

# CRANSEDS HYBRID ENGINE DOCUMENTATION

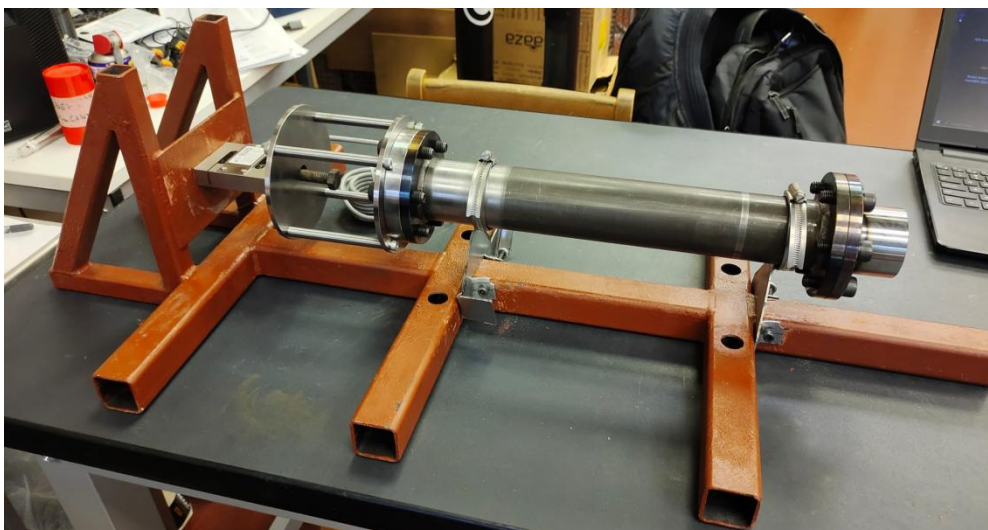
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## 1. Structure

Test structure of last year - Inspected for cracks or failure points - none detected.



Initially assembled structure



### Materials:

| Components (already procured, manufactured, and assembled in structure) | Material                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Test Stand base                                                         | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Thruster assembly back plate                                            | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Thruster assembly front plate                                           | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Thruster assembly connector                                             | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Injector plate                                                          | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Injector flange                                                         | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Side flanges                                                            | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Combustion chamber                                                      | Mild Steel                                                     |
| Nozzle casing                                                           | Mild Steel                                                     |
| C-D Nozzle                                                              | Graphite                                                       |
| Support fixtures                                                        | Zinc plated steel                                              |
| Bolts                                                                   | Steel Grade A2 and Grade M8.8                                  |
| Radial and Axial O rings                                                | Nitrile                                                        |
| Gasket sheet                                                            | Aramid fibers, bonded with NBR                                 |
| Fuel Insulation liner                                                   | High density cork liner                                        |
| Resin and hardener for liner                                            | Aerodux 185 resorcinol phenol liquid resin and HRP155 hardener |
| Ignition wire                                                           | Nichrome wire AWG 28                                           |

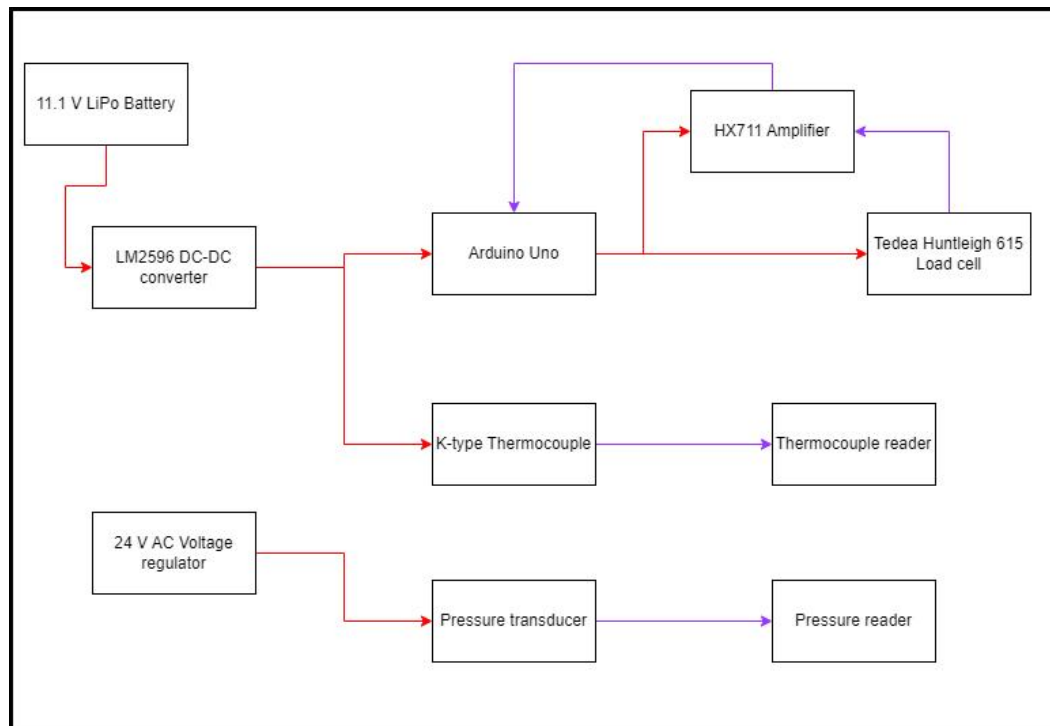
**Metal and plastic machining of structural components performed by manufacturing shop of test facility, Cranfield University, every part and engineering drawing supervised by David Thompson.**

