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B/L: 389.00  
SYS: 250-TON  
BRIDGE  
CRANE, VAB

**Critical Item:** Relay, Auxiliary Hoist (2 Total, 1/Crane)  
**Find Number:** 2RUN  
**Criticality Category:** 2

<b>SAA No:</b> 09FY12-005	<b>System/Area:</b> 250-Ton Bridge Crane (#1 & #2)/VAB
<b>NASA Part No:</b> NA	<b>PMN/ Name:</b> K60-0533, K60-0534/ 250-Ton Bridge Crane (#1 & #2)/VAB
<b>Mfg/ Part No:</b> Westinghouse/ Type: M-011 Style: 493A571G01	<b>Drawing/ Sheet No:</b> 69-K-L-11388/ 17

**Function:** Energizes to allow input current from the generator field DC input controller to the generator field winding to move the DC drive motors.

**Critical Failure Mode/Failure Mode No:**

- a. 'Pull in' fails deactivated (coil fails open)/09FY12-005.049
- b. N.O. contact fails open OR N.C. contact fails closed/09FY12-005.050

**Failure Cause:**

- a. Corrosion, fatigue
- b. Corrosion, binding mechanism

**Failure Effect:** (For both failures) Generator field winding will not be energized. No output from the generator. No hoist motor torque while the command is being given to raise, lower or float the load and the brakes are released. The load will descend with regenerative braking at 1.7 ft/min (0.34 in/sec) max (based on maximum load capacity of the hoist, in reality this would descend slower). The worst case would be attempting to lift or float a critical load (SRB forward assembly) from the stop position, releasing the brakes, the failure occurring, and the effect being the critical load descending and striking the VAB floor, transporter, work platforms, MLP, or Shuttle Stack resulting in possible damage to a vehicle system. Time to effect: seconds.

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## ACCEPTANCE RATIONALE

### Design:

<u>Contact Ratings</u>	<u>Actual</u>
600 volts	109 volts max
150 amps	Testing required
<u>Coil Ratings</u>	<u>Actual</u>
600 volts	120 volts

- Contact material: silver.
- Coil can withstand 110% of rated voltage without burnout.
- This relay was off-the-shelf hardware selected by the crane manufacturer for this application.

### Test:

- OMRSD file VI requires verification of proper performance of hoist operational test annually.
- OMI Q3008, Operating Instructions, requires all crane systems be operated briefly in all speeds to verify satisfactory operation before lifting operations.

### Inspection:

- OMI Q6003, Maintenance Instructions, requires annual inspection of relay contacts and contact members for burning, pitting, proper alignment, and discoloration caused by overheating; visual check of closing coils for deteriorated insulation and evidence of overheating or burning.

### Failure History:

- The PRACA database was researched and no failure data was found on this component in the critical failure mode.
- The GIDEP failure data interchange system was researched and no failure data was found on this component in the critical failure mode.

### Operational Use:

- Correcting Action:
  - 1) The failure can be recognized via the ammeter (lack of current) and the Selsyn (positions change) that is in view of both operators.
  - 2) When the failure indication is noticed, the operator can stop all crane operations by pressing the E-Stop button, returning the Master Control Switch to neutral, or releasing the brake switch if in the float mode.
  - 3) Operators are trained and certified to operate these cranes and know and understand what to do if a failure indication is present.

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- 4) During all critical lifts, there is at least one remote Emergency Stop (E-Stop) operator observing the load lift, and can stop the crane if a failure indication is noticed.
  - 5) Operationally, the crane must be operated in the fine or float speed mode if a critical load is within 10 feet of any structure in the direction of travel.
- Timeframe:
    - Estimated operator reaction time is 3 to 10 seconds.