

Neptune



Deep blue with delicate rings and whipped by 1,200 mph winds, **Neptune** is the eighth most distant planet in our solar system. This ice giant has a small rocky core surrounded by a slush of dense water, methane, and ammonia, which is surrounded with an atmosphere of methane, molecular hydrogen, and atomic helium. Neptune's day is about 16 hours, and its orbit around the sun takes 165 Earth years.

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