Model 9108 Hold Down & Release Mechanism

The NEA® HDRM is an electrically initiated, one-shot release mechanism that has the ability to carry a very high-tensile preload until commanded to release. The preload is applied through a release rod held in place by two separable spool halves which are in turn held together by tight winding of restraining wire. The restraint wire is held in place by redundant electrical fuse wires; actuation of either circuit allows release, assuring maximum reliability. When sufficient electrical current is applied, the restraint wire unwinds allowing the spool halves to separate releasing the release rod and the associated preload.

EBAD has developed a companion HDRM Firing Unit (HFU) that multiplexes a single Launch Vehicle firing order to fire (4) Model 9108’s in diagonal pairs or simultaneously. The HFU assures proper current application to the HDRM to assure tight actuation simultaneously between the HDRMs. The HFU provides safety interlocks for Arming and Firing and provides status of HFU and HDRM for integration operations and launch readiness assurance.

EBAD has the capability to pair our HDRMs with other hardware such as custom release rods, preload nuts, extractors, bolt catchers, mounting brackets, springs, connectors and electrical harnessing to provide low-shock, high reliability release assemblies.

Applications

Typical applications include:
- Antennas, reflectors, solar arrays, and deployable radiators
- Rooms, masts, and scientific instruments
- Satellite and spacecraft deployment
- Launch vehicle and missile stage and fairing separation
- Missile payload separation

Key Features

- Non-explosive hold down & release function
- High restrained preload
- Extremely low release shock
- High simultaneously of multiple hold-down points
- Wide operating temperature range
- Can be operated with pyrotechnic initiation circuitry
- Space-rated materials
- Factory refurbishments
- More than 20 years of flight heritage
- Flight pedigree on more than 750 space platforms

Model 9108 Technical Specifications

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Capability</th>
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<tr>
<td>Proof Load Rating</td>
<td>384 kN (86,400 lbf)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Release Load Rating</td>
<td>326kN (72,000 lbf)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shock @ Preload</td>
<td>&lt; 1000 G (peak at 10X lbf preload)</td>
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<td>Fuse Wire Resistance</td>
<td>0.75Ω to 2.0Ω @ 25°C</td>
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<td>Actuation Current</td>
<td>4 Amps for 60 ms</td>
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<td>No-Fire Current</td>
<td>250 mAmps at 10-5 Torr @ 110°C</td>
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<td>Release Time</td>
<td>&lt; 200 ms</td>
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<td>Operational Temperature Rng</td>
<td>-135°C to +135°C</td>
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<td>Maximum Angular Misalignment</td>
<td>6° Cone</td>
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<td>Mass</td>
<td>3855 g (8.5 lbm)</td>
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Notes:
- Stock is preload and setup dependent.
- Actuation can be achieved using a wide range of current.
- No-noise current for 5 minutes.
- Release time is dependent on actuation current, this assumes 4 A current applied.
- The values for operational temperature range are not the limits of the device.
- Mass does not include harnessing and lead wires.

Model 9108 Hold Down & Release Mechanism (HDRM) Mechanical Interface Drawing

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