



# Impacts from MSL Tungsten Blocks and Cruise Stage

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MSL (Curiosity) in cruise configuration jettisoned two 75-kilogram tungsten blocks just before atmospheric entry, used as cruise balance masses. A CTX image was acquired at the predicted impact site for these blocks, revealing large impact markings that appear very recent.

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