



seen without the equatorial ring also. Another subset are the hemispheric variety, sometimes with a small protrusion at the apex and usually seen with the flat side down. All the above mentioned objects are generically oblate with the axis of symmetry usually seen oriented vertically. Another group are prolate, having the major axis horizontal, usually. This includes the elliptical (football) variety, the triangular or tear drop variety, and the cylindrical or cigar shaped species.

Reported colors depend strongly on the luminous environment.

NICAP finds that of the 253 cases of daytime observations where color is stated, the results are

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| Silver or metallic | 34.8 % | 88 cases |
| White              | 32.0 % | 81 cases |
| Specular           | 13.4 % | 34 cases |
| Gray               | 7.5 %  | 19 cases |
| Black              | 12.3 % | 31 cases |

It should be noted that a few reports exist suggesting that the brightness of the object first thought by the observer to be reflected sunlight, was in fact self luminosity, as ascertained by the geometry, presence of clouds and the like.

In the dark-sky observations, the outline or shape of the UFO is often not seen. What is seen is a light or series of lights, sometimes extremely bright. Luminous rays are also reported, going up sometimes (particularly from domed discs) downward (from hemispheric types principally, also from discs) and from one UFO to another (spherical types). The luminous column is usually not divergent. Excluding these interesting rays, the reported colors of UFOs seen at night are, for 162 cases

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|--------|--------|----------|
| Red    | 38.3 % | 62 cases |
| Orange | 15.4 % | 25 cases |
| Yellow | 17.3 % | 28 cases |
| Green  | 13.0 % | 21 cases |
| Blue   | 16.0 % | 26 cases |
| Purple | 0      | 0        |