEMENT DECREASE RADICALLY WHEN IMMersed IN A CRYOGENIC LIQUID. THE SIGNAL CONDITIONER DETECTS THE DECREASE IN RESISTANCE AND CONVERTS IT TO A "WET" OUTPUT SIGNAL. THE SIGNAL CONDITIONER IS ALSO DESIGNED TO GIVE A "WET" SIGNAL IN THE EVENT OF AN OPEN CIRCUIT IN THE LEVEL SENSOR.

THE SENSOR HAS AN ALUMINUM CASE WHICH IS PRODUCED BY INVESTMENT CASTING. VERY FEW OF THE INTERNAL SURFACES, AND NONE OF THE EXTERNAL SURFACES, ARE FINISH MACHINED FOR DIMENSIONAL CONTROL. THE INTERNAL SURFACES OF THE CASE AND THE COVER ARE PAINTED WITH A SPRAYED-ON, BAKED, TEFLON PAINT. THE PAINT PREVENTS WETTING OF THE CASE, I.E. RETENTION OF CRYOGENICS, AND ALSO PROVIDES SOME ELECTRICAL INSULATION BETWEEN THE CASE AND THE SENSOR ELEMENT. THE ELEMENT IS SUPPORTED BY A CERAMIC SUBSTRATE. THE SUBSTRATE HAS FIRED-ON GOLD CIRCUIT PATHS WHICH PROVIDE A MEANS TO TERMINATE THE ELEMENT WIRE BY WELDING. THE SENSOR OUTPUT WIRES ARE ATTACHED TO THE SUBSTRATE BY STEEL TERMINALS HELD IN PLACE WITH RIVETS AND SPRING WASHERS.

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

THE FAILED SENSOR WAS DOCUMENTED ON MARS T121356. THE MARS WAS DISPOSITIONED FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS, TO BE PERFORMED AT MAF.

RESPONSIBILITY: R. RAMSEY/3830 -- M. COMBS/3830

J. ADAMS/3741--D, WESTPHAL/3840

* COMPLETED: JANUARY 21, 1994

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE SENSOR WAS RECEIVED FROM SIMMONDS PRECISION IN GOOD CONDITION. VISUAL EXAMINATION OF THE SENSOR CONFIRMED THAT ONE END OF THE FRACTURED ELEMENT WIRE COULD BE SEEN WITHIN THE SENSOR. WHEN THE CASE WAS OPENED IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE FRACTURE HAD OCCURRED NEAR THE CENTER OF THE ELEMENT. THE TWO ENDS OF THE WIRE AT THE FRACTURE WERE REMOVED FROM THE ELEMENT ASSEMBLY AND MOUNTED ON A SAMPLE CARRIER FOR EXAMINATION IN A SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM). THE FRACTURE FACES OF THE WIRE WERE INDICATIVE OF A TENSILE OVERLOAD IN A DUCTILE MATERIAL. THE EXTREME DELICACY OF THE SENSING ELEMENT MAKES IT SUSCEPTIBLE TO IMPACT DAMAGE FROM FOREIGN MATERIALS IN THE LIQUID NITROGEN USED DURING ACCEPTANCE TESTING AND TO INSUFFICIENT SLACK IN THE ELEMENT. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS AS TO WHICH OF THE TWO LIKELY POSSIBILITIES WAS THE CAUSE.

TASK CLOSED

* CAUSE

THE ROOT CAUSE IS UNKNOWN. THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE WAS EITHER:

- 1) IMPACT DAMAGE FROM A FOREIGN OBJECT IN THE LN2; OR
- 2) PERSONNEL ERROR DURING SENSING ELEMENT MANUFACTURE WHICH RESULTED IN EXCESSIVE TENSION IN THE ELEMENT

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

* NO CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THE FAILURE IS POSSIBLE. THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. REVIEW OF THE ASSOCIATED TEST AND MANUFACTURING STEPS FOUND NO INDICATIONS THAT THE EXISTING CONTROLS HAD BEEN DEVIATED FROM OR THAT THE CONTROLS WERE INADEQUATE. THERE HAS BEEN A SINGLE PREVIOUS SUPPLIER ATP FAILURE OF A 74L4 SENSOR DUE TO IMPACT DAMAGE CAUSING FRACTURE OF THE ELEMENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO SUPPLIER ATP FAILURE OF A 74L4 SENSOR DUE TO INCORRECT TENSION CAUSING FRACTURE OF THE ELEMENT.

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

* THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

* ALL ETS CLEARED. THE SENSOR FAILED DURING VENDOR ACCEPTANCE TESTING AND ALL INSTALLED SENSORS HAVE PASSED THE VENDOR TESTS. THERE ARE

TESTS OF SENSOR RESISTANCE AFTER INSTALLATION ON THE ET THAT WOULD DETECT THE FAILURE

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK CLOSED

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

* THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

* THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE LEVEL SENSOR DURING SUPPLIER ATP COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. NO CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS POSSIBLE. REVIEW OF THE SUPPLIERS TEST AND MANUFACTURE CONTROLS FOUND NO DEFICIENCIES. THERE ARE SUFFICIENT TESTS OF SENSOR PERFORMANCE IN THE ET BUILD CYCLE TO ASSURE PERFORMANCE ON THE FLIGHT VEHICLE

TASK CLOSED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

1/12/94 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:
 BASED ON THE INFORMATION IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES" (ABOVE), THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX (6) MONTHS PER NSTS 08126, REVISION E, PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

APPROVED: _____ PARKER V. COUNTS(SIGNED)_____ DATE:_____1/20/94_____

PARKER V. COUNTS
 ET PROJECT MANAGER

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
 ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15773	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-156	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 74L4-1	Asmnt Part Name L02 LEVEL SENSOR	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 1649			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1R	CAUSE CD U - UNKNOWN	FAIL MODE EN - OPEN		
Asmnt FMEA 3.6.1.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE A	FMEA SCSE 2		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15785	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-157	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title TRANSDUCER FAILED ATP				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1R
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE	PART# PD7400098-089	SER/LOT# 1618	MANUFACTURER GULTON
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode EL - SHORT	Cause ESW - EI-SHIP-WORK
System ELECTRICAL	Defect DD - DETACH	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 01/19/1994
Received at MSFC 01/24/1994	Date Isolated 01/19/1994	FMEA Reference 3.4.1.2	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location GULTON		Symptom EL - SHORT		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text NONE				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date --	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action --	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 04/12/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 03/03/1994	Defer Date 01/25/1994	Add Date 01/24/1994	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL -- --
Assignee				
Design	Chief Engineer	S & MA	Project	Project MGR

R. MOYE	M. PESSIN	R. JACKSON	--	P. COUNTS	
Approval					
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA R. JACKSON	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 03/10/1994	Status E - CLOSED-E	F/A Completion 01/10/1994	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- -- -- -- --	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID T-119553				
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Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description					
<p>A TRANSDUCER FAILED A TEST OF APPLIED PRESSURE VERSUS OUTPUT VOLTAGE ACCURACY DURING SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TESTING(ATP). THE TRANSDUCER INDICATED A LOWER PRESSURE THAN THAT WHICH WAS APPLIED CRITICALITY: THE TRANSDUCER IS LISTED AS CRIT. 1R: FMEA ITEM CODE 3.4.1.2 "FAILS WITH LOW READING"</p> <p>NOTE: THE TRANSDUCER IS LIMITED LIFE CONTROLLED</p> <p>* REVISION "B" CLOSES ALL TASKS. SEE ASTERISKS FOR CHANGES</p>					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution					
<p>GENERAL:</p> <p>AN LH2 ULLAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER WAS BEING TESTED AT THE SUPPLIER GULTON-STATHAM TRANSDUCERS, PER ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN(ATP) 3031-13803 THE TRANSDUCER FAILED THE CALIBRATION ACCURACY TEST OF ATP PARAGRAPH 5.2 WHICH FOLLOWS THE PROOF PRESSURE TEST. AT AN APPLIED PRESSURE OF 32 PSIA THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE WAS 2.427 V; THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE VOLTAGE IS 2.450 V</p> <p>THE TRANSDUCER IS USED TO MEASURE THE ULLAGE PRESSURE IN THE LIQUID HYDROGEN PROPELLANT TANK DURING BOTH GROUND PROPELLANT LOADING AND IN FLIGHT. THE TRANSDUCER IS ATTACHED TO A SHOCK MOUNT ON THE FORWARD DOME OF THE HYDROGEN TANK, WITHIN THE INTERTANK. THE TRANSDUCER</p>					

COVERS THE RANGE OF 12 TO 52 PSIA. THE ORBITER PROVIDES 5 VDC TO THE TRANSDUCER AND RECEIVES A VOLTAGE FROM THE TRANSDUCER PROPORTIONAL TO THE ULLAGE PRESSURE. THE PRESSURE MEASUREMENT IS USED TO CONTROL THE SPACE SHUTTLE MAIN ENGINE(SSME) GASEOUS HYDROGEN FLOW CONTROL VALVE

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

THE TRANSDUCER FAILURE WAS DOCUMENTATED ON MARS T-119553, ITEM 4. THE MARS WILL BE DISPOSITIONED FOR FAILURE ANALYSIS TO BE PERFORMED AT GULTON-STATHAM

RESPONSIBILITY: J. ADAMS/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740
L. COLON/4120--J. COOL/.4120
G. PICHON/3830--M. COMBS/3830

* COMPLETE

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

ANALYSIS IDENTIFIED THE "STOP SHAFT" OF THE TRANSDUCER MECHANISM AS HAVING BECOME LOOSE. THE STOP SHAFT SERVES TO BOTH LIMIT THE CAPSULE TRAVEL AND TO SECURE THE WIPER DRIVE MECHANISM TO THE CAPSULE. THE LOOSENESS OF THE STOP SHAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE CALIBRATION SHIFT FOLLOWING PROOF PRESSURE TEST. EPOXY GLUE, INTENDED AS STAKING TO PREVENT LOOSENING OF THE SHAFT, WAS STILL IN PLACE ON THE SHAFT BUT NO LONGER ADHERED TO THE ADJACENT PARTS A DENT WAS FOUND IN THE TRANSDUCER CASE; THIS INTRODUCED THE POSSIBILITY OF HANDLING DAMAGE INDUCED MECHANICAL SHOCK HAVING CAUSED THE EPOXY BOND TO FAIL. THE TRANSDUCER HAD FAILED IN SUPPLIER ATP FOLLOWING REWORK OF THE TRANSDUCER LEAD WIRES; THIS ALLOWS THE POSSIBILITY OF REWORK INDUCED FAILURE. OTHER POSSIBLE CAUSES ALSO EXIST. REVIEW OF THE SUPPLIERS MANUFACTURING PROCESSES FAILED TO DISCOVER ANY ESCAPE WHICH COULD HAVE DIRECTLY CAUSED THE FAILURE

TASK CLOSED

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

*NO CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THE FAILURE IS POSSIBLE. THE ROOT CAUSE IS UNKNOWN. THE TRANSDUCER FAILED FOLLOWING REWORK OF THE LEAD WIRES REVIEW OF THE SUPPLIERS DOCUMENTATION AND DIRECT OBSERVATION OF THE LEAD WIRE REWORK PROCESSES, ACCOMPLISHED AS PART OF CAPS E-153, FOUND NO DEFICIENCIES OR LACK OF CONTROLS. REVIEW OF THE FAILURE HISTORY OF THIS TRANSDUCER TYPE FOUND NO SIMILAR PREVIOUS FAILURES

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

*THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

ALL ETS CLEARED. THE TRANSDUCER FAILED DURING THE SUPPLIER ACCEPTANCE TESTS AND ALL DELIVERED TRANSDUCERS HAVE PASSED THE TESTS

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK CLOSED

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

*WHILE THE MECHANICAL DEFECT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE WAS IDENTIFIED, THE ROOT CAUSE REMAINS UNKNOWN. THIS PRECLUDES EFFECTIVE CORRECTIVE ACTION. REVIEW OF THE SUPPLIERS PROCESSES FOUND NO DEFICIENCIES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PREVIOUS FAILURES DUE TO THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM. THE SUPPLIER ATP IS AN EFFECTIVE SCREEN FOR THE PROBLEM

