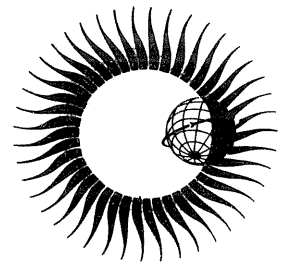


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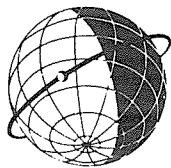
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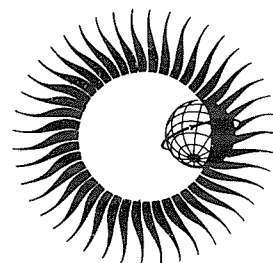


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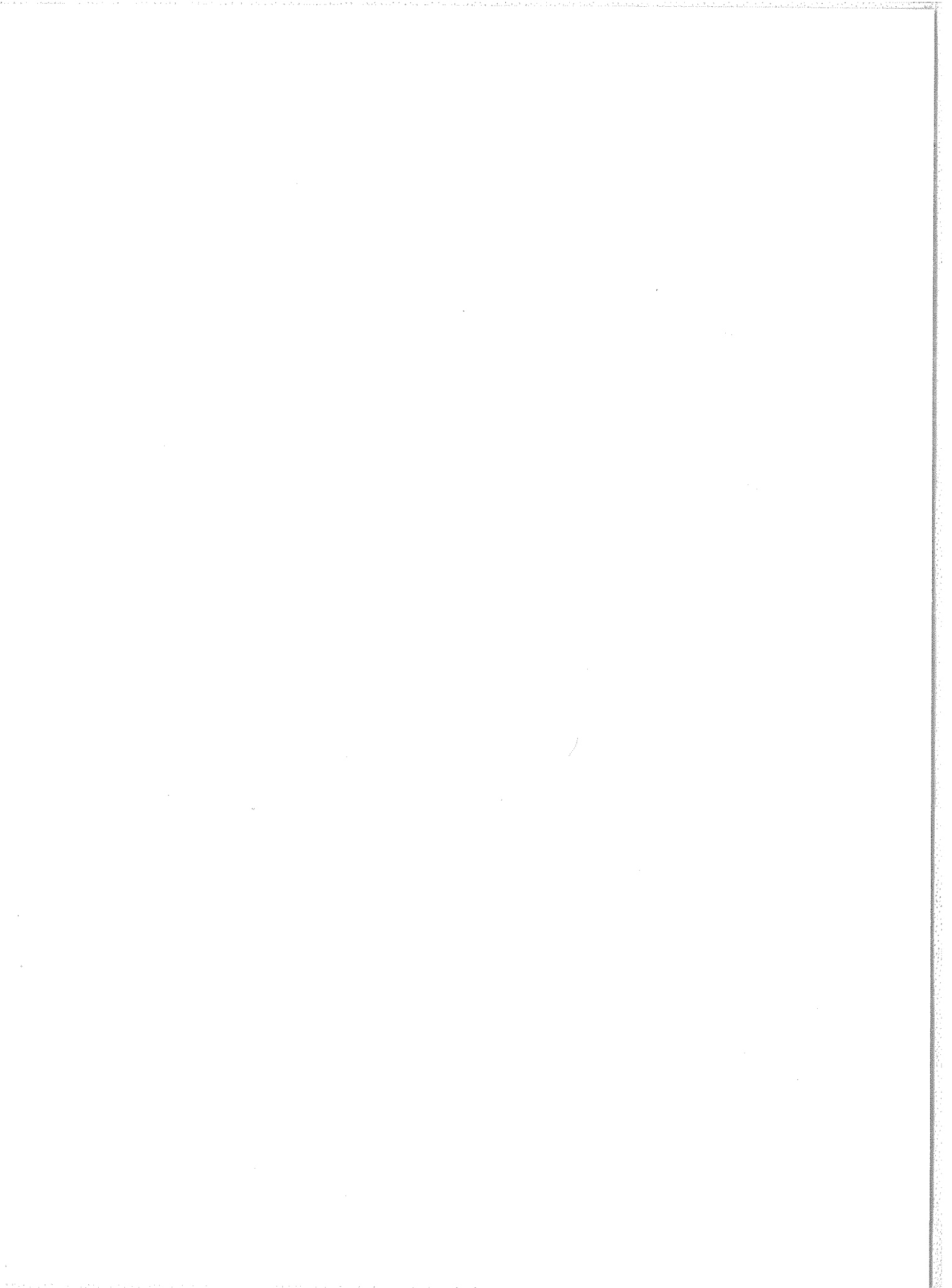
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## Description of Lists of High Speed Streams

The following is a list of the high speed solar wind proton streams observed in the interplanetary medium by the Ames Research Center solar wind spectrometer on the Pioneer 6, 7, 8 and 9 spacecraft. This is followed by a similar list based on the observations from the Vela 3, 4, 5A and 5B satellites. The Pioneer list specifies all high speed streams that occurred between December 16, 1965 and June 30, 1971 for which there are data. There were many time intervals during which there was no ground tracking of the spacecraft.

The first four columns on the left are, respectively, the year, month, day, and hour (if known) in UT of the beginning of the high speed stream. The fifth column from the left indicates the number of the Pioneer spacecraft. The sixth column, T(days) gives the co-rotation delay time in days for the beginning of the high speed stream to reach the earth. This is not the co-rotation delay that would correspond to the peak speed associated with the stream. The co-rotation delay was calculated in the same manner as those published with the Pioneer observations in Solar-Geophysical Data:

$$\text{co-rotation delay (secs)} = \tau = \frac{\phi}{W} - \frac{1}{U_{H^+}} (r_p - r_e)$$

where

W = 27-day solar rotation period angular velocity (in radians sec<sup>-1</sup>)

$$= 2.6934 \times 10^{-6} \text{ radians sec}^{-1}$$

$\phi$  = Ecliptic projection of Earth-Sun-Pioneer angle (in radians)

$r_p$  = Ecliptic projection of Sun-Pioneer distance (in km)

$r_e$  = Sun-Earth distance (in km)

$U_{H^+}$  = Solar wind speed (in km sec<sup>-1</sup>)

the degree of out-of-the-ecliptic of each spacecraft is insignificant and hence is ignored in the above calculation. A positive (+) co-rotation delay indicates that the observation of the high speed stream at the Pioneer spacecraft was before the observation of the stream at Earth; a negative (-) co-rotation delay indicates that the high speed stream should have been previously observed at the Earth.

The seventh column from the left indicates the approximate duration of the high speed stream in days. The eighth column indicates the increase in the solar wind speed during the high speed stream in increments of 50 km sec<sup>-1</sup> each. For example, if before the beginning of the stream the solar wind speed was 300 km sec<sup>-1</sup> and if later the peak speed in the stream was 700 km sec<sup>-1</sup> then there was a base to peak increase in solar wind speed of 400 km sec<sup>-1</sup>, i.e., there are "8" 50 km sec<sup>-1</sup> increases. The three columns on the right are, respectively, the approximate peak speed of the stream, and the approximate day and hour in UT of the peak.

The list of the high speed streams for the Vela data is similar to the list for the Pioneer data. The Vela list specifies all high speed streams that were observed from July 1965 through November 1967 and then from January 1969 through May 1971. The Vela list is also subject to data gaps when the satellites were not tracked. In addition, the Vela satellites spend a large part of each orbit in the magnetosphere and, therefore, do not monitor the solar wind during this time.

