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INTRODUCTION

This document contains revised flight mission assignments for the Apollo/Little Joe II and Apollo/Saturn flight programs. Issue A of this document dated April 9, 1963 is superceded by this issue.

Proposed changes to this document shall be submitted to MSF for review and coordination. The Apollo Flight Mission Assignments document will be revised, as required, to reflect approved changes and to complete mission definitions.

**APOLLO FLIGHT MISSION ASSIGNMENTS - LITTLE JOE II
DEVELOPMENT FLIGHTS**

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MISSION TYPE	TRANSONIC LES DEVELOPMENT	TRANSONIC ABORT DEVELOPMENT	HIGH ALTITUDE ABORT DEVELOPMENT
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DETERMINE SEPARATION DISTANCE CAPABILITY OF LES IN PROPELLING CM AT TRANSONIC CONDITIONS. 2. DETERMINE STABILITY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LAUNCH ESCAPE CONFIGURATION DURING THE THRUSTING PERIOD. 3. DEMONSTRATE PARACHUTE RECOVERY SYSTEM (ONE DROGUE CHUTE). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VERIFICATION OF LAUNCH ESCAPE AND PARACHUTE RECOVERY SYSTEM OPERATION. 2. DETERMINE STABILITY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LAUNCH ESCAPE SYSTEM IN THE CRITICAL AERODYNAMIC STABILITY RANGE CONFIGURATION. 3. DETERMINE TOWER LOADS. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VERIFICATION OF LAUNCH ESCAPE AND PARACHUTE RECOVERY SYSTEM OPERATION. 2. DETERMINE STABILITY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LAUNCH ESCAPE SYSTEM IN THE CRITICAL AERODYNAMIC STABILITY RANGE CONFIGURATION. 3. DETERMINE CAPABILITY OF RCS TO RATE STABILIZE THE CM. 4. DETERMINE EFFECTS OF LES PLUME IMPINGEMENT.
SPACECRAFT	BP-12 (INTERIM LAUNCH ESCAPE CONFIGURATION)	BP-23 (SIMULATED BLOCK I CSM AND LES)	BP-22 (SIMULATED BLOCK I CSM AND LES)
LAUNCH VEHICLE	2	3	5
LAUNCH DATE	2nd QUARTER - 1964	4th QU. - 1964	1st QUARTER - 1965
TEST CONDITIONS	ALTITUDE (FEET)	20,000	70,000
	DYNAMIC PRESS. (PSF)	~ 500	~ 600
	MACH NUMBER	~ 0.9	~ 3.0

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**APOLLO FLIGHT MISSION ASSIGNMENTS - LITTLE JOE II
QUALIFICATION FLIGHTS**

MISSION TYPE		MAX. Q ABORT QUALIFICATION	HIGH ALT. ABORT QUALIFICATION	ABORT QUALIFICATION
OBJECTIVES		1. QUALIFICATION OF BLOCK I CM LAUNCH ESCAPE AND PARACHUTE RECOVERY SYSTEMS. 2. QUALIFICATION OF STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF BLOCK I ESCAPE CONFIGURATION AT SIMULATED SATURN MAX. Q CONDITIONS. 3. DEMONSTRATE CM-SM SEPARATION SYSTEM. 4. DETERMINE STABILITY OF LAUNCH ESCAPE CONFIGURATION.	1. QUALIFICATION OF BLOCK I CM LAUNCH ESCAPE AND PARACHUTE RECOVERY SYSTEMS. 2. DETERMINE HIGH ALTITUDE EFFECTIVENESS OF LAUNCH TOWER FORWARD FIN. 3. DETERMINE STABILITY OF LAUNCH ESCAPE CONFIGURATION.	1. QUALIFICATION OF BLOCK II CM LAUNCH ESCAPE AND PARACHUTE RECOVERY SYSTEMS.
SPACECRAFT		002 (BLOCK I CSM)	010 (BLOCK I CSM)	024 (BLOCK II CSM)
LAUNCH VEHICLE		6	7	8
LAUNCH DATE		3rd QUARTER - 1965	4th QUARTER - 1965	1967
TEST CONDITIONS		ALTITUDE (FEET)	100,000 - 120,000	TO BE DETERMINED
		DYNAMIC PRESS. (PSF)	~ 700	TO BE DETERMINED
		MACH NUMBER	~ 1.4	TO BE DETERMINED

