

## Image: Carpenter's Flight

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50 years ago today, Scott Carpenter flew the second American manned orbital flight on May 24, 1962.

He piloted his Aurora 7 spacecraft through three revolutions of the earth.

In this photo, taken on May 24, 1962, Astronaut M. Scott Carpenter

looks into his Mercury-Atlas 7 spacecraft, the Aurora 7, before being inserted to begin the [launch](#).

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