The first four columns on the left are, respectively, the year, month, day, and approximate hour (in UT) of the start of the high speed stream. The fifth column lists the number of the Vela spacecraft at which the stream was observed. There is no co-rotation delay listed for the Vela observations since these satellites are relatively close to Earth. The sixth column lists the approximate duration of the high speed streams in days. The seventh column indicates the increase in the solar wind speed associated with the stream in increments of 50 km sec<sup>-1</sup> (see example in Pioneer description above). The three columns on the right list the approximate peak speed of the stream and the day and hour in UT of the observation.

## HIGH SPEED STREAMS IN THE SOLAR WIND

## PIONEER SPACECRAFT

Date	Time UT		S/C	T(days)	Duration (Days)	Number of 50km/sec Increases	Peak Speed	Day and Time (UT) of Peak	
65 Dec.	25	20	6	.05	5.2	4	600	26	12
66 Jan.	4	12	6	.11	1.3	2	497	5	0
	7	12	6	.13	4	3	506	8	6
	20	14	6	.22	7.7	4	626	24	9
Feb.	3	8	6	.30	3.9	3	586	4	9
	19	8	6	.38	2.5	6	701	20	6
	22	16	6	.29	2.6	4	660	23	15
Mar.	18		6	.29	13	4	629	23	
Apr.	21		6	-.1	6	3	520	24	
May	2		6	-.49	5	2	530	4	
	26		6	-1.22	10	4	600	Jun 1	
Jun.	28		6	-2.33	2	3	575	30	
Jul.	9	18	6	-2.68	2	5	675	11	
Aug.	23	1	7	-.03	6.3	4	611	23	18
	30	11	7	-.07	4.1	5	654	31	18
Sept.	5	8	7	-.09	7.4	5	650	8	22
	14	12	7	-.15	3.6	7	670	17	7
	19	3	7	-.14	2.8	3	550	19	13
	23	6	7	-.14	1.8	5	530	23	18
	27	17	7	-.19	4.3	6	645	29	9
Oct.	5	0	7	-.15	4.1	3	607	6	6
	27	15	7	-.01	.2	5	632	27	19
Nov.	2	12	6	-3.99	2.5	5	650	3	15
Dec.	5		7	.31	2	4	655	5	
	12		7	.15	4	2	500	13	
	27		7	.55	3	4	605	27	
67 Feb.	9		7	1.13	1	2	490	9	
	15	11	7	1.01	5	2	423	17	11
	20	12	7	1.07	9	2	447	25	17
Mar.	7		7	1.62	1	4	591	7	
May	21	12	7	2.56	1.5	2	550	23	
June	4	13	6	-6.85	9	4	535	6	12
Aug.	3	12	7	2.83	8	4	527	9	12
	6	12	6	-7.89	3.2	4	559	7	14
	13	20	7	2.82	7.6	5	659	15	12
	25		7	2.78	2	3	525	25	
	30		7	2.77	2	2	530	31	
Sept.	1	12	6	-7.90	4	3	508	4	13
	11	12	7	2.74	5.9	3	579	12	11
Oct.	7		7	2.63	10.5	5	631	8	12
	23		6	-7.92	1	2	608	24	19

