

PROJECT SKYLAB



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PROJECT SKYLAB—3RD ASTRONAUT LAUNCH
NOVEMBER 16, 1973 - 9:01 A.M. - The launch of the 3rd Skylab crew, postponed twice after stress corrosion cracks were discovered in the stabilizing fins of the first stage and support beams in the second stage. The fins were replaced and NASA decided to fly with the second stage cracks. Despite these earlier problems, everything went according to the script as the giant Saturn 1B rocket rose off the launch pad carrying Astronauts Jerry Carr, Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue to a planned 85 day mission. America's 1,900th space vehicle launched since 1950 is on its way.