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Apollo 11, 12, and 14 Traverses

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Map Maker: NASA

Date: 1971 circa

Place: Greenbelt, Maryland

Color: Color

Condition: VG+

Size: 19 x 27.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Apollo 11, 12, and 14 Traverses, a triptych map, delineates the journey of three pivotal Apollo missions on the lunar surface. This unified sheet places Apollo 11 at its zenith, followed by Apollo 12 at the central left and Apollo 14 anchoring the layout. Prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey and subsequently published by the Defense Mapping Agency on behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), this map offers a scientific and systematic record of the traverses undertaken during these missions.

The second half of the 20th century was a period of intense competition and innovation in space exploration, culminating in the moon landings of the Apollo program. These moon missions, led by NASA, were not merely about landing humans on the lunar surface and returning them safely, but also about scientific exploration and data collection. These mapped traverses are a testament to the rigorous planning, training, and execution that went into every phase of these missions.



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Integral to the maps is a legend and explanation detailing the missions' key aspects. "Landing site" marks the point of arrival of the lunar modules, while "Traverse station" and "Traverse track" trace the routes and stops made by the astronauts during their extra-vehicular activities. The terms provided elucidate the equipment and experiments conducted. Notably, the "ALSEP Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package" references the suite of scientific instruments dispatched on the moon, and "EVA" denotes the moments when astronauts exited their crafts to explore and conduct experiments on the lunar surface.

The details of craters, a prominent feature of the moon's surface, are rendered with precision. The names accompanying these features are sanctioned by the International Astronomical Union, underscoring the global recognition and standardization of these lunar landmarks.

Beyond its scientific import, this map is an invaluable record of one of humanity's most audacious feats. It encapsulates the ambition, expertise, and collaborative spirit of an era that sought to expand our understanding of the universe by venturing beyond our home planet.

Detailed Condition: