

Roman solar tracking system



Overview

This device, known as the Roman Coronagraph Instrument, is designed to block starlight, enabling scientists to detect the faint light from planets beyond our solar system. When it is deployed in 2027, NASA's Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope will provide new insights into the cosmos. As the successor to the venerable Hubble mission, it will rely on a 2.9 ft wide primary mirror and a field of view 100 times greater than its predecessor. Collectively called the Solar Array Sun Shield, these panels will power and shade the observatory, enabling all the mission's observations and. Music credit: "Turbulent Grace" by Tom Samson, Nick Reeves, Graham Harding Universal Production Music Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center Producer: Sophia Roberts (eMITS) Videographers: Sophia Roberts (eMITS) and Scott Wiessinger (eMITS) Public Affairs Officer: Claire Andreoli (NASA/GSFC). As the next-generation observatory moves closer to its 2027 launch, engineers successfully deployed the mission-critical solar panels and a massive sunshade that will help it peer into the universe's darkest secrets.



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Roman Astronomy: History of Science

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Roman Telescope Team Installs Solar Panels

The Solar Array Sun Shield is made up of six panels, each covered in solar cells. The two central panels will remain fixed to the outer barrel assembly (the observatory's outer shell) while the ...

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Roman's Solar Panels Are Fully Installed

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Roman Astronomy: How did Romans See the Planets

Ancient Romans identified seven planets, categorized by Ptolemy as the Moon, Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.

Building Roman

Technicians installed Roman's solar panels in June of 2025, followed by the Lower Instrument Sun Shield — a smaller set of panels that will play a critical role in keeping Roman's ...

Roman Astronomy

The greatest Roman Astronomer was Ptolemy (c.90-168 CE) who produced a revolutionary Star Catalogue called the Almagest. This predicted the position of any Planet at any time of day or night ...

NASA's Roman Space Telescope Team Installs Observatory's Solar ...

In this photo, technicians install solar panels onto the outer portion of NASA's Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope. Roman's inner portion is in the background just left of center. By ...

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