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STUDY ON CAPSULE RELEASE DEVICE FOR LOW GRAVITY ENVIRONMENT TEST FACILITY

Abstract

In order to stably operate low-gravity environment test facilities, various components are used. Low-gravity environment test facilities can be divided into release devices, capsules, and recovery devices. A drop tower was used as a method to create a low-gravity environment. The falling body has a double capsule structure, using the principle that the outer capsule acts as a drag-shield and the inner capsule moves in free fall. This paper contains information about a separation device so that a capsule that realizes low gravity through falling can fall stably. By sequentially testing the pulley, hook, 2-point electromagnet support, 1-point electromagnet support, 8-point release device, and 3-point support, a device that can stably separate the capsule was finally applied. The release device operates by pneumatics and is designed to grab an object at three points. It is installed at a height that ensures stability and a net drop distance of 110m, and is used for capsule testing.