

Flying Saucer - Emoji Submission

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FLYING SAUCER EMOJI



Small intro on the term "Flying Saucer".

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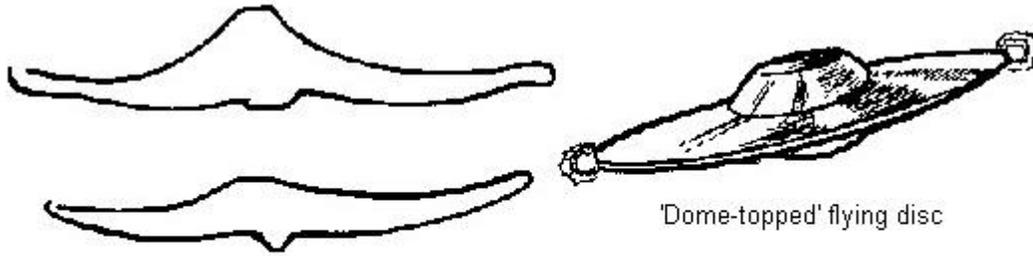
UFO is the abbreviation of Unidentified Flying Object.

"The Oxford Dictionary defines the terms "UFO and "Flying Saucer" to be basically interchangeable.

The term UFO was, in fact, invented from the term "Flying Saucer" in 1952, to try to and reflect the wider diversity of shapes being seen.

Note:

This proposal defines both UFO and the Flying Saucer terms as one single meaning. The majority of flying saucer reports get documented as UFOs due to the diversity of shapes being seen.



Brace-shaped or early claviform signs from Gallery B at LaPasiega, Spain, about 15,000 BC.

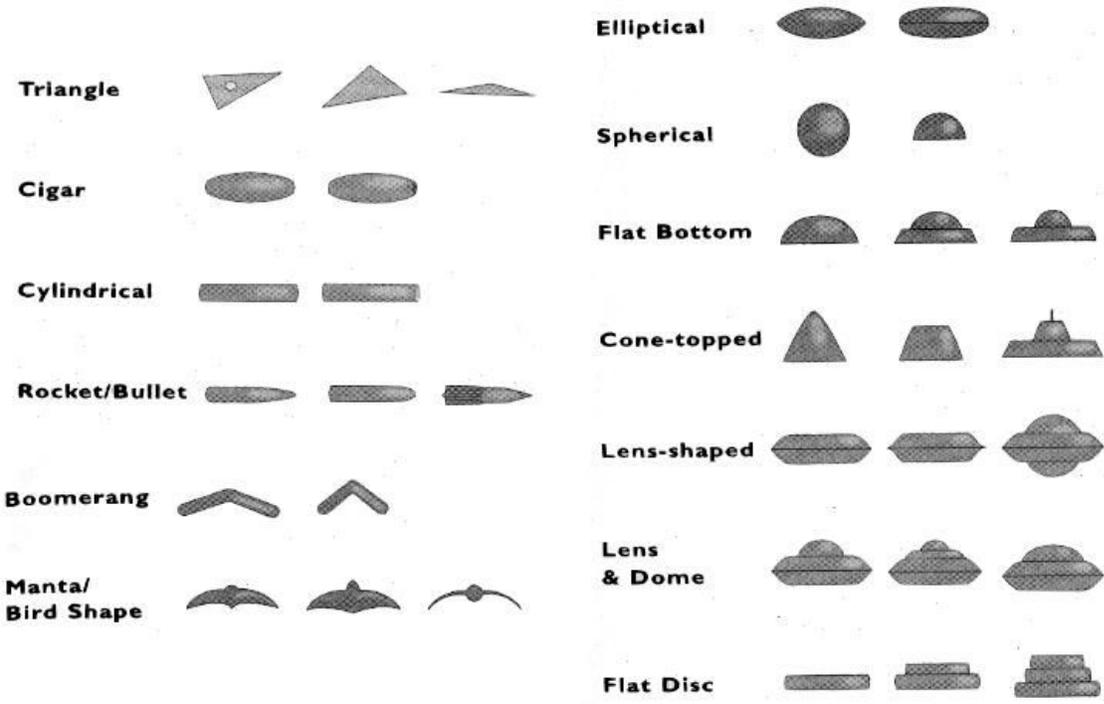
Cave art sketches, roughly 26,000 BC to 7,000 BC



Several varieties of claviform signs from the cave art researches of Leori-Gourhan

