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Crew Members:

The crew members for this flight were John W. Young, Commander and Robert L. Crippen, Pilot.

Flight Information:

This mission launched on April 12, 1981. It was originally scheduled to launch on April 10th, but was delayed two days due to a problem with the computer system. The flight lasted for two days and landed on April 14th at Edwards Air Force Base in California. This was the first flight of the new Space Shuttle Columbia. The goal was to test the systems of the Space Transportation System, or STS as it is abbreviated. There was tile damage during the launch. The shuttle had 16 tiles lost and 148 tiles damaged, but the mission was a success.



The Crew in 1981



John Young, 2003



Robert Crippen, 2003