

# GRAVITY PROBE B PROCEDURE FOR SCIENCE MISSION DEWAR

## Reduce Liquid Level in Main Tank- Liquid at NBP

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**List of Abbreviations and Acronyms**

AG-x	Gauge x of Gas Module auxiliary section	MT	Main Tank
AMI	American Magnetics Inc.	MTVC	Main Tank Vent Cap
ATC	Advanced Technology Center	MTVC-G	Main Tank Vent Cap pressure gauge
Aux	Auxiliary	MTVC-RV	Main Tank Vent Cap relief valve
AV-x	Valve x of Gas Module auxiliary section	MTVC-V	Main Tank Vent Cap valve
Bot	Bottom	NBP	Normal boiling point
CN [xx]	Data acquisition channel number	ONR	Office of Naval Research
DAS	Data Acquisition System	PFCG	Fill Cap assembly pressure Gauge
EFM	Exhaust gas Flow Meter	PFM	Pump equipment Flow Meter
EG-x	Gauge x of Gas Module exhaust section	PG-x	Gauge x of Pump equipment
EM	Electrical Module	PM	Pump Module
ERV-x	Relief valve of Gas Module exhaust section	psi	pounds per square inch
EV-x	Valve number x of Gas Module exhaust section	psig	pounds per square inch gauge
FCV	Fill Cap Valve	PTD	Payload Test Director
FIST	Full Integrated System Test	PV-x	Valve x of the Pump equipment
GHe	Gaseous Helium	QA	Quality Assurance
GM	Gas Module	RAV-x	Remote Actuated Valve-x
GP-B	Gravity Probe-B	RGA	Residual Gas Analyzer
GSE	Ground Support Equipment	SMD	Science Mission Dewar
GT	Guard Tank	STV	SMD Thruster vent Valve
GTVC	Guard Tank Vent Cap	SU	Stanford University
GTVC-G	Guard Tank Vent Cap pressure gauge	SV-x	SMD Valve number x
GTVC-RV	Guard Tank Vent Cap relief valve	TG-x	Gauge x of Utility Turbo System
GTVC-V	Guard Tank Vent Cap valve	TV-x	Valve x of Utility Turbo System
GTV-G	Guard Tank vent pressure gauge	UTS	Utility Turbo System
GTV-RV	Guard Tank vent relief valve	Vac	Vacuum
GTV-V	Guard Tank vent valve	VCP-x	Vent cap pressure gauge
HX-x	Vent line heat exchanger in Gas Module	VCRV-x	Vent cap relief valve
KFxx	Quick connect o-ring vacuum flange (xx mm diameter)	VCV-x	Vent cap valve
LHe	Liquid Helium	VDC	Volts Direct Current
LHSD	Liquid Helium Supply Dewar	VF-x	Liquid helium Fill line valve
Liq	Liquid	VG-x	Gauge x of Vacuum Module
LL	Liquid level	VM	Vacuum Module
LLS	Liquid level sensor	VV-x	Valve x of Vacuum Module
LMMS	Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space	VW-x	Valve x of Dewar Adapter
LMSC	Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.		

**A. SCOPE**

This procedure describes the steps necessary to reduce the NBP liquid helium level in the Main Tank of the Science Mission Dewar. The steps include:

- Turn on Main Tank heater
- Reduce liquid level
- Turn off Main Tank heater

The Well is evacuated. The Guard Tank may be depleted or contain liquid. When the Guard Tank contains liquid it must be connected to the Gas Module.

**B. SAFETY****B.1. Potential Hazards**

Personal injury and hardware damage can result during normal positioning, assembly and disassembly of hardware. Examples include: positioning Dewar in tilt stand; integrating probe with airlock; positioning airlock on Dewar; removing airlock from Dewar; removing probe from Dewar; and positioning support equipment such as pressurized gas cylinders and supply dewars.

A number of undesired events may be associated with these operations. For example, personnel or equipment can be struck when hardware is being moved (e.g. by forklift or crane load). Personnel are subject to entrapment while positioning hardware, such as hands or feet caught between objects as hardware is moved into place. Suspended hardware may be dropped. Personnel can be caught between objects such as forklifts and walls or loads and building support columns.

In addition, liquid helium used in the SMD represents a hazardous material for the personnel involved in the operations. Cryogenic burns can be caused by contact with the cold liquid or gas, high pressures can result if boiling liquid or cold gas is confined without a vent path, and asphyxiation can result if the vent gas is allowed to accumulate.

The SMD Safety Compliance Assessment, document GPB-100153C discusses the safety design, operating requirements and the hazard analysis of the SMD.

**B.2. Mitigation of Hazards****B.2.1. Lifting hazards**

There are no lifting operations in this procedure

**B.2.2. Cryogenic Hazards**

The LM Building may have an oxygen deficiency monitor that alarms when the oxygen level is reduced to 19.5%. Additional temperature and pressure alarms, provided by the DAS, warn of potential over-pressure conditions. Emergency vent line deflectors are installed over the four burst disks on the SMD vacuum shell.

Only authorized and trained LM and SU personnel are allowed in the LM facilities without escort. All personnel working at a height 30 inches or

more off the floor are required to have an LM approved "Emergency Escape Breathing Apparatus" (EEBA), within easy reach. In the unlikely event of a large LHe spill all employees have been instructed to evacuate the room and contact LM safety.

