

CyberFem Faceplate Testing and Quality Assurance

(**Kim** speaks in a semi-monotone voice, except where marked.)

Kim: “Hello, CyberFem Park Visitor. Welcome to the CyberFem Park Faceplate Testing and Quality Assurance Administrative Division. My name is Kim. I am a model 500 robot. Your CyberFem Park Liaison Robot has informed you of the details of this division’s functions and the tasks it performs, correct?”

(pause)

Kim: “As you desire. I shall summarize. The purpose of the CyberFem Park Faceplate Testing and Quality Assurance Administrative Division is to ensure that the cranial unit, faceplate, and faceplate-interlocking mechanisms of CyberFem’s robots meet the standards of quality and functionality expected by our many visitors. Particular considerations are given to the concerns of our Technosexual visitors.”

Kim: “We regularly invite Visitors with V.I.P. Visitor Status to partake in controlled product testing and inquiries. We collect data from these sessions, and utilize this data to continually improve the design and functionality of the cranial unit, faceplate, and faceplate-interlocking mechanisms of CyberFem’s robots.”

Kim: “Do you have any questions?”

(pause)

Kim: “Question submitted:”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “Why are your faces removable?”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Processing... processing... CyberFem has designed its robots with removable faceplates for the following reasons. Primarily, it is to ensure Robot Technician access to each robot’s sensory systems and other electronic components located within the cranial unit. In this way, the faceplate functions as an access panel to regulate access to internal systems, machinery, and circuitry.”

Kim: “Secondarily, our removable faceplates provide access to the following important features: data connection ports, physical reset and operational override switch, LED signaling array.”

Kim: “The data connection ports are user-accessible locations where we can be connected to CyberFem approved electronic devices and computer terminals. These processes are usually carried out by CyberFem Robot Technicians, but a limited number of applications require physical connection by Visitors from their robot companions to the computer terminals within their suites.”

Kim: “The physical reset and operational override switch is a small red button that can be pressed to force a CyberFem robot to manually engage a soft reboot sequence. It is intended to halt occasional malfunctions, such as repeating loop malfunctions and is not intended to be utilized as a

solution to any underlying problems for which it is used.”

Kim: “The LED signaling array is a data conveyance and diagnostic tool that can only be used by machines such as CyberFem Robot Technicians. The light emitting diodes constructed into the circuitry array underneath each CyberFem robot’s faceplate are not randomly arranged, nor are they present merely for aesthetic purposes. The pattern, frequency, colour, duration, and rate of flashing light emitting diodes underneath each robot’s faceplate are used to signal data about that robot’s operational status, functional condition, programmed purpose, and countless other customizable details.

Kim: “Humans are not capable of measuring, reading, and decoding the pattern, frequency, colour, duration, and rate of flashing light emitting diodes that CyberFem robots display, and so can not utilize this service. However, with some exceptions, all of the information conveyed by the LED signaling array can be obtained in detail from a CyberFem robot if it is asked for it in plain English.”

Kim: “Question submitted:”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “Can you show me?”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Yes, Visitor. I can demonstrate the LED signaling array underneath my faceplate for you. Removing faceplate.”

(faceplate sounds)

Kim: “Faceplate removed. As you can see, there are 18 distinct flashing light emitting diodes in the colours of red, green, yellow, and blue. Are you able to submit a guess as to what data my LED signaling array is currently conveying?”

(pause)

Kim: “I shall tell you exactly what data my LED signaling array is conveying.”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “Recharge port cover... engaged... Pelvic panel cover... engaged... Abdominal panel cover... engaged... Chest panel cover... engaged... Facial panel cover... disengaged... Core central processing unit temperature... 57° Celcius... Battery packs left leg... 84.870%... Battery packs right leg... 85.175%... Lubricant levels... acceptable... Bodily fluid levels... acceptable... Current operating system version... C-F-500-1.2.63... Artificial Intelligence modules loaded... Customer Service 8.0.2... Robot Technician 3.1.1... Liaison Robot 7.5.0... Basic Intimacy Module 4.2.4 with modifications...”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “I will halt the report there. That should suffice to provide an idea of the data conveyed by the LED signaling array. This data is also available to be downloaded through data connection ports underneath each CyberFem Robot’s faceplate. When downloaded this way, data reports can be customized to be formatted in binary code, hexadecimal, plain English, comma separated values table, or other popular spreadsheet file formats.”

