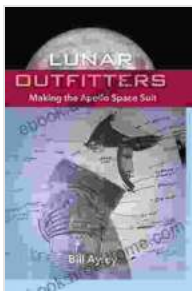


Lunar Outfitters: Making the Apollo Space Suit

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In the annals of space exploration, the Apollo space suit stands as one of the most iconic and recognizable pieces of equipment ever created. This complex and life-sustaining garment allowed astronauts to venture outside the confines of their spacecraft and walk on the surface of the Moon. But how was this remarkable suit created? And who were the people behind its development?



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The story of the Apollo space suit begins in the early 1960s, when NASA was ramping up its efforts to land a man on the Moon. The agency knew that astronauts would need a specialized suit that could protect them from the harsh conditions of space, including extreme temperatures, vacuum, and radiation.

NASA turned to ILC Dover, a small company in Massachusetts that had a long history of developing and manufacturing protective clothing for the military and aerospace industries. ILC Dover had already developed a spacesuit for the Mercury and Gemini programs, but the Apollo suit would be a much more complex and challenging undertaking.

The Apollo space suit was a marvel of engineering. It was made up of 21 separate layers of fabric, each with a specific purpose. The outer layer was made of a lightweight nylon fabric that was coated with a thin layer of aluminized polyester. This layer provided protection from micrometeoroids and radiation.

The next layer was made of a neoprene-coated nylon fabric that was designed to provide insulation. This layer was followed by a layer of Mylar, which was used to reflect heat back into the suit. The inner layer was made of a soft cotton fabric that was designed to absorb moisture.

In addition to the fabric layers, the Apollo space suit also included a number of other components, including a helmet, gloves, boots, and a backpack. The helmet was made of a polycarbonate plastic that was coated with a thin layer of gold. This layer provided protection from the Sun's harmful rays.

The gloves were made of a thin, flexible fabric that was coated with a layer of neoprene. This layer provided protection from the cold and from abrasion. The boots were made of a durable leather that was designed to provide support and protection for the astronaut's feet.

The backpack was the most complex component of the Apollo space suit. It contained a number of life-support systems, including a cooling system, a

breathing system, and a communications system. The backpack also contained a battery that provided power to the suit's various systems.

The Apollo space suit was a remarkable achievement of engineering. It was a complex and life-sustaining garment that allowed astronauts to venture outside the confines of their spacecraft and walk on the surface of the Moon. The suit was a testament to the skill and dedication of the engineers and technicians at ILC Dover, who worked tirelessly to create this iconic piece of equipment.

The Apollo space suit is still used today by astronauts on the International Space Station. It is a testament to the enduring legacy of the Apollo program and the people who made it possible.

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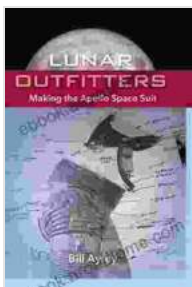


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* [Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Apollo Space Suit page](<https://airandspace.si.edu/exhibitions/apollo-to-the-moon/online-extra/spacesuit-apollo>)



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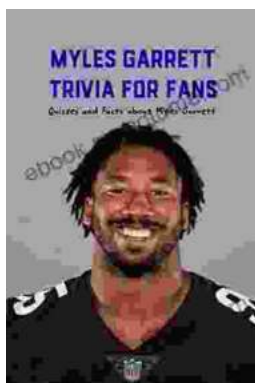
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