Date	Time UT	S/C	T(days)	Duration (Days)	Number 50km/sec Increases	Peak Speed	Day and Time (UT) of Peak		
Oct.	30	12	7	2.57	5	3	496	31	12
	30	15	6	-7.78	8.9	7	738	Nov.1	15
Nov.	11		7	2.63	2	4	630	11	
	13		7	2.69	3	4	600	14	
	15	12	6	-7.77	9.1	7	700	20	12
	29		6	-8.06	1	4	575	29	
	30	11	7	2.61	11.6	6	647	Dec.6	12
Dec.	19	14	6	-8.41	2	6	787	19	14
	28		6	-8.27	4	3	567	29	16
68 Jan.	1	13	6	-8.3	4.2	4	586	3	13
	12	13	6	-8.4	7.1	4	600	14	19
	19		7	3.21	7.8	3	567	19	12
	27	14	6	-8.9	4	5	623	31	15
Feb.	9	18	6	-9.5	5.9	3	536	12	17
	9	21	7	3.25	11.9	7	735	12	19
	21	19	7	3.36	9	4	491	24	19
	27	16	6	-9.8	5	5	638	Mar.1	18
Mar.	6	19	6	-9.92	7.8	7	660	10	19
	10		7	3.81	8	5	605	15	1
	17	19	7	3.88	12	4	562	26	19
	19	17	6	-10.41	6.1	3	553	21	18
	25	20	6	-10.36	8.9	3	461	29	23
	30	20	7	4.12	5	3	500	Apr.2	
Apr.	3	18	6	-10.82	6	3	571	6	18
	5		7	4.16	10	5	624	10	19
	9	18	6	-10.93	9	4	620	17	17
	26	22	7	4.50	3.8	3	538	27	22
May	4	20	7	4.56	7.8	5	586	7	17
	13	15	6	-11.45	3	4	551	14	16
	14	17	7	4.82	1	3	624	15	17
	17	1	7	4.85	4.6	4	614	19	17
	18	15	6	-11.58	11.1	4	553	24	16
	23	0	7	4.89	7	4	617	28	17
	29	17	6	-11.6	8	4	573	Jun.1	16
June	3	0	7	5.09	2.7	3	597	4	17
	7	0	7	5.08	11.7	6	708	10	17
	10	15	6	-11.69	3.1	3	536	11	16
	15		6	-11.78	5.5	4	612	15	16
	24	0	7	5.25	2.7	2	510	25	18
	25	17	6	-11.74	11.1	2	476	27	17
July	2	18	7	5.33	9.2	6	784	9	17
	13	19	6	-11.77	7	4	599	18	14
	21	16	6	-11.74	3.2	5	590	22	17

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July	27	17	6	-11.76	9	3	578 29 17
Aug.	2	18	7	5.52	4	4	625 5 18
	14		6	-11.83	10.5	7	770 18 17
	26		7	5.54	8	5	664 31 18
	26	13	6	-11.78	10.2	5	694 29 17
Sept.	3	18	7	5.54	8	3	589 5 0
	8	15	6	-11.69	4.1	6	644 10 17
	14	18	6	-11.78	6.8	2	513 17 18
	19	18	7	5.55	23	9	770 26 18
	21	15	6	-11.73	10.1	5	578 27 15
Oct.	6		8	1.46	10	8	680 11
	16		6	-12.31	5.5	5	751 16 17
	16		8	1.52	6	5	542 17
	17	0	7	5.48	16	5	573 25 22
	24		8	1.53	7	13	980 29
	25	17	6	-12.13	1.2	3	550 26 21
Nov.	1		8	1.60	9	9	783 2
	5	14	6	-12.41	2.1	3	586 6 16
	10		8	1.60	6	5	542 12
	17		9	.05	1	1	410 18 12
	20		8	1.62	9	6	630 24
	20	6	9	.07	1.5	4	575 21
	22		9	.08	2.5	3	590 23 12
	24	12	9	.11	1.2	1	510 25
	28		9	.13	2	2	490 28 12
	30		8	1.64	8	4	585 Dec. 5
Dec.	2		9	.16	3.7	4	570 4 12
	6	12	9	.20	.2	1	475 6 14
	8		8	1.65	2	2	542 9
	10	18	9	.24	3.5	2	480 12 12
	14	18	9	.29	1.5	2	445 15 6
	14	23	6	13.66	5.8	3	511 18 20
	16		8	1.65	14	5	680 21
	17	18	9	.30	2.2	2	470 19 18
	20		9	.32	4	3	550 21
	24	12	9	.31	1.2	3	565 24 12
	31	12	9	.39	1	1	475 31 15
69 Jan.	6	8	9	.55	1.9	5	550 7 6
	10		8	1.64	2	3	504 11
	11		9	.52	1.5	3	480 11 15
	14		9	.54	8.3	5	585 19
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	20		8	1.64	8	5	731 24



