

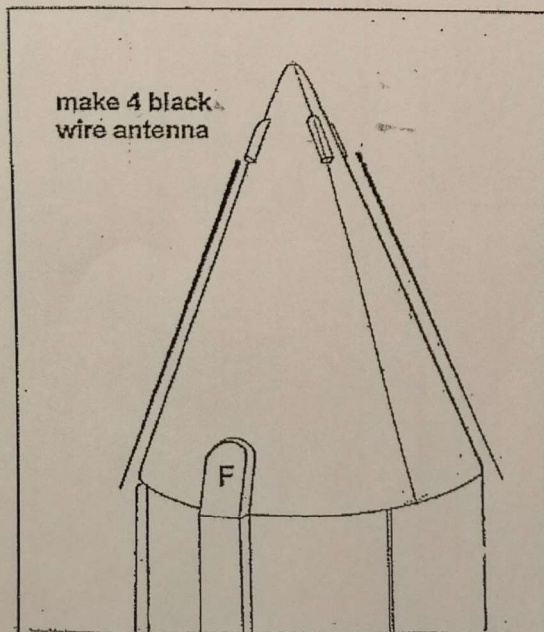
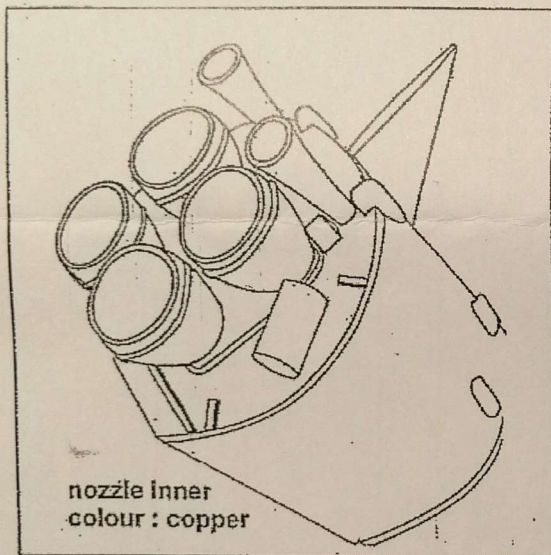
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Sputnik 1 – the great traumatism

Sputnik 1 has been the very first earth satellite created by human being. Launched by Soviet Union on the 4th of October 1957 Sputnik 1 was a spherical radio transmitter of 58 cm diameter with a weight of 83.6 kilos. Satellised on an elliptical orbit at an altitude include between 230 and 900 km, Sputnik 1 make a complete hearth revolution in 98 minutes. Launched by the new R7 rocket designed by Serguei Korolev the peaceful Sputnik 1 has for only purpose to transmit a radio signal –bip-bip- nevertheless it was considered by USA as a technological Pearl Harbour . Everyone knew that this satellite could be replaced by an atomic warhead and that since that day a space and weapon race has started.

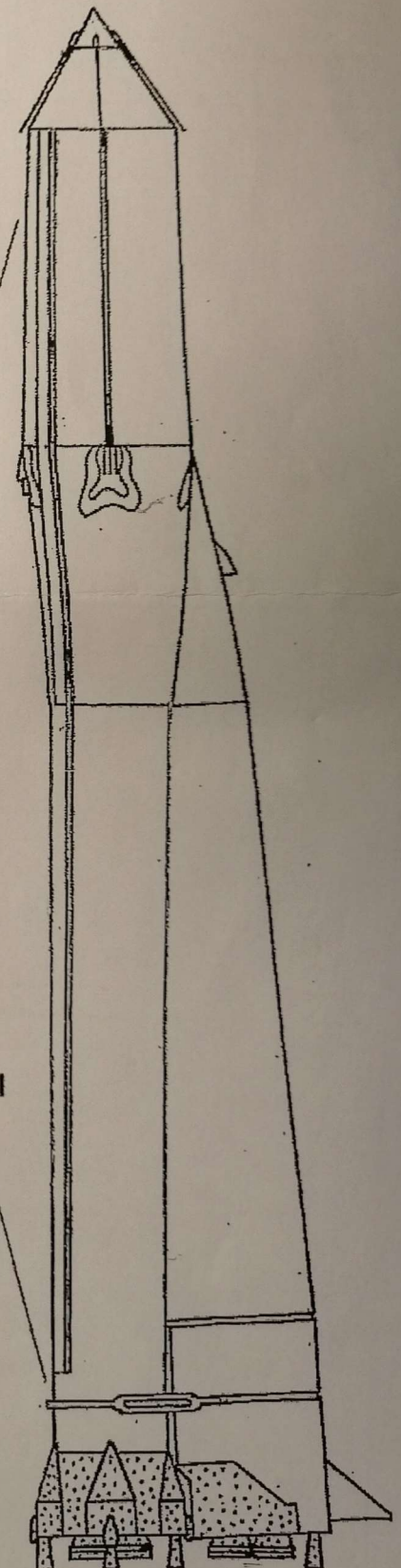
Sputnik 1 continues to turn around our planet and disintegrated in atmosphere the 4th of July 1958



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