### Attachments:

- [Mild Steel certification sheet](#)
- [Graphite data sheet](#)
- [Ring clamp certification sheet](#)
- [Gasket certifications](#)
- [O rings data sheet](#)
- [Cork liner data sheet](#)
- [Liner resin and hardener data sheet](#)

## 2. Data Acquisition System

DAQ has 4 parts:



Overall DAQ system assembly schematic

### a) Load cell

Single in-line load cell connecting combustion chamber to the engine test stand axially.

Only one Tedea Huntleigh 615 steel load cell for upto 100 kg with separate arduino circuit.



Load cell Arduino circuit mounted on test bench tower behind the blast shield.

### b) Thermocouples

Five K-type thermocouples used (3 on combustion chamber, 2 on nozzle casing).  
Connected with heat measurement units at the test facility.



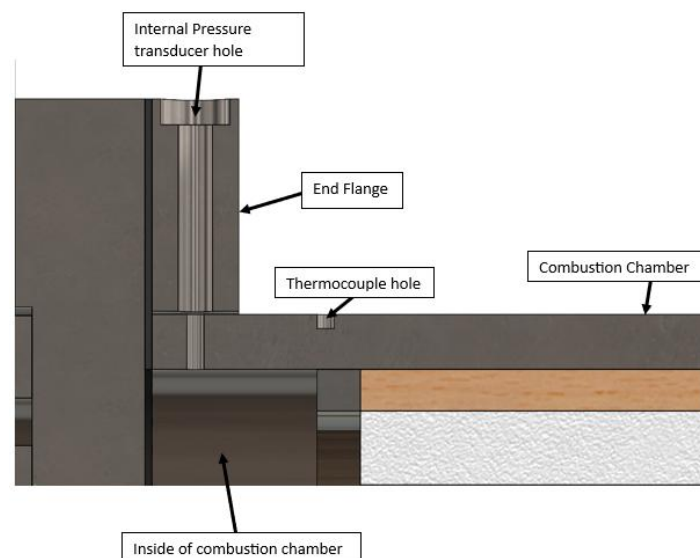
RS 206-3722 thermocouple reader will be used at least 3 m apart from the engine test bench.

### c) Pressure transducer

Pressure transducer PX119 1.5 KGI used (8-32 V, 4-20 mA), 2 pin configuration (will be tested today (30 June 2023)).

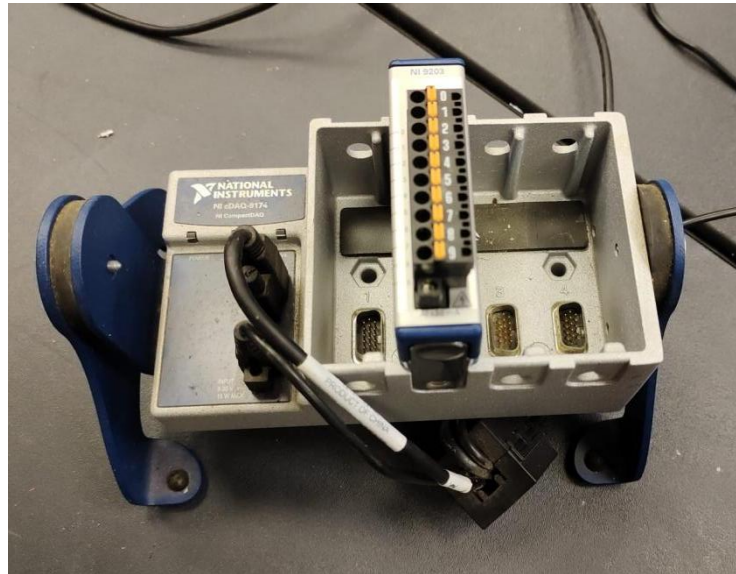
Connected with NI LabView adapter for measurement of the results.