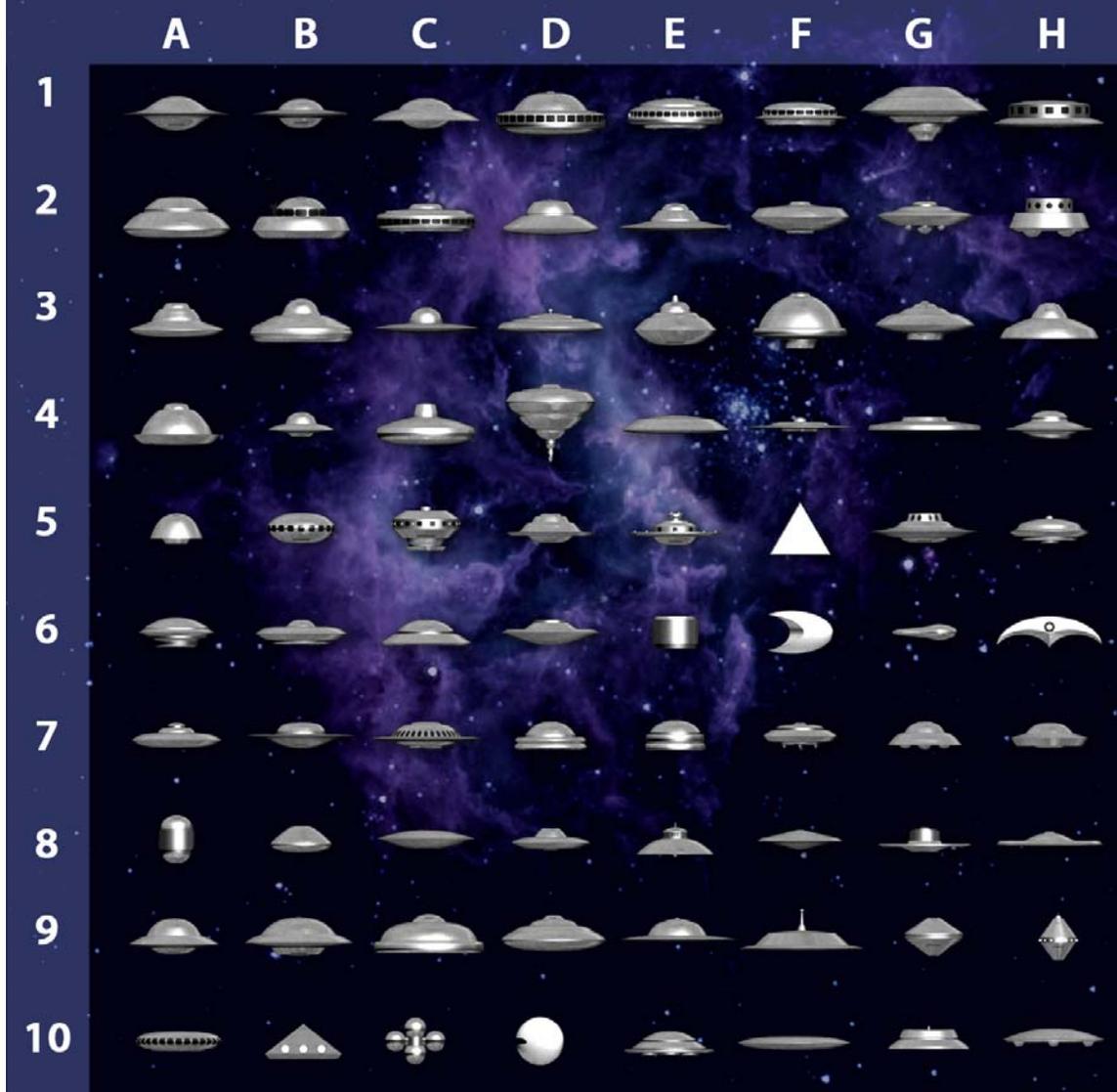


Modern day UFO configurations from independent UFO researchers' case files.
 L-R: Graeber, (Tash Case) Landed UFO, 1976; Salisbury, Utah UFO Display 1974; Graeber (Raefield case); Fowler, UFOs Interplanetary, 1974.



UFO SHAPE DATABASE

<http://www.worldufoday.com/documented-ufo-shapes/>



Factors for Inclusion

A. Compatibility. Are these needed for compatibility with high-use emoji in existing systems, such as Gmail?

- N/A

B. Expected usage level. (See questions below) Measures that can be presented as evidence

include the following:

1.) Frequency. *Is there a high expected frequency of use?*

[Popularity and History]

Wikipedia Flying Saucer: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flying_saucer

While disc-shaped flying objects have been interpreted as being sporadically recorded since the Middle Ages, the first highly publicized sighting by Kenneth Arnold on June 24, 1947, resulted in the creation of the term "flying saucer" by U.S. newspapers. Although Arnold never specifically used the term "flying saucer", he was quoted at the time saying the shape of the objects he saw was like a "saucer", "disc", or "pie-plate", and several years later added he had also said "the objects moved like saucers skipping across the water." Both the terms *flying saucer* and *flying disc* were used commonly and interchangeably in the media until the early 1950s.

