

MIRNEWS.021 20 DECEMBER 1989

PROGRESS-M2 LAUNCHED TO MIR:

The freighter Pr-M2 was launched from Baykonur on Dec. 20th 1989 at 0331UTC for a flight of 2 days to MIR. The Pr-M2 will dock in the morning of Dec. 22d 1989 at about 0400UTC (when MIR and Pr-M2 are still out of our range far to the East) or at appr. 0540UTC. (if they use this orbit for docking we can hear the cosmonauts commenting the approach during the pass in orb. 22048 (0523-0533UTC).

TELEMETRY PROGRESS-M2: During Pr-M2's orbits 4, 5 and 6 on Dec. 20th 1989 transmissions heard on 166.138 and 922.746 mc.

PLANNED EVA FOR 19 DEC. 1989 CANCELLED:

Some time ago journalist on TsUP have been informed that there should be an EVA on this day. It was said to be the first flight with the space-scooter SPK. This was not so as they only had to check the spacesuit Orlan. They were checking this spacesuit on 18th of Dec. and possible discovered some failures. This crew had orders to do 5 EVA-s: the first one to check the Orlan-suite, the 2d and 3d to do repairwork without SPK and the 4th and 5th with the SPK.