

**SSME FMEA/CIL  
REDUNDANCY SCREEN**

Component Group: Ducts and Lines  
 CIL Item: K201-01  
 Part Number: RS007015  
 Component: LPOTP Discharge Duct  
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| Phase        | Failure / Effect Description  | Criticality<br>Hazard Reference                  |
|--------------|---|--|
| PSMCD<br>4.1 | Oxidizer leakage into aft compartment. Overpressurization of aft compartment. Loss of vehicle.<br><br>Redundancy Screens: SINGLE POINT FAILURE: N/A | 1<br>ME-C3P,D,<br>ME-C3S,<br>ME-C3A,C,<br>ME-C3M |

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DESIGN**

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**FAILURE CAUSE: A: Parent material failure or weld failure of duct.**

THE DUCT ASSEMBLY (1) IS MANUFACTURED UTILIZING INCONEL 718 TUBING. INCONEL 718 FORGINGS ARE USED FOR FLANGE DETAILS AND INCONEL 718 CASTING USED FOR THE TEE SECTION. INCONEL 718 WAS SELECTED FOR ITS STRENGTH, RESISTANCE TO STRESS CORROSION, CORROSION RESISTANCE, HIGH/LOW CYCLE FATIGUE CHARACTERISTICS, AND WELDABILITY (2). MATERIALS ARE HEAT TREATED TO DEVELOP FULL MATERIAL STRENGTH AND HARDNESS (1). ALL MATERIALS USED IN THE DUCT FABRICATION ARE LOX COMPATIBLE (2). FLANGE AND DUCT SECTIONS INCORPORATE RADIUS JOINTS TO REDUCE STRESS CONCENTRATIONS. OFFSET LIMIT REQUIREMENTS ARE ESTABLISHED TO REDUCE STRESS CONCENTRATIONS AND IMPROVE WELD GEOMETRY. TUBING STOCK IS PLAMISHED WHEN WELDED, OR DRAWN TO MAINTAIN SURFACE REGULARITY. WELD RINGS ARE UTILIZED TO DISSIPATE HEAT DURING WELDING AND TO IMPROVE WELD QUALITY (1).

(1) RS007015; (2) RSS-8582, RSS-8575

**FAILURE CAUSE: B: Flex joint structural failure of: Retainer assembly, Internal support assembly (hubs, supports, legs), Bellows assembly, Welds, Liners.**

THE RETAINER ASSEMBLY (1) IS COMPOSED OF THE TIE, LOCK, NOSE, CAP, AND RETAINER. THE RETAINER ASSEMBLY IS MANUFACTURED UTILIZING INCONEL 718. THE INTERNAL SUPPORT (1) IS COMPOSED OF THE HUBS, LEGS, OUTLET SUPPORT, AND LINERS. THE INTERNAL SUPPORT IS MANUFACTURED UTILIZING INCONEL 718. THE INLET SUPPORT (1) IS MANUFACTURED UTILIZING ARMCO 21-6-9. THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY (2) IS MANUFACTURED UTILIZING INCONEL 718. INCONEL 718 WAS SELECTED FOR ITS STRENGTH, RESISTANCE TO STRESS CORROSION, CORROSION RESISTANCE, HIGH/LOW CYCLE FATIGUE CHARACTERISTICS, AND WELDABILITY (3). ARMCO 21-6-9 WAS SELECTED FOR ITS STRENGTH IN THE AS WELDED CONDITION. IT IS CORROSION RESISTANT AND EXHIBITS RESISTANCE TO STRESS CORROSION CRACKING (3).