Arnold's sighting was followed by thousands of similar sightings across the world. Such sightings were once very common, to such an extent that "flying saucer" was a synonym for UFO through the 1960s before it began to fall out of favor.

The first flying disc craft was called the Discopter and was patented by Alexander Weygers in 1944. Other designs have followed, such as the American Vought V-173 / XF5U "Flying Flapjack", the British GFS Projects flying saucer, or the British "S.A.U.C.E.R." ("Saucer Aircraft Utilising Coanda Effect Reactions") flying saucer, by inventor Alf Beharie.

Wikipedia UFO: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unidentified_flying_object

The phrase "flying saucer" had gained widespread attention after the summer of 1947. On June 24, a civilian pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine objects flying in formation near Mount Rainier. Arnold timed the sighting and estimated the speed of discs to be over 1,200 mph (1,931 km/h). At the time, he described the objects' shape as being somewhat disc-like or saucer-like, leading to newspaper accounts of "flying saucers" and "flying discs".

Some current-day UFO researchers have noticed similarities between some religious symbols in medieval paintings and UFO reports though the canonical and symbolic character of such images is documented by art historians placing more conventional religious interpretations on such images.

The first published book to use the word was authored by Donald E. Keyhoe. Unexplained aerial observations have been reported throughout history.

In popular usage the term UFO came to be used to refer to claims of alien spacecraft and because of the public and media ridicule associated with the topic, some investigators prefer to use such terms as *unidentified aerial phenomenon* (or *UAP*) or *anomalous phenomena*, as in the title of

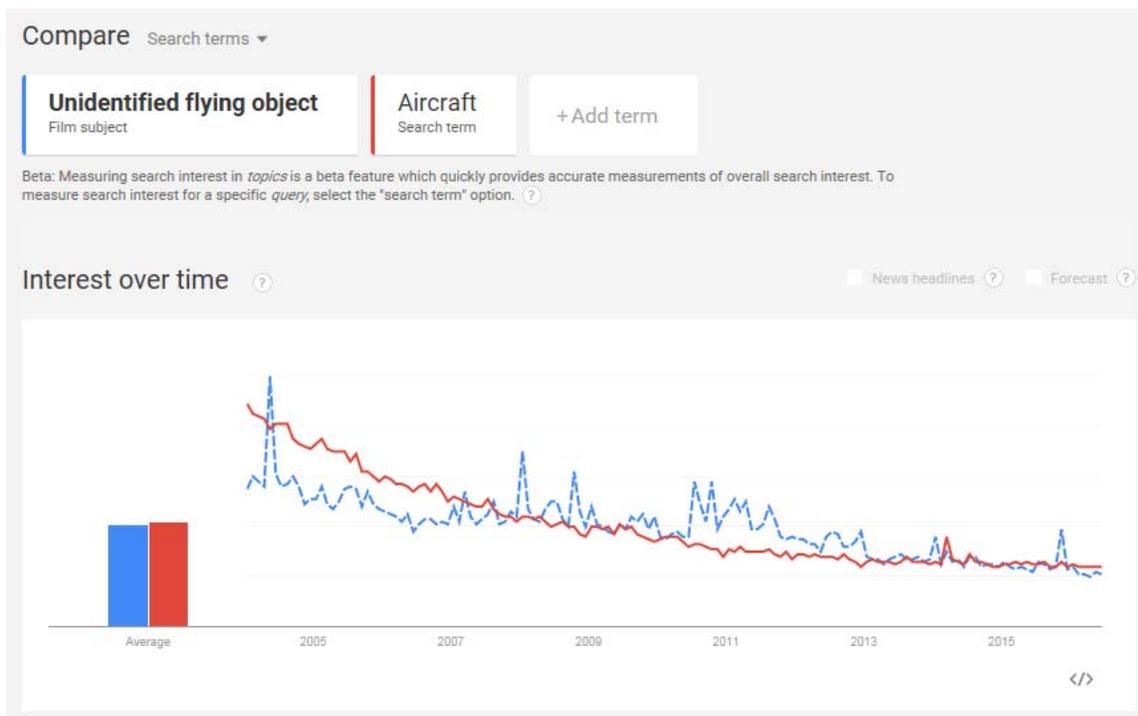
the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP).

