Northwest Indian College Space Center

Team SkyWalkers Flight Readiness Review





Launch Vehicle Design and Dimensions

| Length | 112.38 | Diameter | 4.03 | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Weight | 23.95 lbs | Fin Span | 12.03 | | |
| Center of Gravity | 71.46 | 71.46 Center of Pressure | | | |
| Static Stability | 3.1 (1.2 w/CTI L640 motor) | | | | |



Key Design Features (Power Management)



Key Design Features (Science Payload Bay)



Motor Description

| Manufacturer: | <u>Cesaroni Technology</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Entered: | Jul 4, 2009 |
| Last Updated: | Feb 9, 2010 |
| Mfr. Designation: | 2772-L640-P |
| Brand Name: | 2772-L640-P |
| Common Name: | L640 |
| Motor Type: | reload |
| Delays: | P |
| Diameter: | 54.0mm |
| Length: | 64.9cm |
| Total Weight: | 2244g |
| Prop. Weight: | 1293q |
| Cert. Org.: | Canadian Association of Rocketry |
| Cert. Designation: | 2772-L640-DT-P |
| Cert. Date: | |
| Average Thrust: | 638.4N |
| Maximum Thrust: | 1590.0N |
| Total impulse: | 2772.2Ns |
| Burn Time: | 4.3s |
| Isn: | 219s |
| Case Info: | Pro54-6GXL |
| Propellant Info: | Dual Thrust |
| | |

Basic Information



L640 Thrust Curve

- Motor has enough thrust to get the rocket safely off the launch rail.
- Motor has enough thrust to achieve the predicted altitude.

Motor Description (cont)

Need to make certain that:

- 1. Motor has enough thrust to get the rocket safely off the launch rail.
- 2. Motor has enough thrust to slightly exceed 5280'.



Launch guide data:

- Launch guide length: 96.0000 In.
- Velocity at launch guide departure: 81 ft/s
- The launch guide was cleared at 0.206 Seconds
- User specified minimum velocity for stable flight: 43 ft/s
- Minimum velocity for stable flight reached at 30 In.



Altitude data:

• Maximum altitude: 5536.84542 Ft.

Static Stability Margin



Stability Margin = (CP-CG)/Diameter

Static Stability from Liftoff to Apogee



Static Stability with Air Brakes Retracted Static Stability with Air Brakes Extended

Thrust-to-Weight Ratio & Launch Velocity

Thrust to Weight Ratio = Pounds of Thrust/Weight of Skybolt

| Motor | Maximum Thrust (lbs) | Loaded Weight (lbs) | Ratio | Altitude | Lift Off (fps) (need 43 fps) |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------------|
| CTI L640 | 357.45 | 23.95 | 12.92 | 5537 | 81.12 |
| | | | | | |
| | | Rail Exit 81.12 | Velocity fps | | |

Mass Statement

| System | System Component | | |
|------------------|--|--------|--|
| Airframe | Aft Airframe | 0.857 | |
| Ebay | Aft Ebay Bulkplate | 0.077 | |
| Ebay | Aft Ebay Eyebolt | 0.125 | |
| Propulsion | Aft Motor Mount Center Ring | 0.075 | |
| Science | Fin Can Bulkplate | 0.077 | |
| Science | Aft Science Bay Eyebolt | 0.125 | |
| Ebay | Avionics (altimeters, batteries) | 0.750 | |
| Recovery | Drogue Parachute | 0.375 | |
| Recovery | Drogue Recovery Harness | 0.980 | |
| Ebay | Ebay Coupler | 0.478 | |
| Ebay | Ebay Ring | 0.071 | |
| Airframe | Ероху | 0.250 | |
| Airframe | Fin Can | 1.125 | |
| Airframe | Fin Can Eybolt | 0.125 | |
| Airframe | Fin Can Tube Coupler | 0.478 | |
| Airframe | Fin Set | 0.902 | |
| Airframe | Fwd Airframe | 1.714 | |
| Ebay | Fwd Ebay Bulkplate | 0.077 | |
| Ebay | Fwd Ebay Eyebolt | 0.125 | |
| Propulsion | Fwd Motor Mount Center Ring | 0.075 | |
| Science | Fwd Science Bay Bulkplate | 0.077 | |
| Science | Fwd Science Bay Eyebolt | 0.125 | |
| Recovery | GPS Unit | 1.000 | |
| Recovery | Main Parachute | 1.880 | |
| Recovery | Main Recovery Harness | 1.580 | |
| Propulsion | Mid Motor Mount Center Ring | 0.075 | |
| Airframe | Nose Cone | 0.823 | |
| Airframe | Nose Cone Bulkplate | 0.077 | |
| Airframe | Nose Cone Eyebolt | 0.125 | |
| Airframe | Paint | 0.250 | |
| Power Management | | | |
| System | Power Management System | 1.250 | |
| Airframe | Science Bay Tube Coupler | 0.478 | |
| | Science Payload (sensors, transmitter, | | |
| Science | cameras | 1.250 | |
| Airframe | Science Payload Bay | 0.625 | |
| Airframe | Tailcone | 0.170 | |
| Ebay | Threaded Rod | 0.375 | |
| | Total Mass= | 19.021 | |

