

MARS INSIGHT LANDER SEEN IN FIRST IMAGES FROM SPACE

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InSight spacecraft, its heat shield and its parachute captured by HiRISE camera. | Photo Credit: [NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Arizona](https://www.nasa.gov/feature/jpl-caltech-university-of-arizona)

A camera aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) has captured the image of the InSight lander, which recently touched down on the Red Planet.

The InSight lander, its heat shield and parachute were spotted by HiRISE (High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment) in one set of images taken on December 6, and again on December 11.

The lander, heat shield and parachute are within 1,000 feet of one another on Elysium Planitia, the flat lava plain selected as InSight's landing location, NASA said in a statement.

This is not the first time HiRISE has photographed a Mars lander. InSight is based largely on 2008's Phoenix spacecraft, which the camera aboard MRO captured on the surface of Mars as well as descending on its parachute.

There can be a whole host of reasons we may see a purple sky - dust, pollution, water droplets, and cloud formations can all influence the colors of

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