Thousands of documents released under FOIA also indicate that many U.S. intelligence agencies collected (and still collect) information on UFOs. These agencies include the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), FBI,^[5] CIA, National Security Agency (NSA), as well as military intelligence agencies of the Army and U.S. Navy, in addition to the Air Force.

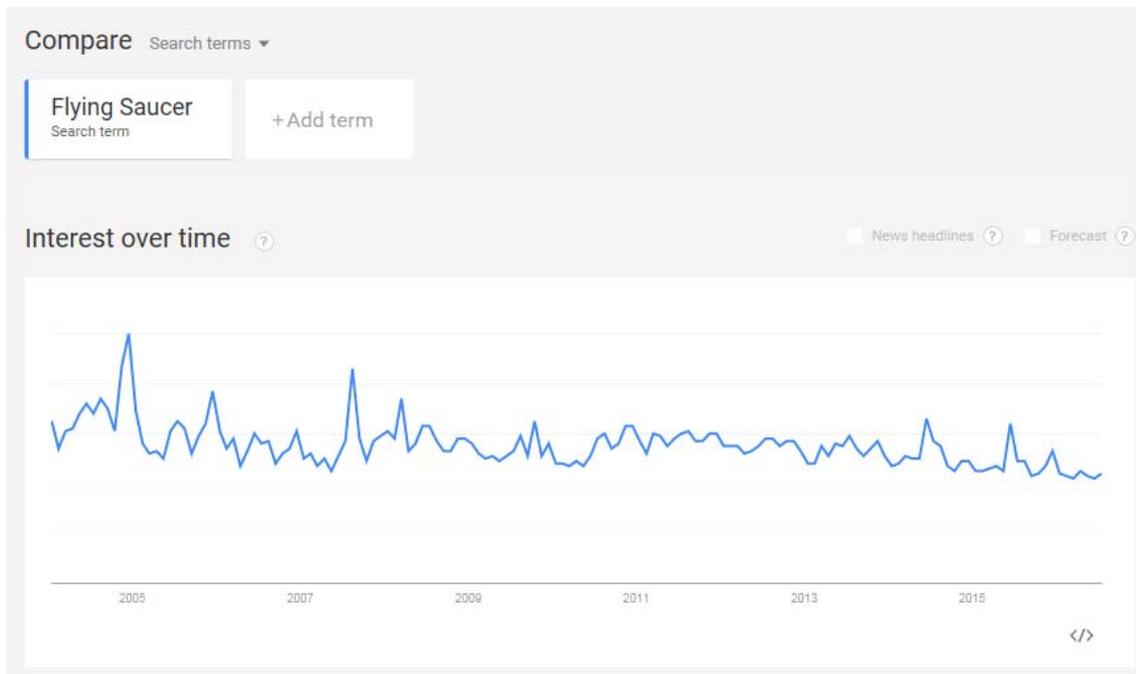
[GOOGLE TRENDS]

Google Trends Link:

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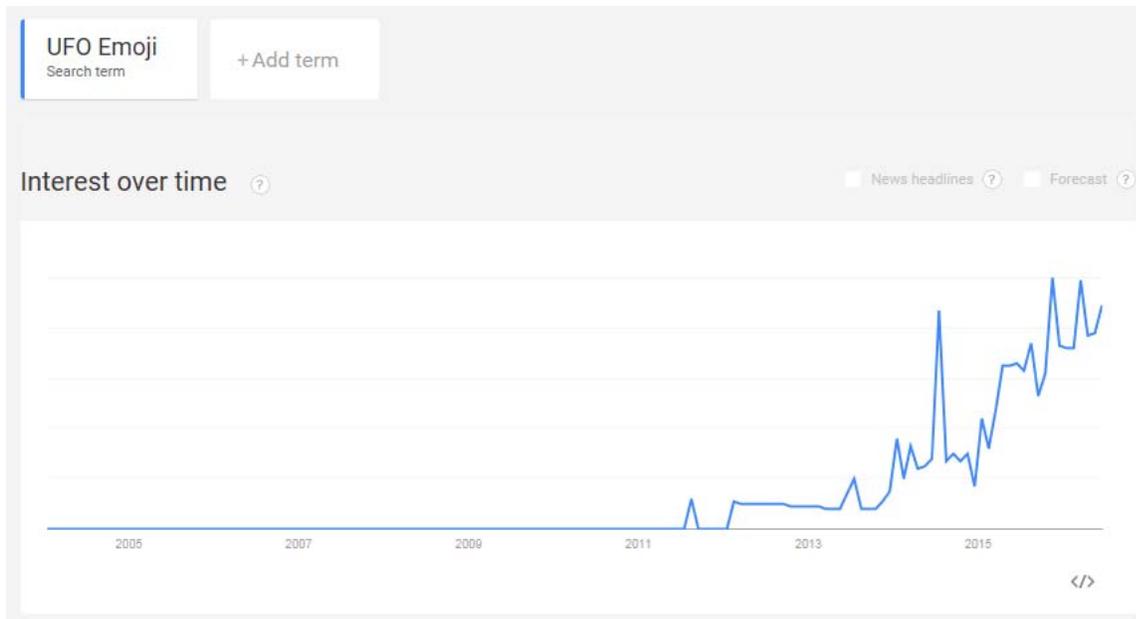


