

Soviet spacesuit auctioned for 112,000 euros

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A spacesuit used for Soviet spacewalks in the 1980s was auctioned in Paris for 112,484 euros (\$143,979), the sale organisers said on Wednesday.

Other Soviet-era space memorabilia that found buyers on Tuesday were a launch key from a <u>Soyuz capsule</u>, a capsule heat shield, Soviet propaganda posters and items from the Buran—a rival to the US space shuttle that carried out only a single, unmanned flight in 1988 before the programme was scrapped.

The Orlan D <u>spacesuit</u> "was bought over the Internet by a European collector", said a spokeswoman for auctioneers Cornette de Saint Cyr.

The name of the cosmonaut or cosmonauts who used the suit was unknown, she said. The item had been valued at 100,000-120,000 euros.

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