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APOLLO FLIGHT MISSION ASSIGNMENTS - SATURN I

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MISSION TYPE	APOLLO DEVELOPMENT	MICROMETEOROID EXP. AND APOLLO DEVEL.																																				
OBJECTIVES	1. L/V TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. (LH ₂ PROPULSION AND STAGE SEPARATION) 2. L/V GUIDANCE. 3. LAUNCH ENVIRONMENT. 4. DEMONSTRATE LES UNDER FLIGHT CONDITIONS.	1. MICROMETEOROID DATA. 2. L/V TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. (LH ₂ PROPULSION AND STAGE SEPARATION) 3. L/V GUIDANCE. 4. LAUNCH ENVIRONMENT.																																				
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LAUNCH VEHICLE	SA-6	SA-9																																				
LAUNCH DATE	2nd QUARTER - 1964	4th QUARTER - 1964																																				
PROFILE	INSERT INTO ELLIPTICAL ORBIT OF APPROX. 100/115 N.MI. NO RECOVERY.	INSERT INTO ELLIPTICAL ORBIT OF APPROX. 215/625 N.MI. NO RECOVERY.																																				
FLIGHT	LAUNCH AZIMUTH	105 DEGREES																																				
DATA	DURATION	> 3 ORBITS																																				
	TRACKING NETWORK	AMR																																				

NOTE 1: REQUIREMENT IN ORBIT. THE L/V SHALL HAVE A PAYLOAD CAPABILITY WHICH EXCEEDS THE PAYLOAD REQUIREMENT BY AT LEAST THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO CARRY A LES UNTIL JETTISONED.

NOTE 2: SA-7 PAYLOAD REQUIREMENT MAY BE CHANGED TO BE IDENTICAL TO SA-6.

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DISCUSSION OF SATURN IB AND SATURN V PROGRAM

Saturn IB and Saturn V Apollo test flights provide for launch vehicle and spacecraft development and for demonstration of crew performance. These test flights and the lunar missions are summarized on the following three charts which describe flight missions and flight mission assignments.

APOLLO FLIGHT MISSIONS

The two Apollo Flight Mission charts cover the five test mission types and the lunar mission. The three mission types shown on page 8 use the Saturn IB launch vehicle to demonstrate operation of the complete spacecraft with limited propellant loading. The first Saturn V mission summarized on page 9 verifies entry at lunar return velocity. The second Saturn V mission covers the lunar mission simulation and the lunar missions. Launch vehicle development objectives are included in the first mission type for each vehicle.

The charts indicate the launch vehicles and spacecraft that shall be configured for performance of each mission type. In addition to the spacecraft listed on the charts, dummy (boilerplate) spacecraft are being considered for use in the event of major space vehicle problems. Consideration is also being given to the use of Block I CSM's on the first two Saturn V vehicles.

At least two flights each of the "L/V-CSM Development" (Saturn IB) and the "L/V and Heat Shield Development" (Saturn V) missions are required for launch vehicle development objectives. Also, two flights of the "CSM-LEM Operations" mission are planned. Additional launch vehicles and spacecraft identified under

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each mission type provide for contingency and/or repeated flights. The objectives of the contingency flights may be altered to focus on the problems being encountered. Repeat flights of the "CSM-LEM Operations" mission can provide crew training opportunities using the Saturn IB vehicle if required.

The "L/V-CSM Development" (Saturn IB) and the "L/V and Heat Shield Development" (Saturn V) missions require a mission programmer located in the CSM to achieve flight objectives. A mission programmer for the LEM shall be available for flights of the "CSM-LEM Operations" mission.

APOLLO FLIGHT MISSION ASSIGNMENTS

The Apollo Flight Mission Assignments chart on page 10 shows the allocation of launch vehicles to the five mission types. The spacecraft available for assigned flight missions in the Saturn IB and Saturn V programs are also shown. The launch dates are those in the Manned Space Flight Schedules of January, 1964.

