

A large, dark, porous rock with a rough, pitted texture is the central focus of the image. It sits on a reddish-brown, sandy surface. The rock has several small, dark holes or pits scattered across its surface. The lighting is bright, casting shadows that emphasize the rock's irregular shape and the texture of the surrounding ground. The overall scene suggests a rocky, arid environment like Mars.

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THIS WEEK @ NASA

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An historic milestone for Perseverance
A busy week of activity at the

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space station ...
And a target launch

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date for the Webb Space Telescope ... a few of the
stories to tell you about – This Week at NASA!

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Our Perseverance rover completed the collection
of its first two samples of Martian rock. Mission

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controllers at our Jet Propulsion Laboratory
received data confirming the historic milestone.

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The core samples were collected from
a rock located in Jezero Crater.

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“I wanted to be a part of this moment;
to be able to achieve something that

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has never, ever been done before. And, while
it definitely was a very long time waiting,

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I think all of us can say
that it feels fantastic.”

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“Perseverance is playing an incredibly
important role in our understanding of Mars

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and demonstrating key technologies as we take
our next steps in exploring the solar system.”

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The cored rock material is sealed in airtight
titanium sample tubes that, along with any

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additional samples, could be retrieved and
returned to Earth for closer study by one

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of the future Mars Sample Return missions being
planned by NASA and the European Space Agency.

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The Sept. 12 spacewalk outside the International
Space Station will be the first one conducted by

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two international partner astronauts
out of the station’s Quest airlock.

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Japan’s Akihiko Hoshide and Thomas Pesquet of
the European Space Agency will work to attach

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a support bracket for future installation of the
station’s third new solar array. NASA astronaut

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Mark Vande Hei will provide support during
the spacewalk from inside the space station.

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NASA and SpaceX are continuing plans for
upcoming International Space Station crew

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rotation missions. Those plans include the
launch of the Crew-3 mission to the space station

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as early as Sunday Oct. 31, a return to Earth
for the Crew-2 astronauts currently onboard the

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station sometime in the early-to-mid November
timeframe, and the launch of Crew-4 – currently

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targeted for no earlier than April 15, 2022.
For more details, visit nasa.gov/commercialcrew.

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We set Dec. 18 as the new target launch date for
the James Webb Space Telescope. Webb is a NASA-led

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international partnership with the European
Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency.

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Preparations are underway to ship the telescope
to French Guiana, South America where an Ariane

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5 rocket will launch it on a mission to reveal
new and unexpected discoveries to help us better

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understand the origins of the universe and our
place in it. Find out more at webb.nasa.gov.

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On Sept. 9, Russian cosmonauts Oleg Novitskiy
and Pyotr Dubrov of Roscosmos were back outside

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the International Space Station for\h
the second in a series of spacewalks\h\h

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to outfit Russia's new Nauka multipurpose\h
laboratory module. Nauka will serve as a\h\h

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new science facility, docking port, and\h
spacewalk airlock for future operations.