

Mechanical Systems Mechanical / Thermal Hardware November 2004 Status

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- Accomplishments during December.
 - Pathfinder for the handling of Flight hardware in B/33.
 - 4 of 5 Top Flange Heat Pipes were bonded into Grid.
 - Tracker mounting hardware installed into Grid.
 - LM completed bonding doublers onto Radiator panels
 - X-LAT Plate fab is complete less Nickel plating.

GLAST LAT Project



3 Month Milestones Dec - Feb

	Original	Current		
Milestone Description	Date	Date	Major Reqmnts to Achieve Milestone	Notes
Complete Grid Box Base Assy ops	07/22/04	12/23/04	All parts + MGSE in house	Complete
			Procedures in place	complete
			Hold MRR	complete
Grid Heat Pipe bond process Qual	02/24/04	11/15/04	write test report	ECD 12/10/2004
Design Heatrer Control Box	08/19/04	11/12/04	release drawings	in release cycle
Fabricate Heater Control Box	10/28/04	12/17/04	procurement cycle	
Test Heater Control Box	12/13/04	02/18/05		
Order TCS electronics components	01/30/04	12/17/04	release drawings of using assemblies	activity started
Order TCS flight hardware	12/19/03	11/30/04	LM procured TCS components	parts on order
Heaters, thermostats & thermistors				Qual test complete
			Grid thermostats	report in review at GSFC
Receive Grid #2, EMI skirts, details	11/15/04	03/22/05	EMI skirts & details	complete
			Grid final machining & inspection	ECD 2/2/05
			Grid plating	ECD 2/25/05
			grid box machining & hardware installation	ECD 3/18/05
Grid #2 Static Load Qual Test	12/16/04	02/28/04	Load case analysis	prelim eval complete
			in-house vs out-house analysis	ECD 12/17
			SOW, RFP & vendor selection	Dec
			MGSE & test fixture design	Jan
			MGSE & test fixture fab	Feb
			Test Readiness Review	Mar
Receive X-LAT plate	12/09/04	02/14/05	Complete X-LAT heat pipe fab	Complete
			Complete X-LAT plate assy	Jan
			Complete Thermal Vac testing	Feb



Drawing Release Plan

- 57 of 81 (70%) drawings released
 - 18 MLI drawings have been added to MECH drawing list
 - 4 unreleased parts not needed until I&T operations
 - In check
- Known drawing revisions
 - Jan 2 planned
 - X-LAT (in release cycle) & Radiator IDD's



Concerns

- Lockheed Martin X-LAT plate & Radiator delivery schedule
 - LM's estimated cost at completion is \$8.49M
 - Exceeds available budget of \$7.5M
 - Approval for additional funding will require DOE Chicago office approval (est. 3 months)
 - LM directed to work on Flight hardware only
 - Suspend test planning, design and other preparations
 - Suspend MGSE design and fab
 - Manufacturing progress is slower than expected
 - Each step of the way there have been problems typical for a first article build
 - Need to reduce the time it takes to resolve these problems from weeks to days



Concerns (cont)

- Grid to I&T delivery date schedule continues to compress.
- Grid thermal control components & Downspout Heat Pipe to Grid thermal joint are not verified until LAT T/Vac test.
 - Difficult to access these components at this level (remove Radiators & ACD).



Open Flight Design Issues

- Requirements for Grid survival heaters & thermostats being revised to raise minimum Tracker temperatures
 - Bonding operations on hold pending CCB
- TCS validation vs. LM modified Radiator Thermal Vacuum & Balance
 plans
 - TCS test requirements being developed with Tom McCarthy
 - ~3 additional TCS cases proposed
 - Cost & schedule impacts will be evaluated
 - TCS risk assessment and Qual test plan requested by GSFC
- Define GBA Static Load test requirements & plans
 - Detailed load cases & STE being developed
 - 1st draft complete loads have gone down and many test cases will be deleted or combined
 - Stress to perform another iteration on the load cases, then
 - Test in-house vs out of house decision can be made



Open Flight Design Issues (cont)

- Radiator integration sequence
 - Coupon testing of repeated make & break of joint in process
 - Disassembly facilitated by use of mold release agent
- X-LAT MLI blanket billowing will violate stay clear
- Radiator MLI blanket and wiring violates stay clear
 - Working issue with LM & Spectrum Astro
 - S/C to LAT MLI design options in work with Spectrum Astro
 - Working group meeting planned for Jan
- Radiator vibration requirements
 - Current proposal is pre & post low level sine sweep, sine vibe and Acoustic testing
 - Working with GSFC & LM to minimize & finalize requirements
 - Preliminary design of vibration test fixture complete.
 - Design concepts for Acoustic test fixture are next
 - Effort on hold



MECH Qualification Program

Qual Test	Status	ECD
Grid-Top Flange Heat Pipe bond process qual	Complete report in work.	Dec 04
Grid Box Assy Static Load test	Planning in work. Perform on Grid #2	Mar 05
X-LAT Plate Thermal Vac test	at LMMS	TBD*
Radiator Variable Conductance Heat	Passed burst test, heat	Comp
Pipe new extrusion	capacity test after charging	
Radiator Acoustic	at LMMS	TBD*
Radiator Thermal Vacuum	at LMMS	TBD*
TCS-Radiator Thermal Balance	Scope is changing. Need to define requirements	TBD*
* LM test program on hold pending funding resolution		



PMCS

- Mech Sys (SLAC only) current schedule variance +76K
 - Received Flight Grid #1 (late)
- Mech Sys (SLAC only) cum schedule variance -\$746K
 - Driven by late receipt of Grid #2, TCS hardware and Static Load Test did not start.
- Mech Sys (LM only) current cost variance -\$426K, and
- Mech Sys (LM only) cum cost variance -\$929K
 - LM is behind schedule and not on their headcount profile
 - LM has provided a spending profile for Jan Mar to take them up to \$7.5M
 - Investigating other testing options for Radiator and X-LAT plate



Program Threats

- Top threats to maintaining schedule
 - Grid Box is a pathfinder for Flight hardware operations in B33
 - Highly compressed, success oriented schedule
 - LM X-LAT & Radiator delivery have no float and LM manufacturing is not maintaining their schedule
- Top threats to staying within cost
 - LM staying on schedule
 - LM maintaining headcount profile, esp. planned roll-off
 - SLAC staying on schedule
 - Interdependencies with DAQ for fab, assy & test of TCS