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First Untethered Spacewalk



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On February 7, 1984, two space shuttle astronauts went on the first untethered spacewalk. Astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart flew out, up and away from the space shuttle Challenger in Manned Maneuvering Units or MMU's. The Manned Maneuvering Unit allows the astronauts the freedom of moving around in space without tethers and ensures that the astronauts won't drift away.

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