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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BTC	Block Truncation Coding
CAHV	Camera model described by four vectors C, A, H and V
CAHVOR	Camera model CAHV with CCD and non-linear distortions accounted
CCD	Charge-Coupled Device
EDR	Experiment Data Record
IMP	Imager for Mars Pathfinder
MIPS	Multimission Image Processing Subsystem
PDS	Planetary Data System
TBD	To Be Determined
URL	Universal Resource Locator
VICAR	Video Image Communication and Retrieval system

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<i>none</i>			

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This specification describes the image data products to be delivered to the Rover Team of the Mars Pathfinder Project by the Multimission Image Processing Subsystem (MIPS). The specifications of the software that produce the products described herein are beyond the scope of this document. Applicable documents used in producing this specification include:

- 1) Planetary Data System Standards Reference, JPL D-7669, Part 2, version 3.0, November 1992,
- 2) Planetary Science Data Dictionary Document, JPL D-7116, Revision C, November 1992,
- 3) Mars Pathfinder Rover Telemetry Dictionary, J. Morrison, A. Mishkin, Mars Rover DFM 94-033,
- 4) VICAR File Format, JPL, R. Deen, Interoffice Memorandum 384-92-196, September 1992,
- 5) Mars Pathfinder AIM Phasing and Coordinate Frame Document, JPL D-12103, PF-300-4.0-02.

### 1.1 Product and Transferal Mechanism

The image data files and labels generated by MIPS software for Mars Pathfinder will be transferred electronically to the Rover Team with automatic electronic notification. Each image file will be generated in VICAR header and file format. For archival purposes, a separate, Planetary Data System (PDS) labeled file will be associated with each image file. The image data files may be generated on any one of the following platforms: Sun Sparcstations with Solaris, Sun Sparcstations with SunOS, Silicon Graphics with IRIX.

### 1.2 Image Data Processing

The data packaged in the files will be decoded, decompressed Rover image data in single frame and band-sequential color form as an Experiment Data Record (EDR). The Rover's front cameras generate monochrome (greyscale), stereo image pairs. The Rover's rear camera is a color camera and generates a single band, single frame image that can be decoded into a band-sequential color image. Thus for one imaging event with the rear camera, two image files can be produced, a packed-color image of one band or an unpacked, band-sequential image consisting of red, green, and blue bands.

The single frame form is an image of maximum dimensions 492 lines by 768 samples. Because the Rover camera CCD has a photosensitive area of 484 rows by 768 samples, a majority of full-frame images will be 484 lines by 768 samples. The color, band-sequential form is an ordered set of red, green, and blue image bands, each band with a maximum dimension of 768 lines by 492 samples. The VICAR software used to generate these image products is described in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1 — VICAR Software for Mars Pathfinder Rover Image Data Files

Application	Description
MPFTELEMPROC	Fetches the image Standard Formatted Data Unit (SFDU) records from the Telemetry Delivery Subsystem (TDS), and reconstructs the image file from the telemetry data. This application produces a VICAR image file with a subset of descriptive label items. It also accesses the catalog (or SPICE kernels) to supplement the ancillary image information from the telemetry data. Note that the rear camera images are rotated 90 degrees within MPFTELEMPROC such that output image data has its vertical dimension along the image's line dimension, just as the front cameras do.
MPFCAHV	Converts uncorrected images to a corrected CAHV camera model.
MPFPDSLBL	Converts the VICAR EDR into a PDS compliant labelled image file.
MPFRVRCLR	Generates color image from the Rover's rear camera.
MPFRVRMOS	Mosacis multiple rover frames from one image. It has rudimentary dark current and exposure correction capability

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## 2.0 DETAILED SPECIFICATION

The following section describes in greater detail the files to be received by the Rover Team.

### 2.1 Structure and Organization Overview

For each Rover image, two files are created: 1) image file, and 2) a detached PDS label. These files together constitute a set of data to be managed and archived within MIPS as one unit. The naming convention of these files must be retained as they are copied or moved in order to properly maintain the image and ancillary data (see section 2.2).

#### 2.1.1 Image File

Images will be available to the Rover team in VICAR file format. A VICAR image file consists of two major parts: the image header or VICAR label, which describes what the file is, and the image area, which contains the actual image data. Figure A describes this structure graphically. The following text is a direct excerpt from the VICAR File Format memorandum [5], which is available on MIPS' homepage at URL [http://www.mipl.jpl.nasa.gov/vic\\_file\\_fmt.html](http://www.mipl.jpl.nasa.gov/vic_file_fmt.html). This further explains the VICAR file structure.

The labels (VICAR) are potentially split into two parts, one at the beginning of the file, and one at the end. Normally, only the labels at the front of the file will be present. However, if the EOL keyword in the system label (described below) is equal to 1, then the EOL labels (End Of file Labels) are present. This happens if the labels expand beyond the space allocated for them. The VICAR file is treated as a series of fixed-length records, of size RECSIZE (see below). The image area always starts at a record boundary, so there may be unused space at the end of the label, before the actual image data starts.

The label consists of a sequence of "keyword=value" pairs that describe the image (or data file), and is made up entirely of ASCII characters. Each keyword-value pair is separated by spaces. Keywords are strings, up to 32 characters in length, and consist of uppercase characters, underscores ( ), and numbers (but should start with a letter). Values may be integer, real, or strings, and may be multiple (e.g. an array of 5 integers, but types cannot be mixed in a single value). Spaces may appear on either side of the equals character (=), but are not normally present.

