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CHINESE YINGHUO-1 MARS EXPLORATION SPACE PROBE

Abstract

Yinghuo-1 was the first Chinese Mars exploration space probe, launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 8 November 2011, along with the Russian Fobos-Grunt sample return spacecraft. It was a low-cost multifunctional autonomous small satellite. In this paper, the primary scientific objectives, design and the advanced technologies (including ultra-long-range communication technology, deep space exploration attitude determination and control technology, thermal control technology, modular electronic technology, ground testing and simulation technology etc.) of Yinghuo-1 Mars probe were introduced and analyzed. The tests and experiments showed that the design of Yinghuo-1 can meet the requirements of the special environment for mars exploration mission. The technologies are valuable references for other Mars exploration projects.