The following additional requirements apply to all personnel involved directly in cryogenic operations. Gloves that are impervious to liquid helium and liquid nitrogen are to be worn whenever the possibility of splashing or impingement of high-velocity cryogenics exists or when handling equipment that has been cooled to cryogenic temperatures. Protective clothing and full-face shields are to be worn whenever the possibility of splashing cryogenics exists.

#### B.2.3. Other Hazards

When appropriate, tools or other items used with the potential to damage the SMD or Probe shall be tethered.

### B.3. Mishap Notification

#### B.3.1. Injury

In case of any injury obtain medical treatment as follows  
LM **Call 117**

#### B.3.2. Hardware Mishap

In case of an accident, incident, or mishap, notification is to proceed per the procedures outlined in Lockheed Martin Engineering Memorandum EM SYS229.

#### B.3.3. Contingency Response

Responses to contingencies (e.g., power failure) are listed in Appendix 3.

## C. QUALITY ASSURANCE

### C.1. QA Notification

***The NASA representative and SU QA shall be notified 24 hours prior to the start of this procedure.*** Upon completion of this procedure, the QE Manager will certify his/her concurrence that the effort was performed and accomplished in accordance with the prescribed instructions by signing and dating in the designated place(s) in this document.

### C.2. Red-line Authority

Authority to red-line (make minor changes during execution) this procedure is given solely to the Test Director or his designate and shall be approved by the QA Representative. Additionally, approval by the Payload Technical Manager shall be required, if in the judgement of the Test Director or QA Representative, experiment functionality may be affected.

### C.3. Discrepancies

A Quality Assurance Representative designated by D. Ross shall review any discrepancy noted during this procedure, and approve its disposition. Discrepancies will be recorded in a D-log or a DR per Quality Plan P0108. Any time a procedure calls for verification of a specific configuration and that configuration is not the current configuration, it represents a discrepancy of one of three types. These types are to be dealt with as described below.

1. If the discrepancy has minimal effect on procedure functionality (such as the state of a valve that is irrelevant to performance of the procedure) it shall be documented in the procedure, together with the resolution. Redlines to procedures are included in this category.
2. If the discrepancy is minor and affects procedure functionality but not flight hardware fit or function, it shall be recorded in the D-log. Resolution shall be in consultation with the PTD and approved by the QA representative.
3. All critical and major discrepancies, those that effect flight hardware fit or functions, shall be documented in a D-log and also in a Discrepancy Report, per P0108.

#### D. TEST PERSONNEL

##### D.1. Personnel Responsibilities

The performance of this procedure requires a minimum complement of personnel as determined by the Test Director. The Test Director is the designated signer for the “witnessed by” sign-off located at the end of each procedure. The person in charge of the operation (Test Director or Test Engineer) is to sign the “completed by” sign-off. ***The Test Director will perform Pre-Test and Post-Test Briefings in accordance with P0875 “GP-B Maintenance and Testing at all Facilities.” Checklists will be used as directed by P0875***

##### D.2. Personnel Qualifications

The Test Director must have a detailed understanding of all procedures and facility operations and experience in all of the SMD operations. Test Engineers must have SMD Cryogenic operations experience and an understanding of the operations and procedures used for the cryogenic servicing/maintenance of the Dewar.

##### D.3. Qualified Personnel

The names of those actually performing this procedure are to be initialed and the name of the person acting as Test Director should be circled.



<i>Test Director</i>	<i>Test Engineer</i>
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Dave Murray	Ned Calder
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## E. REQUIREMENTS

### E.1. Electrostatic Discharge Requirements

This procedure does not include any equipment sensitive to electrostatic discharge.

### E.2. Lifting Operation Requirements

There are no lifting operations in this procedure

### E.3. Hardware/Software Requirements

#### E.3.1. Commercial Test Equipment

No commercial test equipment is required for this operation.

#### E.3.2. Ground Support Equipment

The Ground Support Equipment includes the Gas, the Electrical Module, and the Vacuum Module. The Gas Module (Figure 1) provides the capability to configure vent paths, read pressures and flow rates, and pump and backfill vent lines. The Pump Module provides greater pumping capacity than the Gas Module, together with additional flow metering capabilities. The vent output of the Gas Module flows through the Pump Module. The Electrical Module contains the instruments listed in Table 1, and provides remote control of valves in the Gas Module, Pump Module, and SMD. The Vacuum Module contains a turbo pump, backed by a vane pump, and provides the capability to pump out the SMD vacuum shell.

This procedure calls for use of hardware located in the Gas and Electrical Modules.

#### E.3.3. Computers and Software:

The Data Acquisition System (DAS) is required for this procedure. The DAS reads and displays pressures, temperatures, and flow rates and monitors critical parameters. No additional computers or software are required.

#### E.3.4. Additional Test Equipment: NA

#### E.3.5. Additional Hardware: NA

#### E.3.6. Tools: NA

#### E.3.7. Expendables

<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Mfr./Part No.</i>
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Ethanol	AR	N/A
99.999% pure gaseous helium	AR	N/A
Vacuum Grease	AR	Dow Corning High Vacuum or Apiezon N

#### E.4. Instrument Pretest Requirements

The GSE instruments required to perform this procedure are listed in Table 1, together with their serial numbers, where available. Instruments that are required to have current calibrations are indicated in the Cal-Required column. Instruments that do not require calibration are those not used to verify performance requirements and are not connected to flight instrumentation. The status column is to be filled in with the due date of the instrument calibration sticker and verified to be in calibration by QE or QE designee.

