

NOTES ON BASE

This is one map in a set of topographic map sheets covering areas of special interest on Mars at nominal scales of 1:1,000,000 and 1:250,000 (Bates, 1973). The major source of map data was the Mariner 9 television experiment (Marsky and others, 1970).

ADOPTED FIGURE

The figure of Mars used for the computation of the map projection is an oblate spheroid (ellipsoid) with an equatorial radius of 3393.4 km and a polar radius of 3352.5 km.

PROJECTION

The transverse Mercator projection is used for this sheet, with a scale of 1:1,000,000 at 42° longitude. Longitudes increase to the west in accordance with usage of the International Astronomical Union (IAU, 1971). Latitudes are geographic (de Vausoulois and others, 1973).

CONTROL

Planimetric control is provided by photogrammetric triangulation using Mariner 9 pictures (Davies, 1972; Davies and Arthur, 1973) and the radio-tracked position of the spacecraft. The first meridian passes through the crater Aiy-Q (lat 3.19° S) within the crater Aiy. No simple statement is possible for the precision, but local consistency is 2 km.

MAPPING TECHNIQUE

A mosaic of rectified Mariner 9 pictures was assembled at 1:1,000,000. Shaded relief was compiled from the mosaic and portrayed with uniform illumination with the sun to the west. Many Mariner 9 pictures include shadows in the base mosaic were examined to improve the portrayal (Levitt and others, 1973). The shading is not generalized and may be interpreted with photogrammetric reliability (page 1972). Shaded relief analysis and representation were made by Jay L. Ijse.

COLOR

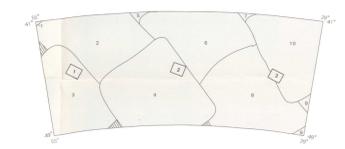
No attempt was made to precisely duplicate the color of the Martian surface, although the color used does approximate it.

NOMENCLATURE

Names on this sheet are provisional except for the following which have been approved by the International Astronomical Union (1974): Argyre, Flamingo, Nereidum, and Hooke. Named craters bearing double letters in parentheses are designated by the same letters on the 1:250,000 Argyre sheet which covers this area. The prefix ARG- (identifying the Argyre sheet) is part of the complete designation but, for brevity, is not shown on most craters.

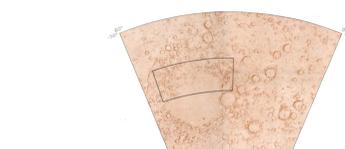
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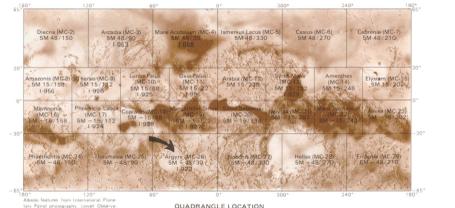
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The mosaic used to control the positioning of features on this map was made with the Mariner 9 A-camera pictures outlined above, identified by vertical numbers. Also shown are the high-resolution B-camera pictures, identified by italic numbers. Pictures other than those shown in the mosaic were used for portrayal in the cross-hatched areas.

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