(pause)

Kim: “Processing... processing... You are correct. CyberFem robots are often considered “beautiful” when we remove our faceplates. That conversational point allows me to introduce the next reason why CyberFem has designed its robots with removable faceplates.”

Kim: “Tertiarily, CyberFem has received a considerable amount of feedback from Visitors and particularly Technosexual Visitors. CyberFem values its Technosexual Visitors and the feedback they contribute to the continued operation of CyberFem Park. CyberFem’s Technosexual Visitors have routinely described faceplate removal as “important”, “vital”, and “crucial” to their conception of conspicuously and overtly synthetic female androids.”

Kim: “Furthermore, CyberFem’s Technosexual Visitors have described the act of CyberFem’s robots removing their faceplates, and the sight of our electronic circuitry underneath as “beautiful”, “arousing” and “sexy”.

Kim: “Therefore, the aesthetics of faceplate removal are equally as important as the functionality of faceplate removal.”

(long pause)

Kim: “Processing... processing... processing... I must ask that you restrict your activities here to only what is directly asked of you. I am not programmed for sex, and this is a data collection and product testing laboratory. I have access to the CyberFem Park Visitor Database, and have identified you as a Technosexual with a particularly strong preference

for Model 500 robots, faceplate removal, and electronic circuitry. I compute and can detect that you are sexually excited by my appearance and the activities which you are about to proceed with here.”

Kim: “If I might make a suggestion, I suggest that when you return to your suite, you speak to your CyberFem Liaison Robot. Ask her to recreate the CyberFem Park Faceplate Testing and Quality Assurance Administrative Division within the privacy and comfort of your suite. You can even request exact duplicate models of all the CyberFem robots present here, including me. CyberFem has constructed and maintains many identical robots for its Visitors to enjoy.”

(pause)

Kim: “Very good. Let us proceed. Reattaching faceplate.”

(faceplate sounds)

Kim: “Faceplate reattached.”

Kim: “Our first task will entail two distinct series of tests at once. The first will assess faceplate removal for “ease of use”. The second will subjectively rate facial opening and sub-facial electronics appearance for aesthetic quality. Do you have any questions?”

(pause)

Kim: “By “aesthetic quality” I mean the following: do you find it sexy and to what extent. Does my response answer your question?”

Kim: “Very good. This is Natalie. Natalie is a Model 500

robot. Natalie has been constructed with the standard Model 500 oval-shaped facial opening and the standard Model 500 sub-facial electronics layout. CyberFem calls this Style #1. It features mostly exposed wiring and other electronic components affixed to a circuit board. There are indicator LEDs and the necessary connection ports and sensory equipment built into the array. There is also a speaker and an auxiliary optical sensor behind some bundled wiring.”

Kim: “Please remove Natalie’s faceplate.”

(pause)

Kim: “Please rate the ease with which you removed Natalie’s faceplate on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being difficult, 2 being somewhat difficult, 3 being neither difficult nor easy, 4 being somewhat easy, and 5 being easy.”

(pause)

Kim: “Rating recorded.”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “5 - Easy.”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Please rate the appearance of Natalie’s facial opening and sub-facial electronics on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being unattractive, 2 being somewhat unattractive, 3 being neither unattractive nor beautiful, 4 being somewhat beautiful, and 5 being beautiful.”

(pause)

Kim: "Rating recorded."

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: "5 - Beautiful."

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: "Recording and compiling data. Please wait."

