

SHUTTLE CRITICAL ITEMS LIST - ORBITER

SYSTEM : ORBITAL MANEUVER FMEA NO 03-3 -4502 -1 REV:12/05/87  
 NAME : ENGINE SUBSYSTEM CRIT. FUNC: 1R  
 PRI : MC276-0017-0401 CRIT. HDW: 3  
 VENDOR: VEHICLE 102 103 104  
 ENTITY : 2 EFFECTIVITY: X X X  
 : QD SP-27 PHASE(S): PL LO X OO X DO X LS  
 : ONE FOR EACH ENG SUB-SYS

PREPARED BY: REDUNDANCY SCREEN: A-FAIL B-FAIL C-PASS  
 D W CARLSON DES APPROVED BY: APPROVED BY (NASA):  
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DESCRIPTION:  
 COUPLING, GN2 FILL. (MD 425, 525)

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 N2 TANK IS FILLED OR VENTED FROM THIS COUPLING WHICH IS A SERVICING CONNECTION ACCESSIBLE AT THE ENGINE SERVICING PANEL. ITEM INCORPORATES INTERNAL SEAL AND A PRESSURE CAP WITH AN ADDITIONAL SEAL INSTALLED PRIOR TO FLIGHT. GN2 FILL VALVE PROVIDES REDUNDANCY FOR LEAKAGE.

FAILURE MODE:  
 OVERBOARD LEAKAGE (SEAL LEAKAGE)

EFFECT(S):  
 CONTAMINATION, EXCESS OR IMPROPER USE (EXCESS TORQUE, SEAL DAMAGE), INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE (OF GSE HALF), NO LINE SUPPORT FOR GROUND HALF COUPLING. SHAFT OR BORE BENT, RETAINING NUT LOOSENS NEGATING CAP SEAL REDUNDANCY.

EFFECT(S) ON:  
 (A) SUBSYSTEM (B) INTERFACES (C) MISSION (D) CREW/VEHICLE  
 (A) NO EFFECT. LOSS OF REDUNDANCY FOR OVERBOARD LEAKAGE.  
 (B,C,D) NO EFFECT.

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(E) FUNCTIONAL CRITICALITY EFFECT - POSSIBLE LOSS OF CREW/VEHICLE DUE TO INABILITY TO PERFORM DEORBIT BURN (FAILURE OF BOTH OMS ENGINES AND INADEQUATE PROPELLANT FOR RCS DEORBIT). 1R EFFECT ASSUMES FAILURE OF COUPLING CAP SEAL, COUPLING SEAL, GN2 ISOLATION VALVE, GN2 CHECK VALVE, OTHER OMS ENGINE AND ACCUMULATOR SUCH THAT OMS BI-PROP VALVES CANNOT BE ACTUATED IN EITHER POD; AND THAT ADEQUATE PROPELLANT DOES NOT EXIST FOR RCS BACK-UP DEORBIT.

DISPOSITION & RATIONALE:

(A) DESIGN (B) TEST (C) INSPECTION (D) FAILURE HISTORY (E) OPERATIONAL USE

(A) DESIGN

DESIGN FACTORS - PROOF PRESSURE OF 1.5 DEMONSTRATED EACH UNIT. BURST-OF 2.0 DEMONSTRATED BY ANALYSIS AND QUAL TEST. COMPLETE STRESS ANALYSIS PERFORMED. GROUND HALF COUPLINGS/LINES SUPPORTED TO LIMIT STRESS ON COUPLINGS AND PREVENT DAMAGE TO SEALS AND WELD JOINTS. CAP MINIMIZES LEAKAGE POTENTIAL, AND PROVIDES REDUNDANT SEAL. RETAINING NUT (CAP SEAL IS LOCKWIRED. GN2 FILL VALVE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL REDUNDANCY. REDUNDANT ENGINES ARE PROVIDED.

(B) TEST

QUALIFICATION TESTS

(3 UNITS). RANDOM VIBRATION (POPPET OPEN AND CAP ON) - 48 MIN EACH AXIS. SHOCK - BENCH AND DESIGN. THERMAL - (+210 TO -30 DEG. F.). ENDURANCE - 600 FUNCTIONAL CYCLES, 800 PRESSURE CYCLES. BENDING AND AXIAL LOADS - 50 FT-LB, 50 LBS. BURST TEST - 10,000 PSI. ALSO QUALIFIED AS PART OF POD ASSEMBLY - VIBRO-ACOUSTIC TESTING AT JSC, HOT-FIRE TEST PROGRAM AT WSTF.

ACCEPTANCE TEST

EACH UNIT. PROOF PRESSURE. FUNCTIONAL TESTS. EXTERNAL LEAKAGE TESTS PERFORMED BEFORE AND AFTER OPERATING CYCLES.

GROUND TURNAROUND

V43CBO.210 PERFORMS FIRST FLIGHT EXTERNAL LEAK CHECKS.  
V43CBO.200 REQUIRES LEAK CHECK FOR EACH COUPLING AND CAP USED DURING TURNAROUND OPERATIONS (NOT INCLUDING SERVICING) FOR FIRST FLIGHT AND EVERY 5 FLIGHTS THEREAFTER.  
V43CBO.206 PERFORMS CAP LEAK CHECK EVERY TIME CAP IS REMOVED.  
V43CFO.030 PERFORMS PNEUMATIC SYSTEM GN2 SERVICING EVERY FLIGHT AND PRESSURE CHECK ON FILL COUPLING AND FILL VALVE BEFORE GSE IS DISCONNECTED.  
GN2 TANK PRESSURE MONITORED EACH FLIGHT FOR LEAKAGE.

(C) INSPECTION

RECEIVING INSPECTION

MATERIALS AND PROCESSES CERTIFICATIONS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

CONTAMINATION CONTROL

CLEANLINESS TO LEVEL 100A AND CORROSION PROTECTION PROVISIONS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

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ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION.

MANUFACTURING, ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION PROCEDURES ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION. CRITICAL DIMENSIONS AND SURFACE FINISHES ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION. VISUAL INSPECTION OF SEALS FOR DAMAGE IS VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

CRITICAL PROCESSES

THE WELDING PROCESS AND VERIFICATION THAT WELDS MEET SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

NONDESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION

PENETRANT AND RADIOGRAPHIC INSPECTION OF WELDS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

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TESTING

TEST EQUIPMENT AND TOOL CALIBRATION ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION. ACCEPTANCE TEST IS VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

HANDLING/PACKAGING

HANDLING, PACKAGING, STORAGE AND SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

FAILURE HISTORY

0 FAILURES OF THE COUPLING HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS USE APPLICATION. SEE FMEA 03-3-1002-1 FOR A TOTAL FAILURE HISTORY ON THIS COUPLING (MC276-017).

OPERATIONAL USE

OR EXTERNAL LEAKAGE, AFFECTED ENGINE WILL NOT BE USED FOR ON-ORBIT BURNS. SAVE ACCUMULATOR PRESSURE FOR DEORBIT BURN START. FOR LOSS OF ACCUMULATOR PRESSURE COMPLETE MISSION REQUIREMENTS USING CROSSFEED FOR PROPELLANT UTILIZATION. REDLINE ADDITIONAL PROPELLANT FOR RCS BACKUP FOR ORBIT. NEXT PLS DEORBIT IF SUFFICIENT PROPELLANT NOT AVAILABLE. POSSIBLE MISSION IMPACT. DECREASE IN PROPELLANT AVAILABLE FROM OMS TO CS FOR INTERCONNECT FOR ON-ORBIT OPERATION.