Mass Budget and Mass Margin



The selected motor has reserve power for six extra pounds, which is about 25% of the designed weight. This extra weight will not adversely affect the stability margin or the target altitude. It moves the CG 2" forward.

Recovery Information

Drogue

- 20 foot 9/16" tubular nylon harness connected to ¼" solid eyebolts with quick links at either end.
- 18" LOC Precision parachute
- 20 inch fire retardant wrap around parachute
- 93 fps descent rate

Main

- 30 foot 9/16" tubular nylon harness connected to ¼" solid eyebolts with quick links at either end.
- 52" B2Rocketry Skyangle Classic
- 20 inch fire retardant wrap around parachute
- 21 fps descent rate

Kinetic Energy Computations

| Section | Component | KE |
|-----------|-------------|------|
| | Fin Can | |
| Section 1 | Science Bay | 1074 |
| | Drogue Bay | |
| | Ebay | |
| Section 2 | Main Bay | 1324 |
| | Nose Cone | |
| Section 3 | Ebay | |
| Section 4 | Main Bay | |
| Section 4 | Nose Cone | |

KE while descending with drogue parachute





KE at landing under main parachute

KE=1/2mv²/32.2 (ft/lbs) **75 ft/lbs is maximum** *allowed.*

Drift Predictions

| Drift Distance from Launch Pad | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Wind Speed (Kts) | | | | | | | |
| | 0-2 | 3-7 | 8-14 | 15-25 | | | | |
| 0 | 224 | 450 | 729 | 2276 | | | | |
| 5 | 1134 | 1614 | 1656 | 2311 | | | | |
| 10 | 2058 | 2457 | 2673 | 4166 | | | | |
| 15 | 2640 | 2888 | 4108 | 4079 | | | | |
| 20 | 3433 | 3794 | 4543 | 4817 | | | | |
| -5 | -644 | -185 | 71 | 1228 | | | | |
| -10 | -1583 | -1300 | -912 | 71 | | | | |
| -15 | -2585 | -2310 | -1397 | -1113 | | | | |
| -20 | -3266 | -3011 | -2344 | -1636 | | | | |

| Altitude | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | | Wind Speed (Kts) | | | | | | |
| Guide Kall Angle | 0-2 | 3-7 | 8-14 | 15-25 | | | | |
| 0 | 5537 | 5530 | 5506 | 5487 | | | | |
| 5 | 5491 | 5497 | 5525 | 5517 | | | | |
| 10 | 5340 | 5375 | 5423 | 5455 | | | | |
| 15 | 5128 | 5179 | 4978 | 5363 | | | | |
| 20 | 4788 | 4882 | 4892 | 5112 | | | | |
| -5 | 5485 | 5470 | 5425 | 5330 | | | | |
| -10 | 5324 | 5270 | 5222 | 5052 | | | | |
| -15 | 5073 | 5000 | 4992 | 4781 | | | | |
| -20 | 4761 | 4670 | 4548 | 4357 | | | | |

Dark Green are the optimal altitudes and corresponding drift distances for the given wind speed and guide rail angle. Light Green are the acceptable drift distances that are less than the 2500 feet limit.