The requirement for two development flights of the Saturn IB and Saturn V launch vehicles establishes flights 203 and 503, respectively, as the first opportunities for the manned "CSM Long Duration Operation" (Saturn IB) and the manned "Lunar Mission Simulation" (Saturn V) missions. Availability of the LEM and a CSM with docking facilities sets flight 206 as the first opportunity for a manned "CSM-LEM Operations" (Saturn IB) mission. If LEM's and CSM's with docking structures become available for use on flights prior to 206, consideration will be given to combining unattained objectives of the "CSM Long Duration




Operations" mission with the "CSM-LEM Operations" mission.

It is planned that spacecraft test flights on the Saturn IB will be transferred to the Saturn V as soon as that vehicle is capable of being manned. As a result, Saturn IB launch vehicles may become available for other uses. Consideration is being given to alternate payloads for Saturn IB vehicles 207 through 212.

Launch schedules during the period of overlap between the Saturn IB and the Saturn V programs will be adjusted, where required, to conform to the availability for launch of six complete spacecraft per year.

Where alternate missions have been assigned to the same launch vehicle, the spacecraft and the launch vehicle shall be capable of performing either mission. In addition, all spacecraft shall be capable of flight missions on either the Saturn IB or Saturn V launch vehicle without significant modification.

In succeeding issues of this document the missions will be defined further. In addition, requirements for major program decisions, including lead times, will be identified.



APOLLO FLIGHT MISSIONS - SATURN IB

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MISSION TYPE	L/V - CSM DEVELOPMENT			CSM LONG-DURATION OPERATIONS			CSM-LEM OPERATIONS					
OBJECTIVES	1. L/V DEVELOPMENT. 2. S-IVB AND INSTRUMENT UNIT CHECKOUT IN ORBIT. 3. COMPATIBILITY AND STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF CSM-SATURN IB. 4. VERIFICATION OF CSM SYSTEMS OPERATION (RCS, SCS, SPS, ECS, EPS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND G & N SYSTEMS). 5. HEAT SHIELD VERIFICATION AT APPROXIMATELY 29,000 FPS. (A) MAX. HEAT RATE. (B) MAX. HEAT LOAD.											
	SPACECRAFT			CSM LONG-DURATION OPERATIONS			CSM-LEM OPERATIONS					
	ITEM	WT. (LESS PROP.)	ITEM	WT. (LESS PROP.)	ITEM	WT. (LESS PROP.)	1. TRANSPOSITION AND DOCK.	2. CREW TRANSFER.	3. VERIFICATION OF LEM SYSTEMS OPERATION.	4. RENDEZVOUS AND DOCK.		
CSM & ADAPTER	22,700 LBS.	011, 012, 014, 015	23,900 LBS.	012, 014, 015	23,900 LBS.	021, 025, 032, 030, 034						
LEM						1, 2, 3, 4, 5						
PAYLOAD REQUIREMENT (NOTE 1)	36,000 LBS. (NON ORBITAL) (NOTE 2)			32,900 LBS.			33,900 LBS.					
LAUNCH VEHICLES	201			202 THROUGH 205 (NOTE 3)			203 THROUGH 205 (NOTE 3)					
PROFILE TYPES	I LOB POWERED FLIGHT OF L/V ON NON-ORBITAL SLIPPER-CIRCULAR ENTRY "LOB-TYPE" TRAJECTORY CSM/S-IV B SEPARATION. USE SPS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED ENTRY CONDITIONS FOR MAX. HEAT RATE. (PLANNED FOR FIRST FLIGHT ONLY.)			II ORBITAL INSERT INTO 105 N. MI. CIRCULAR ORBIT. CSM/S-IVB SEPARATION AFTER 1 TO 3 ORBITS. USE SPS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED ENTRY CONDITIONS FROM CIRCULAR ORBIT. ALTERNATE PROFILE: USE SPS TO ACHIEVE ELLIPTICAL ORBIT AND TO ACHIEVE DESIRED ENTRY CONDITIONS.			I DOCKING OPERATIONS. RENDEZVOUS AND DOCK DOCK. (CSM ACTIVE) LEM PROPULSION OPERATIONS. DE-ORBIT WITH SPS. ENTRY.			II INSERT INTO 105 N. MI. CIRCULAR ORBIT. TRANSPOSITION AND DOCK. SPACECRAFT/S-IVB SEPARATION. RENDEZVOUS AND DOCK OPERATIONS. (LEM ACTIVE) DE-ORBIT WITH SPS. ENTRY.		
FLIGHT DATA	LAUNCH AZIMUTH	105 DEGREES			72 DEGREES			72 DEGREES				
	DURATION TRACKING NETWORK	3 - 6 ORBITS			10-14 DAYS			3 DAYS				
		AMR			MSFN			MSFN				