Pressure transducer is measuring the internal combustion chamber pressure. The cross section of the chamber for connecting the transducer is depicted in the figure below



Pressure transducer logger will be at least 3 m away from the engine test bench.





Pressure transducer DAQ logger through LabView

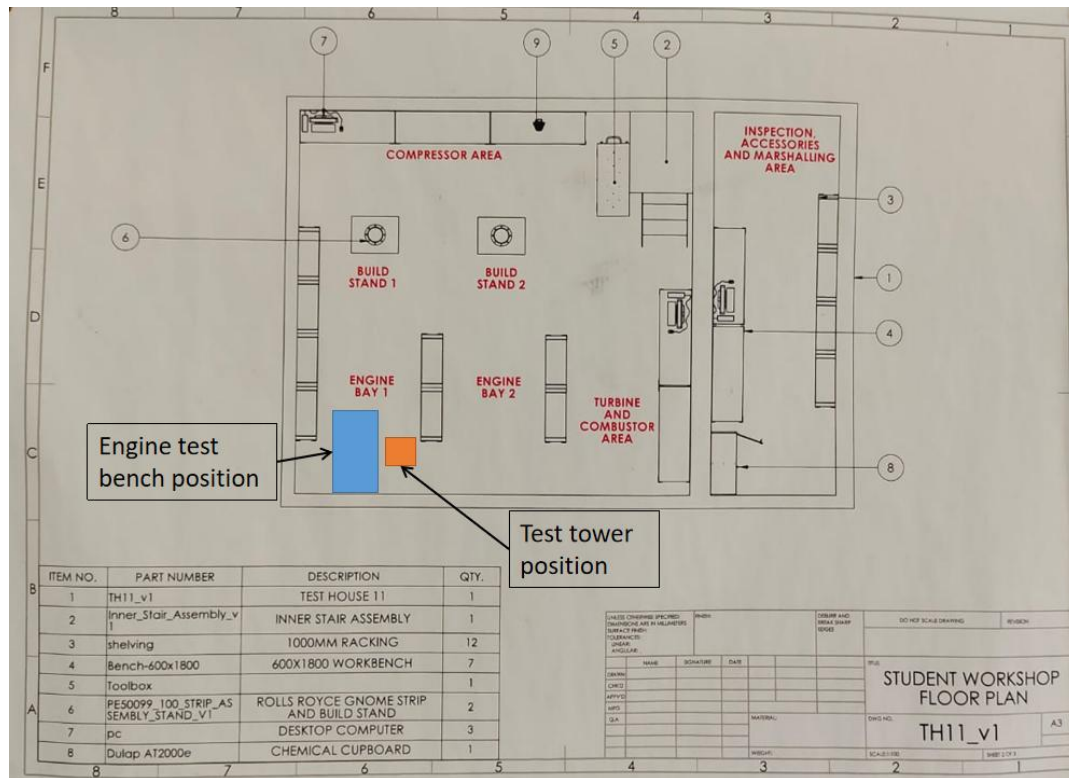


Pressure transducer at least 11 cm away from the combustion chamber casing outer surface

Pressure transducer connection: 1/4 inch swagelok tube fitting to 3/8 inch swagelok tube fitting to 1/4 inch NPT female adapter for the transducer

#### d) Cameras

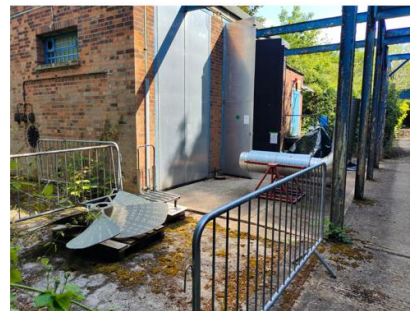
Mobile phone cameras will be mounted on possible tripod stands. The following locations for the camera placement have been described through the following diagram.



