



**SP\_Raw\_Slipface.doc**  
**Mars Global Digital Dune Database: MC-30**  
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**Summary**

See Pamphlet.doc, Mars Global Digital Dune Database Purpose.

**Description**

See Pamphlet.doc, Mars Global Digital Dune Database Abstract.

**Credits**

There are no credits for this item.

**Access and use limitations**

There are no restrictions.

**ArcGIS Metadata**

**Resource Identification**

Citation Title: SP\_Raw\_Slipface\_Geog  
Alternate Titles: South Pole Raw Slipface  
Presentation Format: digital map  
Collection Title: Mars Global Digital Dune Database  
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Tags For Searching: Dune, Aeolian, Mars, Database, GCM

Discipline Keywords: Planetary Science

Place Keywords: Mars

Theme Keywords: Dune

Theme Keywords: Aeolian

Theme Keywords: Database

Theme Keywords: GCM

Dataset Languages: English (United States)

Dataset Character Set Utf8 - 8 Bit Ucs Transfer Format

Status: Completed

Resource Maintenance:

Update Frequency: Not Planned

Scope Of The Updates: Dataset

Resource Constraints:

Constraints:

Limitations Of Use:

There are no restrictions.

Spatial Representation Type: Vector

\* Processing Environment: Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 Version 6.1 (Build 7601) Service

Pack 1; Esri Arcgis 10.0.2.3200

Other Extent Information:

Geographic Extent:

Bounding Rectangle:

\* Extent Type Extent Used For Searching

\* West Longitude -179.815231

\* East Longitude 178.902637

\* North Latitude -64.939799

\* South Latitude -80.869343

\* Extent Contains The Resource: Yes

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**Reference System**

Reference System Identifier

Value 104905

\* Codespace Esri

\* Version 10.0.0

**Data Quality**

Scope Of Quality Information

Resource Level: dataset

Lineage:

Process Step:

See Pamphlet.doc, Mars Global Digital Dune Database Process.

Data Quality Report - Completeness Omission:

See Pamphlet.doc, Mars Global Digital Dune Database – Completeness of Database.

Data Quality Report - Conceptual Consistency

Measure Description:

All attributes were verified by displaying the lines in both the database and the spatial coverage and they are believed to be logically consistent.

Data Quality Report - Topological Consistency

Measure Description:

These data are believed to be logically consistent. Line geometry is topologically clean.

Data Quality Report - Absolute External Positional Accuracy:

Measure Description:

The horizontal accuracy is derived from the accuracy of the Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter (MOLA) dataset [Smith and others, 2001]. The globally adjusted MOLA dataset has an absolute horizontal accuracy on the order of 100 m, but individual features in images can probably only be tied to MOLA-derived shaded-relief digital image models with a precision on the order of 200 m. Other bases used included Thermal Emission Imaging System (THEMIS) digital images [Archinal and others, 2003, Christensen and others, 2004]. The digital features were drawn at 20K to 100K scale with a node spacing of approximately 0.3 km to 2 km.

**ESRI Metadata and Item Properties**

Metadata Properties:

Arcgis: Arcgis1.0

Metadata Style: FGDC CSDGM Metadata  
Metadata Standard Or Profile: FGDC  
Created In Arcgis: 2012-05-14t13:03:12  
Last Modified In Arcgis: 2012-06-03t15:08:05  
Automatic Updates:  
Last Update: 2012-06-03t15:06:39  
Have Been Performed: Yes

#### Item Properties

Name: Sp\_Raw\_Slipface\_Geog  
Content Type: Downloadable Data

#### ESRI Spatial Information

Extent In The Item's Coordinate Reference

Bounding Rectangle:

- \* West Longitude -179.815231
- \* East Longitude 178.902637
- \* North Latitude -64.939799
- \* South Latitude -80.869343
- \* Extent Contains The Resource: Yes

#### Coordinate Reference

Type: Geographic  
Geographic Coordinate Reference: GCS\_Mars\_2000

Coordinate Reference Details

Geographic Coordinate  
System

Well-Known Identifier: 104905  
X Origin: -399.99999999999989  
Y Origin: -399.99999999999989  
XY Scale: 1000000000.0000001  
Z Origin: -100000  
Z Scale: 10000  
M Origin: -100000  
M Scale: 10000  
XY Tolerance: 1.6870604858115214e-008  
Z Tolerance: 0.001  
M Tolerance: 0.001  
High Precision: True  
Left Longitude: -180  
Well-Known Text  
GEOGCS["GCS\_Mars\_2000",DATUM["D\_Mars\_2000",SPHEROID  
["Mars\_2000\_IAU\_IAG",3396190.0,169.8944472236118]],PRIMEM  
["Reference\_Meridian",0.0],UNIT["Degree",0.0174532925199433],A  
UTHORITY ["ESRI",104905]]

