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	Completion Date
TDDP	
- DOL products (RSRM L-9 day PMBT prediction, actual OMS/RCS loads)	01/30/09
 Change notice (RSRM L-3 day PMBT prediction update) 	02/09/09
DOSS	
- L-3 week test / TCDT	01/21/09
 L-7 day SIRB review 	02/04/09
 L-2 verification test (incorporate L-8 day TDDP & L-3 day change notice) 	02/10/09)
GN&C	
- Update FRV results to SIRB	02/04/09
 Normal prelaunch configuration & testing 	02/08/09
Loads & Dynamics	
 Normal prelaunch configuration & testing 	02/10/09
- Roll-over to Pad A speed report	01/20/09
Rules	00/44/00
- Assessment of late flight rules changes	02/11/09





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Software		ſ
- Update NIRD CCT	L-3 days	ĺ
ELVIS	-	ĺ
ET LO2 Camera Open Loop MILA Comm Check	S0009	ĺ
 Install of Crew Handheld Cameras 	S0017	ĺ
 Install SRB DAS in Fwd Skirt and Battery Charge 	L-3 weeks	ĺ
 Recharge of ET LO2 Camera Battery 	T1303	ĺ
 Cabin Stow of DETTPS Camera IVA Converter Box 	L-3 days	ĺ
 ET LO2 Camera Cover Removal/Window Cleaned 	T6446	ĺ
 SRB Cameras Cover Removal/Windows Cleaned 	S007	ĺ
- ET LO2 Camera Open Loop MILA Comm Check	S007	ĺ
- Cabin Stow of Crew Handheld Camera Batteries	DOL	ĺ
Ground Cameras	L A weak	ĺ
- Trackers Towed to Camera Site Locations	L-1 week	ĺ
- Camera Positioned and Rough Set	L-3 days	ĺ
- Film Loaded and Final Set	L-2 days	ĺ
Complementary Load Processing	1 10	
- Complementary Load Processing	L-10	ĺ
Dump and Compare Processing Disposition DCP to undate SSME Chamber Procesure Calibration	L-5 01/20/00	ĺ
- Disposition DCR to update Some Chamber Pressure Calibration	01/20/09	-

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PGSC - L-10 Late Update Disk - ISODS for Open FIARS HOSC - STS-119 S0056 Cryo Simulation - HOSC Launch Support Plant Complete - PCGOAL2, HOSC Voice, Video and Data configured to support launch countdown	02/03/09 01/28/09 01/23/09 02/06/09 02/06/09



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Putty Repair Losses Since RTF

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One putty repair was liberated during STS-126

The masses were consistent with the masses provided in NSTS-60559





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STS-126 Missing Putty Repair



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- V070-391018-177
- Missing, defined undercuts still solid
- There is an adjacent putty repair
- Outside of the RCC transport area









- Status
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STS-126-I-002 – Debris Released from near the T-0 Plate

Background

 Ice/frost debris, 11.5" x 2" in size, was observed to liberate from the orbiter near the location of the Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) T-0 umbilical at ~27 seconds MET. In this area.

Approach

- Purge test on MLP 1 LH2 Tail Service Mast (TSM) Umbilical Helium flow test completed.
- Inspection of T-0 Umbilical Carrier plate perimeter seal interface on OV-103 T-0 Plate completed.
- Debris Transport Analysis (DTA) of ice/frost release in work to characterize risk.
- Fault Tree Analysis and Block closure is in work.
- Assessing Ground Support Equipment (GSE) H/W and process options to prevent ice/frost or have it liberate at/before T-0.

Status

- DTA, fault tree, and GSE assessments in work.
- ECD: 1/20/09

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STS-126-I-002 – Debris Released from near the T-0 Plate (Cont)



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STS-126-I-003 – Aft Skirt Hold Down Post (HDP) #3 Debris **Containment System (DCS) Anomaly**

- Background
 - DCS plunger and spring exited through bore hole and became lift-off debris.
- Approach
 - SRB design change added additional mechanism (tapered rib) to retain spring/plunger assembly in the event of failure of the primary retention design (plunger shoulder).
- Results
 - Certification tests complete. Documentation in work.
- Status
 - Awaiting Field Engineering Change approval before closing IIFA
 - Potential waiver on primary retention design (plunger shoulder) factor of safety
 - ECD: 1/20/09





- Unpredicted liquid hydrogen (LH2) ullage pressure change during STS-126 ascent caused by failed Engine 2 Flow Control Valve (FCV) poppet.
 - Allowed excess gaseous hydrogen to enter External Tank (ET) ullage.
 - No violation of ET structural limits.
- Pressurization system designed to tolerate 1 "stuck valve" failure of an FCV into either low or high flow.
- Poppet head breakage experienced on STS-126 allowed approximately 80% of high flow past valve (valve was in low flow position). Remaining two FCVs compensated for failed valve.
- Larger poppet head breakage could allow flow greater than normal open/high flow.
- If poppet breaks in high flow position greater than normal, high flow will occur.













