

SOYUZ-TM10 DOCKED TO MIR:

The docking was accomplished at 1146UTC on 3/8/1990, just when MIR and S-TM10 vanished behind the easterly horizon. During MIR's orb. 25549, 113646-114500UTC, the crew of S-TM10 was commenting the approach. (Approach speeds, attitude angles, fuel consumption and distances. The last distance reported was 20 M. _____)

The MIR crew kept silent and they even did not switch on their transmitter.

DELAY IN OPENING HATCHES BETWEEN S-TM10 AND MIR:

The opening was planned for 1310UTC and all had been arranged to give live-TV coverage. Due to problems during the equalizing of the pressure between S-TM10 and MIR (they had to wait until the pressures were equal, but their pressure did not change at all.) they could not open the hatches. Manakov and Strelakov had done all what they had to do and stated that they did this in accordance with the Board-Instructions. Balandin spoke with TsUP (on 143.625 mc) about the problem. During the 3d pass all was in good order and the new crew took a rest in the Module-D. The first joyful meeting took place during the 4th pass at 1622UTC.

Until their return to Earth on 9 Aug. 1990 Solovyov and Balandin will be very busy: stowing goods to bring back to transport to Earth, to inform the new crew and to transfer the complex to the crew of the 7th expedition.

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