

Kismet Hybrid Rocket Engine Static Fire 2

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This document contains three procedures:

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- The Static Fire Test Remote Control procedure comprises steps for operating the fill system using the electrical control system and motorized ball valves.

	electrical control system and motorized ball valve	S.
	 The Static Fire Test Manual Control procedure coperated ball valves. 	comprises steps for operating the fill system using manually
	Personnel Required	
	The test operations team consists of eight personnel:	
1	☐ The Operations Director [OPS] directs operate personnel.	tions procedures and communicates with the other test
2	☐ The Primary Fill Operator [PRIMARY] is the valves as well as the test control system.	main system operator. PRIMARY operates all manual
3	☐ The Secondary Fill Operator [SECONDARY] is If PRIMARY becomes incapacitated, SECONDARY	the backup for PRIMARY , and communicates with OPS. is responsible for removing them from danger.
4	☐ The DAQ Technician [DAQ] monitors and opera	ates the test data acquisition system.
5	☐ The Heating Technician [HEAT] operates the value	alves for the tank heating system.
6	□ Perimeter Guard 1 [P1], Perimeter Guard 2 [P2], and Perimeter Guard 3 [P3] ensure that no unauthorized personnel enter the testing area during test operations.	
	Sign-Off	
	To be completed by all test personnel after reading and	d familiarization with procedures
1	□ Operations Director [OPS]	
2	☐ Primary Fill Operator [PRIMARY]	
3	☐ Secondary Fill Operator [SECONDARY]	
4	□ DAQ Technician [DAQ]	
5	☐ Heating Technician [HEAT]	
6	☐ Perimeter Guard 1 [P1]	
7	☐ Perimeter Guard 2 [P2]	
8	☐ Perimeter Guard 3 [P3]	

Prior	to	Start

1	☐ Ensure that the following procedures are complete:
2	☐ Combustion Chamber Assembly procedure
3	☐ Oxidizer Tank Assembly procedure
4	☐ Plumbing Setup procedure
5	☐ Oxidizer Tank Stand Setup procedure
6	☐ Tank Heating Setup procedure
7	\square Test Stand Setup procedure
8	☐ Data Acquisition Setup procedure
9	☐ Test Control System Setup procedure
10	\square Ensure that all personnel as defined above are available and have completed the sign-off.
11	$\hfill\Box$ Ensure that the following personnel have walkie-talkies and communication is functional:
12	□ OPS
13	□ PRIMARY
14	□ SECONDARY
15	□ DAQ
16	□ HEAT
17	□ P1
18	□ P2
19	□ P3
20	\square Ensure that all spectators and test personnel are wearing safety glasses and hearing protection.
21	\square Ensure that PRIMARY and SECONDARY are wearing face shields and have no exposed skin.
22	☐ Ensure that PRIMARY is wearing thermal gloves.
23	☐ Ensure that SECONDARY is in possession of the system control key.

Fill System Check Procedure

1	□ PRIMARY: Confirm that the following valves are initially closed:
2	☐ Cylinder Valve
3	☐ Remote Fill Valve
4	☐ Parallel Fill Valve
5	☐ Tank Vent Valve
6	□ Pressure Relief Valve
7	☐ Line Vent Valve
8	\square Injector Valve
9	□ PRIMARY: Confirm that the following valves are initially open:
10	☐ Series Fill Valve
11	\square DAQ: Confirm that all pressure transducers are reading atmospheric pressure.
12	□ DAQ: Confirm that all load cells are reading the determined zero point.
13	\square OPS : Confirm that all personnel in the testing area are aware of the test.
14	□ P1, P2, and P3: Close the perimeter and do not allow any further personnel to enter the testing area.
15	$\hfill \square$ SECONDARY: Confirm that no personnel are present in the testing area other than PRIMARY and SECONDARY.
16	□ PRIMARY: Remove all plastic plugs and covers from the plumbing:
17	☐ Tank Vent Valve
18	☐ Pressure Relief Valve
19	☐ Line Vent Valve
20	□ Nozzle
21	□ PRIMARY: Remove the cap from the carbon dioxide supply cylinder.
22	\Box PRIMARY : Connect the fill line to the supply cylinder, hand tighten, and then tighten with a wrench. Do not force the connection.
23	\square PRIMARY : Slowly open the Cylinder Valve through $\frac{3}{4}$ of a turn.
	• If leaks are observed:
24	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
25	□ PRIMARY: Slowly open the Line Vent Valve.
26	 PRIMARY: Slowly open the Parallel Fill Valve. DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
27 28	□ OPS: Abort test procedures and revisit plumbing setup.
29	□ PRIMARY: Communicate the supply cylinder pressure as visible on the Pressure Gauge.
30	□ DAQ: Communicate the supply cylinder pressure as read by the Fill Pressure Transducer.
31	□ DAQ: Confirm that the two pressure measurements are in agreement.
32	□ SECONDARY: Give the system control key to PRIMARY.
33	□ PRIMARY: Engage the key switch and power on the control boxes.
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34	□ PRIMARY: Open the Tank Vent Valve.
35	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
	If leaks are observed:
36	☐ PRIMARY: Close the Remote Fill Valve.
37	☐ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
38	☐ PRIMARY: Slowly open the Line Vent Valve.
39	☐ PRIMARY: Slowly open the Parallel Fill Valve.
40	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
41	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
42	□ OPS: Abort test procedures and revisit plumbing setup.
	 If the Remove Fill Valve fails to open:
43	□ OPS : Abort test procedures and revisit control system setup.
44	□ DAQ: Confirm that the oxidizer tank mass is increasing.
45	□ DAQ: Confirm that the oxidizer tank pressure is increasing.
46	□ PRIMARY: Close the Remote Fill Valve
47	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve.
48	$\ \square$ DAQ: Confirm that the Oxidizer Tank Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
49	□ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing.
50	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
51	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
52	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
53	☐ PRIMARY: Disconnect the fill line from the supply cylinder.
54	☐ PRIMARY: Replace the cap on the carbon dioxide supply cylinder.
55	□ OPS : Wait for at least 3 minutes before proceeding.
56	□ P1, P2, and P3: Open the perimeter.
57	□ OPS : Proceed with teardown and disassembly.