TASK CLOSED

THIS CAPS IS CLOSED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

1/24/94 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

BASED ON THE INFORMATION IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES" (ABOVE), THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX (6) MONTHS PER NSTS 08126, REVISION E, PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

APPROVED: PARKER V. COUNTS (SIGNED) DATE: 1/25/94

PARKER V. COUNTS

ET PROJECT MANAGER

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15785	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-157	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# PD480098-089	Asmnt Part Name LH2 PRES TRANSDUCER	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 1618			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1R	CAUSE CD ESW - EI-SHIP-WORK	FAIL MODE EL - SHORT		
Asmnt FMEA 3.4.1.2	Asmnt FM 2	FMEA CSE G	FMEA SCSE 4		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15852	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-158	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title FEEDTHROUGH FAILED LEAK TEST DURING ATP AT MAF				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR	PART# 809010100000-009	SER/LOT# ET-71	MANUFACTURER MAF
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condition F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode MW - INT LEAK	Cause MA - MFG-ASY
System ELECTRICAL	Defect DA - ROUGH	Material P - SEAL	Work Contact DAVID O'NEAL	Fail Date 03/04/1994
Received at MSFC 03/08/1994	Date Isolated 01/19/1994	FMEA Reference 3.11.6.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom MW - INT LEAK		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text NONE				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date --	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action --	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 04/12/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 03/15/1994	Defer Date 03/21/1994	Add Date 03/08/1994	R/C Codes 5 - TRNG -- --
Assignee				

Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
Approval					
Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 04/01/1994	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion 03/04/1994	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID NCD N009554				
Related Document Title --					
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Related Document Title --					
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description					
<p>THE 81L2-2 ELECTRICAL FEEDTHROUGH CONNECTOR, LOCATED ON THE LH2 FORWARD DOME LEAKED AT THE JAM NUT TO FEEDTHROUGH PLATE JOINT WHEN LEAK TESTED IN FINAL TEST AND CHECKOUT (BLD 420). THE TEST CONSISTED OF CHECKING THE JOINT WITH LEAK DETECTION SOLUTION WITH THE REQUIREMENT BEING NO DETECTABLE BUBBLES FOR THREE MINUTES. BUBBLES WERE PRESENT</p> <p>CRITICALITY: K-SEAL 55L5-16L IS CRIT 1; FMEA PARA. 3.11.6.1 REFLECTS SEAL LEAKAGE AS A FAILURE MODE WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MISSION AND VEHICLE/CREW</p> <p>REVISION A: REVISES TASKS I, II AND IV (SEE ASTERISKS) AND CLOSES CAPS</p>					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution					
<p>GENERAL:</p> <p>DURING THE LEAK CHECK OF VARIOUS MECHANICAL JOINTS IN FINAL TEST AND CHECKOUT (BUILDING 420), THE JOINT BETWEEN THE 81L2-2 FEEDTHROUGH CONNECTOR-RECEPTACLE AND THE FEEDTHROUGH PLATE LEAKED. THE LEAK CHECK AT THIS JOINT CONSISTS OF APPLYING LEAK DETECTION SOLUTION TO THE JOINT AND MONITORING FOR BUBBLES FOR THREE MINUTES; THE REQUIREMENT PER MMC-ET-TM04K-B (PARA. 2.1..2.11.9) BEING "NO DETECTABLE BUBBLES"</p>					

THE REPORTED LEAKAGE RATE WAS APPROXIMATELY "...16 TO 18 BUBBLES PER MINUTE WITH THE BUBBLE SIZE ABOUT THE DIAMETER OF A DIME"
THE FEEDTHROUGH CONNECTOR-RECEPTACLE IS ASSEMBLED TO THE FEEDTHROUGH PLATE IN THE DETAIL FABRICATION VALVE SHOP WITH INSTALLATION OF THE COMPLETED LH2 FEEDTHRU PLATE ASSY PERFORMED IN FINAL ASSEMBLY
AN INITIAL INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INSTALLATION OF THE FEEDTHROUGH PLATE ASSY ON THIS ET, THE CONNECTOR-RECEPTACLE WAS NOTED TO BE MISCLOCKED 180 DEGREES. DISCREPANCY REPORT (DR) D214546 DIRECTED THE CORRECTION OF THIS PROBLEM BY DISASSEMBLING THE RECEPTACLE-CONNECTOR TO PLATE JOINT, INSPECTING THE COMPONENTS FOR DAMAGE, RECLOCKING AND REASSEMBLING. TWO ATTEMPTS WERE NECESSARY BEFORE CORRECT CLOCKING WAS ACHIEVED. THE SAME SEAL (K-55L5-16L) WAS USED FOR ALL THREE ASSEMBLIES, ON INITIAL AND TWO DR DIRECTED ASSEMBLIES

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

1. DISASSEMBLE THE RECEPTACLE-CONNECTOR TO FEEDTHROUGH PLATE JOINT AND INSPECT FOR DAMAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE CREATED THE LEAK CONDITION
RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE: 3/11/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE DISASSEMBLY AND INSPECTION OF THE PLATE, SEAL AND CONNECTOR SEALING SURFACES REVEALED A SUBTLE RIDGE (HIGH SPOT) RUNNING RADIALLY ON THE PLATE SEALING SURFACE (CHAMFERED AREA) IN THE LOCATION WHERE THE LEAK OCCURRED. WITNESS MARKS FROM THE SEAL ON THE CHAMFERED AREA AND WITNESS MARKS ON THE SEAL RESULTING FROM THE RIDGE INDICATE THAT NO CONTACT OCCURRED ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIDGE, CREATING A LEAK PATH IN THAT AREA. THE RIDGE APPEARS TO BE A START/STOP POINT OF THE MACHINING OPERATION AND EXTENDS THROUGH THE FEEDTHROUGH BORE, MORE PRONOUNCED AND DISCERNIBLE INSIDE THE BORE ITSELF

- *2. COMMODITY SHOP TO INSPECT CHAMFER AREA OF PLATE AND DETERMINE HEIGHT OF THE RIDGE

RESPONSIBILITY: F. WILLIAMS/3724 - P. POWELL/3720

COMPLETE: 3/11/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE RIDGE HEIGHT RANGED IN HEIGHT FROM 0.0007 TO 0.0009 INCHES
REFERENCE NCD N009560

TASK CLOSED

* CAUSE

DEFECTIVE SEALING SURFACE OF FEEDTHROUGH PLATE, I.E. HIGH SPOT ON SEALING AREA PREVENTED PROPER CONFORMING OF SEAL TO SURFACE

* TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

PRODUCTION OPERATIONS AND QUALITY CONTROL PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE ASSEMBLY OF THE FEEDTHROUGH PLATE ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE DEFECT ON THE SEALING SURFACE AND CAUTIONED TO BE AWARE OF THE SUBTLE DEFECTS OF THIS NATURE WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE TO LEAKS. REFERENCE IOM 3670-94-ER-05

NO OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY. NO HISTORY EXISTS FOR THIS TYPE K-SEAL JOINT FAILURE. THIS TEST FAILURE IS ISOLATED, A DIRECT RESULT OF IMPROPER MACHINING AT THE SUPPLIER. NO SCAR HAS BEEN ISSUED, SUPPLIER (TOLO INC) NO LONGER ON CONTRACT

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

ET-71 PENDING REWORK AND RETEST OF JOINT ASSEMBLY

ALL OTHERS, NO ISSUE. PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE ARE DETECTED DURING ACCEPTANCE TEST

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO THE DEFERRAL RATIONALE

* TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

THE LEAK DETECTED DURING ACCEPTANCE TESTING OF THE LH2 FORWARD ELECTRICAL FEEDTHROUGH CONNECTOR OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF AN IMPROPERLY MACHINED FEEDTHROUGH PLATE SEALING SURFACE. THE MACHINING OPERATION CREATED A HIGH SPOT THAT RAN RADIALLY ACROSS

THE SEALING AREA, CREATING A LEAK PATH THAT COULD NOT BE ADEQUATELY SEALED BY THE K_SEAL. THIS DEFECT WAS VERY SUBTLE AND NOT DETECTED BY THE SUPPLIER OR MMMSS ASSEMBLY PERSONNEL. THIS ANOMALY IS AN ISOLATED OCCURRENCE, DETECTABLE THROUGH TEST AND AFFECTS NO OTHER ET. ASSEMBLY PERSONNEL ARE AWARE THIS TYPE OF DEFECT AND SENSITIZED TO THE POTENTIAL SUBTLENESS OF THE CONDITION. NO OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY

TASK CLOSED

THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

3/8/94 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:
 BASED ON THE INFORMATION IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES" (ABOVE), THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX (6) MONTHS PER NSTS 08126, REVISION E, PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

APPROVED: _PARKER V. COUNTS (SIGNED)_____ DATE: __3/21/94_____
 PARKER V. COUNTS
 ET PROJECT MANAGER

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
 ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15852	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-158	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 55L5-16L	Asmnt Part Name K-SEAL	Asmnt Serial/Lot# ET-71			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD MA - MFG-ASY	FAIL MODE MW - INT LEAK		
Asmnt FMEA 3.11.6.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE B	FMEA SCSE 5		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A15945	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number P-071	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LO2 FEEDLINE JOINT LEAK				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE ET COMPLETE	PART# 80901006000-059	SER/LOT# ET-73	MANUFACTURER MAF
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode MV - EXT LEAK	Cause MAP - MFG-ASY-INST
System PROPULSION	Defect --	Material P - SEAL	Work Contact D. O'NEAL	Fail Date 04/14/1994
Received at MSFC 04/18/1994	Date Isolated 04/14/1994	FMEA Reference 2.1.12.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom MV - EXT LEAK		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text ET-73				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date 05/25/1994	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 05/26/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 05/26/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 06/16/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 05/31/1994	Defer Date 05/19/1994	Add Date 04/18/1994	R/C Codes 2 - MFG -- --
Assignee				
Design W. PATTERSON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS

Approval					
Design W. PATTERSON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA A. ADAMS	Project --	Project MGR C. SUMNER	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 06/16/1994	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion --	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID NCD N003330				
Related Document Title NON CONFORMANCE DOCUMENT					
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description THE LO2 FEEDLINE JOINT 8 LEAKED AT 40 TO 45 SCCM AND EXCEEDED THE ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE RATE OF 2.7 SCCM PER TP-8C101-FA CRITICALITY: FMEA PARA. 2.1.12.1/2.1.13.1/2.1.14.1 REFLECTS SEAL/JOINT LEAKAGE AS A FAILURE MODE WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MISSION REV."A", REVISES TASKS I, II, III AND IV (SEE ASTERISKS) AND CLOSES CAPS					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution GENERAL: DURING THE DUAL SEAL CAVITY LEAK CHECK OF JOINT 8 (LO2 AFT ELBOW TO LO2 FLEXIBLE SECTION), A 40 TO 45 SCCM LEAK WAS DETECTED. THE ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE IS 2.7 SCCM MAXIMUM AT 50.0 +/- 5.0 PSIG GHE, AS TESTED PER TP-8C101-FA TROUBLE SHOOTING STEPS DETECTED NO TEST EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION AND HAVE INDICATED A PRIMARY SEAL LEAK EXISTS. UPON JOINT DISASSEMBLY NO DETECTABLE DAMAGE WAS FOUND ON EITHER THE PRIMARY (RACO) OR THE SECONDARY (CREAVY) SEALS REFERENCE: - LO2 AFT ELBOW (SUBSTRATE), 80921011911, S/N 0000143 - LO2 AFT FLEXIBLE SECTION (SUBSTRATE), PD4800175-090 S/N0000620 TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION					

