The Black Brant 5 rocket motor, designed and developed at Magellan Aerospace, can be used as a single or multi-stage vehicle for placing scientific payloads into space, or as a ballistic missile target.

Since 1962, more than 1,000 Black Brants have been launched with a vehicle success rate of 98.7% (99.4% since 1982).
PROPELLANT
The solid propellant is an aluminized hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene (HTPB) propellant. The propellant grain configuration provides an approximately neutral pressure/thrust-time trace.

CASE INSULATION/LINER SYSTEM
The motor case insulation/liner system consists primarily of Kevlar fibre-filled EPDM rubber.

MOTOR CASE
The motor case is made from 4140 alloy steel and heat treated. Each motor case is hydrostatically proof pressure tested.

MOTOR TO VEHICLE INTERFACES
The Black Brant 5 igniter housing assembly is attached to the motor case head end through the forward tension joint, and the Black Brant 5 aft body assembly is attached to the motor case aft end through the aft tension joint. The four fins are then bolted to the aft body assembly.

NOZZLE AND EXIT CONE
The nozzle consists of a graphite throat insert and a steel housing. The exit cone consists of a carbon and silica/phenolic liner and a steel housing.

IGNITER
The igniter contains boron potassium nitrate (BPN) pyrotechnic main charge within a consumable plastic basket, and a booster charge.

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