

**SSME EA/CIL**  
**REDUNDANCY SCREEN**

Component Group: **Electrical Harnesses**  
 CIL Item: **H118-01, H119-01**  
 Part Number: **RS008118, RS008119**  
 Component: **Lightning Braided - LPFTP Discharge Temperature 1W18, 1W19**  
 FMEA Item: **H118, H119**  
 Failure Mode: **Open or short circuit in harness. Loss of connector.**

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Phase	Failure / Effect Description	Criticality Hazard Reference
SM 4.1	Failure of one or both harnesses causing erroneous output signals from one or both sensors within qualification limits will result in off-nominal mixture ratio operations and depletion of propellants during mainstage. Mission abort may result if off-nominal propellant consumption leads to a SLE engine shutdown or premature propellant depletion.	1R ME-G4M
Redundancy Screens: SINGLE POINT FAILURE: N/A		

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**DESIGN**

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**FAILURE CAUSE: A: Conductor or insulation damage caused by vibration, flexure, routing, or improper clamping.**

MATERIAL SELECTION OF THE WIRES, INSULATORS, CONNECTORS, AND ASSEMBLY TECHNIQUES ARE CONTROLLED BY SPECIFICATION (1) TO GUARD AGAINST THE FAILURE OF THE HARNESS IN THE ENVIRONMENTS IT IS EXPOSED TO. THESE CONTROLS ARE ESTABLISHED BY GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONNECTORS (2) AND WIRE SELECTION (3), AND ARE KEYED TO THE FUNCTION AND USAGE OF THE HARDWARE. TO PRECLUDE SINGLE POINT ELECTRICAL FAILURES, REDUNDANT FUNCTIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED IN SEPARATE HARNESSES, ROUTED THROUGH DIFFERENT PATHWAYS. TO PREVENT DETERIORATION OF THE CONDUCTOR OR INSULATOR, WIRES ARE OF SUCH CROSS SECTION AS TO PROVIDE AMPLE AND SAFE CURRENT CARRYING CAPACITY. THE MAXIMUM DESIGN CURRENT IN ANY WIRE IS LIMITED SO THAT "WIRE TOTAL TEMPERATURE" WILL NEVER EXCEED THE RATED WIRE TEMPERATURE (1). HARNESS ASSEMBLIES INCORPORATE A FLEXIBLE GLASS FILLER CORD TO ENHANCE CABLE ROUNDING (1). THE CORD HELPS IN ELIMINATING EXCESSIVE BEND RADII THAT MAY CAUSE WIRE DAMAGE. TEFLON FILM WRAP AND TEFLON TAPE COVER THE WIRE BUNDLES TO PROTECT THE INSULATION FROM ABRASIVE DAMAGE. A WIRE MESH SHEATH PROTECTS THE ENTIRE WRAP FROM SHARP IMPACTS, HANDLING DAMAGE, AND PROVIDES EMI PROTECTION (4). BRAID WIRE TYPE, SIZE, AND COVERAGE ARE CONTROLLED BY SPECIFICATION (5). CABLE ROUTING IS CONTROLLED BY THE ASSEMBLY DRAWINGS (6) THAT ESTABLISH THE RETAINING CLAMPS AND RESTRAINING TIES. THE SECURING CLAMPS (7) INCORPORATE RUBBER GROMMETS THAT PREVENT PINCHING OR CUTTING OF THE INSTALLED HARNESS.

(1) RL10014; (2) 40M39569; (3) 40M50577, 40M50578; (4) RL00249; (5) RA1613-004; (6) RS007007; (7) RE127-2018

**FAILURE CAUSE: B: Loose, worn, or damaged pin or pins.**

**C: Damaged contact or crimp.**

**E: Connector shell failure.**

**F: Torque lock damage (non-extended life).**

CONNECTOR SELECTION OF THE ASSEMBLIES IS CONTROLLED BY SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (1). THE REQUIREMENTS INCORPORATE CONTROLS (2) THAT ARE KEYED TO GUARD AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENTS THEY ARE EXPOSED TO. THE CONNECTORS MEET CEI REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH CYCLE FATIGUE, LOW CYCLE FATIGUE, AND MINIMUM FACTORS OF SAFETY (3). THE CONNECTORS ARE SELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MSFC STANDARDS FOR USE ON ROCKET PROPELLED VEHICLES (4). BENT OR WORN PINS ARE REMOVABLE AND REPLACEABLE. BAYONET LOCKING RINGS ARE PROVIDED TO PREVENT CONNECTORS FROM BACKING OFF (2).

