

PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION OF 60014, TOP HALF OF DOUBLE DRIVE TUBE 60014/60013. Carol Schwarz, Lockheed-ESC, 2400 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058

Lunar sample 60014, the top half of double drive tube 60014/13, was opened recently and preliminary information on its contents and structure is now available.

The Apollo 16 double drive tube was taken in April 1972 at Station 10', about 75 m west-southwest of the LM at the Descartes landing site in the Central highlands [1]. Three cores were taken near the LM site, 60010/60009 and 60014/60013, both double drive tubes; and 60007-60001, a deep drill string. These were intended to sample "typical" Cayley Plains material and were taken approximately 50 m apart in a triangular pattern [2].

The core is relatively fine-grained, but the surface material at Station 10' is relatively coarse-grained with 20 to 50 cm blocks moderately abundant [3]. The Station 10' area has few small craters but some large 10 - 20 m craters are present. Most of the rocks collected at Station 10 and 10' were fine-grained crystalline rocks and light- and dark-matrix breccias [4]. The material sampled by the 60014/13 core is believed to be South Ray Crater ejecta [1].

Core 60014 was extruded on October 16, 1990, at JSC. The apparent length of the core before extrusion, from x-radiographs, was 28.6 cm. The length after extrusion was 28.2 cm. Only very minor compaction occurred during extrusion. A weight of 570.3 g was calculated from previously weighed core tube hardware.

A void of 2 to 3 cm in width extended from the top to about 4cm. This void was still present after extrusion. The upper ~5 cm is loosely packed. Below 5 cm, the core is noticeably more compact and coherent. The color of 60014 was approximately 10YR 5/1 on the Munsell Color Scale. No distinct color boundaries were observed in the core.

A close examination of the >1 mm particles showed that about 83% are in the 1-2 mm size range, 15% are 2-4 mm, and <1% are greater than 4 mm. The lithology of the particles as determined by binocular examination consists of four types. 52% are breccias, including soil breccias, breccias with glass splashes, and miscellaneous breccias. About 21% are white and light gray fragments (plagioclase crystals, anorthositic breccias and light gray basalts). About 16% are dark, coherent particles, usually dust-covered, which may be basalts or glassy matrix breccias. 11% of the >1mm particles are glasses, including about 80% agglutinates with the remaining being shards, spheres, and miscellaneous glass fragments. More information will become available as the second and third passes are completed.

[1] Apollo Lunar Geology Investigation Team (1972), in Interagency Report: Astrogeology 51, p. 23.

[2] Fruland, R.M. and Reimold, J.N. (1981), in Introduction to the Core Samples From the Apollo 16 Landing Site, JSC doc. 17659, p. 12-14.

[3] LSPET (1972), in Apollo 16 Preliminary Science Report, p. 7-46 to 7-47.

60014 CORE DESCRIPTION
C. SCHWARZ

[4] Muelberger, W. R., et.al. (1972), in Apollo 16 Preliminary Science Report, p. 6-1, 6-16 to 6-17.

DRIVE TUBE 60014 (First Dissection)

Depth (cm)	<1 mm Fraction Sample		>1 mm Fraction Sample		Special Samples		
	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	Type
0.5	11	.951	12	.131			
1.0	13	.763	14	.054			
1.5	15	.532	16	.061			
2.0	17	1.014	18	.102			
2.5	19	1.384	20	.154			
3.0	21	1.243	22	.066			
3.5	23	1.424	24	.026			
4.0	25	1.601	26	.061			
4.5	27	1.283	28	.009			
5.0	29	1.774	30	.044			
5.5	31	1.936	32	.123			
6.0	33	1.840	34	.137			
6.5	35	1.676	36	.355			
7.0	37	1.664	38	.089			
7.5	39	1.642	40	.089			
8.0	41	1.726	42	.061			
8.5	43	1.962	44	.163			
9.0	45	1.935	46	.127			
9.5	47	1.714	48	.266			
10.0	49	2.008	50	.152			
10.5	51	1.667	52	.071			
11.0	53	2.144	54	.053			
11.5	55	1.928	56	.164			
12.0	57	1.797	58	.085			
12.5	59	1.69	60	.067			
13.0	61	1.714	62	.125			
13.5	63	1.716	64	.127			
14.0	65	2.181	66	.152			
14.5	67	1.761	68	.081			
15.0	69	1.888	70	.112			
15.5	71	1.984	72	.141			
16.0	73	1.842	74	.122	75	.373	dust covered
16.5	76	1.771	77	.144			
17.0	78	1.879	79	.092			
17.5	80	2.115	81	.167			
18.0	82	2.137	83	.2			
18.5	84	1.822	85	.193			
19.0	86	1.747	87	.168	90	.487	soil bx/glass
19.5	88	1.576	89	.364			
20.0	91	1.986	92	.254			
20.5	93	1.635	94	.137			
21.0	95	1.89	96	.286	97	.456	basalt
21.5	98	1.945	99	.150			
22.0	100	1.631	101	.262			
22.5	102	2.028	103	.099			
23.0	104	1.927	105	.177			
23.5	106	2.075	107	.166			
24.0	108	1.988	109	.151			
24.5	110	2.094	111	.188			
25.0	112	2.323	113	.159			
25.5	114	2.207	115	.180			
26.0	116	1.929	117	.109			
26.5	118	1.891	119	.326			
27.0	120	1.858	121	.086			
27.5	122	1.675	123	.162			
28.0	124	1.907	125	.153			
28.5	126	1.077	127	.070			
29.0							
29.3							

