

The Phoenix Landing Site, 5 Mars Years Later

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This image is a close match in the viewing and illumination geometry to an earlier observation that we acquired on 20 July 2008, about five Mars years ago. The lander (top) appears darker, and is now covered by dust. The dark spot created by the heat shield impact (right) is brighter, again due to dust deposition. The backshell and parachute (bottom) shows a darker parachute and brighter area of impact disturbance, thanks again to deposits of dust.