

FILM SCRIPT

for

SATURN I/IB QUARTERLY FILM REPORT

No. 15

(Covering January, February, March, 1963)

(Unclassified)

FILM

NASA seal:

Match dissolve to Planet
Saturn, with word "Saturn"
superimposed across it:

At left of screen, pop
on outline of Saturn I,
with words "Saturn I" beneath
it.

S-1 stage of outline becomes
red, and words "S-I" pop on to
left of it.

S-IV stage of outline becomes
red, and words "S-IV" pop on to
left of it.

NARRATION

Three heavy space vehicles are being
developed by the National Aeronautics
and Space Administration...

...Under the project name "Saturn".

The first configuration, known as
Saturn I, consists of...

...a booster called S-1, with eight
H-1 engines...

...plus an S-IV stage, the instrument
unit and payload.

FILM

Pop on outline of S-IB at right
of screen, with words "Saturn IB"
beneath it.

S-1 Stage of outline
becomes red, and words
"S-1" pop onto right of it.

S-IVB stage of outline
becomes red, and words
"S-IVB" pop on to right
of it.

Pop on words
"Quarterly Report No. 15"
beneath drawing of
Planet Saturn

NARRATION

A second configuration, Saturn IB...

...consists of a S-1-B first stage...

...plus an S-IVB upper stage, an
instrument unit and Apollo Space craft.

This film report, No. 15, will cover
progress on the Saturn I and IB during
the period January through March 1963.

FILM

MCU of man seated at desk
reading a copy of the
"Marshall Star"--followed
by ECU showing printed
words "Saturns Get New
Names: I, IB, and V"

Loading booster aboard
the "Promise"; barge
leaving dock; water
scene en route.

Barge arriving at
Cape (stock)

NARRATION

Slight changes in the names of
Saturn vehicles were announced by
NASA during this quarter in the
interest of simplification. New
designations for the Saturn C-1,
C-1B and C-V are now Saturn I,
IB, and V, respectively.

The fourth Saturn I flight
vehicle, SA-4, was shipped from
Marshall Space Flight Center
aboard the Saturn barge "Promise"
on January 20th, bound for Cape
Canaveral. En route, the barge
encountered heavy seas in the Gulf
and tied up briefly at Fort Pierce,
Florida.

It arrived at the Cape on
February 2nd, ...

FILM

Saturn vehicle fully
erected on pad
(stock)

SA-4 on pad just
before launch

Interior of blockhouse
during final countdown.
(Stock footage)

NARRATION

...and was erected on the launch
pad the following day.

Highlighting this report period,
on March 28th, was the successful
launching--from Complex 34 at Cape
Canaveral--of the fourth Saturn I
launch vehicle, SA-4.

Several minor technical difficulties
during the countdown, mostly in
ground support equipment, delayed the
firing about 1 1/2 hours.

FILM

Lift-off and flight

NARRATION

(SOUND EFFECTS: VERY BRIEFLY, FULL SOUND OF SATURN FIRING: THEN, LOWER SOUND EFFECTS AND VOICE OVER--)

While the SA-4 flight, shown in slow motion, was similar in many respects to that of earlier Saturns, there were several significant departures. At 100 seconds following liftoff, engine number 5 was deliberately cut off, but the vehicle held on course while the propellant distribution system channeled the remaining fuel into the other seven engines, extending burning time two seconds to compensate for loss of thrust. Several other changes in the vehicle will contribute to the development of the Block II version of Saturn. Some components of future Saturns were attached to the inert second stage. Control accelerometers were used actively for the first time.

FILMARRATION

Flown as a passenger was the engineering model of the ST-124 stabilized platform, which will be used actively beginning with the sixth Saturn, a Mistram system transponder was also flown on a passenger basis, a "Q-Ball" angle-of-attack device was mounted in the nose cone and several sections of new heat shield insulation at the tail section were tested. SA-4 reached maximum altitude of 81 miles, range of 232 statute miles, and peak velocity of 3847 miles per hour.

FILM

Static firing of

SA-5

Engineer footage showing

instrumentation units

NARRATION

Meanwhile, at Marshall, three static firings of the booster for the fifth Saturn flight vehicle, SA-5, were conducted. The first, for 32 seconds, was successful. The second firing was conducted for a period of 143 seconds. However, propulsion system deficiencies appeared in data analysis and corrective action was taken. On March 27th, a third firing of 144 seconds was successfully performed. Results indicated that the deficiencies had been corrected.

