

Century 21 Sun Probe Thunderbirds 33 RPM Record 1966

Gerry Anderson favourite featuring Thunderbird 3



Can Alan Tracy and *Thunderbird 3* save the day.... ?

This record was released as part of a Gerry Anderson collection during the 1960's. Voiced by Peter Dyneley, Ray Barrett, Christine Finn, Shane Rimmer, David Graham, Matt Zimmerman and David Holiday, with music by Barry Gray and produced by Len Cleal.

EP first broadcast 9th December 1965

The record starts with the familiar 5-4-3-2-1 countdown, then we hear Matt Zimmerman's voice:

Thunderbird Three calling Earth. This is Alan Tracy in outer space.

I am en route to Thunderbird Five with spares and stores for John and I've been watching a video show recalling the news highlights of 2065.

One flashback has just come up which was nearly the end for Thunderbird Three. We called it Operation Sun Probe.

The Solar Control Centre at Cape Kennedy, after years of preparation, were set to launch their greatest project ever. A space ship was to be sent into close orbit around the sun in order to fire a probe and literally bring back a piece of the sun for examination by the world's scientists.

The space craft was over 600 feet long and crewed by three astronauts. Because of the intense heat, the crew were protected by 20 foot thick stainless steel walls and fantastic refrigeration equipment. The probe was designed to fly through one of the sun's greatest prominences, or mountainous flames, which constantly flare up from the surface to heights of three hundred thousand miles and more. When the probe had collected its material, special braking rockets were designed to bring it back to unite with the parent craft.

At this stage, we of International Rescue were just a few among the millions of fascinated video viewers. Little did we know that we would soon be deeply and dangerously involved ourselves."

Cut to voice giving countdown for Sun Probe's lift off...

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