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Jan.	23	12	9	.56	6.5	5	720	25	16
Feb.	1	16	9	.52	3.3	5	620	2	
	6		8	1.63	2	2	542	7	
	10	12	9	.30	1.2	2	510	10	12
	11		8	1.63	4	4	630	12	
	13	12	9	.45	.8	1	430	13	5
	15		9	.38	2.3	1	485	15	12
	18		9	.52	.7	2	430	18	6
	19	12	9	.37	2.2	3	525	20	12
	22		9	.41	2.5	3	500	23	12
	25		8	1.63	5	2	542	26	
	25		9	.25	1.3	2	505	25	3
Mar.	1		9	-.01	1.3	1	590	1	12
	3		8	1.63	11	3	542	10	
	7		9	-.02	2	3	580	8	
	10	12	9	-.07	.3	2	490	10	12
	17		9	-.15	3.7	3	520	19	3
	22	1	7	6.39	3	3	612	23	1
	22	16	9	-.68	1.3	2	620	23	
	22	23	6	11.51	1	2	555	23	22
	25		8	1.65	13	5	630	28	
	25	8	9	-.83	.2	1	630	25	10
	28		9	-.66	5	4	585	31	16
Apr.	3		9	-1.06	6	2	585	4	8
	6		6	11.43	1	4	630	6	
	9		6	11.41	1	4	715	9	
	10		8	1.65	8	6	630	13	
	16		6	11.60	1	2	525	17	
	17		9	-1.40	4	4	585	18	8
	19		8	1.73	2	4	585	20	
	21		8	1.77	4	2	585	23	
	21		9	-1.82	3	4	630	23	7
	21	2	7	6.69	2.8	3	618	22	1
	25		8	1.76	11	2	585	30	
	26		9	-2.06	2	4	630	27	15
	28		9	-2.15	5	3	585	30	16
	30	20	6	11.71	1	6	625	May 1	21
May	3		7	6.89	5	4	524	7	17
	5	16	6	11.71	7	6	631	6	20
	14		6	11.69	1	2	500	15	
	14		7	7.08	2	2	595	15	19
	27	18	6	11.71	4	2	535	28	18

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June	2	7	7.29	7	2	616	5	19
	4	18	6	11.66	3	6	748	7 17
July	1	6	11.49	1.9	2	588	3	20
Sept.	5	20	6	11.67	2	4	512	7 16
	8	1	7	8.42	10	4	494	12 23
	11	18	6	10.92	3	2	476	14 19
	19	19	6	10.85	10	4	553	20 20
	25	7	7	8.48	3	1	559	25 0
Oct.	4	6	10.37	3	2	480	5	
	10	19	6	10.25	2	2	511	11 20
	16	20	6	10.17	7	2	468	19 18
	23	19	6	10.17	10	7	641	27 20
	24	23	7	8.65	8	7	678	28 18
Nov.	6	20	6	9.67	7	3	470	9 20
	6	21	7	8.65	7	3	468	11 22
	10	5	9	-4.72	1.5	2	560	10 12
	17	9	9	-4.60	.5	4	570	17 18
	21	9	9	-4.58	.3	4	580	21 11
	23	21	9	-4.75	1	3	610	24 9
	25	18	7	8.45	4	3	575	27 20
	26	21	6	8.57	3	4	590	27 21
	29	20	6	8.39	4	6	747	30 21
	29	13	9	-4.69	1	3	520	30 3
	30	19	7	8.41	4	3	615	Dec.1 19
Dec.	1	21	9	-4.55	7.6	6	600	6 7
	5	18	7	8.38	5	2	492	6 17
	5	6	6	8.30	3	2	460	7
	12	7	7	8.35	8	2	500	14
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	13	6	6	8.06	6	2	500	15
	26	2	9	-5.32	1.5	5	600	26 5
70 Jan.	1	7	8.34	3	2	520	2	
	1	6	7.61	6	3	480	3	
	13	7	8.28	5.5	4	542	14 19	
	13	21	6	7.51	5	3	488	16 21
Feb.	10	6	7.38	1	4	585	10 1	
Mar.	20	1	6	7.73	9	6	554	26 22
Apr.	2	6	7.69	9	3	540	4	
	25	6	7.66	6	4	604	28 2	
May	4	0	6	7.8	3	3	496	5 3
	23	6	7.4	6	6	647	25 23	
	25	7	9.6	3	5	739	25 3	

