

SKYLAB SPACE STATION AS SEEN FROM SKYLAB 4 CSM



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SKYLAB 4 ON-BOARD PHOTO — An overhead view of the Skylab space station in Earth orbit as photographed from the Skylab 4 command service module during the final fly-around by the CSM. The space station is contrasted against a cloud-covered Earth. One of the Orbital Workshop solar array system wings is missing. A solar shield was deployed to cover a portion of the OWS where a micrometeoroid shield was torn off. The damage to the space station occurred during the Skylab 1/Saturn V launch on May 14, 1973. Aboard the Skylab 4 CSM when this 70mm Hasselblad picture was taken were Astronauts Gerald P. Carr, Edward G. Gibson and William R. Pogue. Note the small white area in the sail which was recently opened. This area is representative of the material before exposure to the solar rays and atmospheric conditions.