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ATLAS OF MARS
1:500,000 TOPOGRAPHIC SERIES
MTM –90000: PLANUM AUSTRALE REGION
M 500K –90/0 CM, 1988
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SCALE 1:503 000 (1 mm = 503 m) AT –90°LATIITUDE
SCALE 1:500 000 (1 mm = 500 m) AT –87.5 LATITUDE
POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC PROJECTION

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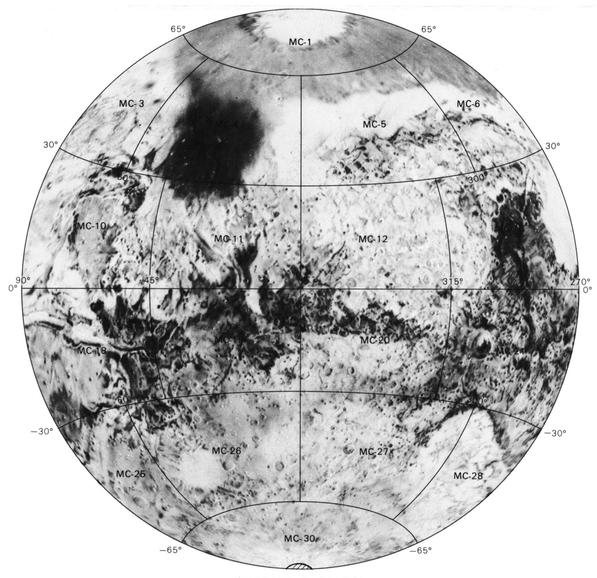


QUADRANGLE LOCATION
Photomosaic location is shown in the western hemisphere of Mars. The outline of 1:5,000,000-scale quadrangles is provided for reference.

**NOTES ON BASE**

This photomosaic is part of a series of quadrangles selected to show areas of special interest on Mars. Viking Orbiter high-resolution pictures (less than 100 m per picture element) were used to make the mosaic. The images have been digitally enhanced to accentuate high-frequency detail. Image placement is based on the 1978 control net (Davies and others, 1978), the 1982 control net (Davies and Katayama, 1983), and the Mars control network (Wu and Schafer, 1984). These nets contain published standard errors of approximately 5 km, and agreement of points common to the nets may differ by as much as 1 cm at map scale. Image points from 1:2,000,000-scale controlled photomosaics were transferred to the Transverse Mercator projection where control points are sparse or not available.

The density, distribution, precision, and accuracy of available control points used for this map series are extremely variable. A block of mosaics compiled in areas of optimum control-point distribution is not likely to match adjacent blocks previously compiled in areas of sparse or imprecise control. Where discrepancies exist between adjacent mosaics, the more recent compilation is probably more accurate. No attempt was made to resolve large edge discrepancies with previous compilations.

The Transverse Mercator and Polar Stereographic projections are used for this series. The projection scales are based on an oblate spheroid (flattening of 1/192) with an equatorial radius of 3393.4 km and a polar radius of 3375.7 km.

NOMENCLATURE

The name shown on the reduced base mosaic is approved by the International Astronomical Union (IAU, 1977).

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| MTM –90000 | Abbreviation for Mars; Transverse Mercator projection; sheet –90000M |
| 500K –90/0 CM | Abbreviation for Mars; 1:500,000 series; center of sheet lat 90° S., long 0°; controlled photomosaic (CM). |

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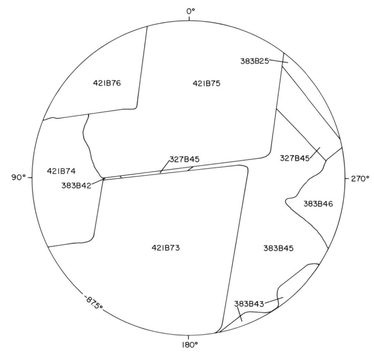


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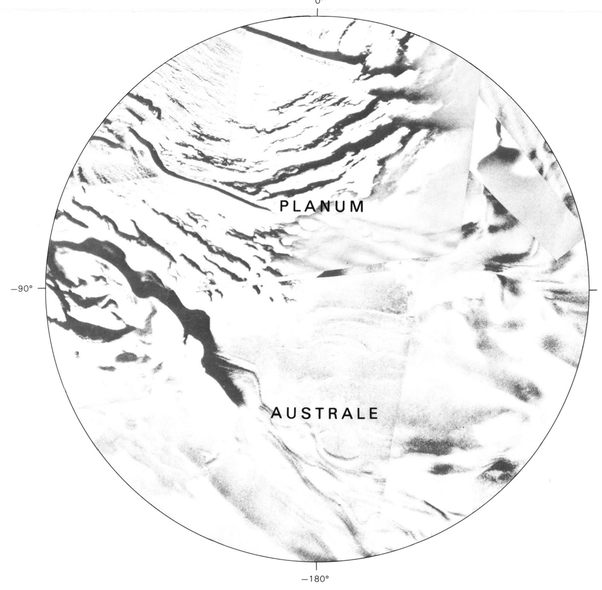


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