

# PROJECT SKYLAB



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### PROJECT SKYLAB – SPACE STATION LAUNCH

MAY 14, 1973 – 1:30 P.M. - The 33 story tall Saturn 5 rocket bearing the first UNITED STATES Space Station "Skylab Workshop" roared to a fiery lift-off exactly on schedule today. The failure of the main solar panel to deploy to full wing span, stretching more than 80 feet from tip to tip near the rear of the Skylab Workshop, came less than an hour after lift-off. The solar wings were expected to supply more than half of the stations' electricity. The failure will severely limit manned operation when the first Skylab crew is launched.