

Facility Factsheet

Turbine Engine Fatigue Facility (TEFF)

Description:

The Turbine Engine Fatigue Facility (TEFF) is a unique research facility which performs structural and vibrational evaluation of turbine engine components. Through basic research and analysis, the TEFF provides direct support of the Versatile Affordable Advanced Turbine Engine (VAATE) and Advanced Turbine Technologies for Affordable Mission-Capability (ATTAM) programs through structural characterization, vibrational response, life prediction, damage tolerance, and verification of analytical predictions.

Research and Development Capability: Electrodynamic shakers

20,000 lb Unholtz-Dickie 6,000 lb Unholtz-Dickie 700 lb Ling 100 lb MB Dynamics 50 lb MB Dynamics

High frequency (up to 30 kHz) piezoelectric shaker Free-Free electrodynamic excitation system Uniaxial and Multiaxial servohydraulic load frames Scanning and single point laser vibrometers Travelling wave excitation system Dynamic ping frequency analysis Digital Image Correlation High speed and IR cameras High temperature capability up to 3000°F ATOS blue light geometric scanners





Purpose:

Perform structural and vibrational evaluations on turbine engine components. Demonstrate durability of advanced turbine engine components. Investigate vibrational problems of fielded systems. Characterize and develop vibrational damping treatments. Investigate life capability of components with FOD and surface treatments. Perform life predictions and analytical assessments.

Products:

Complete geometric, structural dynamic, and material characterization of turbomachinery rotors, blades, and vanes.

Availability:

Primarily in-house and related DoD contractor research. Other U.S. Government agency, DoD contractor and commercial customer programs upon request. Contact: 937-255-4100.



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