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ABSTRACT

The field joint environmental protection system (herein referred to as the joint protection system (JPS)) vibration/pressurization qualification test consisted of flight-simulating environmental conditioning and dynamic environment testing of a JPS test article. The major purposes of the test were to certify that the flight-designed JPS will withstand the dynamic environmental conditions of flight, and to certify that the cartridge check valve (vent valve) will relieve pressure build-up under the JPS during the initial 120 sec (minimum) of flight.

The vibration test article performed satisfactorily and fulfilled all objectives listed in the test plan. The JPS remained intact, no visual anomalies were evident, and the bondlines showed no evidence of separation or degradation throughout the testing. All requirements for venting and pressure release were met. Also, button pull tests of the extruded cork insulation bondlines yielded acceptable results.

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ACRONYMS

CEI.	•	•	•	•	contract end item
FJEPS	•	•	•	•	field joint environmental protection system
grms	•	•	•	•	gravity root mean square
JPS .	•	•	•	•	joint protection system
LSC .	•	•	•	•	linear-shaped charge
PSD .	•	•	•	•	power spectral density
RSRM		•		•	redesigned solid rocket motor



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INTRODUCTION

This report documents the procedures used and results obtained from vibration testing the redesigned solid rocket motor (RSRM) field joint environmental protection system (FJEPS), hereafter referred to as the joint protection system (JPS), per CTP-0054, "Qualification Test Plan for the Field Joint Environmental Protection System Vibration/Pressurization Test." The JPS is installed to protect the RSRM field joints from the exterior environment. The test consisted of flight-simulating environmental conditioning and dynamic environment testing of a JPS test article. The major purposes of the test were to certify that the flight-designed JPS will withstand the dynamic environmental conditions of the redesigned solid rocket booster, and to certify that the cartridge check valve (vent valve) will relieve pressure build-up under the JPS during the initial 120 sec (minimum) of flight. Also, an evaluation of the extruded cork insulation bonding was performed after the vibration testing.

The test article was assembled and instrumented according to Morton Thiokol drawings 7U76358 (test article assembly) and 2U132025 (vibration fixture). The test article was built using sections of current JPS production components, except that the field joint used was a fixture designed to simulate the external contour of the RSRM field joint. Accelerometer and pressure data were acquired to verify the input and response vibration spectrums and the pressure buildup under the JPS during testing.

Testing was conducted at the Morton Thiokol Utah-based test facilities T-3, T-51, T-53, M-15, and M-53 and was completed on 8 Feb 1989.

1.1 BRIEF TEST ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

The test article configuration represented flight hardware, except for the joint simulator fixture (Figures 1 through 4). The test article assembly

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Figure 1. Top View, Field Joint Environmental JPS Vibration/Pressurization Test Article

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Figure 2. Front View, Field Joint Environmental JPS Vibration/Pressurization Test Article

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Figure 3. Side View, Field Joint Environmental JPS Vibration/Pressurization Test Article

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Figure 4. Side View, Closeup, Field Joint Environmental JPS Vibration/Pressurization Test Article



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consisted of an aluminum joint simulator fixture and sections of pin retainer band, JPS heater, heater thermal barrier, moisture seal, moisture seal retainer straps, instrumented moisture seal retainer strap clips and links, JPS sensor, extruded cork insulation, and K5NA ablation compound. In addition, a cartridge check valve was installed into the center of the assembly.

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OBJECTIVES

The JPS vibration/pressurization test objectives were derived from the objectives in TWR-15723, Rev. C, "Redesign D&V Plan," to satisfy the requirements of contract end item (CEI) specification CPW1-3600. The objectives are listed with the CEI paragraph numbers as follows:

- a. Certify that the JPS shall remain intact through simulated flight, postseparation, water impact and, as a goal, through recovery vibration and shock criteria. (3.2.1.11.d, 3.2.7.2.2.b)
- b. Certify that the JPS structures and components are designed to demonstrate the life factor requirements. (3.3.6.5)
- c. Certify that the JPS is designed to preclude the shedding of debris (Debris Prevention) from the elements during prelaunch and flight operations that would jeopardize the flightcrew and/or mission success. (3.2.6.5)
- d. Certify that the vent valve will relieve the pressure buildup under the JPS during the initial 120 sec minimum of both flight random and vehicle dynamics vibration criteria in each axis. (3.2.1.11.d, 3.2.7.2.2.b)
- e. Evaluate the JPS bondline performance when subjected to the prelaunch natural environments as listed:

--Air temperature --Humidity --Rain --Salt air

f. Evaluate the JPS post-test structural integrity (adhesive bondlines) through button pull tests.