**Table 1. Required Instrumentation and Calibration Status**

No.	Location	Description	User Name	Serial No.	Cal Required	Status Cal due date
1	DAS	Power Supply, H-P 6627A	-	3452A01975	Yes	
2	DAS	Power Supply, H-P 6627A	-	3452A01956	Yes	
3	DAS	Data Acquisition/Control Unit H-P 3497A	-	2936A245539	No	-
4	DAS	Digital Multimeter H-P 3458A	-	2823A15047	Yes	
5	EM	Vacuum Gauge Controller Granville-Phillips Model 316	EG-1a, -1b	2827	No	-
6	EM	Vacuum Gauge Controller Granville-Phillips Model 316	AG-2a, -2b	2826	No	-
7	EM	Vacuum Gauge Controller Granville-Phillips Model 316	EG-3	2828	No	-
8	EM	MKS PDR-C-2C	EG-2, FCG	92022108A	No	-
9	EM	Flow meter – Matheson 8170	EFM-1	96186	No	-
10	EM	Flow meter totalizer Matheson 8124	EFM-1	96174	No	-
11	EM	Liquid Helium Level Controller American Magnetics, Inc. 136	LLS Main Tank	96-409-11	No	-
12	EM	Liquid Helium Level Controller American Magnetics, Inc. 136	LLS Guard Tank	96-409-10	No	-
13	EM	Liquid Helium Level Controller American Magnetics, Inc. 136	LLS Well	96-409-9	No	-
14	EM	Liquid Helium Level Controller American Magnetics, Inc. 136	LLS Axial Lock	96-409-12	No	-
15	EM	Pressure Controller – MKS 152F-92	EV-7a, -7b	96203410A	No	-
16	EM	Power Supply HP 6038A	H08D Tank Heater	96023407A	Yes	
17	EM	Power Supply HP 6038A	H09D Tank Heater	3511A-13332	Yes	
18	EM	Power Supply HP 6038A	RAV Power Supply	3329A-12486	Yes	

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>User Name</b>	<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Cal Required</b>	<b>Status Cal due date</b>
19	EM	Vac Ion Pump power supply Varian 929-0910, Minivac	SIP	5004N	No	-
20	EM	Flow meter totalizer Veeder-Root	PFM-1	576013-716	No	-
21	GM	Pressure Gauge, Heise	AG-1	CC-122077	No	-
22	GM	Pressure Gauge, Marshall Town	AG-3	N/A	No	-
23	GM	Main Tank Heat Exchanger: a) Thermocouple, b) Current meter, c) Temperature set point controller	-	C-19950	No	-
24	GM	Guard Tank Heat Exchanger: a) Thermocouple, b) Current meter, c) Temperature set point controller	-	C-09920	No	-
25	VM	Vacuum Gauge readout, Granville-Phillips 316	VG-3 VG-4	2878	No	-
26	VM	Vacuum Gauge readout, Granville-Phillips 360	VG-1, VG-2 VG-5	96021521	No	-

#### E.5. Configuration Requirements

##### E.5.1. Main Tank

Liquid in the Main Tank must be at its normal boiling point (NBP)

##### E.5.2. Guard Tank

The Guard Tank may contain liquid or be depleted.

##### E.5.3. Well

The Well must be evacuated.

##### E.5.4. SMD Vacuum Shell

The Vacuum Shell pressure must be less than  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  torr. Document No. P0213, *Connect Vacuum Module to SMD*, contains the procedure for connecting to and pumping on the SMD vacuum shell.

##### E.5.5. Alarm System

1. The DAS alarm system must be enabled and contain the following alarm set-points:

- a. Top of lead bag temperature set (CN 28 and CN 29) at  $T \leq 6.0$  K.
- b. Relative Guard Tank Pressure (CN 46) set at  $P \geq 0.3$  torr.

##### E.5.6. GSE and Non-flight Hardware

1. The flight burst disk is installed at the SMD Fill Line.
2. The ion-pump magnet is installed.
3. GSE cabling must be connected between the SMD and the Electrical Module (P/N 5833812) and between the SMD and the Data Acquisition System (P/N 5833811).
4. The Fill Cap Assembly must be installed at SV-13 (See Figure 3)
5. Dewar Adapter heaters on SMD must be installed and operational.

E.6. **Optional Non-flight Configurations**

The following modifications or non-flight arrangement of the basic SMD configuration may also be in place. They are incidental to the performance of this procedure and not required.

1. The SMV may be installed in its transportation and test fixture.
2. A foreign object and debris shield covers the upper cone of the SMD.

3. The Vacuum shell pump out port at SV-14 may be connected to the Vacuum Module (P/N 5833816) via a 2-in valve and pumping line, with the valve in either the closed position or in the open position. The Vacuum Module pump may be off, actively pumping the pumping line up to a closed SV-6, or actively pumping the vacuum shell.
4. The thruster vent port is flanged to a shut-off valve.