Date	Time UT	S/C	T(days)	Duration (Days)	Number of 50km/sec Increases	Peak Speed	Day and Time (UT) of Peak
May	29	1	6	7.5	9.8	5	647 Jun. 2 18
July	2	0	7	9.8	1	4	500 3
	13		6	7.1	9	3	560 20
	16		7	10.0	4	3	570 17
Aug.	2	1	6	6.5	2.9	5	647 2 21
	10	19	6	6.4	12	8	852 16 0
	11	18	7	10.4	8	7	739 12 17
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Sept.	5	18	7	10.6	11	5	654 7 17
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Oct.	5	23	6	4.5	11.6	3	506 10 0
	17	15	6	4.2	5.2	4	506 19 20
	22	19	6	4.1	10.5	4	566 27 12
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	24	16	6	3.2	7.6	5	647 28 18
Feb.	11	8	6	3.3	8	3	566 13 23
	20	6	6	3.4	7	7	647 24 0
Mar.	9	8	6	3.4	6.6	4	647 11 0
Apr.	5	1	6	3.6	5	5	647 8 0
May	15	4	6	3.5	10.3	5	566 17 4
	26	2	6	3.5	9.6	6	647 Jun. 1 12
June	23	12	6	2.5	7.1	4	556 24 12

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## VELA SPACECRAFT

Date	Time UT	S/C	Duration (Days)	Number of 50km/sec Increases	Peak Speed	Day and Time (UT) of Peak
65 July	27	6	3	4.5	5	578 29 15
Aug.	18		3	4.6	4	541 19 21
	23	2	3	6	3	536 26 3
Sept.	5	0	3	3.2	1	611 5 9
	11	6	3	1.6	2	419 12 12
	15	12	3	2.1	4	513 16 21
	19	0	3	3.6	3	447 19 15
	23	12	3	3.2	1	462 24 6
	28	15	3	3.1	2	482 29 0
Oct.	4	21	3	3.4	4	511 7 0
	8	9	3	1.9	3	457 9 12
	22	9	3	2.7	3	496 24 6
	27	3	3	2.6	3	543 28 0
Nov.	1	9	3	1.7	2	480 2 3
	18	21	3	3.3	2	471 21 0
	30	12	3	1.2	2	438 30 15
Dec.	4	0	3	2.4	1	412 4 18
	10	3	3	5.6	3	509 11 0
	16	21	3	3.9	3	380 18 12
	22	0	3	1.1	1	418 22 21
	24	12	3	7.5	5	586 27 18
66 Jan.	8	0	3	3	2	496 8 0
	19	15	3	7.4	5	606 26 12
Feb.	3	6	3	2.5	5	554 5 0
	19	0	3	3.3	7	681 20 12
	23	3	3	6.1	3	625 24 0
Mar.	2	6	3	4.2	3	424 4 6
	17	3	3	4.5	6	581 19 12
	23	6	3	8.5	3	616 27 3
Apr.	5	0	3	4.9	2	450 7 9
	21	15	3	5.1	4	518 24 0
July	10	9	3	1.1	1	573 10 15
Aug.	12	3	3	1.2	1	502 13 3
	22	3	3	5.6	4	566 23 12
	31	12	3	4.7	5	653 31 12
Sept.	5	6	3	7.9	5	618 9 3
	14	9	3	8.6	5	531 19 9
	27	9	3	5.1	4	599 29 6
Oct.	4	6	3	4.6	5	596 6 0
	24	12	3	5.9	5	637 27 6
	30	9	3	8.1	4	619 Nov. 3 18

