Solar activity reached low levels this week. C-class x-ray flares were observed on 17-20 and 23 September. The largest, a C2/Sf, was recorded from Region 1576 (S21, L=180, class/area Dso/70 on 20 September) at 19/1512 UTC. The remainder included a C2 flare from Region 1575 (N08, L=181, class/area Eko/320 on 22 September) at 17/1406 UTC, a C1 at 18/1009Z, and a C1 from Region 1574 (S22, L=302, class/area Cao/40 on 20 September) at 20/1139 UTC, and a long-duration C1 from beyond the east limb at 23/1556 UTC. The long-duration C-flare was associated with a vivid CME in LASCO C2 imagery. Estimated plane-of-sky speed was around 600 km/s.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached moderate levels each day of the week except the 20th when it remained at background levels.

The geomagnetic field ranged from quiet to active levels during the week, with minor storm levels observed at high latitudes on all but the first and last days. The week began with the geomagnetic field at quiet to unsettled levels. Geomagnetic field activity increased to active levels late on the 19th when a corotating interaction region (CIR) became geoeffective. A coronal hole high speed stream followed on the 20th bringing mostly quiet to unsettled conditions. Between the 19th and the 20th, the solar sector changed from positive to negative, consistent with the geoeffective coronal hole polarity. Solar wind speed at the ACE spacecraft fluctuated between 600 and 400 km/s between the 20th and 21st, before beginning a slow decline late on the 21st. Solar wind speed by the end of the week had dropped to about 350 km/s. The Bz component of the interplanetary magnetic field reached its maximum of approximately -11 nT late on the 19th with the arrival of the CIR.

Space Weather Outlook 24 September - 20 October 2012

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with an increasing chance for moderate activity during the first two weeks of the period as active regions rotate onto the visible disk.

A slight chance for a proton event exists due to potential activity associated with returning regions from 24 September through 08 October.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels on 8-9 October and again on 17-18 October.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to remain mostly at quiet to unsettled levels except for 3-5 October, 09-10 October, and 16-17 October when recurrent coronal hole high speed streams are expected to bring a chance for active levels.



Daily Solar Data

	Radio	Sun	Sunspot	X-ray]	Flares				
	Flux	spot	Area	Background		X-ra	<u>y</u>		O	ptica	1	
Date	10.7cm	No.	(10 ⁻⁶ hemi.)	Flux	C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
17 September	102	51	220	B2.3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 September	104	61	330	B2.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 September	110	62	420	B2.5	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
20 September	117	68	610	B2.7	1	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
21 September	117	74	420	B2.5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
22 September	125	46	390	B3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23 September	134	57	410	B3.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Daily Particle Data

	(pro	Proton Fluen otons/cm ² -da		Electron Fluence (electrons/cm² -day -sr)
Date	>1 MeV	>10 MeV	>100 MeV	>0.6 MeV >2MeV >4 MeV
17 September	1.2e+05	1.1e+04	2.8e+03	2.2e+07
18 September	1.1e+05	1.1e+04	2.7e+03	1.0e+07
19 September	1.9e + 05	1.1e+04	2.6e+03	1.4e+07
20 September	1.1e+05	1.1e+04	2.6e+03	3.1e+06
21 September	1.6e + 05	1.2e+04	2.7e+03	7.4e+06
22 September	1.4e + 05	1.5e+04	2.8e+03	1.3e+07
23 September	2.2e+05	1.6e + 04	3.0e+03	1.6e+07

Daily Geomagnetic Data

	N	Middle Latitude		High Latitude	Estimated				
	I	Fredericksburg		College		Planetary			
Date	A	K-indices	A	K-indices	A	K-indices			
17 September	6	2-2-1-2-2-2-1	4	1-1-0-3-1-0-1-1	6	2-1-1-1-2-1-1-2			
18 September	7	2-2-2-3-2-1-1	15	1-1-2-5-4-3-2-2	8	2-3-2-3-2-2-1-1			
19 September	13	2-3-1-2-3-3-4-3	16	2-2-1-2-5-4-3-3	14	1-3-1-2-2-3-4-4			
20 September	10	3-2-3-2-3-2-2	20	3-2-3-5-5-3-2-2	9	3-2-3-2-2-2-2			
21 September	5	1-1-1-3-2-1-1	13	2-1-1-5-3-3-2-1	5	1-1-1-1-2-2-1-1			
22 September	3	1-1-1-1-1-1	12	1-2-3-5-3-1-1-1	4	1-1-1-2-1-0-0-1			
23 September	1	0-0-0-0-1-1-1-0	1	1-1-1-0-0-0-0	2	0-0-0-1-1-0-0			

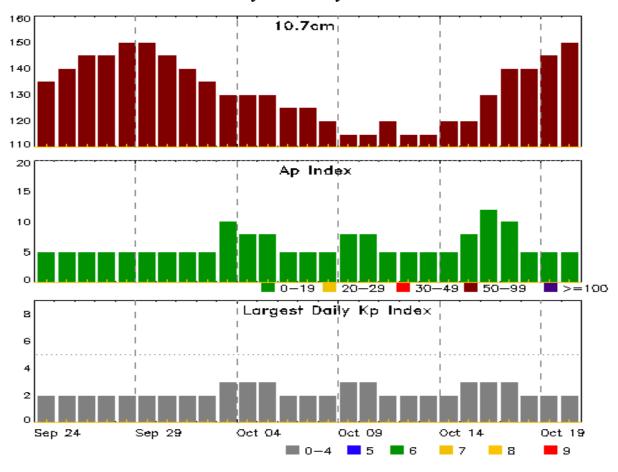


Alerts and Warnings Issued

Date & Time		Date & Time
of Issue UTC	Type of Alert or Warning	of Event UTC
19 Sep 2042	WARNING: Geomagnetic $K = 4$	19/2042 - 20/0100
19 Sep 2047	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	19/2047
20 Sep 0045	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	19/2042 - 20/0700



Twenty-seven Day Outlook



	Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest		Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest
Date	10.7cm	A Index	Kp Index	Date	10.7cm	A Index	Kp Index
24 Sep	135	5	2	08 Oct	120	5	2
25	140	5	2	09	115	8	3
26	145	5	2	10	115	8	3
27	145	5	2	11	120	5	2
28	150	5	2	12	115	5	2
29	150	5	2	13	115	5	2
30	145	5	2	14	120	5	2
01 Oct	140	5	2	15	120	8	3
02	135	5	2	16	130	12	3
03	130	10	3	17	140	10	3
04	130	8	3	18	140	5	2
05	130	8	3	19	145	5	2
06	125	5	2	20	150	5	2
07	125	5	2				



Energetic Events

		Time		X-ray		Optical Information			P	eak	Sweep	Freq
			Half		Integ	Imp/	Location	Rgn	Radi	o Flux	Inten	sity
Date	Begin	Max	Max	Class	Flux	Brtns	Lat CMD	#	245	2695	II	IV

No Events Observed

Flare List

					(Optical		
		Time		X-ray	Imp/	Location	Rgn	
Date	Begin	Max	End	Class	Brtns	Lat CMD	#	
17 Sep	0614	0649	0813	B5.6			1567	
17 Sep	0904	0908	0910	C1.1			1567	
17 Sep	1135	1146	1201	C1.5			1575	
17 Sep	1350	1406	1413	C2.1			1575	
17 Sep	2206	2212	2222	B9.4			1575	
18 Sep	0022	0026	0037	B5.5			1575	
18 Sep	0821	0828	0834	B6.8			1575	
18 Sep	0943	1009	1019	C1.3			1575	
19 Sep	0543	0548	0551	B5.3	SF	N13E84	1575	
19 Sep	1027	1031	1034	B3.9				
19 Sep	B1156	U1158	A1203		SF	N20E36	1573	
19 Sep	1504	1512	1521	C2.6	SF	S20E69	1576	
19 Sep	1627	1631	1636	B4.4				
19 Sep	1637	1642	1652	C1.2	SF	S20E67	1576	
20 Sep	0118	0125	0131	B6.8				
20 Sep	0602	0603	0609		SF	S27W58	1574	
20 Sep	B0613	U0627	A0627		SF	S26W58	1574	
20 Sep	0918	0922	0926	B7.7	SF	S23W63	1574	
20 Sep	B0930	U0949	A1022		SF	S26W58	1574	
20 Sep	B1110	U1128	A1141	C1.0	SF	S26W59	1574	
20 Sep	1229	1229	1233		SF	S25W62	1574	
20 Sep	1236	1242	1252		SF	S26W61	1574	
20 Sep	1327	U1411	A1425		SF	S26W61	1574	
20 Sep	1429	1430	1438		SF	S26W63	1574	
20 Sep	1447	1511	1530		SF	S26W63	1574	
20 Sep	1538	1545	1555		SF	S25W63	1574	
21 Sep	1156	1221	1248	B8.7			1573	
21 Sep	1157	1204	1206		SF	N20E05	1573	
21 Sep	1207	1216	1220		SF	N20E06	1573	
21 Sep	1928	1932	1938	B4.8			1574	
22 Sep	1930	2010	2051	B9.2				



Flare List

					Optical					
		Time		X-ray	Imp/	Location	Rgn			
Date	Begin	Max	End	Class	Brtns	Lat CMD	#			
23 Sep	0712	0725	0731	B7.7						
23 Sep	1310	1315	1327	B9.5						
23 Sep	1502	1556	1855	C1.7						



Region Summary

	Location	on	Su	nspot C	haracte	ristics]	Flares	5			
		Helio	Area	Extent	Spot	Spot	Mag	Σ	K-ray			O	ptica	ıl	
Date	Lat CMD	Lon 1	0 ⁻⁶ hemi.	(helio)	Class	Count	Class	C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
		Dagia	n 1566												
		_	n 1566												
03 Sep	N24E76	20	60	1	Hax	1	A								
04 Sep	N22E64	18	60	5	Hax	1	A								
05 Sep	N22E50	18	60	4	Hsx	1	A								
06 Sep	N22E39	18	70	3	Hsx	2	A								
07 Sep	N23E26	16	70	1	Cao	2	В								
08 Sep	N22E12	17	60	2	Hsx	1	A								
09 Sep	N23E01	15	60	2	Hsx	1	A								
10 Sep	N23W12	15	60	1	Hsx	1	Α								
11 Sep	N23W25	15	40	2	Hsx	3	Α								
12 Sep	N23W39	16	40	2	Hsx	2	Α								
13 Sep	N23W51	15	50	1	Hsx	1	Α								
14 Sep	N22W65	15	30	2	Hsx	2	Α				1				
15 Sep	N23W76	13	10	1	Hrx	1	A								
16 Sep	N23W89	14	10	1	Hrx	1	A								
								0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	West Lim														
Absolut	e heliograp	hic long	gitude: 1	5											
		Regio	n 1567												
07 Sep	N17E56	347	10	2	Bxo	2	В								
08 Sep	N17E39	350	50	5	Dao	4	В								
09 Sep	N17E27	349	50	7	Dao	8	В								
10 Sep	N16E14	348	10	7	Bxo	2	В	1			1				
11 Sep	N16W02	351	30	9	Dso	4	В	2			1				
12 Sep	N16W16	353	plage												
13 Sep	N16W30	354	plage												
14 Sep	N16W44	355	plage												
15 Sep	N16W58	356	plage												
16 Sep	N17W71	355	plage												
17 Sep	N17W85	356	plage					1							
			¥					4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Crossed	West Lim	h						-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-

Crossed West Limb. Absolute heliographic longitude: 351



Region Summary - continued

-	Location	on	Su	inspot C	haracte	ristics]	Flares	5			
		Helio	Area	Extent	Spot	Spot	Mag	>	K-ray			O	ptica	1	
Date	Lat CMD	Lon	10 ⁻⁶ hemi.	(helio)	Class	Count	Class	C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
		Regi	on 1569												
10 Sep	S11E65	298	30	1	Hax	1	A				1				
11 Sep	S12E53	296	160	10	Dao	8	В	1			1				
12 Sep	S12E39	297	200	12	Eso	10	В				1				
13 Sep	S12E27	296	210	12	Eac	10	BG	3			2				
14 Sep	S12E14	296	140	13	Eao	10	BG				1				
15 Sep	S12W00	296	180	12	Eso	8	BG								
16 Sep	S12W13	296	120	12	Cso	6	В								
17 Sep	S12W26	297	120	9	Cso	3	В								
18 Sep	S12W40	298	100	9	Cso	4	В								
19 Sep	S14W55	300	100	3	Cso	2	В								
20 Sep	S12W70	300	170	2	Hsx	2	A								
21 Sep	S11W82	300	80	2	Hsx	1	A								
								4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
	l West Limb														
Absolut	te heliograp	hic lon	ngitude: 2	96											
		Regi	on 1570												
12 Sep	S13W34	10	20	2	Cso	3	В								
13 Sep	S13W48	12	plage												
14 Sep	S13W62	13	plage												
15 Sep	S13W76	14	plage												
16 Sep	S13W90	15	plage												
•								0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossec	West Limi	h													

Crossed West Limb. Absolute heliographic longitude: 10



Region Summary - continued

	Location	on	Su	ınspot C	haracte	ristics]	Flares	1			
		Helio	Area	Extent	Spot	Spot	Mag	Σ	K-ray			O	ptica	ıl	
Date	Lat CMD	Lon	10 ⁻⁶ hemi.	(helio)	Class	Count	Class	C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
		Regi	on 1571												
12 Sep	S12E57	279	110	6	Cso	1	В								
13 Sep	S13E46	277	130	8	Cso	3	В								
14 Sep	S12E33	277	100	6	Cso	2	В								
15 Sep	S13E19	277	100	5	Cso	3	В								
16 Sep	S13E06	277	90	7	Cso	6	В								
17 Sep	S13W08	279	60	2	Hsx	3	A								
18 Sep	S13W21	279	60	2	Hsx	2	A								
19 Sep	S14W35	280	30	2	Hsx	1	A								
20 Sep	S14W46	278	50	6	Cao	3	В								
21 Sep	S13W59	276	10	5	Bxo	3	В								
22 Sep	S13W72	277	plage												
23 Sep	S13W86	278	plage												
								0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Still on	Disk.														
Absolut	e heliograp	hic lon	igitude: 2	77											
		Regi	on 1572												
15 Sep	N15W70	7	10		Axx	1	A								
16 Sep	N16W83	7	10		Axx	1	A								
		•						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossed	West Lim	b.													
	e heliograp		ngitude: 7												
		Regi	on 1573												
15 Sep	N17E76	222	plage								1				
16 Sep	N17E62	222	10		Axx	1	Α				1				
17 Sep	N16E48	222	0		Axx	1	A				•				
18 Sep	N19E36	221	10	3	Bxo	2	В								
19 Sep	N19E22	223	plage	J	2.10	_	_				1				
20 Sep	N19E08	224	plage								-				
21 Sep	N18W04	221	0	2	Axx	2	A				2				
22 Sep	N18W17	222	plage	_		_					_				
23 Sep	N18W31	223	plage												
~•Þ			r5*					0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Still on	Disk.							-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Still on Disk. Absolute heliographic longitude: 221



Region Summary - continued

	Location	on	Su	ınspot C	haracte	eristics					Flares	3			
		Helio	Area	Extent	Spot	Spot	Mag	X	K-ray			O	ptica	.1	
Date	Lat CMD	Lon	10 ⁻⁶ hemi.	(helio)	Class	Count	Class	C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
		Regi	on 1574												
16 Sep	S25W17	302	0	2	Bxo	2	В								
17 Sep	S24W32	302	40	3	Dso	4	В								
18 Sep	S23W43	301	20	2	Hsx	1	A								
19 Sep	S25W57	302	20	1	Hsx	1	A								
20 Sep	S22W70	302	40	6	Cao	4	В	1			11				
21 Sep	S24W79	299	30	4	Cro	2	В								
								1	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Crossec	l West Lim	b.													
Absolut	te heliograp	hic lo	ngitude: 3	02											
		Regi	ion 1575												
18 Sep	N07E75	185	140	4	Dao	2	В	1							
19 Sep	N10E62	183	220	12	Eao	4	В				1				
20 Sep	N07E50	182	280	12	Eko	6	В								
21 Sep	N08E37	180	250	12	Eko	4	В								
22 Sep	N08E24	181	320	12	Eko	10	BG								
23 Sep	N08E11	181	260	13	Eho	13	BG								
								3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Still on	Disk.														
Absolut	te heliograp	hic lor	ngitude: 1	81											
		Regi	ion 1576												
19 Sep	S22E62	183	50	9	Dso	4	В	2			2				
20 Sep	S21E52	180	70	7	Dso	3	В								
21 Sep	S21E43	177	50	6	Dso	2	В								
22 Sep	S21E30	175	50	6	Dao	2	В								
23 Sep	S22E17	175	50	6	Dso	2	В								
•								2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Still on	Disk.														
Absolut	te heliograp	hic lo	ngitude: 1	75											
		Regi	on 1577												
22 Sep	N08E43	162	20	3	Cao	4	В								
22 Sep 23 Sep	N08E30	162	100	6	Dai	12	В								
23 SCD	11001130	102	100	J	Dai	12	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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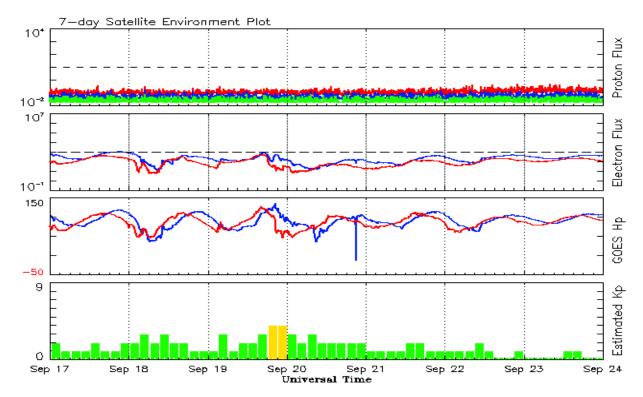


Recent Solar Indices (preliminary) Observed monthly mean values

	Sunspot Numbers					Radio Flux		Geomagnetic	
	Observe		•	Smooth	values	Penticton		Planetary	-
Month	SEC	RI	RI/SEC	SEC	RI	10.7 cm	Value	Ap	Value
2010									
September	35.6	25.2	0.71	30.6	19.6	81.1	82.4	5	6.3
October	35.0	23.5	0.67	35.9	23.2	81.6	85.3	6	6.4
November	36.1	21.5	0.60	40.5	26.5	82.5	87.7	5	6.4
December	22.0	14.4	0.66	43.8	28.8	84.3	89.6	4	6.5
2011									
January	32.1	18.8	0.59	47.2	30.9	83.7	91.2	6	6.7
February	53.2	29.6	0.55	50.6	33.4	94.5	92.7	6	6.8
March	81.0	55.8	0.69	55.2	36.9	115.3	95.8	7	7.2
April	81.7	54.4	0.67	61.5	41.8	112.6	100.4	9	7.5
May	61.4	41.5	0.68	69.0	47.6	95.9	105.6	9	7.5
June	55.5	37.0	0.67	76.5	53.2	95.8	110.9	8	7.4
July	67.0	43.8	0.66	82.5	57.2	94.2	115.4	9	7.3
August	66.1	50.6	0.77	84.9	59.0	101.7	117.9	8	7.4
September	106.4	78.0	0.73	84.6	59.5	134.5	118.4	13	7.7
October	116.8	88.0	0.75	84.6	59.9	137.2	118.4	7	8.0
November	133.1	96.7	0.73	86.3	61.1	153.1	119.5	3	8.0
December	106.3	73.0	0.69	89.2	63.4	141.2	121.6	3	8.0
2012									
January	91.3	58.3	0.64	92.0	65.5	133.1	124.4	6	8.3
February	50.1	32.9	0.66	94.2	66.9	106.7	126.7	7	8.4
March	77.9	64.3	0.82			115.1		14	
April	84.4	55.2	0.65			113.1		9	
May	99.5	69.0	0.69			121.5		8	
June	88.6	64.5	0.73			120.5		10	
July	99.6	66.5	0.67			135.6		13	
August	85.8	63.1	0.74			115.7		7	
	22.3							•	

Note: Values are final except for the most recent 6 months which are considered preliminary. Cycle 24 started in Dec 2008 with an RI=1.7.





