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AMUNDSEN'S TENT
The first person to reach the South Pole was Roald Amundsen on December 14, 1911. Upon reaching the South Pole, he erected a tent along with a Norwegian flag and the flag of his expedition ship, the Fram. Amundsen reached the South Pole 33 days before British explorer Robert Falcon Scott, who had previously attempted to reach the South Pole in 1902.
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NAVY STATION

In preparation for the International Geophysical Year (1957-58), the U.S. Navy built the first structure at the south pole for scientific purposes in 1956. The structure was intended to be temporary and could accommodate 20 people. Although snow accumulation at the South Pole is low (~8 inches) each year, wind-blown snow accumulates much more quickly. Three years after the station’s construction, it had already been buried by 6 feet (1.8 m) of snow.
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NEW AMUNDSEN-SCOTT SOUTH POLE STATION

After ten years of construction, the new, modernized Amundsen-Scott South Pole elevated station was dedicated in 2008. To address the issues with drifting snow that plagued the previous two stations, the new South Pole station is built on a series of columns that can be elevated.
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