A. INSPECT FLANGE/SEAL CONFIGURATIONS FOR FACTORS WHICH COULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE LEAKAGE
RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 -- D. WESTPHAL/3740
C. CAMPBELL/4120 - R. PONTIFF/4100
COMPLETE: 04/20/94

* CLOSURE STATEMENT
AN INSPECTION OF THE LO2 AFT ELBOW REVEALED A ROUGH ETCHED SURFACE EXISTING ON THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SEALING SURFACE AREAS WITHIN THE SEAL GROOVES. THE SURFACE CONDITION APPEARED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM ETCHING SUBSEQUENT TO FINAL FINISHING OF THE SEALING SURFACES THE SURFACE CONDITION NO LONGER MET THE REQUIRED SURFACE FINISH REQUIREMENTS, I.E. THE FINISH WAS UNIFORMLY ETCHED WITH NO CIRCULAR LAY. NO ENGINEERING DRAWING VIOLATIONS WERE FOUND WITH THE LO2 AFT FLEX SECTION FLANGE. REFERENCE NCD N003330

B. REVIEW DATA PACKS AND NCDs FOR DISCREPANCIES OR ISSUES WHICH COULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE LEAKAGE
RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 - D. WESTPHAL/3740
COMPLETE: 04/18/94

* CLOSURE STATEMENT
A REVIEW OF STADCO (ELBOW SUPPLIER) PROCESS REQUIREMENTS AND MARS WRITTEN AGAINST THIS ELBOW REVEALED THAT THE SEALING SURFACES WERE ETCHED TWICE FOR PENETRANT INSPECTION ACTIVITIES SUBSEQUENT TO FINAL FINISHING OF THE SEALING SURFACES. THE FIRST ETCH WAS PERFORMED DURING NORMAL PROCESSING AND THE SECOND DURING WORK ACTIVITY DIRECTED BY MARS T-81118 WHICH ADDRESSED A QUESTION OF EXCESS POROSITY THE LINE (ULTIMATELY DISPOSITIONED "NO DEFECT") A TOTAL OF SIX LINES WITH IDENTICAL CONCERNS WERE ADDRESSED BY THIS MARS; SERIAL NUMBERS 0000143 THROUGH 0000148

*C. REVIEW/EVALUATE STADCO'S PROCESSING DATA AND PRACTICES FOR COMPLIANCE TO ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS
RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 - D. WESTPHAL/3740
COMPLETE 5/25/94
CLOSURE STATEMENT
A REVIEW OF STADCO PLANNING SHOWS THE PENETRANT INSPECTION PROCESS IS PERFORMED AFTER MACHINING OF THE SEALING SURFACES WITH A LATER REQUIREMENT TO HAND LAP CRITICAL SEALING SURFACES, IF NECESSARY, TO ENSURE ENGINEERING DRAWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET

*D. INSPECT THE FLANGE SEALING SURFACES OF ALL NON-INSTALLED LO2 AFT ELBOWS CURRENTLY AT MAF AND DETERMINE IF FINISH REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET. IF FINISH DISCREPANCIES EXIST, DOCUMENT ON THE APPROPRIATE NON-CONFORMANCE DOCUMENT
RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 - D. WESTPHAL/3740
COMPLETE 5/25/94
CLOSURE STATEMENT
NCDS WERE INITIATED TO DIRECT THE INSPECTION OF ALL NON-INSTALLED LO2 ELBOWS AT MAF. REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING NCDS:
NCD N003333 - TPS'D ELBOW STAGED FOR ET-74 INSTALLATION; ETCHED SEALING SURFACES FOUND. SEALING SURFACES OF BOTH FLANGES WERE LAPPED; THE GROOVED END WAS CONFIDENCE LEAK TESTED. S/N 0000144
NCD N009047 - EPOXY PRIMED ELBOW STAGED FOR INTERNAL CLEANING; ETCHED SEALING SURFACES FOUND. SEALING SURFACES OF BOTH FLANGES WERE LAPPED; THE GROOVED END WAS CONFIDENCE LEAK TESTED. (S/N 0000146)
NCD N009045 - SIX ELBOWS AT SUBSTRATE LEVEL. THREE WERE PART OF THE SIX IDENTIFIED IN SEALING SURFACES (S/N 0000145, 0000147, 0000148). THE OTHER THREE HAVE BEEN VERIFIED TO HAVE BEEN FINAL FINISHED AFTER ETCHING

*E. DETERMINE IF OTHER STADCO SUPPLIED ET HARDWARE MAY BE AFFECTED BY SIMILAR PROCESSING
RESPONSIBILITY: J. MAJOR
COMPLETE 4/25/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE 80921011911-001 LO2 ELBOW IS THE ONLY ET HARDWARE SUPPLIED BY STADCO

- *F. IDENTIFY ALL PARTS WITH CRITICAL SEALING SURFACES. DETERMINE IF A GENERIC ISSUE MAY EXIST RELATIVE TO OTHER SUPPLIERS ETCHING CRITICAL SEALING SURFACES AND NOT FINAL FINISHING AFTER ETCHING
RESPONSIBILITY: J. MAJOR

COMPLETE 5/10/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE MANUFACTURING PROCESSING OF ALL PARTS WITH CRITICAL SURFACES (SEALING/FINE FINISH) WAS REVIEWED FOR COMPLIANCE TO ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS. STADCO AND TOLO, INC. WERE THE ONLY SUPPLIERS FOUND TO HAVE REQUIREMENT VIOLATIONS, THE SEALING SURFACES OF THE LO2 ELBOW MANUFACTURED BY STADCO AND TWO PARTS MANUFACTURED BY TOLO, INC (LH2 ULLAGE PLATES, 80931003717-010 AND LH2 DIFFUSER PLATES, 80921021047-010) WERE NOT FINAL FINISHED AFTER ETCHING

NCDS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN TO ADDRESS ALL NON-INSTALLED TOLO PLATES AND DISPOSITIONED TO CONFIDENCE LEAK TEST PRIOR TO INSTALLATION ALL INSTALLED PLATES HAVE BEEN/WILL BE LEAK TESTED AS PART OF NORMAL PROCESSING TO PROVE THEIR SEALING CAPABILITY. TOLO IS NO LONGER ON CONTRACT. REFERENCE CCMail FROM PROCUREMENT QUALITY, DATED 5/10/94

CAUSE

LO2 AFT ELBOW SEALING SURFACES NOT FINAL FINISHED TO ACHIEVE SURFACE ROUGHNESS REQUIREMENT AFTER ETCHING (PENETRANT INSPECTED)

- * TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

PROCUREMENT QUALITY/MATERIEL OPERATIONS TO ENSURE REVISIONS TO STADCO PLANNING ARE IMPLEMENTED REQUIRING PROPER SEQUENCING OF PENETRANT INSPECTION (ETCHING) AND FINAL FINISHING OF SEALING SURFACES

RESPONSIBILITY: J. MAJOR/3760

N. JAMES/3880

COMPLETE 5/26/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE STADCO PLANNING HAS BEEN REVISED TO ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE LAPPING (FINAL FINISHING) OF THE SEALING SURFACES AFTER PENETRANT INSPECTION TO ASSURE FINISH REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. REFERENCE STADCO

"MANUFACTURING OUTLINE" 80921011911, OPER.NO.10.1

- * TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

ET-73 - LAPPING OF THE ELBOW PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SEALING SURFACES, COUPLED WITH LIGHTLY LAPPING THE FLEX SECTION FLANGE'S CADMIUM PLATING, RESULTED IN AN ACCEPTABLE INSTALLATION

ALL OTHERS, NO ISSUE. PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE ARE DETECTED DURING ACCEPTANCE TEST

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO DEFERRAL RATIONALE

- * TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

THE LEAK AT THE LO2 AFT ELBOW TO LO2 AFT FLEX SECTION JOINT RESULTED FROM AN IMPROPER SURFACE CONDITION EXISTING ON THE ELBOW'S PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SEALING SURFACES. A MANUFACTURING DATA REVIEW REVEALED THAT THIS LINE HAD BEEN ETCHED FOR PENETRANT INSPECTION TWICE SUBSEQUENT TO FINISHING THE SEALING SURFACES CREATING A UNIFORM, ROUGH ETCHED SURFACE, ABSENT OF ANY CIRCULAR MACHINING LAY AS REQUIRED BY ENGINEERING DRAWING. RELAPPING THE SEALING SURFACES TO DRAWING REQUIREMENTS RESULTED IN AN ACCEPTABLE INSTALLATION FIVE OTHER SIMILARLY AFFECTED LO2 ELBOWS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ARE BEING REWORKED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. RELATIVE TO CORRECTIVE ACTION, THE MANUFACTURING PLANNING AT THE SUPPLIER (STADCO) HAS BEEN REVISED TO REQUIRE, WITH NO EXCEPTION, RELAPPING AFTER PENETRANT INSPECTION (ETCHING)

IN ADDITION TO THE LO2 ELBOW, A PROCESS REVIEW OF ALL SUPPLIERS FOR PARTS WITH SEALING SURFACES/FINE FINISHES FOUND THAT TOLO, INC

SUPPLIED AN LH2 ULLAGE PLATE AND AN LH2 DIFFUSER PLATE WITH ETCHED SEALING SURFACES. ALL NON-INSTALLED PLATES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ARE BEING LEAK TESTED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. TOLO IS NO LONGER ON CONTRACT. ALL OTHER SUPPLIERS PROCESS PER ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS NO INSTALLED LO2 AFT ELBOWS, LH2 ULLAGE PLATES OR LH2 DIFFUSER PLATES ARE OF CONCERN AS PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE ARE DETECTED DURING ACCEPTANCE TESTING FOR LEAKAGE

MSFC Response/Concurrence

4/18/94 DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

BASED ON THE RATIONALE LISTED IN "TASK III FLEET CLEARANCE" (ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126 REV. E PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

THE DEFERRAL STATUS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ET DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER, MR. CRAIG E. SUMNER

SIGNED: _____ CRAIG E. SUMNER (SIGNED) _ DATE: ____5/19/94_____

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A15945	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# P-071	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 80921011911-XXX	Asmnt Part Name L02 FEEDLINE	Asmnt Serial/Lot# --			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD MAP - MFG-ASY-INST	FAIL MODE MV - EXT LEAK		
Asmnt FMEA 2.1.13.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE B	FMEA SCSE 1		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A16045	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number P-073	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LH2 FEEDLINE FAILED ATP FOR VACUUM LOSS				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE LH2 EXTERNAL FEEDLIN	PART# PD4800184-039	SER/LOT# 0000160	MANUFACTURER ARROWHEAD
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condition F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode MU - MECH TOLRNCE	Cause U - UNKNOWN
System PROPULSION	Defect DC - BROKEN	Material N - HOLE	Work Contact D. O'NEAL	Fail Date 06/16/1994
Received at MSFC 06/21/1994	Date Isolated 06/16/1994	FMEA Reference 2.5.8.2	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location ARROWHEAD		Symptom UC - UNSAT		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 06/22/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 07/05/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 02/09/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 07/06/1994	Defer Date 06/22/1994	Add Date 06/21/1994	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL 4 - TEST --
Assignee				
Design	Chief Engineer	S & MA	Project	Project MGR

