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On the Apollo 12 mission (launched 14 November 1969) Alan Bean removes the heat source from its carrying cask in the LEM prior to inserting it into the SNAP-27 sitting at his feet on the surface of the Moon. Beginning with Apollo 12, SNAP-27s powered scientific experiments left behind on the lunar surface by Apollo astronauts; the experiments were finally shut down after many years although the RTG power was still meeting operational requirements. (Source: NASA Archives.)