LEGS AND CONES ARE SHAPED AERODYNAMICALLY TO REDUCE FLOW FRICTION, FLOW TURBULENCE, AND LOADS ON INTERNAL PARTS (1). DURING OPERATION, PRESSURE SEPARATING LOADS CAUSE THE BELLOWS TO EXPAND RELIEVING TENSION LOADS ON THE TIE AND RETAINER ASSEMBLY. CAPS ARE WELDED IN PLACE TO PREVENT INTERNAL PIECES FROM ENTERING THE FLOW, SHOULD FAILURE OF THE TIE OCCUR. DRY-FILM LUBRICANT IS USED TO REDUCE FRICTION, GALLING, AND PARTICLE GENERATION (1). MATING ROTATIONAL SURFACES HAVE TIGHT TOLERANCE CONTROLS TO INCREASE SURFACE CONTACT AREA WHICH REDUCES GALLING, STRESS RISERS, AND OFFSET LOADING. TOLERANCE CONTROLS ALSO DECREASE LUBRICANT WEAR, INCREASING LIFE. ASSEMBLY TOLERANCE DIMENSIONS ARE VERIFIED BY INSERTING A PIN DURING ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE TOLERANCE AND PREVENT EXCESSIVE TORQUE, CAUSING BINDING. RETAINER IS LOCKED TO THE TIE BY A KEYED LOCK THAT IS WELDED TO MAINTAIN ASSEMBLY TOLERANCE. RETAINER TOLERANCE REDUCES IMPACT LOAD OF HUB ASSEMBLIES AND PROVIDES DRY FLEX RETENTION. VENT HOLES ARE INCORPORATED IN THE HUB ASSEMBLIES TO PREVENT LIQUID ACCUMULATION. INTERNAL LINERS REDUCE TURBULENCE OVER THE BELLOWS ASSEMBLY AND PROVIDES LAMINAR FLOW WHICH INHIBITS FLOW INDUCED VIBRATION (1). THE INNER LINER IS POSITIONED UPSTREAM OF THE FLOW TO KEEP FROM FOLDING THE LIP INWARD. VENT HOLES ARE MANUFACTURED IN THE LINERS TO EQUALIZE PRESSURE ACROSS THE SURFACE. BELLOWS ARE MANUFACTURED OF MULTIPLE PLYS EVENLY SPACED, AND ANNULAR TO IMPROVE FATIGUE LIFE, REDUCE STRESS/STRAIN CONCENTRATIONS, AND MAINTAIN CONSTANT SPRING RATE (2). BELLOWS ARE WELDED AT THE PLY ENDS PRIOR TO HYDROFORMING TO PREVENT OIL CONTAMINATION BETWEEN BELLOWS PLYS. WELDED PLYS ENDS ARE SUBSEQUENTLY MACHINED TO A UNIFORM SURFACE BEFORE FINAL WELDING TO THE SUPPORT. THIS IMPROVES THE CONNECTING WELD QUALITY, AND REDUCES PLY DISTORTION. EDGES ARE MACHINED TO A RADIUS TO REDUCE WEIGHT, GALLING, AND BINDING ON ADJACENT CONTACT SURFACES. THE FLEX JOINT HAS COMPLETED BENDING MOMENT, FLEXURAL ENDURANCE, ULTIMATE PRESSURE, PROOF PRESSURE, VIBRATION, AND SECTIONING DVS TESTING (4).

(1) RS008601; (2) RS008893; (3) RSS-8582, RSS-8575; (4) RSS-511-13

**FAILURE CAUSE: C: Parent material failure of plate.**

THE COVER PLATE (1) IS MANUFACTURED FROM 321 CRES BAR. THIS MATERIAL WAS SELECTED FOR ITS STRENGTH, FABRICABILITY, GENERAL CORROSION RESISTANCE, AND STRESS CORROSION RESISTANCE (2). THE MATERIAL IS LOX COMPATIBLE (2). THE PLATE INCORPORATES RADIUS CORNERS TO REDUCE STRESS CONCENTRATION.

(1) RS007167; (2) RSS-8582

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**FAILURE CAUSE: ALL CAUSES**

INSTALLATION IS CONTROLLED FOR ANGULARITY AND OFFSET (1). THE MINIMUM FACTORS OF SAFETY FOR THE DUCT ASSEMBLY AND FLEX JOINT MEET CEI REQUIREMENTS (2). HIGH AND LOW CYCLE FATIGUE MEET CEI REQUIREMENTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FLEX JOINT IS LIFE LIMITED BY WAIVER (3). THE DUCT ASSEMBLY PARENT MATERIAL WAS CLEARED FOR FRACTURE MECHANICS/NDE FLAW GROWTH, SINCE THEY ARE NOT FRACTURE CRITICAL PARTS (4). TABLE K201 LISTS ALL THE FMEA/CIL WELDS AND IDENTIFIES THOSE WELDS IN WHICH THE CRITICAL INITIAL FLAW SIZE IS NOT DETECTABLE AND THOSE WELDS IN WHICH THE ROOT SIDE IS NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR INSPECTION. THESE WELDS HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AS ACCEPTABLE FOR FLIGHT BY RISK ASSESSMENT (5). THE DUCT ASSEMBLY HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PRESSURE CYCLING AND ULTIMATE PRESSURE DVS TESTING (6). THE VISUAL BELLOWS INSPECTION, HE MASS LEAK, AND ACCESSIBLE BELLOWS WELDS DYE PENETRANT INSPECTION TESTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON ENGINE 2010 (7) AND 2014 (8) FLEX JOINTS. NO ANOMALIES WERE FOUND. THE 2010 DUCT HAD ACCUMULATED 58 STARTS AND 18,150 SECONDS. THE 2014 DUCT HAD ACCUMULATED 60 STARTS AND 17,099 SECONDS.

