

**SSME FMEA/CIL**  
**REDUNDANCY SCREEN**

Component Group: Actuators  
 CIL Item: E130-13  
 Part Number: RES1008-6XXX  
 Component: Fuel Preburner Oxidizer Valve Actuator  
 FMEA Item: E130  
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Phase	Failure / Effect Description	Criticality Hazard Reference
C 4.2	<p>MFVA/MFV and CCVA/CCV fail to close; fuel flow continues until vehicle preclude closure; overspeed of HPFTP. Open air detonation and overpressure condition when pneumatic shutdown occurs on launch pad. Loss of vehicle.</p> <p>Redundancy Screens: PNEUMATIC SYSTEM - ACTUATOR SYSTEM: UNLIKE REDUNDANCY</p> <p>A: Pass - Redundant hardware items are capable of checkout during normal ground turnaround.            B: Fail - Loss of a redundant hardware items is not detectable during flight.            C: Fail - Loss of redundant hardware items could result from a single credible event.</p>	1R ME-A1P, ME-A1A

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DESIGN**

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Design / Document Reference

**FAILURE CAUSE: A: Seizure of sequence valve piston.**

THE SEQUENCE VALVE PISTON (1) IS MADE FROM CUSTOM 455 CRES MATERIAL. THE MATERIAL IS HEAT TREATED AND AGED. CUSTOM 455 CRES IS USED FOR ITS STRENGTH, HARDNESS, AND STIFFNESS (2). THE PISTON SLEEVE (3) MATERIAL IS 2024-T6 ALUMINUM. 2024-T6 ALUMINUM IS USED FOR ITS STRENGTH AND SIMILARITY OF THERMAL PROPERTIES TO THE 7175 ALUMINUM HOUSING (2). THE SLEEVE IS ANODIZED FOR GENERAL CORROSION RESISTANCE (2). DIFFERENTIAL HARDNESS, 2.5 L/D, AND SMALL CLEARANCES BETWEEN THE PISTON AND SLEEVE AND CORNER CHAMFER MINIMIZE SEIZURE POTENTIAL. SEQUENCE VALVE PARTS ARE CLEANED BEFORE ASSEMBLY. THE ACTUATOR AND SEQUENCE VALVE IS ASSEMBLED IN A CONTAMINATION CONTROLLED AREA. CLEANLINESS OF THE HYDRAULICS AND PNEUMATICS TO THE VALVE ARE CONTROLLED TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION DAMAGE (2).

(1) 34000316; (2) RSS-8582; (3) 34000319

**FAILURE CAUSE: B: Blockage of pneumatic passages.**

THE ACTUATOR DETAILS ARE CLEANED PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY (1). THE ACTUATORS ARE ASSEMBLED IN A CONTAMINATION CONTROLLED AREA (2). THE PNEUMATIC BENCH SUPPLY IS FILTERED BY TWO FILTERS IN SERIES. THE FIRST IS A 3-MICRON FILTER. THE DOWNSTREAM IS A 0.3-MICRON FILTER. THE PNEUMATIC SUPPLY TO THE ACTUATOR DURING OPERATION IS FILTERED TO 15-MICRONS BY THE PCA FILTERS. THE CONNECTING LINES ARE CLEANED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

(1) RL10012; (2) RC1008

**FAILURE CAUSE: ALL CAUSES**

THE HIGH CYCLE AND LOW CYCLE FATIGUE LIFE OF THE ACTUATOR MEET CEI REQUIREMENTS (1). THE MINIMUM FACTORS OF SAFETY FOR THE ACTUATOR MEET CEI REQUIREMENTS (2). THE ACTUATOR WAS CLEARED FOR FRACTURE MECHANICS/NDE FLAW GROWTH, SINCE IT CONTAINS NO FRACTURE CRITICAL PARTS (3). THE ACTUATOR HAS COMPLETED DESIGN VERIFICATION TESTING (4). DVS TEST RESULTS ARE DOCUMENTED (5). AN OPOVA (WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THE FPOVA) FROM ENGINE 2010 WAS DISASSEMBLED AND EXAMINED. THE ACTUATOR SHOWED NO DETRIMENTAL DEFECTS OR WEAR. THIS ACTUATOR HAD 28 STARTS AND 10,332 SECONDS HOT FIRE TIME, INCLUDING 6,651 SECONDS AT FPL (6).

