

Guide To Collection Of Antarctic Meteorites 1976 - 1988 Volume 13 Number

The collection of Antarctic meteorites has provided a wealth of scientific information about the origin and evolution of the solar system. Meteorites are fragments of asteroids, comets, and planets that have fallen to Earth. They are a valuable source of information about the early history of the solar system and the processes that have shaped it.

The first Antarctic meteorite was collected in 1912 by a Japanese expedition. Since then, over 20,000 meteorites have been collected from Antarctica. The majority of these meteorites have been collected by the United States Antarctic Program (USAP). The USAP has mounted a number of expeditions to Antarctica to collect meteorites. These expeditions have been very successful, and have resulted in the collection of a large and diverse collection of Antarctic meteorites.



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The collection of Antarctic meteorites is a challenging and expensive undertaking. The Antarctic environment is extremely harsh, and the meteorites are often difficult to find. However, the rewards of collecting Antarctic meteorites are great. The meteorites provide a wealth of scientific information, and they are also a valuable educational resource.

Field Techniques

The collection of Antarctic meteorites begins with the field search. The field search is conducted by a team of scientists and technicians who are trained to identify meteorites. The team uses a variety of techniques to find meteorites, including visual search, magnetic search, and ground-penetrating radar.

Visual search is the most common technique used to find meteorites. The team members walk across the ice, looking for meteorites that are exposed on the surface. Magnetic search is also used to find meteorites. The team members use a magnetometer to detect the magnetic signature of meteorites. Ground-penetrating radar is used to find meteorites that are buried beneath the ice.

Once a meteorite has been found, the team members will collect it and transport it to a field camp. The field camp is a temporary base of operations where the meteorites are processed and prepared for shipment to the United States.

Sample Processing

Once the meteorites have been transported to the field camp, they are processed and prepared for shipment to the United States. The processing includes cleaning the meteorites, removing any contaminants, and cutting

them into smaller pieces. The meteorites are then packaged and shipped to the United States for further analysis.

Scientific Analysis

Once the meteorites have been shipped to the United States, they are analyzed by scientists. The scientists use a variety of techniques to study the meteorites, including petrography, geochemistry, and isotopic analysis. Petrography is the study of the rocks that make up the meteorites. Geochemistry is the study of the chemical composition of the meteorites. Isotopic analysis is the study of the isotopes of the elements that make up the meteorites.

The scientific analysis of meteorites has provided a wealth of information about the origin and evolution of the solar system. The meteorites have helped scientists to understand the formation of the planets, the composition of the early solar system, and the history of life on Earth.

Educational Resource

Antarctic meteorites are also a valuable educational resource. The meteorites can be used to teach students about the solar system, the history of the Earth, and the processes of science. The meteorites can also be used to inspire students to pursue careers in science.

The collection of Antarctic meteorites is a challenging and expensive undertaking, but it is also a very rewarding one. The meteorites provide a wealth of scientific information, and they are also a valuable educational resource. The collection of Antarctic meteorites will continue to provide new insights into the origin and evolution of the solar system for many years to come.



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