More than 1,000 measurements of propellant flow rates, temperatures, vibration levels and other data were recorded during the firing.

FILM

Static firing of

SA-5

LS of SA-D-5 in

dynamic test stand

MS of dynamic testing of

SA-D5 showing booster

action, cable, shake test.

CU of cable showing

shake test.

MS of electro magnetic

shake device

NARRATION

The SA-5 booster, first in the Block II series, is the initial flight booster to be static fired at full thrust of 1.5 million pounds.

Dynamics Testing of the complete Block II vehicle, SA-D5, began at Marshall in January and was completed early in March.

Next quarter, dynamics tests will begin using Saturn I upper stage and boilerplate Apollo.

As the Saturn hangs on giant cables and coil springs, it is put through paces which simulate flight conditions.

As the vehicle bends rhythmically, or vibrates, driven by a large electrical device, . . .

FILM

Show stress measuring
devices and analog computer.

Show removal of
booster from Dynamics
Test Tower

NARRATION

... stress measurements are taken at
vital points all over the vehicle.
Results of testing are fed into an
analog-digital computer, which changes
data into digital numbers on magnetic
tape. The tape is then run through
another computer which prints the re-
sults for immediate study.

Following first phase testing, the
booster was removed from the Test
Stand and will be shipped to the
Cape in April for use in Launch
Complex 37B checkout. Complete
vehicle testing will be resumed
in June.

FILM

Overall shot of
instrument unit mounted
between the S-IV interstage
and the spacecraft
adapter

Shot of inner loading
arrangements.

MCU of strain gauges
and deflection
indicators

MCU of data processing
system equipment

NARRATION

At Marshall's Propulsion and
Vehicle Engineering Division, an
SA-5-type instrument unit was
mounted, for structural testing,
between a Douglas-built forward
interstage and a spacecraft
adapter, simulating flight hardware.

Flight loads, incorporating
adequate safety factors, are applied
to assure proper structural per-
formance in actual flight. These
flight loads consist of aerodynamic,
inertial, and internal pressure loads.

Stresses produced in this structure are
measured at several hundred points and
recorded for analysis. A duplicate of
this instrument unit will be flown on
SA-5.

FILM

Choose best scenes from
sequence on testing of
combination support and
hold-down arms

LS of interior of barge
with SA-5 mock-up in
place. (0789)

NARRATION

Testing the new combination support
and hold-down arms for Block II launch
pedestals began at Marshall this
quarter. The first set was delivered
to Complex 37B in January. Testing
of a second set was suspended when
cracks were discovered on the upper
part of five arm castings. Recheck of
the set at Complex 37B, and a third
set of arms under fabrication, showed
no defects.

The SA-5 booster mock-up was shipped,
by barge, on January 25th from the
Marshall Center to its Michoud
Operations at New Orleans.

FILM

Overall view of SA-5
mockup. (aft section)
(use stock footage).

Show pre-static
checkout of SA-6
booster at Quality
Division

SA-7 booster assembly
(all tanks in place)
(use stock footage)

NARRATION

There the mock-up will be used by
engineers in design verification and to
and to familiarize assembly
personnel with the Block II configuration.

The booster for the sixth Saturn I
flight vehicle, SA-6, was completed
this quarter at Marshall's Manufacturing
Engineering Division. Several vendor-
supplied parts, not available during
assembly, are being installed during
checkout, which is to be completed in
early April.

Assembly of the booster for the seventh
Saturn flight vehicle, SA-7--began on
January 7th--proceeded this quarter,
with clustering of tanks completed, and
installation of engines underway.

FILM

Fabrication of SA-9
booster (use stock
footage to include shots
of booster tail section
and interstage adapter)

Artist's drawing of SA-9 in
flight, fading to a
close-up showing satellite
housed in service
module

NARRATION

Meanwhile, fabrication of the booster
thrust structure and interstage adapter
for SA-9, the ninth Saturn flight vehicle,
is complete.

For SA-9 and SA-8 a two-ton meteoroid
detection satellite is being developed
by Fairchild Stratos Corporation, Hagers-
town, Maryland.

During launch the satellite will be
housed in the service module. Flight
experiment results will provide a better
understanding of meteoroid hazards
encountered in space flight.

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SA-9 in flight with scene of ejection of boiler plate Apollo-extending the wings of meteoroid satellite.