The first keyword is always LBLSIZE, which specifies the size of the label area in bytes. LBLSIZE is always a multiple of RECSIZE, even if the labels don't fill up the record. If the labels end before LBLSIZE is reached (the normal case), then a 0 byte terminates the label string. If the labels are exactly LBLSIZE bytes long, a null terminator is *not necessarily* present. The size of the label string is determined by the occurrence of the first 0 byte, or LBLSIZE bytes, whichever is smaller.

If the system keyword EOL has the value 1, then End-Of-file Labels exist at the end of the image area (see above). The EOL labels, if present, start with another LBLSIZE keyword, which is treated exactly the same as the main LBLSIZE keyword. The length of the EOL labels is the smaller of the length to the first 0 byte or the EOL's LBLSIZE. Note that the main LBLSIZE does *not* include the size of the EOL labels. In order to read in the full label string, simply read in the EOL labels, strip off the LBLSIZE keyword, and append the rest to the end of the main label string.

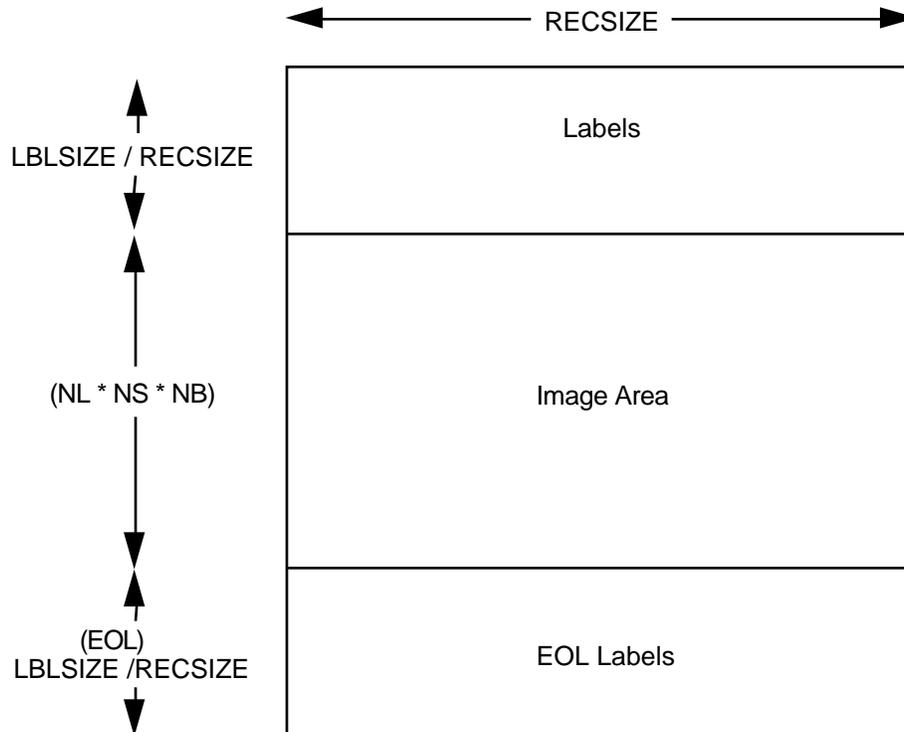


Figure 2.1 — VICAR File Structure for a Rover Image File

In Figure 2.1, NL is the number of image lines; NS is the number of image samples per line; and NB is the number of image bands. LBLSIZE is the total number of bytes within the VICAR label, and RECSIZE is the total number of bytes per file record.

The nominal Rover image frame size is 484 lines by 768 samples for monochrome images and 768 lines by 484 samples for band-sequential color images, but may be smaller based on commanded image size. The image data format is unsigned character (8-bit pixels).

The VICAR header or label is a part of this image file. This label is organized in an ASCII, keyword-equals-value format and contains information regarding the observation which produced the spectrum data. This observation information includes general descriptors such as target and time tags of the start of image acquisition, camera and spacecraft state parameters, data compression information, viewing and lighting geometry, spacecraft position and camera pointing, image dimensions, and processing history. See Figure 2.2 for the label keywords to be included in the VICAR label. The figure shows a template that describes the displayed format of this VICAR label. All keywords are described in detail in the Appendix. Note that delivered images may have keywords listed in a slightly different order than what is shown here.

Figure 2.2. — VICAR Label Listing for Mars Pathfinder Rover EDR

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***** File r<sclk>.img_<command_sequence_number> *****
  3 dimensional IMAGE file
  File organization is BSQ
  Pixels are in BYTE format from a <host type> host
  1 bands
  <nnn> lines per band
  <nnn> samples per line
  0 lines of binary header
  0 bytes of binary prefix per line

---- Property: CAMERA_MODEL ----
AZIMUTH_FOV = 2.2
ELEVATION_FOV = 1.6
FOCAL_CENTER_VECTOR = <array of 3 floating point numbers>
HORIZONTAL_IMAGE_PLANE_VECTOR = <array of 3 floating point numbers>
POINTING_DIRECTION_VECTOR = <array of 3 floating point numbers>
VERTICAL_IMAGE_PLANE_VECTOR = <array of 3 floating point numbers>

---- Property: DECOMPRESSION ----
INST_CMPRS_BLK_SIZE = (4, 16)
INST_CMPRS_BLOCKS = nnnn
INST_CMPRS_NAME = 'BTC'
INST_CMPRS_RATE = 0.6125
INST_CMPRS_RATIO = 4.9