NOTE 1: WEIGHT OF SPACECRAFT AND ADAPTER AT LV/SC SEPARATION. THE L/V SHALL HAVE A PAYLOAD CAPABILITY WHICH EXCEEDS THE PAYLOAD REQUIREMENT BY AT LEAST THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO CARRY A 6600 LB. LES UNTIL JETTISONED.

NOTE 2: SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF LV STRUCTURAL CAPABILITY. INJECTION CONDITIONS TO BE DEFINED LATER.

NOTE 3: PAYLOAD CAPABILITY OF 204 AND 205 IS APPROXIMATELY 1000 LBS. HIGHER THAN PAYLOAD REQUIREMENT AND LES REQUIREMENT.

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APOLLO FLIGHT MISSIONS - SATURN V

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MISSION TYPE	L/V & HEAT SHIELD DEVELOPMENT	LUNAR MISSION SIMULATION AND LUNAR MISSIONS
OBJECTIVES	1. L/V DEVELOPMENT. 2. COMPATIBILITY AND STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF SPACECRAFT - SATURN V. 3. HEAT SHIELD VERIFICATION AT 36,000 FPS. 4. VERIFICATION OF LAUNCH AND GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.	1. CREW/SPACE VEHICLE/GROUND SYSTEMS VERIFICATION DURING SIMULATED LUNAR MISSION. 2. LUNAR EXPLORATION.
SPACECRAFT	ITEM WT. (LESS PROP.)	ITEM WT. (LESS PROP.)
CSM & ADAPTER	(NOTE 3) 018,023, _____	025,032,030,034,036,037,038, _____ 23,400 LBS.
LEM	STRUCTURE, STRUCTURE, _____	2,3,4,5,6,7,8, _____ 8,400 LBS.
PAYLOAD REQUIREMENT (NOTE 1)	TO BE DETERMINED (NOTE 2)	
LAUNCH VEHICLES	501 THROUGH 506	
PROFILE TYPES	INSERT INTO 100 N. MI. CIRCULAR ORBIT. AFTER ORBITAL CHECKOUT FOR 1-3 ORBITS, INJECT INTO ELLIPTICAL TRAJECTORY. CSM/S-1VB SEPARATION. USE SPS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED ENTRY CONDITIONS.	SIMULATION PROFILE TO BE DEVELOPED
FLIGHT DATA	LAUNCH AZIMUTH DURATION TRACKING NETWORK	LUNAR MISSION INSERT INTO 100 N. MI. CIRCULAR ORBIT. AFTER ORBITAL CHECKOUT OF 1 - 3 ORBITS, INJECT INTO TRANSLUNAR TRAJECTORY. TRANSPOSITION AND DOCK. SPACECRAFT/S-1VB SEPARATION. MIDCOURSE CORRECTIONS AND DEBOOST INTO LUNAR ORBIT BY SPS. LEM SEPARATION, DESCENT AND TOUCHDOWN. LUNAR LAUNCH, RENDEZVOUS AND DOCK. AFTER LEM SEPARATION, USE SPS FOR BOOST OUT OF LUNAR ORBIT AND MIDCOURSE CORRECTIONS. ENTRY.
	72 DEGREES	10 DAYS MSFN

