

# Re: Mars rover sticker shock

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robert casey wrote:

Building a rover that can take it and be happy in the hot and corrosive environment on Venus would be an interesting challenge. Oh, we and the

Russians have had surface landers, but they lasted about a half hour at best before the heat did them in.

sending a rover to venus would be as bad as sending a rover to the moon: it would draw obvious analogies and attract too much attention to what these mars rover projects really are, i.e. just a "we can do it too" projects to prove the rest of the world that nasa can finally repeat the soviet successes with their venus landers (which btw lasted a lot longer than they were designed to last and had video feed) and their moon rovers (again, with video feed). nasa did not want to be seen as an entity spending huge amounts of taxpayers money just for ego-fixing purposes. and of course the conditions on mars are a walk in the park compared to the conditions on venus.