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## **Gravity Probe B Relativity Mission**

**Pre- and Post- Vibration Leak Test Procedure  
2.5" and 6" Vacuum Valves (3179 and 3223)**

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## **1 GENERAL TEST INFORMATION**

**1.1 This is critical flight hardware. The proper care should be taken in its handling.**

**1.2 Redline authority is given to test director with approval of QA**

### **1.3 Test Environment**

1.3.1 Temperature: 60-85 °F

1.3.2 Humidity: not critical

1.3.3 Cleanliness

1.3.4 Normal lab environment when valves are capped and bagged

1.3.5 Class 1000 Clean room when valves are open to atmosphere (use clean bench)

**1.4 ESD precautions – none needed**

**1.5 Notify ONR representative (Ed Ingraham) 48 hr before test begins**

### **1.6 Pass-Fail Criteria**

1.6.1 The leak rate after shake shall not degrade more than 50% from the level before shake.

### **1.7 Certified Test Personnel**

1.7.1 The test director and test engineer will be Chuck Warren . The quality engineer will be Ben Taller.

**1.8 Verification Matrix N/A**

**1.9 Nonconformance will be handled per the Stanford GP-B Quality Plan (P0108)**

**1.10 If a retest of any or all of the hardware is necessary, the test director will determine the appropriate changes in the procedure, with QA approval.**

## **2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

This procedure is for pressure leak testing of the Stanford 2.5” Vacuum Valves (S/U 3179) and 6” Vacuum Valves (S/U 3223). The valves will have protective covers over the vatterfly section to prevent contamination. These covers are integral to the pressure hardware, and will be installed in a class 10 clean room environment. In addition, the valves will be bagged. The tests will be conducted with the valves at ambient external temperature and pressure.

### 3 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

<b>Document number</b>	<b>Rev</b>	<b>Title</b>
3179	B	Valve, Vacuum, 2.5"
3223	A	Valve, Vacuum, 6"
210126-01		6" Vatterfly Valve, Random Vibration Fixture
210127-01		2.5 " Vatterfly Valve, Random Vibration Fixture
210125		2.5" PumpValve Cover
210124		2.5" PumpValve Cover Seal Side
210123		6" PumpValve Cover
210122		6" PumpValve Cover Seal Side

### 4 PARTS

#### 4.1 Take Delivery of Parts from Stores

4.1.1 Accept the following parts from Stores:

**Vatterfly Valve Parts List**

<b>Description</b>	<b>HFS Part Number</b>	<b>Rev</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>	<b>Installation Complete (QA)</b>
<b>2.5 in. Vat Valve</b>	<b>3179</b>			
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<b>2.5 in. Vat Valve</b>	<b>3179</b>			
<b>2.5 in. Vat Valve</b>	<b>3179</b>			
<b>6 in. Vat Valve</b>	<b>3223</b>			
<b>6 in. Vat Valve</b>	<b>3223</b>			
<b>6 in. Vat Valve</b>	<b>3223</b>			

## 5 TEST EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Model and Serial Number	Calibration
Helium Leak Detector		
Pressure Gage		

## 6 PRE-SHAKE PRESSURE LEAK TEST OF VALVE, VACUUM, 2.5" 3179

(5 items)

- 6.1.1 QA to attend testing \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.1.2 Testing will be done at Stanford. Assembly will be done on a class 10 clean bench.
- 6.1.3 This procedure will have been checked out on the flight spare unit \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.1.4 Attach the pump valve covers to valve
- 6.1.5 Attach leak detector to probe side of valve; evacuate probe side of valve.
- 6.1.6 Evacuate space side of valve
- 6.1.7 Inject space side of valve with  $14.7 \pm 0.1$  psia helium.
- 6.1.8 Record leak data in Table 1 every 30 sec for the first 5 minutes and every 5 minutes thereafter until equilibrium is reached.
- 6.1.9 Repeat steps 6.1.4 to 6.1.8 on the four flight valves
- 6.1.10 Record data in Table 1

## 7 PRE-SHAKE PRESSURE LEAK TEST OF VALVE, VACUUM, 6" (3223)

(3 items)

- 7.1.1 QA to attend testing \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.1.2 Testing will be done at Stanford. Assembly will be done on a class 10 clean bench.
- 7.1.3 This procedure will have been checked out on the flight spare unit \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.1.4 Attach the pump valve covers to valve
- 7.1.5 Attach leak detector to probe side of valve; evacuate probe side of valve.
- 7.1.6 Evacuate space side of valve
- 7.1.7 Inject space side of valve with  $14.7 \pm 0.1$  psia helium.
- 7.1.8 Record leak data in Table 2 every 30 sec for the first 5 minutes and every 5 minutes thereafter until equilibrium is reached.
- 7.1.9 Repeat steps 7.1.4 to 7.1.8 on the two flight valves
- 7.1.10 Record data in Table 2