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APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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CPW1-3600	Prime Equipment Contract End Item (CEI) Detail Specifications
CTP-0054	Qualification Test Plan for the Field Joint Environmental Protection System Vibration/Pressurization Test
DPD 400	Data Procurement Document No. 400
SE-019-049-2H	Solid Rocket Booster Vibration, Acoustic and Shock Design and Test Criteria
STW5-2994	Paint, Polyethylene, Chlorosulfonated
STW5-3183	Ablation Compound, Cork Filled (K5NA)
STW4-3218	Epoxy Resin Adhesive, Nonasbestos, Structural Bonding (EA 934NA)
STW5-3225	Coatings, Epoxy-Polyamide
STW5-3226	Primer, Zinc-Rich, Epoxy-Polyamide
TWR-10163 (CD)	Safety Plan for Space Shuttle Solid Rocket Motor Project
TWR-15671	Quality Plan for the SRM Redesign Program
TWR-15723	Redesign D&V Plan
TWR-17230	Cork Extrusion Mechanical Characterization Final Test Report
TWR-19138	FJEPS Vibration/Pressurization Test Flash Report
GS&HM	Morton Thiokol/Wasatch Operations General Safety and Health Manual

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Military Documents	<u>Title</u>
MIL-STD-810C	Environmental Test Methods
MIL-STD-810D	Environmental Test Methods and Engineering Guidelines
MIL-S-8802	Type I Cl B-2 Sealant (PR1422 Polysulfide)
MIL-STD-45662	Calibration System Requirements
Drawing No.	
20132025	Vibration Fixture RSRM Field Joint
7U76358	Test Assembly, Vibration/Pressure

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RESULTS SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 RESULTS SUMMARY

This section contains an executive summary of the key results from the test data evaluation and post-test inspection. Additional information and details can be found in Section 7 of this report.

The vibration test article performed satisfactorily and fulfilled all of the objectives listed in CTP-0054. The JPS remained intact, no visual anomalies were evident, and the EA 934NA adhesive and K5NA ablation compound bondlines showed no evidence of separation or degradation throughout the testing. The cartridge check valve performed as expected. All requirements for venting and pressure release were met and the cartridge check valve remained securely bonded in place. Button pull tests of the bonds between the extruded cork insulation and the aluminum joint simulator fixture, moisture seal, and moisture seal retainer straps yielded satisfactory results.

Throughout the vibration environment tests there was no drop or change in the moisture seal retainer strap tension. During all of the flight random and vehicle dynamics pressurization tests there was no internal pressure drop.

For the water impact shock test, the impact-simulating pulse duration criterion was changed from 0.050 to 0.010 sec to accommodate the capabilities of the test equipment. Longitudinal axis shock No. 1 was run with a loose lead on the control accelerometer, and thus the article was over-tested to 70.23 g (test criteria peak level was 20 g). Tangential axis shock No. 1 was run to 19.77 g (test criteria peak level was 8 g). The cause of the tangential over-test is unknown. Since no visual damage was done to the test article in each over-test, both test runs were acceptable.

Based on the results of these tests, it can be concluded that the test was successful.



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4.2 CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the results of this test were satisfactory. Test results indicate that when proper installation procedures are followed the JPS will remain intact throughout the flight environment. The JPS tested remained intact and did not come free from the joint simulator fixture. No evidence of debris was present and the cartridge check valve relieved the pressure built up under the JPS as needed. All of the bondlines were in excellent condition and post-test pull tests showed greater-than-anticipated bondline strengths.

