Window Observational Research Facility (WORF)

VP35/ISS Payloads Office
Marshall Space Flight Center
Project Objectives

• The Window Observational Research Facility (WORF) Rack is a unique facility designed for use with the US Lab Destiny Module window.

• WORF will provide valuable resources for Earth Science payloads along with serving the purpose of protecting the lab window. The facility can be used for remote sensing instrumentation test and validation in a shirt sleeve environment. WORF will also provide a training platform for crewmembers to do orbital observations of other planetary bodies. WORF payloads will be able to conduct terrestrial studies utilizing the data collected from utilizing WORF and the lab window.

Description

• Originally manifested and loaded for ULF1 Flight (impacted by Columbia accident)—Now planned for ISS Flight 19A (November 2009). Rack Hardware is at KSC “ready for flight”
• Rack Facility using standard ISPR and EXPRESS heritage hardware
• Provides Power and Data interfaces for up to 5 payloads
• Provides avionics air cooling for instruments and crew comfort; Moderate Temperature Loop Water cooling for avionics
• Provides stable mounting platform and “darkroom” environment for payload instruments
• Developed as an EXPRESS Rack derivative for simplified design process and utilization of common avionics
• 1 flight rack (KSC), 1 ground rack (JSC)
• Two Small Camera Brackets provided for payload use

**Interfaces**
- Seat Track locations in payload volume
- Payload Support Shelf -161 threaded inserts for payload mounting
- QD (Water)
- Power & Data Connectors
- SCSI, Data, Video Pass-through connectors
- Cables & Hoses

**Resources**
- 28Vdc Power (20 amp) – 5 locations
- Data (1553, Ethernet, Video) - 5 locations
- Moderate Temp Loop Cooling – 2 locations
- Avionics Air Cooling – Payload Volume
- SCSI, Data, Video Pass-through connectors
- Payload Support Computer
WORF Integration and Operations functions covered by ISS Payloads Office, prioritized within resource (budget, crew time, etc) constraints

- Payload Integration managed by MSFC for ISS Payloads Office
- Rack development is complete; Integration documentation available

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Destiny Window Port Transmittance
(Three 7940 fused silica panes)
Cross Section of US Lab Research Window Mount

OUTBOARD

External Window Shutter

DEBRIS PANE ASSEMBLY

20,000 +/- .010

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.39/.37 FUSED SILICA

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REDUNDANT PRESSURE PANE

L26/L24 FUSED SILICA

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PRIMARY PRESSURE PANE

L26/L24 FUSED SILICA

CONDUCTIVE AIR COATING

BOROSILICATE - BK7

SCRATCH PANE

INBOARD

Windows Frame Module

PRESSURE PANE ASSEMBLY

SURFACE PROTECTION RIng ASSEMBLY

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