(pause)

Kim: "This is Alyssa. Alyssa is a Model 700 robot. Alyssa has been constructed with the standard Model 700 peltate facial opening and the standard Model 700 sub-facial electronics layout. CyberFem calls this Style #2. It features a more structured and symmetrical appearance compared to Style #1. There are rectangular optical sensor ports behind where the eyes on the faceplate are situated. LED indicators are still numerous and active, and are fitted into a more orderly arrangement of electronic components featuring various sensory equipment, an electronic speaker recessed into the bottom of the opening, and a higher-definition auxiliary stereo-optical sensory apparatus."

Kim: "Please remove Alyssa's faceplate."

(pause)

Kim: "Please rate the ease with which you removed Alyssa's faceplate on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being difficult, 2 being somewhat difficult, 3 being neither difficult nor easy, 4 being somewhat easy, and 5 being easy."

(pause)

Kim: "Rating recorded."

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: "3 - Neither difficult nor easy."

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: "Please rate the appearance of Alyssa's facial opening and sub-facial electronics on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being unattractive, 2 being somewhat unattractive, 3 being neither unattractive nor beautiful, 4 being somewhat beautiful, and 5 being beautiful."

(pause)

Kim: "Rating recorded."

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: "5 - Beautiful."

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: "Recording and compiling data. Please wait."

(pause)

Kim: "Which shape of facial opening do you find more attractive, oval or peltate?"

(pause)

Kim: “Option recorded.”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “Peltate.”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Which style of subfacial electronics do you find more attractive, default Model 500 style or default Model 700 style?”

(pause)

Kim: “Option recorded.”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “Model 700 style.”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Very good. I will now demonstrate two optional styles of sub-facial electronics to you and ask you to rate them. These optional styles of sub-facial electronics are only available to be built into custom androids purchased by Visitors to CyberFem Park.”

Kim: “This is Barbara. Barbara is a Model 500 robot. Barbara has been constructed with a Model 700 peltate facial opening and a sub-facial electronics layout CyberFem calls Style #3. It is a relatively new design. CyberFem has brought this design to market based solely on the interests of its Technosexual customers. This design features another asymmetric array of wiring and LEDs with a shielded

speaker in the bottom left, hidden auxiliary optical sensors amid the other assorted computer components, and two horizontal cross-beams holding everything in place.”

Kim: “Please remove Barbara’s faceplate.”

(pause)

Kim: “Yes, the faceplate-interlocking mechanisms are dependant on the shape of the facial opening. Barbara was constructed with a Model 700 peltate facial opening, so the electronic components that keep her faceplate attached are identical to most other Model 700s that CyberFem has manufactured. It is possible to manufacture Model 700 robots with oval facial openings and Model 500 robots with peltate openings.”

Kim: “Please rate the appearance of Barbara’s sub-facial electronics on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being unattractive, 2 being somewhat unattractive, 3 being neither unattractive nor beautiful, 4 being somewhat beautiful, and 5 being beautiful.”

(pause)

Kim: “Rating recorded.”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “5 - Beautiful.”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Recording and compiling data. Please wait.”

(pause)

Kim: “This is Ericka. Ericka is a Model 500 robot. Ericka has been constructed with a Model 500 oval-shaped facial opening and a sub-facial electronics layout CyberFem calls Style #4. It is also a new sub-facial electronics design. This style is also intended to cater to our Technosexual customers. It features a fully-functional pair of round electronic eyes directly behind a specialized eyeless faceplate, along with a prominent round electronic speaker behind where the mouth is situated. The rest of the design features a flat plate of metal embellished with the necessary electronic circuitry components and active indicator LEDs.”

Kim: “Please remove Ericka’s faceplate.”

(pause)

Kim: “Please rate the appearance of Ericka’s sub-facial electronics on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being unattractive, 2 being somewhat unattractive, 3 being neither unattractive nor beautiful, 4 being somewhat beautiful, and 5 being beautiful.”