**Table 1.**  
**2.5" Valve Pre-Shake Leak Rates**  
**(proceed until equilibrium leak rate occurs with permeation saturation)**

	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:
<b>Time (min)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>
<b>0</b>					
<b>0.5</b>					
<b>1.0</b>					
<b>1.5</b>					
<b>2.0</b>					
<b>2.5</b>					
<b>3.0</b>					
<b>3.5</b>					
<b>4.0</b>					
<b>4.5</b>					
<b>5.0</b>					
<b>10.0</b>					
<b>15.0</b>					
<b>20.0</b>					
<b>25.0</b>					
<b>30.0</b>					



**Table 2**  
**6" Valve Pre-Shake Leak Rates**  
**(proceed until equilibrium leak rate occurs with permeation saturation)**

	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:
<b>Time (min)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (sccs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (sccs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (sccs)</b>
<b>0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>0.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>1.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>1.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>2.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>2.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>3.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>3.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>4.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>4.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>5.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>10.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>15.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>20.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>25.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>30.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$

## **SHAKE VALVES PER PROCEDURE P0482**

### **8 POST-SHAKE PRESSURE LEAK TEST OF VALVE, VACUUM, 2.5" 3179**

**(5 items)**

- 8.1.1 QA to attend testing \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8.1.2 Testing will be done at Stanford. Assembly will be done on a class 10 clean bench.
- 8.1.3 Attach the pump valve covers to valve
- 8.1.4 Attach leak detector to probe side of valve; evacuate probe side of valve.
- 8.1.5 Evacuate space side of valve
- 8.1.6 Inject space side of valve with  $14.7 \pm 0.1$  psia helium.
- 8.1.7 Record leak data in Table 3 every 30 sec for the first 5 minutes and every 5 minutes thereafter until equilibrium is reached.
- 8.1.8 Repeat steps 9.1.3 to 9.1.8 on the remaining four flight valves
- 8.1.9 Record Data in Table 4.

### **9 POST-SHAKE PRESSURE LEAK TEST OF VALVE, VACUUM, 6" (3223)**

**(3 items)**

- 9.1.1 QA to attend testing \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9.1.2 Testing will be done at Stanford. Assembly will be done on a class 10 clean bench.
- 9.1.3 Attach the pump valve covers to valve
- 9.1.4 Attach leak detector to probe side of valve; evacuate probe side of valve.
- 9.1.5 Evacuate space side of valve
- 9.1.6 Inject space side of valve with  $14.7 \pm 0.1$  psia helium and allow equilibrium to be reached.
- 9.1.7 Record leak data in Table 4 every 30 sec for the first 5 minutes and every 5 minutes thereafter until equilibrium is reached.
- 9.1.8 Repeat steps 10.1.3 to 10.1.7 on the remaining two valves
- 9.1.9 Record Data in Table 3.

**Table 3**  
**2.5" Valve Post-Shake Leak Rates**  
**(proceed until equilibrium leak rate occurs with permeation saturation)**

	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:
<b>Time (min)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (scs)</b>
<b>0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>0.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>1.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>1.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>2.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>2.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>3.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>3.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>4.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>4.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>5.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>10.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>15.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>20.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>25.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>30.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$

**Table 4**  
**6" Valve Post-Shake Leak Rates**

	S/N:	S/N:	S/N:
<b>Time (min)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (sccs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (sccs)</b>	<b>Leak Rate (sccs)</b>
<b>0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>0.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>1.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>1.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>2.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>2.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>3.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>3.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>4.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>4.5</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>5.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>10.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>15.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>20.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>25.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$
<b>30.0</b>	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$	$\times 10^{-}$

## 10 PROCEDURE COMPLETION

The results obtained in the performance of this procedure are acceptable:

Integration Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Integration Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ITD \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The information obtained under this assembly and test procedure is as represented and the documentation is complete and correct:

QA Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

QA Program Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Copy discrepancies to D-Log and open Discrepancy Reports when required.

## 11 DATA BASE ENTRY

The following data shall be entered into the GP-B Data Base:

- Name, number and revision of this procedure
- Date of successful completion of procedure.
- Part numbers and serial numbers of Caging Units and their components