

Safety & Mission Assurance

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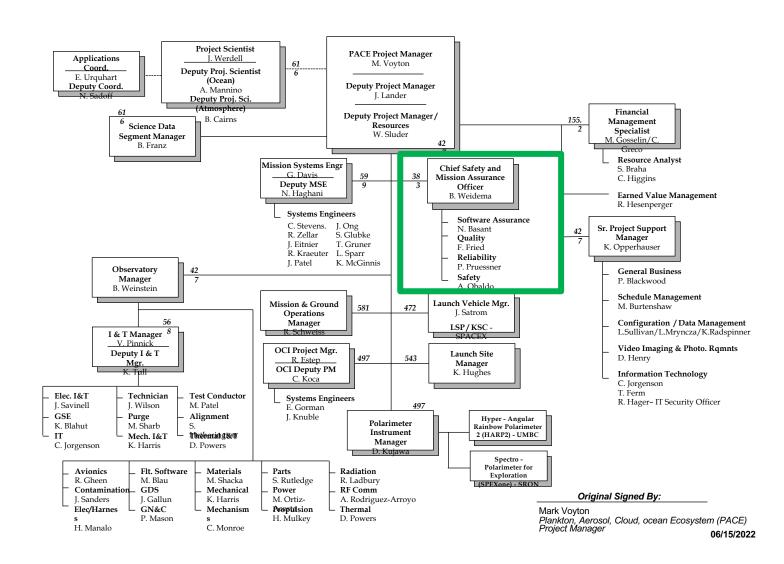
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PACE Organization Chart

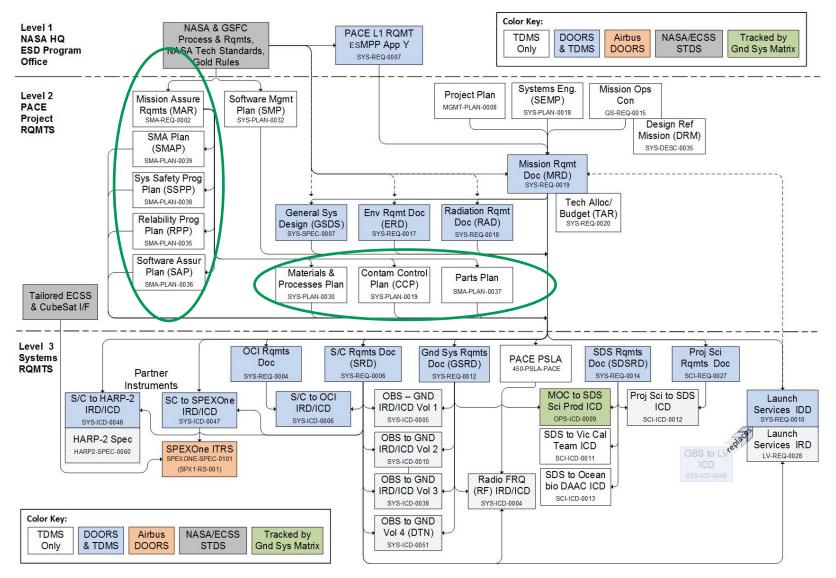






PACE Document Tree







Electronic Assembly Inspection



- 100% visual inspection to drawing requirements
 - Component population
 - Polarity of components
 - Part Marking on components
 - Bonding
 - Staking
 - Wiring
 - Mechanical Configurations
 - Solder joint workmanship
 - Foreign Object Debris
 - Damage
 - Configuration control
- Projects have Hundreds of electronic assemblies
- Each assembly with Thousands of inspection points







A Few Development Challenges...



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• **Discrepancy:** capacitor was installed in reverse polarity, the card was powered up and incurred damage to the capacitor.

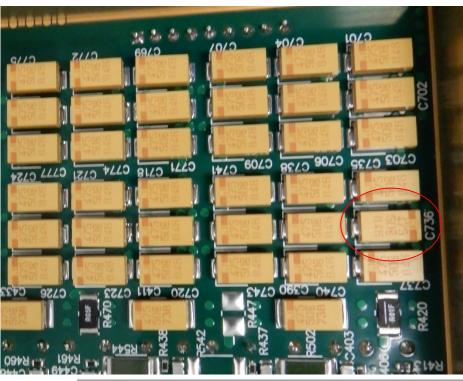
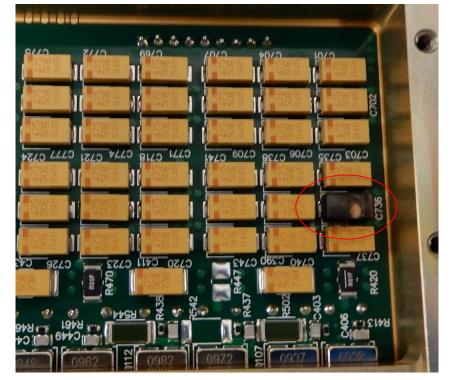