(Shade sections of wings to depict various thicknesses and coating of mylar and vapor deposited aluminum)

NARRATION

After injection, and separation of the boiler plate spacecraft, the satellite remains attached to the S-IV stage and deploys two large flat wings, 10 feet wide with a total wing span of 96 feet, by a system of scissor-like links driven by an electric motor.

The wings will be covered with sheets of aluminum of varying thicknesses up to sixteen one-thousandths of an inch.

The back surface of the sheet is covered with a thin layer of mylar and its back surface coated with a thin layer of vapor-deposited aluminum.

An electric potential is established between the outer skin and the inner aluminum coating, charging the entire unit making it a huge capacitor.

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Artist's conception of
close-up of metal section
showing meteoroid striking
surface--followed by
vaporization of material

S-1-8 Tail Section
Assembly---Scenes
from Roll # 860

S-I-10 barrel
assembly--Scenes
4, 5, and 6 (Chrysler
OM 810)

NARRATION

Each time the wings are penetrated by a meteoroid, the material removed by impact vaporizes and forms a conducting gas which discharges the capacitor.

The pulse is stored in a memory circuit and transmitted to a ground station on command. Solar panels supply needed energy for power.

At Marshall's Michoud Operations, S-I-8 tail section assembly was completed this quarter. Assembly operations will begin in May.

Meanwhile, S-I-10 barrel assembly has been completed and the outriggers and remainder of the tail structure are being assembled.

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Mason-Rust Film Input

"Roof Repairs" OM 8

Scenes 16 through 18

Choose best scenes of
modification work on
Saturn I (S-1) static
test stand.

LS of Radio Frequency
Test area--w/service
tower moving back.

NARRATION

The Mason-Rust Company, support
services contractor for Michoud,
continued renovation work on the huge
manufacturing plant.

On February 5th, a decision was made
to modify the west side extension of
the S-I Static Test Tower, originally
designed to test S-I boosters. The
extension will be slightly modified to
test F-1 engines, enabling testing to
take place several months earlier. After
completion of Marshall's F-1 test stand,
the west side will be re-converted for
S-I static testing.

Radiation pattern testing of various
Saturn antennae is being carried out
at Marshall's Radio Frequency Test
Range.

FILM

MS of mobile service
tower w/operation--
followed by CU of
operator

LS of antenna & pedestal--
followed by MS of Signal
Service van.

NARRATION

This service structure rolls on rails,
is propelled by an electric motor, and
is easily maneuvered by one man. Its
purpose is to afford access to the model
for positioning, adjusting, or making
modificatio.

The facility is used to measure and
record the directional properties of
the vehicle's antennae.

The pedestal-mounted model is rotated
continuously during the time that a radio
frequency signal is being transmitted
to a receiver at a fixed location. The
varying amplitude of this signal is
recorded at a console located in an
adjacent building.

FILM

LS of H-1 engine cold
gimbal test with
operator. Engine
gimbal full stroke
& frequency response.

MCU of engine gimbal full
stroke & frequency
stroke

MS of servo valves during
gimbal test followed by
MCU of same

MS of man at recorders,
amplifier frequency response
analyser and scope.

NARRATION

At Marshall's Astrionics Division,
Saturn booster H-1 engines are being
tested on the H-1 Engine Cold Calibra-
tion Test Stand--enabling engineers to
simulate actual flight conditions of
Saturn's S-I stage.

The hydraulic actuation control system
positions the engine to the angle com-
manded by the vehicle guidance system.

This positioning is necessary for attitude
control in the pitch, yaw and roll planes,
stabilization, and to reduce bending of
the vehicle.

Test results will help determine if the
flight control circuits and mechanical
power converters are adequate to satisfy
vehicle requirements for flight.

FILM

Scenes showing shipment
and/or arrival of S-IV
stage from Douglas to
Cape Canaveral

(OM-866)

Choose best scenes from
23-31, 46-50

Douglas Input 27

(Used in Rpt. Nr. 14)

Scenes 1, 2, 3.

NARRATION

The S-IV Facilities checkout stage was shipped from the Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica, California to Cape Canaveral early this quarter. The stage is ready for use in checkout of facilities at Launch Complex 37B.

On February 1st, the All Systems Vehicle was shipped, by water and overland route, to the Sacramento Test Facility, for propellant loading tests on Test Stand 2B. After initial testing, the vehicle will be removed from the stand and equipped with RL10A3 engines for further testing.

