

# LunarPhase Pro (Moon Observer's Software) V3.16 Released

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Version 3.16 of LunarPhase Pro has just been released. Full details of the software can be found at: <http://lunarphasepro.nightskyobserver.com>

LunarPhase Pro is a software toolkit for anyone who's interested in learning about or observing the moon and contains a wide range of observation planning tools, an interactive Moon Atlas (near and far sides) and a database of over 9,000 lunar features (and includes several hundred observing notes).

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- LunarPhase Pro CD \$49.95
  - LunarPhase Pro Download [33Mb] \$39.95
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New: Become a LunarPhase Pro affiliate (it doesn't cost anything). Affiliates earn a 40% commission on sales of the digital download version of the software. All the information you need to sign up is here:

<http://www.nightskyobserver.com/LunarPhasePro/Affiliate.php>

A demo version of the software (Version 2) is available from: <http://lunarphasepro.nightskyobserver.com/DemoDownload.htm>

Version 3 Enhancements:

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\* Watch over 250 Moon and astronomy-related videos (needs a high-speed internet connection) including the Sky at Night, Cosmos, John Dobson Videos, the IAU 2006 lectures, videos about the HST, astronomy lectures, NASA programs, documentaries about observatories, etc. For an example of what this screen looks like, go here: <http://lunarphasepro.nightskyobserver.com/sample-video.html>

\* Moon Charts Screen: New screen that displays detailed charts of particular lunar features download from the internet. The charts can then be saved locally to your PC so that time and bandwidth is not

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wasted repeatedly downloading the charts. The screen allows you to pan over the charts, zoom into them and print them out.

\* Moon In The News Screen: This screen presents news in three categories from two news sources. Categories are: Moon in the News, Astronomy & Space News and General Science News. The sources are Webnews (i.e. news stories drawn for a variety of news sources on the internet) and Podcasts (audio/video files that include news, reports, interviews, etc.) Some of the Podcasts are actually Vodcasts (play video rather than just audio). Podcasts are categorized in the same way as web news. [Some interesting news stories currently available]

\* Online Moon Books: New screen that lists a number of books about the Moon, Moon Landings, etc. that are available on the internet. Click on a book to open it in your browser.

\* Lunar Explorer Screen: New Top-Down facility added. Lets you see features on the Moon from directly overhead.

\* Lunar Explorer Screen: New higher 1280x994 screen resolution option added.

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