

Acknowledgments

We are greatly indebted to our colleagues at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory who both collaborated in the research and development of these thrusters and provided valuable comments and material for this manuscript. We gratefully acknowledge the many contributions of John Anderson, John Brophy, Richard Hofer, Kristina Jameson, Ioannis Mikellides, Timothy O'Donnell, James Polk, Thomas Randolph, J. Steven Snyder, and Richard Wirz. The research and development at JPL on ion and Hall thrusters has been supported through the years by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. The authors would also like to thank the developers and manufacturers of the flight thrusters described here for performance data and photographs of their thrusters. Finally, we would like to thank Joseph Yuen for his support in the preparation and publication of this book, and gratefully acknowledge the extensive and skillful efforts by Patricia Ehlers, Judi Dedmon, and Katherine Goebel in the editing and preparation of this book.