## Failure Modes and Effects Analysis/Critical Items List

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Title: Risk Assessment Executive Summary Report (RAESR) for the USA SAFER

Item Name: Power/Test Switch Qty: 1 FMEA Number: US-SFR-375

Item Part Number: 231AT202 ORU Name: SAFER

Subsystem Name: HCM ORU Part Number: SED33105900-311

**Function:** Controls power and test selection.

Item Type Designator: C PG/IP Identifier: N/A

Reference Designator/Find No.: N/A Drawing Number: SED33106100

Logistics Control Number: N/A

End Item Name: SAFER

End Item Capability: Six degrees of freedom through 24 thrusters, each rated at 0.8 ± 0.08 lbs. force in vacuum.

**End Item Function:** Provides emergency EVA self-rescue for separated crewmember.

ISS Zone: EVA Shuttle Zone: EVA

Criticality

Critical Item: Yes: No: X Criticality Category: 1R 1R/3

Success 1, close the Manual Isolation Valve to Success Paths Remaining: 0

Paths: prevent unwanted movement and

loss of GN<sub>2</sub>

Failure (Mode, Cause, Detection, Corrective Action)

Failure Mode: Power/Test Switch inadvertently initiates power to PSA.

Failure Mode Code:

Failure Cause: Switch Failure, EEE part failure, short/open circuit, contamination, software error, radiation event, EMI.

Failure Detection:

Flight: IVA – IVA checkout.

EVA – EVA crewmember may hear clicking of SAFER thruster during rotation movements.

**Ground:** Functional Test.

Time To Detect Quantity: 60 Time To Detect Units: Seconds

**Correcting Action:** IVA – If failure is detected during IVA checkout, use back-up SAFER if available.

EVA – If detected during EVA, move Manual Isolation Valve into the "off" position. If Manual Isolation valve is not closed, these corrections would be easily overcome by the crewmember while holding on

to structure.

Remarks: If the power switch fails "ON" during an EVA, the pyro will fire and the propulsion system would be pressurized.

Additionally, the Automatic Attitude Hold (AAH) would become active. Only 1.6 lbf times a max. 21 inch moment arm would be acting against a combined EMU/SAFER/tools mass of approximately 650 lbm. SAFER is designed to provide a linear acceleration of 0.2 +/- 0.04 ft/sec² and an angular acceleration of 10.0 deg/sec². Additionally, if

SAFER power is left "on", the battery will be depleted in approximately 4 hours.

Failure Effect Phase: EVA Operations Affected Stage(S): EVA Operations

**Failure Effect** 

On ORU/Assembly:

First (this) Failure: SAFER would become active, with the AAH attempting to correct EVA crewmember rotations. All GN<sub>2</sub>

could be expended in approximately one and one half minutes.

Second/Third Failure: Inadvertent EVA crewmember separation, with no means of self-rescue from SAFER.

On Subsystem/Next Assembly: None.

On End Item/Segment: Possible loss of mission objectives if detected during IVA checkout.

On Crew/ISS: If EVA crewmember failed to detect thruster firings, the SAFER would expend all GN<sub>2</sub>

attempting to perform AAH function. The battery power would also be depleted in

approximately 4 hours. This could result in loss of self-rescue capability.

Time To Effect Quantity: 1 Time To Effect Units: Minutes

**Redundancy Screen** 

ISS (Shuttle)

Checkout Pre-Launch (A): Pass Checkout On-Orbit (B): N/A

Detection Flight Crew: Pass Or Detection Ground Crew: Fail

**Loss Of Redundancy** 

From A Single Cause (C): Pass