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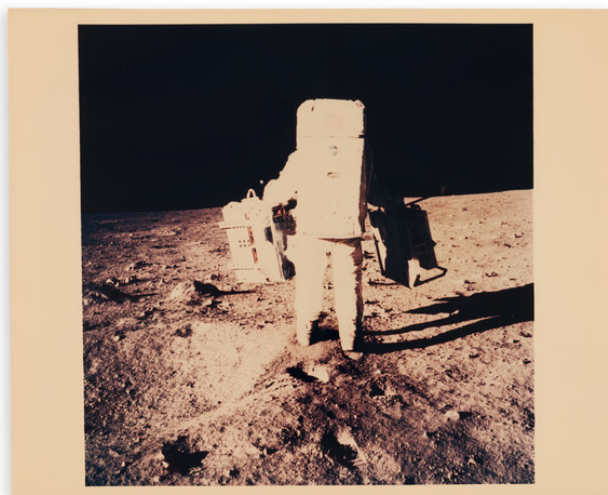
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(Apollo 11) Buzz Aldrin on the Lunar Surface, carrying the Early Apollo Scientific Experiments Package, taken by Neil Armstrong

Stock#: 93046
Map Maker: NASA
Date: 1969 July 31
Place: Washington, D.C. and Houston, Texas
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 7.5 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

This photograph, captured at 110:58:16, marks the beginning of a series documenting Buzz Aldrin as he transports the EASEP (Early Apollo Scientific Experiments Package) to its designated deployment site, situated south of the spacecraft. In this particular image, Aldrin is seen traversing the elevated rim of a small crater, as mentioned at 110:58:16. A distinct spray of lunar dust emanates from his left boot, illustrating the movement across the crater.

Aldrin holds the LRRR (Lunar Ranging Retro Reflector) in his right hand, while the seismometer package is gripped in his left hand. As we observe Buzz from behind, the OPS (Oxygen Purge System) antenna is visible edge-on, seemingly disappearing in lower-quality scans and prints. A detailed view reveals two columns of horizontal Velcro strips adorning the back of his PLSS (Portable Life Support System).

The NASA press release text on the back reads:

Apollo 11 astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., were launched to the Moon by a Saturn V Launch vehicle 9:32 a.m. July 16, 1969 from Complex 39A Cape Kennedy, Fla. Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the Moon July 20, 1969 and after take-off from the Moon July 21, joined Collins in the Command Module circling the Moon. The Astronauts splashed down in the Pacific Ocean and recovery was made by the U.S.S. Hornet at 12:50 p.m. EDT July 24, 1969.

The official NASA notes about this image are as follows:



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110:58:16. This photograph is the first in a sequence of pictures Neil took of Buzz carrying the EASEP out to the deployment site a short way south of the spacecraft. In this picture, he is walking across the raised rim of the small crater he comments on at 110:58:16. Note the spray of dust spreading out in front of his left boot. The piece of equipment in his right hand is the LRRR, while the seismometer package is in his left hand. Note that, in this view from behind Buzz, we are seeing his OPS antenna edge on. In lower-quality scans and prints, it all but disappears. A detail shows the two columns of horizontal Velcro strips on the back of his PLSS.

Detailed Condition:

There is a notable lack of clarity and contrast in Aldrin's spacesuit. 1969 chromogenic photo on paper watermarked "A KODAK PAPER" on verso. Purple ink NASA press release text on verso, including the NASA ID number AS11-40-5942.