F. **REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

F.1. **Drawings**

<b><i>Drawing No.</i></b>	<b><i>Title</i></b>
LMMS-5833394	<i>Instrumentation Installation</i>

F.2. **Supporting documentation**

<b><i>Document No.</i></b>	<b><i>Title</i></b>
LMMC-5835031	<i>GP-B Magnetic Control Plan</i>
GPB-100153C	<i>SMD Safety Compliance Assessment</i>
SU/GP-B P0141	<i>FIST Emergency Procedures</i>
LMSC-P088357	<i>Science Mission Dewar Critical Design Review</i>
SU/GP-B P0108	<i>Quality Plan</i>
LMMS GPB-100333	<i>Science Mission Dewar Failure Effects and Causes Analysis</i>
SU/GP-B P059	<i>GP-B Contamination Control Plan</i>
EM SYS229	<i>Accident/Mishap/Incident Notification Process</i>

F.3. **Additional Procedures**

<b><i>Document No.</i></b>	<b><i>Title</i></b>
SU/GP-B P0674	<i>Connect Main Tank Vent Line to Gas Module – Main Tank at NBP</i>
SU/GP-B P0676	<i>Connect Guard Tank Vent Line to Gas Module</i>
SU/GP-B P0879	<i>Accident/Incident/Mishap Notification Process</i>
SU/GP-B P0213	<i>Connect Vacuum Module to SMD</i>
SU/GP-B P0875	<i>GP-B Maintenance and Testing at all Facilities</i>

Operation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_

**G. OPERATIONS**

**G.1. Pre Operations Verifications**

- o Verify SU QA notified.  
Record: Individual notified \_\_\_\_\_,  
Date/time \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.
- o Verify NASA representative notified.  
Record: Individual notified \_\_\_\_\_,  
Date/time \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.
- o Record calibration due dates in Table 1 and section E.3.6.
- o Verify that persons actually performing this procedure have initialed their names in Sec. D.3 and the name of the Test Director is circled.
- o Complete pre-operations review.

QA Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**G.2. Verify Purity of All Sources of Helium Supply**

G.2.1. Record serial number on helium bottle/s.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Verify helium bottle/s have been tested for purity and record Op. Number.

Op. Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Record Step Number: \_\_\_\_\_

QA

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**G.3. Verify Configuration Requirements**

- G.3.1. Verify Dewar Top Plate heaters are operational.
- G.3.2. Verify Main Tank Vent Bayonet heaters are operational.
- G.3.3. Verify liquid in Main Tank at NBP ( $4.2 < T < 4.3$ ) and record temperature at bottom of tank CN [09] \_\_\_\_\_K.
- G.3.4. Verify ion-pump magnet installed.
- G.3.5. Verify Vacuum Shell Pressure  $< 5 \times 10^{-5}$  torr.

1. Turn on Vac-ion pump and record time of day \_\_\_\_\_
2. Use DAS [Monitor Data] for CN 99.
3. When value is steady, record pressure (IP) \_\_\_\_\_ torr. If pressure is above  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  torr, turn off Vac-ion pump and perform procedure P0213 to connect Vacuum Module and pump out SMD vacuum shell.
4. Exit [Monitor Data] and collect data with [Set Data Interval] to 5 min.
5. When data cycle is complete, turn off Vac-ion pump.

Verify DAS alarm system enabled and record set points.

1. **Top of lead bag temperature** – verify CN [29] on DAS alarm list and set to alarm at  $T \leq 6.0$  K.  
Record set point. \_\_\_\_\_ K
2. **Top of lead bag temperature** – verify CN [28] on DAS alarm list and set to alarm at  $T \leq 6.0$  K.  
Record set point. \_\_\_\_\_ K
3. **Relative Guard Tank Pressure** – verify CN [46] on DAS alarm list and set to alarm at  $\Delta P \geq 0.3$  torr.  
Record set point. \_\_\_\_\_ torr

G.3.7. Verify liquid-level alarms enabled and record set points.

1. **Main Tank** – ensure liquid-level alarm set  $\geq 20\%$ .  
Record set point. \_\_\_\_\_ %
2. **Guard Tank** – ensure liquid-level alarm set  $\geq 10\%$ , if there is liquid in the Guard Tank.  
Record set point. \_\_\_\_\_ %

G.3.8. Ensure GSE cabling connected between SMD and Electrical Module and between SMD and Data Acquisition System.

G.3.9. Verify Main Tank vent line connected to Gas Module. If not perform procedure P0674, *Connect Main Tank Vent Line to Gas Module – Main Tank at NBP*, to connect Main Tank vent.

G.3.10. \_\_\_\_\_ R  
Record liquid helium levels:

1. **Main Tank** \_\_\_\_\_ %
2. **Guard Tank** – If liquid in GT, verify level  $\geq 15\%$ . If necessary, perform procedure P0211, *Internal Main Tank to Guard Tank Transfer*, to raise level or regulate Guard Tank pressure per procedure P0881. \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Record Opt #: \_\_\_\_\_

QA Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**G.4. Establish GSE Valve Configuration and Record Pressures**

G.4.1. Set GSE valves as indicated in following Table. Record configuration in left-hand column, then place or ensure corresponding valve states as indicated.

<b>Configure Initial Valve States</b>		
	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
1. Main Tank vent	EV-9	EV-17
2. Guard Tank vent		
o With liquid – place in common manifold mode:	EV-16, EV-13, GTV-V	EV-20, EV-23
o Depleted and pressure regulated at EV-23	EV-16, EV-23, GTV-V	EV-13, EV-20
o Depleted and pressure regulated at GTV-Va	GTV-Va	EV-13, EV-16, EV-20, EV-23, GTV-V
3. Remaining EV valves	EV-7a/b	EV-4, EV-21/22, EV-14, EV-5, EV-8, EV-12, EV-10, EV-6, EV-18
4. AV valves		All

G.4.2. If Guard Tank depleted:

1. Verify source of 99.999% pure helium gas available at APR-2.
2. Verify Guard Tank Properly pressurized
  - o Guard Tank Vent Line Connected
    - a. Ensure EV-23 open and APR-2 set to 2 psig
  - o Guard Tank Vent Line Disconnected
    - b. Verify EV-23 closed
    - c. Verify GTV-Va open
    - d. Verify line connected between GTV-Va and APR-2V
    - e. Verify APR-2V open and APR-2 set to 2psig

QA Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**G.5. Establish Initial Condition of SMD**

G.5.1. Using the RAV log book verify that the dewar's internal valves are in the following positions. If not, investigate to ensure previous RAV operations properly recorded. If necessary, note resolution in D-log.



