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PROGRESS-42 launched voor flight to MIR complex:

Launch of this freighter took place on 5 May 1990 at 2045UTC. About Progress-42 cosmonauts spoke in the spring of 1989. They stated that Pr-42 would be the last of that type. The expected launch of Pr-42 in that period did not take place as the plans had been changed dramatically. The crew returned to earth and the next crew boarded MIR in Sept. 1989. Some weeks earlier another type of freighter, the Progress-M1, automatically docked to the station. Progress-42 is an extra flight. Apart from the normal cargo the freighter will bring equipment and instruction video cassettes for the EVA during which the cosmonauts will have to repair the thermal cover of S-TM9.

ESTIMATED DOCKING TIME PROGRESS-42:

Confirmed by the cosmonauts the docking will take place at abt. 2247UTC, during MIR's orbit nr. 24181 on 7 May 1990. (Radiotrafic here from 2232 to 2242UTC so during the final approach.) Solovyov expects Pr-42 to be in a distance of 15 KM from MIR at 2217UTC. He also expects that they will be able to open the hatch at about 0100UTC on 8 May 1990.

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