Guide Rail Tilt Angle & Landing Direction





Dual PerfectFlite StratoLogger Altimeters

Recovery System Properties

| Drogue Parachute | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| Manufactu | urer/Model | L | OC Precisio | on | | |
| Si | ze | | 18" | | | |
| Altitude | at Deployr | nent (ft) | 5,2 | 80 | | |
| Velocity | at Deploym | ent (ft/s) | 0. | 02 | | |
| Termi | nal Velocity | / (ft/s) | 92 | .80 | | |
| Recovei | ry Harness | Material | Tubula | r Nylon | | |
| Harness | Size/Thick | ness (in) | 9/16" | | | |
| Recovery | / Harness L | .ength (ft) | 20 | | | |
| Harness/ Interf | /Airframe faces | 3/8' clo | osed steel e | eyebolt | | |
| Kinetic Energy During | Section 1 | Section 2 | Section 3 | Section 4 | | |
| Descent (ft-lb) | 1074 | 1324 | | | | |

| Main Parachute | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------|----------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Manufac | turer/Model | | Sky A | Angle Cert3 | 3 Xlarge | | |
| S | Size | | | 89 sq ft | | | |
| Altitude | at Deploym | ent | (ft) | 7 | 00 | | |
| Velocity | at Deployme | ent (| ft/s) | 92 | 2.80 | | |
| Land | ing Velocity | (ft/s |) | 21 | .24 | | |
| Recove | ry Harness N | /late | erial | Tubula | Tubular Nylon | | |
| Harness | s Size/Thickr | ness | s (in) | 9/ | 9/16" | | |
| Recovery | / Harness Le | engt | h (ft) | 3 | 30 | | |
| Harness/Airframe Interfaces 3/8" cl | | | 3/8" clc | osed steel e | eyebolt | | |
| Kinetic Energy Upon | Section 1 | Se | ction 2 | Section 3 | Section 4 | | |
| Landing (ft-lb) | 56 | | | 19 | 50 | | |

Recovery System Tests

Ground Tests

- 1. Black Powder Amount Calculations
- 2. Radio Frequency Interference
 - a. GPS
 - b. Radio Transmitter/Receiver
 - c. Sensors
 - d. Micro Controllers

Flight Tests

Post Flight Altimeter Data

Radio Frequency Interference Tests

| RF Interference Test Results | GPS | 900 HMz Transmitter | UV | Illuminance | Barometric Pressure | Temperature | Humidity | Servo 1 | Servo 2 | Altimeter 1 | Altimeter 2 | Arduino 1 | Arduino 2 w/datalogger |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------|----|-------------|------------------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|-------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| GPS | | ? | ОК | ОК | OK | ОК | ОК | OK | OK | OK | ОК | OK | ОК |
| 900 HMz Transmitter | OK | | ОК | OK | OK | ОК | ОК | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | ОК |
| UV | OK | ОК | | OK | OK | ОК | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | ОК |
| Illuminance | OK | ОК | ОК | | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | ОК |
| Barometric Pressure | OK | ОК | ОК | ОК | | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | ОК |
| Temperature | OK | ОК | ОК | ОК | OK | | ОК | OK | OK | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК |
| Humidity | OK | ОК | ОК | OK | ОК | ОК | | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | ОК |
| Servo 1 | OK | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | | OK | ОК | OK | OK | ОК |
| Servo 2 | OK | ОК | ОК | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | | OK | ОК | OK | ОК |
| Altimeter 1 | OK | ОК | ОК | OK | OK | OK | ОК | OK | OK | | OK | OK | ОК |
| Altimeter 2 | OK | OK | ОК | OK | OK | OK | ОК | OK | OK | OK | | OK | OK |
| Arduino 1 | OK | ОК | ОК | OK | OK | OK | ОК | OK | OK | OK | OK | | ОК |
| Arduino 2 w/datalogger | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | ОК | |

We did a wide variety of component combination testing to ensure there was no interference among the various electronic items, in particular interference with the altimeters and the ejection charge capabilities.

The one questionable area is the GPS tracker. Its response was very intermittent and we are performing additional testing to eliminate the transmitter as the cause of the intermittencies.

