Mitigation Techniques for Reduced Rocket Motor Vulnerability against External Thermal Stimuli

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Solid propellant rocket motors used widely in conventional and state-of-the-art tactical missiles typically react violently when exposed to external thermal stimuli. Collateral damage caused as a result includes potential loss of life and compromised operational capability.

Different design options and mitigation techniques devised to reduce the cook-off vulnerability of tactical missile rocket motors are described and the effectiveness of these potential solutions against the wide spectrum of thermal stimuli is postulated with supporting examples.