---- Property: OBSERVATION ----
APPLICATION_PACKET_ID = nn
COMMAND_SEQUENCE_NUMBER = nnnnn
EXPOSURE_DURATION = ffff.f
EXPOSURE_TYPE = 'AUTO', 'manual', 'guestimate' or 'NULL'
FIRST_LINE = nnn
FIRST_LINE_SAMPLE = nnn
FRAME_ID = '<LEFT', 'RIGHT' or 'REAR'>
IMAGE_ID = <APID code letter><command_sequence_number>
IMAGE_TIME = 'yyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.mmmZ'
INSTRUMENT_TEMPERATURE = ff.fff
LINEAR_ACCELEROMETER = (ff.ff, ff.ff)
MAXIMUM = nnn
MEAN = fff.ff
MEDIAN = nnn
MINIMUM = nnn
MPF_LOCAL_TIME = 'hh:mm:ss'
OBSERVATION_NAME = 'string describing type of observation'
PLANET_DAY_NUMBER = nn
ROVER_HEADING = nnnnn
ROVER_POSITION = (fff.fff, fff.fff)
SPACECRAFT_CLOCK_START_COUNT = nnnnnnnnnn
STANDARD_DEVIATION = ff.fff
TARGET_NAME = 'NULL'

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Figure 2.2 — VICAR Label Listing for Mars Pathfinder Rover EDR (continued)

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---- Property: PDS ----
APPLICATION_PACKET_NAME = 'string describing purpose of observation '
BAND_SEQUENCE = 'N/A'
BAND_STORAGE_TYPE = 'N/A'
BANDS = 1
CHECKSUM = nnnnn
COMMAND_DESC = 'NULL'
DATA_SET_ID = 'MPFR-M-RVRCAM-2-EDR-V1.0'
DATA_SET_NAME = 'MARS PATHFINDER ROVER MARS ROVER CAMERA 2 EDR
VERSION 1.0'
DETECTOR_PIXEL_HEIGHT = 13.6
DETECTOR_PIXEL_WIDTH = 11.6
INST_CMPRS_DESC = 'Raw-data; uncompressed' or 'Block Truncation Coding (BCT)'
INSTRUMENT_HOST_ID = 'MPFR'
INSTRUMENT_HOST_NAME = 'MICROROVER FLIGHT EXPERIMENT'
INTERCHANGE_FORMAT = 'BINARY'
LINES = nnn
LINE_SAMPLES = nnn
PDS_VERSION_ID = 'PDS3'
PROCESSING_HISTORY_TEXT =
'CODMAC Level 1 to Level 2 conversion via JPL/MIPL MPFTELEMPROC'
PRODUCER_FULL_NAME = 'Allan J. Runkle'
PRODUCER_INSTITUTION_NAME =
'Multimission Image processing Laboratory, Jet Propulsion Lab'
SAMPLE_BITS = 8
SAMPLE_BIT_MASK = '2#11111111#'
SAMPLE_TYPE = 'MSB_UNSIGNED_INTEGER'
SOLAR_AZIMUTH = fff.ff
SOLAR_ELEVATION = ff.ff

--- Property: TELEMPROC ----
EARTH_RECEIVED_START_TIME = 'yyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.mmmZ'
EARTH_RECEIVED_STOP_TIME = 'yyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.mmmZ'
EXPECTED_PACKETS = nnn
INSTRUMENT_ID = 'RVRC'
INSTRUMENT_NAME = 'ROVER CAMERA <LEFT , RIGHT or REAR>'
MISSION_NAME = 'MARS PATHFINDER'
PRODUCER_ID = 'MIPL of JPL'
PRODUCT_CREATION_TIME = 'yyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.mmmZ'
PRODUCT_ID = 'RVR_EDR-<sclk>-<image_id>-<frame_id>'
RECEIVED_PACKETS = nn
SOFTWARE_NAME = 'MPFTELEMPROC_RVR'
SOFTWARE_VERSION_ID = 'Version of MIPL telemetry processing software used '
SOURCE_PRODUCT_ID = '<E Kernel filename>'
SPACECRAFT_NAME = 'MARS PATHFINDER ROVER'
TLM_CMD_DISCREPANCY_FLAG = '<"TRUE" or "FALSE">'

---- Task: TASK -- User: <username> -- <date and time for product creation> ----

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### 2.1.2 PDS Attached Label File

This file adheres to the Planetary Data System standard for ancillary data management. The file contains information regarding the observation which produced the image. This observation information includes general descriptors such as target and time tags of the start of image acquisition, camera and spacecraft state parameters, data compression information, viewing and lighting geometry, spacecraft position and camera pointing, image dimensions, and processing history.

The PDS label file is an object-oriented file; the object to which the label refers is denoted by a statement of the form:

```
^object = location
```

in which the caret character (^, also called a pointer in this context) indicates that the object starts at the given location. In a detached label, the location denotes the name of the file containing the object, along with the starting record or byte number, if there is more than one object. For example:

```
^IMAGE = 3
```

indicates that the IMAGE object begins at record 3 of the file .

All labels contain 80-byte fixed-length records, with a carriage return character (ASCII 13) in the 79th byte and a line feed character (ASCII 10) in the 80th byte. This allows the files to be read by the HFS, MacOS, DOS, OS2, Unix, and VMS operating systems.

