

An aerial photograph of a desert landscape on Mars, showing numerous circular sand dunes. The dunes are arranged in a somewhat regular pattern and are illuminated from the side, creating long shadows that emphasize their circular shape and the texture of the sand. The dunes vary in size and are set against a background of smaller, more irregular sand ripples.

CIRCULAR SAND DUNES

Sand dunes of many shapes and sizes are common on Mars. In this example, the dunes are almost perfectly circular, which is unusual. They are still slightly asymmetrical, with steep slip faces on the south ends. This indicates that sand generally moves to the south, but the winds may be variable.