Photo before card power up

Photo after card power up





Reverse Polarity Diode

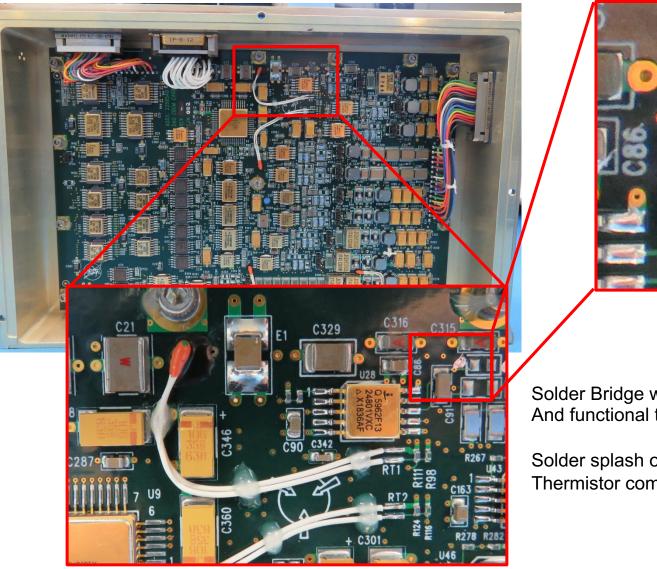


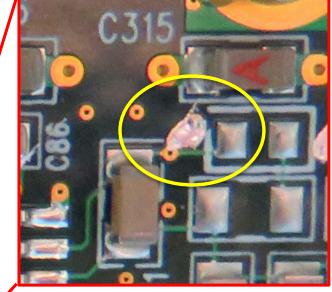
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Solder Splash Bridging Conductive Vias After Rework







Solder Bridge was identified after rework And functional testing, which revealed a failure

Solder splash occurred after a replaced nearby Thermistor component (orange with white wires)

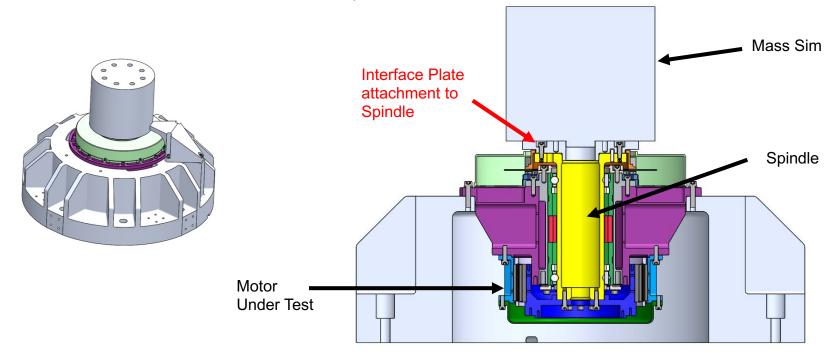






Discrepancy: Interface used to attach the Mass simulator to the spindle which in turn is holding the Motor was found to be attached with **only 2 "snugged"** fasteners during test. Missing other 6 fasteners and full torque.

Process Escape: Fit check steps not included in WOA.WOA steps calls for interface plate to spindle assembly – didn't do it b/c tech/engineer/QA thought it was already assembled, redlined this step out of the event WOA calls for torque values. But wasn't recorded, as tech thought it was already assembled and torqued in an earlier event (no earlier event calls for this)

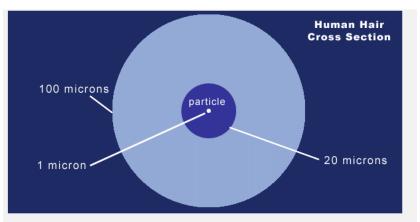




Contamination Control







When speaking of particulate contamination we are talking about particles that are very small and not necessarily visable to the eye. The graphic above demonstrates the variance in particulate size. The smallest visable particulates are approximately 50 microns.

Challenge with Cleaning Optics during Integration Pre-clean Post-clean





E Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Control





ESD Wrist Strap required whenever we are within 1 meter of ESD sensitive hardware.

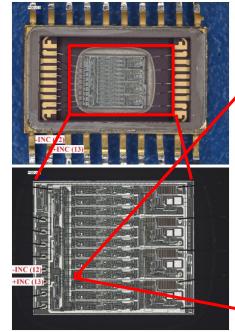
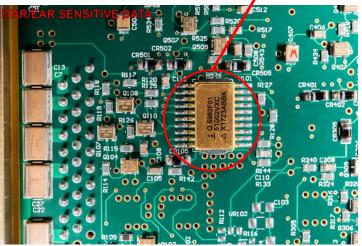


Figure 7. Optical images of SN 0537 after decapsulation. The INC signal pins are indicated.



The two pin holes on the right in the capacitor of the integrated circuit (IC) are indicative to ESD induced damage.



Figure 14. Optical image of the capacitor with spuch of the polysilicon ch mically removed (some residual remains). The capacitor dielectric is groosed. The red oval indicates two pinholes in the direct relayer.



Figure 17. Tilted and rotated SEM image of the pinholes in the dielectric layer.













NOAA-19 Satellite Incident during I&T



- Cause: A result of process and procedural control deficiencies.
- Impact: \$135 Million in repairs

