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GEORGE C. MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

STANDARD

PENETRANT INSPECTION METHOD

This specification has been approved by the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) and is mandatory for use by MSFC and associated contractors.

- 1. SCOPE
- 1.1 This specification covers the requirements governing inspection of materials and parts by the penetrant method.
 - 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS
- 2.1 The following documents form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise indicated, the issue of sublevel documents in effect on the date of invitation for bids or request for proposals shall apply.

SPECIFICATION

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MIL-I-6866B, Amndt 2

Inspection, Penetrant Method of

STANDARD

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MIL-STD-410D

Nondestructive Testing Personnel, Qualification and Certification

PUBLICATION

Government

NHB 8060.1A, Test 13 Ambient Liquid Oxygen and Pressurized Liquid and Gaseous Oxygen Mechanical Impact Tests

(Copies of specifications, standards, drawings, and publications required by contractors in connection with specific procurement functions should be obtained from the procuring activity or as directed by the Contracting Officer.

3. DEFINITIONS

See Military Specification MIL-I-6866 for applicable definitions.

4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Requirements The requirements set forth in specification MIL-I-6866 shall govern, with the following exceptions.
 - 4.2.1 Critical Process Designation Ref MIL-I-6866, paragraph 5.1; add -

The penetrant inspection method is hereby designated a critical process. The contractor shall document the process specification/procedure and supportive information substantiating his procedure as specified herein, beginning with precleaning preparation and extending through post-inspection cleaning and marking. He shall provide a copy to the Government Procuring Agency for approval prior to process implementation. This does not relieve the contractor of his responsibility for the effective performance of required penetrant inspection or the quality of his product.

4.2.2 Qualification of Inspection Personnel - Ref MIL-I-6866, paragraph 5.8, revise first sentence -

All penetrant inspection personnel shall be qualified in accordance with MIL-STD-410D and as specified herein.

4.2.3 Deviation/Relief - Ref MIL-I-6866, Section 5; add -

When the contractor encounters circumstances of design, manufacturing processes sequencing, materials selections, etc., which could cause damage to or degradation of the parts/materials, as a result of full implementation of this specification, he shall submit a request for relief/deviation to the Government Procuring Agency. This request for relief/deviation shall identify the requirements of this specification which, in the contractor's opinion, might degrade or damage the part/material and shall recommend an alternate approach. The request shall contain substantiating rationale to support the contractor's position and to assess those alternates proposed. If deviation/relief from the requirements of this specification are adjudged warranted, the contractor will be so advised via the Contracting Officer.

5. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 Requirements The requirements set forth in specification MIL-I-6866 shall govern, with the following exceptions.
 - 5.1.1 Article Degradation Ref MIL-I-6866, paragraph 3.1; add-

Materials employed in the penetrant inspection procedure shall be evaluated by the contractor to assure that the article being inspected is not degraded (ie, precleaning and masking, inspection, post-inspection cleaning and marking materials.)

5.1.2 Oxidizer Compatibility - Ref MIL-I-6866, paragraph 3.2; delete and replace with -

When penetrant inspection is to be performed on parts/
materials which are intended for service where contact will be made
with a strong oxidizer, such as in liquid oxygen lines or tanks, all of
the materials employed in the penetrant inspection procedure (ie,
precleaning and masking, inspection, post-inspection cleaning and
marking) must be tested for impact sensitivity, prior to use, as specified in NHB 8060.1A, Test 13. Only those materials passing this test
shall be employed. Batch testing shall be employed to assure batch
compliance; traceability, storage and handling methods which will
not negate such testing shall be employed. Procedures for performing
testing and controlling acceptable materials shall be included in the
critical process procedure, required in paragraph 4.2.1.

5.1.3 Precleaning - Ref MIL-I-6866, paragraph 5.2; delete and replace with -

When inspecting by the penetrant method or methods, all surfaces of basic material and parts shall be free from any rust, scale, welding flux, burrs, feather edges, smeared metal, spatter, grease, paint, carbon, plating, engine varnish, oily film, dirt and other contaminants which could tend to mask defects or give irrelevant indications. Abrasive blasting shall be used to clean metals only if the surface of the metal is to be subsequently cleaned by etching/descaling to remove any residual abrasive or peened metal which might seal surface defects. Paint shall be removed by chemical removers and not by abrasive methods whenever possible. All descaling/etching solutions must be neutralized and flushed from the surface of the part or material, as these cleaners affect fluorescence of penetrant. All parts must be thoroughly dried before application of penetrant. All parts/materials which have been previously machined or mechanically cleaned shall be etched to remove all smeared metal that could mask defects. When required, steels and other high strength, highly heat-treated parts shall be etched to remove smeared metal, and baked within I hour after etching. Baking of steel shall be at 375°F for 3 hours to remove hydrogen; for other metals it shall be the time and temperature specified for the particular metal. After baking, and prior to penetrant application, parts shall be cooled below 1500F or the maximum temperature specified by the manufacturer for application of penetrant, whichever is lower. When cleaning plastic materials, solvents which adversely affect these materials shall not be used.

5.1.4 Post-Inspection Cleaning - Ref MIL-I-6866, paragraph 5.5; add -

After inspection is completed, all parts and materials shall be cleaned to assure removal of the materials employed in the inspection operations.

5.1.5 Marking - Ref MIL-I-6866, paragraph 6.1; add -

Parts which are designated for use in oxidizer systems, assemblies, etc., shall not be marked with organic dyes or inks, or other materials which are not compatible with oxidizers such as LOX.

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