1. **Open:** RAV-3, and RAV-6B.
2. **Closed:** RAV-1, RAV-2, RAV-5, RAV-6A, and RAV-7.

G.5.2. Verify that SMD external valves are in the following positions.

1. **Open:** SV-9.
2. **Closed:** SV-13, STV and FCV.

G.5.3. Record appropriate Guard Tank pressure:

1. GT with liquid (EG-1a): \_\_\_\_\_ torr,
2. GT depleted (GTV-G) \_\_\_\_\_ torr (relative to atm).

G.5.4. Record Main Tank pressure (EG-3) \_\_\_\_\_ torr.

QA Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

G.6. **Set Up Data Acquisition**

**Note:** Refer to Operating Instructions for mechanics of DAS keyboard/mouse operations.

G.6.1. Set the main Tank liquid level sampling interval to 1 minute.

G.6.2. Input comment to DAS "Start reduction of Main Tank liquid level".

QA Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

G.7. **Reduce Main Tank Liquid Level**

G.7.1. Specify desired final helium level in Main Tank: \_\_\_\_\_%

**Note:** Heaters H09D and H08D are designed for 1.3 A and 52 VDC (40 ohms) per the SMD CDR [Ref. 4]. Heater power supplies should be operated in the voltage limited mode.

The set points for H09D of 50 VDC and 1.3 A results in 62.5 W of heat being deposited in the Main Tank, with the power supply in the voltage limited mode. At 4.2 K ( latent heat = 20.6 J/g, density = .125 g/cc) use this requires 27.5 hrs to boil off the entire 2400 liters of Helium, or 2.75 hours to reduce the liquid level by 10%.

The boiloff rate should be limited to approximately 100 liters per hour to avoid exceeding the vent-line heat exchanger capacity. This is equivalent to approximately 70 W of total power from both heaters combined. The set points for H08D are chosen to maintain a combined heater power < 70 W.

G.7.2. Turn on Main Tank Heater H09D:

1. Set power supply current limit to 1.3 amp.
2. Set voltage of heater H09D to 50 Vdc and record:
  - a. Time of Day: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. V: \_\_\_\_\_ Vdc and I: \_\_\_\_\_ a

G.7.3. Turn on Main Tank vent-line heat exchanger in Gas Module.

G.7.4. Open EV-6 and EV-18 to reduce back pressure on Main Tank.

- G.7.5. **(Option)** Turn on Main Tank Heater H08D
1. Set power supply current limit to 0.5 amp.
  2. Set voltage of heater H08D to  $\leq 14$  Vdc and record:
    - a. Time of Day: \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. V: \_\_\_\_\_ Vdc and I: \_\_\_\_\_ A
- G.7.6. Record data in attached Data Sheet every 10 minutes.

**CAUTION**

**Monitor and maintain positive Guard Tank pressure. If the Guard Tank pressure drops below atmospheric perform the following option (G.7.7).**

- G.7.7. **(Option)** Add heat to Guard Tank to maintain positive pressure:
1. Close/verify closed EV-13.
  2. Turn on power supply for Guard-Tank heater (H-3D or H-4D)
  3. Set power supply current limit to 0.07 amps.
  4. Set voltage limit to 50 VDC and record:  
V \_\_\_\_\_ Vdc and I \_\_\_\_\_ A.
  5. Adjust heater voltage as necessary to maintain Guard Tank pressure (GTV-G). in the range  $15 \text{ torr} < \Delta P < 30 \text{ torr}$ .
  6. Monitor and maintain positive Guard Tank pressure throughout the pump-down. Record data on attached data sheets.
- G.7.8. When Main Tank liquid level sensor reads desired level record:
1. Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Main Tank bottom temperature CN [09] \_\_\_\_\_ K
  3. Lead Bag CN[28] \_\_\_\_\_ K
- G.7.9. Close EV-6 and EV-18
- G.7.10. \_\_\_\_\_ T  
urn off power supply to Main Tank heater(s).
- G.7.11. \_\_\_\_\_ T  
urn off power supply to Guard Tank heater(s).
- G.7.12. \_\_\_\_\_ T  
urn off Main Tank vent-line heat exchanger (EH-1).

QA Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

G.8. **Establish Final Configuration**

- G.8.1. Input comment to DAS "End of Main Tank liquid level reduction".
- G.8.2. Set the DAS data cycle to 15 minutes.

- G.8.3. Ensure that power to Vac-Ion pump is off.
- G.8.4. Ensure that Main Tank vent-line heat exchanger (EH-1) is off.
- G.8.5. Ensure Main Tank heaters are powered off (H-8D and H-9D).
- G.8.6. Ensure Guard Tank heaters are powered off (H-3D, H-4D)

G.8.7. Verify GSE valves set as indicated in following Table. Record configuration in left-hand column, then ensure corresponding valve states are as indicated.

