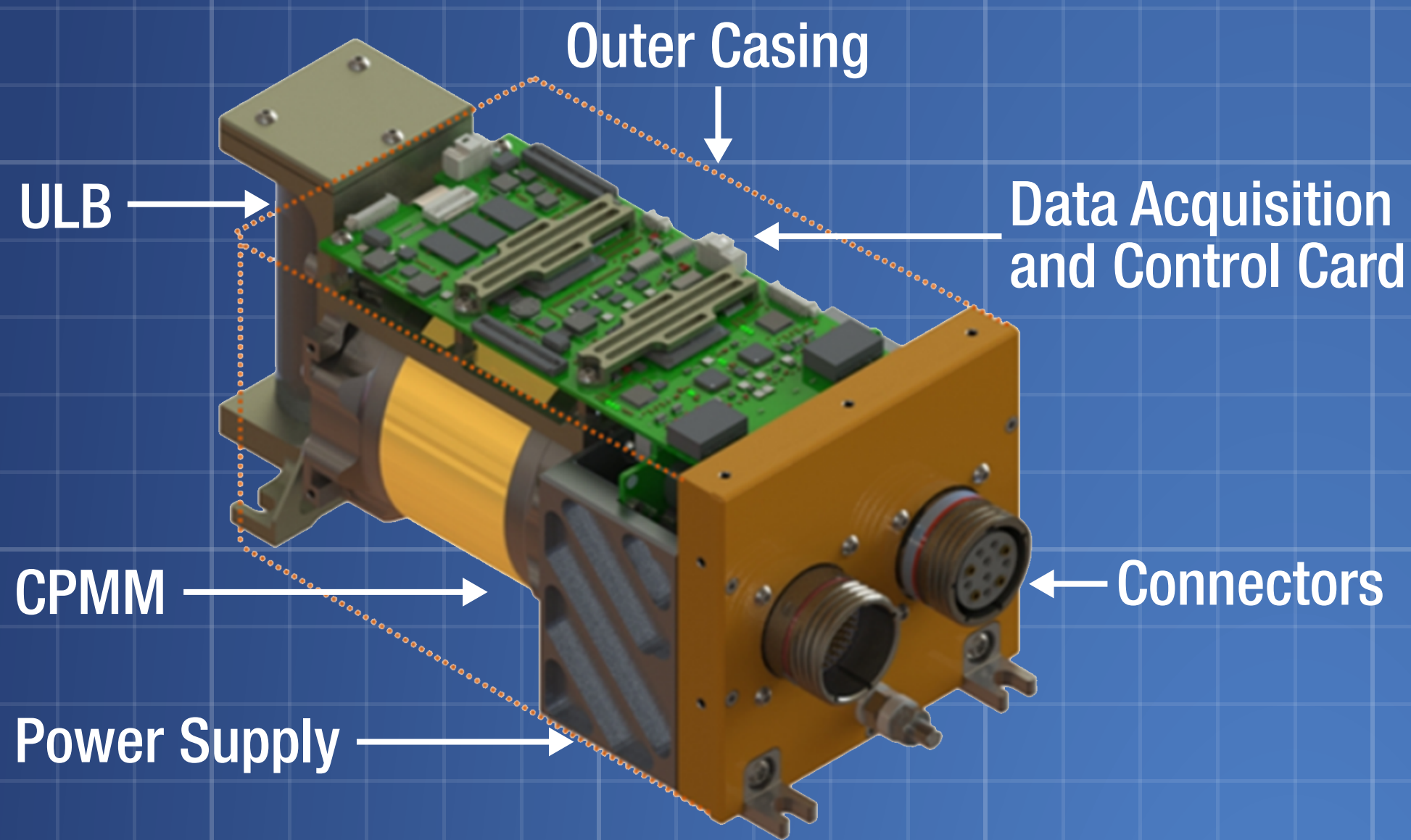


# ANATOMY OF A FLIGHT RECORDER



**Outer casing:** Colored orange with reflective strip to aid location.

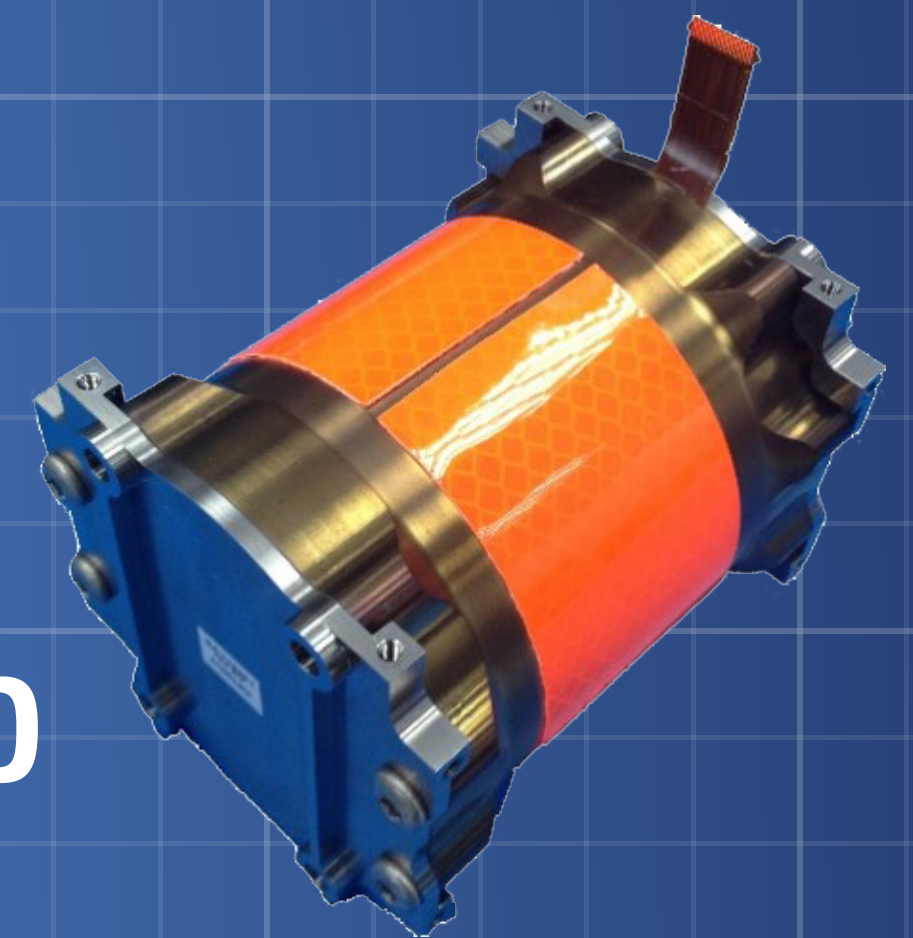
**Connectors:** Connects to busses, sensors, and to download PC.

