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History and Flight Development of the Electrodynamic Dust Shield

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The Dust Problem

- Dust from this equipment fell back onto the lower crewmember and into the cabin and seemed to bind the conveyor so as to require considerable force to operate it. – Apollo 11 Mission Report
- The cohesive properties of lunar dust in a vacuum, augmented by electrostatic properties, tend to make it adhere to anything it contacts.– Apollo 12 Mission Report
- After exposure to a dusty lunar environment, the both crewmen's suit wrist-ring disconnects were hard to rotate to the locked and unlocked position. – Apollo 16 Mission Report





• Apollo 16 Moon Buggy Video

Electrodynamic Dust Shield





Cu/Kapton





CNT/fabric

Ag/FEP



• EDS Operation Video

Testing



SWARP WORKS

STUDIE

Testing



SWARP WORKS

• RGF Video

MISSE

- Materials International Space Station Experiment
- Designed to test material response
 - Atomic Oxygen
 - Radiation
 - Vacuum
 - Thermal cycling
- Data from power supply and photos used to determine shield health
- Currently work EDS with space compatible materials





Lunar CATALYST

- Lunar Cargo Transportation and Landing by Soft Touchdown
- NASA provides
 - Technical expertise
 - Test facilities
 - Loan equipment/software
- Mission concept Fly EDS and electronics on footpad
- Current work Reduce electronics footprint









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