Date	Time UT	S/C	Duration (Days)	Number of 50km/sec Increases	Peak Speed	Day and Time (UT) of Peak
Nov.	7	12	3	8	3	462 13 6
	27	15	3	2.1	3	535 28 18
	29	18	3	3.9	2	477 Dec.1 9
Dec.	4	0	3	4.9	4	571 6 12
	13	3	3	4.4	2	537 14 21
	25	9	3	2.2	5	656 27 3
67 Feb.	6	21	3	6.1	5	578 9 0
	15	21	3	2.4	7	640 16 12
	22	21	3	7.5	3	464 27 0
Mar.	17	12	3	5.6	5	508 19 18
	27	3	3	4.9	2	471 28 6
Apr.	1	3	3	12.4	5	553 5 3
	19	3	3	1.4	2	481 19 18
	23	0	3	6.5	7	682 24 21
May	1	12	3	2.1	3	502 2 0
	23	21	3	6.4	7	650 25 21
	30	6	3	1.6	3	582 31 3
June	5	3	3	5.7	3	526 8 21
Aug.	20	3	3	1.1	1	569 20 12
Sept.	22	18	3	.2	1	563 22 18
Oct.	10	15	3	1.1	3	652 10 15
Nov.	12	18	3	.5	2	617 13 3
69 Jan.	15		3	11	10	770 26 0
Feb.	2		3	1	3	646 2 21
	27		3	1	3	646 27 12
Mar.	23		3	5	2	541 27 2
Apr.	12		3	8	2	432 14 3
	12		4	7	3	508 17 14
	22		3	7	5	541 24 12
May	8	10	3	2	3	455 10 3
	13	1	3	2	3	769 14 20
	14		4	1	4	651 15 10
	18		3	6	2	480 23
June	9		3	17	3	541 19 15
Nov.	7	2	5	9.6	6	637 10 12
70 Feb.	1	18	3	5	3	541 3 0
Mar.	1	5	3	15	3	525 2 5
	30		3	13	5	618 31 9
May	1	18	5B	7	4	547 7 18
June	23	7	5B	4	6	637 27 7

Date	Time UT	S/C	Duration (Days)	Number of 50km/sec Increases	Peak Speed	Day and Time (UT) of Peak
July	3	22	5B	5	5	637 4 5
	8	4	5B	9.5	3	470 11 1
	24	12	5B	2.6	5	707 25 18
Aug.	7		5B	6	3	519 8 20
	16	2	5B	4	4	516 17 7
Sept.	1	5	5B	7	3	520 2 11
	12	23	5B	5	5	576 14 2
	19	1	5B	2.3	2	520 20 2
	29	8	5B	10	6	745 Oct.4 8
Oct.	11	6	5B	7	3	446 11 22
	27	4	5B	4	4	520 29 1
	28		5A	3	2	600 30
Nov.	6	5	5B	3	5	606 7 13
Dec.	6	17	5B	2	3	495 8 8
	13	14	5B	1	4	637 14 4
71 Jan.	1	2	5B	5.8	4	576 3 21
	17		5B	7	8	745 20 19
	24	15	5B	4.8	2	525 27 7
	29	10	5B	5	4	575 Feb.1
Feb.	6	10	5B	7.6	3	470 7 21
	15		5A	2	2	637 16 19
Mar.	7	15	5B	10.5	5	637 13 17
	24		5A	2	2	520 25
	25		5B	2	4	475 26
Apr.	9	1	5B	2	2	520 10 21
May	6		5A	1	4	625 7
	7		5B	2	4	620 7

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