Static Fire Test - Remote Control Procedure

1	☐ SECONDARY : Confirm that the ignition wires are not connected to the engine.
2	□ PRIMARY: Confirm that the following valves are initially closed:
3	☐ Cylinder Valve
4	☐ Remote Fill Valve
5	☐ Parallel Fill Valve
6	☐ Pressure Relief Valve
7	☐ Tank Vent Valve
8	☐ Line Vent Valve
9	☐ Injector Valve
10	□ PRIMARY: Confirm that the following valves are initially open:
11	☐ Series Fill Valve
12	\square DAQ: Confirm that all pressure transducers are reading atmospheric pressure.
13	\square DAQ: Confirm that all load cells are reading the determined zero point.
14	□ PAUSE POINT
15	□ P1, P2, and P3: Close the perimeter and do not allow any further personnel to enter the testing area.
16	\square SECONDARY: Confirm that no personnel are present in the testing area other than PRIMARY and SECONDARY.
17	□ PRIMARY: Remove all plastic plugs and covers from the plumbing:
18	☐ Tank Vent Valve
19	☐ Pressure Relief Valve
20	☐ Line Vent Valve
21	□ Nozzle
22	\Box SECONDARY: Confirm that the impedance across the ignition coils is between 2.5 Ω and 3 Ω :
23	\Box Primary ignition coil
24	\square Secondary ignition coil
25	☐ SECONDARY : Connect the ignition connectors to the ignition box.
26	☐ PRIMARY: Remove the cap from the nitrous oxide supply cylinder.
27	\Box PRIMARY : Connect the fill line to the supply cylinder, hand tighten, and then tighten with a wrench. Do not force the connection.
28	\square PRIMARY : Slowly open the Cylinder Valve through $\frac{3}{4}$ of a turn.
	If leaks are observed:
29	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
30	□ PRIMARY: Slowly open the Parallel Fill Valve.
31	□ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
32 33	 DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure. OPS: Abort test procedures and revisit plumbing setup.
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34	□ PRIMARY : Communicate the supply cylinder pressure as visible on the Pressure Gauge.
35	$\ \square$ DAQ: Communicate the supply cylinder pressure as read by the Fill Pressure Transducer.
36	□ DAQ: Confirm that the two pressure measurements are in agreement.
37	☐ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Retreat to the test control area, behind the blast shield.
38	□ PRIMARY: Confirm that all actuator controls are in the "off" position:
39	☐ Remote Fill Valve
40	☐ Tank Vent Valve
41	☐ Injector Valve
42	☐ Primary Ignition
43	☐ Secondary Ignition
44	□ PAUSE POINT
45	\square OPS : Poll the following personnel for GO/NO GO status:
46	□ P1
47	□ P2
48	□ P3
49	□ HEAT
50	□ DAQ
51	□ PRIMARY
52	□ SECONDARY
53	☐ SECONDARY: Give the system control key to PRIMARY.
54	☐ PRIMARY: Engage the key switch and power on the control boxes.
55	□ PRIMARY: Open the Tank Vent Valve.
56	□ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
	• If leaks are observed:
57	□ PRIMARY: Close the Remote Fill Valve.
58 50	 □ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes. □ SECONDARY: Proceed only when the oxidizer tank has fully vented.
59 60	☐ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing.
61	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
62	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
63	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
64	□ OPS : Abort test procedures and revisit plumbing setup.
6.5	If the Remote Fill Valve fails to open: ORS: Present to the Manuel Control presenting.
65	□ OPS: Proceed to the Manual Control procedure.
66 67	□ SECONDARY: Proceed only when a white plume is visible from the Tank Vent Valve.
67	□ PRIMARY: Close the Tank Vent Valve.
68	□ PRIMARY: Close the Remote Fill Valve.
	 If the Remote Fill Valve fails to close:

69 70 71	 □ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing. □ PRIMARY: Close the Series Fill Valve. □ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Retreat to the test control area, behind the blast shield.
72	☐ HEAT : Open the Tank Heating Valve.
73	□ DAQ: Proceed only when the oxidizer tank pressure is at least 800 psi.
	• If the oxidizer tank pressure does not reach 800 psi:
74	☐ HEAT : Close the Tank Heating Valve.
75	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
76	☐ SECONDARY : Proceed only when the oxidizer tank has fully vented.
77	□ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing.
78	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
79	□ PRIMARY: Open the Tank Vent Valve.
80	□ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
81 82	 □ DAQ: Confirm that the Oxidizer Tank Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure. □ OPS: Abort test procedures and revisit water jacket setup.
83	☐ HEAT: Close the Tank Heating Valve.
84	□ PAUSE POINT
85	□ PRIMARY: Perform engine startup procedure:
86	\square Arm the Primary Ignition switch.
87	\square Hold down the Fire button until black smoke is observed.
	 In the event of a failed ignition (smoke not observed within 1 minute):
88	☐ PRIMARY: Disarm the Primary Ignition switch.
89	□ PRIMARY: Arm the Secondary Ignition switch.
90	□ OPS : Revisit ignition procedure.
01	• In the event of a second failed ignition (smoke not observed within 1 minute):
91 92	PRIMARY: Disarm the Secondary Ignition switch.PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
93	□ OPS : Proceed only when the oxidizer tank has fully vented.
94	□ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing.
95	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
96	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
97	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Tank Vent Valve.
98	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Oxidizer Tank Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
99	□ OPS : Abort test procedures and proceed to teardown.
100	☐ PRIMARY: Start the engine by opening the Injector Valve.
101	□ PRIMARY: Observe the plume:
	 If any unexpected events occur during the engine firing:
102	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
103	□ PRIMARY: Wait for 3 seconds.
104	☐ PRIMARY: Close the Injector Valve.
105	□ PAUSE POINT
106	□ OPS : Wait for at least 3 minutes before proceeding.

107	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Oxidizer Tank Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
108	□ PRIMARY: Open the Tank Vent Valve.
109	□ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing.
110	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
111	□ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
112	\square DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
113	☐ PRIMARY: Disconnect the fill line from the supply cylinder.
114	□ PRIMARY: Replace the cap on the nitrous oxide supply cylinder.
115	□ OPS : Wait for at least 3 minutes before proceeding.
116	□ P1, P2, and P3: Open the perimeter.

 $\ \square$ **OPS**: Proceed with teardown and disassembly.

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Static Fire Test - Manual Control Procedure