W. PATTERSON	M. PESSIN	M. SMILES	--	P. COUNTS	
Approval					
Design M. MOORE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project --	Project MGR C. SUMNER	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 07/26/1994	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion 07/05/1994	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID N8812				
Related Document Title FAILURE ANALYSIS REPORT					
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
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Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description THE LH2 FEEDLINE WAS UNDERGOING SUPPLIER ATP AT ARROWHEAD. THE VACUUM JACKET WAS BEING EVACUATED PRIOR TO PERFORMING THE ARGON BACKFILL THE REQUIRED VACUUM COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED. A GH2 LEAK CHECK WAS PERFORMED AND DETERMINED THAT THE BURST DISK AREA WAS LEAKING CRITICALITY: THE LH2 EXTERNAL FEEDLINE IS CRIT. 1 FMEA ITEM CODE 2.5.8.2, REFLECTS "LOSS OF VACUUM" AS A FAILURE MODE WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MISSION REVISION "B" - REVISES GENERAL, TASKS I.D.,II.,IV AND CLOSES CAPS SEE ASTERISKS					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution * GENERAL : THE EXTERNAL FEEDLINE IS A 42 INCH LONG SECTION INCORPORATING AN ARTICULATED BELLOWS ASSEMBLY WITH A "CRYO-PUMPED ARGON INSULATION JACKET" WHICH TRANSPORTS LH2 FROM THE UPPER LH2 AFT DOME TO THE ET/ORBITER DISCONNECT. WHEN EXPOSED TO LH2 THE ARGON WITHIN THE JACKET FREEZES, CREATING A VACUUM WITHIN THE JACKET WHICH INSULATES THE OUTER SURFACE OF THE LINE AND BELLOWS AND PREVENTS ICE FORMATION. THE JACKET ANNULUS IS PROTECTED AGAINST EXCESSIVE POSITIVE PRESSURE IN THE EVENT OF LH2 LEAKAGE BY A RUPTURE DISC					

ASSEMBLY INSTALLED IN THE OUTER WALL OF THE JACKET
 THE RUPTURE DISC ASSEMBLY CONSISTS OF A PERFORATED HOLDER (347 CRES)
 TO WHICH IS WELDED A 0.003 INCH THICK DIAPHRAGM OF INCONEL 625,
 PROTECTED BY A PERFORATED SHIELD OF 321 CRES. THE DIAPHRAGM IS
 MANUFACTURED BY FORMING TO SHAPE AND COINING (SINGLE INDENT ACROSS
 DIAMETER) TO SUIT A 35 +/- 15 PSIG BURST REQUIREMENT. TO MEET THIS
 REQUIREMENT, BEFORE BEGINNING A PRODUCTION RUN OF DIAPHRAGM
 MANUFACTURE, FIFTEEN CONSECUTIVE DIAPHRAGMS ARE DESTRUCTIVELY
 TESTED (BURST) TO ASSURE THE MANUFACTURING SETUP IS CORRECT. ONCE
 THE PROPER SETUP IS DEMONSTRATED, THE PRODUCTION BEGINS FOLLOWED
 BY A HELIUM MASS SPECTROMETER LEAK TEST OF ALL DIAPHRAGMS
 MANUFACTURED. AFTER WELDING TO THE HOLDER, EACH DIAPHRAGM/HOLDER
 ASSEMBLY IS TESTED TO IMPLOSION REQUIREMENTS BY APPLYING 18.1 PSIG
 NEGATIVE PRESSURE (MINIMUM REQUIRED BY DESIGN), FOLLOWED BY 10
 CYCLES OF LESSER NEGATIVE PRESSURE, FOLLOWED BY A SECOND HELIUM
 LEAK TEST. FIFTEEN CONSECUTIVE DIAPHRAGM/HOLDER ASSEMBLIES ARE THEN
 DESTRUCTIVELY TESTED (BURST) PRIOR TO THIS PRODUCTION RUN BEGINNING,
 DURING WHICH EVERY FOURTH ASSEMBLY IS DESTRUCTIVELY TESTED (BURST)
 TO ENSURE THE OVERALL PROCESS REMAINS IN CONTROL. THE LAST STEP IN
 THE MANUFACTURING OPERATION IS TACK WELDING THE SHIELD IN PLACE
 THE SUPPLIER OF THE RUPTURE DISC ASSEMBLY IS PRESSURE SPECIALTIES,
 FORMERLY STARLINE ENGINEERING
 UPON RECEIPT AT ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS, EACH RUPTURE DISC ASSEMBLY IS
 LEAK TESTED PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE FOR STOCK AND SEVERAL TIMES AT
 VARIOUS FEEDLINE MANUFACTURING STAGES PRIOR TO ATP. DURING ATP
 (ATP 14184-339) THE DISC ASSEMBLY IS TESTED PER THE VACUUM ANNULUS
 LEAK CHECK (PARA. 5.6) PRIOR TO THE LINE BEING BAKED AT 400
 DEGREES F IN PREPARATION FOR THE ARGON BACKFILL. DURING THE ANNULUS
 LEAK CHECK AND THE 400 DEGREE F BAKEOUT THE ANNULUS IS SUBJECTED TO
 A 25 MICRON HG OR LESS VACUUM. BY THE END OF THE PRODUCTION AND
 TEST CYCLE, THE RUPTURE DISC HAS SEEN A MINIMUM OF 8 VACUUM CYCLES,
 5 OF WHICH ARE MASS SPEC LEAK TESTS. IN NO OPERATION WAS A LEAK
 INDICATED. IT WAS NOT UNTIL SUBSEQUENT TO THE BAKEOUT, DURING
 EVACUATION OF THE ANNULUS IN PREPARATION FOR THE ACTUAL ARGON
 BACKFILL, THAT THE LEAK WAS INDICATED
 THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEAK RATE IS 1×10^{-6} SCC/SEC
 THE DISCREPANT RUPTURE DISC IS ONE OF THE LAST THREE OF A LOT OF
 62 DELIVERED TO AHP IN 1985. TWO IDENTICAL RUPTURE DISC ASSEMBLIES
 ARE USED ON THE LH2 RECIRCULATION LINE

TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION

- A. REVIEW PLANNING TO DETERMINE BUILD HISTORY OF BURST DISK AND
 LINE. LOOK FOR ANY NONSTANDARD OCCURRENCES
 RESPONSIBILITY: J. MAJOR/3760
 COMPLETE: 6/21/94
 CLOSURE STATEMENT
 THE REVIEW SHOWED NO ABNORMAL OCCURRENCES IN MANUFACTURE UP TO
 THE PREPARATION FOR BACKFILL WHERE THE LEAK TEST FAILURE WAS
 DETECTED
- B. HAVE BURST DISK SUBTIER SUPPLIER REVIEW FAILURE HISTORY FOR PAST
 OCCURRENCES
 RESPONSIBILITY: J. MAJOR/3760
 COMPLETE: 6/23/94
 CLOSURE STATEMENT
 A FAILURE HISTORY REVIEW BY THE SUPPLIER SHOWS NO PAST
 OCCURRENCES OF ANOMALIES ON ACCEPTED PRODUCTION HARDWARE, I.E
 HARDWARE MANUFACTURED DURING THEIR PRODUCTION RUNS, NOTE THAT
 PRESSURE SPECIALTIES DESTRUCTIVELY TESTS (BURST) FIFTEEN
 CONSECUTIVE PARTS PRIOR TO BEGINNING A PRODUCTION RUN AND,
 THEREAFTER, EVERY FOURTH PART TO ENSURE THE PROCESS REMAINS
 IN CONTROL
- C. DEVELOP FAILURE ANALYSIS PLAN TO ISOLATE EXACT LOCATION OF
 LEAKAGE

RESPONSIBILITY: J. MAJOR/3760 -- ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS

COMPLETE: 6/21/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

FAILURE ANALYSIS PLAN SUBMITTED AND APPROVED. REFERENCE NCD

N-8812 AND FAILURE ANALYSIS REPORT N-8812

- * D. MMMSS AND AHP PERSONNEL TO PERFORM FAILURE ANALYSIS ON FEEDLINE AS SPECIFIED ON F/A PLAN. DETERMINE LOCATION OF LEAKAGE AND FAILURE MODE FOR LEAKAGE

RESPONSIBILITY: J. ADAMS/3741

J. SEIFERT/41

AHP

COMPLETE: 7/05/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE LEAK HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO ORIGINATE FROM AN APPROXIMATE 0.070 INCH LONG CRACK LOCATED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE STAMPED DEPRESSION RUNNING ACROSS THE DISC DIAPHRAGM. THIS CONFIRMATION WAS MADE BY LEAK CHECK AND BY VISUAL (OPTICAL MICROSCOPY) EXAMINATION. SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY (SEM) FURTHER CONFIRMED THE CRACK AND FOUND IT "CLOSED", THAT IS THE FACES STILL TOUCHING. CROSS-SECTIONAL EXAMINATION DETERMINED THE THICKNESS ON THE FLAT FACE OF THE DIAPHRAGM AT 0.0028 INCHES AND THE METAL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAMPED DEPRESSION AT 0.0004 INCHES. ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS CONFIRMED THE DIAPHRAGM MATERIAL TO BE INCONEL 625

A REVIEW OF DOCUMENTATION FOR BOTH PRESSURE SPECIALTIES AND ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS FOUND ALL MATERIAL CERTIFICATIONS, TEST RECORDS, PRODUCTION TRAVELERS, ETC., IN ORDER AND WITHOUT ANY INDICATION AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE. THERE WERE NO REWORKS OR REPAIRS TO THE PART AT ANY STAGE OF ASSEMBLY AT EITHER COMPANY. REFERENCE FAILURE ANALYSIS REPORT N008812

- * E. DETERMINE IF ANY FAILURE HISTORY EXISTS RELATIVE TO VACUUM JACKET LEAKAGE OCCURRING AT KSC

RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741

COMPLETE: 7/05/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

NO LEAKAGE INDICATION HAS OCCURRED. ARGON LEAKAGE WOULD BE INDICATED BY INSULATION LOSS RESULTING IN ICE FORMATION ON THE FEEDLINE DURING LH2 FILL

CAUSE

APPROXIMATE 0.070 INCH LONG CRACK LOCATED IN THE STAMPED DEPRESSION OF THE RUPTURE DISC DIAPHRAGM

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

- A. NO SPECIFIC CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY, THIS ANOMALY IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT. ACCEPTABILITY OF THE RUPTURE DISC ASSEMBLY IS DETERMINED BY DEMONSTRATION (DESTRUCTIVE TEST OF SAMPLE OF PRODUCTION PARTS) AND LEAK TEST DURING MANUFACTURING OF DETAIL AND LH2 FEEDLINE ASSEMBLY
- B. AS AN ENHANCEMENT TO ARROWHEAD'S ATP, PROCESS SEQUENCING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO PERFORM THE ANNULUS VACUUM LEAK CHECK SUBSEQUENT TO THE 400 DEGREE F BAKEOUT PERFORMED AS PART OF THE ARGON BACKFILL PROCEDURE. REFERENCE ATP 14184-339, DAS APPROVAL BBM 040

TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE

NO CONCERN EXISTS FOR ANY COMPLETED LH2 FEEDLINE. ATP PROCESS CONSISTING OF BOTH LEAK TESTS AND VACUUM REQUIREMENTS PROVIDE A POSITIVE FILTER FOR LEAK DETECTION. THIS ANOMALY IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

THE LEAK THAT OCCURRED ON THE LH2 FEEDLINE VACUUM JACKET ANNULUS RESULTED FROM A 0.070 INCH LONG CRACK LOCATED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SINGLE STAMPED DEPRESSION RUNNING ACROSS THE

DIAMETER OF THE RUPTURE DISC DIAPHRAGM. THE LEAK WAS FOUND DURING THE EVACUATION ATTEMPT PERFORMED FOR THE ARGON BACKFILL THE LEAKAGE EXCEEDED THE REQUIREMENT OF 1×10^{-6} SCC/SEC OF HELIUM, MAXIMUM; THE LEAK WAS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED 1×10^{-3} SCC/SEC

FAILURE ANALYSIS PERFORMED ON THE RUPTURE DISC ASSEMBLY FAILED TO DETERMINE THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURE. ALL SUPPLIER MATERIAL CERTIFICATIONS, TEST RECORDS ETC. AS WELL AS MATERIAL ANALYSIS PERFORMED AT MAF FOUND ALL IN ORDER AND TYPICAL TO APPROVED PROCESSING. GIVEN THAT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE DISC MANUFACTURE IS DETERMINED BY DEMONSTRATION (DESTRUCTIVE TEST OF A SAMPLE OF PRODUCTION PARTS TO PROVE PROCESS CONTROL), FOLLOWED BY LEAK TESTS PERFORMED AT BOTH PRESSURE SPECIALTIES AND AHP AND THAT NO PRIOR INDICATIONS OF LEAKAGE HAVE OCCURRED AT THE SUPPLIERS, MAF OR KSC, THIS INCIDENT IS DETERMINED TO BE ISOLATED. NO CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY
ONE ENHANCEMENT TO AHP'S ATP PROCESS WAS IMPLEMENTED. THE VACUUM ANNULUS LEAK TEST PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED PRIOR TO THE ARGON BACKFILL OPERATION HAS NOW BEEN MOVED TO AFTER THE BACKFILL'S 400 DEGREE F BAKEOUT