4.2.1 <u>Requirement Traceability</u>

Listed following are the conclusions as they correspond to the objectives and CEI paragraphs. Additional information to support these conclusions can be found in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 of this report.

<u>Objective</u>

<u>CEI Paragraph</u>

Certify that the JPS shall remain intact through simulated flight, postseparation, water impact and, as a goal, through recovery vibration and shock criteria.

Certify that the JPS structures and components are designed to demonstrate the life factor requirements. 3.3.1.11d. The field joint protection system shall remain intact through flight and, as a goal, through recovery.

3.2.7.2.2b: <u>Induced</u> <u>Environment Loads</u>. The RSRM shall be designed to withstand postseparationthrough-recovery loads as specified...

3.3.6.5: <u>Life</u> <u>Factors</u>. The RSRM shall be designed to withstand fatigue and fracture mechanics requirements as specified...

<u>Conclusions</u>

<u>Certified</u>. Throughout testing, all of the bondlines and components of the test article remained intact and did not degrade in any way.

<u>Certified</u>. The test article was subjected to accelerated environmental conditioning prior to successful completion of vibration and pressurization testing.

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Objective

Certify that the JPS is designed to preclude the shedding of debris (Debris Prevention) from the elements during prelaunch and flight operations that would jeopardize the flight crew and/or mission success.

Certify that the vent valve will relieve the pressure buildup under the JPS during the initial 120 sec minimum of both flight random and vehicle dynamics vibration criteria in each axis.

Evaluate the JPS bondline performance when subjected to the prelaunch natural environments as listed: --Air temperature --Humidity --Rain --Salt air

Evaluate the JPS posttest structural integrity (adhesive bondlines) through button pull tests. CEI Paragraph

3.2.6.5: <u>Debris</u> <u>Prevention</u>. The SRM shall be designed to preclude the shedding of debris from the elements during prelaunch and flight operations...

3.3.1.11d. The field joint protection system shall remain intact through flight and, as a goal, through recovery.

3.2.7.2.2b: <u>Induced</u> <u>Environment Loads</u>. The RSRM shall be designed to withstand postseparationthrough- recovery loads as specified...

None

None

<u>Conclusions</u>

<u>Certified</u>. Throughout testing, all components of the test article remained intact and did not degrade in any way.

Certified. The vent valve performed as designed and relieved the JPS internal pressure during the initial 120 sec minimum of each flight random and vehicle dynamics vibration test. Salt deposits were present on the vent valve from the environmental conditioning, but the deposits did not impact valve performance.

The test article was subjected to the specified simulated prelaunch environments and all bondlines remained intact and did not degrade in any way.

Cork insulation pull tests yielded results as expected, and all breaking strength values were higher than expected.

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4.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results of this test, it is recommended that the use of the flight configuration JPS, as documented in this report, should be continued.

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INSTRUMENTATION

Vibration test instrumentation consisted of a triaxial accelerometer (A002-A004) mounted on the joint simulator fixture to measure response frequencies, and a single accelerometer (A001) mounted to the shaker table input plate to control input frequencies (Figure 1). In addition, a mass flowmeter controlled air flowing into the cavity under the JPS, and a pressure gage (P001) monitored the pressure buildup (Figure 2).

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Pretest and post-test photographs of the test article were taken. Figures 5 through 8 show the test setup and post-test condition of the test article.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Prior to the vibration/pressurization testing, the test article was assembled and subjected to accelerated environmental conditioning.

7.1 TEST ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

The test article configuration was designed to certify the JPS. Test article configuration represented flight hardware, except for the joint simulator fixture (Figures 1 through 4). The test article assembly consisted of an aluminum joint simulator fixture and sections of pin retainer band, JPS heater, heater thermal barrier, moisture seal, moisture seal retainer straps, instrumented moisture seal retainer strap clips and links, JPS sensor, extruded cork insulation, and K5NA ablation compound. In addition, a cartridge check valve was installed into the center of the assembly.