Black Powder Tests

Black Powder for Drogue Parachute

Volume = 178.135 in^3 Dia = 4.025 inch Len = 14 inch

Mass of BP = 3 grams Pressure = 32.621 psi Ejection F = 415.071 Lb/f

Black Powder for Main Parachute

Volume = 305.375 in^3 Dia = 4.025 inch Len = 24 inch

Mass of BP = 5 grams Pressure = 31.715 psi Ejection F = 403.541 Lb/f



Mass= m ejection force= F Pressure= P Volume= V Gas property= R =22.16 BP coefficient= T =3307 Diameter= d

Formulas Used m=PV/R/T F=P*(pi/4)*d^2

> P=mRT/V $F=P*pi*d^2$

 $m=F^{(length)/R/T}$ P=F/(pi/4*d^2)

Time Line

| Proposal Submitted | Completed | 09/06/11 |
|---|--|---|
| Scale Rocket | Design Complete | 10/05/11 |
| Scale Rocket | Construction Complete | 10/17/11 |
| | Completed Flight Test | 11/12/11 |
| Selection Notification | Selected! | 10/17/11 |
| USLI Team Teleconference | Completed | 10/21/11 |
| Web Presence Established | Completed | 11/04/11 |
| Competition Rocket | Initial Design Considerations | 09/09/11 |
| | Design Finalized | 10/20/11 |
| | Construction Started | 10/28/11 |
| | Construction Complete | 11/22/11 |
| | Recovery System Ground Test-Completed | 11/23/11 |
| | | 01/28/12 –Flight 1 |
| Competition Rocket | | Completed |
| | | 02/18/12 – Flight 2 |
| | Test Flights as needed | Completed |
| | | 03/18/12 – Flight 3 |
| | | Completed |
| | | 04/07/12 |
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| Science Payload | Initial Design Considerations | 09/06/11 |
| Science Payload | Initial Design Considerations Design Finalized (Completed) | 09/06/11 10/31/11 |
| Science Payload | Initial Design Considerations Design Finalized (Completed) Construction Started | 09/06/11 10/31/11 11/01/11 |
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Flight Test #1

Flight Test #1 1/28/12







Flight Test #3



Flight Test #3 3/18/12





Flight Test Data

| <u> [(53][(53]</u> | Tes | t #1 | Tes | t #2 | Test #3 | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Weather | 28- | 28-Jan | | eb | 18-Mar | | |
| Ceiling | 5500 | | Clear | | 4000 | | |
| Temperature | 38 | | 58 | | 46 | | |
| Wind | NE 10-15 | | NE 10-15 | | SW 3-6 kts | | |
| Motor Reload | CTI | J330 | AeroTech K1275 | | CTI | J760 | |
| Altimeter Data | MAWD 1 | MAWD 2 | MAWD 1 | MAWD 2 | Stratologger 1 | Stratologger 2 | |
| Altitude | 1589 | 1576 | 6239 | 6249 | 2183 | 2184 | |
| Main Deploy | 700 | 1500 | 700 | 1500 | 700 | 650 | |
| Flight Duration | 45.9 | 45.95 | 125.05 | 125.3 | 60 | 60 | |

Flight #1 – Empty, preliminary test of design and recovery system.

- Flight #2 Simulated payload weight, test with competition comparable reload.
- Flight #3 Fully loaded instrumentation flight with new altimeters, data recording and transmission.

Requirements Verification status

| Requirement | Design Feature | Verification | Status |
|--|--|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Option 2: The Science Mission Directorate (SMD) at NASA HQ will provide a \$3,000 sponsorship to any team that chooses to build and fly a deployable science payload meeting the following criteria: | SMD Payload | Inspection | Work in Progress |
| The payload shall gather data for studying the atmosphere during descent and after landing. Measurements shall include pressure, temperature, relative humidity, solar irradiance and ultraviolet radiation. Measurements shall be made at least every 5 seconds during descent and every 60 seconds after landing. Surface data collection operations will terminate 10 minutes after landing. | Arduino microcontroller-based sensors | Test | Work in Progress |
| The payload shall take at least 2 pictures | | | Cameras purchased |
| The payload shall remain in an orientation during descent and after landing such that the pictures taken portray the sky toward the top of the frame and the ground toward the bottom of the frame. | Multiple Cameras oriented appropriately | Test Flight | Completed |
| The data from the payload shall be stored onboard and transmitted wirelessly to the team's ground station at the time of completion of all surface operations. | RDAS-Tiny transmitter & receiver | Test Flight | Completed |
| Separation of payload components at apogee will be allowed, but not advised. Separating at apogee increases the risk of drifting outside of the recovery area. The payload shall carry a GPS tracking unit. Minimum separation altitude shall be 2,500 ft. | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |

| 2. The launch vehicle shall deliver the science or engineering payload to, but not exceeding, an altitude of 5,280 feet. above ground level (AGL). One point will be deducted for each foot achieved below the target altitude. Two points will be deducted for each foot achieved above the target altitude. Any team whose vehicle travels over 5,600 ft. according to their competition altimeter will be disqualified from being able to receive the overall competition award and will receive a score of zero for the altitude portion of their total score. | Design through Rocksim 9, Power Management System | Test | Work in Progress |
|--|---|------------|---------------------|
| 3. The vehicle shall carry one Perfect Flight STRATOLOGGER or ALT15 altimeter for recording of the official altitude used in the competition scoring. Teams may have additional altimeters to control vehicle electronics and payload experiments. At the flight hardware and safety check, a NASA official will mark the altimeter which will be used for the official scoring. At the launch field, a NASA official will also obtain the altitude by listening to the audible beeps reported by the altimeter. The following circumstances will warrant a score of zero for the altitude portion of the competition: | Two PerfectFlite STRATOLOGGER altimeters | Inspection | Completed |
| a. The official, marked altimeter is damaged and/or does not report an altitude after the team's competition flight. | Safe Recovery will preclude this | Inspection | Work in Progress |
| b. The team does not report to the NASA official designated to record the altitude with their official marked altimeter by 5:00 pm on the day of the launch. | Check list will preclude this | Inspection | Work in Progress |
| The recovery system electronics shall have the following characteristics: | | | |
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| a. The recovery system shall be designed to be armed on the pad. | Locking key switches installed | | |
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| a. The recovery system shall be designed to be armed on the pad. b. The recovery system electronics shall be completely independent of the payload electronics. c. The recovery system shall contain redundant altimeters. The term "altimeters" includes both simple altimeters and more sophisticated flight computers. | Locking key switches installed Payload electronics in separate science by Designed with two independent systems | | |
| a. The recovery system shall be designed to be armed on the pad. b. The recovery system electronics shall be completely independent of the payload electronics. c. The recovery system shall contain redundant altimeters. The term "altimeters" includes both simple altimeters and more sophisticated flight computers. d. Each altimeter shall be armed by a dedicated arming switch. | Locking key switches installed Payload electronics in separate science by Designed with two independent systems Locking Key Switches | | |
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| a. The recovery system shall be designed to be armed on the pad. b. The recovery system electronics shall be completely independent of the payload electronics. c. The recovery system shall contain redundant altimeters. The term "altimeters" includes both simple altimeters and more sophisticated flight computers. d. Each altimeter shall be armed by a dedicated arming switch. e. Each altimeter shall have a dedicated battery. f. Each arming switch shall be accessible from the exterior of the rocket airframe. g. Each arming switch shall be capable of being locked in the ON position for launch. | Locking key switches installedPayload electronics in separate science byDesigned with two independent systemsLocking Key SwitchesDesigned with two independent systems including batteriesLocking switches located on ebay ringSwitches that lock with a key are installed | Inspection | Completed |

| Requirement | Design Feature | Verification | Status |
|--|---|---------------------|-----------|
| 5. The recovery system electronics shall be shielded from all onboard transmitting devices, to avoid inadvertent excitation of the recovery system by the transmitting device(s). | Ebay lined with aluminum foil | Inspection | Completed |
| 6. The launch vehicle and science or engineering payload shall remain subsonic from launch until landing. | Designed with Rocksim 9 to stay subsonic | Test Flight | Completed |
| 7. The launch vehicle and science or engineering payload shall be designed to be recoverable and reusable. Reusable is defined as being able to be launched again on the same day without repairs or modifications. | Designed with Rocksim 9 | Test Flight | Completed |
| 8. The launch vehicle shall stage the deployment of its recovery devices, where a drogue parachute is deployed at apogee and a main parachute is deployed at a much lower altitude. Tumble recovery from apogee to main parachute deployment is permissible, provided that the kinetic energy is reasonable. | Designed with Rocksim 9, using drogue at apogee and main at 700 feet | Test Flight | Completed |
| 9. Removable shear pins shall be used for both the main parachute compartment and the drogue parachute compartment. | 6 (3 each on main and drogue end of ebay) - #2-56 nylon screws will be shear pins | Ground Testing | Completed |
| 10. The launch vehicle shall have a maximum of four (4) independent or tethered sections. | Designed with three | Inspection | Completed |
| a. At landing, each independent or tethered sections of the launch vehicle shall have a maximum kinetic energy of 75 ft-lbf. | Designed via calculations | Simulation | Completed |
| b. All independent or tethered sections of the launch vehicle shall be designed to recover with 2,500 feet of the launch pad, assuming a 15 mph wind. | Designed with Rocksim 9 | Simulation analysis | Completed |
| 11. The launch vehicle shall be capable of being prepared for flight at the launch site within 2 hours, from the time the waiver opens. | Designed as required | Check lists | Completed |