<b>Configure Final Valve States</b>		
	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Main Tank vent	EV-9	EV-17
Guard Tank vent		
o With liquid – place in common manifold mode:	EV-16, EV-13, GTV-V	EV-20, EV-23
o Depleted and pressure regulated at EV-23	EV-16, EV-23, GTV-V	EV-13, EV-20
o Depleted and pressure regulated at GTV-Va	GTV-Va	EV-13, EV-16, EV-20, EV-23, GTV-V
Remaining EV valves	EV-7a/b	EV-4, EV-21/22, EV-14, EV-5, EV-8, EV-12, EV-10, EV-6, EV-18
AV valves		All

G.8.8.

Ensure DAS alarm enabled and record set points if changed

- o Thermal conditions substantially unchanged, alarm set points for the lead bag are unchanged and set to alarm.
- o Thermal conditions substantially changed, temperature alarm points reset as follows:
  - a. Top of Lead set Point bag CN [29] \_\_\_\_\_ K ( $\leq 6.0$  K)
  - b. Top of Lead Bag set point CN [28] \_\_\_\_\_ K ( $\leq 6.0$  K)

G.8.9. Ensure liquid level sensor alarms enabled on Main Tank and Guard Tank and record set points if changed.

1. Main Tank Level                      Set Point \_\_\_\_\_%
2. Guard Tank                              Set Point \_\_\_\_\_%

**CAUTION**  
**The Guard Tank may tend to subcool following the completion of this procedure. Establish continuous monitoring of the Guard Tank pressure by placing it on the DAS alarm list. Maintain positive pressure in the Guard Tank by regulating pressure as necessary.**

- G.8.10. E  
 Ensure Guard Tank pressure on DAS alarm list and set to alarm at > 0.3 torr differential.
- G.8.11. I  
 If Guard Tank liquid level <15%, verify Guard Tank properly pressurized
  - o Guard Tank Vent Line Connected
    - a. Ensure EV-23 open and APR-2 set to 2 psig
  - o Guard Tank Vent Line Disconnected
    - b. Verify EV-23 closed
    - c. Verify GTV-Va open
    - d. Verify line connected between GTV-Va and APR-2V
    - e. Verify APR-2V open and APR-2 set to 2psig
- G.8.12. C  
 Continue to monitor and record data on data sheet for 30 minutes to ensure that system stabilizes.
- G.8.13. V  
 Verify Completion of Post Operations checklist

QA Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**H. PROCEDURE SIGN OFF**

**Completed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witnessed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quality Manager** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

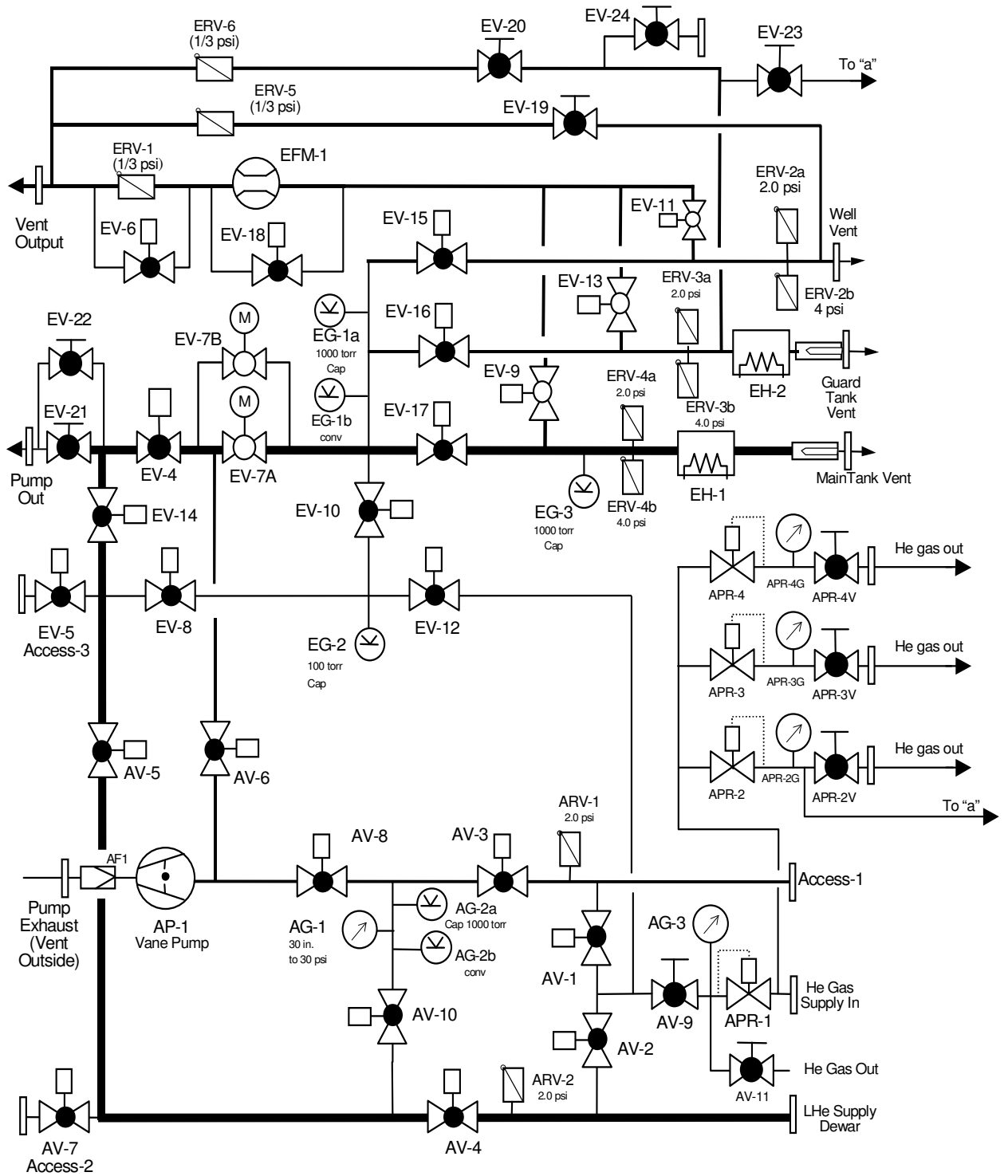
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**Data Sheet 1**