7.1.1 Joint Simulator Fixture

Drawing 2U132025 defined the joint simulator fixture configuration, which was designed to simulate the external profile of an assembled RSRM field joint and allow for the installation of the JPS. The fixture was machined from aluminum to be 32 in. long by 20 in. wide by 6.2 in. high. The 32-in. test article length was selected using the following criteria:

- a. Similarity to the test article length used in the nozzle linear-shaped charge (LSC) and the systems tunnel qualification tests (approximately 30-to-40-in. length).
- b. As close to the maximum length possible to achieve the 35.2-grms level required for reentry random vibration.

(Analysis shows that vibration modes which cause element lifting, separation, debonding, etc., are relatively high in frequency and pure radial, tangential, or longitudinal modes. Although 32 in. is only about 15 percent of the JPS circumference, test article length for the lifting, separation, debonding, etc., modes is not a factor.)

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A requirement of the JPS vibration fixture was to simulate and monitor pressure buildup under and venting through the cartridge check valve in the JPS. To accomplish this, two pressure ports were drilled into the joint simulator fixture: one to allow an airflow into the volume under the JPS, and one to monitor the pressure directly under the cartridge check valve in the JPS (Figure 2).

To ensure that tension in the moisture seal retainer straps could be monitored and verified to be within the 1,300-to-3,000-lb range during assembly, two cavities were machined into the joint simulator fixture to accommodate two turnbuckle/load cell assemblies to which the straps were attached and tightened (Figure 3).

Prior to installing the JPS, the fixture was grit blasted, vapor degreased, and spray painted with STW5-3226 zinc-rich primer and STW5-3225 top coat.

7.1.2 Vibration Test Article Assembly

Assembly and instrumentation of the JPS vibration fixture was conducted at the Morton Thiokol M-15 facility and was defined by drawing 7U76358. The assembly consisted of sections of the pin retainer band, JPS heater, heater thermal barrier, moisture seal, moisture seal retainer straps, instrumented moisture seal retainer strap clips and links, JPS sensor, extruded cork insulation, and K5NA ablation compound installed on the joint simulator fixture. In addition, a cartridge check valve was installed into the center of the JPS assembly.

To obtain an assembly which was capable of holding pressure, the moisture seal was trimmed 0.75 to 2.0 in. on either end and sealed in place using polysulfide sealant (MIL-S-8802). The cartridge check valve was then bonded to the moisture seal with polysulfide sealant (MIL-S-8802).

Once the seal was verified, the moisture seal retainer straps were installed and tightened to 2,990 \pm 10 lb tension. To monitor and record the tension in the straps, the straps were installed using two specially modified retainer strap clip and link assemblies (the modification to the strap clip and link assemblies consisted of instrumenting them to measure load) and two



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turnbuckle/load cell assemblies. The straps were allowed a 30-min period of relaxation and then retightened, after which the heater sensor was put in place.

Finally, EA 934NA adhesive was applied to both the joint simulator fixture and the extruded cork insulation. The cork was positioned in place and cured inside a vacuum bag for 8 hr. After cure, the adhesive surrounding the upper 0.25 in. of the cartridge check valve was removed and replaced with K5NA (Figure 4). K5NA was applied at the aft end of the cork, and all the cork and K5NA were painted with white polyethylene paint (STW5-2994). Assembled, the test article weighed 171.4 lb.

7.2 ACCELERATED ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONING

Prior to vibration testing, the test article was subjected to temperature, humidity, salt spray, and rain conditioning per CTP-0054 and MIL-STD-810D to simulate the prelaunch natural environment. This conditioning took place from 29 Nov to 12 Dec 1988.

7.2.1 <u>High-Temperature, High-Humidity Conditioning</u>

Initially, the test article was placed in the Morton Thiokol T-51 test facility and subjected to an environment of $120^{\circ} + 10 - 0^{\circ}F$ and 90 + 10 - 0 percent relative humidity for 48 hr minimum (Figure 9). Upon completion of this conditioning, the test article was placed in a 75° ±10°F environment for 24 hr minimum and allowed to return to ambient condition.