| Requirement | Design Feature | Verification | Status |
|---|--|--|------------------|
| 12. The launch vehicle shall be capable of remaining in launch-ready configuration at the pad for a minimum of 1 hour without losing the functionality of any onboard component. | Battery power calculated to last at least 2 hrs for each device using a battery | Simulation analysis | Work in Progress |
| 13. The launch vehicle shall be launched from a standard firing system (provided by the Range) using a standard 10 - second countdown | Designed as required | Test | Completed |
| 14. The launch vehicle shall require no external circuitry or special ground support equipment to initiate the launch (other than what is provided by the Range). | None are necessary as designed | Inspection | Completed |
| 15. Data from the science or engineering payload shall be collected, analyzed, and reported by the team following the scientific method. | Data analysis will be examined post flight Testing will follow payload completion prior to the competition flight W | | Work in Progress |
| 16. An electronic tracking device shall be installed in each independent section of the launch vehicle and shall junction with an electronic, transmitting device, but shall not replace the transmitting tracking device. | Garmin GPS unit in nose cone | Ground tested complete. Flight test to follow | Completed |
| 17. The launch vehicle shall use a commercially available solid motor propulsion system using ammonium perchlorate composite propellant (APCP) which is approved and certified by the National Association of Rocketry (NAR), Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA) and/or the Canadian Association of Rocketry (CAR). | Designed to use CTI/Aerotech reloadable motor | Inspection | Completed |
| 18. The total impulse provided by the launch vehicle shall not exceed 5,120 Newton-seconds (L-class). This total impulse constraint is applicable to any combination of one or more motors. | Designed as required, L motor largest permissible | Inspection | Completed |

| Requirement | Design Feature | Verification | Status | |
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| 20. The following items are prohibited fro | m use in the launch vehicle: | | | |
| a. Flashbulbs. The recovery system must use commercially available low-current electric matches. | | | | |
| b. Forward canards. | | | | |
| c. Forward firing motors. | None of these have been included in | Inspection | Completed | |
| d. Rear ejection parachute designs. | the rocket design | | | |
| e. Motors which expel titanium sponges (Sparky, Skidmark, MetalStorm, etc.). | | | | |
| f. Hybrid motors. | | | | |
| 21. Each team shall use a launch and safety checklist. The final checklist shall be included in the FRR report and used during the flight hardware and safety inspection and launch day. | Check lists are designed | Inspection and actual testing | Completed | |
| 22. Students on the team shall do 100% of the work on the project, including design, construction, written reports, presentations, and flight preparation with the exception of assembling the motors and handling black powder charges. | Implemented as required | Inspection | Work in Progress | |
| 23. The rocketry mentor supporting the team shall have been certified by NAR or TRA for the motor impulse of the launch vehicle, and the rocketeer shall have flown and successfully recovered (using electronic, staged recovery) a minimum of 15 flights in this or a higher impulse class, prior to PDR. | Implemented as required | Inspection | Completed | |

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| 19. All teams shall successfully launch ar | nd recover their full scale rocket prior to | FRR in its final flight configu | uration. |
| a. The purpose of the full scale demonstration flight is to demonstrate the launch vehicle's stability, structural integrity, recovery systems, and the team's ability to prepare the launch vehicle for flight. | Test flights scheduled prior to FRR | Test flight | Completed |
| b. The vehicle and recovery system shall have functioned as designed. | Extensive ground testing where possible, test flights for the vehicle | Test flight | Completed |
| c. The payload does not have to be flown dur | ing the full-scale test flight. | | |
| If the payload is not flown, mass simulators shall be used to simulate the payload mass. | Measured mass of actual payload will be either substituted or the payload will be flown | | Completed |
| If the payload changes the external surfaces of the launch vehicle (such as with camera housings and/or external probes), those devices must be flown during the full scale demonstration flight. | Test flight will be with rocket as its designed | | Work in Progress |
| d. The full scale motor does not have to be flown during the full scale test flight. However, it is recommended that the full scale motor be used to demonstrate full flight readiness and altitude verification. | Both smaller and a full scale motor will be used in test flights | | Completed |
| e. The success of the full scale demonstration flight shall be documented on the flight certification form, by a Level 2 NAR/TRA observer. | Our mentor and 3 other NAR L2 individuals are available | Test flight | Work in Progress |
| f. After successfully completing the full-scale demonstration flight, the launch vehicle or any of its components shall not be modified without the concurrence of the NASA Range Safety Officer. | No changes will be made. | | Work in Progress |

