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*Official First Day of Issue
Houston, Texas
Huntsville, Alabama
Kennedy Space Center, Florida*

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These stamps commemorate the first decade of space flight by the United States and were issued during the mission of Apollo 15. The first day of issue was at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, Houston, Texas and Huntsville, Alabama.

It was a decade that began with Navy Commander Alan B. Shepard's first U. S. sub-orbital flight in 1961 up to the achievements of Apollo 15. Other highpoints in this decade were the first U. S. orbital flight in 1962 by Colonel John Glenn; the space walk in 1967 by the late Colonel Edward H. White; the lunar orbit of Apollo 8 in 1968; and the moon walk in 1969 when Neil Armstrong became the first man from Earth to step on the surface of the moon.

William M. Blount, Postmaster General said, "The achievements of the United States during this first decade in space will endure for all time in the history of space conquest. It is a record of a nation which lifted its sights high, to the very moon itself, and achieved its goal through courage, skill and sacrifice."

A DECADE IN SPACE



The stamps were designed by Robert McCall of Paradise Valley, Arizona, modeled by Leonard Buckley and engraved by Robert G. Culin (lettering) and Joseph S. Creamer, Jr. (vignette) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The horizontal stamps were printed in multicolor by a combination of offset and Giori presses.



ROVER



SUN AND EARTH

Besides two rows of unsevered pairs, each sheet of stamps contains one row of a single stamp featuring either the "Rover," or the "Sun and Earth." On the left hand panes the row has the "Sun and Earth." On the right hand panes it has the "Rover."