

Meteorite plummets through Norwegian roof

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For the first time since 1969 a meteorite has reportedly struck a European roof.

The nearly 25-ounce meteorite landed on the roof of a warehouse in Moss, Norway, about 40 miles south of Oslo.

"It must have had incredible speed and force, and had made a hole in a steel plate in the roof," a warehouse spokesman told Aftenposten.

Norwegian Astronomer Knut Jørgen Røed Ødegaard said the incident is the first since 1969 in which a meteorite has gone through a roof anywhere in Europe.

The meteorite is a so-called carbon CO-meteorite. Previously only five falls of CO-meteorites have been observed on Earth, and the last one occurred in Russia in 1937, he told Aftenposten.

On July 14 a huge fireball flared across the sky in the southeast part of eastern Norway. The Norgesgruppen meteorite is believed part of the object that broke up over eastern Norway.

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