7.2.2 <u>Salt Spray Conditioning</u>

Following the high-temperature, high-humidity, and return-to-ambient conditioning cycle, the test article was placed in the Morton Thiokol T-3 test facility and subjected to a 95° ± 10 °F salt spray conditioning for 48 hr (Table 1 and Figure 5). Upon completion of this conditioning, the test article was placed in a 75° ± 10 °F environment for 48 hr and allowed to return to ambient conditions. Postconditioning inspection of the test article showed salt deposits accumulated in and around the vent valve.

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Temperature (°F) and Humidity (% RH)



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Table 1. JPS Test Article Salt Fog Conditioning Data



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7.2.3 Rain Conditioning

Simulated rain conditioning was conducted after completion of the salt spray conditioning. The test article was subjected to a water spray for a minimum of 1 hr. The conditioning was conducted at the Morton Thiokol T-3 test facility and met the following conditions:

Water pressure:	40 psig		
Water temperature:	45°F		
Chamber temperature:	73°F		
Rain duration:	1 hr minimum		
Rain droplet size:	2 to 4.5 mm diameter		
Distance from nozzle:	19 ±1 in.		

7.2.4 Low-Temperature Conditioning

Low-temperature conditioning was conducted after completing the rain conditioning. The test article was towel dried, immediately placed in the Morton Thiokol T-3 test facility, and subjected to a 20° +0-10°F environment for a minimum of 48 hr (Figure 10). Upon completion of this conditioning, the test article was placed in a 75° ±10°F environment for a minimum of 24 hr and allowed to return to ambient conditions. Postinspection of the test article showed salt deposits accumulated in the bottom of the vent valve.

7.3 TEST RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The vibration/pressurization test was conducted in the Morton Thiokol T-53 shaker facility from 19 Dec 1988 to 6 Jan 1989. Two Ling A340 shakers were used to conduct the test. The longitudinal and tangential axes tests were conducted using a shaker which was configured horizontally and bolted to a shaker plate (Figures 6 and 7). The other shaker was configured vertically for the radial test (Figure 8). Test results (control and response accelerometer power spectral density (PSD) plots and time history plots) are included in Appendix A.

The test setup included an internal pressurization pretest of the test article per paragraph 8.1.2 of CTP-0054. All requirements for air flow $(3.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ in.}^3/\text{sec} \text{ for 160 sec})$ and pressure $(1.0 \pm 0.5 - 0 \text{ psig})$ were met. The cartridge check valve (vent valve) performed as designed and relieved the JPS



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Figure 10. JPS Test Article Rain and Low Temperature Conditioning-Chamber and Water Temperature

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internal pressure during the initial 120 sec (minimum) of each flight random and vehicle dynamics vibration test.

7.3.1 Flight Random Vibration/Pressurization Test

The equipment armature and head expander exhibited a natural resonance in the 1,000-to-2,000-Hz range. Two types of accelerometers were used: control accelerometers which measure motion of the shaker plate, and response accelerometers which measure motion on the test article. Control accelerometer PSD plots show that the test article was subject to motion within tolerances specified by CTP-0054 (Table II). Response accelerometer PSD plots, however, show the equipment resonance as a data spike which exceeds the tolerance criteria of CTP-0054. The resonance/spike was allowed per MIL-STD-810C (Method 514.2, para 4.5.2) and upon receipt of a redline copy of CTP-0054 and a memo from the vice president of Space Operations (Memo A400-FY89-139, included in Appendix B). (The test changes specified in Memo A400-FY89-139 have been incorporated into CTP-0054, Rev. C.) Control and response accelerometer PSD plots are included in Appendix A.

The test article was pressurized (1.0 + 0.5 - 0 psig) during the initial 160 sec of the vibration test. Pressure gages indicated no internal pressure drop throughout this test. Instrumented moisture seal retainer strap clips and links were monitored with a portable data acquisition system to detect any change in strap tension. No change in strap tension was indicated throughout this test. Upon test completion, no visual anomalies on the test article were found. The test article met the requirements of CTP-0054.

