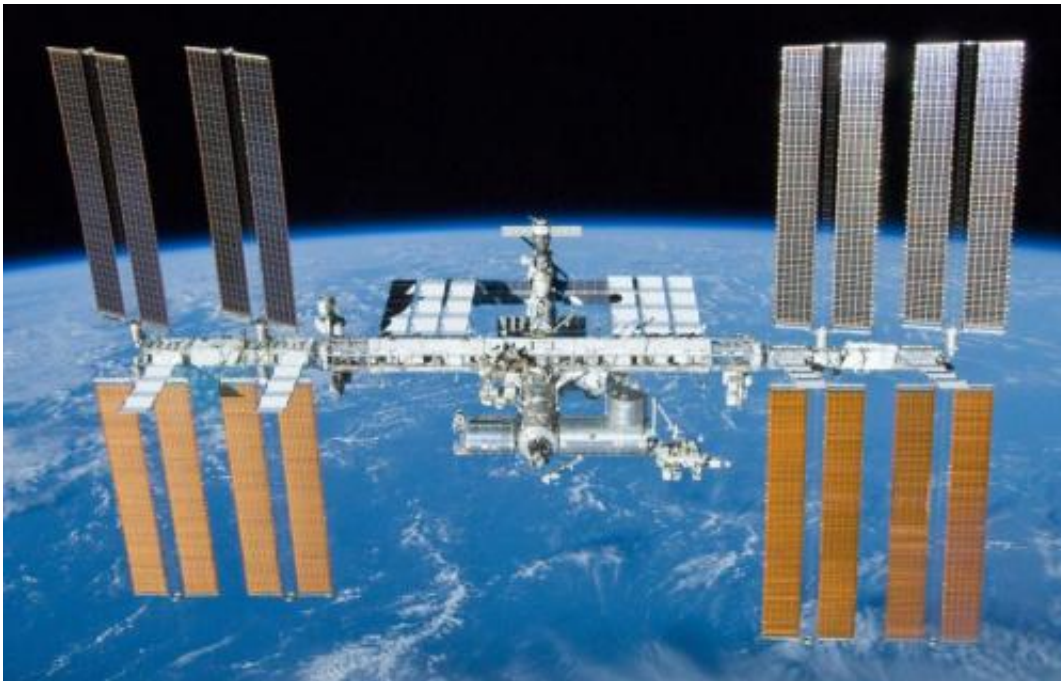


Russia: Space station air pressure restored after leak

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The International Space Station is featured in this image photographed by an STS-132 crew member on board the Space Shuttle Atlantis after the station and shuttle began their post-undocking relative separation. Credit: NASA/Crew of STS-132

Russia's space agency says air pressure on the International Space Station has been restored to proper levels after a leak was repaired.

Roscosmos said in a statement Friday that "the safety and health of the

crew are not threatened."

The leak, which was discovered Thursday, was traced to a small hole in one of the Russian Soyuz capsules docked at the station. All members of the [space station crew](#) arrive and depart on Soyuz capsules.

Russia's [manned space program](#) director, Sergei Krikalev, told state news agency Tass on Friday that the leak was patched with a sealant that is "already proving to be airtight."

He said that the fracture could be due to materials flaw or a micrometeorite strike.

Three Americans, two Russians and a German are aboard the station.

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