

Facts About Mercury



Basic Information About Mercury

1. Mercury is the 1st planet from the Sun (36.3 million miles from the Sun).
2. The planet is 3032 miles in diameter.
3. A “day” on Mercury is 58 days long because it rotates very slowly.
4. Mercury takes 88 days to complete one orbit of the Sun.
5. Temperature variations on Mercury are the most extreme in the solar system ranging from -170°C (-270°F) to 430°C (800°F).
6. Its solid surface is covered with craters and it has almost no atmosphere.
7. Mercury's iron core makes up about 75% of the planet. Mercury is the second densest planet in our Solar System next to the Earth.