Task 310: Assessment of methods, procedures, and technologies available for protection of SFPs in commercial spaceflight vehicles

Project At-A-Glance

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Relevance to Commercial Spaceflight Industry

 Optimization of crew and passenger compartments to promote the survival of occupants during human spaceflight operations is a necessary component of vehicle interior fit out. Dedicated efforts towards the de-lethalization and advanced crashworthiness of spaceflight vehicles will improve the safety of commercial space endeavors.

Statement of Work

 This project will evaluate methods for the de-lethalization of the cabin environment, space vehicle crashworthiness, individual restraint systems, emergency evacuation systems, and survival equipment.





<u>Status</u>

- Literature search underway
- Students being trained in conducting and evaluating relevant literature review

Future Work

- Complete literature review and analysis.
- Compare current spaceflight operators' interior cabin designs with historical precedents for cabin safety.



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