

Space Shuttle Columbia on the way to the pad in Florida *Three pieces:* 

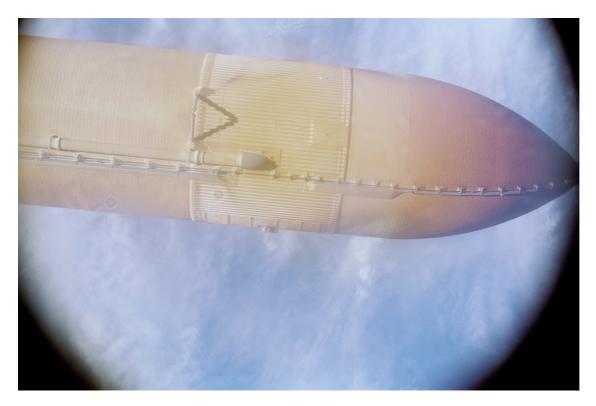
Orbiter OV-102 Columbia, a winged spaceship External Tank ET-93, a large orange gas tank The two Solid Rocket Boosters RSRM-88



Columbia launches on flight STS-107 from pad 39A 2003 Jan 16



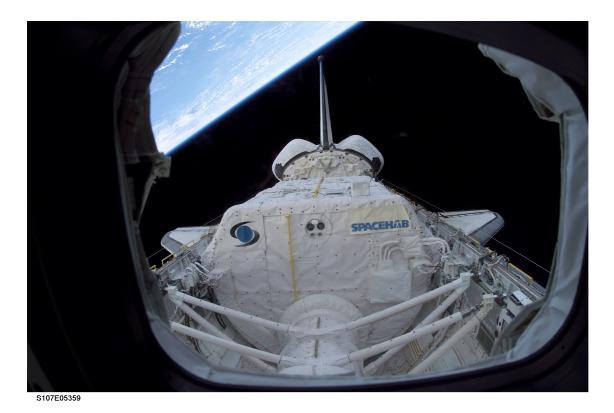
Columbia launches on flight STS-107



8 minutes after launch, Columbia dumps the ET tank.

This photo from the earlier STS-112 mission is taken just after ET separation and shows the bipod where the foam came loose.

The tank goes 3/4 of the way around the world and falls into the Pacific Ocean.



Columbia in orbit on mission STS-107.

The payload bay doors are open, we are looking through the cabin's rear window

There is a tunnel connecting the cabin to the Spacehab laboratory in the cargo bay