Figure 2.3 is a template of the Rover EDR PDS label. See the Appendix for detailed definitions and formatting information for the label items. Also note label item values that are capitalized or enclosed in quotes and not italicized represent label item values to be written verbatim.

Figure 2.3 — *Template of Mars Pathfinder Rover EDR PDS Label File*

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PDS_VERSION_ID           = PDS3

/* FILE CHARACTERISTICS */

RECORD_TYPE              = FIXED_LENGTH
RECORD_BYTES             = number of bytes per record in the file
FILE_RECORDS             = total number of records in the file
LABEL_RECORDS           = number of records in the file containing
                          only label information

/* POINTERS TO DATA OBJECTS */

^IMAGE                   = first record in file containing image data

/* IDENTIFICATION DATA ELEMENTS */

DATA_SET_ID              = "MPFR-M-RVRCAM-2-EDR-V1.0"
DATA_SET_NAME            = "MARS PATHFINDER ROVER MARS ROVER CAMERA 2
                          EDR VERSION 1.0"
PRODUCER_ID              = "MIPL OF JPL"
PRODUCER_FULL_NAME       = "ALLAN J. RUNKLE"
PRODUCER_INSTITUTION_NAME = "MULTIMISSIION IMAGE PROCESSING LABORATORY,
                          JET PROPULSION LAB"
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Figure 2.3 — Template of Mars Pathfinder Rover EDR PDS Label File (continued)

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PRODUCT_ID                = "RVR_EDR-<slkstrcnt>-<image_id>-<frame_id>"
IMAGE_ID                  = "nnnnnnn"
FRAME_ID                  = <LEFT, REAR, RIGHT>
MISSION_NAME              = "MARS PATHFINDER"
INSTRUMENT_HOST_NAME     = "MICROROVER FLIGHT EXPERIMENT"
INSTRUMENT_HOST_ALIAS_NAME = {"MARS PATHFINDER ROVER", "SOJOURNER"}
INSTRUMENT_HOST_ID       = "MPFR"
INSTRUMENT_NAME          = "ROVER CAMERA RIGHT"
INSTRUMENT_ID            = "RVRC"
IMAGE_TIME               = yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.fffZ
PLANET_DAY_NUMBER        = nn
MPF_LOCAL_TIME           = hh:mm:ss
SPACECRAFT_CLOCK_START_COUNT = nnnnnnnnnn
EARTH_RECEIVED_START_TIME = yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.fffZ
EARTH_RECEIVED_STOP_TIME  = yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.fffZ
PRODUCT_CREATION_TIME    = yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.fffZ

/* DESCRIPTIVE DATA ELEMENTS */

EXPECTED_PACKETS          = n
RECEIVED_PACKETS         = n
APPLICATION_PACKET_ID     = n
APPLICATION_PACKET_NAME   = group name associated with APID
OBSERVATION_NAME         = purpose of observation
EXPOSURE_DURATION        = f.ffff
EXPOSURE_TYPE             = <AUTO, MANUAL, REUSE>
INSTRUMENT_TEMPERATURE   = f.ffff
DETECTOR_PIXEL_HEIGHT    = f.ffff
DETECTOR_PIXEL_WIDTH     = f.ffff
SOURCE_PRODUCT_ID        = standard SPICE kernel names for PCK, SPK, etc
SOFTWARE_NAME             = name of MPF telemetry processing software
SOFTWARE_VERSION_ID      = version of MPF telemetry processing software
PROCESSING_HISTORY_TEXT   = "CODMAC LEVEL 1 TO LEVEL 2 CONVERSION VIA
                           JPL/MIPL MPFTELEMPROC"

/* GEOMETRY DATA ELEMENTS */

ROVER_HEADING             = n
ROVER_POSITION            = (f.ffff, f.ffff)
LINEAR_ACCELEROMETER     = (f.ffff, f.ffff)
SOLAR_AZIMUTH            = f.ffff
SOLAR_ELEVATION          = f.ffff
POSITIVE_ELEVATION_DIRECTION = UP

/* ROVER FLIGHT SOFTWARE COMMAND DATA ELEMENTS */

COMMAND_SEQUENCE_NUMBER   = n
TLM_CMD_DISCREPANCY_FLAG = <TRUE, FALSE>

/* COMPRESSION DATA ELEMENTS */

INST_CMPRS_BLOCKS         = n
INST_CMPRS_NAME           = onboard compression used for data
                           storage and transmission
INST_CMPRS_DESC           = textual description of inst_cmprs_name

/* IMAGE OBJECT DATA ELEMENTS */

OBJECT                    = IMAGE
  INTERCHANGE_FORMAT      = BINARY
  LINES                   = n
  LINE_SAMPLES            = n

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Figure 2.3 — Template of Mars Pathfinder Rover EDR PDS Label File (continued)