**Data acquisition and control:** Gathers data for storage. Sends stored data to users and facilitates unit control.

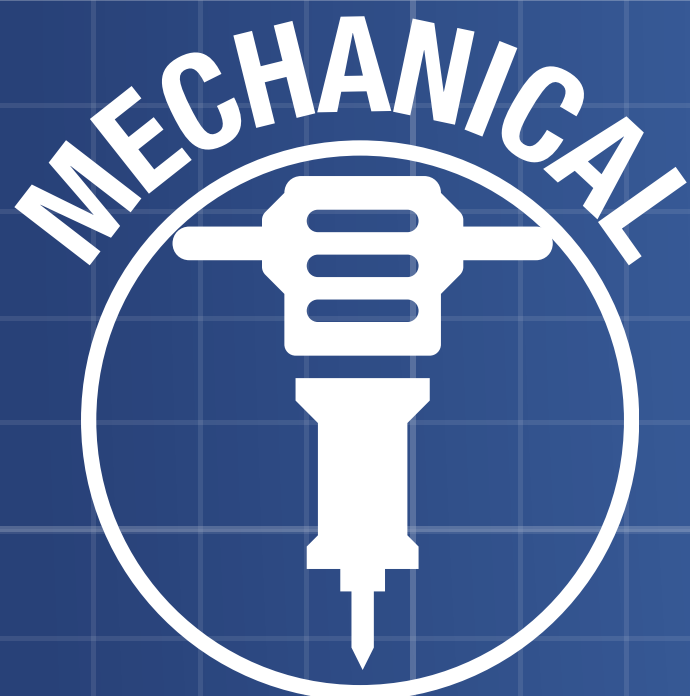
**Power supply:** Filters power for unit, 200 ms power interrupt protection.

**Under water Locator Beacon (ULB):** Sends signal for 90 days. Helps accident investigators locate recorder.

**Crash Protected Memory Module (CPMM):** A unit that protects the storage media. The flight recorder's most critical part, and the most difficult to make and qualify.



## CRASH PROTECTED MEMORY MODULE REQUIRED



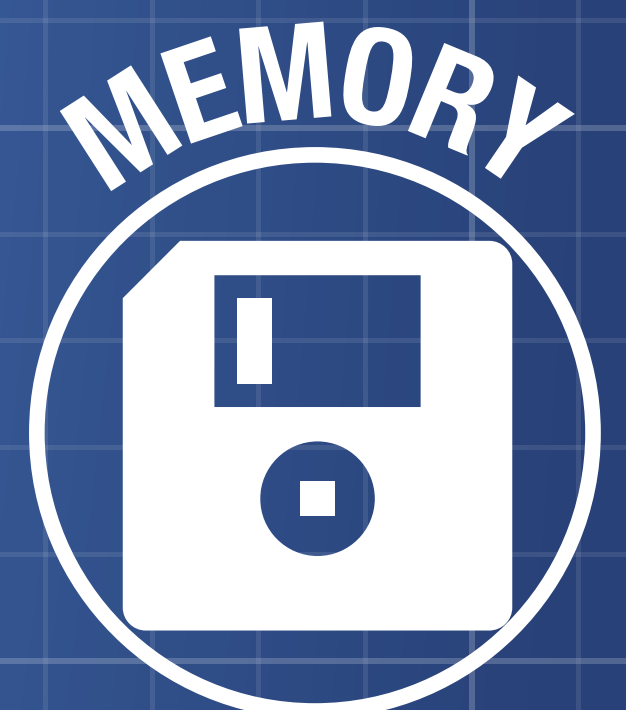
**Impact:** 3,400 G, 6.5 ms  
**Penetration:** 500 lb, 10 ft, 1/4" spike  
**Crush:** 5,000 lb, 5 min  
**Shear:** 6,000 lb, 1 min  
**Pressure:** 20,000 ft

**Testing is key**  
Accelerated lifetime tests for long term use  
Multiple expensive test cycles likely



**Fire intensity protection**  
High: 1100° C for 60 minutes  
Low: 260° C for 10 hours

**Storage considerations**  
Single level solid-state more reliable  
Power dissipation must be minimal



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