**Engine test bench position in TH 11**



Camera location #1



FOV of camera at location #1



Camera location #2



FOV of camera at location #2

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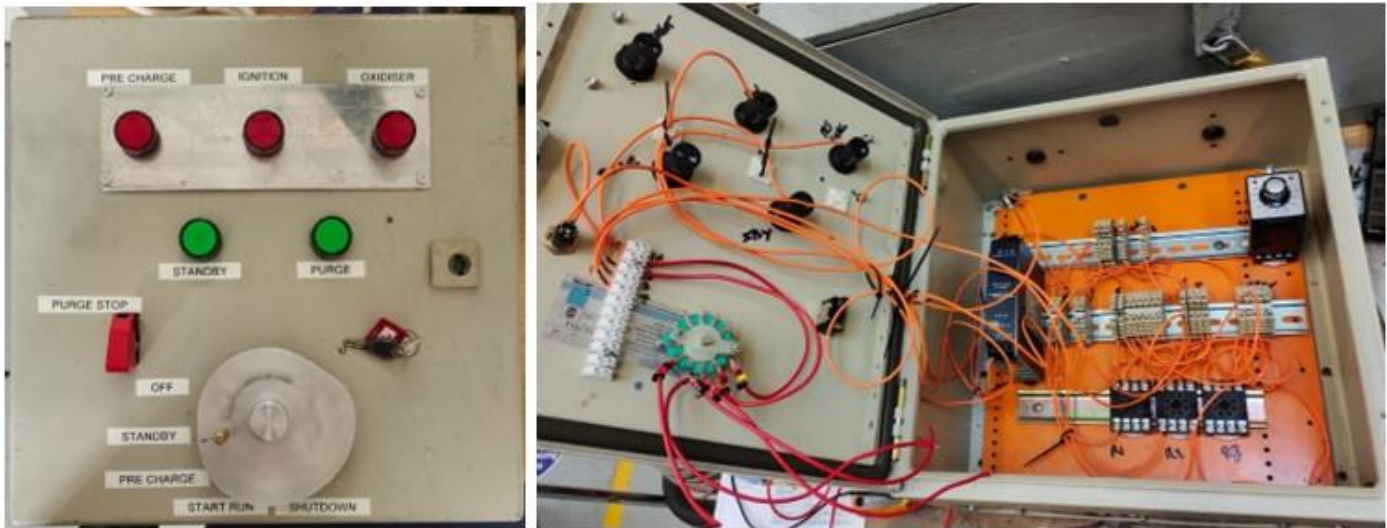
### a. Pressure transducer PX119 data sheet



- b. Tedea huntleigh load cell data sheet
- c. NI compact DAQ-9174 for pressure transducer
- d. RS 206-3722 Thermocouple reader




### 3. Control Box System


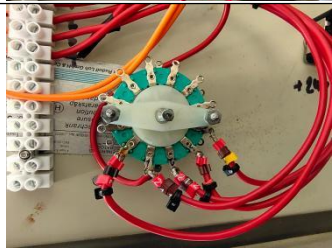

Assembled and created by Kevin (test facility staff)



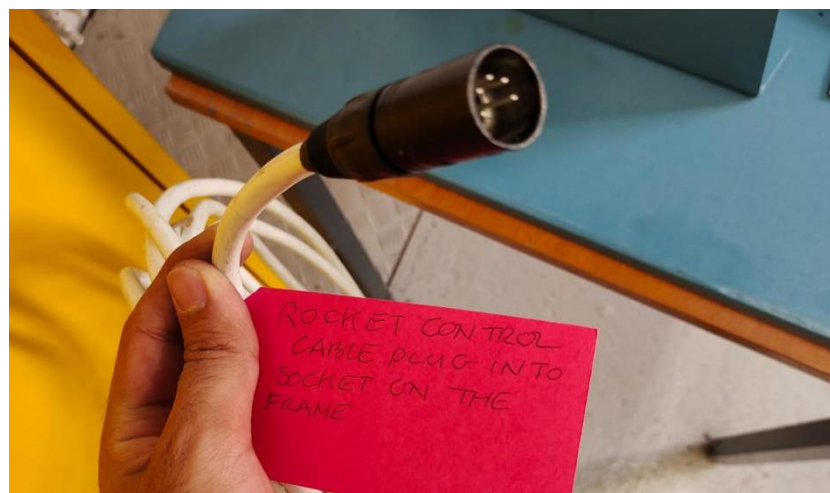
Control box for the hybrid engine hot test firing

