

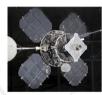


## The First Step

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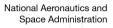
## The Lunar Orbiter Program

The Lunar Orbiter Program was a series of five unmanned lunar orbiter missions launched by the United States from 1966 through 1967. Intended to help select Apollo landing sites by mapping the Moon's surface, these missions provided the first photographs from lunar orbit and photographed both the Moon and Earth.



Managed by the Langley Research Center, all five Lunar Orbiters were successful in achieving all their objectives, mapping 99% of the Moon's surface from pictures with a resolution of 60 meters (200 feet) or better.

All of the Lunar Orbiter spacecraft were launched by Atlas-Agena-D launch vehicles.





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