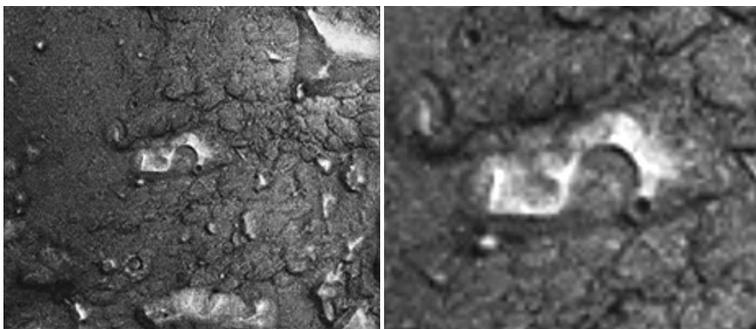


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Let's take a closer look. In this image of the Fort (SM77.1), we show a pattern of linear and geometric consistency that may be revealing signs of an underlying artificial structure. Measuring some 2.8 kilometres across, the strongest sign of an inherent artificial element to this formation is the basic platform which has a rounded triangular shape to the north and a sharp, right-angled edge to the east. There is also the suggestion that a more elaborate construction sits on top of the platform, one that includes the curved features to the south-west and eastern side, but as these are somewhat less obvious we have not outlined them here.

There do appear to be several elements of artificial design to the Fort and an overall architectural harmony that gives one the feeling we are indeed looking at something intelligently laid out. It's as if a mystery won't quite reveal itself here, but you sense there is something going on. Or, at least it did a very long time ago. The edges are softened, eroded, maybe damaged even, and the structure covered by many layers of soil and sediment perhaps several thousands of years old.

### **Cydonia Object C: The "Five"**

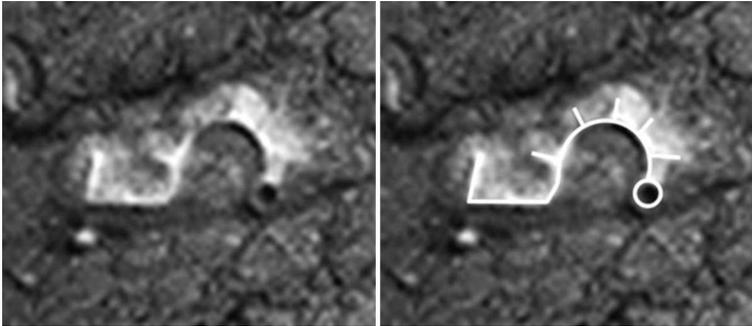


**SM78. The Five (1.2 km) – Mars Express 2006**

Pointed out by M J Craig; image credit: ESA/DLR/  
FU Berlin (G Neukum)

The next mysterious feature we're going to look at is something I haven't seen mentioned before by other researchers but I think it's certainly worthy of our attention (SM78).

I've called it the "Five" because if you rotate it 90 degrees to the right...



**SM78.1 The Five: geometrical pattern**

Anyway, for illustration purposes, I don't want to show it that way around because it will otherwise distract us from the amazing angular definition of this object. I think the shape is extraordinary, and if what we are seeing is truly an accurate reflection of what actually exists on the ground then this surely must defy a geological explanation, although I'm sure someone will have a go.

There are **four** powerful aspects to this object that persuade me to lean towards an artificial explanation:

1. **The precise right-angled turn** located on the far left of this formation.
2. **The half-circle** and the suggestion of equidistant 'spokes' emanating from it.
3. **The perfectly aligned connection** of the half-circle and spokes, with a small round object to the far right.
4. **The constant *width*** maintained that runs along the whole thing, which I estimate to be about 50

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metres. The length of the entire object is about 1.2 km.

The one reservation I have about this picture is that it is only some 15 metres per pixel resolution, and when you start to magnify these images, data compression artefacts and the camera limitations begin to come into play in that digital pixel patterns start to interfere with the accuracy of what you are seeing.

Without going into the technical detail - not my speciality - basically, what is happening is that at this level of zooming-in you start to see a pattern of interlaced detail that tends to create 'straight lines and blocks' out of something that is possibly not entirely straight at all. This is something we must keep in mind as we study these images, especially when we are attempting to extract detail from a lower-resolution picture such as this one.



### **SM79. The Five – HiRISE/MRO 2008**

Image credit: NASA/JPL/University of Arizona

For this reason, I went in search of an image which hopefully would give us more detail so as to try and confirm the existence of this remarkable object.

Mars Global Surveyor took several pictures of the area we are interested in, capturing several long, narrow

strips of image data, and I did find one that managed to snap a part of it. But the best image was found by researcher George J Haas, who kindly sent me a link to a picture taken by the HiRISE camera that shows the entire structure (SM79).

As we can clearly see, this new image certainly confirms all of the straight lines and angles - except perhaps for the radial spokes - and even detail of yet another straight edge coming off from the corner of the right angle.

As we now have confirmation that this object really does exist and that it's not an illusion created by low-resolution image artefacts, I consider it to be potentially very strong evidence of artificial construction.

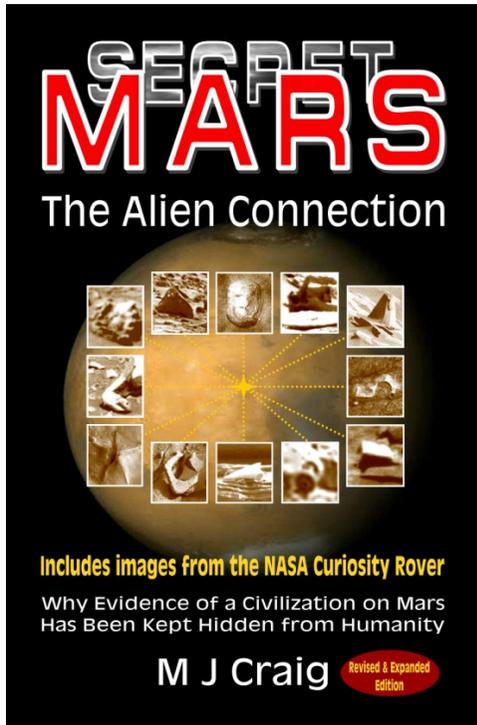
What it actually *is*, of course, is entirely open to speculation and I really have no idea at all what it might be. My preference would be for an ancient library. My fine German translator believes it was once an exotic bar serving fine Martian ales! Humour aside, I just find the entire object captivating.

It fires all of the geometric signal flares we are looking for, providing as clear a sign as any that we must surely be looking at an artificial structure here. Or at least the remains of one perhaps partially buried, damaged or in whatever condition.

### **Cydonia Object D: The "D&M Pyramid"**

Now we come to the "D&M Pyramid", named after its discoverers, scientists Vincent DiPietro and Greg Molenaar. Standing over a kilometre high and about three across, this massive formation could well be a five-sided pyramid.

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