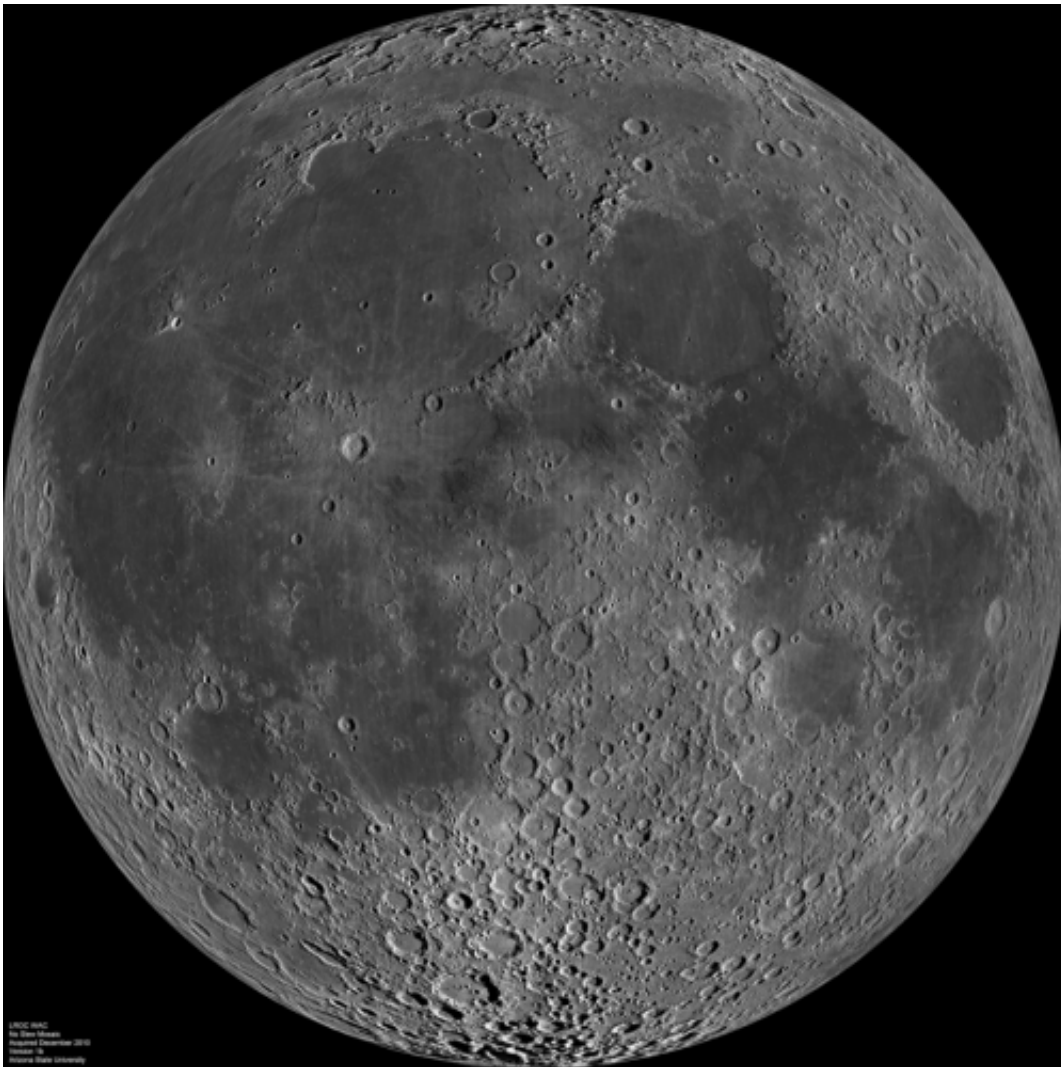


Backpack strap used by Apollo 14 moonwalker sells for \$41K

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This is a composite image of the lunar nearside taken by the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter in June 2009, note the presence of dark areas of maria on this side of the moon. Credit: NASA

A backpack strap used by an Apollo 14 astronaut as he moved around the surface of the moon in 1971 has sold at auction for nearly \$42,000.

Massachusetts-based RR Auction says the strap that Edgar Mitchell brought back as a souvenir of the mission fetched \$41,806 this week. The buyer's identity was not disclosed.

Mitchell spent nearly 9½ hours on the [lunar surface](#), where he left the life support backpack before returning to Earth. Astronauts typically left such items on the moon to save weight and offset the [moon rocks](#) they needed to bring back with them.

The suit he wore is on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

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