All components employed were selected and assembled by the test facility staff with the available components as follows:

| Component Name                    | Specs                                   | Image                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RS relay socket                   | RS 403-235                              |  |
| RS Pro Power Supply               | 30 W - 12 V                             |  |
| National Instruments Power supply | NI PS-15, 100-200 / 200-240 V           |                                                                                       |
| Plug in power relay               | RS 348-756, 10 A switching current DPDT |  |

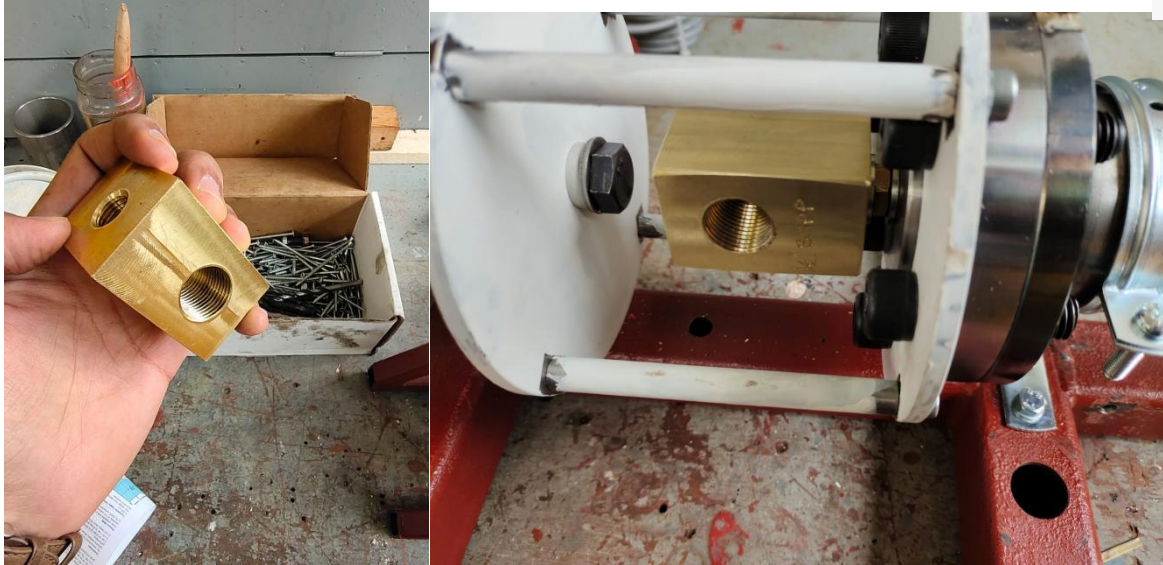
|                                   |                             |                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Insulated mode interface switches | -                           |  |
| 5- Mode pin switcher              | -                           |  |
| Tempatron temperature controller  | 110-240 V AC supply voltage |  |
| Relay buses and connectors        | Colour coded                | -                                                                                   |

Control box and test bench electrical interface used is **5-pin A-coded M12 socket connector**.

