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## Space, the Final Collectible Frontier

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Give those *Star Wars* figurines and *Star Trek* tunics up to eBay; it's time for your nerdy souvenir collection to get real. Space memorabilia auction season is upon us. Instead of items that flew only in the imagination, these sell-a-thons feature items that were flown into space, some all the way to the moon. Pick up a spacesuit, some solar cells from Hubble or a "liquid waste" bag, purportedly unused.

The jewel of the collection is a genuine spacesuit from the Gemini program, which was sandwiched between the groundbreaking Projects Mercury and Apollo. It likely won't be your next Halloween costume: The rare piece is expected to sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Check out the items for sale in the Regency Superior Auction, April 16-19, shown here along with the lot descriptions. If you're in Los Angeles, geek out at the company's Beverly Hills gallery, or participate live online.

### **Left: Lot 48, 1955 flown Aerobee Megacycle**

**Estimated value:** \$1,500 - \$2,500; starting bid: \$1,000

One of the earliest flown artifacts from the U.S. space program is a 30-megacycle I F strip from the Sodium Vapor Aerobee Rocket flown from Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, October 12. The instrument parts were returned from an altitude of 68.5 miles above the Earth. The winning bid gets a black-and-white photo of the Aerobee Rocket and a few pages of documentation from Holloman Air Development Center.