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BANDS                = 1
BAND_SEQUENCE        = "N/A"
BAND_STORAGE_TYPE    = "N/A"
SAMPLE_TYPE          = MSB_UNSIGNED_INTEGER
SAMPLE_BITS          = 8
SAMPLE_BIT_MASK      = 2#11111111#
MAXIMUM              = n
MEAN                 = f.ffff
MEDIAN               = n
MINIMUM              = n
STANDARD_DEVIATION  = f.ffff
FIRST_LINE           = n
FIRST_LINE_SAMPLE    = n
CHECKSUM             = <32 bit unsigned integer>
END_OBJECT           = IMAGE
END

```

## 2.2 File Naming Conventions

The following naming convention standard for Rover image data files is to be maintained by MIPS as a means of files management. It is suggested for all end-users of the products.

### 2.2.1 VICAR Image Data File Names

For all data files stored in the MIPS Working Mission Storage (WMS), the filenames will be constructed with four parts as shown in Figure 2.4.

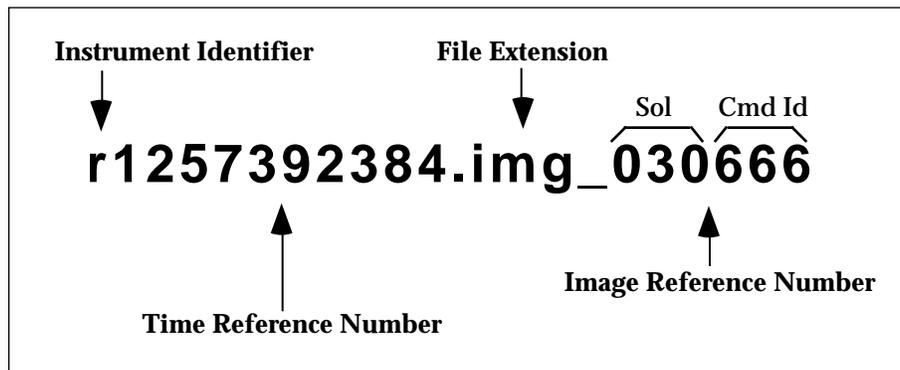


Figure 2.4 — Sample Rover Image File Name

**Instrument Identifier** - The instrument identifier will always be the lowercase letter 'r', representing the rover.

**Time Reference Number** - The time reference number will be the 10-digit Spacecraft Clock Start Count, as described in Appendix A.

**File Extension** - The file extension is a three character mnemonic that will always be used for data files. Monochrome and packed-color rear camera image files will have a

file extension of "img," and unpacked rear camera image files (color image files) will have an extension of "rgb."

**Image Reference Number** - Finally, the image reference number is the Command Sequence Number appended onto the file extension.

### 2.2.2 PDS File Names

The PDS filenames will be constructed with four of the five VICAR image data filenames components as shown below in Figure 2.5.

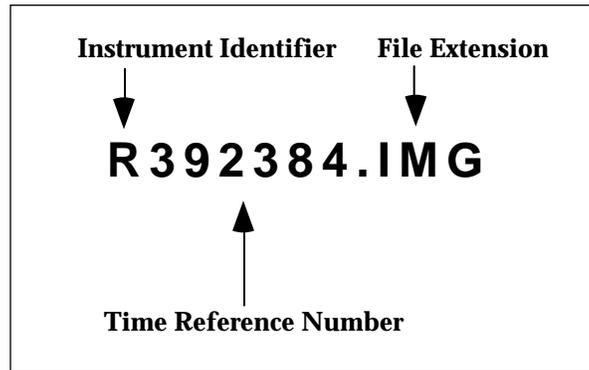


Figure 2.5 — Sample PDS Data File Name

**Instrument Identifier** - The instrument identifier will always be the uppercase letter 'R'.

**Time Reference Number** - The time reference number will be the least significant 6-digits of the Spacecraft Clock Start Count (the 4 significant digits will be used as part of the directory hierarchy storing the image files).

**File Extension** - Finally, the file extension will be the same three character mnemonic, Monochrome and packed-color rear camera image files will have a file extension of "IMG," and unpacked rear camera image files (color image files) will have an extension of "RGB."

### 2.2.3 Valid File Extensions

Just to summarize, the valid file extensions are:

- .IMG** for single-band images from any Rover camera
- .RGB** for band-sequential, color images from Rover rear camera

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Rover PDS/VICAR EDR Label Items**

The following pages list alphabetically the label items which are contained in the PDS and VICAR labels associated with each image file.

Table A-1 — Common Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
APPLICATION_PACKET_ID	Classifies the telemetry packet from which the image data was obtained. This packet ID is handed to the Telemetry download. This value is based on a set of values specified in the Downlink Telemetry Documents (JPL). This acronym is APID.	integer	(see Mars Pathfinder Rover Telemetry Dictionary [3])
AZIMUTH_FOV	The angular coverage of the entire imaging area of the rover camera measured horizontally with respect to the image plane in spacecraft coordinates; units are radians.	floating point	2.2 or 1.6
COMMAND_SEQUENCE_NUMBER	Number from corresponding uplink command (zero for autonomously generated messages).  The command_sequence_number in the uplink command did not have the range necessary to follow the convention of allocating the least significant 3 digits for the image ID and the upper digits for the Solar Day. To compensate, a synthetic command_sequence_number was generated from the commanded value and the solar day of execution. The resulting command_sequence_number is calculated as follows: $50000 * (\text{int})(\text{planet\_day\_number} / 50) + \text{command\_sequence\_number}$	integer	<any positive value>
EARTH_RECEIVED_START_TIME	Identifies the earliest time a packet was received that contained data for the image.	character array	YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.fffZ
EARTH_RECEIVED_STOP_TIME	Identifies the latest time a packet was received that contained data for the image.	character array	YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.fffZ
ELEVATION_FOV	The angular coverage of the entire imaging area of the rover camera measured vertically with respect to the image plane in spacecraft coordinates; units are radians.	floating point	1.6 or 2.2
EXPECTED_PACKETS	Total number of telemetry packets which constitute a complete image, an image without missing data.	integer	<any positive value>
EXPOSURE_DURATION	Integration time for CCD measured in milliseconds	integer	<any positive value>
EXPOSURE_TYPE	Defines the type of exposure used for this image	character (array)	AUTO MANUAL REUSE