(1) I.L. 0126-8066; (2) RSS-8546, CP320R0003B; (3) RL00532, CP320R0003B, DAR 1436; (4) NASA TASK 117; (5) RSS-8756; (6) RSS-511-43; (7) CD#2-0152; (8) CD#2-87-0031

**SSME FM CIL  
INSPECTION AND TEST**

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|--|-----------------------------|--|---|
| A  | DUCT ASSEMBLY               |  | RS007015  |
|  | MATERIAL INTEGRITY          | MATERIAL INTEGRITY IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS007015  |
|  |                             | DETAIL PARTS ARE PENETRANT INSPECTED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.   | RA0115-116  |
|  | HEAT TREAT                  | HEAT TREAT IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.   | RA0611-020  |
|  |                             | THE FLANGE FORGING TENSILE TEST IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AFTER HEAT TREAT.   | RA0115-012  |
|  | WELD INTEGRITY              | ALL WELDS ARE INSPECTED TO DRAWING AND SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PER WELD CLASS. INSPECTIONS INCLUDE: VISUAL, DIMENSIONAL, PENETRANT, RADIOGRAPHIC, ULTRASONIC, AND FILLER MATERIAL, AS APPLICABLE. | RL10011<br>RA0607-094<br>RA0115-116<br>RA0115-006<br>RA1115-001<br>RA0115-127 |
|  |                             | ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY   | LEAK TEST IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.                               |
| THE DUCT ASSEMBLY IS PROOF PRESSURE TESTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS. |                             |  | RS007015  |
| B  | RETAINER ASSEMBLY           |  | RS008601  |
|  | MATERIAL INTEGRITY          | MATERIAL INTEGRITY IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008601  |
|  |                             | HEAT TREAT   | HEAT TREAT IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION AND DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.            |
|  | SURFACE FINISH              | THE TIE AND RETAINER DRY-FILM LUBRICATION IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS008601  |
|  | ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY          | INNER RADII ARE INSPECTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS008601  |
|  |                             | THE RETAINER LOAD-TEST PRIOR TO CAP AND NOSE CLOSE-UP WELD IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008601  |
|  | SUPPORT ASSEMBLY            |  | RS008601  |
|  | MATERIAL INTEGRITY          | MATERIAL INTEGRITY IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008601  |
|  |                             | HEAT TREAT   | HEAT TREAT IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION AND DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.            |
|  | SURFACE FINISH              | THE HUB DRY-FILM LUBRICATION IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008601  |
|  | ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY          | INNER RADII ARE INSPECTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS008601  |
|  |                             | THE BALL AND SOCKET JOINT LAPPING, ALIGNMENT AND SURROUNDING RADII ARE VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS008601  |
|  | BELLOW                      |  | RS008893  |
|  | MATERIAL INTEGRITY          | MATERIAL INTEGRITY IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008893  |