(1) (1) RL10014; (2) RES1230, RES1235; (3) RL00532, RSS-8546, CP320R0003B; (4) 40M39569

**FAILURE CAUSE: D: Corrosion or moisture.**

THE ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS OF THE WIRE HARNESS ARE PROTECTED FROM CORROSION BY INHERENT MATERIAL DESIGN AND PROTECTIVE EXTERNAL COVERING OF THE CABLE. THE WIRE INSULATION IS COMPOSED OF TEFLON (1). TEFLON HAS RESISTANCE TO FLUIDS AND ATMOSPHERIC VAPORS. THE CONNECTOR CONTACTS ARE PLATED WITH GOLD OVER NICKEL UNDERPLATE (2). GOLD IS RESISTANT TO WATER CORROSION AND HUMIDITY. EXCEPT FOR POTTED CONNECTORS, THE CONNECTOR BACKSHELL IS PROTECTED BY SILICON RUBBER (3) TO PROTECT THE CONNECTOR FROM THE MAXIMUM SPECIFIED OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS. PIN INSERT INTERFACIAL SEALS (4) ARE PROVIDED TO REDUCE CORROSION. CONNECTORS ARE MAINTAINED IN THEIR SEALED BAGS UNTIL READY FOR ASSEMBLY. CONNECTORS ARE PROTECTED TO PREVENT DAMAGE OR CONTAMINATION RESULTING FROM CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER OR ADJACENT OBJECTS (5).

(1) 40M50577; (2) MSFC-SPEC-250; (3) RL10014; (4) RC1230, RC1235; (5) RL00249

**FAILURE CAUSE: ALL CAUSES**

THE CONTROLLER SOFTWARE IS CONFIGURED TO DETECT AND RESPOND PROPERLY TO THE FAILURES IDENTIFIED, IMPLEMENT THE NECESSARY REDUNDANT CONTROLLER CHANNEL SWITCHING AND COMMAND A SAFE ENGINE STATE WHEN REDUNDANCY IS LOST (1). FUNCTIONS ARE CONTROLLED ON REDUNDANT HARNESSES. THE HARNESS DESIGN IS TESTED PER HARNESS DESIGN VERIFICATION TESTING (2), INCLUDING VIBRATION TESTING (3), SAFETY FACTOR CRITERIA TESTING (4), DURING SENSOR VIBRATION TESTING (5) WHERE THE FLIGHT DESIGNED HARNESS IS CONNECTED TO THE SENSOR UNDER TEST, AND DURING ENGINE DVS TESTING (6).

(1) CP406R0008; (2) DVS-SSME-202; (3) RSS-202-6; (4) RSS-202-20; (5) DVS-SSME-203; (6) DVS-SSME-101

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**INSPECTION AND TEST**

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A	1W18 HARNESS 1W19 HARNESS  ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY	THE FOLLOWING TESTS AND INSPECTIONS ARE PERFORMED DURING MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY ACCEPTANCE: - LIGHTNING BRAID IS INSPECTED FOR ACCEPTABILITY. - ALL WIRES ARE SUBJECTED TO SPARK AND DIELECTRIC TESTING. - ALL CONTACTS IN THE CONNECTORS ARE SUBJECTED TO A RETENTION TEST. - A RESISTANCE TEST BETWEEN THE BRAID AND MATING CONNECTOR FLANGE IS PERFORMED ON THE LIGHTNING BRAID/CONNECTOR AND VERIFIED TO BE WITHIN SPECIFICATION. - EACH WIRE RUN IS VERIFIED FOR END-TO-END CONTINUITY. - INSULATION RESISTANCE BETWEEN EACH CONDUCTOR AND EVERY OTHER CONDUCTOR IS VERIFIED TO BE WITHIN SPECIFICATION. - A DIELECTRIC WITHSTANDING VOLTAGE TEST BETWEEN EACH CONDUCTOR AND EVERY OTHER CONDUCTOR, SHELL OR SHIELD VERIFIES THE LEAKAGE CURRENT TO BE WITHIN SPECIFICATION.	RS008118 RS008119  RL00249 RB0150-044, 40M50577 RL00249 RL00249 RL00128 RL00128 RL00128
	INSTALLATION INTEGRITY	INSTALLATION OF THE HARNESSES IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATIONS DEFINING THE: - INSPECTION OF HARNESSES PRE- AND POST-INSTALLATION. - ROUTING REQUIREMENTS WHICH INCLUDE: INSTALLATION PATH, CLAMP LOCATIONS, AND SIZES. SEPARATION DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FROM OBJECTS WHICH COULD CAUSE CABLE OR CONNECTOR DAMAGE. MINIMUM BEND RADII . - INSPECTION OF CONNECTORS PRIOR TO MATING. THIS INCLUDES BACKSHELL, PINS, AND GROMMET INSPECTIONS.	RL00039 RS007007 RS007007 RL00039 RL00039
B, C, E, F	CONNECTOR CONNECTOR  HARNESS/CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY	HARNESS/CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY PROCESSES ARE VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE: - CRIMPING OF ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR CONTACTS. - USE OF FLEXIBLE INSULATION SLEEVING. - INSTALLATION OF HEAT SHRINKABLE, SILICON RUBBER, STRAIGHT TUBING, AND MOLDED PARTS. - SELECTION AND USAGE OF PROTECTIVE CLOSURES.  COMPLETED ASSEMBLY IS INSPECTED FOR PROTECTIVE BRAID FRAYING AT THE CONNECTOR JUNCTION, CONTACT PIN RETENTION, MISSING PARTS, AND DAMAGE OR DEFECTS TO SHELL OR PINS PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.  FOLLOWING INSTALLATION, THE CONNECTOR TORQUE STRIP IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.	RES1230 RES1235  RA1613-005 RB0150-009 RA0605-018 RA0116-054  RL00249  RS007007 RA1606-018
D	CONNECTOR CONNECTOR		RES1230 RES1235

