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Vladislav Nikolayevich Volkov

1935-1971

Soviet engineer and cosmonaut who was flight engineer of the first crew to live aboard a space station. Volkov designed spacecraft and trained cosmonauts before becoming a cosmonaut himself in 1966. He flew aboard *Soyuz 7* in 1969 and spent 23 days on *Salyut 1*, the world's first station, in 1971. Volkov died, along with test engineer Viktor Patsayev and mission commander Georgy Dobrovolsky, when the spacecraft returning them to Earth depressurized.