At SACTO, S-IV Battleship testing with flight-type RL10A3 engines began in January. During this report period, 7 firings were performed, 4 successful and 3 partially successful, for a total of about 2000 seconds.

FILM

ES, B-6 stand prior
to stand checkout.

MS, B-6 stand, showing
area where turbopump
is situated.

NARRATION

Difficulties were encountered during February with helium heater ignition, engine purging, and small fires resulting from hydrogen leaks. After correction of these deficiencies in March, a series of 3 successful propellant depletion firings of over 460 seconds duration, were performed. Due to these problems, the Battleship firings have been extended through April.

Checkout of a new test stand, designated B-6, has been completed this quarter at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft's Florida Research and Development Center.

The stand is designed to permit both transient and steady-state tests of turbopumps without actually firing the RL10 engine.

FILM

CU, steam stacks

LS, B-6 stand during

test MS, turbopump area

during test

(OM865)

MS, test engineer preparing

to install accelerometers on

engine prior to vibration

test, LS revealing two

other engineers checking

out engine

MCU, of test engineer checking

engine; (vehicle hydraulic

pump is shown in red)

NARRATION

Liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen can be supplied to the turbopump, and high-pressure gas storage is available to drive the turbine. Test results are recorded by automatic data equipment.

Vibration tests were performed on the latest version of the RL10A-3 engine.

Instrumentation for these tests included forty accelerometers plus load cells at the actuator arms and at gimbal spool.

The tests were conducted with vehicle equipment, including the hydraulic pump, installed on the engine.

FILM

CU, engineer checking
 engine, CU, engine
 during vibration test,
 ES, engine during test,
 showing base of engine where
 it is attached to
 vibration rig

SC. 70

MS of man in wood
 shop area checking
 mockup as it is
 being constructed

SC 71

Aft dome is lifted
 and inverted for
 thrust structure
 installation

NARRATION

The engine was vibrated in axial and
 lateral planes to levels appreciably
 above those encountered in Saturn flights.
 No structural weakness has been
 discovered in these tests.

At Douglas, Santa Monica, a full scale
 S-IVB engineering mockup will be used
 to verify flight type system compatibility
 with Ground Support Equipment.

Both tank domes are now complete and
 are installed in handling jigs. The
 forward interstage structure is attached
 to the forward dome and the aft skirt to
 to the aft dome.

FILM

SC 74

MC of liquid hydrogen
test facility at S. M. as
man observes cryogenic
test with other engineers.

LS, man lifts instrument
unit from S-IVB model,
shows it to camera, and
replaces

CU, man's finger points
to "black boxes" around
periphery of IU

NARRATION

The testing program for the S-IVB
vehicle includes, research, development,
qualification, production, and reliability
verification testing.

The design concept for the Saturn IB
instrument unit--which will be located
between the S-IVB stage and the Apollo
spacecraft--has been established by
the Marshall Center, and detailed
design work has begun on several
components.

All equipment will be mounted around the
periphery of the unit, which is three
feet high and 21 feet 8 inches in diameter.

FILM

CU, man's finger
indicates panels
through which coolant
will flow

CU, high-angle
view of IU interior

CU, IU rotating

NARRATION

Circulation of a coolant through panels to which equipment is mounted will provide temperature control for the instrument unit, as well as for adjacent S-IVB stage equipment.

The instrument unit will house the major guidance and control, tracking, and telemetry systems. The unused volume in the center will allow the legs of the Apollo's Lunar Excursion Module to extend into the unit, thus making the total Saturn IB vehicle shorter.

FILM

(OM-845)

Scenes 18-28

(J-2 Input)

Choose best scenes

from film inputs--

(LC 34 & 37)

NARRATION

At Rocketdyne, contractor for the J-2 engine, for the S-IVB Stage, a relatively new manufacturing technique in metal forming, called electrolytic erosion, is underway for production of J-2 injectors. This concept uses a forming die, made of compressed graphite, which in turn, acts as an electrode.

As the erosion process reacts against the metal to be formed, a non-conductive oil removes the eroded material to planned tolerances.

At Cape Canaveral work on Saturn launch sites in progressing as planned.

Launch Complex 34's umbilical tower is near completion.

Meanwhile, overall construction on Launch Complex 37 is on schedule, and Pad B is virtually complete.