| Requirement | Design Feature | Verification | Status | | | | |
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| 24. The maximum amount teams may spend on the rocket and payload is \$5000 total. The cost is for the competition rocket as it sits on the | | | | | | | |
| pad, including all purchased components and | pad, including all purchased components and materials and the fair market value of all donated components and materials. The following items | | | | | | |
| may be omitted from the total cost of the vehi | cle: | | | | | | |
| a. Shipping costs. | | | | | | | |
| b. Ground Support Equipment. | Implemented as required | Inspection/Test Flight | Completed | | | | |
| c. Team labor. | | hopotion, restringne | Completed | | | | |

Payload Test Plan

- Test each component as it's built
- Gather baseline data for each component
- Integrate one component at a time and verify it's functioning satisfactorily
- Verify non-interference among components
- Ground test entire system
- Flight test payload

Payload Subsystems

| Sensors | silicon photo detector temperature/humidity sensor UV sensor pressure sensor | These will be used to take readings on descent and after landing. | | |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Controllers | Arduino Uno Microcontroller | This will be used to activate the devices and integrate the data collected. | | |
| Data Logger | Adafruit Data Logger | The data logger collects the data directed through the micro controller from the sensors. It stores this data for retrieval after landing. | | |
| Power Management | Arduino Pro Mini | This takes the readings from the barometric sensor and velocity and calculates when to deploy the velocity reduction system flaps. | | |
| | HiTec HS 645MG Ultra Torque Servo | This controls the velocity reduction system flaps. | | |
| | BMP 085 Barometric Sensor | | | |

Payload Integration



Science Payload

Arduino-based Barometric Pressure & Data

Logger





Science Payload (cont)

UV & Illuminance data logger showing UV sensor (black) and Illuminance sensor (white)

Transmitter antenna & reflective foil covered sensor compartment

Science Payload (cont)

900 MHz Transmitter



RDAS Tiny Altimeter with Analog Ribbon Cable



Science Payload (cont)



Final Payload Design Overview



Arduino Uno



Adafruit Data Logger installed on Uno





Ebay, Drogue Parachute Bay, and Science Payload Bay

Final Payload Design Overview

Arduino



Payload Verification

| Requirement | Design Feature | Verification | Status |
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| The payload shall gather data for studying the atmosphere during descent and after landing. Measurements shall include pressure, temperature, relative humidity, solar irradiance and ultraviolet radiation. Measurements shall be made at least every 5 seconds during descent and every 60 seconds after landing. Surface data collection operations will terminate 10 minutes after landing. | Arduino microcontroller- based sensors | Test | Completed |
| The payload shall take at least 2 pictures during descent and 3 after landing. | | | Cameras purchased |
| The payload shall remain in an orientation during descent and after landing such that the pictures taken portray the sky toward the top of the frame and the ground toward the bottom of the frame. | Multiple Cameras oriented appropriately | Test | Completed |
| The data from the payload shall be stored onboard and transmitted wirelessly to the team's ground station at the time of completion of all surface operations. | 900 MHz transmitter &receiver | Test | Completed |

Payload Flight Test Results

Illuminance **Temperature (°F)** 1400.00 60.00 1200.00 50.00 1000.00 40.00 800.00 30.00 600.00 20.00 400.00 10.00 200.00 0.00 0.00 14:50 14:53 14:56 14:59 15:02 15:05 5:14 5:17 5:20 5:23 5:26 5:29 5:32 $\begin{array}{c} 5502\\ 5506\\ 5506\\ 5506\\ 5512\\ 5512\\ 5512\\ 5512\\ 5526\\$ 5:08 4:50 4:58 5:00 4:54 4:56 Ŧ Longitudinal bars indicate flight time UN % Relative Humidity 0.007 70 0.006 60 0.005 50 0.004 40 30 0.003 0.002 20 0.001 10 0.000 0 15:17 15:20 15:23 14:53 14:56 14:59 15:05 4:58 5:00 5:02 5:04 5:08 14:50 15:02 15:08 15:14 15:26 5:29 15:32 1.1 4:54 4:56