MSFC Response/Concurrence

6/22/94 - deferral rationale:

based on the rationale listed in "task III. Fleet clearance" (above), this report has been deferred for the next six months per nsts 07700, volume xi, paragraph 3.4.1, item c and nsts 08126 rev. e paragraph 3.3.10.1, item d which states "the problem condition is clearly screened by preflight checkout or special test."

deferral approval: _____parker v. counts____(signed) Date: 6/22/94
et project manager

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A16045	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# P-073	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# PD4800184-039	Asmnt Part Name LH2 FEEDLINE	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 0000160			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD U - UNKNOWN	FAIL MODE MU - MECH TOLRNCE		
Asmnt FMEA 2.5.8	Asmnt FM 2	FMEA CSE A	FMEA SCSE N/A		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				
ASSESSMENT TEXT					

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MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A16199	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number P-074	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LH2 FEEDLINE JOINT 1 FAILED LEAK CHECK AT MAF				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE ET COMPLETE	PART# 80901006000-059	SER/LOT# ET-76	MANUFACTURER MAF
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode MV - EXT LEAK	Cause U - UNKNOWN
System PROPULSION	Defect DB - BENT	Material P - SEAL	Work Contact D. O'NEAL	Fail Date 09/06/1994
Received at MSFC 09/07/1994	Date Isolated 09/01/1994	FMEA Reference 2.5.7.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom MV - EXT LEAK		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text ET-76				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 09/23/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 09/23/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 10/06/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 09/23/1994	Defer Date 09/07/1994	Add Date 09/07/1994	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL 5 - TRNG --
Assignee				
Design W. PATTERSON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project N/A	Project MGR P. COUNTS

Approval					
Design M. MOORE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA A. ADAMS	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 10/04/1994	Status E - CLOSED-E	F/A Completion --	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID NCD N002803				
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Related Document Type --	Related Document ID --				
Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description THE LH2 FEEDLINE AT JOINT 1 LEAKED AT 27 SCCM AND EXCEEDED THE ALLOWABLE LEAK RATE OF 2.7 SCCM PER TP-8C101-FA CRITICALITY: FMEA PARA.2.5.7.1 REFLECTS SEAL LEAKAGE AS A FAILURE MODE WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MISSION REVISION "A": REVISES TASKS I, II, III AND IV AND CLOSES CAPS. SEE ASTERISKS					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution GENERAL: DURING THE DUAL SEAL CAVITY LEAK CHECK OF JOINT 1 (LH2 EXTERNAL FEEDLINE TO LH2 TANK), A 27 SCCM LEAK WAS DETECTED. THE ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE IS 2.7 SCCM MAXIMUM AT 50.0+/- 5.0 PSIG GHE, AS TESTED PER TP-8C101-FA. THIS JOINT USES RACO (PRIMARY) AND CREAVY (SECONDARY) SEALS, THE SEAL RETAINING GROOVES CUT INTO THE LH2 FEEDLINE FLANGE THE FLANGE FOR THE LH2 TANK IS FLAT. THE FLANGE ORIENTATION DURING ASSEMBLY IS HORIZONTAL WITH THE LH2 FEEDLINE LOWERED ONTO THE TANK FLANGE TROUBLE SHOOTING STEPS DETECTED NO TEST EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION AND NO INDICATION OF SECONDARY SEAL LEAKAGE WAS FOUND THE LH2 EXTERNAL FEEDLINE (SUBSTRATE) WAS IDENTIFIED AS A PD4800184 -039, SERIAL NUMBER 0000159; MANUFACTURED BY ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS					

THE RACO SEAL WAS MANUFACTURED BY FLUOROCARBON AND IS IDENTIFIED AS A 55L2-4 SEAL

* TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION

THE FAILURE AND THE ASSOCIATED CAUSES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED
RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 - D.P. WESTPHAL/3740

COMPLETE 9/22/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

WITH NO SECONDARY SEAL LEAKAGE INDICATED, THE JOINT WAS DISASSEMBLED FOR INSPECTION OF BOTH THE TANK AND FEEDLINE FLANGES AND RACO AND CREAVERY SEALS. NO PROBLEMS WERE FOUND WITH EITHER FLANGE OR WITH THE CREAVERY SEAL. TWO DISCONTINUITIES ACROSS THE PRIMARY SEAL SURFACE WERE FOUND ON THE RACO SEAL. THESE DISCONTINUITIES WERE ON ONE SIDE OF THE SEAL APPROXIMATELY 90 DEGREES APART AND WERE MOST READILY DETECTED BY FEEL RATHER THAN BY VISUAL INSPECTION. UNDER MAGNIFICATION ONE AREA WAS NOTED TO BE A DEPRESSION APPROXIMATELY 0.09 INCHES IN LENGTH RUNNING CIRCUMFERENTIALLY ALONG THE PRIMARY SEAL LIP. WITNESS MARKS WERE ALSO PRESENT ON THE OUTER SEAL AREA IN THIS LOCATION. NO VISUAL DEFECT COULD BE SEEN IN THE AREA OF THE OTHER DISCONTINUITY
THESE SEALS ARE RECEIVED IN A CLEANED CONDITION AND INSPECTED FOR OBVIOUS DAMAGE TO THE PACKAGING WITH DETAILED INSPECTIONS PERFORMED AT THE POINT OF INSTALLATION. NO DAMAGE WAS DETECTED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION, BUT IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT NO CONCERNS WERE SEEN DURING INSTALLATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO IDENTIFYING THE INSTALLATION AS BEING THE POINT OF DAMAGE. THE ACTUAL CAUSE OR POINT OF DAMAGE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED
CAUSE

DAMAGE TO THE PRIMARY SEAL

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

* MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE APPROPRIATE INSTALLATION PERSONNEL WITH THE ACTUAL DISCREPANT SEAL PRESENTED FOR "HANDS-ON" EDUCATION RELATIVE TO THE SUBTLE DEFECT

* NO FURTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED. ACTUAL LOCATION WHERE DAMAGE CREATED COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. SEALS ARE INSPECTED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE

* ET-76 JOINT 1 REWORKED. INSTALLATION ACCEPTABLE

* ALL OTHERS NO ISSUE. PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE ARE DETECTED DURING ACCEPTANCE TEST

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

THE LEAK EXPERIENCED ON ET-76 RESULTED FROM A DAMAGED PRIMARY SEAL (RACO). TWO AREAS WITH SURFACE DISCONTINUITIES ACROSS THE PRIMARY SEAL LIP WERE VISUALLY DETECTED UPON JOINT DISASSEMBLY WITH ONE AREA SHOWING A DEPRESSION APPROXIMATELY 0.09 INCHES IN LENGTH RUNNING CIRCUMFERENTIALLY ALONG THE LIP. THE CAUSE OR POINT OF DAMAGE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. ET-76 WAS SUCCESSFULLY REWORKED BY SEAL REPLACEMENT. THIS IS AN ISOLATED CASE
THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

09/07/94 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

PER THE RATIONALE LISTED IN "TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES" (ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX (6) MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126 REV. E PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

SIGNED: PARKER V. COUNTS (SIGNED) DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 1994

ET PROJECT MANAGER

ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A16199	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# P-074	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 55L2-4	Asmnt Part Name RACO SEAL	Asmnt Serial/Lot# --			
HCRIT CD 1	FCRIT CD --	CAUSE CD U - UNKNOWN	FAIL MODE MV - EXT LEAK		
Asmnt FMEA 2.5.7.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE C	FMEA SCSE 1		
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MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
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WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A16204	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number P-075	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title LH2 FEEDLINE JOINT LEAKED				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE ET COMPLETE	PART# 80901006000-059	SER/LOT# ET-76	MANUFACTURER MAF
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion F - FUNCTIONAL	F / U F	Fail Mode MV - EXT LEAK	Cause U - UNKNOWN
System PROPULSION	Defect --	Material P - SEAL	Work Contact D. O'NEAL	Fail Date 09/08/1994
Received at MSFC 09/08/1994	Date Isolated 09/08/1994	FMEA Reference 2.5.8.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom MV - EXT LEAK		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text ET-76				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 09/15/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 09/15/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 10/06/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 09/19/1994	Defer Date 09/09/1994	Add Date 09/08/1994	R/C Codes 0 - EXPL -- --
Assignee				
Design W. PATTERSON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project N/A	Project MGR P. COUNTS

Approval					
Design M. MOORE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA A. ADAMS	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 10/04/1994	Status E - CLOSED-E	F/A Completion --	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID NCD N002804				
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Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description					
<p>THE LH2 FEEDLINE AT JOINT 2 LEAKED AND EXCEEDED THE ALLOWABLE LEAK RATE OF 20 SCCM PER TP-8C101-FA</p> <p>* CRITICALITY: THE FAILURE IS CRIT. 1. FMEA ITEM CODE 2.5.8.1; "LEAKAGE"</p> <p>* PREVIOUS CAPS: THIS CAPS IS THE FIRST OCCURRENCE OF PRIMARY SEAL LEAKAGE AT THE LH2 FEEDLINE TO UMBILICAL DISCONNECT. THIS JOINT UTILIZES A NAFLEX SEAL</p> <p>REVISION "A" CLOSSES ALL TASKS. SEE ASTERISKS FOR CHANGES</p>					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution					
<p>GENERAL:</p> <p>DURING THE DUAL SEAL CAVITY LEAK CHECK OF JOINT 2 (LH2 EXTERNAL FEEDLINE TO LH2 DISCONNECT), AN 80 SCCM LEAK WAS DETECTED. THE ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE IS 20 SCCM MAXIMUM AT 6.0+/- 0.5 PSIG GHE, AS TESTED PER TP-8C101-FA. THIS JOINT USES A GFP SUPPLIED NAFLEX SEAL TROUBLE SHOOTING STEPS DETECTED NO TEST EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION AND NO INDICATION OF SECONDARY SEAL LEAKAGE WAS FOUND</p> <p>TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION</p> <p>THE FAILURE AND THE ASSOCIATED CAUSES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741--D. WESTPHAL/3740</p> <p>J. ADAMS/3741--D. WESTPHAL/3740</p>					

COMPLETE: 9/15/94

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE LEAK TEST FAILURE WAS DOCUMENTED ON NCD N002804. THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE LEAK IS UNKNOWN. THE SEAL WAS REPLACED PER THE DISPOSITION OF THE NCD. UPON RETEST, THE JOINT PASSED THE LEAK TEST REQUIREMENTS

THE SEAL WHICH HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE JOINT WAS DOCUMENTED ON NCD N002197. THE SEAL WAS CLOSELY EXAMINED BY RELIABILITY ASSURANCE AND LIAISON ENGINEERING. NO DEFECT COULD BE FOUND THAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED THE LEAK WHICH OCCURRED ON THE ET

TASK CLOSED

CAUSE

- * UNKNOWN. THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE LEAK COULD NOT BE DETERMINED
TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

- * NO CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THE FAILURE IS POSSIBLE. THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE LEAK IS UNKNOWN. IN-PROCESS INSPECTIONS OF THE COMPONENTS INVOLVED, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NON-CONFORMANCE DOCUMENT, WERE UNABLE TO FIND A DEFECT THAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED THE HIGH LEAK RATE

TASK CLOSED

TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE

- * THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE OF THE CAPS

- * ET-76 CLEARED. THE FEEDLINE JOINT PASSED ACCEPTANCE TEST FOLLOWING REPLACEMENT OF THE NAFLEX SEAL

- * ALL OTHERS CLEARED. ALL ETS MUST PASS LEAK TESTS OF ALL FEEDLINE JOINTS PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF THE VEHICLE