FIRST_LINE	Indicates the line within a source image that corresponds to the first line in a sub-image.	integer	[1,492] for front camera; [1,768] for rear camera.

† - for PDS labels only

Table A-1 — Common Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
FIRST_LINE_SAMPLE	Indicates the sample within a source image that corresponds to the first sample in a sub-image.	integer	[1,768] for front camera; [1,492] for rear camera.
FOCAL_CENTER_VECTOR	Position of the entrance pupil point of the camera lens (focal center) measured relative to the external coordinate system. Corresponds to the C vector in the CAHV camera model.	floating point (array of 3 elements)	N.A.
FRAME_ID	Provides an identification for a particular instrument measurement frame.	character (array)	LEFT, RIGHT, REAR
HORIZONTAL_IMAGE_PLANE_VECTOR	$H = H' + x_c A$ , where $H'$ is a unit vector parallel to the x-axis in the camera's image plane, and $x_c$ is the point of intersection of a perpendicular dropped from the exit pupil point of the camera lens. $H'$ , $A$ , $V$ are mutually orthogonal. Corresponds to the H vector in the CAHV camera model.	floating point (array of 3 elements)	N.A.
IMAGE_ID	Unambiguously identifies an image. IMAGE_ID is a concatenation of APID code letter, and command sequence number. Each APID code maps to a APID code letter to be used in the IMAGE_ID. The following is a mapping of number to uppercase letter: 8, 'S'; 9, 'T'; 10, 'L'; 24, 'A'; 25, 'N'. 'S' represents science; 'T' represents technology; 'L' represents Lander engineering; 'A' represents autonomous; and 'N' represents operations or navigation. A sample image id is "L09329," where this image is a Lander engineering image. The command sequence number is 09329.	character (array) of length 7	N.A.
IMAGE_TIME	Time at which the image was acquired, recorded in UTC format.	character (array)	YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.ffffZ
INST_CMPRS_BLK_SIZE	Dimension of a block for compression; line dimension of the block is the first element, followed by the sample dimension of the block.	integer (array)	(4,4)
INST_CMPRS_BLOCKS	Number of blocks used to spatially segment the image file prior to compression.	integer	<any positive value that is the image number of pixels divided by the block area>

† - for PDS labels only

Table A-1 — Common Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
INST_CMPRS_NAME	The type of compression or encryption used for data storage. Contents of this value should be the full, unabbreviated, non-acronym name of coding or compression type. Examples of encoding types include but are not limited to Integer Cosine Transform (ICT), Block Truncation Coding (BTC), Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT), Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) Standard DCT.	character (array)	"BTC" (Block Truncation Coding)
INST_CMPRS_RATE	Average number of bits needed to represent a pixel with a compressed image.	floating point	0.6125
INST_CMPRS_RATIO	Ratio in bytes of the original, uncompressed data file length to its compressed form. For example, a compression ratio of 5.00 means that on average, for every five bytes of input data, one byte of compressed data was generated.	floating point	4.9
INSTRUMENT_ID	Acronym of the instrument name	character (array)	RVRC
INSTRUMENT_NAME	Full name of an instrument.	character (array)	"ROVER CAMERA LEFT" or "ROVER CAMERA RIGHT" or "ROVER CAMERA REAR"
INSTRUMENT_TEMPERATURE	The temperature of the sensor (CCD) array when the image was acquired, measured in degrees Celsius.	floating point	N.A.
LINEAR_ACCELEROMETER	X and Y readings for linear accelerometers on the Rover spacecraft. X indicates pitch, where positive values indicate Rover front is lower; Y indicates roll, where positive values indicating right side is lower. Values are in units of g where 1 g equals 9.8 m/sec**2. Thus, raw readings from telemetry are multiplied by 0.0009765 g,	floating point (array of two elements)	N.A.
MAXIMUM	The maximum Dn value in the image file, between the Rover CCD valid range (0 to 255).	integer	[0, 255]
MEAN	The mean pixel value for the pixels within the valid Dn range.	floating point	[0.0, 255.0]
MEDIAN	The median pixel value for the pixels within the valid Dn range.	integer	[0, 255]

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Table A-1 — Common Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
MINIMUM	The minimum Dn value in the image file, between the Rover CCD valid range (0 to 255).	integer	[0, 255]
MISSION_NAME	A major planetary mission or project.	character (array)	"MARS PATHFINDER"
MPF_LOCAL_TIME	Reference time based on the IAU standard for the Martian prime meridian. For detailed description, see the Report of the IAU/IAG/COSPAR Working Group on Cartographic Coordinates and Rotational Elements of the Planets and Satellites: 1991.	character (array)	hh:mm:ss.fff
OBSERVATION_NAME	Identifies the name of the type of observation for which this image was taken. This value is obtained from the Rover e-kernel.	character (array)	N.A.
