

**NOTES ON BASE**

This sheet is one in a series of shaded relief maps covering the entire surface of Mars at a scale of 1:15,000,000. Sources for the map base were 1:5,000,000-scale shaded relief maps described by Batson and others (1975). Data used in the map portrayal were obtained from Viking Orbiter images.

**ADOPTED FIGURE**

The figure of Mars used for computing the map projections is an oblate spheroid (flattening of 1/192) with an equatorial radius of 3,393.4 km and a polar radius of 3,375.7 km.

**PROJECTIONS**

The Mercator projection is used between the 57° parallels; the polar stereographic projection is used for the polar regions north and south of the 55° parallels. Scales are 1:15,000,000 at the equator and 1:9,263,225 at the poles. The projections have a common scale of 1:8,418,000 at lat ±56°. Longitudes increase to the west in accordance with astronomical convention for Mars. Latitudes are areographic.

**CONTROL**

Planimetric control for the 1:5,000,000 maps used to compile the base for these sheets was derived from photogrammetric triangulations using Mariner 9 pictures (Davies, 1973). This control was upgraded through the use of Viking data (Davies and others, 1978). At least 85 percent of the image control points lie within 0.6 mm of the positions published in 1978.

**MAPPING TECHNIQUE**

The mapping bases for this series were assembled from 1:5,000,000 shaded relief maps reduced and digitally transformed where necessary to fit the projections. During shaded-relief portrayal, features on these bases were used to position details taken from Viking Orbiter pictures. Features were drawn with uniform illumination from the west, using airstereographic techniques described by Inge (1972) and photostereographic methods described by Inge and Bridges (1976). The shading is not generalized and accurately represents the character of surface features. Shaded relief analysis and portrayal were made by Susan L. Davis.

**COLOR**

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

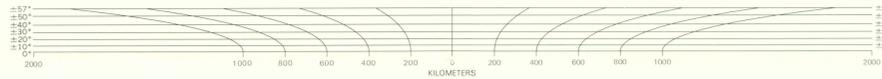
**NOMENCLATURE**

Most names on this sheet are approved by the International Astronomical Union (IAU), 1974, 1977, 1980, and 1983) except for provisional names, which are indicated by an asterisk. Named features and their positions are taken from published maps of Mars with scales of 1:2,000,000, 1:5,000,000, and 1:25,000,000.

M 15M 0/270 2RN Abbreviation for Mars; 1:15,000,000 series; center of map, lat 0°, long 270°; 2nd edition) shaded relief (83, nomenclature (N).

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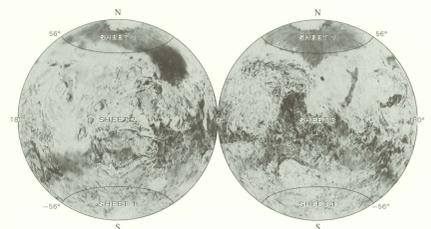


SCALE 1:15,000,000 (1 mm=15 km) AT 0° LATITUDE  
1:8,418,000 (1 mm=8.418 km) AT ±56° LATITUDE  
MERCATOR PROJECTION

**NOTE TO USERS**

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