

# Development of Environmental Qualification and Acceptance test Requirements for the Constellation Program and Comparison with MIL-STD-1540E

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# CONSTELLATION





### Constellation Program Description

- Test & Verification challenges within Constellation Program
- Development of the CEQATR

# Comparison between CEQATR and MIL-STD 1540



#### **Constellation Program Spacecraft**







#### Ares I Elements





- Expendable
- Pratt and Whitney Rocketdyne





#### Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle (JSC)

#### Crew Module (JSC)

- Crew and cargo transport
- Under Prime contract

#### Spacecraft Adapter (GRC)

- Structural transition to Ares launch vehicle
- Under Prime contract

#### Launch Abort System (LaRC)

- Emergency escape during launch
- Under Prime contract

#### Service Module (GRC)

propulsion, electrical power, fluids storage Under Prime contract



#### Ares V Elements









#### NASA's Past, Present, and Future Launch Vehicles

(Shown to scale)



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#### **Diversity in Unmanned Systems**

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#### Map of Constellation content across NASA

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- Integrating multiple NASA centers, project offices, and contractors
- Aging of workforce and loss of expertise from previous programs
- Extended development cycles between major programs
- Practices from previous programs not always applicable for Constellation

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- Establish excellence agency-wide in verification discipline
- Capture latest industry/government/NASA best practices (learn from everyone)
- Recognize increased inherent risk of CxP lunar missions over LEO Shuttle/ISS (and even Apollo) missions
- Establish common terminology/understanding
- Provide training to establish minimum level of testing competence, convey CEQATR-specific expectations
- Establish consistent, program-wide, minimum standards, but allow risk-based tailoring
- Selectively incorporate lessons learned from previous and present programs in order to allow for more effective testing for CxP and future programs.
  - Define testing early to avoid surprises at delivery
- Build and sustain the as-certified baseline and hardware test record.

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MIL-STD-1540E Test Requirements for Launch, Upper-Stage and Space Vehicles

#### MSFC REQT-3019 Launch Vehicle Qualification Requirements

SP-T-0023 Space Shuttle Specification Environmental Acceptance Testing

SSP 41172 Space Station Program Qualification and Acceptance Environmental Test Requirements

NASA STD 7001 Payload Vibroacoustic Test Criteria

NASA STD 7002 Payload Test Requirements

NASA STD 7003 Pyroshock Test Criteria

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# Differing Mission Profiles Differing Configurations Fitting within existing NASA documentation

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#### **Example Comparison Chart**

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	Electrical and Electronic	Antenna	Mechanism (Moving Mechanical Ass'y)	Solar Array	Battery	Valve or Propulsion	Pressure Vessel or Component	Fluid Equipment	Pressure Vessel (9)	Thrust <del>e</del> r	Thermal	Optical	Structural
Specification Performance (1)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Leakage <mark>(2,9)</mark>	ER R	-	R ER	-	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	- R	-
Shock (10)	R	ER	ER	ER	R(6) ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER
Vibration or Acoustic (2)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R	ER
Random Vibration	R	R(3)	R	R(3)	R			R	R		R	R	
Acoustic Vibration	-	R(3)	-	R(3)	-			-	-		-	-	
Sinusoidal Vibration	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER			ER	ER		ER	ER	
Acceleration	ER	ER -	ER -	ER -	ER	-	ER	ER	-	-	ER	ER	ER
Thermal Cycle	R	ER	ER	ER	R ER	ER	ER	R	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER(3 )
Thermal Vacuum (7)	R(13)	R	R(6)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R(13)	-
Thermal Gradient	-	-	ER	ER	-			-	-		ER	ER	
Climatic	ER	ER	ER ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER
Pressure	ER	-	ER	-	R	R	R			ER	ER(5	-	-
EMC (4)	R	R	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER			ER	ER	ER	ER
Plasma/Arcing	-	-	-	R	-			-	-		-	-	
Life <mark>(8)</mark>	ER -	ER -	R	ER -	R	R	ER	ER	R(11)	R	ER	ER -	ER
Burst Pressure	-	-	ER	-	R	R	R			R	ER	-	-
Static Load	ER	ER	ER	ER	R	-	ER			-	-	-	R
Depressurization/Repressurizati on	R	-	R	-	R			R(7)	ER		R(7)	ER	

Red indicates unique CEQATR content Blue indicates unique 1540 content

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#### MIL-STD-1540

Inspection Specification Performance Leakage Shock Vibration or Acoustic

Acceleration Thermal Cycle Thermal Vacuum

NA

#### **CxP CEQATR**

NA Functional/Performance Leak Shock **Random Vibration Acoustic Vibration** Sinusoidal Vibration Acceleration **Thermal Cycle Thermal Vacuum Thermal Gradient** 

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# MIL-STD-1540

NA Climatic NA

EMC

Life

Pressure

**Static Load** 

# CxP CEQATR

Plasma/Arcing Climatic **Depressurization**/ Repressurization NA – Covered elsewhere Life NA – Covered elsewhere NA – Covered elsewhere

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#### Test

**Acoustic Noise** EMC

**Ionizing Radiation** Modal Survey, Pressure, Static Load Offgas, Outgas, Oxygen Compatibility Run-In

#### **Governing CxP Document**

Human-Systems Integration Requirements

Electromagnetic Environmental Effects (E3) Requirements

Electromagnetic Environmental Effects (E3) **Control Plan** 

**Ionizing Radiation Control Plan** 

Structural Design and Verification Requirements

**Standard Materials and Processes Requirements** for Spacecraft

**Design and Development Requirements for Mechanisms** 

Ozone	TBD		
Atomic Oxygen	TBD		
Propulsion Hot Firing	TBD	the state	

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#### <u>MIL-STD 1540</u>

**Electrical and Electronic** 

Antenna

Moving Mechanical Assembly (MMA)

Solar Array

Battery

Valve or Propulsion Component Pressure Vessel or Component

Thruster

Thermal

Optical

**Structural Components** 

#### <u>CxP 70036</u>

Electrical or Electronic Equipment Antenna Mechanism

Solar Panel Battery Fluid Equipment Pressure Vessel NA – covered elsewhere Thermal Equipment Optical Equipment NA – covered elsewhere

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- Comparison of test approaches among participants
- Discussion of "best" requirements
- Comparison of historical test data and effectiveness of different approaches and parameters
- Discussion of *technical* factors driving different approaches/requirements
  - Eliminate "emotioneering"
- Increased understanding among participants
- Follow-on negotiation of test requirements
- Establishment of Test & Verification Community of Practice

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#### Environmental T&V CoP

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- Unit acceptance vibration duration
- Shock testing for acceptance
- Margins/Maximum Predicted Environment
- Major Assembly Testing
  - Upper Stage
  - Space Vehicle
- Thermal Cycle Limits
- Qualification Random Vibration Approach
  - Two-phase CEQATR approach (QAVT/QVT) vs single enveloping test (baseline 1540 approach)
- Order of EMI in Test Sequence
  - First or last?
- Understanding of Tailoring

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# Why am I testing again?

# Is the test effective in driving out latent defects?

- Are the proposed test levels sufficient to excite the hardware?
- Does my configuration have components that will be excited by the test?

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#### **CEQATR Tailoring Process**

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# Revision A Baselined

- Revision B in Work
  - Environmental tests, including humidity
  - Clarification
  - Low Frequency Vibration
  - Biased Tolerances for Vibration/Acoustic
  - Thermal Uncertainty/MPE

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# **Questions?**