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Re: Satellite Question

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>Subject: Satellite Question

>Dear list,

>Here's one that I can't seem to find an answer for, so I'm
>hoping that someone more knowledgeable than me can fill in this
>blank.

>Why is it that we can see satellites? (Or at least some
>satellites?) Do they reflect the light of the Sun? Or do they
>have lights of their own? If they do have lights, why? What
>purpose do they serve?

The vast majority of manmade earth satellites, essentially all,
are visible due to sunlight reflected off of parts of the
satellite, often off large elements such as solar panels.

I can't really comment on lights. Some craft may have lights,
especially manned craft with which docking might be done.
But in general such lights would be far to faint to be seen
from the ground.

-Brian Cuthbertson

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