

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2014 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) Project Number

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Project Title

Rocket Fuel Grains

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

the objective of my experiment was to determine the effects of the rocket fuel grain on the thrust provided over time

Methods/Materials

For the experiment I used a hybrid rocket which consumed polyvinyl chloride and oxygen as fuel. To measure the force provided I allowed the rocket to push against an electronic scale and recorded the results.

Results

In my experiment I tested 4 fuel patterns the single and double port fuel grains began with little power and slowly built up to a more powerful burn the other two fuel grains did not fire properly

Conclusions/Discussion

In conclusion in my experiment I have determined the burn pattern of two fuel grain types and also determined that the other two cores tested began with enough force to stop the flow of oxidizer due to the back pressure

Summary Statement

the focus was to determine the effects of the rocket fuel grain on the thrust provided over time

Help Received

metal donated by frc robotics team 3925