									SMD External Temp. Control		
Date	M.T. bottom	Lead bag top	HX-1	G.T. bottom	M.T. Pressure	G.T. Pressure	Main Tank Liquid level	Main Tank Flow rate	M.T. Vent Bayonet /O-ring	Valve SV-9 /Top Plate	SV-9 Knob/ Dewar Adapter
Time	T-9D [9] (K)	T-20D [28] (K)	T-03D [5] (K)	T-15D [24] (K)	EG-3 [114] (torr)	EG-1 [112] (torr)	LL-1D [101] (%)	PFM-1 [110] LL/hr	(°C/°C)	(°C/°C)	(°C/°C)



									SMD External Temp. Control		
Date Time	M.T. bottom T-9D [9] (K)	Lead bag top T-20D [28] (K)	HX-1 T-03D [5] (K)	G.T. bottom T-15D [24] (K)	M.T. Pressure EG-3 [114] (torr)	G.T. Pressure EG-1 [112] (torr)	Main Tank Liquid level LL-1D [101] (%)	Main Tank Flow rate PFM-1 [110] LL/hr	M.T. Vent Bayonet /O-ring (°C/°C)	Valve SV-9 /Top Plate (°C/°C)	SV-9 Knob/ Dewar Adapter (°C/°C)



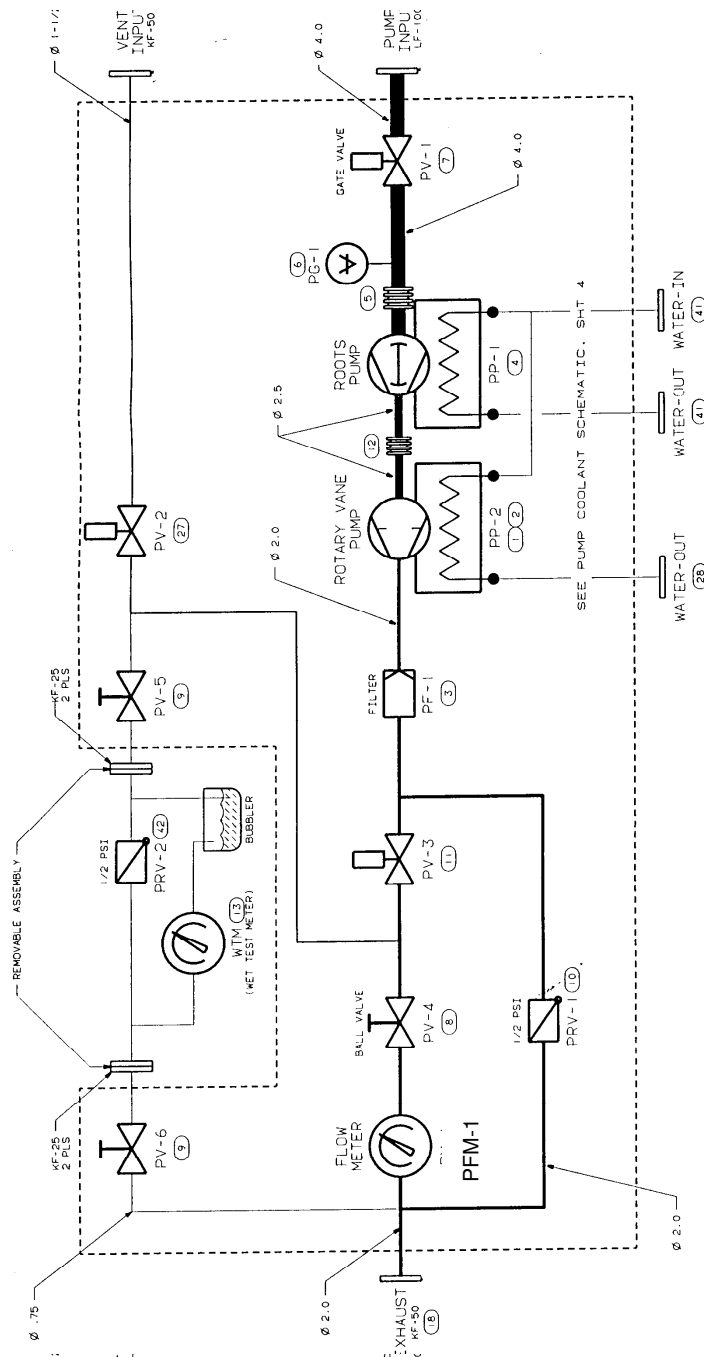
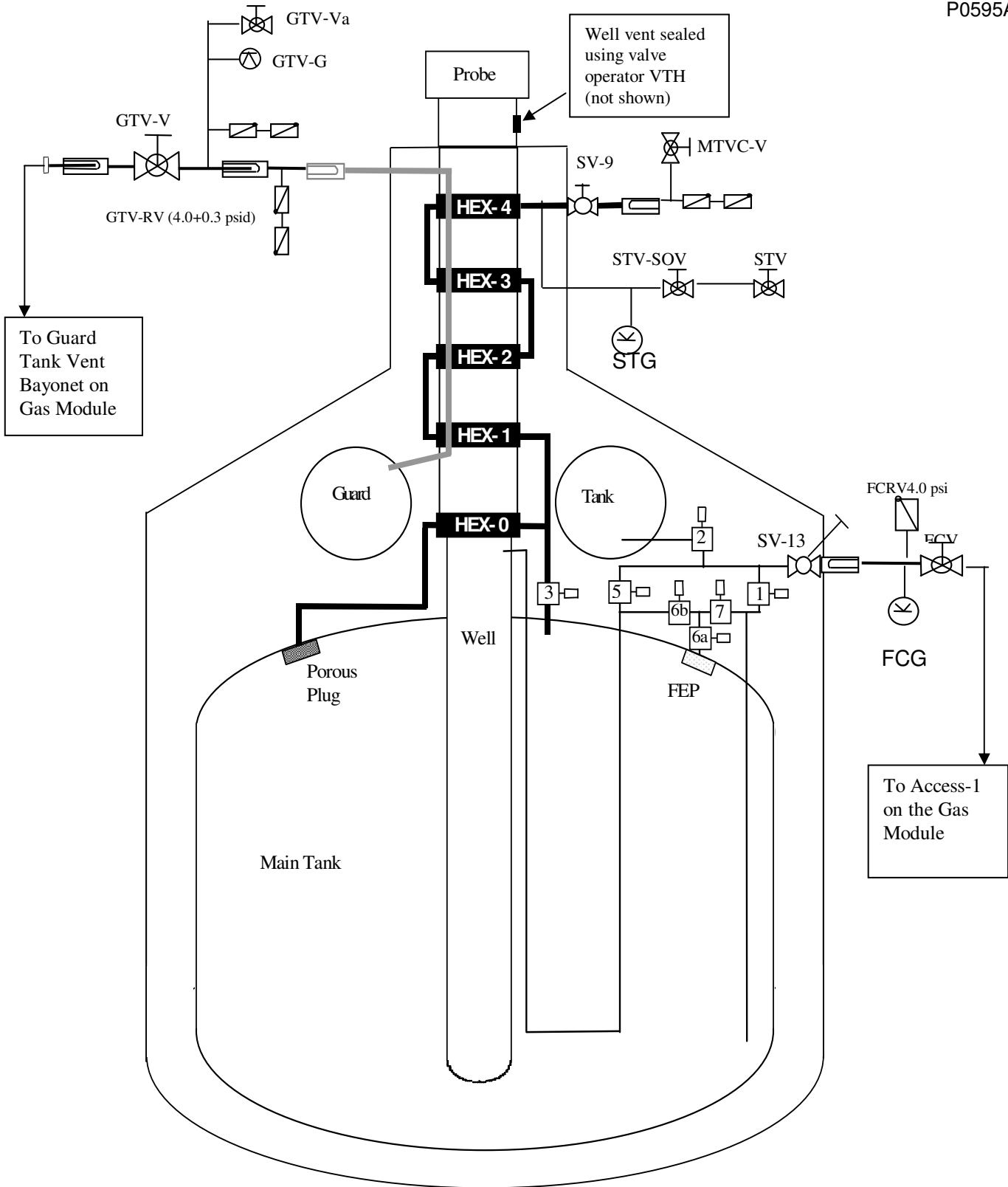


Figure 2. Schematic of Pump Module plumbing.



**Figure 3** Schematic representation of SMD showing interfaces with Gas module.

Appendix 1

DATE	CHECKLIST ITEM	COMPLETED	REMARKS
	1. Verify the test procedure being used is the latest revision.		
	2. Verify all critical items in the test are identified and discussed with the test team.		
	3. Verify all required materials and tools are available in the test area.		
	4. Verify all hazardous materials involved in the test are identified to the test team.		
	5. Verify all hazardous steps to be performed are identified to the test team.		
	6. Verify each team member knows their individual responsibilities.		