7.3.2 <u>Reentry Random Vibration Test</u>

Radial axis test levels could only be met by using two control accelerometers and averaging the two outputs for a solid control. This setup was a result of equipment armature and head expander natural resonance in the 1,000-to-2,000-Hz range. As in the Flight Random Test, control motion was within test criteria, while response motion exhibited a data spike due to equipment resonance. The resonance/spike was allowed per MIL-STD-810C, and per the redline version of CTP-0054 and Memo A400-FY89-139, both included in Appendix B.

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Instrumented moisture seal retainer strap clips and links were monitored, and no change in the strap tension was indicated. Upon test completion, no visual anomalies on the test article were found. The test article met the requirements of CTP-0054.

7.3.3 <u>Vehicle Dynamics Vibration/Pressurization Test</u>

The test article was pressurized (1.0 + 0.5 - 0 psig) during the initial 160 sec of the vibration test. Pressure gages indicated no internal pressure drop throughout this test. Instrumented moisture seal retainer strap clips and links were monitored, and no change in the strap tension was indicated. Upon test completion, no visual anomalies on the test article were found. The test article met the requirements of CTP-0054.

7.3.4 Water Impact Shock Test

The test criteria required an impact-simulating, half-sine pulse duration of 0.050 sec. However, the computerized equipment could only give a duration of 0.010 sec. The pulse duration criterion was changed to 0.010 sec per the redline version of CTP-0054 and Memo A400-FY89-139, included in Appendix B. Time history data for the shock tests are included in Appendix A.

Longitudinal axis shock No. 1+ was run with a loose lead on the control accelerometer, and thus the article was over-tested (70.23 g at 100 Hz on the shock spectrum and test criteria peak level at 20 g). Discrepancy Report No. 168169 was written to cover the over-test, and is included in Appendix C. Since no visual damage was done to the test article, the over-test was acceptable. Shock No. 2+ was run to 31.14 g.

Tangential axis shock No. 1+ was run to 19.77 g. (Test criteria peak level was 8 g). The cause of the over-test is unknown. Discrepancy Report No. 168188 was written to cover the over-test, and is included in Appendix C. Since no visual damage was done to the test article, it met or exceeded the test requirements and was acceptable. Shock No. 2+ was run to 16.68 g, No. 1- to 13.49 g, and No. 2- to 13.43 g.

Radial axis shock testing was satisfactory. Shock No. 1- was run to 12.96 g, No. 2- to 12.98 g, No. 1+ to 13.44 g, and No. 2+ to 13.44 g.

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7.3.5 Cork Button Pull Tests

Cork button pull testing was conducted on 8 Feb 1989 in the Morton Thiokol M-53 Development Lab (Table 2). Five specimens located on the extruded corkto-joint fixture bond failed 100 percent in the cork and failed at higher stress than cork tensile dog bone tests (documented in TWR-17230, "Cork Extrusion Mechanical Characterization Final Test Report"). Two other pull test locations (moisture seal-to-cork extrusion bondline and Kevlar[®] strap and K5NA-to-cork extrusion bondline) also yielded acceptable results.

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A020996a Adhesive failure to moisture seal Adhesive failure to Kevlar[®] strap/K5NA 50% CCF, 50% AFMS 70% CCF, 30% AFMS 10% CCF, 90% AFMS 25% CCF, 75% AFMS 70% CCF, 30% AFKS 50% CCF, 50% AFKS 80% CCF, 20% AFKS Failure Mode 100% CCF Cohesive cork failure Max Stress (psi) CCF: AFMS: AFKS: 133 275 110 243 104 210 182 162 241 233 45 75 89 261 8 1.2340 in. 1.196 in.² 0.5 in./min Max Load (Ib) 218 194 160 329 312 288 279 106 124 54 89 131 291 97 251 Button Diameter: Button Cross Section: Crosshead Speed: Moisture Seal-to-Cork Bond Kevlar[®] Strap/K5NA-to-Cork Bond Cork-to-Case Bond Location Date: 8 Feb 1989 Temperature: 75°F Specimen No. G თ 9 12 13 4 15 2 ო 4 ŝ ~ 00 F -TWR-17245 VOL DOC NO. SEC PAGE 30

Table 2. Cork Button Pull Test Results

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Appendix A

DATA FROM SRM FJEPS VIBRATION/PRESSURIZATION TEST

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1.0 SUMMARY

This report contains the results of the Vibration Testing conducted on the 7U76358 Field Joint Test Assembly. Testing met or exceeded the requirements contained in the CTP-0054 test plan. Testing was run per Shop Travelers 7A052 and 7A053.