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D	CLEANLINESS OF COMPONENTS	CLEANLINESS REQUIREMENTS ARE VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION DURING MANUFACTURING OF THE HARNESS ASSEMBLY.	RL00249
		METAL TYPE DUST AND MOISTURE PROOF CAPS ARE VERIFIED INSTALLED ON THE CONNECTOR WHEN NOT IN USE.	RL00249
	SURFACE FINISH	THE PLATING ON THE CONNECTOR PINS IS INSPECTED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.	RC1230 RC1235
	ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY	PRIOR TO CONNECTOR MATING, THE CONNECTOR IS INSPECTED FOR ANY CORROSION OR DAMAGE WHICH WOULD ALLOW MOISTURE TO ENTER THE CONNECTOR.	RL00039
ALL CAUSES	1W18 HARNESS		RS008118
	1W19 HARNESS		RS008119
	ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY	ALL CONTROLLER DATA FROM THE PREVIOUS FLIGHT IS REVIEWED. ANY ANOMALOUS CONDITION NOTED REQUIRES FURTHER TESTING OR HARDWARE REPLACEMENT PRIOR TO THE NEXT FLIGHT.	MSFC PLN 1228
		RE-TEST REQUIREMENTS AFTER HARNESS REPLACEMENT OR CONNECTOR DEMATE VERIFY THAT THE PROPER CONTROLLER ELECTRICAL CHECKOUTS ARE PERFORMED TO RE-VALIDATE THE HARNESS ASSEMBLY.	OMRSD V41ZA0.010
		HARNESSES ARE INSPECTED FOR DAMAGE, PROPER ROUTING, AND PROPER TORQUE LOCK APPLICATION DURING POST FLIGHT EXTERNAL INSPECTION.	OMRSD V41BU0.030
HARNESS OPERATION IS VERIFIED EVERY MISSION FLOW AND AFTER ANY REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT BY THE FOLLOWING CONTROLLER ELECTRICAL CHECKOUTS: (LAST TEST)			
	- SENSOR CHECKOUT.	OMRSD V41AQ0.010	
	- FLIGHT READINESS TEST.	OMRSD V41AS0.030	
	- PNEUMATIC CHECKOUT.	OMRSD V41AS0.020	

**Failure History:** Comprehensive failure history data is maintained in the Problem Reporting database (PRAMS/PRACA)  
 Reference: NASA letter SA21/88/308 and Rocketdyne letter 88RC09761.

**Operational Use:** FAILURE MODE CAN BE DETECTED IN REALTIME BY THE FLIGHT CONTROL TEAM WHO WILL EVALUATE EFFECTS UPON VEHICLE PERFORMANCE AND ABORT CAPABILITY. BASED ON THIS EVALUATION THE APPROPRIATE ABORT MODE OR SYSTEM CONFIGURATION WILL BE SELECTED. FAILURE DETECTION CUES AND ASSOCIATED SSME PERFORMANCE DATA HAVE BEEN COORDINATED BETWEEN THE ENGINEERING AND FLIGHT OPERATIONS ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE RESPONSES DOCUMENTED IN MISSION FLIGHT RULES.

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