Payload Flight Test Results



Trajectory Numerical Simulation Program

| Rocket | USLI | | Chute diam | Dc | 2 | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|---------|----------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Rckt Mass (empty) | Mr | 10.99 | Time Incr | dt | 0.1 | | | | |
| Eng. Case mass | Ме | 0.772 | Mass Decr (propellant burned) | dm | 0.31897019 | | Avg. Thrust | | |
| Propellant mass | Мр | 1.177 | Grav. Const | gc | 9.8 | | 650.59 | | |
| Diameter, rocket | Dr | 0.10244 | Area, (widest part) | A | 0.008241932 | | | | |
| Impulse, motor(N-sec) | Im | 2437 | Chute area | A_2 | 3.141592654 | | True Impulse | | |
| Thrust (Newtons) | Та | 659 | Burn Time | tb | 3.69 | | 2400.66 | | |
| Air Density (kg/m^3) | rho | 1.2 | Eject time | te | 17.97 | Peak kph | Peak (m) | Peak (ft) | Peak mph |
| Drag coef | Cd | 0.52 | | | | 148.2 6 | 1192.41 | 3911.10 | 331.66 |

| | Elight Time | Drag | Thrust | Net | Mass | Acceleration | Velocity | Altitu de (m) | Rocket | | Air |
|---|-------------|------|---------|---------|-------|--------------|----------|---------------------|--------|--------|------|
| ł | t | Fd | Ft | FOICE | M | | V | | Area | mph | rho |
| ľ | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -126.80 | 12.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 1.22 |
| | 0.1 | 0.00 | 1065.32 | 938.83 | 12.91 | 72.74 | 7.27 | 1.09 | 0.01 | 16.27 | 1.22 |
| | 0.2 | 0.19 | 1020.05 | 893.69 | 12.88 | 69.41 | 14.21 | 2.86 | 0.01 | 31.80 | 1.22 |
| | 0.3 | 0.71 | 990.12 | 863.54 | 12.84 | 67.24 | 20.94 | 5.29 | 0.01 | 46.84 | 1.22 |
| | 0.4 | 1.54 | 966.76 | 839.67 | 12.81 | 65.54 | 27.49 | 8.37 | 0.01 | 61.50 | 1.22 |
| | 0.5 | 2.66 | 949.45 | 821.55 | 12.78 | 64.29 | 33.92 | 12.08 | 0.01 | 75.88 | 1.22 |
| | 0.6 | 4.04 | 932.14 | 803.17 | 12.75 | 63.01 | 40.22 | 16.42 | 0.01 | 89.98 | 1.22 |
| | 0.7 | 5.68 | 914.83 | 784.53 | 12.72 | 61.70 | 46.39 | 21.37 | 0.01 | 103.78 | 1.22 |
| | 0.8 | 7.56 | 897.52 | 765.66 | 12.68 | 60.37 | 52.43 | 26.91 | 0.01 | 117.28 | 1.22 |

Sample data with CTI L640 motor

Power Management System





Velocity Reduction System







Power Management System



Power Management System Concept with Arduino-Controlled Hi Torque Servo Controlled Velocity Reduction System

Rocksim indicates that the CP moves 0.25 inches forward with the dams extended. The CD increases from 0.52 to 7.0. There is no measureable difference in static stability with the dams extended or retracted.

Power Management System



Internal & external Interfaces

Connecting the Components

Three different connection methods are used:

- 1. Those that need intermittent access use #6, #8, or #10 T-nuts and screws.
- 2. Temporary connections between the ebay and the two parachute compartments use nylon shear pins. The shear pins prevent the rocket from premature separation due to a combination of drag, inertia, and momentum. The shear pins are, however, designed to fail when the black powder ejection charge is ignited.
- 3. Permanent connections use West System epoxy.

Bulkheads and Centering Rings

The bulkheads provide recovery harness mounts, confine the different components, and protect the components and electronics from black powder charges ignited during recovery system deployment. Eye-bolts are used on the bulkheads to provide a connection point for the recovery harnesses. The material for all bulkheads is 3/16 inch G10 fiberglass.