- 2.0 TEST RESULTS
- 2.1 Test Configuration

The following test tools were used:

2U105664Vibration Slip Plate6021STDrive BarX-M19506-6Head Expander7U76358Test Assembly

2.2 Test Set-Up

The test article was received at T-53 on 12 December 1988. Visual inspection showed rust and corrosion on all exposed metal (non-painted or non-plated). Test article was stored at T-53 til 19 December 1988 when test set-up could be scheduled.

Test set-up included an internal pressurization pre-test per paragraph 8.1.2 of CTP-0054. All requirements for air flow (3.2 + - .5 in 3/sec for 160 sec) and pressure (1.0 + .5 - 0 psig) were met.

Testing was conducted using the Ling A340 shakers. Longitudinal and radial axes were run on the slip plate. Radial axis was run on the vertical shaker.

2.3 Test Performance

2.3.1 Flight Random Vibration

Test was run per requirements listed in CTP-0054 table II Flight Random Vibration. Test article was pressurized during initial 160 seconds visually monitoring pressure gages. FM Tape #22957 contains flight random vibration levels and pressure levels. No visual anomalies were noticed. Article met requirements of Test Plan.

2.3.2 Re-Entry Random

Test was run per requirements listed in CTP-0054 Table II Re-entry Random Vibration. FM Tape #22957 contains the longitudinal and tangential axes data. FM Tape #22959 contains the radial axis data. Article met requirements of test plan. Radial axis test levels could only be met by using two control accelerometers and averaging between their two outputs for a solid control. PSD plots show resonance between 1000-2000 Hz. This is due to armature and Head Expander set-up natural resonance.

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2.3.3 Vehicle Dynamics

Test was run per requirement listed in CTP-0054 Table II Vehicle Dynamics Criteria. Test article was pressurized during initial 160 seconds of the vibration. No drop in pressure was seen by visually monitoring pressure gages. FM tape #22958 contains vehicle dynamics data. Article met requirements of test plan.

2.3.4 SRM Water Impact Shock

Test was run per requirements listed in CTP-0054 Table II under SRM Water Impact Shock Criteria.

Test criteria required a duration of .050 seconds. Computerized equipment can only give a duration of .010 seconds. Traveler was changed to .010 seconds upon receipt of a "red-lined" test plan and memo from J. D. Thirkill.

Longitudinal axis shock #1 was run with a loose lead on the control accelerometer and thus an overtest level of 70.23 G's wa seen. DR #168169 was written to cover this. Disposition was that data was acceptable.

Tangential axis shock was run to a 19,77G level. Cause was unknown. DR #168188 was written and dispositioned that data was acceptable.

2.3.5 Test Monitoring of Clip Gages

During the Flight Random, Re-entry and Vehicle Dynamics Vibration, Clip Gages were monitored by C/C 5618. This consisted of a PDAS set-up to monitor "clip-gages". The clip gages were installed on the straps during Field Joint Build-up. No loosening or change in the straps was noticed during testing.

2.3.6 Post Test

Post test inspection showed no visual anomalies to the test article.

3.0 TEST DATA

- A. Photographs
- B. PSD Plots



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MEMO A400-FY89-139, "REDLINE TO CTP-0054, REV. C, 'QUALIFICATION TEST PLAN FOR FIELD JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEM VIBRATION/PRESSURIZATION TEST'"

Note: The redline changes specified in this memo have been incorporated into CTP-0054, Rev. C. Revision C was accepted by NASA on 16 Feb 1989.