## ESRI Feature Class

Feature Class Name: SP\_Raw\_Slipface\_Geog

- \* Feature Type: Simple
- \* Geometry Type: Polyline
- \* Has Topology: False
- \* Feature Count: 387
- \* Spatial Index: True
- \* Linear Referencing: False

## ESRI Fields and Subtypes

SP\_Raw\_Slipface\_Geog Feature Class

\* ROW COUNT 387

### DEFINITION

(polylines) Slipfaces were digitized based on gross morphology of dunes to represent wind direction responsible for that morphology (~400 raw slipface records). It was beyond the scope of this report to look at the detail needed to discern subtle dune modification. It was also beyond the scope of this report to measure all slipfaces. We attempted to include enough slipface measurements to represent the general circulation (as implied by gross dune morphology) and to give a sense of the complex nature of aeolian activity on Mars. The absence of slipface measurements in a given direction should not be taken as evidence that winds in that direction did not occur.

### FIELD OBJECTID

\* ALIAS OBJECTID

\* DATA TYPE OID

\* WIDTH 4

\* FIELD DESCRIPTION

Internal feature number.

\* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

ESRI

\* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

### FIELD Shape

\* ALIAS Shape

\* DATA TYPE Geometry

\* FIELD DESCRIPTION

Feature geometry.

\* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

ESRI

\* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES Coordinates defining the features.

### FIELD DuneBID

ALIAS Dune\_Lon\_Lat\_ID

\* DATA TYPE String

\* WIDTH 20

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Each dune field has a unique ID number constructed after the method used by Barlow (2003) to assign ID numbers to craters. Longitude is listed first and both values are extended to one decimal place. The + or - sign of the latitude is given, indicating the break between the two values. Thus 122.5 east longitude, -34.5 south latitude, becomes 1225-345. The longitude is always four digits and the latitude is always three digits, filling in with leading zeroes where necessary.

FIELD SF\_ID

ALIAS Slipface ID

\* DATA TYPE String

\* WIDTH 20

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The Dune\_lat\_lon\_ID with a, b, c or d appended when multiple averages are calculated for a single dune field. This occurs when winds are multidirectional.

FIELD RSF\_GeogAz

ALIAS Raw\_Slipface\_Azimuth\_Geog

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Polylines were drawn on slipfaces, based on gross morphology of dunes, to represent wind direction responsible for that morphology. Azimuth is given in decimal degrees, calculated in the Simple Cylindrical projection (for compatibility with the Equatorial and North Polar parts of MGD<sup>3</sup>).

FIELD Avg\_GeogAz

ALIAS Average\_Slipface\_Azimuth\_Geog

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The average slipface azimuth, in decimal degrees, for a given group of raw slipface measurements, calculated in the Simple Cylindrical projection (for compatibility with the Equatorial and North Polar parts of MGD<sup>3</sup>).

FIELD Count\_Raw

ALIAS Raw\_Slipface\_Count

\* DATA TYPE Integer

\* WIDTH 4

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The number of raw slipfaces used to calculate the average slipface azimuth.

FIELD RSF\_SterAz

ALIAS Raw\_Slipface\_Azimuth\_Ster

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Azimuth in decimal degrees, calculated in the South Polar Stereographic projection.

FIELD Avg\_SterAz

ALIAS Average\_Slipface\_Azimuth\_Ster

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The average slipface azimuth, in decimal degrees, for a group of raw slipface measurements, calculated in the South Polar Stereographic projection.

FIELD RSF\_MercAz

ALIAS Raw\_Slipface\_Azimuth\_Merc

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Azimuth in decimal degrees, calculated in the Mercator projection. We recommend using this field for comparison to other azimuths.

FIELD Avg\_MercAz

ALIAS Average\_Slipface\_Azimuth\_Merc

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The average slipface azimuth, in decimal degrees, for a group of raw slipface measurements, calculated in Mercator projection. We recommend using this field for comparison to other azimuths.

FIELD Shape\_Length

\* ALIAS Shape\_Length

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

\* FIELD DESCRIPTION

Length of feature in internal units.

\* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

ESRI

\* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES Positive real numbers that are automatically generated.

**Metadata Details**

Metadata Language: English

Metadata Character Set: Utf8 - 8 Bit Ucs Transfer Format

Scope Of The Data Described By The Metadata: Dataset

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