PLANET_DAY_NUMBER	The martian day on which the image was packetized. This is a counter that starts with '1' as the first day of surface operations. '0' refers to a pre surface operations image.	integer	<any positive number>
POINTING_DIRECTION_VECTOR	A unit vector A in the direction in which the first (or second) camera is pointed; the direction of the symmetry axis of the camera lens as measured in the external coordinate system. Corresponds to the A vector in the CAHV camera model.	floating point (array of 3 elements)	N.A.
PRODUCER_ID	Short name or acronym for the producer or producing team/group of a dataset.	character (array)	"MIPS of JPL"
PRODUCT_CREATION_TIME	Defines the UTC time when a product was created.	time	YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.fffZ
PRODUCT_ID	A permanent, unique identifier assigned to a data product by its producer.	character (array)	"RVR_EDR- <clock_start_count>- <image_id>-<frame_id>"
RECEIVED_PACKETS	Total number of telemetry packets which constitute the reconstructed image.	integer	<any positive value>
ROVER_HEADING	Angular measure clockwise from Lander north in BAMS (Binary Angle Measurement, where 2 <sup>16</sup> BAMS equals one revolution).	integer	[0,65535]

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Table A-1 — Common Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
ROVER_POSITION	X and Y offsets in meters north and east, respectively, of the Lander reference.	floating point (array of two elements)	N.A.
SOFTWARE_NAME	Identifies the name of the telemetry processing software used to generate the image data.	character (array)	N.A.
SOFTWARE_VERSION_ID	Identifies the version of the telemetry processing software used to generate the image data.	character (array)	N.A.
SOURCE_PRODUCT_ID	Filenames of SPICE kernels used to produce image data and derived data.	character (array)	<standard SPICE kernel names for PCK, SPK, etc.>
SPACECRAFT_CLOCK_START_COUNT	CCSDS coarse time in seconds past January 1, 1958. This is the time at which the Rover formats the packet for delivery to the Lander.	integer	<any positive value>
SPACECRAFT_NAME	Full, unabbreviated name of a spacecraft.	character (array)	"MARS PATHFINDER ROVER"
STANDARD_DEVIATION	Standard deviation of the valid pixel values around the mean Dn value.	floating point	[0.0, 4095.0]
TARGET_NAME	Identifies a target, be it a planetary body, region or feature.	character (array)	"MARS"
TLM_CMD_DISCREPANCY_FLAG	Indicator of mismatch(es) found between Rover commands uplinked and Rover telemetry.	character (array)	TRUE, FALSE
VERTICAL_IMAGE_PLANE_VECTOR	$V = V' + y_c A$ , where $V'$ is a unit vector parallel to the y-axis in the camera's image plane, and $y_c$ is the point of intersection of a perpendicular dropped from the exit pupil point of the camera lens. $H'$ , $A'$ , $V'$ are mutually orthogonal. Corresponds to the V vector in the CAHV camera model.	floating point (array of 3 elements)	N.A.

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Table A-2 — PDS Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
^IMAGE <sup>†</sup>	Pointer to the first record of the image data portion in a PDS file.	integer	<any positive number>
APPLICATION_PACKET_NAME	Group name associated with APID. An example is "Lander image of the Rover" for APID #26.	character (array)	<any descriptive text>
BAND_SEQUENCE	The order in which spectral bands are stored in an image. This keyword-value pair only appears when INSTRUMENT_NAME is REAR.	character (array 20)	(RED, GREEN, BLUE)
BAND_STORAGE_TYPE	The storage sequence of lines, samples, bands in an image. This keyword-value pair only appears when INSTRUMENT_NAME is REAR.	character (array 20)	"BAND SEQUENTIAL"
BANDS	Indicates the number of spectral bands in the image.	integer	1, 3
CHECKSUM	An unsigned 32-bit sum of all data in the image data object.	integer	<any positive value>
DATA_SET_ID	A unique alphanumeric identifier for a data set or a data product. This identifier consists of the identifiers for spacecraft, target, instrument, processing level, product acronym, and version number.	character (array)	"MPFR-M-RVRCAM-2-EDR-V1.0"
DATA_SET_NAME	Full name given to a data set or product. This is an unabbreviated version of the DATA_SET_ID.	character (array)	"MARS PATHFINDER ROVER MARS ROVER CAMERA 2 EDR VERSION1.0"
DETECTOR_PIXEL_HEIGHT	Height of pixel measured in microns.	floating point	13.6 or 11.6
DETECTOR_PIXEL_WIDTH	Width of pixel measured in microns.	floating point	11.6 or 13.6
FILE_RECORDS <sup>†</sup>	Number of physical file records.	integer	<any positive value>
INST_CMPRS_DESC	Textual description of encoding type, which should include a reference to a journal paper, published text or some other publicly available, published material which definitively describes the on-board compression type.	character (array)	N.A.

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Table A-2 — PDS Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
INSTRUMENT_HOST_ID	Mnemonic for spacecraft name.	character (array)	MPFR
INSTRUMENT_HOST_NAME	Identifies the host spacecraft component the instrument resides.	character (array)	MICROROVER FLIGHT EXPERIMENT