NOTE: THIS IS ALSO DEFERRAL RATIONALE

TASK CLOSED

TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

- * THE LH2 FEEDLINE/UMBILICAL JOINT FAILED THE MAF ACCEPTANCE TEST FOR LEAK RATE. THE SEAL IN THE JOINT WAS REPLACED AND THE JOINT SUCCESSFULLY PASSED A RETEST OF THE LEAK REQUIREMENT. NEITHER IN-PROCESS INSPECTIONS OF THE JOINT COMPONENTS NOR EXAMINATION OF THE SEAL REMOVED FROM JOINT WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE LEAK. THE ACCEPTANCE TEST IS AN EFFECTIVE SCREEN FOR JOINT LEAKAGE AND PREVENTS DELIVERY OF DISCREPANT HARDWARE

TASK CLOSED

THIS IS AN EXPLAINED CLOSURE

THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

9/8/94 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

PER THE RATIONALE LISTED IN "TASK III. FLEET CLEARANCE" (ABOVE), THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT SIX (6) MONTHS PER NSTS 07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126 REV. E PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

SIGNED: PARKER V. COUNTS (SIGNED) DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 1994
ET PROJECT MANAGER

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ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A16204	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# P-075	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# PD4800184	Asmnt Part Name LH2 EXT FEEDLINE	Asmnt Serial/Lot# --			
HCRIT CD	FCRIT CD	CAUSE CD	FAIL MODE		

--	1	U - UNKNOWN	MV - EXT LEAK
Asmnt FMEA 2.5.8.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE N/A	FMEA SCSE N/A
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --
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WHOLE RECORD REPORT(+ ADDENDUM)

MSFC Record # A16207	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number P-076	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title BELLOWS CONVOLUTE HAS "BLISTERED"				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT 1
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE GH2 PRESSURIZATION L	PART# PD4800205-009	SER/LOT# 0000468	MANUFACTURER ARROWHEAD
Test/Operation A - ATP	Prevailing Condtion N - INSPECTION	F / U UC	Fail Mode MV - EXT LEAK	Cause MP - MFG-PRC
System PROPULSION	Defect DB - BENT	Material N - HOLE	Work Contact D. O'NEAL	Fail Date 09/09/1994
Received at MSFC 09/12/1994	Date Isolated 09/01/1994	FMEA Reference 2.7.1.1	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location ARROWHEAD		Symptom UC - UNSAT		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text --				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date 10/04/1994	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action 10/04/1994	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 11/07/1994	CN RSLV SBMT 10/05/1994	Defer Date 09/27/1994	Add Date 09/12/1994	R/C Codes 2 - MFG -- --
Assignee				
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Approval					
Design W. PATTERSON	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 11/03/1994	Status C - CLOSED	F/A Completion 09/06/1994	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- -- -- -- --	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
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Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description					
<p>A. WHILE UNDERGOING DEFLECTION TESTING AS PART OF ATP 14205-309, A BELLOWS CONVOLUTE OF THE BSTRA ASSEMBLY ADJACENT TO THE OUTLET FLANGE WAS VISUALLY DETECTED TO BE DISTORTED (BULGED)</p> <p>B. FIFTEEN PARTS PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED AS SUSPECT OF HAVING INTERPLY WATER INTRUSION WERE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE MANUFACTURING FLOW WITHOUT A CORRECTIVE BAKEOUT OF THE INTERPLY AREA</p> <p>CRITICALITY: FMEA PARA. 2.7.1.1 REFLECTS "LEAKAGE: AS A FAILURE MODE WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MISSION</p> <p>REVISION "A": REVISED PROBLEM, GENERAL, TASKS I, II, III AND IV AND CLOSES THIS CAPS. SEE ASTERISKS</p>					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution					
<p>GENERAL:</p> <p>AFTER SUCCESSFULLY PASSING A HYDROSTATIC PROOF TEST (1530 +/- 10 PSIG, 60 SECONDS MAXIMUM), THE GH2 LINE WAS UNDERGOING DEFLECTION TESTING WHILE HYDROSTATICALLY PRESSURIZED TO 600 +10/-0 PSIG, WHEN A DISTORTION (BULGE) OF THE FIRST BELLOWS CONVOLUTE OF THE FIRST BELLOWS FROM THE OUTLET FLANGE WAS NOTED. THE DISTORTION EXTENDED IN EXCESS OF TWO-THIRDS THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE BELLOWS</p> <p>REFERENCE AHP PART NUMBER 14205-309, SERIAL NUMBER 08-94-017</p>					

THE BSTRA ASSEMBLY IS A FLEXIBLE JOINT CONTAINING A PRESSURE CARRIER BELLOWS AND A BALL-STRUT TIE ROD ASSEMBLY (BSTRA). IT IS THE BELLOWS THAT IS OF CONCERN. THE BELLOWS IS MANUFACTURED OF THREE PLIES OF CRES 21-6-9, EACH PLY .008 INCHES THICK

MANUFACTURE OF THE FLEXIBLE JOINT IS PERFORMED IN THREE PHASES:

- 1) BELLOWS - FORM INDIVIDUAL TUBES, TELESCOPE TUBES (JOIN BY SLIDING TOGETHER), FORM CONVOLUTES, TEST, TRIM. WET RESISTANCE WELDING IS USED DURING THIS PHASE
- 2) BELLOWS ASSEMBLY - ASSEMBLE AND WET RESISTANCE WELD TOGETHER THE BELLOWS COLLAR, SHIELD AND SUPPORT; TRIM AND TEST
- 3) BSTRA ASSEMBLY - ASSEMBLE AND FILLET WELD TOGETHER THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY, FLOW LINER AND BSTRA

IN SEPTEMBER 1992, DURING G02/GH2 PRESSLINE COMPONENT PROCESSING AT AHP A SIMILAR ANOMALY WAS FOUND ON SEVERAL IN-PROCESS BSTRA ASSEMBLIES. THE ENSUING INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT WATER INTRUSION BETWEEN THE BELLOWS PLIES DURING THE BELLOWS OR BELLOWS ASSEMBLY STAGE OF MANUFACTURE (WET RESISTANCE WELDING) WAS THE CAUSE, THE WATER VAPORIZING AND CAUSING A HIGH PRESSURE BUILDUP BETWEEN THE PLIES DURING SUBSEQUENT HIGH HEAT WELDING OPERATIONS TO AN EXTENT THAT THE BELLOWS PLIES SEPERATED. THE DISCREPANT BELLOWS WERE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED TO A THEN RECENTLY REVISED PROCESS THAT HAD DELETED A BAKEOUT OF THE BELLOWS PLIES DURING RESISTANCE WELDING BY LEAVING A GAP IN THE WELD, BAKING THE PART TO ENSURE INTERPLY DRYNESS, THEN CLOSING THE WELD DRY. THIS PROCESS AFFECTED SEVENTEEN PRESSLINES (50 BSTRA ASSEMBLIES) HAVING BEEN RECEIVED BY MAF AT THE TIME AND 189 BSTRA ASSEMBLIES IN VARIOUS STAGES OF ASSEMBLY OR INSTALLED IN HIGHER ASSEMBLIES AT AHP INCLUDED IN THIS 189 AT AHP WERE 82 THAT WERE AT A RECOVERABLE STAGE WHERE A BAKEOUT COULD STILL BE PERFORMED TO DRY THE INTERPLY AREA ALL SUSPECT BSTRAS WERE INSPECTED AT MAF OR AHP FOR ACCEPTABILITY BY X-RAY OR SCRAPPED. REFERENCE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SI-93-P003

TASK I. PROBLEM/FAILURE INVESTIGATION

- * A. THE FAILURE AND THE ASSOCIATED CAUSES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 - D.P. WESTPHAL/3740 COMPLETED 9/21/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

AN X-RAY INSPECTION CONDUCTED OF THE BULGED BELLOWS SHOWED THE DEFORMATION TO RESULT FROM THE MIDDLE AND OUTER PLIES INVERTED ACROSS A TWO CONVOLUTE SPAN WITH SOME DEGREE OF DEFORMATION EXTENDING CIRCUMFERENTIALLY FOR MORE THAN 270 DEGREES. THE INNER PLY WAS COLLAPSED. PENETRATION OF THE CAVITY FORMED BY THE INVERSION FOUND WATER TO BE PRESENT WITH A SUBSEQUENT GHE MASS SPECTROMETER LEAK TEST FINDING A LEAK PATH THROUGH THE INNER PLY TO LINE INTERIOR. IN THE AREA OF THE GREATEST DEFORMATION THE BELLOWS WAS DISCOLORED FROM EXCESSIVE HEAT, THE DISCOLORATION ALIGNING DIRECTLY WITH AN INTERNAL STRUT-TO-HOUSING WELD ENGINEERING ANALYSIS AT AHP SHOWED THE TWO BALLOONED PLIES WOULD NOT HAVE YIELDED AT THE PROOF PRESSURE OF 1500 PSIG

A SECTIONING OF THE BELLOWS WAS PERFORMED AT MAF TO GAIN VISUAL ACCESS TO THE BELLOWS INTERIOR. OPTICAL MICROSCOPY EXAMINATION OF THE INTERNAL DAMAGE SHOWED THAT THE INNER PLY CONVOLUTES APPEARED TO HAVE EXPANDED INTERNALLY INITIALLY THEN COLLAPSED BACK ON THEMSELVES, POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF THE HYDROSTATIC TESTING THIS COLLAPSE CAUSED SEVERE DEFORMATION OF THE INNER PLY WITH KINKED, BENT AND FOLDED-OVER REGIONS. IT WAS IN THIS COLLAPSED AREA THAT THE MOST PROBABLE LEAK PATH WAS FOUND, A TIGHT CRACK APPROXIMATELY 0.012 INCHES LONG RUSTED SHUT PRESUMABLY BY WATER INTRUSION DURING HYDROSTATIC TESTING, SURROUNDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL STRESS CRACKS. THE CRACKING WAS STRESS RELATED, NO CORROSION-ASSISTED FRACTURE WAS INDICATED. REFERENCE TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY TEST REPORT 94A223

A PROCESSING/HISTORICAL REVIEW HAS SHOWN THAT THIS BSTRA ASSEMBLY

WAS ONE OF 15 OF THE 82 DESCRIBED IN SI-93-P003 AS AT A RECOVERABLE STAGE, TO BE BAKED OUT TO DRY THE BELLOWS INTERPLY AREAS AT THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY LEVEL. THESE FIFTEEN WERE AT A COMPLETED BELLOWS LEVEL. AS THE PROCESS CHANGE EVOLVED TO CORRECT THE PROCESSING DEFICIENCIES THAT CREATED THE INTERPLY MOISTURE PROBLEM, THE BAKE-OUT TO ASSURE INTERPLY DRYNESS MOVED FROM THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY LEVEL TO THE LOWER BELLOWS LEVEL. THE SUBJECT 15 PARTS WERE ALREADY COMPLETED AT THIS LEVEL AND AS THEY ENTERED THE MANUFACTURING FLOW NO BAKEOUT WAS PERFORMED. ALL 15 PARTS HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR WITH NONE INSTALLED ON ANY ET

THE CONCLUSION DRAWN RELATIVE TO THIS ANOMALY IS THAT THIS PROBLEM IS A CONTINUATION OF THE SI-93-P003 ISSUE AND THE DEFORMED BELLOWS CONVOLUTE WAS A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION CREATED AT A LOWER MANUFACTURING LEVEL AND NOT DETECTED UNTIL ATP DURING VISUAL INSPECTION

- * B. ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS AND MAF TO ADDRESS THE INSPECTION OF ALL SUSPECT BSTRAS FOR ACCEPTANCE

