



Refueling Infrastructure Testing for Lunar Surface Operations



Facility 1:
*Lunar Dust
Thermal Vacuum
Chamber (JSC)*



Facility 2:
*Potential
cryogenic/high-
pressure refueling
facility (JSC)*



Facility 3:
*Full scale analog
operations (in
development
adjacent to JSC)*

- **Purpose:** end-to-end integrated testing for refueling infrastructure
 - Test components/subsystems in relevant lunar surface environments
 - Build and test full-scale systems with cryogenics and high-pressure gases
 - Operate full-scale systems and vehicles in lunar lighting and terrain analogs; both remotely and via EVA
 - Many components and subsystems are ready for integration
- **Description:** Moonbase analog can be built full-scale at Texas Space Institute
- **Distinctive capabilities:** enables individual components from integrated testing to full-scale operation, all facilities located at or adjacent to Johnson Space Center
- **Potential users:** Moon Base
- **Technology Readiness Level:** 4, moving to 7

FOCUS AREAS	Facility 1	Facility 2	Facility 3
Components (dust tolerant coupler)	X		
Subsystems (e.g. refueling)	X	X	
Integrated operations (rovers, sim EVAs)		X	X
Lunar environment (dust, TVAC)	X		
Cryo/High-pressure gas (LN ₂ , Helium)		X	
End-to-end full-scale operations			X
Cost	.5-1M	1-3M	1-5M
Starting date	0-1 year	1-2 years	1-2 years

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