



LAUNCH OF THIRD MANNED SKYLAB MISSION



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SKYLAB 4 LIFTOFF — The Skylab 4/Saturn 1B launch vehicle is launched from Pad B, Launch Complex 39, Kennedy Space Center, Florida, at 9:01:23 a.m. (EST), Friday, November 16, 1973. Skylab 4 is the third and last of three manned Skylab missions. Aboard the Skylab 4 command service module were Astronauts Gerald P. Carr, Edward G. Gibson and William R. Pogue. In addition to the CSM and its launch escape system, the Skylab 4 space vehicle consisted of the Saturn 1B first (S-1B) stage and the Saturn 1B second (S-IVB) stage. (The Skylab 1/Saturn V unmanned space vehicle with the space station payload was launched from Pad A on May 14, 1973).