

PROGRESS-M3 DOCKED TO MIR:

On 3 March 1990 at 0106UTC the freighter Progress-M3 docked to the aft docking port of Kvant-1 (Module-E). The docking took place when MIR after the first pass for our QTH, 5 minutes after LOS. Orb. 23152. The radiotraffic concerned the approaching Pr-M3. The cosmonauts observed the approach visually and on a screen giving the Kurs approach system data. The approach itself was fully automatic and did not give any problems.

During the next pass (orb. 23153, 0226-0237UTC) Solovyov got instructions about the opening of the hatch (just before the next QSO with TsUP). When MIR passed for the 3d time (orb. 23154, 0403-0414UT) the hatch had been opened and the cosmonauts spoke about the new arrived cargo.

THE MIR-COMPLEX:

The MIR station now consists of: Soyuz-TM9, the Base Block of MIR, the Kvant-1 (Module-E) and the Progress-M3. Lateral on the transition section between S-TM9 and MIR there is attached the Kvant-2 (Module-D). A huge complex, good visible (clouds permitting) towards sunrise these days. ..

ATLANTIS: During the docking of P-M3 to MIR the American Spaceshuttle Atlantis also flew, somewhat easterly, over Siberia in a distance from MIR of appr. 143 KM on an altitude of 204 KM, MIR's altitude was 404 KM. The footprints of the 2 enormous space objects overlapped each other this time.

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