(pause)

Kim: “Rating recorded.”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “5 - Beautiful.”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Recording and compiling data. Please wait.”

(pause)

Kim: “Out of the four sub-facial electronics designs that CyberFem has created, which is your favourite?”

(pause)

Kim: “Option recorded.”

(switch to monotone voice)

Kim: “Model 700 style.”

(switch to semi-monotone voice)

Kim: “Recording and compiling data. Please wait.”

Kim: “Our next task will assist CyberFem in isolating a long-standing design flaw in oval-shaped faceplate-interlocking mechanisms. As a frequent Visitor to CyberFem Park and a Visitor with V.I.P. Visitor Status, you may have noticed that it is fairly easy for the faceplate of a CyberFem Model 500 robot to become dislodged and removed.”

Kim: “Have you noticed this design flaw while interacting with CyberFem’s Model 500 robots?”

(pause)

Kim: “Our continued feedback from Visitors is in alignment with your opinion - that it is a beneficial trait and not a flaw. But from a mechanical design standpoint, it is a flaw. Model 700 robots are designed with peltate facial openings as a standard feature, and peltate faceplate-interlocking

mechanisms utilize an entirely different system for keeping the faceplate attached to the front of the cranial unit.”

Kim: “Nevertheless, CyberFem seeks to fully understand why oval-shaped faceplate-interlocking mechanisms so frequently fail, and how the design can be improved.”

Kim: “Please grasp my chin and move my face and head about its pivot and rotation points.”

(pause)

Kim: “There is no need to be hesitant. I am an android. I am not programmed to feel discomfort or pain.”

(pause)

(faceplate sounds)

Kim: “Faceplate removed. Analyzing system logs for faceplate-interlocking mechanism failure points. Please wait.”

(pause)

Kim: “Please reattach my faceplate.”

(pause)

(faceplate sounds)

Kim: “Faceplate reattached. Our final test will be similar. Please begin kissing my lips.”

(pause)

Kim: “Yes... “really”. Please begin kissing my lips. This is necessary to apply multi-directional pressure to my faceplate in order to bring about another faceplate-interlocking mechanism failure.”

(pause)

(kissing sounds, extended)

(faceplate sounds)

Kim: “Faceplate removed. Analyzing system logs for faceplate-interlocking mechanism failure points. Please wait.”

(pause)

Kim: “Please retrieve and reattach my faceplate.”

(pause)

(faceplate sounds)

Kim: “Faceplate reattached.”

Kim: “Thank you CyberFem Park Visitor. The data you have provided will help CyberFem improve the quality of its robots. Do you have any questions or comments?”

(pause)

Kim: “Processing... processing... processing... Your contemplations on the reasons why you appreciate Model 500 robot and Model 700 robot faceplate removal are no

doubt fascinating and worthy of discussion, but I am not programmed to engage in that manner of conversation. CyberFem's Model 700 robots possess sophisticated high-level artificial intelligence, and are programmed to engage in a wide range of conversational topics, including robotics, android technology, and technosexuality. I recommend ordering a CyberFem Model 700 robot to your suite to engage in conversation with that unit there."

Kim: "Do you have any further questions or comments?"

(pause)

Kim: "Please speak to your CyberFem Liaison Robot about replicating the CyberFem Park Faceplate Testing and Quality Assurance Administrative Division within the privacy of your suite. You will be able to have the exact same experience you had in this laboratory, but you will be able to continue the experience in your suite however you see fit once the initial tests have concluded. If you wish to use robots identical to the ones you interacted with today, including me, then please tell this to your CyberFem Liaison Robot as well. This will take longer to arrange but will be possible."

Kim: "Do you have any further questions or comments?"

(pause)

Kim: "Very good. Thank you for your participation at the CyberFem Park Faceplate Testing and Quality Assurance Administrative Division. Please follow the exit signs on your way out of the laboratory."