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| B              | MATERIAL INTEGRITY          | THE BELLOWS GRAIN DIRECTION IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS008893   |
|                | HEAT TREAT                  | HEAT TREAT IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.   | RA0611-020<br>RA1611-002   |
|                | CLEANLINESS OF COMPONENTS   | THE BELLOWS PLYS ARE VERIFIED CLEAN PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY AND CONVOLUTING.  | RA1610-044   |
|                | WELD INTEGRITY              | ALL WELDS ARE INSPECTED TO DRAWING AND SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PER WELD CLASS. INSPECTIONS INCLUDE: VISUAL, DIMENSIONAL, PENETRANT, RADIOGRAPHIC, ULTRASONIC, AND FILLER MATERIAL, AS APPLICABLE. | RL10011<br>RA0607-094/RA1607-079<br>RA0115-116<br>RA0115-006<br>RA1115-001<br>RA0115-127 |
|                |                             | THE BELLOWS SEAM WELD DIRECTION AND LOCATION IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008893   |
|                | ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY          | THE BELLOWS ECCENTRICITY, CONVOLUTE HEIGHTS CROWN AND ROOTS RADIUS, PLY THICKNESS, AND SURFACE IRREGULARITY ARE VERIFIED PER DRAWING AND SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.                                 | RS008893<br>RL00078  |
|                | WELDS                       |  | RS008893   |
|                | WELD INTEGRITY              | ALL WELDS ARE INSPECTED TO DRAWING AND SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PER WELD CLASS. INSPECTIONS INCLUDE: VISUAL, DIMENSIONAL, PENETRANT, RADIOGRAPHIC, ULTRASONIC, AND FILLER MATERIAL, AS APPLICABLE. | RL10011<br>RA0607-094<br>RA0115-116<br>RA0115-006<br>RA1115-001<br>RA0115-127            |
|                | LINERS                      |  | RS008601   |
|                | MATERIAL INTEGRITY          | MATERIAL INTEGRITY IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008601   |
|                | HEAT TREAT                  | HEAT TREAT IS VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION AND DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RA0611-020<br>RS008601   |
|                | SURFACE FINISH              | THE LINER DRY FILM LUBRICATION IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008601   |
|                | ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY          | INNER RADII ARE INSPECTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS008601   |
|                | FLEX JOINT                  |  | RS008601   |
|                | WELD INTEGRITY              | ALL WELDS ARE INSPECTED TO DRAWING AND SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PER WELD CLASS. INSPECTIONS INCLUDE: VISUAL, DIMENSIONAL, PENETRANT, RADIOGRAPHIC, ULTRASONIC, AND FILLER MATERIAL, AS APPLICABLE. | RL10011<br>RA0607-094<br>RA0115-116<br>RA0115-006<br>RA1115-001<br>RA0115-127            |
|                | ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY          | FLEX JOINT IS GIMBAL TESTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.<br>FLEX JOINT IS ACCEPTANCE TESTED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.   | RS008601<br>RL00208  |

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| C              | PLATE                       |   | RS007167                             |
|                | MATERIAL INTEGRITY          | MATERIAL INTEGRITY IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS007167                             |
|                | ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY          | THE DUCT ASSEMBLY IS PROOF PRESSURE TESTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.  | RS007015                             |
| ALL CAUSES     | LPOTP DISCHARGE DUCT        |   | RS007015                             |
|                | COMPONENT CLEANLINESS       | ASSEMBLY IS VERIFIED CLEAN PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.  | RA1610-002<br>RA1610-004             |
|                | FLIGHT FLOW TESTING         | THE EXTERNAL SURFACE IS VISUALLY INSPECTED PRIOR TO EACH LAUNCH.<br>A HELIUM SIGNATURE LEAK TEST IS PERFORMED PRIOR TO EACH LAUNCH. (LAST TEST) | OMRSD V41BU0.030<br>OMRSD S00000.950 |

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: Not Applicable.

**SSME FMEA/CIL**  
**WELD JOINTS**

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| Component  | Basic Part Number | Weld Number | Weld Type | Class | Root Side Not Access | Critical Initial Flaw Size Not Detectable |     | Comments |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|---|-----|----------|
|            |                   |             |           |       |                      | HCF                                       | LCF |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 1           | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 2           | GTAW      | I     | X                    |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 3           | GTAW      | I     | X                    |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 4           | GTAW      | I     | X                    | X   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 5           | GTAW      | I     | X                    |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 6           | GTAW      | I     | X                    |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 7           | GTAW      | I     | X                    | X   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 8           | GTAW      | I     | X                    | X   | X   |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 9           | GTAW      | I     |                      | X   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 10          | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 11          | GTAW      | I     | X                    |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 12          | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| DUCT       | RS007015          | 13          | GTAW      | I     | X                    |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 1           | GTAW      | III   | X                    | X   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 2           | GTAW      | II    | X                    |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 3           | GTAW      | III   | X                    |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 4-9         | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 10-15       | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 16          | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 17          | GTAW      | II    | X                    |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 18          | GTAW      | I     |                      | X   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 25-28       | GTAW      | II    |                      |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 33          | GTAW      | I     |                      | X   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 34          | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 35          | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 36          | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 52          | GTAW      | II    |                      | X   |     |          |
| FLEX JOINT | RS008601          | 18 PLCS     | GTAW      | III   | X                    |   |     |          |
| BELLOWS    | RS008893          | 1-3         | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| BELLOWS    | RS008893          | 4,5         | EBW       | I     |                      |   |     |          |
| BELLOWS    | RS008893          | 6,7         | GTAW      | I     |                      |   |     |          |