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STS-126-I-004 – MPS GH2 Pressure Flow Control Valve open with no command (Cont)

Approach

- Orbiter to install best available FCVs for STS-119. Definition of 'best' uncertain as root cause undefined.
- · Assess failure scenarios to determine risk posture.
 - CFD flow and acoustic analysis in work to define internal damage due to FCV failure debris
 - Structural failure of ET due to ignition of H2 vented from ET vent valve
 - Under pressurization of ET
- Flight rationale will consist of Orbiter hardware assessment of future FCV failures in combination with an understanding of integrated effects of failures.

Results

- · Hardware analysis and integrated failure scenario assessments in work
- Status
 - Preliminary assessment of integrated failure scenarios
 - IIFA ECD: 1/20/09

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Approach

- The hardware functioned as expected.
- The imagery community cannot positively identify the source of the debris, but has concluded the amount of smoke is consistent with other flights.
- STS-126 had a unique configuration with the firing lines tape wrapped within inches of the NSI connector which is internal to the DCS.
- The debris is most likely attributed to possible firing line tape, drifting material from HBOI remnants, and/or foreign debris surrounding the HDP.

Results

- · Particle motion and size indicates an acceptable mass for NSTS 60559.
- KSC GO requested procedure clarification for tape installation on the firing lines and inspection of area around HDP for foreign debris.
- Status
 - SICB reviewed and closed IIFA on 1/12/09.







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STS-126-I-006 – Unexpected Debris/Expected Debris Exceeding Mass Allowable Prior to Pad Clearance

• Background

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- IIFA consists of multiple debris occurrences related to ground processing systems and procedures.
- Approach
 - Debris type/source is identified and assigned to the associated ground system.
 - KSC systems disposition each debris occurrence related to that particular system.
- Results
 - Twenty-two of twenty-four items dispositioned.
- Status
 - Two items remain to be dispositioned.
 - Norplex tag debris (K-032)
 - NIRD-036 (K-101) Complete debris identification and characterize risk relative to current debris risk baseline
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- Status
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STS-126-I-008 – ET Top Coat/TPS Adhered to GOX Vent Hood Sealing Surface

Background

- During GOX vent arm retraction, the GOX vent seal adhered to the LOX tank topcoat resulting in the loss of topcoat and a small amount of TPS.
- Topcoat adhesion and loss during GOX vent arm retraction has been observed on previous missions.
- TPS loss has also been observed, but less often.

Approach

- There were no requirement violations due to this event.
- Liberated foam did not pose a risk to the vehicle during liftoff and ascent.
- · Resulting divot was enveloped by the hail damage repair sustained on STS-124

Results

- Analysis showed no TPS loss above allowables.
- Status
 - SICB reviewed and closed IIFA on 1/12/09.

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STS-126-I-009 – Helium Pneumatic Pressure Decay

Background

- Helium pneumatic pressure decay noted during ascent was greater than the expected thermal effects.
- Loss of helium would impact ability to perform main engine pneumatic shut-down and purges.

Approach

- · Conduct flow test to assess Orbiter valve.
- Replace defective valve.
- · Assess potential for contamination, associated failure modes and impacts.
- Identify and evaluate worst case scenarios due to contamination and hardware failure and associated impacts, to determine risk posture.

Results

- Suspect valve identified.
 - Contamination and hardware failure impact assessments in work.
- Status
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Program Signal Failure of Main Engine 1 G6 Flange Accelerometer Pre-decisional. Internal Use Only.

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- IRN/ICD: EC-3355/ICD-13M15000 (Main Engine) ECD: 01/20/09
- Effectivity: STS-119
- Description: This IRN waives the ICD requirement to provide G6 flange accelerometer engine vibration data to the Orbiter MADS recorder. This IRN is in response to Action (3-1) on Directive S053299NZ.







Launch Date	Launch	Umbilical Ops	Hand-Held Ops	Pitch-Up
(2009 GMT)		(8:46 - 9:30 MET)	(11:43 - 13:43 MET)	Maneuver
Feb 1 - Feb 11	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	Yes (β violation)
Feb 12	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	
Feb 13 - Feb 17	DARK	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	Voc
Feb 18 - Feb 19	DARK	DARK	DAYLIGHT	165
Feb 20 - Feb 21	DARK	DARK	Partly DAYLIGHT	
Feb 22 - Mar 15	DARK	DARK	DARK	
Mar 16	DAYLIGHT	DARK	DARK	No
Mar 17	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	DARK	
Mar 18 - Mar 19	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	Partly DAYLIGHT	Vec
Mar 20 - Mar 31	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	DAYLIGHT	105

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- these commands WAS NOT MODIFIED on OI-33
 OI-33 reviews, inspections, and development testing missed the
- OI-33 reviews, inspections, and development testing missed the induced alignment problem







IFA Causal Analysis: Development

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Development Root Cause 1

 The OI-20 development team apparently interpreted the wording of the standard ("... output buffers must be forced to fullword alignment") to require that the compool data layout result in fullword alignment, but not that programming techniques should be used to "lock down" that alignment