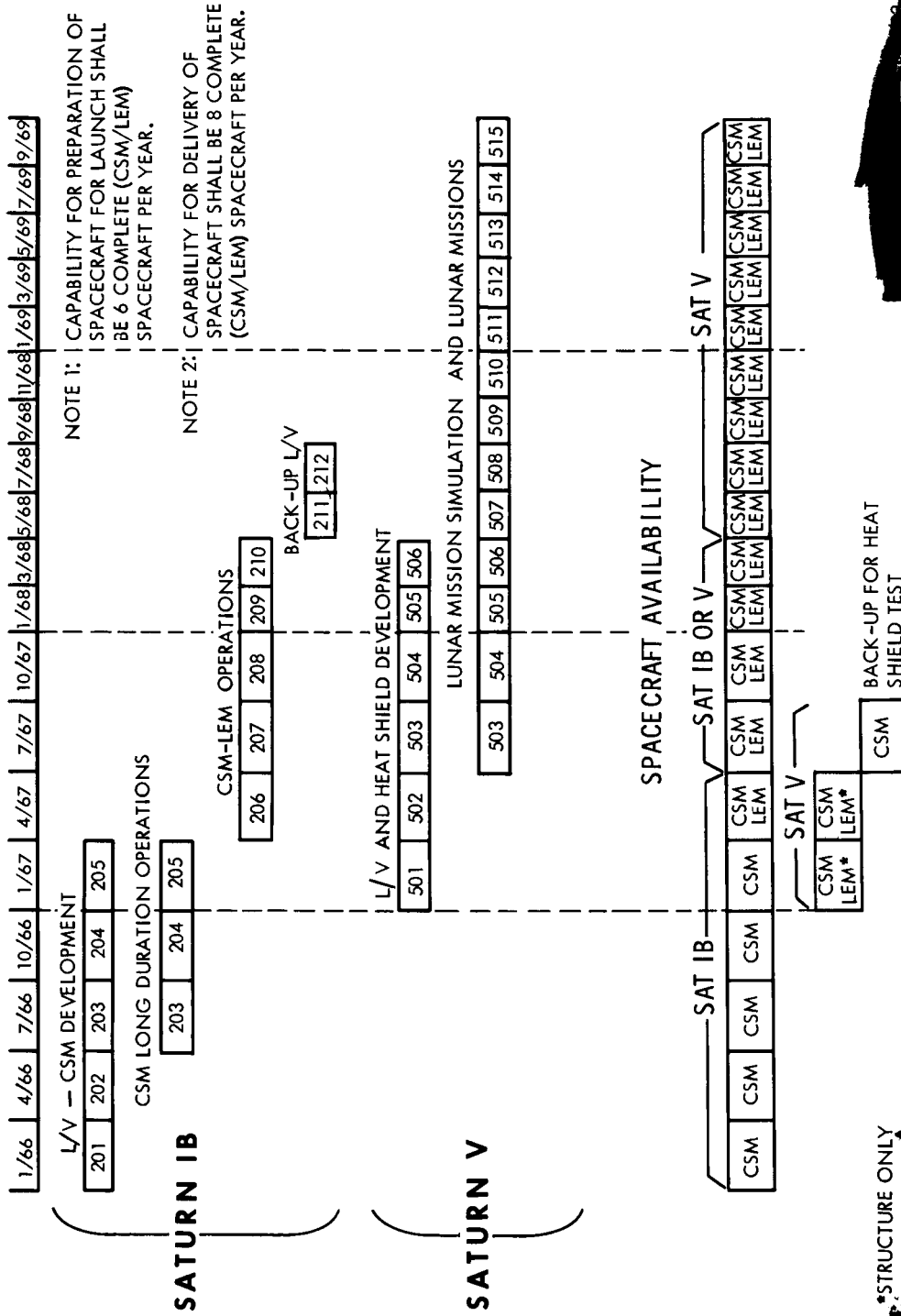
NOTE 1: WEIGHT OF CSM/S-1VB AND ADAPTER AT LV/SC SEPARATION. THE LV/SC SHALL HAVE A PAYLOAD CAPABILITY WHICH EXCEEDS THE PAYLOAD REQUIREMENT BY AT LEAST THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO CARRY A 6600 LB. LES UNTIL JETTISONED.

NOTE 2: 90,000 LB. PAYLOAD CAPABILITY REQUIRED FOR LUNAR MISSION.

NOTE 3: CSM 029 IS A BACK-UP FOR HEAT SHIELD TESTS.

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