RESPONSIBILITY: D. O'NEAL/3741 - D. WESTPHAL/3740

ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS

COMPLETED 9/20/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

MAF TO INSPECT TWO BSTRAS INSTALLED ON TWO DELIVERED GH2 PRESSLINES (PD4800205-029) BY X-RAY. REFERENCE NCDS N007615 AND N002196 AHP TO INSPECT ELEVEN BSTRAS AT AHP, THOSE DEDICATED TO THE GO2 SYSTEM BY BAKEOUT AT 625 DEGREES F (TO SIMULATE MAXIMUM FLIGHT TEMPERATURES, APPROXIMATELY 619 DEGREES F) FOLLOWED BY X-RAY AND THOSE DEDICATED TO THE GH2 SYSTEM BY X-RAY ONLY. THE GH2 SYSTEM BSTRAS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED TO IN-PROCESS TEMPERATURES GREATER THAN THEY SEE IN FLIGHT (APPROXIMATELY 129 DEGREES F). ONE BSTRA OF THE FIFTEEN IS AT THE BELLOWS LEVEL AND WILL BE SCRAPPED REFERENCE AHP LETTER CT-GKF-33-94 AND MMMSS LETTER AP-0994-RDR-029

- * C. PROCUREMENT QUALITY TO ADDRESS THE SYSTEM FAILURE THAT ALLOWED THE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED 15 PARTS TO ENTER THE MANUFACTURING FLOW WITHOUT A CORRECTIVE BAKEOUT

RESPONSIBILITY: J. MAJOR/3760

COMPLETE 10/4/94

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE SYSTEM FAILURE THAT OCCURRED AND ALLOWED THE 15 PARTS TO ENTER THE MANUFACTURING FLOW WITHOUT A CORRECTIVE BAKEOUT RESULTED FROM AN AHP MANAGEMENT DECISION AT THE TIME NOT TO TAG THE PARTS AS SUSPECT. IT WAS REASONED AT THAT TIME THAT NO MRB WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE IT WAS ASSUMED THE NEXT MANUFACTURING PROCESS WOULD CORRECT THE PROBLEM IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE OTHER 67 PARTS IDENTIFIED AS BEING AT A RECOVERABLE STAGE WERE CORRECTED - BY REVISED PLANNING THAT PROVIDED A BAKEOUT AT THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY LEVEL. THIS ASSUMPTION BY MANAGEMENT AT AHP WAS EVENTUALLY OVERRIDDEN MONTHS LATER BY ENGINEERING (MAF) CONTRACT DIRECTION WHEN THE FINAL PROCESSING CHANGES WERE APPROVED THAT REQUIRED THE BAKEOUT TO BE PERFORMED AT THE EARLIER MANUFACTURING LEVEL. CONSEQUENTLY, THE BELLOWS WERE NOT INVENTORIED AND WERE ALLOWED TO PROCEED THROUGH THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS WITHOUT THE REQUIRED WORK THAT WOULD HAVE CONVERTED THEM TO AN ACCEPTABLE CONFIGURATION ARROWHEAD PRODUCT'S MANAGEMENT HAS RECOGNIZED THEIR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ENOUGH PROCEDURAL CONTROL OF SUSPECT HARDWARE AND HAS ADDED A WRITTEN PROCEDURE WITH SPECIFIC CONTROLS AND CHECKS TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE STOCK CHECKS AND INVENTORIES OF DISCREPANT HARDWARE WILL BE ADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED AND CONTROLLED REFERENCE MMMSS LETTER 3760-94-131 AND AHP LETTER AMQ4-082.MMC

- * CAUSE

A. WATER ENTRAPMENT BETWEEN THE BELLOWS PLIES DURING RESISTANCE WELDING WHICH VAPORIZED AND PRESSURIZED THE INTERPLY AREA DURING SUBSEQUENT HIGH HEAT WELDING OPERATION

NOTE: THIS ANOMALY WAS NOT AN ATP FAILURE BUT RATHER A PRE-EXISTING
CONDITION RECOGNIZED DURING ATP

B. LACK OF PROCEDURAL CONTROL TO FORCE PROPER DOCUMENTATION AND
CONTROL OF SUSPECT HARDWARE

* TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

A. NO PROCESSING CHANGES REQUIRED. THIS ANOMALY IS ISOLATED TO 15
PARTS MANUFACTURED TO AN OBSOLETE PROCESS

B. ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS HAS DEVELOPED AND RELEASED A WRITTEN
PROCEDURE TO ASSURE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION, TIMELY SEGREGATION
AND FEEDBACK ON THE INSPECTION STATUS OF SUSPECT HARDWARE
THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN RELEASED AS QS-226, "SUSPECT
PARTS - WIP AND STOCK PURGE PROCEDURE". REFERENCE AHP LETTER
AMQ4-082.MMC

* TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES

THIS DISCREPANCY IS ISOLATED TO 15 PARTS (BSTRA ASSEMBLIES) FOUND
TO HAVE NOT BEEN BAKED OUT DURING PROCESSING TO ENSURE INTERPLY
DRYNESS. ALL 15 PARTS HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR, NONE HAVING BEEN
INSTALLED ON ANY PRESSURIZATION LINE INSTALLED ON ANY ET. NO ET
IS AFFECTED. ALL 15 SUSPECT PARTS ARE BEING INSPECTED FOR PLY
SEPARATION BY X-RAY OR WILL BE SCRAPPED
THE REMAINDER OF PRESSURIZATION LINE BELLOWS ON ETS OR IN MAF OR
AHP INVENTORY ARE NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO THIS CONCERN OR WERE INSPECTED
BY X-RAY PER SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SI-93-P003 DIRECTION
THIS IS ALSO DEFERRAL RATIONALE

* TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY

THE DEFORMED BELLOWS NOTED DURING ATP RESULTED FROM WATER ENTRAPMENT
BETWEEN THE BELLOWS PLIES OCCURRING DURING RESISTANCE WELDING WHICH
VAPORIZED AND PRESSURIZED THE INTERPLY AREA DURING SUBSEQUENT HIGH
HEAT WELDING OPERATIONS. THE CAUSE OF THIS ANOMALY WAS FIRST
RECOGNIZED IN 1992 AND ADDRESSED BY INSPECTING ALL PARTS WHICH HAD
THIS POTENTIAL CONDITION AND BY CHANGES TO THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS
THAT REQUIRE A BAKEOUT OF THE INTERPLY AREAS DURING RESISTANCE
WELDING TO ENSURE THE PLIES WERE DRY. THE SUBJECT PART IS ONE OF
FIFTEEN PARTS THAT WERE AT A LEVEL OF MANUFACTURE KNOWN TO BE
CORRECTABLE BUT DUE TO A PROCESS REVISION THAT CHANGED THE POINT OF
INTERPLY BAKEOUT TO AN ALREADY COMPLETED STEP, WERE ALLOWED TO
BYPASS THE INTERPLY DRYING OPERATION. THIS ANOMALY IS ISOLATED TO
THESE FIFTEEN PARTS AND ALL HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR WITH NONE
INSTALLED ON ANY ET. ALL ARE BEING INSPECTED FOR ACCEPTANCE OR
SCRAPPED. THIS ANOMALY WAS NOT A FAILURE THAT OCCURRED DURING ATP
BUT RATHER A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION OF THE BELLOWS THAT WAS NOT SEEN
UNTIL ATP VISUAL INSPECTIONS
THIS CAPS IS CLOSED. NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

MSFC Response/Concurrence

09/27/94 - DEFERRAL RATIONALE:

THE CLOSURE RATIONALE SUBMITTED BY MAF ON 09/23/94 WAS CONSIDERED
INCOMPLETE AND WAS REJECTED BY MIKE SMILES/CR70. IN LIEU OF CLOSURE,
THIS PROBLEM REPORT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR THE NEXT (6) MONTHS PER NSTS
07700, VOLUME XI, PARAGRAPH 3.4.1, ITEM C AND NSTS 08126 REV. E
PARAGRAPH 3.3.10.1, ITEM D WHICH STATES "THE PROBLEM CONDITION IS
CLEARLY SCREENED BY PREFLIGHT CHECKOUT OR SPECIAL TESTS (I.E., FAILURE
MODE SHOULD NOT OCCUR FOLLOWING THE TEST)."

PARKER V. COUNTS (SIGNED) 09/27/94

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MSFC Report# A16207	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# P-076	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# PD4800205-009	Asmnt Part Name PROPULSION LINE	Asmnt Serial/Lot# 0000468			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD 1	CAUSE CD MP - MFG-PRC	FAIL MODE MV - EXT LEAK		
Asmnt FMEA 2.7.1.1	Asmnt FM 1	FMEA CSE A	FMEA SCSE 1		
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Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
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MSFC Record # A16244	In-Flight Anomaly Number --	Contractor Report Number E-159	JSC# --	KSC# --
Problem Title DEUTSCH FEEDTHRU CONNECTOR CHANGES NOT APPROVED BY COQ				
EICN# --	ELEMENT ET	Contractor MMSS	FSCM# --	FCRIT --
HCRIT --	Sys_Lvl N	Misc Codes A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O		
HARDWARE EIM	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE LRU	NOMENCLATURE --	PART# --	SER/LOT# --	MANUFACTURER --
HARDWARE NCA	NOMENCLATURE ELEC CONNECTOR, CRYO	PART# 81L2-X	SER/LOT# N/A	MANUFACTURER DEUTSCH CO
Test/Operation L - FLD	Prevailing Condtion N - INSPECTION	F / U UC	Fail Mode ZZ - NO PROBLEM	Cause --
System ELECTRICAL	Defect MT - TYPE W	Material C - EEE	Work Contact JOHN ADAMS	Fail Date 10/05/1994
Received at MSFC 10/06/1994	Date Isolated 10/05/1994	FMEA Reference NONE	IFA: Mission Phase --	Mission Elapsed Time --
Location MAF		Symptom UC - UNSAT		Time Cycle --
Effectivity Text NONE				
Vehicle Effectivity Codes				
Vehicle 1 --	Vehicle 2 --	Vehicle 3 --	Vehicle 4 --	Vehicle 5 --
Mission Effectivity Codes				
Mssn 1 --	Mssn 2 --	Mssn 3 --	Mssn 4 --	Mssn 5 --
Estimated Completion Dates				
MSFC Approved Defer Until Date --	Contractor Req Defer Until Date --	LVL 3 Close --	Remark / Action --	
Investigation / Resolution Summary				
Last MSFC Update 01/26/1995	CN RSLV SBMT 01/17/1995	Defer Date --	Add Date 10/06/1994	R/C Codes 4 - TEST 5 - TRNG --
Assignee				

Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
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Design R. MOYE	Chief Engineer M. PESSIN	S & MA M. SMILES	Project --	Project MGR P. COUNTS	
PAC Assignee B. HURST	PAC Review Complete BH	MSFC Closure Date 01/25/1995	Status N - CLOSED- N	F/A Completion --	
Problem Type --	SEV --	Program Name --	REVL --	OPRINC --	
FUNC MOD --	Software Effectivity -- - - - -	Software Fail CD --		SUBTYPE --	Software Closure CD --
RES PERSON L2 --	Approval Signature L3 --				
Related Document Type --	Related Document ID SI-94-E002				
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Related Document Title --					
Contractor Status Summary					
Reliability/Quality Assurance Concerns, Recommendations:					
Problem Description THE SOCKET CONTACTS CURRENTLY BEING SUPPLIED FOR USE IN BOTH OF THE PLUGS WHICH MATE TO THE CRYOGENIC ELECTRICAL FEEDTHROUGH CONNECTOR ARE NOT MANUFACTURED TO THE ORIGINAL DESIGN USED IN QUALIFICATION TESTING. CHANGES HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO THE WAVE SPRINGS USED IN THE COUPLING MECHANISM OF BOTH PLUGS AND TO THE GLASS IN THE HERMETIC SEAL OF THE FEEDTHROUGH CONNECTOR. THE CONNECTOR MANUFACTURER PROPERLY SUBMITTED DESIGN CHANGES TO MMMSS AND THE CHANGES WERE APPROVED ON DOCUMENTATION ACCOUNTABILITY SHEETS (DAS). AT THE TIME THE CHANGES WERE APPROVED, MMMSS DID NOT CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION (COQ). AT THIS TIME, REVIEW OF THE CHANGES SUGGESTS THAT THE QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN UPDATED CRITICALITY: NONE. THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY CAPS, ISSUED AT THE REQUEST OF MSFC, MR. M. SMILES, TO ADDRESS A SYSTEM PROBLEM CONCERNING TIMELY UPDATING OF COQ'S. THERE HAVE BEEN NO HARDWARE FAILURES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESS CONTROL PROBLEMS *REVISION "C" CLOSES ALL TASKS. SEE ASTERISKS					
Contractor Investigation/Resolution					