Corrective and Preventive Actions (Dev Cause 1)

- Audit the Primary Flight Software to identify all other cases where output data locations
 are not automatically forced to fullword alignment
 - Record all identified instances of these outputs as entries in the Action Item Data Base (AIDB) for the associated compools or modules
 - Development processes require examination of these AIDB entries during development, and again during design/code inspections, when a compool/module is modified
 - Does not rely on code comments
 - Modify the development edit panels to pop up a warning when a compool or module with one of the identified outputs is opened
 - This audit has also confirmed that no instances of improperly aligned outputs remain undetected in OI-33 flight systems
- Modify the wording of the existing standard to clarify intent









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The Development Test and Level 6 (detailed) verification philosophies focus on verification of changed code or code that was directly impacted by a change (e.g., impacted by an interface change)

- The functions affected by the problem did not fit the criteria for detailed Level 6 testing on OI-33
- General health testing of SM and VU functions that should not have been affected by code changes is an intended function of Vehicle Cargo Systems (VCS) Level 7 system integrity testing and to some extent VCS Level 8 reconfiguration testing
- There is no closed-loop modeling support for the affected functions in the Software Production Facility (SPF)
 - This means extra steps are required for a tester to detect a problem in GCIL commanding compared to, for example, detecting a problem in the commands to GNC effectors
 - There are test scripting capabilities in the SPF that can ease the collection and analysis of these command outputs to devices lacking direct model support











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FSW Verification Root Cause 1

 Outputs from SM and VU functions to devices that are not supported by SPF models (e.g., the GCIL) were not routinely monitored to verify they are still correct after (apparently) unrelated code changes

Corrective and Preventive Actions (Ver Cause 1)

- Add test script commands to standard VCS Level 6 and 7 test setups that support easy
 monitoring of correct outputs
 - Based on modifications/extensions to the test scripting that was used to facilitate verification of the Remote Control Orbiter capabilities











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- Changes to the VCS Level 8 process or tests are not recommended at this time
 - Current VCS Level 8 tests are focused on the reconfiguration data and the reconfigured VCS functions
 - VCS Level 8 testing relies heavily on automatic test case generation and analysis driven by the input reconfiguration data
 - The new VCS Level 7 requirement for flight systems will serve the purpose of system integrity testing for VCS Class 1 changes
- Additional Actions ٠
 - Training for all VCS verification analysts on updated Level 7 tests and process change









IFA Causal Analysis: IAV Testing/ SAIL

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• The Ku-Band to S-Band handover verification test had setup steps that included an automatic S-Band to Ku-Band handover

- The handover did not occur and was manually worked around
 - Test deviation was recorded
- · This was not a step with a formal "verify" requirement
- The Ku-Band to S-Band handover did not occur the first time it should have in the test run
 - The test run was suspended after the failed handover and then later restarted at a point prior to the expected handover
 - The restart included the GCIL reset that permitted the handover to succeed in the restarted run
- Steps in the run following the successful Ku-Band to S-Band handover incidentally established the conditions for another automatic handover back to Ku-Band
 - This handover also did not occur
 - The failure was not noticed because there was again no formal "verify" requirement

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IAV and SAIL Root Cause 1

- SAIL Standard Operating Procedure (SOP 2.23 Anomaly Processing) was not followed •
 - The two noted cases of failed Ku-Band/S-Band handovers should have eventually resulted in SAIL Interim Discrepancy Reports (IDRs) that would have to be analyzed for potential FSW problems
- The team incorrectly assumed the Ku-Band/S-Band handover problems were the same as the non-FSW problems encountered previously
 - Reinforced by the successful handover in the test

Corrective and Preventive Actions (IAV/SAIL Cause 1) •

- Training for all SAIL test participants to reinforce the requirement to strictly adhere to the SAIL IDR process
 - Briefings for all test participants (SAIL personnel, IAV test sponsors and CB representatives) have been completed
- All SAIL test personnel are required to pass an annual SAIL SOP examination to maintain certification
 - Testing has been updated to ensure questions on anomaly writing procedures are included in each exam



- Modify payload commanding switch configuration (complete)
- Other changes as identified
- When splitting tests on the same day, specify that no box should be reset between runs









IFA Causal Analysis: Field Use

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Both INCO and KSC report that the PSP port moding function was not exercised during STS-126 training simulations or STS-126 vehicle processing

- · Would have seen that effect of the problem
- This function is now typically only used once per flight (at most)
- There was one missed opportunity to detect the PSP port moding problem during an SMS development run
 - The PSP port mode rejection was not noted at the time
- The Ku-Band/S-Band handover problem was not seen during SMS simulations due to a limitation in the SMS GCIL model
 - The SMS model does not require an ALL ZERO command before a DATA command
 - It only looks for and responds to a DATA command
 - Updates to the SMS MDM model to output the ALL ZERO command and the SMS GCIL model to check the ALL ZERO command have been informally developed and tested
 - · Formal authorization to incorporate these changes is in work





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