

# UFO IS NO

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# FAKE

## Pete's 'saucer' amazes boffin



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**THIS astonishing picture of a flying saucer is NOT a fake.**

That is the verdict of top experts who have spent A YEAR studying the sensational snap.

The picture—and three like it—was subjected to incredibly detailed scientific examination in America.

### Confessed

Now, after months of painstaking analysis, the U.S. eggheads have declared: "We cannot prove they are fakes."

The amazing photos—exclusively revealed in the Daily Star in January—were taken in Barnsley, by amateur cameraman Peter Beard.

They clearly show an object shaped like a bowler hat zooming over the town's rooftops early one morning.

British boffins confessed they were baffled so the pictures were sent to a team led by Star Wars scientist Dr Bruce Maccabee.

In a fact-packed, 29 page report, the world-renowned optical physicist says:

*"I have spent hours trying to find evidence that this was a hoax—and I have failed."*

"My gut feeling is that the case is good.

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# PETER'S UFO IS NOT A FAKE (ST)

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It seems believable."

The news has thrilled 37-year-old Peter, who said last night: "I am delighted the experts have backed me up. I never believed in flying saucers until I actually saw one."

He and his common-law wife, Angie, 35, BOTH saw the fantastic object just after 5 a.m. on August 5, 1987.

Peter, a trainee computer worker, woke at their home in Barnsley's Sheffield

Road convinced a fly was buzzing on the window.

He angrily got up to swot the pest—and saw the strange object approaching over the top of the terraced houses opposite.

*"It was an incredible sight—an aluminium-coloured disc spinning through the sky with lights flashing everywhere," he recalled.*

Peter had been on a fishing trip the previous weekend and borrowed a camera a camera which was

still loaded and lying nearby.

He grabbed it and quickly took four shots of the saucer through the window before the camera jammed.

### Impressed

Angie also woke and saw the object. But it vanished from sight while the couple desperately tried to get it working again.

"It was definitely a flying saucer—it couldn't have been anything else," said Angie.

She added: "It was a

silvery colour and was making a buzzing noise.

*"It hovered over the rooftops opposite for several seconds and it seemed as if it didn't know where to go."*

At first, sceptical British scientists thought the "saucer" might have been pasted on Peter's bedroom window.

But expert cameraman dismissed that theory—and also knocked suggestions that the object was an aircraft or even a flock of geese.

Dr Macabee, a civilian employee of the US Navy, is regarded as the world's foremost analyst of UFO material.

Last night Philip Mantle of the Independent UFO Network said.

"The photos have been thoroughly checked out and they are NOT a hoax."

### WEATHER

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