GENERAL:

THE 81L2-4 SOCKET FOR THE INTERNAL 81L2-1 PLUG AND THE 81L2-5 SOCKET FOR EXTERNAL 81L2-3 PLUG IN THE ORIGINAL DESIGN USED A SEPARATE LEAF SPRING TO PROVIDE POSITIVE CONTACT FORCE WITH THE MATING PINS. THE CURRENTLY SUPPLIED SOCKETS ARE MANUFACTURED BY SLITTING THE SOCKET AND FORMING TWO "TINES" WHICH CREATE CONTACT FORCE
THE WAVE SPRING USED IN THE COUPLING MECHANISMS OF BOTH THE 81L2-1 AND THE -3 PLUGS WAS ORIGINALLY A SINGLE TURN, BERYLLIUM-COPPER DESIGN. THE CURRENT WAVE SPRING IS A TWO-TURN STAINLESS STEEL DESIGN

THE THICKNESS OF THE GLASS IN THE HERMETIC SEAL OF THE 81L2-2 WAS ALSO CHANGED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CHANGES

TASK I. FAILURE INVESTIGATION

- A. AT THE DEUTSCH CO., REVIEW THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF DESIGN CHANGES ON THE 81L2 CONNECTORS AND DETERMINE IF ANY OTHER CHANGES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE UPDATED CONNECTOR QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

RESPONSIBILITY: J. HART/4630 - E. HORAK/4600
R. TORTORICH/3760 - J. MAJOR/3760
J. GARCIA/3830 - N. JAMES/3840

COMPLETE: OCTOBER 19, 1994

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE DEUTSCH CO. ENGINEERING DOCUMENTATION WAS REVIEWED AND COMPARED WITH THE DOCUMENTATION ACCOUNTABILITY SHEETS (DAS) FOR 1984 AND LATER. NO CONFIGURATION CHANGES WERE IDENTIFIED OTHER THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN THE "GENERAL" STATEMENT ABOVE
INVESTIGATION ACCOMPLISHED AS PART OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION 94-E002 HAD FOUND THAT THE OLDEST CONNECTOR LOT DATE CODES NOW EXISTING ARE FROM MID-1986. THEREFORE, ALL CONNECTORS NOW IN EXISTENCE ON DELIVERED ETS, OR IN STOCK AT MAF, WERE COVERED BY THE REVIEW. SEE IOM 3741-94-047 FOR DETAILS

- B. RE-QUALIFY THE 81L2 CONNECTORS BY TEST

RESPONSIBILITY: J. HART/4630 - E. HORAK/4600
E. COLON/4120 - J. DEGENERES/4100
R. LANDERS/4220 - J. JOHNSON/4200

COMPLETE: OCTOBER 19, 1994

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE QUALIFICATION TEST WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION (COQ) MMC-ET-TM06-116B HAS BEEN APPROVED

- C. REVIEW THE CONTROLS ON THE COQ DOCUMENTATION SYSTEMS

DETERMINE IF THE EXISTING CONTROLS ARE ADEQUATE

RESPONSIBILITY: H. FACIANE/3750

COMPLETE: OCTOBER 28, 1994

CLOSURE STATEMENT

THE AUDIT DEPT. REVIEWED APPROXIMATELY 10 ADDITIONAL COQ'S AND THE ASSOCIATED DAS FILES. THE TEAM ALSO REVIEWED THE COMMAND MEDIA AND INTERVIEWED THE PERSONNEL WHO PROCESS THE DOCUMENTS

REFERENCE: IOM 3750-94-131A

THE RESULTS OF THE AUDIT WERE:

1. THE DAS SYSTEM REVIEW FOUND THAT THERE ARE CONTROLS TO PREVENT MISHAPS OR OVERSIGHTS. HOWEVER, THE CONTROL OF FIELD APPROVING PROCESSES COULD BE IMPROVED
2. THE COQ SYSTEM REVIEW FOUND THAT TWO SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS ARE IN ORDER:
 - A. CLARIFY THE COMMAND MEDIA TO ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR MISINTERPRETATIONS OF THE PROCESS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
 - B. RE-EMPHASIZE THE COMMAND MEDIA TO THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE PROCESS
3. TWO COQ'S, WHICH COVER THE LH2 AND LOX ULLAGE PRESSURIZATION FLOW DIFFUSERS, NEEDED REVISION TO REFLECT THE CURRENT MANUFACTURER
4. AN ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL DESIGN CHANGES AND THE EFFECT ON

THE COQ'S IS WARRANTED TO ENSURE THAT THE COQ DATA FILES ARE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE

- D. THE COQ'S FOR THE LH2 AND LOX ULLAGE PRESSURIZATION FLOW DIFFUSERS REQUIRE REVISION TO LIST THE CURRENT MANUFACTURER RESPONSIBILITY: H. FACIANE/3750
COMPLETE: OCTOBER 28, 1994

CLOSURE STATEMENT

CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION MMC-ET-TM06-90A AND MMC-ET-TM06-91B HAVE BEEN APPROVED

- E. PROCUREMENT QUALITY FIELD PERSONNEL WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND FAMILIARIZATION REGARDING THE COMMAND MEDIA WHICH GOVERNS DAS FIELD APPROVALS
RESPONSIBILITY: C. PEMBO/3760--S. PARIKH/3760
COMPLETE: DECEMBER 7, 1994

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM 3760-94-168, DATE NOVEMBER 9, 1994, WAS SENT TO ALL PROCUREMENT QUALITY FIELD PERSONNEL. IT CLARIFIES AND EMPHASIZES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DAS FIELD APPROVAL PROCESS

- F. REVISION OF THE COQ STANDARD PROCEDURES WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED TO ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS
RESPONSIBILITY: P. LEWIS/4220--J. JOHNSON/4200
COMPLETE: JANUARY 9, 1995

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

STANDARD PROCEDURE 75.2, "MAINTENANCE OF COMPONENT QUALIFICATION," REVISION 4, WAS RELEASED. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE WAS TO ADD A REQUIREMENT FOR MATERIAL SOURCING TO HAVE THE ASSIGNED BUYER/CONTACT ADMINISTRATOR NOTIFY THE COQ ASSESSMENT TEAM/SYSTEMS ENGINEERING WHEN CHANGING A COMPONENT MANUFACTURING SOURCE OR WHEN AN EXISTING SOURCE IS RELOCATING ITS OPERATIONS

- G. CONDUCT BRIEFING/COORDINATION TO RE-EMPHASIZE COMMAND MEDIA TO THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE COQ SYSTEM
RESPONSIBILITY: P. LEWIS/4220--J. JOHNSON/4200
COMPLETE: JANUARY 12, 1995

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

A MEETING WAS HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM TECHNICAL OPERATIONS AND PRODUCT ASSURANCE IN WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STANDARD PROCEDURE 75.2, "MAINTENANCE OF COMPONENT QUALIFICATION," WERE DISCUSSED. THE SYSTEM ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL USE THE "REMARKS" SECTION OF THE DAS FORM TO ENTER THE "NO QUALIFICATION IMPACT STATEMENT" PRIOR TO ROUTING THE DAS FOR APPROVAL

- H. DEVELOP A PLAN TO ASSESS ALL COQ'S WITH DESIGN CHANGE IMPACTS
RESPONSIBILITY: P. LEWIS/4220--J. JOHNSON/4200
TASK TRANSFERRED TO SPECIAL INVESTIGATION-94-E002, ITEM 22

* CLOSURE STATEMENT

A PLAN TO REVIEW ALL COQ'S FOR THE EFFECTS OF ANY DESIGN OR MANUFACTURING CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED WAS SUBMITTED ON NOVEMBER 22, 1994. IT CALLS FOR THE REVIEW TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE 1995

TASK CLOSED

- * CAUSE: THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMAND MEDIA FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE COQ'S, PRIMARILY STANDARD PROCEDURE 75.2, WERE NOT PROPERLY CARRIED OUT. SPECIFICALLY, THE "NO QUALIFICATION IMPACT STATEMENT", WITH SUPPORTING RATIONALE FOR THE COMPONENT CHANGES, WAS NOT FORMALLY PROCESSED PRIOR TO DAS APPROVAL

TASK II. CORRECTIVE ACTION

- * A. STANDARD PROCEDURE 75.2, "MAINTENANCE OF COMPONENT QUALIFICATION", WAS REVISED TO REQUIRE THE MATERIAL SOURCING DEPARTMENT TO NOTIFY THE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PERSONNEL WHEN CHANGING THE

SOURCE OF A PART OR WHEN AN EXISTING SOURCE RELOCATES A MANUFACTURING FACILITY
* B. TECHNICAL OPERATIONS, PRODUCT ASSURANCE AND MATERIEL SOURCING PERSONNEL WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION RECORDS
TASK CLOSED
TASK III. CLEARANCE OF EFFECTIVITIES
NOT APPLICABLE
NOTE: THE 81L2 CONNECTORS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED RE-QUALIFICATION TESTING; SEE TASK I.B
TASK CLOSED
TASK IV. CAPS CLOSURE SUMMARY
* THE RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR THE 81L2 ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS HAD NOT INCLUDED A "NO QUALIFICATION IMPACT STATEMENT" FOR DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING CHANGES WHICH HAD BEEN MADE. THE 81L2 CONNECTORS WERE REQUALIFIED BY TEST. STANDARD PROCEDURE 75.2, "MAINTENANCE OF COMPONENT QUALIFICATION", WAS REVISED. ALL OTHER COQS ARE BEING REVIEWED FOR PROPER RECORD KEEPING AND THE WORK IS BEING TRACKED BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION-94-E002 (SEE TASK 1.H)
TASK CLOSED
MSFC Response/Concurrence
10/06/94 - PAC NOTE: THE PROBLEM ASSESSMENT CENTER (PAC) DOES NOT INTERPRET THIS TO BE A REPORTABLE PROBLEM PER NSTS 08126 OR MCC-ET-RA06. FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT VISIBILITY PURPOSES, MIKE SMILES/CR70 DIRECTED MARTIN MARIETTA TO SUBMIT THIS AS A DISCRETIONARY CAPS. SINCE THIS IS A BREAKDOWN IN CONFIGURATION, AND NOT AN ACTUAL FAILURE OF FLIGHT HARDWARE, THERE IS NOT AN APPLICABLE FMEA NUMBER OR CORRESPONDING CRITICALITY. THEREFORE, THE CRITICALITY FIELD IS LEFT BLANK; HOWEVER, THE PAC WILL PROCESS THIS PROBLEM AS THOUGH IT WERE A CRITICALITY 3

MSFC Problem Reporting and Corrective Action (PRACA) System
ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM REPORT

MSFC Report# A16244	IFA# --	Contractor RPT# E-159	JSC# --	KSC# --	EICN# --
Asmnt Part# 81L2-X	Asmnt Part Name ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR	Asmnt Serial/Lot# N/A			
HCRIT CD --	FCRIT CD --	CAUSE CD --	FAIL MODE ZZ - NO PROBLEM		
Asmnt FMEA NA	Asmnt FM NA	FMEA CSE NA	FMEA SCSE NA		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Asmnt FMEA --	Asmnt FM --	FMEA CSE --	FMEA SCSE --		
Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --	Correlated Part# --			
Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --	Associated LRU# --			
MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES					
APRV DATE --	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES --				

ASSESSMENT TEXT