

LUBRICANTS IN SPACE

Lubricants for aerospace applications are designed for extreme conditions where long life is critical for the success of the mission.





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Lubricants for aerospace applications have been formulated at Nye for over 65 years. Below is a demonstration of Nye's space heritage, including some examples of lubricants designed specifically for applications that must survive the severe conditions of the space environment.

Mars Rover Curiosity

Lubricant: NyeBar® Barrier Film

Device: Mast Camera

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Device: Multiple Mechanisms

- Lubricant: Various products including Rheolube® 2000
- Multiple devices for positioning and control; Vibration Isolation Systems for Advanced
- Resistance Exercise Equipment.

250 MILES



34 - 249,000,000 MILES

Lubricant: Pennzane[™] Grease, Pennzane[™] Oil & NyeBar® Barrier Film The reaction wheels located on CubeSats/NanoSats provide an efficient,

Nye



438 MILES

253 MILES

1,000,000 MILES

CubeSats/NanoSats

high-performance solution for attitude control.

Device: Reaction Wheels

Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM)

Device: Harmonic Drive Gear

Lubricant: Rheolube® 2004 & Synthetic Oil 2001-3PB

Thermal Infrared Sensor (TIRS)

Lubricant: Rheolube® 2000 & Synthetic Oil 2001

Mission (LDCM) measures land surface temperature.

The Thermal Infrared Sensor located on the Landsat Data Continuity

Device: Angular Contact Bearings

Global Precipitation Measurement is a joint mission between JAXA and NASA that records precipitation characteristics on Earth.



Mars Rover Curiosity has provided photos along with data concerning climate and geology since

Mars Climate Sounde

Device: Actuator

Lubricant: Synthetic Oil 2001A

The Mars Climate Sounder observes the temperature humidity, and debris content of the Martian atmos

160 MILES

James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) (Launching in 2018)

Device: Multiple Mechanisms

Lubricant: Custom Pennzane[™] Oil Formulation

The James Webb Space Telescope will be a large infrared telescope with a 6.5 meter primary mirror. The telescope will be launched on an Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana in October of 2018.





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