

Timeline for Cassini Rev 47 RSS Saturn Atmospheric Occultations on June 27/28, 2007 (DOY 178/179)

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| | ERT UTC | SCET OWLT = 1:22:18 | PDT ERT-7hrs 7:00:00 | Comments |
|---|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| DSS-25, 26: Start Precals | 22:15:00 | 20:52:42 | 15:15:00 | |
| DSS-14: Start Precals | 22:45:00 | 21:22:42 | 15:45:00 | |
| DSS-14 Begin of Track | 23:45:00 | 22:22:42 | 16:45:00 | Blind pointing is used throughout this experiment |
| DSS-25, 26 Begin of Track | 0:00:00 | 22:37:42 | 17:00:00 | Blind pointing is used throughout this experiment |
| Cassini is Behind Saturn | | | | No Downlink from Cassini |
| Start turn from waypoint to Saturn's limb | 0:30:49 | 23:08:31 | 17:30:49 | HGA is Earth pointed but signals are blocked by Saturn |
| TLM OFF | 0:30:55 | 23:08:37 | 17:30:55 | |
| Start egress limb-track | 0:33:43 | 23:11:25 | 17:33:43 | Signals may still be nondetectable at this time |
| Weak S-band signal (~1.55° Bending Angle) | 0:38:33 | 23:16:15 | 17:38:33 | Increasing and scintillating S-band signal intensity |
| Weak X-band signal (~1.35° BA) | 0:39:36 | 23:17:18 | 17:39:36 | Increasing and scintillating X-band signal intensity |
| Weak Ka-band signal (~1.15° BA) | 0:40:37 | 23:18:19 | 17:40:37 | Increasing and scintillating Ka-band signal intensity |
| Tropopause (~0.1° BA) | 0:45:38 | 23:23:20 | 17:45:38 | All three signals near full strength; scintillations |
| Troposphere out | 0:46:48 | 23:24:30 | 17:46:48 | Possible ionospheric multipath (signal level > free-space) |
| Stratosphere + ionosphere | | | | PC/N0 (X70, X34, K34, S70) = ~54, 48, 48, 41 dB |
| Top of the ionosphere (~68,000 km) | 0:59:30 | 23:37:12 | 17:59:30 | All three signals at nearly free-space strength |
| End of baseline; TLM ON | 1:05:45 | 23:43:27 | 18:05:45 | Shortened baseline to enable dust avoidance maneuver |
| Start S/C Turn for dust-hazarad avoidance | 1:05:49 | 23:43:31 | 18:05:49 | End of the RSS experiment |
| DSS-25, 26, & 14 End of Track | 1:15:00 | 23:52:42 | 18:15:00 | |
| DSS-25, 26, & 14 End of Postcals | 1:30:00 | 0:07:42 | 18:30:00 | |

Atmospheric event times are based on reference trajectory 070209 (< 1 sec deifference from rev 47 LUB OD)

Indicates DSN Related Activities