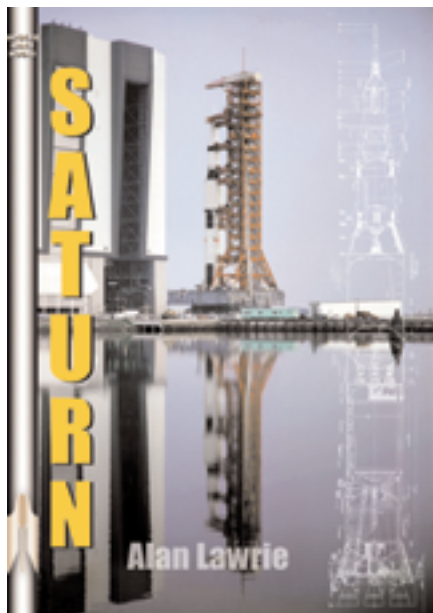


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*Saturn (Saturn V - The Complete Manufacturing and Test Records), Alan Lawrie with Robert Godwin, Apogee Books, Collector's Guide Publishing Inc (Canada), 2005, 328pp, US\$27.95; Can\$35.95; £18.95 ISBN 1-894959-19-1 [softback]*

This is another of those amazingly well-priced history books from Apogee, complete as usual with a 'bonus DVD' bound inside the back cover. While those who have never heard of the Saturn V are probably not interested in space, and wouldn't buy this book anyway, even they could soon become converts to the majesty of this incredible rocket.

In common with other books in this series, Saturn includes reproductions of many

of the news reference materials that were freely available to the media and others when the Saturn V was operational (they take up the first 120 pages or so). This is followed by about 150 pages comprising 'The Complete Manufacturing and Test Records', which details all the individual Saturn stages "through assembly, testing, static firing and transport to the Kennedy Space Center". The development of the F1 and J2 engines is also covered. The book concludes with a "Payload Planners Guide" and an index.

The DVD includes several films of Saturn test firings and more general footage tracing "the life of a Saturn V from contractor construction to...launch". The other side of the disk features "ROM content" on the stages, engines, firings, you name it. The book is illustrated throughout with black-and-white photos, charts and line drawings, and there is also a 8-page colour insert. In fact the only thing Saturn V aficionados could want to complement this book would be a colour-glossy companion volume celebrating the visual splendour of the beast. It is strange, in this regard, that the only colour picture of a Saturn V launch occurs on the back cover, strange because launching was what this vehicle was for. Launch was when the Saturn V was at its best and most impressive. A point for the publisher to note for a second edition perhaps.

*by Mark Williamson*

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