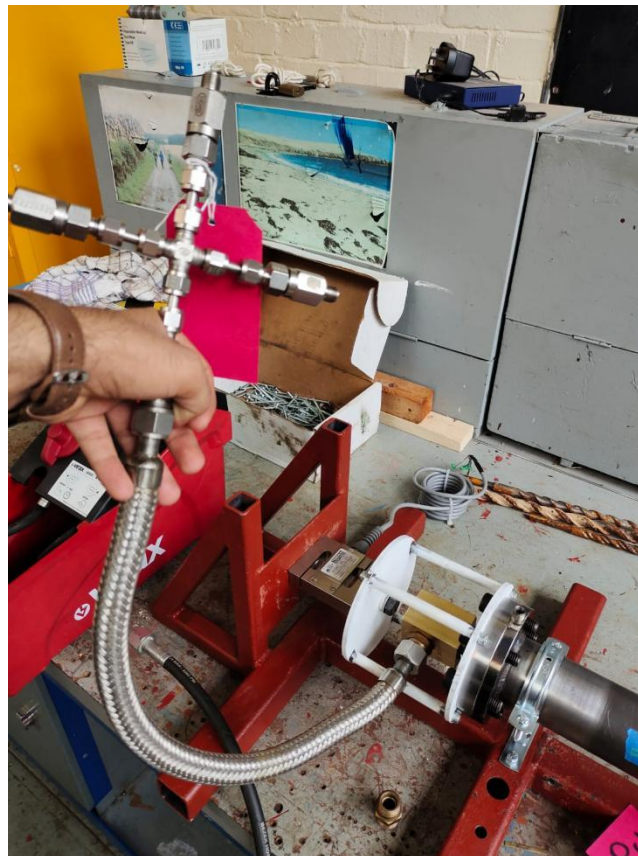








1/4 inch BSP to 1/2 inch BSP female connecting injecting brass adapter



Steel braided feed pipe line after 4 way junction to the mouth of injecting brass adapter



**The steel braided feed pipe with 3 closed off ends for the propellant feeds, and the combustion chamber have been pressure tested separately for 50 bars.**











Pressure testing the steel braided feed pipe line



Pressure testing for the combustion chamber cylinder



### Valves:

| Component Name                                           | Type                       | Quantity | Image                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/4 NPT Good BSI<br>Max 316 SS Valve                     | Stop Valve                 | 1        |    |
| 7115G4Y 316<br>stainless 6000 psi<br>valve               | Stop Valve                 | 1        |    |
| 6133G4Y 6000 psi<br>swagelok tube<br>fitting check valve | Check Valve                | 3        |    |
| EN 837-1 dial                                            | Regulator Dial             | 2        |   |
| Swagelok SS-43S4-<br>31C valve                           | Pressure actuated<br>valve | 1        |  |
| solenoid valve<br>VZ5420                                 | 5 port Solenoid<br>valve   | 1        |  |
| Swagelok ss-45S8<br>valve                                | Pressure actuated<br>valve | 1        |  |
| shako<br>sd91330DQSNT<br>PU225S                          | Solenoid Coil valve        | 2        |  |

### Attachments:

#### a. 3/8 inch swagelok pipe datasheet

| IMPERIAL TUBE - 316L |           |             |       |          |          |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Part No.             | OD (inch) | Wall (inch) | Gauge | PMAX BAR | PMAX PSI |
| SST2-22              | 1/8       | 0.028       | 22    | 590      | 8550     |
| SST2-22              | 1/8       | 0.036       | 20    | 741      | 10900    |
| SST4-20              | 1/4       | 0.036       | 20    | 359      | 5200     |
| SST4-18              | 1/4       | 0.048       | 18    | 524      | 7600     |
| SST4-16              | 1/4       | 0.063       | 16    | 710      | 10300    |
| SST6-20              | 3/8       | 0.036       | 20    | 231      | 3350     |
| SST6-18              | 3/8       | 0.048       | 18    | 334      | 4850     |
| SST8-20              | 1/2       | 0.036       | 20    | 177      | 2600     |
| SST6-16              | 3/8       | 0.063       | 16    | 452      | 6550     |
| SST8-18              | 1/2       | 0.048       | 18    | 259      | 3750     |
| SST8-16              | 1/2       | 0.063       | 16    | 355      | 5150     |
| SST12-16*            | 3/4       | 0.063       | 16    | 231      | 3350     |
| SST16-16*            | 1         | 0.063       | 16    | 165      | 2400     |

- b. Feed line schematic
- c. Stop valve data sheet
- d. Check valve data sheet
- e. Regulator dial data sheet
- f. Pressure actuated valves data sheet
- g. 5 port solenoid valve data sheet
- h. Solenoid coil valve data sheet