Weekly Geosynchronous Satellite Environment Summary
Week Beginning 17 September 2012

The proton flux plot contains the five-minute averaged integral proton flux (protons/cm²-sec -sr) as measured by the SWPC Primary GOES satellite, near West 75, for each of three energy thresholds: greater than 10, 50, and 100 MeV.

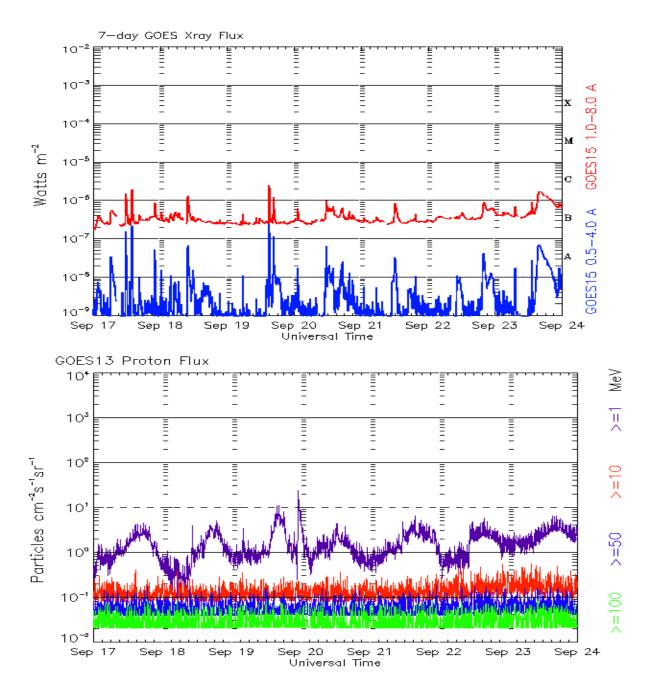
The electron flux plot contains the five-minute averaged integral electron flux (electrons/cm²-sec -sr) with energies greater than 2 MeV by the SWPC Primary GOES satellite.

The Hp plot contains the five minute averaged Hp magnetic field component in nanoteslas (nT) as by the SWPC Primary GOES satellite. The Hp component is parallel to the spin axis of the satellite, which is nearly parallel to the Earth's rotation axis.

The Estimated 3-hour Planetary Kp-index is derived at the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center using data from the following ground-based magnetometers: Boulder, Colorado; Chambon la Foret, France; Fredericksburg, Virginia; Fresno, California; Hartland, UK; Newport, Washington; Sitka, Alaska. These data are made available thanks to the cooperative efforts between SWPC and data providers around the world, which currently includes the U.S. Geological Survey, the British Geological Survey, and the Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris.

The data included here are those now available in real time at the SWPC and are incomplete in that they do not include the full set of parameters and energy ranges known to cause satellite operating anomalies. The proton and electron fluxes and Kp are 'global' parameters that are applicable to a first order approximation over large areas. H parallel is subject to more localized phenomena and the measurements generally are applicable to within a few degrees of longitude of the measuring satellite.





Weekly GOES Satellite X-ray and Proton Plots Week Beginning 17 September 2012

The x-ray plots contains five-minute averages x-ray flux (Watt/ m^2) as measure by the SWPC primary GOES X-ray satellite, usually at West 105 longitude, in two wavelength bands, 0.05 - 0.4 and 0.1 - 0.8 nm. The letters A, B, C, M and X refer to x-ray event levels for the 0.1 - 0.8 nm band.

The proton plot contains the five-minute averaged intergral flux units (pfu = protons/cm 2 -sec -sr) as measured by the primary SWPC GOES Proton satellite for each of the energy thresholds: >1, >10, >30, and >100 MeV. The P10 event threshold is 10 pfu at greater than 10 MeV.



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http://spaceweather.gov/contacts.html -- Contact and Copyright information http://spaceweather.gov/weekly/Usr_guide.pdf -- User Guide