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John D. Thirkall

4 January 1989 A400-FY89-139

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FROM: J. D. Thirkill

SUBJECT: Redline to CTP-0054, Rev. C, "Qualification Test Plan for Field Joint Environmental Protection System Vibration/Pressurization Test"

NASA has already approved the <u>redline</u> change. However, there is one area that was not marked up. Sheets 15 and 16 that are in question are attached.

These changes are required to finish the vibration test on the joint protection system hardware at T-53.

The Test Plan will be corrected for engineering traceability.

Thirkill

Attachments: a/s



TABLE II

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FJEPS TEST CRITERIA

TEST	SPECTRUM & TOLERANCES	NOTES
FLIGHT RANDOM VIBRATION	20 - 50 Hz @ 0.020 g,/Hz 50 - 150 Hz @ +3 dB/oct. 150 - 500 Hz @ 0.060 g,/Hz 500 - 2000 Hz @ -6 dB/oct. 2000 Hz @ 0.0038 g,/Hz Composite = 6.9 g, Duration = 360 seconds/axis <u>Tolerances</u> Composite Amplitude $\pm 10\%$ PSD Amplitude $\pm 10\%$, -30% Frequency $\pm 5\%$ Duration $\pm 10\%$, -0%	For the initial 160 seconds of the vibration test, pressurize the test article as noted in the internal pressurization test (section 8.1.2 A-E).
REENTRY RANDOM VIBRATION (Radial Axis)	20 Hz @ 0.036 g ₂ /hz 20 - 180 Hz @ +6 dB/oct 180 - 280 Hz @ 3.13 g ₂ /hz 280 - 2000 Hz @ -6 dB/oct 2000 Hz @ 0.059 g ₂ /hz Composite = 35.2 g _{r.s} Duration = 90 seconds/axis For test tolerances, see Flight Random Vibration (above).	None. 1000-2006 HE SYSTEM CENONANCES IN THUS RANGE EXCEEDS PSD ANKITUDE TOLERANCE.
(Tangential & Longitudinal Axis)	20 Hz @ 0.0039 g_2/hz 20 - 80 Hz @ +6 dB/oct 80 - 275 Hz @ 0.063 g_2/hz 275 - 560 Hz @ -9 dB/oct 560 - 2000 Hz @ 0.0075 g_2/hz Composite = 5.6 g_{rmm} Duration = 90 seconds/axis For test tolerances, see Flight Random Vibration (above).	None.

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FJEPS TEST CRITERIA (cont.)

TEST	SPECTRUM & TOLERANCES	NOTES	
VEHICLE DYNAMICS CRITERIA (Longitudinal Axis) (Lateral Axis)	3.5 - 5 Hz @ 1.0 G's peak * 5 - 40 Hz @ 1.0 G's peak 2 - 5 Hz @ 1.7 G's peak * 5 - 10 Hz @ 0.6 G's peak 10 - 40 Hz @ 1.7 G's peak Sweep Rate = 3 Oct./Min. (1 Sweep from low to high frequency). <u>Tolerances</u> Peak Amplitude +20%, -10%	For the initial 160 seconds of the vibration testing, pressurize the test article(s) as noted in the internal pressurization test (section 8.1.2 A-E). * Design Criteria Only.	
	Duration $+10\%$, -0%		
SRB WATER IMPACT SHOCK CRITERIA (Longitudinal Axis)	.010 20 G's peak, 0.050 second, 3/2 - sine pulse. 2 shocks in flight direction.	Long duration (0.1 - 0.15 sec) pulses are impossible to achieve on most electrodynamic shakers (0.070 - 0.080 sec. being about the	
(Radial and Tangential Axis)	8 G peak, 0.050 second, 3 - sine pulse. 2 shocks in each direction. <u>Tolerances (for both)</u> Amplitude: +40%, -20% Pulse Overshoot: +20% Duration: <u>+</u> 10%	limit). Since the majority of the test article response lies in the higher frequency range (compared to these lower frequency pulses) the pulse duration can be decreased to 0.050 sec. with negligible effect.	-012

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