

SSME FMEA/OIL  
**REDUNDANCY SCREEN**

Component Group: Combustion Devices  
CIL Item: A900-02  
Part Number: RS009920  
Component: Fuel Preburner  
FMEA Item: A600  
Failure Mode: Loss of fuel to ASI.

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Phase	Failure / Effect Description	Criticality Hazard Reference
SMD 4.1	Loss of fuel to ASI causes high mixture ratio erosion of the ASI combustion chamber walls, injector burnout, loss of turbine, and engine failure. Loss of vehicle.  Redundancy Screens: SINGLE POINT FAILURE: N/A	1 MF-B2S ME-B2A,C, ME-B2M

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DESIGN

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Design / Document Reference

**FAILURE CAUSE: A: Contamination of the ASI fuel orifices or passageways.**

THE FUEL ASI DELIVERY SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO REMOVE ANY PARTICLES THAT MAY CAUSE CUTOFF OR PARTIAL BLOCKAGE OF THE PASSAGES. A FILTER IS LOCATED AT THE HEAD OF THE DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT REMOVES PARTICLES FROM THE FUEL THAT MAY BE LARGE ENOUGH TO CAUSE A REDUCTION IN FUEL FLOW (1). THE FILTER IS DESIGNED TO STOP PARTICLES IN THE FUEL AND ALLOW THEM TO SETTLE OFF THE FILTER FACE (2). THIS ALLOWS FOR PARTICLE REMOVAL WITHOUT FILTER FLOW REDUCTION, SHOULD GROSS CONTAMINATION OCCUR. THE FILTER CAN WITHSTAND PLUGGING OF OVER HALF OF ITS SURFACE AREA PRIOR TO A REDUCTION IN ASI CHAMBER FUEL DELIVERY. THE ASI CAN OPERATE OVER A VERY WIDE MIXTURE RATIO RANGE AND PARTIAL BLOCKAGE CAN STILL ALLOW TIMELY IGNITION OF THE PROPELLANTS. THE FUEL SUPPLY IS FILTERED TO 400-MICRONS AT THE EXTERNAL TANK PRIOR TO USE BY THE MAIN ENGINES (3). THE ASI FUEL FILTER IS FABRICATED FROM INCONEL 625 ALLOY WHICH WAS SELECTED BECAUSE OF ITS BRAZEABILITY, WELDABILITY, MACHINABILITY AND MATERIAL PROPERTIES (4). INCONEL CAN BE BRAZED WITHOUT PLATING IN A CONTROLLED ATMOSPHERE. THE FUEL FILTER IS BRAZED IN EITHER HYDROGEN, ARGON AND HELIUM, HELIUM, OR VACUUM (5). THE ASI FUEL FILTER HAS BEEN ANALYZED FOR FLOW INDUCED LOADS, DYNAMIC LOADS, AND PRESSURE LOADS AND MEET THE HIGH CYCLE AND LOW CYCLE FATIGUE LIFE CEI REQUIREMENTS (6). THE MINIMUM FACTORS OF SAFETY FOR THE ASI FUEL FILTER MEET CEI REQUIREMENTS (7). THE ASI IGNITION SYSTEM HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND VERIFICATION TESTED FOR LOW PRESSURE IGNITION AND LOW MIXTURE RATIOS (8). DESIGN TESTING OF THE FILTER WITH INDUCED CONTAMINATION SHOWED THE FLOW WASHES THE FILTER. THE FLEET LEADER ASI FUEL FILTER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM SERVICE FOR MICROSCOPIC AND PENETRANT INSPECTION ON TWO OCCASIONS WITHOUT DETECTING ANY ANOMALIES (9).

(1) RSD07304; (2) R0018225; (3) ICD 13M15000; (4) RSS-8571-9 (5) RA0107-010; (6) RL00532, CP320R0003B; (7) RSS-8546, CP320R0003B; (8) DVS-306; (9) I.L. MPR-55-0309, I.L. MPR-95-0869