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[Extra Info]

Discovery, Science and History Channels - Many popular shows on Flying Saucers

Science Fiction is a very popular subject..

Science fiction is a genre of speculative fiction dealing with imaginative concepts such as futuristic science and technology, space travel, time travel, faster than light travel, parallel universes and extraterrestrial life. Science fiction often explores the potential consequences of scientific and other innovations, and has been called a "literature of ideas." It usually eschews the supernatural, and unlike the related genre of fantasy, historically science fiction stories were intended to have at least a faint grounding in science-based fact or theory at the time the story was created, but this connection has become tenuous or non-existent in much of science fiction.

2.) Multiple usages. *Does the candidate emoji have notable metaphorical references or symbolism?*

[man-made saucer-like craft or disc-shaped flying objects]

Image distinctiveness. *Is there a clearly recognizable image of a physical object that could serve as a paradigm, one that would be distinct enough from other emoji?*

Flying Saucer: Saucer like vehicle for space travel. Sometimes described as a silver or metallic like disc with navigation lights or surrounded with a glowing light.

Transient. *Is the expected level of usage likely to continue into the future, or would it just be a fad?*

- Flying saucers have been seen and written about throughout history.
- Science Fiction

Factors for Exclusion

Already Representable. *Can the concept be represented by another emoji or sequence?*

[Alien Emoji]

The earliest emojis from kddi/au, gmail and softbank used either a Alien or UFO. No current emoji set that supports unicode codepoints is using a ufo instead of a alien.

Keywords/Comments used to specify the alien emoji is misleading.

Link: <http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2008/08080r-emoji-proposal.pdf>

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	EXTRATERRESTRIAL ALIEN	Alien (big eyed type), or UFO		302	F6E7	7669	[UFO]		102	F74C										

<http://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U1F300.pdf> Extraterrestrial Alien dont specify that it can ba a UFO.

Miscellaneous Symbols and Pictographs

Fairy tale symbols

- 1F478  PRINCESS
→ 1F934  prince
- 1F479  JAPANESE OGRE
- 1F47A  JAPANESE GOBLIN
- 1F47B  GHOST
- 1F47C  BABY ANGEL
- 1F47D  EXTRATERRESTRIAL ALIEN
- 1F47E  ALIEN MONSTER
→ 1F916  robot face
- 1F47F  IMP
 - commonly depicted as a frowning/angry version of 1F608  smiling face with horns
- 1F480  SKULL

In "Ufology" a flying saucer can be man made. Not all are supposedly driven by aliens. Using the alien emoji to describe a flying saucer can be misrepresented very easily.

UFO, Alien or Man Made. By Al Pinto. The article talks about humans reversing possible alien technology. <http://www.sacred-texts.com/ufo/alienman.htm>.

Media reports of black triangle ufos originally came from the United States and United Kingdom. TR-3B [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_triangle_\(UFO\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_triangle_(UFO))

[Rocket Emoji]

Its not built for "interstellar" space travel. A flying saucer is seen to have capabilities that dont matchup to a rocket. It cant hover in the sky or move rapidly and does not exhibit high maneuverability.

A **flying saucer** (also referred to as a **flying disc**) is a descriptive term for a supposed type of

flying craft having a disc or saucer-shaped body, commonly used generically to refer to an **anomalous** flying object.

Early reported sightings of unknown "flying saucers" usually described them as silver or metallic, sometimes reported as covered with navigation lights or surrounded with a glowing light, hovering or moving rapidly, either alone or in tight formations with other similar craft, and exhibiting high maneuverability. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flying_saucer

Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities. *Are the images unsuitable for encoding as characters?*

- It follows the guidelines for a suitable emoji.

Images

I made the two example emojis below.

