



DESCRIPTION OF SCENE

This scene is the east shore of the rectangular feature with a low wall of rock in the foreground. The scene is a typical example of the rocky terrain of the Viking Lander 2 site. The terrain is composed of dark, angular rocks of various sizes, some of which are embedded in a light-colored, sandy or silty matrix. The rocks are scattered across the terrain, with some larger rocks and some smaller rocks. The terrain is relatively flat, with a slight rise in the foreground. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking across the terrain towards the background.

THE VIKING MISION

The Viking mission, which consisted of two orbiters and two landers, was launched on August 19, 1976. The landers were designed to study the atmosphere, soil, and rocks of Mars. The landers were equipped with a variety of scientific instruments, including cameras, spectrometers, and microscopes. The landers were also equipped with a radio transmitter and a radio receiver, which allowed them to communicate with Earth. The landers were designed to operate for a two-year mission, but they have continued to operate for over three years. The Viking mission has provided a wealth of information about Mars, including the composition of the atmosphere, the structure of the soil, and the nature of the rocks.

VIKING LANDER MESSAGES

The Viking Lander 2 camera system captured over 100,000 images of the Martian surface and atmosphere. These images were transmitted back to Earth via the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) orbiter. The images were captured in a variety of different modes, including color, black and white, and high-resolution. The images were captured from a variety of different angles and distances, providing a comprehensive view of the Martian surface. The images were captured during the two-year mission, and they have provided a wealth of information about the Martian surface and atmosphere. The images have been used to study the composition of the atmosphere, the structure of the soil, and the nature of the rocks.

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