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**INSPECTION AND TEST**

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Failure Causes	Significant Characteristics	Inspection(s) / Test(s)	Document Reference
A	<b>FILTER</b>		R0318225
	FILTER INTEGRITY	FILTER BRAZE JOINTS ARE INSPECTED TO VERIFY COMPLETE COVERAGE.	
	ASI SYSTEM CLEANLINESS	ASI SUBASSEMBLIES ARE CLEANED DURING MANUFACTURING AND PRIOR TO FINAL ASSEMBLY.	RL10001 RA1610-005
		AFTER BRAZING, THE PASSAGE PORTS AND ORIFICES ARE INSPECTED FOR BLOCKAGE DUE TO BRAZING MATERIAL.	RA1607-009
		DURING THE PROPELLANT CONDITIONING THE FUEL ASI SYSTEM IS PURGED TO MAINTAIN IT FREE OF MOISTURE AND ICE.	OMRSD S00FR0 310 OMRSD S00FR0 320
	PROPELLANT SYSTEM CLEANLINESS	SSME PROPELLANT SYSTEM IS DRIED AND VERIFIED DRY PRIOR TO EACH FLIGHT.	OMRSD V41CB0.060 OMRSD V41CR0.061
	ASSEMBLY INTEGRITY	THE HCT FIRE TESTING AND 2ND E & M INSPECTIONS VERIFY ASI INTEGRITY.	RL00050-04 RL00055-06 RL00056-07
		INSPECTION OF INJECTOR ASI CHAMBER AFTER EACH FLIGHT VERIFIES NO BLOCKAGE HAS OCCURRED DURING PREVIOUS OPERATION. (LAST TEST)	OMRSD V41BL0.040

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Failure History: Comprehensive failure history data is maintained in the Problem Reporting database (PRAMS/PRAGA)  
 Reference: NASA letter SA21/88/308 and Rocketdyne letter 88RC09761  
 Operational Use: Not Applicable

**SSME F A/CIL  
WELD JOINTS**

Component Group: Combustion Devices  
 CIL Item: A600  
 Component: RS009020  
 Part Number: Fuel Preburner  
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Component	Basic Part Number	Weld Number	Weld Type	Class	Access	Critical Initial Flaw Size Not Detectable		Comments
						Root Side Not	HCF LCF	
FPB CHAMBER	RS009019	1,2	GTAW	I	X	X	X	
FPB INJECTOR	RS009020	1	EBW	II	X	X	X	
FPB INJECTOR	RS009020	2	EBW	II	X			
FPB INJECTOR	RS009020	3	GTAW	I	X	X	X	
FPB INJECTOR	RS009020	9	EBW	II	X			
FPB INJECTOR	RS009020	38	EBW	II	X			
FPB INJECTOR	RS009020	39	EBW	II	X			
FPB BODY	RS009023	1 (OPT)	GTAW	I	X			(AC50)
FPB BODY	RS009023	5	EBW	I	X			(AC50)
FPB FUEL MANIFOLD	RS009029	7 (OPT), 8 (OPT)	GTAW	I		X	X	(AC50)
FPB FUEL MANIFOLD	RS009029	11 (OPT)	GTAW	I		X		(AC50)
FPB FUEL MANIFOLD	RS009029	13 (OPT)	GTAW	I		X		(AC50)
FPB OXID INLET	RS009030	1	GTAW	I		X		
FPB OXID INLET	RS009030	2	GTAW	I	X	X	X	
FPB OXID INLET	RS009030	4	GTAW	I				
PREBURNER EXPANSION JOINT	RS009032	1	GTAW	I				
PREBURNER EXPANSION JOINT	RS009032	2,3	GTAW	II	X			
FPB ASH FUEL LINE	RS009026	1 PLC	GTAW	I	X			
FPB CHAMBER	RS009019	3 (OPT), 4 (OPT)	GTAW	I		X	X	(AC50)
FPB CHAMBER	RS009019	5 (OPT)	GTAW	I		X		(AC50)
FPB CHAMBER	RS009019	6 (OPT)	GTAW	I		X		(AC50)

**SSME FMEA/CIL  
FIELD CONFIGURATION VARIANCES FROM CIL RATIONALE**

Component Group: Combustion Devices  
 Item Name: Fuel Preburner  
 Item Number: A603  
 Part Number: RS009920

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Base Line Rationale	Variance	Change Rationale	Variant Dash Number
1. A603- NO RATIONALE EFFECTED.	MDLY LINER IS INSTALLED IN VARIOUS PREBURNER ASSEMBLIES.	LINER MAY BECOME DAMAGED. USE AS IS RATIONALE; DEBONDED LINER HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A CRITICALITY THREE.	RS007051-1441 RS007051-1457

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