

5-Hour Spacewalk

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Two Russian cosmonauts have completed a five-hour spacewalk, their second venture outside the International Space Station in less than a month.

Dmitry Kondratyev and Oleg Skripochka's tasks outside the orbiting laboratory included installing equipment for experiments on sensing earthquakes and lightning.

They also gathered two panels that had been left outside the station to expose various materials to space, an effort to determine what materials are best for space construction, and disposed of an old piece of equipment by throwing it away to burn in the atmosphere.

A video feed from Russian Mission Control outside Moscow reported the spacewalk beginning about 15 minutes late, but still finishing one hour ahead of schedule.

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