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Critical Item: Expansion Valve

Find Number: A108012

Criticality Category: 15

SAA No: 09GS05-003

System/Area: ECS/SLF/SL5

NASA

PMN/ 570-0534/

Part No: N/A

Name: Portable Purge Unit

Mfg/ Dunham Bush/Alco Controls

Drawing/

Part No: LCLE6B

Sheet No: 79K06061/1

Function: Senses temperature of discharged hot gaseous R-12/oil and injects liquid/gaseous R-12 to cool compressor.

Critical Failure Mode: Fails closed or clogs. FM No. 09GS05-003.007

Failure Cause: Contamination, structural failure.

Failure Effect: Loss of ability to cool compressor. Compressor overheats and shuts down. Blower/compressor interlock shuts down blower. Loss of air flow results in loss of purge to Orbiter compartments. Loss of ability to monitor purge air for leaks. Possible loss of life or vehicle during a hazardous condition such as leakage of hazardous fluids or gases.

#### Acceptance Rationale

##### Design:

- o The expansion valves used in this system are within the manufacturer's design constraint for use with refrigerant-12 coolant. Design pressure = 300 psig; operated at = 160 psig max.
- o Unit operating media is R-12 and a closed system. Also, a filter/dryer unit is provided to prevent moisture and contaminants from entering the expansion valve.

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Test:

- o The OMRSO, File VI will require that operation of the purge unit is verified prior to each use.
- o The purge unit is powered up and verified operational approximately three hours prior to Orbiter landing per OMI S0028 and S0026.

Inspection:

- o There is no inspection available for the expansion valve that would not require the refrigerant system to be open to the atmosphere.

Failure History:

- o PRACA failure history indicates that five problem reports were written against this component in the Critical failure mode.
  - Valve will not adjust, failed closed. Replace valve.
  - Kink in capillary tube, valve fails closed. Repaired tube.
  - Powerhead on valve was bad, replaced powerhead.
  - Capillary tube is broken, valve fails closed. Replaced tube.
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- o No GIDEP failure history identified.

Operational Use:

- o There is nothing that can be done immediately to mitigate the effect of the failure.
- o The purge unit is monitored for any indication of malfunction. If any anomalies are observed, appropriate steps are taken to repair or replace the item.