

# Akebono (satellite)

**Akebono** () is the name of a [Japanese](#) artificial [satellite](#) put into [orbit](#).

The launch was a project of the [Institute of Space and Astronautical Science](#) of the [University of Tokyo](#).

The satellite was sent into orbit on February 22, 1989.<sup>[1]</sup>

Akebono was designed to study [auroras](#) and the [magnetosphere](#) of earth. The satellite remained operational for 20+ years.<sup>[2]</sup>

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