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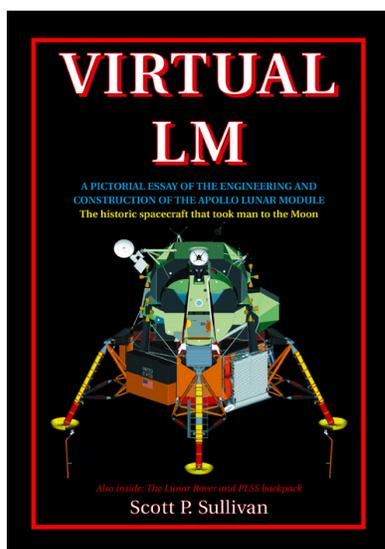
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Sullivan, Scott P. **Virtual LM: a pictorial essay of the engineering and construction of the Apollo lunar module.** Apogee Books, 2004. 249p CD-ROM ISBN 1894959140 pbk, \$29.95

The Lunar Module (LM), developed during the Apollo program, was an amazing vehicle. It was designed to operate in space and to land on and take off from the moon. The development of the LM pushed technology to its limits in the 1960s, yet the vehicle successfully met its objectives. The LM landed on the moon during the *Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16* and *17* missions. It also acted as a "life boat" for the crew during the famous (or infamous) *Apollo 13* mission, which did not achieve a lunar landing due to technical problems. This book is a compilation of color photographs and diagrams of the LM from switches and panels to the entire module. Like most of the books in the Apogee series, *Virtual LM* contains an easy-to-navigate compact disk with additional information including an operations handbook, the LM activation checklist, the module time line, additional photographs, and many other items. The emphasis is on the wealth of illustrative material rather than the text, and the book is for space enthusiasts. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. General readers. -- J. Z. Kiss, *Miami University*



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