

# R.OMAN

A large, complex wireframe structure of the Roman telescope, showing its hexagonal base, central column, and various support beams and instruments.The NASA logo, featuring the word "NASA" in white capital letters on a blue circular background with a red swoosh and white orbital lines.

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TOUR**

A wireframe rendering of the spacecraft bus, showing the main body, solar panels, and various instruments and antennas.

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00:00:07,030 --> 00:00:05,269  
nasa's nancy grace roman space telescope

2  
00:00:08,710 --> 00:00:07,040  
is designed to answer big questions

3  
00:00:10,709 --> 00:00:08,720  
about the universe

4  
00:00:12,150 --> 00:00:10,719  
what is dark energy which seems to be

5  
00:00:13,350 --> 00:00:12,160  
speeding up the expansion of the

6  
00:00:15,669 --> 00:00:13,360  
universe

7  
00:00:17,670 --> 00:00:15,679  
how many planets exist among the stars

8  
00:00:19,670 --> 00:00:17,680  
and what are they like

9  
00:00:21,910 --> 00:00:19,680  
the roman space telescope is similar to

10  
00:00:24,070 --> 00:00:21,920  
hubble but benefits from 30 years of

11  
00:00:25,910 --> 00:00:24,080  
technological development

12  
00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:25,920  
it will view the sky on a scale never

13  
00:00:31,189 --> 00:00:28,720

before accomplished from space

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00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:31,199

this is where roman is closest to hubble

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:33,440

it has the same size and type of main

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00:00:38,549 --> 00:00:36,320

mirror a 2.4 meter precisely shaped

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:38,559

piece of silver-coated glass

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00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:40,320

the size of this mirror is partly how

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00:00:48,310 --> 00:00:46,389

roman's main camera is the wide field

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00:00:50,630 --> 00:00:48,320

instrument which will take infrared

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00:00:53,029 --> 00:00:50,640

pictures of the sky to study dark energy

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00:00:54,630 --> 00:00:53,039

observe galaxies and stars and find

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00:00:56,310 --> 00:00:54,640

exoplanets

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00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:56,320

instead of hubble's single first

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:58,559

generation image sensor the wfi

26  
00:01:03,270 --> 00:01:01,440  
incorporates 18 third generation chips

27  
00:01:06,550 --> 00:01:03,280  
that allow it to take pictures capturing

28  
00:01:09,109 --> 00:01:06,560  
100 times greater sky area than hubble's

29  
00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:09,119  
each 300 megapixel image will enable

30  
00:01:13,030 --> 00:01:10,960  
scientists to study a large portion of

31  
00:01:15,429 --> 00:01:13,040  
the sky

32  
00:01:17,510 --> 00:01:15,439  
at roman's back is its primary means of

33  
00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:17,520  
communication with earth the high gain

34  
00:01:23,030 --> 00:01:18,720  
antenna

35  
00:01:25,109 --> 00:01:23,040  
sending nearly 1.4 terabytes of data to

36  
00:01:27,590 --> 00:01:25,119  
ground stations every day that's the

37  
00:01:29,830 --> 00:01:27,600  
equivalent of 460 hours of streaming

38  
00:01:32,149 --> 00:01:29,840

video

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00:01:34,710 --> 00:01:32,159

roman's critical systems such as power

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00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:34,720

and data handling are located in six

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00:01:39,510 --> 00:01:37,200

modules at the spacecraft's rear these

42

00:01:41,910 --> 00:01:39,520

include six rotating reaction wheels

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00:01:44,230 --> 00:01:41,920

that control where the spacecraft points

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:44,240

nearly one ton of propellant for larger

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00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:46,560

movements and a 10 terabyte data

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00:01:53,510 --> 00:01:50,710

roman's other instrument is its

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00:01:55,910 --> 00:01:53,520

coronagraph technology demonstration

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:55,920

a coronagraph blocks a star's light to

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00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:57,600

capture the faint light from orbiting

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00:02:00,630 --> 00:01:59,119

planets

51  
00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:00,640  
it will be the first time a space

52  
00:02:05,270 --> 00:02:03,119  
telescope has used deformable mirrors to

53  
00:02:07,109 --> 00:02:05,280  
precisely control the incoming light and

54  
00:02:08,869 --> 00:02:07,119  
special masks to block only the

55  
00:02:10,949 --> 00:02:08,879  
starlight

56  
00:02:13,190 --> 00:02:10,959  
this method will enable roman to capture

57  
00:02:14,949 --> 00:02:13,200  
direct images of distant planets and

58  
00:02:17,270 --> 00:02:14,959  
even analyze the light that is reflected

59  
00:02:18,869 --> 00:02:17,280  
off their surfaces allowing scientists

60  
00:02:22,229 --> 00:02:18,879  
to learn about their composition and

61  
00:02:26,229 --> 00:02:24,150  
the spacecraft's solar panels provide

62  
00:02:27,670 --> 00:02:26,239  
its power by converting sunlight into

63  
00:02:29,830 --> 00:02:27,680

electricity

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00:02:31,589 --> 00:02:29,840

they also shade the spacecraft helping

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00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:31,599

to keep its instruments at their design

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00:02:34,949 --> 00:02:33,040

temperatures

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00:02:37,509 --> 00:02:34,959

the solar panels will be able to provide

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00:02:39,430 --> 00:02:37,519

4100 watts of power

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00:02:41,270 --> 00:02:39,440

enough to run two commercial microwave

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00:02:43,350 --> 00:02:41,280

ovens

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00:02:45,509 --> 00:02:43,360

with all these systems working together

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00:02:48,070 --> 00:02:45,519

and in partnership with powerful future

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00:02:50,309 --> 00:02:48,080

telescopes the nancy grace roman space

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00:02:52,840 --> 00:02:50,319

telescope will be able to usher in a new