

1.4.1 Targets Catalog

The targets and metrics are tabulated below along with the method of validation and the necessary equipment for their verification. Some targets/metrics apply directly to functions defined in the functional decomposition, while the last three are added.

Function	Target	Method of Validation	Tools for Validation
~		validation	validation
Supports payload	Payload storage space of 10 x 10 x 30	Direct	Measuring Tape
	cm	Measurement	
	Maximum payload mass of 4 kg	Direct	Scale
		Measurement	
Prevents	Impact velocity of less than 1 m/s	Parachute	Accelerometer
damaging impact		Drop Test	
Decelerates air	Begins deceleration for the last 170 m	Parachute	Accelerometer
vehicle		Drop Test	
Initiates thrusters	Initiate thrusters at time 0 seconds	Thruster	Stopwatch
		Functionality	Ĩ
		Test	
Deploys	Deploys parachute after falling 80 m	Parachute	Accelerometer
parachute		Drop Test	
-	Deploys parachute after 4 s	Parachute	Video and
		Drop Test	Stopwatch
Allows access to	Opening with a diameter of at least 10	Direct	Measuring Tape
payload	cm	Measurement	
Accelerates air	Reaches about 90 mph after 4 seconds	Official Drop	Accelerometer
vehicle	-	Test	
	Acceleration of 9.81 m/s ²	Official Drop	Accelerometer
		Test	
Stabilizes	Minimum noise swing of 1.05G	Official Drop	Accelerometer
payload	C C	Test	
Reduces degrees	Reduces DOF to 1	Air flow	Wind tunnel
of freedom		around body	with
		geometry test	accelerometer in
			body
	Mass moment of inertia is <0.5*body	Balancing	Observation
	length away from the nose	Test	

Table 1: Targets and Metrics Catalog

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Imitates	Duration of at least 4 seconds of	Official Drop	Stopwatch and
microgravity	microgravity	Test	video footage
	Magnitude of 10 ⁻⁶ G of microgravity	Official Drop	Accelerometer
		Test	
Detaches from	1/4" Steel release hook attached to air	Hook-	¹ / ₄ " steel release
drone	vehicle	Connection	hook and
		Detachment	attachment held
		Test	
Records data	Air vehicle provides a Bluetooth signal	Official Drop	Computer
	path with a minimum range of 10m	Test	connected to the
			air vehicle
Counteracts drag	Air vehicle body has a cross-sectional	Direct	Measuring
force	area no larger than 490 cm ²	Measurement	tape/Caliper
	Thrusters provide thrust calculated by	Thruster	Set
	PID control algorithm	Functionality	accelerometer
		Test	value to control
			thrust
N/A	Maximum air vehicle weight of 15 kg	Direct	Scale
		Measurement	
	Win 1 st place in competition	Competition	Trophy and prize
			money
	Mounting bracket for GoPro 4 cm away	Direct	Measuring tape
	from pebble box	Measurement	

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