### 5. Risk and COSHH Assessment

### Attachments:

- a. Risk assessment
- b. COSHH assessment for N<sub>2</sub>O

## 6. Propulsion

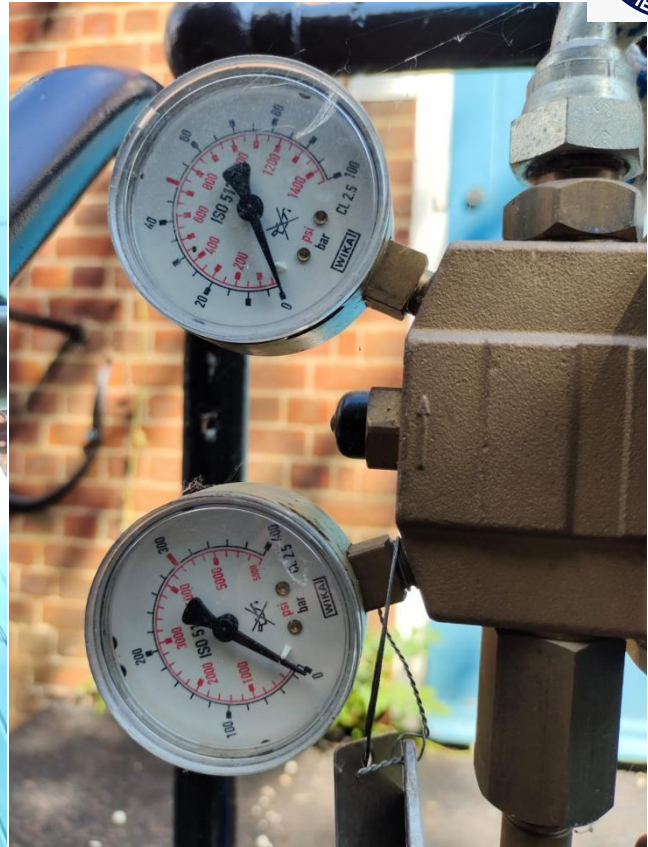
### Propellant used:

| Propellant       | Quantity  | Purpose                  | Pressure for the current design | Status                        |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HDPE             | 0.91 kg   | Solid fuel               | -                               | Procured by team already      |
| N <sub>2</sub> O | 1.1 liter | Liquid Oxidiser          | 44.5 bars                       | To be purchased               |
| O <sub>2</sub>   | 0.5 liter | Low pressure Precharger  | 40.5 bars                       | Already outside test house 11 |
| N <sub>2</sub>   | 3 liter   | High pressure purger gas | 50 bars                         | Already outside test house 11 |



Nitrogen tank outside TH 11





**Nitrogen tank regulator**



**Oxygen tank outside TH 11**

**Propellant bottles:**

| Propellant    | Bottle Name       | Bottle size       | Purpose                                              | Status                                         |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Nitrogen      | Nitrogen gas tank | Type W            | Purge gas                                            | Outside TH 11                                  |
| Oxygen        | LOH tank          | Type W            | Precharge gas                                        | Outside TH 11                                  |
| Nitrous Oxide | BOC oxidiser tank | Type W / 10 liter | Oxidiser gas to be bough from BOC                    | To be bought (still no quote for 10 liter N2O) |
| Nitrous Oxide | Luxfer run tank   | 10 liter          | Run tank (sits between BOC oxidiser tank and engine) | Procured by team (currently in TH 11)          |

#### Attachments:

- Time calculation
- Temperature calculation
- N2O data sheet
- Luxfer tank spec sheet

## Luxfer cylinder range

This table shows the Luxfer cylinder range available from EfecTech in quantities of 25 or under.

If you would like more information or to request a quotation, please [contact us](#).

| Part number | Water volume | Service pressure | Length | Diameter | Weight | Test pressure | Specification | Thread size |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------|----------|--------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
|             | l            | bar              | mm     | mm       | kg     | bar           |               |             |
| A8011Q      | 1            | 200              | 235    | 102      | 1.68   | 300           | 84/526/EEC    | 25E         |
| P2778Z      | 5            | 200              | 460    | 152      | 7.02   | 300           | 84/526/EEC    | 25E         |
| P2804Z      | 10           | 200              | 660    | 176      | 12.4   | 300           | 84/526/EEC    | 25E         |
| P3029Z      | 20           | 200              | 960    | 204      | 24.4   | 300           | 84/526/EEC    | 25E         |
| P2806Z      | 50           | 200              | 1500   | 250      | 57.06  | 300           | 84/526/EEC    | 25E         |

- Luxfer tank adapter data sheet

## 7. Safety:

### a) PPE kit

- i. Safety boots (owned by team)
- ii. Safety glasses (owned by team)
- iii. Head covers (up to 35 dB - the ones employed in the whole test facility)
- iv. Full length clothing
- v. No synthetic cloth
- vi. Lab overcoat

### b) Fire Extinguisher



**Last service in March 2023 with maintenance interval of approx. 1 year**

### c) Gas leakage lights (need to check)

### d) Emergency Alarm (need to check)

### e) Plume catcher

Will be put closer to the engine on a leveled ground, with 2 sandbags on each of the 4 corners.