INTERCHANGE_FORMAT	Manner in which data elements are stored	character (array)	BINARY
LABEL_RECORDS <sup>†</sup>	Number of Physical file records that contain only label information.	integer	<any positive value>
LINES	Total number of pixels along the vertical axis of an image.	integer	<any positive value>
LINE_SAMPLES	Total number of pixels along the horizontal axis of an image.	integer	<any positive value>
PDS_VERSION_ID	The version number of the PDS standards documents that is valid when a data product is created.	character (array)	PDS3
POSITIVE_ELEVATION_DIRECTION <sup>†</sup>	The direction in which elevation is measured in positive degrees for an observer on the surface of a body. The elevation is measured with respect to the azimuthal reference plane. A value of UP indicates that the elevation is measured positively upwards, ie., the zenith point would be at +90 degrees and the nadir point at -90 degrees. DOWN indicates that the elevation is measured positively downwards; the zenith point would be at -90 degrees and the nadir point at +90 degrees.	character (array)	UP
PROCESSING_HISTORY_TEXT	Textual summation that provides an entry for each processing step and program used in generating a particular data file in the context of the Ground Data System.	character (array)	N.A.
PRODUCER_FULL_NAME	Full, unabbreviated name of the individual mainly responsible for the production of the data set.	string (array)	"Allan J. Runkle"
PRODUCER_INSTITUTION_NAME	Identifies the institution associated with the production of the data set.	character (array)	"Multimission Image Processing Subsystem, Jet Propulsion Lab"

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Table A-2 — PDS Rover Label Items

Label Item	Description	Data Type (organization)	Valid Values
RECORD_BYTES†	Number of bytes in a physical file record, including record terminators and separators.	integer	<number_samples> * <bytes/pixel> * <number_bands>
RECORD_TYPE†	Record format of a file.	character (array)	FIXED_LENGTH
SAMPLE_BITS	Indicates the stored number of bits, or units of binary information, contained in a line_sample value.	integer	8
SAMPLE_BIT_MASK	Identifies the active bits in a sample.	character	2#11111111#
SAMPLE_TYPE	Data storage representation of sample value.	character (array)	MSB_UNSIGNED_INTEGER
SOLAR_AZIMUTH	The angular distance in a horizontal direction of the sun relative to the camera pointing for a particular image, measured in degrees clockwise in a spherical coordinate system.	floating point	[0, 360.0]
SOLAR_ELEVATION	The angular distance in a vertical direction of the sun relative to the horizon as seen by the camera, measured in degrees up in a spherical coordinate system.	floating point	[-90.0, 90.0]

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Rover VICAR Property Labels**

#### **B.1 Rover VICAR Property Labels**

The following pages contain alphabetical listings of the VICAR label items which are placed in the header of each image file. The listings are arranged by VICAR property name.

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VICAR LABEL ITEM

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**CAMERA\_MODEL Property**

AZIMUTH\_FOV  
ELEVATION\_FOV  
FOCAL\_CENTER\_VECTOR  
HORIZONTAL\_IMAGE\_PLANE\_VECTOR  
POINTING\_DIRECTION\_VECTOR  
VERTICAL\_IMAGE\_PLANE\_VECTOR

**COMPRESSION Property**

INST\_CMPRS\_BLK\_SIZE  
INST\_CMPRS\_BLOCKS  
INST\_CMPRS\_NAME  
INST\_CMPRS\_RATE  
INST\_CMPRS\_RATIO

**MPFTELEMPROC Property**

EARTH\_RECEIVED\_START\_TIME  
EARTH\_RECEIVED\_STOP\_TIME  
EXPECTED\_PACKETS  
INSTRUMENT\_ID  
INSTRUMENT\_NAME  
MISSION\_NAME  
PRODUCER\_ID  
PRODUCT\_CREATION\_TIME  
PRODUCT\_ID  
RECEIVED\_PACKETS  
SOFTWARE\_NAME  
SOFTWARE\_VERSION\_ID  
SOURCE\_PRODUCT\_ID  
SPACECRAFT\_NAME  
TLM\_CMD\_DISCREPANCY\_FLAG

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VICAR LABEL ITEM

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**OBSERVATION Property**

APPLICATION\_PACKET\_ID  
COMMAND\_SEQUENCE\_NUMBER  
EXPOSURE\_DURATION  
EXPOSURE\_TYPE  
FIRST\_LINE  
FIRST\_LINE\_SAMPLE  
FRAME\_ID  
IMAGE\_ID  
IMAGE\_TIME  
INSTRUMENT\_TEMPERATURE  
LINEAR\_ACCELEROMETER  
MAXIMUM  
MEAN  
MEDIAN  
MINIMUM  
MPF\_LOCAL\_TIME  
OBSERVATION\_NAME  
PLANET\_DAY\_NUMBER  
ROVER\_HEADING  
ROVER\_POSITION  
SPACECRAFT\_CLOCK\_START\_COUNT  
STANDARD\_DEVIATION  
TARGET\_NAME

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VICAR LABEL ITEM

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**PDS Label items**

APPLICATION\_PACKET\_NAME  
BAND\_SEQUENCE  
BAND\_STORAGE  
BANDS  
CHECKSUM  
DATA\_SET\_ID  
DATA\_SET\_NAME  
DETECTOR\_PIXEL\_HEIGHT  
DETECTOR\_PIXEL\_WIDTH  
INST\_CMPRS\_DESC  
INSTRUMENT\_HOST\_ID  
INSTRUMENT\_HOST\_NAME  
INTERCHANGE\_FORMAT  
LINES  
LINE\_SAMPLES  
PDS\_VERSION\_ID  
PLANET\_DAY\_NUMBER  
PROCESSING\_HISTORY\_TEXT  
PRODUCER\_FULL\_NAME  
PRODUCER\_INSTITUTION\_NAME  
SAMPLE\_BITS  
SAMPLE\_BIT\_MASK  
SAMPLE\_TYPE  
SOLAR\_AZIMUTH  
SOLAR\_ELEVATION