(1) RL00532, CP320R0003B; (2) RSS-8546, CP320R0003B; (3) NASA TASK 117; (4) DVS-SSME-512; (5) RSS-512; (6) SSME-82-2316

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**INSPECTION AND TEST**

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A	PISTON SLEEVE		34000318
			34000319
	MATERIAL INTEGRITY	MATERIAL INTEGRITY IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.	34000318
		THE PISTON HEAT TREAT IS VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.	34000319
		THE SLEEVE IS PENETRANT INSPECTED AFTER MACHINING.	34000318
		SLEEVE ANODIZE IS INSPECTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.	34000319
		THE PISTON & SLEEVE SURFACE FINISHES ARE VERIFIED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.	34000318
		34000319	
	COMPONENT CLEANLINESS	THE PISTON IS MAGNETIC PARTICLE INSPECTED PER DRAWING REQUIREMENTS.	34000318
		COMPONENTS ARE VERIFIED TO BE CLEAN PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY.	34000319
FUNCTIONAL INTEGRITY	COMPONENT ASSEMBLY IS VERIFIED TO BE IN A CONTAMINATION CONTROLLED AREA.	RC1008 RL10012	
	SEQUENCE VALVE AND ACTUATOR FUNCTIONAL TESTS, INCLUDING PNEUMATIC SHUTDOWN SLEW RATE TESTS, VERIFY SEQUENCE VALVE OPERATION.	RC1008 RL10012	
B	ACTUATOR COMPONENT CLEANLINESS	THE ACTUATOR DETAILS ARE VERIFIED TO BE CLEAN PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY.	RES1008
		ACTUATOR ASSEMBLY IS VERIFIED TO BE IN A CONTAMINATION CONTROLLED AREA.	RC1008 RL10012
	FUNCTIONAL TESTING	ASSEMBLY AND FUNCTIONAL TESTING VERIFIES PROPER FLOW THROUGH PNEUMATIC PASSAGES.	RC1008 RL10012
			RC1008
ALL CAUSES	COMPONENT CLEANLINESS	ALL ACTUATOR DETAILS ARE VERIFIED TO BE CLEAN PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.	RC1008, RL10012
	FUNCTIONAL INTEGRITY	HOTFIRE TESTING AND SECOND E & M INSPECTIONS VERIFY SATISFACTORY OPERATION.	RL00050-04 RL00056-06 RL00056-07
		ACTUATOR OPERATION IS VERIFIED PRIOR TO EACH FLIGHT DURING HYDRAULIC SYSTEM CONDITIONING.	OMRSD S00FA0.211
		ACTUATOR OPERATION IS VERIFIED DURING THE ACTUATOR CHECKOUT MODULE PRIOR TO EACH FLIGHT.	OMRSD V41AS0.010
		ACTUATOR OPERATION IS VERIFIED DURING FLIGHT READINESS CHECKOUT PRIOR TO EACH FLIGHT. (LAST TEST)	OMRSD V41AS0.030

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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.		

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**FIELD CONFIGURATION VARIANCES FROM CIL RATIONALE**

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Base Line Rationale	Variance	Change Rationale	Variant Dash Number
1. E130-01, E130-04, E130-07 SHUTTLE AND BYPASS VALVE OPERATIONS ARE VERIFIED PER SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (RC1008).	SOME ACTUATORS ARE USING THE NON-ANTI-ROTATION SHUTTLE AND BYPASS VALVE DESIGN.	THE NON-ANTI-ROTATION SHUTTLE AND BYPASS VALVE DESIGN IS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO GALLING. THE NEW DESIGN ADDED THE ANTI-ROTATION FEATURE; PRESSURE BALANCE AND USES CRES 440C MICRO-MELT (VERSUS 440C) TO MANUFACTURE THE SPOOLS AND SLEEVES. THIS DESIGN MINIMIZES THE POSSIBILITY OF SHUTTLE OR BYPASS VALVE GALLING.  USE AS IS RATIONALE:  1. RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE NON-ANTI-ROTATION SHUTTLE AND BYPASS VALVE INDICATE THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A CRITICALITY 1 FAILURE DUE TO A GALLED BYPASS VALVE (WORST CASE) IS EXTREMELY LOW AND THEREFORE THERE ARE NO CURRENT AND FUTURE USAGE LIMITATIONS.	P/N 34000137 -102 P/N 34000134 -009, -010