	7. Confirm that each test team member clearly understands that he/she has the authority to stop the test if an item in the procedure is not clear.		
	8. Confirm that each test team member clearly understands that he/she must stop the test if there is any anomaly or suspected anomaly.		
	9. Notify management of all discrepancy reports or d-log items identified during procedure performance. In the event an incident or major discrepancy occurs during procedure performance management will be notified immediately.		
	10. Confirm that each test team member understands that there will be a post-test team meeting.		
	Team Lead Signature: _____		

Appendix 2

DATE	CHECKLIST ITEM	COMPLETED	REMARKS
	1. Verify all steps in the procedure were successfully completed.		
	2. Verify all anomalies discovered during testing are properly documented.		
	3. Ensure management has been notified of all major or minor discrepancies.		
	4. Ensure that all steps that were not required to be performed are properly identified.		
	5. If applicable sign-off test completion.		
	6. Verify all RAV valve operations have been entered in log book		
	7. Verify the as-run copy of procedure has been filed in the appropriate binder		
	Team Lead Signature: _____		

## Appendix 3– Contingency Responses

	Condition	Circumstance	Response
1	Power Failure	If before section G.7	Terminate Procedure
		If after section G.7	Wait for power restoration
2	Burst disk rupture (MT/GT)	Any time	Evacuate room

Reduce Liquid Level in Main Tank

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