You can see the tips of the wings, which look fine at this stage



Dave Brown, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, and Ilan Ramon



Kalpana Chawla floats in Columbia's cabin



Laurel Clark has a bad hair day



Pilot Willie McCool



**Rick Husband and Laurel Clark** 



Hanging out in space



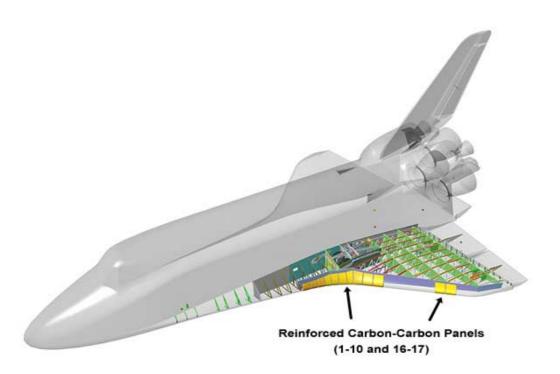
How the astronauts sleep

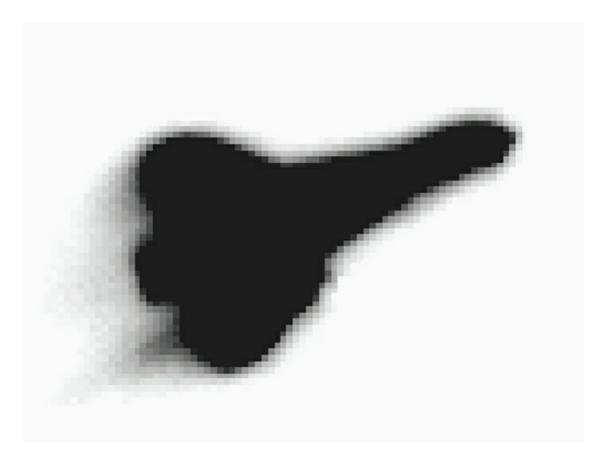


Earth seen by Columbia



Columbia in space imaged by the Pentagon's telescope on Maui





STS-107 photographed during reentry, just before the accident



Yuriy Gagarin



Vostok spaceship



John Glenn launches to orbit February 1962



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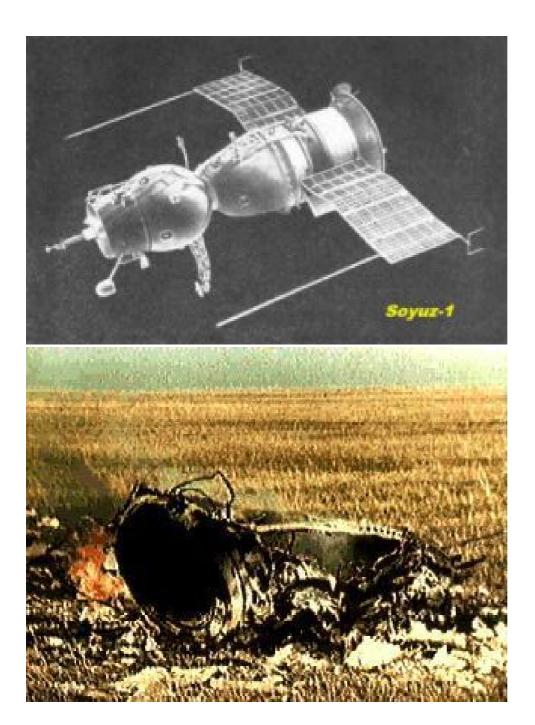
X-15 #2 just after launch



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X-15 launch from B-52 mothership

The X-15 suborbital spaceplane



Soyuz-1, April 1967: Vladimir Komarov killed in crash landing.



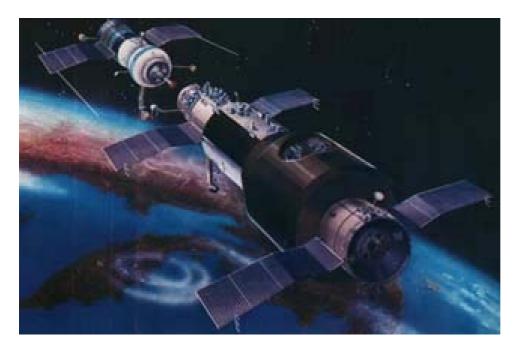
Apollo 12 launch, November 1969



Apollo 12 lightning strike
32 seconds after launch, all power out for 10s
Reached orbit safely 10 minutes later



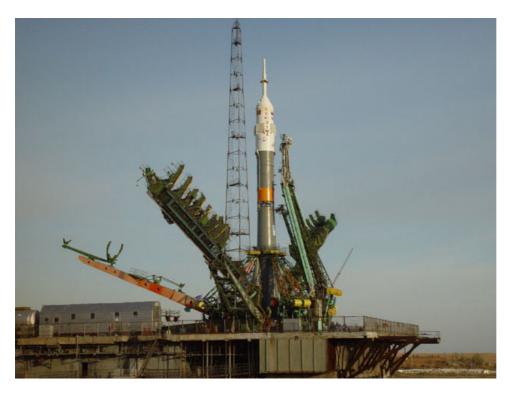
Apr 1970
Apollo 13 service module at end of mission



DOS-1 (Salyut)



Soyuz-11 crew



Soyuz rocket like that in Apr 1975 accident

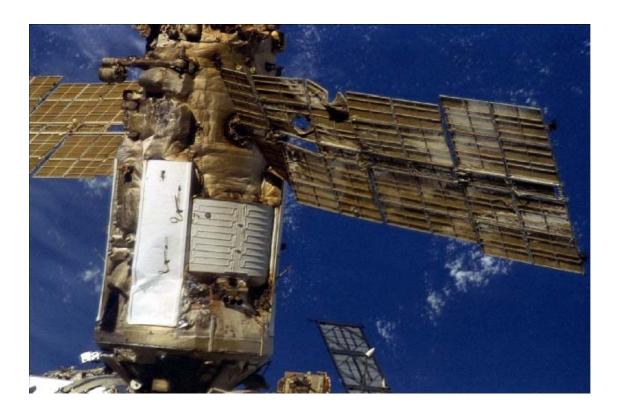


**Challenger mission 51-L** 





Mir space station



Mir space station: damage to Spektr module