1	☐ SECONDARY : Confirm that the ignition wires are not connected to the engine.
2	□ PRIMARY: Confirm that the following valves are initially closed:
3	☐ Cylinder Valve
4	☐ Remote Fill Valve
5	☐ Parallel Fill Valve
6	☐ Pressure Relief Valve
7	☐ Line Vent Valve
8	☐ Injector Valve
9	☐ Series Fill Valve
10	□ PRIMARY: Confirm that the following valves are initially open:
11	☐ Tank Vent Valve
12	□ DAQ: Confirm that all pressure transducers are reading atmospheric pressure.
13	□ DAQ: Confirm that all load cells are reading the determined zero point.
14	□ PAUSE POINT
15	□ P1, P2, and P3: Close the perimeter and do not allow any further personnel to enter the testing area.
16	\square SECONDARY: Confirm that no personnel are present in the testing area other than PRIMARY and SECONDARY.
17	□ PRIMARY: Remove all plastic plugs and covers from the plumbing:
18	☐ Tank Vent Valve
19	☐ Pressure Relief Valve
20	☐ Line Vent Valve
21	□ Nozzle
22	\square SECONDARY : Confirm that the impedance across the ignition coils is between 2.5 Ω and 3 Ω :
23	\square Primary ignition coil
24	\square Secondary ignition coil
25	☐ SECONDARY: Connect the ignition connectors to the ignition box.
26	□ PRIMARY: Remove the cap from the nitrous oxide supply cylinder.
27	\Box PRIMARY : Connect the fill line to the supply cylinder, hand tighten, and then tighten with a wrench. Do not force the connection.
28	\square PRIMARY : Slowly open the Cylinder Valve through $\frac{3}{4}$ of a turn.
	• If leaks are observed:
29	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
30	□ PRIMARY: Slowly open the Parallel Fill Valve.
31	□ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
32 33	 DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure. OPS: Abort test procedures and revisit plumbing setup.
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34	☐ PRIMARY : Communicate the supply cylinder pressure as visible on the Pressure Gauge.
35	\square DAQ: Communicate the supply cylinder pressure as read by the Fill Pressure Transducer.
36	□ DAQ: Confirm that the two pressure measurements are in agreement.
37	□ SECONDARY: Confirm that the following actuator controls are in the "off" position:
38	☐ Primary Ignition
39	☐ Secondary Ignition
40	□ PAUSE POINT
41	□ OPS : Poll the following personnel for GO/NO GO status:
42	□ P1
43	□ P2
44	□ P3
45	□ HEAT
46	□ DAQ
47	□ PRIMARY
48	□ SECONDARY
49	□ PRIMARY: Open the Parallel Fill Valve.
	If leaks are observed:
50	☐ PRIMARY: Close the Parallel Fill Valve.
51	□ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
52 53	PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.PRIMARY: Open the Parallel Fill Valve.
54	☐ DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
55	□ OPS : Abort test procedures and revisit plumbing setup.
56	□ SECONDARY: Proceed only when a white plume is visible from the Tank Vent Valve.
57	□ PRIMARY: Close the Parallel Fill Valve.
58	□ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Retreat to the test control area, behind the blast shield.
59	☐ HEAT : Open the Tank Heating Valve.
60	□ DAQ: Proceed only when the oxidizer tank pressure is at least 800 psi.
	• If the oxidizer tank pressure does not reach 800 psi:
61	☐ HEAT : Close the Tank Heating Valve.
62	□ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
63	□ SECONDARY: Proceed only when the oxidizer tank has fully vented.
64 65	 PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing. PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
66	☐ PRIMARY: Slowly open the Parallel Fill Valve.
67	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Oxidizer Tank Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
68	☐ OPS : Abort test procedures and revisit water jacket setup.
69	☐ HEAT : Close the Tank Heating Valve.

70	□ PAUSE POINT
71	□ PRIMARY: Perform engine startup procedure:
72	☐ Arm the Primary Ignition switch.
73	☐ Hold down the Fire button until black smoke is observed.
	• In the event of a failed ignition (smoke not observed within 1 minute):
74	☐ PRIMARY: Disarm the Primary Ignition switch.
75	□ PRIMARY: Arm the Secondary Ignition switch.
76	□ OPS : Revisit ignition procedure.
77	 In the event of a second failed ignition (smoke not observed within 1 minute): PRIMARY: Disarm the Secondary Ignition switch.
78	□ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
79	□ OPS: Proceed only when the oxidizer tank has fully vented.
80	☐ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing.
81	☐ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
82	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Remote Fill Valve.
83	□ PRIMARY: Open the Tank Vent Valve.
84	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Oxidizer Tank Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
85	OPS: Abort test procedures and proceed to teardown.
86	☐ PRIMARY : Start the engine by opening the Injector Valve with the ropes.
87	□ PRIMARY: Observe the plume:
	 If any unexpected events occur during the engine firing:
88	☐ PRIMARY: Open the Line Vent Valve using the ropes.
89	□ PAUSE POINT
90	□ OPS : Wait for at least 3 minutes before proceeding.
91	\square DAQ: Confirm that the Oxidizer Tank Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
92	□ PRIMARY and SECONDARY: Approach the test plumbing.
93	□ PRIMARY: Close the Cylinder Valve.
94	□ PRIMARY: Open the Parallel Fill Valve.
95	□ DAQ: Confirm that the Fill Pressure Transducer is reading atmospheric pressure.
96	☐ PRIMARY: Disconnect the fill line from the supply cylinder.
97	☐ PRIMARY: Replace the cap on the nitrous oxide supply cylinder.
98	□ OPS : Wait for at least 3 minutes before proceeding.
99	□ P1, P2, and P3: Open the perimeter.
100	□ OPS : Proceed with teardown and disassembly.